

Phase 1

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(gdb) q
A debugging session is active.

    Inferior 1 [process 8139] will be killed.

Quit anyway? (y or n) y
[educ03-061@cheetah022 bomb61]$ gdb bomb
GNU gdb (GDB) Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.6.1-100.el7
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<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>
Reading symbols from ./home/educ03/educ03-061/bomb61/bomb...done.
(gdb) b explode bomb
Breakpoint 1 at 0x401410
(gdb) disas phase_1
Dump of assembler code for function phase_1:
0x0000000000400e73 <+0>: sub    $0x0,%rsp
0x0000000000400e77 <+4>: mov    $0x4022f0,%esi
0x0000000000400e7c <+9>: callq 0x401410 <strings not equals>
0x0000000000400e7f <+14>: test   %eax,%eax
0x0000000000400e73 <+16>: jne    0x400e75 <phase_1+23>
0x0000000000400e75 <+18>: add    $0x0,%rsp
0x0000000000400e79 <+22>: retq
0x0000000000400e7a <+23>: callq 0x401410 <explode bomb>
0x0000000000400e7f <+28>: jmp    0x400e75 <phase_1+18>
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) print $0x4022f0
$1 = void
(gdb) print (char *) $0x4022f0
Invalid cast.
(gdb) x/s $0x4022f0
Value can't be converted to integer.
(gdb) x/s 0x4022f0
0x4022f0: "For NASA, space is still a high priority."
(gdb) |
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I used disas to check the code of phase 1. And saw that it just checks our string with some string in the 0x4022f0 address. So using x/s command I found the answer string which is "For NASA, space is still a high priority.".

Phase 2

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(edusc03-061) 10.0.7.44:2022 — Konsole
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Reading symbols from /home/edusc03/edusc03-061/bomb61/bomb...done.
(gdb) disas phase_2
Dump of assembler code for function phase_2:
0x0000000040000001 <+0>:    push    %rbx
0x0000000040000002 <+1>:    sub     $0x20,%rsp
0x0000000040000006 <+5>:    mov     %rsp,%rsi
0x0000000040000009 <+8>:    callq   0x40143a <read_six_numbers>
0x000000004000000c <+13>:   cngl     $0x0,%rsp
0x0000000040000012 <+17>:   jz       0x40009b <phase_2+26>
0x0000000040000014 <+19>:   mov     $0x1,%ebx
0x0000000040000019 <+24>:   jmp     0x4000ac <phase_2+43>
0x000000004000001b <+26>:   callq   0x401410 <explode_bomb>
0x000000004000001e <+31>:   jmp     0x400094 <phase_2+19>
0x0000000040000021 <+33>:   add     $0x1,%rbx
0x0000000040000023 <+37>:   cmp     $0x5,%rbx
0x0000000040000028 <+41>:   jz       0x4000be <phase_2+61>
0x000000004000002a <+43>:   mov     %ebx,%eax
0x000000004000002c <+45>:   add     -0x4(%rsp,%rbx,4),%eax
0x000000004000002e <+49>:   cmp     %eax,%rbx
0x0000000040000031 <+52>:   jz       0x4000ac <phase_2+43>
0x0000000040000033 <+54>:   callq   0x401410 <explode_bomb>
0x0000000040000035 <+58>:   jmp     0x4000a2 <phase_2+33>
0x0000000040000037 <+61>:   add     $0x20,%rsp
0x0000000040000039 <+65>:   pop     %rbx
0x000000004000003b <+69>:   retq
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) run
Starting program: /home/edusc03/edusc03-061/bomb61/bomb.psol.txt
Welcome to my fiendish little bomb. You have 6 phases with
which to blow yourself up. Have a nice day!
Phase 1 defused. How about the next one?
0 1 3 6 10 15
That's number 2.  Keep going!
^[[
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Looking at the code we can see that it takes 6 numbers and checks something with it. Namely, it assigns ebx to 1 and checks the difference between two adjacent numbers whether their difference is ebx and increments ebx and advances to the next two adjacent numbers. After checking all adjacent numbers it will proceed to the next stage.

Phase 3

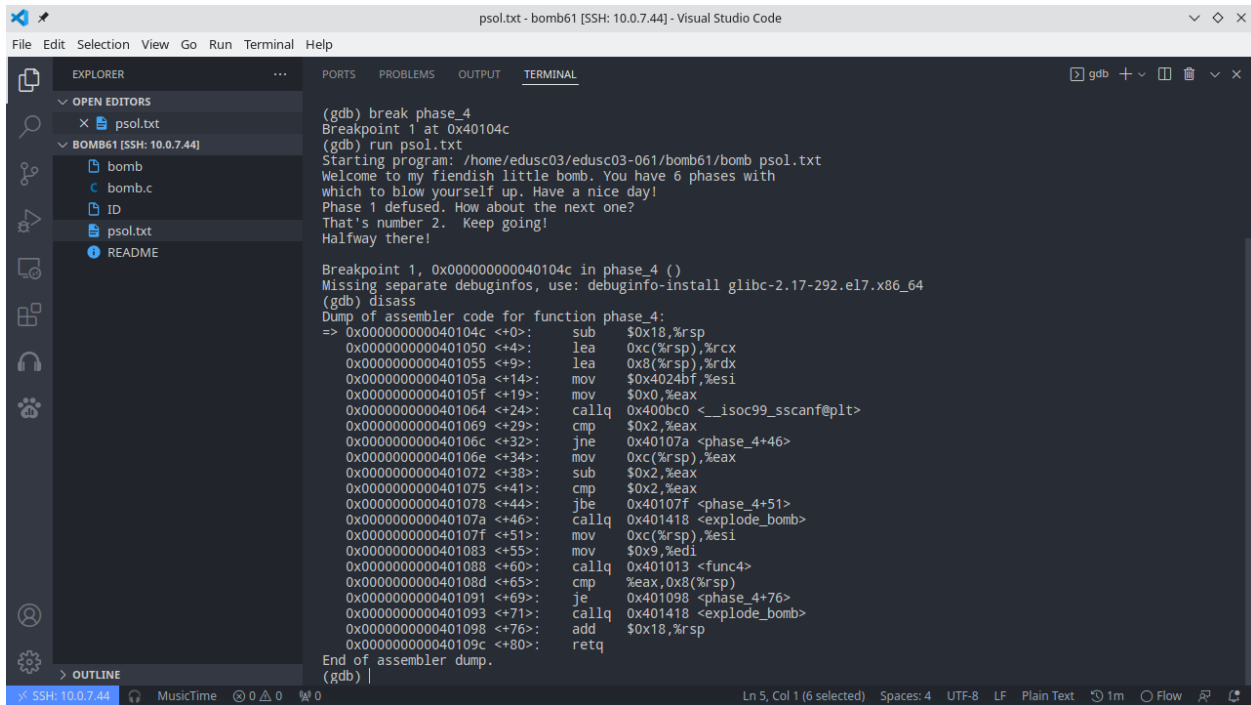
In order to solve this phase I checked the values of the registers and the instructions of the assembly. I found out that the second last three digits are compared with `0x31a`. After that the first character of the second parameter is checked with `j` (or ascii 106). I understood that it checks with `char` because it compares all (8 bits type). The possible type for that in `c` is only `char`.

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(edusc03-061) 10.0.7.44:2022 — Konsole
0x00000000400f2f in phase_3 ()
1: x/l $pc
=> 0x400f2f <phase_3+107>:    cmpl  $0x31a,%r8(%rsp)
(gdb)
0x00000000400f37 in phase_3 ()
1: x/l $pc
=> 0x400f37 <phase_3+115>:    je     0x401003 <phase_3+319>
(gdb)
0x00000000400f3d in phase_3 ()
1: x/l $pc
=> 0x400f3d <phase_3+121>:    callq 0x401410 <explode_bomb>
(gdb) info r
rax      0x0a      106
rbx      0xffffffff 140737488347640
rcx      0x20      40
rdx      0x0       0
rdi      0x0       0
rsi      0xffffffff 140737488345040
rbp      0x0       0
rsp      0xffffffff 0x7fffffff0f8
r8       0x20000000 40912501329440
r9       0x0       0
r10      0x0       0
r11      0x0       0
r12      0x000050 4197456
r13      0xffffffff 140737488347632
r14      0x0       0
r15      0x0       0
rip      0x400f3d 0x400f3d <phase_3+121>
eflags   0x203     [ CF SF IF ]
cs       0x33     51
ss       0x2b     43
ds       0x0       0
es       0x0       0
fs       0x0       0
gs       0x0       0
(gdb) output 0x7fffffff0f8
140737488347376(gdb) output 0x7fffffff0f8
140737488347384(gdb) output /x 0x7fffffff0f8
0x7fffffff0f8(gdb) output /x (0x7fffffff0f8)
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(edusc03-061) 10.0.7.44:2022 — Konsole
0x00000000401007 in phase_3 ()
1: x/t $pc
=> 0x401007 <phase_3+323>:    je     0x40100e <phase_3+330>
(gdb)
0x00000000401009 in phase_3 ()
1: x/t $pc
=> 0x401009 <phase_3+325>:    callq 0x401410 <explode_bomb>
(gdb) info r
rax      0x0a      106
rbx      0xffffffff 140737488347640
rcx      0x20      40
rdx      0x0       0
rdi      0x0       0
rsi      0xffffffff 140737488345040
rbp      0x0       0
rsp      0xffffffff 0x7fffffff0f8
r8       0x20000000 40912501329440
r9       0x0       0
r10      0x0       0
r11      0x0       0
r12      0x000050 4197456
r13      0xffffffff 140737488347632
r14      0x0       0
r15      0x0       0
rip      0x401009 0x401009 <phase_3+325>
eflags   0x203     [ CF AF SF IF ]
cs       0x33     51
ss       0x2b     43
ds       0x0       0
es       0x0       0
fs       0x0       0
gs       0x0       0
(gdb) output *(int *) ($rsp+7)
203313(gdb) output %al
A syntax error in expression, near '%al'.
(gdb) output $al
106(gdb) output ($rsp+7)
(void *) 0x7fffffff0f7(gdb) output /x ($rsp+7)
0x7fffffff0f7(gdb) output *(char *) ($rsp+7)
49 '1'(gdb) ^CQuit
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Phase 4

Here we need to enter two numbers separated with space. At first, I entered 1 and 2. Then checked registers before `callq explode_bomb` and found 176 and 2.



```
psol.txt - bomb61 [SSH: 10.0.7.44] - Visual Studio Code
File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help

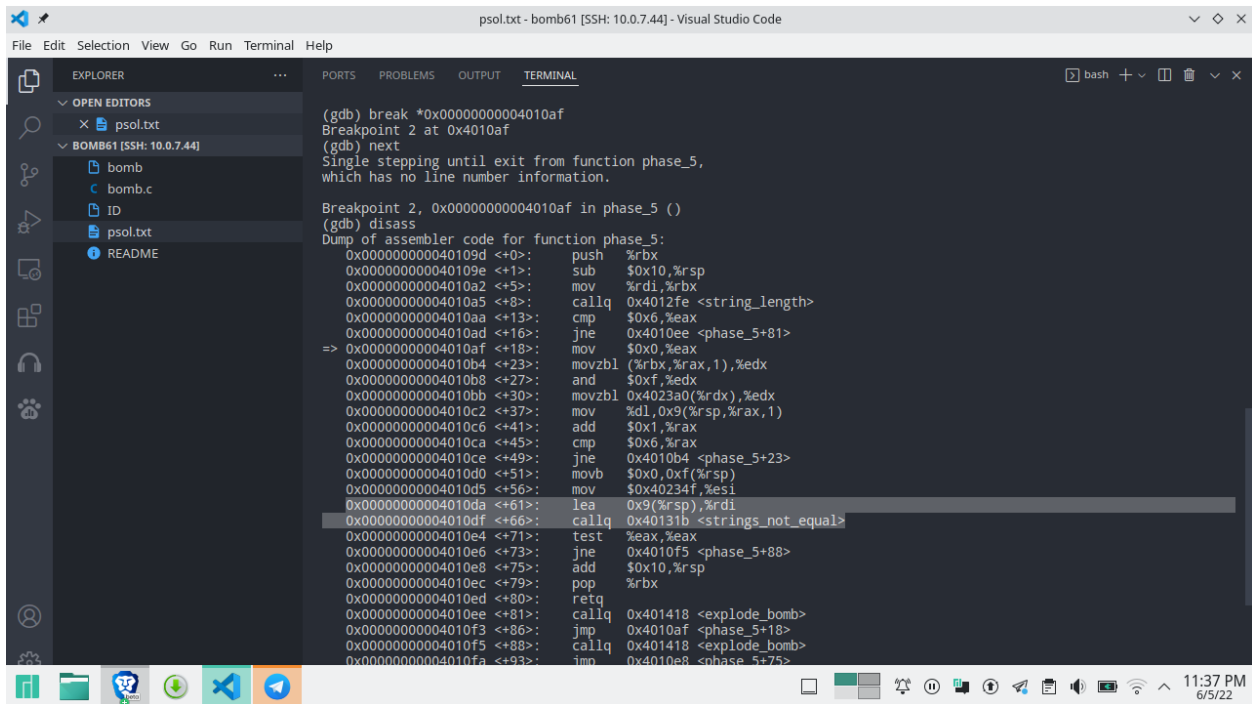
EXPLORER
  OPEN EDITORS
    psol.txt
  BOMB61 [SSH: 10.0.7.44]
    bomb
    bomb.c
    ID
    psol.txt
    README

TERMINAL
(gdb) break phase_4
Breakpoint 1 at 0x40104c
(gdb) run psol.txt
Starting program: /home/edusc03/edusc03-061/bomb61/bomb psol.txt
Welcome to my fiendish little bomb. You have 6 phases with
which to blow yourself up. Have a nice day!
Phase 1 defused. How about the next one?
That's number 2. Keep going!
Halfway there!

Breakpoint 1, 0x00000000040104c in phase_4 ()
Missing separate debuginfos, use: debuginfo-install glibc-2.17-292.el7.x86_64
(gdb) disass
Dump of assembler code for function phase_4:
=> 0x00000000040104c <+0>:  sub    $0x18,%rsp
0x000000000401050 <+4>:  lea    0xc(%rsp),%rcx
0x000000000401055 <+9>:  lea    0x8(%rsp),%rdx
0x00000000040105a <+14>: mov     $0x4024bf,%esi
0x00000000040105f <+19>: mov     $0x0,%eax
0x000000000401064 <+24>: callq  0x400bc0 <__isoc99_sscanf@plt>
0x000000000401069 <+29>: cmp     $0x2,%eax
0x00000000040106c <+32>: jne     0x40107a <phase_4+46>
0x00000000040106e <+34>: mov     0xc(%rsp),%eax
0x000000000401072 <+38>: sub     $0x2,%eax
0x000000000401075 <+41>: cmp     $0x2,%eax
0x000000000401078 <+44>: jbe     0x40107f <phase_4+51>
0x00000000040107a <+46>: callq  0x401418 <explode_bomb>
0x00000000040107f <+51>: mov     0xc(%rsp),%esi
0x000000000401083 <+55>: mov     $0x9,%edi
0x000000000401088 <+60>: callq  0x401013 <func4>
0x00000000040108d <+65>: cmp     %eax,0x8(%rsp)
0x000000000401091 <+69>: je      0x401098 <phase_4+76>
0x000000000401093 <+71>: callq  0x401418 <explode_bomb>
0x000000000401098 <+76>: add     $0x18,%rsp
0x00000000040109c <+80>: retq
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) |
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Phase 5

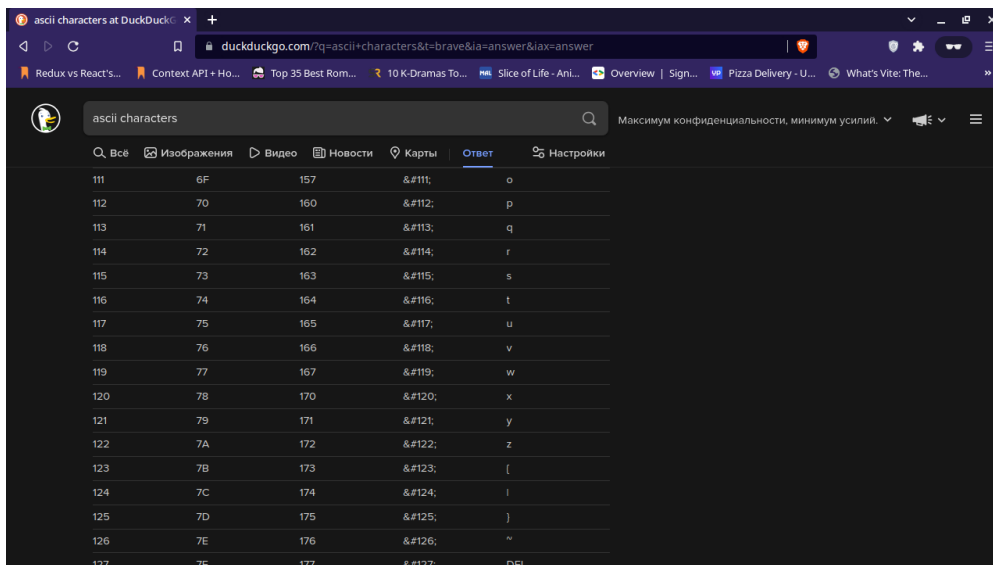
Here at `0x00000000004010da <+61>: lea 0x9(%rsp),%rdi`, we can see that it's comparing the string we entered to some other string. If we put breakpoint and check the value of `%rdi`, we can see that this string == bruins, while the string we entered **abcdef** is converted to **aduier**. It means there's some type of MAPPING going on.



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(gdb) break *0x00000000004010af
Breakpoint 2 at 0x4010af
(gdb) next
Single stepping until exit from function phase_5,
which has no line number information.

Breakpoint 2, 0x00000000004010af in phase_5 ()
(gdb) disass
Dump of assembler code for function phase_5:
0x000000000040109d <+0>: push %rbx
0x000000000040109e <+1>: sub $0x10,%rsp
0x00000000004010a2 <+5>: mov %rdi,%rbx
0x00000000004010a5 <+8>: callq 0x4012fe <string_length>
0x00000000004010aa <+13>: cmp $0x6,%eax
0x00000000004010ad <+16>: jne 0x4010ee <phase_5+81>
=> 0x00000000004010af <+18>: mov $0x0,%eax
0x00000000004010b4 <+23>: movzbl (%rbx,%rax,1),%edx
0x00000000004010b8 <+27>: and $0xf,%edx
0x00000000004010bb <+30>: movzbl 0x4023a0(%rdx),%edx
0x00000000004010c2 <+37>: mov %dl,0x9(%rsp,%rax,1)
0x00000000004010c6 <+41>: add $0x1,%rax
0x00000000004010ca <+45>: cmp $0x6,%rax
0x00000000004010ce <+49>: jne 0x4010b4 <phase_5+23>
0x00000000004010d0 <+51>: movb $0x0,0xf(%rsp)
0x00000000004010d5 <+56>: mov $0x40234f,%esi
0x00000000004010da <+61>: lea 0x9(%rsp),%rdi
0x00000000004010df <+66>: callq 0x40131b <strings_not_equal>
0x00000000004010e4 <+71>: test %eax,%eax
0x00000000004010e6 <+73>: jne 0x4010f5 <phase_5+88>
0x00000000004010e8 <+75>: add $0x10,%rsp
0x00000000004010ec <+79>: pop %rbx
0x00000000004010ed <+80>: retq
0x00000000004010ee <+81>: callq 0x401418 <explode_bomb>
0x00000000004010f3 <+86>: jmp 0x4010af <phase_5+18>
0x00000000004010f5 <+88>: callq 0x401418 <explode_bomb>
0x00000000004010fa <+93>: imn 0x4010e8 <phase_5+75>
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Since there are only 128 ASCII characters, I tried every of them and found out **mf3txw ==> bruins**



Hex	Decimal	Symbol
0x11	17	
0x12	18	
0x13	19	
0x14	20	
0x15	21	
0x16	22	
0x17	23	
0x18	24	
0x19	25	
0x1A	26	x
0x1B	27	y
0x1C	28	z
0x1D	29	{
0x1E	30	|
0x1F	31	}