

setup

<https://github.com/ExploitEducation/Phoenix/releases>

LiveOverflow - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gL45bjQvZSU>

<https://blog.lamarranet.com/index.php/exploit-education-phoenix-heap-three-solution>

<https://n1ght-w0lf.github.io/binary%20exploitation/heap-three>

<https://www.lucas-bader.com/ctf/2019/05/02/heap3>

<https://airman604.medium.com/protostar-heap-3-walkthrough-56d9334bcd13>

NOTE: As mentioned in the C file, this challenge uses an old version of malloc (2.7.2), known as dmalloc(). I tried to copy the following two files from the official challenge VM (I installed the .deb file from GitHub):

interpreter /opt/phoenix/x86_64-linux-musl/lib/ld-musl-x86_64.so.1

libc.so => /opt/phoenix/x86_64-linux-musl/lib/libc.so

```
[crystal@parrot]~$ file heap-three
heap-three: setuid, setgid ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /opt/phoenix/x86_64-linux-musl/lib/ld-musl-x86_64.so.1, not stripped
[crystal@parrot]~$ /opt/phoenix/amd64/ld-musl-x86_64.so.1 heap-three
linux-vdso.so.1 (0x00007ffff7fd0000)
libc.so => /opt/phoenix/x86_64-linux-musl/lib/libc.so (0x00007ffff7d36000)
```

I renamed the first file to "ld-linux.so.1" then used pwninit to patch the binary:

```
[crystal@parrot]~$ pwninit heap_unlink
bin: ./heap_unlink
libc: ./libc.so
ld: ./ld-linux.so.1
warning: failed detecting libc version (is the libc an Ubuntu glibc?): failed finding version string
symlinking ./libc.so.6 -> libc.so
copying ./heap_unlink to ./heap_unlink_patched
running patchelf on ./heap_unlink_patched
writing solve.py stub
libc = ELF("./libc.so")
ld = ELF("./ld-linux.so.1")
```

```
[crystal@parrot]~$ file heap_unlink
heap_unlink: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter ./ld-linux.so.1, GNU/Linux 3.2.0; BuildID[sha1]=3598879f501c26e971d35698f32586a99baf8703, not stripped
[crystal@parrot]~/Desktop/CTF/pwn/exploit_education/phoenix/heap/3-heap$ ./ld-linux.so.1 heap_unlink
./heap_unlink: ./libc.so.6: no version information available (required by ./heap_unlink)
linux-vdso.so.1 (0x00007ffff7fd0000)
libc.so.6 => ./libc.so.6 (0x00007ffff7d36000)
```

```
[crystal@parrot]~/Desktop$ ./heap_unlink a b c
dynamite failed?
```

Appears to be working, should be able to use the binary without VM, providing the lib-c and ld are both in the same directory and the binary is patched to use them :)

UPDATE: I initially tried to recompile the C file (with some extra comments and parameter validation) but it did not work. Presumably need to compile with different GCC?? Anyway, here's what happened when I tried that:

Set a breakpoint at each of the 3 strcpy:

```
break *0x0804927a
break *0x08049291
break *0x080492a8
```

run AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

```
ESP 0xffffd020 -> 0x804b010 -> 0xf7ffb908 (mal+520) <- 0x0
EIP 0x804927a (main+128) -> 0xffffde1e8 <- 0x0
[ DISASM ]
> 0x804927a <main+128> call strcpy@plt <strcpy@plt>
dest: 0x804b010 -> 0xf7ffb908 (mal+520) <- 0x0
src: 0xffffd2cb <- 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA'
```

In the screenshot we can see the first parameter being copied to the first chunk (a)

x/56wx 0x804b000

```
pwndbg> x/56wx 0x804b000
0x804b000: 0x00000003 0x00020001 0x00000001 0x00000031
0x804b010: 0xf7ffb908 0xf7ffb908 0x6c756673 0x6320796c
0x804b020: 0x6c706d6f 0x64657465 0x20746120 0x6c252040
0x804b030: 0x65732064 0x646e6f63 0x00000031 0x00000031
0x804b040: 0xf7ffb8d8 0xf7ffb8d8 0x0000000a 0x61656c50
0x804b050: 0x73206573 0x69636570 0x61207966 0x6d756772
0x804b060: 0x73746e65 0x206f7420 0x00000031 0x00000031
0x804b070: 0xf7ffb8a8 0xf7ffb8a8 0x61662065 0x64656c69
0x804b080: 0x0000003f 0x3b031b01 0x00000048 0x00000008
0x804b090: 0xffffef9c 0x000000a4 0x00000031 0x00000180
0x804b0a0: 0xf7ffb878 0xf7ffb878 0xfffff13e 0x000000c8
0x804b0b0: 0xfffff176 0x000000ec 0xfffff27c 0x00000128
0x804b0c0: 0xfffff2dc 0x00000174 0xfffff2dd 0x00000188
0x804b0d0: 0x00000014 0x00000000 0x00527a01 0x01087c01
```

Doesn't look right... LiveOverflows is all zeroes at this stage.

Tried with the official VM binary and get a very different result:

```
[ DISASM ]
> 0x804884f <main+83> call strcpy@plt <strcpy@plt>
dest: 0xf7e67008 <- 0x0
src: 0xffffd32a <- 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA'
```

```

pwndbg> x/56wx 0xf7e67000
0xf7e67000: 0x00000000 0x00000029 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e67010: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e67020: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000029
0xf7e67030: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e67040: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e67050: 0x00000000 0x00000029 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e67060: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e67070: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x000fff89
0xf7e67080: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e67090: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e670a0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e670b0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e670c0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xf7e670d0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000

```

I guess the binary itself is the issue, I can't compiled it with my lib-c library and have it produce the same result :(

Not sure how to get around this, so I'll just use the official binaries (still linked with the appropriate LD and Lib-C)

ANOTHER UPDATE: I spent a full day trying to get exploits to work with the official, everything looked good right up to executing the shellcode then segfaulted with no explanation. Eventually I gave up and used the QEMU VM from <https://exploit.education/downloads> which immediately worked fine with my exploit script.