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### **Practice**

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#### PREPARE:

- JMPREL
- SYMTAB
- STRTAB

```
STRTAB 0x80484f8 the location of string table (type char *) SYMTAB 0x8048268 the location of symbol table (type Elf32 Sym*)
```

```
typedef uint32_t Elf32_Addr;
typedef uint32_t Elf32_Word;
typedef struct
{
    Elf32_Addr r_offset; /* Address */
    Elf32_Word r_info; /* Relocation type and symbol index */
} Elf32_Rel;
#define ELF32_R_SYM(val) ((val) >> 8)
#define ELF32_R_TYPE(val) ((val) & 0xff)
```

```
typedef struct
{
   Elf32_Word st_name ; /* Symbol name (string tbl index) */
   Elf32_Addr st_value ; /* Symbol value */
   Elf32_Word st_size ; /* Symbol size */
   unsigned char st_info ; /* Symbol type and binding */
   unsigned char st_other ; /* Symbol visibility under glibc>=2.2 */
   Elf32_Section st_shndx ; /* Section index */
} Elf32_Sym ;
```

```
// call of unresolved read(0, buf, 0x100)
_dl_runtime_resolve(link_map, rel_offset) {
    Elf32_Rel * rel_entry = JMPREL + rel_offset ;
    Elf32_Sym * sym_entry = &SYMTAB [ ELF32_R_SYM ( rel_entry -> r_info )];
    /* Check... */
    char * sym_name = STRTAB + sym_entry -> st_name ;
    _search_for_symbol_(link_map, sym_name);
    // invoke initial read call now that symbol is resolved
    read(0, buf, 0x100);
}
```

```
The following is the simplified dl-resolve() algorithm:
1) calculate some func's relocation entry
        Elf32 Rel * reloc = JMPREL + reloc offset;
2) calculate some func's symtab entry
        Elf32 Sym * sym = &SYMTAB[ ELF32 R SYM (reloc->r info) ];
3) sanity check
          assert (ELF32_R_TYPE(reloc->r_info) == R_386_JMP_SLOT);
4) late glibc 2.1.x (2.1.92 for sure) or newer, including 2.2.x, performs
  another check. if sym->st other & 3 != 0, the symbol is presumed to have
  been resolved before, and the algorithm goes another way (and probably
   ends with SIGSEGV in our case). We must ensure that sym->st other &
   3 == 0.
5) if symbol versioning is enabled (usually is), determine the version
table
   index
        uint16 t ndx = VERSYM[ ELF32 R SYM (reloc->r info) ];
and find version information
        const struct r found version *version =&l->l versions[ndx];
 where l is the link map parameter. The important part here is that ndx
must
 be a legal value, preferably 0, which means "local symbol".
6) the function name (an asciiz string) is determined:
        name = STRTAB + sym->st name;
7) The gathered information is sufficient to determine some func's address.
   The results are cached in two variables of type Elf32 Ad\overline{d}r, located at
   reloc->r offset and sym->st value.
8) The stack pointer is adjusted, some func is called.
Note: in case of glibc, this algorithm is performed by the fixup()
function,
called by dl-runtime-resolve().
```

For demonstration purposes only, let us suppose that:

- JMPREL @ 0x0
- SYMTAB @ 0x100
- STRTAB @ 0x200
- controllable area @ 0x300

We need to craft our Elf32\_Rel and Elf32\_Sym somewhere within the controllable area and provide a rel\_offset such that the resolver reads our special forged structures. Let's suppose that the controllable (stack after pivotation ???) are has the following layout.

	++	
r_offset	GOT	0x300
r_info	0x2100	0x304
alignment	AAAAAAA	0x308
st_name	0x120	0x310
st_value	0x0	
st_size	0x0	
others	0x12	
sym_string	"syst	0x320
	em\x00"	
	++	

When \_dl\_runtime\_resolve ( link\_map , 0x300) is called, the 0x300 offset is used to get the Elf32 Rel\* rel = JMPREL + 0x300 == 0x300.

Secondly, the Elf32\_Sym is accessed using the r\_info field from 0x304.

Elf32 Sym\* sym = \$SYMTAB[(0x2100 >> 8)] == 0x310.

The last step is to compute the address of the symbol string. This is done by adding st\_name to STRTAB : const char \*name = STRTAB + 0x120 == 0x320.

Note that SYMTAB access its entries as an array, therefore ELF32\_sym should be aligned to 0x10 bytes. Now that we control st\_name, we can basically force the resolver to relocate system and call system('sh') to a own the system:)

Writing the payload should be easy now that we have a clear image of the forged memory layout.

# Ret-into-dl resol x64

What is the difference between the x86 and x64 Elf32\_Rel, Elf32\_Sym structure instead of using a Elf64\_Sym structure Elf64\_Rela,.

The important thing here is that the change in the size of the structure.

- The size of the structure (8 byte) → Elf32\_Rel Elf64\_Rela structures, size (24-byte)
- The size of the Elf32\_Sym structure (16 byte) → Elf64\_Sym The size of the structure (24-byte)

Because of this reloc\_offset value is an array of non-offset address Elf64\_Rela structures should be an index.

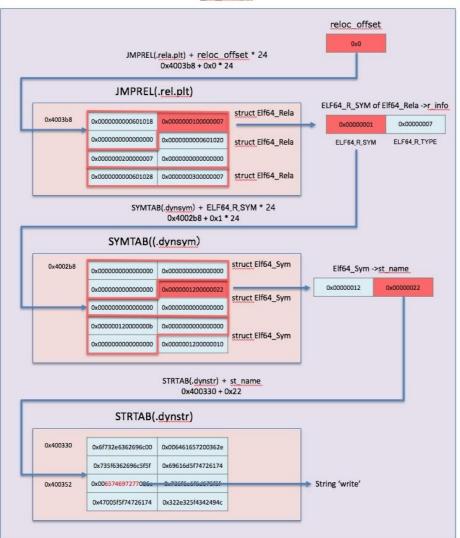
```
typedef uint32_t Elf64_Word;
typedef uint64_t Elf64_Xword;
typedef int64_t Elf64_Sxword;
typedef uint64_t Elf64_Addr;
typedef uint16_t Elf64_Section;
typedef struct
                                    /* Address */
 Elf64 Addr r offset;
 Elf64 Xword r info;
                                     /* Relocation type and symbol index
                                     /* Addend */
 Elf64 Sxword r addend;
} Elf64 Rela;
typedef struct
 Elf64 Word st name;
                                     /* Symbol name (string tbl index)
 unsigned char st info;
                                     /* Symbol type and binding */
                                     /* Symbol visibility */
 unsigned char st other;
 Elf64 Section st_shndx;
                                     /* Section index */
 Elf64 Addr st value;
                                     /* Symbol value */
 Elf64 Xword st_size;
                                     /* Symbol size */
} Elf64 Sym;
```

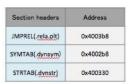
r\_info

This member gives both the symbol table index, with respect to which the relocation must be made, and the type of relocation to apply. For example, a call instruction's relocation entry will hold the symbol table index of the function being called. If the index is STN\_UNDEF, the undefined symbol index, the relocation uses 0 as the symbol value. Relocation types are processor-specific. A relocation entry's relocation type or symbol table index is the result of applying ELF32\_R\_TYPE or ELF32\_R\_SYM, respectively, to the entry's r\_info member:

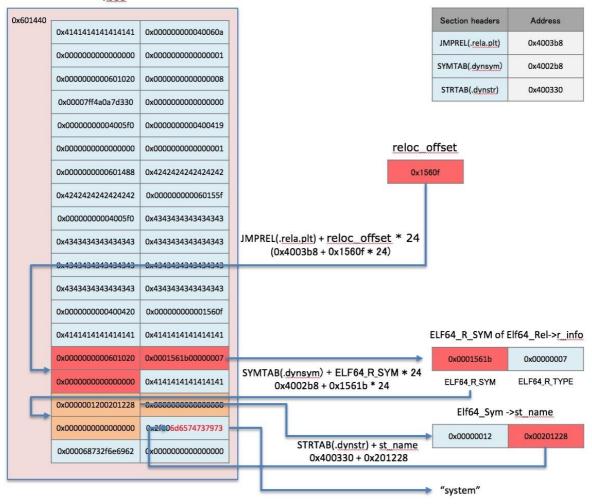
For Elf64\_Rel and Elf64\_Rela structures, the r\_info field is further broken down into an 8-bit type identifier and a 24-bit type dependent data field:

### \_dl\_fixup()





.bss



#### Return-to-csu

#### Command

```
objdump -M intel -d ./prog
  4005f0:
          4c 89 ea
                                            rdx,r13
                                     mov
  4005f3:
            4c 89 f6
                                            rsi,r14
                                     mov
  4005f6:
          44 89 ff
                                            edi,r15d
                                     mov
            41 ff 14 dc
                                            QWORD PTR [r12+rbx*8]
  4005f9:
                                     call
          48 83 c3 01
  4005fd:
                                     add
                                            rbx, 0x1
            48 39 eb
                                            rbx, rbp
  400601:
                                     cmp
            75 ea
  400604:
                                            4005f0 <__libc_csu_init+0x40>
                                     jne
            48 83 c4 08
                                            rsp,0x8
  400606:
                                     add
  40060a:
            5b
                                            rbx
                                     pop
                                            rbp
  40060b:
            5d
                                     pop
  40060c:
            41 5c
                                            r12
                                     pop
            41 5d
                                            r13
  40060e:
                                     pop
                                            r14
            41 5e
  400610:
                                     pop
            41 5f
                                            r15
  400612:
                                     pop
  400614:
            c3
                                     ret
```

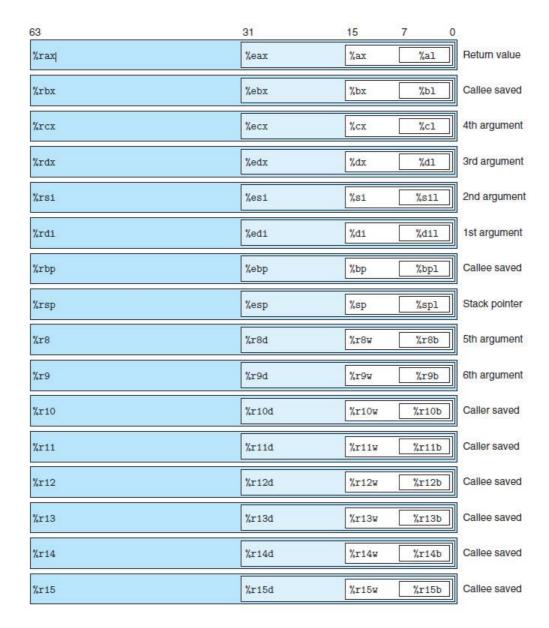
We can take advantage of the gadget of \_\_libc\_csu\_init

- We can control rdx, rsi, edi with r13, r14, r15 register

The important thing is that in 64bit, the argument is saved in register.

Operand	Argument number							
size (bits)	1	2	3	4	5	6		
64	%rdi	%rsi	%rdx	%rcx	%r8	%r9		
32	%edi	%esi	%edx_	%ecx	%r8d	%r9d		
16	%di	%si	%dx 1	%cx	%r8w	%r9w		
8	%dil	%sil	%dl	%cl	%r8b	%r9b		

Figure 3.28 Registers for passing function arguments. The registers are used in a specified order and named according to the argument sizes.



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