## NAME

dwarf\_next\_cu\_header, dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_b, dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c - step through compilation units in a DWARF debug context

## LIBRARY

DWARF Access Library (libdwarf, -ldwarf)

## SYNOPSIS

#### #include <libdwarf.h>

#### int

dwarf\_next\_cu\_header(Dwarf\_Debug dbg, Dwarf\_Unsigned \*cu\_length, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_version, Dwarf\_Off \*cu\_abbrev\_offset, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_pointer\_size, Dwarf\_Unsigned \*cu\_next\_offset, Dwarf\_Error \*err);

## int

dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_b(Dwarf\_Debug dbg, Dwarf\_Unsigned \*cu\_length, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_version, Dwarf\_Off \*cu\_abbrev\_offset, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_pointer\_size, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_offset\_size, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_extension\_size, Dwarf\_Unsigned \*cu\_next\_offset, Dwarf\_Error \*err);

## int

dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c(Dwarf\_Debug dbg, Dwarf\_Bool is\_info, Dwarf\_Unsigned \*cu\_length, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_version, Dwarf\_Off \*cu\_abbrev\_offset, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_pointer\_size, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_offset\_size, Dwarf\_Half \*cu\_extension\_size, Dwarf\_Sig8 \*type\_signature, Dwarf\_Unsigned \*type\_offset, Dwarf\_Unsigned \*cu\_next\_offset, Dwarf\_Error \*err);

#### DESCRIPTION

These functions are used to step through compilation or type units associated with a DWARF debug context, optionally returning information about the unit.

Function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c**() is the API recommended for new application code. Function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header**() and **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_b**() can only operate on compilation units associated with the ".debug\_info" section. They are less general than function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c**(), and are deprecated for use by new application code.

Argument *dbg* should reference a DWARF debug context allocated using dwarf\_init(3). If argument *is\_info* is set to 1, the function returns information for compilation units found in the ".debug\_info" section. If argument *is\_info* is set to 0, the function returns information for type units found in the ".debug\_types" sections. Argument *cu\_length* should point to a location that will be set to the length of the compilation or type unit. Argument *cu\_version* should point to a location that will be set to the

version number for the compilation or type unit. Argument *cu\_abbrev\_offset* should point to a location that will be set to the starting offset (in the ".debug\_abbrev" section) of the set of debugging information entry abbreviations associated with this compilation or type unit. Argument *cu\_pointer\_size* should point to a location that will be set to the size in bytes of an address for the machine architecture of the underlying object being debugged. Argument *cu\_offset\_size* should point to a location that will be set to the size in the compilation or type unit. Argument *cu\_extension\_size* is only needed for processing MIPS/IRIX objects that use a non-standard DWARF format. It should point to a location that will be set to 4 for normal objects and to 0 for non-standard ones. Argument *type\_signature* and *type\_offset* is only needed for processing type units. Argument *type\_signature* should point to a location that will be set to the 64-bit unique signature of the type described in the type unit. Argument *type\_offset* should point to a location that will be set to the offset of the debugging information entry that describes the type. Argument *cu\_next\_offset* should point to a location that will be set to the offset of the next compilation unit header in the ".debug\_info" section, or the offset of the next type unit header in the ".debug\_info" section, or the offset of the next type unit header in the ".debug\_info" section that will header in the ".debug\_info" section that will header in the ".debug\_info" section. Argument *err* should point to a location that will header in the ".debug\_info" section of the debugging information entry the ader in the ".debug\_info" section, or the offset of the next type unit header in the ".debug\_info" section, or the offset of the next type unit header in the ".debug\_info" section or the unit header in the ".debug\_info" section that will hold an error descriptor in case of an error.

Function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_b**() is identical to function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c**() except that it does not provide arguments *is\_info*, *type\_signature* and *type\_offset*.

Function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header**() is identical to function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_b**() except that it does not provide arguments *cu\_offset\_size* and *cu\_extension\_size*.

A value of NULL may be used for any of the arguments *cu\_length*, *cu\_version*, *cu\_abbrev\_offset*, *cu\_pointer\_size*, *cu\_offset\_size*, *cu\_extension\_size*, *type\_signature*, *type\_offset*, *cu\_next\_offset* and *err* if the caller is not interested in the respective value.

# Iterating Through Compilation Units in a Debug Context

The first call to function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c**() for a given debug context with argument *is\_info* set to 1 will return information about the first compilation unit in the ".debug\_info" section. Subsequent calls to the function will iterate through the remaining compilation units in the section. On stepping past the last compilation unit in the section, function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c**() returns DW\_DLV\_NO\_ENTRY and resets its internal state. The next call to the function will restart from the first compilation unit in the section.

#### Iterating Through Type Units in a Debug Context

When a DWARF debug context is allocated using dwarf\_init(3), an internal pointer associated with the context will point to the first ".debug\_types" section found in the debug object. The first call to function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c(**) for the debug context with argument *is\_info* set to 0 will return information about the first type unit in that ".debug\_types" section. Subsequent calls to the function will iterate through the remaining type units in the section. On stepping past the last type unit in the debug context,

function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c**() returns DW\_DLV\_NO\_ENTRY and resets its internal state. The next call to the function will restart from the first type unit in the ".debug\_types" section.

If the debug object contains multiple ".debug\_types" sections, the function **dwarf\_next\_types\_section**() can be called to move the internal pointer to the next ".debug\_types" section. As a result, subsequent calls of the function **dwarf\_next\_cu\_header\_c**() will operate on the new ".debug\_types" section. Function **dwarf\_next\_types\_section**() returns DW\_DLV\_NO\_ENTRY when there are no more ".debug\_types" sections left in the debug object.

#### **RETURN VALUES**

On success, these functions return DW\_DLV\_OK. In case of an error, they return DW\_DLV\_ERROR and set argument *err*. When there are no more compilation units left to traverse, they return DW\_DLV\_NO\_ENTRY.

#### ERRORS

These functions can fail with the following error:

[DW\_DLE\_ARGUMENT] Argument *dbg* was NULL.

#### SEE ALSO

dwarf(3), dwarf\_get\_cu\_die\_offset\_given\_cu\_header\_offset(3), dwarf\_init(3), dwarf\_next\_types\_section(3), dwarf\_siblingof(3)