How to debug instructions mixed with data using GDB-GEF

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Celebrating <u>GDB-GEF</u> 10 year anniversary, **2022.06** — **Upset Constant** version has been released. So, I will introduce how to debug instructions mixed with data using GDB-GEF.

Scenario

You want debug a shellcode/malware/packer code like this:

```
; nasm -felf64 -o poc.o poc.asm & ld -m elf_x86_64 poc.o -o poc
section .text
        global start
start:
        times 2 db 90h
        call first
       msg_one db `/bin/sh`,0
        first:
        xor ebx, ecx
        add ebx, 1
        call second
       msg_two db `dregishot`,0
        second:
        mov rax, 60; exit
        mov rbx, 0
        syscall
```

With IDA PRO, <u>GHIDRA</u> or <u>RADARE</u> its very easy, just selecting the strings as data the disas will be fixed.

Some years ago... I made a simple radare crappy-script-poc to auto-mark strings in .text section: call_trick_r2pipe

before <u>call trick r2pipe</u> execution:

```
File Settings Edit View Tools Search Emulate Debug Tab [1] [0x00401050]
            ; -- child:
           0x00401050
                            6800000000
            0x00401055
                            e80d020000
                                           call loc.fpu
            ;-- arg3:
            0x0040105a
                            657865
                                           js 0x4010c2
            0x0040105d
                            6328
                                           movsxd rbp, dword [rax]
                                           and ah, byte [rdx]
            0x0040105f
                            2222
                                           and cl, byte [rdx]
            0x00401061
                                [706f7274. imul ebp, dword [rbp + 0x70], 0x20
                                           jae 0x4010db
                                           movsxd rbp, dword [rbx + 0x65]
            0x0040106f
                                           je 0x40109d
                            742c
                                           jae 0x4010e8
           0x00401071
                            7375
            0x00401073
           0x00401074
                                           jo 0x4010e8
            0x00401076
                                           outsd dx, dword [rsi]
                            6f
            0x00401077
                            636573
                                           movsxd rsp, dword [rbp + 0x73]
           0x0040107a
                            732c
                                           jae 0x4010a8
                                           outsd dx, dword [rsi]
            0x0040107c
```

After call trick r2pipe execution:

```
File Settings Edit View Tools Search Emulate Debug Tab [1] [0x00401050]
            ;-- child:
            0x00401050
            0x00401055
                            e80d020000
                                           call loc.fpu
            ;-- arg3:
            0x0040105a
                           .string "exec(\"\"\nimport socket, subprocess, os,
            0x0040105d
                           .string "exec(\"\"\nimport socket, subprocess, os,
  14: loc.fpu ();
            0x00401267
                            e803000000
                                           call loc.lxz
            ;-- arg2:
            0x0040126c
                            2d6300e80c
                                           sub eax, 0xce80063
            ;-- lxz:
            0x0040126f
                            e80c000000
                                           call loc.drgs
            ;-- arg1:
            0x00401274
                           .string "/bin/python" ; len=12
            ;-- drgs:
            0x00401280
                            488d05300000. lea rax, loc.msg
```

Problem

<u>GDB-GEF</u> TEAM (hugsy & contributors) are awesome. But due to GDB-GEF keep-minimal-as-possible philosophy (IMO) this feature will not be included. Maybe in a near future will be supported via <u>gef-extras</u> (I will try it, I promise).

gdis

GDB-GEF API is very powerful and easy to use.

So, I have created <u>gdis</u>, a GDB plugin to solve this problem. It works with <u>GDB-GEF</u> and raw GDB (IMO raw GDB is ugly as hell).

GDB-GEF before gdis:

```
: 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×007ffffffffe070 → 0×0000000000000001
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
      : 0×0
seflags: [zero carry parity adjust sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow resume virtualx86 identification]
$cs: 0×33 $ss: 0×2b $ds: 0×00 $es: 0×00 $fs: 0×00 $gs: 0×00
0×007fffffffe070 +0×0000: 0×0000000000000001
                                            "/home/tmp/poc"
0×007ffffffffe078 +0×0008:
0×007fffffffe0a8 +0×0038: 0×007fffffffe44f → "DESKTOP_SESSION=lightdm-xsession"
[#0] Id 1, Name: "poc", stoppe
                             d 0×401000 in _start (), reason: STOPPED
[#0] 0×401000 → _start()
    0×401000 90
    0×401001 90
                                               <_start+1>
    0×401002 e808000000
                                               <_start+2>
                                                                call
                                                                      0×40100f <first>
                                                               (bad)
(bad)
    0×401007 2f
                                               <msg_one+0>
    0×401008 62
                                               <msg_one+1>
    0×401009 696e2f73680031
                                               <msg_one+2>
                                                                imul
                                                                       ebp, DWORD PTR [rsi+0×2f], 0×31006873
    0×401010 cb
                                               <first+1>
    0×401011 83c301
                                               <first+2>
                                                               add
                                                                       ebx. 0×1
    0×401014 e80a000000
                                               <first+5>
                                                               call 0×401023 <second>
    0×401019 647265
                                               <msg_two+0>
                                                                      jb 0×401081
```

After gdis:

```
[ Legend:
                                               | Heap | Stack | String ]
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×007fffffffe070 → 0×0000000000000001
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
         : 0×0
seflags: [zero carry parity adjust sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow resume virtualx86 identification]
$cs: 0×33 $ss: 0×2b $ds: 0×00 $es: 0×00 $fs: 0×00 $gs: 0×00
0×007fffffffe070 +0×0000: 0×00000000000000001
                       +0×0008: 0
                       +0×0010: 0×00000000000000000
0×007fffffffe088 +0×0018: 0×007fffffffe3d3 → 0×007fffffffe090 +0×0020: 0×007fffffffe3e2 →
                                                             "COLORFGBG=15;0"
0×007ffffffffe098 +0×0028: 0×007fffffffe3f6 → "COMMAND_NOT_FOUND_INSTALL_PROMPT=1"
0×007ffffffffe0a0 +0×0030: 0×007fffffffe419 → "DBUS_SESSION_BUS_ADDRESS=unix:path=/run/user/1000/[...]"
0×007ffffffffe0a8 +0×0038: 0×007fffffffe44f → "DESKTOP_SESSION=lightdm-xsession"
[#0] Id 1, Name: "poc", stopped 0×401000 in _start (), reason: STOPPED
[#0] 0 \times 401000 \rightarrow _start()
                                                0 \times 90 \rightarrow b' \setminus x90'
⇒ 0×401000 <_start> : nop
                                            0 \times 90 \rightarrow b' \setminus x90'
0×40100f <first> : xor ebx,ecx | 0×31 0×CB → b'1\xcb'
0×401011 <first+2> : add ebx,0×1 | 0×83 0×C3 0×01 → b'\x83\xc3\x01'
0×401014 <first+5> : call 0×401023 <second> | 0×E8 0×0A 0×00 0×0
                                                                          | 0×E8 0×0A 0×00 0×00 0×00 → b'\xe8\n\x00\x00\x00'
***** skipped data from 0×401019 to 0×401023 \longrightarrow b'dregishot\x00\xb8<\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\...
0×401023 <second> : mov eax,0×3c | 0×88 0×3C 0×00 0×00 → b'\xb8<\x00\x00'
0×401028 <second+5> : mov ebx,0×0 | 0×8B 0×00 0×00 0×00 → b'\xbb\x00\x00\x00'
0×40102d <second+10> : syscall | 0×0F 0×05 → b'\x05\x05'
                    add BYTE PTR [rax],al
                                                                 | 0\times00 \ 0\times00 \longrightarrow b'\x00\x00'
0×40102f :
```

Nice! you can debug and disas the correct code :-)

How to use gdis in GDB-GEF

git clone

Edit ~/.gdbinit

Add **gdis.py**:

source /home/dreg/gef/gef.py source /home/dreg/gdis/gdis.py

Open gdb

Type: gef save

Type: quit

Edit ~/.gef.rc

(Optional step) Remove original "code" panel from layout:

layout = legend regs code stack args source memory threads trace extra

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POC example for Linux x86_64

open gdb gdis/poc

Type: starti

As you can see the disas is broken, for gdis help just type: ghelp

Fixing disas

POC contains two strings between instrucions: msg_one and msg_two. Mark them as data with **strz address/symbol** command:

strz msg one

strz msg two

Type: context

```
[#0] 0×401000 → _start()
                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 0×90 → b'\x90'
| 0×90 → b'\x90'
 ⇒ 0×401000 <_start> :
 0×401001 <_start+1> :
0×401002 <_start+2> :
                                                                                                                                                            nop
call
 0^{-80}002 < start + 2> : call 0 \times 40100f < first> | 0 \times 80 0 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \rightarrow b' \times 80 \times 90 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \rightarrow b' \times 80 \times 90 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \rightarrow b' \times 80 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \rightarrow b' \times 80 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \rightarrow b' \times 80 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \times 90 0 \rightarrow b' \times 90 0 \times 90 0
 0×40100f <first>: xor
0×401011 <first+2>: add
0×401014 <first+5>: call
                                                                                                                                                                                                   ebx,exx | 0×31 0×6B → b'1\xcb'

ebx,0×1 | 0×83 0×C3 0×01 → b'\x83\xc3\x01'

0×401023 <second> | 0×E8 0×0A 0×00 0×00 0×00 → b'\xe8\n\x00\x00\x00'
   0×401023 <second>: mov eax,0×3c | 0×88 0×3C 0×00 0×00 0×00 → b'\xb8<\x00\x00\x00' 0×401028 <second+5>: mov ebx,0×0 | 0×8B 0×00 0×00 0×00 0×00 → b'\xbb\x00\x00\x00\x00
                                                                                                                                                                                                             ebx,0×0
                                                                                                      d+10> : syscall
add BYTE PTR [rax],al
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   0 \times 0F \ 0 \times 05 \longrightarrow b' \setminus x0f \setminus x05
 0×40102d <second+10> :
  0×40102f :
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 0×00 0×00 → b'\x00\x00
```

hooray! the disas is fixed!

How to mark N bytes as data?

easy, just use awd address/symbol 0xSIZE command:

```
[#0] 0×401000 → _start()
                                                                                                                                  \begin{array}{ccc} | & 0 \times 90 & \longrightarrow & b' \setminus x90 \\ | & 0 \times 90 & \longrightarrow & b' \setminus x90 \end{array}
           0×401000 <_start> :
| 0×69 0×6E 0×2F 0×73 0×68 0×00 0×31 → b'in/sh\x001'
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 0×67 0×69 0×73 0×68 0×6F 0×74 0×00 0×B8 → b'gishot\x00\xb8'
 gef⊁ awd 0×401007 0×8
 gef > gdis

⇒ 0×401000 <_start> : nop
                                                                                                                                   \begin{array}{ccc} | & 0 \times 90 & \longrightarrow & b' \setminus x90 \\ | & 0 \times 90 & \longrightarrow & b' \setminus x90 \end{array}
 0×401001 <_start+1> : nop
0×401002 < start+2> : call
 ***** skipped data from 0×401007 to 0×40100F → b'/bin/sh\x001\xcb\x83\xc3\x01\xe8\n\x00\x00\x00dr'...

***** skipped data from 0×401007 to 0×40100F → b'/bin/sh\x001\xcb\x83\xc3\x01\xe8\n\x00\x00\x000\x00dr'...

***** skipped data from 0×401007 to 0×40100F → b'/bin/sh\x001\xcb\x83\xc3\x01\xe8\n\x00\x000\x000\x000\x001\\
***** b'/xin/sh\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\x001\\
***** b'/xin/sh\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\n\x001\xe8\
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 0×67 0×69 0×73 0×68 0×6F 0×74 0×00 0×B8 → b'gishot\x00\xb8'
```

done!

How to use gdis in raw GDB (x86_64 Linux POC)

open gdb gdis/poc

type: source /home/gdis/gdis.py

type: starti

```
(gdb) starti
Starting program: /home/tmp/poc
           Program stopped.
                                                                               401000 in _start ()
            rax
                                                                                        0×0
0×0
            rcx
                                                                                         0×0
                                                                                          0×7fffffffe550
                                                                                                                                                                                                   0×7fffffffe550
                                                                                          0×0
                                                                                          0×0
            r13
r14
                                                                                         0×0
                                                                                          0×0
           rip
eflags
                                                                                          0×401000
                                                                                                                                                                                                   0×401000 <_start>
                                                                                          0×200
                                                                                        0×33
0×2b
                                                                                        0×0
0×0
           es
fs
| 0x90 -> b'\x90' | 0x90 -> b'\x90' | 0x90 -> b'\x90' | 0x401008 \text{ kmsg_one} : (bad) | 0x2F -> b'/' (bad) | 0
                            0v0

'fffffffe550: 0×1 0×7fffffffe7ad

'fffffffe560: 0×0 0×7fffffffe7bb

'fffffffe570: 0×7fffffffe7cb 0×7fffffffe7e6

'fffffffe880: 0×ffffffffe7b 0×7fffffffe814
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 0×69 0×6E 0×2F 0×73 0×68 0×00 0×31 → b'in/sh\x001'
```

Done, just use **awd** and/or **strz** commands to mark data

```
0×401001 <_start+1> :
0×401002 <_start+2> :
                             0×40100f <first> | 0×E8 0×08 0×00 0×00 0×00 → b'\xe8\x08\x00\x00\x00'
                             0×40100/ <msg_one> :
                       (bad)
(bad)
0×401008 <msg_one+1> :
0×401009 <msg_one+2> :
0×401010 <first+1> :
0×401011 <first+2> :
                                                                        | 0×69 0×6E 0×2F 0×73 0 68 0×00 0×31 → b'in/sh\x001'
                       imul
                       add
                       0×401014 <first+5> :
0×401019 <msg_two> :
0×40101c <msg_two+3> :
0×401024 <socond+1>
                                                                        | 0\times67 0\times69 0\times73 0\times68 0\times6F 0\times74 0\times00 0\timesB8 \longrightarrow b'gishot\x00\xb8
0×401012 2500017 0×8

(gdb) awd 0×401007 0×8

(gdb) awd 0×401019 0×A

(gdb) gdis

⇒ 0×401000 <_start>:
                                   0 \times 90 \longrightarrow b' \setminus x90'

0 \times 90 \longrightarrow b' \setminus x90'
```

Disas fixed!

Auto mark null-end-strings as data (x86_64 Linux POC)

Just use autostr 0xMIN_SIZE_STR address/symbol 0xSIZE_TO_SCAN command:

autostr 0x4 _start 0x200

```
(gdb) gdis
⇒ 0×401000 <_start> :
                                                       0×90 → b'\x90
0×401001 <_start+1> :
0×401002 <_start+2> :
                                                | 0×90 → b'\x90'

0×40100f <first> | 0×E8 0×08 0×00 0×00 0×00 → b'\xe8\x08\x00\x00'x00'
0×401007 \_staft+27 : Catt
0×401007 \_staft+27 : Catt
(bad)
0×401008 <msg_one+1> : (bad)
0×401009 <msg_one+2> : imul
0×401010 <first+1> : retf
0×401011 <first+2> : add
                                               | 0×69 0×6E 0×2F 0×73 0×68 0×00 0×31 → b'in/sh\x001'
 0×401011 <first+2> :
0×401014 <first+5> :
0×401014 <first+5>: call 0×401023 <second> | 0×E8 0×04 0×00 0×00 0×00 → b'\xe8\n\x00\x00\x00\x00'
0×401019 <msg_two>: fs jb 0×401081 | 0×64 0×72 0×65 → b'dre'
0×40101c <msg_two+3>: imul esi,DWORD PTR [ebx+0×68],0×b800746f | 0×67 0×69 0×73 0×68 0×6F 0×74 0×00
0×401024 <second+1>: cmp al,0×0 | 0×3C 0×00 → b'<\x00'
                                                                                                                   | 0×67 0×69 0×73 0×68 0×6F 0×74 0×00 0×B8 \rightarrow b'gishot\x00\xb8
 (gdb) autostr 0×4 _start 0×200
 mark as data:
0×401007 0×7 0×8 → b'/bin/sh'....
0×401019 0×9 0×A → b'dregishot'....
0×401121 0×7 0×8 → b'poc.asm'....
0×401129 0×7 0×8 → b'msg_one'....
0×401131 0×5 0×6 → b'first'....
0×401137 0×7 0×8 → b'msg_two'....
0×40115 0×6 0×7 → b'second'...

0×401146 0×8 0×C → b'_bss_start'...

0×401152 0×6 0×7 → b'_edata'...

0×40115F 0×7 0×8 → b'_ed'...
0×401167 0×7 0×8 → b'.strtab'....
0×40116F 0×9 0×A → b'.shstrtab'....
 0×401179 0×5 0×6 → b'.text'
done
```

gdis can do more things, just explore **ghelp** command.

warning: code is pure crap, PRs are welcome! x)

btw, sorry foy my bad english and don't be polite in the comments!

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