

NAME

dwarf_finish, **dwarf_object_finish** - free resources associated with a debug descriptor

LIBRARY

DWARF Access Library (libdwarf, -ldwarf)

SYNOPSIS

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

int

```
dwarf_finish(Dwarf_Debug dbg, Dwarf_Error *err);
```

int

```
dwarf_object_finish(Dwarf_Debug dbg, Dwarf_Error *err);
```

DESCRIPTION

The **dwarf_finish**() and **dwarf_object_finish**() functions are used to release the resources associated with a debug descriptor allocated by a prior call to **dwarf_init**(3) and **dwarf_object_init**(3) respectively.

Argument *dbg* denotes a valid *Dwarf_Debug* instance. Argument *err* will be used to record error information in case of an error.

After a call to **dwarf_finish**() or **dwarf_object_finish**(), the argument *dbg* will be invalid and should not be used further.

For *Dwarf_Debug* descriptors opened using **dwarf_init**(3), the application would need to explicitly release the *Elf* instance associated with the descriptor by first retrieving the instance using **dwarf_get_elf**(3) and closing it using **elf_end**(3).

RETURN VALUES

These functions return DW_DLV_OK if successful. In case of an error, the functions return DW_DLV_ERROR and record additional information in argument *err*.

EXAMPLES

To deallocate a *Dwarf_Debug* instance allocated using **dwarf_elf_init**(3) use:

```
Dwarf_Debug dbg;  
Dwarf_Error de;  
  
if (dwarf_finish(dbg, &de) != DW_DLV_OK)
```

```
errx(EXIT_FAILURE, "dwarf_finish: %s", dwarf_errmsg(de));
```

To deallocate a *Dwarf_Debug* instance allocated using `dwarf_object_init(3)` use:

```
Dwarf_Debug dbg;  
Dwarf_Error de;  
  
if (dwarf_object_finish(dbg, &de) != DW_DLV_OK)  
    errx(EXIT_FAILURE, "dwarf_object_finish: %s",  
        dwarf_errmsg(de));
```

To deallocate a *Dwarf_Debug* instance allocated using `dwarf_init(3)` use:

```
Dwarf_Debug dbg;  
Dwarf_Error de;  
Elf *e;  
  
if (dwarf_get_elf(dbg, &e, &de) != DW_DLV_OK)  
    errx(EXIT_FAILURE, "dwarf_get_elf: %s", dwarf_errmsg(&de));  
  
if (dwarf_finish(dbg, &de) != DW_DLV_OK)  
    errx(EXIT_FAILURE, "dwarf_finish: %s", dwarf_errmsg(de));  
  
(void) elf_end(e);
```

SEE ALSO

`dwarf_elf_init(3)`, `dwarf_get_elf(3)`, `dwarf_init(3)`, `dwarf_object_init(3)`, `elf_end(3)`