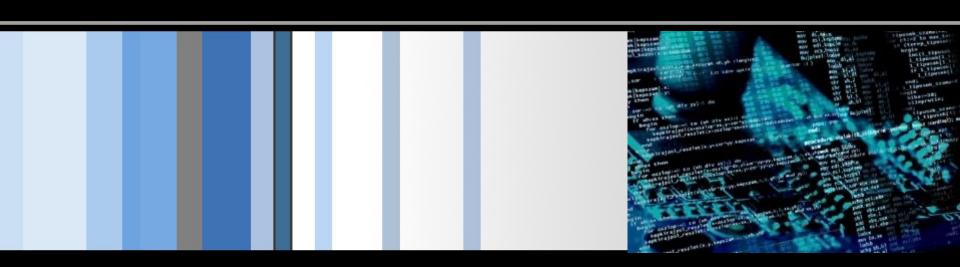
# CSC 472 Software Security ROP (3) & Dynamic Linking & Return-to-libc Attack & ASLR Dr. Si Chen (schen@wcupa.edu)

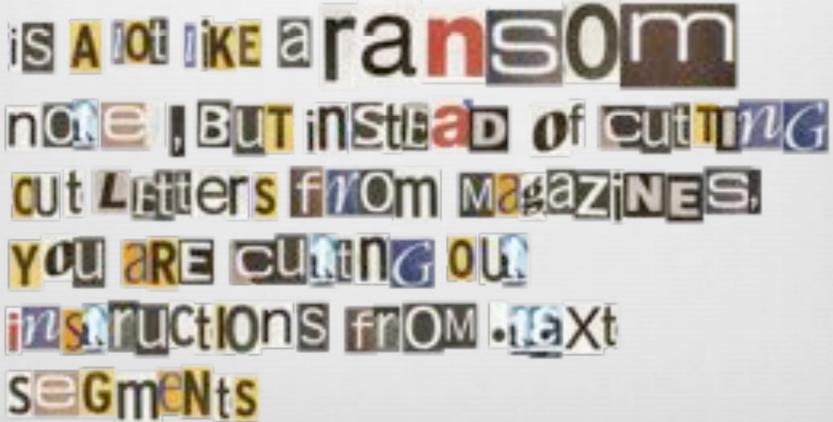


## Review



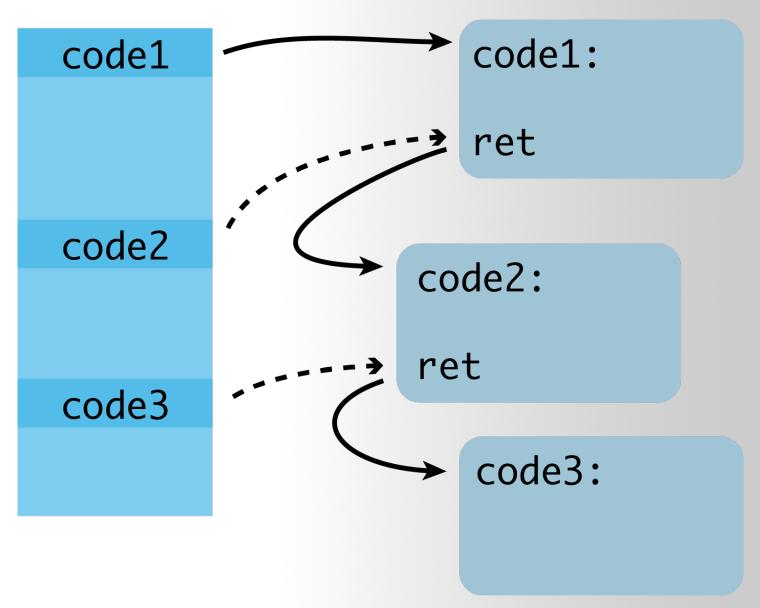
# Return-oriented programming (ROP)

# Return-Oriented Programming



Credit: Dr. Raid's Girlfriend

#### **ROP: The Main Idea**



```
#include <stdio.h>
     #include <string.h>
      char string[100];
      void exec_string() {
        system(string);
10
     void add bin(int magic) {
        if (magic == 0xdeadbeef) {
11
12
          strcat(string, "/bin");
13
14
15
16
      void add bash(int magic1, int magic2) {
17
        if (magic1 == 0xcafebabe \&\& magic2 == 0x0badf00d) {
18
          strcat(string, "/bash");
19
20
21
22
     void vulnerable_function(char *string) {
23
        char buffer[100];
24
        gets(buffer);
25
26
27
      int main(int argc, char** argv) {
28
        string[0] = 0;
29
        vulnerable_function(argv[1]);
30
        return 0;
31
```

#### **Execution Path**

- → add\_bin()
  → magic ==
  0xdeadbeef
  → add\_bash()
  → magic1 ==
  0xcafebabe
  → magic2 ==
  0x0badf00d
- → exec\_string()
- → Spawn shell



#### **Return Chaining**

#### Stack ESP 0x00 Z int foo(int a, int b, int c) int x; 0x01 У int y; int z; 0x02 Χ x=y=z=0;**EBP** z=x+y+a+b+c;Old EBP 0x03 return z; Old EIP 0x04 int main(int argc, char \*\*argv) { 0x05 a foo(1,2,3);0x06 b 0x07 C

First Function Address

Next Function Address

Arguments1 for First Function

Arguments2 for First Function

...



#### **Return Chaining**

The previous ROP chain does not work, because argument **0xdeadbeef** is still on the stack, we need to find a way to "clean" it

#### **Execution Path**

- → add\_bin()
  - → magic == 0xdeadbeef
- → add\_bash()
  - → magic1 == 0xcafebabe
  - → magic2 == 0x0badf00d
- → exec\_string()
- → Spawn shell

Add\_bin()

Add\_bash()

Exec\_string()

→ magic == 0xdeadbeef

Solution: use a **pop**, **ret** gadget to push the argument **0xdeadbeef** into **a register** to remove it from the stack

**Dummy Character "A"s** 

Address for Add\_bin()

Address for pop\_ret

0xdeadbeef

Address for Add\_bash()

Multiple Dummy Character 'A' s		
Address of add_bin()		
Address of pop, ret gadget		
0xdeadbeef		
Address of add_bash()		
Address of pop, pop, ret gadget		
0xcafebabe		
0x0badf00d		
Address of exec_string()		



## **ELF (Executable Linkable Format)**

#### **ELF executable for Linux**

#### **Executable and Linkable Format (ELF)**

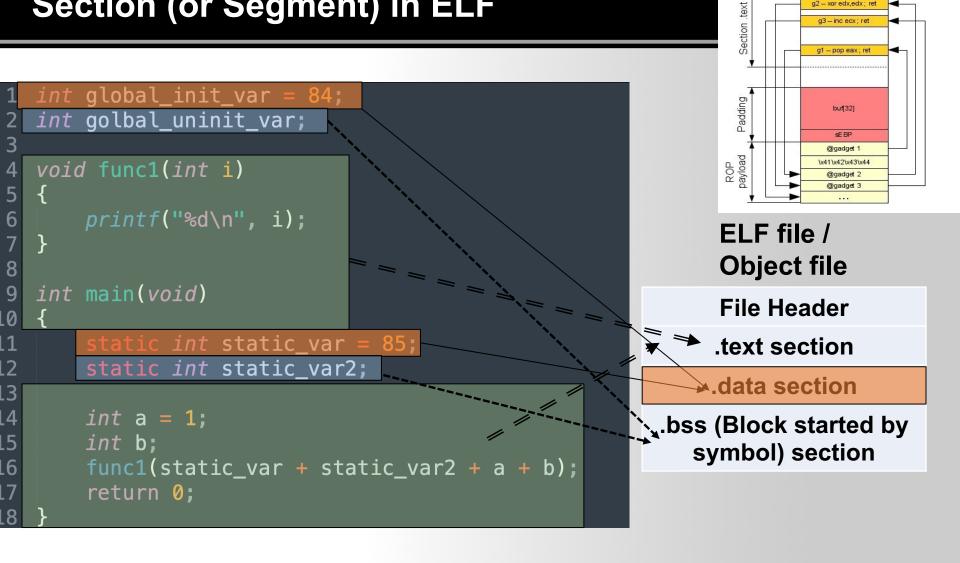
Linux	Windows
ELF file	.exe (PE)
.so (Shared object file)	.dll (Dynamic Linking Library)
.a	.lib (static linking library)
.o (intermediate file between complication and linking, object file)	.obj

#### **ELF executable for Linux**

```
[quake0day@quake0day-wcu Downloads]$ file a
a: ELF 32-bit LSB shared object, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically li
ed, interpreter /lib/ld-linux.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]=da2dba
f2eda3d2b639f8dac80396a994d2df0e, not stripped
```

- ELF32-bit LSB
- Dynamically linked

#### Section (or Segment) in ELF



Virtual memory

g2 - xor edx.edx; ret g3 - inc ecx; ret

```
→ ~ objdump -h rop2
        file format elf32-i386
rop:
                                                                                               rop2:
                                                                                                        file format elf32-i386
Sections:
                                                                                               Sections:
Idx Name
                 Size
                           VMA
                                     LMA
                                                File off Algn
                                                                                               Idx Name
                                                                                                                Size
                                                                                                                         VMA
                                                                                                                                  LMA
                                                                                                                                            File off Algn
                 00000013 00000154 00000154 00000154 2**0
 0 .interp
                                                                                                0 .note.ABI-tag 00000020 080480f4 080480f4 000000f4 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
 1 .note.ABI-tag 00000020 00000168 00000168 00000168 2**2
                                                                                                1 .note.gnu.build-id 00000024 08048114 08048114 00000114 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
 2 .note.gnu.build-id 00000024 00000188 00000188 00000188 2*
                                                                                                2 .rel.plt
                                                                                                                00000078 08048138 08048138 00000138 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
 3 .gnu.hash
                 00000020 000001ac 000001ac 000001ac 2**2
                                                                                                3 .init
                                                                                                                00000023 080481b0 080481b0 000001b0 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                 00000090 000001cc 000001cc 000001cc 2**2
 4 .dynsym
                                                                                                4 .plt
                                                                                                                00000078 080481d8 080481d8 000001d8 2**3
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                                                                                                5 .text
                                                                                                                00066f81 08048250 08048250 00000250 2**4
 5 .dynstr
                 000000a2 0000025c 0000025c 0000025c 2**0
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                6 libc freeres fn 00000ba7 080afle0 080afle0 00067le0 2**4
 6 .gnu.version 00000012 000002fe 000002fe 000002fe 2**1
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                7 <u>libc thread freeres fn 00000127 080afd90 080afd90 00067d90 2**4</u>
 7 .gnu.version r 00000030 00000310 00000310 00000310 2**2
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                8 .fini
                                                                                                                00000014 080afeb8 080afeb8 00067eb8 2**2
 8 .rel.dyn
                 00000040 00000340 00000340 00000340 2**2
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                9 .rodata
                                                                                                                00018898 080afee0 080afee0 00067ee0 2**5
 9 .rel.plt
                 00000018 00000380 00000380 00000380
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                10 .eh frame
                                                                                                                000129b0 080c8778 080c8778 00080778 2**2
                 00000023 00000398 00000398 00000398 2**2
10 .init
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                                                                                                11 .gcc except table 000000ac 080db128 080db128 00093128 2**0
11 .plt
                 00000040 000003c0 000003c0 000003c0
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                                                                                                12 .tdata
                                                                                                                00000010 080dc6e0 080dc6e0 000936e0 2**2
12 .plt.got
                 00000010 00000400 00000400 00000400 2**3
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA, THREAD LOCAL
                                                                                                13 .tbss
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                                                                                                                00000020 080dc6f0 080dc6f0 000936f0 2**2
                                                                                                                ALLOC, THREAD LOCAL
                 000002e2 00000410 00000410 00000410
13 .text
                                                                                                14 .init array
                                                                                                               00000008 080dc6f0 080dc6f0
                                                                                                                                           000936f0 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
14 .fini
                 00000014 000006f4 000006f4 000006f4 2**2
                                                                                                15 .fini array
                                                                                                               00000008 080dc6f8 080dc6f8 000936f8 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
15 .rodata
                 00000008 00000708 00000708 00000708 2**2
                                                                                                16 .data.rel.ro 000018d4 080dc700 080dc700
                                                                                                                                            00093700 2**5
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
16 .eh frame hdr 0000005c 00000710 00000710 00000710 2**2
                                                                                                17 .got
                                                                                                                00000028 080ddfd4 080ddfd4
                                                                                                                                            00094fd4 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
17 .eh frame
                 0000018c 0000076c 0000076c 0000076c 2**2
                                                                                                18 .got.plt
                                                                                                                00000048 080de000 080de000
                                                                                                                                            00095000 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                 00000004 00001ed4 00001ed4 00000ed4 2**2
18 .init array
                                                                                                19 .data
                                                                                                                00000f20 080de060 080de060
                                                                                                                                            00095060 2**5
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
19 .fini array
                 00000004 00001ed8 00001ed8
                                               00000ed8 2**2
                                                                                                20 libc subfreeres 00000024 080def80 080def80 00095f80 2**2
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                                                                                                21 libc IO vtables 00000354 080defc0 080defc0 00095fc0 2**5
20 .dynamic
                 000000f8 00001edc 00001edc 00000edc 2**2
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                                                                                                22 libc atexit 00000004 080df314 080df314 00096314 2**2
                 0000002c 00001fd4 00001fd4
                                               00000fd4 2**2
21 .got
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
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                 00000008 00002000 00002000
22 .data
                                               00001000 2**2
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                 CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
                                                                                                24 .bss
                                                                                                                00000cdc 080df320 080df320 0009631c 2**5
23 .bss
                 00000084 00002020 00002020
                                               00001008 2**5
                                                                                                                ALL<sub>0</sub>C
                 ALL<sub>0</sub>C
                                                                                                25 libc freeres ptrs 00000014 080dfffc 080dfffc 0009631c 2**2
24 .comment
                 00000024 00000000
                                    00000000 00001008 2**0
                                                                                                                ALLOC
                 CONTENTS, READONLY
                                                                                                26 .comment
                                                                                                                00000024 00000000 00000000 0009631c 2**0
→ ~ size rop
                                                                                                                CONTENTS, READONLY
                                   hex filename
  text
          data
                   bss
                           dec
                                                                                                 ~ size rop2
  1948
                   132
                          2388
           308
                                    954 rop
                                                                                                                                 hex filename
                                                                                                  text
                                                                                                         data
                                                                                                                 bss
                                                                                                                         dec
```

→ ~ objdump -h rop

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <unistd.h>
void vuln() {
   char buffer[128];
   char * second buffer;
   uint32 t length = 0;
   puts("Reading from STDIN");
   read(0, buffer, 1024);
   if (strcmp(buffer, "Cool Input") == 0) {
        puts("What a cool string.");
   length = strlen(buffer);
   if (length == 42) {
        puts("LUE");
   second buffer = malloc(length);
   strncpy(second buffer, buffer, length);
int main() {
   setvbuf(stdin, NULL, IONBF, 0);
   setvbuf(stdout, NULL, IONBF, 0);
   puts("This is a big vulnerable example!");
   printf("I can print many things: %x, %s, %d\n", 0xdeadbeef, "Test String",
            42);
   write(1, "Writing to STDOUT\n", 18);
   vuln();
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Since the binary is not big enough to give us a decent number of ROP gadgets, we will cheat a bit and compile the binary as a statically linked ELF.

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#### **Linux System Call**

- f we take a look at the syscall reference, we can see that some parameters are expected in the eax, ebx, ecx, and edx registers.
  - eax holds the number of the syscall to be called
  - ebx a pointer to the string containing the file name to be executed
  - ecx a pointer to the array of string pointers representing argv
  - edx a pointer to the array of string pointers representing envp
- For our purposes, the value that each of the registers should contain are:

```
eax = 0xb
```



#### **ROPgadget**

```
→ ~ ROPgadget --binary rop2 --ropchain
```



## **Dynamic Linking**

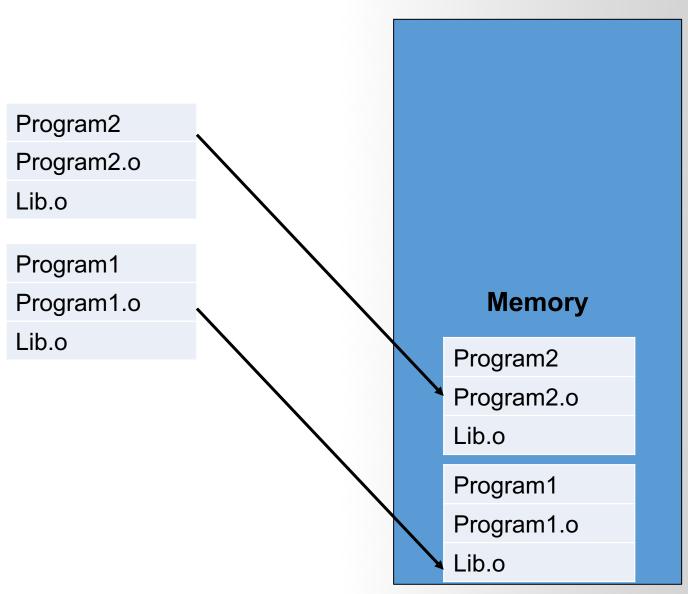
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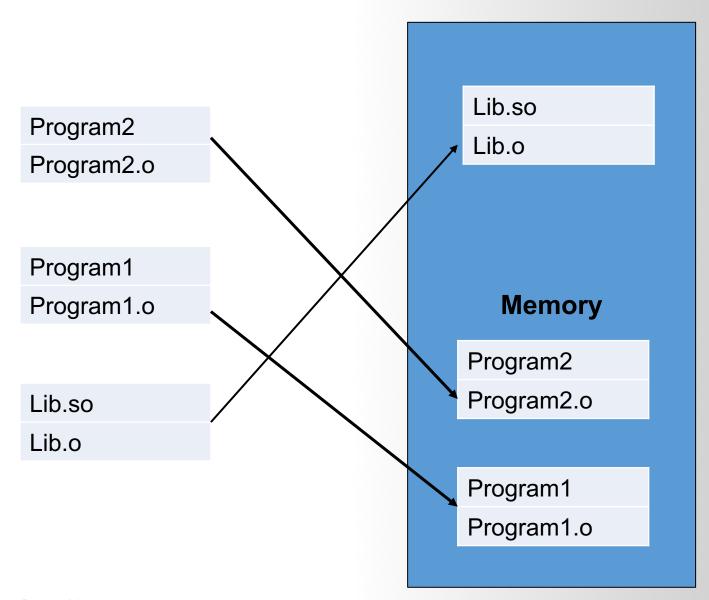
#### **Drawbacks of Static Linking**



Waste space Hard to maintain



#### **Dynamic Linking**





#### **Dynamic Linking in Linux and Windows**

Linux	Windows
ELF file	.exe (PE)
.so (Shared object file)	.dll (Dynamic Linking Library)
.a	.lib (static linking library)
.o (intermediate file between complication and linking, object file)	.obj



#### **Shared library**

```
[quake0day@quake0day-wcu Downloads]$ ldd ./a
  linux-gate.so.1 (0xb77c5000)
  libc.so.6 => /usr/lib/libc.so.6 (0xb75dd000)
  /lib/ld-linux.so.2 (0xb77c7000)
```

- ELF is loaded by Id-linux.so.2 → in charge of memory mapping, load shared library etc..
- You can call functions in libc.so.6

#### **Return Orientated Programming (ROP)**

What happens if the binary we have to attack is not large enough to provide us the gadgets we need?

### ret2libc Attack

#### Introduction

"Getting around non-executable stack (and fix)", Solar Designer (BUGTRAQ, August 1997)

https://seclists.org/bugtraq/1997/Aug/63

The ret2libc and return oriented programming (ROP) technique relies on overwriting the stack to create a new stack frame that calls the system function.

#### ret2libc Attack

- We were able to pick from a wealth of ROP gadgets to construct the ROP chain in the previous section because the binary was huge.
- Now, what happens if the binary we have to attack is not large enough to provide us the gadgets we need?
- One possible solution, since ASLR is disabled, would be to search for our gadgets in the shared libraries loaded by the program such as libc.
- However, if we had these addresses into libc, we could simplify our exploit to reuse useful functions. One such useful function could be the system() function.



#### libc

- C standard library
- Provides functionality for string handling, mathematical computations, input/output processing, memory management, and several other operating system services
  - <stdio.h>
  - <stdlib.h>
  - <string.h>

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→ find System() function's address



#### reveal\_address.c

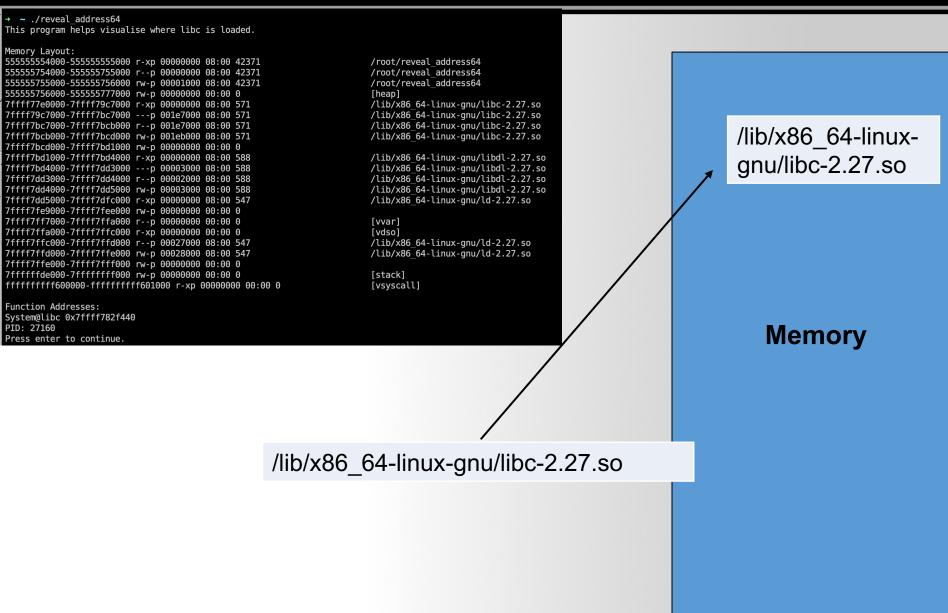
```
#define GNU SOURCE
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <dlfcn.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main() {
    puts("This program helps visualise where libc is loaded.\n");
    int pid = getpid();
    char command[500];
    puts("Memory Layout: ");
    sprintf(command, "cat /proc/%d/maps", pid);
    system(command);
    puts("\nFunction Addresses: ");
    printf("System@libc 0x%lx\n", dlsym(RTLD NEXT, "system"));
    printf("PID: %d\n", pid);
    puts("Press enter to continue.");
    read(0, command, 1);
```



#### reveal\_adddress 32 bit version

```
→ ~ ./reveal address32
This program helps visualise where libc is loaded.
Memory Layout:
56555000-56556000 r-xp 00000000 08:00 42372
                                                                       /root/reveal address32
56556000-56557000 r--p 00000000 08:00 42372
                                                                       /root/reveal address32
56557000-56558000 rw-p 00001000 08:00 42372
                                                                        /root/reveal address32
56558000-5657a000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
                                                                        [heap]
f7de8000-f7fba000 r-xp 00000000 08:00 640006
                                                                        /lib32/libc-2.27.so
f7fba000-f7fbb000 ---p 001d2000 08:00 640006
                                                                        /lib32/libc-2.27.so
                                                                                                                                       /lib32/libc-2.27.so
f7fbb000-f7fbd000 r--p 001d2000 08:00 640006
                                                                       /lib32/libc-2.27.so
f7fbd000-f7fbe000 rw-p 001d4000 08:00 640006
                                                                       /lib32/libc-2.27.so
f7fbe000-f7fc1000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
f7fc1000-f7fc4000 r-xp 00000000 08:00 640009
                                                                       /lib32/libdl-2.27.so
f7fc4000-f7fc5000 r--p 00002000 08:00 640009
                                                                       /lib32/libdl-2.27.so
                                                                       /lib32/libdl-2.27.so
f7fc5000-f7fc6000 rw-p 00003000 08:00 640009
f7fcf000-f7fd1000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
f7fd1000-f7fd4000 r--p 00000000 00:00 0
                                                                        [vvar]
f7fd4000-f7fd6000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0
                                                                        [vdso]
f7fd6000-f7ffc000 r-xp 00000000 08:00 640002
                                                                        /lib32/ld-2.27.so
                                                                       /lib32/ld-2.27.so
f7ffc000-f7ffd000 r--p 00025000 08:00 640002
f7ffd000-f7ffe000 rw-p 00026000 08:00 640002
                                                                       /lib32/ld-2.27.so
fffdd000-ffffe000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
                                                                        [stack]
Function Addresses:
System@libc 0xf7e24d10
PID: 27150
Press enter to continue.
                                                                                                                                             Memory
                                                      /lib32/libc-2.27.so
```

#### reveal\_adddress 64 bit version



#### **Ret2lib Shellcode Structure**

**Function Address** 

Return Address (Old EIP)

Arguments

**Dummy Characters** 

Address for System() in libc

Address for Exit() function in libc (if you want to exit the program gracefully)

Address for Command String ("e.g. /bin/sh")



#### ret2lib.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void vuln() {
    char buffer[64];
    read(0, buffer, 96);
}

int main() {
    vuln();
}
```

#### **Dummy Characters**

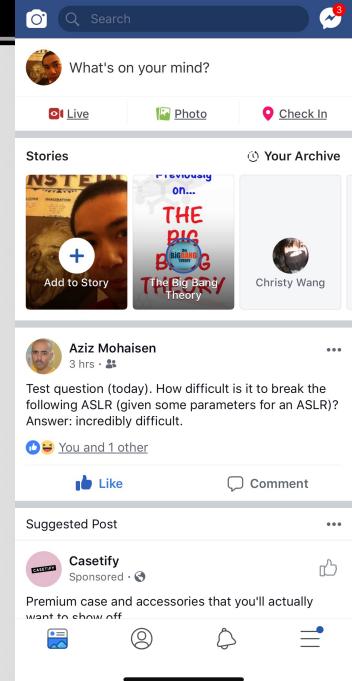
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# ASLR in Depth (not really...)



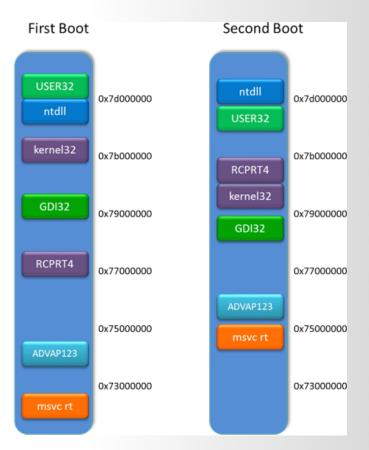
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#### **Shutdown ASLR**

[quake0day-wcu quake0day]# echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize\_va\_space Shutdown ASLR (Address space layout randomization)

#### Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR)

- Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) is a technology used to help prevent shellcode from being successful.
- It does this by randomly offsetting the location of modules and certain in-memory structures.



#### **Glossary of Terms**

- ASLR (Address Space Layout Randomization): Security measure in modern OSes to randomize stack and libc addresses on each program execution.
- Binary: A binary is the output file from compiling a C or C++ file. Anything in the binary has a constant address.
- Canary: A canary is some (usually random) value that is used to verify that nothing has been overrwritten. Programs may place canaries in memory, and check that they still have the exact same value after running potentially dangerous code, verifying the integrity of that memory.
- NX (Non-Executable): Security measure in modern OSes to separate processor instructions (code) and data (everything that's not code.) This prevents memory from being both executable and writable.
- ROP (Return Oriented Programming): Reusing tiny bits of code throughout the binary to construct commands we want to execute.
- Stack: The stack is part of the memory for a binary. Local variables and pointers are often stored here. The stack can be randomized.
- **libc**: A binary is *dynamically linked* and has a libc file. This means that the whole set of standard library functions are located somewhere in the memory used by the program.

## Q&A

