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SADE needs locked code resources

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I am having difficulty in using SADE on an Omnis 5 external. I have previously succeeded in using SADE on stand-alone code resources called from a standard C application, and with MPW tools.

I place the external code resource in the Omnis 5 application resource fork, when the external executes, SADE yields:

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Internal fatal error! Please kill the target process! at μEXTERNAL+$0010 in
"Omnis 5"
EXTERNAL
+0010 001164C8 4E45          •*TRAP          #5
```

Note that the TRAP is at the breakpoint address, which makes sense. Somehow SADE is getting confused and failing to recognize the TRAP as the breakpoint. What's happening here?

It seems like that TRAP statement you got was something from outer space because the trap-dispatching with Macintosh traps is handled by A-line traps whose opcodes start with hex A. The TRAP opcode is never used as with other operating systems, such as A/UX.

The most likely reason for this behavior is that your code resources were moved around, and SADE picked up whatever it found in that memory location—after that the CODE had moved to another place. In order for SADE to get access to the real CODE resources you need to lock them.

SADE “Cannot determine break address...” error

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What does the SADE error “Cannot determine break address: Could not determine address from available source information” mean and how do I fix it?

Two common problems are indicated by with SADE’s “Cannot determine break address: Could not determine address from available source information” error message are:

1. not all the source modules have been compiled with -sym on
2. one of the tools that produces .SYM file information does not conform to the latest format definition

For the first problem, put breakpoints everywhere except for where the error occurs, and make sure all source code is compiled with the “-sym on” option.

If you can’t set breakpoints, check for the second problem. The MPW 3.2 tools (compilers) generate the symbolic information that the Linker puts together for one single file, so eventually when you use an old tool it will not produce good symbolic information for the final .SYM file.

Check the latest Essentials•Tools•Objects (ETO) CD for the current SADE and MPW tools.

SADE “Invalid A6...” error message

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What’s the cause of the SADE error message, “Invalid A6, A6 must be greater than or equal to SP, and within valid stack range”?

The “Invalid A6, A6 must be greater than or equal to SP, and within valid stack range” error message that you are receiving stems from a feature that was placed into SADE 1.3a5. There is a simple fix. You just need to change the WantStackWindow variable located in the SadeStartup file from 1 to 0. (The WantStackWindow variable is about 30 lines down from the top of the SadeStartup file.)

When a user targets an application, SADE launches the application and runs until it hits an internally placed break point. At this point in time, the program is given a name and A6 is basically junk. The WantStackWindow basically tells SADE to check to see if A6 is valid or

not as the program is running. When SADE hits the break point, A6 is junk, so the user will receive this error message. As the user continues to run the application, A6 becomes valid and the “error” no longer exists.

To sum it up, when WantStackWindow is set to 1, and your program is not running you will receive this error. When WantStackWindow is set to 1, and your program is running, you will not receive this error. By setting WantStackWindow to 0, it doesn't check to see if A6 is valid; therefore, you will not receive the error message.

FPU instructions and SADE 1.3 or SourceBug on Quadra

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Are there any known problems using SADE or SourceBug on a Quadra? My SourceBug crashes, and I get an "Unimplemented F-Line instruction" alert when stepping over a trap call..

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The problem occurs when you execute an FPU instruction that is not implemented on the 68040, but is emulated instead in ROM. Normally, the 68040 generates an F-Line exception, which is intercepted by the numerics code and emulated. However, when the Process Manager launches SourceBug or SADE, this exception vector is patched, and F-Line exceptions are passed to the debugger instead. Therefore, when SourceBug or SADE is running, none of these transcendental FPU instructions can be emulated.

The problem will be fixed for SADE 1.3.1 and SourceBug 1.0b6.

Debugging an external CODE resource with SADE

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How do I debug an external 'CODE' resource with SADE? I can't get it to work.

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Lets say that the application which calls your code resource is in HD:AppDir:, and that the source code for your code resource is in HD:SrcDir:. To debug the code resource, enter the following commands in SADE:

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Directory 'HD:AppDir:'
SourcePath 'HD:SrcDir:'
Target 'AppName' Using 'HD:SrcDir:ResourceName.SYM'
Break ResourceEntryPtName.(1)
Launch 'AppName'
```

That should do it. This is basically the same technique that is used to debug MPW tools.

There are a couple of restrictions on this technique:

1. Your code resource must be in the applications resource fork;
2. HyperCard XCMDs and XFCNs cannot be debugged in SADE.

How MPW and SADE 1.0 work together

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Why is using SADE 1.0 to step through an MPW Tool so slow?

When MPW launches a Tool, it acts much like Finder launching an application. The MPW shell now becomes the operating system for the Tool. But unlike Finder, MPW has no hooks for a debugger like SADE. Because of this, SADE requires a huge amount of overhead for each step operation it performs. For each step operation, SADE must:

1. Save its low memory space so that MPW's and the Tool's may be swapped in;
2. Restore MPW's as well as the Tool's low memory;
3. Perform the necessary debugging operation (step);
4. (Block)Move the newly updated low memory to an area accessible by SADE (so that SADE's low memory may be restored). Once SADE is restored, it will want to report on the new low memory state. This is why low memory had to be copied to an area accessible by SADE;
5. Swap SADE's low memory space back in so that SADE can operate.

Why using SADE 1.0 to look at low memory is so slow

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Why is using SADE 1.0 to look at low memory so slow?

Since SADE needs to use low memory just like any other application, there is some overhead involved when using SADE to view low memory. Here is what SADE has to do to view the target application's low memory:

1. Save its low memory space so that target application's may be swapped in;
2. Restore the target's low memory;
3. (Block)Move the newly updated low memory to an area accessible by SADE (so that SADE's low memory may be restored). Once SADE is restored, it can report on the new low memory state. This is why low memory had to be copied to an area accessible by SADE;
4. Swap SADE's low-memory space back in so that SADE can now analyze the low memory it copied in step #3 above.

Can I use SADE to debug my XCMD/XFCN?

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Can I use SADE to debug my XCMD/XFCN?

No. SADE currently doesn't support debugging HyperCard external commands.