

# **GNU GLOBAL Source Code Tag System**

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This manual is for GNU GLOBAL (version 5.4, 29 January 2007), a source code tag system that works the same way across diverse environments.

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# 1 Overview of the tools

## 1.1 What is this?

GNU GLOBAL is a source code tag system that works the same way across diverse environments. You can locate specified object in source files and move there easily. It is useful for hacking a large project containing many subdirectories, many `#ifdef` and many `main()` functions.

It is similar to `ctags` or `etags` but is different from them at the point of independence of any editor.

## 1.2 Concept of project.

GNU GLOBAL can treat a source tree containing subdirectories as a project. It is similar to CVS. You need not specify where the tag file is. Instead, `global(1)` will locate the tag file by itself. If tag file isn't found in the current directory, `global(1)` search parent directories for tag file.

User's position (current directory) is the first argument for GLOBAL's command.

## 1.3 Features.

GNU GLOBAL has following features:

- support C, C++, Yacc, Java, PHP4 and assembly.
- work the same way across diverse environments. Currently, support followings:
  - Shell command line
  - Bash shell.
  - Vi editor clone (`nvi`, `elvis`, `vim`)
  - Less viewer
  - Emacs editor (`emacs`, `mule`, `xemacs`)
  - Glimmer editor
  - Web browser
  - Doxygen documentation system
- find the locations of specified object quickly.
- locate not only object definitions but also object references.
- allows duplicate objects.
- locate also path which includes specified pattern.
- search not only in a source tree but also in library paths.
- understand POSIX 1003.2 regular expressions.
- support external search engine (`grep` and `idutils`).
- generate hypertext of source code.
- tag files are independent of machine architecture.
- plugin parser is available to treat new language.

- support incremental updating of tag files.
- support customizing with `gtags.conf`.
- generate completion list for completing input method.

## 2 Command line GLOBAL

You can use tag facilities from shell command line. It is a big merit of GLOBAL compared with any other tag system.

### 2.1 Preparation.

First of all, you must execute `gtags(1)`(see [Section 5.2 \[gtags\], page 37](#)) at the root of source tree. For example, if you want to browse `vi`'s source code:

```
$ cd /usr/src/usr.bin/vi
$ gtags
```

Gtags traverse subdirectories and makes four databases at the root of the source tree.

```
$ ls G*
GPATH  GRTAGS  GSYMS  GTAGS
```

- ‘GTAGS’ database of object definitions
- ‘GRTAGS’ database of object references
- ‘GSYMS’ database of other symbols
- ‘GPATH’ database of path names

You should prepare for considerable disk space for tag files. For example, FreeBSD 7.0 kernel source code requires:

source code(/usr/src/sys)	123MB
GPATH	1MB
GTAGS	24MB
GRTAGS	28MB
GSYMS	32MB
-----	
total of tag files	85MB

## 2.2 Basic usage.

Consider the following source tree:

```

ROOT/          <- the root of source tree (GTAGS,GRTAGS,...)
|
|- DIR1/
| |
| |- fileA.c   ..... +-----+
| |           |main(){   |
| |           |     func1();|
| |           |     func2();|
| |           |}         |
| |           +-----+
| |
| |- fileB.c   ..... +-----+
| |           |func1(){ ... }|
| |           +-----+
|- DIR2/
|
| |- fileC.c   ..... +-----+
| |           |#ifdef X   |
| |           |func2(){ i++; }|
| |           |#else     |
| |           |func2(){ i--; }|
| |           |#endif    |
| |           |func3(){   |
| |           |     func1();|
| |           |}         |
| |           +-----+

```

- You can get the relative path of your object from anywhere in the source tree. You need not specify where the tag file is. Global will locate the tag file by itself.

```

$ cd ROOT
$ global func1
DIR1/fileB.c           # func1() is defined in fileB.c
$ cd DIR1
$ global func1
fileB.c                # relative path from DIR1
$ cd ../DIR2
$ global func1
../DIR1/fileB.c       # relative path from DIR2

```

- The '-r' option locates object references.

```
$ global -r func2
../DIR1/fileA.c          # func2() is referred from fileA.c
```

- You can use POSIX regular expressions.

```
$ cd ROOT
$ global 'func[1-3]'
DIR1/fileB.c             # func1, func2 and func3 are matched
DIR2/fileC.c
```

- The '-x' option shows the details. It is similar to the '-x' option in ctags(1).

```
$ global func2
DIR2/fileC.c
$ global -x func2
func2                    2 DIR2/fileC.c      func2(){ i++; }
func2                    4 DIR2/fileC.c      func2(){ i--; }
```

- The '-a' option produces the absolute path name.

```
$ global -a func1
/home/user/ROOT/DIR1/fileB.c
```

- The -s command locates any symbols which are not defined in 'GTAGS'.

```
$ global -xs X
X                        1 DIR2/fileC.c #ifdef X
```

- The -g command locates any patterns including symbols. It is similar to grep(1).

```
$ global -xg '#ifdef'
#ifdef                   1 DIR2/fileC.c #ifdef X
```

- The -P command enables you to locate path which includes specified string.

```
$ global -P fileB
DIR1/fileB.c
$ global -P '1/'
DIR1/fileA.c
DIR1/fileB.c
$ global -P '\.c$'
DIR1/fileA.c
DIR1/fileB.c
DIR2/fileC.c
```

- The -f command enables you see the list of objects of specified file.

```
$ global -f DIR2/fileC.c
func2          2 DIR2/fileC.c  func2(){ i++; }
func2          4 DIR2/fileC.c  func2(){ i--; }
func3          6 DIR2/fileC.c  func3(){
```



## 2.3 Applied usage.

You can make multiple tag files. For example, you can execute gtags at ROOT/, version1.0/ and version2.0/.

```

ROOT/                <- the root of source tree    (GTAGS,...)
|
|- version1.0/       <- the root of version1.0    (GTAGS,...)
| |
| |- file.c         ..... +-----+
|                    |func1(){ i++; }|
|                    +-----+
|
|- version2.0/       <- the root of version2.0    (GTAGS,...)
|
| |- file.c         ..... +-----+
|                    |func1(){ i--; }|
|                    +-----+

```

- When you are in the version1.0 directory, global will only locate objects that are in version1.0.

```

$ cd ROOT/version1.0
$ global -x func1
func1                1 file.c                func1(){ i++; }

```

- When you are in the version2.0, global will only locate objects that are in version2.0.

```

$ cd ROOT/version2.0
$ global -x func1
func1                1 file.c                func1(){ i--; }

```

- If you are at ROOT/, or you set the GTAGSROOT environment variable to ROOT, then global will locate objects in both directories.

```

$ cd ROOT
$ global -x func1
func1                1 version1.0/file.c    func1(){ i++; }
func1                1 version2.0/file.c    func1(){ i--; }

```

There is another usage of GTAGSROOT.

- If your source files are on a read-only device, such as CDROM, then you cannot make databases at the root of the source tree. In such cases, please do the following:

```

$ mkdir /var/dbpath
$ cd /cdrom/src                    # the root of source tree
$ gtags /var/dbpath                # make tag file in /var/dbpath
$ export GTAGSROOT='pwd'
$ export GTAGSDBPATH=/var/dbpath
$ global func

```

- If you want all references to an object that is not defined in the source tree to be treated as calls to library functions or system calls, then you can specify library directories with the `GTAGSLIBPATH` environment variable.

You should execute `gtags` at each directory of the path. If `'GTAGS'` is not found in a directory, `global` ignores that directory.

```

$ pwd
/develop/src/mh                    # this is the source tree
$ gtags
$ ls G*TAGS
GRTAGS  GTAGS
$ global mhl
uip/mhlsbr.c                       # mhl() is found
$ global strlen                    # strlen() is not found
$ (cd /usr/src/lib; gtags)         # library source
$ (cd /usr/src/sys; gtags)        # kernel source
$ export GTAGSLIBPATH=/usr/src/lib:/usr/src/sys
$ global strlen
../../../../usr/src/lib/libc/string/strlen.c # found in library
$ global access
../../../../usr/src/sys/kern/vfs_syscalls.c # found in kernel

```

Of course, the user program does not call kernel functions directly, but at least it is useful.

- If you forget a object name, you can use the `-c` (complete) command.

```

$ global -c kmem                    # maybe k..k.. kmem..
kmem_alloc
kmem_alloc_pageable
kmem_alloc_wait
kmem_free
kmem_free_wakeup
kmem_init
kmem_malloc
kmem_suballoc                       # This is what I need!
$ global kmem_suballoc
../vm/vm_kern.c

```

- You can use the `-c` command with complete command in shell.

In bash:

```
$ funcs()
> {
>     local cur
>     cur=${COMP_WORDS[COMP_CWORD]}
>     COMPREPLY=(`global -c $cur`)
> }
$ complete -F funcs global
$ global kmem_TABTAB
kmem_alloc          kmem_alloc_wait      kmem_init
kmem_alloc_nofault  kmem_free              kmem_malloc
kmem_alloc_pageable kmem_free_wakeup      kmem_suballoc
$ global kmem_STAB
$ global kmem_suballoc
../vm/vm_kern.c
```

In tcsh:

```
% set funcs=(`global -c`)
% complete global `n*/$funcs/`
% global kmem_TAB
kmem_alloc          kmem_free_wakeup
kmem_alloc_pageable kmem_init
kmem_alloc_wait     kmem_malloc
kmem_free           kmem_suballoc
% global kmem_STAB
% global kmem_suballoc
../vm/vm_kern.c
```

- You can edit all files that include specified object by typing one command, for example:

```
$ vi `global func1`      # edit fileB.c
```

- If you want to browse many files in order, do the following:

```
$ global -xr fork | awk '{printf "view +%s %s\n", $2, $3}'
view +650 ../dev/aic7xxx/aic7xxx_asm.c
view +250 ibcs2/ibcs2_misc.c
view +401 linux/linux_misc.c
view +310 ../kern/init_main.c
view +318 ../kern/init_main.c
view +336 ../kern/init_main.c
view +351 ../kern/init_main.c
```

```
$ !! | sh          # from now on, go to next tag with 'ZZ'.
```



```

      2 fork                184 i386/linux/linux_machdep.c
[/usr/src/sys] s lbolt      <- (global -xs lbolt)
>  1 lbolt                1210 i386/isa/wd_cd.c      tsleep((cad
      2 lbolt                1211 i386/isa/wd_cd.c      tsleep((cad
      3 lbolt                709 i386/isa/wfd.c      tsleep ((caddr
...
[/usr/src/sys] g          <- (global -xg lbolt)
>  1 lbolt                1210 i386/isa/wd_cd.c      tsleep((cad
...
[/usr/src/sys] P init     <- (global -xP init)
>  1 path      1 dev/hea/eni_init.c
      2 path      1 dev/hfa/fore_init.c
      3 path      1 i386/i386/initcpu.c
      4 path      1 kern/init_main.c
      5 path      1 kern/init_sysent.c
      6 path      1 kern/vfs_init.c
      7 path      1 vm/vm_init.c
[/usr/src/sys] _

```

If no tag name is specified then it is assumed the latest tag name.

- You can select a tag by show command.

```

[/usr/src/sys] x main
>  1 main                70 alpha/alpha/gensetdefs.c main(in
      2 main                1500 alpha/alpha/ieee_float.c main(i
      3 main                227 boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c main()
....
[/usr/src/sys] show 3
(Load editor and show boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c at line 227.)

```

The default editor is vi(1) but you can specify it statically by EDITOR environment variable or temporarily by option.

```

[/usr/src/sys] show -e 3
(Preloaded emacs show boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c at line 227.)
[/usr/src/sys] show -l 3
(Load less and show boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c at line 227.)
[/usr/src/sys] show -g 3
(Preloaded mozilla show boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c at line 227.)

```

- You can use vi-like tag stack. You can return previous tag list by pop or CTL-T command.

```

[/usr/src/sys] x main
>  1 main                70 alpha/alpha/gensetdefs.c main(in

```

```

      2 main          1500 alpha/alpha/ieee_float.c main(i
      3 main          227 boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c main()
....
[/usr/src/sys] show 3
(Load editor and show boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c at line 227.)
[/usr/src/sys] x fork      <- push new tag on tag stack.
> 1 fork              94 kern/kern_fork.c fork(p, uap)
[/usr/src/sys] pop        <- pop tag stack.
[/usr/src/sys] show
(Load editor and show boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c at line 227.)

```

### 3.1.4 Applied usage.

- You can memory tags using 'mark' command.

```

[/usr/src/sys] x fork
> 1 fork              94 kern/kern_fork.c fork(p, uap)
[/usr/src/sys] mark
[/usr/src/sys] x main
> 1 main              70 alpha/alpha/gensetdefs.c main(in
  2 main              1500 alpha/alpha/ieee_float.c main(i
  3 main              227 boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c main()
....
[/usr/src/sys] mark -l      <- show marker list.
  1 fork              94 kern/kern_fork.c fork(p, uap)
[/usr/src/sys] mark 1      <- select a marker.
(Load editor and show kern/kern_fork.c at line 227.)
[/usr/src/sys] list
> 1 main              70 alpha/alpha/gensetdefs.c main(in
  2 main              1500 alpha/alpha/ieee_float.c main(i
  3 main              227 boot/alpha/boot1/boot1.c main()
....

```

Marked tags are valid until you get out of current project or quit current bash session.

- You can memory directories using 'cookie' command.

```

[/usr/src/sys] cookie      <- drop cookie.
[/usr/src/sys] cd kern
[/usr/src/sys]/kern cookie <- drop cookie again.
[/usr/src/sys]/kern cd ../i386
[/usr/src/sys]/i386 cookie -l <- show cookie list.
  1 /usr/src/sys/kern
  2 /usr/src/sys
[/usr/src/sys]/i386 warp 2 <- warp to selected cookie.
[/usr/src/sys] _

```

Cookie directories are valid until you delete them.

## 3.2 Less using GLOBAL.

You can use GLOBAL as a tag system of less instead of ctags.

### 3.2.1 Features.

- You can use most of GLOBAL's facilities from less-370 or the later.
- Less viewer support duplicated tag.

### 3.2.2 Preparation.

First, do the preparation of global. See [Section 2.1 \[Preparation\], page 3](#).

Second, to use global from less, you need to set environment variable LESSGLOBALTAGS to "global".

```
$ export LESSGLOBALTAGS=global
```

### 3.2.3 Basic usage.

- To go to func1, you can say

```
$ less -t func1
```

Please note that if 'tags' exist then less use it. If you want to use 'GTAGS' even if 'tags' exist then please specify tag file explicitly like this.

```
$ less -GTAGS -t func1
```

- To go to the referenced point of func1, please specify 'GRTAGS'.

```
$ less -GRTAGS -t func1
```

In the same way, you can use 'GTAGS', 'GRTAGS', 'GSYMS', 'GPATH' as tag file.

- If a number of objects are located, less goes to the first tag. You can go to next tag by typing `t` and back by typing `T`.

`t`            go to next tag.

`T`            go to previous tag.

- From less session, you can use `:t` command to locate new symbol. But in this case, you cannot change tag file from one specified by `-T` option.

### 3.2.4 Applied usage.

- With `-T-` option, less read standard input as tag file. It is very valuable. You can connect global and less with pipe line.

```
$ global -x func | less -T-
```



In the same way, you can use following command lines.

```
# pattern match with grep(1).
$ global -xg 'lseek(*)' | less -T-

# pattern match with idutils(1).
$ global -xI func | less -T-

# all objects definitions in *.c.
$ global -f *.c | less -T-

# all files includes 'init' in its path.
$ global -Px init | less -T-
```

- If your editor doesn't support GLOBAL directly then you can use less as a footstool.

```
# invoke less
$ less -t main
main(int argc, char **argv)
{
int i;
.....
[xxx/main.c (tag 1 of 55)]

# type 'v'(vi) command in less session.
v

# load vi and show the same position.
.....
main((int argc, char **argv)
{
int i;
.....
[xxx/main.c 313 lines, 7783 char]

# type 'ZZ' command in vi session.
ZZ

# exit vi and back to less session.
main(int argc, char **argv)
{
int i;
.....
[xxx/main.c (tag 1 of 55)]
```

### 3.3 Extended nvi-1.79 using GLOBAL.

You can use GLOBAL as a tag system of Nvi editor instead of ctags.

### 3.3.1 Features.

- You can use most of GLOBAL's facilities from the editor.
- Recognition of the current token and its type.
- Extended nvi is completely backward-compatible with the original nvi. You can use GLOBAL's facilities only in 'gtags mode'.

### 3.3.2 Preparation.

First, do the preparation of global. See [Section 2.1 \[Preparation\], page 3](#).

Second, to use global from nvi, you need to get into *gtagmode*. There are several ways to do this:

1. Start nvi with '-G' option

```
$ nvi -G file.c
```

2. Start nvi and execute `set gtagmode`.

```
$ nvi file.c
~
~
~
:set gtagmode
```

3. Write the above set command to the '.exrc' or '.nexrc' and start nvi

```
$HOME/.exrc
+-----
|set gtagmode
```

You must start nvi under the source tree described in [Section 2.1 \[Preparation\], page 3](#).

### 3.3.3 Basic usage.

- To go to `func1`, you can say

```
:tag func1
```

It seems the same as original nvi, but extended nvi use 'GTAGS' instead of 'tags'.

- To go to the referenced point of `func1`, add the option `-r`

```
:tag -r func1
```

Extended nvi use 'GRTAGS'.

- If a number of objects are located, extended nvi goes to the first tag. You can go to next tag by typing `:tagnext` and back by typing `:tagprev`.

```
Suggested .nexrc:
set gtagsmode
map ^N :tagnext^M
map ^P :tagprev^M
```

- *CTL-J* command is available. In gtags mode, if current token is not a function then it is equivalent to `:tag -s current token`. Otherwise, if you are in the first column of a line, it is equivalent to `:tag -r current token` else it is equivalent to `:tag current token`.
- You can use the `-s` option. It locates any symbols which are not defined in 'GTAGS'.

```
:tag -s pat
```

Extended nvi use 'GSYMS'.

- The `-g`, `-f` and `-P` option are also available. It works like command line. Extended nvi use no index file.

```
:tag -g pat
```

- Other tag commands are also available:

```
CTL-T      Return to the most recent tag context.
:tagpop    Go to the specified tag in the tags stack.
:tagtop    Go to the top tag in the tags stack.
:display tags
            Display the tags stack.
```

### 3.3.4 Applied usage.

- In large projects that include many main() function like MH, you can start nvi like this:

```
$ nvi -G -t main
```

You can browse all commands sequentially.

- When you want to check objects the name of which start with "set" or "get", use:

```
$ nvi -G -t '[sg]et'
```

Of course, the following command is also available:

```
:tag [sg]et
```

- If your source files are on a read only device like a CD-ROM, please do the following:

```
$ mkdir /var/dbpath           # directory for the tag file
$ cd /cdrom/src              # the root of the source tree
$ gtags /var/dbpath          # make tag files in /var/dbpath
$ export GTAGSROOT='pwd'
$ export GTAGSDBPATH=/var/dbpath
$ nvi -G -t main
```

- If you want all references to an object that is not defined in the source tree to be treated as references to library functions or as system calls, do the following:

```
$ cd /usr/src/lib
$ gtags                      # probably as a root
$ cd /usr/src/sys
$ gtags
$ export GTAGSLIBPATH=/usr/src/lib:/usr/src/sys
```

- If you examine vi's source,

```
$ cd /usr/src/usr.bin/vi
$ gtags
$ nvi -G -t main
```

You can start from nvi and browse the whole unix world as if you were using hypertext.

### 3.4 nvi-1.81.5 using GLOBAL.

You can use GLOBAL as a tag system of Nvi editor instead of ctags.

#### 3.4.1 Features.

- You can use most of GLOBAL's facilities from the editor.
- Recognition of the current token and its type.

#### 3.4.2 Preparation.

First, do the preparation of global. See [Section 2.1 \[Preparation\]](#), page 3.

Second, to use global from nvi, you need write to `$.nexrc` like this: It assumed that `gtags.pl` is put on ``${HOME}/perl``.

```
`${HOME}/.nexrc
+-----
|perl use lib "${ENV{'HOME'}}/perl"
|perl require 'gtags.pl'
|map ^P :tagprev^M
|map ^N :tagnext^M
```

```
|map ^] :perl tag^M
|ab gtag perl tag qw(
|ab gta perl tag qw(
|ab gt perl tag qw(
```

You must start `nvi` under the source tree described in [Section 2.1 \[Preparation\]](#), page 3.

### 3.4.3 Basic usage.

- To go to `func1`, you can say

```
:perl tag qw(func1)
```

```
Suggested .nexrc:
ab gtag perl tag qw(
ab gta perl tag qw(
ab gt perl tag qw(
```

- To go to the referenced point of `func1`, add the option `-r`

```
:perl tag qw(-r func1)
```

- If a number of objects are located, `nvi` goes to the first tag. You can go to next tag by typing `:tagnext` and back by typing `:tagprev`.

```
Suggested .nexrc:
map ^N :tagnext^M
map ^P :tagprev^M
```

- If you don't specify any argument. `'perl tag'` command do the followings: If current token is not a function then it is equivalent to `:perl tag qw(-s current token)`. Otherwise, if you are in the first column of a line, it is equivalent to `:perl tag qw(-r current token)` else it is equivalent to `:perl tag qw(current token)`.

```
Suggested .nexrc:
map ^] :perl tag^M
```

It is similar to `CTL-J` command.

- You can use the `-s` option. It locates any symbols which are not defined in 'GTAGS'.

```
:perl tag qw(-s pat)
```

- The `-g`, `-f` and `-P` option are also available. It works like command line.

```
:perl tag qw(-g pat)
```

- When you want to check objects the name of which start with "set" or "get", use:

```
:perl tag qw(^[sg]et)
```

- Other tag commands are also available:

*CTL-T* Return to the most recent tag context.

*:tagpop* Go to the specified tag in the tags stack.

*:tagtop* Go to the top tag in the tags stack.

*:display tags*  
Display the tags stack.

## 3.5 Elvis using global

Elvis 2.1 has new `tagprg` and `tagprgonce` variables for running an external tag search program. You can use them with GLOBAL.

### 3.5.1 Features.

- You can use most of GLOBAL's facilities from the editor.
- No source level patch is needed.
- Mouse events are supported.

### 3.5.2 Preparation.

First, do the preparation of global. See [Section 2.1 \[Preparation\], page 3](#).

Second, start elvis and execute `set tagprg="global -t $1"` like this.

```
$ elvis
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
:set tagprg="global -t $1"
```

### 3.5.3 Basic usage.

- To go to `func1`, you can say

```
:tag func1
```

It seems the same as original elvis, but elvis execute `global -t func1` internally and read it instead of tags file.

- To go to the referenced point of `func1`, add `'-r'` option.

```
:tag -r func1
```

Elvis executes command like `global -t -r func1` internally.

- To go to any symbols which are not defined in 'GTAGS', try this.

```
:tag -s lbolt
```

- To go to any strings other than symbols, try this.

```
:tag -g Copyright
```

- When using `-r`, `-s` or `-g`, you had better to use `browse` command.

```
:browse -r fork
```

It brings a following selection list. You can select tag and go to the point.

```
Browse -r fork (2 matches)
+-----+-----+-----+
| TAG NAME      | SOURCE FILE    | SOURCE LINE    |
+-----+-----+-----+
|fork           |ux/linux_misc.c | (line 565)     |
|fork           |ern/init_main.c | (line 191)     |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

- To get list of objects in a file, use `-f` command.

```
:browse -f main.c          <- locate definitions in main.c
```

- Other tag commands are also available:

`CTL-]` go to the definition of current token.

`CTL-T` return to the most recent tag context.

`:tag` without argument, go to the next tag.

`:pop` return to the most recent tag context.

`:stack` display the tags stack.

`:stag` creates a new window and moves its cursor to the tag's definition point.

`:sbrowse` same with 'browse' but show in a new window.

### 3.5.4 Applied usage.

- You can use POSIX regular expressions.

```
:tag ~put_                <- locate objects start with 'put_'
:browse -g 'fseek(.*L_SET)' <- locate fseek() using L_SET argument
```

- You can browse object list of many files.

```
:browse -f *.c           <- locate objects in *.c
```

- You can browse project files whose path includes specified pattern.

```
:browse -P /vm/          <- under vm/ directory
:browse -P \.h$          <- all include files
:browse -P init          <- path including 'init'
```

- You can use mouse to select tag.

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| TAG NAME      | SOURCE FILE   | SOURCE LINE
+-----+-----+-----+
|fork           |ux/linux_misc.c | (line 565)
|fork           |ern/init_main.c | (line 191)
+-----+-----+-----+
```

Please select tag name with mouse cursor and double click on the left button and you go to the tag's point. In source screen, also select an object name and double click on the left button and you can go to the point that the object is defined. To come back, double click on the right button.

## 3.6 Vim using global

In vim 6.2 or later, you can use gtags.vim script.

### 3.6.1 Features.

- You can use most of GLOBAL's facilities from the editor.
- Intelligent recognition of the current token and its type.
- Special character '%', '#', and input completion are available.

### 3.6.2 Preparation.

First, do the preparation of global. See [Section 2.1 \[Preparation\]](#), page 3.

Second, copy 'gtags.vim' to your plugin directory or source it from your vimrc.



```
$ cp /usr/local/share/gtags/gtags.vim $HOME/.vim/plugin
```

### 3.6.3 Basic usage.

- To go to main, you can say

```
:Gtags main
```

Vim execute `global -t main`, parse the output, list located objects in quickfix window and load the first entry. The quickfix windows is like this:

```
gctags/gctags.c|119| main
global/global.c|154| main
gozilla/gozilla.c|156| main
gtags/gtags.c|199| main
libglibc/getopt.c|701| main
libglibc/getopt1.c|93| main
[Error List]
```

You can go to any entry using quickfix command.

```
:cn      go to the next entry.
:cp      go to the previous entry.
:ccN     go to the N'th entry.
:c1      list all entries.
```

You can see the help of quickfix like this:

```
:h quickfix
```

- To go to the referenced point of `func1`, add `'-r'` option.

```
:Gtags -r func1
```

vim executes command like `global -t -r func1` internally.

- To go to any symbols which are not defined in `'GTAGS'`, try this.

```
:Gtags -s lbolt
```

- To go to any strings other than symbols, try this.

```
:Gtags -g Copyright
```

- To get list of objects in a file, use `-f` command.

```
:Gtags -f main.c          <- locate objects in main.c
```

If you are editing 'main.c' itself, you can use '%' instead.

```
:Gtags -f %              <- locate objects in main.c
```

### 3.6.4 Applied usage.

- You can use POSIX regular expressions.

```
:Gtags ^put_             <- locate objects start with 'put_'
```

```
:Gtags -g fseek(*SEEK_SET) <- locate fseek() using SEEK_SET
```

- Input completion is available.

```
:Gtags fuTAB
```

```
:Gtags func1 <- 'ncl' is appended by vim
```

- You can browse project files whose path includes specified pattern.

```
:Gtags -P /vm/          <- under vm/ directory
```

```
:Gtags -P \.h$         <- all include files
```

```
:Gtags -P init         <- path including 'init'
```

- You can use all options of `global(1)` except for the `-c`, `-p`, `-u` and all long name options. They are sent to `global(1)` as is. For example,

```
:Gtags -gi paTtern     <- match to both 'PATTERN' and 'pattern'.
```

About the other options, See [Section 5.1 \[global\], page 33](#).

- The `GtagsCursor` command brings you to the definition or reference of the current token in C language. The `GtagsCursor` is not perfect though is considerably wise. If current token is not a function then it is equivalent to `:Gtags -s current token`. Otherwise, if you are in the first column of a line, it is equivalent to `:Gtags -r current token` else it is equivalent to `:Gtags current token`.

```
:GtagsCursor
```

Suggested map:

```
map <C-]> :GtagsCursor<CR>
```

- If you have the hypertext generated by `htags(1)` then you can display the same place on mozilla browser. Let's load mozilla and try this:

```
:Gozilla
```

```
Suggested map:
map <C-g> :Gozilla<CR>
```

- If you want to load vim with all main()s then following command line is useful.

```
$ vim '+Gtags main'
```

## 3.7 Extended emacs using global

You can use GLOBAL as a tag system of Emacs editor instead of etags.

### 3.7.1 Features.

- You can use most of GLOBAL's facilities from the editor.
- More intelligent recognition of the current token and its type.
- Tag completion is available for input tag name.
- Mouse events are supported.

### 3.7.2 Preparation.

First, do the preparation of global. See [Section 2.1 \[Preparation\], page 3](#).

Second, to use global from emacs, you need to load the 'gtags.el' and execute gtags-mode function in it.

1. Write the autoload function to the '\$HOME/.emacs', start emacs and execute the gtags-mode function. If you don't put 'gtags.el' in standard macro directory, you need to add the directory to load-path.

```
$HOME/.emacs
+-----+
|(setq load-path (cons "/home/owner/global" load-path))
|(autoload 'gtags-mode "gtags" "" t)

$ emacs

|
|J_:-----Mule: *scratch*      (Lisp Interaction)--L16--All-----
|M-x gtags-mode[RET]
+-----+
```

If you want to get into gtags-mode on c-mode then you can append followings into the '\$HOME/.emacs'.

```
(setq c-mode-hook
      '(lambda ()
          (gtags-mode 1)
```

```
))
```

- Specify the root directory of the source tree using `gtags-visit-rootdir`. If you have tag files in `/usr/src/sys` then please do like this:

```
Visit root directory: /usr/src/sys
```

### 3.7.3 Basic usage.

- To go to `func1`, invoke `gtags-find-tag` and you can see a prompt in mini-buffer. Then input the tag name.

```
Find tag: func1 <- 'Find tag: ' is a prompt
```

- To go to a point that references `func1`, invoke `gtags-find-rtag`.

```
Find tag (reference): func1
```

- Tag name completion is available. You need to execute `gtags-make-complete-list` command before it.

```
Find tag: fuTAB
```

```
Find tag: func1 <- 'nc1' is appended by emacs
```

- If a number of objects are located, emacs goes into *GTAGS SELECT MODE* like this:

```
+-----+
|main          347 i386/isa/ultra14f.c main()
|main          128 kern/init_main.c  main(framep)
|main          104 netiso/clnp_debug.c main()
|main          164 netiso/xebec/main.c main(argc, argv)
|
|
|
|
|J_:--%*-Mule: *scratch*      (Gtags Select)--L1--All----
|[GTAGS SELECT MODE] 4 lines
+-----+
```

You can select a tag line by using any emacs command and pressing *RET*, and you can go to the tag's point. When you want to go to the next or the previous tag, you can return to 'GTAGS SELECT MODE' with `gtags-pop-stack` and reselect.

- `gtags-find-tag-from-here` command is available.  
If `current` token is a definition, it is equivalent to `Find tag (reference): current tokenRET`, otherwise it is equivalent to `Find tag: current tokenRET`. (This facility is supported only in C language. GLOBAL decides this intelligently, but may sometimes misunderstand.)
- To go to any symbols which are not defined in 'GTAGS', try `gtags-find-symbol`.

```
Find symbol: lbolt <- 'Find symbol:' is a prompt
```

- To go to any strings other than symbols, try `gtags-find-with-grep`.

```
Find pattern: Copyright
```

### 3.7.4 Applied usage.

- You can use POSIX regular expressions.

```
Find tag: ^put_ <- locate tags start with 'put_'
```

- If your source files are on a read-only device like a CDROM, please do the following:

```
$ mkdir /var/dbpath # directory for the tag file
$ cd /cdrom/src # the root of the source tree
$ gtags /var/dbpath # make tag files in /var/dbpath
$ export GTAGSROOT='pwd'
$ export GTAGSDBPATH=/var/dbpath
$ emacs -f gtags-mode
```

- If you want all references to an object that is not defined in the source tree to be treated as references to library functions or as system calls, do the following:

```
$ cd /usr/src/lib
$ gtags <- probably as a root
$ cd /usr/src/sys
$ gtags
$ export GTAGSLIBPATH=/usr/src/lib:/usr/src/sys
$ emacs -f gtags-mode
```

- Mouse command is available.

If you use X version emacs, try the following

Move the mouse cursor to an object name and click the middle button. You will then go to the object's definition, or to its references, depending on the context. In 'GTAGS SELECT MODE', move the mouse cursor to a line and click the center button.

To return to the previous position, click the right button.

## 3.8 Hypertext generator

You can use GLOBAL's facilities from WWW browser.

### 3.8.1 Features.

- Htags makes hypertext from C, C++, Yacc and Java source files.
- Once the hypertext is generated, you need nothing other than a WWW browser.
- You can move the hypertext to anywhere. It is independent of the source code.
- You can use all of your browser's functions, such as search, history, bookmark, save, frames, windows.

### 3.8.2 Preparation.

At first, you must ensure that you have a lot of disk space for hypertext. For example, FreeBSD 7.0 kernel source code (123MB) requires disk space from 600 to 1200MB.

```

source code(/usr/src/sys)           123MB
GPATH,GTAGS,GRTAGS,GSYMS           86MB

hypertext (with no option)          645MB
hypertext (with -s option)          1168MB
hypertext (with -D option)          383MB
hypertext (with -s and -D option)   616MB

```

Please invoke `gtags(1)`(see [Section 5.2 \[gtags\], page 37](#)) and `htags(1)`(see [Section 5.3 \[htags\], page 40](#)) in order like this:

```

(at your source directory)
$ gtags           # make tag files(GTAGS,GRTAGS,GSYMS)
$ htags           # make hypertext(HTML/)

```

Then you will find an 'HTML' subdirectory in the current directory. Htags has many options.

```

Suggested option:
$ htags -vsanohIT

```

If http server is available then the `-D` and `-f` option are also useful.

### 3.8.3 Usage.

Please start a web browser like this:

```

$ lynx HTML/index.html

```

You will understand the usage by looking at the examples.

You can move the HTML directory to anywhere. It is independent of the source code.

Using mozilla, you can also utilize hypertext from your command line like this:

```
$ mozilla # load mozilla
$ global -x main
main      10 main.c main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
$ gozilla +10 main.c # usage is similar to vi editor.
(show main.c at 10 on mozilla's screen.)
```

But in this case, you must not move HTML directory from the source directory.

### 3.9 Doxygen using global

You can use GLOBAL as a source browser of Doxygen.

Doxygen Release 1.4.3 or later includes config option USE\_HTAGS. When enabled in combination with SOURCE\_BROWSER=YES, htags(1) is used as the source browser instead of doxygen's own.

Here is an example.

```
(in source directory)
$ doxygen -g
$ vi Doxyfile
+-----+
|...
|INPUT          = .
|RECURSIVE      = YES
|SOURCE_BROWSER = YES
|USE_HTAGS      = YES
|...

$ doxygen
$ lynx html/index.html
```

## 4 Other topics

### 4.1 How to config GLOBAL.

You can customize GLOBAL using configuration file.

```
# cp gtags.conf /etc/gtags.conf          # system wide config file.
# vi /etc/gtags.conf

$ cp gtags.conf $HOME/.globalrc         # personal config file.
$ vi $HOME/.globalrc
```

If '\$HOME/.globalrc' exists then GLOBAL use it. Else if '/etc/gtags.conf' exists then GLOBAL use it. Otherwise default value will be used. The format of 'gtags.conf' is resemble to termcap(5). By default, 'default' target is used. About the capabilities, please see each command manual. See [Chapter 5 \[Reference\]](#), page 33.

### 4.2 Plug-in parser.

You can write new parser and use as a plugin parser.

#### 4.2.1 How to plug in a parser.

Copy 'gtags.conf' to '/etc/gtags.conf' or '\$HOME/.globalrc'.

If you would like to use exuberant ctags included by Vim editor,

```
$ cd /vim source directory/src/ctags
$ cp Makefile.unix Makefile
$ make
# cp ctags /usr/local/bin/ctags-exuberant
$ export GTAGSLABEL=ctags-exuberant    # see gtags.conf
$ gtags
$ ls G*
GPATH  GTAGS
```

'GRTAGS' and 'GSYMS' don't exist, simply because these parsers don't support the '-r' option and '-s' option like gtags-parser(1) does.

#### 4.2.2 Requirement of plugin parser.

Plug-in parser must print tag information to standard output in the same style as ctags -x, ie.:

```
[1]    [2] [3]          [4]
-----
main    20 ./main.c    main(argc, argv)    /* xxx */
```



- [1] tag name
- [2] line number the tag appeared
- [3] path name. It must be equal to argument path name.
- [4] line image

Plug-in parser must process the files in the order they are given in the argument. In each file, any order is acceptable.

- Good example

The following `good-prog` does correct operation as a plugin parser.

```
$ good-prog a.c b.c          <= order: a.c -> b.c
~~~~~
main          25 a.c  main(int argc, char *argv[])
func          45 a.c  func(int a) {
sub2          20 b.c  sub2() {
sub1          10 b.c  sub1() {
               ^
               |
               *** order: a.c -> b.c (Good!)
```

- Bad example

The following `bad-prog` does wrong operation as a plugin parser.

```
$ bad-prog a.c b.c          <= order: a.c -> b.c
main          25 a.c  main(int argc, char *argv[])
sub2          20 b.c  sub2() {
sub1          10 b.c  sub1() {
func          45 a.c  func(int a) {
               ^
               |
               *** order: b.c -> a.c (BAD!!!)
```

### 4.3 Incremental updating.

Modifying some source files, you need not remake whole tag files. Instead, you can use incremental updating facility ('-u' option).

```
$ gtags
$ cd kern
$ vi tty.c                                # modify tty.c
...
:wq
$ global -vu                               # -v means verbose
[Sun Dec  6 16:27:47 JST 1998] Gtags started
Tag found in '/usr/src/sys'.
Incremental update.
[Sun Dec  6 16:28:48 JST 1998] Updating 'GTAGS'.
[1/1] deleting tags of kern/tty.c
[1/1] adding tags of kern/tty.c
[Sun Dec  6 16:28:59 JST 1998] Updating 'GRTAGS'.
[1/1] deleting tags of kern/tty.c
[1/1] adding tags of kern/tty.c
[Sun Dec  6 16:28:14 JST 1998] Updating 'GSYMS'.
[1/1] deleting tags of kern/tty.c
[1/1] adding tags of kern/tty.c
Global databases have been modified.
[Sun Dec  6 16:28:30 JST 1998] Done.
$ global -vu                               # try again
[Sun Dec  6 16:28:48 JST 1998] Gtags started
Tag found in '/usr/src/sys'.
Incremental update.
Global databases are up to date.           # do nothing
[Sun Dec  6 16:28:52 JST 1998] Done.
```

## 5 Command References

### 5.1 global - print the locations of specified object.

#### NAME

global - print the locations of specified object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
global [-aGlnqrstTvx][-e] pattern
global -c[qsv] prefix
global -f[anqrstvx] files
global -g[aGilnoOqtvx][-e] pattern
global -I[ailnqtvx][-e] pattern
global -p[qrv]
global -P[aGilnoOqtvx][-e] pattern
global -u[qv]
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Global find the locations of specified object in C, C++, Yacc, Java, PHP and Assembly source files. Global can treat a source tree, that is, a directory that has subdirectories and source files. You can get the relative path of objects from anywhere within the tree. Global can locate not only object definitions but also object references and other symbols. Duplicate entries are allowed.

In advance of using this command, you must execute `gtags(1)` at the root directory of the source tree to make tag files. Then you can execute at anywhere in the source tree.

#### COMMANDS

The following commands are available:

`pattern` Print object which match to the pattern. Extended regular expressions which are the same as those accepted by `egrep(1)` are available.

`'-c', '--completion'` [prefix]  
Print candidate definition names which start with specified prefix. Prefix is not specified, print all definition names.

`'-f', '--file'` files  
Print all tags in the files. This option implies `-x` option.

`'-g', '--grep'`  
Print all lines which match to the pattern.

`'-I', '--idutils'`  
Print all lines which match to the pattern. This function use `idutils(1)` as a search engine. To use this command, you need to install `idutils(1)` in your system and you must execute `gtags(1)` with `'-I'` option.

- '-p', '--print-dbpath'  
Print the location of 'GTAGS'.
- '-P', '--path' [pattern]  
Print the path which match to the pattern. If no pattern specified, print all.
- '-u', '--update'  
Locate tag files and update them incrementally.
- '--version'  
Show version number.
- '--help' Show help.

## OPTIONS

The following options are available:

- '-a', '--absolute'  
Print absolute path name. By default, print relative path name.
- '-e', '--regexp' pattern  
Use pattern as the pattern; useful to protect patterns beginning with -.
- '-G', '--basic-regexp'  
Interpret pattern as a basic regular expression. The default is extended regular expression. This option is valid for the '-g' and '-P' command.
- '-i', '--ignore-case'  
ignore case distinctions in pattern.
- '-l', '--local'  
Print just objects which exist under the current directory.
- '-n', '--nofilter'  
Suppress sort filter and path conversion filter.
- '-o', '--other'  
Search pattern in not only source files but also other files like 'README'. This option is valid only with '-g' or '-P' command.
- '-O', '--only-other'  
Search pattern only in other files like 'README'. This option is valid only with '-g' or '-P' command. This option override the '-o' option.
- '-q', '--quiet'  
Quiet mode.
- '-r', '--reference', '--rootdir'  
Print the locations of object references. By default, print object definitions. With the '-p' option, print the root directory of source tree.
- '--result' format  
format may be 'path', 'ctags', 'ctags-x', 'grep' or 'cscope'. The '--result=ctags' and '--result=ctags-x' are equivalent to the '-t' and '-x' respectively. The '-t' and '-x' are given to priority more than the '--result' option.

- ‘-s’, ‘--symbol’  
Print the locations of specified symbol other than definitions.
- ‘-t’, ‘--tags’  
Print with standard ctags format.
- ‘-T’, ‘--through’  
Go through all the tag files listed in *GTAGSLIBPATH*. By default, stop searching when tag is found. This option is ignored when either ‘-s’, ‘-r’ or ‘-l’ option is specified.
- ‘-v’, ‘--verbose’  
Verbose mode.
- ‘-x’, ‘--cxref’  
In addition to the default output, produce the line number and the line contents.

## EXAMPLES

```
$ ls -F
Makefile      src/      lib/
$ gtags
$ global main
src/main.c
$ global -x main
main          10 src/main.c  main (argc, argv) {
$ global -x '^[sg]et'
set_num       20 lib/util.c  set_num(values)
get_num       30 lib/util.c  get_num() {
$ global -rx '^[sg]et'
set_num       113 src/op.c          set_num(32);
set_num       225 src/opop.c       if (set_num(0) > 0) {
get_num       90 src/op.c          while (get_num() > 0) {
$ cd lib
$ global -rx '^[sg]et'
set_num       113 ../src/op.c       set_num(32);
set_num       225 ../src/opop.c     if (set_num(0) > 0) {
get_num       90 ../src/op.c       while (get_num() > 0) {
$ global strlen
$ (cd /usr/src/sys; gtags)
$ export GTAGSLIBPATH=/usr/src/sys
$ global strlen
../../../../usr/src/sys/libkern/strlen.c
$ (cd /usr/src/lib; gtags)
$ GTAGSLIBPATH=/usr/src/lib:/usr/src/sys
$ global strlen
../../../../usr/src/lib/libc/string/strlen.c
```

## FILES

- ‘GTAGS’ Tag file for object definitions.

‘GRTAGS’ Tag file for object references.  
 ‘GSYMS’ Tag file for other symbols.  
 ‘GPATH’ Tag file for path of source files.  
 ‘GTAGSROOT’  
     If environment variable *GTAGSROOT* is not set and ‘GTAGSROOT’ exist in the same directory with ‘GTAGS’ then use the value as *GTAGSROOT*.  
 ‘/etc/gtags.conf’, ‘\$HOME/.globalrc’  
     Configuration file.

## ENVIRONMENT

The following environment variables affect the execution of global:

### *GTAGSROOT*

The directory which is the root of source tree.

### *GTAGSDBPATH*

The directory on which gtags database exist. This value is ignored when *GTAGSROOT* is not defined.

### *GTAGSLIBPATH*

If this variable is set, it is used as the path to search for library functions. If the specified function is not found in a source tree, global also search in these paths.

### *GTAGSLABEL*

If this variable is set, its value is used as the label of configuration file. The default is `default`.

## CONFIGURATION

The following configuration variables affect the execution of global:

### `icase_path`(boolean)

Ignore case distinctions in the pattern.

## DIAGNOSTICS

Global exits with a non 0 value if an error occurred, 0 otherwise.

## SEE ALSO

`gtags-parser(1)`, `gtags(1)`, `htags(1)`, `less(1)`.

GNU GLOBAL source code tag system  
 (<http://www.gnu.org/software/global/>).

## AUTHOR

Tama Communications Corporation.

## HISTORY

The global command appeared in FreeBSD 2.2.2.

## 5.2 gtags - create tag files for global.

### NAME

gtags - create tag files for global.

### SYNOPSIS

```
gtags [-iIqv] [-f file] [-n number] [dbpath]
```

### DESCRIPTION

Gtags recursively collect the source files under the current directory, pickup symbols and write the cross-reference data into tag files ('GTAGS', 'GRTAGS', 'GSYMS' and 'GPATH'). You should execute this command at the root of the source tree.

C, C++, yacc, java, PHP and Assembly source files are supported. Files whose names end in '.c' or '.h' are assumed to be C source files and are searched for C style routine and macro definitions. Files whose names end in '.c++' '.cc' '.cpp' '.cxx' '.hxx' '.hpp' '.C' '.H' are assumed to be C++ source files. Files whose names end in '.y' are assumed to be YACC source files. Files whose names end in '.java' are assumed to be Java source files. Files whose names end in '.php' '.php3' '.phtml' are assumed to be PHP source files. Files whose names end in '.s' or '.S' are assumed to be Assembler source files. Other files are searched for C style definitions.

### OPTIONS

The following options are available:

- '--config' [=name]  
Show the value of config variable name. If name is not specified then show whole of config entry.
- '-f', '--file' file  
Read from file a list of file names which should be considered as the candidate of source files. By default, all files under the current directory are considered as the candidate. If file is '-', read from standard input. File names must be separated by newline.
- '--gtagsconf' file  
Load user's configuration from file.
- '--gtagslabel' label  
label is used as the label of configuration file. The default is **default**.
- '-i', '--incremental'  
Update tag files incrementally. You had better use global(1) with the -u option.
- '-I', '--idutils'  
Make index files for idutils(1).

- ‘-n’, ‘--max-args’ number  
Maximum number of arguments for gtags-parser(1). By default, gtags invokes the parser with arguments as a lot as possible to decrease the frequency of invoking.
- ‘-q’, ‘--quiet’  
Quiet mode.
- ‘-v’, ‘--verbose’  
Verbose mode.
- ‘-w’, ‘--warning’  
Print warning messages.
- dbpath The directory in which tag files are generated. The default is the current directory. It is useful when your source directory is on a read only device like CDROM.

## EXAMPLES

```
$ ls -F
Makefile      src/    lib/
$ gtags -v
$ global -x main
main          10 src/main.c  main (argc, argv) {
```

## FILES

- ‘GTAGS’ Tag file for function definitions.
- ‘GRTAGS’ Tag file for function references.
- ‘GSYMS’ Tag file for other symbols.
- ‘GPATH’ Tag file for path of source files.
- ‘/etc/gtags.conf’, ‘\$HOME/.globalrc’  
Configuration file.

## ENVIRONMENT

The following environment variables affect the execution of gtags:

### *GTAGSCONF*

If this variable is set, its value is used as the configuration file. The default is ‘\$HOME/.globalrc’.

### *GTAGSLABEL*

If this variable is set, its value is used as the label of configuration file. The default is `default`.

### *GTAGSCACHE*

If this variable is set, its value is used as the size of btree cache. The default is 500000 (bytes).



## CONFIGURATION

The following configuration variables affect the execution of gtags. You can see the default value for each variable with the ‘`--config`’ option.

### GTAGS(string)

If this variable is set, its value is used as the command line of parser for GTAGS. The default is ‘`gtags-parser -dt %s`’.

### GRTAGS(string)

If this variable is set, its value is used as the command line of parser for GRTAGS. The default is ‘`gtags-parser -dtr %s`’.

### GSYMS(string)

If this variable is set, its value is used as the command line of parser for GSYMS. The default is ‘`gtags-parser -dts %s`’.

### skip(comma separated list)

Gtags skips files which listed in this list. As a special exception, gtags collect values from multiple `skip` variables. If the value ends with ‘/’, it assumed as a directory and gtags skips all files under it. If the value start with ‘/’, it assumed relative path from the root of source directory.

### suffixes(comma separated list)

Suffixes of target source file. As a special exception, gtags collect values from multiple `suffixes` variables. This variable is obsoleted. If the `langmap` variable is defined gtags no longer refers this.

### icase\_path(boolean)

Ignore case distinctions in the path. Suffixes check are affected by this capability.

### langmap(comma separated list)

Language mapping. Each comma-separated map consists of the language name, a colon, and a list of file extensions. Default mapping is ‘`c:.c.h,yacc:.y,asm:.s.S,java:.java,cpp:.c++.cc.cpp.cxx.hxx.hpp.C.H,php:.php.php3.phtml`’.

## DIAGNOSTICS

Gtags exits with a non 0 value if an error occurred, 0 otherwise.

## MESSAGE FORMAT

Verbose message has important level. The most important level is 0, the second is 1 and so on. All the message has level numbers leading blanks.

## SEE ALSO

`gtags-parser(1)`, `global(1)`, `htags(1)`.

GNU GLOBAL source code tag system  
(<http://www.gnu.org/software/global/>).

## BUG

'GTAGS', 'GRTAGS' and 'GSYMS' are very large. In advance of using this command, check the space of your disk.

Assembler support is far from complete. It extracts only ENTRY() and ALTENTRY() from source file. Probably valid only for FreeBSD and Linux kernel source.

There is no concurrency control about tag files.

Symbols in Assembly source files are not extracted for 'GSYMS'.

## AUTHOR

Tama Communications Corporation.

## HISTORY

The gtags command appeared in FreeBSD 2.2.2.

## 5.3 htags - generate hypertext from source code.

### NAME

htags - generate hypertext from source code.

### SYNOPSIS

```
htags [-acDfFghInosTvwx][[-d dbpath][[-m name][[-S cgidir][[-t title][dir]
```

### DESCRIPTION

Htags makes hypertext of C, C++, Yacc, Java, PHP and Assembly source code.

In advance of using this command, you must execute gtags(1) from the root directory of the source tree. Then you can execute htags from the same place. Htags makes an directory named 'HTML' and generates hypertext in it. You can start browsing from 'HTML/index.html'.

Since htags generates static hypertext as long as the '-D' or '-f' option is not specified, you can move it anywhere and browse it with any browser without web server.

You must use same parser for both gtags(1) and htags. If you use the default parser, it is not necessary to consider for it.

### OPTIONS

The following options are available:

'-a', '--alphabet'

Make an alphabetical function index which is suitable for a large project.

'--caution'

Include caution message to prohibit downloading.

- `-c`, `--compact`  
Compress html files by `gzip(1)`. You need to set up a web server so that `gzip(1)` is invoked for each compressed file. See `HTML/.htaccess` that is generated by `htags`.
- `--cvsweb` url  
Include cvsweb URL. url is used as base of URL. When directory `CVS` exists in the root directory of source project, content of `CVS/Repository` is used as relative path from the base.
- `--cvsweb-cvsroot` cvsroot  
Specifies cvsroot in cvsweb URL.
- `-D`, `--dynamic`  
Generate object lists dynamically using CGI program. By default, object lists are generated statically. Though this option decrease both the size and the generation time of the hypertext, you need to set up a web server, and you cannot move the hypertext from the source directroy.
- `-d`, `--dbpath` dbpath  
Specifies the directory in which `GTAGS` and `GRTAGS` exist. The default is the current directory.
- `-f`, `--form`  
Support search form using CGI program. You need to set up a web server, and you cannot move the hypertext from the source directroy.
- `-F`, `--frame`  
Use frame for each part of the contents.
- `--full-path`  
List file names with full path in file index. By default, list just the last component of a path.
- `-g`, `--gtags`  
Execute `gtags(1)` before creating hypertext. The `-v`, `-w` and `dbpath` are passed to `gtags`.
- `-h`, `--func-header`[=*position*]  
Insert function header for each function. By default, `htags` doesn't generates it. You can specify the position using `position` argument, which allows one of `before`, `right` and `after`. The default position is `after`.
- `-I`, `--icon`  
Use icons instead of text for some links.
- `--disable-grep`  
Disable `grep` in search form(`-f`,`-form`).
- `--gtagsconf` file  
Load user's configuration from file.
- `--gtagslabel` label  
label is used for the label of configuration file. The default is `default`.

- `--insert-header` file  
Insert custom header derived from file after `<body>` tag.
- `--insert-footer` file  
Insert custom footer derived from file before `</body>` tag.
- `-m`, `--main-func` name  
Specify the main function name. The default is `main`.
- `-n`, `--line-number`[`=columns`]  
Print line numbers. By default, doesn't print them. The default value of columns is 4.
- `--no-map-file`  
Doesn't generate `'MAP'` and `'FILEMAP'` file. By default, `htags` generates them.
- `-o`, `--other`  
Pick up not only source files but also other files except for binary files.
- `--statistics`  
Print statistics information.
- `-s`, `--symbol`  
Make anchors not only for functions but also other symbols. `'GSYMS'` tag file needed.
- `-S`, `--secure-cgi` cgidir  
Write CGI programs into the cgidir to realize a centralised CGI program. Script alias is `'/cgi-bin'` by default. You can overwrite this value using config variable `script_alias` in `'gtags.conf'`.
- `-t`, `--title` title  
The title of this hypertext. The default is the last component of the current directory.
- `-T`, `--table-flist`[`=fields`]  
Generate file list using `<table>` tag. The fields is used for field number in a line. The default is 5.
- `--table-list`  
List tags using `<table>` tag.
- `--tabs number`  
Tab stop. The default is 8.
- `-v`, `--verbose`  
Verbose mode.
- `-w`, `--warning`  
Print warning messages.
- `-x`, `--xhtml`[`=version`]  
Generate XHTML hypertext instead of HTML. If the `'--frame'` option is specified then generate XHTML-1.0 Frameset for `index.html` and generate XHTML-1.0 Transitional for other files, else if version is 1.1 or config variable `xhtml_version` is set to 1.1 then generate XHTML-1.1 else XHTML 1.0 Transitional.

`dir`           The directory in which hypertext is generated. The default is the current directory.

## EXAMPLES

```
$ gtags -v
$ htags -sanohITvt 'Welcom to XXX source tour!'
$ firefox HTML/index.html
```

## FILES

`'GTAGS'`       Tag file for function definitions.

`'GRTAGS'`      Tag file for function references.

`'GSYMS'`       Tag file for other symbols.

`'GPATH'`       Tag file for path of source files.

`'/etc/gtags.conf'`, `'$HOME/.globalrc'`  
Configuration file.

`'HTML/index.html'`  
Index file for hypertext.

`'HTML/MAP'`  
Mapping file for converting tag into path of hypertext. External system utilize this file.

`'HTML/FILEMAP'`  
Mapping file for converting file name into path of hypertext. External system utilize this file.

`'HTML/style.css'`  
Style sheet file. This file is generated when the `'--xhtml'` option is specified.

## ENVIRONMENT

The following environment variables affect the execution of `htags`:

*TMPDIR*    If this variable is set, its value is used as the directory to make temporary files. The default is `'/tmp'`.

*GTAGSCONF*  
If this variable is set, its value is used as the configuration file. The default is `'$HOME/.globalrc'`.

*GTAGSLABEL*  
If this variable is set, its value is used as the label of configuration file. The default is `default`.

*GTAGSCACHE*  
If this variable is set, its value is used as the size of btree cache. The default is 500000 (bytes).

## CONFIGURATION

The following configuration variables affect the execution of htags: If the `--xhtml` option is specified then all definitions of HTML tag are ignored. Instead, you can customize the appearance using style sheet file (`style.css`).

`datadir`(string)

Shared data directory. The default is `/usr/local/share` but you can change the value using configure script. Htags lookup template files in the `'gtags'` directory in this data directory.

`htags_options`(string)

Default options for htags. This value is inserted into the head of arguments.

`xhtml_version`(1.0|1.1)

XHTML version. 1.0 and 1.1 are acceptable. The default is 1.0.

`body_begin`(string)

Begin tag for body. The default is `'<body text=#191970 bgcolor=#f5f5dc vlink=gray>'`.

`body_end`(string)

End tag for body. The default is `'</body>'`.

`table_begin`(string)

Begin tag for table. The default is `'<table>'`.

`table_end`(string)

End tag for table. The default is `'</table>'`.

`title_begin`(string)

Begin tag for Title. The default is `'<h1><font color=#cc0000>'`.

`title_end`(string)

End tag for Title. The default is `'</font></h1>'`.

`comment_begin`(string)

Begin tag for comments. The default is `'<i><font color=green>'`.

`comment_end`(string)

End tag for comments. The default is `'</font></i>'`.

`dynamic`(bool)

Generate object list dynamically.

`sharp_begin`(string)

Begin tag for `'define'`. The default is `'<font color=darkred>'`.

`sharp_end`(string)

End tag for `'define'`. The default is `'</font>'`.

`brace_begin`(string)

Begin tag for brace. The default is `'<font color=red>'`.

`brace_end`(string)

End tag for brace. The default is `'</font>'`.

- `reserved_begin(string)`  
Begin tag for reserved word. The default is '`<b>`'.
- `reserved_end(string)`  
End tag for reserved word. The default is '`</b>`'.
- `position_begin(string)`  
Begin tag for position mark. The default is '`<font color=gray>`'.
- `position_end(string)`  
End tag for position mark. The default is '`</font>`'.
- `colorize_warned_line(boolean)`  
Colorize warned line using `warned_line_begin` and `warned_line_end`. The default is false.
- `warned_line_begin(string)`  
Begin tag for line which htags warned. The default is '`<span style="background-color:yellow">`'.
- `warned_line_end(string)`  
End tag for line which htags warned. The default is '`</span>`'.
- `hr(string)` Horizontal rules. The default is '`<hr>`'.
- `ncol(number)`  
Columns of line number. The default is 4.
- `tabs(number)`  
Tab stop. The default is 8.
- `flist_fields(number)`  
Field number of file index. The default is 5.
- `full_path(boolean)`  
List file names with full path in file index. By default, list just the last component of a path.
- `table_list(boolean)`  
List tags using `<table>` tag. The default is false.
- `table_flist(boolean)`  
Use `<table>` tag for file index. The default is false.
- `normal_suffix(string)`  
Suffix for normal html file. The default is 'html'.
- `no_map_file(boolean)`  
Doesn't generate 'MAP' file. The default is false.
- `gzipped_suffix(string)`  
Suffix for compressed html file. The default is 'ghtml'.
- `script_alias(string)`  
Script alias for safe cgi script ('-S').
- `show_position(boolean)`  
Show position per function definition. The default is false.

`definition_header`(no|before|right|after)

Position of function header. The default is 'no'.

`other_files`(boolean)

File index includes not only source files but also other files. The default is false.

`disable_grep`(boolean)

Disable grep in search form(-f,-form). The default is false.

`enable_idutils`(boolean)

Enable idutils in search form(-f,-form). The default is false.

`include_file_suffixes`(comma separated list)

Suffixes of include file. The default is 'h,hxx,hpp,H,inc.php'.

`langmap`(comma separated list)

Language mapping. Each comma-separated map consists of the language name, a colon, and a list of file extensions. Default mapping is 'c:.c,h,yacc:.y,asm:.s,S,java:.java,cpp:.c++.cc.cpp.cxx.hxx.hpp.C.H,php:.php.php3.phtml'.

`copy_files`(boolean)

Copy files instead of linking. When the '-f' option is used, htags make links of tag files in 'cgi-bin' directory by default.

## DIAGNOSTICS

Htags exits with a non 0 value if an error occurred, 0 otherwise.

## MESSAGE FORMAT

Verbose message has important level. The most important level is 0, the second it 1 and so on. All the message has level numbers leading blanks.

## SEE ALSO

gtags-parser(1), global(1), gtags(1).

GNU GLOBAL source code tag system  
(<http://www.gnu.org/software/global/>).

## BUG

Generated hypertext is VERY LARGE. In advance, check the space of your disk.

PHP supprt is far from complete.

## AUTHOR

Tama Communications Corporation.

## HISTORY

The htags command appeared in FreeBSD 2.2.2.



## 5.4 gtags-parser - print cross reference list for gtags.

### NAME

gtags-parser - print cross reference list for gtags.

### SYNOPSIS

```
gtags-parser [-bdenrstvw] file ...
```

### DESCRIPTION

Gtags-parser print cross reference list for gtags(1) from the specified C, C++, yacc, java, PHP and Assembly source to standard output. Each line of output contains the object name, the line number which it appears, the file in which it is defined, and a line image separated by white-space. It's same with the output of ctags(1) with '-x' option.

Depending upon the options provided to gtags-parser, objects will consist of function definitions, function references and other symbols.

Files whose names end in '.c' or '.h' are assumed to be C source files and are searched for C style routine and macro definitions. Files whose names end in '.c++' '.cc' '.cpp' '.cxx' '.hxx' '.hpp' '.C' '.H' are assumed to be C++ source files. Files whose names end in '.y' are assumed to be YACC source files. Files whose names end in '.java' are assumed to be Java source files. Files whose names end in '.php' '.php3' '.phtml' are assumed to be PHP source files. Files whose names end in '.s' or '.S' are assumed to be Assembler source files. Other files are searched for C style definitions.

Yacc files each have a special tag. yyparse is the start of the second section of the yacc file.

This command is the default parser of GLOBAL source code tag system.

### OPTIONS

The following options are available:

'-b', '--begin-block'

Force level 1 block to begin when reach a left brace at the first column. (C only)

'-d', '--define'

Pick up not only function but also macro without argument as a definition.

'-e', '--end-block'

Force level 1 block to end when reach a right brace at the first column. (C only)

'-n', '--no-tags'

Suppress output of tags. It is useful to use with '-w' option.

'-r', '--reference'

Locate function references instead of function definitions. 'GTAGS' is needed at the current directory. (C, C++ and Java source only) By default, locate function definitions.

- '-s', '--symbol'  
Collect symbols other than functions. By default, locate function definitions.
- '-t', '--typedef'  
Pick up not only function but also typedef name and enum member as a definition.
- '-v', '--verbose'  
Verbose mode.
- '-w', '--warning'  
Print warning message.
- '--langmap'=map  
Language mapping. Each comma-separated map consists of the language name, a colon, and a list of file extensions. Default mapping is 'c:.c.h,yacc:.y,asm:.s.S,java:.java,cpp:.c++.cc.cpp.cxx.hxx.hpp.C.H,php:.php.php3.phtml'.

The '-r' and '-s' options override each other; the last one specified determines the method used.

## DIAGNOSTICS

Gtags-parser exits with a non 0 value if an error occurred, 0 otherwise. Duplicate objects are not considered errors.

## SEE ALSO

global(1), gtags(1), htags(1).

GNU GLOBAL source code tag system  
(<http://www.gnu.org/software/global/>).

## BUG

Gtags-parser relies on the input being well formed, and any syntactical errors will completely confuse it.

Assembler support is far from complete. Probably valid only for FreeBSD and Linux kernel source.

## AUTHOR

Tama Communications Corporation.

## HISTORY

The gtags-parser(gctags) command appeared in FreeBSD 2.2.2.

## 5.5 gozilla - force mozilla to display specified source file.

### NAME

gozilla - force mozilla to display specified source file.

## SYNOPSIS

```
gozilla [-b browser][-p][+no] file
gozilla [-b browser][-p] -d name
```

## DESCRIPTION

Gozilla force mozilla to display specified source file as a hypertext. Gozilla can be used with other browsers like firefox and epiphany.

In advance of using this command, you must execute gtags(1) and htags(1) at the root directory of the source tree to make tag files. Then you can execute gozilla at anywhere in the source tree.

First form:

You can specify source file and the line number optionally.

Second form:

You can specify definition name directly. Definition name must exist in 'GTAGS' tag file.

Some browsers require you to load it before executing gozilla. Whether or not gozilla waits for exiting of browser depends on browser.

## OPTIONS

The following options are available:

'+no' line number. It must be a line on which function definition or function reference is exist. If you execute htags(1) with '-1' option, you can specify any line.

'-b' browser browser to use. By default, it is assumed mozilla.

'-p' just print generated target URL.

file path of source file or alias name.

'-d' name print function.

'-q', '--quiet' Quiet mode.

'-v', '--verbose' Verbose mode.

'--version' Show version number.

'--help' Show help.

## FILES

'HTML/' hypertext of source tree.

'GTAGS/' tags file for function definitions.

'\$HOME/.gozillarc' alias file. Please read source code for the detail.

## ENVIRONMENT

### *GTAGSROOT*

The directory which is the root of source tree.

### *GTAGSDBPATH*

The directory on which gtags database exist. This value is ignored when *GTAGSROOT* is not defined.

### *BROWSER*

browser to use. By default, it is assumed mozilla.

## EXAMPLES

```

$ gtags
$ htags
$ global -x main
main          82 ctags.c          main(argc, argv)
$ mozilla &
$ gozilla +82 ctags.c

$ firefox &
$ gozilla -b firefox +82 ctags.c

$ setenv BROWSER 'epiphany --new-tab'
$ epiphany &
$ gozilla +82 ctags.c

```

## DIAGNOSTICS

Gozilla exits with a non 0 value if an error occurred, 0 otherwise.

## SEE ALSO

global(1), gtags(1), htags(1), firefox(1), epiphany(1), mozilla(1).

GNU GLOBAL source code tag system  
(<http://www.gnu.org/software/global/>).

## NOTES

Gozilla means 'Global for mozilla'.

## BUGS

Gozilla can treat not only source file but also normal file, directory, HTML file and even URL, because it is omnivorous.

## AUTHORS

Tama Communications Corporation.

## HISTORY

The gozilla command appeared in FreeBSD 2.2.2 but did not installed by default.

## 5.6 gtags-cscope - pseudo cscope which implements the line-oriented interface

### NAME

gtags-cscope - pseudo cscope which implements the line-oriented interface

### SYNOPSIS

```
gtags-cscope [-Cqv]
```

### DESCRIPTION

Gtags-cscope is a pseudo cscope which implements the line-oriented interface. You can use this command for various clients instead of true cscope.

Since gtags-cscope is intended to make GLOBAL available through cscope interface, the output is not necessarily the same as cscope.

### OPTIONS

The following options are available:

- '-C', '--ignore-case'  
Ignore letter case when searching.
- '-q', '--quiet'  
Quiet mode.
- '-v', '--verbose'  
Verbose mode.

### EXAMPLES

```
$ gtags-cscope
>> help
0<arg>: Find this C symbol
1<arg>: Find this definition
2<arg>: Find functions called by this function
(Not implemented yet.)
3<arg>: Find functions calling this function
4<arg>: Find this text string
6<arg>: Find this egrep pattern
7<arg>: Find this file
8<arg>: Find files #including this file
c: Toggle ignore/use letter case
r: Rebuild the database
q: Quit the session
h: Show help
>> lmain
cscope: 9 lines
global/global.c main 158 main(int argc, char **argv)
gozilla/gozilla.c main 155 main(int argc, char **argv)
```

```
gtags-parser/gctags.c main 158 main(int argc, char **argv)
gtags-cscope/gtags-cscope.c main 115 main(int argc, char **argv)
gtags/gtags.c main 150 main(int argc, char **argv)
htags-refkit/htags_path2url.c main 281 main(int argc, char **argv)
htags/htags.c main 1400 main(int argc, char **argv)
libglibc/getopt.c main 704 main (argc, argv)
libglibc/getopt1.c main 93 main (argc, argv)
>> q
$ _
```

## DIAGNOSTICS

Gtags-cscope exits with a non 0 value if an error occurred, 0 otherwise.

## SEE ALSO

cscope(1), gtags-parser(1), gtags(1), global(1), htags(1).

GNU GLOBAL source code tag system  
(<http://www.gnu.org/software/global/>).

## BUG

The second field of the output is almost <unknown> since GLOBAL doesn't recognize it.  
Command 2 (Find functions called by this function) is not implemented.

## AUTHOR

Tama Communications Corporation.

## HISTORY

The gtags-cscope command appeared in 2006.

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