

**NAME**

**dwarf\_loclist\_from\_expr**, **dwarf\_loclist\_from\_expr\_a**, **dwarf\_loclist\_from\_expr\_b** - translate DWARF location expression bytes

**LIBRARY**

DWARF Access Library (libdwarf, -ldwarf)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libdwarf.h>
```

*int*

```
dwarf_loclist_from_expr(Dwarf_Debug dbg, Dwarf_Ptr bytes_in, Dwarf_Unsigned bytes_len,  
Dwarf_Locdesc **llbuf, Dwarf_Signed *listlen, Dwarf_Error *err);
```

*int*

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dwarf_loclist_from_expr_a(Dwarf_Debug dbg, Dwarf_Ptr bytes_in, Dwarf_Unsigned bytes_len,  
Dwarf_Half addr_size, Dwarf_Locdesc **llbuf, Dwarf_Signed *listlen, Dwarf_Error *err);
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*int*

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dwarf_loclist_from_expr_b(Dwarf_Debug dbg, Dwarf_Ptr bytes_in, Dwarf_Unsigned bytes_len,  
Dwarf_Half addr_size, Dwarf_Half offset_size, Dwarf_Small version, Dwarf_Locdesc **llbuf,  
Dwarf_Signed *listlen, Dwarf_Error *error);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Function **dwarf\_loclist\_from\_expr()** translates DWARF location expression bytes into a *Dwarf\_Locdesc* descriptor. The size for address related data is taken to be the default address size for the object being read.

Argument *dbg* should reference a DWARF debug context allocated using **dwarf\_init(3)**.

Argument *bytes\_in* should point to an array of DWARF location expression bytes.

Argument *bytes\_len* should specify the number of the location expression bytes to be translated.

Argument *llbuf* should point to a location which will be set to a pointer to a returned *Dwarf\_Locdesc* descriptor.

Argument *listlen* should point to a location which will hold the number of the *Dwarf\_Locdesc* descriptors returned. In this case it is always set to 1.

If argument *err* is not NULL, it will be used to store error information in case of an error.

Function **dwarf\_loclist\_from\_expr\_a()** is identical to function **dwarf\_loclist\_from\_expr()**, except that it requires one additional argument *addr\_size*, which specifies the address size to use when translating the location expression bytes.

Function **dwarf\_loclist\_from\_expr\_b()** is identical to function **dwarf\_loclist\_from\_expr\_a()** except that it requires two additional arguments for translating the location expression bytes. Argument *offset\_size* specifies the offset size, and argument *version* specifies the DWARF version. These values are required to correctly translate the DW\_OP\_GNU\_implicit\_pointer opcode.

### Memory Management

The memory area used for the descriptor returned in argument *llbuf* is allocated by DWARF Access Library (libdwarf, -ldwarf). When the descriptor is no longer needed, application code should use function **dwarf\_dealloc(3)** to free the memory area in two steps:

1. First, the array of *Dwarf\_Loc* descriptors pointed to by the *ld\_s* field of the *Dwarf\_Locdesc* descriptor should be deallocated using the allocation type DW\_DLA\_LOC\_BLOCK.
2. Next, the application should free the *llbuf* pointer using the allocation type DW\_DLA\_LOCDISC.

### RETURN VALUES

On success, these functions returns DW\_DLV\_OK. In case of an error, they return DW\_DLV\_ERROR and set the argument *err*.

### ERRORS

These functions may fail with the following errors:

[DW\_DLE\_ARGUMENT]      One of the arguments *dbg*, *bytes\_in*, *llbuf* or *listlen* was NULL.

[DW\_DLE\_ARGUMENT]      Argument *bytes\_len* was 0.

[DW\_DLE\_ARGUMENT]      The value of argument *addr\_size* was invalid.

[DW\_DLE\_LOC\_EXPR\_BAD]      An unknown or invalid operation was found in the location expression bytes provided in argument *bytes\_in*.

[DW\_DLE\_MEMORY]      An out of memory condition was encountered during the execution of this function.

### SEE ALSO

**dwarf(3)**, **dwarf\_dealloc(3)**, **dwarf\_get\_fde\_info\_for\_all\_regs3(3)**, **dwarf\_get\_fde\_info\_for\_cfa\_reg3(3)**,

dwarf\_get\_fde\_info\_for\_reg3(3), dwarf\_get\_loclist\_entry(3), dwarf\_loclist\_n(3)