



TPF Toolkit V3.2

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■ Purpose of document

- To provide a source of information where common TPF debugger questions can be answered
- To educate about TPF debugging concepts
- To educate about the different debugger functionalities provided by TPF debugger
- To complement other help tools currently available for the TPF debugger
- To provide help information for TPF Debugger on z/TPF and TPF 4.1

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■ Document Format

- Table of Contents
- Document contents
 - Features
 - Understanding...
 - How do I...
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Index

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■ Document Contents

– Features

- Description of available features of the TPF Debugger and where to find more help

– Understanding...

- Explanation of some important debugging concepts

– How do I...

- “How-to” on most commonly used features in the debugger

– Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs)

- Compiled list of commonly asked questions about the debugger

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■ More about Document Contents

- Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs) and “How do I...” sections are catalogued in sequence of steps
 - Registering
 - Starting Debugger
 - Debugging Program
 - Dump Viewing
 - ECB Monitoring
- For more information on a topic, keywords to use in the TPF Information Center or TPF Toolkit Help are suggested

TPF/IC: “zddb”, “registration”

TOOLKIT: “registering a program for debugging”

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■ Example 1

- Problem: Debugger doesn't start
- Possible questions:
 - Why doesn't the debugger start?
 - Why is the debugger not trapping my ECB?

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■ Example 1 - Why is the debugger not trapping my ECB?

How to find the answer:

1. Look under FAQs in table of contents

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).....	5
Registering	5
Starting Debugger	5
Debugging Program.....	5

2. Go to the page indicated by “Starting Debugger” since problem occurred when trying to start a program to debug
3. Look for the question “Why is the debugger not trapping my ECB?”

Starting Debugger

Q8: Why is the debugger not trapping my ECB?

A1: No debug session was registered or registration failed. Use ZDDBG to verify and/or view the TPF Toolkit Console for error messages.

4. Follow any links or keywords suggestion to get more information

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■ Example 2

- Problem: Need to stop the application on a macro
- Possible questions:
 - How do I trace a macro?
 - How do I set a macro breakpoint?

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▪ Example 2 - How do I trace/set a macro breakpoint?

How to find the answer using the index:

1. Go to the page indicated by “Index” in table of contents

Index **32**

2. Go to pages indicated by term “macro breakpoint”

hfs, 4

macro, 2, 11, 13, 18, 20

macro breakpoint, 13, 18, 19

3. In the information found you may follow any links or keywords suggestion to get more information

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■ Example 2 - How do I trace/set a macro breakpoint?

How to find the answer using the “How do I...” section:

1. Go to the page indicated by your question under “How do I...” in table of contents

How do I.....	10
...	
#12 ...set up my source lookup path?.....	13
#13 ...trace a macro or a macro group?.....	14
#14 ...trace production code?.....	14
...	

2. Follow any links or keywords suggestion to get more information

#13 ...trace a macro or a macro group?

A1: See [setting macro breakpoints](#).

A2: See [debug information -g3](#) #define macro support

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■ Example 2 - How do I trace/set a macro breakpoint?

How to find the answer using Features section:

1. Look under Features in table of contents

Features	11
Remote System Explorer (RSE) Perspective	11
<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Systems	11
Debug Perspective	11
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakpoints View	11

2. Go to the page indicated by “Breakpoints View” since Macro breakpoints are part of the Breakpoints Feature

- Set macro breakpoint on a macro group on a TPF or user macro group allows the debugger to stop the execution of the application at the invocation of any macro in the macro group. To create a macro group breakpoint, add an entry breakpoint, choose to mark the breakpoint as deferred, and enter the macro group name as the function name. Once created, the breakpoint view will indicate the breakpoint is a macro group breakpoint.

3. Follow any links or keywords suggestion to get more information

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■ Document distribution and feedback

- Will be distributed as a PDF document
- Can be accessed through the TPF Website
 - <http://ibm.com/software/http/tpf/zdebugger/zdebugger.htm>
- This is a living document, please provide us feedback
- Send all questions, comments and suggestions to TPFQA@us.ibm.com

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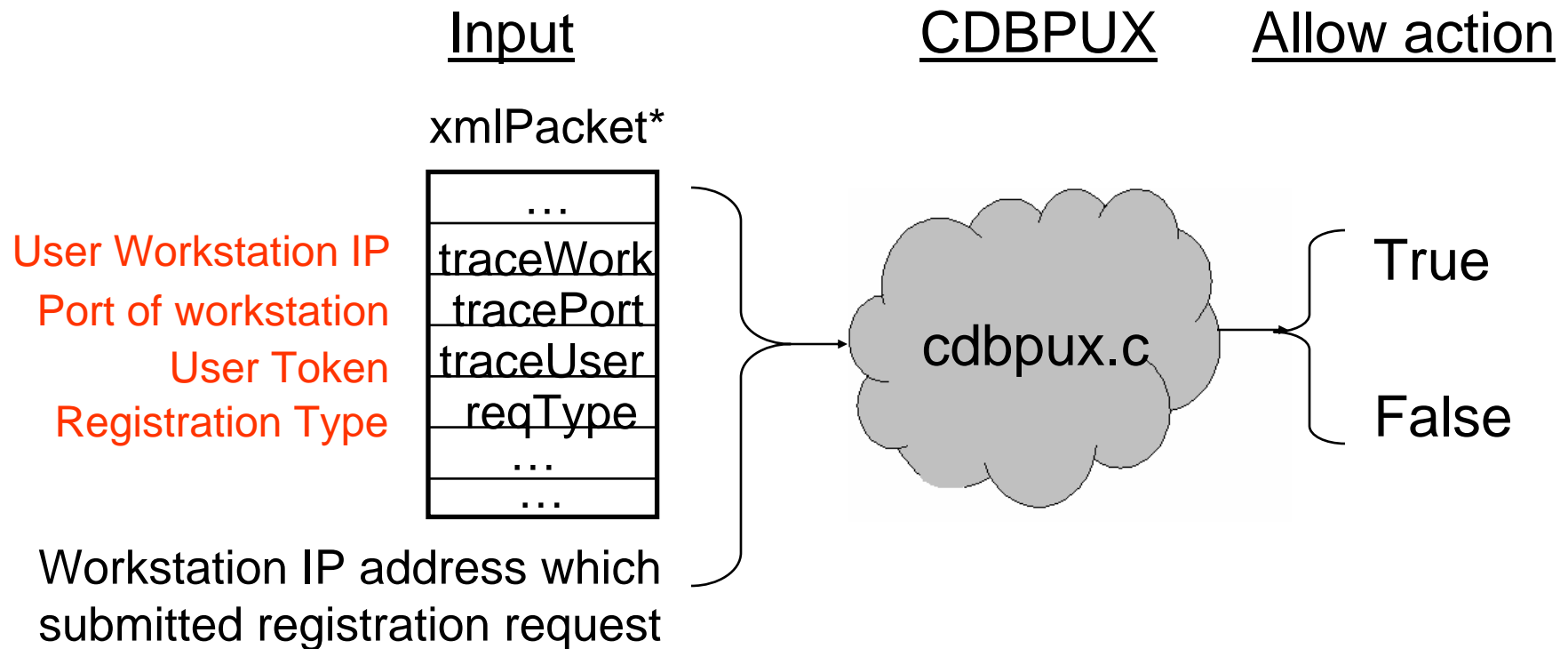
- **Allows administrators to manage registration tasks on a production system**
- **On TPF 4.1, debugger registration tasks were prohibited by not starting the DBUG INET daemon**
- **On z/TPF, the DBUG INET daemon should be started such that ECB Monitor and Dump Viewing can be used on a production system**
- **Debugger registration tasks should be discouraged on a production system because**
 - Application could be stopped while holding locks which could be detrimental to the system integrity
 - PER and operating system hooks would be turned on negatively affecting performance
- **The CDBPUX user exit should be used to limit debugger registration tasks on a production system**

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- **This user exit can also be used for a variety of other purposes**
 - to limit the number of ECB monitor sessions that can occur simultaneously on a production system
 - to manage accessibility to dump viewer use, judging on workstation IP addresses or registration IP addresses
 - any other variation

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- Different customers may use different criteria to manage debugger registration tasks



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