

→ Your-first Register

mov rax, 60

Save it as assembly-01.s

run it with `/challenge/check /assembly-01.s` as an argument
gets the flag, but program crashes.

→ Your-First Syscall

Syscalls are ~~total~~ of 300 types in Linux, identified by
particular Number, such as '42'

mov rax, 42
^{Syscall}
Save as assembly-02.s

Now, we learnt our first Sys call 'exit'.

'exit' is a syscall that causes programs to exit successfully.

'exit' has syscall no. '60'

mov rax, 60

Syscall

Save it as assembly-02.s

run it with `/challenge/check` as argument.

Get flag, without crashing.

→ Exit Code

every code exits ~~with~~ with an exit code as it terminates.

This is done by exit!

Parameters can be passed through registers to the syscall.

Though exit has only one parameter 'exit code', multiple parameters
can be passed through syscall.

```
mov rdi, 42
}
mov rax, 60
}
Syscall
```

Here, we set 'rdi' to '42', then set 'rax' to '60' and called it as 'syscall' 'exit'; the program exits ~~due to exit code~~ due to exit code '60' but exits with code '42' printed.

→ Building Executables

Until now, we have only written codes, but the executables are already provided by 'pwn-college'. Now we have to build executable to actually make CPU run the program.

Step-1 write program and name it as 'assembly-04.s'

• intel-syntax noprefix

• global -start

• -start:

mov rdi, 42

mov rax, 60

syscall

Here .intel-syntax noprefix states that the syntax used is of 'intel' and with 'no prefixes',

The .global -start states that the program starts from '-start:' and is globally executable.

Step-2 create an object file containing binary executable about the assembly-04.s, which is runnable by CPU.

as -o assembly-04.o assembly-04.s

'as' is assembly checker or compiler and '.o' file is object file

Step-3 Link the object file with a legitimate program file here 'assembly-04' using 'ld' command.

ld -o assembly-04 assembly-04.o

Step-4 Now executable it and pass it as argument through /challenge /check

Moving Between Registers

we can move registers into registers or values stored in it.

we write programs;

• intel-syntax no prefix

• global - start

- start:

 mov rdi, rsi

 mov rax, 60

 syscall.

The /challenge /check will set rsi a secret value and that value will be set to 'rdi' using 'mov rdi, rsi' finally we get flag.

→ Tracing Syscalls

'strace' is used to trace any syscall.

If we run strace with our program as arg; strace will provide Systemcall for every line in program and from where it is being called or stored.

Its syntax of output is 'System-call (Parameter, Parameter, ...)
just like function syntax of 'C' language.

just like 'exit' has '60' ~~as~~ syscall, 'alarm' is '37' and is also a syscall.

Run /challenge/trace-me with strace and analyse its Systemcalls; look for value it passes through parameter for syscall 'alarm' and give that value as argument to /challenge/submit-number.

→ Starting GDB

GDB stands for 'GNU Debugger' and is used to hunt down and understand bugs.

Debugger is a tool which helps understand and closely monitor or inspects any process.

Here all processing of gdb output is done by 'pwn.college'.
just take the secret no. and pass it as argument through
/challenge/submit-number

\$ > gdb /challenge/debug-me

\$ > /challenge/submit-number

→ Starting Programs in GDB

\$ gdb program-name

\$ gdb starti

here the program will run in gdb, then we have to give command 'starti' to gdb to start debugging.

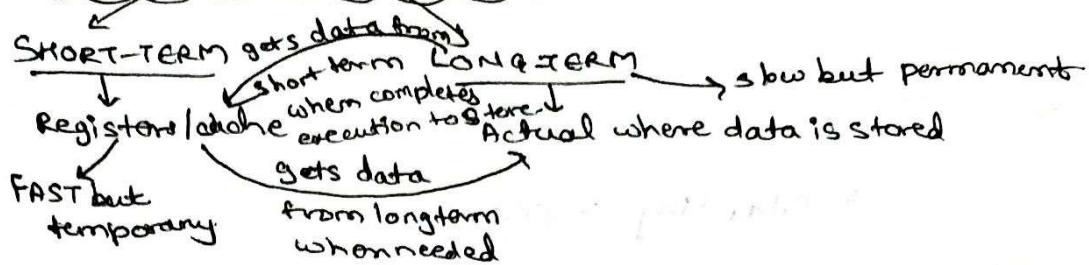
\$ > gdb /challenge/debug-me

\$ > gdb starti

get the number

\$ > /challenge/submit-number

Computer Memory



For more info. "JUST READ THE PPT INTO THE MODULE"

→ Loading From Memory:

Computers store data, mostly sequentially, in memory; ~~where~~, where the memory accessed can be mapped and the idle or memory that is free for now, is not mapped.

We are going to access stored data in memory.

Let's consider this as a chunk of memory.

Address	Contents
31337	42

Here we can access the memory address for contents as `mov rdi, [31337]` where `[]` is used to denote address.

This memory `[31337]` points to the address in memory where the content is stored.

- intel-Syntax no prefix
- global -start
- start:
 - `mov rdi, [33700]`
 - `mov rax, 60`
 - `syscall`

→ More Loading Practice

Perform same steps as above

- intel-Syntax no prefix
- global -start
- start:
 - `mov rdi, [123400]`
 - `mov rax, 60`
 - `syscall`

→ Dereferencing Pointers

We can move the memory address into a general purpose register e.g. `mov rax, 133700`, now

Address	Contents
133700	42

Stored address

Register	Contents
rax	133700

Now, address is stored in `rax` and can be used as reference to or point to memory address.

Now, `mov rdi, [rax]`, will perform same operations as
`mov rdi, [133700]`

Deferencing is changing reference from one register to another
e.g. `mov rdi, [rax]`.

• intel-syntax noprefix }
• global_start }
-start:
`mov rdi, [rax]`
`mov rax, 60`
syscall

→ Deferencing Yourself

we can deference ourselves or deference same register.

e.g. `mov [133700], 42` → 42 is stored at [133700]
• `mov rax, 133700` → rax stores address '133700'
`mov rax, [rax]` → Now, rax will have '42'

Now, we have to

• intel-syntax noprefix }
• global_start }
-start:
`mov rdi, [rdi]`
`mov rax, 60`
syscall

→ Deferencing with offset

Sometimes, pointers might not directly point towards data in memory, rather might point to collection of data (e.g. entire book).

Teacher's Sign. :

we need to provide an offset to refer only part of data from collection, we need;

Address	Contents
133700	50
133701	42
133702	99
133703	14

Register	Contents
rdi	133700

Now;

```
intel-syntax noprefix
.global _start
_start:
    mov rdi, [rdi+8]
    mov rax, 60
    syscall
```

} we can do this by giving offset
eg 't+1' for first, 't+2' for second, etc.
mov rax, [rdi+1]
The addition by 't+1' Memory address
is 't+1 byte' and we call this
'1 byte difference as an offset'.

} Save as assembly-11.s and perform
same steps as above challenge.

} address +8 offset value is stored in rdi.

→ Stored Addresses

we can store address of one memory address into a register
and store that register's address to another.

eg
mov rdi, 123400 → rdi store 123400 address
mov rdi, [rdi] → rdi becomes value stored at 123400
mov rax, [rdi] → (which is 133700)
we dereference [rdi], reading 42 in order.

Now;

```
intel-syntax noprefix
.global _start
_start:
    mov rdi, [567800]
    mov rdi, [rdi]
    mov rax, 60
    syscall
```

} Save as assembly-11.s and
perform all steps as
above challenge.

→ Double Dereferences

Now, we have secret-value stored at memory address of secret-location_1
which address is stored at secret-location_2 and secret-location_1 is
stored in rax.

Address	Contents
133700	123400
123400	42

Register	Contents
rax	133700

Now;

• intel-syntax noprefix

• global-start

-start:

mov rdi, [rax]

mov rdi, [rdi]

mov rax, 60

syscall

Save as assembly-12.s
and perform same steps as
above challenge

→ Triple Dereferencing

Now, we have ~~addr~~^{Value} stored in addr-1, addr-1 stored in
addr-2 and addr-2 stored in rdi.

So we:

• intel-syntax noprefix } full code on your own

• global-start } and save as assembly-13.s

-start:

→ writing Output

~~Read~~ Read Syscall no. '0' | Write Syscall no. '1'

Write syscall also needs to specify, via its parameters, what data to write and where to write it to.

The concept of File Descriptors (FD) we studied in Linux Luminaries

: Practicing piping comes hand in hand here!

There are 3 types of FDs!

- ① FD0 → standard input is the channel through which process takes input. e.g. shell uses stdin to read commands that we input.
- ② FD1 → standard output is the channel through which processes output normal data, such as flag when it's printed to us or output of utilities such as ls.
- ③ FD2 → standard error is the channel through which processes output error details. e.g. If you mistype a command, shell will output, even stderr, that the command does not exist.

In programming (bash script) it is denoted as -

FD0 → '<' Input from a file, to a file.

FD1 → '>' or '1>' output from a file or process.

FD2 → '2>' std error of a process to a particular file or process.

for exit we set 'rdi' to '42' and 'rax' to '60';

similarly for stdout, ~~rdi~~ or to write to Stdout, we set 'rdi' to '1' and to write stderr, we set 'rdi' to '2'.

The 'C-syntax' for 'write' syscall is -

syscall write(file_descriptor, memory_address, number_of_characters_to_write)
 as it says
 'file_descriptor' → '1' or '2'
 'memory_address' → somewhere in the memory.
 'number_of_characters_to_write' → to write.

e.g. write(1, 1337000, 10);

we have to perform write of stdout of 10 characters from memory address '1337000'.

Now,

intel-syntax noregprefix
 global_start
 -start:
 mov rdi, 1
 mov rsi, 1337000
 mov rdx, 1
 mov rax, 1
 syscall

save as assembly-4.3 and
 perform same steps as
 above challenge.

Here, we set 'rdi' to file_descriptor parameter of 'write's syscall i.e. to '1' stdout.

then we set 'rsi' (because 'rsi' is linux favoured as 2nd parameter) to 'memory address '1337000' and 'rdx' (since 'rdi' is acceptor) to 'number of characters to write' (since 'rdi' is acceptor) to '1' i.e. 'character_count' (used to store 1st parameter) to '1' i.e. 'character_count'.

then 'rax' to '1' representing 'syscall code for write' in C-syntax it will be -

write(1, 1337000, 1);

→ Chaining Syscalls

Now, we have to chain multiple syscalls as in previous program we only give 'write' syscall and not 'exit' due to which the program does not exit cleanly; to do this we will give two syscalls now, 'write' to perform std-out from memory and 'exit' to exit it cleanly.

Now,

code for writing stdoutput as in previous challenges

```
intel-syntax prefix
.global _start
_start:
    mov rdi, 1
    mov rsi, 1337000
    mov rdx, 1
    mov rax, 1
    syscall
```

Here, '42' is stored in rdi, replacing '2', since it's already executed above and '60' in rax replacing '2', since it's already executed above and cleanly exits with code '42'.

Save as assembly-15 and perform same steps as previous challenges,

→ Writing Strings

Now instead of a single character, we have taken long string stored at the memory location '1337000'.

Now,

```

.intel-syntax noreprefix
.global _start
_start:
    mov rdi, 1
    mov rsi, 1337000
    mov rdx, 14
    mov rax, 1
    syscall
    mov rdi, 42
    mov rax, 60
    syscall

```

we set char count
from '1' to
'14', here, to get
'14' character or
'14 byte' string
as output.

Save as assembly-16.s and perform
same steps as previous challenge.

→ Reading Data

Now, let's first read data ~~from~~ to memory '1337000' then write
it from memory location '1337000' and then exit cleanly.

C-Syntax of reads

```
read(file-descriptor, memory-location, char-count);
```

 ↑ '0' → forstdin

 ↑ 1337000

 ↑ 8 byte data so, 8

Now,

```

.intel-syntax noreprefix
.global _start
_start:
    mov rdi, 0
    mov rsi, 1337000
    mov rdx, 8
    mov rax, 0
    syscall
    mov rdi, 1
    mov rsi, 1337000
    mov rdx, 8
    mov rax, 1
    syscall
    mov rdi, 42
    mov rax, 60
    syscall

```

→ read into
memory '1337000'
'8 byte' of data

write from memory
'1337000', 8 byte
of data

exit cleanly
with code '42'.

Save as assembly-17.s and
perform same steps as
previous challenges.