

# **15-213 Recitation Bomblab (Part 2)**

Your TAs

Friday, September 12th

# Reminders

- **bomblab** is due on *Tuesday (Sept 16th)*.
- **attacklab** will be released on the same day.
- Bootcamp 2: *Debugging & GDB* was pre-recorded, and is available on Ed (#158).

# Important

- Please do **NOT** submit a submission.tar (*or anything else*) directly to the autolab website. All submissions for **bomblab** are done automatically.

# Agenda

- **bomblab demo**
- **switch statements and jump tables**
- **bomblab activity!**

# bomblab Demo

# bomblab Demo/Activity

- Today, we'll be defusing phases in a *recitation-specific* bomb.
- Format is very similar to real **bomblab**
  - But explosions **won't** notify Autolab, or cost you points!
- Goal is to learn *techniques and concepts* rather than go through **bomblab** answers.
  - Don't worry about writing everything down
  - Don't worry if you don't finish all of the phases

# bomblab Demo

## *Getting Started*

- Download today's activity handout from the *Schedule* page
- Also download the bomb
- Please use the **Shark Machines** to work on the bomb
- From there, hang tight. We'll be starting with a demo!

```
$ wget http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~213/activities/f25-rec3.tar  
$ tar -xvpf f25-rec3.tar  
$ cd f25-rec3  
$ gdb bomb
```

# Demo: Phase A

# **switch Statements and Jump Tables**

# Recall: switch statements

```
int main() {
    int x;
    scanf("%d", &x);

    switch (x) ←
        case 15205:
            x += 1;
            break;
        case 15206:
            x += 5;
            /* Fall through */
        case 15207:
            x += 2;
            break;
        case 15208:
            x += 1;
            break;
        case 15209:
            x += 3;
            break;
        case 15213: ←
            x += 1;
            break;
        default:
            x = 0;
            break;
    }

    return x;
}
```

Branch on an integer value

Fall through

Can have “holes”. No case for 15210!

# Recall: Jump Tables

- Compiler decides how to translate **switch** based on *heuristics*, for example:
  - Number of cases
  - Sparsity of cases
- Transform the input so we can use it to index into a table of addresses.
- Then just jump to the address at that index.
- **Idea:** runtime of **switch** becomes independent of the number of cases

# Jump Table Assembly: Case 1

Shift range (15205...15213) to use zero-based indexing ( $0x3b65 = 15205$ )

```
401147: 2d 65 3b 00 00
40114c: 83 f8 08
40114f: 77 4c
401151: 89 c0
401153: 48 8b 04 c5 10 20 40
40115a: 00
40115b: ff e0

sub $0x3b65,%eax
cmp $0x8,%eax
ja 40119d <main+0x77>
mov %eax,%eax
mov 0x402010(%rax,8),%rax
jmp *%rax
```

- Jump to default case
- Unsigned comparison is on purpose!
- Grab address from jump table
- Do an indirect jump to that address

# Jump Table Assembly: Case 1

```
(gdb) x /9gx 0x402010
      15205...15209
```

<pre>0x402010: 0x000000000040115d           0x0000000000401168 0x402020: 0x0000000000401171           0x000000000040117c 0x402030: 0x0000000000401187</pre>	<pre>15210, 15211, 15212</pre>
<pre>0x402040: 0x000000000040119d           0x000000000040119d           0x000000000040119d</pre>	<pre>15213</pre>
<pre>0x402050: 0x0000000000401192</pre>	

```
40115d:    mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
401160:    add     $0x1,%eax
401163:    mov     %eax,-0x4(%rbp)
401166:    jmp     4011a5 <main+0x7f>
```

“Normal” Branches

```
40119d:    movl   $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
4011a4:    nop
4011a5:    mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
4011a8:    leave
4011a9:    ret
```

**default**

# Jump Table Assembly: Case 2

```
401151: cmp    $0x8,%eax
401154: ja     4011b8 <main+0x92>
401156: mov    %eax,%eax
401158: lea    0x0(%rax,4),%rdx
40115f: 00
401160: lea    0xeal(%rip),%rax      # 402008
401167: mov    (%rdx,%rax,1),%eax
40116a: cltq
40116c: lea    0xe95(%rip),%rdx      # 402008
401173: add    %rdx,%rax
401176: jmp    *%rax
```

- **rdx** = **index** \* 4 (table stores 4 byte offsets)
- **rax** = table base address
- **eax** = offset stored at **table[index]**
- **rdx** = table base address
- Final address = (table base address) + (offset at **table[index]**)

# Jump Table Assembly: Case 2

$$\text{Final Address} = \text{Base Table Address} + \text{table}[index]$$

```
(gdb) x /9wx 0x402008
0x402008: 0xfffff170      0xfffff17b      0xfffff184      0xfffff18f
0x402018: 0xfffff19a      0xfffff1b0      0xfffff1b0      0xfffff1b0
0x402028: 0xfffff1a5
(gdb) print /x 0x402008 + 0xfffff170
$1 = 0x401178
```

```
...
401178: 8b 45 fc          mov -0x4(%rbp),%eax
40117b: 83 c0 01          add $0x1,%eax
40117e: 89 45 fc          mov %eax,-0x4(%rbp)
...
```

Yep, that's one of our instructions!

# Activity: Phases B+C

# Phase B: Your Turn

- Now it's your turn!
- Take a few minutes to try to
  1. Write pseudocode for the phase
  2. Find an input string to defuse this phase
- Don't guess!
  - Be methodical: use the techniques we've learned
  - Reason about the code before jumping into **gdb**
  - This will be useful for the later phases of **bomblab!**

# Phase C

- Based on what you've learned, try to defuse Phase C!
- Once again, focus first on getting a psuedocode sketch of the phase!

# Phase C Tips

- What should the input for this function look like?
  - Hint: Recall how sscanf works and what info we can tell from it
- Given the second call to compare, what can our inputs be?
- Given the above, what does our jump table look like?
  - Hint: You are given the address of the jump table and the size of an element in the table

# Phase C Tips

- Based on your input, how is %eax modified?
  - What is this value multiplied by?
- Given all this, how do we access into sharkNames and what is the size of each field?
- What string do we want to find from sharkNames and which input will allow us to do this?
  - Hint: Refer back to the jump table. Which field is the one we want? How do we get %eax to equal this?