



Memory Layout

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.data

- Global initialized variables
- For e.g.

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```

.data

```
objdump -x -D -s a.out > a.dump
```

```
0000000000404038 g O .data 000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
Contents of section .data:
404030 00000000 0a0000000 140000000 ......
```

.bss

- Global uninitialized variables
- For e.g.

```
// Global variables, uninitialized, will be allocated in the bss segment
int c;
int d;
```

```
.bss
```

```
// Global variables, uninitialized, will be allocated in the bss segment
int c;
int d;
```

- Global uninitialized variables
- For e.g.

```
objdump -x -D -s a.out > a.dump
```

```
24 .bss 0000000c 000000000040403c 00000000040403c 0000303c 2**2
```



.rodata

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   printf("e = %d, f = %d\n", e, f);
   char *str = "Hello, World!";
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 401181: 89 75 e8
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 401184: 8b 45 ec
                                       -0x14(%rbp),%eax
                                mov
 401187: 89 05 b3 2e 00 00
                                      %eax,0x2eb3(%rip)
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                                       -0x18(%rbp),%eax
 40118d: 8b 45 e8
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 401190: 89 05 ae 2e 00 00
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 40119c: 8b 05 9e 2e 00 00
                               mov
 4011a2: 89 c6
                                      %eax,%esi
                                mov
 4011a4: bf 10 20 40 00
                                      $0x402010,%edi
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                               mov
 4011ae: e8 8d fe ff ff
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                                call
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                                      $0x32,-0x4(%rbp)
                               movl
 4011ba: c7 45 f8 3c 00 00 00
                                      $0x3c,-0x8(%rbp)
                               mov1
 4011c1: 8b 55 f8
                                       -0x8(%rbp),%edx
                                mov
 4011c4: 8b 45 fc
                                       -0x4(%rbp),%eax
                                mov
                                      %eax,%esi
 4011c7: 89 c6
                                mov
 4011c9: bf 20 20 40 00
                                       $0x402020, %edi
                                mov
 4011ce: b8 00 00 00 00
                                       $0x0,%eax
                                mov
 4011d3: e8 68 fe ff ff
                               call
                                      401040 <printf@plt>
                                       $0x402030,-0x10(%rbp)
 4011d8: 48 c7 45 f0 30 20 40
                               movq
 4011df: 00
                                       -0x10(%rbp),%rax
 4011e0: 48 8b 45 f0
                                mov
                                      %rax,%rsi
 4011e4: 48 89 c6
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 4011e7: bf 3e 20 40 00
                                      $0x40203e,%edi
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 4011ec: b8 00 00 00 00
                                mov
 4011f1: e8 4a fe ff ff
                                      401040 <printf@plt>
                                call
 4011f6: 90
                               nop
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stack

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Allocates 32 bytes on the stack for local variables.

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Stores the values of p and q. -

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heap

- Dynamically allocated variables will be in the heap
- For e.g.

```
void baz()
{
    // array of size 10 using malloc, so will be allocated on the heap
    int *arr = (int *)malloc(10 * sizeof(int));

    srand(time(NULL)); // seed the random number generator

    // Initialize the array randomly
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)

        arr[i] = rand() % 10;

    printf("Elements of arr: ");
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        {
            printf("%d ", arr[i]);
        }
        printf("\n");
}</pre>
```



Call to malloc@plt

- Dynamically allocated variables will be in the heap
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```
0000000000040121d <baz>:
 40121d: 55
                               push
                                      %rbp
                                      %rsp,%rbp
 40121e: 48 89 e5
                               mov
                                      $0x10,%rsp
 401221: 48 83 ec 10
                               sub
 401225: bf 28 00 00 00
                                      $0x28,%edi
                               mov
▶ 40122a: e8 41 fe ff ff
                                      401070 <malloc@plt>
                               call
 40122f: 48 89 45 f0
                                      %rax,-0x10(%rbp)
                               mov
 401233: bf 00 00 00 00
                                      $0x0,%edi
                               mov
 401238: e8 23 fe ff ff
                               call
                                      401060 <time@plt>
 40123d: 89 c7
                                      %eax,%edi
                               mov
 40123f: e8 0c fe ff ff
                               call
                                      401050 <srand@plt>
 401244: c7 45 fc 00 00 00 00
                               movl
                                      $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
 40124b: eb 49
                                      401296 <baz+0x79>
 40124d: e8 2e fe ff ff
                               call
                                     401080 <rand@plt>
 401252: 89 c1
                                      %eax,%ecx
                               mov
 401254: 8b 45 fc
                                      -0x4(%rbp),%eax
                               mov
 401257: 48 98
                               cltq
 401259: 48 8d 14 85 00 00 00 lea
                                      0x0(,%rax,4),%rdx
 401260: 00
                                      -0x10(%rbp),%rax
 401261: 48 8b 45 f0
                               mov
                                      (%rdx,%rax,1),%rsi
 401265: 48 8d 34 02
                               lea
 401269: 48 63 c1
                               movslq %ecx,%rax
 40126c: 48 69 c0 67 66 66 66 imul $0x66666667,%rax,%rax
```

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printf("\n");

```
Jump to GLIBC
```

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                                cltq
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                                      $0x66666667,%rax,%rax
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401076: 68 04 00 00 00 push \$0x4

40107b: e9 a0 ff ff ff jmp 401020 <_init+0x20>

