



# CYBV 471 Assembly Programming for Security Professionals

## Week 3

### x86 Registers

### C-Programs, memory layout, and memory protection mechanism

# Week 3 Assignments



- **Learning Materials**

- 1- Week 3 Presentation
- 2- Read Pages 45-65 & 77-88: Duntermann, Jeff. Assembly Language Step by Step, Programming with Linux,

- **Assignment**

- 1- Complete Lab 4 by coming Sunday 11:59 PM.



# Agenda

- General Purpose Registers
- Special Registers
- FLAGS
- Loading and Executing a Program
- Understand memory Layout
- Understand C-program layout
- Program Process Concept
- Display memory layout in Linux OS
- Protecting memory from buffer overflow attacks

# What are the Registers?

- A register is a small amount of data storage available to the CPU, whose contents can be accessed more quickly than the RAM
- Most common x86 registers, which fall into four categories:

## 1- General registers

- Used by the CPU during execution
- Examples: EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, EBP, ESP, ESI

## 2- Segment registers

- Used to track sections of memory
- Examples: CS, SS, DS, ES, FS, GS

## 3- Status flags

- Used to make decisions
- Example: EFLAGS

## 4- Instruction pointer

- Address of next instruction to execute
- Example: EIP

# General and Specialized Registers Tasks

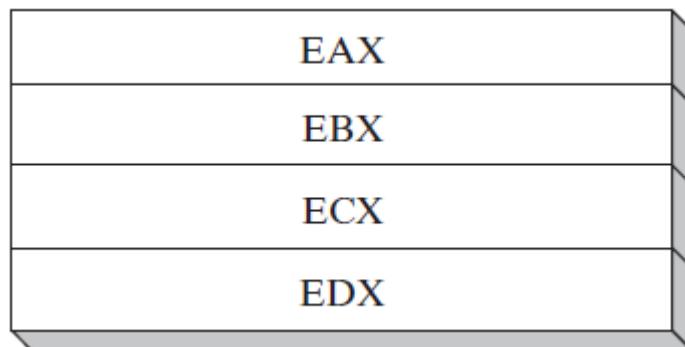


- General-Purpose Registers
  - EAX – accumulator (e.g. store or load a variable's value)
  - EAX is automatically used by multiplication and division instructions.
  - ECX – loop counter
  - EBX
  - ESP – Extend stack pointer: Points to the top of the function's stack (memory structure)
  - EBP -Extended frame pointer (stack)
  - ESI- Extended Source Index Register
  - EDI- Extended Destination Index Register
- EIP – instruction pointer
- EFLAGS
  - status and control flags
  - each flag is a single binary bit
- Segment Registers
  - CS – code segment
  - DS – data segment
  - SS – stack segment
  - ES, FS, GS - additional segments



# General Registers

- **EAX** Extended Accumulator Register (32 bits)  
(**EAX, AX, AH, AL**)
- **EBX** Extended Base Register (32 bits)  
(**EBX, BX, BH, BL**)
- **ECX:** Extended Counter Register (32 bits)  
(**ECX, CX, CH, CL**)
- **EDX:** Extended Data Register (32 bits)  
(**EDX, DX, DH, DL**)
- Can be used for several tasks

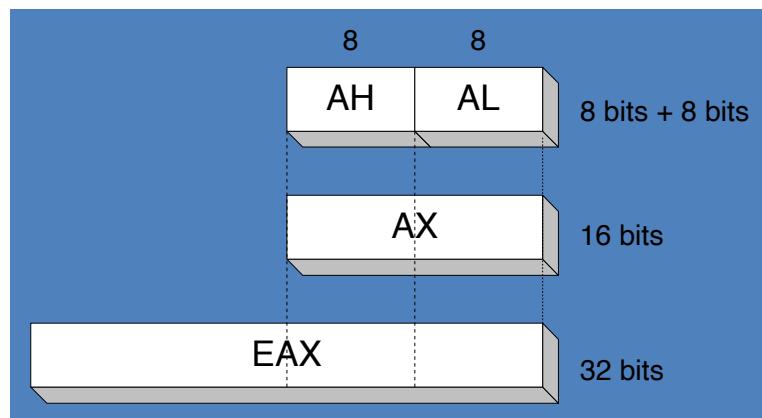


# Accessing Parts of Registers



EAX Extend Accumulator Register (32 bits) (EAX, AX, AH, AL)

- Apply same concept to EAX, EBX, ECX, and EDX
- EAX, EBX, ECX, and EDX provide four 32-bits data registers, they can be used as:
  - Four 32-bits registers (EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX)
  - Four 16-bits registers (AX, BX, CX, DX)
  - Eight 8-bits registers (AL, AH, BL, BH, CL, CH, DL, DH)



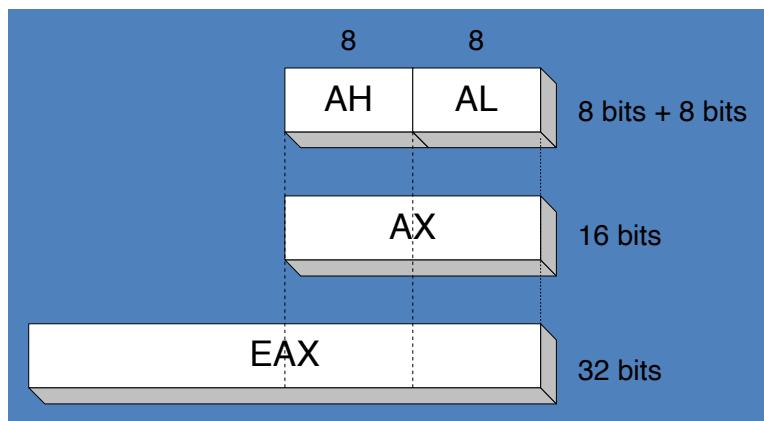
32-bit	16-bit	8-bit (high)	8-bit (low)
EAX	AX	AH	AL
EBX	BX	BH	BL
ECX	CX	CH	CL
EDX	DX	DH	DL

# Accessing Parts of Registers



```
MOV EAX, 0x12 34 56 78 ;  
EAX = 0x12345678  
AX = 0x5678,  
AH = 0x56,  
AL = 0x78
```

```
MOV AL,0x01 ;  
AL = 0x01  
AH = 0x56,  
AX = 0x5601,  
EAX = 0x12345601,
```





# General Registers Tasks

- **EAX Extend Accumulator Register (EAX, AX, AH, AL)** (Called Accumulator Register)
  - Stores function return values  
If you see the EAX register just after a function call, EAX contains its the return value
  - Used for hardware access (e.g. screen and keyboard)
  - Used by multiplication and division instructions.

## Examples:

```
mov eax, 1 // store 1 in “eax” register  
mov ah,1 // store 1 in “ah” register  
add eax, 2 // increase the value stored in eax by 2
```

```
mov eax, 4 // call system write function (sys_write)  
int 0x80 // call the kernel to execute the previous system call  
//Q1: Write what to what device?
```

```
mov eax, 1 // Tel the OS to exit the program  
// call system exit function (sys_exit), int 0x80 has to come next
```

```
mov eax, 1 // store 1 in “eax” register
```



# General Registers Tasks

- EBX Extended Base Register (32 bits)  
(EBX, BX, BH, BL)
  - Base pointer to the data section (.data // data section)
  - It is used as a base pointer for memory access
  - Gets some interrupt return values
  - Used as a general register

Examples:

```
mov ebx, 1 // store 1 in ebx
```

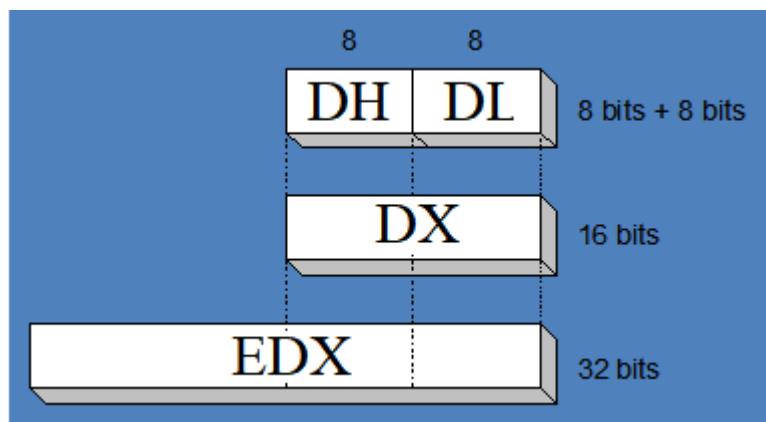
```
mov ebx, 1 // Stdout (screen) file descriptor
            //The program will access the screen (output display device)
            // int 0x80 has to become next
```

```
mov eax, [ebx] ; Move the 4 bytes in memory at the address contained in EBX into EAX
```



# General Registers Tasks

- EDX: Extend Data Register (32 bits)  
(EDX, DX, DH, DL)
  - EDX is generally used for storing short-term variables within a function
  - I/O pointer



# EIP (Extended Instruction Pointer)

- EIP is known as the *instruction pointer* or *program counter*
- Contains the memory address of the **next instruction** to be executed
- If EIP corrupted (contains wrong code), the CPU will fetch non-legitimate instructions and crash
- Attacks use **Buffer overflow attack** to gain control of EIP to point to a code to exploit a system
- ESP – Extend stack pointer (stack)  
Points to the top of the function's stack (memory structure)  
EBP – Extended Base (frame) pointer (stack)  
Used to reference to function's parameters and local variables on the stack.



## Main Memory

n - 2  
n - 1  
High  
Memory  
Address

### Stack

Local variables and parameters for functions  
Helps programs flow

### Heap

Dynamic memory  
Changes frequently during program execution  
Program allocates new values, and frees them  
when they are no longer needed

### Uninitialized Data

Static values placed when a program loads

### Initialized Data

Static values placed when a program loads

### Code

Instructions for the CPU

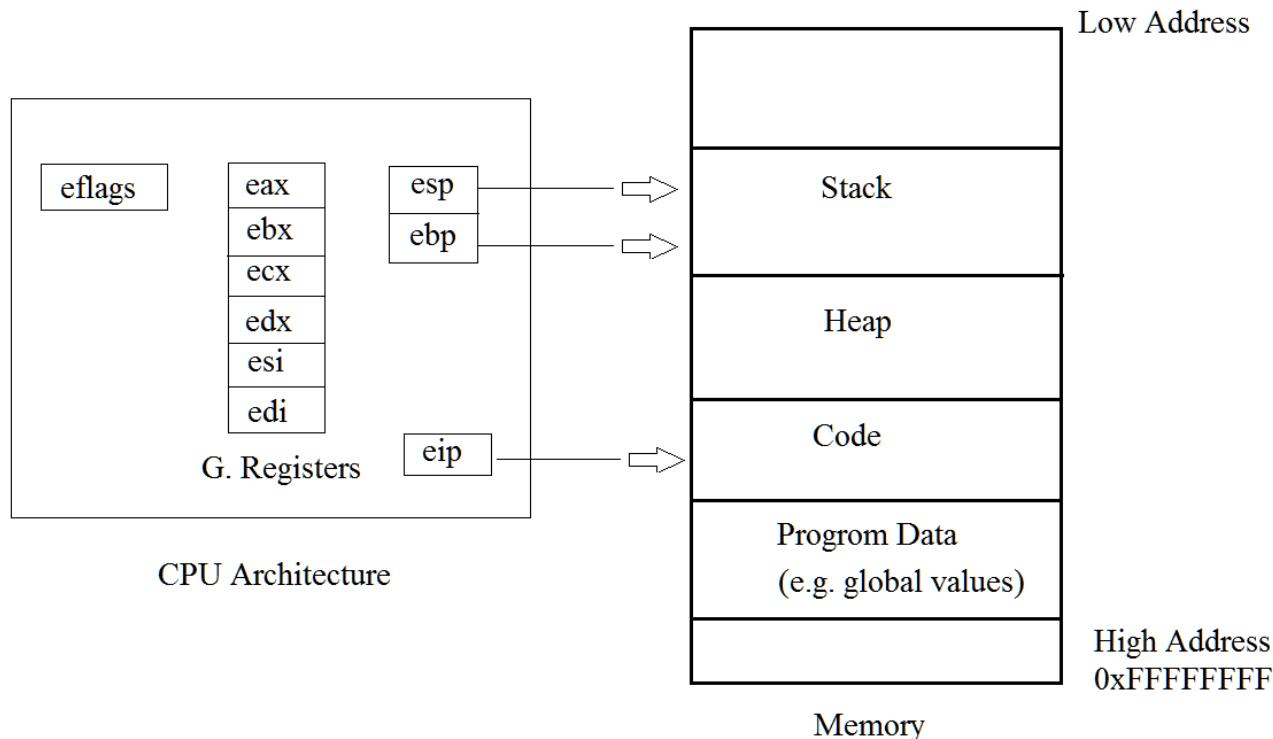
0  
1  
2  
Low  
Memory  
Address

Basic memory layout for a program



# General Registers Tasks

- ESP – Extend stack pointer (stack)
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- Used to reference to function's parameters and local variables on the stack.
- EIP is known as the *instruction pointer* or *program counter*
- Contains the memory address of the **next instruction** to be executed





# Status Flags

- Carry
  - unsigned arithmetic out of range
- Overflow
  - signed arithmetic out of range
- Sign
  - result is negative
- Zero
  - result is zero
- Auxiliary Carry
  - carry from bit 3 to bit 4
- Parity
  - sum of 1 bits is an even number

# ZF and CF Flags Example

- In the sub instruction, the CPU can implement subtraction as a combination of negation and addition.
- Example: The expression  $4 - 1$  can be rewritten as

$$4 + (-1)$$

$$4 + \text{NEG}(1)$$

Carry:	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	(4)							
	(-1)							
	(3)							

- The Carry, Zero, Sign, Overflow, Auxiliary Carry, and Parity flags are changed according to the value that is placed in the destination operand. (CF=0)
- CF: Set(=1) when a larger integer is subtracted from a smaller one



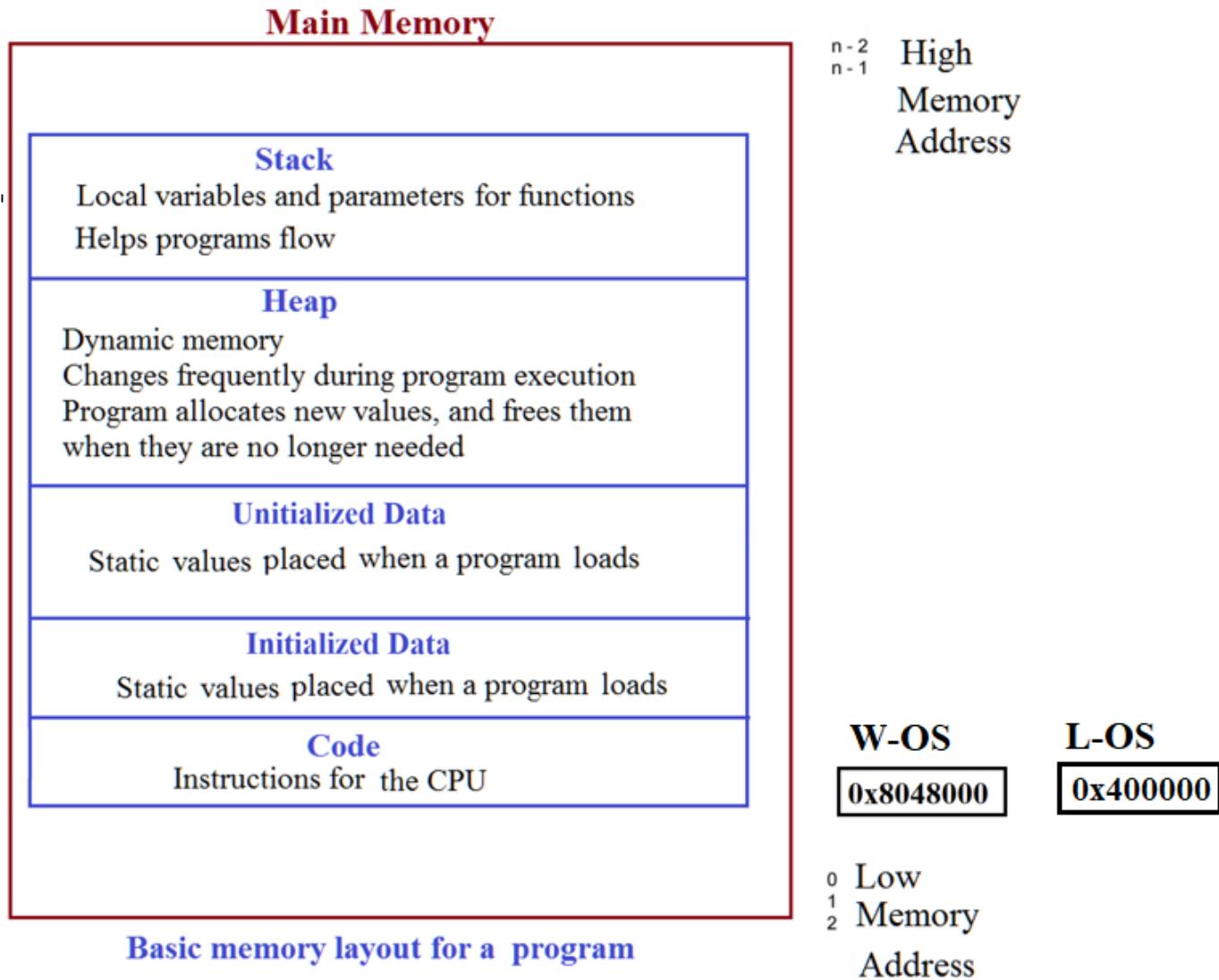
# C-Programs, memory layout, and memory protection mechanism

# Loading and Executing a Program



- As soon as the program begins running, it is called a *process*.
- The OS assigns the process an identification number (*process ID*), which is used to keep track of it while running.
- The *process* runs by itself. It is the OS's job to track the execution of the process and to respond to requests for system resources. Examples of resources are memory, disk files, and input-output devices.
- When the process ends, it is removed from memory.

# Understand memory Layout



# Program Process Concept



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- When the process ends, it is removed from memory.
- How could you display the running processes ID?
- Where does Linux save information about a process?



# Display running Processes

- You can use “ps -aux” command to display all running processes

USER	PID	%CPU	%MEM	VSZ	RSS	TTY	STAT	START	TIME	COMMAND
root	1	0.2	0.3	29728	6960	?	Ss	16:41	0:01	/sbin/init
root	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[kthreadd]
root	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S<	16:41	0:00	[kworker/0:0H]
root	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[kworker/u8:0]
root	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S<	16:41	0:00	[mm_percpu_wq]
root	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[ksoftirqd/0]
root	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[rcu_sched]
root	9	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[rcu_bh]
root	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[migration/0]
root	11	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[watchdog/0]
root	12	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[cpuhp/0]
root	13	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[cpuhp/1]
root	14	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[watchdog/1]
root	15	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[migration/1]
root	16	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[ksoftirqd/1]
root	18	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S<	16:41	0:00	[kworker/1:0H]
root	19	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[cpuhp/2]
root	20	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[watchdog/2]
root	21	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[migration/2]
root	22	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[ksoftirqd/2]
root	24	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S<	16:41	0:00	[kworker/2:0H]
root	25	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[cpuhp/3]
root	26	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	16:41	0:00	[watchdog/3]

# Display running Processes



- You can use “ps -aux” command to display all running processes

```
Debian++ 642 0.0 0.2 30436 5252 ? Sl 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/at-spi2-core/at-spi
Debian++ 656 1.0 6.3 868476 131128 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:06 /usr/bin/gnome-shell
root 664 0.0 0.3 53432 7368 ? Ssl 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/upower/upowerd
Debian++ 682 0.0 0.4 888664 9816 ? Ssl 16:41 0:00 /usr/bin/pulseaudio --daemon
rtkit 683 0.0 0.1 23988 3044 ? SNs1 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/rtkit/rtkit-daemon
root 694 0.9 0.7 69572 16536 ? Ssl 16:41 0:05 /usr/lib/packagekit/packagek
Debian++ 695 0.0 0.8 54224 17812 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 696 0.1 0.9 73340 19096 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 698 0.1 0.8 63112 17668 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 699 0.0 0.3 38432 6604 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 700 0.0 0.8 53556 17592 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 703 0.1 0.9 92216 19748 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 704 0.0 0.5 84332 11048 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 707 0.0 0.8 62812 17488 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 714 0.0 0.8 72304 17860 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 723 0.0 1.0 339224 21172 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 724 0.0 0.2 26484 4780 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 725 0.0 0.9 73504 19892 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 726 0.0 0.9 61672 19880 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 741 0.0 0.2 26500 4784 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 742 0.0 0.2 35708 4592 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 743 0.0 0.4 45332 8936 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 749 0.0 0.4 51920 8488 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
Debian++ 750 0.0 0.4 45488 8456 tty1 Sl+ 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/gnome-settings-daem
colord 771 0.0 0.6 47920 13936 ? Ssl 16:41 0:00 /usr/lib/colord/colord
```

# Display running Processes



- You can use “ps -aux” with “grep” to display all running processes for certain program

```
root@kali-Test:~# ps -aux | grep rtkit          Footprinting          Week-13 tools
rtkit      683  0.0  0.1  23988  3044 ?          SNsl  16:41  0:00 /usr/lib/rtkit/rtkit-daemon
root     1659  0.0  0.0   4808    792 pts/0        S+   16:58  0:00 grep rtkit
root@kali-Test:~# ps -aux | grep colord
colord     771  0.0  0.6  47920 13936 ?
root     1661  0.0  0.0   4808    840 pts/0        Ssl  16:41  0:00 /usr/lib/colord/colord
root     1661  0.0  0.0   4808    840 pts/0        S+   16:58  0:00 grep colord
root@kali-Test:~#
```

# Where does Linux save information about a process?



- The “/proc” directory holds all the runtime information about all running processes and other information about the status of the kernel
  - Each process holds a directory that contains information about that process

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- Each process holds a directory that contains information about that process.
- For example, “maps” file contains the memory layout of process ID = 683

```
root@kali-Test:~# cd /proc/683
root@kali-Test:/proc/683# ls
attr      comm      fd      map_files   net          personality  setgroups  syscall
autogroup coredump_filter fdinfo  maps        ns           projid_map  smaps     task
auxv      cpuset    gid_map  mem         oom_adj    root        stack     timers
cgroup    cwd       io      mountinfo  oom_score  sched      stat      timerslack_ns
clear_refs environ  limits  mounts    oom_score_adj schedstat statm    uid_map
cmdline   exe      loginuid mountstats pagemap    sessionid status   wchan
root@kali-Test:/proc/683#
```

# Where does Linux save information about a process?



```
root@kali-Test:/proc/683# cat maps
004d2000-004e1000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 140957      /usr/lib/rtkit/rtkit-daemon
004e1000-004e2000 r--p 0000e000 08:01 140957      /usr/lib/rtkit/rtkit-daemon
004e2000-004e3000 rw-p 0000f000 08:01 140957      /usr/lib/rtkit/rtkit-daemon
01e8b000-01eac000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0          [heap]
b5f00000-b5f21000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b5f21000-b6000000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
b6100000-b6121000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b6121000-b6200000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
b6243000-b6244000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
b6244000-b6a44000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b6a44000-b6a45000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
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b7251000-b7252000 rw-p 0000b000 08:01 1443493     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnss_files-2.24.so
b7252000-b7258000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b7258000-b7263000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443504     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnss_nis-2.24.so
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b7264000-b7265000 rw-p 0000b000 08:01 1443504     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnss_nis-2.24.so
b7265000-b727b000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443487     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnsl-2.24.so
b727b000-b727c000 r--p 00016000 08:01 1443487     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnsl-2.24.so
b727c000-b727d000 rw-p 00017000 08:01 1443487     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnsl-2.24.so
b727d000-b727f000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b727f000-b7287000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443489     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnss_compat-2.24.so
b7287000-b7288000 r--p 00007000 08:01 1443489     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnss_compat-2.24.so
b7288000-b7289000 rw-p 00008000 08:01 1443489     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libnss_compat-2.24.so
```

# Where does Linux save information about a process?



```
b74ef000-b74f0000 rw-p 00090000 08:01 1443550 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libsystemd.so.0.19.0
b74f0000-b76a1000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443405 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b76a1000-b76a3000 r--p 001b0000 08:01 1443405 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b76a3000-b76a4000 rw-p 001b2000 08:01 1443405 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b76a4000-b76a7000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b76a7000-b76c0000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443529 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libpthread-2.24.so
b76c0000-b76c1000 r--p 00018000 08:01 1443529 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libpthread-2.24.so
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b76c2000-b76c4000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
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b772f000-b7730000 rw-p 0005b000 08:01 1443420 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libdbus-1.so.3.14.13
b7750000-b7753000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b7753000-b7756000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0 [vvar]
b7756000-b7758000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0 [vdso]
b7758000-b777b000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443373 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b777b000-b777c000 r--p 00022000 08:01 1443373 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b777c000-b777d000 rw-p 00023000 08:01 1443373 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
bfbea000-bfc0b000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]
root@kali-Test:/proc/683#
```

# User Mode C-Program



- Create cprogram1.c
- Compile the program
- Run the program
- Display the program's memory information

# Create cprogram1.c



```
/> cprogram1.c Re/te access 1-
ellenet access Target ma... Footprinting
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int add (int x, int y)
{
    int result = 0;
    result = x + y;
    return result;
}

main (int argc, char **argv)
{
    int a = atoi(argv[1]);
    int b = atoi(argv[2]);
    int c;
    char buffer [100];

    gets(buffer);
    puts(buffer);

    c = add (a, b);

    printf("Sum of %d and %d = %d\n", a, b, c);
    exit (0);
}
```

The **atoi()** function converts a character string to an integer value

# Compile the C-Program



- Compile the C-program
- Run the program
- Display the program's memory information

```
root@kali-Test:/# gcc -g cprogram1.c -o cprogram1
cprogram1.c:13:1: warning: return type defaults to 'int' [-Wimplicit-int]
    main (int argc, char **argv) ma...
^~~~
cprogram1.c: In function 'main':
cprogram1.c:20:5: warning: implicit declaration of function 'gets'; did you mean 'fgets'
? [-Wimplicit-function-declaration]
    gets(buffer);
^~~~
    fgets
/tmp/cc2HY9jG.o: In function `main':
//cprogram1.c:20: warning: the `gets' function is dangerous and should not be used.
root@kali-Test:/#
```

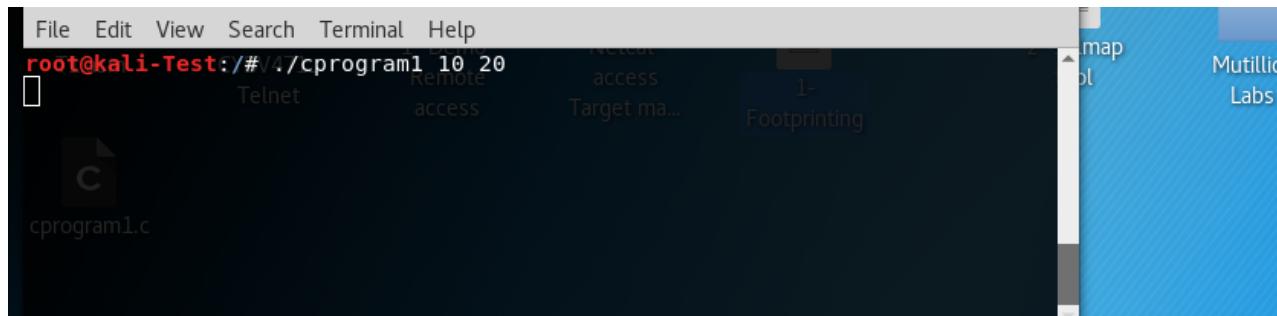
```
root@kali-Test:/# ./cprogram1 10 20
Hello
Hello
Sum of 10 and 20 = 30
root@kali-Test:/#
```

# Compile the C-Program



- Display the program's memory information

```
root@kali-Test:/# ./cprogram1 10 20
Hello
Hello
Sum of 10 and 20 = 30
root@kali-Test:/# ps -aux | grep cprogram1
root      1717  0.0  0.0  4808   800 pts/0    S+   21:39   0:00 grep cprogram1
root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/1717
bash: cd: /proc/1717: No such file or directory
root@kali-Test:/#
```



```
root@kali-Test: /proc/1725
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali-Test:~# ps -aux | grep cprogram1
root      1725  0.0  0.0  2212   548 pts/0    S+   21:40   0:00 ./cprogram1 10 20
root      1742  0.0  0.0  4808   808 pts/1    S+   21:41   0:00 grep cprogram1
root@kali-Test:~# cd /proc/1725
root@kali-Test:/proc/1725# ls
attr      coredump_filter  gid_map     mountinfo  oom_score_adj  sessionid  syscall
autogroup  cpuset          io          mounts     pagemap       setgroups  task
auxv      cwd              limits     mountstats personality smaps     timers
cgroup     environ         loginuid   net        projid_map   stack     timerslack_ns
clear_refs exe              map_files  ns        root        stat      uid_map
cmdline    fd               maps      oom_adj    sched       statm    wchan
comm      fdinfo          mem      oom_score  schedstat   status
root@kali-Test:/proc/1725#
```

# Compile the C-Program



- Display the program's memory information
- Will the stack start in same location?

```
root@kali-Test:/proc/1725# cat maps
004c5000-004c6000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
004c6000-004c7000 r--p 00000000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
004c7000-004c8000 rw-p 00001000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
0121a000-0123b000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [heap]
b7552000-b7703000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7703000-b7705000 r--p 001b0000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7705000-b7706000 rw-p 001b2000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7706000-b7709000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b7729000-b772c000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b772c000-b772f000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0           [vvar]
b772f000-b7731000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0           [vdso]
b7731000-b7754000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b7754000-b7755000 r--p 00022000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b7755000-b7756000 rw-p 00023000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
bfffa000-bfffc1000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [stack]
root@kali-Test:/proc/1725#
```

# Protecting memory from buffer overflow attacks



```
root@kali-Test:/# sysctl -a --pattern "randomize"
kernel.randomize_va_space = 2
root@kali-Test:/# echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
root@kali-Test:/# sysctl -a --pattern "randomize"
kernel.randomize_va_space = 0
root@kali-Test:/# ps -aux | grep cprogram1
root      2063  0.0  0.0    2212   552 pts/0      S+   22:46   0:00 ./cprogram1 10 20
root      2071  0.0  0.0    4808   820 pts/1      S+   22:46   0:00 grep cprogram1
root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/2063
root@kali-Test:/proc/2063# cat maps
00400000-00401000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
00401000-00402000 r--p 00000000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
00402000-00403000 rw-p 00001000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
00403000-00424000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [heap]
b7dc5000-b7f76000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7f76000-b7f78000 r--p 001b0000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7f78000-b7f79000 rw-p 001b2000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7f79000-b7f7c000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [vvar]
b7f9c000-b7f9f000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [vdso]
b7f9f000-b7fa2000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0           [vvar]
b7fa2000-b7fa4000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0           [vdso]
b7fa4000-b7fc7000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b7fc7000-b7fc8000 r--p 00022000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b7fc8000-b7fc9000 rw-p 00023000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
bffdf000-c0000000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [stack]
root@kali-Test:/proc/2063#
```

# Protecting memory from buffer overflow attacks



```
root@kali-Test:/# ./cprogram1 10 20
[...]
Telnet      Remote access      Target ma...
map          pol               M

root@kali-Test:/# pwd
/
root@kali-Test:/# ps -aux | grep cprogram1
root      2115  0.0  0.0  2212   552 pts/0    S+   22:55   0:00 ./cprogram1 10 20
root      2133  0.0  0.0  4808   792 pts/1    S+   22:57   0:00 grep cprogram1
root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/2115
root@kali-Test:/proc/2115# cat maps
00400000-00401000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
00401000-00402000 r--p 00000000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
00402000-00403000 rw-p 00001000 08:01 18          /cprogram1
00403000-00424000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [heap]
b7da5000-b7f56000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7f56000-b7f58000 r--p 001b0000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7f58000-b7f59000 rw-p 001b2000 08:01 1443405     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7f59000-b7f5c000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b7f7c000-b7f7f000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b7f7f000-b7f82000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0          [vvar]
b7f82000-b7f84000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0          [vdso]
b7f84000-b7fa7000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b7fa7000-b7fa8000 r--p 00022000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b7fa8000-b7fa9000 rw-p 00023000 08:01 1443373     /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
bffdf000-c0000000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0          [stack]
root@kali-Test:/proc/2115#
```

# Protecting memory from buffer overflow attacks



The screenshot shows a Kali Linux terminal window with several tabs open. The current tab displays the output of a buffer overflow exploit. The exploit code is as follows:

```
root@kali-Test:/# ./cprogram1 10 20
hello
hello
Sum of 10 and 20 = 30
root@kali-Test:/# echo 2 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
root@kali-Test:/# ./cprogram1 10 20
[program1.c]
```

Below this, the terminal shows the process list and the memory map of the process:

```
root@kali-Test: /proc/2140
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali-Test:/# ps -aux | grep cprogram1
root 2140 0.0 0.0 2212 528 pts/0 S+ 22:59 0:00 ./cprogram1 10 20
root 2144 0.0 0.0 4808 800 pts/1 S+ 23:00 0:00 grep cprogram1
root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/2140
root@kali-Test:/proc/2140# cat maps
```

A red arrow points to the first line of the memory map, which is highlighted with a red box:

Address Range	Type	Permissions	Offset	Device	inode	Flags	Path
004aa000-004ab000	r-xp	00000000	08:01	18			/cprogram1
004ab000-004ac000	r--p	00000000	08:01	18			/cprogram1
004ac000-004ad000	rw-p	00001000	08:01	18			/cprogram1
008e6000-00907000	rw-p	00000000	00:00	0			[heap]
b757c000-b772d000	r-xp	00000000	08:01	1443405			/lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b772d000-b772f000	r--p	001b0000	08:01	1443405			/lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b772f000-b7730000	rw-p	001b2000	08:01	1443405			/lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7730000-b7733000	rw-p	00000000	00:00	0			
b7753000-b7756000	rw-p	00000000	00:00	0			
b7756000-b7759000	r--p	00000000	00:00	0			[vvar]
b7759000-b775b000	r-xp	00000000	00:00	0			[vdso]
b775b000-b777e000	r-xp	00000000	08:01	1443373			/lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b777e000-b777f000	r--p	00022000	08:01	1443373			/lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b777f000-b7780000	rw-p	00023000	08:01	1443373			/lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
bffa8000-bfffc9000	rw-p	00000000	00:00	0			[stack]

root@kali-Test:/proc/2140#

# Running same C-Program Twice



- Run one instance of cprogram1.c
- Run second instance of cprogram1.c
- Compare the memory layout of each program

# Running same C-Program Twice



```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali-Test:~# sysctl -a --pattern "randomize"
kernel.randomize_va_space = 2
root@kali-Test:~#
```

This screenshot shows two terminal windows side-by-side. Both windows have a dark background with light-colored text. The left window shows the command `./cprogram1 30 40` being run, and the right window shows the command `./cprogram1 10 20`. The windows are titled "root@kali-Test" and are part of a desktop environment with icons like "workComma nd.txt" and "vmware-tools-distrib".

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali-Test:/# ./cprogram1 30 40
root@kali-Test:/# ./cprogram1 10 20
```

This screenshot shows a single terminal window with three processes running. The command `ps -aux | grep cprogram1` is used to list the processes. The output shows three entries for the root user, each running a different instance of the program with different arguments. The window has a dark background with light-colored text.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali-Test:/# ps -aux | grep cprogram1
root      1964  0.0  0.0  2212   552 pts/0    S+  14:10   0:00 ./cprogram1 10 20
root      1965  0.0  0.0  2212   548 pts/2    S+  14:10   0:00 ./cprogram1 30 40
root      1973  0.0  0.0  4808   900 pts/1    S+  14:11   0:00 grep cprogram1
root@kali-Test:/#
```

# Running same C-Program Twice With Memory Protection



The image shows two terminal windows side-by-side. Both windows have a title bar "root@kali-Test: /proc/1965" and a menu bar "File Edit View Search Terminal Help". The left window contains the command "root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/1965" followed by "root@kali-Test:/proc/1965#". The right window contains "root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/1964" followed by "root@kali-Test:/proc/1964#".

The image shows a terminal window with a title bar "root@kali-Test: /proc/1965". The window displays a memory map with several memory ranges. A red box highlights the first range: "00409000-0040a000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 18 /cprogram1". Another red box highlights the last range: "bfabc000-bfadd000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]". To the right of the memory map, there is explanatory text about memory randomization and protection settings.

```
root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/1965
root@kali-Test:/proc/1965# cat maps
00409000-0040a000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 18 /cprogram1
0040a000-0040b000 r--p 00000000 08:01 18
0040b000-0040c000 rw-p 00001000 08:01 18
00a7c000-00a9d000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b7567000-b7718000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443405 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7718000-b771a000 r--p 001b0000 08:01 1443405 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b771a000-b771b000 rw-p 001b2000 08:01 1443405 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b771b000-b771e000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b773e000-b7741000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b7741000-b7744000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0
b7744000-b7746000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0
b7746000-b7769000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443373 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b7769000-b776a000 r--p 00022000 08:01 1443373 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b776a000-b776b000 rw-p 00023000 08:01 1443373 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
bfabc000-bfaddd000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]

sysctl -a --pattern "randomize"
To disable memory randomization process, change the
of /cprogram1
kernel.randomize_va_space to zero
echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
To enable the memory protection
echo 2 [vvar]
echo 2 [vdso]
echo 1 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
[stack]
```

```
root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/1965          sysctl -a --pattern "randomize"
root@kali-Test:/proc/1965# cat maps
00409000-0040a000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 18      /cprograml
0040a000-0040b000 r--p 00000000 08:01 18      to disab.../cprograml
0040b000-0040c000 rw-p 00001000 08:01 18      of /cprograml
00a7c000-00a9d000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0       kernel.randomize_va_space to zero
[heap]
b7567000-b7718000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443405   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7718000-b771a000 r--p 001b0000 08:01 1443405   echo 2 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
b771a000-b771b000 rw-p 001b2000 08:01 1443405   [vvar]
b771b000-b771e000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0       [vdso]
b773e000-b7741000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0       To enable the memory protection
b7741000-b7744000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0       echo 2 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
b7744000-b7746000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0       [vds...]
b7746000-b7769000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443373   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b7769000-b776a000 r--p 00022000 08:01 1443373   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b776a000-b776b000 rw-p 00023000 08:01 1443373   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
bfabc000-bfadd000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0       [stack]
root@kali-Test:/proc/1965#
```

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali-Test:/# cd /proc/1964
root@kali-Test:/proc/1964# cat maps
004bc000-004bd000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 18      /cprograml
004bd000-004be000 r--p 00000000 08:01 18      [vvar]   /cprograml
004be000-004bf000 rw-p 00001000 08:01 18      [vdso]   /cprograml
02227e000-0229f0000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0       /lib/i386...[heap]
b75c5000-b7776000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443405   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7776000-b7778000 r--p 001b0000 08:01 1443405   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7778000-b7779000 rw-p 001b2000 08:01 1443405   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.24.so
b7779000-b777c000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0       /lib/i386-linux-g...
b779c000-b779f000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b779f000-b77a2000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0       [stack]  [vvar]   To enable the randomization process, change the value
b77a2000-b77a4000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0       [vdso]
b77a4000-b77c7000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 1443373   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b77c7000-b77c8000 r--p 00022000 08:01 1443373   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
b77c8000-b77c9000 rw-p 00023000 08:01 1443373   /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.24.so
bfccb000-bfcdd000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0       [stack]
root@kali-Test:/proc/1964#
```



# Putting It All Together

You should know:

- General and special registers
- Loading and Executing a Program
- Understand memory Layout
- Understand C-program layout
- Program Process Concept
- Display memory layout in Linux OS
- Protecting memory from buffer overflow attacks



# Questions?

Coming Next Week

GDB debugger, debug C and assembly language programs,  
and disassemble C-programs