

# Applied Application Security

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# How To Protect Your Boxes From Jon Oberheide

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# Exploitation Mitigation Techniques

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# Memory Corruption: An Arms Race

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# Cyber Security Awareness Week

- Capture The Flag competition
- Application Security
- Worldwide

- <http://csawctf.poly.edu/>
- <http://www.poly.edu/csaw>

# Motivation

- Insecure platform
- Too much attack surface
- Outdated software
- We don't want to get owned!

# Assumptions

- Linux
- Bugs exist in code
- Anything that has attack surface is vulnerable
- Exploitation cost can be manipulated

# Goals

- Make it really fucking hard to land an exploit



# VULNERABILITIES AND EXPLOITS

Memory Corruption

Integer Manipulation

Uncontrolled Format String

Memory Mismanagement

Race Condition

Smashing the Stack

Return To Library

Return Oriented Programming

Global Offset Table Overwrite

Use After Free

# Buffer Overflow

```
void vuln(void) {  
    char buffer[8];  
    gets(buffer);  
    printf(buffer);  
}
```

# Compile-Time Hardening

- `-D_FORTIFY_SOURCE=2`
  - Bounds checking on dangerous function calls
    - <http://gcc.gnu.org/ml/gcc-patches/2004-09/msg02055.html>
    - <http://isisblogs.poly.edu/?p=205>
- `-Wformat -Wformat-security`
- `-Werror=format-security`
  - Uncontrolled format string detection
    - <http://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc-4.6.0/gcc/Warning-Options.html>

# Default

```
push    ebp
mov     ebp,esp
push    ebx
sub     esp,0x24
lea    ebx,[ebp-0x10]
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],ebx
call   8048304 <gets@plt>
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],ebx
call   8048324 <printf@plt>
add     esp,0x24
pop     ebx
pop     ebp
ret
```

# Fortify

```
push    ebp
mov     ebp,esp
push    ebx
sub     esp,0x24
mov     DWORD PTR [esp+0x4],0x8
lea    ebx,[ebp-0x10]
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],ebx
call   804833c <__gets_chk@plt>
mov     DWORD PTR [esp+0x4],ebx
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],0x1
call   804832c <__printf_chk@plt>
add     esp,0x24
pop     ebx
pop     ebp
ret
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ python -c "print('A'*32)" | ./code
Segmentation fault
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ python -c "print('A'*32)" | ./codefortify
*** buffer overflow detected ***: ./codefortify terminated
===== Backtrace: =====
/lib/libc.so.6(__fortify_fail+0x50)[0xb4a970]
/lib/libc.so.6(+0xe486a)[0xb4986a]
/lib/libc.so.6(__gets_chk+0x16a)[0xb497fa]
./codefortify[0x804842e]
./codefortify[0x804844f]
/lib/libc.so.6(__libc_start_main+0xe7)[0xa7bce7]
./codefortify[0x8048381]
```

# Smashing The Stack

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ python -c "print('A'*32)" > data
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ gdb -q ./code
Reading symbols from /home/hake/code/thotcon/code...done.
(gdb) r < data
Starting program: /home/hake/code/thotcon/code < data

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x41414141 in ?? ()
```

# Stack Smashing Protection

- Stack canaries
  - -fstack-protector-all
  - Push word onto stack before return address
  
- <http://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc-4.6.0/gcc/Optimize-Options.html>

# Default

```
push    ebp
mov     ebp,esp
push    ebx
sub     esp,0x24
lea     ebx,[ebp-0x10]
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],ebx
call   8048304 <gets@plt>
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],ebx
call   8048324 <printf@plt>
add     esp,0x24
pop     ebx
pop     ebp
ret
```

# Stack Protector

```
push    ebp
mov     ebp,esp
push    ebx
sub     esp,0x24
mov     eax,gs:0x14
mov     DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
xor     eax,eax
lea     ebx,[ebp-0x14]
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],ebx
call   8048348 <gets@plt>
mov     DWORD PTR [esp],ebx
call   8048368 <printf@plt>
mov     eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
xor     eax,DWORD PTR gs:0x14
je     8048486 <vuln+0x36>
call   8048378 <__stack_chk_fail@plt>
add     esp,0x24
pop     ebx
pop     ebp
ret
```



```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ python -c "print('A'*32)" | ./bo
Segmentation fault
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ python -c "print('A'*32)" | ./boprotector
*** stack smashing detected ***: ./boprotector terminated
===== Backtrace: =====
/lib/libc.so.6(__fortify_fail+0x50)[0xf14970]
/lib/libc.so.6(+0xe591a)[0xf1491a]
./boprotector[0x8048486]
[0x41414141]
```

# No-eXecute Bit

- Prevents data from being treated as code
- Hardware and kernel support

```
flags          : fpu vme de pse tsc msr pae mce cx8 apic mtrr pge mca cmov pat
pse36 clflush mmx fxsr sse sse2 syscall nx mmxext fxsr_opt rdtscp lm 3dnowext 3d
now constant_tsc tsc_reliable nonstop_tsc pni cx16 hypervisor lahf_lm extapic 3d
nowprefetch
```

- <http://people.redhat.com/mingo/exec-shield/ANNOUNCE-exec-shield>
- <http://pax.grsecurity.net/>

# Default Stack

```
08048000-08049000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 403630 /home/hake/code/thotcon/nx
08049000-0804a000 r--p 00000000 08:01 403630 /home/hake/code/thotcon/nx
0804a000-0804b000 rw-p 00001000 08:01 403630 /home/hake/code/thotcon/nx
b78de000-b78df000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b78ec000-b78ef000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
bfebe000-bfedf000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]
```

# Executable Stack

```
08048000-08049000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 419141 /home/hake/code/thotcon/nxxstack
08049000-0804a000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 419141 /home/hake/code/thotcon/nxxstack
0804a000-0804b000 rwxp 00001000 08:01 419141 /home/hake/code/thotcon/nxxstack
bfc04000-bfc25000 rwxp 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]
```

# Default Heap

```
218ba000-2191e000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [heap]
b7864000-b7867000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
b7875000-b7877000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
bf922000-bf943000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]
```

# Non-Executable Stack

```
(gdb) r `python -c "print('A'*20+'\xb8\xf3\xff\xbf')"`  
Starting program: /home/hake/code/thotcon/nx `python -c "print('A'*20+'\xb8\xf3\xff\xbf')"`
```

```
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
```

```
0xbffff3b8 in ?? ()
```

```
(gdb) info registers eip
```

```
eip                0xbffff3b8          0xbffff3b8
```

```
(gdb) x/i 0xbffff3b8
```

```
=> 0xbffff3b8: inc    %ecx
```

# Return To Library

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ ls -al /tmp | grep PWNED
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ python -c "print('/usr/bin/touch /tmp/PWNED\n' + 'A'
*20 + '\x80\x86\x16\x00' + 'A'*4 + '\xe0\xf3\xff\xbf')" | ./retlib
Segmentation fault
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ ls -al /tmp | grep PWNED
-rw-r--r--  1 hake hake    0 2011-04-11 11:17 PWNED
```

# Position Independent Code

- Shared libraries are compiled PIC
  - -fpic -fPIC -shared

- <http://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc-4.6.0/gcc/Code-Gen-Options.html#Code-Gen-Options>
- <http://tldp.org/HOWTO/Program-Library-HOWTO/shared-libraries.html>
- <http://www.gentoo.org/proj/en/hardened/pic-internals.xml>
- <http://www.gentoo.org/proj/en/hardened/pic-guide.xml>

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ objdump -f /lib/libc-2.12.1.so
```

```
/lib/libc-2.12.1.so:      file format elf32-i386
```

```
architecture: i386, flags 0x00000150:
```

```
HAS_SYMS, DYNAMIC, D_PAGED
```

```
start address 0x00016e40
```

# Address Space Layout Randomization

- Stack, Heap, Libraries
- Loaded dynamically into random at runtime
  - `kernel.randomize_va_space = 2`
- <http://people.redhat.com/mingo/exec-shield/ANNOUNCE-exec-shield>
- <http://pax.grsecurity.net/>



```
void vuln(void) {
    char stack[8];
    char* heap = malloc(8);
    void* lib = &system;
    void* bin = &vuln;
    printf("Stack:\t\t%8x\n", &stack);
    printf("Heap:\t\t%8x\n", heap);
    printf("Library:\t%8x\n", lib);
    printf("Binary:\t\t%8x\n", bin);
}
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ ./aslr
```

```
Stack:          bf902834
```

```
Heap:           8357008
```

```
Library:        8048370
```

```
Binary:         8048488
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ ./aslr
```

```
Stack:          bf942404
```

```
Heap:           8a40008
```

```
Library:        8048370
```

```
Binary:         8048488
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ ./aslr
```

```
Stack:          bfddb444
```

```
Heap:           9955008
```

```
Library:        8048370
```

```
Binary:         8048488
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thatcon$ ./aslr
```

```
Stack:          bfc9ec14
```

```
Heap:           845b008
```

```
Library:        8048370
```

```
Binary:         8048488
```

# Return Oriented Programming

Return-Oriented  
Programming

is a lot like a ransom  
note, but instead of cutting  
out letters from magazines,  
you are cutting out  
instructions from text  
segments

Thanks Megan!

# Position Independent Executable

- Binaries can be compiled PIE
  - -pie -fpie
- <http://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc-4.6.0/gcc/Code-Gen-Options.html#Code-Gen-Options>
- <http://gcc.gnu.org/ml/gcc-patches/2003-06/msg00140.html>

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ objdump -f nopie
```

```
nopie:      file format elf32-i386  
architecture: i386, flags 0x00000112:  
EXEC_P HAS_SYMS, D_PAGED  
start address 0x080483c0
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ objdump -f pie
```

```
pie:       file format elf32-i386  
architecture: i386, flags 0x00000150:  
HAS_SYMS, DYNAMIC, D_PAGED  
start address 0x00000530
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ ./pie
```

```
Stack: bf9dcf44
```

```
Heap: 21ec4008
```

```
Library: 3b2680
```

```
Binary: 149640
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ ./pie
```

```
Stack: bfb9e5b4
```

```
Heap: 2254b008
```

```
Library: ed2680
```

```
Binary: af7640
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ ./pie
```

```
Stack: bffb7f04
```

```
Heap: 215fe008
```

```
Library: e78680
```

```
Binary: 85a640
```

```
hake@ubuntu:~/code/thotcon$ ./pie
```

```
Stack: bfc6e794
```

```
Heap: 21de5008
```

```
Library: 33b680
```

```
Binary: 6eb640
```

# Global Offset Table Overwrite

- .got always mapped to same memory location
- GOT dynamically updated during runtime
- An attacker can overwrite GOT entries

# Relocation Read-Only

- Internal sections mapped before other sections
- Internal sections mapped read-only
  - `-Wl,-z,relro,-z,now`
  - `.got .dtors .dynamic`
- Dynamic linker resolves all symbols at start
- Colloquially known as RELRO
  - <http://tk-blog.blogspot.com/2009/02/relro-not-so-well-known-memory.html>



# Segments Marked Read-Only

## Program Headers:

Type	Offset	VirtAddr	PhysAddr	FileSiz	MemSiz	Flg	Align
PHDR	0x000034	0x08048034	0x08048034	0x00100	0x00100	R E	0x4
INTERP	0x000134	0x08048134	0x08048134	0x00013	0x00013	R	0x1
[Requesting program interpreter: /lib/ld-linux.so.2]							
LOAD	0x000000	0x08048000	0x08048000	0x005c4	0x005c4	R E	0x1000
LOAD	0x000ef0	0x08049ef0	0x08049ef0	0x00118	0x00120	RW	0x1000
DYNAMIC	0x000f04	0x08049f04	0x08049f04	0x000d8	0x000d8	RW	0x4
NOTE	0x000148	0x08048148	0x08048148	0x00044	0x00044	R	0x4
GNU STACK	0x000000	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x00000	0x00000	RW	0x4
GNU RELRO	0x000ef0	0x08049ef0	0x08049ef0	0x00110	0x00110	R	0x1

## Section to Segment mapping:

Segment Sections...

00

01 .interp

02 .interp .note.ABI-tag .note.gnu.build-id .gnu.hash .dynsym

on\_r .rel.dyn .rel.plt .init .plt .text .fini .rodata .eh\_frame

03 .ctors .dtors .jcr .dynamic .got .data .bss

04 .dynamic

05 .note.ABI-tag .note.gnu.build-id

06

07 .ctors .dtors .jcr .dynamic .got

# Kernel Hardening

- grsecurity kernel patch
- PaX

- <http://grsecurity.net/>
- <http://pax.grsecurity.net/>

# Address Space Protection

.config - Linux Kernel v2.6.32.33 Configuration

## Address Space Protection

Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus --->.  
Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> includes, <N> excludes,  
<M> modularizes features. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </>  
for Search. Legend: [\*] built-in [ ] excluded <M> module < >

**-\*- Deny writing to /dev/kmem, /dev/mem, and /dev/port**

-\*- Restrict VM86 mode

[\*] Disable privileged I/O

-\*- Remove addresses from /proc/<pid>/[smaps|maps|stat]

-\*- Deter exploit bruteforcing

-\*- Harden module auto-loading

-\*- Hide kernel symbols

<Select>

< Exit >

< Help >

# Chroot Hardening

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## Filesystem Protections

Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus --->. Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> includes, <N> excludes, <M> modularizes features. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [\*] built-in [ ] excluded <M> module < >

^(-)

### \*- Chroot jail restrictions

- \*- Deny mounts
- \*- Deny double-chroots
- \*- Deny pivot\_root in chroot
- \*- Enforce chdir("/") on all chroots
- \*- Deny (f)chmod +s
- \*- Deny fchdir out of chroot
- \*- Deny mknod
- \*- Deny shmat() out of chroot
- \*- Deny access to abstract AF\_UNIX sockets out of chroot
- \*- Protect outside processes
- \*- Restrict priority changes
- \*- Deny sysctl writes

### \*- Capability restrictions

v(+)

<Select>

< Exit >

< Help >

# Race Protection

.config - Linux Kernel v2.6.32.33 Configuration

## Filesystem Protections

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Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> includes, <N> excludes,  
<M> modularizes features. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </>  
for Search. Legend: [\*] built-in [ ] excluded <M> module < >

-- Proc restrictions

[\*] Restrict /proc to user only

-- Allow special group

(1001) GID for special group (NEW)

-- Additional restrictions

**-- Linking restrictions**

-- FIFO restrictions

-- Sysfs/debugfs restriction

[\*] Runtime read-only mount protection

-- Chroot jail restrictions

-- Deny mounts

v(+)

<Select>

<Exit >

<Help >

# Use After Free Protection

.config - Linux Kernel v2.6.32.33 Configuration

## Miscellaneous hardening features

Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus --->.  
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<M> modularizes features. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </>  
for Search. Legend: [\*] built-in [ ] excluded <M> module < >

### [\*] Sanitize all freed memory

- \*- Prevent various kernel object reference counter overflows
- \*- Bounds check heap object copies between kernel and userland

<Select>

< Exit >

< Help >

# Verification and Testing

- checksec.sh
- paxtest

```
hake@ubuntu:~/tools$ ./checksec.sh --file ../code/thatcon/thatcon
RELRO                STACK CANARY        NX                   PIE
Full RELRO           Canary found         NX enabled           PIE enabled
```

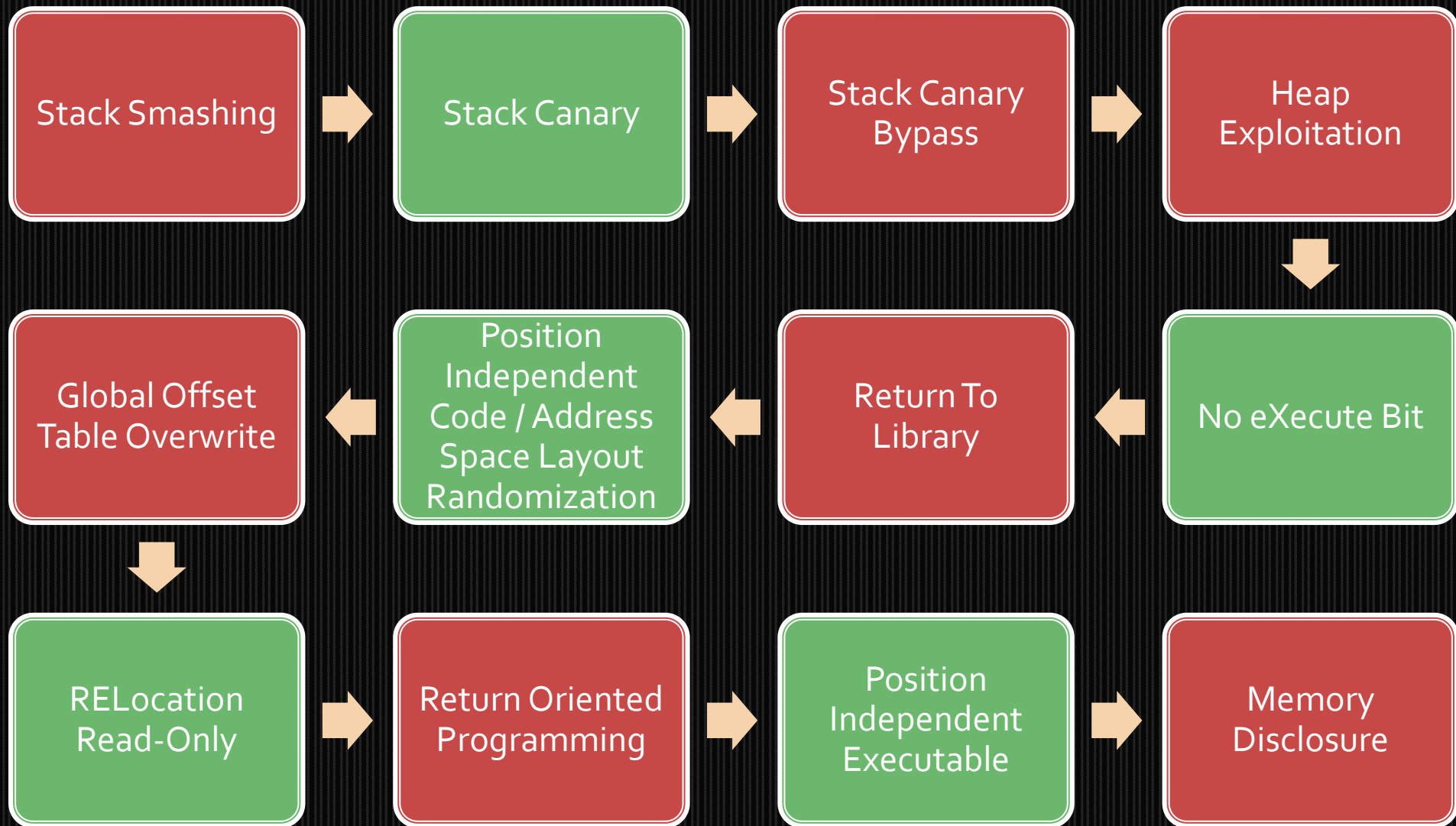
- <http://www.trapkit.de/tools/checksec.html>

# Memory Disclosure

- Locations of randomized sections are secret
- If an attacker can obtain a piece of memory
  - An attacker can calculate the random offset



# The Arms Race



# I Killed All The Bugs, Bro

Actually, no.

- Our protections are based on exploits that leverage known memory locations

But we achieved something

- A weaponized vulnerability for a release version of software we used would not land

# Goals

- Make it really fucking hard to land an exploit



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# Goals

- Make it really fucking hard to land an exploit

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