

# A travel through exploit mitigations in GNU toolchains

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# [01] GCC/ld/Glibc dynamic-linker internals

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# [0100] GCC internals/source directory overview

zet@fuck-GFW ~/dust/gcc/gcc-6.2.0 \$ls -lF

ABOUT-NLS	/* gettext*/
boehm-gc/	/* java gc*/
compile*	/* script call gcc by user*/
config/	/* lots of m4 script*/
config.guess*	
config-m1.in	
config.rpath*	
config.sub*	
configure*	
configure.ac	
contrib/	/* download prerequisite/generate man pages*/
depcomp*	/* call compiler generate dependency*/
fixincludes/	/* fix(macro) system header to work with gcc*/
gnattools/	/* Ada*/
gotools/	/* go lang*/
include/	/* getopt.h, sha1.h, etc*/
INSTALL/	/* html install files*/

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install-sh*      /* called by make install*/
intl/            /* gettext*/
libada/
libatomic/        /* __sync/__atomic*/
libbacktrace/     /* output like gdb backtrace*/
libcc1/           /* gdb evalute code on current context*/
libcilkrts/       /* intel cilk runtime*/
libcpp/           /* C preprocessor*/
libdecnumber/     /* decimal float library*/
libffi/           /* part of java runtime*/
libgcc/           /* GCC runtime library: crt, vtv*/
libgfortran/
libgo/
libgomp/          /* OpenMP*/
libiberty/        /* vfork/md5*/
libitm/           /* transaction memory*/
libjava/
libmpx/           /* Intel Memory Protection Extensions*/
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libobjc/.
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```
liboffloadmic/ /* intel MIC runtime offload library*/
```

```
libquadmath/ /* quad-precious math operations*/
```

```
libsanitizer/ /* leak/use after free/overflow,etc*/
```

```
libssp/ /* stack smash protection*/
```

```
libstdc++-v3/ /* C++ runtime*/
```

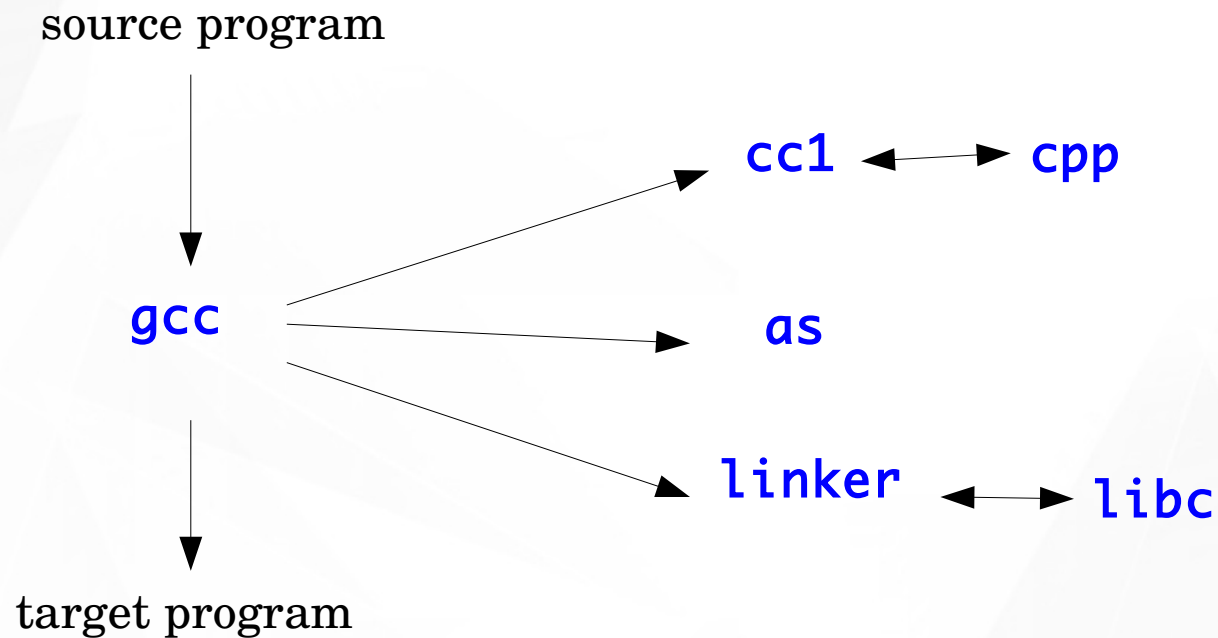
```
libvtv/ /* after*/
```

```
lto-plugin/ /* link time optimization*/
```

```
zlib/ /* part of java runtime*/
```

```
gcc/ /* frontend, middleend, backend*/
```

# [0100] GCC internals/overview of toolchains





## [0100] GCC internals/driver

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  do_spec_on_infiles /* for(n_infiles)*/
    lookup_compiler /* find compiler from suffix*/
    do_spec
    do_spec_2
      do_spec_1
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# [0100] GCC internals/what does specs file do

```
zet@fuck-GFW ~/bin/gcc-6.2.0/bin $./g++ -### main.cc -fvtable-verify=std -o main verified_lib.so
```

Using built-in specs.

COLLECT\_GCC=./g++

COLLECT\_LTO\_WRAPPER=/home/zet/bin/gcc-6.2.0/libexec/gcc/x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu/6.2.0/lto-wrapper

Target: x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu

Configured with: ../configure --disable-checking --enable-languages=c,c++ --enable-libstdcxx-threads --enable-vtable-verify=yes --prefix=/home/zet/bin/gcc-6.2.0

Thread model: posix

gcc version 6.2.0 (GCC)

COLLECT\_GCC\_OPTIONS='-fvtable-verify=std' '-o' 'main' '-shared-libgcc' '-mtune=generic' '-march=x86-64' /home/zet/bin/gcc-6.2.0/libexec/gcc/x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu/6.2.0/cc1plus -quiet -imultiarch x86\_64-linux-gnu -D\_GNU\_SOURCE main.cc -quiet -dumpbase main.cc "-mtune=generic" "-march=x86-64" -auxbase main "-fvtable-verify=std" -o /tmp/ccVN0GoS.s

COLLECT\_GCC\_OPTIONS='-fvtable-verify=std' '-o' 'main'

'-shared-libgcc' '-mtune=generic' '-march=x86-64'

as --64 -o /tmp/ccUBFg31.o /tmp/ccVN0GoS.s

COMPILER\_PATH=/home/zet/bin/gcc-6.2.0/libexec/gcc/x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu/6.2.0/:/home/zet/bin/gcc-6.2.0/libexec/gcc/x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu/6.2.0/:/home/zet/bin/gcc-6.2.0/libexec/gcc/x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu/:/home/zet/bin/gcc-6.2.0/lib/gcc/x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu/6.2.0/:/home/zet/bin/gcc-6.2.0/lib/gcc/x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu/

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```
main /* file main.c */
toplev::main /* file toplev.c */
    decode_options
    do_compile
    compile_file
    lang_hooks.parse_file == c_common_parse_file
    symtab->finalize_compilation_unit
    targetm.asm_out.file_end ==
        file_end_indicate_exec_stack /* varasm.c*/
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    do_compile
    compile_file
      lang_hooks.parse_file ==
        c_common_parse_file /* back next*/
      symtab->finalize_compilation_unit /* last*/
      targetm.asm_out.file_end ==
        file_end_indicate_exec_stack /* varasm.c*/
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        /* .note.GNU-stack in file varasm.c*/
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c_parse_file
c_parser_translation_unit
c_parser_external_declaration
c_parser_declaration_or_fndef /* function*/
c_parser_declspecs /* parse specifiers*/
c_parser_compound_statement
finish_function /* finish parsing */
c_genericize /* frontend tree to GENERIC*/
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  cgraph_node::analyze
    simplify_function_tree
      simplify_body
        simplify_stmt
          simplify_expr
  compile /* transforms & optimizations*/
    ipa_passes
      /* symbol visibility, etc*/
      execute_ipa_pass_list(passes->all_small_ipa_passes)
      /* devirtualization, etc*/
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```
execute_pass_list(all_passes)
  execute_pass_list_1
    execute_one_pass
      pass_expand::execute /* pass named expand*/
        expand_gimple_basic_block
        expand_gimple_stmt
        expand_gimple_stmt_1
        expand_assignment
        expand_expr
        expand_expr_real
        expand_expr_real_1
        store_expr_with_bounds
        emit_move_insn
        emit_move_insn_1
        insn_gen_fn::operator()
        gen_movsi
        ix86_expand_move
        emit_insn
```



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```
/* find all the passes*/  
gcc-source/gcc/passes.def  
  
/* find all the passes of special type*/  
/* optimization pass type.*/  
enum opt_pass_type  
{  
    GIMPLE_PASS,  
    RTL_PASS,  
    SIMPLE_IPA_PASS,  
    IPA_PASS  
};
```

## [0101] binutils/ld internals

```
main /* ld/ldmain.c*/
expandargv
bfd_init
lang_init
    output_section_statement_table_init
    /* input/output/assignment/gounp */
    stat_ptr = &statement_list;
ldexp_init /* for parse sdcript*/
/* architecture specific init*/
ldemul_before_parse == gldelf_i386_before_parse
parse_args
yyparse /* next*/
lang_final /* add output_file_name to stat_ptr*/
/* set PIE flag, entry point symbol to undefines*/
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lang_process /* next*/
ld_write /* next*/
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The heart of ld : **linker script**

**yypasre()**

```
/* bintils-src/ld/ldscripts( generated files)*/  
ENTRY(_start)  
SECTIONS {  
  .interp : { *(.interp) }  
  ...  
}
```

```
/* binutils-src/ld/ldgram.y*/  
section:  
  sect_constraint  
  '{'  
    /* os(output_section) will find/create from  
       output_section_statement_table,  
       push_stat_ptr (&os->children)*/  
    { lang_enter_output_section_statement() }  
    statement_list_opt /* next*/  
  '}'
```

## [0101] binutils/ld internals

```
statement_list_opt /* ld/ldgram.y*/  
  statement_list  
    statement  
      input_section_spec  
        input_section_spec_no_keep  
          wildcard_spec '(' file_NAME_list ')'  
          {  
            /* important, next*/  
            lang_add_wild (&$1, $3, ldgram_had_keep);  
          }  
        }
```

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```

- `.interp : { *(.interp) }`

```
wildcard_spec:
```

```
wildcard_name      // '*'
```

```
{
```

```
  $$name = $1; /* set other field NULL*/
```

```
}
```

```
/* struct wildcard_spec*/
```

```
+-----+
```

```
| name = "*" |
```

```
| sorted = none |
```

```
| exclude_name_list=NULL |
```

```
| section_flag_list=NULL |
```

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file_NAME_list: /* (.interp)*/
```

```
wildcard_spec
```

```
{
```

```
    struct wildcard_list *tmp;
```

```
    tmp = (struct wildcard_list *) xmalloc (sizeof *tmp);
```

```
    tmp->next = NULL;
```

```
    tmp->spec = $1;
```

```
    $$ = tmp;
```

```
}
```

```
/* struct wildcard_list*/
```

```
+-----+
```

```
| wildcard_list *next = NULL |
```

```
| /* struct wildcard_spec*/ |
```

```
| name = "interp" |
```

```
| sorted = none |
```

```
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```

```
| wildcard_list *next = NULL |
```

```
| /* struct wildcard_spec*/ |
```

```
| name = "interp" |
```

```
| sorted = none |
```

```
| exclude_name_list = NULL |
```

```
| section_flag_list = NULL |
```

```
+-----+ |
```

## [0101] binutils/ld internals

lang\_process()

```
lang_for_each_statement (ldlang_open_output);  
/* walk all the input files, identify symbols and  
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  load_symbols  
lang_do_assignments (lang_mark_phase_enum)  
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   section*/  
map_input_to_output_sections  
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lang_find_relro_sections /* relro*/  
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```

## lang\_end

## [0101] binutils/ld internals

### ld\_write()

```
/* input data/relocation */
lang_for_each_statement (build_link_order)
/* copy input section to output file */
bfd_elf_final_link
  _bfd_elf_compute_section_file_positions
  assign_file_positions_except_relocs()
  assign_file_positions_for_segments()
  map_sections_to_segments()
/* relocation */
elf_link_input_bfd
  /* do */
  relocate_section = bed->elf_backend_relocate_section
  _bfd_final_link_relocate
```

## [0101] binutils/ld internals

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  map_sections_to_segments()  
/* relocation*/  
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  /* do*/  
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```

## [0101] binutils/ld internals

ld\_write()

```
/* input data/relocation*/  
lang_for_each_statement (build_link_order)  
/* copy input section to output file and apply reloc*/  
bfd_elf_final_link  
  _bfd_elf_compute_section_file_positions  
  assign_file_positions_except_relocs()  
  assign_file_positions_for_segments()  
  map_sections_to_segments() /* NX*/  
/* relocation*/  
elf_link_input_bfd  
  /* do*/  
  relocate_section = bed->elf_backend_relocate_section  
  _bfd_final_link_relocate
```



## [0102] Glibc dynamic-linker internals

```
/* kernel entry this after parse
   header INTERP(ldlinux.so.2)*/
_start /* src/sysdeps/i386/dl-machine.h*/
_dl_start /* src/elf/rtld.c*/
    ELF_DYNAMIC_RELOCATE /* bootstrap*/
    elf_dynamic_do_Rel
_dl_start_final
/* read aux vector and call dl_main*/
_dl_sysdep_start /* elf/dl-sysdep.c*/
dl_main
    main_map=_dl_new_object /* link_map for executable*/
    process_envvars /* env LD_PRELOAD */
    /*PT_GNU_RELRO*/
    main_map->l_relro_addr
    main_map->l_relro_size
    _dl_init_paths /*DT_RPATH/DT_RUNPATH/
                   env LD_LIBRARY_PATH*/
```

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    /*PT_GNU_RELRO*/
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    main_map->l_relro_size
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    main_map->l_relro_addr
    main_map->l_relro_size
    _dl_init_paths /*DT_RPATH/DT_RUNPATH/
                    env LD_LIBRARY_PATH*/
```

# [0102] Glibc dynamic-linker internals

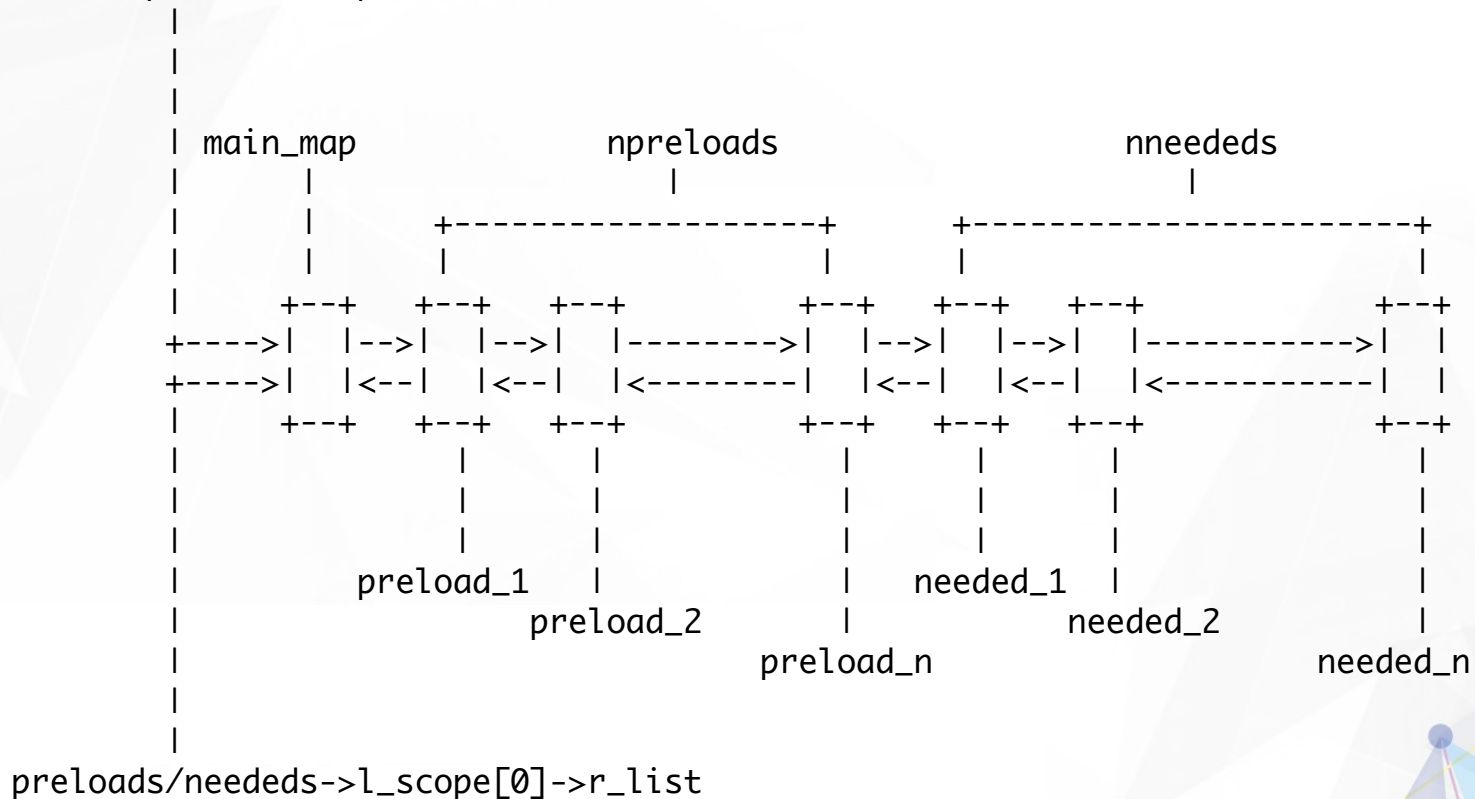
dl\_main

```
/* build symbol search scope*/
```

```
do_preload
```

```
_dl_map_object_deps
```

```
link_map **main_map->l_searchlist.r_list
```



# [0102] Glibc dynamic-linker internals

dl\_main

\_dl\_relocate\_object

ELF\_DYNAMIC\_RELOCATE

/\* GOT[1]/GOT[2]\*/

elf\_machine\_runtime\_setup

elf\_dynamic\_do\_Rel()

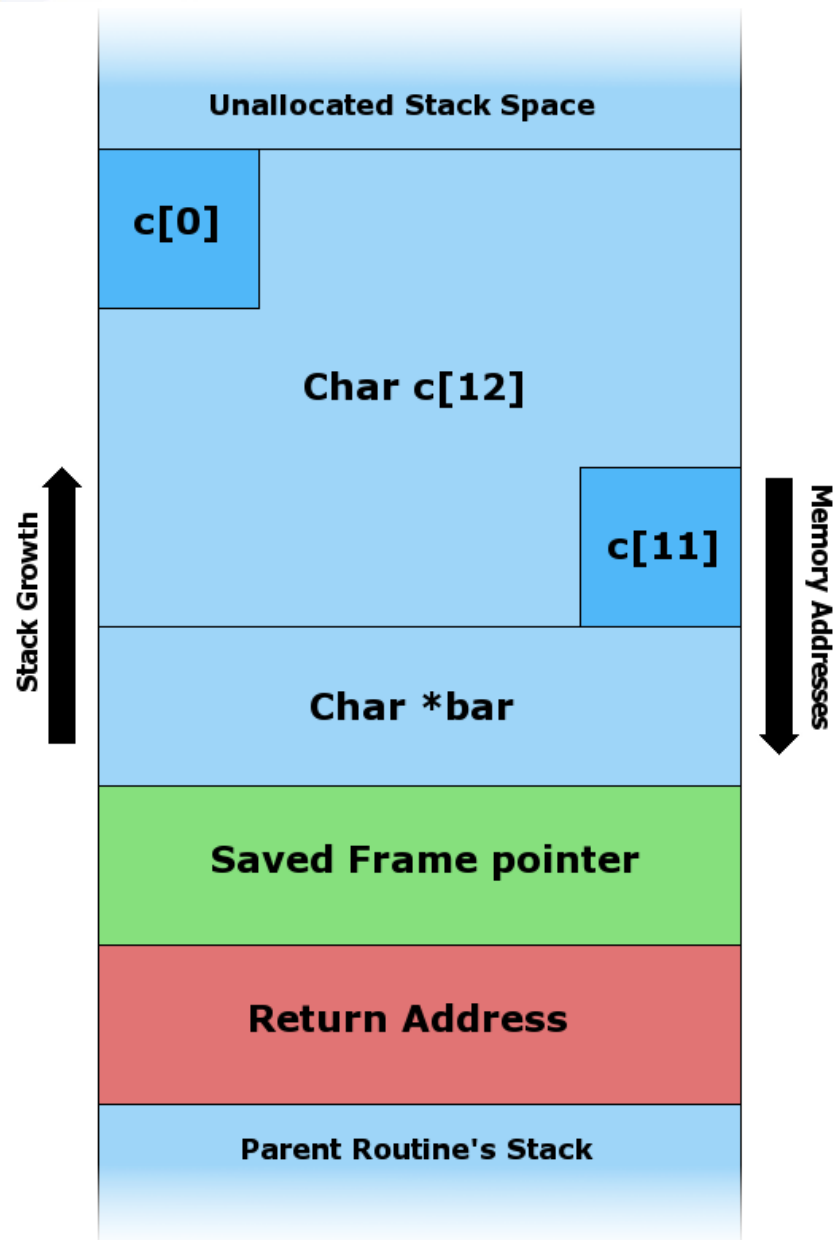
elf\_machine\_rel /\* sysdeps/i386/dl-machine.h\*/

do\_lookup\_x /\* src/elf/dl-lookup.c\*/

**\_dl\_protect\_relro /\* relro\*/**

\_\_mprotect

## [02] smashing the stack





## [03] implementation of classical mitigations

- > 0300 stack canary
- > 0301 NX(No-eXecutable)
- > 0302 PIC/PIE & ASLR
- > 0303 relro

## [0300] stack canary

input source(main.c):

```
void foo(const char* str) {  
    char buffer[16];  
    strcpy(buffer, str);  
}
```



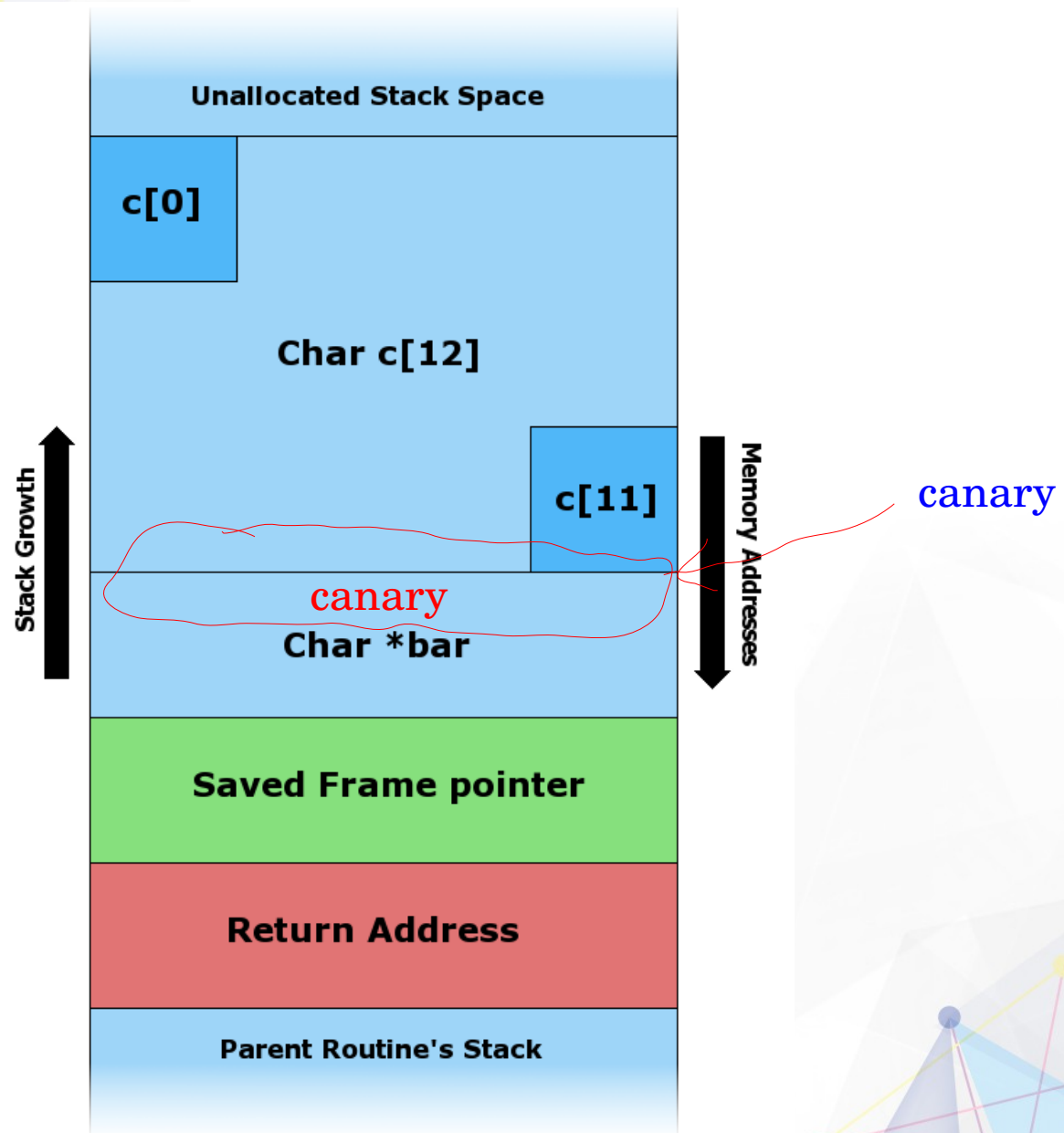
gcc -fstack-protector-all main.c



output target(a.out):

```
extern uintptr_t __stack_chk_guard;  
noreturn void __stack_chk_fail(void);  
void foo(const char* str) {  
    uintptr_t canary = __stack_chk_guard;  
    char buffer[16];  
    strcpy(buffer, str);  
    if ( (canary = canary ^ __stack_chk_guard) != 0 )  
        __stack_chk_fail();  
}
```

## [02] stack canary



## [0300] stack canary

```
/* gcc*/  
execute_one_pass  
::pass_expand::execute /* GIMPLE to RTL*/  
  construct_exit_block  
  expand_function_end  
  stack_protect_epilogue  
  ix86_stack_protect_fail /* insert rtl*/  
  
/* glibc*/  
dl_main  
  security_init  
    /* value __stack_chk_guard*/  
    _dl_setup_stack_chk_guard
```

## [0301] NX(No-eXecutable)

main

lang\_process

```
ldemul_before_allocation=glldelf_i386_before_allocation
bfd_elf_size_dynamic_sections
/* remember execstack flags according these two*/
elf_stack_flags
bfd_get_section_by_name (, ".note.GNU-stack")
```

ld\_write()

```
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lang_for_each_statement (build_link_order)
/* copy input section to output file*/
bfd_elf_final_link
_bfd_elf_compute_section_file_positions
assign_file_positions_except_relocs()
assign_file_positions_for_segments()
map_sections_to_segments() /* PT_GNU_STACK*/
```

## [0301] NX(No-eXecutable)

```
/* linux kernel*/  
do_execve  
    search_binary_handler  
        /* alloc for elf header first*/  
        linux_binfmt.load_binary==load_elf_binary  
            /* PT_GNU_STACK set mm_struct->vm_flag*/  
            setup_arg_pages  
  
/* always here*/  
do_page_fault & IA32_EFER.NXE  
/* hardware will catch no executable page error*/
```



## [0302] PIC/PIE & ASLR

`-fpic/-fpie/-fPIC/-fPIE` == Position Independent Code

```
/* GCC driver*/
```

```
main
```

```
  toplev::main
```

```
    decode_cmdline_options_to_array_default_mask
```

```
    decode_cmdline_options_to_array
```

```
    prune_options
```

```
      /* -fpic category parameters*/
```

```
      cancel_option
```

`-shared` == load-time relocation      <= library  
`-pie`     == Position Independent Code <= executable

## [0303] relro

```
/* linker script*  
.data.rel.ro :  
{  
  *(.data.rel.ro.local* .gnu.linkonce.d.rel.ro.local.*)  
  *(.data.rel.ro .data.rel.ro.* .gnu.linkonce.d.rel.ro.*)  
}
```



gcc sees a variable which is constant but requires a dynamic relocation, it puts it into a section named .data.rel.ro

-z relro -z now



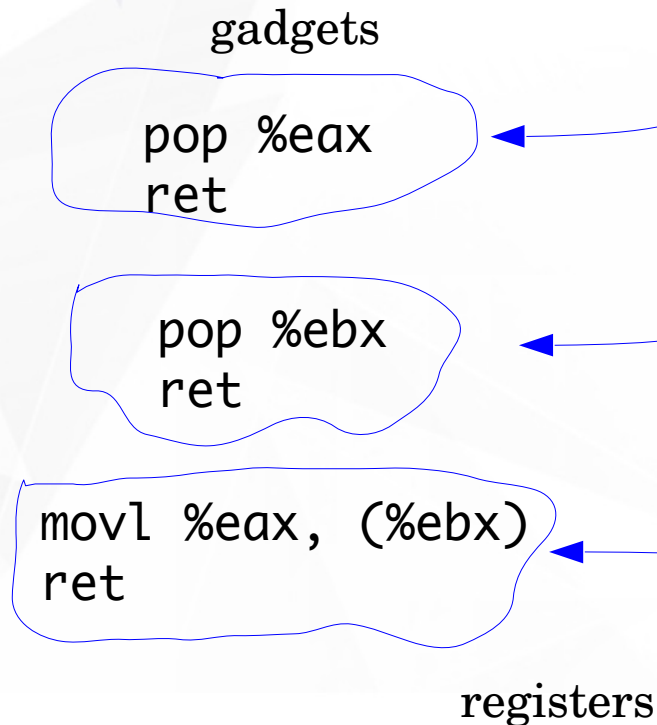
disable lazy link/runtime link, no section .rel.plt ,PLT in read-only

# [04] return-oriented programming

Use ESP as program counter

E.g., Store 5 at address 0x8048000

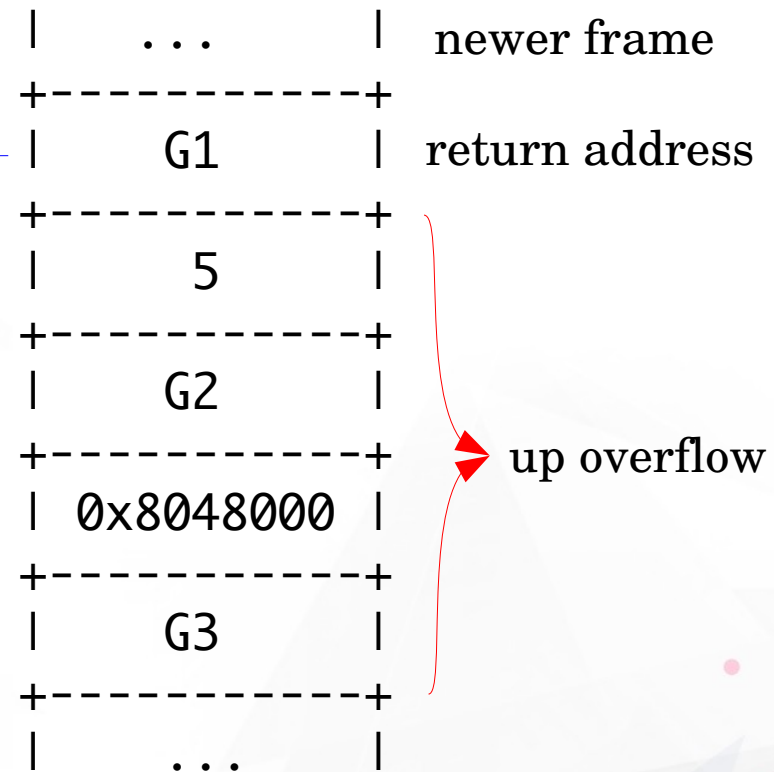
without introducing new code



%eax =

%ebx =

stack



Memory

0x8048000 =

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gadgets

pop %eax  
ret

pop %ebx  
ret

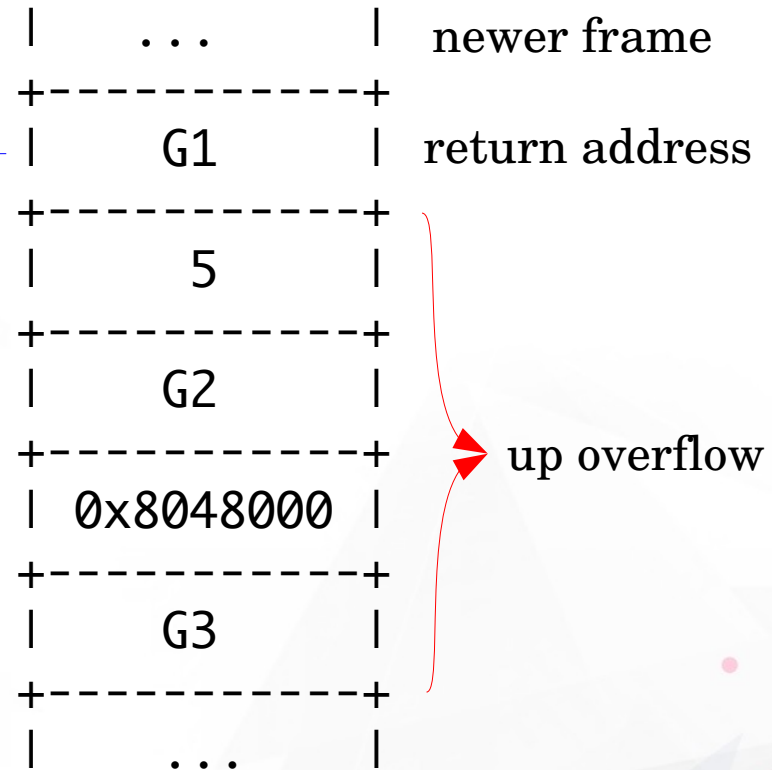
movl %eax, (%ebx)  
ret

registers

%eax = 5

%ebx =

stack



esp=>

Memory

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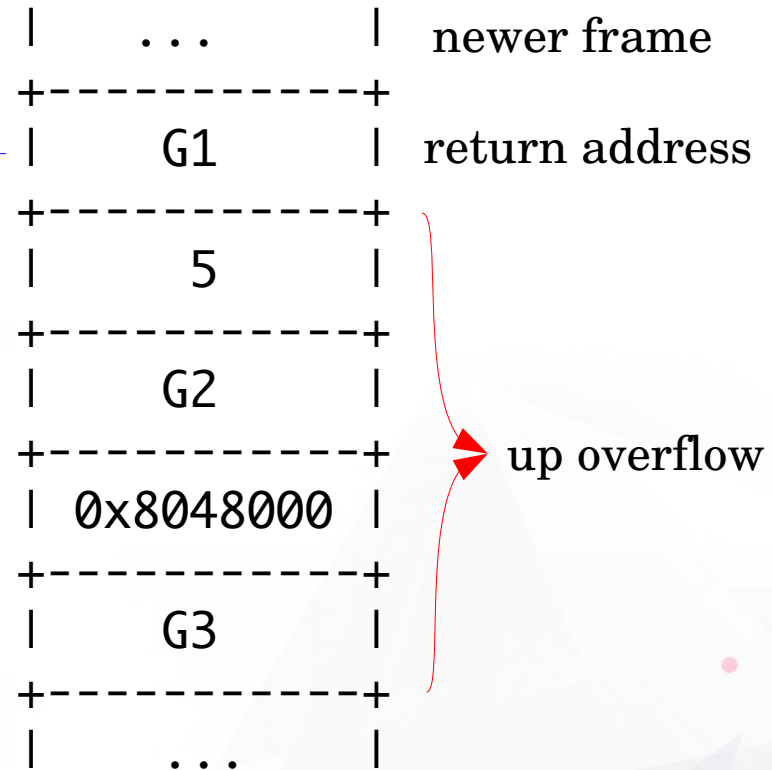
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registers

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%ebx = 0x8048000

stack



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Memory

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esp=>

registers

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%ebx = 0x8048000

stack

...	newer frame
+-----+	
G1	return address
+-----+	
5	
+-----+	
G2	
+-----+	
0x8048000	
+-----+	
G3	
+-----+	
...	

up overflow

Memory

0x8048000 = 5



### What is Control-Flow Integrity?

Control Flow Integrity (CFI) is a security policy that dictates that the software execution must follow the path of a previously determined control flow graph (CFG).

## [05] CFI & implementation in GCC

```
class B {  
    public:  
        virtual int foo ()  
        {...}  
};  
class D : public B {  
    public:  
        virtual int foo ()  
        {...}  
};  
B *b_ptr;  
D d_obj;  
b_ptr = &d_obj;  
  
b_ptr-> foo ();
```

```
D.1 = b_ptr;  
D.2 = b_ptr->_vptr.B;  
  
D.3 = *D.2;  
D.4 = call(D3 + offset)(D.1);
```

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b_ptr-> foo ();
```

```
D.1 = b_ptr;  
D.2 = b_ptr->_vptr.B;  
D.5 = & "set of valid vtable  
        Pointers for class B";  
D.6 = VerifyVtablePointer (D.5, D.2);  
D.3 = *D.2;  
D.4 = call(D3 + offset)(D.1);
```

## [05] CFI & implementation in GCC

```
/* src/libvtv/vtvrts.cc*/
```

```
void *  
__VLTVerifyVtablePointer (set *valid_vtbl_ptrs, void *vtbl_ptr)  
{  
    if (member (vtbl_ptr, valid_vtbl_ptrs))  
        return vtbl_ptr;  
    else  
        abort ();  
}
```

## [05] CFI & implementation in GCC

```
/* src/gcc/vtable-verify.c*/  
/* before GIMPLE to RTL*/  
define pass: pass_vtable_verify  
  /* Loop through all the basic blocks in the current  
    function, passing them to verify_bb_vtables, which  
    searches for virtual calls, and inserts calls to  
    __VLTVerifyVtablePointer  
    (tree verify_vtbl_ptr_fndecl).*/  
  verify_bb_vtables  
  
/*gcc/cp/vtable-class-hierarchy.c*/  
/* gather vtable info,  
   build vtable verify GIMPLE tree*/  
vtv_build_vtable_verify_fndecl  
  verify_vtbl_ptr_fndecl /* tree*/
```

## [06] intro to RAP of PaX/Grsecurity

**RAP = Reuse Attack Protector**

RAP is implemented as a GCC compiler plugin, has two components:

- [+] deterministic defense : build cfg has added type information. type information of a program build by a hashing function.

- [+] probabilistic defense: ensure that a function can return not just to a group of various call sites as defined by the first defense, but in fact only to the location from which the function was called.

on entry to a function, encrypts the return address prior to any code, The key is stored in a reserved CPU register, generally ensuring that the key itself should not leak



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