

IoT: Client Devices

Executable and Linking Format (ELF), a Quick Intro

What is it?

VARIOUS OS USE VARIOUS PROGRAM FORMATS

- ▶ Mach-o, PE, ELF are the big ones today

WAYS TO PACKAGE PROGRAMS

- ▶ Data, code, libraries, exported functions, etc.

USED FOR DIFFERENT THINGS

- ▶ Object (.o) files, libraries (.so and .a files), executables, core dumps

Organization

Program & platform
`readelf -h` will show the
contents

ELF Header

Program Header Table

Used to create a process;
required in executables;
show with *readelf -l*

Code lives here!

.text

.rodata

Read only data contained in
this section

...

Initialized program data

.data

Section Header Table

Points to all the sections in
the program image

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[cclamb@ubuntu:~/Work/iot-client $ arm-linux-gnueabi-readelf -r test-print-s ]
There are no relocations in this file.
[cclamb@ubuntu:~/Work/iot-client $ arm-linux-gnueabi-readelf -r test-print-d ]

Relocation section '.rel.plt' at offset 0x2ac contains 5 entries:
  Offset      Info      Type           Sym.Value  Sym. Name
0002058c  00000216 R_ARM_JUMP_SLOT 00000000    puts
00020590  00000416 R_ARM_JUMP_SLOT 00000000    abort
00020594  00000516 R_ARM_JUMP_SLOT 00000000    __deregister_frame_inf
00020598  00000716 R_ARM_JUMP_SLOT 00000000    __uClibc_main
0002059c  00000c16 R_ARM_JUMP_SLOT 00000000    __register_frame_info
cclamb@ubuntu:~/Work/iot-client $
```

Procedure Lookup Table

Static has no relocations, dynamic does

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000102f8 <puts@plt>:
  102f8:      e28fc600      add     ip, pc, #0, 12
  102fc:      e28cca10      add     ip, ip, #16, 20 ; 0x10000
  10300:      e5bcf28c      ldr     pc, [ip, #652]! ; 0x28c

00010304 <abort@plt>:
  10304:      e28fc600      add     ip, pc, #0, 12
  10308:      e28cca10      add     ip, ip, #16, 20 ; 0x10000
:

00010478 <main>:
  10478:      e92d4800      push    {fp, lr}
  1047c:      e28db004      add     fp, sp, #4
  10480:      e59f000c      ldr     r0, [pc, #12] ; 10494 <main+0x1c>
  10484:      ebffff9b      bl      102f8 <puts@plt>
  10488:      e3a03000      mov     r3, #0
  1048c:      e1a00003      mov     r0, r3
  10490:      e8bd8800      pop     {fp, pc}
  10494:      000104a8      .word   0x000104a8

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How do we relocate?

objdump -S test-print-d