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A New Method to Bypass 64-bit Linux ASLR

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About us:









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- UWS-UPV Research collaboration
- Linux, Glibc and other open source Contributions
- Google, Packet Storm Security rewards
- Black Hat Asia 2016, DeepSec 2016, 2014 ...
- Multiple CVEs and security reports:
 Root shell by pressing enter key for 70 seconds
 Grub 28 or Backspace 28: root shell
- Working on low level security: Linux ASLR integer overflow
 AMD Bulldozer weakness
- Experience in low level solutions:

 RenewSSP

 ASLR-NG

Motivation



- ASLR is present in all modern systems
- It is a barrier that attackers face in most attacks
- Assess its effectiveness in 64-bit systems is an endless task
- A generic method to bypass the ASLR in modern 64-bit systems could be re-used in multiple attacks scenarios.
- Can we create a generic method to bypass the ASLR in modern 64-bit systems?

This talk presents return-to-csu:

- A direct method to bypass the ASLR in 64-bit systems
- Demo will bypass SSP, NX, RELRO, PIE, FORTIFY ...

Overview



- 1. Brief of the ASLR in Linux
- 2. The real battlefield: Source vs executable code, they don't match!
- 3. Return-to-csu: A method to bypass the Linux ASLR in 64-bit systems
- 4. Making return-to-csu attack profitable
 - Rooper-mod: Auto exploit generation to drop shells
- 5. Demo: remote shell in a full protected 64-bit executable
 - Bypassing PIE, ASLR, NX, SSP, RELRO, etc.
- 6. Mitigations and conclusions



What ASLR is? (naive vision)

- Wikipedia: A computer security technique for preventing exploitation of memory corruption vulnerabilities.
- Stack, executable, libraries, heap, etc are randomized.

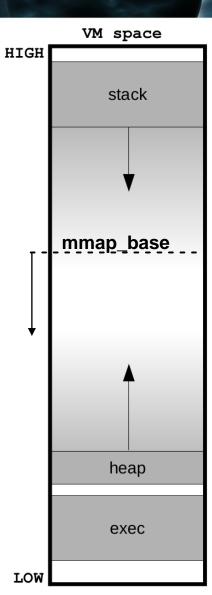
What is ASLR actually in Operating Systems?

- It is a concept implementation with a lot of different flavours
- Linux, Windows, Mac OS X, Android have different ASLRs
- They have huge differences: random bits per area, randomization forms such us per boot, per exec, etc.



Kernel loader randomization:

- **Stack**: At some random place close to the top
- **Executable**: If PIE then at random place close to the bottom else No-ASLR!
- **Heap:** If randomize_va_space > 2 it will be placed at random offset from the executable else joint to the executable. From outside both look random.
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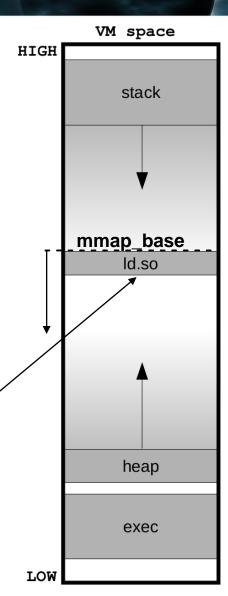




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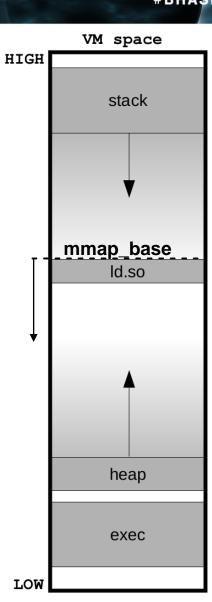


Userland loader randomization:

Let's inspect the VM layout at the beginning of the **userland** execution

```
(gdb) b dl start
56133fa7e000-56133fa7f000 r-xp
                                /home/BHAsia2018/test
56133fc7e000-56133fc80000 rw-p
                                /home/BHAsia2018/test
                                /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/ld-2.26.so
7f2ce47b2000-7f2ce47d9000 r-xp
                                /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/ld-2.26.so
7f2ce49d9000-7f2ce49db000 rw-p
7f2ce49db000-7f2ce49dc000 rw-p
7ffefa453000-7ffefa474000 rw-p
                                [stack]
7ffefa4d2000-7ffefa4d5000 r--p
                                [vvar]
7ffefa4d5000-7ffefa4d7000 r-xp
                                [vdso]
```

- Linux load the executable and the dynamic loader/linker (ld.so)
- The libc.so library is later loaded.



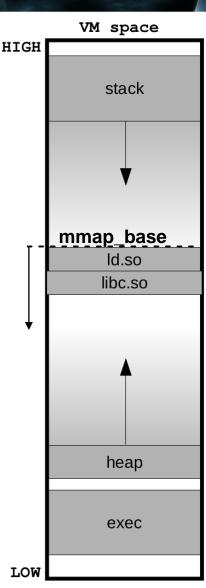


Userland side randomization:

Let's inspect the VM layout at the beginning of the **executable** execution

```
(gdb) b start
56133fa7e000-56133fa7f000 r-xp
                                /home/BHAsia2018/test
                                /home/BHAsia2018/test
56133fc7e000-56133fc7f000 r--p
                                /home/BHAsia2018/test
56133fc7f000-56133fc80000 rw-p
7f2ce43d2000-7f2ce45a8000 r-xp /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/libc-2.26.so
                                /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/libc-2.26.so
7f2ce45a8000-7f2ce47a8000 ---p
7f2ce47a8000-7f2ce47ac000 r--p
                                /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/libc-2.26.so
                                /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/libc-2.26.so
7f2ce47ac000-7f2ce47ae000 rw-p
7f2ce47ae000-7f2ce47b2000 rw-p
7f2ce47b2000-7f2ce47d9000 r-xp
                                /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/ld-2.26.so
7f2ce49b8000-7f2ce49ba000 rw-p
7f2ce49d9000-7f2ce49da000 r--p
                                /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/ld-2.26.so
7f2ce49da000-7f2ce49db000 rw-p
                                /lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/ld-2.26.so
7f2ce49db000-7f2ce49dc000 rw-p
7ffefa453000-7ffefa474000 rw-p
                                [stack]
7ffefa4d2000-7ffefa4d5000 r--p
                                [vvar]
7ffefa4d5000-7ffefa4d7000 r-xp
                                [vdso]
```

- Libraries are loaded side by side there is no "more" randomization.
- There is randomization form userland.





Parameter	Linux 32 bit (i386)	Linux 64 bit (x86_64)
ASLR Entropy (Linux)	Very low (8 bits = 256)	High (28 bits = 268,435,456)
ABI / call parameters	Stack	Registers
Attacks like ret2-X	Yes	No
Offset2lib	Partial	Partial
Brute force in practice	Yes	No?
Native PIC/PIE CPU support	No	Yes (\$rip)

- The ASLR in 64-bit systems is not only better but faster.
- Is not only a matter of entropy, the x64 ABI introduces a challenge.



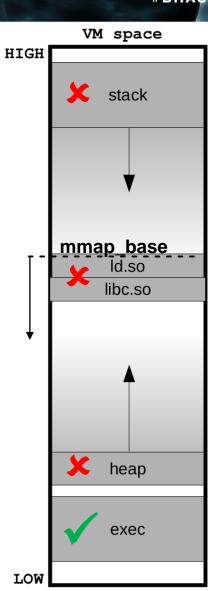


Why Offset2lib attacks are "partially" possible?

- It is a practical ASLR bypass for 64-bit systems
- It was a generic method valid in multiple attack scenarios
- No longer possible in modern Linux (fixed in 2015)
- Part of the attack can still be used to de-randomize the executable
- But exec-libc offset is not longer a constant value

We need to find a alternative:

- As generic as possible to be reused in multiple attack scenarios
- Valid for 64-bit systems, deal with ABI, etc.







```
int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
    return 0;
}
```



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```

```
$ gcc empty.c -o empty
$ nm -a empty | grep " t\| T"
000000000000520 t deregister tm clones
00000000000005b0 t do global dtors aux
0000000000200df8 t do global dtors aux fini array entry
0000000000000684 T fini
0000000000000684 t .fini
0000000000200df8 t .fini array
00000000000005f0 t frame dummy
0000000000200df0 t frame dummy init array entry
00000000000004b8 T init
00000000000004b8 t .init
0000000000200df0 t .init array
0000000000200df8 t init array end
00000000000200df0 t __init_array start
0000000000000680 T libc csu fini
0000000000000010 T libc csu init
00000000000005fa T main
0000000000004d0 t .plt
00000000000004e0 t .plt.got
0000000000000560 t register tm clones
00000000000004f0 T start
00000000000004f0 t .text
```



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```

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0000000000000680 T libc csu fini
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00000000000005fa T main
00000000000004d0 t .plt
00000000000004e0 t .plt.got
0000000000000560 t register tm clones
00000000000004f0 T start
00000000000004f0 t .text
```

Wait a moment !! My C program only had main(), right?

What are these other functions? From where? Who? When? ...

Is this code is in the executable area? Why?



\$ objdump -d empty

```
file format elf64-x86-64
empty:
Disassembly of section .init:
00000000000004b8 < init>:
       48 83 ec 08
4b8:
                                      $0x8,%rsp
                              sub
                                     0x200b25(%rip),%rax
                                                                # 200fe8 < gmon start >
       48 8b 05 25 0b 20 00 mov
 4bc:
 4c3:
      48 85 c0
                               test %rax,%rax
                                      4ca < init+0x12>
 4c6:
       74 02
                               jе
       ff d0
                               callq *%rax
 4c8:
       48 83 c4 08
                               add
                                      $0x8,%rsp
 4ca:
       с3
 4ce:
                               retq
Disassembly of section .plt:
0000000000004d0 <.plt>:
4d0: ff 35 f2 0a 20 00
                               pushq 0x200af2(%rip)
                                                           # 200fc8 < GLOBAL OFFSET TABLE +0x8>
                                                            # 200fd0 < GLOBAL OFFSET TABLE +0x10>
 4d6:
      ff 25 f4 0a 20 00
                                     *0x200af4(%rip)
                               jmpq
4dc:
       Of 1f 40 00
                               nopl 0x0(%rax)
Disassembly of section .plt.got:
00000000000004e0 < cxa finalize@plt>:
                                                            # 200ff8 < cxa finalize@GLIBC 2.2.5>
4e0:
       ff 25 12 0b 20 00
                               jmpq
                                     *0x200b12(%rip)
       66 90
 4e6:
                              xchg %ax,%ax
```



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```
Disassembly of section .text:
00000000000004f0 < start>:
 4f0:
        31 ed
                                         %ebp,%ebp
                                 xor
        49 89 d1
                                        %rdx,%r9
                                 mov
 4f5:
        5e
                                        %rsi
        48 89 e2
 4f6:
                                        %rsp,%rdx
                                        $0xfffffffffffff,%rsp
 4f9:
        48 83 e4 f0
                                 and
 4fd:
                                        %rax
                                 push
 4fe:
                                 push
                                        %rsp
 4ff:
        4c 8d 05 7a 01 00 00
                                        0x17a(%rip),%r8
                                                                # 680 < libc csu fini>
        48 8d 0d 03 01 00 00
                                        0x103(%rip),%rcx
                                                                 # 610 < libc csu init>
        48 8d 3d e6 00 00 00
                                        0xe6(%rip),%rdi
                                                                # 5fa <main>
                                 lea
                                 callq *0x200ac6(%rip)
                                                                # 200fe0 < libc start main@GLIBC 2.2.5>
        ff 15 c6 0a 20 00
 51a:
        Of 1f 44 00 00
 51b:
                                        0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
0000000000000520 <deregister tm clones>:
        48 8d 3d e9 0a 20 00
                                        0x200ae9(%rip),%rdi
                                                                    # 201010 < TMC END >
 527:
                                        %rbp
                                 push
        48 8d 05 el 0a 20 00
                                        0x200ae1(%rip),%rax
                                                                    # 201010 < TMC END >
        48 39 f8
                                        %rdi,%rax
 532:
        48 89 e5
                                        %rsp,%rbp
                                        550 <deregister tm clones+0x30>
 535:
        74 19
        48 8b 05 9a 0a 20 00
                                        0x200a9a(%rip),%rax
 537:
                                                                    # 200fd8 < ITM deregisterTMCloneTable>
        48 85 c0
 53e:
                                        %rax,%rax
        74 0d
                                        550 <deregister tm clones+0x30>
 541:
 543:
        5d
                                        %rbp
                                 pop
 544:
        ff e0
                                        *%rax
                                 jmpq
        66 2e Of 1f 84 00 00
                                        %cs:0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
        00 00 00
 54d:
 550:
        5d
                                 pop
                                        %rbp
 551:
                                 retq
 552:
        Of 1f 40 00
                                        0x0(%rax)
                                 nopl
        66 2e Of 1f 84 00 00
 556:
                                        %cs:0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
        00 00 00
 55d:
```



```
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```

```
000000000000560 <register tm clones>:
             48 8d 3d a9 0a 20 00
 560:
                                                0x200aa9(%rip),%rdi
                                                                            # 201010 < TMC END >
567:
             48 8d 35 a2 0a 20 00
                                                0x200aa2(%rip),%rsi
                                                                            # 201010 < TMC END >
                                         lea
                                                %rbp
 56e:
                                         push
 56f:
             48 29 fe
                                         sub
                                                 %rdi,%rsi
572:
             48 89 e5
                                                %rsp,%rbp
575:
             48 c1 fe 03
                                                $0x3,%rsi
579:
             48 89 f0
                                                %rsi,%rax
             48 c1 e8 3f
                                                $0x3f,%rax
57c:
 580:
             48 01 c6
                                                %rax,%rsi
583:
             48 d1 fe
                                                %rsi
                                         sar
 586:
             74 18
                                                 5a0 <register tm clones+0x40>
             48 8b 05 61 0a 20 00
 588:
                                                0x200a61(%rip),%rax
                                                                            # 200ff0 < ITM registerTMCloneTable>
             48 85 c0
 58f:
                                                %rax,%rax
 592:
             74 0c
                                                 5a0 <register tm clones+0x40>
                                         jе
 594:
             5d
                                                %rbp
595:
             ff e0
                                                *%rax
597:
             66 Of 1f 84 00 00 00
                                                0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
             00 00
 59e:
             5d
 5a0:
                                                 %rbp
                                         pop
 5a1:
             с3
                                         retq
 5a2:
             Of 1f 40 00
                                         nopl
                                                0x0(%rax)
 5a6:
             66 2e Of 1f 84 00 00
                                                %cs:0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
             00 00 00
 5ad:
```



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```
00000000000005b0 < do global dtors aux>:
             80 3d 59 0a 20 00 00
                                                $0x0,0x200a59(%rip)
 5b0:
                                                                            # 201010 < TMC END >
                                         cmpb
 5b7:
             75 2f
                                                5e8 < do global dtors aux+0x38>
                                         jne
                                                $0x0,0x200a37(%rip)
 5b9:
             48 83 3d 37 0a 20 00
                                                                            # 200ff8 < cxa finalize@GLIBC 2.2.5>
 5c0:
             00
 5c1:
                                         push
                                                %rbp
 5c2:
             48 89 e5
                                                %rsp,%rbp
                                         mov
                                                5d3 < do global dtors aux+0x23>
             74 0c
 5c5:
                                                0x200a3a(%rip),%rdi
 5c7:
             48 8b 3d 3a 0a 20 00
                                                                            # 201008 < dso handle>
                                         mov
             e8 0d ff ff ff
                                         callq 4e0 < cxa finalize@plt>
 5ce:
 5d3:
             e8 48 ff ff ff
                                         callq
                                                520 <deregister tm clones>
                                                $0x1,0x200a31(%rip)
 5d8:
             c6 05 31 0a 20 00 01
                                         movb
                                                                            # 201010 < TMC END >
 5df:
             5d
                                                 %rbp
                                         pop
 5e0:
                                         retq
 5e1:
             Of 1f 80 00 00 00 00
                                         nopl
                                                0x0(%rax)
 5e8:
             f3 c3
                                         repz retq
             66 Of 1f 44 00 00
 5ea:
                                                0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
00000000000005f0 <frame dummy>:
 5f0:
                                         push
                                                 %rbp
 5f1:
             48 89 e5
                                                 %rsp,%rbp
                                         mov
 5f4:
             5d
                                                 %rbp
                                         pop
 5f5:
             e9 66 ff ff ff
                                                560 <register tm clones>
0000000000005fa <main>:
 5fa:
                                         push
                                                %rbp
 5fb:
             48 89 e5
                                                 %rsp,%rbp
                                         mov
             89 7d fc
                                                %edi,-0x4(%rbp)
 5fe:
                                         mov
 601:
             48 89 75 f0
                                                 %rsi,-0x10(%rbp)
                                         mov
             ъ8 00 00 00 00
                                                $0x0,%eax
 605:
                                         mov
 60a:
             5d
                                                 %rbp
                                         pop
 60b:
                                         reta
             Of 1f 40 00
                                                0x0(%rax)
 60c:
                                         nopl
```





```
objdump -d empty
         00000000000000610 < libc csu init>:
          610:
                       41 57
                                                           %r15
                                                   push
          612:
                       41 56
                                                   push
                                                           %r14
          614:
                       41 89 ff
                                                   mov
                                                           %edi,%r15d
                       41 55
          617:
                                                           %r13
                                                   push
          619:
                       41 54
                                                           %r12
                                                   push
          61b:
                       4c 8d 25 ce 07 20 00
                                                           0x2007ce(%rip),%r12
                                                                                       # 200df0 < frame dummy init array entry>
                                                   lea
          622:
                                                   push
                                                           %rbp
                                                                                       # 200df8 < init array end>
          623:
                       48 8d 2d ce 07 20 00
                                                           0x2007ce(%rip),%rbp
                                                   lea
          62a:
                                                           %rbx
                                                   push
          62b:
                       49 89 f6
                                                           %rsi,%r14
                                                   mov
          62e:
                       49 89 d5
                                                   mov
                                                           %rdx,%r13
                       4c 29 e5
                                                           %r12,%rbp
          631:
                                                   sub
                                                           $0x8,%rsp
          634:
                       48 83 ec 08
                       48 c1 fd 03
          638:
                                                           $0x3,%rbp
                                                          4b8 < init>
          63c:
                       e8 77 fe ff ff
                                                   callq
          641:
                       48 85 ed
                                                   test
                                                           %rbp,%rbp
                       74 20
                                                           666 < libc csu init+0x56>
          644:
                                                   jе
          646:
                       31 db
                                                           %ebx,%ebx
          648:
                       Of 1f 84 00 00 00 00
                                                           0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
          64f:
          650:
                       4c 89 ea
                                                           %r13,%rdx
                                                   mov
                                                           %r14,%rsi
          653:
                       4c 89 f6
                                                   mov
                                                           %r15d,%edi
          656:
                       44 89 ff
                                                   mov
          659:
                       41 ff 14 dc
                                                   callq *(%r12,%rbx,8)
                       48 83 c3 01
                                                           $0x1,%rbx
          65d:
          661:
                       48 39 dd
                                                           %rbx,%rbp
          664:
                       75 ea
                                                   jne
                                                           650 < libc csu init+0x40>
                       48 83 c4 08
                                                           $0x8,%rsp
          666:
                                                   add
                       5b
                                                           %rbx
          66a:
                       5d
          66b:
                                                           %rbp
          66c:
                       41 5c
                                                           %r12
                       41 5d
          66e:
                                                           %r13
          670:
                       41 5e
                                                           %r14
          672:
                       41 5f
                                                           %r15
          674:
                       c3
                                                    reta
```





```
objdump -d empty
          0000000000000680 < libc csu fini>:
           680:
                      f3 c3
                                               repz retq
          Disassembly of section .fini:
          000000000000684 < fini>:
                      48 83 ec 08
                                               sub
                                                      $0x8,%rsp
                      48 83 c4 08
                                                     $0x8,%rsp
           688:
```



Application source code

```
$ cat empty.c
int main(int argc, const char *argv[]){
        return 0;
}
```

Application compiled code

```
00000000000005b0 <_do_global_dtors_aux>:
5b0: 80 3d 59 0a 20 00 00
5b7: 75 2f
empty: file format elf64-x86-64
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jne 5e8 < _do_global_dtors_aux+

cmpq $0x0,0x200a37(%rip)
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# 200ff8 <__cxa_finalize@GLIBC_2.2.5>
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5e1: 55

5e2: 48 89 e5

5e5: 74 0e

5e7: 48 8b 3d 3a 0a 20 00
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5df: 5d
5e0: c3
5e0: c3
5e1: 0f 1f 80 00 00 00 00
5e8: f3 c3
5ea: 66 0f 1f 44 00 00
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nopl 0x0(%rax)
repz retq
nopw 0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
     4d0: ff 35 f2 0a 20 00
4d6: ff 25 f4 0a 20 00
4de: 0f 1f 40 00
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5f1: 48 89 e5
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mov %rsp,%rbp
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Sfa: 55
Sfb: 48 89 a5
Sfe: 89 7d fc
601: 48 89 75 f0
605: b8 00 00 00 00
60a: 5d
60b: 63
60b: 63
60b: 63
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mov %rap,%rbp

mov %edi,-0x4(%rbp)

mov %rsi,-0x10(%rbp)

mov %ox0,%eax

pop %rbp

retq

nopl 0x0(%rax)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            00000000000000610 < libc_csu_init>:
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 # 680 < libc csu fini>
# 610 < libc csu init>
# 5fa <main>
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lash 0x2007cs (trip), ktp
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Ox200ae1 (%rip), %rax
%rdi, %rax
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52f: 48 39 f8
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add $0x1, %:bx
p %:bx, %:bp
jne $50 < lithc_csu_init+0x40>
add $0x8, %:ap
pop %:bx
pop %:by
pop %:b;
pop %:12
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586: 74 18

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594: 5d
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add $0x8,%rsp
retq
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retq
nopl 0x0(%rax)
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     5a2: Of 1f 40 00
5a6: 66 2a Of 1f 84 00 00
5ad: 00 00 00
```



2. The real battlefield: source != compiled

```
$ cat empty.c
int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
   return 0;
```

We have named it

Attached code

Who is attaching it?
What is it used for?
Why it is attached to the executable?
How protected is that attached code?
How profitable is this code?

Application compiled code

```
# 200fe8 <_gmon_start_>
```

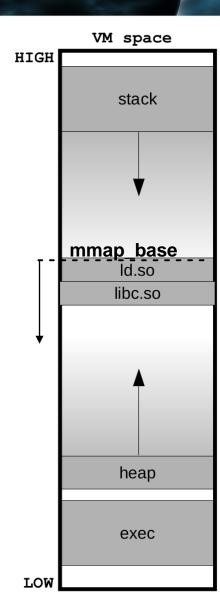
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5b9: 48 83 3d 37 0a 20 00
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5d3 < _do_global_dtors_aux+0x23:
0x200a3a(%rip),%rdi # 20:
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callq 520 <deregister_tm_clone:
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pop %rbp
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push ktpp
isa 0x2007cs (%:ip), ktp
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mov teds, %:13
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sub 80x8, ktsp
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The minimum static linked code in dynamic linked application

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main()	/home/blackHat2018/empty	
deregister_tm_clones()	/usr/lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/7/crtbeginS.o	
register_tm_clones()		
do_global_dtors_aux()		
frame_dummy()		
libc_csu_fini()	/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc_nonshared.a	
libc_csu_init()		
_start()	/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/Scrt1.o	
_init()	/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/crti.o	
_fini()		



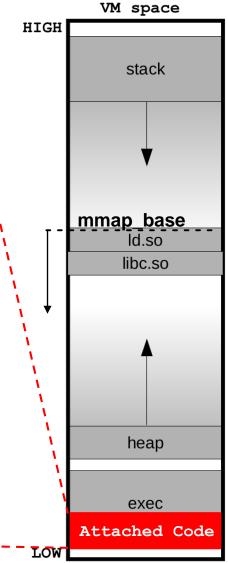


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_fini()		





2. The real battlefield: What is used for?



Simplified exec() syscall flow. The Linux Kernel:

- Loads the executable and dynamic loader
- Jumps to start() in the dynamic loader (ld.so)

```
Before main()
                                                             It allows to execute
 libc csu init()
  -> attribute ((constructor))
                                                             code before main()
   -> ...
 App. code
int main(int argc, const char *argv[])
 After main()
 libc csu init()
                                                             It allows to execute
   -> run exit handlers()
                                                              code after main()
   -> attribute ((destructor))
```



2. The real battlefield: What is used for?

```
Example con/destructors
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void myfunctAtExit(void) {
      printf("myfunctAtExit()\n");
void attribute ((constructor)) beforeMain() {
      printf("Before main()\n");
int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
       atexit(myfunctAtExit);
      printf("main()\n");
      return 0;
void attribute ((destructor)) afterMain() {
      printf("After main()\n");
```

```
$ gcc consdest.c -o consdest
./consdest
Before main()
main()
myfunctAtExit()
After main()
```



2. The real battlefield: Why it is attached to the exec?

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These program-level initializers and finalizers need to access to application pointers. For example libc csu init():

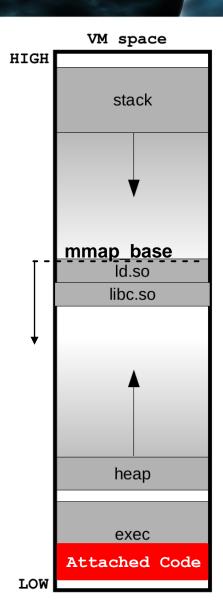
- frame dummy init array entry
- init array end

Each application has their initializers/finalizers:

- Pointers to those functions are stored in the executable
- This is why part of this code is attached to the executable, to make calls "easy"

Example of non-compiled attached code to the executable

```
00000000000000610 < libc csu init>:
610: 41 57
                            push
                                   %r15
612: 41 56
                            push
                                   8r14
614: 41 89 ff
                                   %edi,%r15d
                            mov
617: 41 55
                            push
                                   %r13
619: 41 54
                            push
                                   %r12
 61b:
      4c 8d 25 ce 07 20 00 lea
                                   0x2007ce(%rip),%r12 # 200df0 < frame dummy init array entry>
622:
                            push
                                   %rbp
      48 8d 2d ce 07 20 00
                                   0x2007ce(%rip),%rbp # 200df8 < init array end>
                            lea
62a: 53
                            push
                                   %rbx
```





How protected is that attached code?

```
empty.c

int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc empty.c -o empty -fstack-protector-all
$ objdump -d empty | grep -e "^ .* stack chk fail@plt>\|>:"
0000000000000510 < init>:
0000000000000530 <.plt>:
000000000000540 < stack chk fail@plt>:
0000000000000550 < cxa finalize@plt>:
0000000000000560 < start>:
000000000000590 <deregister tm clones>:
00000000000005d0 <register tm clones>:
0000000000000620 < do global dtors aux>:
0000000000000660 <frame dummy>:
000000000000066a <main>:
69c:
        e8 9f fe ff ff callq 540 < stack chk fail@plt>
00000000000006b0 < libc csu init>:
0000000000000720 < libc csu fini>:
0000000000000724 < fini>:
```

PIE compiled: Good

It can be loaded at random addresses

No SSP protected: Bad

• SSP is only in main ()





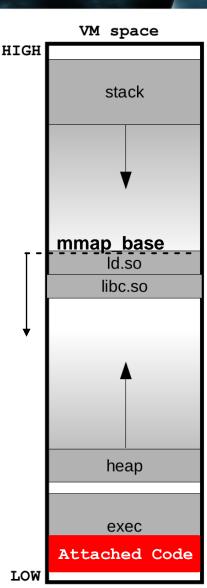
How profitable is this code in an attack?

- The "attached code" is present in almost all apps
- Independently of the app source code we can expect this assembler code
- We know the protections applied: No SSP protected
- Useful when attacking unknown targets

If we can abuse of it we can create generic methods

How can we abuse of this code in practice?

• return-to-csu: bypassing 64-bit Linux ASLR





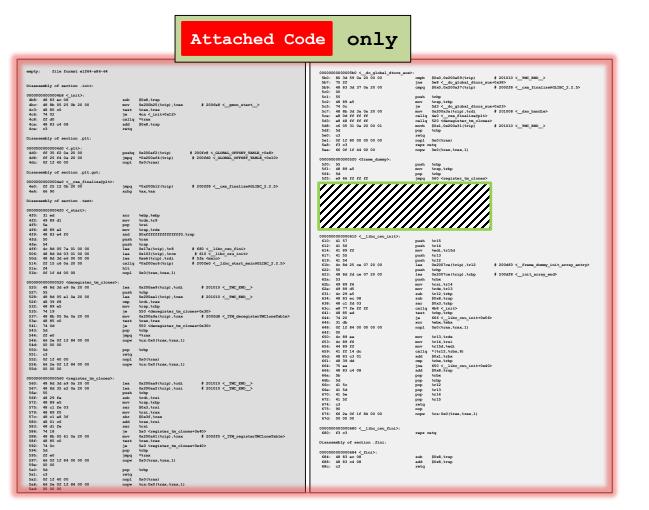
Approach to bypass the ASLR

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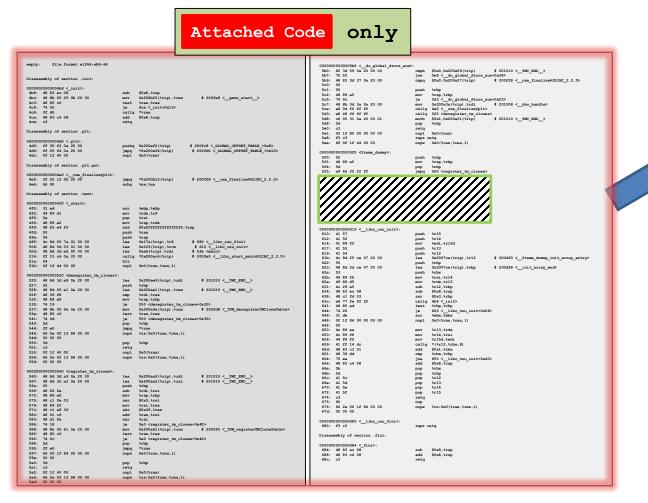
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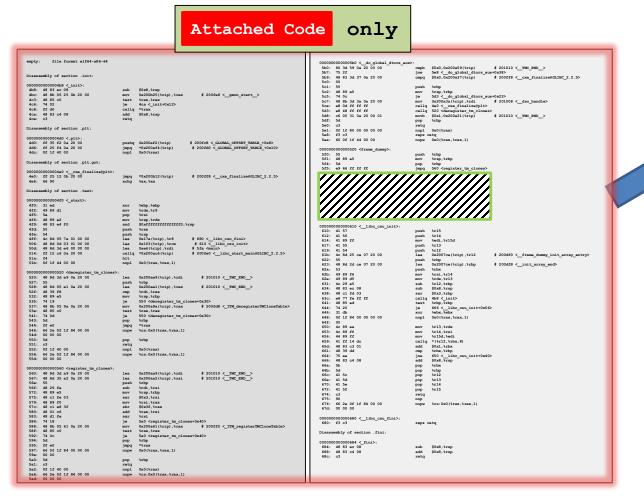
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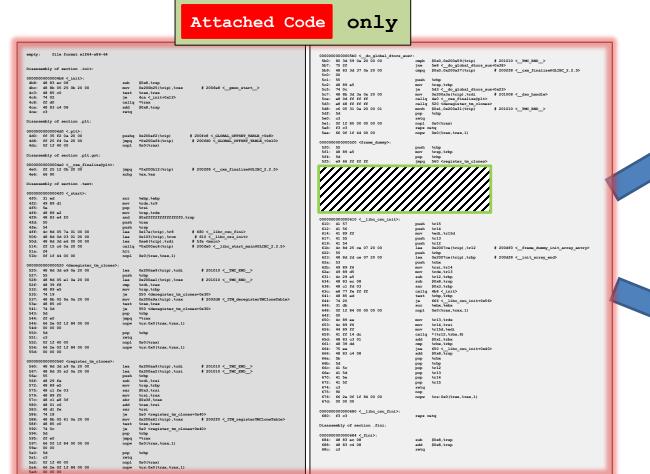
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Auto ROP-chain

generation failed

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                                 650 < libc csu init+0x40>
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                          add
                                 $0x8,%rsp
 66a:
       5b
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                                 %rbx
 66b:
       5d
                                 %rbp
                          pop
 66c:
       41 5c
                                 %r12
                          pop
 66e:
       41 5d
                                 %r13
                          pop
 670:
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                                 %r14
                          pop
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```

Gadget 1: not bad, we control: rbx, rbp, r12, r13, r14, r15

The interesting ones are:

rdi: First argument

rsi: Second argument

rdx: Third argument

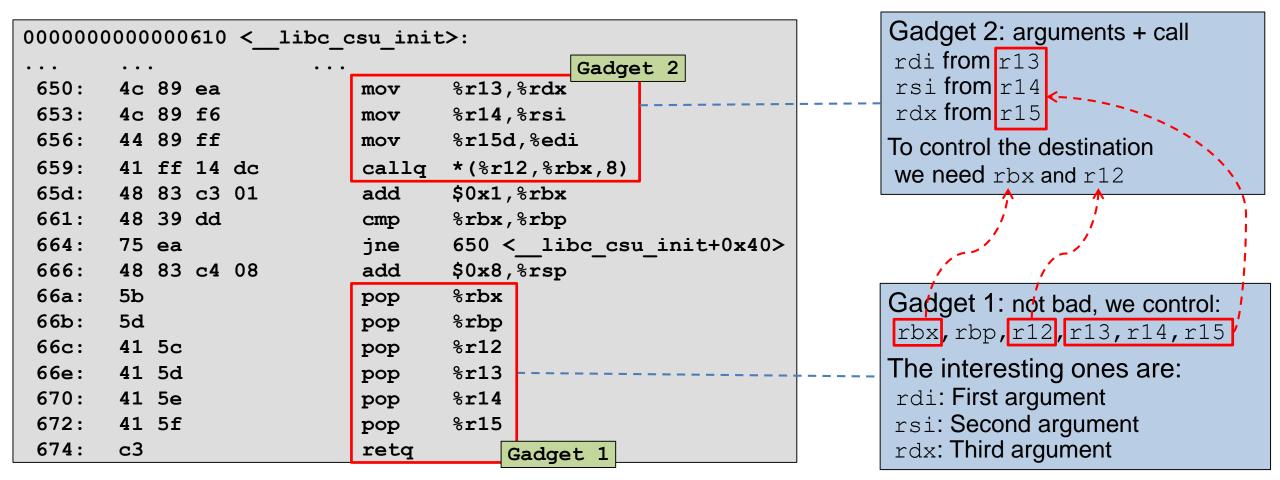


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```
Gadget 2: arguments + call
0000000000000010 < libc csu init>:
                                                                          rdi from r13
                                              Gadget 2
                                                                          rsi from r14
 650:
                                    %r13,%rdx
       4c 89 ea
                            mov
                                                                          rdx from r15
 653:
      4c 89 f6
                                    %r14,%rsi
                            mov
      44 89 ff
                                    %r15d, %edi
 656:
                            mov
                                                                         To control the destination
 659:
      41 ff 14 dc
                                    *(%r12,%rbx,8)
                            callq
                                                                         we need rbx and r12
 65d:
      48 83 c3 01
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 66b:
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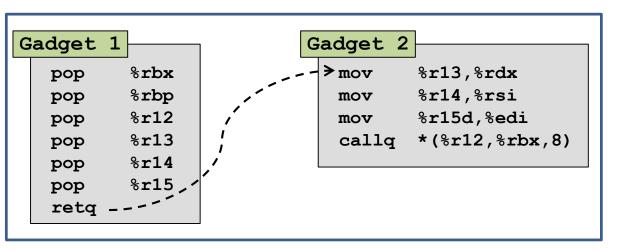


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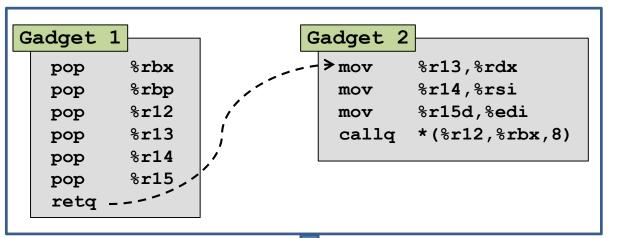
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Gadget 1
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                                     %r13,%rdx
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   pop
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          %rbp
  pop
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```

```
c code
void (*funcPtr) (void *, void *, void *);
funcPtr = addr;
(*funcPtr) (arg1, arg2, arg3);
```



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A controlled call where:

```
addr = r12 + (rbx * 8)
funcPtr = addr;
arg1 = rdi
arg2 = rsi
arg3 = rdx
```

We can jump where we want and control up to 3 arguments.

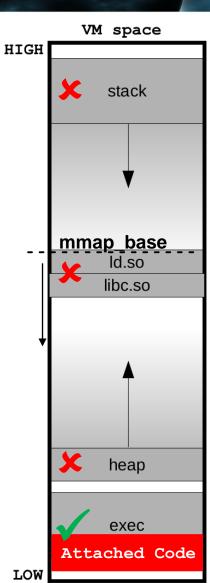




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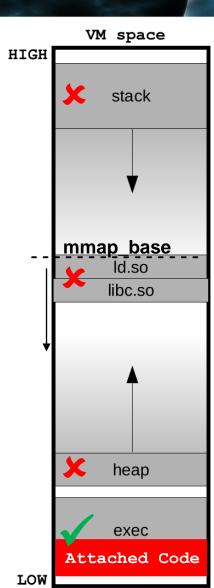


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We want a generic method: What can we do?





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 - Let's review again the "attached code"

```
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$ nm -a empty | grep " t\| T"
0000000000000520 t deregister tm clones
00000000000005b0 t do global dtors aux
0000000000200df8 t do global dtors aux fini array entry
0000000000000684 T fini
0000000000000684 t .fini
0000000000200df8 t .fini array
00000000000005f0 t frame dummy
0000000000200df0 t frame dummy init array entry
00000000000004b8 T init
00000000000004b8 t .init
0000000000200df0 t .init array
0000000000200df8 t init array end
0000000000200df0 t init array start
0000000000000680 T libc csu fini
00000000000000610 T libc csu init
00000000000005fa T main
00000000000004d0 t .plt
00000000000004e0 t .plt.got
0000000000000560 t register tm clones
00000000000004f0 T start
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0000000000200df8 t init array end
00000000000200df0 t init array st
0000000000000680 T libc csu f
00000000000000610 T libc csw init
00000000000005fa T main
000000000000004d0 t .plt/
00000000000004e0 t .plt.got
0000000000000560 t register tm clones
00000000000004f0 T start
00000000000004f0 t .text
```

PLTs are good candidates:

- They are part of the Attached Code
- We can call any @PLT
- Basic interaction of any program
 - read()/write() or send()/recv()



4) Info leak with a μROP : Reusing the connection

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We can put any value (addr) here but:

The *addr must be useful

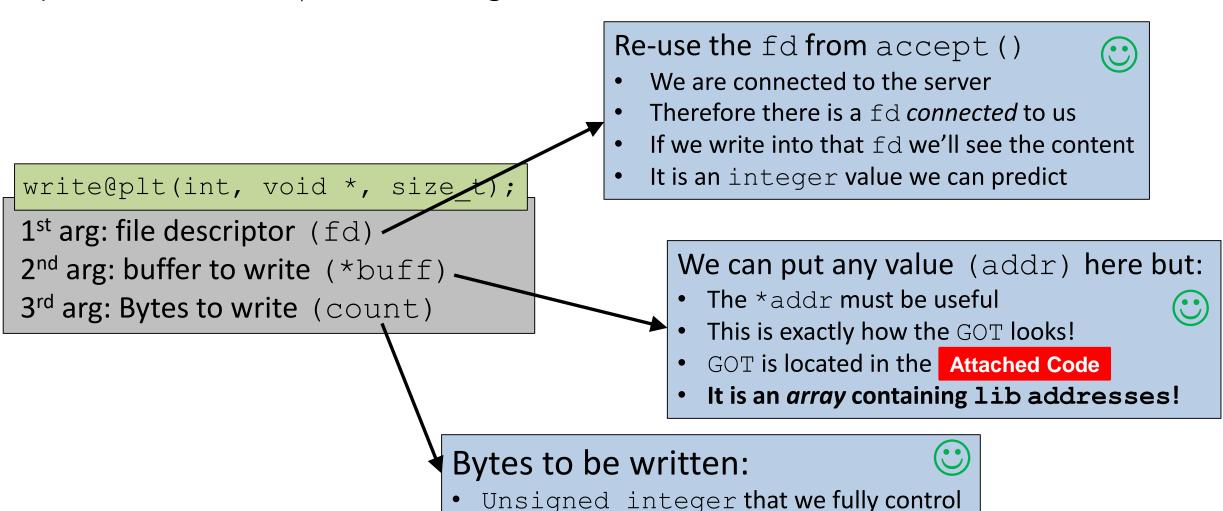


- This is exactly how the GOT looks!
- GOT is located in the Attached Code
- It is an array containing lib addresses!





4) Info leak with a μROP : Reusing the connection







- 4) Info leak with a μROP : De-randomizing libraries
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616: 68 03 00 00 00 61b: e9 b0 ff ff ff Server is sending us where write() is loaded

libc de-randomized!!!!

```
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3. Return-to-csu: Building the final attack

- 5) Building the final full-ROP attack: Getting a shell
- Using the libc is trivial to generate full-ROP-chains
- Tools now can create automatic full-ROP-chains
- We can execute arbitrary code

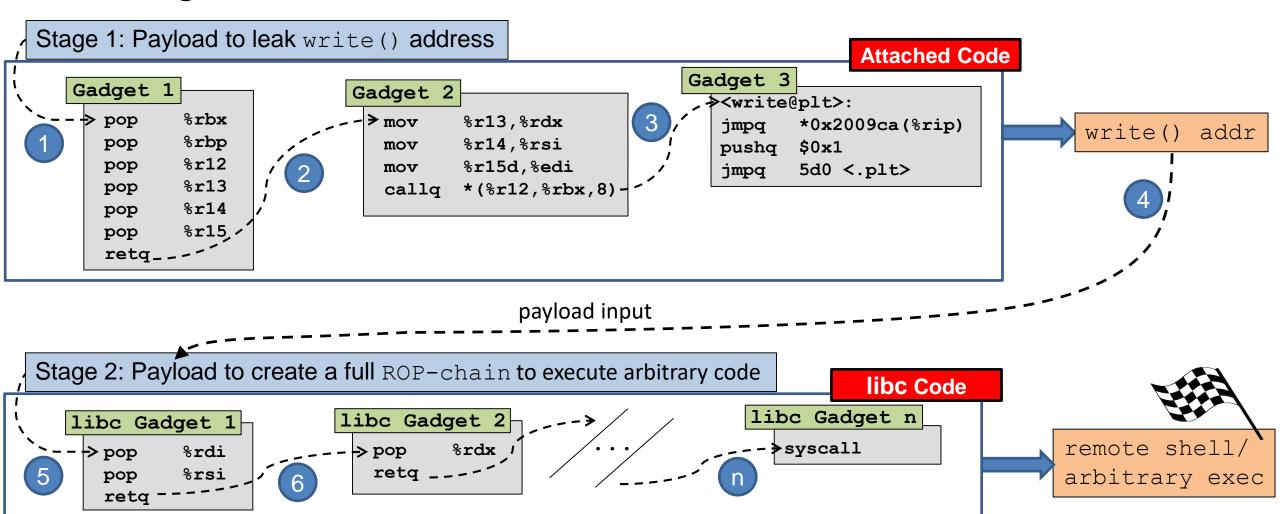
The 2-stages attack:

- 1. Create a µROP-chain payload to leak a libc address
 - Attackers will receive where the libc is in memory
- 2. Create a second payload using the input of the stage 1
 - This ROP-chain uses all libc

3. Return-to-csu: Building the final attack



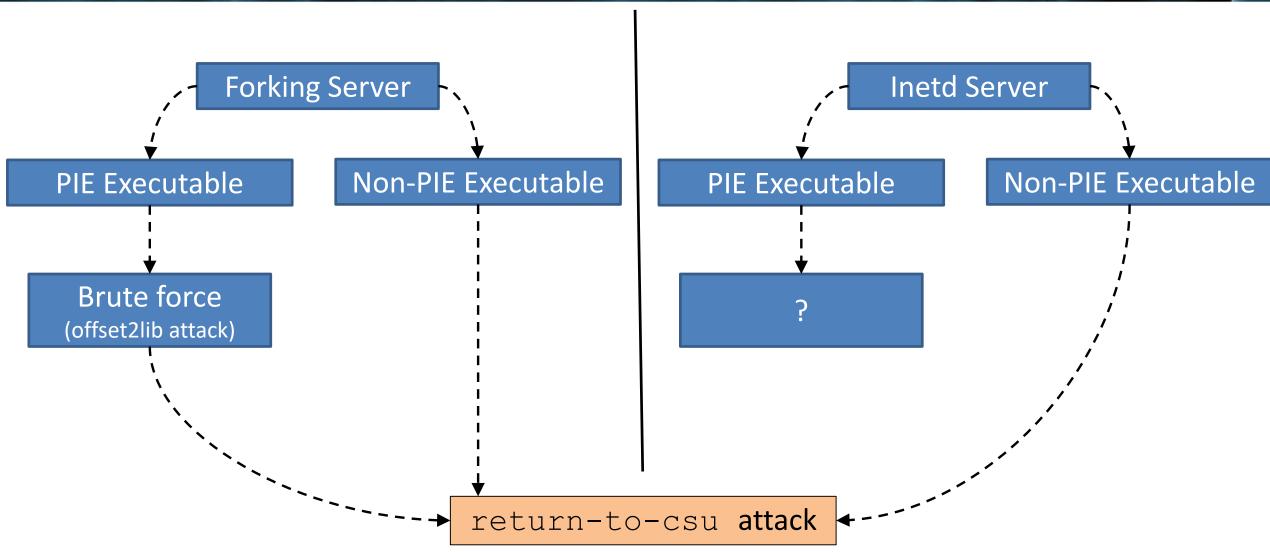
5) Building the final full-ROP attack: return-to-csu in a stack buffer overflow





3. Return-to-csu: When can we use return-to-csu

#BHASIA



Note: Per boot-ASLRs == Forking Server

%r13,%rdx

%r14,%rsi

mov

mov



3. Return-to-csu: Enriching automatic tools

Why automatic tools like ropper and ropshell.com failed?

- Automatic ROP-chain generation are clever but have limitations
- They are focused on profitable gadgets and try to linked them
 Gadget 2
- In this case they didn't find Gadget 2 which was key
 - Probably because r13,r14 and r15 are in movs and not in pops $\frac{mov}{callq}$ *(%r12,%rbx,8)
 - A better knowledge about which registers we control will improve these tools

When advanced ROP tools say "there are not enough gadgets" it is **not** always true a manual inspection can reveal valid gadgets.



4. Making return-to-csu attack profitable

- 5) We have modified ropper to support return-to-csu
- New support for dup2() rop-chain generation
- New support for execve() with ({"sh", "i", NULL}, NULL) args

```
$ ./Ropper.py -help
example uses:
    ./Ropper.py --file /bin/ls --info
    ./Ropper.py --file /bin/ls --imports
    ./Ropper.py --file /bin/ls --sections
    ./Ropper.py --file /bin/ls --segments
    ./Ropper.py --file /bin/ls --set nx
    ./Ropper.py --file /bin/ls --unset nx
    ...
    ./Ropper.py --file /bin/ls --ret2csu "fd=0x4"
    ./Ropper.py --file /bin/ls /lib/libc.so.6 --console
```





return-to-csu DEMO





To show a more realistic PoC:

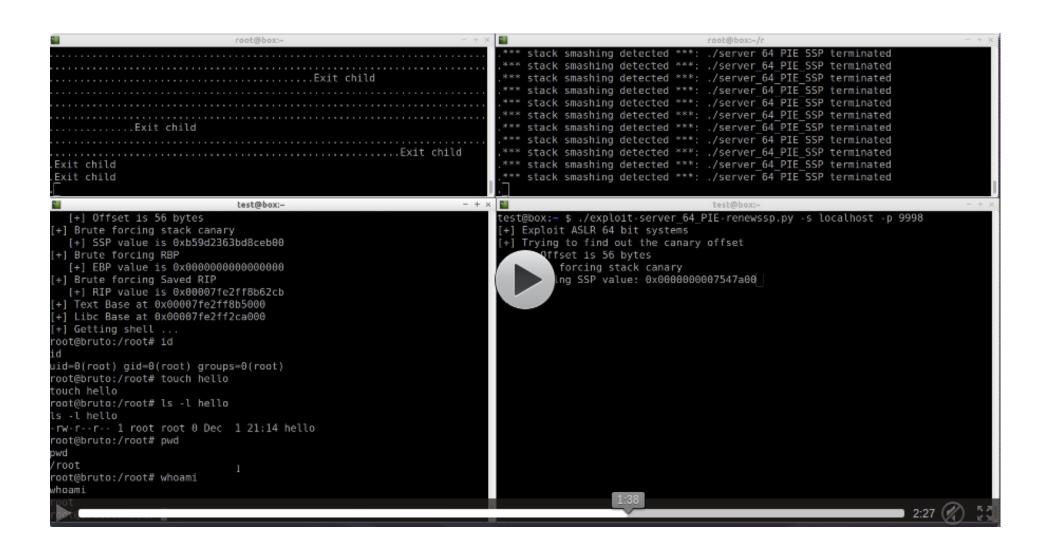
We bypass NX, SSP, ASLR, FORTIFY and RELRO in a fully updated Linux.

Parameter	Comment	Configuration
App. relocatable	Yes	-fpie -pie
Lib. relocatable	Yes	-Fpic
ASLR config.	Enabled	randomize_va_space = 2
SSP	Enabled	-fstack-protector-all
Arch.	64 bits	x86_64 GNU/Linux
NX	Enabled	PAE or x64
RELRO	Full	-wl,-z,-relro,-z,now
FORTIFY	Yes	-D_FORTIFY_SOURCE=2
Optimization	Yes	-02



5. DEMO: return-to-csu

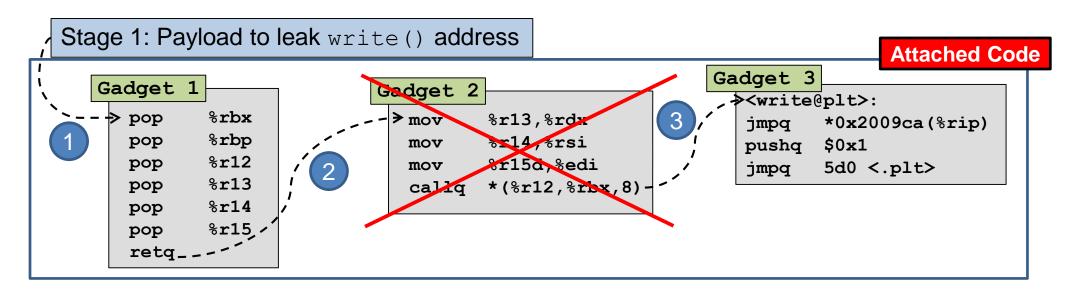






Mitigation 1: Move some of the gadgets to libc

- The attack needs the 3 gadgets otherwise will fail
- Applications must be recompiled
- We have implemented a path to move Gadget 2 to libc

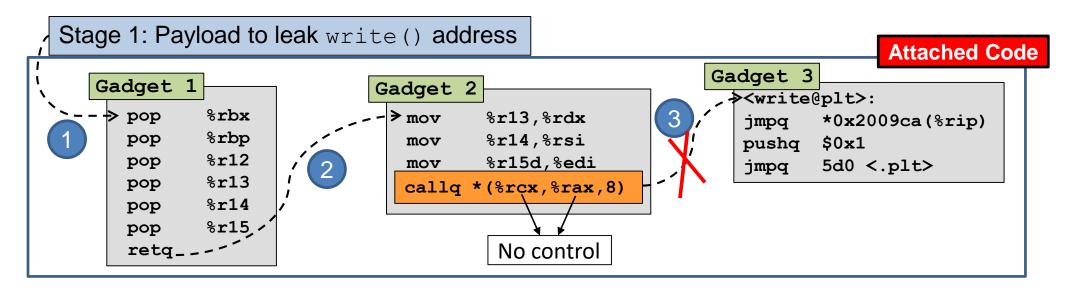


Without Gadget 2 the Stage 1 ROP-chain will fail



Mitigation 2: Update glibc to remove the gadget

- Manipulate the source code affecting some gadgets
- Updating Gadget 2 to use different register in the call
- We have patched libc to replace callq *(%r12,%rbx,8) by callq *(%rcx,%rax,8)



Without the control of the callq the Stage 1 ROP-chain will fail



Mitigation 3: Patching the ELF

- If we don't have the source code we can patch the ELF to remove gadets
- This mitigation can be applied to all already installed executables

Two flavors:

- 1. Overwrite with zeros libc_csu_init() right before main()
 - Not clean approach: need to deal with page protections,
 - The added code could be abused by attackers like libc csu init()
- 2. Patch the ELF to replace bad opcodes by ones without the gadget
 - We created r2csu-patch: A small C program to replace bad opcodes
 - The resulting ELF is 100% compatible and introduces minor changes



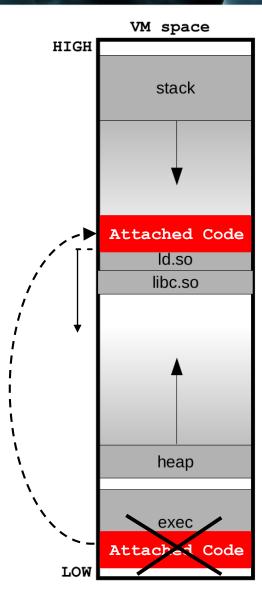


The definitive solution is to move all code to libc

- This will stop the return-to-csu attack
- All executable code would be user-controllable
 - Compiler protections: SSP, FORTIFY, etc.

This solution is hardly applicable in real life

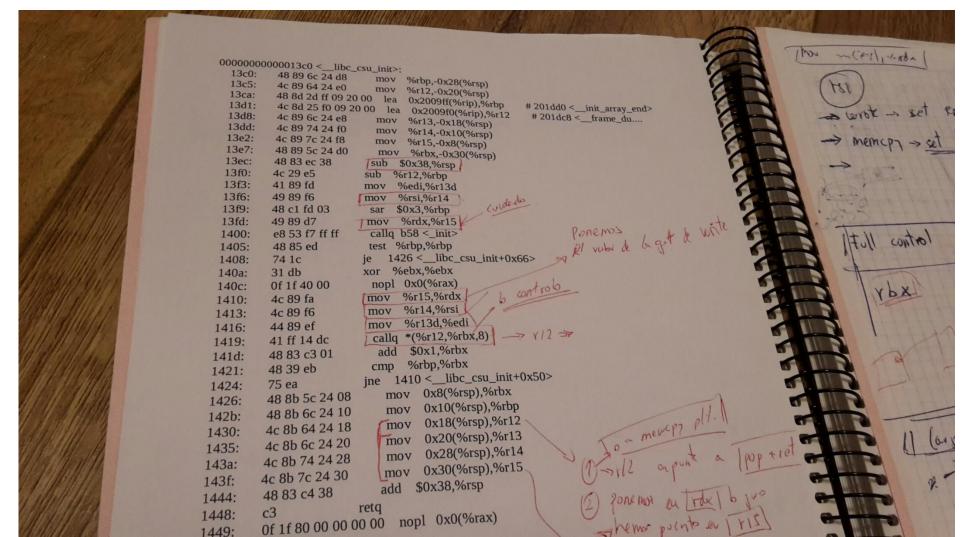
- Backward compatibility: Executables with the attached code will execute it twice (libc and executable). New libc call to avoid this.
- All sections can not be moved: .plt .got
 - Relative calls can't jump to locations very far from it
 - Global variables from shared libraries (R 386 GLOB DAT)







How did we find it?





6. Conclusions and Black Hat Sound Bytes

- return-to-csu is a method to automate the construction of exploits.
- To go beyond automatic tools: Manual inspection for rare gadget detection
 - We showed why we can't trust these tools. The hid the best gadget.
- We presented the μROP idea to leak arbitrary memory content by abusing of minimal code always present.
- The "attached code" invalidates other security techniques:
 - Instruction-set randomization; the executable contains code not randomized
 - Security options from compiler: SSP, FORTIFY, etc.
- We have presented some workarounds to prevent abuse of these gadgets
- The ideal solution would be to move the "attached code" to libc
 - The executable should contain only the code generated by application





Thank you for your time Questions?



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