

w7_debug

Debugging tools

strace - system calls

`strace -o tracelog FILE` save output of strace to tracelog

ltrace - library calls

strings- extract printable text strings

- `a` all sections. (default)
- `d` or `-data` only initialized and loaded data sections

getline

The `getline` function in C is used to read a line of input from a stream, such as `stdin` (standard input), into a dynamically allocated buffer. It is a safer alternative to functions like `gets` or `fgets` because it handles dynamic memory allocation and prevents buffer overflows.

Syntax

```
ssize_t getline(char **lineptr, size_t *n, FILE *stream);
```

1. `lineptr (char)**`
 - A pointer to a `char *` (buffer) where the input will be stored.
 - If `lineptr` is `NULL`, `getline` will allocate memory automatically.
 - If `lineptr` is not `NULL`, it assumes the buffer already exists and resizes it if needed.
2. `n (size_t*)`:
 - A pointer to a `size_t` variable that indicates the current size of the buffer pointed to by `lineptr`.
 - `getline` updates this value if it reallocates the buffer.
3. `stream (FILE*)`:
 - The input stream to read from, such as `stdin` for standard input or a file pointer.

Return Value

- On Success:
 - Returns the number of characters read (including the newline `\n` but excluding the null terminator `\0`).
- On Failure:
 - Returns `1` if the end-of-file (EOF) is reached or an error occurs.
 - Sets `errno` to indicate the error.

gdb

`objdump -d FILE` display disassembly information

`run` run program (with arguments)

`bt` backtrace by reading stack

`b` create breakpoints

`d` delete breakpoints

`c` continue after hitting breakpoints

`p [variable]` print variable

`disas` disassembly

`info` information on registers or variables

`si` step into

`ni` next instruction

x examine memory

Command	Format
x/s	Display as a string (null-terminated).
x/x	Display as raw hexadecimal.
x/d	Display as a signed decimal.
x/u	Display as an unsigned decimal.
x/t	Display as binary.
x/i	Display as machine instructions (disassemble).

x86-64 assembly

registers:

%rip program counter

%rax Accumulator register, often used for storing return values or temporary data. (TEMP)

%eax Lower 32 bits of %rax. Contains the result of operations or comparisons.

%al Lower 8 bits of %rax. Used for byte-level operations (like comparing a single character).

%rcx, %rdx, %rsi, %rdi General-purpose registers for passing arguments or intermediate data. (ARG)

%esi Lower 32 bits of %rsi.

%rbp Base pointer, often used to reference local variables within the current stack frame. (LCL)

%rsp Stack pointer, points to the top of the stack (used for function calls and local storage). (SP)

64-bit Register	Lower 32 bits	Lower 16 bits	Lower 8 bits (High/Low)
%rax	%eax	%ax	%al (low), %ah (high)
%rbx	%ebx	%bx	%bl (low), %bh (high)
%rcx	%ecx	%cx	%cl (low), %ch (high)
%rdx	%edx	%dx	%dl (low), %dh (high)
%rsi	%esi	%si	%sil (low)
%rdi	%edi	%di	%dil (low)
%rsp	%esp	%sp	%spl (low)
%rbp	%ebp	%bp	%bpl (low)
%r8 – %r15	%r8d – %r15d	%r8w – %r15w	%r8b – %r15b

(%rax) indirect addressing.

4(%rax) indirect addressing with offset 4 bytes

\$0x42 immediate value (constant)

1. Zero-Argument Instructions

These instructions operate without explicit operands. They often work with implicit registers or affect processor flags.

Instruction	Description
ret	Return from a function (pop address from stack).
leave	Restore the stack frame by resetting %rbp and %rsp.
nop	No operation (does nothing, often used for padding).
pushf	Push the processor flags register onto the stack.
popf	Pop the top of the stack into the processor flags register.
clic	Clear the carry flag (used in arithmetic).
stc	Set the carry flag.
hlt	Halt the CPU until the next interrupt.

2. One-Argument Instructions

These instructions operate on a single operand, which can be a register, memory address, or immediate value. The operation is often implicit (e.g., incrementing or negating the operand).

Instruction	Description
callq <addr>	Calls a function at <addr> (pushes return address onto the stack).

<code>push <src></code>	Push the value in <code><src></code> onto the stack.
<code>pop <dst></code>	Pop the top of the stack into <code><dst></code> .
<code>inc <dst></code>	Increment the value in <code><dst></code> by 1.
<code>dec <dst></code>	Decrement the value in <code><dst></code> by 1.
<code>neg <dst></code>	Negate the value in <code><dst></code> (two's complement).
<code>not <dst></code>	Perform a bitwise NOT on <code><dst></code> (flip all bits).
<code>jmp <addr></code>	Unconditionally jump to <code><addr></code> .
<code>call <addr></code>	Call a function at <code><addr></code> (push return address onto stack).
<code>test <dst></code>	Perform a logical AND between <code><dst></code> and <code><dst></code> , setting flags but discarding the result.
<code>setcc <dst></code>	Set the byte in <code><dst></code> based on a condition (<code>cc</code> specifies the condition, e.g., <code>sete</code> for equal).

3. Two-Argument Instructions

These are the most common instructions in x86-64. They perform an operation on the **source** operand (`<src>`) and store the result in the **destination** operand (`<dst>`). The operands can be registers, memory addresses, or immediate values.

Instruction	Description
<code>mov <src>, <dst></code>	Move the value from <code><src></code> to <code><dst></code> .
<code>add <src>, <dst></code>	Add <code><src></code> to <code><dst></code> and store the result in <code><dst></code> .
<code>sub <src>, <dst></code>	Subtract <code><src></code> from <code><dst></code> and store the result in <code><dst></code> .
<code>cmp <src>, <dst></code>	Compare <code><src></code> with <code><dst></code> (sets flags, no result stored).
<code>and <src>, <dst></code>	Perform a bitwise AND between <code><src></code> and <code><dst></code> , storing the result in <code><dst></code> .
<code>or <src>, <dst></code>	Perform a bitwise OR between <code><src></code> and <code><dst></code> , storing the result in <code><dst></code> .
<code>xor <src>, <dst></code>	Perform a bitwise XOR between <code><src></code> and <code><dst></code> , storing the result in <code><dst></code> .
<code>lea <src>, <dst></code>	Load the effective address of <code><src></code> into <code><dst></code> (used for pointer arithmetic).
<code>imul <src>, <dst></code>	Multiply <code><src></code> with <code><dst></code> and store the result in <code><dst></code> .
<code>shr <src>, <dst></code>	Shift <code><dst></code> right by <code><src></code> bits, filling with zeroes.
<code>shl <src>, <dst></code>	Shift <code><dst></code> left by <code><src></code> bits, filling with zeroes.
<code>movzbl <src>, <dst></code>	Move the zero-extended byte from <code><src></code> to <code><dst></code> (used to load 8-bit values into larger registers).

Cracks

```
$ strings -d ./crackme-1
...
strcmp
...
Beetlejuice
...

$ ltrace ./crackme-1
puts("What is the password?"What is the password?
)                                     = 22
getline(0x7ffbfd391880, 0x7ffbfd391878, 0x7f00de2449c0, 0x7ffbfd391878
)   = 1
strcmp("", "Beetlejuice")             = -66
puts("Nope"Nope
)                                     = 5
free(0x159a6b0)                       = <void>
+++ exited (status 1) +++
```

strcmp gives the password.

```
$ gdb ./crackme-2
(gdb) b main
(gdb) run <<< "abc"
(gdb) disas
Dump of assembler code for function main:
0x0000000000400656 <+0>:    push    %rbp
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0x0000000000400657 <+1>:    mov    %rsp,%rbp
0x000000000040065a <+4>:    sub    $0x20,%rsp
=> 0x000000000040065e <+8>:    movq   $0x0, -0x18(%rbp)
0x0000000000400666 <+16>:   movq   $0x0, -0x20(%rbp)
0x000000000040066e <+24>:   movq   $0x0, -0x10(%rbp)
0x0000000000400676 <+32>:   mov    $0x400848,%edi
0x000000000040067b <+37>:   callq  0x400550 <puts@plt>
0x0000000000400680 <+42>:   mov    0x2009b9(%rip),%rdx    # 0x601040 <stdin@GLIBC_2.2.5>
0x0000000000400687 <+49>:   lea    -0x20(%rbp),%rcx
0x000000000040068b <+53>:   lea    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x000000000040068f <+57>:   mov    %rcx,%rsi
0x0000000000400692 <+60>:   mov    %rax,%rdi
0x0000000000400695 <+63>:   callq  0x400560 <getline@plt>
0x000000000040069a <+68>:   mov    %rax, -0x10(%rbp)
0x000000000040069e <+72>:   mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x00000000004006a2 <+76>:   mov    -0x10(%rbp),%rdx
0x00000000004006a6 <+80>:   sub    $0x1,%rdx
0x00000000004006aa <+84>:   add    %rdx,%rax
0x00000000004006ad <+87>:   movb   $0x0, (%rax)
0x00000000004006b0 <+90>:   cmpq   $0xb, -0x10(%rbp)
0x00000000004006b5 <+95>:   jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x00000000004006bb <+101>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x00000000004006bf <+105>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x00000000004006c2 <+108>:  cmp    $0x42,%al
0x00000000004006c4 <+110>:  jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x00000000004006ca <+116>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x00000000004006ce <+120>:  add    $0x2,%rax
0x00000000004006d2 <+124>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x00000000004006d5 <+127>:  cmp    $0x74,%al
0x00000000004006d7 <+129>:  jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x00000000004006dd <+135>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x00000000004006e1 <+139>:  add    $0x8,%rax
0x00000000004006e5 <+143>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x00000000004006e8 <+146>:  cmp    $0x73,%al
0x00000000004006ea <+148>:  jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x00000000004006f0 <+154>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x00000000004006f4 <+158>:  add    $0x3,%rax
0x00000000004006f8 <+162>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x00000000004006fb <+165>:  cmp    $0x65,%al
0x00000000004006fd <+167>:  jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x00000000004006ff <+169>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x0000000000400703 <+173>:  add    $0x9,%rax
0x0000000000400707 <+177>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x000000000040070a <+180>:  cmp    $0x65,%al
0x000000000040070c <+182>:  jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x000000000040070e <+184>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x0000000000400712 <+188>:  add    $0x6,%rax
0x0000000000400716 <+192>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x0000000000400719 <+195>:  cmp    $0x65,%al
0x000000000040071b <+197>:  jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x000000000040071d <+199>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x0000000000400721 <+203>:  add    $0x1,%rax
0x0000000000400725 <+207>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x0000000000400728 <+210>:  cmp    $0x65,%al
0x000000000040072a <+212>:  jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x000000000040072c <+214>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x0000000000400730 <+218>:  add    $0x5,%rax
0x0000000000400734 <+222>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x0000000000400737 <+225>:  cmp    $0x67,%al
0x0000000000400739 <+227>:  jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x000000000040073b <+229>:  mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x000000000040073f <+233>:  add    $0x4,%rax
0x0000000000400743 <+237>:  movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x0000000000400746 <+240>:  cmp    $0x6c,%al

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0x0000000000400748 <+242>: jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x000000000040074a <+244>: mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x000000000040074e <+248>: add    $0x7,%rax
0x0000000000400752 <+252>: movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x0000000000400755 <+255>: cmp    $0x75,%al
0x0000000000400757 <+257>: jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x0000000000400759 <+259>: mov    -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x000000000040075d <+263>: add    $0xa,%rax
0x0000000000400761 <+267>: movzbl (%rax),%eax
0x0000000000400764 <+270>: test   %al,%al
0x0000000000400766 <+272>: jne    0x40077b <main+293>
0x0000000000400768 <+274>: mov    $0x40085e,%edi
0x000000000040076d <+279>: callq  0x400550 <puts@plt>
0x0000000000400772 <+284>: movl    $0x0, -0x4(%rbp)
0x0000000000400779 <+291>: jmp     0x40078c <main+310>
0x000000000040077b <+293>: mov     $0x400867,%edi
0x0000000000400780 <+298>: callq  0x400550 <puts@plt>
0x0000000000400785 <+303>: movl    $0x1, -0x4(%rbp)
0x000000000040078c <+310>: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x0000000000400790 <+314>: test    %rax,%rax
0x0000000000400793 <+317>: je      0x4007a1 <main+331>
0x0000000000400795 <+319>: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x0000000000400799 <+323>: mov     %rax,%rdi
0x000000000040079c <+326>: callq  0x400540 <free@plt>
0x00000000004007a1 <+331>: mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
0x00000000004007a4 <+334>: leaveq  %eax
0x00000000004007a5 <+335>: retq
End of assembler dump.

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look up all the *cmp*s:

```

$ objdump -d ./crackme-2 | grep -w cmp
4005be:      48 39 f8          cmp     %rdi,%rax
4006c2:      3c 42            cmp     $0x42,%al
4006d5:      3c 74            cmp     $0x74,%al
4006e8:      3c 73            cmp     $0x73,%al
4006fb:      3c 65            cmp     $0x65,%al
40070a:      3c 65            cmp     $0x65,%al
400719:      3c 65            cmp     $0x65,%al
400728:      3c 65            cmp     $0x65,%al
400737:      3c 67            cmp     $0x67,%al
400746:      3c 6c            cmp     $0x6c,%al
400755:      3c 75            cmp     $0x75,%al
400801:      48 39 dd          cmp     %rbx,%rbp

```

the first arguments form the password in order.

```

$ gdb ./crackme-3
(gdb) b main
(gdb) run <<< "abc"
(gdb) disas
Dump of assembler code for function main:
   0x00000000004006f6 <+0>:      push    %rbp
   0x00000000004006f7 <+1>:      mov     %rsp,%rbp
   0x00000000004006fa <+4>:      sub     $0x20,%rsp
=> 0x00000000004006fe <+8>:      movq    $0x0, -0x18(%rbp)
   0x0000000000400706 <+16>:     movq    $0x0, -0x20(%rbp)
   0x000000000040070e <+24>:     movl    $0x0, -0xc(%rbp)
   0x0000000000400715 <+31>:     mov     $0x400898,%edi
   0x000000000040071a <+36>:     callq  0x4005d0 <puts@plt>
   0x000000000040071f <+41>:     mov     0x20092a(%rip),%rdx      # 0x601050 <stdin@GLIBC_2.2.5>
   0x0000000000400726 <+48>:     lea     -0x20(%rbp),%rcx
   0x000000000040072a <+52>:     lea     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
   0x000000000040072e <+56>:     mov     %rcx,%rsi

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0x0000000000400731 <+59>:  mov    %rax,%rdi
0x0000000000400734 <+62>:  callq  0x400600 <getline@plt>
0x0000000000400739 <+67>:  mov     %eax, -0xc(%rbp)
0x000000000040073c <+70>:  cmpl    $0x0, -0xc(%rbp)
0x0000000000400740 <+74>:  jns     0x40074c <main+86>
0x0000000000400742 <+76>:  mov     $0x1,%eax
0x0000000000400747 <+81>:  jmpq    0x4007fd <main+263>
0x000000000040074c <+86>:  mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x0000000000400750 <+90>:  mov     -0xc(%rbp),%edx
0x0000000000400753 <+93>:  movslq  %edx,%rdx
0x0000000000400756 <+96>:  sub     $0x1,%rdx
0x000000000040075a <+100>: add     %rdx,%rax
0x000000000040075d <+103>: movb     $0x0, (%rax)
0x0000000000400760 <+106>: movl     $0x0, -0x8(%rbp)
0x0000000000400767 <+113>: jmp      0x40078f <main+153>
0x0000000000400769 <+115>: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rdx
0x000000000040076d <+119>: mov     -0x8(%rbp),%eax
0x0000000000400770 <+122>: cltq
0x0000000000400772 <+124>: add     %rdx,%rax
0x0000000000400775 <+127>: movzbl  (%rax),%ecx
0x0000000000400778 <+130>: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rdx
0x000000000040077c <+134>: mov     -0x8(%rbp),%eax
0x000000000040077f <+137>: cltq
0x0000000000400781 <+139>: add     %rdx,%rax
0x0000000000400784 <+142>: xor     $0x42,%ecx
0x0000000000400787 <+145>: mov     %ecx,%edx
0x0000000000400789 <+147>: mov     %dl, (%rax)
0x000000000040078b <+149>: addl     $0x1, -0x8(%rbp)
0x000000000040078f <+153>: mov     -0xc(%rbp),%eax
0x0000000000400792 <+156>: sub     $0x1,%eax
0x0000000000400795 <+159>: cmp     %eax, -0x8(%rbp)
0x0000000000400798 <+162>: jl      0x400769 <main+115>
0x000000000040079a <+164>: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x000000000040079e <+168>: mov     %rax,%rdi
0x00000000004007a1 <+171>: callq   0x4005e0 <strlen@plt>
0x00000000004007a6 <+176>: cmp     $0xa,%rax
0x00000000004007aa <+180>: jne     0x4007d4 <main+222>
0x00000000004007ac <+182>: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x00000000004007b0 <+186>: mov     $0x4008ae,%esi
0x00000000004007b5 <+191>: mov     %rax,%rdi
0x00000000004007b8 <+194>: callq   0x4005f0 <strcmp@plt>
0x00000000004007bd <+199>: test    %eax,%eax
0x00000000004007bf <+201>: jne     0x4007d4 <main+222>
0x00000000004007c1 <+203>: mov     $0x4008b9,%edi
0x00000000004007c6 <+208>: callq   0x4005d0 <puts@plt>
0x00000000004007cb <+213>: movl     $0x0, -0x4(%rbp)
0x00000000004007d2 <+220>: jmp     0x4007e5 <main+239>
0x00000000004007d4 <+222>: mov     $0x4008c2,%edi
0x00000000004007d9 <+227>: callq   0x4005d0 <puts@plt>
0x00000000004007de <+232>: movl     $0x1, -0x4(%rbp)
0x00000000004007e5 <+239>: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x00000000004007e9 <+243>: test    %rax,%rax
0x00000000004007ec <+246>: je      0x4007fa <main+260>
0x00000000004007ee <+248>: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x00000000004007f2 <+252>: mov     %rax,%rdi
0x00000000004007f5 <+255>: callq   0x4005c0 <free@plt>
0x00000000004007fa <+260>: mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
0x00000000004007fd <+263>: leaveq
0x00000000004007fe <+264>: retq

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End of assembler dump.

from `main+115` to `main+162` is a loop iterating through the input string and XORs each character with `0x42`. `strcmp` is called at `main+194` `callq` (`0x4005f0` is where `strcmp` is stored at). `strcmp` always compares `%rsi` and `%rdi`, so we look up `main+191` and `main+186`, and found an address `0x4008ae`. type `x/s 0x4008ae` returns

```
(gdb) x/s 0x4008ae
0x4008ae:      "\017'\021#;\006#;r*"
```

which contains escaped octal code (since they are non-printable characters). revert this string with xor 0x42.

```
$ ltrace ./crackme-4
puts("What is the password?"What is the password?
)
                                     = 22
getline(0x7ffc7d25b0c8, 0x7ffc7d25b0c0, 0x7f9c26e169c0, 0x7ffc7d25b0c0
) = 1
srand(0)                             = <void>
rand()                               = 1804289383
atoi(0xe7a6b0, 0x7ffc7d25b094, 0, 0x7f9c26e161e8) = 0
puts("Nope" Nope
)                                     = 5
free(0xe7a6b0)                       = <void>
+++ exited (status 1) +++

$ gdb ./crackme-4
(gdb) b main
(gdb) run <<< "password"
(gdb) disas
Dump of assembler code for function main:
    0x000000000400736 <+0>:      push    %rbp
    0x000000000400737 <+1>:      mov     %rsp,%rbp
    0x00000000040073a <+4>:      sub     $0x20,%rsp
=> 0x00000000040073e <+8>:      movq    $0x0,-0x18(%rbp)
    0x000000000400746 <+16>:     movq    $0x0,-0x20(%rbp)
    0x00000000040074e <+24>:     movq    $0x0,-0x10(%rbp)
    0x000000000400756 <+32>:     mov     $0x400898,%edi
    0x00000000040075b <+37>:     callq   0x400600 <puts@plt>
    0x000000000400760 <+42>:     mov     0x2008e9(%rip),%rdx      # 0x601050 <stdin@GLIBC_2.2.5>
    0x000000000400767 <+49>:     lea     -0x20(%rbp),%rcx
    0x00000000040076b <+53>:     lea     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
    0x00000000040076f <+57>:     mov     %rcx,%rsi
    0x000000000400772 <+60>:     mov     %rax,%rdi
    0x000000000400775 <+63>:     callq   0x400630 <getline@plt>
    0x00000000040077a <+68>:     mov     %rax,-0x10(%rbp)
    0x00000000040077e <+72>:     mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
    0x000000000400782 <+76>:     mov     -0x10(%rbp),%rdx
    0x000000000400786 <+80>:     sub     $0x1,%rdx
    0x00000000040078a <+84>:     add     %rdx,%rax
    0x00000000040078d <+87>:     movb    $0x0,(%rax)
    0x000000000400790 <+90>:     mov     $0x0,%edi
    0x000000000400795 <+95>:     callq   0x400610 <srand@plt>
    0x00000000040079a <+100>:    callq   0x400640 <rand@plt>
    0x00000000040079f <+105>:    mov     %eax,-0x4(%rbp)
    0x0000000004007a2 <+108>:    mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
    0x0000000004007a6 <+112>:    mov     %rax,%rdi
    0x0000000004007a9 <+115>:    callq   0x400620 <atoi@plt>
    0x0000000004007ae <+120>:    cmp     %eax,-0x4(%rbp)
    0x0000000004007b1 <+123>:    jne     0x4007c6 <main+144>
    0x0000000004007b3 <+125>:    mov     $0x4008ae,%edi
    0x0000000004007b8 <+130>:    callq   0x400600 <puts@plt>
    0x0000000004007bd <+135>:    movl    $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
    0x0000000004007c4 <+142>:    jmp     0x4007d7 <main+161>
    0x0000000004007c6 <+144>:    mov     $0x4008b7,%edi
    0x0000000004007cb <+149>:    callq   0x400600 <puts@plt>
    0x0000000004007d0 <+154>:    movl    $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
    0x0000000004007d7 <+161>:    mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
    0x0000000004007db <+165>:    test    %rax,%rax
    0x0000000004007de <+168>:    je      0x4007ec <main+182>
    0x0000000004007e0 <+170>:    mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
    0x0000000004007e4 <+174>:    mov     %rax,%rdi
```

```

0x00000000004007e7 <+177>:  callq  0x4005f0 <free@plt>
0x00000000004007ec <+182>:  mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
0x00000000004007ef <+185>:  leaveq
0x00000000004007f0 <+186>:  retq
End of assembler dump.

```

combining `ltrace` with `gdb` we know at `main+95` the seed is set to `srand(0)`. there is only one `cmp`, namely `main+120`, and its second argument is `-0x4(%rbp)`. so we go all the back to find this address until `main+105`, where the value of `%eax` is sent to this address. and right above it is `callq rand`, so the `cmp` compares `%eax` from `main+115`, `callq atoi` with `rand`. and from `ltrace` we know the output of `rand` is `1804289383`. Alternative approach: extract the value of that address:

```

(gdb) b *0x4007ae
(gdb) run <<< "a"
(gdb) info registers rbp
rbp                                0x7fffffff3b0      0x7fffffff3b0
(gdb) x/wx 0x7fffffff3ac
0x7fffffff3ac: 0x6b8b4567
(gdb) x/u 0x7fffffff3ac
0x7fffffff3ac: 1804289383
(gdb) x/d 0x7fffffff3ac
0x7fffffff3ac: 1804289383

```

also reveals the password.

```

$ strings -d ./crackme-5
...
strncmp
puts
tolower
getchar
toupper
...
B3t3Lg3uS3
...

$ ltrace ./crackme-5
puts("What is the password?"What is the password?
)
                                = 22
getchar(0, 0x25472a0, 0x7f0c39975860, 0x7f0c396d15a8
)
                                = 10
strncmp("", "B3t3Lg3uS3", 10)
                                = -66
puts("Nope"Nope
)
                                = 5
+++ exited (status 0) +++

$ strace ./crackme-5
execve("./crackme-5", ["/crackme-5"], 0x7fffc29fb9a0 /* 49 vars */) = 0
...
write(1, "What is the password?\n", 22What is the password?
) = 22
...
read(0,
"\n", 1024)
                                = 1
write(1, "Nope\n", 5Nope
)
                                = 5
exit_group(0)
                                = ?
+++ exited with 0 +++

$ gdb ./crackme-5
(gdb) b main
(gdb) run <<< ""
(gdb) disas
Dump of assembler code for function main:
0x0000000000400746 <+0>:  push   %rbp

```



```

0x0000000000400747 <+1>:    mov    %rsp,%rbp
0x000000000040074a <+4>:    sub    $0x10,%rsp
=> 0x000000000040074e <+8>:    mov    $0x400a78,%edi
0x0000000000400753 <+13>:   callq  0x400620 <puts@plt>
0x0000000000400758 <+18>:   jmp     0x400765 <main+31>
0x000000000040075a <+20>:   movsbl -0x1(%rbp),%eax
0x000000000040075e <+24>:   mov    %eax,%edi
0x0000000000400760 <+26>:   callq  0x4007c1 <interpret>
0x0000000000400765 <+31>:   callq  0x400630 <getchar@plt>
0x000000000040076a <+36>:   mov    %al,-0x1(%rbp)
0x000000000040076d <+39>:   cmpb   $0xff,-0x1(%rbp)
0x0000000000400771 <+43>:   je     0x400779 <main+51>
0x0000000000400773 <+45>:   cmpb   $0xa,-0x1(%rbp)
0x0000000000400777 <+49>:   jne    0x40075a <main+20>
0x0000000000400779 <+51>:   mov    $0xa,%edx
0x000000000040077e <+56>:   mov    $0x400a8e,%esi
0x0000000000400783 <+61>:   mov    $0x602070,%edi
0x0000000000400788 <+66>:   callq  0x400600 <strncmp@plt>
0x000000000040078d <+71>:   test   %eax,%eax
0x000000000040078f <+73>:   jne    0x4007ab <main+101>
0x0000000000400791 <+75>:   movzbl 0x2018e8(%rip),%eax    # 0x602080 <failed>
0x0000000000400798 <+82>:   xor     $0x1,%eax
0x000000000040079b <+85>:   test   %al,%al
0x000000000040079d <+87>:   je     0x4007ab <main+101>
0x000000000040079f <+89>:   mov    $0x400a99,%edi
0x00000000004007a4 <+94>:   callq  0x400620 <puts@plt>
0x00000000004007a9 <+99>:   jmp     0x4007b5 <main+111>
0x00000000004007ab <+101>:  mov    $0x400aa2,%edi
0x00000000004007b0 <+106>:  callq  0x400620 <puts@plt>
0x00000000004007b5 <+111>:  movzbl 0x2018c4(%rip),%eax    # 0x602080 <failed>
0x00000000004007bc <+118>:  movzbl %al,%eax
0x00000000004007bf <+121>:  leaveq  %eax
0x00000000004007c0 <+122>:  retq
End of assembler dump.

```

from disas we know there is an `interpreter` function altering the input string. we can use the following to determine which characters are strange:

```

$ ltrace ./crackme-5 <<< "ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
$ ltrace ./crackme-5 <<< "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
$ ltrace ./crackme-5 <<< "\!@#\$\%^&*()\-_\+=\{\}\[\]\|\\\:\;\'\<>\,\.\?\/"
$ ltrace ./crackme-5 <<< "1234567890"

```

and can directly observe from the output that `c, d, l, U, +, -, >, <, .` are distinct and likely to correspond to commands. next step is go back to `gdb` and repeat the following process:

1. set breakpoint at `interpret` then run with the distinct chars.

```

b interpret
run <<< "++c>>d--l<cU."

```

2. use `si` to step next, use `p i` to observe the value of loop variable `i`, use `p command` to remind the current char being examined (current char of the input string), use `x/s memory` view the current value of memory, in order to deduce the utility of that char.
3. after figuring out the effect of every char, the puzzle is solved.