

# Introduction To Binary Exploitation

Part 1: The background



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# Before We Begin



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- ❖ We will be assuming use of Linux based operating system
- ❖ We will be using the IA-32/x86 (32-bit) architecture
- ❖ Don't worry if you struggle to get some of this
- ❖ This presentation will be an information dump, you DO NOT need to remember all of it
- ❖ I've tried to cover everything needed for next week, but I may have missed something
- ❖ So don't hesitate to ask!
- ❖ No exploits today!



# Registers



# Registers - Overview

- ❖ Essentially a variable for the cpu
- ❖ Fixed number exist
- ❖ Only place maths can be carried out
- ❖ Often hold pointers to other memory
- ❖ Values will often move between registers and other memory
- ❖ 2 main types
- ❖ General
- ❖ Special



# Registers - General Purpose

- ❖ x86 has 8, can be broken from 32-bit to 16-bit
- ❖ eax - Used for function returns, also specially used in certain maths
- ❖ ebx - No special uses, often holds common values for optimisation
- ❖ ecx - Sometimes used as a pointer or loop counter
- ❖ edx - Often used for short term variables
- ❖ esi - Used for pointers, often source data in transfers
- ❖ edi - Same as esi, but often for destination data
- ❖ ebp - Used as a frame pointer, or general purpose in optimised code
- ❖ esp - Pointer to the top (bottom?) of the stack



# Registers - Special

- ❖ Flags - Each bit has a specific meaning, Indicates something about previous operation
- ❖ eip - Stores address of next instruction to execute
- ❖ We are interested in EIP for our exploits
- ❖ As it controls the programs control flow



# Memory



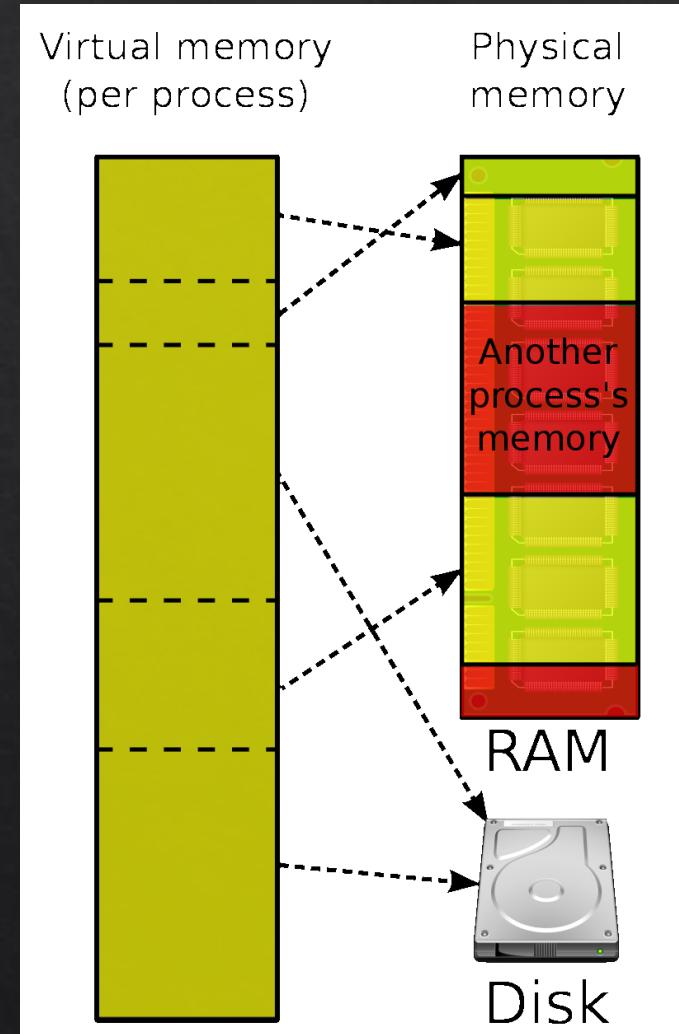
# Memory - Overview

- ❖ When we talk about memory, we mean RAM not storage
- ❖ When a binary is executed it needs to be loaded into memory
- ❖ Stores instructions and data
- ❖ We address with hex, e.g 0xbfab15ce
- ❖ Operating system maps virtual memory onto physical
- ❖ Remember at the end of the day,
- ❖ Data, instructions, are all just 0s and 1s (we'll look at them in hex)
- ❖ EVERYTHING is just data (example later)



# Memory - Physical vs Virtual

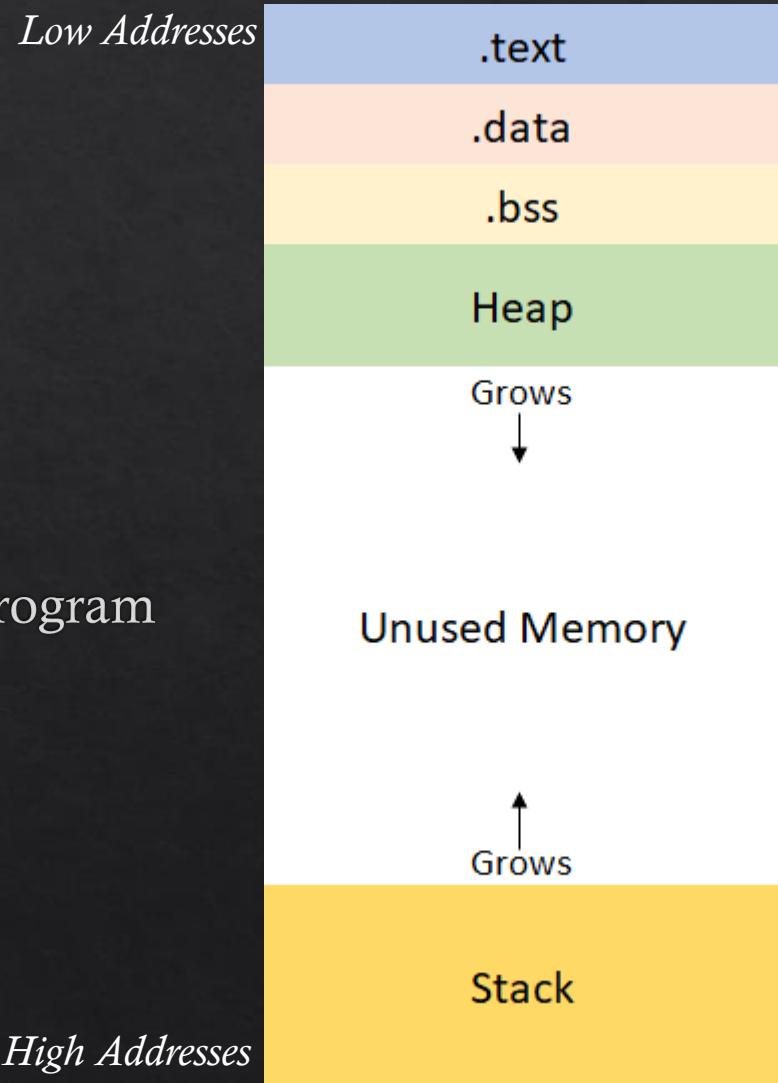
- ❖ Physical memory is the memory that actually exists
- ❖ Your RAM
- ❖ Virtual memory is an abstraction
- ❖ Every process is given a mapping of virtual memory
- ❖ Gives process illusion of full access to memory
- ❖ Often larger than then physical memory
- ❖ Uses paging to only load required data into RAM



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual\\_memory#/media/File:Virtual\\_memory.svg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_memory#/media/File:Virtual_memory.svg)

# Memory - Layout

- ❖ Process memory is segmented into various sections
- ❖ .text - Basically where a programs code is
- ❖ .data - Initialised global variables
- ❖ .bss - Uninitialised global variables
- ❖ The heap - Where dynamically allocated memory goes
- ❖ The stack - Contains details about subroutines (functions) of a program



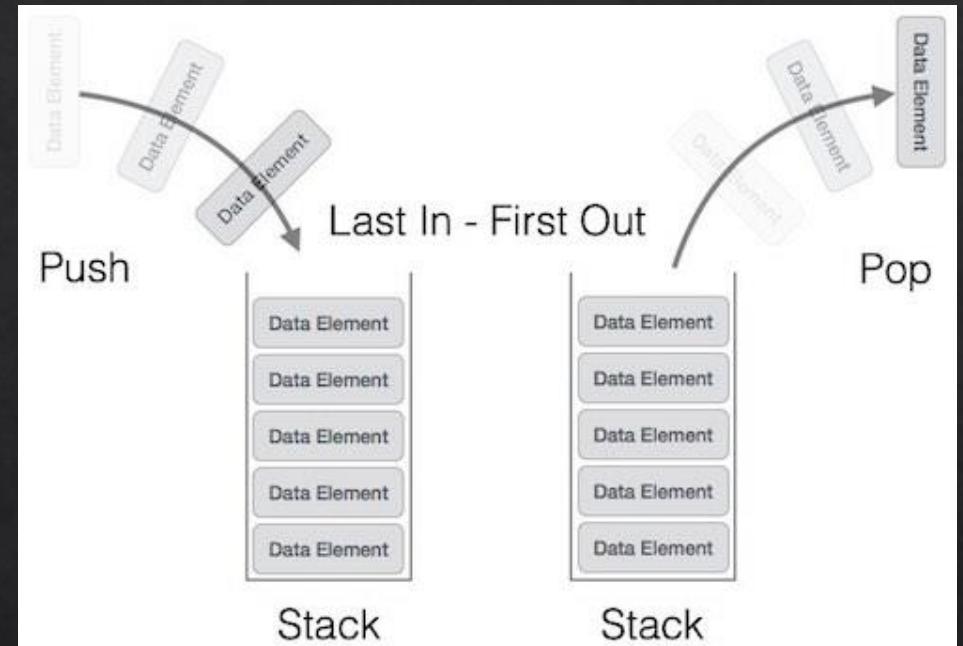
# Memory - The Heap

- ❖ Used in dynamic memory allocation
- ❖ Starts at low addresses and grows to high
- ❖ Malloc/free etc (C functions)
- ❖ Persists after calling routine
- ❖ Forgetting to free() is a primary cause of a memory leak
- ❖ Various vulnerabilities utilise the heap
- ❖ But not really relevant for us yet!



# Memory - The Stack

- ❖ Used for data in program functions
- ❖ Last in First out (LIFO) structure
- ❖ Grows from high memory to low
- ❖ Stores local variables
- ❖ Made up of various "stack frames"
- ❖ The exploits we are looking at use the stack



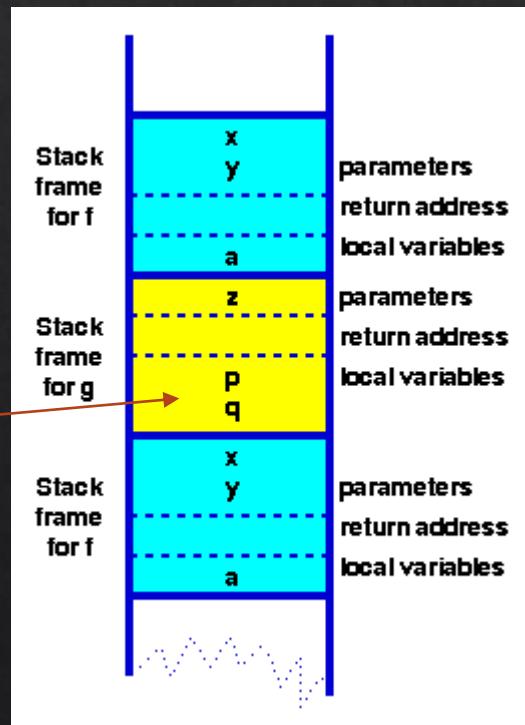
[https://www.tutorialspoint.com/data\\_structures\\_algorithms/stack\\_algorithm.htm](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/data_structures_algorithms/stack_algorithm.htm)



# Memory - Stack Frames

- ❖ Collection of data for one function call
- ❖ Includes - return address, argument variables, local variables, saved registers
- ❖ The important parts for us
- ❖ Local variables and the return address BOTH reside on a stack frame
- ❖ The return address ends up in the EIP register!
- ❖ We'll see why this is important next week

*Note: LIFO  
means p was  
declared  
BEFORE q*



# An Aside - Endianness

- ❖ The order in which bytes are combined into larger values
- ❖ Big-endian - Most significant byte is first
- ❖ Little-endian - Least significant bytes is first
- ❖ We will be using Little-endian
- ❖ 0x12345678 is stored as
- ❖ 0x78 0x56 0x34 0x12
- ❖ Push bytes in reverse order, but DON'T flip the bytes themselves

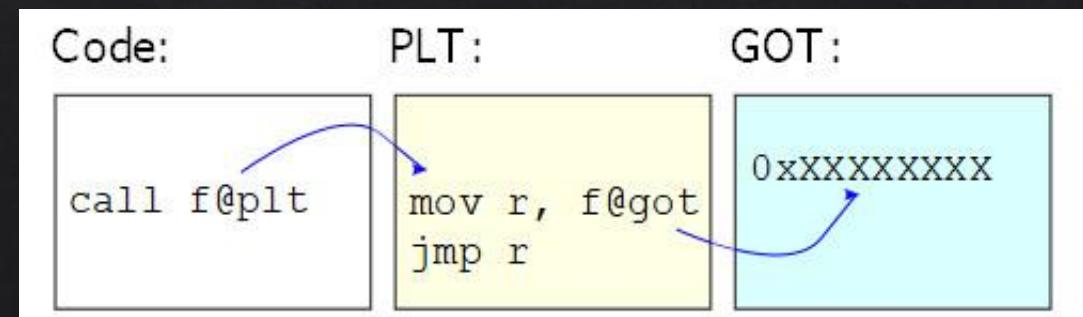
*Note: We are using hex, 0x13 = 19 in decimal. 2 hex digits = 1 byte*

*Second Note: The 0x is just notation*



# An Aside - PLT/GOT

- ❖ Procedure Link Table / Global Offset Table
- ❖ Basically instead of loading all the code into physical memory instantly
- ❖ These tables are pointers/offsets to them
- ❖ Before code is needed its memory address will be its key in the table
- ❖ When its needed that key points it to the real memory!
- ❖ Will become more apparent later



<https://nullprogram.com/blog/2018/05/27/>



# Relevant C



# C - Basics

- ❖ We only need to understand some basics
- ❖ We'll assume knowledge of basics such as if, while etc
- ❖ Basically I'm going to assume basic programming knowledge
- ❖ Can seem intimidating
- ❖ But for our purposes it's fairly simple



# C - Variables

- ❖ Pretty simple
- ❖ Various types
- ❖ int, char, float, double
- ❖ "Numeric" types can be signed or unsigned
- ❖ Also short or long
- ❖ Arrays are known as "Buffers"
- ❖ Are 0 indexed, last value index = (len-1)
- ❖ Various sizes and values



```
int x = 1; // Declare x and init it
int y; // Declare y but don't init it
float a[16]; // Declare a buffer of floats size 16
int b[3] = {34,23,12}; // Declare and init it

x = 4; // Change x to 4
y = 10; // Init the y from earlier
b[1] = 4; // Set the second value of b to 4
```

Type	Storage size	Value range
char	1 byte	-128 to 127 or 0 to 255
unsigned char	1 byte	0 to 255
signed char	1 byte	-128 to 127
int	2 bytes	-32,768 to 32,767
unsigned int	2 bytes	0 to 65,535
short	2 bytes	-32,768 to 32,767
long	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
unsigned long	4 bytes	0 to 4,294,967,295
float	4 bytes	1.2E-38 to 3.4E+38 (6 decimal places)
double	8 bytes	2.3E-308 to 1.7E+308 (15 decimal places)
Long double	10 bytes	3.4E-4932 to 1.1E+4932 (19 decimal places)

Table from <https://intellipaat.com/tutorial/c-tutorial/c-data-types/>



# C - Strings

- ❖ Declared as a buffer (array) of characters
- ❖ Null terminated (\0 or 0x00 in hex)
- ❖ So max chars is [Declared size - 1]
- ❖ Only certain functions are important right now
- ❖ gets - gets(char \*str)
- ❖ scanf - scanf(const char \*format, ...)
- ❖ strcpy - strcpy(char \*dest, const char \*src)
- ❖ printf - printf(const char \*format, ...)



```
// Declaring some string buffers
char text[16] = "Hi i'm a buffer" // 15 chars, but 16, null terminated
char input[16];
char inputTwo[16];
char copy[16];

gets(input); // Read from stdin into input

scanf("%s", inputTwo); // Read from stdin, using format strings

strcpy(copy, argv[1]); // Copy string from src to dest

printf("%s", text); // Print formatted string
```



# C - Pointers

- ❖ Variables have memory locations
- ❖ Can get the memory address of a variable with &
- ❖ Pointers are variables whose value is the address of another variable
- ❖ Declared using \*

```
root@kali:/tmp# ./point
value of y: 4
address of y: 9ac14cdc
address of y (equiv of &y): 9ac14cdc
address of z: 9ac14cd0
value of y (equiv of y): 4
```



```
int y = 4; // Real var
int *z; // Pointer declaration

printf("value of y: %d\n", y);

printf("address of y: %x\n", &y);

z = &y; // Set z to point to y

printf("address of y (equiv of &y): %x\n", z);

printf("address of z: %x\n", &z);

printf("value of y (equiv of y): %d\n", *z);
```



# x86 Assembly



# x86 - Overview

- ❖ Assembly is a low level programming language
- ❖ Generally architecture specific
- ❖ We will be covering some basic assembly calls
- ❖ You don't need to know them by heart, we're not expecting you to write assembly!
- ❖ 2 Major syntaxes
- ❖ AT&T vs Intel
- ❖ We will use intel
- ❖ Because I prefer it



# x86 - Intel Syntax

- ❖ Destination comes before source, e.g move <dest> <source>
- ❖ Parameter size can be derived from name of register
- ❖ Effective address arithmetic in square brackets e.g [eax + 4]
- ❖ Assembler automatically detects symbol types, e.g registers, constants
- ❖ Use suffixes to declare types if cant be derived



# x86 - Intel Syntax - Data Formats

- ❖ If you need to declare a suffix they are
- ❖ byte ptr - 1 byte
- ❖ word ptr - 2 bytes
- ❖ dword ptr - 4 bytes



# x86 - Data movement

**mov <op1> <op2>**

- ❖ Copies data from second operand (register/memory contents, or constant) into location represented by first operand (register/memory)
- ❖ Cannot copy straight from memory to memory

**push <op1>**

- ❖ Places operand onto top of the stack

**pop <op1>**

- ❖ Removes top item from stack and places it in location given by operand



# x86 - Data Movement ctd

**lea <op1> <op2>**

- ❖ Takes address from second operand and places it in register specified by first operand
- ❖ Effectively generates a pointer to a memory region

**xchg <op1> <op2>**

- ❖ Swap the contents of destinations specified by operands 1 and 2



# x86 - Arithmetic

**add <op1> <op2>**

- ❖ Adds together values given by 2 operands
- ❖ Storing result in first operand
- ❖ Only one operand may be a memory location

**sub <op1> <op2>**

- ❖ Subtracts value of second operand from first
- ❖ Stores result in first
- ❖ Only one operand may be a memory location



# x86 - Arithmetic ctd

## **inc/dec <op1>**

- ❖ Increments/Decrements contents of operand by 1

## **imul <op1> <op2> <op3>**

- ❖ First operand must be a register, 3rd operand is optional
- ❖ With 2: multiplies op1 and op2, stores in op1
- ❖ With 3: multiplies op2 and op3, stores in op1

## **idiv <op1>**

- ❖ Treats edx:eax as 64-bit int
- ❖ Divides by operand and stores in edx



# x86 - Logic

**and/or/xor <op1> <op2>**

- ❖ Carries out the respective logical bitwise action
- ❖ Stores result in locations given by op1
- ❖ XOR is particularly useful, as xorring a register with itself clears it

**not <op1>**

- ❖ Flips all bit values in operand ( $1 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $0 \rightarrow 1$ )

**neg <op1>**

- ❖ Twos complement negation of operand contents



# x86 - Logic ctd

**shl/shr <op1> <op2>**

- ❖ Shifts first operand's bits left or right
- ❖ Amount of bits to shift by specified by second operand
- ❖ Pads resulting empty bit positions with 0



# x86 - Control Flow

## **nop**

- ❖ Does nothing, just move onto the next instruction
- ❖ Often used to pad to word boundaries

## **jmp <op1>**

- ❖ Sets EIP to address given in operand
- ❖ Effectively changes next instruction

## **j[condition] <op1>**

- ❖ Based on result of last arithmetic operation
- ❖ Conditions include, equal, not equal, was 0, greater than, less than etc
- ❖ If condition is met, acts like normal jmp
- ❖ Else acts like nop



# x86 - Control Flow ctd

**cmp <op1> <op2>**

- ❖ Subtracts values given by op2 from op1 but doesn't store it
- ❖ Effectively just sub without the storage phase
- ❖ Commonly used before a j[condition]

**call <op1>**

- ❖ Pushes current location onto stack
- ❖ Then jmp to the location given in op1

**ret**

- ❖ Pops the stack and jumps to the location, call/ret are used together to implement subroutines



# x86 - Control Flow ctd

## **int <op1>**

- ❖ Generates a software interrupt of type dictated by op1
- ❖ Important ones are
  - ❖ int 3 - Used by debuggers to create breakpoints
  - ❖ int 80 - Triggers a syscall

## **sysenter**

- ❖ A better (slightly faster) way to trigger a syscall



# Useful Python



# Useful Python

- ❖ Run bits of python from the command line -
- ❖ **python -c "print('hello there')"**
- ❖ Repeat strings
- ❖ **print('A'\*100)**
- ❖ Use hex bytes
- ❖ **print('\x90\x42\x41\x43')**
- ❖ Useful modules - pwntools, requests, sockets, struct
- ❖ Run as args
- ❖ **./binary \$(python -c "print('arg')")**

```
root@kali:~# python -c "print('hello there')"
hello there
-
root@kali:~# python -c "print( 'A'*20)"
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
-
root@kali:~# python -c "print( '\x90\x42\x41\x43')"
?BAC
```



# Debugging With GDB



# GDB - What is GDB?

- ❖ A debugging tool for programs written in many languages
- ❖ Can disassemble assembled binaries
- ❖ Monitor execution
- ❖ Change stuff - modify memory, etc
- ❖ Either run the binary with gdb, or attach to already running
- ❖ We will run with gdb



Note: string.h wasn't needed in the final version of this, but I'd already taken screenshots with memory addresses and didn't want them to change

Note on 64-bit kali you need to install "libc6-dev-i386" to compile

# GDB - Our Binary



```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <string.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4
5 void helloNoName();
6 void helloName(char *name);
7 int math(int one, int two);
8
9 int main(int argc, char **argv) {
10    if(argc < 3) {
11        printf("Usage: %s [int] [int] <name>\n", argv[0]);
12        exit(1);
13    }
14    if(argc < 4) {
15        helloNoName();
16    }
17    else {
18        helloName(argv[3]);
19    }
20
21    int one = (int) *argv[1];
22    int two = (int) *argv[2];
23
24    int result = math(one, two);
25
26    printf("Result: %d\n", result);
27
28    return 0;
29}
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38 }
```

```
39
40 void helloNoName() {
41
42     printf("%s\n", "Hello there!");
43
44 }
45
46 void helloName(char *name) {
47
48     printf("Hello %s!\n", name);
49
50 }
51
52 int math(int one, int two) {
53
54     int newOne = one + 10;
55     int newTwo = two + 12;
56
57     return (newOne * newTwo);
58 }
```

Available at: <https://pastebin.com/BGw48aE2>

```
gcc gdbtest.c -o gdbtest -fno-stack-protector -z execstack -m32
```

Note: ASLR must also be turned off (this is default in kali)

# GDB - Our Binary ctd

- ❖ Lets look at what happens when we run it
- ❖ How about with a name this time
- ❖ This time lets run it wrong
- ❖ What if I don't use an int?
- ❖ Remember earlier?
- ❖ The example of everything just being data?
- ❖ In memory there is no distinction between types!

```
root@kali:/tmp# ./gdbtest 1 3
Hello there!
Result: 3717
```

```
root@kali:/tmp# ./gdbtest 45 6 jack
Hello jack!
Result: 4092
-
```

```
root@kali:/tmp# ./gdbtest 45
Usage: ./gdbtest [int] [int] <name>
```

```
root@kali:/tmp# ./gdbtest notanumber 4
Hello there!
Result: 7680
```



# GDB - Opening

- ❖ Simply call gdb with the binary as a parameter
- ❖ Can also attach to running process
- ❖ Easy to run process

*Note: The default gdb option is to use AT&T assembly syntax, you can change this with*

***set disassembly-flavor intel***

*I have this in ~/.gdbinit so I wont be doing it live*

```
root@kali:/tmp# gdb ./gdbtest
GNU gdb (Debian 8.1-4+b1) 8.1
Copyright (C) 2018 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show copying"
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
Reading symbols from ./gdbtest...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
(gdb) █
```

```
(gdb) run 1 8 jack
Starting program: /tmp/gdbtest 1 8 jack
Hello jack!
Result: 4012
[Inferior 1 (process 10373) exited normally]
```



# GDB - Inspecting Binaries

*After a run*

- ❖ Look at functions
- ❖ But remember, before the binary has been run
- ❖ They aren't the true addresses
- ❖ After a run
- ❖ Note address changes!
- ❖ And all the new ones
- ❖ Don't worry, most don't matter

*Before a run*

```
(gdb) info functions
All defined functions:

Non-debugging symbols:
0x00001000  _init
0x00001030  printf@plt
0x00001040  puts@plt
0x00001050  exit@plt
0x00001060  __libc_start_main@plt
0x00001070  __cxa_finalize@plt
0x00001080  __start
0x000010c0  __x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
0x000010d0  deregister_tm_clones
0x00001110  register_tm_clones
0x00001160  __do_global_dtors_aux
0x000011b0  frame_dummy
0x000011b5  __x86.get_pc_thunk.dx
0x000011b9  main
0x00001281  helloNoName
0x000012ac  helloName
0x000012da  math
0x00001305  __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax
0x00001309  __x86.get_pc_thunk.si
0x00001310  __libc_csu_init
0x00001370  __libc_csu_fini
0x00001374  __fini
```

```
All defined functions:

Non-debugging symbols:
0x56556000  _init
0x56556030  printf@plt
0x56556040  puts@plt
0x56556050  exit@plt
0x56556060  __libc_start_main@plt
0x56556070  __cxa_finalize@plt
0x56556080  __start
0x565560c0  __x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
0x565560d0  deregister_tm_clones
0x56556110  register_tm_clones
0x56556160  __do_global_dtors_aux
0x565561b0  frame_dummy
0x565561b5  __x86.get_pc_thunk.dx
0x565561b9  main
0x56556281  helloNoName
0x565562ac  helloName
0x565562da  math
0x56556305  __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax
0x56556309  __x86.get_pc_thunk.si
0x56556310  __libc_csu_init
0x56556370  __libc_csu_fini
0x56556374  __fini
0xf7fd5010  __dl_catch_exception@plt
0xf7fd5020  __malloc@plt
0xf7fd5030  __dl_signal_exception@plt
0xf7fd5040  __calloc@plt
0xf7fd5050  __realloc@plt
0xf7fd5060  __dl_signal_error@plt
0xf7fd5070  __dl_catch_error@plt
0xf7fd5080  __free@plt
0xf7fd8e0  __dl_rtld_di_serinfo
0xf7fe4830  __dl_debug_state
0xf7fe60a0  __dl_mcount
0xf7fe6980  __dl_get_tls_static_info
0xf7fe6a70  __dl_allocate_tls_init
0xf7fe6cd0  __dl_allocate_tls
0xf7fe6d10  __dl_deallocate_tls
0xf7fe6ff0  __tls_get_addr
0xf7fe7040  __tls_get_addr
0xf7fe7420  __dl_make_stack_executable
0xf7fe76e0  __dl_find_dso_for_object
0xf7fe9710  __dl_exception_create
0xf7fe9810  __dl_exception_create_format
--Type <return> to continue, or q <return> to quit--■
```



# GDB - Disassembling Binaries

- ❖ Lets look at some
- ❖ This shows the assembly
- ❖ gdb will try and be helpful
- ❖ E.g resolving calls to there functions

```
(gdb) disas helloNoName
Dump of assembler code for function helloNoName:
0x56556281 <+0>: push  ebp
0x56556282 <+1>: mov   ebp,esp
0x56556284 <+3>: push  ebx
0x56556285 <+4>: sub   esp,0x4
0x56556288 <+7>: call  0x56556305 <__x86.get_pc_thunk.ax>
0x5655628d <+12>: add   eax,0x2d73
0x56556292 <+17>: sub   esp,0xc
0x56556295 <+20>: lea   edx,[eax-0x1fce]
0x5655629b <+26>: push  edx
0x5655629c <+27>: mov   ebx,eax
0x5655629e <+29>: call  0x56556040 <puts@plt>
0x565562a3 <+34>: add   esp,0x10
0x565562a6 <+37>: nop
0x565562a7 <+38>: mov   ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
0x565562aa <+41>: leave 
0x565562ab <+42>: ret

End of assembler dump.
```

```
(gdb) disassemble main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
0x565561b9 <+0>: lea   ecx,[esp+0x4]
0x565561bd <+4>: and  esp,0xffffffff0
0x565561c0 <+7>: push  DWORD PTR [ecx-0x4]
0x565561c3 <+10>: push  ebp
0x565561c4 <+11>: mov   ebp,esp
0x565561c6 <+13>: push  esi
0x565561c7 <+14>: push  ebx
0x565561c8 <+15>: push  ecx
0x565561c9 <+16>: sub   esp,0x1c
0x565561cc <+19>: call  0x56556309 <__x86.get_pc_thunk.si>
0x565561d1 <+24>: add   esi,0x2e2f
0x565561d7 <+30>: mov   ebx,ecx
0x565561d9 <+32>: cmp   DWORD PTR [ebx],0x2
0x565561dc <+35>: jg    0x56556204 <main+75>
0x565561de <+37>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebx+0x4]
0x565561e1 <+40>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
0x565561e3 <+42>: sub   esp,0x8
0x565561e6 <+45>: push  eax
0x565561e7 <+46>: lea   eax,[esi-0x1ff8]
0x565561ed <+52>: push  eax
0x565561ee <+53>: mov   ebx,esi
0x565561f0 <+55>: call  0x56556030 <printf@plt>
0x565561f5 <+60>: add   esp,0x10
0x565561f8 <+63>: sub   esp,0xc
0x565561fb <+66>: push  0x1
0x565561fd <+68>: mov   ebx,esi
0x565561ff <+70>: call  0x56556050 <exit@plt>
0x56556204 <+75>: cmp   DWORD PTR [ebx],0x3
0x56556207 <+78>: jg    0x56556210 <main+87>
0x56556209 <+80>: call  0x56556281 <helloNoName>
0x5655620e <+85>: jmp   0x56556224 <main+107>
0x56556210 <+87>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebx+0x4]
0x56556213 <+90>: add   eax,0xc
0x56556216 <+93>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
0x56556218 <+95>: sub   esp,0xc
--Type <return> to continue, or q <return> to quit--■
```

# GDB - Breakpoints

- ❖ We saw earlier, helloName() is at 0x565562ac
- ❖ Lets pause execution at it
- ❖ 2 ways to pause (that we will look at now anyway)
- ❖ give gdb a \* before 0x to indicate it is an address
- ❖ But they have different addresses!?
- ❖ Lets run an see what happens on each
- ❖ They both break at the start of helloName()
- ❖ Because pointers
- ❖ GDB AUTOMATICALLY BREAKS ON SEG FAULT!!!

```
(gdb) break helloName  
Breakpoint 1 at 0x565562b0
```

```
(gdb) break *0x565562ac  
Breakpoint 1 at 0x565562ac
```

```
(gdb) run 1 2 jack  
Starting program: /tmp/gdbtest 1 2 jack
```

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x565562b0 in helloName ()
```

```
(gdb) run 1 2 jack  
Starting program: /tmp/gdbtest 1 2 jack
```

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x565562ac in helloName ()
```



# GDB - Look at what happened

- ❖ So we're in a break point
- ❖ Lets inspect the current state of the process
- ❖ The registers?
- ❖ How about the stack?
- ❖ This will become very useful next week!

```
(gdb) info registers
eax          0xfffffd5a6      -10842
ecx          0xfffffd370      -11408
edx          0xfffffd394      -11372
ebx          0xfffffd370      -11408
esp          0xfffffd31c      0xfffffd31c
ebp          0xfffffd358      0xfffffd358
esi          0x56559000      1448448000
edi          0xf7fa8000      -134578176
eip          0x565562ac      0x565562ac <helloName>
eflags        0x296      [ PF AF SF IF ]
cs           0x23       35
ss           0x2b       43
ds           0x2b       43
es           0x2b       43
fs           0x0        0
gs           0x63       99
```

```
(gdb) x/52x $esp
0xfffffd31c: 0x56556221 0xfffffd5a6 0xf7fa8000 0x00000000
0xfffffd32c: 0x565561d1 0xf7fa83fc 0x56559000 0xfffffd418
0xfffffd33c: 0x56556353 0x00000004 0xfffffd404 0xfffffd418
0xfffffd34c: 0xfffffd370 0x00000000 0xf7fa8000 0x00000000
0xfffffd35c: 0xf7de8b41 0xf7fa8000 0xf7fa8000 0x00000000
0xfffffd36c: 0xf7de8b41 0x00000004 0xfffffd404 0xfffffd418
0xfffffd37c: 0xfffffd394 0x00000001 0x00000000 0xf7fa8000
0xfffffd38c: 0xffffffff 0xf7ffd000 0x00000000 0xf7fa8000
0xfffffd39c: 0xf7fa8000 0x00000000 0xb954e1c3 0xfbe407d3
0xfffffd3ac: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000004
0xfffffd3bc: 0x56556080 0x00000000 0xf7fe9590 0xf7fe4440
0xfffffd3cc: 0x56559000 0x00000004 0x56556080 0x00000000
0xfffffd3dc: 0x565560b1 0x565561b9 0x00000004 0xfffffd404
```

*Can reference registers with \$*



# GDB - Carrying On

- ❖ Once you're done with the break
- ❖ You want to carry on execution
- ❖ Until the next break (or just run)

```
(gdb) step
Single stepping until exit from function helloName,
which has no line number information.
Hello jack!
0x56556221 in main ()
```



# GDB - Useful Commands

- ❖ A good cheat sheet <https://tinyurl.com/y8ndpbya> (for pure gdb)
- ❖ Set gdb to follow child process on fork()
  - ❖ **set follow-fork-mode child**
- ❖ Set disassembly mode to intel
  - ❖ **set disassembly-flavor intel**
- ❖ Backtrace execution
  - ❖ **backtrace full**
- ❖ Conditional break!
  - ❖ **break <where> if <condition>**



# GDB - Plugins

- ❖ Some plugins provide extra functions for gdb
- ❖ 2 big ones
- ❖ PEDA & GEF
- ❖ I personally prefer PEDA for normal use (although I'm considering swapping)
- ❖ But GEF has more options, e.g supports more architectures
- ❖ We won't be using these yet, but keep them in mind
- ❖ (Especially for HackBack!)



# Conclusions



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- ❖ That was a lot of information
- ❖ Don't worry if you don't get it all
- ❖ Or if you forget some!
- ❖ Hopefully I've covered everything
- ❖ Next week we'll be breaking binaries

