

r2frida

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r2frida is a way to integrate r2 and Frida

what's Frida

- open source <http://frida.re>
- created by [@oleavr](#), it has a nice growing community
- injects a thread in the target application
- from there it spawns a **js engine** in the app
- and an "**agent**" to communicate back and forth with your tool
- the target app may be on a remote device or on the host

what's Frida (2)

- through the agent you can:
 - read / write process memory
 - access imports, exports and debug symbols
 - call / implement native functions
 - Interceptor: place probes (at function or instruction level)
 - manipulate ObjC / Java runtime
 - Stalker: dynamic recompile with transformation
 - all of the above scriptable in JS
- you can **build tools on top** of Frida
- bindings in many languages

what's Frida (3)

- works on all major platforms
 - Windows
 - Linux
 - mac/iOS
 - Android
 - QNX
- on these architectures
 - arm / arm64
 - ia32 / x64
 - mips

r2frida

- **io plugin** based on frida
- source at <https://github.com/nowsecure/r2frida>
- "opens" the memory of a process on host or mobile devices (can spawn it too)
- **"debuggerless"** debugging
- has commands which integrate Frida features in r2

```
[0x00000000]> \?
r2frida commands available via =!
?                               Show this help
?v                               Show target Frida version
/[x][j] <string|hexpairs>       Search hex/string pattern in memory ranges (see search.in=?)
/*[j] string                     Search wide string
/v[1248][j] value               Search for a value honoring `e cfg.bigendian` of given width
i                               Show target information
il[*]                            List imports
ll                               List libraries
isa[*] <lib>                    List exports/entrypoints of lib
isa[*] (<lib>) <sym>             Show address of symbol
ic <class>                       List Objective-C classes or methods of <class>
ip <protocol>                   List Objective-C protocols or methods of <protocol>
fd[*] <address>                 Inverse symbol resolution
dd[-][fd] ([newfd])             List, dup2 or close filedescriptors
dm[-][j]*                       Show memory regions
dma <size>                      Allocate <size> bytes on the heap, address is returned
dmas <string>                   Allocate a string initied with <string> on the heap
dmad <addr> <size>               Allocate <size> bytes on the heap, copy contents from <addr>
dmal                             List live heap allocations created with dma[s]
dma- (<addr>...)                Kill the allocations at <addr> (or all of them without param)
dmp <addr> <size> <perms>       Change page at <address> with <size>, protection <perms> (rwx)
dp                               Show current pid
dpt                             Show threads
dr                               Show thread registers (see dpt)
env [k[=v]]                     Get/set environment variable
dl libname                      Dlopen a library
dl2 libname [main]              Inject library using Frida's >= 8.2 new API
dt <addr> ..                     Trace list of addresses
dt-                             Clear all tracing
dtr <addr> (<regs>...)           Trace register values
dtf <addr> [fmt]                 Trace address with format (~ix20) (see dtf?)
dts[*][j] [sym|addr]            Trace address or symbol using the stalker (Frida >= 10.3.13)
dts[*][j] seconds               Trace all threads for given seconds using the stalker
di[0,1,-1] [addr]               Intercept and replace return value of address
dx [hexpairs]                   Inject code and execute it (TODO)
dxc [sym|addr] [args...]         Call the target symbol with given args
. script                         Run script
<space> code..                  Evaluate C/C++ code
eval code..                      Evaluate Javascript code in agent side
dc                               Continue
```

install

- using r2pm
 - `r2pm -i r2frida`
- from git
 - `git clone https://github.com/nowsecure/r2frida.git`
 - `cd r2frida`
 - `make && make install`
- check installation

```
$ r2 -L | grep frida
rw_  frida      frida:// io plugin (MIT)
```

start it up

- **attach to a running process**
 - on the host
 - r2 frida://Twitter
 - r2 frida://<pid>
 - on a device
 - r2 frida://<device_id>/Twitter
 - r2 frida://<device_id>/<pid>
- **spawn a process**
 - on the host
 - r2 frida:///usr/bin/lscat
 - r2 "frida:///usr/bin/lscat -al"
 - on a device
 - r2 frida://<device_id>//your.package.name

spawn a process

- spawn in suspended state
- must be resumed with **\dc**

```
$ r2 "frida:///bin/ls /"  
[0x00000000]> \dtf malloc i  
true  
[0x00000000]> \dc  
[0x00000000]> malloc 3312 = 0x7fadd4020800  
malloc 4096 = 0x7fadd400d800  
malloc 231 = 0x7fadd3c19070  
malloc 32768 = 0x7fadd403dc00  
malloc 16384 = 0x7fadd600a200  
[0x00000000]>
```


inspection commands

...but let's do a demo first

i[*]

- show information about the process
- **.\i*** sets the correct arch, bits and endianness to get a proper disassembly in r2

```
[0x18eab4ffc]> \i~arch
arch      arm
[0x18eab4ffc]> pd 5
    < 0x18eab4ffc      e923bb6df8      jmp 0x187190b24
      0x18eab5001      5f          pop rdi
      0x18eab5002      01a9f65702a9  add dword [rcx - 0x56fda80a], ebp
      0x18eab5008      f4          hlt
      0x18eab5009      4f03a9fd7b04. add r13, qword [r9 - 0x56fb8403]
[0x18eab4ffc]> .\i*
[0x18eab4ffc]> pd 5
      0x18eab4ffc      e923bb6d      stp d9, d8, [sp, -0x50]!
      0x18eab5000      f85f01a9      stp x24, x23, [sp, 0x10]
      0x18eab5004      f65702a9      stp x22, x21, [sp, 0x20]
      0x18eab5008      f44f03a9      stp x20, x19, [sp, 0x30]
      0x18eab500c      fd7b04a9      stp x29, x30, [sp, 0x40]
```

il

- list libs, in order of linking
- get module names to use in other commands
- **il.** where am i?

```
[0x00000000]> \il
0x00000000107f70000 Twitter
0x00007fffa5aeb000 libxml2.2.dylib
0x00007fffa5c05000 libz.1.dylib
0x00007fffa4e52000 libicucore.A.dylib
0x000000001084b4000 Growl
0x00007fff8ff64000 Cocoa
0x00007fff9609f000 QuartzCore
0x00007fffa589a000 libsqlite3.dylib
0x00007fff96806000 Security
0x00007fff8faac000 Carbon
0x00007fff988c7000 WebKit
0x00007fff9125b000 CoreLocation
0x00007fff91f72000 Foundation
0x00007fffa5406000 libobjc.A.dylib
0x00007fffa4757000 libSystem.B.dylib
```

```
[...]
```

ii[*]

- without arguments show all imports of all modules
- with one argument you can specify the module
- with two arguments you'll get the specific symbol imported by the given module, if present
- **.Iii*** sets flags

```
[0x18eab4ffc]> \ii libsystem_c.dylib
0x1990f4b74 f dyld_stub_binder /usr/lib/system/libdyld.dylib
0x19fb820e8 v _os_alloc_once_table /usr/lib/system/libsystem_kernel.dylib
0x19fb82098 v bootstrap_port /usr/lib/system/libsystem_kernel.dylib
0x19fb8209c v mach_task_self_ /usr/lib/system/libsystem_kernel.dylib
0x199240178 f free /usr/lib/system/libsystem_malloc.dylib
0x1992d5908 f _sigtramp /usr/lib/system/libsystem_platform.dylib
0x19fb800fc v __unix_conforming /usr/lib/system/libsystem_pthread.dylib
0x19fb85618 v _NSConcreteGlobalBlock /usr/lib/system/libsystem_blocks.dylib
0x19fb85218 v _NSConcreteStackBlock /usr/lib/system/libsystem_blocks.dylib
0x1990f557c f dladdr /usr/lib/system/libdyld.dylib
0x1990f5664 f dlopen /usr/lib/system/libdyld.dylib
0x1990f572c f dlsym /usr/lib/system/libdyld.dylib
[...]
```



```
[0x18eab4ffc]> \ii* libsystem_c.dylib dlopen
f sym.imp.dlopen = 0x1990f5664
```

is[*j] <lib>

- use **.\is*** to import all exported symbols of a library as flags

```
[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> pd 3
0x7fffa5e2fa34      b805000002      mov eax, 0x2000005
0x7fffa5e2fa39      4989ca          mov r10, rcx
0x7fffa5e2fa3c      0f05            syscall
[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> .\is* libsystem_kernel.dylib
[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> pd 3
      ;-- sym.fun.__open:
      ;-- sym.fun.open:
0x7fffa5e2fa34      b805000002      mov eax, 0x2000005
0x7fffa5e2fa39      4989ca          mov r10, rcx
0x7fffa5e2fa3c      0f05            syscall
```

isa[*j] (<lib>) <sym>

- show the address of an exported symbol
- if exported multiple times with different addresses, all of them are shown

```
[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> \isa open
0x7fffa5e2fa34
0x110120c20

[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> \isaj open~{}
[
  {
    "library": "Twitter",
    "name": "open",
    "address": "0x7fffa5e2fa34"
  },
  {
    "library": "dyld",
    "name": "open",
    "address": "0x110120c20"
  }
]

[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> \isaj libsystem_kernel.dylib open~{}
[
  {
    "library": "libsystem_kernel.dylib",
    "name": "open",
    "address": "0x7fffa5e2fa34"
  }
]
```

ic <class>

- inspect ObjC / Java classes
- if <class> is specified, it'll show all methods of that class
- without <class> it'll show all loaded class names

```
[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> \ic~AppDelegate  
Tweetie2AppDelegate
```

```
[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> \ic Tweetie2AppDelegate~Did  
0x0000000107f7572a - settingsScribeTimerDidFire:  
0x0000000107f76300 - screenDidChange:  
0x0000000107f77546 - colorPreferencesDidChange:  
0x0000000107f75612 - userStreamDidClose:  
0x0000000107f77540 - appearancePreferencesDidChange:  
0x0000000107f775f2 - fontPreferencesDidChange:  
0x0000000107f77680 - mentionsPreferencesDidChange:  
0x0000000107f75f72 - applicationDidFinishLaunching:
```

```
[0x7fffa5e2fa34]> \ic* Tweetie2AppDelegate~DidFire  
f sym.objc.Tweetie2AppDelegate.settingsScribeTimerDidFire = 0x0000000107f7572a
```

ip <protocol>

- list ObjC protocols, or methods of a protocol

```
[0x00000000]> \ip~Twit
TwitterAuthenticated
TwitterStreamErrorObject
TwitterScribableItem
TwitterAccountDelegate
TwitterFoundMediaProtocol
[0x00000000]> \ip TwitterAuthenticated
- account
```


fd[*j] <address>

- resolve a symbol given its address
- may be slow

```
[0x00000000]> \fd 0x7fffa5e2fa34  
function __open 0x7fffa5e2fa34  
function open 0x7fffa5e2fa34  
function __open 0x7fffa5e2fa34  
function open 0x7fffa5e2fa34
```

search

```
/[x][j] <string|hexpairs> Search hex/string pattern  
/w[j] string Search wide string  
/v[1248][j] value Search for a value
```

- results are displayed in a familiar way
- obey r2's e~search configuration (flags, limits, ...)
- can be controlled by r2frida-specific eval options

```
[0x00000000]> \e~search  
e search.in=perm:r--  
e search.quiet=false  
[0x00000000]> \e search.in=?  
Specify which memory ranges to search in, possible values:  
  
perm:--- filter by permissions (default: 'perm:r--')  
current search the range containing current offset  
path:pattern search ranges mapping paths containing 'pattern'
```

debugging commands

dm[. |j]

- **dm** show memory maps
- **dm.** show the map containing the current offset

```
[0x00000000]> \dm~Twitter~rw
0x000000010838f000 - 0x0000000108481000 rw- /Applications/Twitter.app/Contents
/MacOS/Twitter
0x0000000108511000 - 0x0000000108523000 rw- /Applications/Twitter.app/Contents
/Frameworks/Growl.framework/Versions/A/Growl
```

dmp <addr> <size> <perms>

- change page permissions

```
[0x00000000]> \dm~Twitter~rw
0x0000000010838f000 - 0x00000000108481000 rw- /Applications/Twitter.app/Contents
/MacOS/Twitter
0x00000000108511000 - 0x00000000108523000 rw- /Applications/Twitter.app/Contents
/Frameworks/Growl.framework/Versions/A/Growl

[0x00000000]> ?v 0x0000000010d027000 - 0x0000000010cf35000
0xf2000

[0x00000000]> \dmp 0x0000000010cf35000 0xf2000 r-x
true

[0x00000000]> \dm~Twitter~0x0000000010cf35000 -
0x0000000010cf35000 - 0x0000000010d027000 r-x /Applications/Twitter.app/Contents
/MacOS/Twitter

[0x00000000]>
```

hijack

- **di[0,1,-1] [addr]** replace return value of function
- **e patch.code** set to true to pseudosign writes

```
[0x00000000]> \ic LicenseManager~isRegistered  
0x00000000107f7572a - isRegistered
```

```
[0x00000000]> \di1 0x00000000107f7572a
```

```
[0x00000000]> \e patch.code=true
```

```
[0x00000000]> wx 90909090 @ 0x1076ae6ce
```

use heap

- **dma** <size> allocate <size> bytes
- **dmass** <string> allocate a string
- **dmad** <addr> <size> duplicate <size> bytes from <addr>
- **dmal** list allocations created with dma[s]
- **dma-** (<addr>...) deallocate at <addr> (or all)

```
[0x00000000]> \dmass filename.txt
0x128ec2a20
[0x00000000]> \dma 8
0x128ebde40
[0x00000000]> \dmal
0x128ebde40      " C( ("
0x128ec2a20      "filename.txt S@ (@,("
[0x00000000]> \e patch.code=false
[0x00000000]> wv8 0x15eedeadbabebef @ 0x128ebde40
[0x00000000]> pxq 8 @ 0x128ebde40
0x128ebde40 0x15eedeadbabebef
[0x00000000]> \dma- 0x128ebde40 0x128ec2a20
.....
```

threads & process

- **dp** show PID
- **dpt** show thread ids
- **dr** show thread registers

```
[0x00000000]> \dp
27116
[0x00000000]> \dptj
[775,41219,44551,55555,48667,48963,29495,
72755,7991]
[0x00000000]> \drj~{[1].id}
41219
[0x00000000]> \drj~{[1].context[rsp]}
0x114677dc8
[0x00000000]> pxq 64 @ ` \drj~{[1].context[rsp]}`
0x114677dc8 0x00007fffa5e27797 0x0000000000000000 .w.....
0x114677dd8 0x0000000600000006 0x0000000000000005c ..... \.....
0x114677de8 0x000000010fb16000 0x000000010d5bd99f .`.....[.....
0x114677df8 0x00000001146bf140 0x000000001d0008ff @.k.....
```


env

- manipulate environment

```
[0x00000000]> \env
__CF_USER_TEXT_ENCODING=0x1F5:0x0:0x0
SHELL=/bin/bash
PATH=/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin
LOGNAME=ftamagni
XPC_SERVICE_NAME=com.twitter.twitter-mac.44188
USER=ftamagni
XPC_FLAGS=0x0
APP_SANDBOX_CONTAINER_ID=com.twitter.twitter-mac
[...]
```

```
[0x00000000]> \env APP_SANDBOX_CONTAINER_ID
APP_SANDBOX_CONTAINER_ID=com.twitter.twitter-mac
```

```
[0x00000000]> \env APP_SANDBOX_CONTAINER_ID=nope
APP_SANDBOX_CONTAINER_ID=nope
```

```
[0x00000000]> \env NEWVAR=true
NEWVAR=true
```

library injection

- **dl <libpath>** open a library using dlopen
- **dl2 <libpath> [<main>]** open a library using Frida

```
[0x00000000]> \dl /usr/lib/libr_core.dylib
0x105679b00
```

```
[0x00000000]> \dxr r_core_new
"0x10c160000"
```

```
[0x00000000]> \dmas ?E i am inside
0x10ac90010
```

```
[0x00000000]> \dxc r_core_cmd_str 0x10c160000 0x10ac90010
"0x170134dc0"
```

```
[0x00000000]> ps @ 0x170134dc0
```

```

0 0 < i am inside

```

dxc [sym | addr] [args..]

- **call a function** by symbol name or address, passing the given arguments

```
[0x00000000]> \dmas /bin/ls  
0x12b837110
```

```
[0x00000000]> \dma 4096  
0x107c44000
```

```
[0x00000000]> \dxc stat 0x12b837110 0x107c44000  
"0x0"
```

```
[0x00000000]> pf.stat iN4wN4N4 st_dev st_ino st_mode st_uid st_gid
```

```
[0x00000000]> pf.stat @ 0x107c44000  
  st_dev : 0x107c44000 = 16777220  
  st_ino : 0x107c44004 = 23969031  
st_mode : 0x107c44008 = 0x81ed  
  st_uid : 0x107c4400a = 1  
  st_gid : 0x107c4400e = 0
```

dd[-] [fd] ([newfd])

- list, dup2 or close filedescriptors
- useful to get STDIN from a file or write STDOUT to a file

```
$ r2 "frida:///bin/ls /"  
[0x00000000]> \dmas output.txt  
0x101db2510  
[0x00000000]> \dxc open 0x101db2510 0x202  
"0xb"  
[0x00000000]> \dd 0xb 1  
1  
[0x00000000]> \resume
```

non-blocking trace

- **dt** <addr> .. trace list of addresses (backtrace)
- **dtr** <addr> (<regs>...) trace register values
- **dtf** <addr> [fmt] trace function and format params
- **dt-** clear all tracing

```
[0x00000000]> \dtf objc_msgSend xz
true
[0x00000000]> objc_msgSend 0x60800005afd0,"count" = 0x2
objc_msgSend 0x60800005afd0,"objectAtIndex:" = 0x61000013c3e0
objc_msgSend 0x60800005afd0,"objectAtIndex:" = 0x61800013f040
objc_msgSend 0x7ffffab5a3c58,"self" = 0x7ffffab5a3c58
objc_msgSend 0x7ffffab5a3cd0,"self" = 0x7ffffab5a3cd0
objc_msgSend 0x7ffffab5a3cf8,"mutablePlaceholder" = 0x6000000138a0
objc_msgSend 0x7ffffab5a3cd0,"allocWithZone:" = 0x6000000138a0
```

breakpoints

- **db** <addr> | <symbol> place a "breakpoint"
- **db-** <addr> | * remove breakpoints
- **dc** continue breakpoints or resume a spawned process

```
[0x00000000]> \db exit
{
  "0x7fffa5d9647b": {
    "name": "exit",
    "stopped": false,
    "address": "0x7fffa5d9647b",
    "continue": false,
    "handler": {}
  }
}
[0x00000000]> \eval breakpoints~{0x7fffa5d9647b.stopped}
false
[0x00000000]> \dc
resumed spawned process.
[0x00000000]> \eval breakpoints~{0x7fffa5d9647b.stopped}
true
[0x00000000]> \dc
Continue 1 thread(s).
[0x00000000]>
```

stalker trace

- **dtSf[*j] [sym | addr]** trace function using the stalker
- **dtS[*j] seconds** trace all threads for given seconds
- these commands are blocking
- they're guaranteed to finish
- specific r2frida eval configuration variables

stalker config

```
[0x00000000]> \e~stalker
```

```
e stalker.timeout=300
```

```
e stalker.event=compile
```

```
e stalker.in=raw
```

```
[0x00000000]> \e stalker.event=?
```

Specify the event to use when stalking, possible values:

call	trace calls
ret	trace returns
exec	trace every instruction
block	trace each basic block execution
compile	trace basic blocks once

```
[0x00000000]> \e stalker.in=?
```

Restrict stalker results based on where the event has originated:

raw	stalk everywhere (the default)
app	stalk only in the app module
modules	stalk in app module and libs

stalker demo

extending r2frida

run frida code

- **eval** <code> run inline js in the agent
- **[space]** <code> run inline Cypcript-style code (via [mjolner](#))
- run js script . **path/to/script.js**

```
[0x00000000]> \eval new ApiResolver('objc').enumerateMatchesSync('*[* *password*]')~{[0]}  
{ "name": "[TFNTwitterAccount passwordResetURLStringForUsername:]", "address": "0x101175d80" }
```

```
[0x00000000]> \ [[[UIApplication sharedApplication] windows][0] rootViewController]  
# "<TFNScreenBoundsLockedContainerViewController: 0x1058426d0>"
```

plugins

- js files (es5 syntax, for now), run in Frida agent
- register themselves as plugins
- access to all Frida features
- each command returns a string

```
'use strict';

r2frida.pluginRegister('resolver', function (commandName) {
  if (commandName === 'reso') {
    return function (args) {
      var query = args.join(' ');
      return new ApiResolver('objc').enumerateMatchesSync(query)
        .map(function (match) {
          return match.address + '\t' + match.name;
        })
        .join('\n');
    }
  }
});
```

plugins

- load them using **\. path/to/plugin.js** just like a generic frida script
- then use the provided commands directly
- unload with **\.-name**, list with **\.** without args

```
$ r2 frida://Twitter
[0x00000000]> \. resolver.js
true
[0x00000000]> \res0 *[* sharedTwitter]
0x108018e6b      +[Twitter sharedTwitter]
[0x00000000]> \.
resolver
[0x00000000]> \.-resolver
true
[0x00000000]>
```

questions?