CENG 331

Computer Organization

Bomb Lab Recitation

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Introduction

 Goal: Deactivating "bombs", compiled binaries that you need to enter specific strings to "defuse" phases.

 6 phases in each bomb, each bomb has different set of phases and solution strings.

 Practice your assembly reading skills and understand the way compiler converts C to x86.











Get the bomb from:

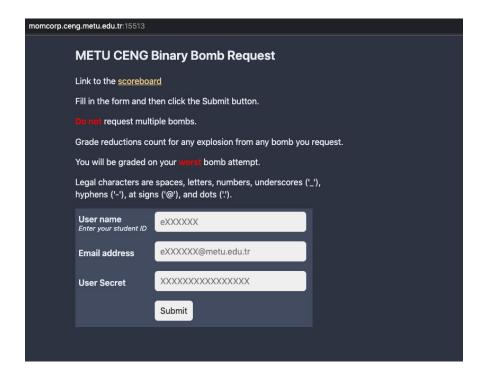
http://momcorp.ceng.metu.edu.tr:15513

You have to be on the campus network or use METU VPN for your connection.

To get the bomb you need:

- Username: 6 digit username: eXXXXXX
- Email: Any proper email that is reachable
- Usersecret: 16 digit secret that we have provided to you.







- You are NOT allowed to get multiple bombs.
- If you do so, your lowest grade bomb will be considered while grading.
- Moreover, we will count the total number of explosions of your bombs.

Grade = MIN(bombgrades) - SUM(explosions) * 0.5



Running the Bomb

 You can run the bomb on inek machines from [1,100]. You are not allowed to use your personal computers for this homework.

You can put your bombs to inek machines using sftp or scp.

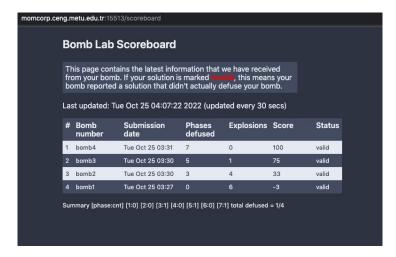
And work on the inek machines from home using ssh.



Running the Bomb

Your important actions (bomb defusals, explosions) will be notified to the bomb server. You can follow them from:

http://momcorp.ceng.metu.edu.tr:15513/scoreboard





Useful Commands

 objdump -d Disassembles instruction related parts of the object file.

strings prints printable strings of length >= 4 found in the file.

objdump -t prints the symbol table of the object file.



Useful Commands

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> gdb bomb := start gdb with bomb
gdb> run := run program with cmd args
gdb> break := put a break point to the specified label or addr
gdb> info break := list active breakpoints
gdb> delete <#> := delete breakpoint with number "#"
gdb> continue := run program until a breakpoint is hit
gdb> stepi := run a single instruction
gdb> nexti := run a single instruction, if it is a function call, run program until function
returns
gdb> kill := terminate the program
gdb> disas := lists assembly code of the current function
gdb> disas := lists assembly around instruction addr, label or for the whole function.
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gdb> print (\$rsp) := print contents of %rsp as decimal signed number gdb> tui <enable/disable> := enables/disables a more gui like view gdb> layout <asm/regs/source> := changes tui view to your liking gdb> focus <asm/regs/cmd> focuses cursor for the specified window in tui mode.



Resources and Tips

- A cheat sheet about GDB:
 - http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu/2e/docs/gdbnotes-x86-64.pdf
- Chapter 3 of the textbook
- Read homework carefully, there are some tips and important details there.

