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# What you need to know

- understand C functions
- familiar with assembly code
- · understand the runtime stack and data encoding
- · know how systems calls are performed
- Understand memory layout