

Open Source .NET Interop Debugger

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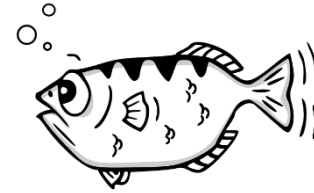
What is a Debugger?

Features:

- backtraces
- breakpoints
- evaluation of expressions
- stepping
- etc.

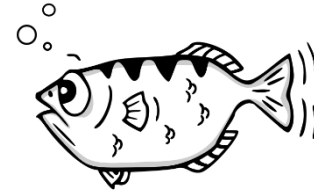
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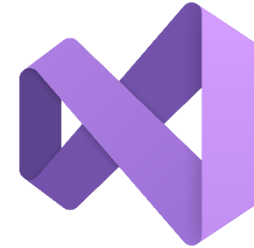
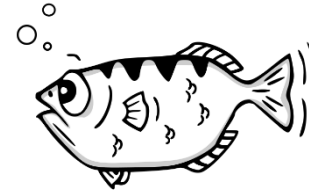
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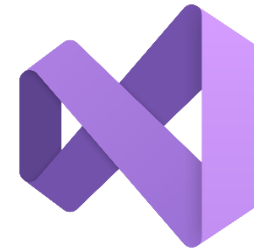
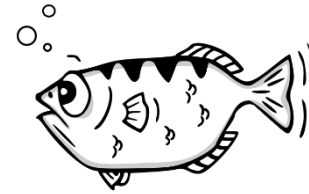
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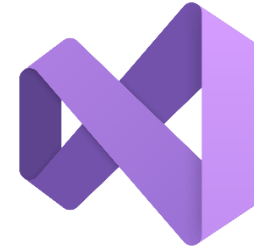
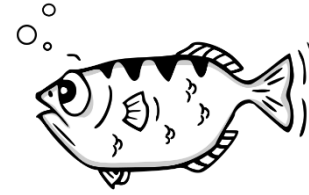
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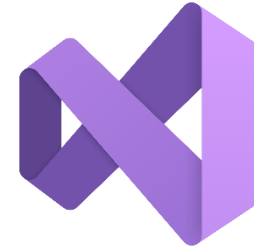
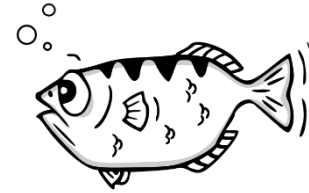
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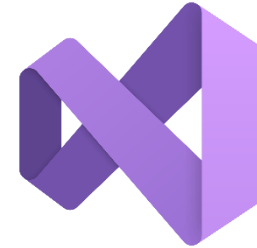
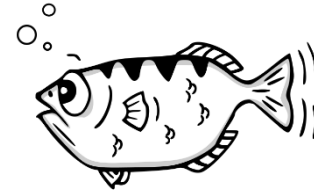
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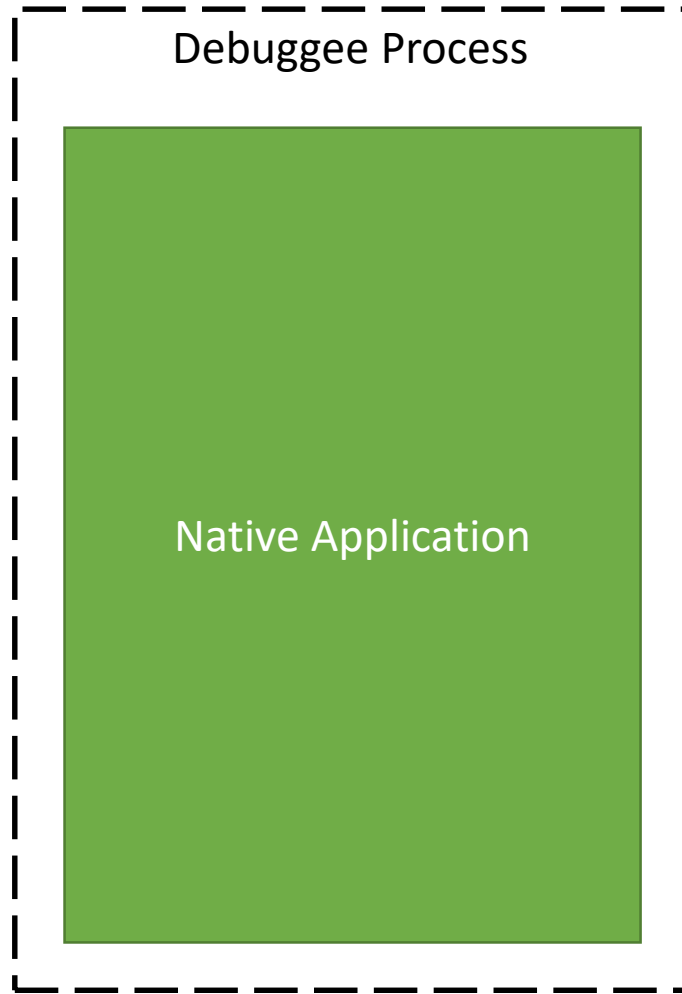


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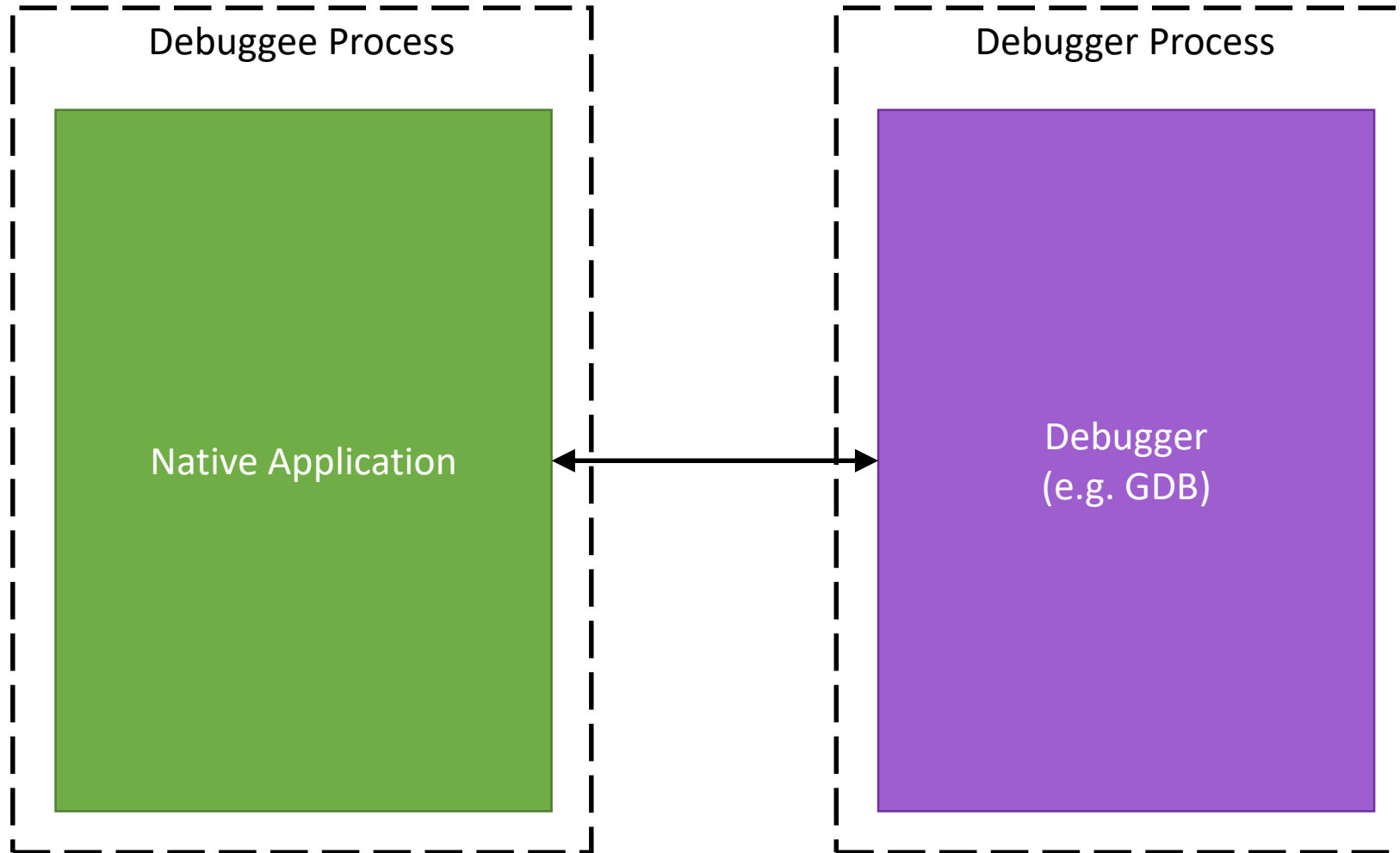
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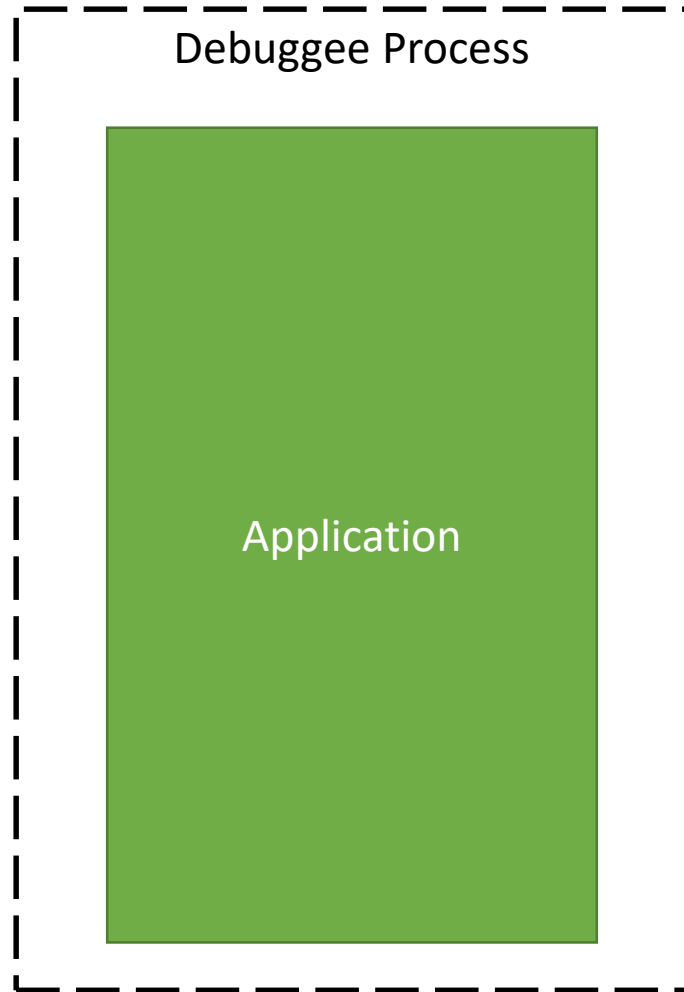
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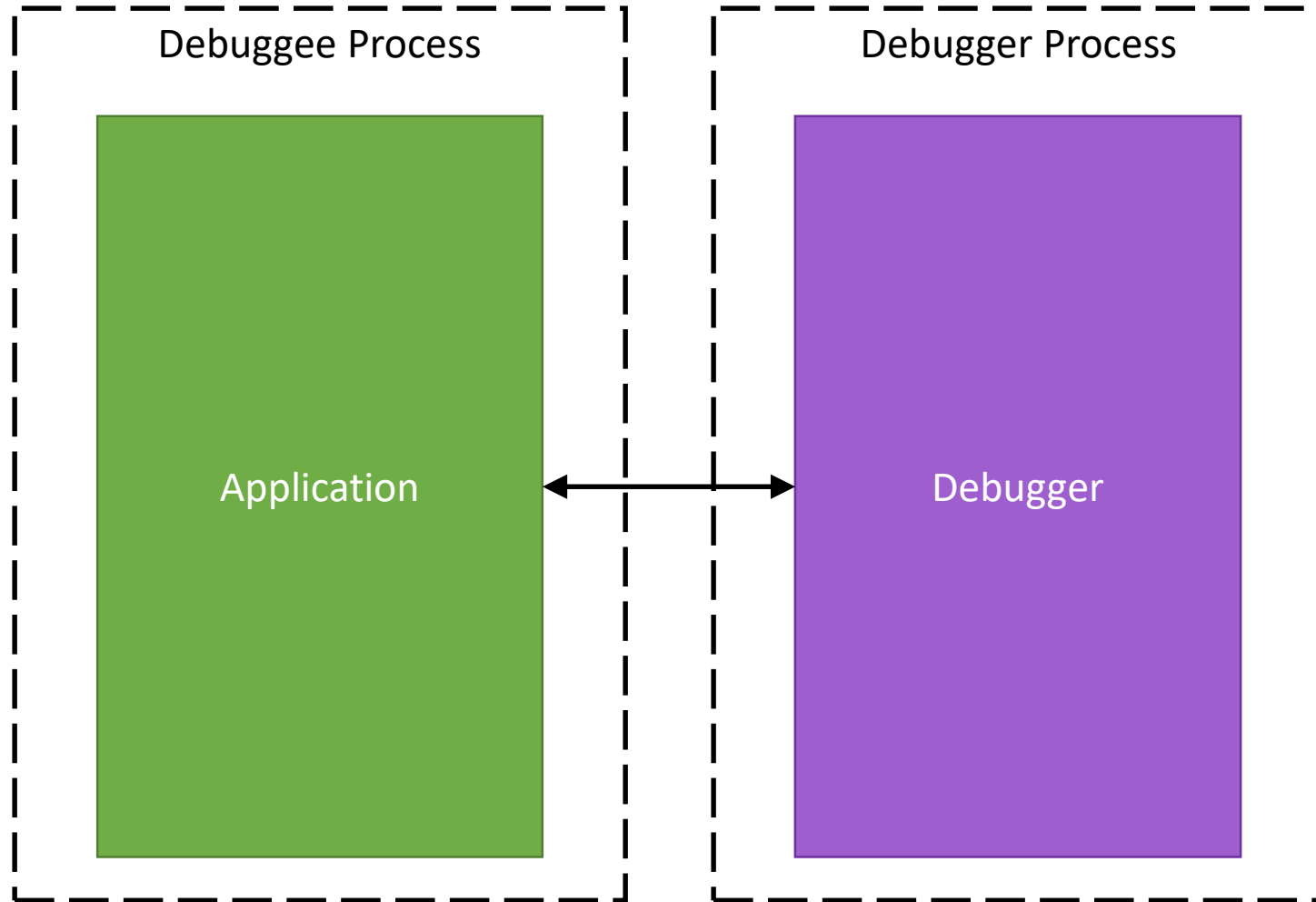
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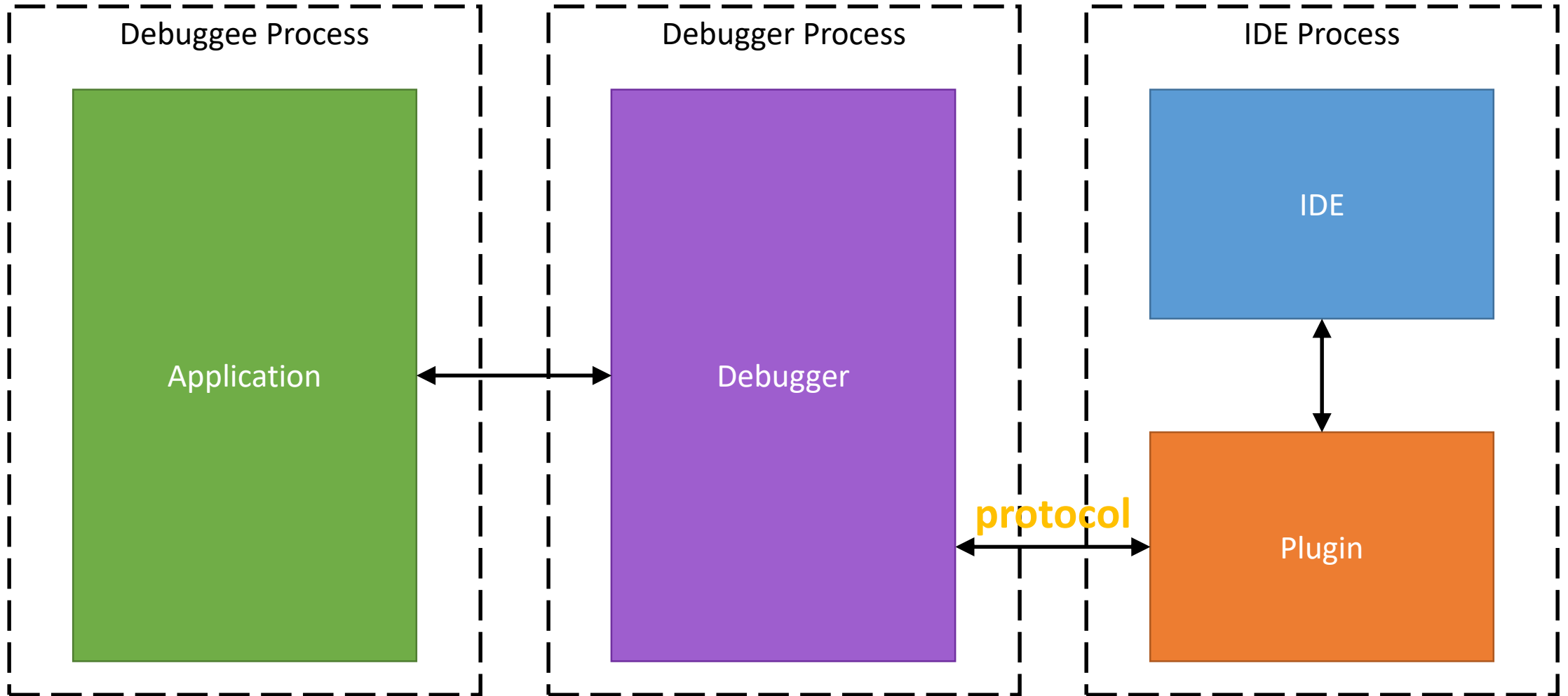
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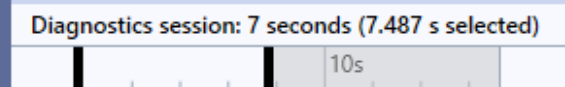


```
Program.cs x
HelloWorld
HelloWorld.Program
Main(string[] args)
1
2
3 namespace HelloWorld
4 {
5     0 references
6     class Program
7     {
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9         static void Main(string[] args)
10        {
11            Console.WriteLine("What is your name?");
12            var name = Console.ReadLine();
13            var currentDate = DateTime.Now;
14            Console.WriteLine($"{Environment.NewLine}Hello, {name}, on {currentDate:d} at {currentDate:t}");
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16            Console.ReadKey(true);
17        }
18    }


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Diagnostics Tools

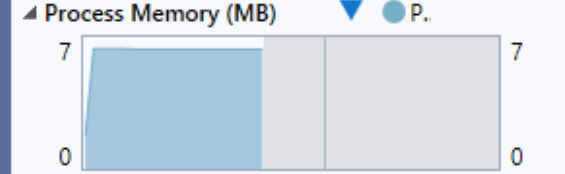
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Events



Process Memory (MB)



CPU (% of all processors)

Summary Events Memory Usage CPU Usage

Events

Show Events (1 of 1)

Memory Usage

Take Snapshot

CPU Usage

Locals

Search (Ctrl+E) Search Depth: 3

Name	Value	Type
args	{string[0]}	string[]
name	"jack"	string
currentDate	{4/26/2021 1:36:13 PM}	System.DateTi...

Immediate Window

Call Stack Exception Settings Immediate Window

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ICorDebug API

- Since .NET Core 2.1
- Rich debugging functionality


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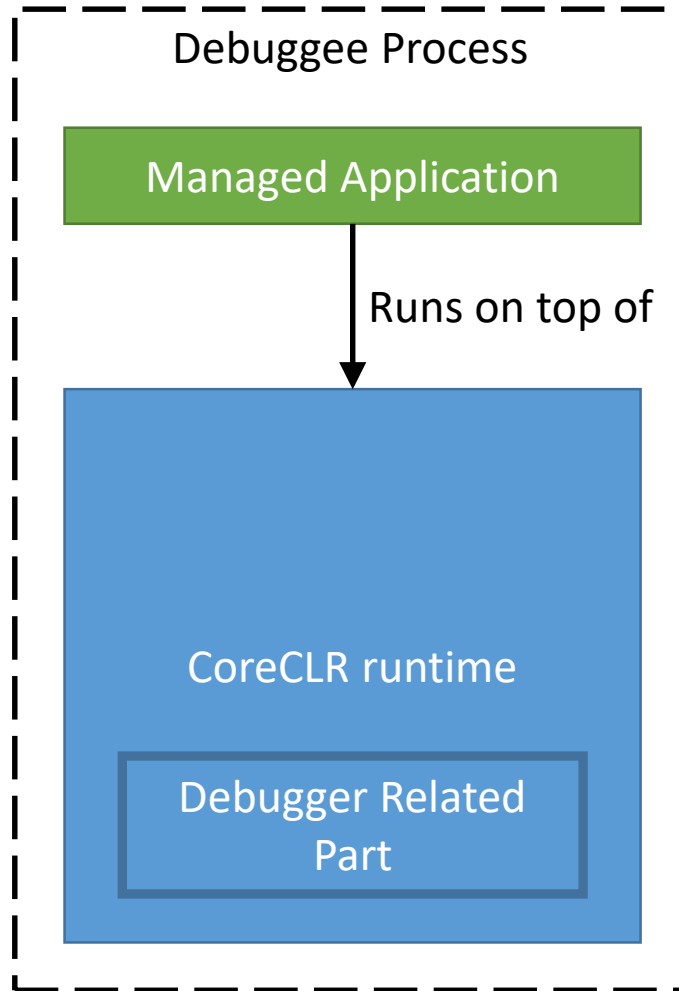
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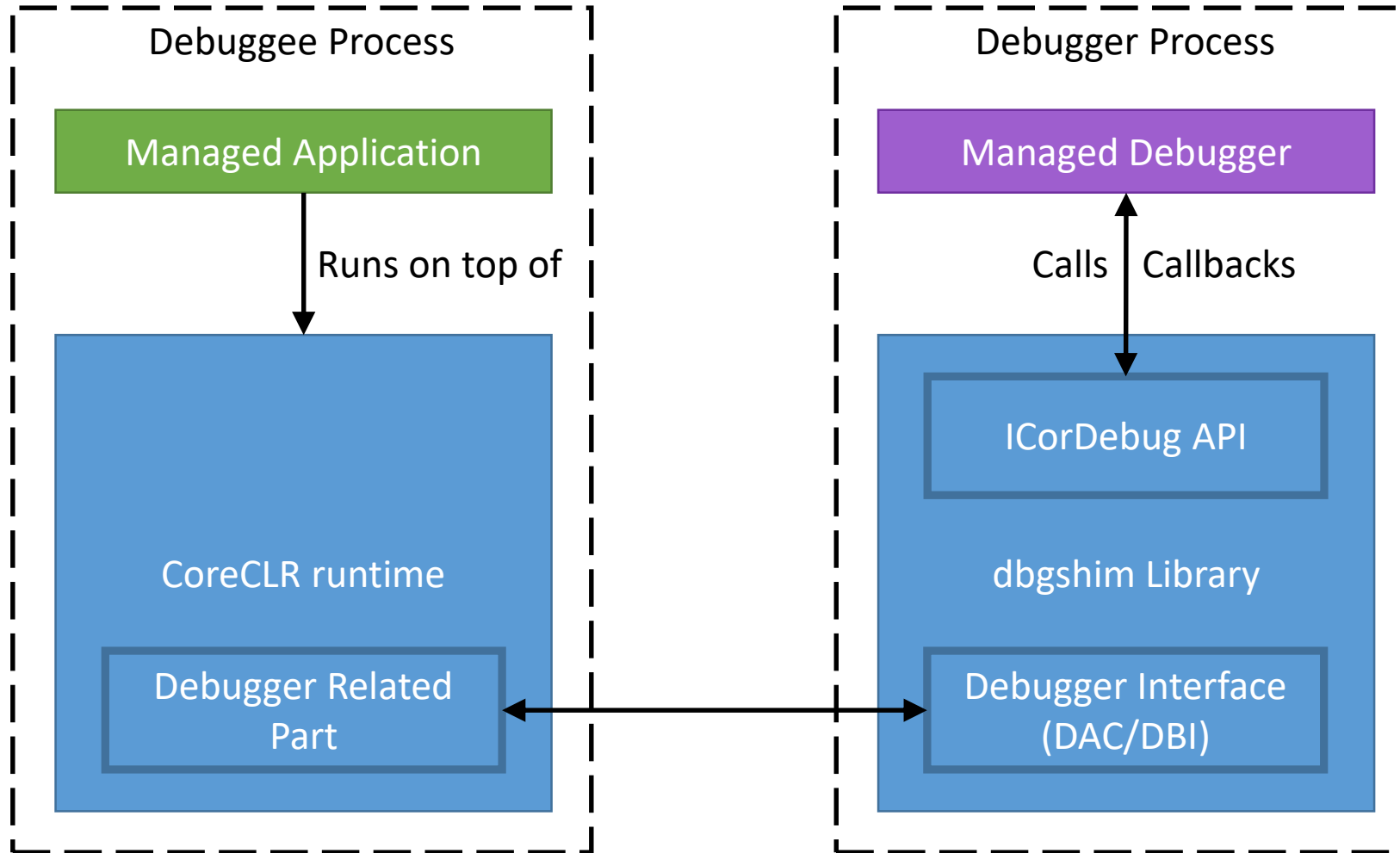
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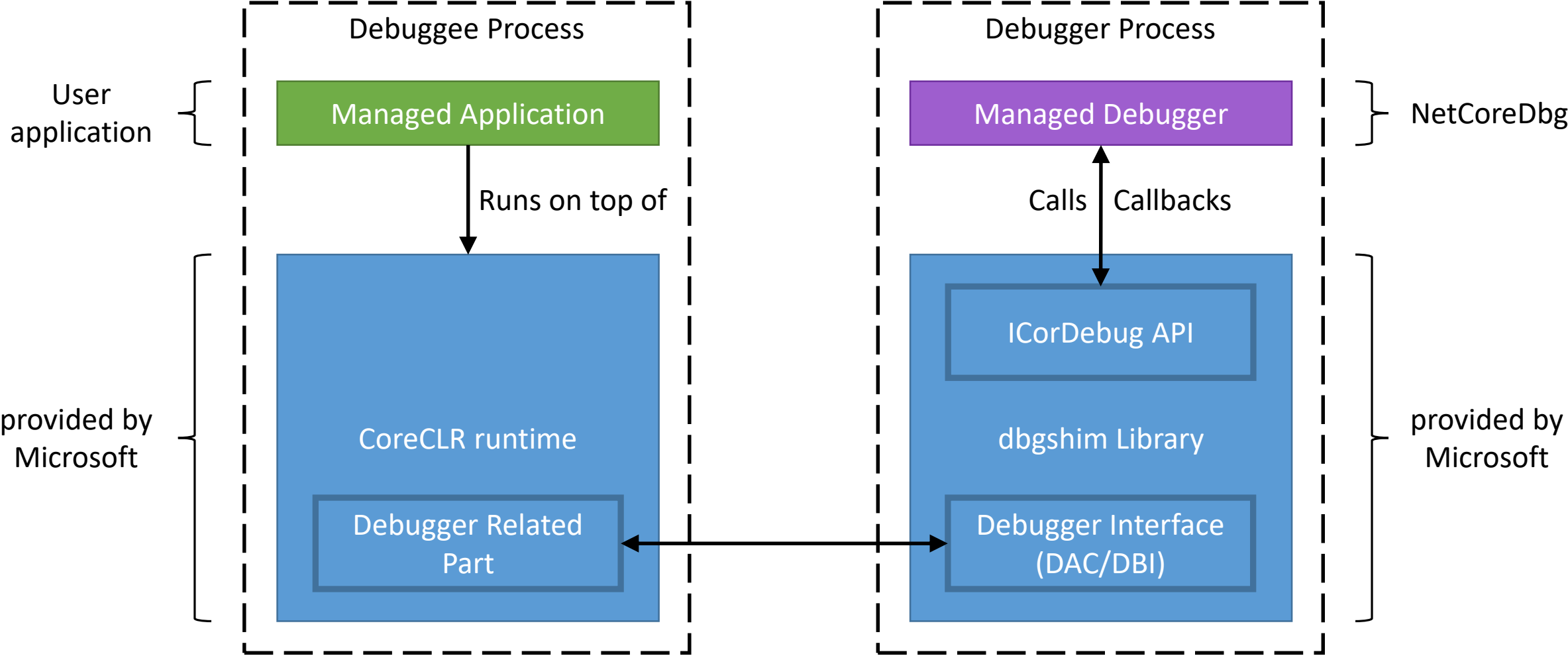
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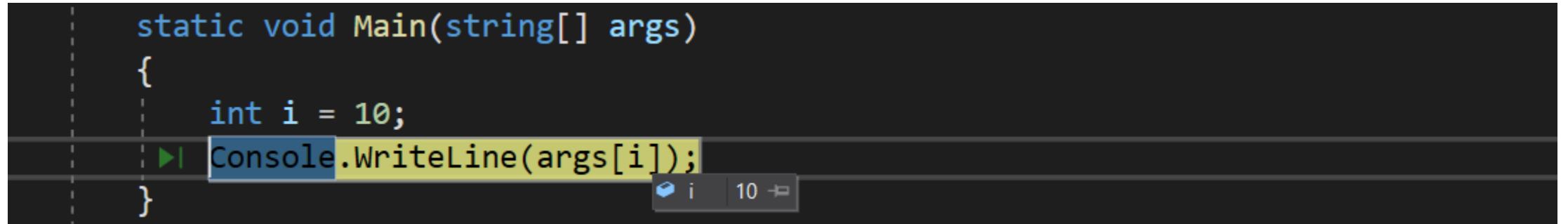
Expression Evaluation

One of the main features of the debugger

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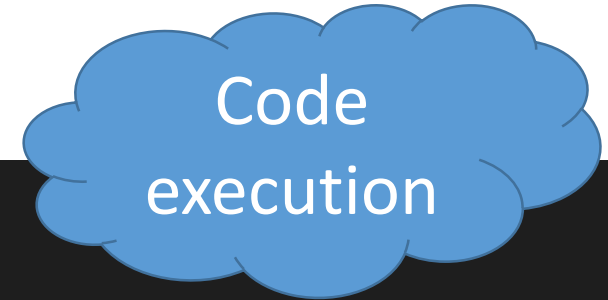
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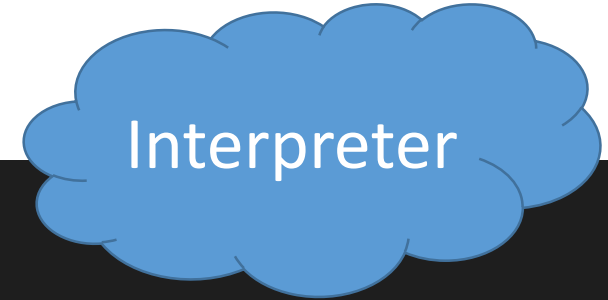
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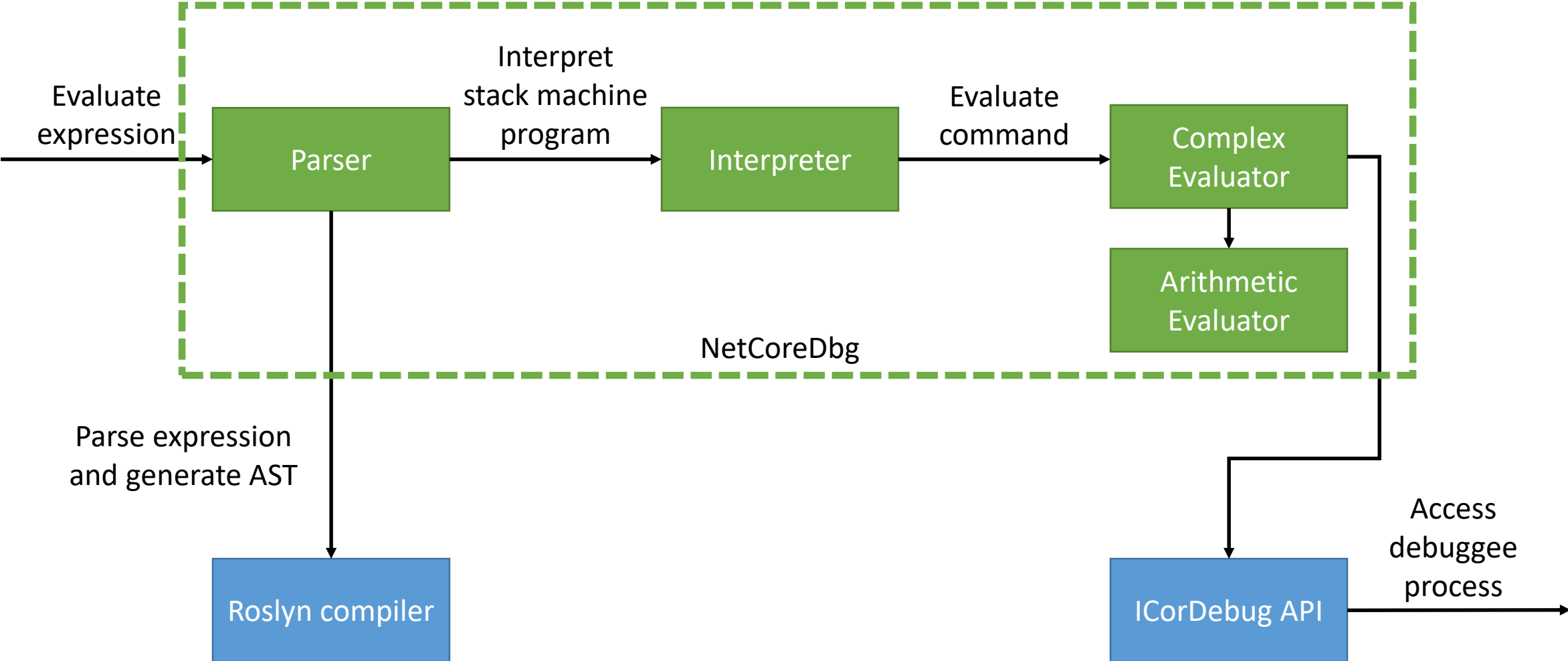
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 - state may change due to side effects
 - possible dead locks
 - faster for complex expressions

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- Arithmetic operations on side of debugger
- Other operations on side of debuggee

Both use ICorDebug API

Expression Evaluation: Architecture



Expression Evaluation: Parsing

Roslyn AST for expression `foo(boo(), a.b.c)`

```
InvocationExpression --- foo(boo(), a.b.c)
  IdentifierName --- foo
  ArgumentList --- (boo(), a.b.c)
    Argument --- boo()
      InvocationExpression --- boo()
        IdentifierName --- boo
        ArgumentList --- ()
    Argument --- a.b.c
      SimpleMemberAccessExpression --- a.b.c
        SimpleMemberAccessExpression --- a.b
          IdentifierName --- a
          IdentifierName --- b
        IdentifierName --- c
```

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SubtractExpression --- a+b-c*d/e%f
  AddExpression --- a+b
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Depth-First Search




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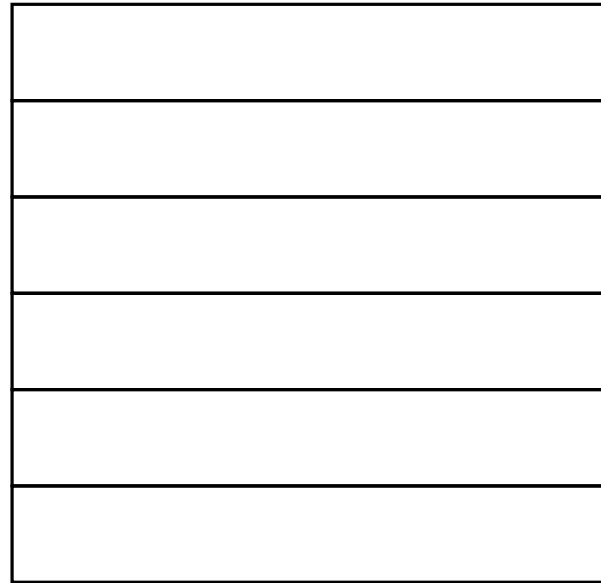
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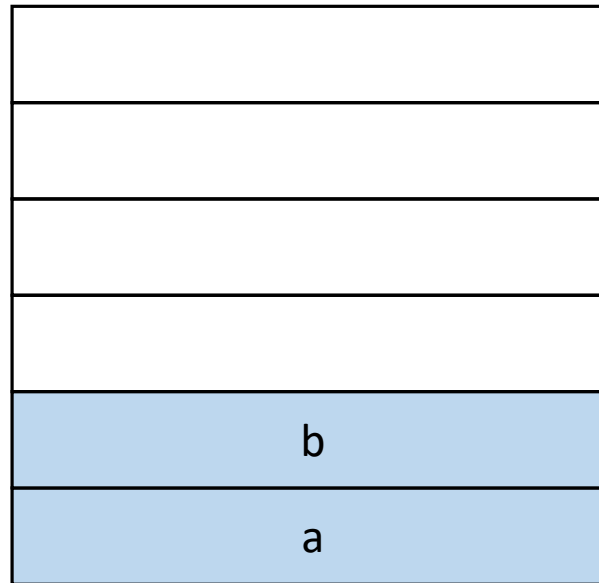
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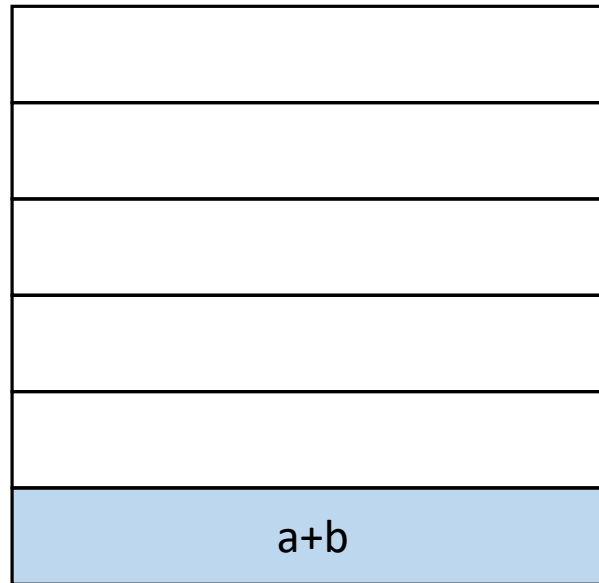
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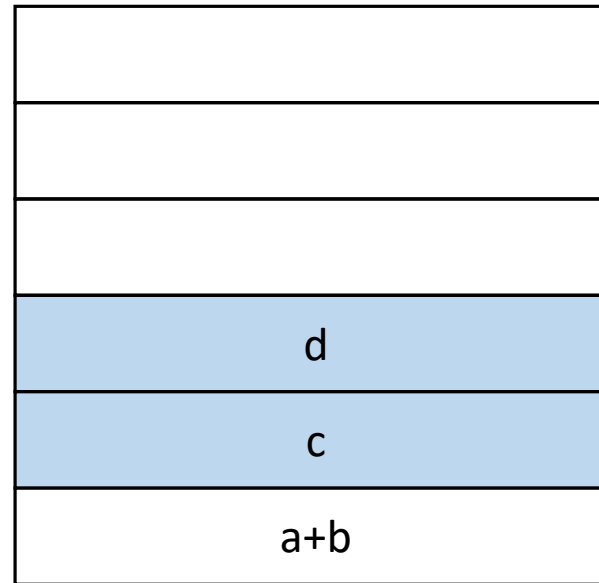


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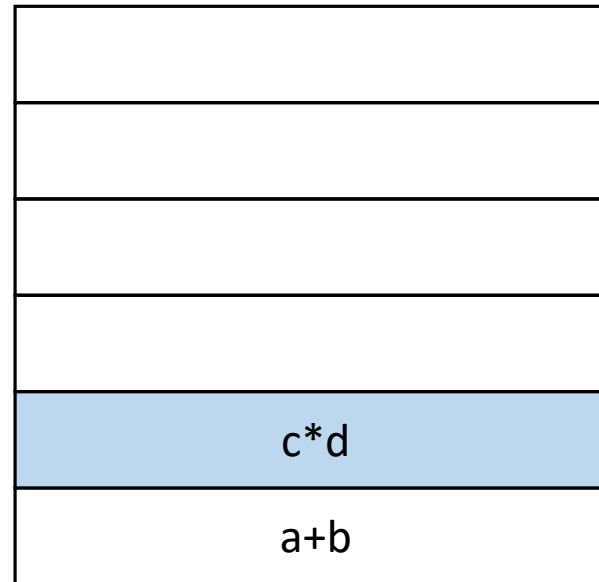


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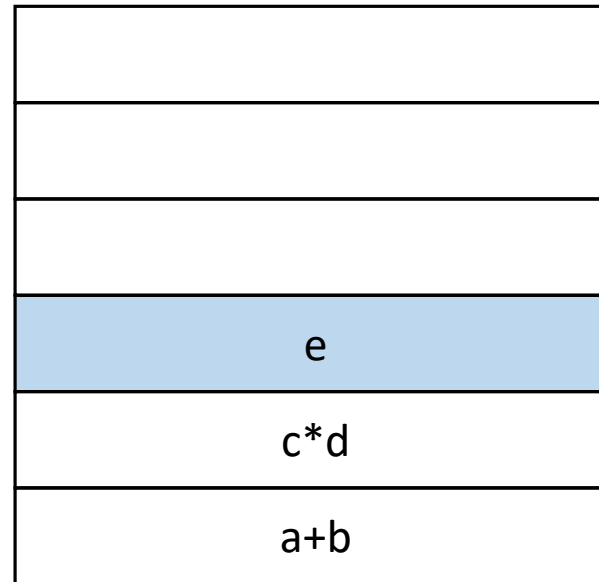


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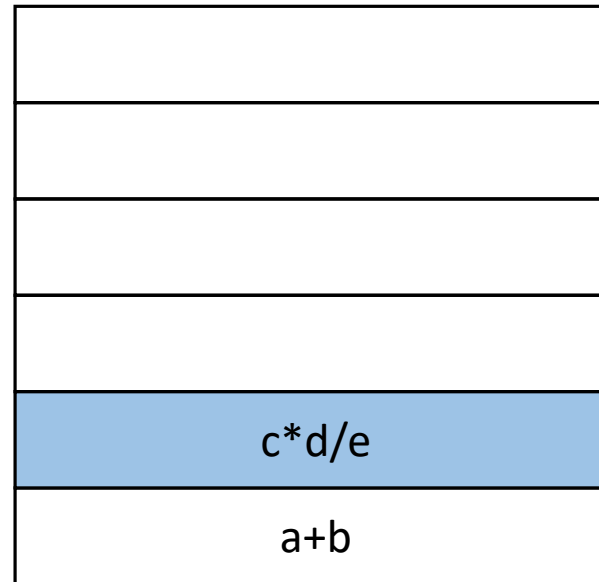



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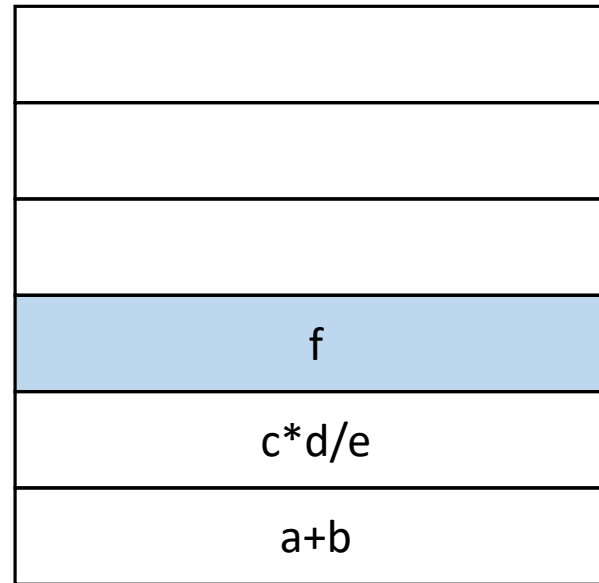



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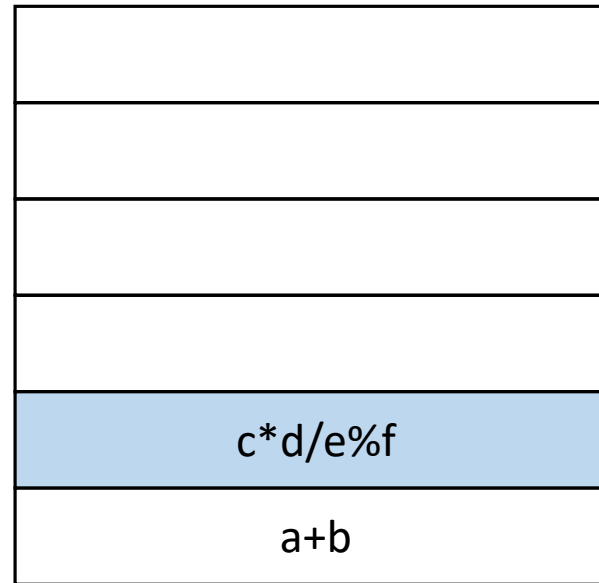



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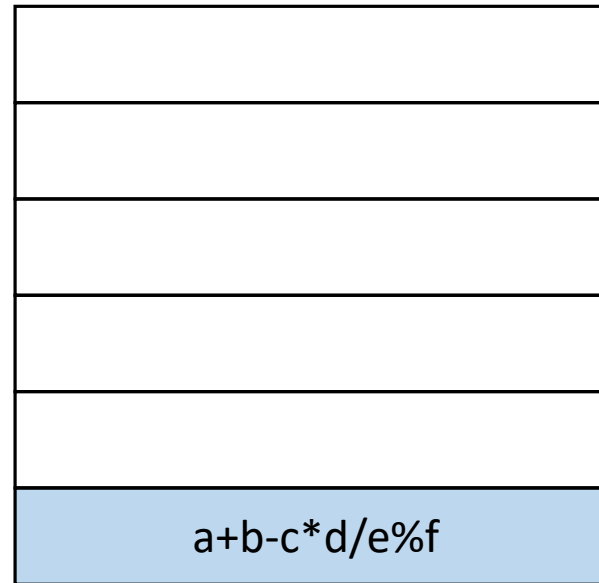



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- Not all language features are supported yet (e.g. lambdas)

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Example of arithmetic addition operation:

```
private static object AddExpression(dynamic first, dynamic second)
{
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/home/runtime/src/coreclr/tools/aot/ILCompiler.ReadyToRun/Compiler/ReadyToRunCodegenCompilationBuilder.cs:297
#4 ILCompiler.Program.RunSingleCompilation() at
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Example: Android

```
coral:/ # debuggerd -b $(pidof com.example.logevents)
```

```
----- pid 4483 at 2022-11-07 12:57:41.523083660+0000 -----
```

```
Cmd line: com.example.logevents
```

```
ABI: 'arm64'
```

```
"ample.logevents" sysTid=4483
```

```
#00 pc 00000000009e598 /apex/com.android.runtime/lib64/bionic/libc.so (__epoll_pwait+8) (BuildId: ba489d4985c0cf173209da67405662f9)
#01 pc 000000000016640 /system/lib64/libutils.so (android::Looper::pollInner(int)+180) (BuildId: a3acb0eba7fd91ea48db6f0befa41c65)
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#03 pc 00000000014acf8 /system/lib64/libandroid_runtime.so (android::android_os_MessageQueue_nativePollOnce(_JNIEnv*, _jobject*, long, int)+44)
(BuildId: 072ee58703f191b8e57c0025d9adae9b)
#04 pc 00000000019d22c /system/framework/arm64/boot-framework.oat (art_jni_trampoline+108) (BuildId: f578ed4f6592643e1c6d84081ab852ea2db681bb)
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char const*)+216) (BuildId: 556e634687c8250966f28a53a5a17b2b)
#11 pc 000000000061e234 /apex/com.android.art/lib64/libart.so (_jobject*
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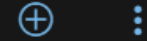
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Interop Debugging: Challenges

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You don't want to write an interop debugger.

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I've had a growing number of people inquire about how to write an [interop-debugger](#) with ICorDebug. My goal here is to discourage you from doing that. (This reminds me of one of my college classes. On day one, the acting-Prof launched into a great sermon "Why you should drop this class now". It turned out to be a great class).

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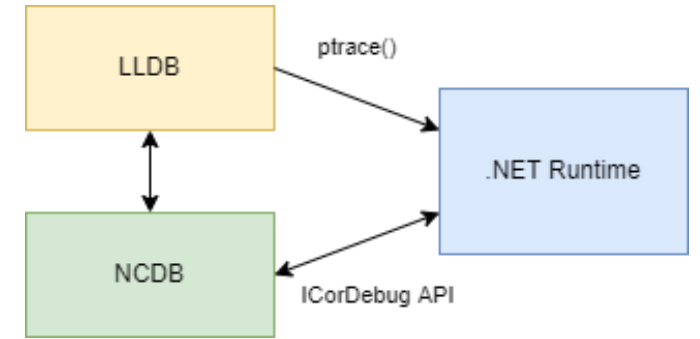
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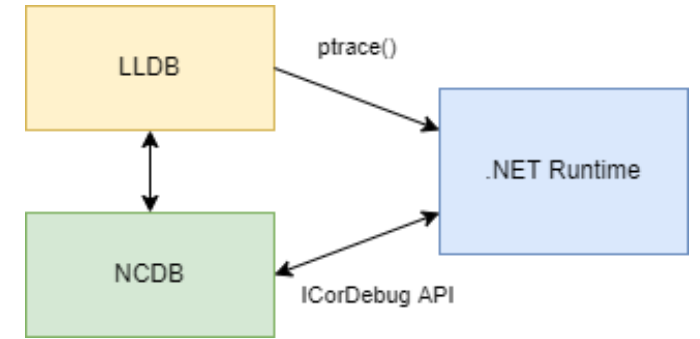


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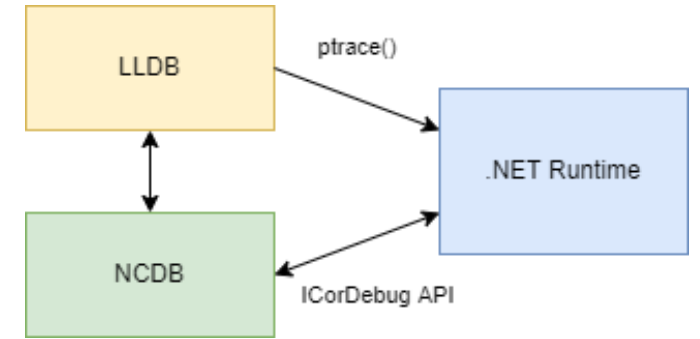


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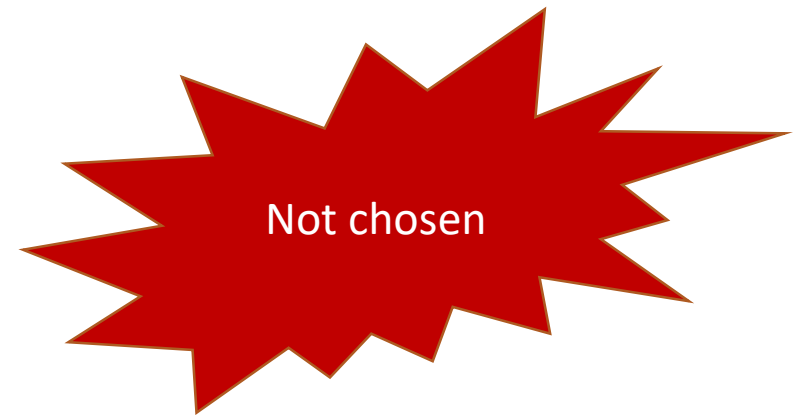
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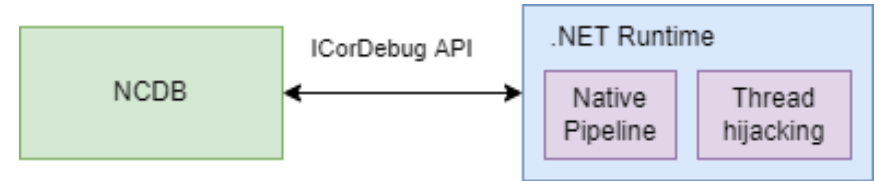
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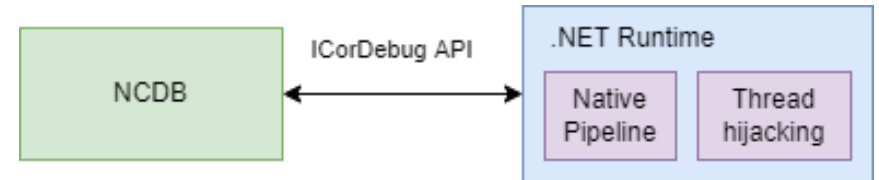


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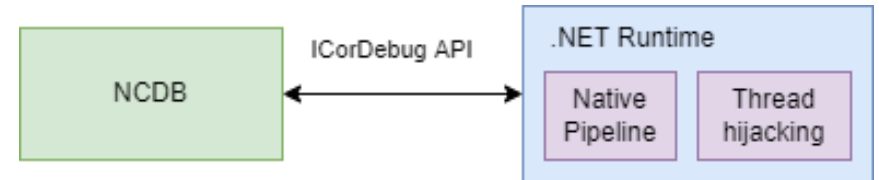


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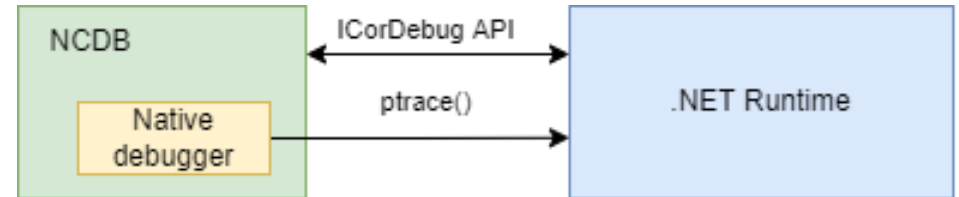
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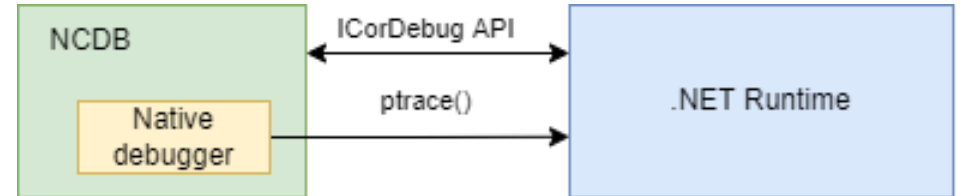


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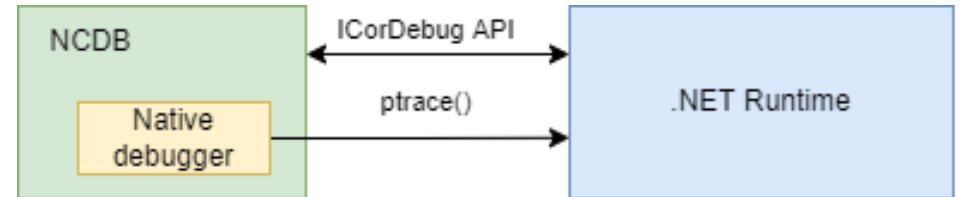


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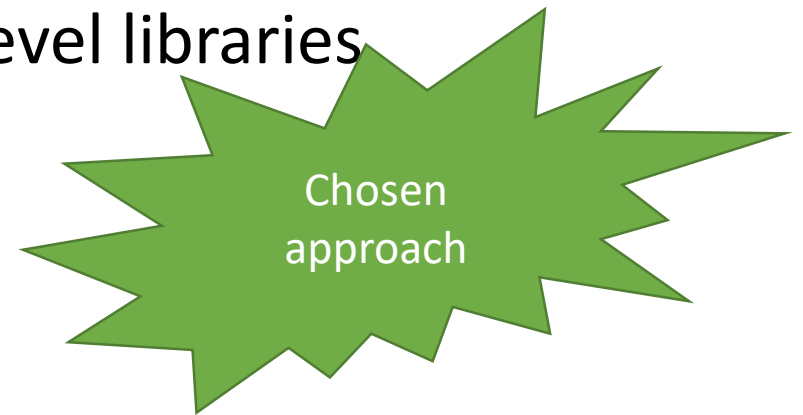
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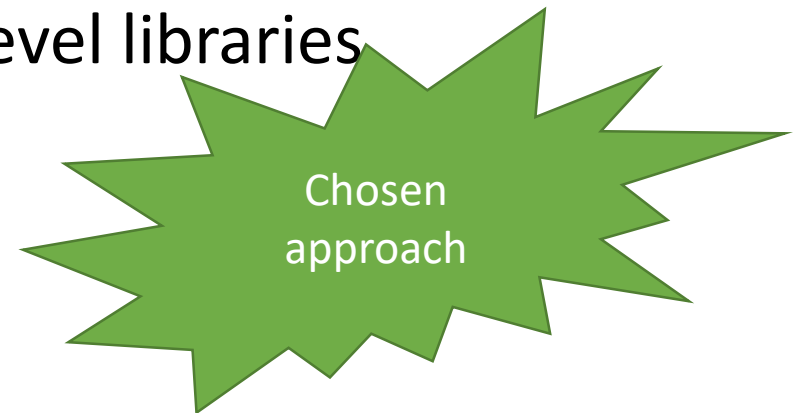
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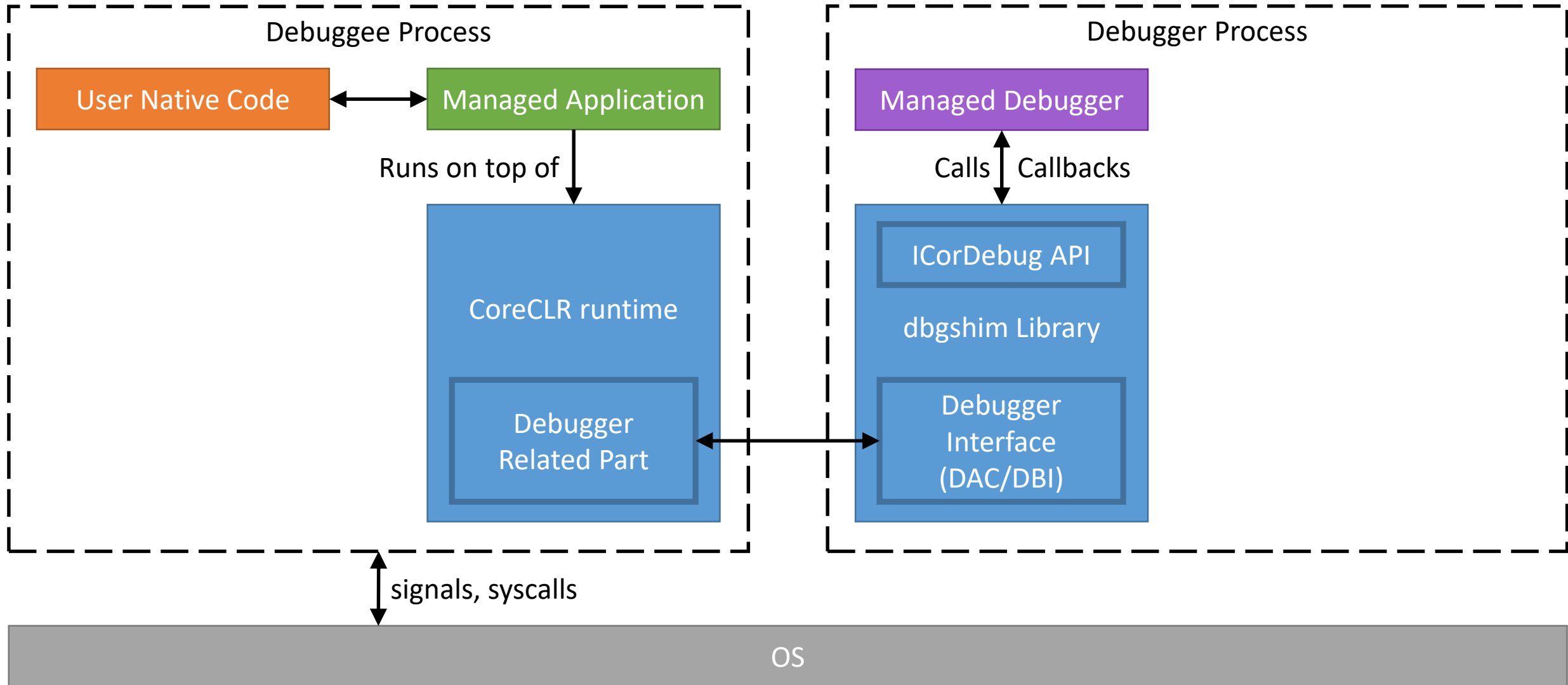
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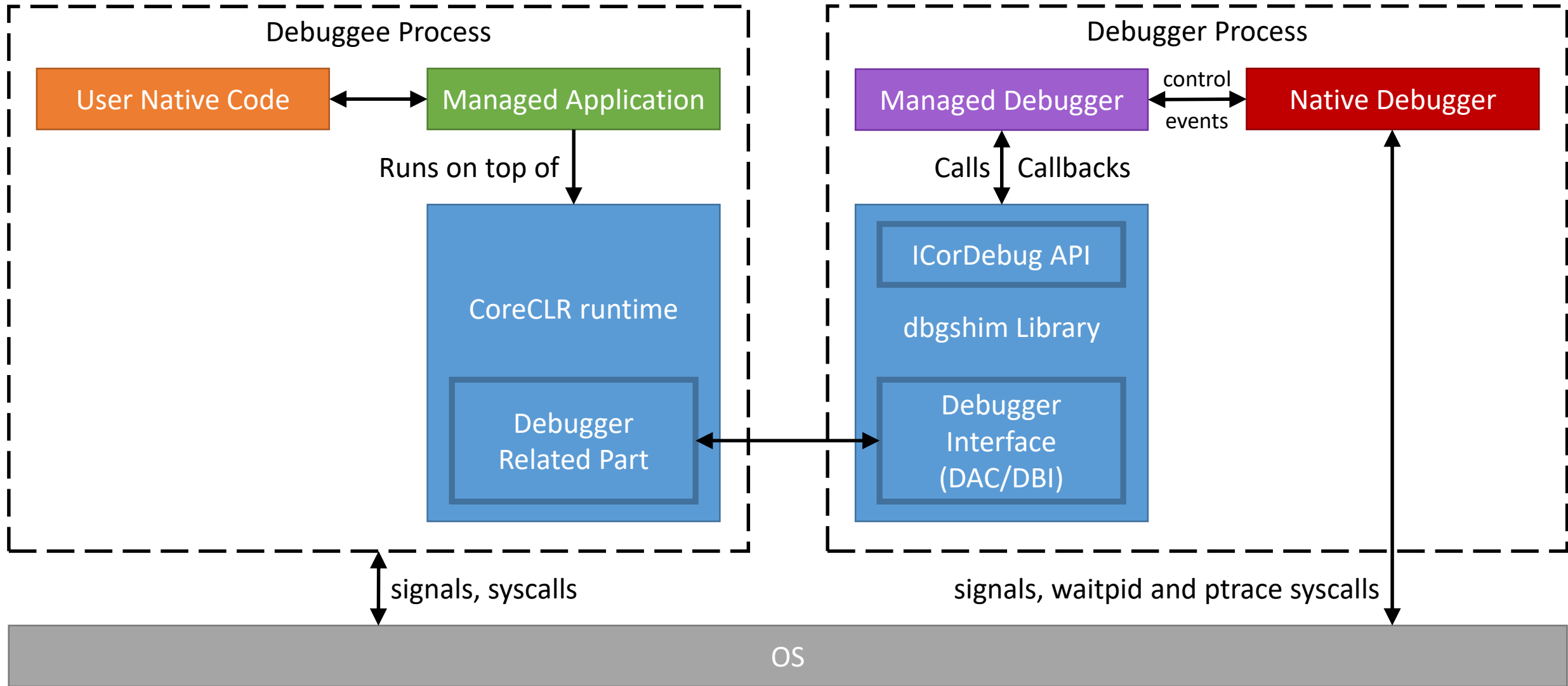
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9
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11     internal static extern IntPtr alloc(int size, FPtr callback);
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13     {
14         Console.WriteLine("Reporting " + ptr.ToString() + ", size " + size.ToString());
15     }
16     static void Main(string[] args)
17     {
18         Console.WriteLine("Starting!");
19         FPtr cb = new FPtr(reportCB);
20         for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
21         {
22             IntPtr value = alloc(i * 17 + 123, cb);
23         }
24     }
```

How to use Interop NetCoreDbg (CLI)

```
1  #include <malloc.h>
2
3  typedef void* FPtr(void*, int);
4
5  extern "C"
6  {
7      void* alloc(int size, FPtr callback)
8      {
9          void* mem = malloc(size);
10         (*callback)(mem, size);
11         return mem;
12     }
13 }
```

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- `-DINTEROP_DEBUGGING=1` **build option is needed for interop**

How to use Interop NetCoreDbg (CLI)

Launch without debugger

```
user@linux:~/demo/managed/demo$ dotnet run
Starting!
Reporting 94713499723280, size 123
Reporting 94713499855696, size 140
Reporting 94713499855856, size 157
Reporting 94713499684176, size 174
Reporting 94713499611840, size 191
Reporting 94713498804992, size 208
Reporting 94713499669520, size 225
Reporting 94713498763248, size 242
Reporting 94713499687792, size 259
Reporting 94713499389456, size 276
user@linux:~/demo/managed/demo$
```

How to use Interop NetCoreDbg (CLI)

Launch with managed NetCoreDbg

```
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ncdb> r
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breakpoint modified, Breakpoint 1 at reportCB()
```

```
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/System.Runtime.dll  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f5700089000, size: 32256(0x7e00)
```

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no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f568a890000, size: 376832(0x5c000)
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no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f568a900000, size: 266752(0x41200)
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```
ncdb> p ptr  
ptr = -1986462080  
ncdb> p size  
size = 123
```

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13 {  
14     Console.WriteLine("Reporting " + ptr.ToString() + ", size " + size.ToString());  
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```
ncdb> frame 3
#3: 0x00007f568a7b2f3e demo.dll` demo.Program.Main() at
/home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:22
ncdb> p i
i = 0
ncdb> p i*17+123
i*17+123 = 123
ncdb> p cb
cb = {demo.Program.FPtr}: {_invocationList = null, _invocationCount = 0, _target
= {demo.Program.FPtr}, _methodBase = null, _methodPtr = -1983459264,
_methodPtrAux = -1971653744, Target = null, Method =
{System.Reflection.RuntimeMethodInfo}}
```

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```
ncdb> frame 0
#0: 0x00007f568a7bab0a demo.dll` demo.Program.reportCB() at
/home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:13

ncdb> step
^running

stopped, reason: end stepping range, thread id: 9977, stopped threads: all,
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ncdb> step
^running
Reporting 94392804769408, size 123

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```
ncdb> c
^running

stopped, reason: breakpoint 1 hit, thread id: 9977, stopped threads: all, times=
1, frame={demo.Program.reportCB() at /home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:13}
ncdb> p size
size = 140
```

```
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15 }
```

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16      static void Main(string[] args)
17      {
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Launch with interop NetCoreDbg

```
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--interop-debugging
--
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ncdb> b reportCB
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native thread created, id: 12894

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native thread created, id: 12899  
  
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native thread created, id: 12906  
  
library loaded: /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpthread-2.27.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708f086000, size: 2207744(0x21b000)  
  
library loaded: /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libdl-2.27.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708ee82000, size: 2113536(0x204000)
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library loaded: /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libm-2.27.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708e75b000, size: 3792896(0x39e000)  
  
library loaded: /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgcc_s.so.1  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708e543000, size: 2195456(0x218000)  
  
library loaded: /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc-2.27.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708e152000, size: 4116480(0x3ed000)  
  
library loaded: /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/ld-2.27.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708f2a5000, size: 167936(0x29000)  
  
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-6.0/host/fxr/6.0.3/libhostfxr.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708f436000, size: 425984(0x68000)
```

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```
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/libhostpolicy.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708f3d7000, size: 389120 (0x5f000)  
  
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/libcoreclr.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708da1b000, size: 7303168 (0x6f7000)  
  
library loaded: /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/librt-2.27.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708d813000, size: 2129920 (0x208000)  
  
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/libcoreclrtraceptprovider.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708f31f000, size: 753664 (0xb8000)  
  
library loaded: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/liblttng-ust.so.0.0.0  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708d598000, size: 2564096 (0x272000)
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```
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/libcoreclrtraceptprovider.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708f31f000, size: 753664 (0xb8000)
```

```
library loaded: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/liblttng-ust.so.0.0.0  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708d598000, size: 2564096 (0x272000)
```

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```
library loaded: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/liblttng-ust-tracepoint.so.0.0.0  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708d37c000, size: 2146304(0x20c000)
```

```
library loaded: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/liburcu-bp.so.6.0.0  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708d174000, size: 2129920(0x208000)
```

```
library loaded: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/liburcu-cds.so.6.0.0  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708cf6a000, size: 2138112(0x20a000)  
^running
```

```
native thread created, id: 12918
```

```
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/libclrjit.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7088620000, size: 3358720(0x334000)
```

```
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/System.Private.CoreLib.dll  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7013f10000, size: 10601472(0xa1c400)
```

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no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708d37c000, size: 2146304(0x20c000)
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no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7088620000, size: 3358720(0x334000)
```

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6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/System.Private.CoreLib.dll  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7013f10000, size: 10601472(0xa1c400)
```

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```
native thread created, id: 12919

managed thread created, id: 12894

library loaded: /home/user/demo/managed/demo/bin/Debug/net6.0/demo.dll
symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708f4a5000, size: 5632(0x1600)
breakpoint modified, Breakpoint 1 at reportCB()

library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/System.Runtime.dll
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7088618000, size: 32256(0x7e00)

library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/System.Console.dll
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7014a90000, size: 376832(0x5c000)

library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/System.Threading.dll
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7014b00000, size: 266752(0x41200)
```

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```
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/libSystem.Native.so  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7088600000, size: 98304(0x18000)  
  
library loaded: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libicuuc.so.60.2  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708821f000, size: 3895296(0x3b7000)  
  
library loaded: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libicudata.so.60.2  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7079c56000, size: 29003776(0x1ba9000)  
  
library loaded: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libicui18n.so.60.2  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f70797b5000, size: 4853760(0x4a1000)  
  
library loaded: /home/user/demo/dotnet-sdk-  
6.0/shared/Microsoft.NETCore.App/6.0.3/Microsoft.Win32.Primitives.dll  
no symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f7014b70000, size: 210944(0x33800)  
  
native thread created, id: 12920  
Starting!
```

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```
library loaded: /home/user/demo/managed/demo/bin/Debug/net6.0/liballocator.so  
symbols loaded, base address: 0x7f708801d000, size: 2105344(0x202000)  
  
stopped, reason: breakpoint 1 hit, thread id: 12894, stopped threads: all,  
times= 0, frame={demo.Program.reportCB() at  
/home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:13}
```


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```

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```
ncdb> bt
#0: 0x00007f70149bab0a demo.dll` demo.Program.reportCB() at
/home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:13
#1: 0x00007f70149baa9c [CoreCLR Native Frame]
#2: 0x00007f708801d63c liballocator.so` alloc() at /home/user/demo/native/allocator.cpp:10
#3: 0x00007f70149ba9ad [CoreCLR Native Frame]
#4: 0x00007f70149b2f3e demo.dll` demo.Program.Main() at /home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:22
#5: 0x00007f708dd9d9c7 libcoreclr.so` unnamed_symbol, libcoreclr.so + 3680711
#6: 0x00007f708dbd400b libcoreclr.so` unnamed_symbol, libcoreclr.so + 1806347
#7: 0x00007f708daa9e9a libcoreclr.so` unnamed_symbol, libcoreclr.so + 585370
#8: 0x00007f708daa1f1 libcoreclr.so` unnamed_symbol, libcoreclr.so + 586225
#9: 0x00007f708dadec13 libcoreclr.so` unnamed_symbol, libcoreclr.so + 801811
#10: 0x00007f708da9212f libcoreclr.so` coreclr_execute_assembly() + 127
#11: 0x00007f708f3ef5b1 libhostpolicy.so` unnamed_symbol, libhostpolicy.so + 99761
#12: 0x00007f708f3efa41 libhostpolicy.so` unnamed_symbol, libhostpolicy.so + 100929
#13: 0x00007f708f3f046c libhostpolicy.so` corehost_main() + 172
#14: 0x00007f708f449d04 libhostfxr.so` unnamed_symbol, libhostfxr.so + 81156
#15: 0x00007f708f448409 libhostfxr.so` unnamed_symbol, libhostfxr.so + 74761
#16: 0x00007f708f4438fb libhostfxr.so` hostfxr_main_startupinfo() + 171
#17: 0x00005591941a1faa unnamed_symbol
#18: 0x00005591941a2420 unnamed_symbol
#19: 0x00007f708e173c87 libc-2.27.so` __libc_start_main() + 231
#20: 0x0000559194196d2a unnamed_symbol
```

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```
ncdb> bt
#0: 0x00007f70149bab0a demo.dll` demo.Program.reportCB() at
/home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:13
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#2: 0x00007f708801d63c liballocator.so` alloc() at /home/user/demo/native/allocator.cpp:10
#3: 0x00007f70149ba9ad [CoreCLR Native Frame]
#4: 0x00007f70149b2f3e demo.dll` demo.Program.Main() at /home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:22
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How to use Interop NetCoreDbg (CLI)

```
ncdb> b allocator.cpp:9
Breakpoint 2 at /home/user/demo/native/allocator.cpp:9
ncdb> c
^running
Reporting 94083752734336, size 123

stopped, reason: breakpoint 2 hit, thread id: 12894, stopped threads: all,
times= 1, frame={liballocator.so` alloc() at
/home/user/demo/native/allocator.cpp:9}
```

```
1  #include <malloc.h>
2
3  typedef void* FPtr(void*, int);
4
5  extern "C"
6  {
7  void* alloc(int size, FPtr callback)
8  {
9      void* mem = malloc(size);
10     (*callback)(mem, size);
11     return mem;
12 }
13 }
```

How to use Interop NetCoreDbg (CLI)

```
ncdb> bt all
```

```
Thread 11, id="12920", name="<No name>", state="running", type="native"  
#0: 0x00007f708f097474 libpthread-2.27.so` read() + 68  
#1: 0x00007f708860f03f libSystem.Native.so` unnamed_symbol, libSystem.Native.so  
+ 61503  
#2: 0x00007f708f08d6db libpthread-2.27.so` start_thread() + 219  
#3: 0x00007f708e27361f libc-2.27.so` clone() + 63
```

How to use Interop NetCoreDbg (CLI)

```
ncdb> bt all
```

```
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```
Thread 1, id="12894", name="Main Thread", state="stopped", type="managed"
#0: 0x00007f708801d61a liballocator.so` alloc() at /home/user/demo/native/allocator.cpp:9
#1: 0x00007f70149ba9ad [CoreCLR Native Frame]
#2: 0x00007f70149b2f3e demo.dll` demo.Program.Main() at /home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:22
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```


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```
ncdb> frame 2
#2: 0x00007f70149b2f3e demo.dll` demo.Program.Main() at
/home/user/demo/managed/demo/Program.cs:22

ncdb> p i
i = 1
ncdb> p i*17+123
i*17+123 = 140
```

```
20 |  | for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
21 | | {
22 | |     IntPtr value = alloc(i * 17 + 123, cb);
23 | | }
```

Interop Debugging: Competitors

debugger	platform	target OS for apps	architecture support	open source
Visual Studio Debugger	.NET, Python	Windows	x64, x86, arm64	no
Android Studio Debugger	Java	Android	x64, arm64	yes
LLDB with SOS plugin	.NET	Linux	x64, x86, arm32, arm64	yes
NetCoreDbg Interop Debugger	.NET	Linux	x64, x86, arm32, arm64	yes

Interop Debugging: Competitors

debugger	native, managed, mixed backtrace	native breakpoints	managed breakpoints	native eval	managed eval	native stepping	managed stepping
Visual Studio Debugger	yes	yes	yes	yes ⁽³⁾	yes	yes	yes
Android Studio Debugger	yes ⁽⁴⁾	yes	yes	yes ⁽³⁾	yes	yes	yes
LLDB with SOS plugin	yes	yes	yes ⁽⁵⁾	yes	yes ⁽⁶⁾	yes	no
NetCoreDbg Interop Debugger	yes	yes ⁽¹⁾	yes	no ⁽²⁾	yes	no ⁽²⁾	yes

(1) only line breakpoints are supported currently

(2) not supported yet

(3) limited, can't evaluate all native code

(4) native or managed only, combined backtrace can be obtained using additional cli tool (debuggerd) separate from GUI debugger

(5) only function and line breakpoints are supported, no exception breakpoints

(6) very limited by design, can only show variables and fields (no managed code execution)

Interop Debugging: Competitors

debugger	memory consumption (PSS) of debugger process on arm64, Mb
LLDB with SOS plugin	230
NetCoreDbg Interop Debugger	47

Interop Debugging: Future Directions

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Want to learn more?

- ❑ ICorDebug API:
 - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/framework/unmanaged-api/debugging/icordebug-interface>

- ❑ Interop Debugging:
 - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/archive/blogs/jmstall/what-is-interop-debugging>
 - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-gb/archive/blogs/jmstall/tips-for-writing-an-interop-debugger>
 - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/archive/blogs/jmstall/you-dont-want-to-write-an-interop-debugger>

- ❑ How to use NetCoreDbg:
 - <https://github.com/Samsung/netcoredbg/blob/master/docs/cli.md>

How to participate?

Contributions are welcomed!

<https://github.com/samsung/netcoredbg>

Questions

Thank you!