

Binary Analysis - 2

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Binary Analysis Process

- Up to now we know how ELF files are structure, but the question remains: how do we analyse ELF files?
 - Or any other binary
- A possible flow can be:
 - File analysis (file, nm, ldd, content visualization, foremost, binwalk)
 - Static Analysis (disassemblers and decompilers)
 - Behavioral Analysis (strace, LD_PRELOAD)
 - Dynamic Analysis (debuggers)

Identifying a file

- Files should be seen as containers (this includes ELF files)
 - May have the expected content type
 - But it may have an unexpected behavior (e.g. bug or malware)
 - May have unexpected, additional content (e.g. polyglots)
 - More common in DRM schemes and malware in order to hide binary blobs
- Files should not be trusted
 - Both the expected and additional content may be malicious
 - Static analysis is safe (as long as nothing is executed)
 - Dynamic analysis is not safe. Sandboxes and VMs must be used

Questions to answer

- What type of file we have?
 - Are there hidden contents?
- What is the architecture?
- Is it 64/32 or ARM7/ARM9/ARM9E/ARM10?
- Where is the starting address?
- What the main function does?
- What will the program will actually do?

Questions to answer

Some basic tools go a long way

- **file**: (try to identify) the type of file
 - Only applies to a top container. File is not able to look into enclosed binary blobs
 - Alternatives that complement **file** are **binwalk** and **foremost**
- **xxd**: hexdump the file, allowing to rapidly detect patterns
 - less also helps to hold the content in the terminal
- **strings**: prints null terminated sequence chars
 - By default, with more than 4 characters (-n setting)
- **ldd**: print shared object dependencies
 - Libraries registered in the ELF that are required (typically for dynamically relocate symbols)
- **nm**: dumps symbols from **.syntab** (or **.dyntab** with **-D**)

Disassembler basics with ghidra

- ghidra is a open source tool developed by NSA and released to the public doing Disassembly and Static Analysis
 - Development branch has support for Dynamic Analysis (should be released “soon”)
- Works on Windows, Linux and macos
 - Java based
- Not the most important tool (IDA is), but is gaining a huge traction
 - It's free and very powerful with a huge number of platforms and a **fine decompiler**

CodeBrowser: project:/authenticator

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Program Trees

authenticator

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Listing: authenticator

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Top menu and tools for quick access.

Symbol Tree

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- Exports
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Filter:

Data Type Manager

Data Types

- BuiltinTypes
- authenticator
- generic_clib
- generic_clib_64
- jni_all
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- lua

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Function Call Trees - <No Function>

Incoming Calls

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Outgoing Calls

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Defined Strings

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00100028 00 2b 00 00 00 dq Elf64_Shdr_ARRAY_elf5... e_shoff

00100030 00 00 00 00 ddw 0h e_flags

00100034 40 00 dw 40h e_ehsize

00100036 38 00 dw 38h e_phentsize

00100038 09 00 dw 9h e_phnum

0010003a 40 00 dw 40h e_shentsize

0010003c 1d 00 dw 1Dh e_shnum

0010003e 1c 00 dw 1Ch e_shstrndx

Elf64_Phdr_ARRAY_00100040 XREF[2]: 00100020(*), 0010005

00100040 06 00 00 Elf64_Ph... PT_PHDR - Program

00 04 00

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Data types are methods to organize and represent memory in the scope of the program address space. While developing a program we call these as Enums or Structures.

By clicking on the low arrow we can define new structures. The interface will ask us to state a name, and then add fields with a type. The type can be a basic one (int, short, double, or a complex one)

In File -> Parse C Source we can include a C header (.h) with types directly to our program

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0010003e lc 00 dw 1Ch e_shstrndx

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assume DF = 0x0 (Default)  
00100000 7f 45 4c      Elf64_Ehdr  
    46 02 01  
    01 00 00 ...  
  
00100000 7f          db    7Fh          e_ident_mag...  
00100001 45 4c 46    ds    "ELF"  
00100004 02          db    2h          e_ident_mag...  
00100005 01          db    1h          e_ident_class  
00100006 01          db    1h          e_ident_data  
00100007 00          db    0h          e_ident_vers...  
00100008 00          db    0h          e_ident_osabi  
00100009 00 00 00 00 00 db[7]  
    00 00  
00100010 03 00        dw    3h          e_type  
00100012 3e 00        dw    3Eh         e_machine  
00100014 01 00 00 00  ddw   1h          e_version  
00100018 d0 07 00 00 00 dq    _start          e_entry  
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00100036 38 00        dw    38h         e_phentsize  
00100038 09 00        dw    9h          e_phnum  
0010003a 40 00        dw    40h         e_shentsize  
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Listing view of the program segments.

The different bytes are displayed according to their type. Code is disassembled and the instructions are presented. For x86, the Intel format is used by default

The format is something like:

Address bytes interpretation comments

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Decompiled view of the current selected function (in the listing view)

At first stage the decompiled view can be complex. The trick is to rename function/variable names (pressing L) and setting the correct data types for arguments and variables (CTRL-L). Ghidra will propagate types and update the listing view and decompiler view.

Be aware that the decompiler may not be fully reliable as perfect Decompilation is not always possible.

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Program Tree x

Symbol Tree

- f _init
- f _ITM_deregisterTMCloneTable
- f _ITM_registerTMCloneTable
- f _start
- f local_10
- f checkpin
- f deregister_tm_clones
- f fgets
- f fnets
- f frame_dummy
- f FUN_00100730
- f local_10

Filter:

Data Type Manager

main

001009db	55	PUSH	RBP
001009dc	48 89 e5	MOV	RBP, RSP
001009df	48 83 ec 50	SUB	RSP, 0x50
001009e3	64 48 8b	MOV	RAX, qword ptr FS:[0x28]

Calls to a function or from the current function are presented in the bottom

Function Call Trees: main - (authenticator)

Incoming Calls

- f Incoming References - main
- f _start

Filter:

Outgoing Calls

- f Outgoing References - main
- f setbuf
- f fgets
- f strcmp
- f printf
- f checkpin
- f __stack_chk_fail

Filter:

Decompile: main - (authenticator)

```
1 undefined8 main(void)
2 {
3     size_t strlen(char)
4     int iVar1;
5     long in_FS_OFFSET;
6     char local_58 [32];
7     char local_38 [40];
8     long local_10;
9
10    local_10 = *(long *) (in_FS_OFFSET + 0x28);
11    setbuf(stdout, (char *) 0x0);
12    printfstr(&DAT_00100bc3, 0);
13    printfstr("Please enter your credentials to continue.\n\n", 0);
14    printfstr("Alien ID: ", 0);
15    fgets(local_58, 0x20, stdin);
16    iVar1 = strcmp(local_58, "11337\n");
17    if (iVar1 == 0) {
18        printfstr("Pin: ", 0);
19        fgets(local_38, 0x20, stdin);
20        iVar1 = checkpin(local_38);
21    }
22 }
```

XREF[1]: 001009ae(j)

XREF[2]: 001009ec(W)

XREF[2]: 00100ae7(R)

XREF[2]: 00100aa9(*)

XREF[2]: 00100aa9(*)

XREF[2]: 00100a40(*)

XREF[2]: 00100a51(*)

XREF[4]: Entry Point(*),
_start:001007ed(*),
00100da4(*)

Listing view presents References to memory locations, which are locations where code refers to a given memory address.

May be used to identify location of arguments, function callers or data chunks used in the program

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00100987 48 e3 d8 MOVSDX RBX,EAX
001009ba 48 8b 45 d8 MOV RAX,qword ptr [RBP + local_30]
001009be 48 89 c7 MOV RDI,RAX
001009c1 e8 8a fd CALL strlen
ff ff
size_t strlen(char)

```

XREF[1]: 001009ae(j)

XREF[2]: 001009ec(W)

XREF[2]: 00100a98(*)

XREF[2]: 00100aa9(*)

XREF[4]: Entry Point(*), _start:001007ed(*), 00100da4(*)

main

```

undefinedl Stack[-0x38]:1 local_38
undefinedl Stack[-0x58]:1 local_58
001009db 55 PUSH RBP
001009dc 48 89 e5 MOV RBP,RSP
001009df 48 83 ec 50 SUB RSP,0x50
001009e3 64 48 5b MOV RAX,qword ptr FS:[0x28]
04 25 28
00 00 00
001009ec 48 89 45 f8 MOV qword ptr [RBP + local_10],RAX
001009f0 31 c0 XOR EAX,EAX
001009f2 48 8b 05 MOV RAX,qword ptr [FS:0x28]

```

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- f Incoming References - main
- f _start

Outgoing Calls

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Defined Strings x

Decompile: main - (authenticator)

```

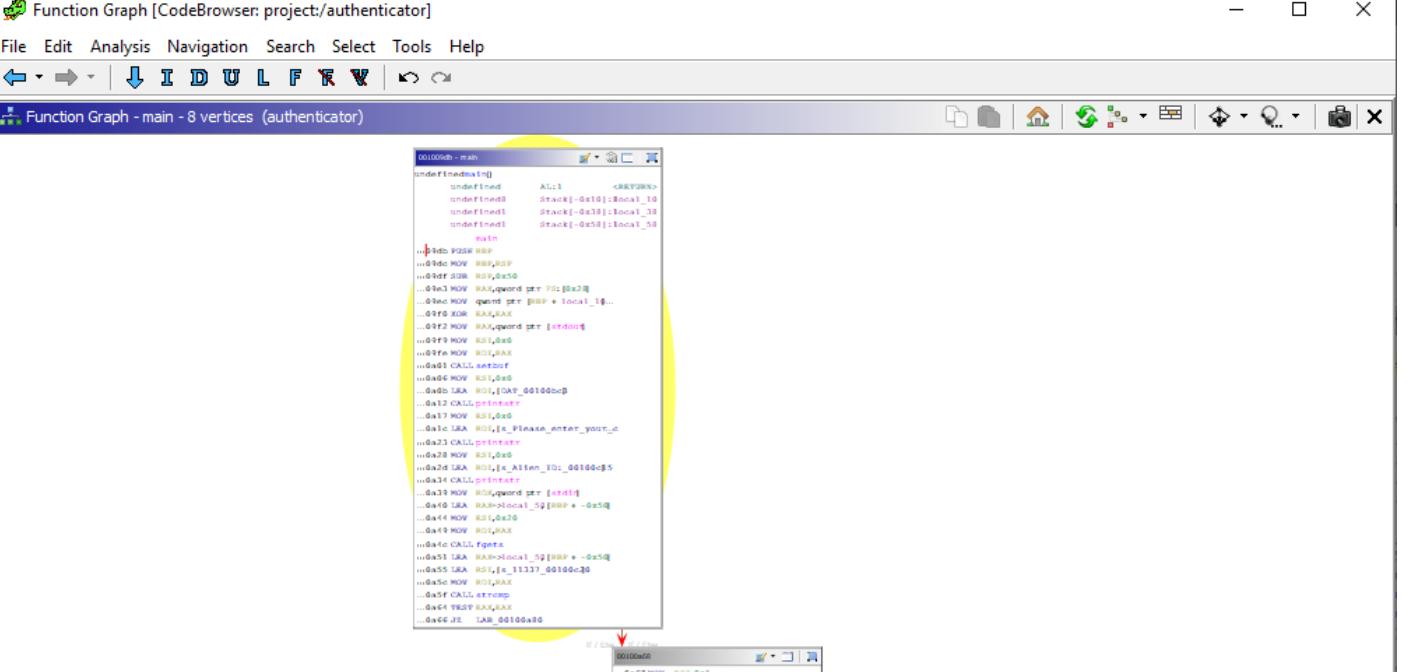
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21            printstr("Access Granted! Submit pin in the flag format: CHTB(f14g_h3r3)\n",0);
22        }
23        else {
24            printstr("Access Denied!\n",1);
25        }
26    }
27    else {
28        printstr("Access Denied!\n",1);
29    }
30    if (local_10 != *(long *) (in_FS_OFFSET + 0x28)) {
31        /* WARNING: Subroutine does not return */
32        __stack_chk_fail();
33    }
34
35 }
36
37 }
38
return 0;

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Defined Strings x

Decompile: main x

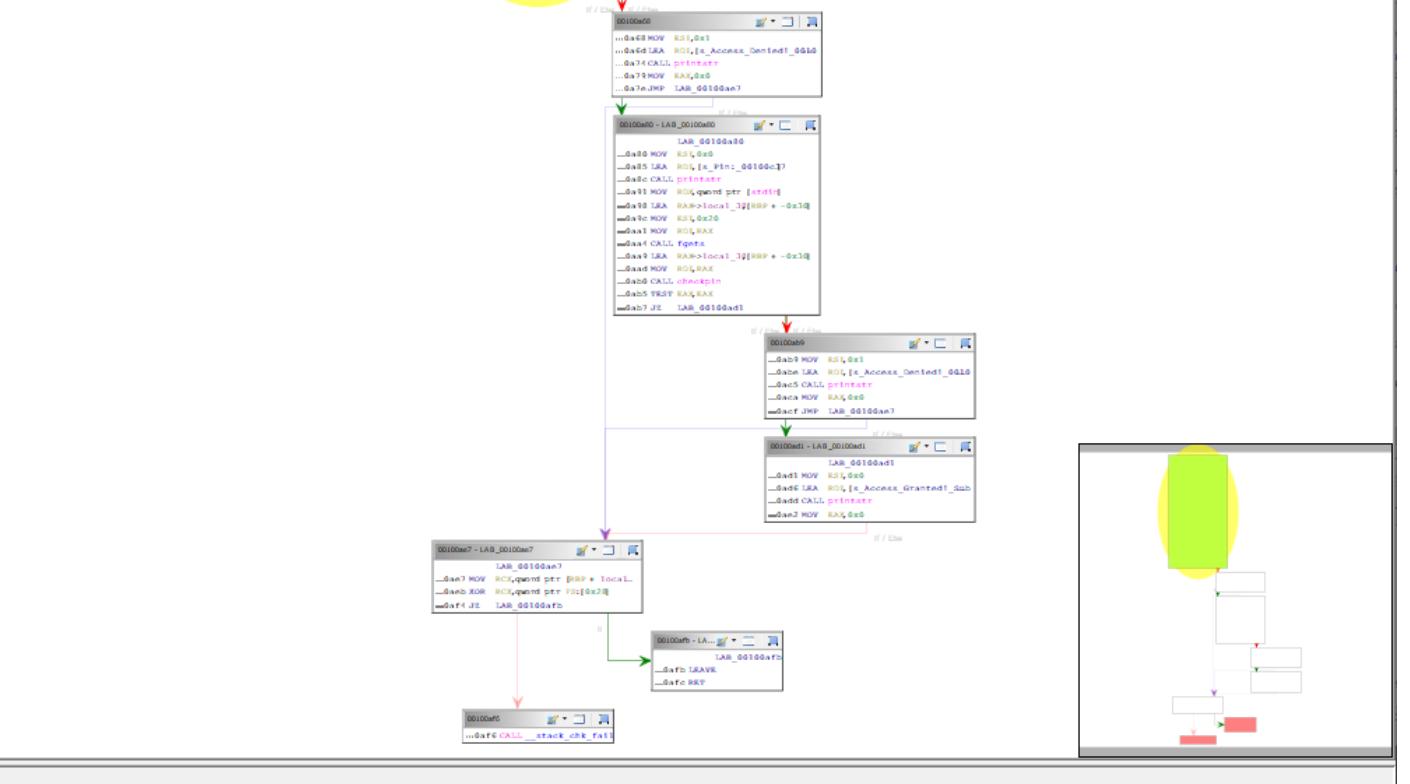
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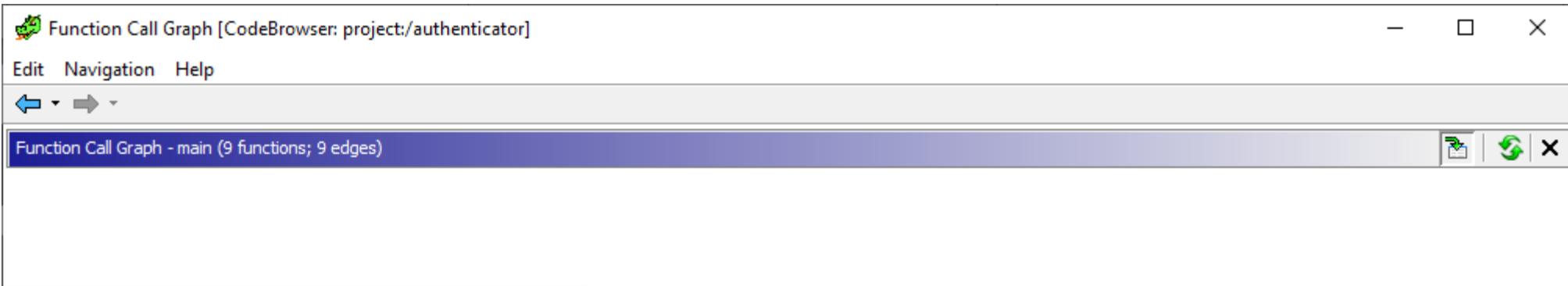


In Menu->Window->Function Graph

A logical structure of the function is presented. This is generated by interpreting the branches that segment the function code.

Called: Control-Flow Graphs



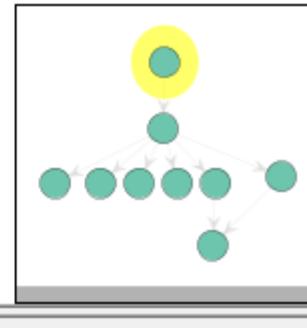
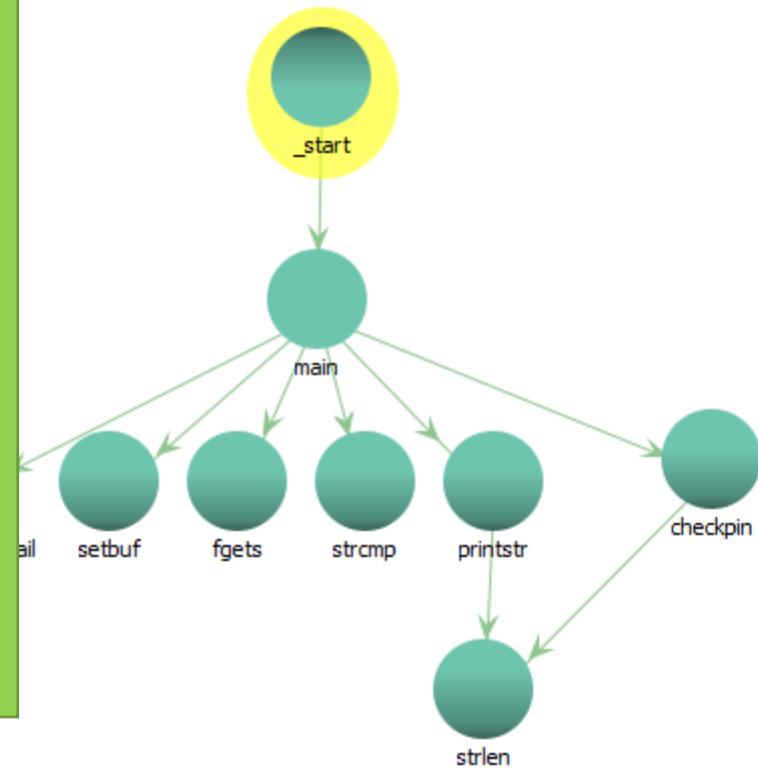


In Menu->Window->Function Call Graph

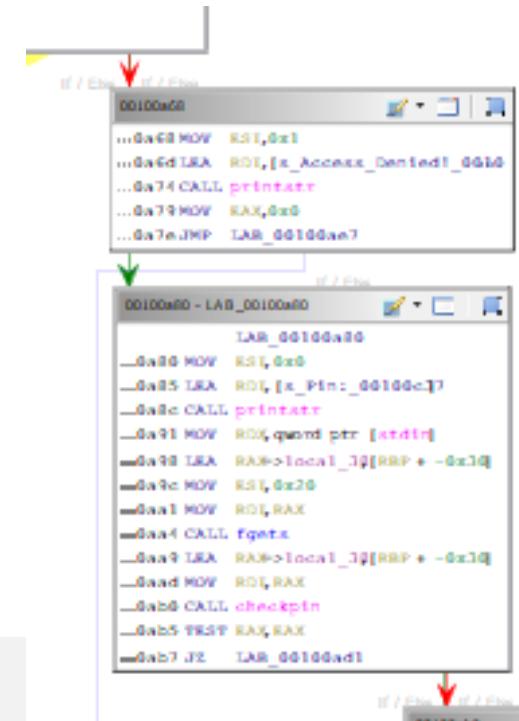
A logical structure of the program is presented, starting the current function. At each node we can Show/Hide Calling functions or Called functions. We can effectively have a full representation of the program structure.

HINT: It makes much more sense with symbols or renamed functions

Called: Call Graphs



- It is useful to think of machine code in a graph structure, called a control-flow graph
- A node in a CFG is a group of adjacent instructions called a **basic block**:
 - The only jumps into a basic block are to the first instruction
 - The only jumps out of a basic block are from the last instruction
 - I.e., a basic block always executes as a unit
- Edges between blocks represent possible jumps



- Basic block a dominates basic block b if every path to b passes through a first
 - strictly dominates if $a \neq b$
- Basic block b post-dominates a if every path through a also passes through b later

Disassembly

- The disassembly process involves analyzing the binary, converting binary code to assembly
 - But “binary” is just a sequence of bytes, that must be mapped in the scope of a given architecture
 - Conversion depends on many factors, including compiler and flags
- Process is not perfect and may induce RE Analysts in error
 - Present instructions that actually do not exist
 - Ignore instructions that are in the binary code
- Main approaches:
 - Linear Disassembly
 - Recursive Disassembly

Linear Disassembly

- Simplest approach towards analyzing a program: **Iterate over all code segments, disassembling the binary code as opcodes are found**
- Start at some address and follow the binary
 - Entry point or other point in the binary file
 - Entry point may not be known
- Works best with:
 - binary blobs such as from firmwares (start at the beginning)
 - objects which do not have data at the beginning
 - architecture uses variable length instructions (x86)

Linear Disassembly

It is vital to define the initial address for decompiling.

An offset error will result in invalid or wrong instructions being decoded.

Linear disassembly will also try to disassemble data from the binary as if it was actual code.

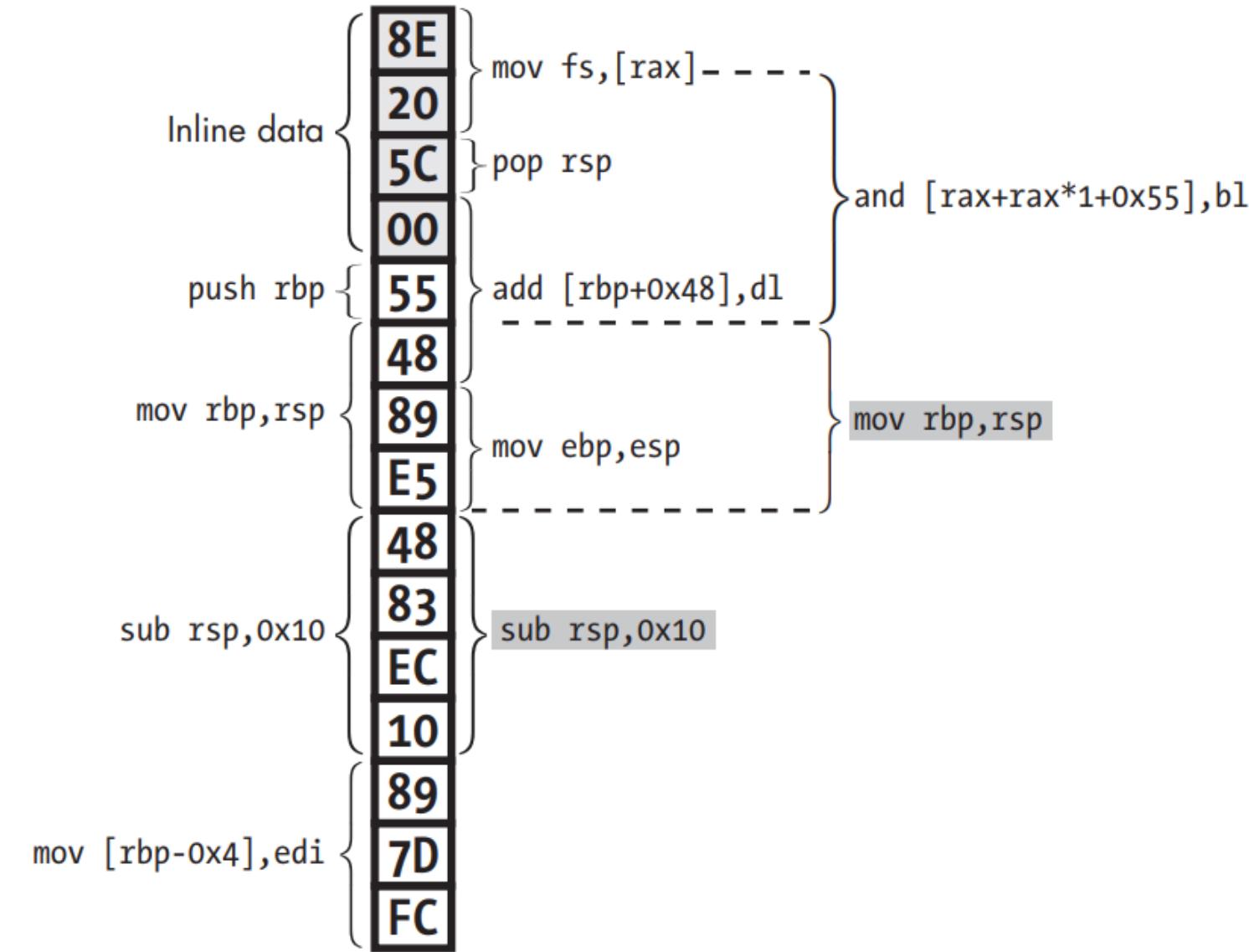
Linear Disassembly is oblivious to the actual Program Flow.

With x86, because each opcode has a variable length, the code tends to auto synchronize, but the first instructions will be missed

Synchronized

-4 bytes off

-3 bytes off



Linear Disassembly

Issues

- With ELF files in x86, linear disassembly tends to be useful
 - Compilers do not emit inline data and the process rapidly synchronizes
 - Still, padding and alignment efforts may create some wrong instructions
- With PE files, compilers may emit inline data and Linear Disassembly is not adequate
 - Every time data is found, disassembly becomes desynchronized
- Other architectures (ARM) and binary objects usually are not suited for Linear Disassembly
 - Obfuscation may include code as data, which is loaded dynamically
 - Fixed length instruction sets will not easily synchronize

Linear Disassembly

So why is it useful?

- Code in the binary blob may be executed with a dynamic call
 - Some JMP/CALL with an address computed dynamically and unknown to the static analyzer
- Linear Disassembly will decompile everything:
 - whether or not it is called - May be useful to uncover hidden program code
 - even if the binary blob is not a structured executable – Boot sector, firmware
- Readily available with simple tools: objdump and gdb
 - Gdb memory dump (x/i) will also use Linear Disassembly

Recursive Disassembly

- More complex approach that disassembles code since an initial point, **while following the control flow.**
 - That is: follows **jmp**, **call** and **ret**
- **As long as the start point is correct**, or it synchronizes rapidly, flow can be fully recovered
 - This is the standard process for more complex tools such as **ghidra** and **IDA**
- Goes around inline data as no instruction will exist that will make the program execute at such address
 - Well... control flow can easily be forged with `((void (*)(int, char*)) ptr)()`

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Program Trees

boot.bin

ram

Listing: boot.bin

*authenticator *boot.bin

```

        //
        // ram
        // ram:00000000-ram:00003001
        //

assume DF = 0x0 (Default)
00000000 25 ff ff AND EAX,0x57ebffff
eb 57
00000005 0a 00 OR AL,byte ptr [EAX]
00000007 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000009 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
0000000b 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
0000000d 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
0000000f 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000011 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000013 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000015 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000017 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000019 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
0000001b 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
0000001d 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
0000001f 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000021 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000023 00 00 ADD byte ptr [EAX],AL
00000025 0a 96 c8 OR DL,byte ptr [ESI + 0xb183d2c8]
d2 83 b1
0000002b 81 9e a6 SBB dword ptr [ESI + 0xcd8aaaa6],0xcac2b0cf
aa 8a cd
cf b0 c2 ca
00000035 cf IRET
00000036 aa ?? AAh
00000037 c5 ?? C5h
00000038 df ?? DFh
00000039 9b ?? 9Bh
0000003a fe ?? FEh
0000003b c8 ?? C8h
0000003c df ?? DFh
0000003d 9c ?? 9Ch
0000003e a7 ?? A7h

```

Symbol Tree

- Imports
- Exports
- Functions
- Labels
- Classes
- Namespaces

Filter:

Data Type Manager

Incoming Calls

No Function

Outgoing Calls

No Function

Function Call Trees - <No Function>

Decompile: UndefinedFunction_00000000 - (boot.bin)

```

1 void __regparm3 UndefinedFunction_00000000(uint param_1)
2
3 {
4     byte bVar1;
5     int unaff_ESI;
6     char *pcVar2;
7
8     bVar1 = (byte)(byte*)(param_1 & 0x57ebffff) | *(byte*)(param_1 & 0x57ebffff);
9     pcVar2 = (char*)(param_1 & 0x57ebff00 | (uint)bVar1);
10    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
11    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
12    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
13    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
14    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
15    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
16    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
17    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
18    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
19    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
20    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
21    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
22    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
23    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
24    *pcVar2 = *pcVar2 + bVar1;
25    ...
26 }

```

Example of a program without visible structure being decompiled from the start.

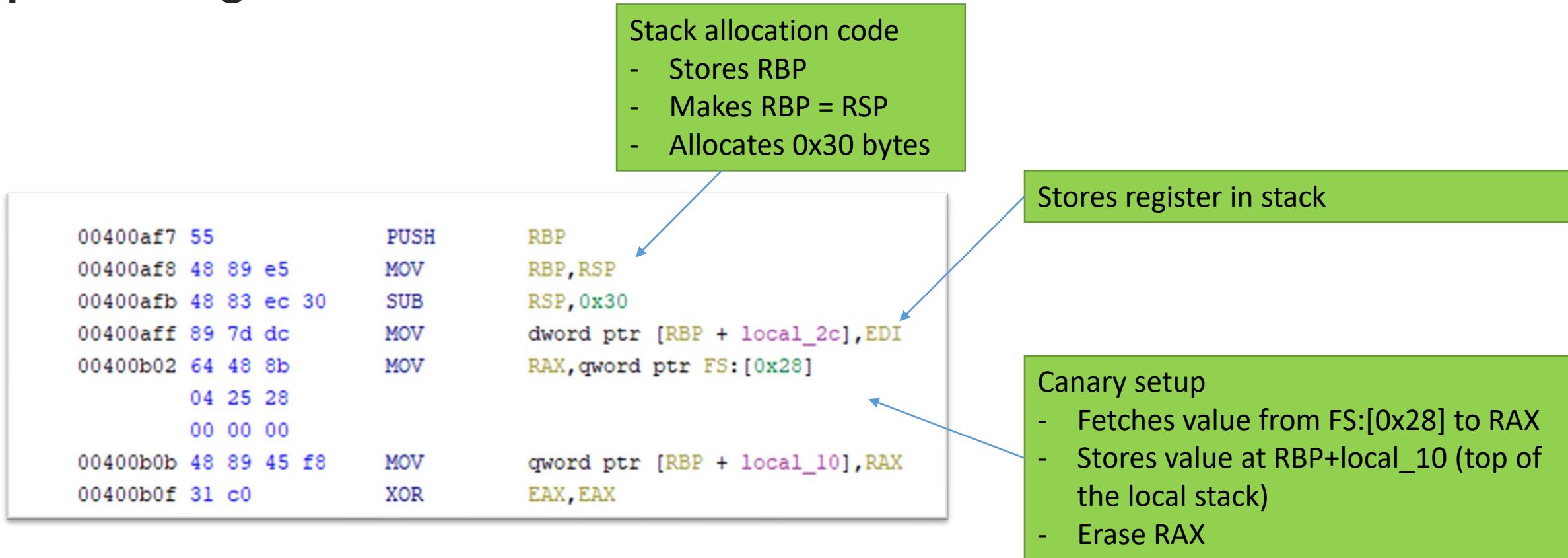
Disassembler stops as invalid operations are found. The entry point may be wrong (this may be data and not code), the architecture may be wrong (or both). More insight (or trial and error is needed)

Function detection

- Functions frequently include known **prolog** and **epilogues**
 - Prolog: setup the stack and optionally setup Stack Guard Canaries
 - Epilog: optionally check the canaries and release stack
- This information may be used to determine function boundaries
 - But it is architecture and compiler dependent
- Alternatives:
 - Pattern matching (automatic, done by disassemblers) can also recover functions
 - Exception handling code in the .eh_frame section
 - gcc intrinsics to cleanup stacks with exceptions `__attribute__((__cleanup__(f)))` and `__builtin_return_address(n)`

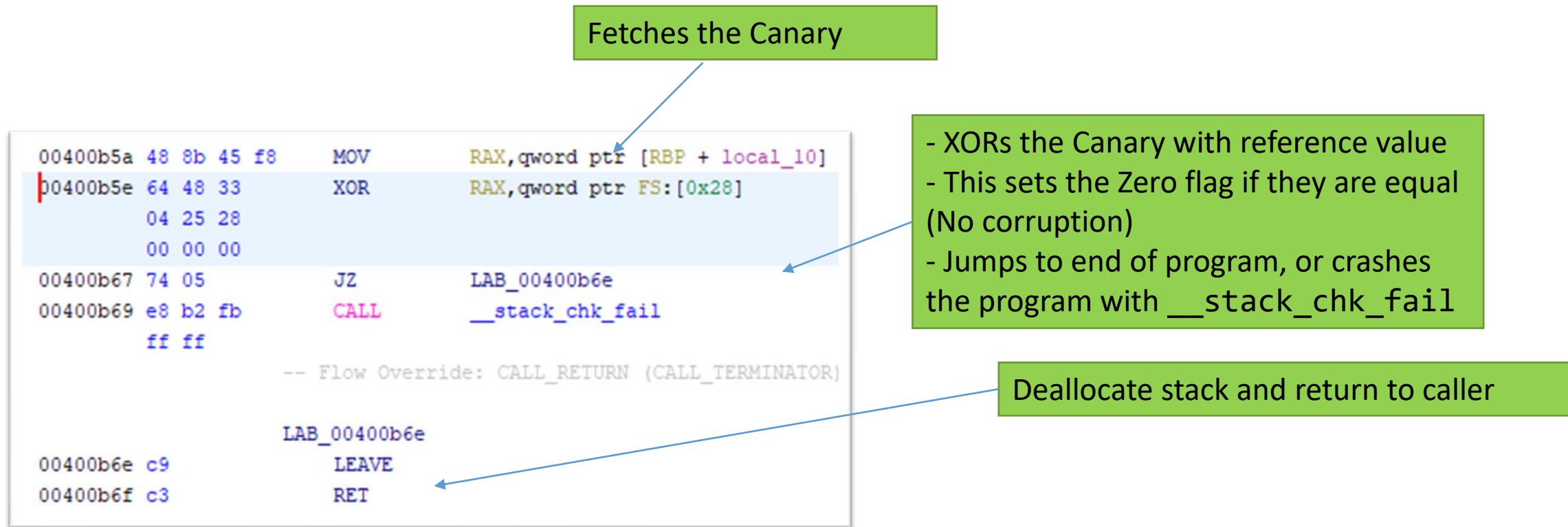
Function detection

Typical Prologue with Stack Guard



Function detection

Typical Epilogue with Stack Guard



Calling Conventions

- Compilers handle the function calling processes differently, and we have several conventions
 - Adapted to how programmers use the languages (number of arguments)
 - Adapted to number of registers and other architecture details
- These dictate:
 - How arguments are passed to the callee
 - How return codes are passed to the caller
 - Who allocates the stack
 - Who stores important registers such as the Program Counter

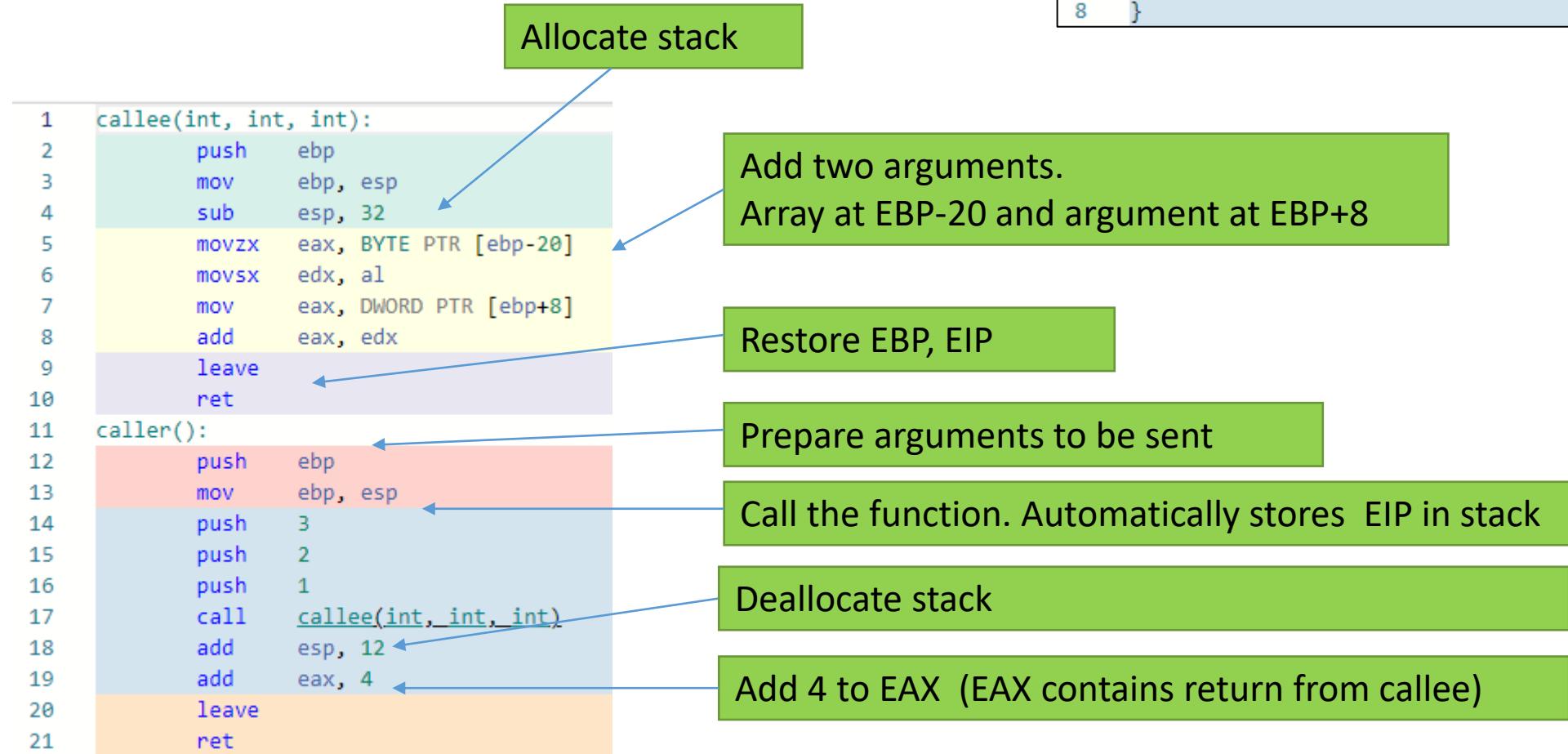
Calling Conventions

cdecl

- Originally created by Microsoft compilers, widely used in x86, including GCC
 - Standard method for most code in x86 environments
- **Arguments: passed in the stack, in inverted order (right to left)**
 - First argument is pushed last
- Registers: Mixed
 - Caller saves RIP, A, C, D
 - Callee saves BP, and others and restores RIP

Calling Conventions

cdecl



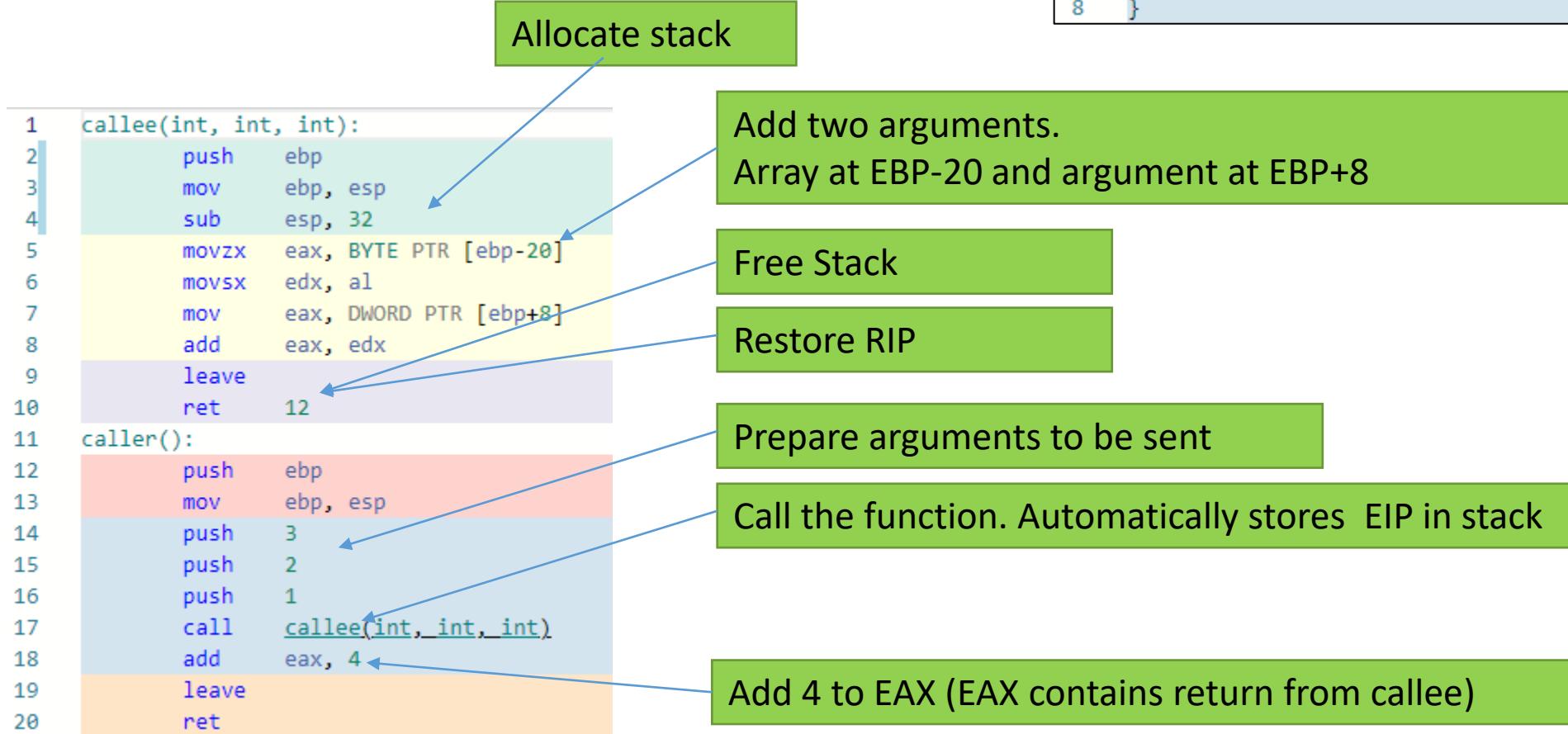
Calling Conventions

stdcall

- Official call convention for the Win32API (32 bits)
- **Arguments: passed in the stack from right to left**
 - Additional arguments are passed in the stack
- Registers: Callee saves
 - Except EAX, ECX and EDX which can be freely used
- Stack Red Zone: Leaf functions have a 128 byte area kept safe which doesn't need to be allocated
 - Can be used for local variables, and avoids the use of two operations (sub rsp, add rsp)
 - Leaf functions are functions that do not call others

Calling Conventions

stdcall



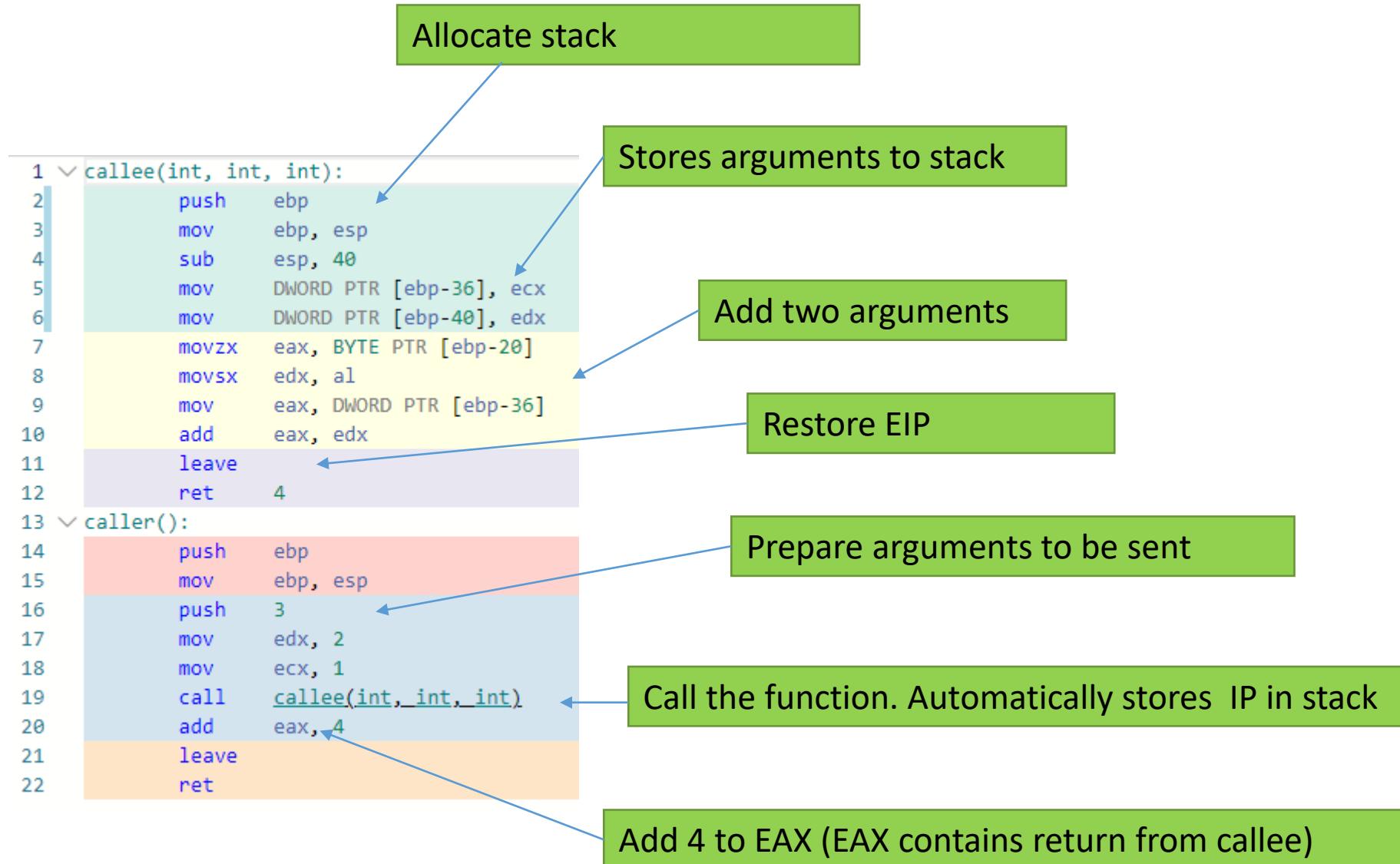
Calling Conventions

fastcall

- Official call convention for Win32API 64bits
- **Arguments: left to right, first as registers**
 - Additional arguments are passed in the stack
- Registers: Caller saves
- Stack Shadow Zone: Leaf functions have a 32 byte area kept safe which doesn't need to be allocated
 - Can be used for local variables, and avoids the use of two operations (sub rsp, add rsp)
 - Leaf functions are functions that do not call others

Calling Conventions

fastcall (32bits)



Calling Conventions

```
1 callee(int, int, int):
2     push    ebp
3     mov     ebp, esp
4     sub     esp, 32
5     movzx   eax, BYTE PTR [ebp-20]
6     movsx   edx, al
7     mov     eax, DWORD PTR [ebp+8]
8     add     eax, edx
9     leave
10    ret
11 caller():
12     push    ebp
13     mov     ebp, esp
14     push    3
15     push    2
16     push    1
17     call    callee(int, int, int)
18     add    esp, 12
19     add    eax, 4
20     leave
21     ret
```

cdecl

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2     push    ebp
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5     movzx   eax, BYTE PTR [ebp-20]
6     movsx   edx, al
7     mov     eax, DWORD PTR [ebp+8]
8     add     eax, edx
9     leave
10    ret    12
11 caller():
12     push    ebp
13     mov     ebp, esp
14     push    3
15     push    2
16     push    1
17     call    callee(int, int, int)
18     add    eax, 4
19     leave
20     ret
```

stdcall

```
1 callee(int, int, int):
2     push    ebp
3     mov     ebp, esp
4     sub     esp, 40
5     mov     DWORD PTR [ebp-36], ecx
6     mov     DWORD PTR [ebp-40], edx
7     movzx   eax, BYTE PTR [ebp-20]
8     movsx   edx, al
9     mov     eax, DWORD PTR [ebp-36]
10    add    eax, edx
11    leave
12    ret    4
13 caller():
14     push    ebp
15     mov     ebp, esp
16     push    3
17     mov     edx, 2
18     mov     ecx, 1
19     call    callee(int, int, int)
20     add    eax, 4
21     leave
22     ret
```

fastcall

Calling Conventions

Fastcall for 64bits (Windows)

- Official convention for x86_64 architectures with MSVC (Windows)
 - Mandatory if compiling for x86_64 in Windows
- Arguments: passed as RDX, RCX, R8, R9
 - Additional arguments are passed in the stack (right to left)
- Registers: Mixed
 - Caller save: RAX, RCX, RDX, R8, R9, R10, R11
 - Callee save: RBX, RBP, RDI, RSI, RSP, R12, R13, R14, and R15
- Stack Red Zone: Leaf functions have a 32 byte area kept safe, allocated by the callee
 - Can be used to store RDX, RCX, R8, R9
 - (Leaf functions are functions that do not call others)

Calling Conventions

fastcall (64bits)

```
1 int callee(int a, int b, int c) {  
2     char d[20];  
3     return a + d[0];  
4 }  
5  
6 int caller(void) {  
7     return callee(1, 2, 3) + 4;  
8 }
```

Diagram illustrating the fastcall 64-bit calling convention:

- Callee (callee.asm):**
 - Stores arguments to shadow (lines 7-10):

```
7    mov    DWORD PTR [rsp+24], r8d  
8    mov    DWORD PTR [rsp+16], edx  
9    mov    DWORD PTR [rsp+8], ecx  
10   sub    rsp, 40 ; 00000028H
```
 - Add two arguments (line 13):

```
13   imul  rax, rax, 0
```
 - Free Stack (line 17):

```
17   add    rcx, rax
```
 - Restore RIP (line 18):

```
18   ret    0
```
- Caller (caller.asm):**
 - Prepare arguments to be sent (line 23):

```
23   sub    rsp, 40 ; 00000000
```
 - Call the function. Automatically stores IP in stack (line 27):

```
27   call    int callee(int,int,int) ; callee
```
 - Add 4 to EAX (EAX contains return from callee) (line 28):

```
28   add    eax, 4
```
 - Restore stack (line 29):

```
29   add    rsp, 40 ; 00000028H
```
 - Ret (line 30):

```
30   ret    0
```

Calling Conventions

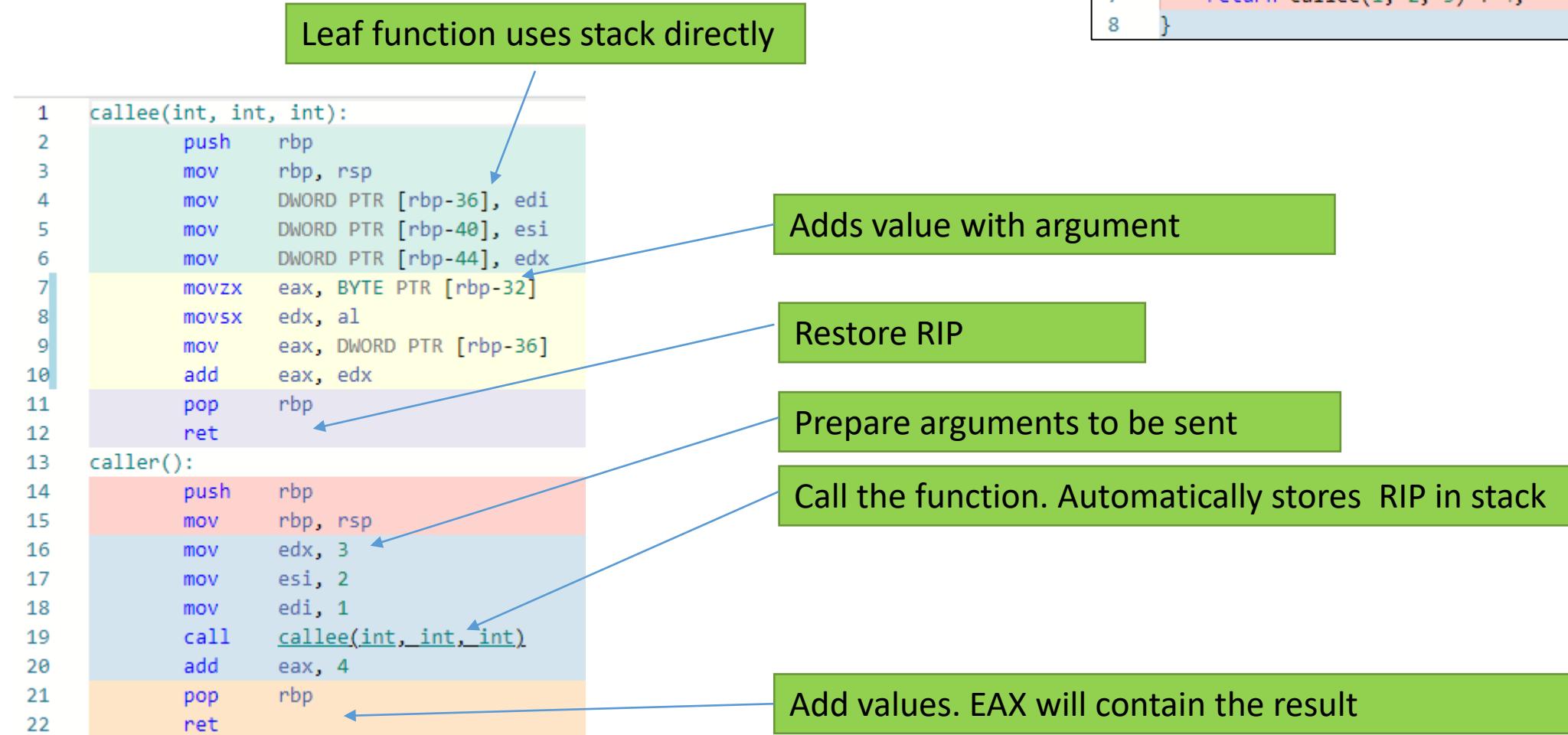
System V AMD64 ABI

- Official convention for x64 architectures using Linux, BSD, Unix, Windows
- Arguments: passed as RDI, RSI, RDX, RCX, R8, R9
 - Additional arguments are passed in the stack
- Registers: Caller saves
 - Except RBX, RSP, RBP, R12-R15 which callee must save if they are used
- Stack Red Zone: Leaf functions have a 128 byte area kept safe which doesn't need to be allocated
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 - Leaf functions are functions that do not call others

Calling Conventions

System V AMD64 ABI

```
1 int callee(int a, int b, int c) {  
2     char d[20];  
3     return a + d[0];  
4 }  
5  
6 int caller(void) {  
7     return callee(1, 2, 3) + 4;  
8 }
```



Calling Conventions

64bits

```
1  callee(int, int, int):
2      push    rbp
3      mov     rbp, rsp
4      mov     DWORD PTR [rbp-36], edi
5      mov     DWORD PTR [rbp-40], esi
6      mov     DWORD PTR [rbp-44], edx
7      movzx   eax, BYTE PTR [rbp-32]
8      movsx   edx, al
9      mov     eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-36]
10     add    eax, edx
11     pop    rbp
12     ret
13 caller():
14     push    rbp
15     mov     rbp, rsp
16     mov     edx, 3
17     mov     esi, 2
18     mov     edi, 1
19     call    callee(int, int, int)
20     add    eax, 4
21     pop    rbp
22     ret
```

System V AMD64 ABI

```
5  int callee(int,int,int) PROC
6  $LN3:
7      mov     DWORD PTR [rsp+24], r8d
8      mov     DWORD PTR [rsp+16], edx
9      mov     DWORD PTR [rsp+8], ecx
10     sub    rsp, 40
11     mov     eax, 1
12     imul   rax, rax, 0
13     movsx  eax, BYTE PTR d$[rsp+rax]
14     mov     ecx, DWORD PTR a$[rsp]
15     add    ecx, eax
16     mov     eax, ecx
17     add    rsp, 40
18     ret    0
19 int callee(int,int,int) ENDP
20
21 int caller(void) PROC
22 $LN3:
23     sub    rsp, 40
24     mov    r8d, 3
25     mov    edx, 2
26     mov    ecx, 1
27     call   int callee(int,int,int)
28     add    eax, 4
29     add    rsp, 40
30     ret    0
31 int caller(void) ENDP
```

fastcall

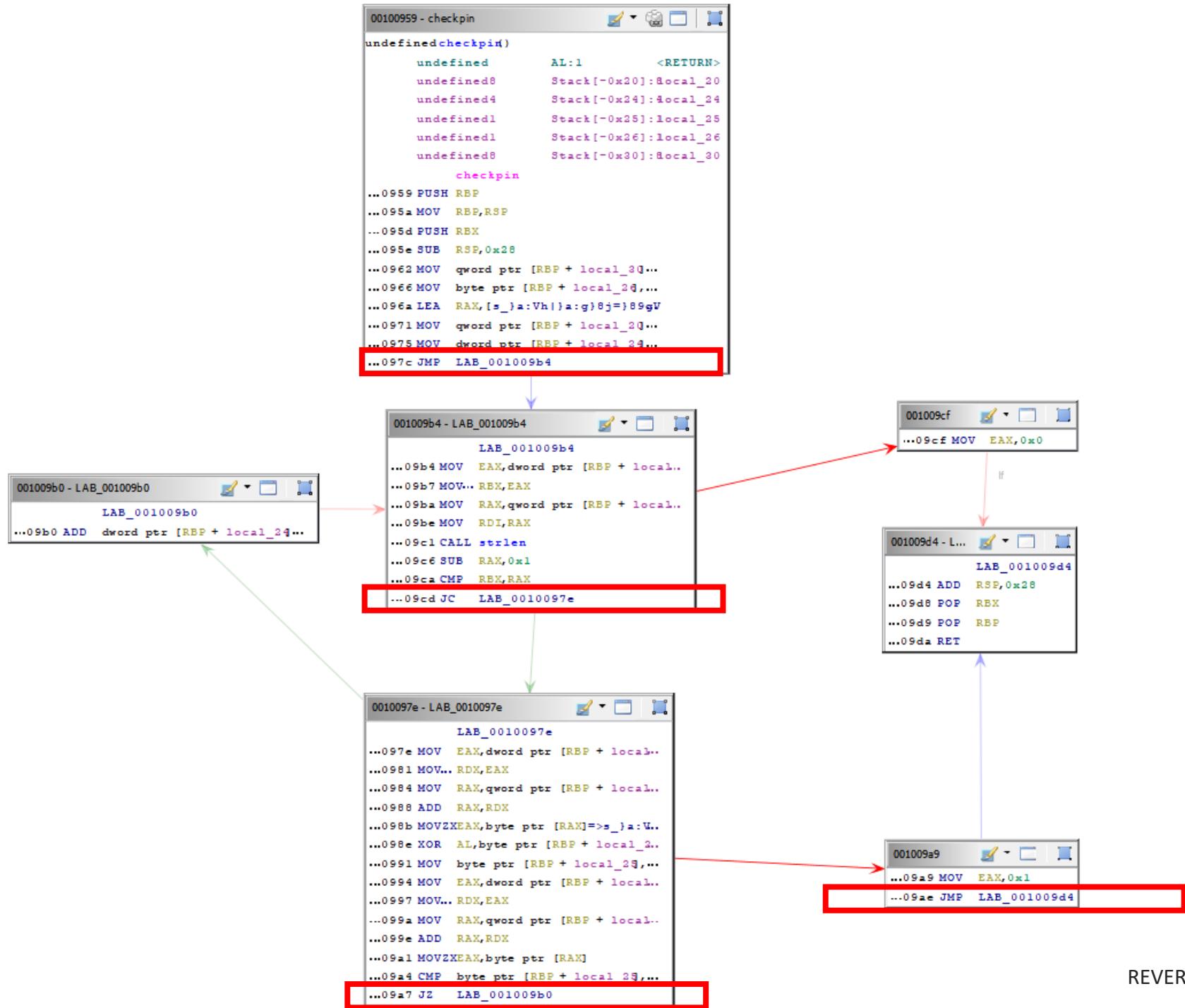
Common Logic Structures

- When analyzing code, it's important to recognize basic flow control structures
 - Remember that the decompiler may be unreliable
- Basic structures:
 - If else
 - Switch case
 - For

Common Logic Structures

Conditional Branches (if else)

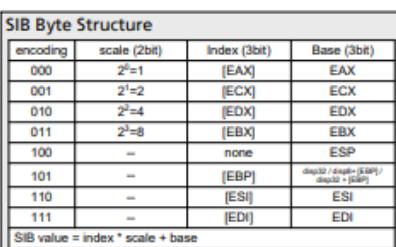
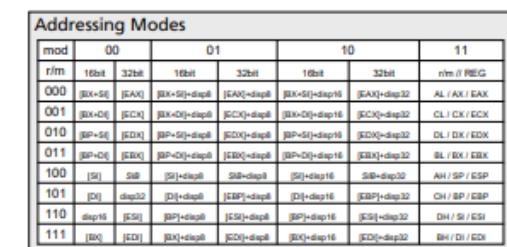
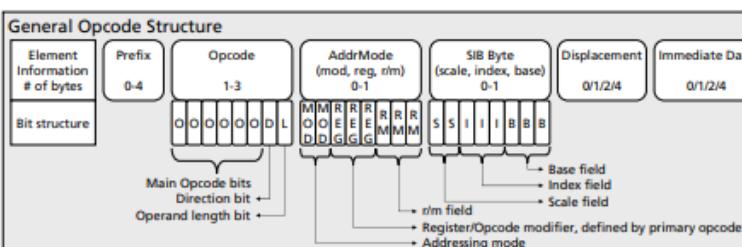
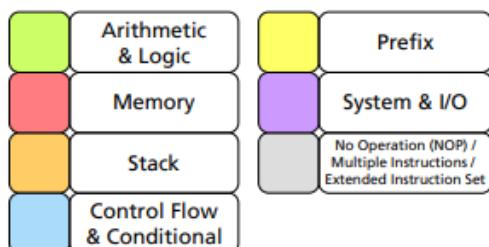
- Basic control-flow instructions: move execution to a defined address if a condition is true
 - Usually, one condition tested at a time. Complex If/else must be broken
- Assembly code is structured **as a graph with tests and execution statements (the conditions body)**
- x86 and most architectures have inherent support for many types of comparisons.
 - In x86 this is the jXX family of instructions.



x86 Opcode Structure and Instruction Overview

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	ADD						ES PUSH	ES POP	OR		CS PUSH	TWO BYTE				
1	ADC				SS	SS			SBB		DS	POP DS				
2	AND				ES SEGMENT OVERRIDE	DAA			SUB		CS	DAS				
3	XOR				SS	AAA			CMP		DS	AAS				
4	INC								DEC							
5	PUSH								POP							
6	PUSHAD POPAD BOUND ARPL	FS GS OPERAND SIZE ADDRESS SIZE	PUSH IMUL PUSH IMUL	INS	OUTS											
7	JO JNO JB JNB JE JNE JBE JA JS JNS JPE JPO JL JGE JLE JG															
8	ADD/ADC/AND/XOR OR/SBB/SUB/CMP	TEST	XCHG	MOV REG	MOV SREG	LEA	MOV SREG	POP								
9	NOP	XCHG EAX		CWD	CDQ	CALLF	WAIT	PUSHFD	POPFD	SAHF	LAHF					
A	MOV EAX	MOVS	CMPS	TEST	STOS	LODS	SCAS									
B	MOV															
C	SHIFT IMM	RETN	LES	LDS	MOV IMM	ENTER	LEAVE	RETF	INT3	INT IMM	INTO	IRETD				
D	SHIFT 1	SHIFT CL	AAM	AAD	SALC	XLAT										
E	LOOPZ CONDITIONAL LOOP	LOOPZ CONDITIONAL LOOP	JECXZ	IN IMM	OUT IMM	CALL	JMP JMPF JMP SHORT	IN DX	OUT DX							
F	LOCK EXCLUSIVE ACCESS	ICE BP	REPNE REPE	HLT	CMC	TEST/NOT/NEG [i]MUL[i]/DIV	CLC	STC	CLI	STI	CLD	STD	INC DEC	INC/DEC CALL/IMP PUSH		

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	(L,S)LDTR (L,S)TR VER(R,W)	(L,S)GDT (L,S)IDT (L,S)MSW	LAR	LSL		CLTS		INVD	WBINVND		UD2	NOP				
1																HINT NOP
2																SSE{1,2}
3	WRMSR	RDTSC	RDMSR	RDPMC	SYSENTER	SYSEXIT		GETSEC SMX	MOVBE / THREE BYTE		THREE BYTE SSE4					
4																CMOV
5																SSE{1,2}
6																MMX, SSE2
7																MMX, SSE{2,3}
8	JO JNO JB JNB JE JNE JBE JA JS JNS JPE JPO JL JGE JLE JG															Jcc SHORT
9	SETO	SETNO	SETB	SETNB	SETE	SETNE	SETBE	SETA	SETS	SETNS	SETPE	SETPO	SETL	SETGE	SETLE	SETG
A	PUSH FS	POP FS	CPUID	BT	SHLD		PUSH GS	POP GS	RSM	BTS	SHRD	*FENCE	IMUL			
B	CMPXCHG	LSS	BTR	LFS	LGS	MOVZX	POPCNT	UD	BT BTS BTR BTC	BTC	BSF	BSR	MOVSX			
C	XADD					SSE{1,2}	CMPPXCHG									BSWAP
D																MMX, SSE{1,2,3}
E																MMX, SSE{1,2}
F																MMX, SSE{1,2,3}



Common Logic Structures

Conditional Branches (if else)

- Signed comparison: l < , le <=, g >, ge >=
- Unsigned comparison: b <, be <=, a >=, ae >=
 - Below and Above
- Equality e
- Every condition can be negated with n

Common Logic Structures

Conditional Branches (if else)

- **z, s, c, o, and p** for ZF, SF, CF OF, and PF
 - **ZF: Zero Flag**, 1 if last operation was 0
 - **CF: Carry Flag**. Last operation required an additional bit (e.g. $255 + 1$, which has 9 bits)
 - **OF: Overflow Flag**. Last operation had an arithmetic overflow ($127 + 127$ in a signed variable results in overflow)
 - **PF: Parity Flag**. 1 if last operation resulted in a value with even number of 1
 - **SF: Sign Flag**. 1 if last operation resulted in a signed value (MSB bit = 1)
- **s** means negative, **ns** non-negative
 - Signal or not signal
- **p** and **np** are also pe “parity even” and **po** “parity odd”

Common Logic Structures

Conditional Branches (if else)

- **and**, **or**, and **xor** clear **OF** and **CF**, and set **ZF**, **SF**, and **PF** based on the result
- **test** is like **and** but only sets the flags discarding the result
- Checking **nz** after **test** is like **if (x & mask) in C**
- **test** a register against itself is the fastest way to check for zero or negative

Common Logic Structures

Conditional Branches (if else)

- **Direct jump:** target(s) specified in code (hardcoded)
- **Indirect jump:** target selected from runtime data like register or memory contents
- **Conditional jump:** target differs based on a condition

Common Logic Structures

Conditional Branches (If else)

- Structure can be recognized by one or more conditional branches, without loops
- je: jump equal
- js: jump is sign
- ...etc...

```
1 int bar(int b) {
2     return b * b;
3 }
4
5 int foo(int a) {
6     if(a == 0){
7         return bar(a) * 1;
8     }
9     else
10    if(a < 0){
11        return bar(a) - 1;
12    }
13    else{
14        return bar(a) + 1;
15    }
16 }
17 }
```

```
1 ▼ bar:
2     imul    edi, edi
3     mov     eax, edi
4     ret
5 ▼ foo:
6     test    edi, edi
7     je      .L6
8     js      .L7
9     call    bar
10    add    eax, 1
11    ret
12 ▼ .L6:
13     call    bar
14     ret
15 ▼ .L7:
16     call    bar
17     sub    eax, 1
18     ret
```

Common Logic Structures

Switch case

- Structure can be recognized by several comparisons and jumps or **jump table**
- Observe the difference between what a programmer writes and what is produced
 - Switch is written as an atomic instruction, but it isn't
 - Also, it is dangerous because of missing breaks;
- Test: compare two registers. Set 3 flags:
 - PF: Even number of bits
 - ZF: Zero
 - SF: Signed value

```
1 int bar(int b) {
2     return b * b;
3 }
4
5 int foo(int a) {
6     switch(a){
7         case 0:
8             a = bar(1) + 1;
9             break;
10        case 1:
11            a = bar(2+ a) + 2;
12            break;
13        case 3:
14            a = bar(3) + 3;
15        default:
16            a= bar(4) + 4;
17    }
18
19    return a;
20 }
```

```
1 bar:
2     imul    edi, edi
3     mov     eax, edi
4     ret
5
6 foo:
7     test    edi, edi
8     je      .L3
9     cmp    edi, 1
10    je     .L4
11    mov    edi, 4
12    call   bar
13    add    eax, 4
14    ret
15
16 .L3:
17    mov    edi, 1
18    call   bar
19    add    eax, 1
20    ret
21
22 .L4:
23    add    edi, 2
24    call   bar
25    add    eax, 2
26    ret
```

Common Logic Structures

loops

- For, while and do while are generally the same
- Identified by:
 - an index
 - an increment
 - a comparison
 - two jumps

```
1 int bar(int b) {
2     return b * b;
3 }
4
5 int foo(int a) {
6     int b = 0;
7     for(int i = 0; i < a; i++){
8         b += bar(i);
9     }
10
11    return b;
12 }
13
14 int caller(void) {
15     return callee(1, 2, 3) + 4;
16 }
```

The assembly code for the `foo` function is as follows:

```
1    bar:
2        imul    edi, edi
3        mov     eax, edi
4        ret
5    foo:
6        push    r12
7        push    rbp
8        push    rbx
9        mov     r12d, edi
10       mov    ebx, 0
11       mov    ebp, 0
12    .L3:
13       cmp    ebx, r12d
14       jge    .L6
15       mov    edi, ebx
16       call   bar
17       add    ebp, eax
18       add    ebx, 1
19       jmp    .L3
20    .L6:
21       mov    eax, ebp
22       pop    rbx
23       pop    rbp
24       pop    r12
25       ret
```

The code starts with a call to `bar`. It then initializes `ebx` to 0. The loop begins at `.L3`: it compares `ebx` with `r12d` (the value of `edi` from the call to `bar`). If `ebx` is greater than or equal to `r12d`, it jumps to `.L6`. Otherwise, it adds the result of `bar` to `eax` and increments `ebx` by 1, then loops back to `.L3`. After the loop exits, it清理堆栈并返回。

Prepares stack

- `r12d` will contain the number of iterations
- `ebx` will be the counter

- Loop body

Jump to top of loop

C++ code

- C++ is very popular, and adds an additional layer of complexity
 - A program doesn't have functions, has methods
 - Methods have a shared context (the object)
 - Methods can be overridden due to inheritance
 - The **this** pointer commonly allows access to data outside the function stack
 - Constructors, new...?
 - Strings are complex objects

C++ code

- **this pointer**
 - The “this” pointer plays a crucial role in the identification of C++ sections in the assembly code. It is initialized to point to the object used, to invoke the function, when it is available in non-static C++ functions.
- **Vtables**
 - Eases runtime resolution of calls to virtual functions.
 - The compiler generates a vtable containing pointers to each virtual function for the classes which contain virtual functions.
- **Constructors and destructors**
 - A member function which initializes objects of a class and it can be identified in assembly by studying the objects in which it's created.

C++ code

- Runtime Type Information (RTTI)
 - Mechanism to identify the object type at run.
 - These keywords pass information, such as class name and hierarchy, to the class.
- Structured exception handling (SEH)
 - Irregularities in source code that unexpectedly strike during runtime, terminating the program.
 - SEH is the mechanism that controls the flow of execution and handles errors by isolating the code section where the unexpected condition originates. Inheritance
- Inheritance
 - allows new objects to take on existing object properties.
 - Observing RTTI relationships can reveal inheritance hierarchy

hello1.cpp

A simple hello world

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <string>
3
4 class A {
5     std::string text1;
6
7 public:
8     A(std::string text1) {
9         this->text1 = text1;
10    }
11    void print() {
12        std::cout << this->text1 << std::endl;
13    }
14 };
15
16 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
17     A a(std::string("Hello World"));
18     a.print();
19
20 }
```

hello1.cpp

```
1 $ readelf --dyn-sym hello1
2
3 Symbol table '.dynsym' contains 21 entries:
4     Num: Value          Size Type Bind Vis Ndx Name
5       0: 0000000000000000      0 NOTYPE LOCAL DEFAULT UND
6       1: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSt7__cxx1112basic_stri@GLIBCXX_3.4.21 (2)
7       2: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZSt4endlIcSt11char_trait@GLIBCXX_3.4 (4)
8       3: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSt7__cxx1112basic_stri@GLIBCXX_3.4.21 (2)
9       4: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __cxa_atexit@GLIBC_2.2.5 (3)
10      5: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZStlsIcSt11char_traitsIc@GLIBCXX_3.4.21 (2)
11      6: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSolsEPFRSoS_E@GLIBCXX_3.4 (4)
12      7: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSaIcED1Ev@GLIBCXX_3.4 (4)
13      8: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSt7__cxx1112basic_stri@GLIBCXX_3.4.21 (2)
14      9: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSt7__cxx1112basic_stri@GLIBCXX_3.4.21 (2)
15     10: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSt8ios_base4InitC1Ev@GLIBCXX_3.4 (4)
16     11: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __gxx_personality_v0@CXXABI_1.3 (5)
17     12: 0000000000000000      0 NOTYPE WEAK  DEFAULT UND __ITM_deregisterTMCloneTab
18     13: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __Unwind_Resume@GCC_3.0 (6)
19     14: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSaIcEC1Ev@GLIBCXX_3.4 (4)
20     15: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __libc_start_main@GLIBC_2.2.5 (3)
21     16: 0000000000000000      0 NOTYPE WEAK  DEFAULT UND __gmon_start__
22     17: 0000000000000000      0 NOTYPE WEAK  DEFAULT UND __ITM_registerTMCloneTable
23     18: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   GLOBAL DEFAULT UND __ZNSt8ios_base4InitD1Ev@GLIBCXX_3.4 (4)
24     19: 0000000000000000      0 FUNC   WEAK  DEFAULT UND __cxa_finalize@GLIBC_2.2.5 (3)
25     20: 0000000000040a0      272 OBJECT  GLOBAL DEFAULT 26 __ZSt4cout@GLIBCXX_3.4 (4)
```

C++ code

No C++ class declarations, but C++ class use.

- Constructors
- Methods
- Destructors

```
1  /* WARNING: Unknown calling convention yet parameter storage is locked */
2
3
4 int main(void)
5
6 {
7     A local_68 [32];
8     basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>> local_48 [47];
9     allocator<char> local_19 [9];
10
11    std::allocator<char>::allocator();
12
13    /* try { // try from 00101203 to 00101207 has its CatchHandler @ 00101263 */
14    std::cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>>::basic_string
15        ((char *)local_48, (allocator *)"Hello World");
16
17    /* try { // try from 00101216 to 0010121a has its CatchHandler @ 00101252 */
18    A::A(local_68, (basic_string)0xb8);
19
20    std::cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>>::~basic_string
21        (local_48);
22
23    std::allocator<char>::~allocator(local_19);
24
25    /* try { // try from 0010123a to 0010123e has its CatchHandler @ 0010127d */
26    A::print(local_68);
27
28    A::~A(local_68);
29
30    return 0;
31
32 }
```

C++ code

Standard ASM code with function invocation, using arguments in registers and values stored in the stack

```
00101216 e8 e1 00      - CALL      A::A
          00 00
          } // end try from 00101216 to 0010121a
0010121b 48 8d 45 c0    LEA       RAX=>local_48,[RBP + -0x40]
0010121f 48 89 c7    MOV       RDI,RAX
00101222 e8 19 fe    CALL      ~basic_string
          ff ff
00101227 48 8d 45 ef    LEA       RAX=>local_19,[RBP + -0x11]
0010122b 48 89 c7    MOV       RDI,RAX
0010122e e8 4d fe    CALL      ~allocator
          ff ff
00101233 48 8d 45 a0    LEA       RAX=>local_68,[RBP + -0x60]
00101237 48 89 c7    MOV       RDI,RAX
try { // try from 0010123a to 0010123e has its CatchHandler @...
LAB_0010123a
0010123a e8 11 01      CALL      A::print
          00 00
          } // end try from 0010123a to 0010123e
0010123f 48 8d 45 a0    LEA       RAX=>local_68,[RBP + -0x60]
00101243 48 89 c7    MOV       RDI,RAX
00101246 e8 3d 01    CALL      A::~A
          00 00
0010124b b8 00 00    MOV       EAX,0x0
          00 00
00101250 eb 45      JMP      LAB_00101297
```

Additional Hints related to exception handling

C++ code

.eh_frame ELF section contains information about the multiple methods.

Required for unwinding frames, when iterating over the function frames. Contains language specific information, organized in Call Frame Information records

```
*****
* Frame Descriptor Entry *
*****
fde_00102148          XREF[1]: 0010205c(*)
00102148 1c 00 00 00    ddw     1Ch           (FDE) Length
0010214c a4 00 00 00    ddw     cie_001020a8   (FDE) CIE Reference Pointer
00102150 00 f2 ff ff    ddw     A::print      (FDE) PcBegin
00102154 37 00 00 00    ddw     37h           (FDE) PcRange
00102158 00             uleb128 0h            (FDE) Augmentation Data Length
00102159 41 0e 10       db[15]           (FDE) Call Frame Instructions
                    86 02 43
                    0d 06 72 ...
```

C++ code

this is passed as an additional, hidden argument
In this case, in RDI as the method has no arguments

```
*****  
* A::print()  
*****  
  
undefined __thiscall print(A * this)  
undefined      AL:1          <RETURN>  
A *           RDI:8 (auto)   this  
undefined8     Stack[-0x10]:8 local_10  
                                         XREF[2]: 00101358(W),  
                                         0010135c(R)  
  
_ZN1A5printEv  
A::print  
00101350 55      PUSH    RBP  
00101351 48 89 e5 MOV     RBP,RSP  
00101354 48 83 ec 10 SUB    RSP,0x10  
00101358 48 89 7d f8 MOV    qword ptr [RBP + local_10],this  
0010135c 48 8b 45 f8 MOV    RAX,qword ptr [RBP + local_10]  
00101360 48 89 c6 MOV    RSI,RAX  
00101363 48 8d 3d LEA    this,[std::cout]  
            36 2d 00 00  
0010136a e8 f1 fc CALL   operator<<  
            ff ff  
                                         basic_ostream * operator<<(basic...  
0010136f 48 89 c2 MOV    RDX,RAX  
00101372 48 8b 05 MOV    RAX,qword ptr [->endl<char,std::char_traits<ch... = 00105008  
            57 2c 00 00  
00101379 48 89 c6 MOV    RSI=>endl<char,std::char_traits<char>>,RAX = ??  
0010137c 48 89 d7 MOV    this,RDX  
0010137f e8 ec fc CALL   operator<<  
            ff ff  
                                         undefined operator<<(basic_ostream
```