

## In-class practice 4

● Graded

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Total Points

100 / 100 pts

Question 1

Practice 4

100 / 100 pts

- ✓ + 10 pts Run the program WITHOUT using gdb and screenshot the execution results
- ✓ + 10 pts Start the program using gdb (it will not run the program; instead, it will wait for your command)
- ✓ + 10 pts Set up a breakpoint at the "main" function and then run the program; When the execution hits "main" function, take a screenshot
- ✓ + 10 pts Disassemble the "main" function and take a screenshot
- ✓ + 10 pts Execute "main" function in single-statement mode (i.e., run the main function statement by statement) until it returns (it should return at line 20 of the source code file); Take a screenshot right before it going to return
- ✓ + 10 pts When you complete steps 2-6, you will see the execution in gdb has a different result from the execution without gdb. Specifically, when you run the program without gdb, the execution will return at line 27. However, if you run the program with gdb, it will return line 20.  
  
In this step, you are required to repeat steps 2-4. At step 4, you are required to set up a breakpoint at the entry address of the "child" function (please set up the breakpoint at the address of "child", instead of using the name "child"; you can disassemble the "main" function to learn about the address of the "child" function)
- ✓ + 10 pts After step 7, you need to somehow make the execution to take the false branch of the conditional statement at line 17, so that the execution will go to the "child" function instead of return at line 20. THIS IS THE MOST CHALLENGING PART IN THIS PRACTICE -:) You are encouraged to do some research together with your classmates to figure this part out. In this step, you are not allowed to change the source code of the program and recompile the program. When you hit the "child" function, take a screenshot
- ✓ + 10 pts When the execution hits the "child" function, you need to print the stack trace and take a screenshot (+10 points); you are also required to print the stack frame of the "child" function and take a screenshot
- ✓ + 10 pts When the execution hits the "child" function, you are required to execute the function in single-instruction mode (i.e., executing the function instruction by instruction) until it tries to call the "rand" function. Take a screenshot when it tries to call the "rand" function
- ✓ + 10 pts Before you return from the "child" function, you need to print the value in the variable named "secret" and take a screenshot

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## CS 4440: Practice 4

### Step 1:

- I downloaded and compiled the program.

```
[u1226472@lab2-5 cs4440practice4]$ gcc -g -O0 malware.c -o malware
```

### Step 2:

- I ran the malware executable without using gdb and got the following result:

```
[u1226472@lab2-5 cs4440practice4]$ ./malware
hey, you passed the challenge
[u1226472@lab2-5 cs4440practice4]$
```

### Step 3:

- I started the program using gdb.

```
[u1226472@lab2-5 cs4440practice4]$ gdb ./malware
GNU gdb (GDB) 9.1
Copyright (C) 2020 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
Type "show copying" and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.

For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
--Type <RET> for more, q to quit, c to continue without paging--
Reading symbols from ./malware...
(gdb)
```

### Step 4:

- I set up a breakpoint at the "main" function and ran the program. It stopped at line 17 at main where I went up the breakpoint as expected.

```
(gdb) break main
Breakpoint 1 at 0x400649: file malware.c, line 17.
(gdb) run
Starting program: /home/u1226472/Desktop/cs4440practice4/malware

Breakpoint 1, main (argc=1, argv=0x7fffffffdb8) at malware.c:17
17      if (ptrace(PTRACE_TRACEME, 0, 1, 0) == -1)
(gdb)
```

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Step 5:

- I disassembled the "main" function with the command *disassem main* and got the following:

```
(gdb) disassem main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
   0x000000000040063a <+0>:    push    %rbp
   0x000000000040063b <+1>:    mov     %rsp,%rbp
   0x000000000040063e <+4>:    sub     $0x10,%rsp
   0x0000000000400642 <+8>:    mov     %edi,-0x4(%rbp)
   0x0000000000400645 <+11>:   mov     %rsi,-0x10(%rbp)
=>  0x0000000000400649 <+15>:   mov     $0x0,%ecx
   0x000000000040064e <+20>:   mov     $0x1,%edx
   0x0000000000400653 <+25>:   mov     $0x0,%esi
   0x0000000000400658 <+30>:   mov     $0x0,%edi
   0x000000000040065d <+35>:   mov     $0x0,%eax
   0x0000000000400662 <+40>:   callq   0x400510 <ptrace@plt>
   0x0000000000400667 <+45>:   cmp     $0xffffffffffffffff,%rax
   0x000000000040066b <+49>:   jne     0x40067e <main+68>
   0x000000000040066d <+51>:   mov     $0x400738,%edi
   0x0000000000400672 <+56>:   callq   0x400500 <puts@plt>
   0x0000000000400677 <+61>:   mov     $0x1,%eax
   0x000000000040067c <+66>:   jmp     0x400697 <main+93>
   0x000000000040067e <+68>:   mov     $0x0,%eax
   0x0000000000400683 <+73>:   callq   0x400616 <child>
   0x0000000000400688 <+78>:   mov     $0x400758,%edi
   0x000000000040068d <+83>:   callq   0x400500 <puts@plt>
   0x0000000000400692 <+88>:   mov     $0x0,%eax
   0x0000000000400697 <+93>:   leaveq  %eax
   0x0000000000400698 <+94>:   retq
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) █
```

Step 6:

- I executed the "main" function step by step until it returned on line 20.

```
Breakpoint 1, main (argc=1, argv=0x7fffffffdb8) at malware.c:17
17         if (ptrace(PTRACE_TRACEME, 0, 1, 0) == -1)
(gdb) step
19         printf("hey, please stop debugging me!!\n");
(gdb)
hey, please stop debugging me!!
20         return 1;
```

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Step 7:

- Set up the breakpoint at the address of the child function by finding it from the disassemble main step.

```
(gdb) b * 0x0000000000400683
Breakpoint 3 at 0x400683: file malware.c, line 23.
```

At this point, I stopped using the virtual machine and switched to connecting directly into the cade labs through my terminal on my personal computer. This is why the screenshot quality changes.

Step 8:

- I first got the address of the call to ptrace through the disassemble main step and put a breakpoint there. I then ran the code until it hit said breakpoint at which point I used the command *info registers* to find which register ptrace was being stored at. I then imputed the command *set &rax += 2* to change the ptrace variable, continued, and stopped at the breakpoint at the child function.

```
Breakpoint 1, main (argc=1, argv=0x7fffffff318) at malware.c:17
17      if (ptrace(PTRACE_TRACEME, 0, 1, 0) == -1)
(gdb) disassem main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
   0x000000000040063a <+0>:      push    %rbp
   0x000000000040063b <+1>:      mov     %rsp,%rbp
   0x000000000040063e <+4>:      sub     $0x10,%rsp
   0x0000000000400642 <+8>:      mov     %edi,-0x4(%rbp)
   0x0000000000400645 <+11>:     mov     %rsi,-0x10(%rbp)
=>  0x0000000000400649 <+15>:     mov     $0x0,%ecx
   0x000000000040064e <+20>:     mov     $0x1,%edx
   0x0000000000400653 <+25>:     mov     $0x0,%esi
   0x0000000000400658 <+30>:     mov     $0x0,%edi
   0x000000000040065d <+35>:     mov     $0x0,%eax
   0x0000000000400662 <+40>:     callq   0x400510 <ptrace@plt>
   0x0000000000400667 <+45>:     cmp     $0xffffffffffffffff,%rax
   0x000000000040066b <+49>:     jne     0x40067e <main+68>
   0x000000000040066d <+51>:     mov     $0x400738,%edi
   0x0000000000400672 <+56>:     callq   0x400500 <puts@plt>
   0x0000000000400677 <+61>:     mov     $0x1,%eax
   0x000000000040067c <+66>:     jmp     0x400697 <main+93>
   0x000000000040067e <+68>:     mov     $0x0,%eax
   0x0000000000400683 <+73>:     callq   0x400616 <child>
   0x0000000000400688 <+78>:     mov     $0x400758,%edi
   0x000000000040068d <+83>:     callq   0x400500 <puts@plt>
   0x0000000000400692 <+88>:     mov     $0x0,%eax
   0x0000000000400697 <+93>:     leaveq  %eax
   0x0000000000400698 <+94>:     retq
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) b *0x0000000000400667
Breakpoint 2 at 0x400667: file malware.c, line 17.
(gdb) c
Continuing.
```

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Breakpoint 2, **main** (**argc**=1, **argv**=0x7fffffff318) at **malware.c**:17  
17 if (ptrace(PTRACE\_TRACEME, 0, 1, 0) == -1)

(gdb) disassem main

Dump of assembler code for function main:

```
0x000000000040063a <+0>:    push    %rbp
0x000000000040063b <+1>:    mov     %rsp,%rbp
0x000000000040063e <+4>:    sub     $0x10,%rsp
0x0000000000400642 <+8>:    mov     %edi,-0x4(%rbp)
0x0000000000400645 <+11>:   mov     %rsi,-0x10(%rbp)
0x0000000000400649 <+15>:   mov     $0x0,%ecx
0x000000000040064e <+20>:   mov     $0x1,%edx
0x0000000000400653 <+25>:   mov     $0x0,%esi
0x0000000000400658 <+30>:   mov     $0x0,%edi
0x000000000040065d <+35>:   mov     $0x0,%eax
0x0000000000400662 <+40>:   callq   0x400510 <ptrace@plt>
=> 0x0000000000400667 <+45>:   cmp     $0xffffffffffffffff,%rax
0x000000000040066b <+49>:   jne     0x40067e <main+68>
0x000000000040066d <+51>:   mov     $0x400738,%edi
0x0000000000400672 <+56>:   callq   0x400500 <puts@plt>
0x0000000000400677 <+61>:   mov     $0x1,%eax
0x000000000040067c <+66>:   jmp     0x400697 <main+93>
0x000000000040067e <+68>:   mov     $0x0,%eax
0x0000000000400683 <+73>:   callq   0x400616 <child>
0x0000000000400688 <+78>:   mov     $0x400758,%edi
0x000000000040068d <+83>:   callq   0x400500 <puts@plt>
0x0000000000400692 <+88>:   mov     $0x0,%eax
0x0000000000400697 <+93>:   leaveq
0x0000000000400698 <+94>:   retq
```

End of assembler dump.

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```
(gdb) info registers
rax      0xffffffffffffffff -1
rbx      0x0                0
rcx      0x0                0
rdx      0xffffffffffff80 -128
rsi      0x0                0
rdi      0x0                0
rbp      0x7fffffff230      0x7fffffff230
rsp      0x7fffffff220      0x7fffffff220
r8       0xffffffff        4294967295
r9       0x7ffff7dcbd20    140737351826720
r10      0x0                0
r11      0x286              646
r12      0x400530           4195632
r13      0x7fffffff310      140737488347920
r14      0x0                0
r15      0x0                0
rip      0x400667           0x400667 <main+45>
eflags   0x206              [ PF IF ]
cs       0x33              51
ss       0x2b              43
ds       0x0                0
es       0x0                0
fs       0x0                0
gs       0x0                0
(gdb) set $rax += 2
(gdb) info registers
rax      0x1                1
rbx      0x0                0
rcx      0x0                0
rdx      0xffffffffffff80 -128
rsi      0x0                0
rdi      0x0                0
rbp      0x7fffffff230      0x7fffffff230
rsp      0x7fffffff220      0x7fffffff220
r8       0xffffffff        4294967295
r9       0x7ffff7dcbd20    140737351826720
r10      0x0                0
r11      0x286              646
r12      0x400530           4195632
r13      0x7fffffff310      140737488347920
r14      0x0                0
r15      0x0                0
rip      0x400667           0x400667 <main+45>
eflags   0x206              [ PF IF ]
cs       0x33              51
ss       0x2b              43
ds       0x0                0
es       0x0                0
fs       0x0                0
gs       0x0                0
(gdb) b *0x000000000400683
Breakpoint 3 at 0x400683: file malware.c, line 23.
(gdb) c
Continuing.

Breakpoint 3, 0x000000000400683 in main (argc=1, argv=0x7fffffff318) at malware.c:23
23      child();
(gdb) |
```

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Step 9:

- I printed the stack trace via the command *backtrace child*. I then printed the stack frame via the command *info frame*.

```
child () at malware.c:5
5     int child(){
(gdb) backtrace child
#0  child () at malware.c:5
#1  0x000000000400688 in main (argc=1, argv=0x7fffffff318) at malware.c:23
(gdb) infoframe child
Undefined command: "infoframe". Try "help".
(gdb) info frame
Stack level 0, frame at 0x7fffffff220:
 rip = 0x400616 in child (malware.c:5); saved rip = 0x400688
 called by frame at 0x7fffffff240
 source language c.
 Arglist at 0x7fffffff210, args:
 Locals at 0x7fffffff210, Previous frame's sp is 0x7fffffff220
 Saved registers:
  rip at 0x7fffffff218
(gdb) |
```

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Step 10:

- I stepped through child until it was about to call the "rand" function by continuously checking the current instruction via *disassem child*.

```
Breakpoint 3, 0x0000000000400683 in main (argc=1, argv=0x7fffffff318) at malware.c:23
23  child();
(gdb) si
child () at malware.c:5
5  int child(){
(gdb) disassem child
Dump of assembler code for function child:
=> 0x0000000000400616 <+0>: push    %rbp
0x0000000000400617 <+1>: mov     %rsp, %rbp
0x000000000040061a <+4>: sub     $0x10, %rsp
0x000000000040061e <+8>: callq   0x0000520 <rand@plt>
0x0000000000400623 <+13>: mov     %eax, -0x4(%rbp)
0x0000000000400626 <+16>: callq   0x0000520 <rand@plt>
0x000000000040062b <+21>: mov     %eax, %edx
0x000000000040062d <+23>: mov     -0x4(%rbp), %eax
0x0000000000400630 <+26>: add     %edx, %eax
0x0000000000400632 <+28>: mov     %eax, -0x8(%rbp)
0x0000000000400635 <+31>: mov     -0x8(%rbp), %eax
0x0000000000400638 <+34>: leaveq  %eax
0x0000000000400639 <+35>: retq
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) ni
0x0000000000400617 5  int child(){
(gdb) disassem child
Dump of assembler code for function child:
=> 0x0000000000400616 <+0>: push    %rbp
0x0000000000400617 <+1>: mov     %rsp, %rbp
0x000000000040061a <+4>: sub     $0x10, %rsp
0x000000000040061e <+8>: callq   0x0000520 <rand@plt>
0x0000000000400623 <+13>: mov     %eax, -0x4(%rbp)
0x0000000000400626 <+16>: callq   0x0000520 <rand@plt>
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0x0000000000400630 <+26>: add     %edx, %eax
0x0000000000400632 <+28>: mov     %eax, -0x8(%rbp)
0x0000000000400635 <+31>: mov     -0x8(%rbp), %eax
0x0000000000400638 <+34>: leaveq  %eax
0x0000000000400639 <+35>: retq
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) ni
0x000000000040061a 5  int child(){
(gdb) disassem child
Dump of assembler code for function child:
=> 0x0000000000400616 <+0>: push    %rbp
0x0000000000400617 <+1>: mov     %rsp, %rbp
0x000000000040061a <+4>: sub     $0x10, %rsp
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0x0000000000400638 <+34>: leaveq  %eax
0x0000000000400639 <+35>: retq
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) ni
7  int secret = rand();
(gdb) disassem child
Dump of assembler code for function child:
=> 0x0000000000400616 <+0>: push    %rbp
0x0000000000400617 <+1>: mov     %rsp, %rbp
0x000000000040061a <+4>: sub     $0x10, %rsp
0x000000000040061e <+8>: callq   0x0000520 <rand@plt>
0x0000000000400623 <+13>: mov     %eax, -0x4(%rbp)
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0x0000000000400639 <+35>: retq
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) ni
0x0000000000400623 7  int secret = rand();
(gdb) disassem child
Dump of assembler code for function child:
=> 0x0000000000400616 <+0>: push    %rbp
0x0000000000400617 <+1>: mov     %rsp, %rbp
0x000000000040061a <+4>: sub     $0x10, %rsp
0x000000000040061e <+8>: callq   0x0000520 <rand@plt>
0x0000000000400623 <+13>: mov     %eax, -0x4(%rbp)
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0x0000000000400632 <+28>: mov     %eax, -0x8(%rbp)
0x0000000000400635 <+31>: mov     -0x8(%rbp), %eax
0x0000000000400638 <+34>: leaveq  %eax
0x0000000000400639 <+35>: retq
End of assembler dump.
```

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Step 11:

- I printed the value "secret" right before returning from the "child" function. It was a random number as expected.

```
End of assembler dump.  
(gdb) print secret  
$1 = 32767  
(gdb) ni  
9          int ret = secret + rand();  
(gdb) print secret  
$2 = 1804289383  
(gdb) |
```