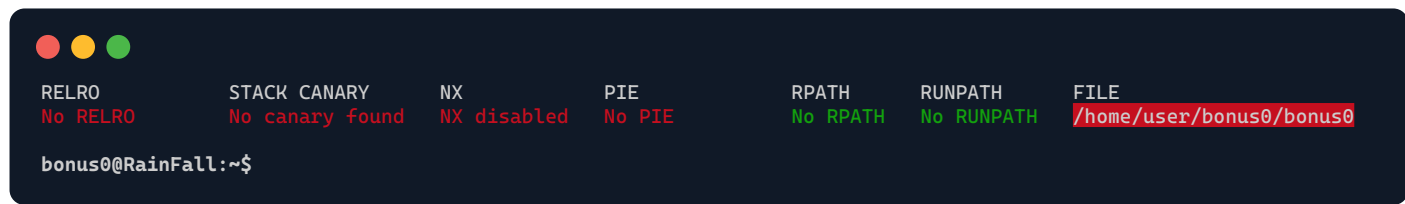


./bonus0



Decompiled file with *Ghidra*:

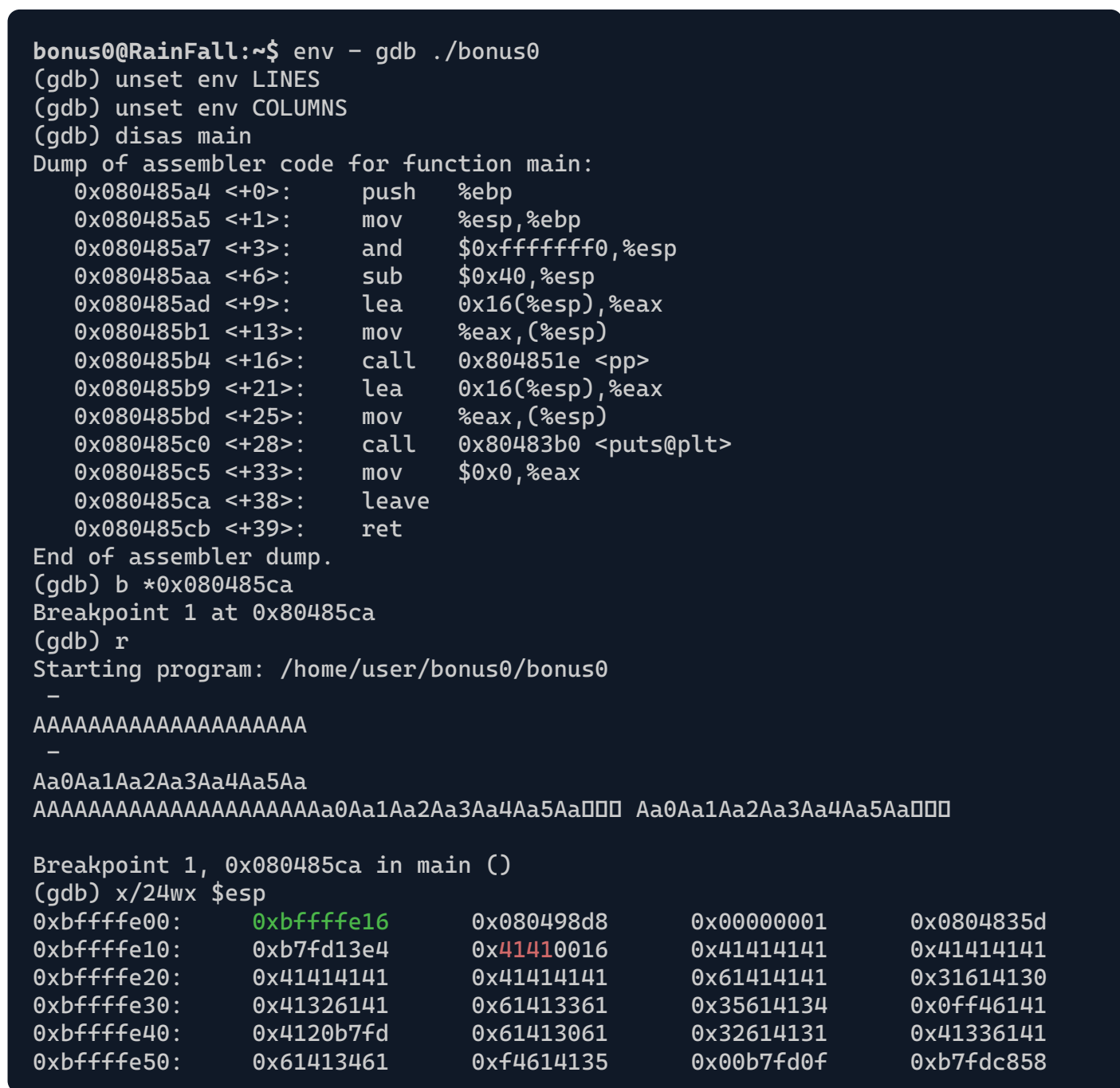


The program starts by asking for two different user input, trimming each one down to 20 characters using **strncpy**. Afterward, it joins the two inputs together, inserting a space between them. This combined result is then displayed through the main function.

While **strncpy** helps prevent *buffer overflows*, it has a catch: if the source string has at least 20 characters, it won't add a null-terminator, allowing the concatenated second input to directly follow without the space.

Given that the shortest working shellcode we found is 21 bytes, this setup would require us to place the initial 20 bytes in the **argv[1]** and the remaining byte at the beginning of **argv[2]**.

Now we need to know the address of **finalResult[46]**, which will contain our concatenated shellcode.



Using the overflow pattern, the offset is found to be 9.

0x41336141 in ?? ()	
Register value	Offset
0x41336141	9

For our exploit:

- We'll place the first 20 bytes of the **shellcode** into the first argument.
- The 21st byte of the shellcode will begin the second argument.
- We'll then add 8 padding bytes to achieve the offset of 9.
- Next, we'll append the address of **finalResult**, which takes 4 bytes.
- To reach a total of 20 bytes in the second argument, we'll add 7 more padding bytes, given that 1 (from the 21st byte) + 8 (padding) + 4 (address) equals 13, as we want at least 20 to ensure the *overflow*.

To align our exploit with **gdb**'s conditions, we need to run the **executable** in a clean environment, using its *absolute path* (since **gdb** accesses executables like that). We also have to set the **PWD** variable ourselves, given that **gdb** sets it even when the environment is empty. [More infos here](#).

