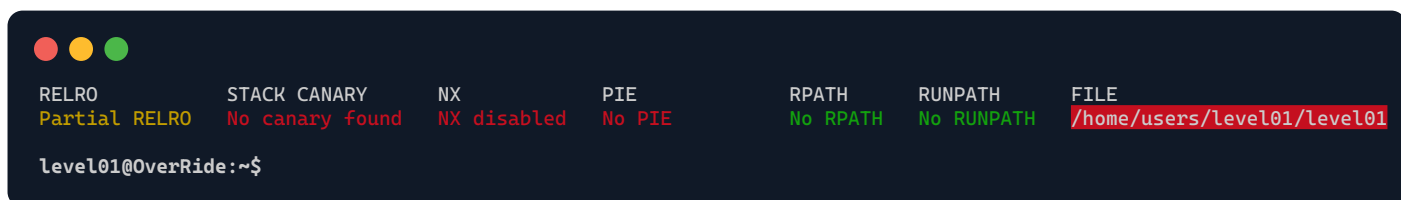


./level01



Decompiled file with *Ghidra*:



This program is a mimic of an admin login prompt.

It compares the username input to **dat_wil** and the password to **admin**. However, due to a logical flaw in the code, even if the **password** is correct, the program will incorrectly inform the user that the **password** is incorrect.

This is because the condition in the if statement **if (result == 0 || result != 0)** will always be true. Therefore, the program will always output **nope, incorrect password...** even for the correct password.

One of the strategies that come to mind is the deployment of a **shellcode**, akin to tactics employed in the Rainfall project. This method involves placing both the correct username **dat_wil** and the shellcode within the **a_user_name** global variable, which is at the address **0x0804a040**.

For the **password**, the goal is to cause a *buffer overflow* to **overwrite** the return address of the main function, redirecting it to our **shellcode** which would then execute starting from the address **0x0804Aa47** (**0x0804a040 + 7** as the username **dat_wil** has a length of 7 bytes).

