

→ 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 a 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 program 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 Codes

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

This is done by 'exit'.

Parameters can be passed through registers to the Syscalls.

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

```
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~~ 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 'pun.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 prefix';

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

Step-2 create an object file containing binaries ^{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.o' 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 program;

• 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 Syscall

'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.

It's syntax ~~is~~ output is 'System_call (Parameter, Parameter, ...

Just like function syntax of 'C' language.

Just like 'exit' has '60' ~~and~~ 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 intercepts 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.

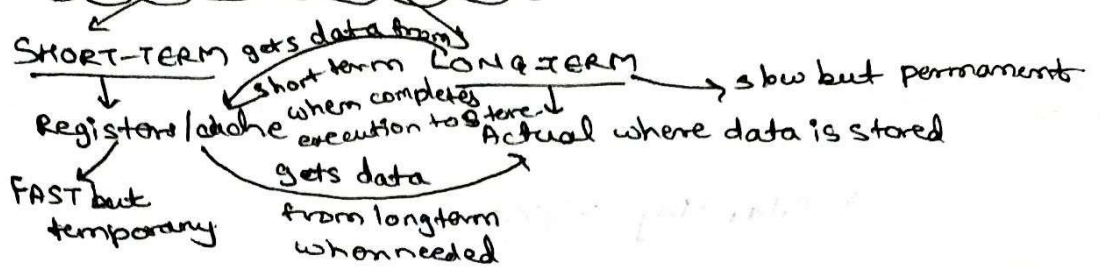
```
$> gdb /challenge/debug-me
```

```
$> 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 noprefix
- global -start
- start:
- `mov rdi, [133700]`
- `mov rax, 60`
- `syscall`

→ More Loading Practicer

Perform same steps as above

- intel-syntax noprefix
- global -start
- start:
- `mov rdi, [123400]`
- `mov rax, 60`
- `syscall`

→ Dereferencing Pointers

We can move the memory address into an general purpose register
 e.g. `mov rax, 133700`, Now:

Address	Contents
133700	42

Register	Contents
rax	133700

Stored address

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 operation as
`mov rdi, [133700]`

Deferring is changing reference from one register to another
eg `mov rdi, [rax]`.

• intel-syntax noprefix

• global -start

-start:

`mov rdi, [rax]`

`mov rax, 60`

`syscall`

→ Deferring Yourself:

we can deference ourselves or deference same register.

eg `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`

→ Deferring with Offset:

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

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we need to provide an offset to refer only partway of data. from collection, ^{we need;}

Address	Contents
133700	50
133701	42
133702	99
133703	14

Register	Contents
rdi	133700

we can do this by giving offset
' $\text{reg} + 1$ ' for first, ' $+2$ ' for second, etc
 mov rax, [rdi+1]
The addition by ' $+1$ ' memory address
is ' $+1$ ' byte and we call this
'1 byte difference as an offset'.

Now

• intel-syntax noprefix
• global -start
-start:
 mov rdi, [rdi+8]
 mov rax, 60
 syscall

Save as assembly-10.s and perform
same steps as above challenge.

address +8 offset value is stored in rdi.

→ Stored Addresses

we can store address of an 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
(which is 133700)
 mov rax, [rdi] → we reference [rdi], reading 42 into rax.

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 2 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-12.3
and perform same steps as
above challenge

→ Tripple Dereferencing?

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

So we;

•intel-syntax noprefix

•global -start

-start:

} full code on your own
and save as assembly-13.3

→ 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 Luminari are

: 'Practicing piping' comes hand in hand here!

There are 3 types of FDs!

- ① FD0 standard input is the channel through which process ~~take~~ takes input. eg 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 is printed to us or output of utilities such as ls.
- ③ FD2 standard error is the channel through which processes output error details. eg If you mistype a command, shell will output, over stderr, that this command does not exist.

In programming (bash scripts) it is denoted as

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

FD1 - '>' or '|>' output from a file or process.

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

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

Similarly for stdout, ~~write~~ or to write to Std out, 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)

↳ '1 or 2' ↳ from where in the memory to write ↳ as it says character count

eg `write(1, 1337000; 10);`

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

Now,

```

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

save as assembly-4.s and perform same steps as above challenge.

Here, we set 'rdi' to file-descriptor parameter of 'write' syscall i.e. to '1' stdout.

then we set 'rsi' (because 'rsi' is linux favoured as 2nd parameter acceptor) to 'memory address '1337000' and 'rdx' (since 'rdi' is 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 std out as in previous challenge

```
• intel-syntax no prefix
• global _start
_start:
    mov rdi, 1
    mov rsi, 1337000
    mov rdx, 1
    mov rax, 1
    syscall
```

Here, '42' is stored in rdi, replacing '1', since it's already executed above and '60' in rax replacing '1' since it's already executed above and 'cleanly exits with code '42'.

```
    mov rdi, 42
    mov rax, 60
    syscall
```

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

→ Printing Strings

Now instead of a single character, we have 14 char long string stored at the memory location '1337000'.

Now,

• intel-syntax noprefix

• global -start

-start:

mov rdi, 1

mov rsi, 1337000

mov rdx, 14

mov rax, 1

syscall

mov rdi, 42

mov rax, 60

~~mov~~ syscall

Save as assembly-06.s and perform
same steps as previous challenges.

We set char count
from '1' to
'14', here, to get
'u' character on
'12 byte' string
as output.

→ 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 read:

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

'0' → stdin

1337000

8 byte data, '8'

Now,

• intel-syntax noprefix

• global -start

-start:

mov rdi, 0

mov ~~rdi~~ 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

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

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

write from memory
'1337000', 8 byte
of data

exit cleanly
with code '42'