

# Forging golden hammer against Android software protection tools

A deep dive inside anti-reverse & universal bypass with Frida

<https://github.com/frenchyeti/unrasp>

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# Who am I ?



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Dexcalibur, Interruptor, ...

# Summary

- 1. Intro**
- 2. Reverse & bypass of security checks**
- 3. Improve hooks loading**
- 4. Conclusion**

# Why this talk ?

- 1/ Android Protection tool editors do not offer public security reward program
- 2/ Assessment of protections is mandatory to obtain some certification
- 3/ We tried to contact them but they did not answer

# Before to continue..

**Notice :** Most of the reverse engineering tasks have been done during security assessment of protected apps while a strict certification process

Runtime Application Security Protection editors implement a lot of heuristics and improve it continuously, so some tricks will be probably out dated in the future.

# 1/ Intro

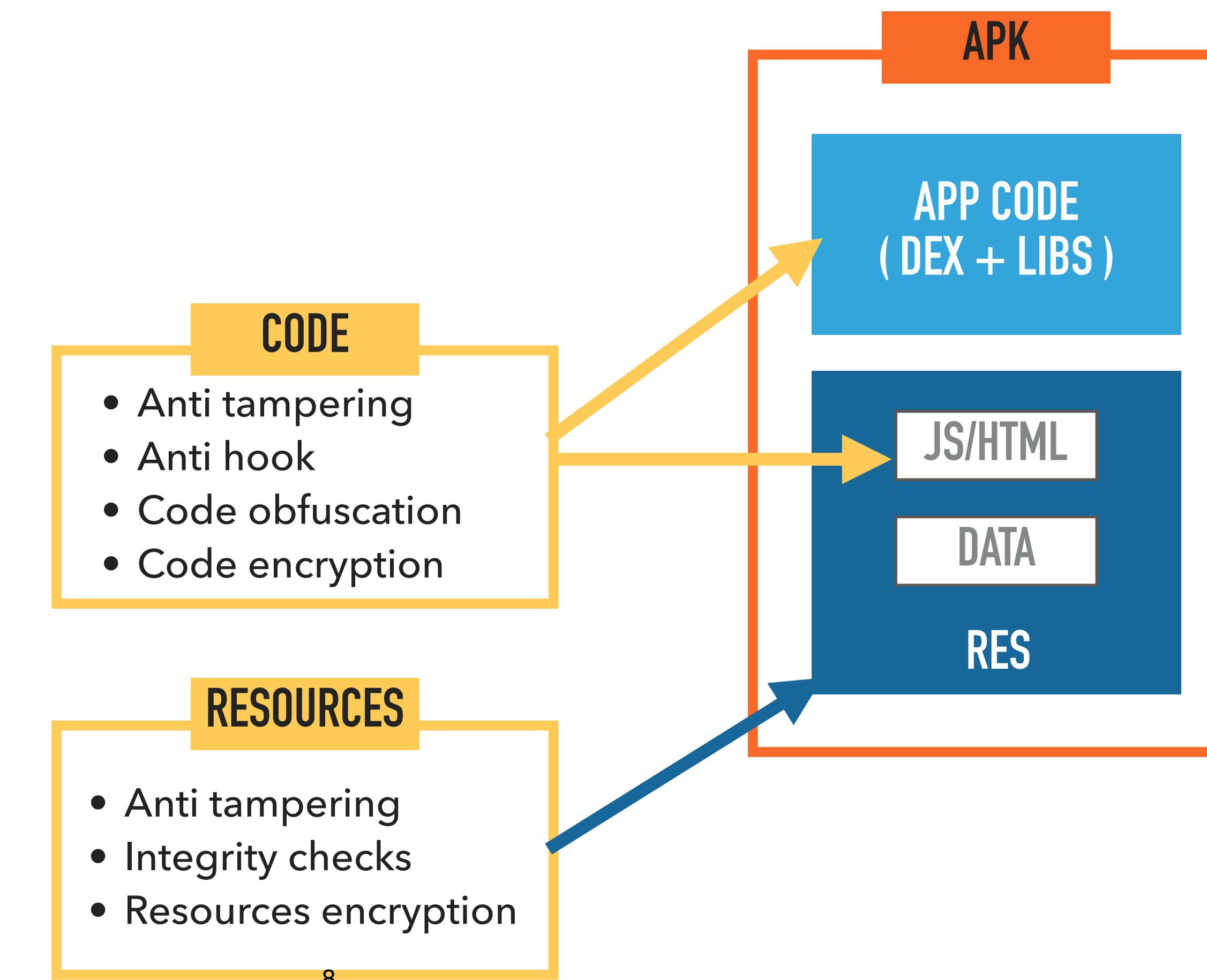
**SPT = Software Protection Tools**

**RASP = Runtime Application Security Protection**

**SVC = SuperVisor Call = sys call interrupts for arm64**

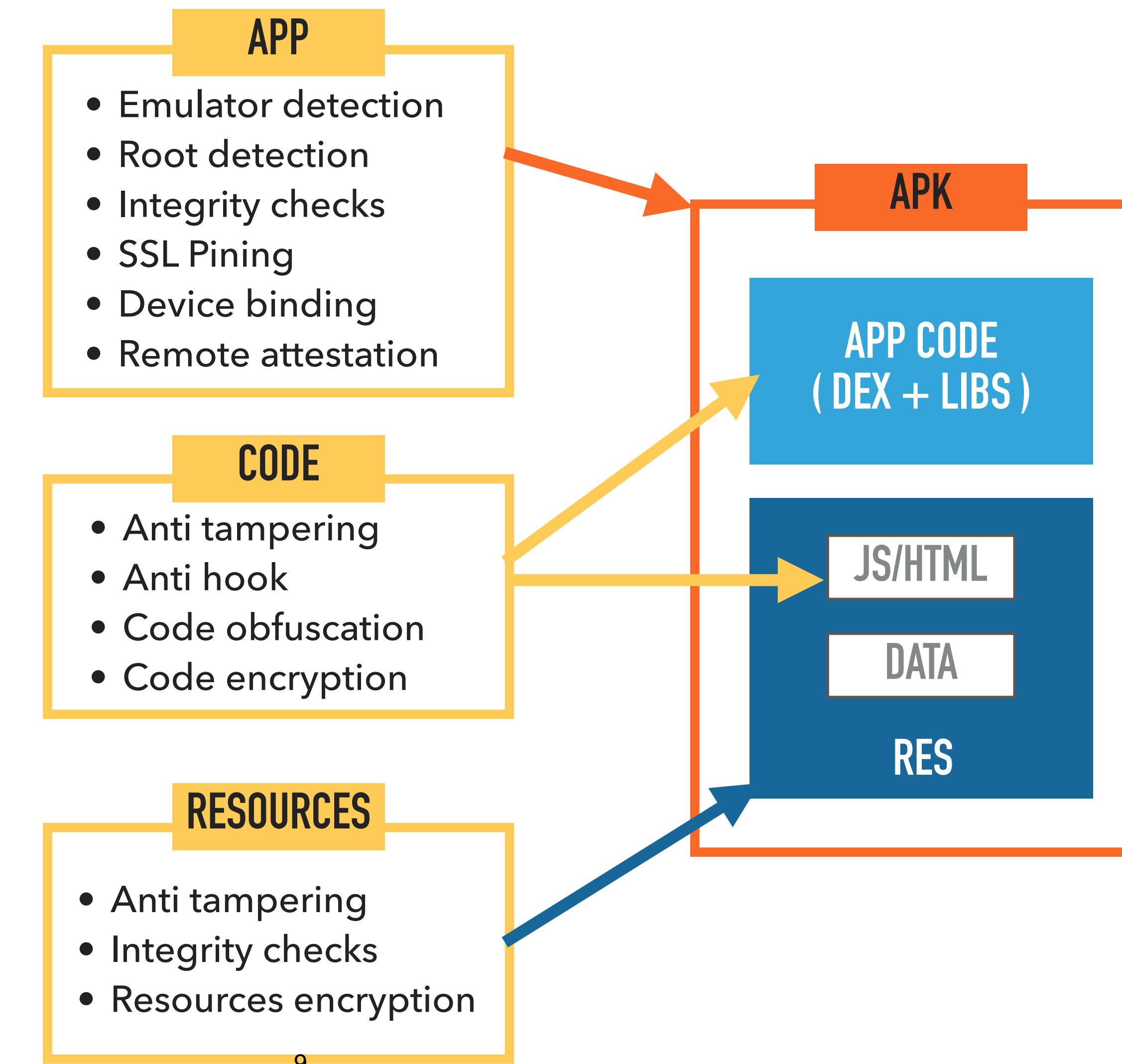
# What is a software protection tool ?

## Protections layers



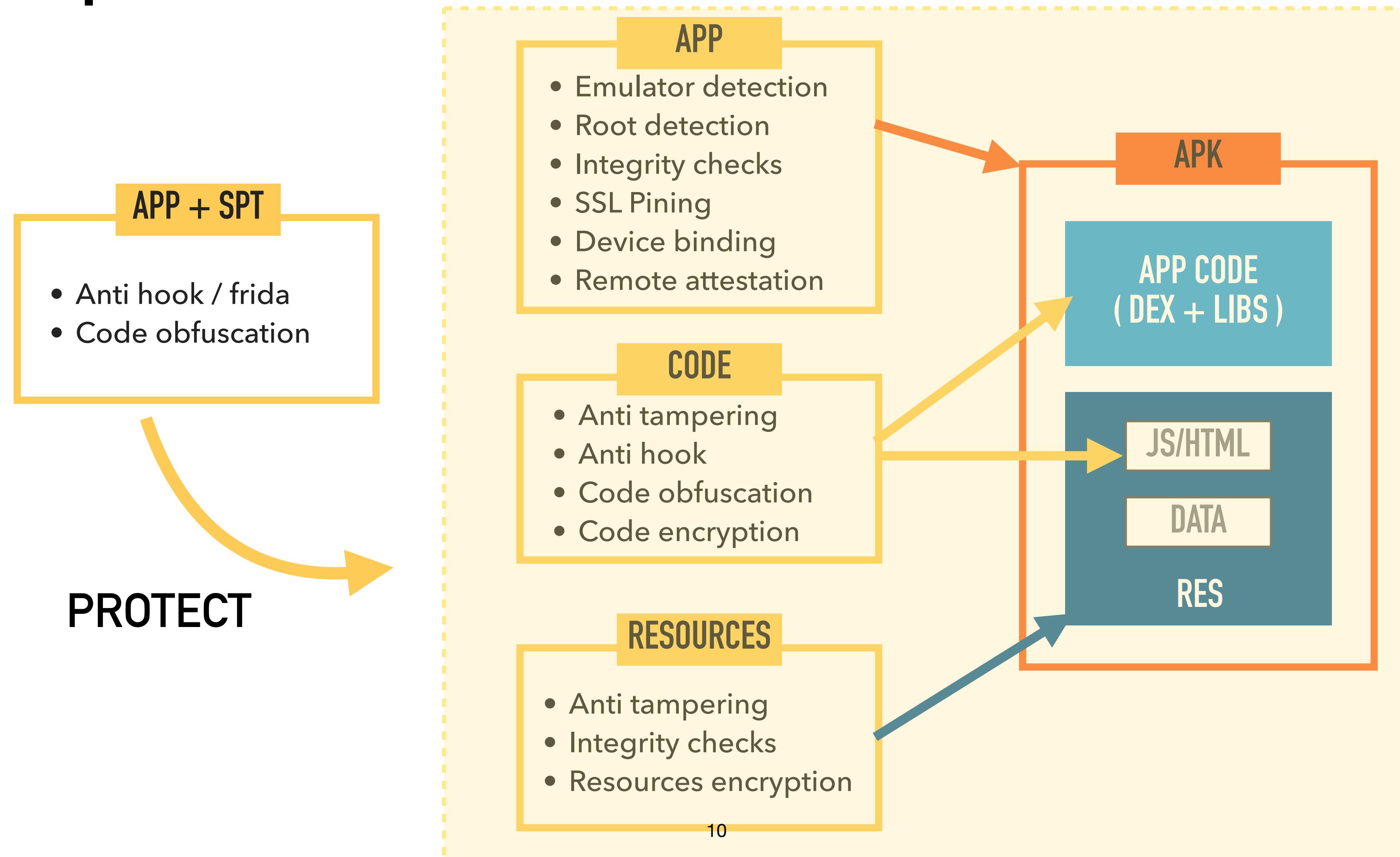
# What is a software protection tool ?

## Protections layers



# What is a software protection tool ?

## Top level protections



# To resume ...

## Security functions to bypass during tests

- **Code**

- Java string/classes encryption
- Anti-debug (gdb)
- Code encryption
- Code obfuscation
- Cross-references hiding
- Anti-emulator / anti-code lifting
- Whitebox crypto
- Code virtualization

- **Content**

- Assets encryptions

- **Environment**

- Hook detection
- Root / Jailbreak detection
- Custom ROM detection
- Emulator detection
- Debug detection

- **Network**

- SSL Pinning
- Rogue-certificate detection
- Network Security monitoring

- **Integrity**

- Standalone APK integrity checks
- Certificate checks
- Anti-tampering of control flow

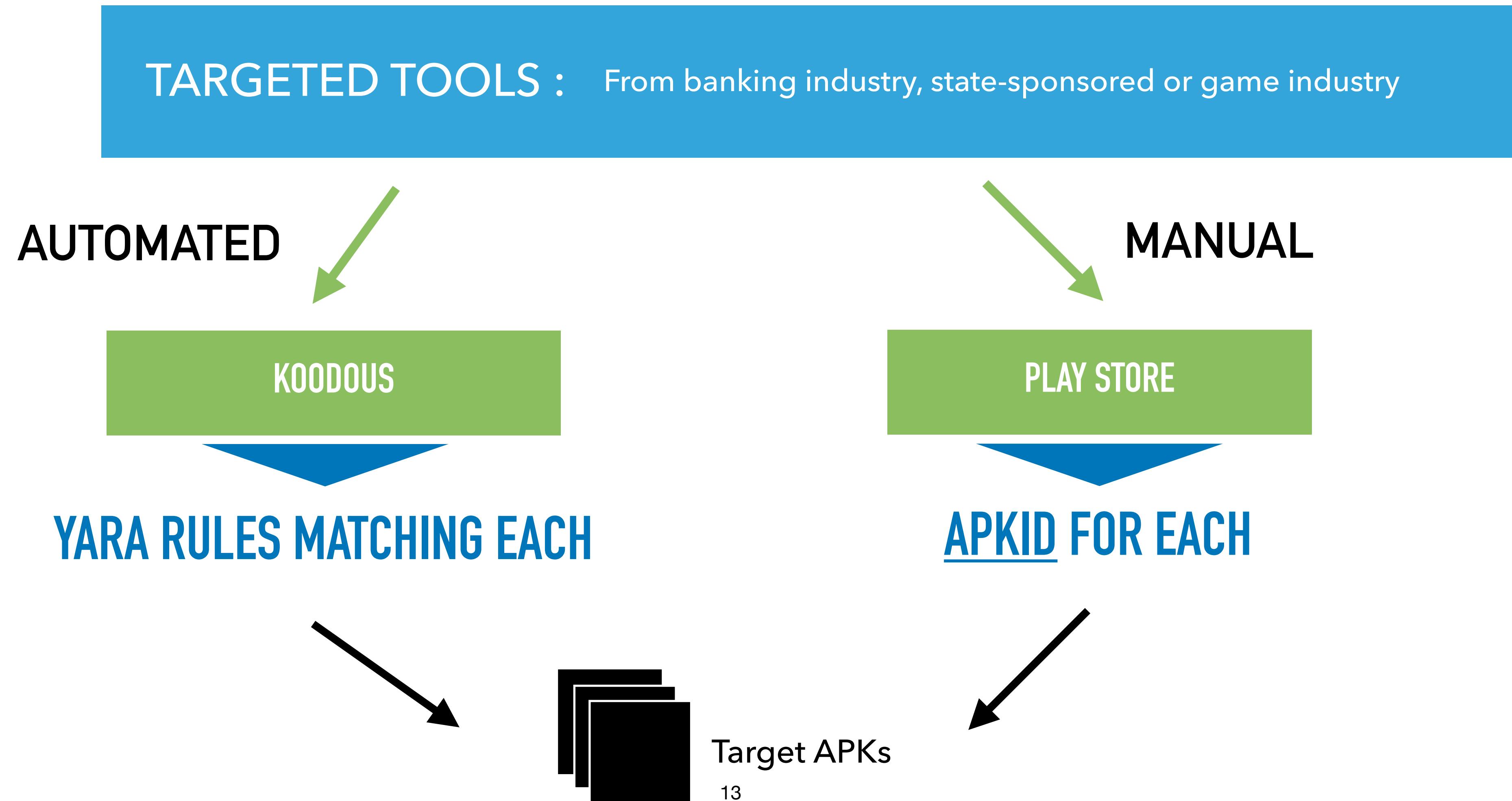
- **Runtime**

- Periodic + on-the-fly environment checks

# APK / RASP sampling



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```
author      = "FrenchYeti"

strings:
$hook = {
    0d 1d 00 12 // and      w11,b1,#0x11
    48 15 40 38 // ldrb     bf,[x10], #0x1
    29 25 1b 53 // ubfiz    w9,w9,#0x5,#0xa
    29 01 0b 4a // eor      w9,w9,w11
    88 ff ff 35 // cbnz    bf,LAB_00106e44
    e8 c1 86 52 // mov      bf,#0x360f
    3f 01 08 6b // cmp      w9,bf
}
// recurring patterns used into several string decryption
$str = {
    6c 69 69 38 // ldrb     w12,[x11, x9, LSL ]
    8c ?? ?? 11 // add      w12,w12,??
    6c 69 29 38 // strb     w12,[x11, x9, LSL ]
    29 05 00 91 // add      x9,x9,#0x1
    3f ?? ?? f1 // cmp      x9,??
    ec 17 9f 1a // cset    w12,??
}
$str2 = {
    30 ?? cc 9b 10 fe ?? d3 10 a6 0d 9b 6f 69 69 38 d0 69 70 38
    0f 02 0f 4a 6f 69 29 38 29 05 00 91 3f ?? ?? f1 ef 17 9f 1a
}
// binaries have always 8 svc instructions
$svc = {
    ?8 ?? ?? d2 // mov      x8,??
    01 00 00 d4 // svc      0x0
    1f 04 40 b1 // cmn      x0, #0x1, LSL#12
    00 94 80 da // cneg    x0, x0, hi
    ?8 ?? ?? 54 // b.hi    ??
    c0 03 5f d6 // ret
}

condition:
$hook and ($str or $str2) and #svc >= 6
```



## No string-based patterns

Called by parser of /proc/%d/maps content

2 string decryption patterns

Wrapped system call (SVC)

# APK / RASP sampling

Showing 350 results

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  Singpass (sg...              | 3e2d118f77da477b93...<br>Mar 8, 2022 1:55:20 P...  |
|  #TaskBucks (...              | 82990f837c24efce1b...<br>Mar 8, 2022 12:24:21  |
|  nPerf (com.n...              | 81b38e16bc600d868...<br>Mar 8, 2022 11:51:19   |
|  Eximbank (co...              | 1d943f87a46ea3bc3...<br>Mar 8, 2022 11:46:03   |
|  BMO (com.bm...             | d34e0772f6000c4be02...<br>Mar 4, 2022 3:24:51 AM   |
|  banco ripley (...          | 03d37e8cc4387bd7b8...<br>Mar 4, 2022 2:47:50 AM  |
|  Scotiabank (pe...          | df49119690b43cffb31...<br>Mar 4, 2022 1:38:57 AM   |
|  RAKBANK (co...             | fba8e657d936ccfc079...<br>Mar 4, 2022 12:56:18 A...  |
|  TrueMoney (th.co...        | 87b89e3425e08783c7a646613e318345451a085dfdddb682ddd91ef3ee51a246...<br>Mar 3, 2022 10:33:31 AM - True Money Co. Ltd. |
|  Coney Bucks (com...        | 4fe766ae0bfa0a4642a7f07eb92a99b6e141d7a0aefcb5ddee7f7ad0ca57e5eb...<br>Mar 3, 2022 8:09:08 AM - Paytronix Systems    |
|  CBT (com.mfoundry...       | 19d5557dd939fbddaeel1a30cb0d74813264e1abf890cd77cc5190b18c4105f68...<br>Mar 3, 2022 7:28:59 AM - mFoundry, Inc.      |
|  Eurobank (com.EurobankEFG) | 2813960360085a978edf63a9a1fcaba97e244b2a47e1bb77668855ea08d3b8b6...<br>Mar 3, 2022 5:25:36 AM - Veriah               |

~350 APKs  
for  
1 SPT

# RASP Overview

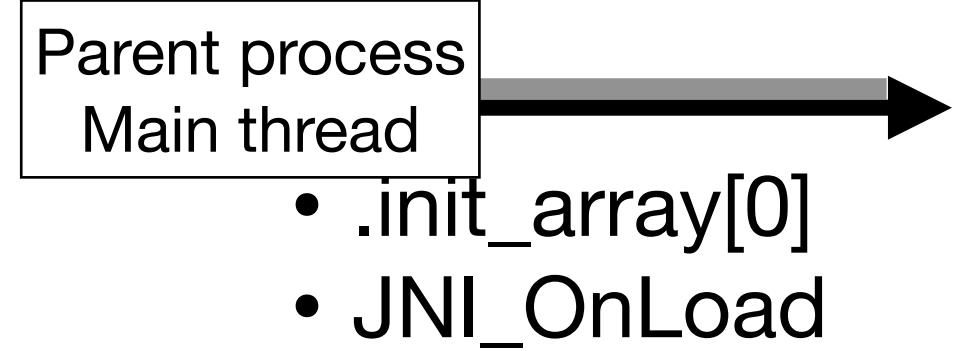
Runtime Protection



# RASP Overview

## Workflow

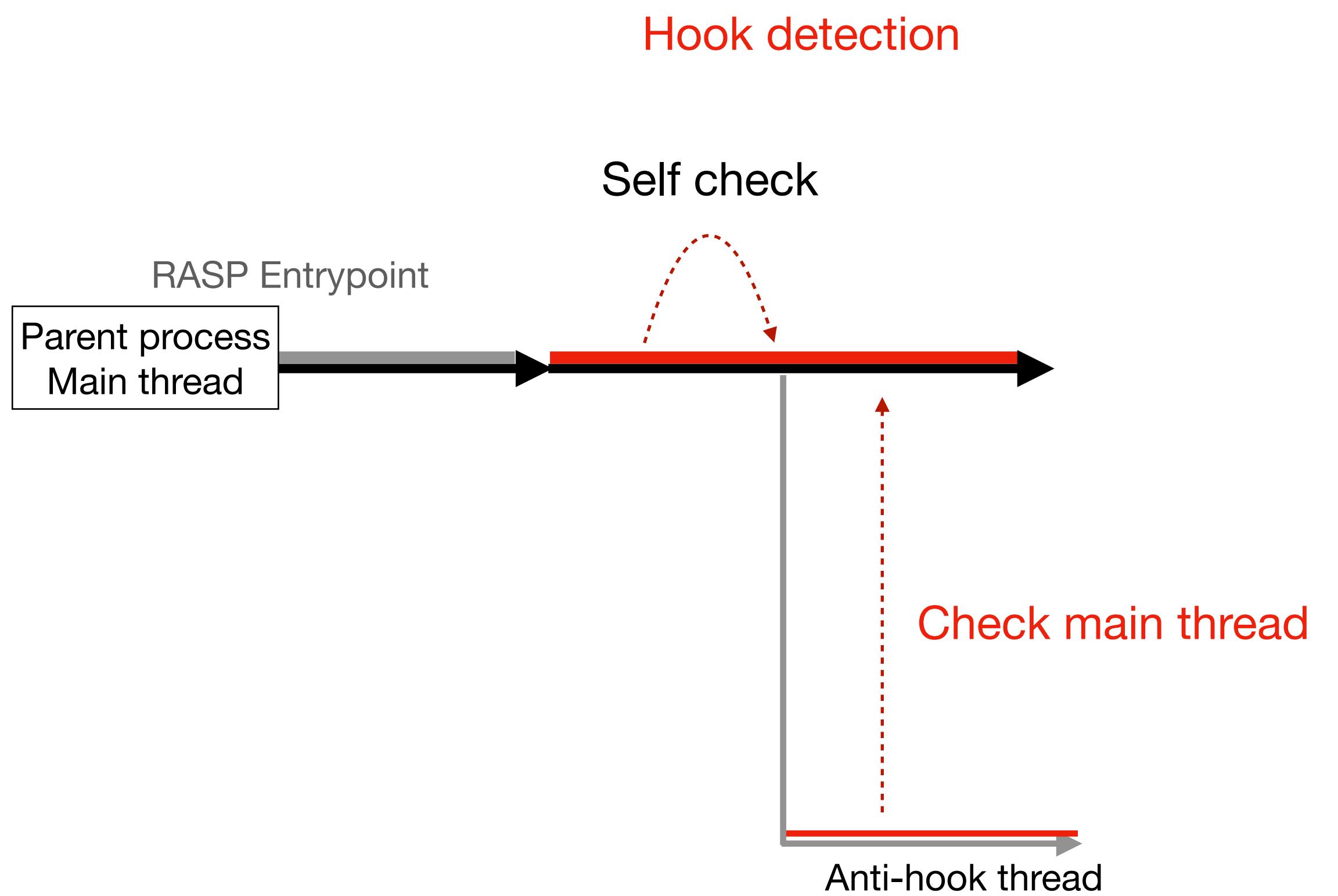
RASP Entrypoint



— thread  
→ fork

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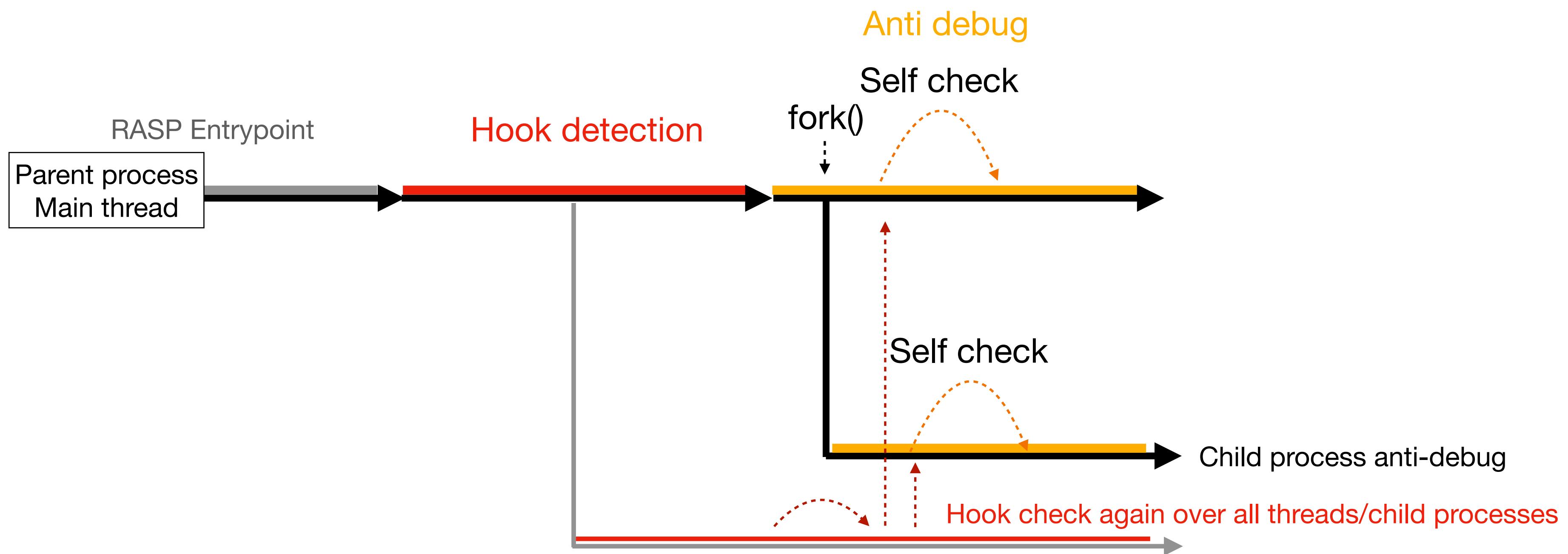
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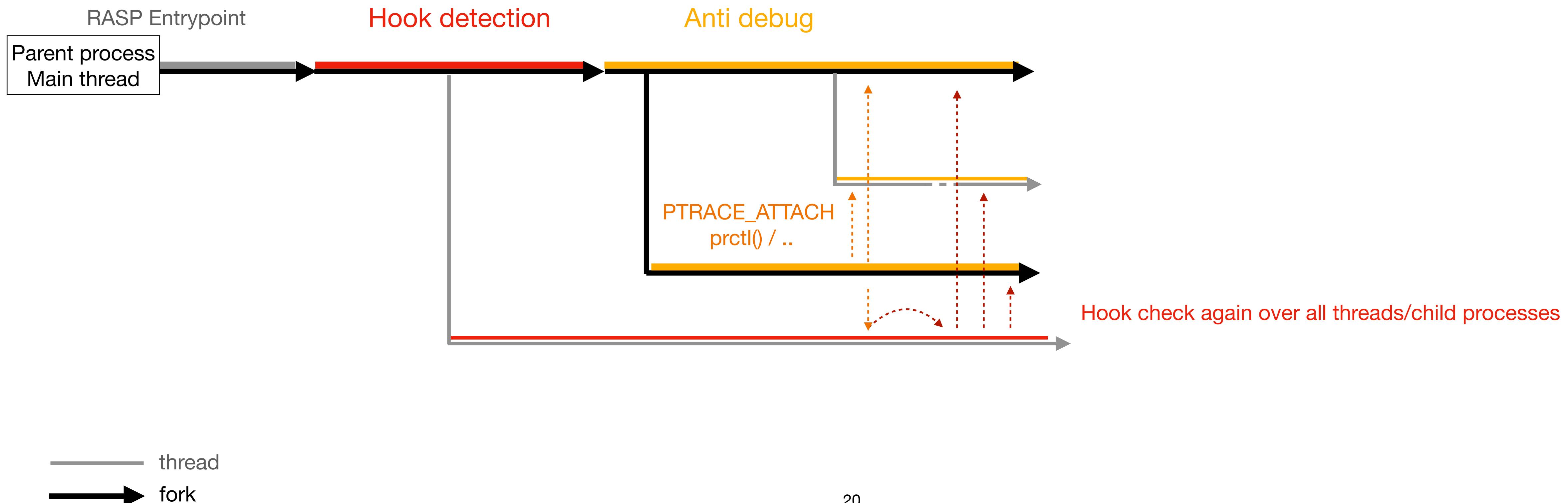
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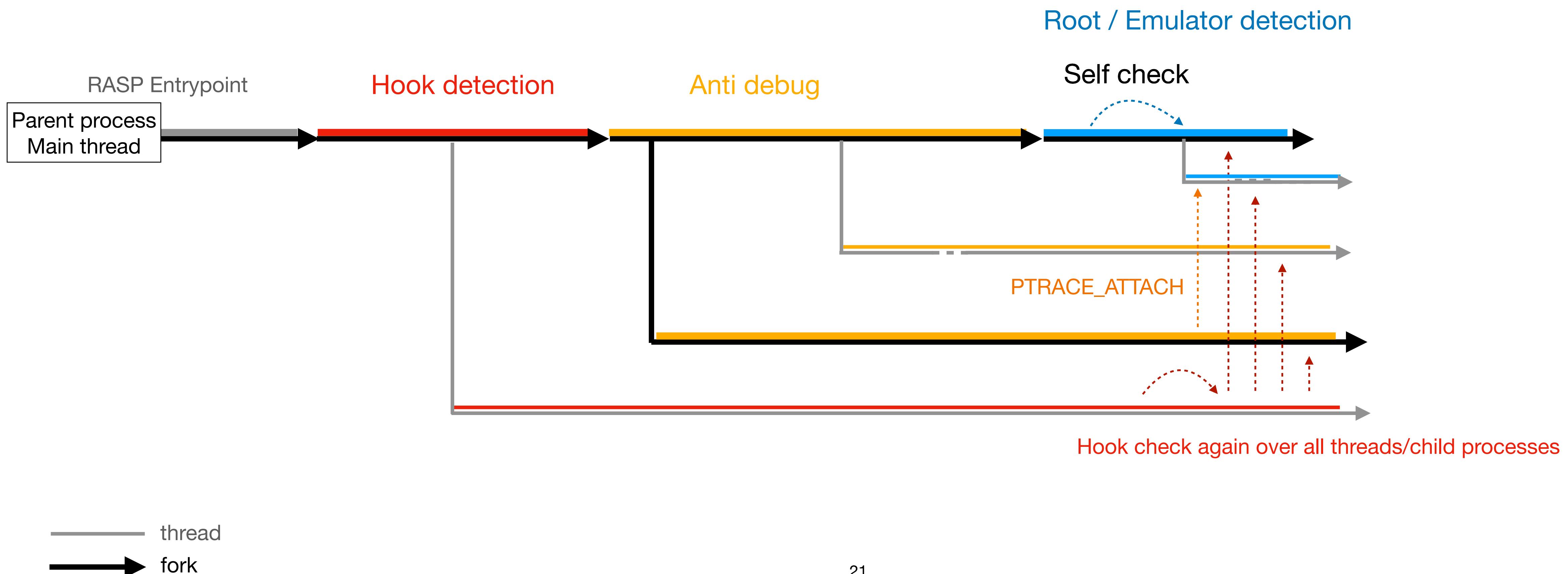
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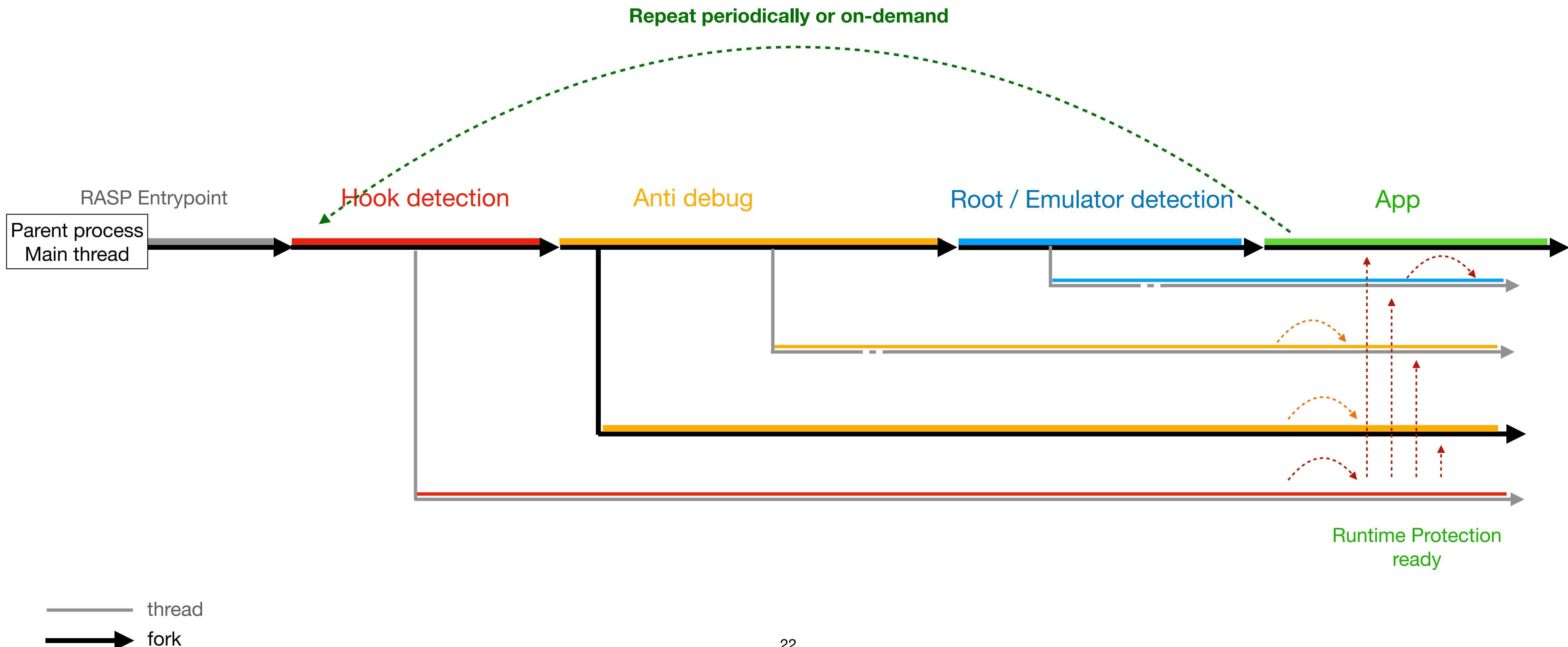
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Reverse of some certified SPTs

# Tool : Interruptor

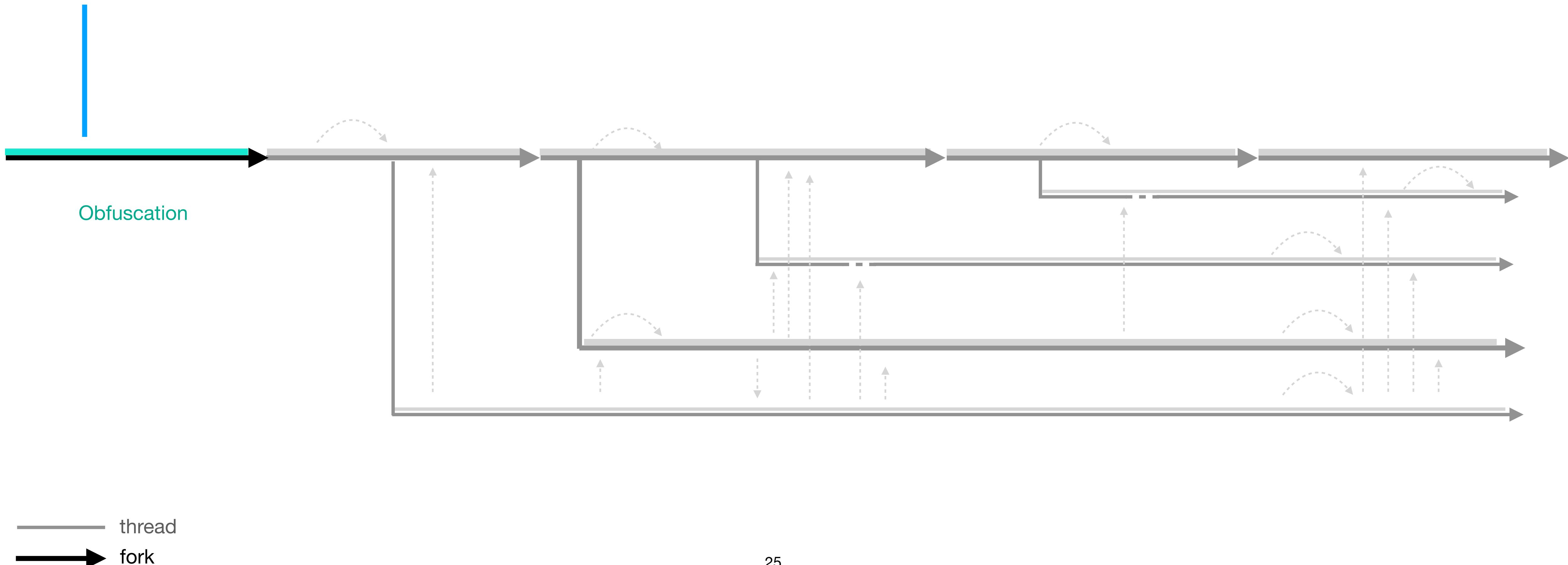
Strace + enhanced SVC hooking for Frida

```
Interruptor.newAgentTracer({
  exclude: {
    syscalls: ["clock_gettime"]
  },
  svc: {
    read: {
      onLeave: function(ctx){
        let res = Memory.scanSync(ctx.x1, ctx.x2.toInt32(), Interruptor.utils().toScanPattern('frida'));
        if(res.length > 0){
          res.map( m => m.address.writeByteArray([0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41,0x41]));
          console.log("remove 'frida' pattern from resulting buffer");
        }
      }
    }
  }
}).startOnLoad(<YOUR_LIB>);
```

( strace + sys call hook + coverage + rich API ) lib for Frida

<https://github.com/FrenchYeti/interruptor>

# Obfuscation & RASP Entrypoint



# Hash-based pattern

# Hash-based patterns

## String-based pattern

↓  
Identifiable

List of strings to spoof/patch

Hooks ⚡

```
static const char *APPNAME = "DetectFrida";
static const char *FRIDA_THREAD_GUM_JS_LOOP = "gum-js-loop";
static const char *FRIDA_THREAD_GMAIN = "gmain";
static const char *FRIDA_NAMEDPIPE_LINJECTOR = "linjector";
static const char *PROC_MAPS = "/proc/self/maps";
static const char *PROC_STATUS = "/proc/self/task/%s/status";
static const char *PROC_FD = "/proc/self/fd";
static const char *PROC_TASK = "/proc/self/task";
```

@DarvinciSec's DetectFrida

```
static final String[] knownRootAppsPackages = {
    "com.noshufou.android.su",
    "com.noshufou.android.su.elite",
    "eu.chainfire.supersu",
    "com.koushikdutta.superuser",
    "com.thirdparty.superuser",
    "com.yellowes.su",
    "com.topjohnwu.magisk",
    "com.kingroot.kinguser",
    "com.kingo.root",
    "com.smedialink.oneclickroot",
    "com.zhiqupk.root.global",
    "com.alephzain.framaroot"
};
```

```
public static final String[] knownDangerousAppsPackages = {
    "com.koushikdutta.rommanager",
    "com.koushikdutta.rommanager.license",
    "com.dimonvideo.luckypatcher",
    "com.chelpus.luckypatch",
    "com.ramdisk.appquarantine",
    "com.ramdisk.appquarantinepro",
    "com.android.vending.billing.InAppBillingService.COIN",
    "com.android.vending.billing.InAppBillingService.LUCK",
    "com.chelpus.luckypatcher".
```

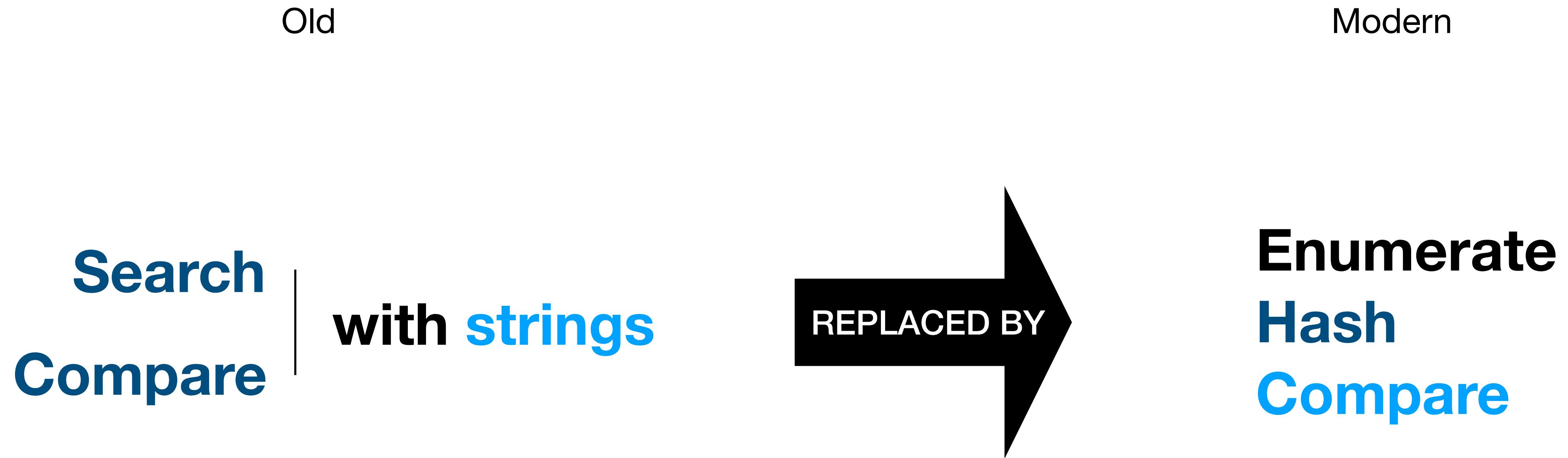
RootBeer patterns

# Hash-based patterns

# Retrieving strings thanks to p-code emulation

```
thread = cRead_8(tpidr_el0);
threadStack = *(long *) (thread + 0x28);
l = 0;
do {
    local_a4[l] = (&mask_v_android.permission.REQUEST_INSTALL_PACKAGES)[l] ^
                  (&mask_RootDetection_package)[l];
    l = l + 1;
} while (l != 0x2b);
l = 0;
local_79 = 0;
do {
    local_c0[l] = (&mask_v_android.permission.CAMERA)[l] ^ (&mask_RootDetection_package)[l];
    l = l + 1;
} while (l != 0x19);
l = 0;
local_a7 = 0;
```

# Hash-based patterns



# Hash-based patterns

- **Improvements :**
  - Prevent to retrieve all patterns in clear text at runtime
  - Easier to flatten and inline
  - Less easy to hook (instruction only if well done)
  - Low fingerprint on Android API

# Hash-based patterns

```
001044e8: pcVar5 = dirname((char *)file);
            hash = hash_2(pcVar5);
            if ((int)hash < -0x267b64d5) {
                builtinLib = systemLibs;
                if ((hash == 0xcc7427c7) || (hash == 0xd09f19c5)) {
                    pcVar5 = basename((char *)file);
                    c = hash_2(pcVar5);
                    for (; builtinLib != (uint *)0x0; builtinLib = *(uint **)(builtinLib + 2)) {
                        if (c == *builtinLib) goto LAB_00104524_is_builtinLib;
                    }
                }
            }
            else {
                builtinLib = vendorsLibs;
                if ((hash == 0x126ca992) || (hash == 0xd9849b2b)) goto LAB_001044e8;
            }
            iVar3 = hash_3(file,2,0xffffffff,0xc6ab);
            if (iVar3 != 0) goto LAB_00104524_is_builtinLib;
```

/system/lib64

/system/lib

List of hashes

/vendor/lib64

/vendor/lib

## Hash-based patterns

Retrieve

List of strings to spoof/patch

Hooks

# Hash-based patterns

Open « /vendor/etc/public.libraries.txt »

## String-based pattern

Lib C

```
fopen( "/vendor/etc/public.libraries.txt", ... )
```

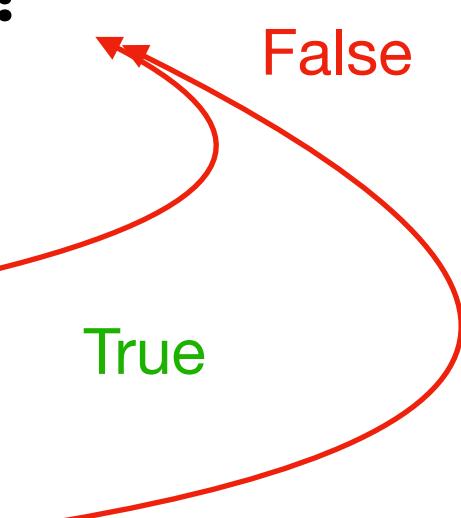
## Hash-based pattern

SVC

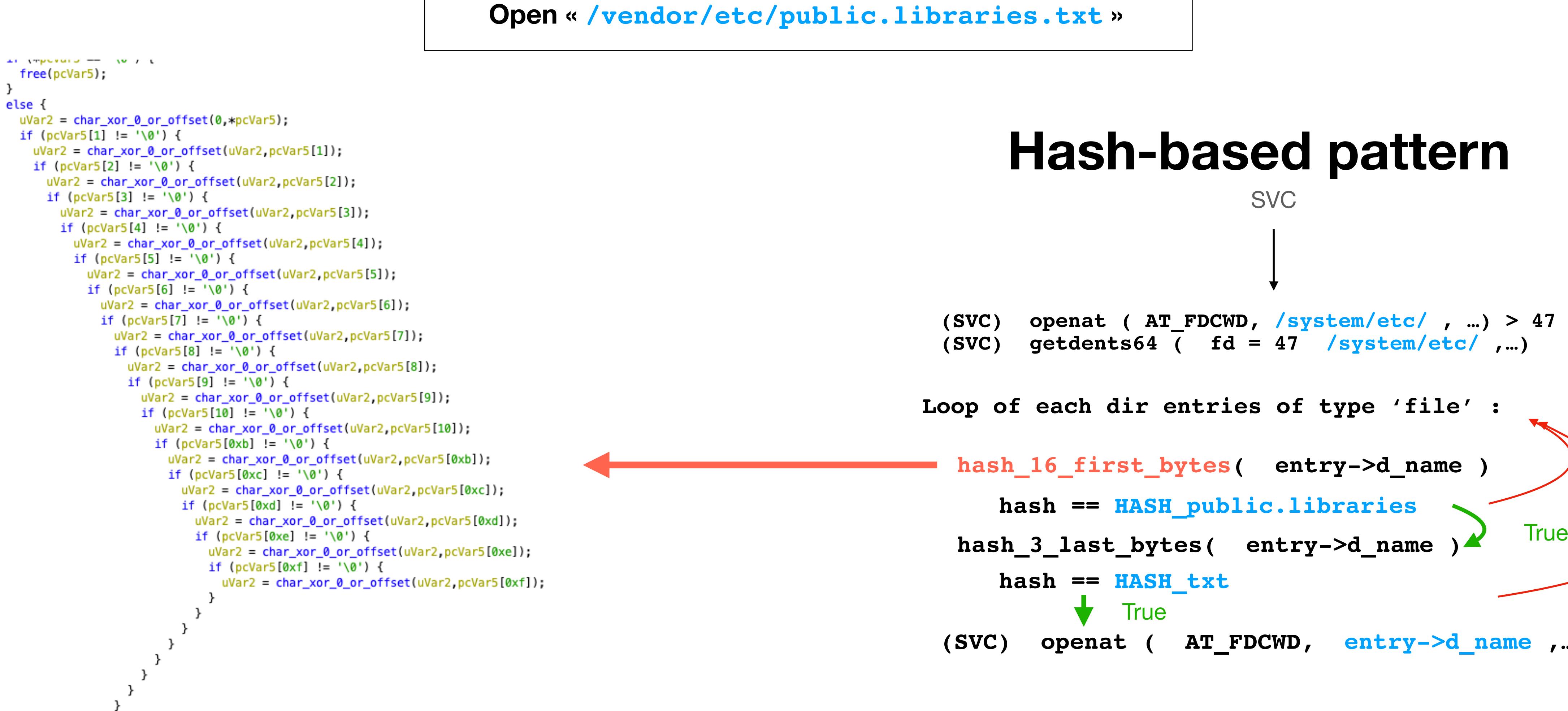
```
(SVC) openat( AT_FDCWD, "/system/etc/", ... ) > 47  
(SVC) getdents64( fd = 47, "/system/etc/", ... )
```

Loop of each dir entries of type 'file' :

```
hash_16_first_bytes( entry->d_name )  
hash == HASH_public.libraries  
hash_3_last_bytes( entry->d_name )  
hash == HASH_txt  
↓ True  
(SVC) openat( AT_FDCWD, entry->d_name, ... )
```



# Hash-based patterns



# Hash-based patterns

```
Interruptor.newAgentTracer({
  followThread: false,
  exclude: { syscalls: [/ gettimeofday/, /linkat/, /madvise/, /mprotect/], },
  output: {...},
  svc:{...},
  onStart: function(modName, ctor){

    const lib = Process.findModuleByName( name: '<REDACTED_LIB>' );

    let LAST_X_HASH = null;
    let LAST_X_STR = null;
    Interceptor.attach(lib.base.add(0x313C), { callbacksOrProbe: {
      onEnter: function(args : InvocationArguments ){
        this.c = args[0].toUInt32();
        if(this.c==0){
          if(LAST_X_HASH != null){
            console.error(` [HOOK] ${LAST_X_STR} hash_x_20 (${LAST_X_STR}) => 0x ${LAST_X_HASH.toString(16)}`);
          }
          LAST_X_STR = String.fromCharCode(args[1].toUInt32());
        }else{
          LAST_X_STR += String.fromCharCode(args[1].toUInt32());
        }
      },
      onLeave: function(ret : InvocationReturnValue ){
        LAST_X_HASH = ret.toInt32();
      }
    }});
  }
});
```

Trace all syscalls, hook a hash function and store hashed byte (1-by-1) until a new hash computation starts (not supports concurrent exec)

# Hash-based patterns

```
openat ( dfd = AT_FDCWD , filename = /system/etc/ , int flags = 0x84000 , mode  
getdents64 ( fd = 41 /system/etc/ , struct linux_dirent64 *dirent = 0x753f22  
    hash_x_20 (apns-conf.xml) => 0x33c0a3c9  
    hash_x_20 (fs_config_dirs) => 0x95c227d2  
    hash_x_20 (default-permissi) => 0x89d8d51a  
    hash_x_20 (treble_sepolicy_) => 0xcf692f07  
    hash_x_20 (hosts) => 0x6b642f3  
    . . .  
    hash_x_20 (init) => 0x353554  
    hash_x_20 (mke2fs.conf) => 0x6569352f  
    hash_x_20 (media_profiles_v) => 0xf5024759  
    hash_x_20 (ipsec.secrets) => 0xa5c85899  
    hash_x_20 (treble_sepolicy_) => 0xcf692f07  
openat ( dfd = AT_FDCWD, filename = /system/etc/public.libraries-trustonic.txt ,  
read ( fd = 42 /system/etc/public.libraries-trustonic.txt , buf = 0x7fcf587084  
    hash_x_20 (public.libraries) => 0x97229a01  
read ( fd = 42 /system/etc/public.libraries-trustonic.txt , buf = 0x7fcf587084  
close ( fd = 42 /system/etc/public.libraries-trustonic.txt )> 0x0
```

## Hash-based pattern

```
SVC  
↓  
(SVC) openat ( AT_FDCWD, /system/etc/ , ... ) > 47  
(SVC) getdents64 ( fd = 47 /system/etc/ ,...)  
      Loop ...  
(SVC) openat ( AT_FDCWD, entry->d_name ,...)
```

Require Stalker / Interruptor

SVC hook with  
multi-threads + clone  
support

# Breaking Stack analysis

# Anti-decompiler

## Breaking stack analysis

```
001b6068 e0 1b 80 3d str q0,[sp, #local_180[0]]  
001b606c ef bb 06 a9 stp x15,x14,[sp, #local_180[8]]  
001b6070 eb 5f 00 b9 str w11,[sp, #local_184]  
001b6074 ef 53 00 f9 str x15,[sp, #local_140[0]]  
001b6078 f1 43 00 f9 str x17,[sp, #local_160[0]]  
001b607c f1 33 00 f9 str x17,[sp, #local_180[0]]  
001b6080 05 00 00 14 b LAB_001b6094  
  
virt_next_step:  
001b6084 f0 03 1e aa mov x16,x30  
001b6088 0e 02 40 f9 ldr x14,[x16]  
001b608c 0f 06 40 f9 ldr x15,[x16, #0x8]  
001b6090 06 00 00 14 b LAB_001b60a8  
  
LAB_001b6094:  
001b6094 fc ff ff 97 bl virt_next_step  
001b6098 a9 ?? A9h  
001b6099 cc ?? CCh  
001b609a eb ?? EBh  
001b609b f6 ?? F6h  
001b609c 00 00 00 00 udf 0x0  
001b60a0 17 ?? 17h  
001b60a1 a7 ?? A7h  
001b60a2 4d ?? 4Dh M  
001b60a3 69 ?? 69h i  
001b60a4 00 00 00 00 udf 0x0
```



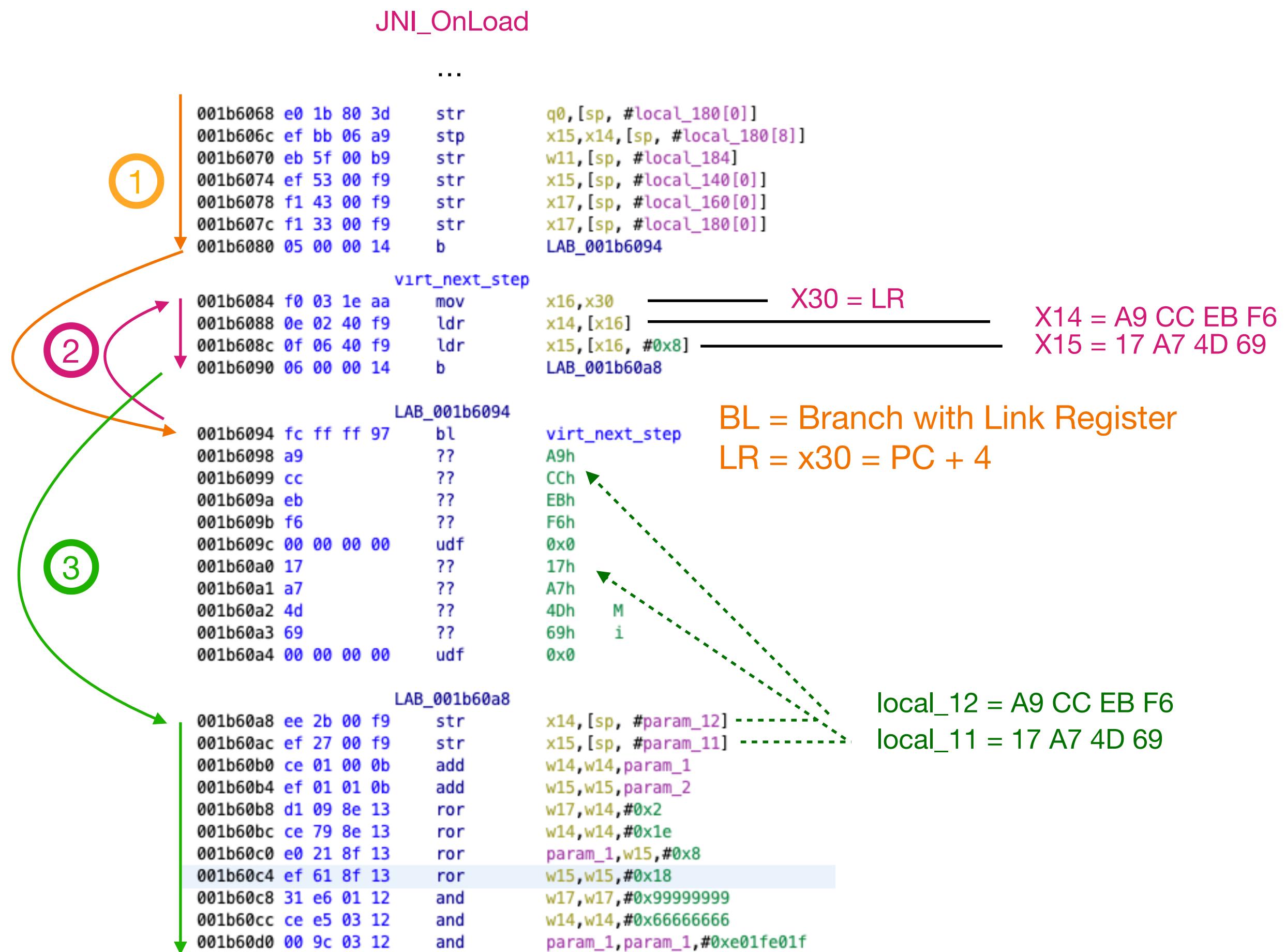
```
5  
4 void startupCheck(int int1,int int2)  
5  
6 {  
7     uint uVar1;  
8     uint uVar2;  
9     long unaff_x29;  
10    ulong *unaff_x30;  
11    ulong uStack0000000000000048;  
12    ulong uStack0000000000000050;  
13  
14    uVar1 = (int)*unaff_x30 + int1;  
15    uVar2 = (int)unaff_x30[1] + int2;  
16    uStack0000000000000050 =  
17        *unaff_x30 & 0xffffffff00000000 |  
18        (ulong)((uVar1 >> 2 | uVar1 * 0x4000000) & 0x99999999 |  
19        (uVar1 >> 0x1e | uVar1 * 4) & 0x66666666);  
20    uStack0000000000000048 =  
21        unaff_x30[1] & 0xffffffff00000000 |  
22        (ulong)((uVar2 >> 8 | uVar2 * 0x100000) & 0xe01fe01f |  
23        (uVar2 >> 0x18 | uVar2 * 0x100) & 0x1fe01fe0);  
24    uStack0000000000000050 = uStack0000000000000050 + ((ulong)unaff_x30 & 0xffffffffffffffe);  
25    uStack0000000000000048 = uStack0000000000000048 + (uStack0000000000000050 & 0xffffffffffffffe);  
26    FUN_001b6148(unaff_x29 + -0xe0,&stack0x000000c0,&stack0x00000044,unaff_x29 + -0x70,  
27        unaff_x29 + -0xa8);  
28    /* WARNING: Bad instruction – Truncating control flow here */  
29    halt_baddata();  
30 }
```

Data inserted inside code

```
LAB_001b60a8:  
001b60a8 ee 2b 00 f9 str x14,[sp, #param_12]  
001b60ac ef 27 00 f9 str x15,[sp, #param_11]  
001b60b0 ce 01 00 0b add w14,w14,param_1  
001b60b4 ef 01 01 0b add w15,w15,param_2  
001b60b8 d1 09 8e 13 ror w17,w14,#0x2  
001b60bc ce 79 8e 13 ror w14,w14,#0x1e  
001b60c0 e0 21 8f 13 ror param_1,w15,#0x8  
001b60c4 ef 61 8f 13 ror w15,w15,#0x18  
001b60c8 31 e6 01 12 and w17,w17,#0x99999999  
001b60cc ce e5 03 12 and w14,w14,#0x66666666  
001b60d0 00 9c 03 12 and param_1,param_1,#0xe01fe01f
```

# Anti-decompiler

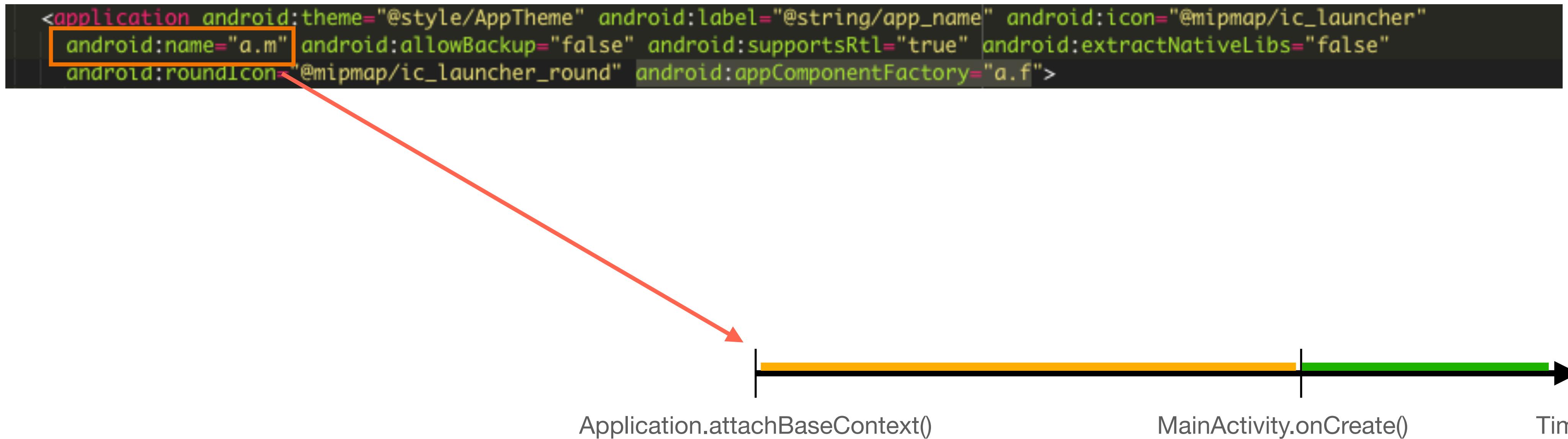
## Breaking stack analysis



# Basic Dex Class Encryption

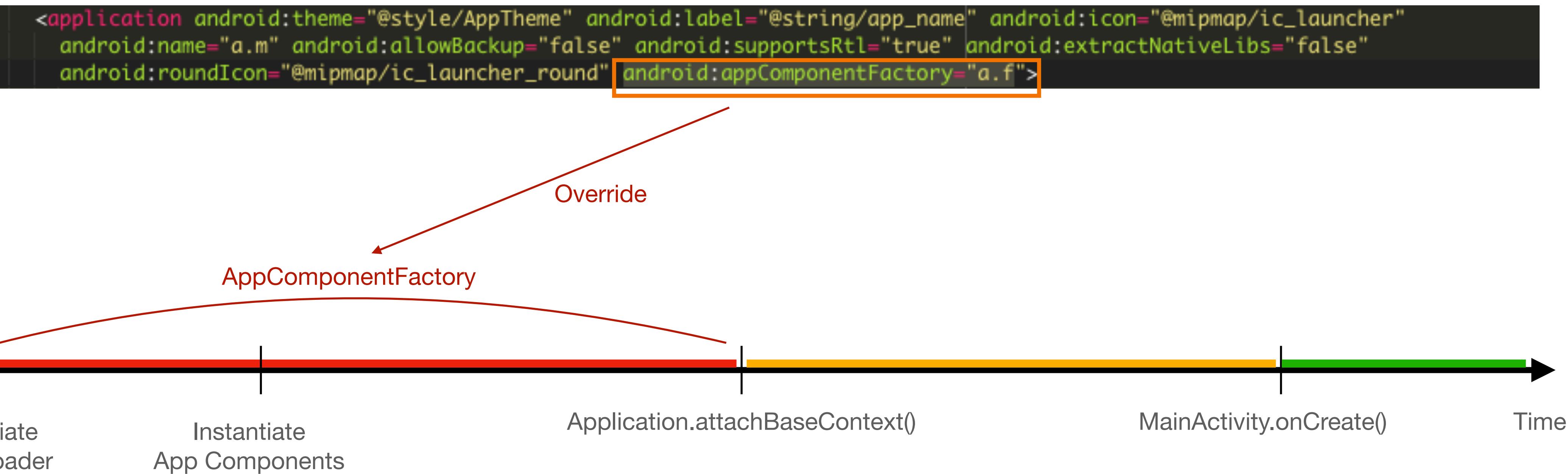
# Dex Class Encryption

## Custom AppComponentFactory



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## Custom AppComponentFactory

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with two panes. The left pane displays a class hierarchy for package 'a'. The right pane shows the deobfuscated Java code for a custom `AppCompatActivity`.

**Left Pane (Class Hierarchy):**

- a
  - c a
  - d
    - ClassLoader
    - ... void
    - fixLibraryPath(ClassLoader, ClassLoader) void
    - fixLoader(Context) void
    - getClassLoader() ClassLoader
    - getField(Class<?>, String) Field
    - getFieldValue(Object, Class<?>, String) Object
    - getLibraryPath(ClassLoader) String
    - getMethod(Class<?>, String) Method
    - loadAll() ByteBuffer[]
    - newInstance(String) Object
    - setFieldValue(Object, Class<?>, String, Object) void
  - d0
  - d1
  - d10
  - d100
  - d101
    - getBytes byte[]
    - d101() void
  - d102
    - getBytes byte[]
    - d102() void
  - d103
  - d104
  - d105
  - d106
  - d107
  - d108
  - d109
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  - d112
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  - d114

**Right Pane (Deobfuscated Code):**

```
package a;

import android.app.Activity;
import android.app.AppComponentFactory;
import android.app.Application;
import android.app.Service;
import android.content.BroadcastReceiver;
import android.content.ContentProvider;
import android.content.Intent;
import android.content.pm.ApplicationInfo;

/* loaded from: classes.dex */
public class f extends AppComponentFactory {
    private final AppComponentFactory acf;

    public f() {
        try {
            this.acf = (AppComponentFactory) d.newInstance("androidx.core.app.CoreComponentFactory");
        } catch (Exception e) {
            throw new IllegalStateException(e);
        }
    }

    @Override // android.app.AppComponentFactory
    public Activity instantiateActivity(ClassLoader classLoader, String str, Intent intent) throws ClassNotFoundException, IllegalAccessException, InstantiationException {
        return this.acf.instantiateActivity(d.getClassLoader(), str, intent);
    }

    @Override // android.app.AppComponentFactory
    public Application instantiateApplication(ClassLoader classLoader, String str) throws ClassNotFoundException, IllegalAccessException, InstantiationException {
        if ("com.insidesecure.core.ApplicationWrapper".equals(str)) {
            str = "com.insidesecure.core.Application";
        }
        return this.acf.instantiateApplication(d.getClassLoader(), str);
    }

    @Override // android.app.AppComponentFactory
    public ClassLoader instantiateClassLoader(ClassLoader classLoader, ApplicationInfo applicationInfo) {
        return d.getClassLoader();
    }

    @Override // android.app.AppComponentFactory
    public ContentProvider instantiateProvider(ClassLoader classLoader, String str) throws ClassNotFoundException, IllegalAccessException, InstantiationException {
        return this.acf.instantiateProvider(d.getClassLoader(), str);
    }
}
```

A red arrow points from the `ClassLoader` method in the hierarchy to the corresponding line in the code (`return d.getClassLoader();`).

# Dex Class Encryption

## Custom AppComponentFactory

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with two panes. The left pane displays the Java source code for a custom `AppComponentFactory`. The right pane displays the corresponding byte code generated by the Dalvik system.

**Java Source Code (Left Pane):**

```
package a;

import android.content.pm.ApplicationInfo;
import dalvik.system.InMemoryDexClassLoader;

/* loaded from: classes.dex */
class n {
    n() {
    }

    public static ClassLoader createInstance(ClassLoader classLoader, ApplicationInfo applicationInfo) {
        return new InMemoryDexClassLoader(d.loadAll(), applicationInfo.nativeLibraryDir, classLoader);
    }
}

public static ByteBuffer[] loadAll() {
    ByteArrayOutputStream byteArrayOutputStream = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
    int i = 0;
    while (true) {
        try {
            int i2 = i + 1;
            byteArrayOutputStream.write((byte[]) getFieldValue(null, Class.forName(String.format("%s.%d%s", d.class.getPackage().getName(), Integer.valueOf(i))), "BYTES"));
            i = i2;
        } catch (IOException e) {
            throw new IllegalStateException(e);
        } catch (ClassNotFoundException e2) {
            byte[] byteArray = byteArrayOutputStream.toByteArray();
            byte b = 91;
            int i3 = 0;
            while (i3 < byteArray.length) {
                byteArray[i3] = (byte) (byteArray[i3] ^ b);
                i3++;
                b = (byte) ((b * 13) % 256);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

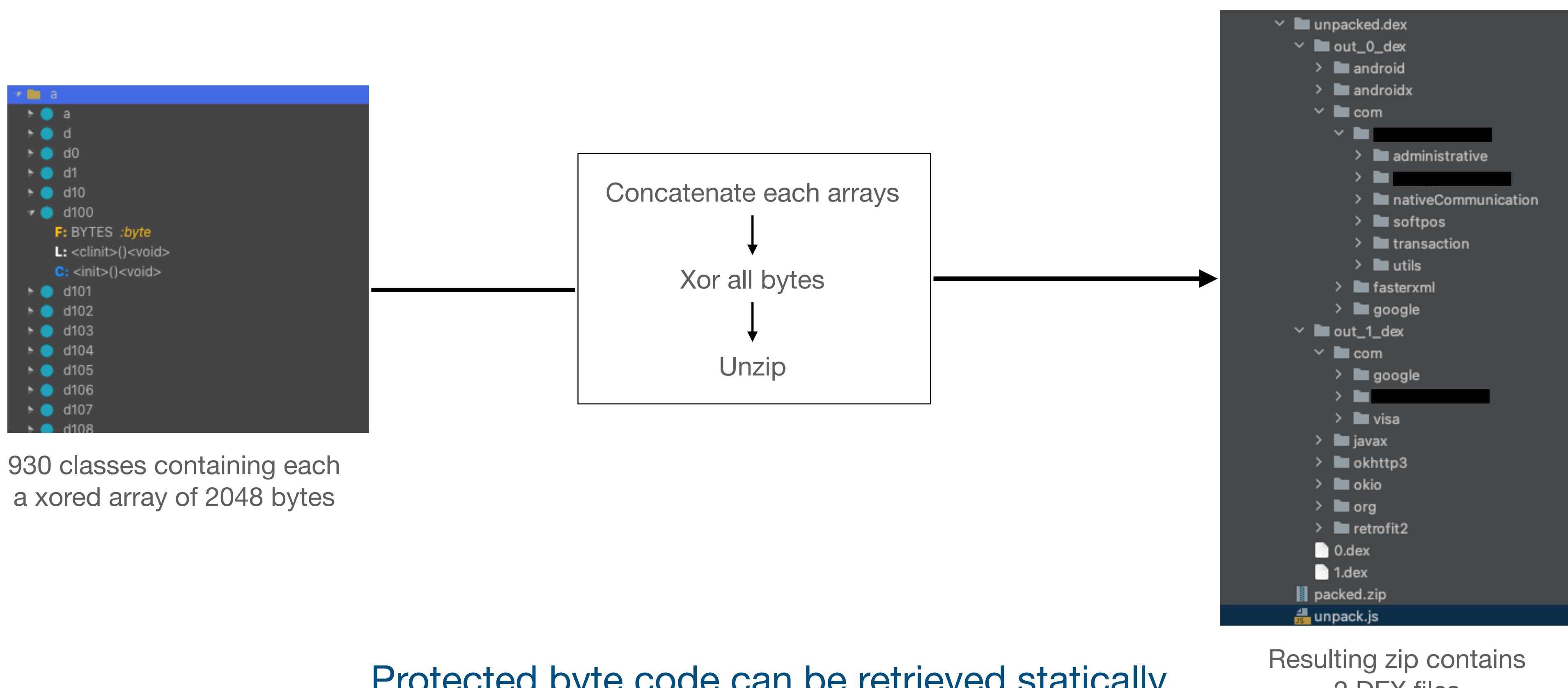
**Byte Code (Right Pane):**

```
public static ByteBuffer[] loadAll() {
    ByteArrayOutputStream byteArrayOutputStream = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
    int i = 0;
    while (true) {
        try {
            int i2 = i + 1;
            byteArrayOutputStream.write((byte[]) getFieldValue(null, Class.forName(String.format("%s.%d%s", d.class.getPackage().getName(), Integer.valueOf(i))), "BYTES"));
            i = i2;
        } catch (IOException e) {
            throw new IllegalStateException(e);
        } catch (ClassNotFoundException e2) {
            byte[] byteArray = byteArrayOutputStream.toByteArray();
            byte b = 91;
            int i3 = 0;
            while (i3 < byteArray.length) {
                byteArray[i3] = (byte) (byteArray[i3] ^ b);
                i3++;
                b = (byte) ((b * 13) % 256);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

A red box highlights the `loadAll` method in the Java code, which is annotated with `/* loaded from: classes.dex */`. A blue box highlights the `getBytes` method in the byte code, which contains the encryption logic. A red arrow points from the Java code's `loadAll` method to the byte code's `getBytes` method. A blue arrow points from the Java code's `loadAll` method to the byte code's `try` block.

# Dex Class Encryption

## Custom AppComponentFactory



# Diversified file checking

## File-based detection using pathconf()

```
if ((DAT_001224d0 & 1) == 0) {  
    lVar16 = 0;  
    cVar12 = '\0';  
    while( true ) {  
        while (cVar12 == '\x01') {  
            DAT_001224d0 = 1;  
            cVar12 = '\x02';  
        }  
        if (cVar12 != '\0') break;  
        (&DAT_001222fe_system/lib/libnoxd.so)[lVar16] =  
            (&DAT_001222fe_system/lib/libnoxd.so)[lVar16] + -0x26;  
        lVar16 = lVar16 + 1;  
        cVar12 = lVar16 == 0x17;  
    }  
    if (cVar12 != '\x02') {  
        do {  
            /* WARNING: Do nothing block with infinite loop */  
        } while( true );  
    }  
}  
  
lVar16 = pathconf(&DAT_001222fe_system/lib/libnoxd.so,0xb);  
uVar15 = 0xcd;  
if (lVar16 != 0x1000) {  
    uVar15 = 0;  
}  
return uVar15;
```

- Use « statfs » sys call instead of « openat »
- Slow down reverse engineering by using not obvious return value

pathconf( <emulator file>, \_PC\_REC\_MIN\_XFER\_SIZE )

Return 0x1000

File Exists

Else

File Not Exists

# Packed Self-Modifying code

# Native packer

## Matrioschka

The image shows a debugger interface with assembly code on the left and C decompiled code on the right. Red arrows highlight specific assembly labels (\*x30, \*LR) and point to corresponding lines in the C code. A callout box on the left highlights the `do_init` function.

**Assembly Code (Left):**

```
0023eae4 fd 03 02 91 add    x29,sp,#0x80
0023eae8 59 d0 3b d5 mrs    x25,tpidr_el0
0023eaec 28 17 40 f9 ldr    x8,[x25, #0x28]
0023eaf0 e8 17 00 f9 str    x8,[sp, #local_68]
0023eaf4 a8 02 00 90 adrp   x8,0x292000
0023eaf8 09 a5 43 b9 ldr    w9,[x8, #0x3a4]⇒DAT_002923a4_isInit
0023eafc a9 18 00 35 cbnz   w9,LAB_0023ee10
0023eb00 29 00 80 52 mov    w9,#0x1
0023eb04 8a 02 00 f0 adrp   x10,0x291000
0023eb08 09 a5 03 b9 str    w9,[x8, #0x3a4]⇒DAT_002923a4_isInit
0023eb0c 03 00 00 94 bl     do_init
0023eb10 81 ??    81h — *x30 = 81 f4 13 00
0023eb11 f4 ??    F4h
0023eb12 13 ??    13h
0023eb13 00 ??    00h
0023eb14 c2 ??    C2h
0023eb15 50 ??    50h P
0023eb16 00 ??    00h
0023eb17 00 ??    00h
```

undefined  
\* FUNCTION  
\*  
undefined do\_init()  
w0:1 <RETURN>  
do\_init XREF[1]: \_I

```
0023eb18 5f f1 4c b9 ldr    wzr,[x10, #0xcf0]
0023eb1c 05 00 00 94 bl     perform_lib_init
0023eb20 40 ??    40h @ *LR = *x30 = 40 8E 01 00
0023eb21 8e ??    8Eh
0023eb22 01 ??    01h
0023eb23 00 ??    00h
0023eb24 00 ??    00h
0023eb25 00 ??    00h
0023eb26 00 ??    00h
0023eb27 00 ??    00h
0023eb28 ef ??    EFh
0023eb29 46 ??    46h F
0023eb2a 02 ??    02h
0023eb2b 00 ??    00h
0023eb2c 00 ??    00h
0023eb2d 00 ??    00h
0023eb2e 00 ??    00h
0023eb2f 00 ??    00h
```

**C Decompiled Code (Right):**

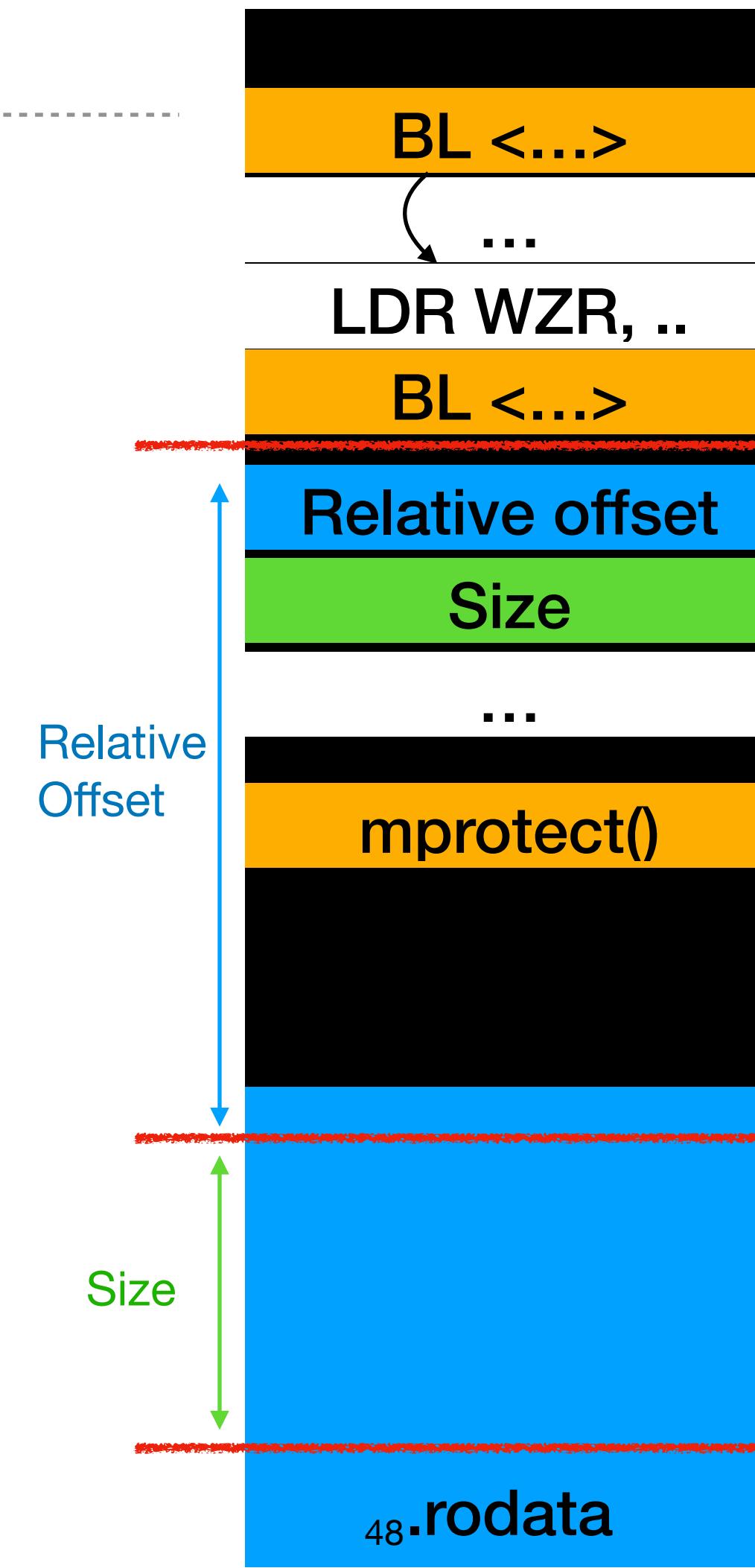
```
puVar1 = (undefined *)(*unaff_x30 + (long)unaff_x30); — Var = 0x408e01 + 0x13eb20
__size = unaff_x30[1];
base = puVar1 + __size;
__addr = (void *)((ulong)puVar1 & 0xffffffffffff000);
__len = ((ulong)(base + 0xffff) & 0xffffffffffff000) - (long)__addr;
err = mprotect(__addr,__len,7);
if (err != 0) {
    err_code = (int *)__errno();
    strerror(*err_code);
}
__ptr = (undefined *)malloc(__size);
uVar13 = (uint)__size;
uVar2 = uVar13 & 0xfffffff0;
puVar7 = puVar1;
puVar9 = __ptr;
if (0 < (int)uVar2) {
    lVar15 = 0;
    do {
        FUN_0023cc3c(puVar1 + lVar15,__ptr + lVar15);
        lVar15 = lVar15 + 0x10;
    } while ((int)lVar15 < (int)uVar2);
    puVar7 = puVar1 + lVar15;
    puVar9 = __ptr + lVar15;
}
if ((int)uVar2 < (int)uVar13) {
    uVar13 = uVar13 - uVar2;
    uVar14 = (ulong)uVar13;
    if (uVar13 == 0) {
        FUN_0023cc3c(&stack0x00000018,&stack0x00000008);
    }
    else {
        puVar6 = &stack0x00000018;
        uVar11 = uVar14;
        if ((uVar13 < 0x20) || ((puVar6 < puVar7 + uVar14 && (puVar7 < puVar6 + uVar14)))) {
.AB_0023ebbe4:
            do {
                uVar11 = uVar11 - 1;
                *puVar6 = *puVar7;
                puVar6 = puVar6 + 1;
                puVar7 = puVar7 + 1;
            } while (uVar11 != 0);
        }
    }
}
```

Point to a location inside .rodata

# Native packer

## Matrioschka

```
0023eb08 09 a5 03 b9    str      w9,[x8, #0x3a4]=>DA1  
0023eb0c 03 00 00 94    bl       do_init -----  
0023eb10 81              ??       81h  
0023eb11 f4              ??       F4h  
0023eb12 13              ??       13h  
0023eb13 00              ??       00h  
0023eb14 c2              ??       C2h  
0023eb15 50              ??       50h P  
0023eb16 00              ??       00h  
0023eb17 00              ??       00h  
  
*  
* FUNCTION  
*  
undefined do_init()  
  w0:1 <RETURN>  
do_init  
0023eb18 5f f1 4c b9    ldr      wZR,[x10, #0xcf0]  
0023eb1c 05 00 00 94    bl       perform_lib_init  
0023eb20 40              ?? @  
0023eb21 8e              ?? 8Eh  
0023eb22 01              ?? 01h  
0023eb23 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb24 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb25 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb26 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb27 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb28 ef              ?? EFh  
0023eb29 46              ?? 46h  
0023eb2a 02              ?? 02h  
0023eb2b 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb2c 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb2d 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb2e 00              ?? 00h  
0023eb2f 00              ?? 00h
```

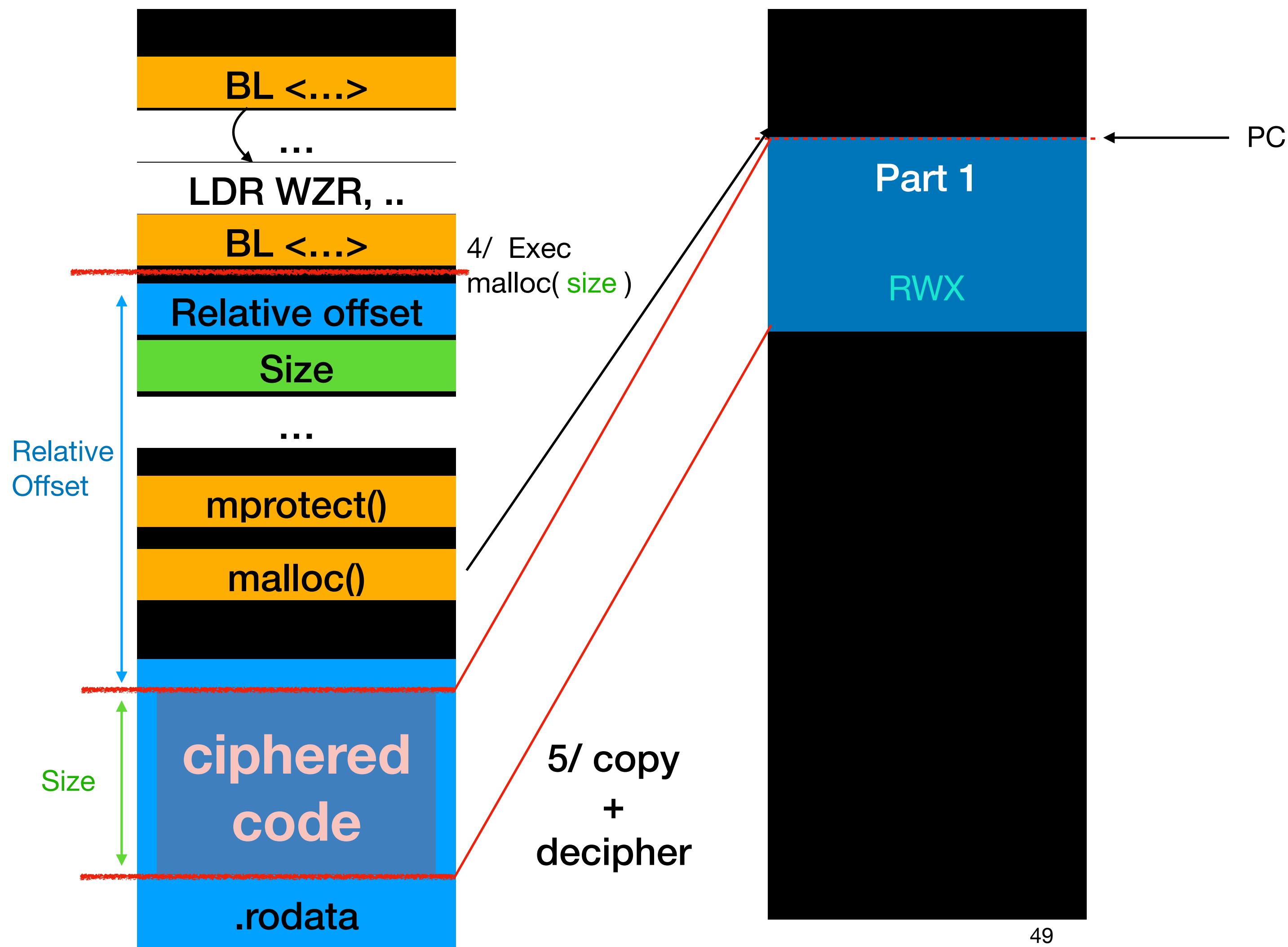


- 1/  $x30 = PC+4 \rightarrow$  relative offset
- 2/ Jump to prologue of mprotect()
- 3/ mprotect(  $x30 + \text{relative offset}$  , size , RWX )

BL = Branch with Link Register

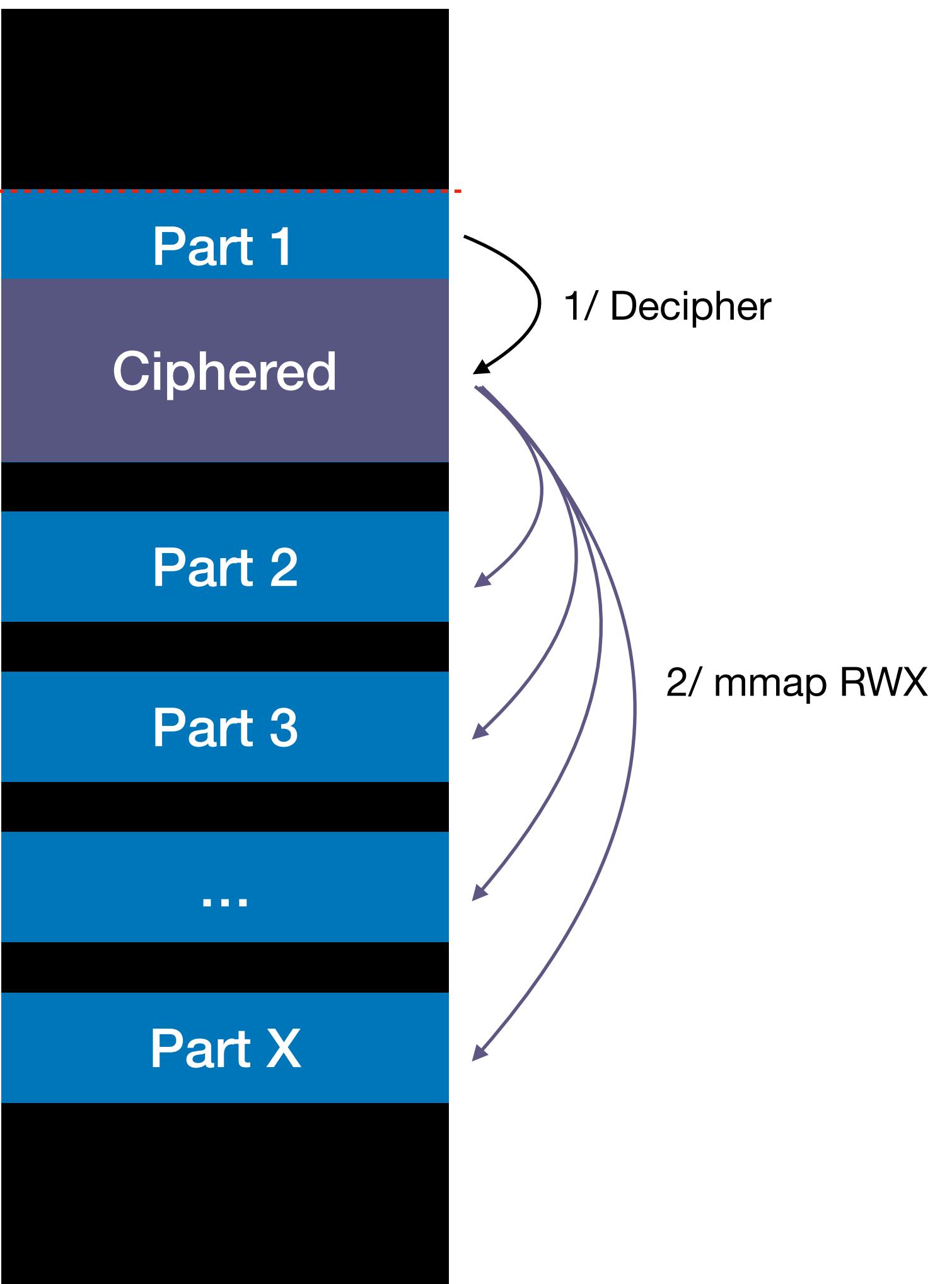
# Native packer

## Matrioschka



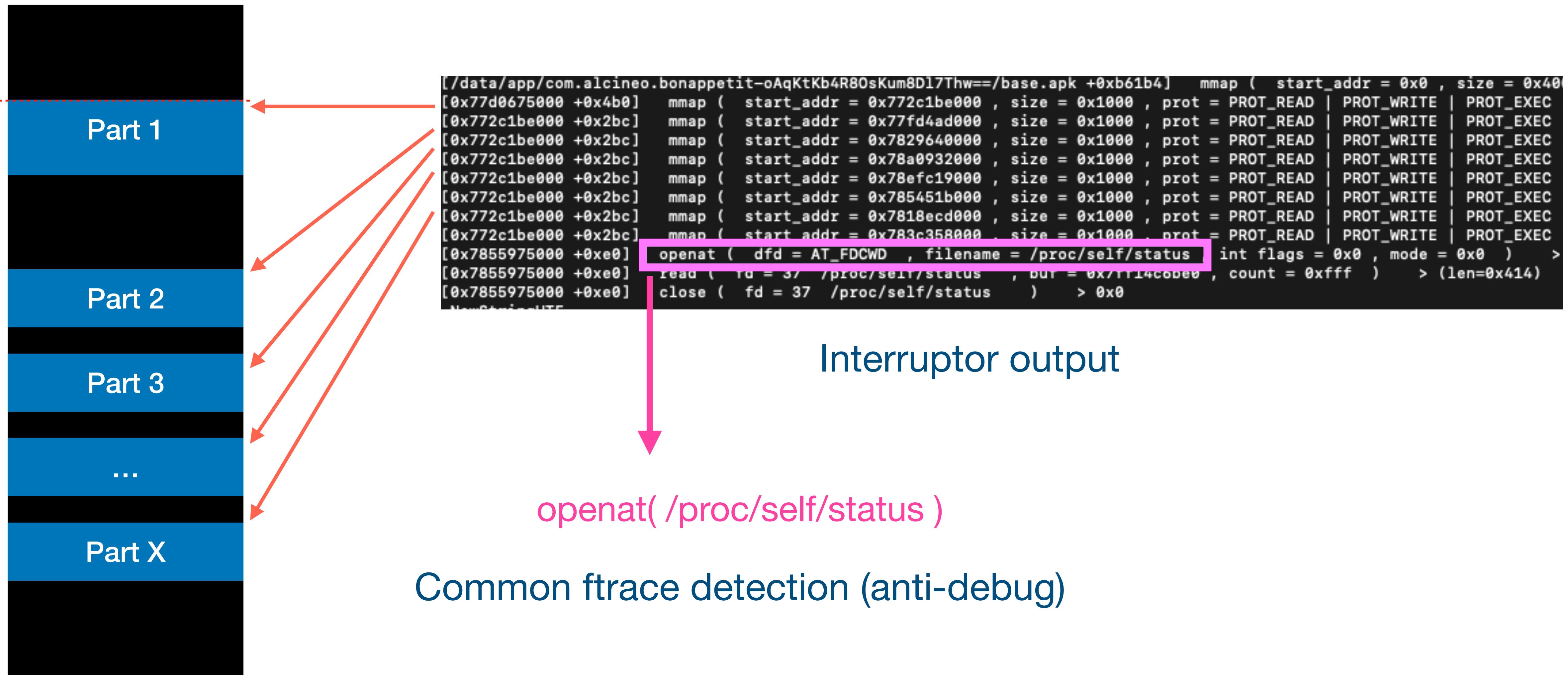
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## Matrioschka



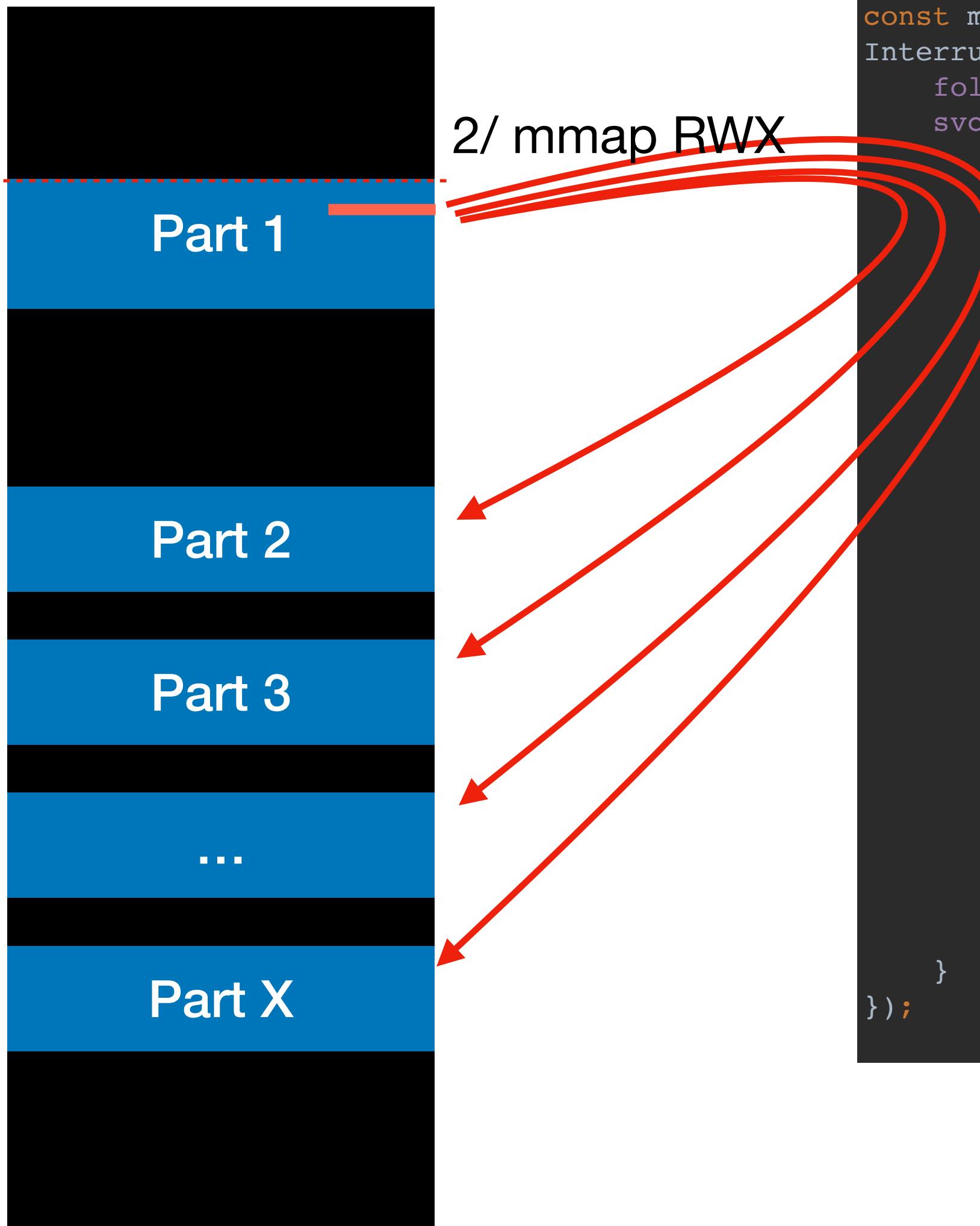
# Native packer

## Matrioschka



# Native packer

## Matrioschka

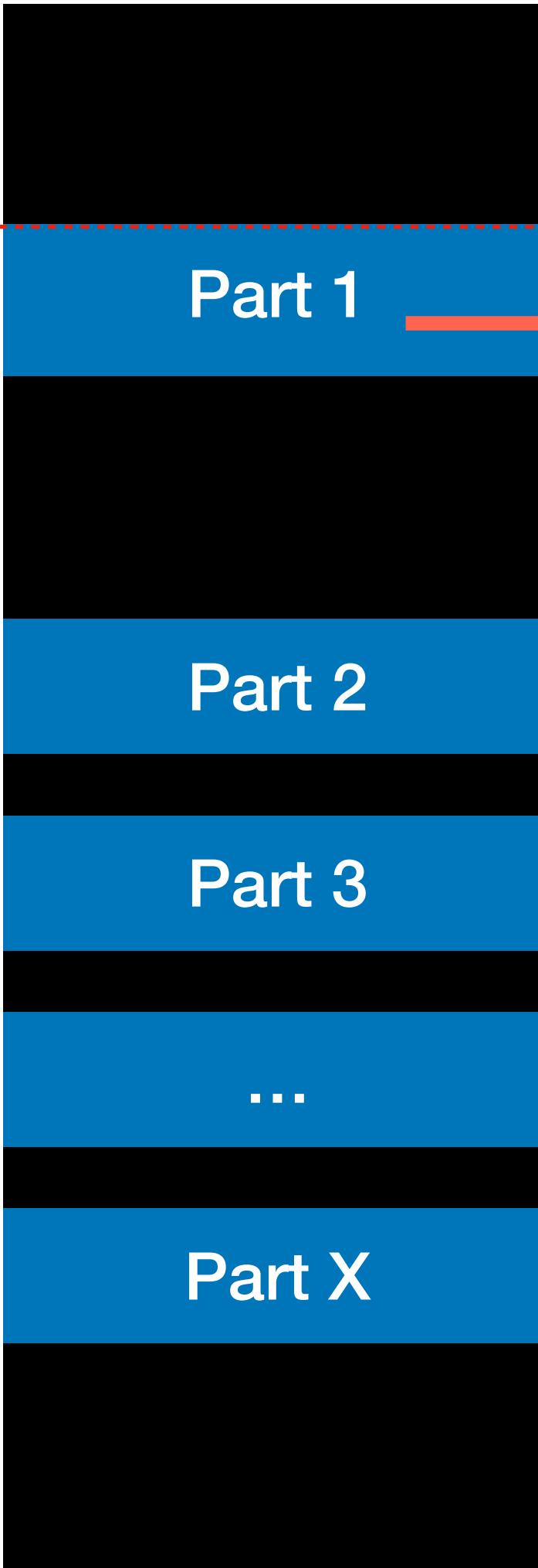


```
const P = KAPI.CONST.PROT_;
const mmaps = [ ];
Interruptor.newAgentTracer({
  followThread: false,
  svc: {
    mmap: {
      onLeave: function(ctx){
        const len = ctx.x1.toUInt32();
        if(ctx.x2.toInt32() == (P.PROT_READ | P.PROT_WRITE | P.PROT_EXEC)
          && (len==0x1000 || len==0x4000)){
          mmaps.push({ addr:ctx.x0, len:len });
        }
      }
    }
  }
});
```

Interruptor script

# Native packer

## Matrioschka

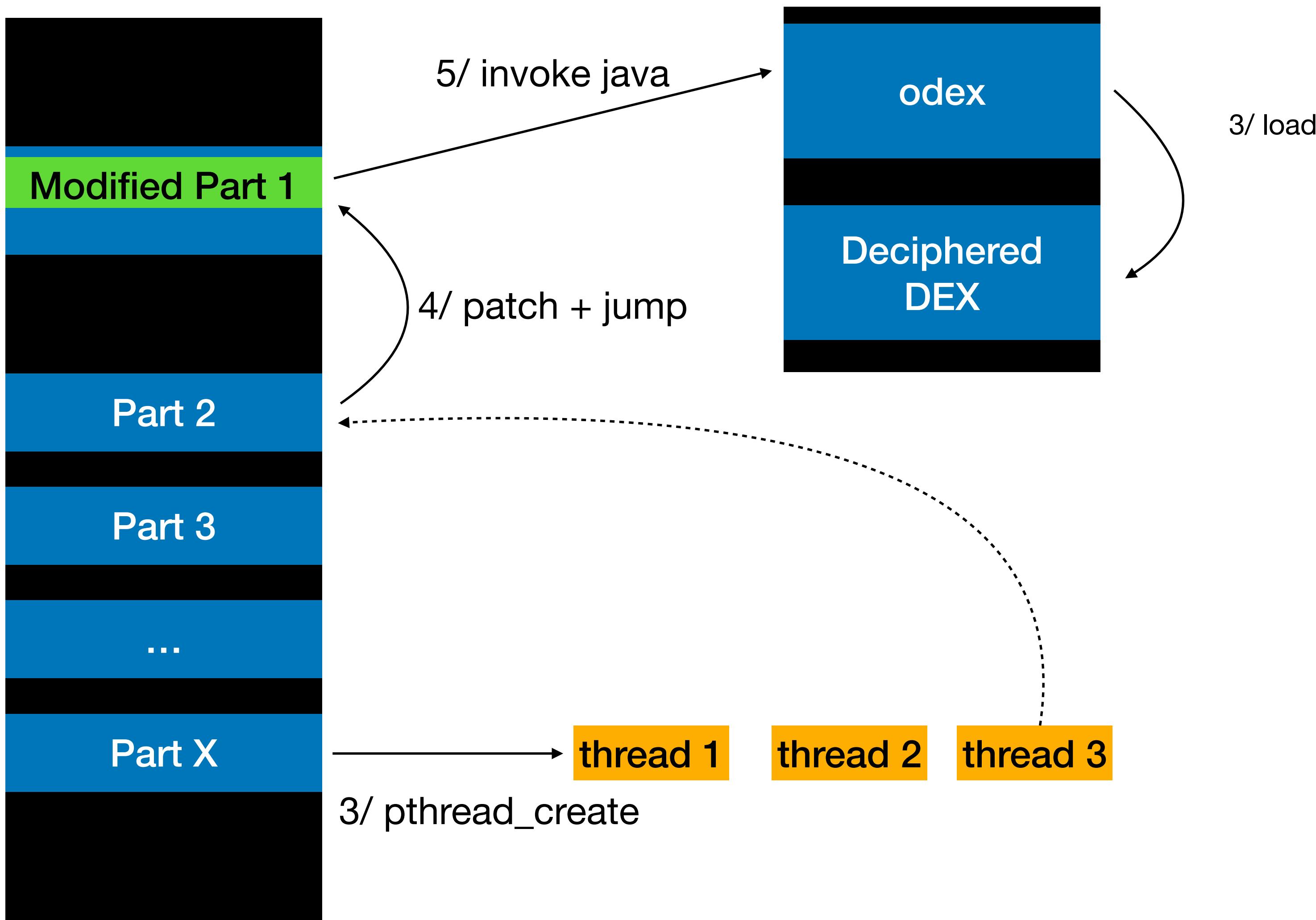


```
const P = KAPI.CONST.PROT_;
const mmaps = [ ];
Interruptor.newAgentTracer({
    followThread: false,
    svc: {
        mmap: {
            onLeave: function(ctx){
                const len = ctx.x1.toInt32();
                if(ctx.x2.toInt32() == (P.PROT_READ | P.PROT_WRITE | P.PROT_EXEC)
                    && (len==0x1000 || len==0x4000)){
                    mmaps.push({ addr:ctx.x0, len:len });
                }
            },
            openat: {
                onEnter: function(ctx){
                    const fn = ctx.x1.readCString();
                    if(fn.indexOf("/proc")==0 && mmaps.length > 0){
                        mmaps.map( x => {
                            const f = new File("/data/data/"+PKG+"/dump_"+x.addr.toString(16)+"_"+x.len+".bin", "wb");
                            f.write(x.addr.readByteArray(x.len));
                            f.flush();
                            f.close();
                        });
                        mmaps = [];
                        console.log("Memory segments have been dumped.");
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
});
```

Interruptor script

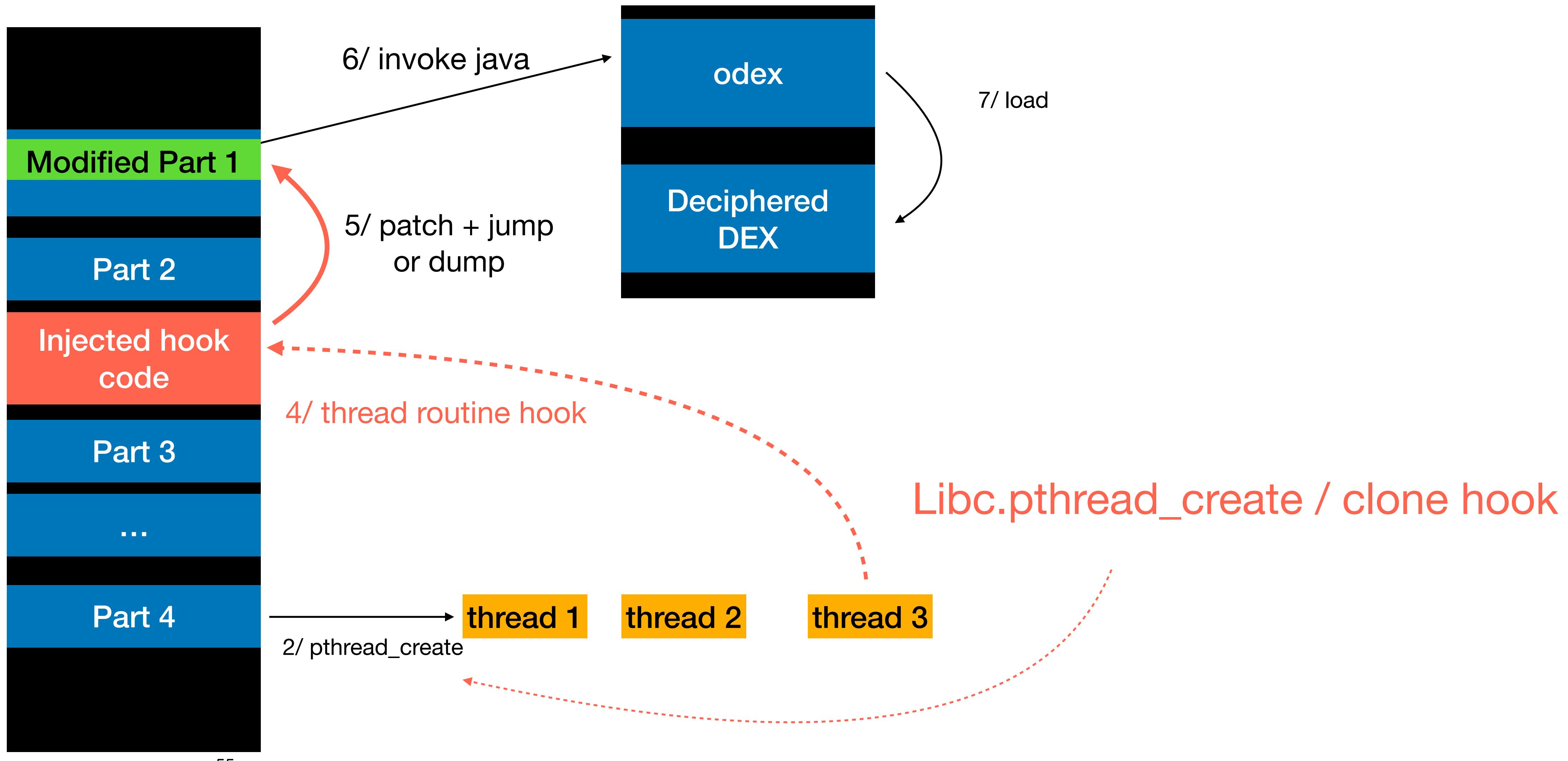
# Native packer

## Matrioschka



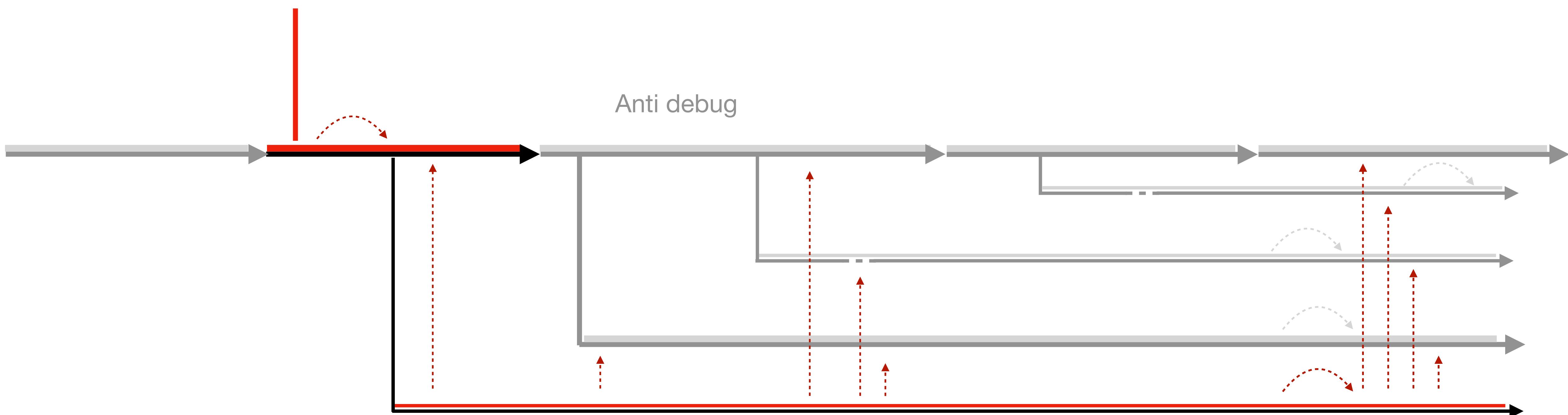
# Native packer

## Matrioschka



[ anti- ] Hook

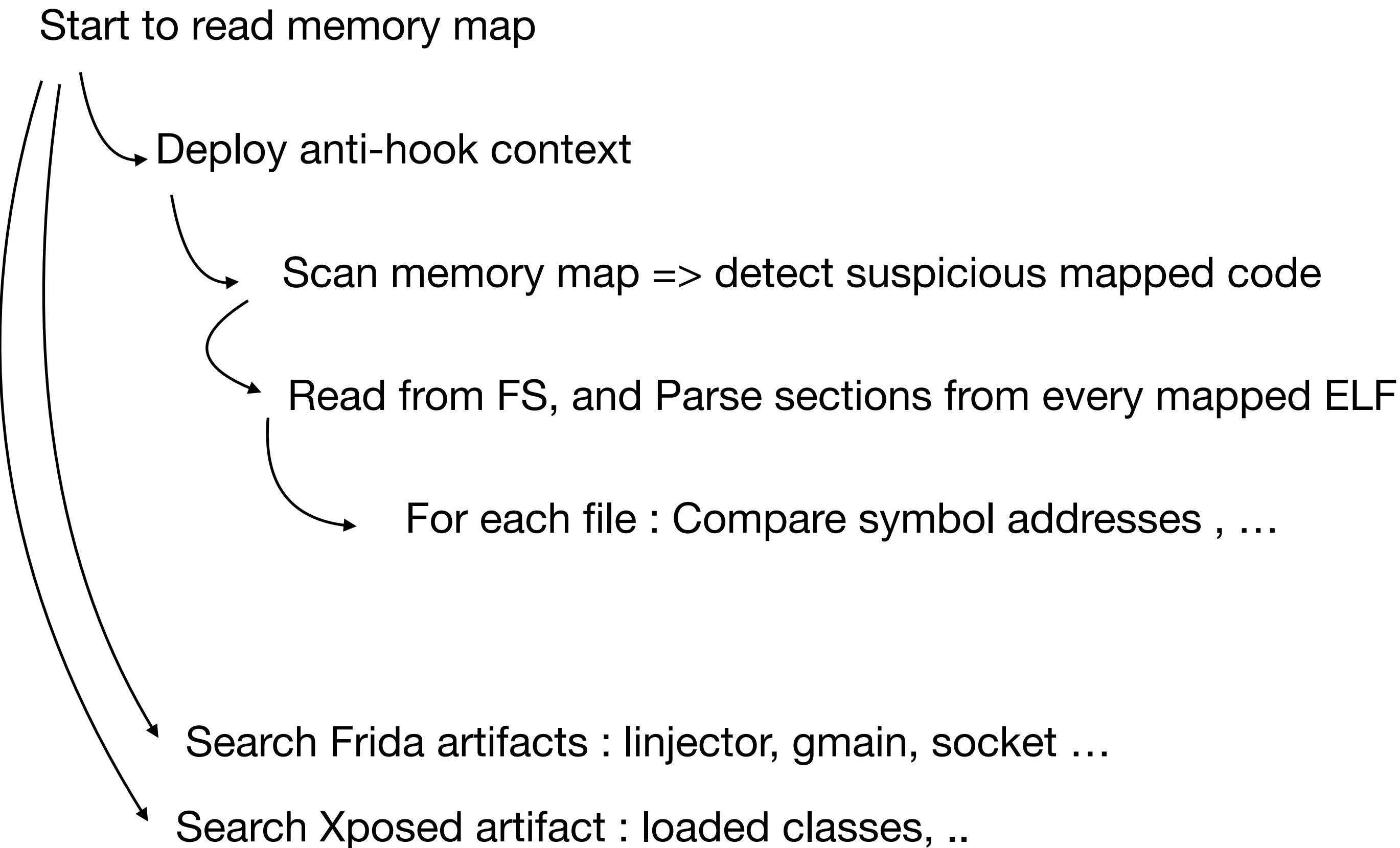
# Hook Detection



— thread  
→ fork

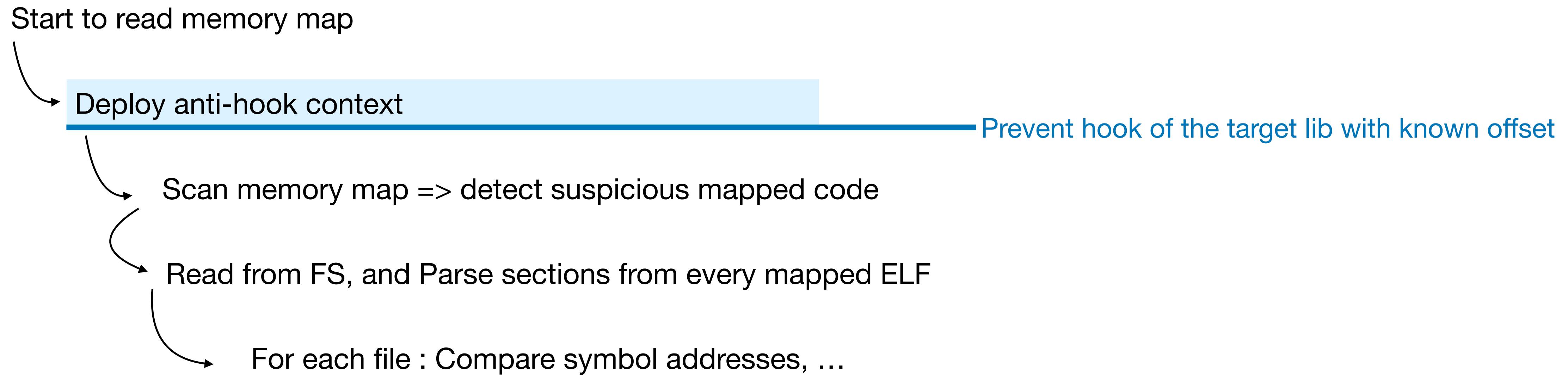
# Anti Hook

## Roadmap



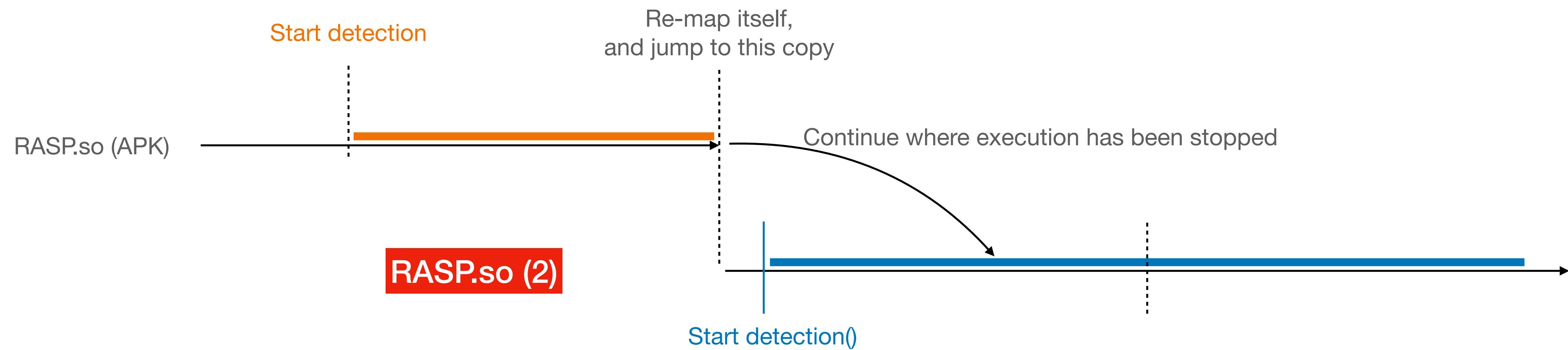
# Anti Hook

## Roadmap



# Anti Hook

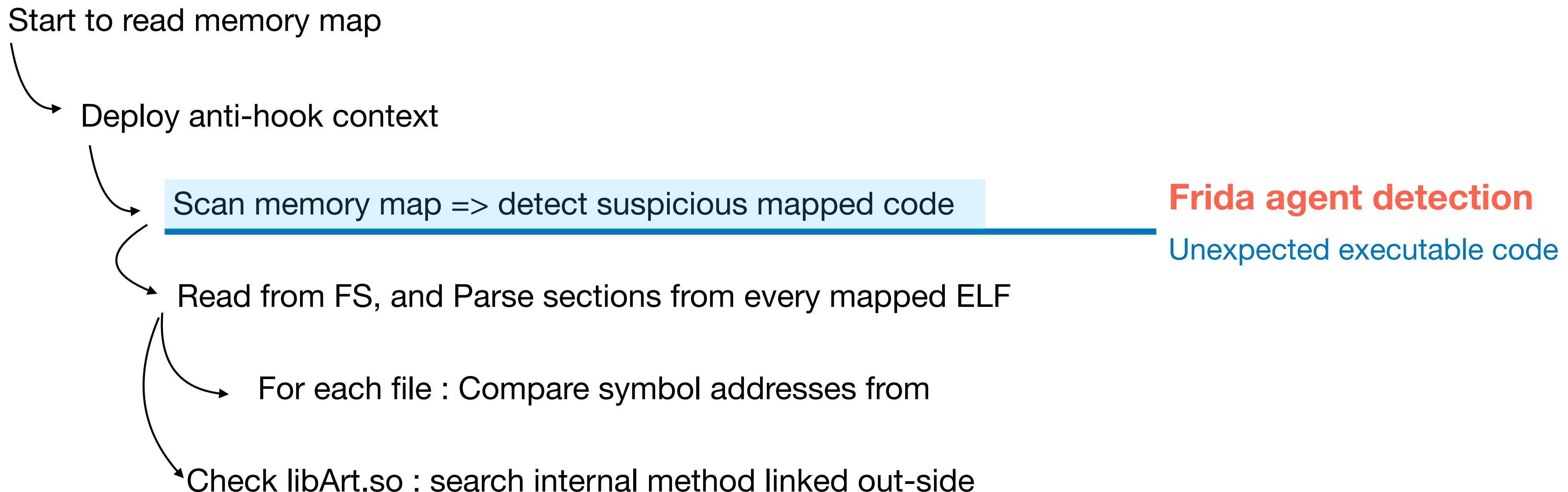
## Deploy anti-hook context



Hooking require to know the absolute offset  
(offset of RASP.so(2) + relative offset of hooked method)

# Anti Hook

## Roadmap



# Anti Hook

**Detect suspicious executable code**

All memory regions

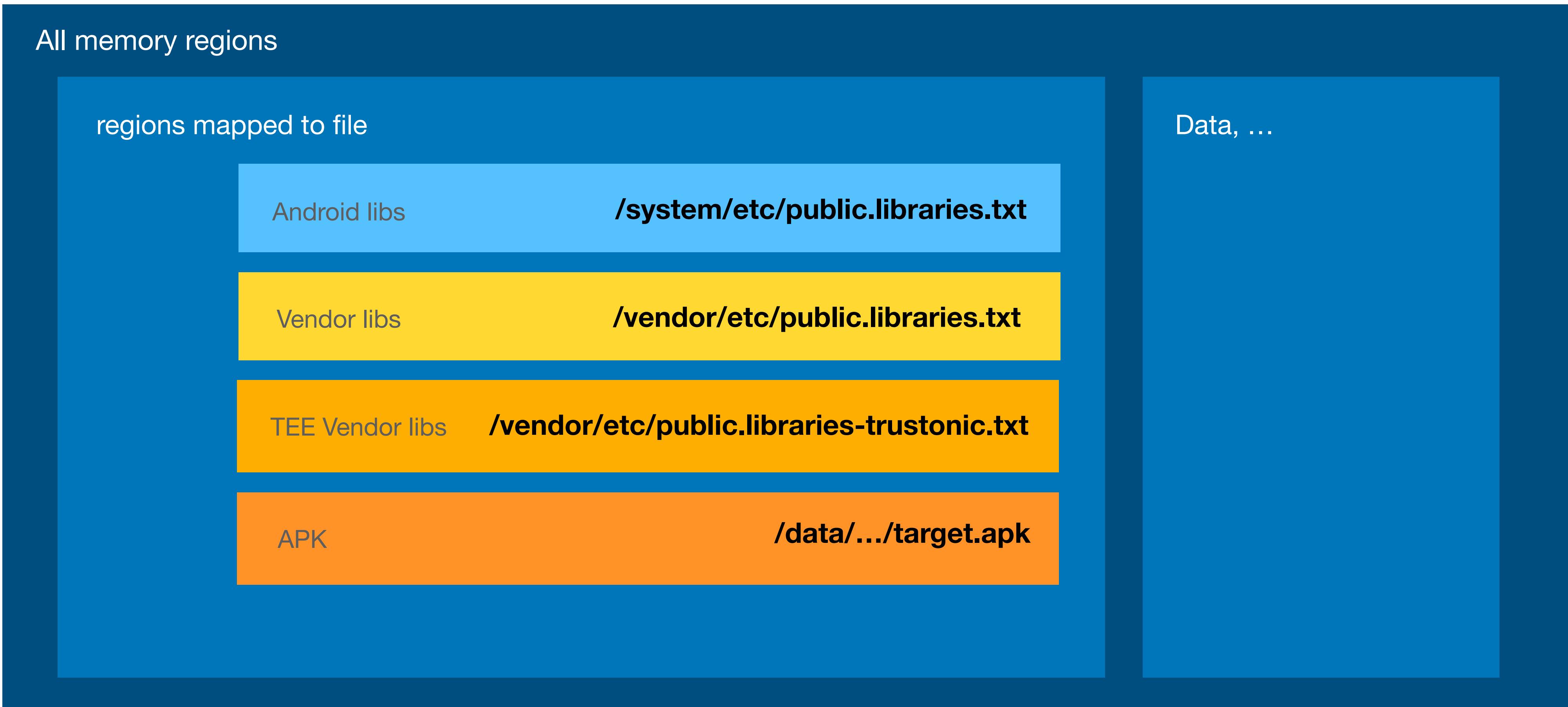
# Anti Hook

## Detect suspicious executable code



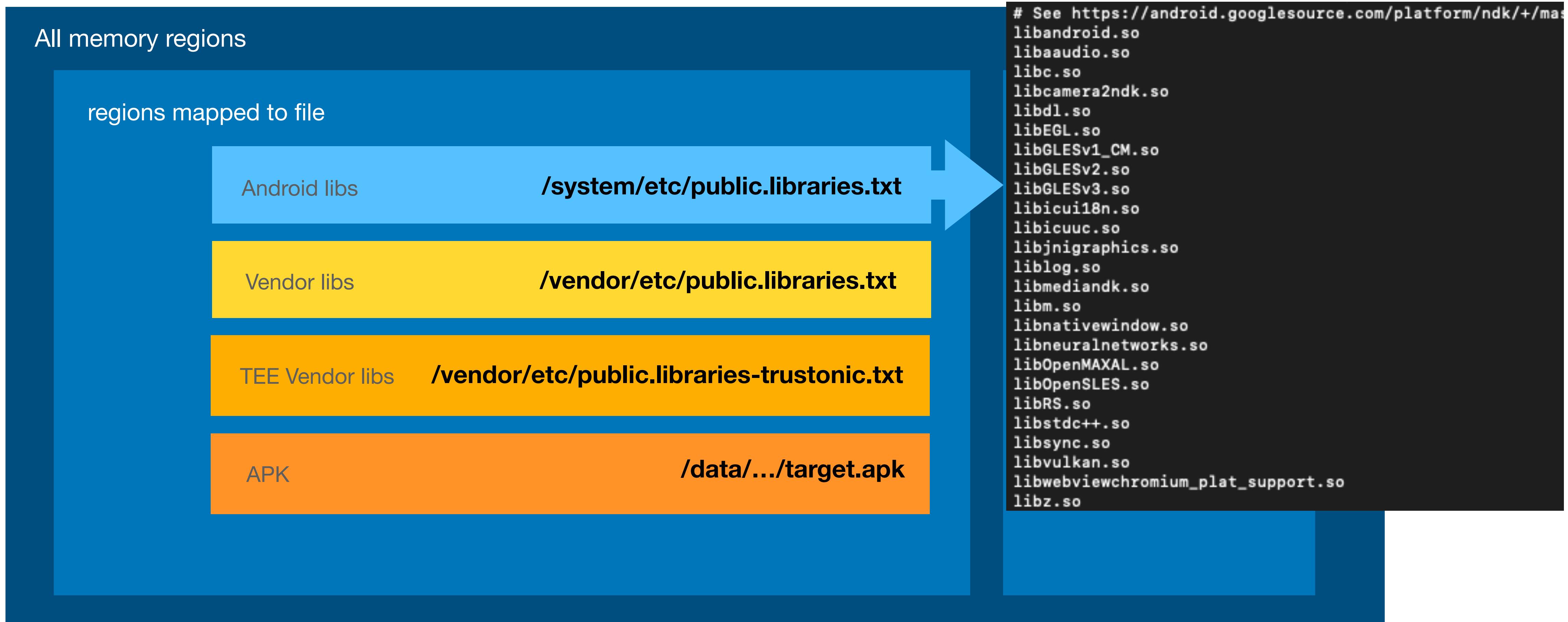
# Anti Hook

## Detect suspicious executable code



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# Anti Hook

## Detect suspicious executable code

All memory regions

regions mapped to file

Android libs

**/system/etc/public.libraries.txt**

Vendor libs

**/vendor/etc/public.libraries.txt**

TEE Vendor libs

**/vendor/etc/public.libraries-trustonic.txt**

APK

**/data/.../target.apk**

Any LD\_PRELOAD libs ...

`/data/local/tmp/re.frida.server/frida-agent-64.so (deleted)`  
[anon:.bss]  
[anon:thread stack guard]

`/vendor/lib64/egl/libGLES_mali.so`

`/vendor/lib64/egl/libGLES_mali.so`  
`/vendor/lib64/egl/libGLES_mali.so`  
[anon:.bss]  
/system/framework/framework-res.apk  
/system/fonts/NotoSerifCJK-Regular.ttc  
/system/fonts/NotoSansCJK-Regular.ttc  
[anon:libc\_malloc]  
[anon:thread stack guard]

[anon:thread stack guard]

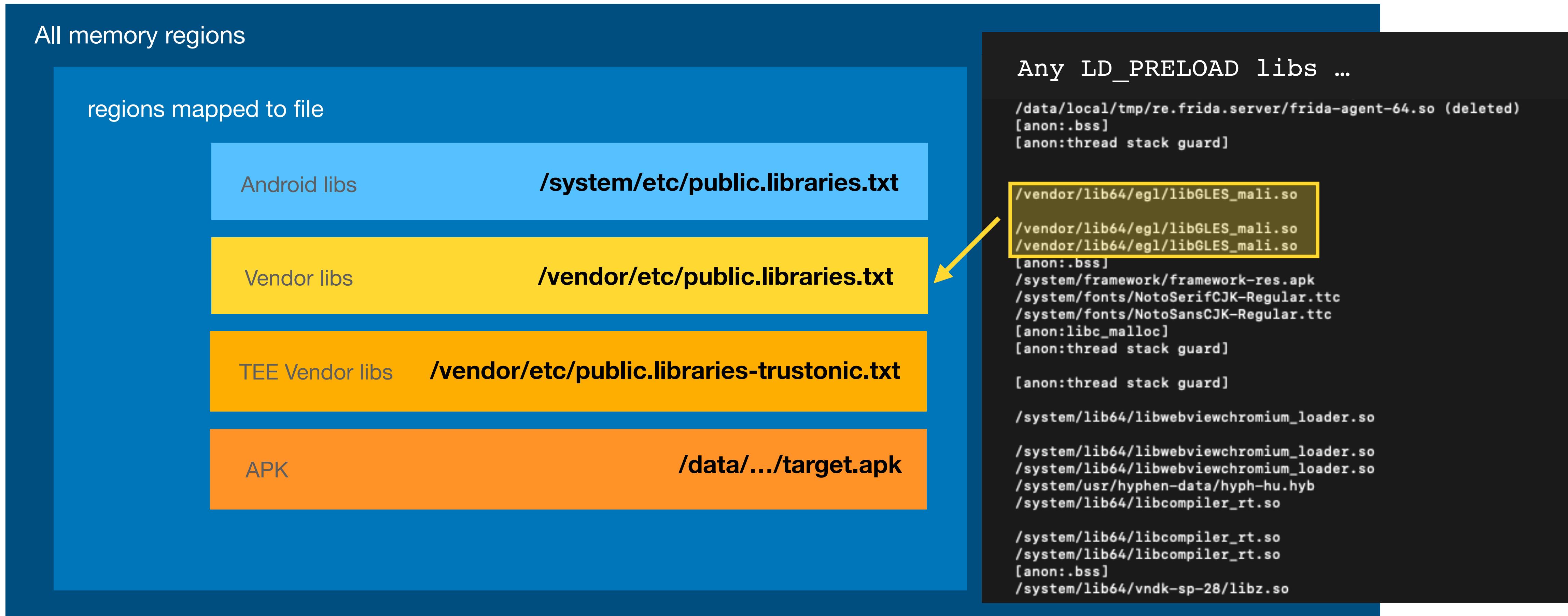
`/system/lib64/libwebviewchromium_loader.so`

`/system/lib64/libwebviewchromium_loader.so`  
`/system/lib64/libwebviewchromium_loader.so`  
/system/usr/hyphen-data/hyph-hu.hyb  
/system/lib64/libcompiler\_rt.so

`/system/lib64/libcompiler_rt.so`  
`/system/lib64/libcompiler_rt.so`  
[anon:.bss]  
/system/lib64/vndk-sp-28/libz.so

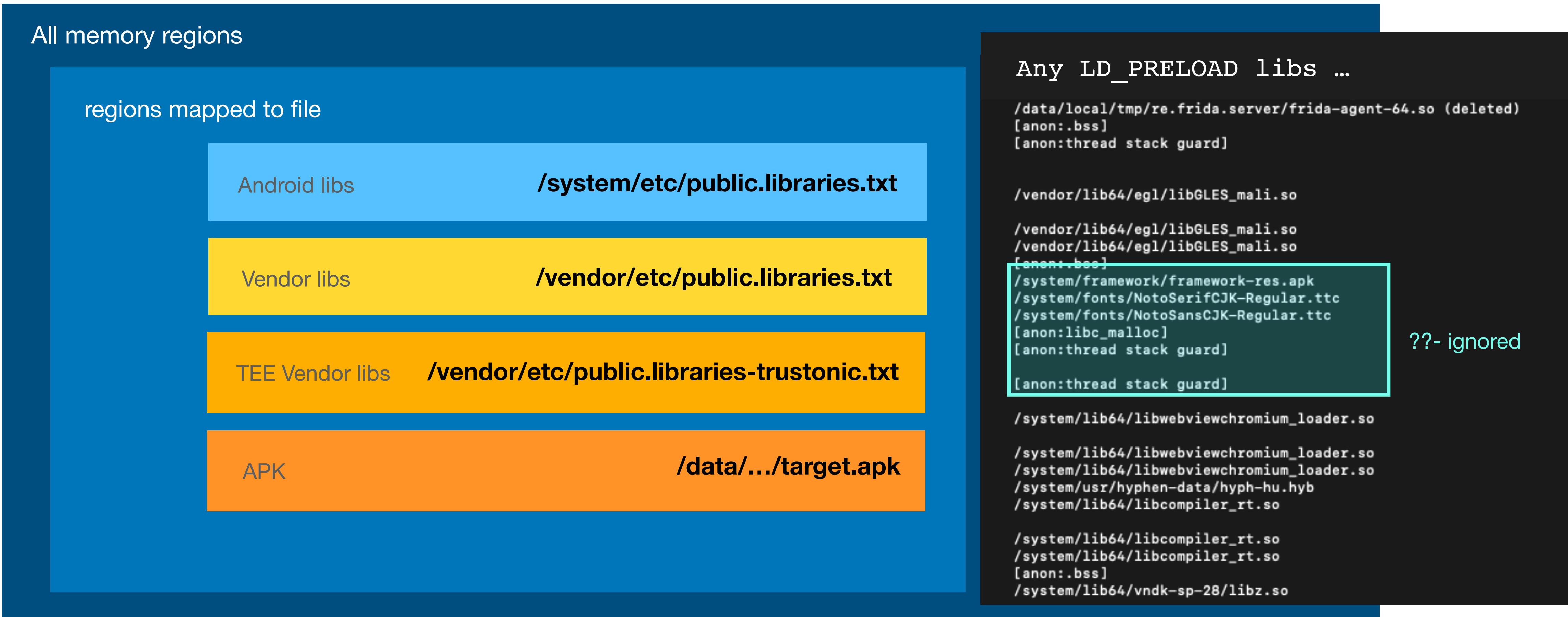
# Anti Hook

## Detect suspicious executable code



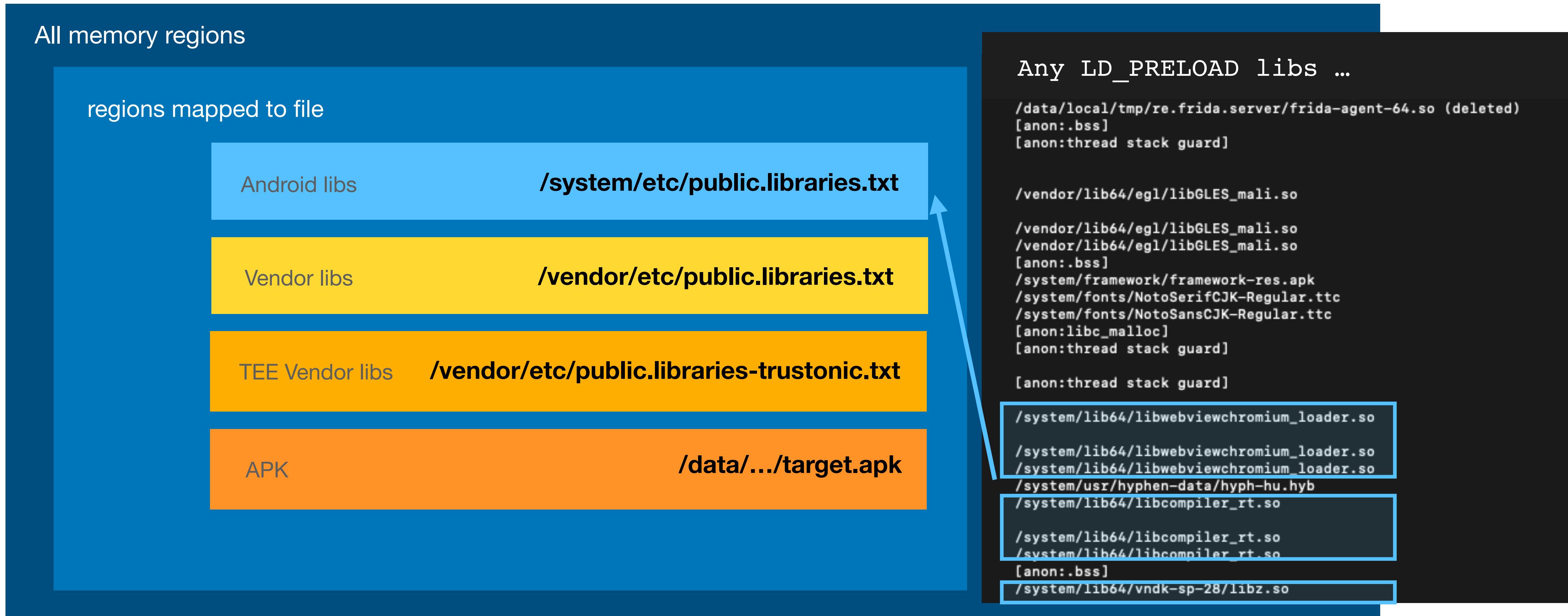
# Anti Hook

## Detect suspicious executable code



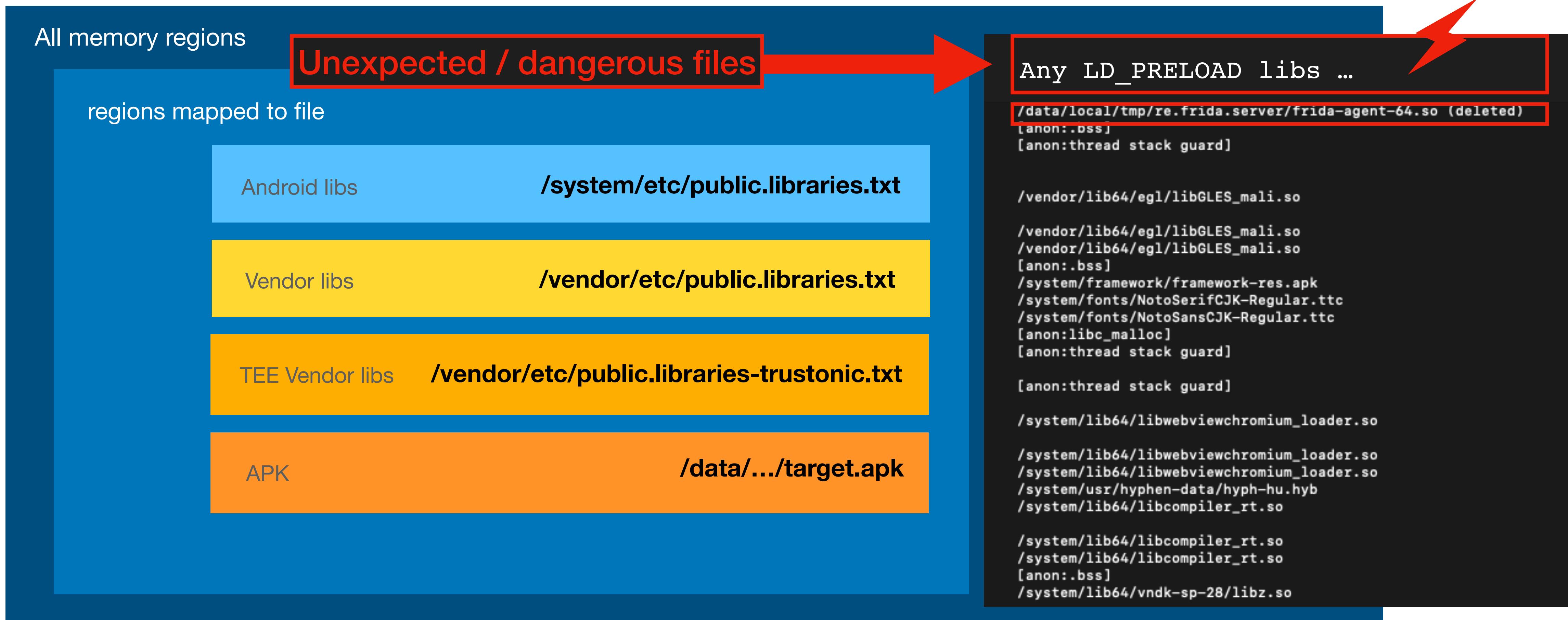
# Anti Hook

## Detect suspicious executable code



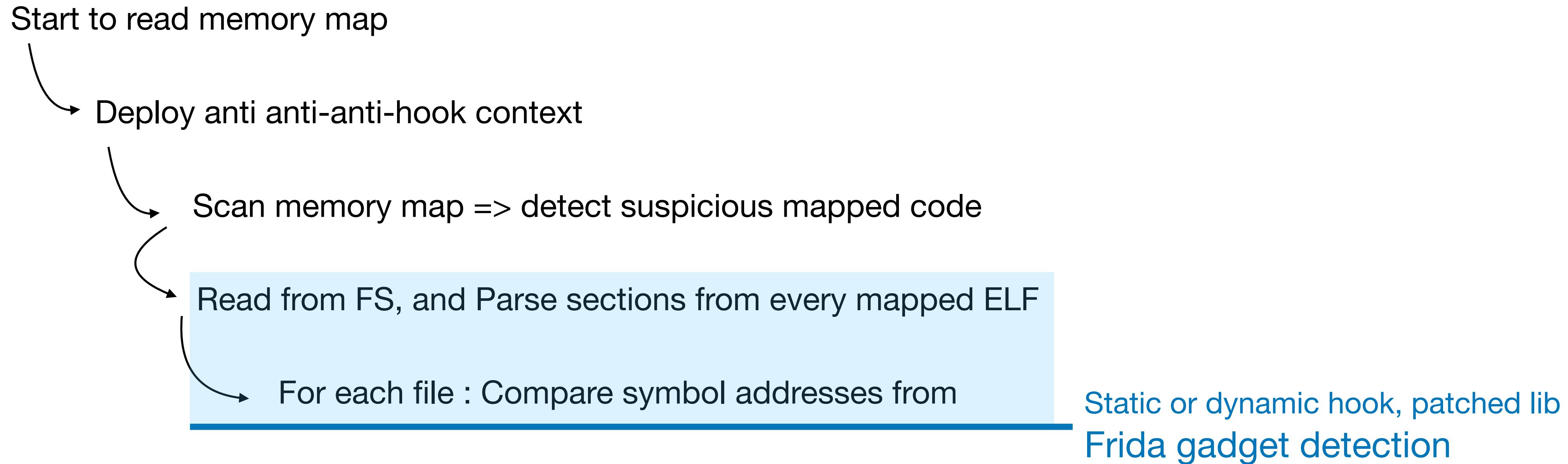
# Anti Hook

## Detect suspicious executable code



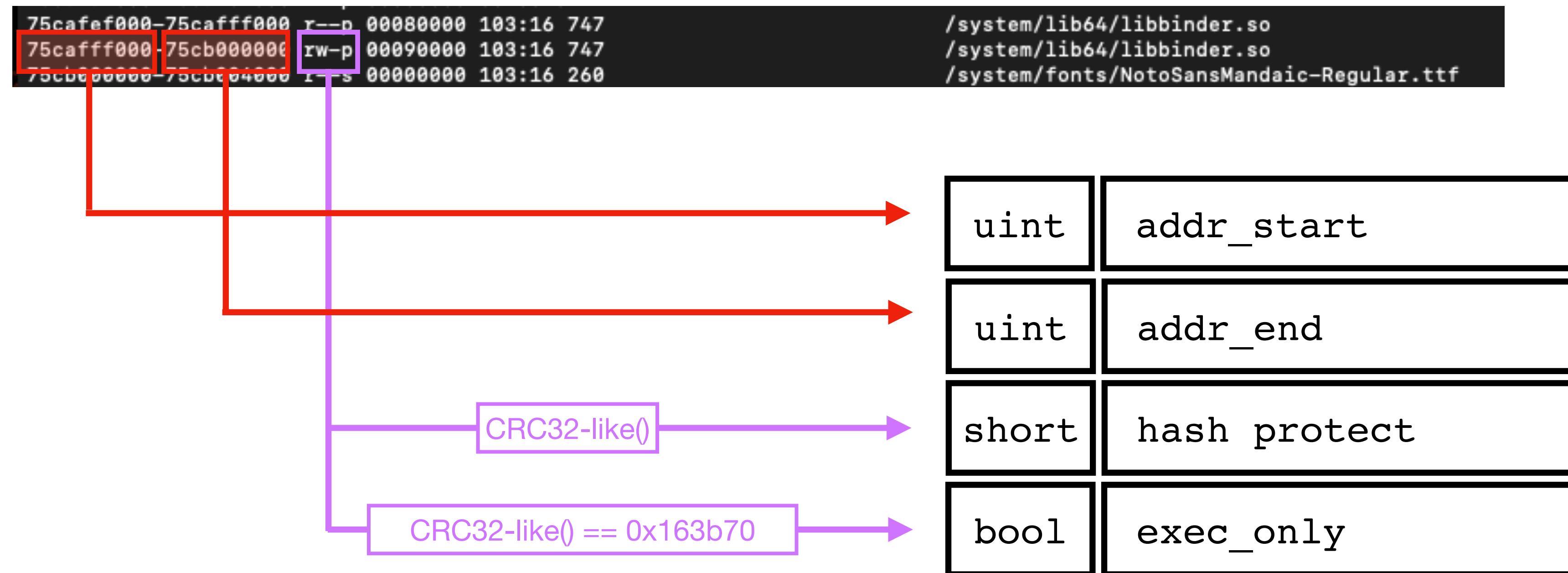
# Anti Hook

## Roadmap



# Anti Hook

## Memory map parsing



# Anti Hook

## Memory map parsing

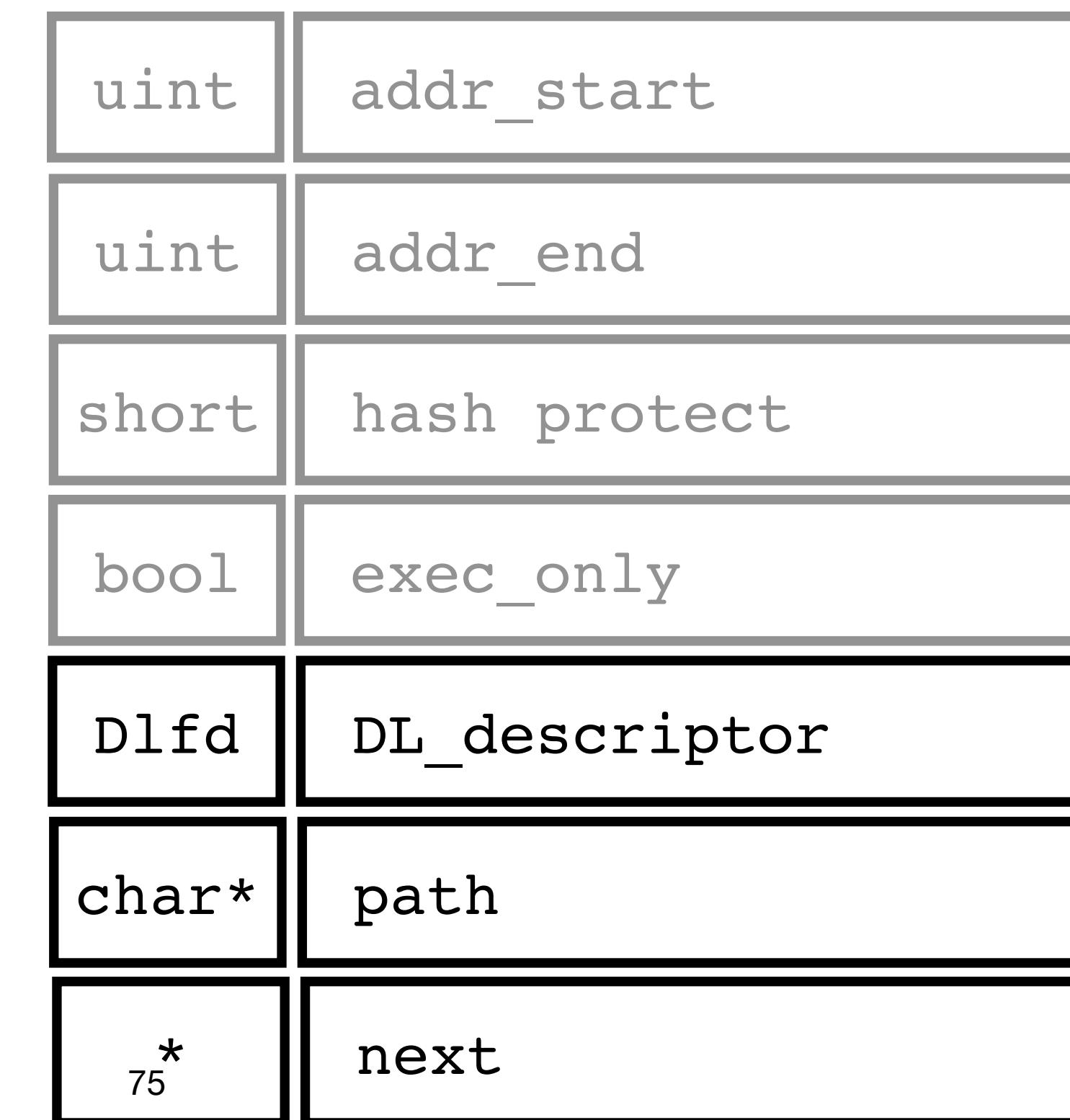
```
if (iVar3 != 0x360f) {
    pcVar6 = basename((char *)path);
    uVar4 = hash_2(pcVar6);
    if ((uVar4 != 0xdea6a0d2) && (uVar4 != 0x9a834d8e)) goto not_linker64;
}
v = *(int *)ULONG_0011eff8;
if ((28 < v) || ((hash_prot == 0xf70 || (hash_prot == 0xf2d)))) {
    if (list_mods == (astruct_4 *)0x0) {
append_to_chained_list:
    lib_info = (astruct_4 *)malloc(0x30);
    lib_info->addr_start = range_start_addr;
    lib_info->addr_end = range_end_addr;
    lib_info->size = hash_size;
    lib_info->exec_only = 0;
    lib_info->dl_fd = 0;
    if (v < 24) {
builtin_libraries:
    fd = dlopen(path, RTLD_NOLOAD); ← Detect if the lib is already loaded
    lib_info->dl_fd = fd;
}
else {
```

# Anti Hook

## Memory map parsing

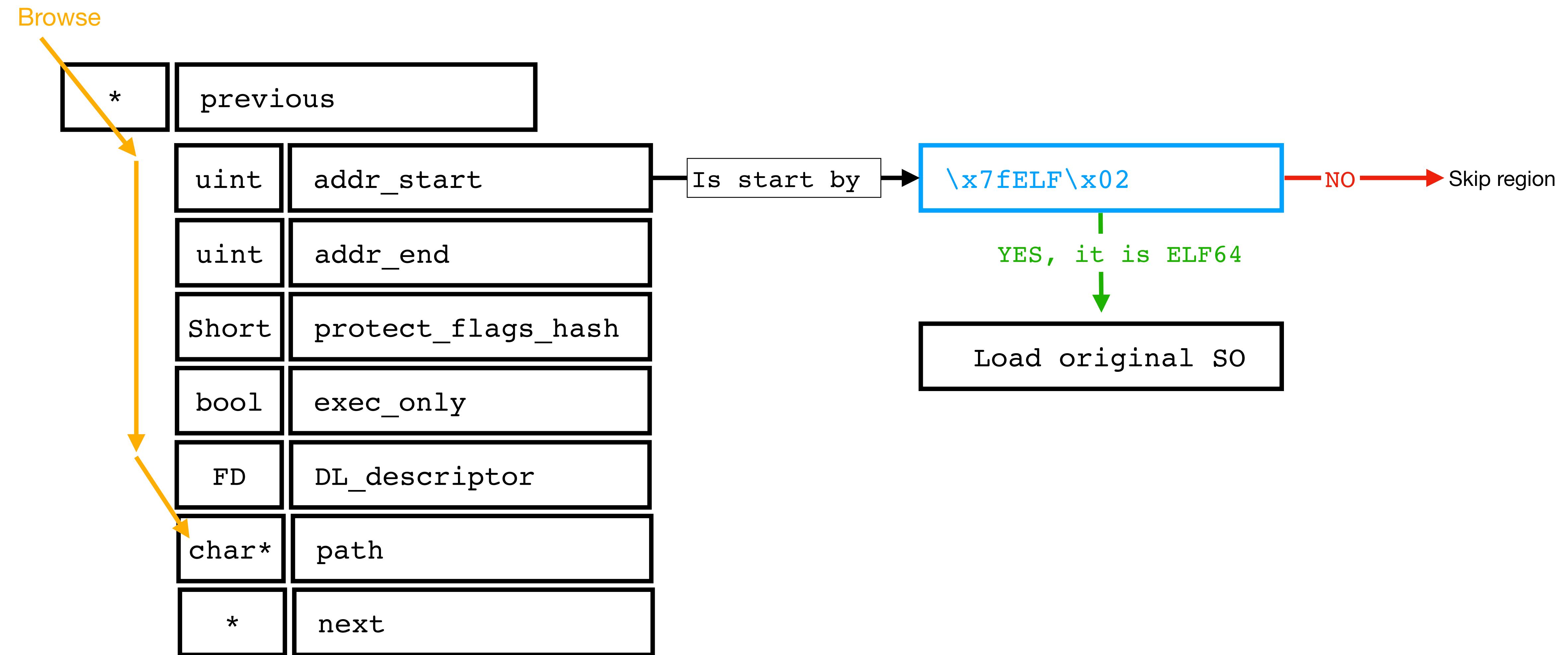
```
75cafe000-75cafff000 r--p 00080000 103:16 747  
75cafff000-75cb000000 rw-p 00090000 103:16 747  
75cb000000-75cb004000 r--s 00000000 103:16 260
```

```
/system/lib64/libbinder.so  
/system/lib64/libbinder.so  
/system/fonts/NotoSansMandaic-Regular.ttf
```



# Anti Hook

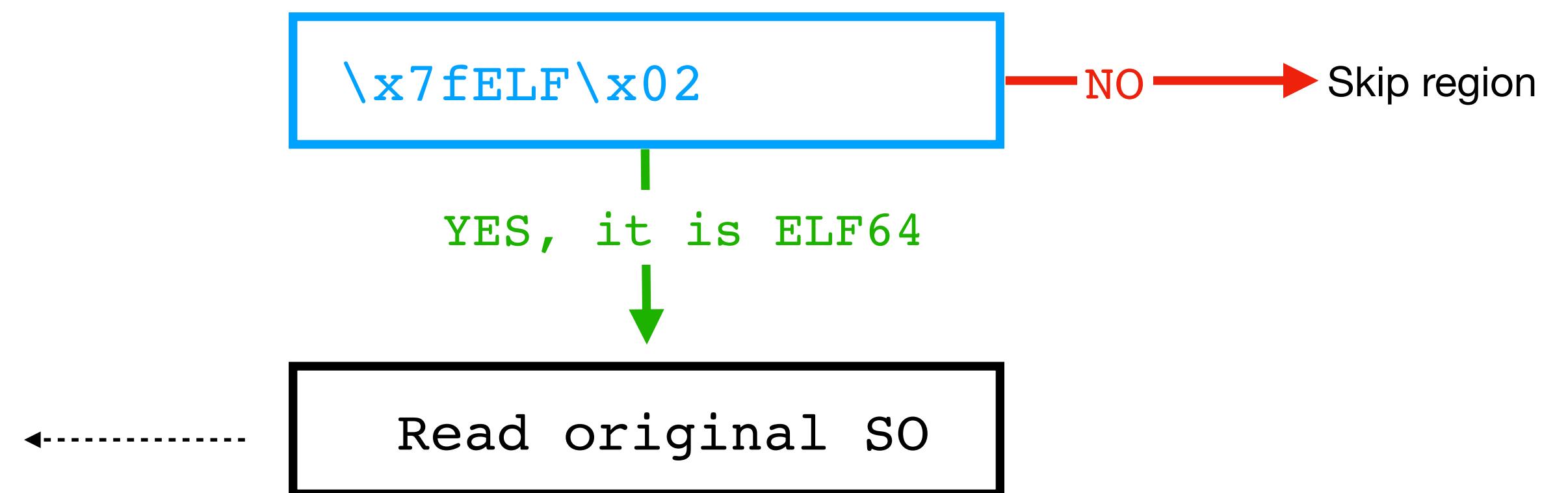
## Memory map parsing



# Anti Hook

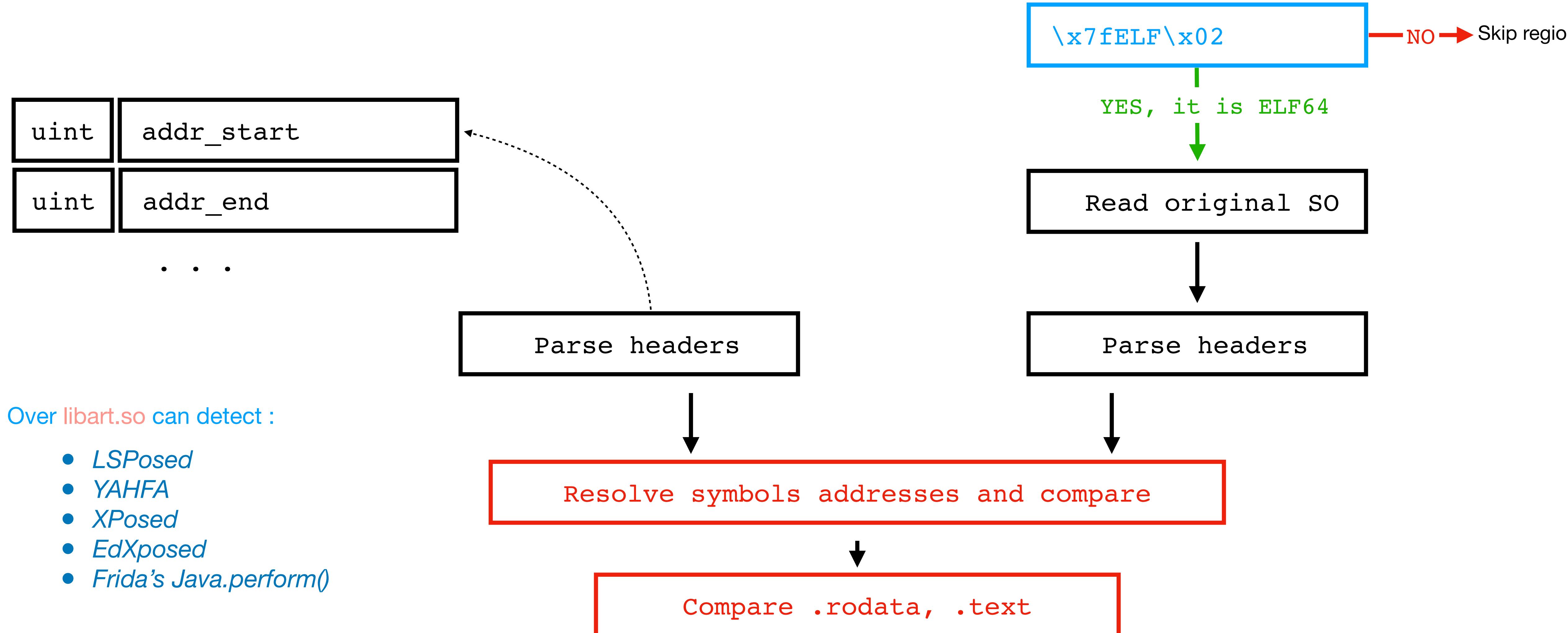
## Memory map parsing

```
fd = fopen_with_svc(binInfo->path,0);
if (fd != -1) {
    size = svc_lseek(fd,0,2);
    elf_file_addr = (void *)svc_mmap(0,size,1,1,fd,0);
    if (elf_file_addr != (void *)0xffffffffffff) {
        iVar1 = check_symbols(elf_file_addr,binInfo,(ulong)nonce,result);
        svc_munmap(elf_file_addr,size);
        if (iVar1 != 0) {
            fclose_svc(fd);
            return iVar1;
        }
        fclose_svc(fd);
    }
    return 0;
}
```



# Anti Hook

## Memory map parsing



# Anti Hook

## Regions mapped to /system/lib64/libc.so

| Clean Process                                  | Hooked Process                                 |
|--|--|
| 75caac2000-75caade000 r-xp 00000000 103:16 459 | 7524873000-7524987000 r--p 00000000 103:16 459 |
| 75caade000-75caadf000 rwxp 0001c000 103:16 459 | 75caac2000-75caade000 r-xp 00000000 103:16 459 |
| 75caadf000-75caae1000 r-xp 0001d000 103:16 459 | 75caade000-75caadf000 rwxp 0001c000 103:16 459 |
| 75caae1000-75caae2000 rwxp 0001f000 103:16 459 | 75caadf000-75caae1000 r-xp 0001d000 103:16 459 |
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| 75caae3000-75caae4000 rwxp 00021000 103:16 459 | 75caae2000-75caae3000 r-xp 00020000 103:16 459 |
| 75caae4000-75caae5000 r-xp 00022000 103:16 459 | 75caae3000-75caae4000 rwxp 00021000 103:16 459 |
| 75caae5000-75caae6000 rwxp 00023000 103:16 459 | 75caae4000-75caae5000 r-xp 00022000 103:16 459 |
| 75caae6000-75caaef000 r-xp 00024000 103:16 459 | 75caae5000-75caae6000 rwxp 00023000 103:16 459 |
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| 75cab46000-75cab47000 rwxp 00084000 103:16 459 | 75caaf2000-75cab30000 r-xp 00030000 103:16 459 |
| 75cab47000-75cab94000 r-xp 00085000 103:16 459 | 75cab30000-75cab31000 rwxp 0006e000 103:16 459 |
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|  | 75cab44000-75cab46000 r-xp 00082000 103:16 459 |
|  | 75cab46000-75cab47000 rwxp 00084000 103:16 459 |
|  | 75cab47000-75cab94000 r-xp 00085000 103:16 459 |
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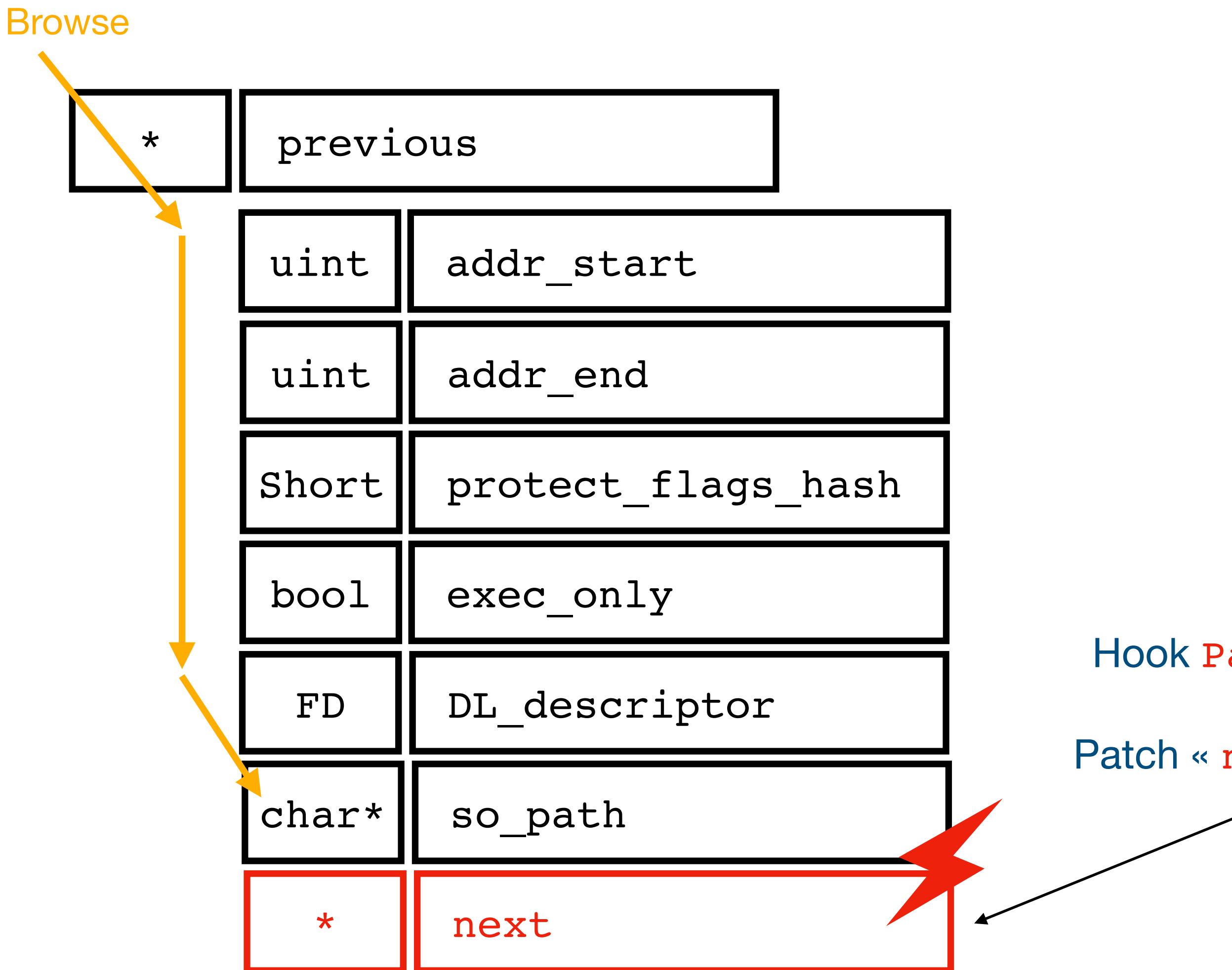
# Anti Hook

## Bypasses

- 1/ Patch linked list to stop the analysis of regions
- 2/ Lift output buffer of read() sys call when /proc/\*/maps is read

# Anti Hook

## Case 1 : Patch linked list to stop region analysis



It works finely  
but is too  
much specific  
to RASP  
internals

Hook `Parse_header()`  
and  
Patch « `next` » with `NULL`

# Anti Hook

## Case 2 : lifting read output of /proc/\*/maps

Easy case

Each hook call  
is independent,  
Bypass is local

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 75cceff8000-75ccf18000 r--s 00000000 00:11 14752 | /dev/_properties__/pr |
| 75ccf18000-75ccf1a000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0      | [anon:System property |
| 75ccf1a000-75ccf32000 r-xp 00000000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf32000-75ccf33000 rwxp 00018000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf33000-75ccf46000 r-xp 00019000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf46000-75ccf47000 rwxp 0002c000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf47000-75cd041000 r-xp 0002d000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75cd041000-75cd04b000 r--s 00000000 00:11 14600  | /dev/_properties__/pr |
| 75cd04b000-75cd04c000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0      | [anon:linker_alloc]   |

Read / process each line

# Anti Hook

## Case 2 : lifting read output of /proc/\*/maps

### Easy case

Each hook call  
is independent,  
Bypass is local

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 75cceff8000-75ccf18000 r--s 00000000 00:11 14752 | /dev/_properties__/pr |
| 75ccf18000-75ccf1a000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0      | [anon:System property |
| 75ccf1a000-75ccf32000 r-xp 00000000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf32000-75ccf33000 rwxp 00018000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf33000-75ccf46000 r-xp 00019000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf46000-75ccf47000 rwxp 0002c000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf47000-75cd041000 r-xp 0002d000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75cd041000-75cd04b000 r--s 00000000 00:11 14600  | /dev/_properties__/pr |
| 75cd04b000-75cd04c000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0      | [anon:linker_alloc]   |

Read / process each line

### Hardened case

Hook holds state  
and change  
behavior of next  
hook call

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 75cceff8000-75ccf18000 r--s 00000000 00:11 14752 | /dev/_properties__/pr |
| 75ccf18000-75ccf1a000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0      | [anon:System property |
| 75ccf1a000-75ccf32000 r-xp 00000000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf32000-75ccf33000 rwxp 00018000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf33000-75ccf46000 r-xp 00019000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf46000-75ccf47000 rwxp 0002c000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf47000-75cd041000 r-xp 0002d000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75cd041000-75cd04b000 r--s 00000000 00:11 14600  | /dev/_properties__/pr |
| 75cd04b000-75cd04c000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0      | [anon:linker_alloc]   |

Read char by char

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 75cceff8000-75ccf18000 r--s 00000000 00:11 14752 | /dev/_properties__/pr |
| 75ccf18000-75ccf1a000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0      | [anon:System property |
| 75ccf1a000-75ccf32000 r-xp 00000000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf32000-75ccf33000 rwxp 00018000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf33000-75ccf46000 r-xp 00019000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf46000-75ccf47000 rwxp 0002c000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75ccf47000-75cd041000 r-xp 0002d000 103:16 2175  | /system/bin/linker64  |
| 75cd041000-75cd04b000 r--s 00000000 00:11 14600  | /dev/_properties__/pr |
| 75cd04b000-75cd04c000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0      | [anon:linker_alloc]   |

Read byte sequences  
with random length

# Anti Hook

## Case 2 : lifting read output of /proc/\*/maps (easy case)

```
read: {
    onEnter: function(ctx){
        const f = ctx.dxcFD[ctx.x0.toInt32()];
        if( /^\/proc\/.+\/maps$/g.exec(f)){
            ctx.maps = true;
        }
    },
    onLeave: function(ctx){
        if(ctx.maps){
            ctx.maps = false;
        }
    }
}
```



SCAN & PATCH read sys call OUTPUT BUFFER (referenced by x1)

Hook of read sys call ( `x8 = 0x3f` ; .... ; `svc #0` ) with Interruptor

# Anti Hook

## Case 2 : lifting read output of /proc/\*/maps (easy case)

```
let res = null;
res = Memory.scanSync(ctx.x1, ctx.x2.toInt32(), RWX_PATTERN);
if(res.length > 0){
    res.map( m => m.address.writeByteArray([0x72,0x2D,0x78]));
    console.warn("replace 'rwx' by 'r-x' from resulting buffer");
}
```

Replace « rwx » protection flags by « r-x »

```
res = Memory.scanSync(ctx.x1, ctx.x2.toInt32(), LIBC_PATTERN);
if(res.length > 0){
    res.map( m => m.address.writeByteArray([0x6c,0x69,0x62,0x71,0x2E]));
    console.warn("replace 'libc.' by 'libz.' pattern from resulting buffer");
    return ;
}
```

Patch filename « libc. » with « libz. »

# Anti Frida

## Frida injector detection

```
PID=12435 TID=██████████ :12536 libc > vfork > [PID=12435] [Parent TID=12536] fork
PID=12435 TID=12535 libc > __open_2 > /dev/ashmem 0x53
File (1) : new : /data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/lib/arm64
PID=12435 TID=██████████ :12536 libc > fork > [PID=12435] [Parent TID=12536] fork
File (1) : new : /data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/base.apk!/lib/arm64-v8a
File (1) : new : /data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/split_config.fr.apk!/lib/arm64-v8a
String.contains( /data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/lib/arm64, !/ ) = false :
PID=12435 TID=12535 libc > stat64(/data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/lib/arm64, 0x7a41d5fa28) = 0x0
String.contains( /data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/base.apk!/lib/arm64-v8a, !/ ) = true :
File (1) : new : /data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/base.apk
PID=12435 TID=12597 libc > open > /data/local/tmp/re.frida.server/linjector-91 0x22 ←
PID=12435 TID=12597 libc > dlsym (0x835620158e291e43,frida_agent_main) = 0x7c453f35bc
PID=12435 TID=██████████ :12536 libc > fork > [PID=12435] [Parent TID=12536] Child PID 12588
PID=12435 TID=██████████ :12536 libc > vfork > [PID=12435] [Parent TID=12536] Child PID 12588
PID=12435 TID=12594 libc > __open_2 > /dev/ashmem 0x51
String.contains( /data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/split_config.fr.apk!/lib/arm64-v8a, !/ ) = true :
File (1) : new : /data/app/com.google.android.gms-vPxYPvx1h7yBxA_Qtc02ww==/split_config.fr.apk
```

dlopen / dlsym

# Anti Frida

## Frida threads detection

```
Name: plug.androidapp
Name: Jit thread pool
Name: Signal Catcher
Name: ReferenceQueueD
Name: FinalizerDaemon
Name: FinalizerWatchd
Name: HeapTaskDaemon
Name: gmain
Name: gdbus
Name: gum-js-loop
Name: plug.androidapp
Name: Binder:31485_1
Name: Binder:31485_2
```

Frida threads

First line for each /proc/ \* /tasks/ \* /status

Hook candidates

→ read( ) syscall, replace « **gmain** » and « **gum-js-loop** » inside output

→ mmap( ) syscall with FD > 0, replace FD of status file of Frida thread by FD of legitimate app thread

→ openat( ) syscall with patched path

# Anti Frida

## Frida threads detection

```
Interruptor.newAgentTracer({
    svc: {
        read: {
            onEnter: function(ctx){
                this.path = this.dxcFD[ctx.x0];
            },
            onLeave: function(ctx){
                if(this.path != null && this.path.match(/^\/proc\/[0-9]+\task\/[0-9]+\status$/g)>0){
                    this.path = null;

                    let res = Memory.scanSync(ctx.x1, ctx.x2.toInt32(), Interruptor.utils().toScanPattern('gmain'));
                    if(res.length > 0){
                        res.map( m => m.address.writeByteArray(Interruptor.utils().toByteArray("bindr")));
                        console.log("remove 'gmain' pattern from resulting buffer");
                        return;
                    }

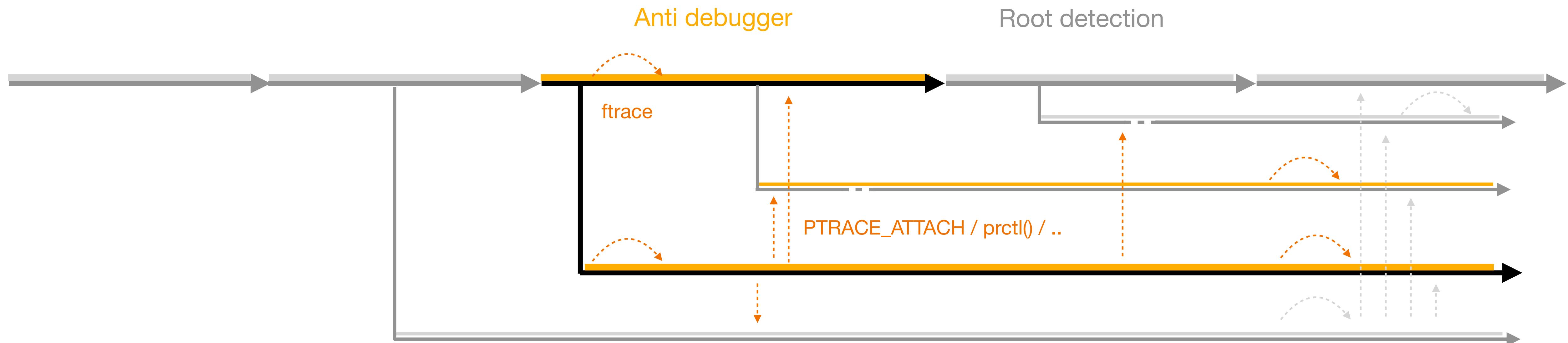
                    res = Memory.scanSync(ctx.x1, ctx.x2.toInt32(), Interruptor.utils().toScanPattern('gum-js'));
                    if(res.length > 0){
                        res.map( m => m.address.writeByteArray(Interruptor.utils().toByteArray("binder")));
                        console.log("remove 'gum-js' pattern from resulting buffer");
                        return;
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}).startOnLoad(/<YOUR_LIB>/g);
```

And now, a bunch of checks requiring ...

## CONSISTENCY

Between hooks and spoofed values

# [ anti- ] Debugger



# Anti Debugger

## Native « ftrace » detection

```

fd = openAt(procStatusStr);
if (fd == 0) {
    res = 0xffffffff;
}
else {
    o = (char *)0x0;
    local_f0 = 10;
    while( true ) {
        iVar3 = svc_read(fd,acStack496 + (long)o,0x100 - (long)o);
        if (0 < iVar3) {
            o = o + iVar3;
        }
        if (o == (char *)0x0) {
            res = 0;
            goto LAB_00109f50;
        }
        local_200[0] = acStack496;
        iVar3 = FUN_00109234(local_200,10,10);
        if [iVar3 == 0xd0359aa) break;
        cVar1 = local_200[0][-1];
        while (cVar1 != '\n') {
            cVar1 = *local_200[0];
            local_200[0] = local_200[0] + 1;
        }
        o = acStack496 + ((long)o - (long)local_200[0]);
        if (o != (char *)0x0) {
            memmove(acStack496,local_200[0],o);
        }
    }
    cVar1 = *local_200[0];
}

uint hashBeginOf(byte **bufferPtr,byte stopAtChar,int maxLenRead)
{
    uint hash;
    long o;
    byte *buffer;
    uint ch;

    if (maxLenRead < 1) {
        return 0;
    }
    buffer = *bufferPtr;
    o = 0;
    hash = 0;
    do {
        *bufferPtr = buffer + o + 1;
        ch = (uint)buffer[o];
        if (ch == stopAtChar) {
            return hash;
        }
        o = o + 1;
        hash = ch ^ (hash >> 0x1b | hash << 5);
    } while ((int)o < maxLenRead);
    return hash;
}

```

1. Decrypt string and search ‘TracePid’ row into ‘/proc/.../status’

$0xd0359aa = \text{hash}(\text{'TracerPid:':})$

2. Browse content by hashing its entry and flag if ‘TracerPid: <val>’  
(Note : there is not call to libc, everything is done with explicit SVC)

# Anti Debugger

## Java « ftrace » detection

```
> INVOKE ! android.os.Debug.isDebuggerConnected(null) > false
> INVOKE ! android.os.Debug.waitingForDebugger(null) < ...
> INVOKE ! android.os.Debug.waitingForDebugger(null) > false
File (1) : new : /proc/self/status
[JSONObject] New : {"IS_APP_DOING_WORK":"true"}
String.contains( name: gitsecure.dgpay, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( umask:      0077, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( state:      s (sleeping), tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( tgid: 1161, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( ngid: 0, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( pid: 1161, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( ppid: 3798, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( tracerpid: 0, tracerpid ) = true :
String.contains( uid: 10141 10141 10141 10141, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( gid: 10141 10141 10141 10141, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( fdsize: 128 +tracerpid ) = false :
```

```
String.contains( mems_allowed_list: 0, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( voluntary_ctxt_switches: 17605, tracerpid ) = false :
String.contains( nonvoluntary_ctxt_switches: 64, tracerpid ) = false :
File (1) : new : /sys/kernel/debug/tracing/current_tracer
libc > access > /sys/kernel/debug/tracing/current_tracer 0x0
File (1) : new : /proc/sys/kernel/ftrace_enabled
libc > access > /proc/sys/kernel/ftrace_enabled 0xfffffffffffffff
```

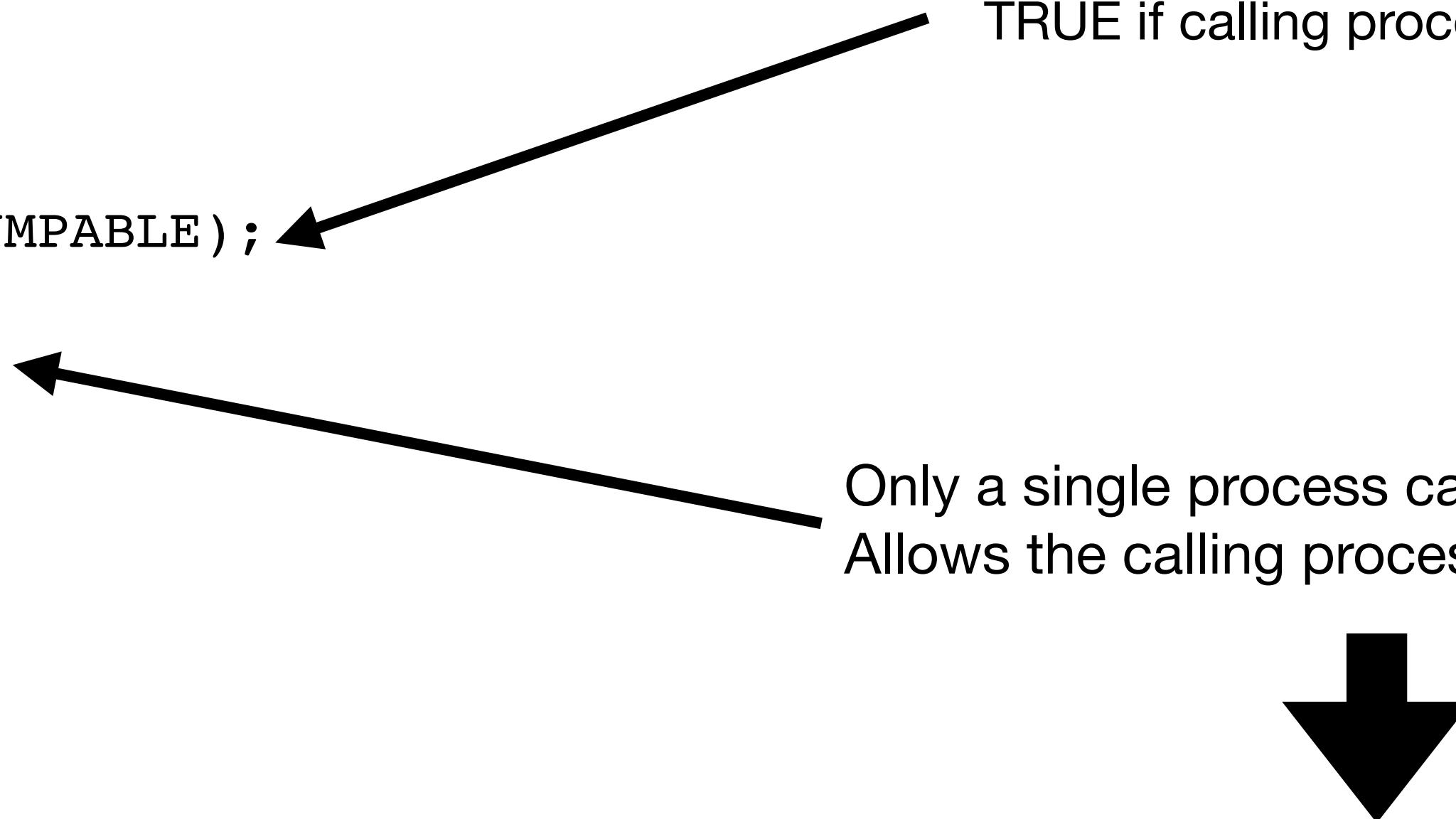
# Anti Debugger

## Prevent core dump from GDB / Debugger

```
start_RASP() {  
  
    is_dumpable = prctl(PR_GET_DUMPABLE); ← TRUE if calling process can do core dump  
    if (is_dumpable != 1) {  
        prctl(PR_SET_DUMPABLE, 1); ← Only a single process can dump data.  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Allows the calling process to do core dump

GDB / Debugger cannot does core dump later



The diagram illustrates the flow of control in the `start_RASP()` function. It starts with the declaration of `is_dumpable` and its assignment via `prctl(PR_GET_DUMPABLE)`. An annotation with an arrow points to this line, stating "TRUE if calling process can do core dump". Following this, an `if` statement checks the value of `is_dumpable`. If it is not equal to 1, the `prctl(PR_SET_DUMPABLE, 1)` call is made. An annotation with an arrow points to this line, stating "Only a single process can dump data. Allows the calling process to do core dump". Finally, a large downward-pointing arrow indicates the flow of control continues to the conclusion: "GDB / Debugger cannot does core dump later".

# Anti Debugger

## Bypass

```
prctl: {
    onEnter: function(ctx){
        this.cmd = ctx.x0.toUInt32();
        if(this.cmd === KAPI.CONST.PR_.OPT.PR_SET_DUMPABLE[0]){
            ctx.x0 = KAPI.CONST.PR_.OPT.PR_GET_DUMPABLE[0];
        }
    },
    onLeave: function(ctx){
        switch(this.cmd){
            case KAPI.CONST.PR_.OPT.PR_GET_DUMPABLE[0]:
            case KAPI.CONST.PR_.OPT.PR_SET_DUMPABLE[0]:
                ctx.x0 = 1;
                console.log("PRCTL SET/GET_DUMPABLE "+this.cmd+" returns "+ctx.x0);
                break;
            default:
                console.log("PRCTL * "+this.cmd+" returns "+ctx.x0);
                break;
        }
    }
},
```

Hook PRCTL system call with [Interruptor](#) and replace command

# Anti Debugger

## Start child process

Parent process

```
start_RASP() {  
    ...  
  
    pid = fork();  
    if (pid != 0) {  
  
        sigaction(0x11,(sigaction *)&handler,(sigaction *)0x0);  
        JNI stuff here  
        thread_args = 8;  
  
    }  
    else {  
        if (pid == 0) {  
  
            attach_n_restart_children();  
            JNI stuff here with shared data  
            start_RASP();  
            gettime_hash((uint)java_global_ref ^ ftrace_detected);  
            FUN_001028a4();  
            return;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Anti Debugger

## Start child process

Parent process

```
start_RASP() {  
    ...  
  
    pid = fork();  
    if (pid != 0) {  
        sigaction(0x11,(sigaction *)&handler,(sigaction *)0x0);  
        JNI stuff here  
        thread_args = 8;  
    }  
    else {  
        if (pid == 0) {  
  
            attach_n_restart_children();  
            JNI stuff here with shared data  
            start_RASP();  
            gettime_hash((uint)java_global_ref ^ ftrace_detected);  
            FUN_001028a4();  
            return;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Executed by parent

# Anti Debugger

## Prevent debugger to be attached to processes

Parent process

```
start_RASP() {  
    ...  
  
    pid = fork();  
    if (pid != 0) {  
  
        sigaction(0x11,(sigaction *)&handler,(sigaction *)0x0);  
        JNI stuff here  
        thread_args = 8;  
  
    }  
    else {  
        if (pid == 0) {  
  
            attach_n_restart_children();  
            JNI stuff here with shared data  
            start_RASP();  
            gettime_hash((uint)java_global_ref ^ ftrace_detected);  
            FUN_001028a4();  
            return;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Executed by child process

# Anti Debugger

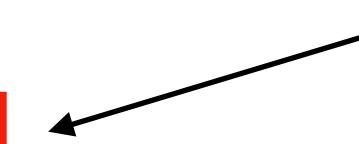
## Prevent debugger to be attached to processes

Child process

```
void attach_n_restart_children(void)
{
    __pid_t ppid;
    int iVar1;
    ulong success;

    ppid = getppid();
    success = ptrace_attach_all_thread(ppid);
    iVar1 = sem_post(_DAT_0011f248_sem);
    if ((success & 1) != 0) {
        start_restart_children(iVar1);
    }
    /* WARNING: Subroutine does not return */
    _exit(0);
}
```

Executed by child process



# Anti Debugger

## Prevent debugger to be attached to processes

Child process

```
ptrace_attach_all_thread(pid){  
    . . .  
    snprintf(parent_task,0x80,"/proc/%d/task",(ulong)(uint)pid);  
    __dirp = opendir(parent_task);  
    if (__dirp == (DIR *)0x0) { .... }  
  
    dirEnts = readdir(__dirp);  
  
    if (dirEnts != (dirent *)0x0) {  
        do {  
            if (dirEnts->d_name[0] != '.') {  
                __pid = atoi(dirEnts->d_name);  
                r = wrap_svc_ptrace(PTRACE_ATTACH, __pid, 0, 0);  
                if (r == 0) goto on_attach_success;  
            }  
            dirEnts = readdir(__dirp);  
            if (dirEnts == (dirent *)0x0) break;  
        } while( true );  
    }  
    sig = closedir(__dirp);
```

Anti Debugger : attach each thread  
including main thread

# Anti Debugger

## Bypass

```
ptrace: {
    onEnter: function(ctx){
        this.cmd = ctx.x0.toInt32();
        if(this.cmd === KAPI.CONST.PR_.OPT.PTRACE_ATTACH[0]){
            ctx.x0 = KAPI.CONST.PR_.OPT.PTRACE_DETACH[0];
        }
    },
},
```

Hook of PTRACE system call with [Interruptor](#)

PTRACE\_ATTACH replaced by PTRACE\_DETACH [to avoid error](#)

Try every time to avoid to create detectable side effects when you patch ptrace() args

# 3/ Automation and bypass

# Bypass Requirements

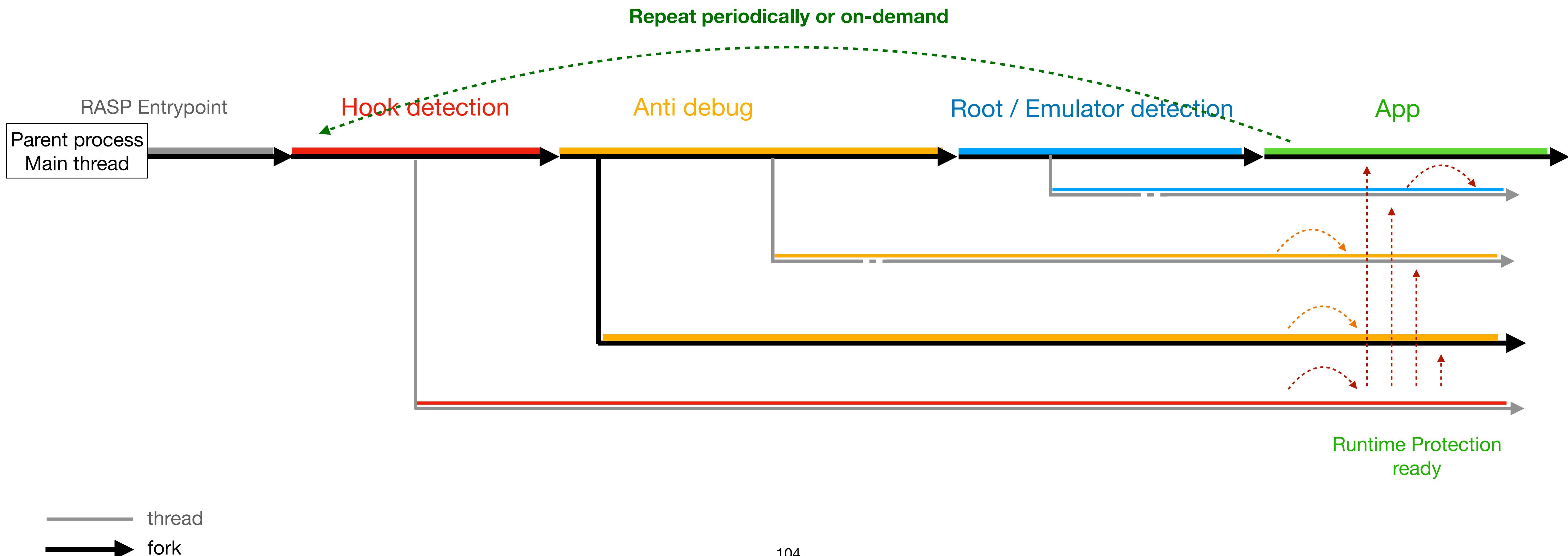
- Frida only ❤
- Most of bypasses must be done from agent (repackage able)
- Universal (work for all apps)
- Autonomous « frida bot »
- Must work with official Frida binaries and Magisk

not only StrongR frida

or temporary root

# The « Frida » Challenge

Remember ...



# The « Frida » Challenge

## Challenge

Out of the box, without additional work, Frida cannot :

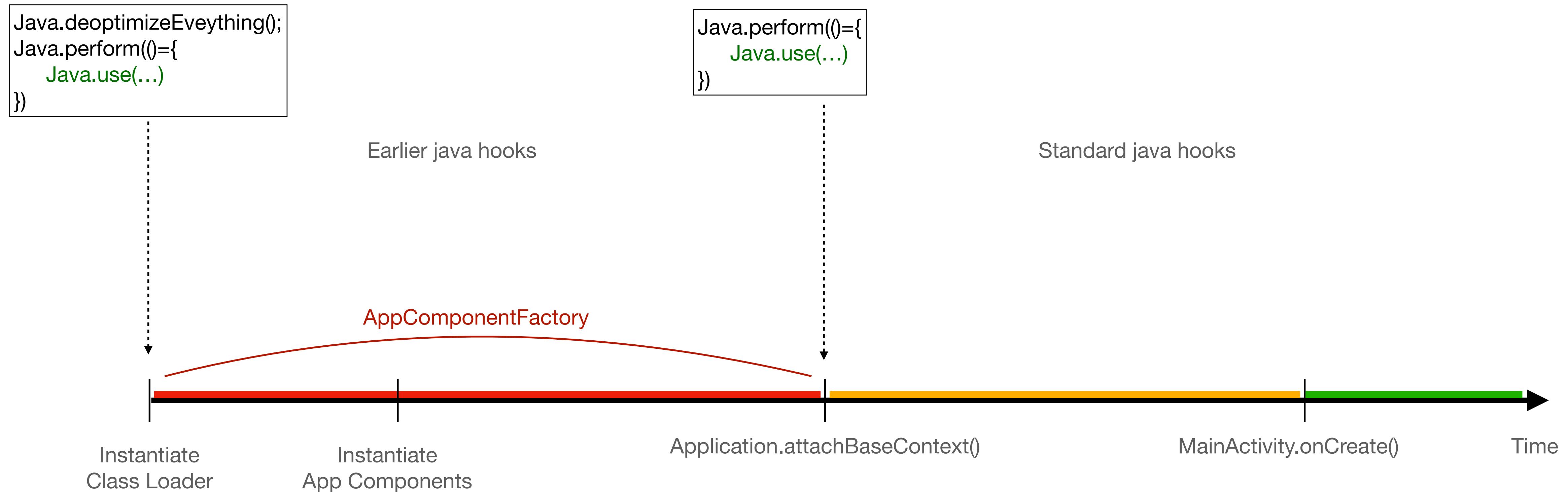
- Hook overridden AppComponentFactory's methods
- Hook undefined Java method (methods loaded later)
- Hook native libs entrypoints (without patch)
- Hook instruction with follow thread
- Follow fork/clone (child gating) from app (instead of from host)
- Hook dynamically mapped ??X code prior to mapping

# The « Frida » Challenge

- Act like a bot
- Stalk everything
- Fine grained hooking

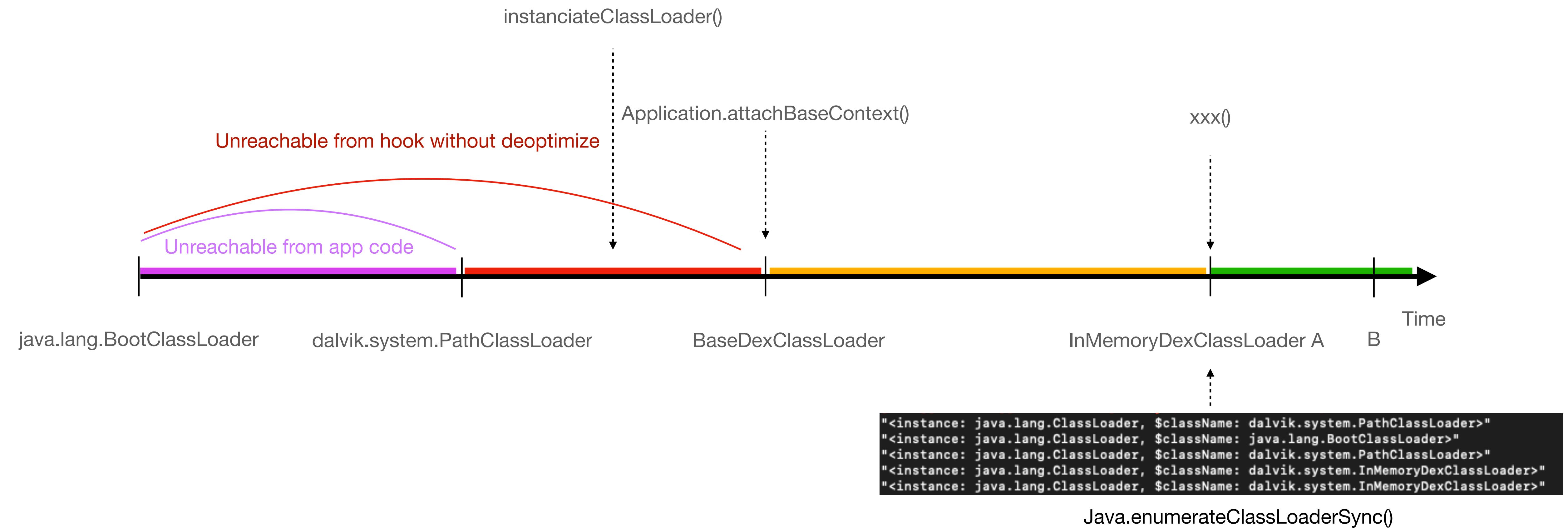
# The « Frida » Challenge

## Early java hooking



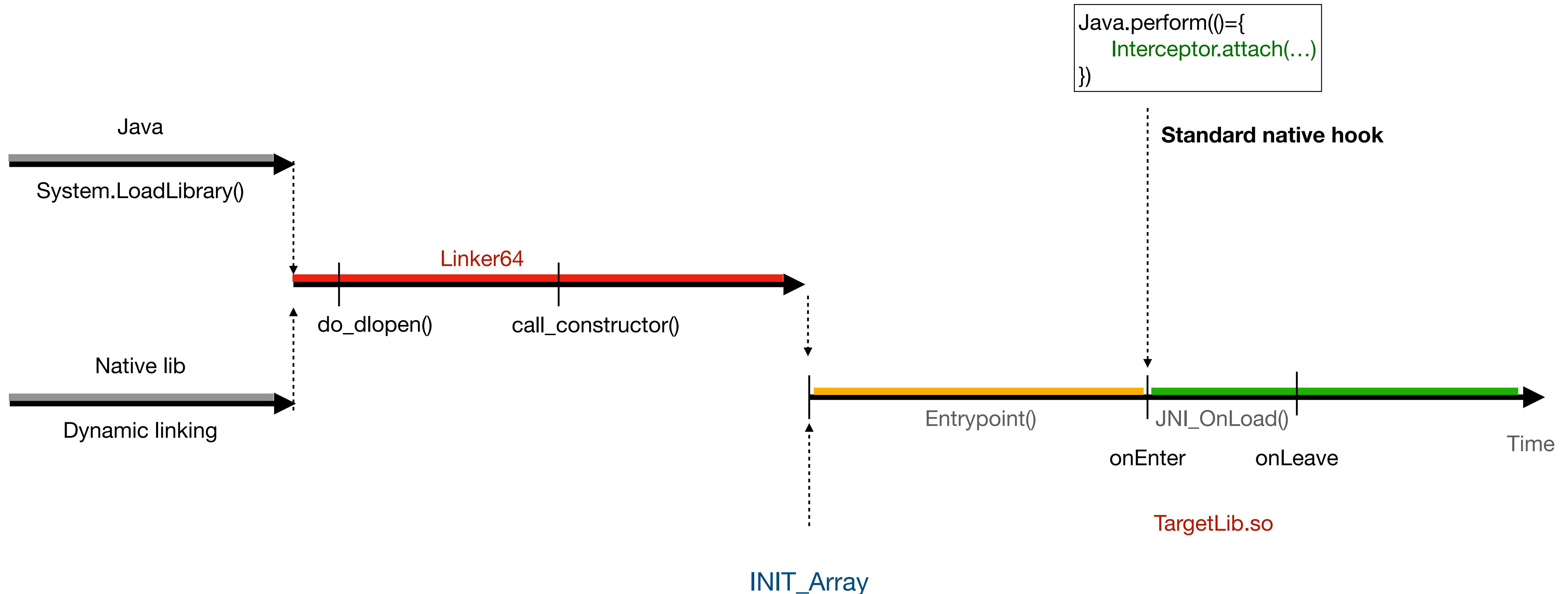
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## Java hooking of dynamically loaded classes



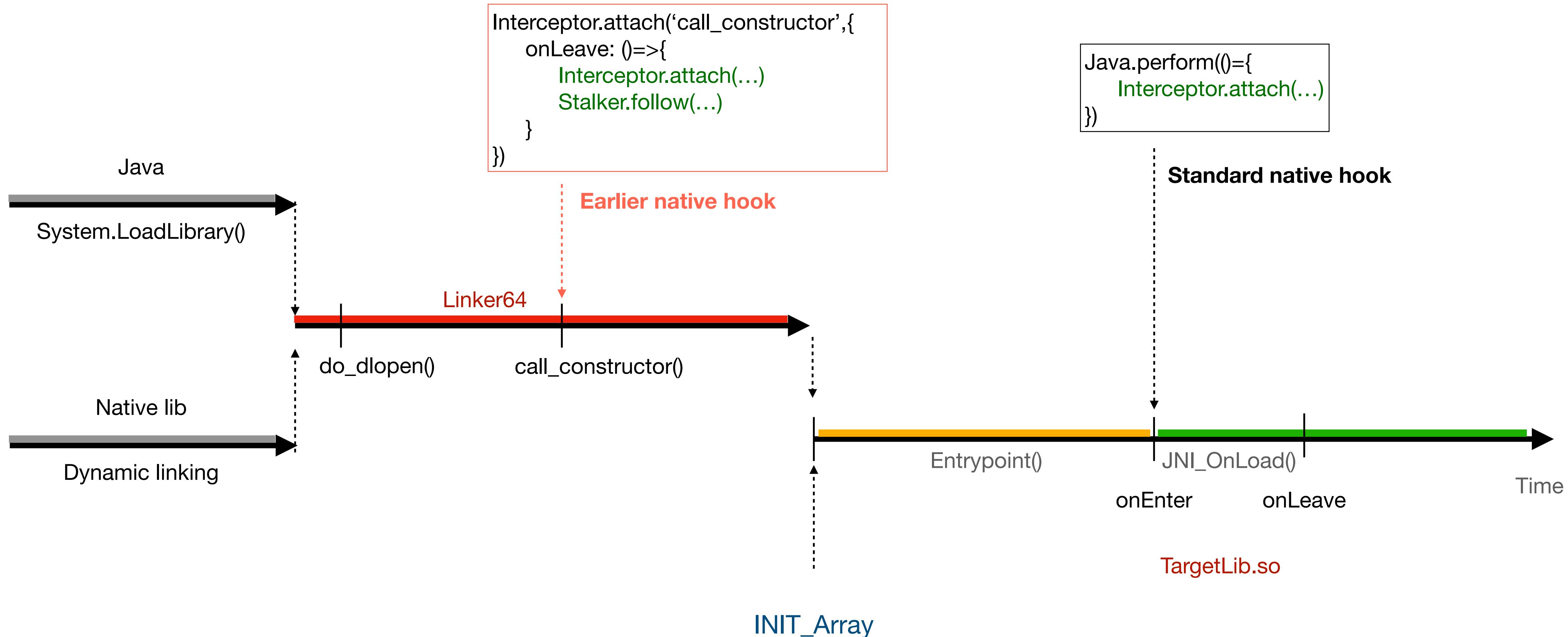
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## Early native hooking



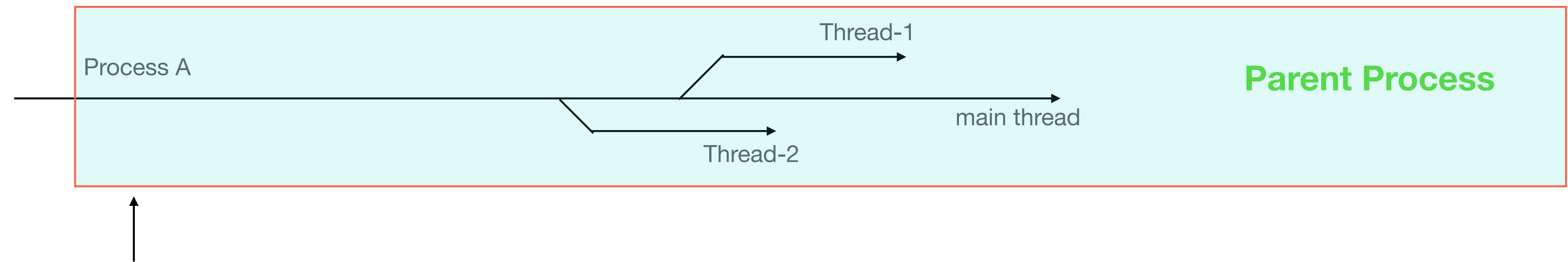
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## Early native hooking



# The « Frida » Challenge

## Multi-thread

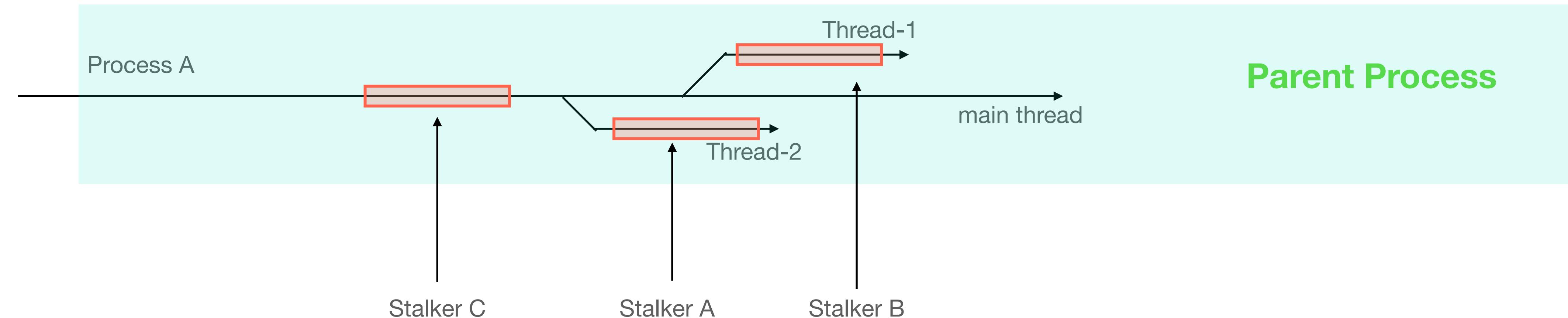


Java/Native hooks affect  
shared executable memory:

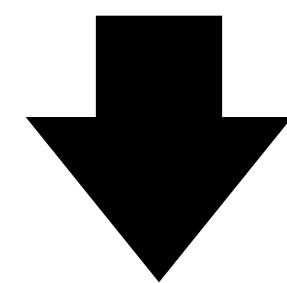
`Interceptor.attach(...)`  
`Java.perform(...)`

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## Stalking multi-thread



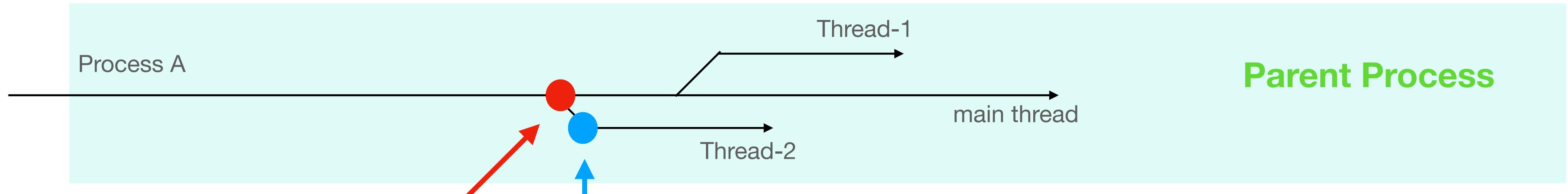
Don't share instruction instrumentation done with Stalker



System call (SVC) hooks not shared

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## Follow thread (over libc)



```
LinuxArm64InterruptorFactory.HOOKED_PTHREAD_ROUTINE = {};
Interceptor.attach( Module.findExportByName( moduleName: "libc.so", exportName: "pthread_create"), callbacksOrProbe: {
    onEnter: function(args : InvocationArguments ) {
        let routine = args[2];
    }
}
```

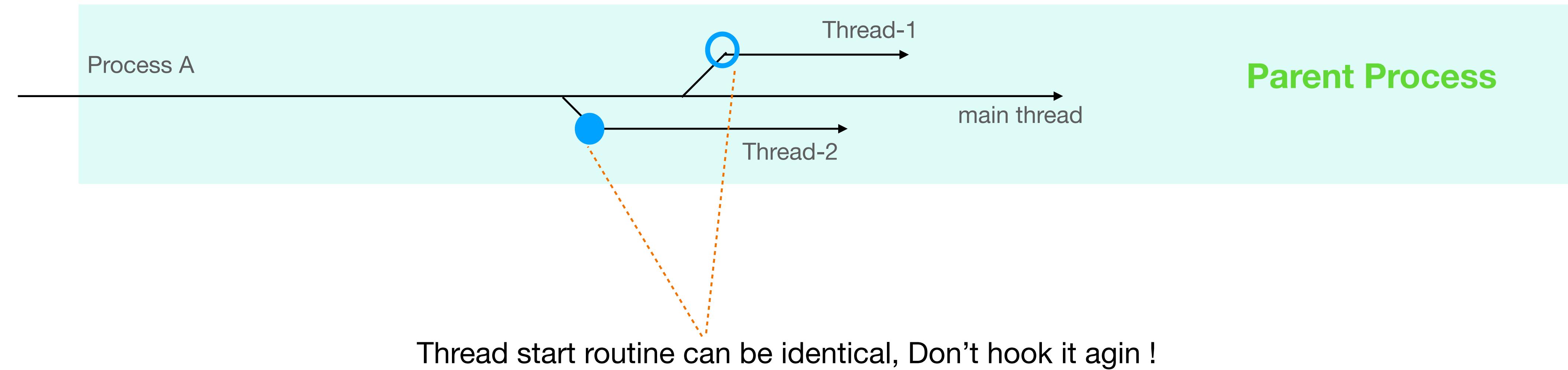
```
if(routine != null && !LinuxArm64InterruptorFactory.HOOKED_PTHREAD_ROUTINE.hasOwnProperty(routine)){
    LinuxArm64InterruptorFactory.HOOKED_PTHREAD_ROUTINE[routine+""] = true;
    console.log("[ "+Process.findModuleByAddress(this.context.pc).name+"] Hooking routine : "+routine+
    +JSON.stringify(LinuxArm64InterruptorFactory.HOOKED_PTHREAD_ROUTINE));
}

Interceptor.attach( routine, callbacksOrProbe: {
```

Thread start routine can be identical, Don't hook it again !

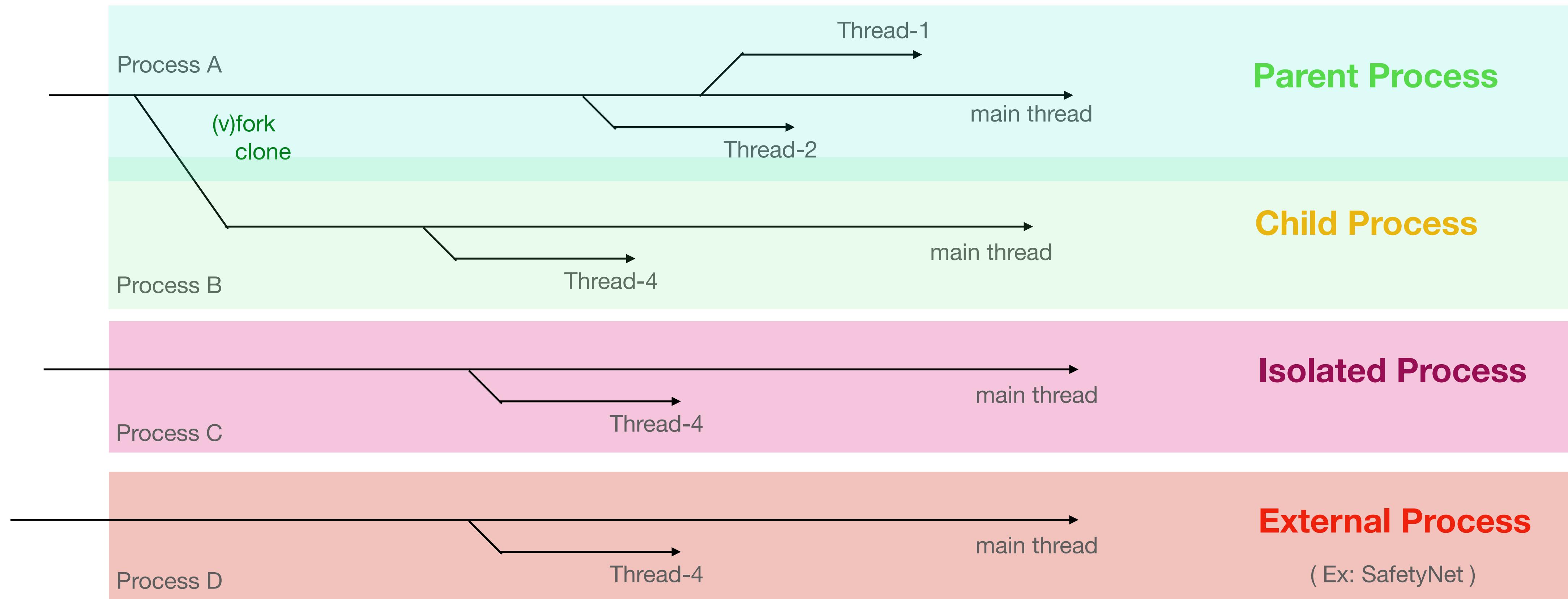
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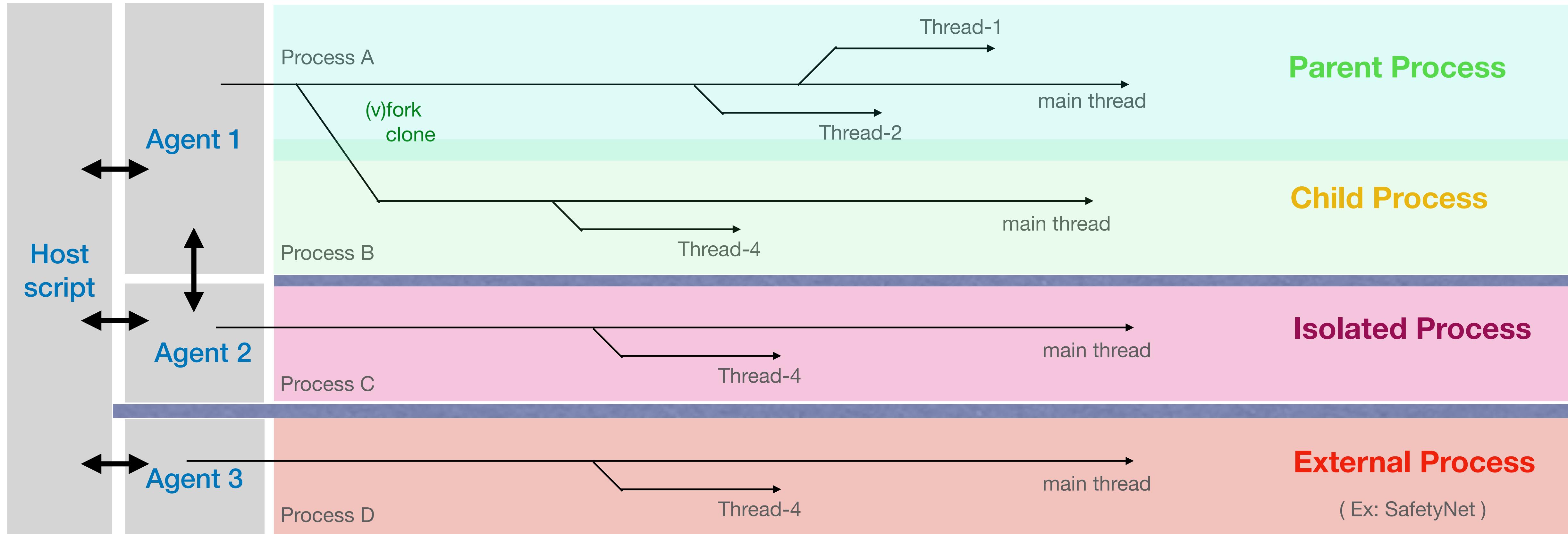
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## Multi-process



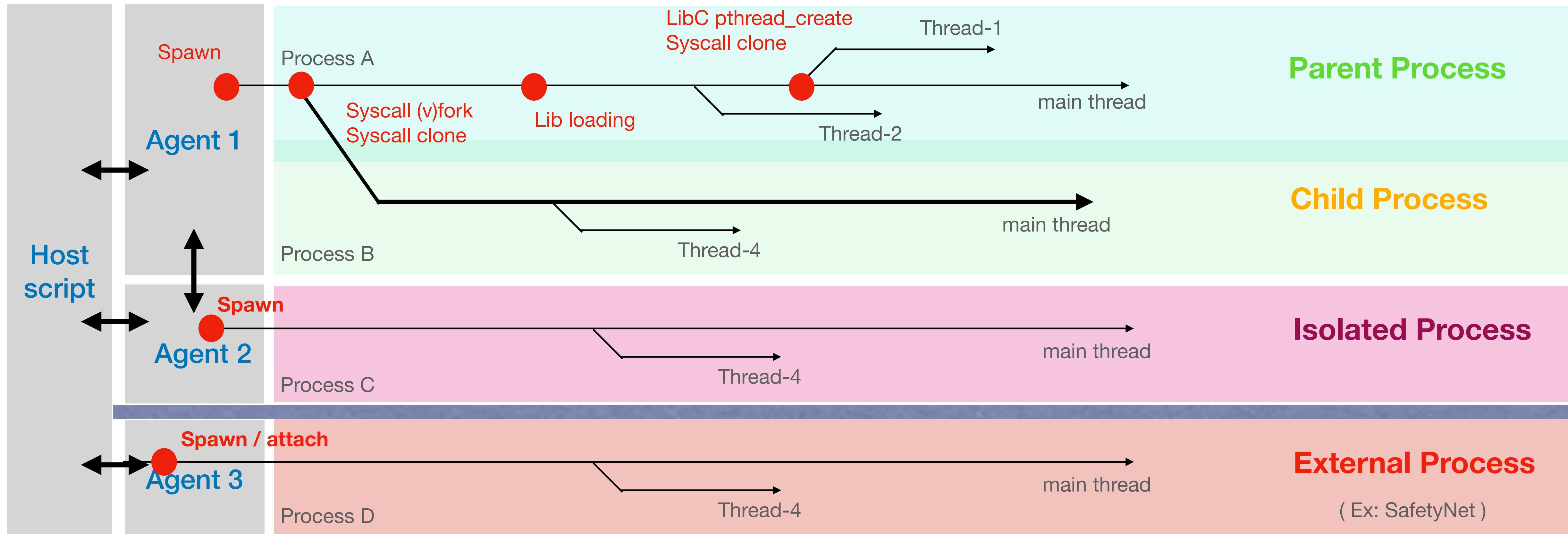
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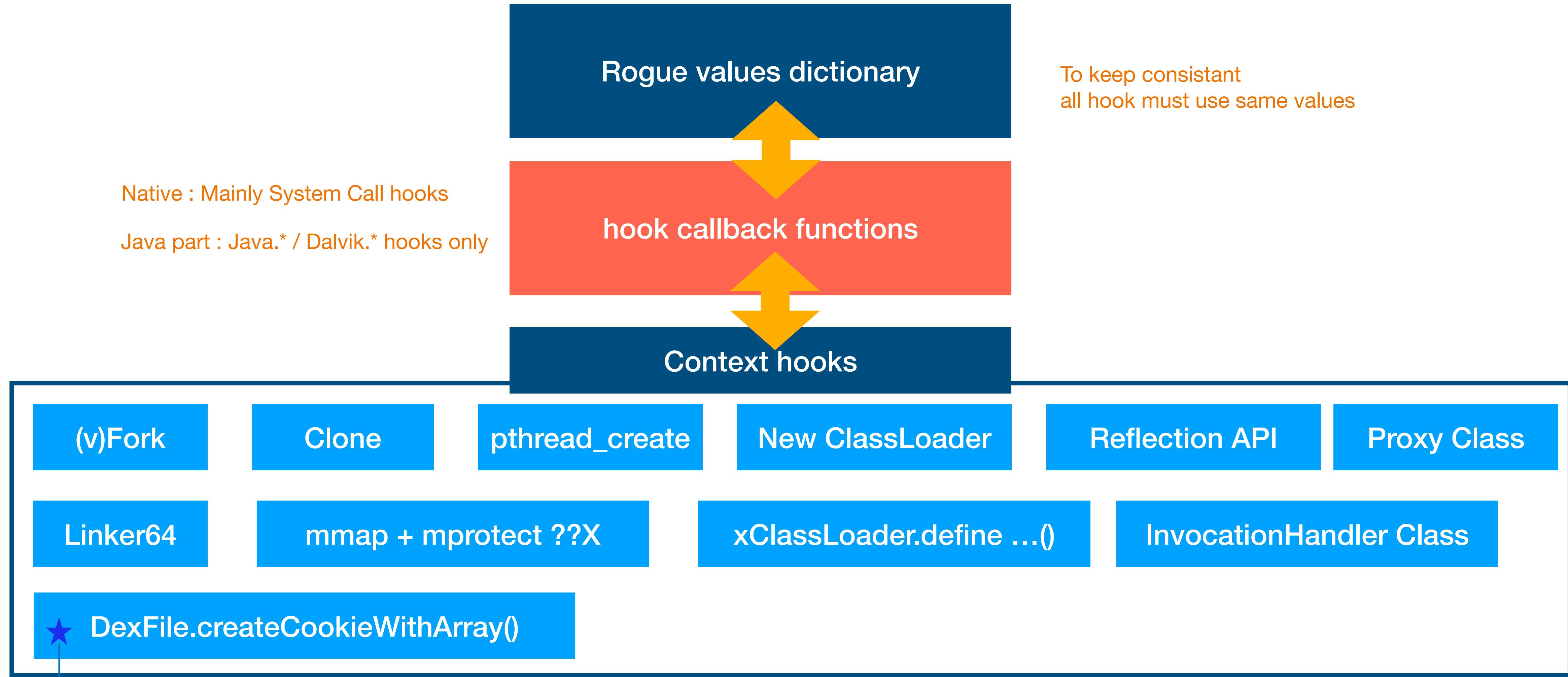
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## Final design



# 4/ Conclusion

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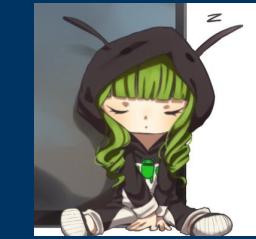
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