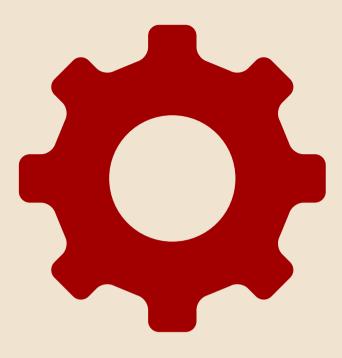




## PERTH SOCIALWARE 0x02: Reverse Engineering Workshop Part 1



## \$ ~/: groups "socialware"

## Welcome! About & Aims Enjoy!



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# RioTinto

### Thanks to **Rio Tinto** for the food and venue!





## \$ ~/: cat ./housekeeping

Ensure induction is completed!

- Don't break stuff
- If you break stuff tell us
- Be respectful
- Have fun.



## \$ ~/: groups "socialware"

## Acknowledgement of Country



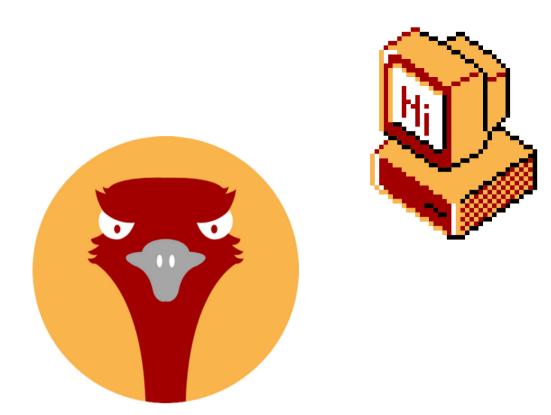
## \$ ∾/: whoami

Emu Exploit

- We are a competitive hacking team current rank #1 in Australia on CTFtime.org
- Founded in 2021, the team consists of many highschoolers as well as industry professionals

### Today's Presenters

- Riley (toasterpwn) Captain
- Rainier (teddy / TheSavageTeddy) Vice Captain
- Torry (torry2)
- Orlando (q3st1on)
- Avery (nullableVoidPtr)



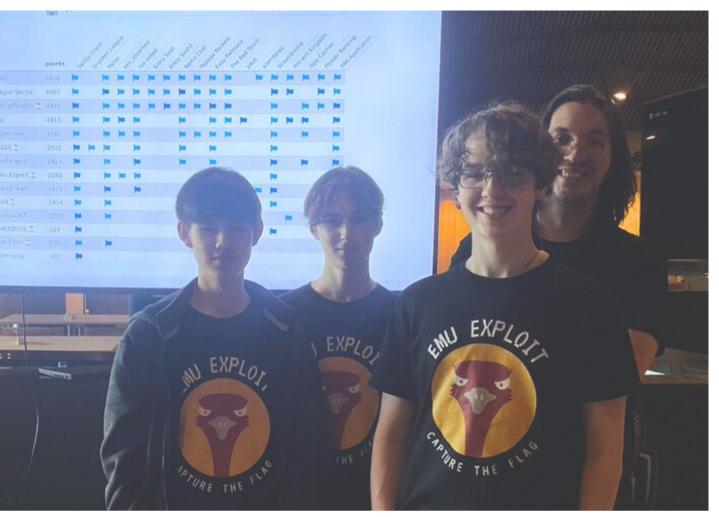


### Emu Exploit at Pecan CTF 2023

## \$ ~/: whoami



Perth Socialware 0x01



### p4CTF in Katowice, Poland



### Pecan CTF 2023

## \$ ~/: cat content

Timeline:

Presentation [6:00] -> Workshop [6:30] -> End [8:00]

- How does a CPU work? (Fetch Execute Cycle)
- What is memory?
- What is assembly (asm)
- Assembly Programs
- Workshop Filedrop

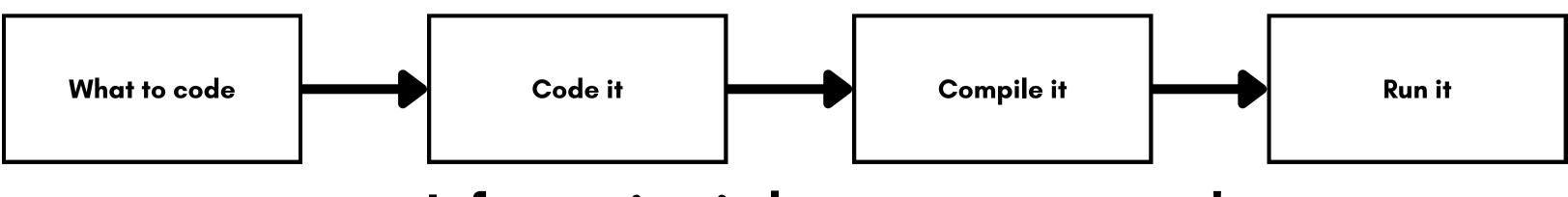


## \$ ~/: Reverse Engineering

First of all, what is **reverse engineering**?

Consider the process of building a program:

- You figure out what you want to code
- You implement it in code
- You compile the code
- You run the code

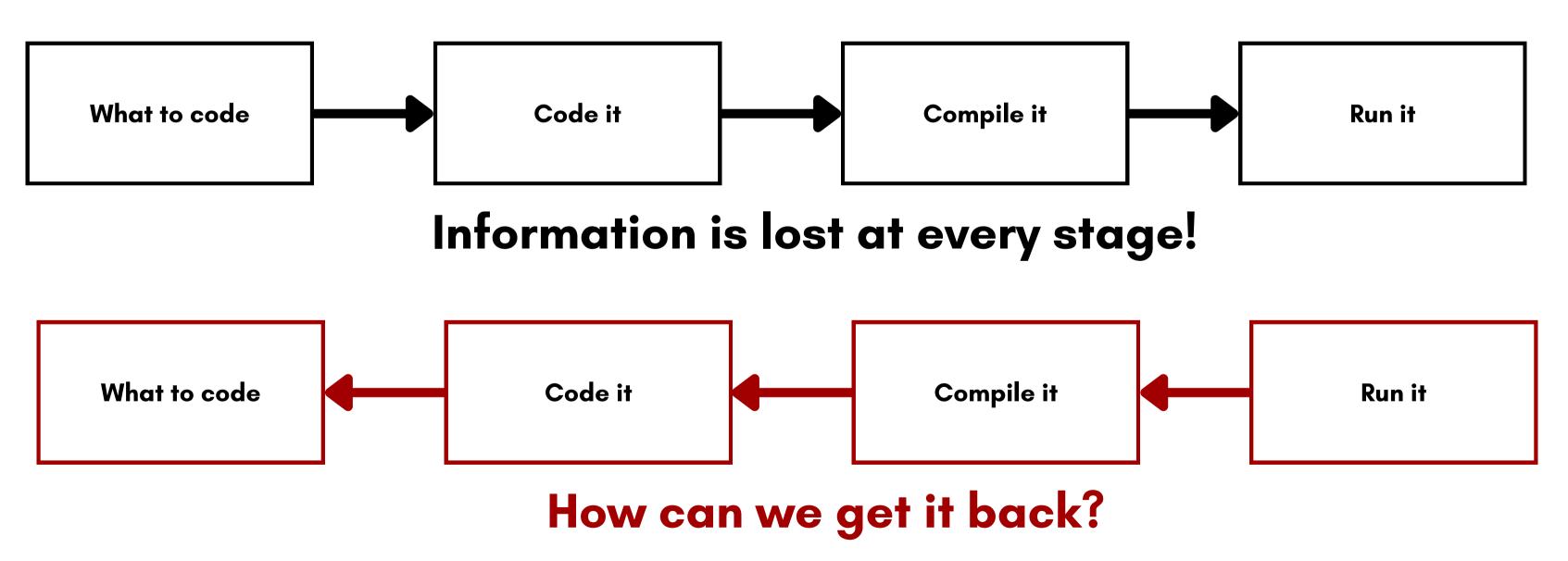


Information is lost at every stage!



## \$ ~/: Reverse Engineering

How can we get back the information that was lost? This is what reverse engineering is!





## \$ ~/: Reverse Engineering

Very briefly – types of analysis

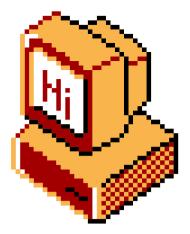
Static Analysis

 Look at the compiled code, figure out what it's doing from there - no running the code

Dynamic Analysis

• Run the code to see what it does

We will only be doing static analysis today, but the knowledge also translates over to dynamic analysis!



## \$ ~/: The Fetch-Execute Cycle

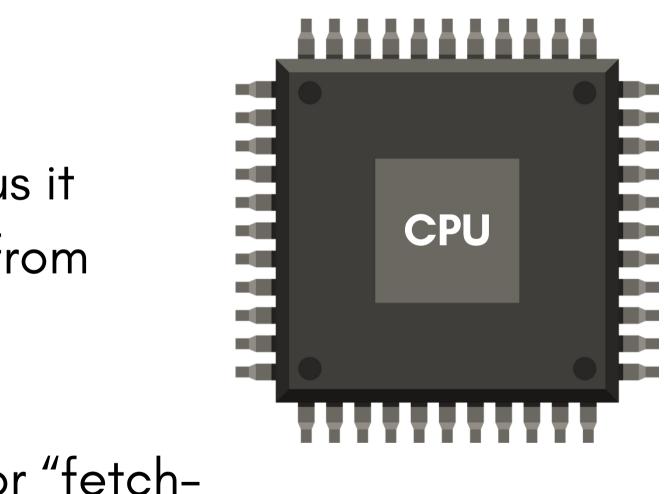
The fetch execute outlines what the **CPU** (*Central* Processing Unit) does.

The CPU's job is to carry out given instructions, thus it follows a "cycle" where it retrieves an instruction from memory, executes the instruction, and repeats.

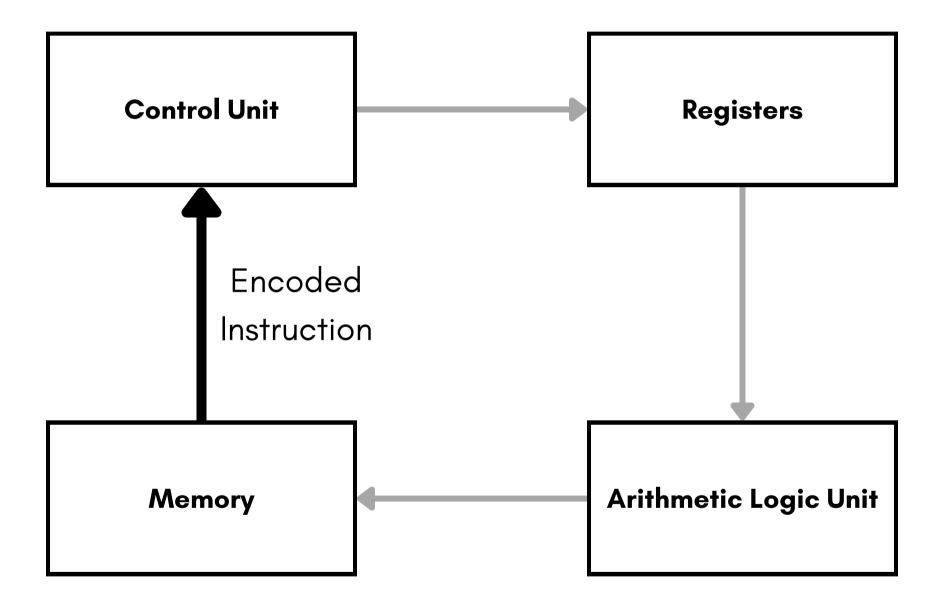
This cycle is known as the "fetch-execute cycle", or "fetchdecode-execute cycle"







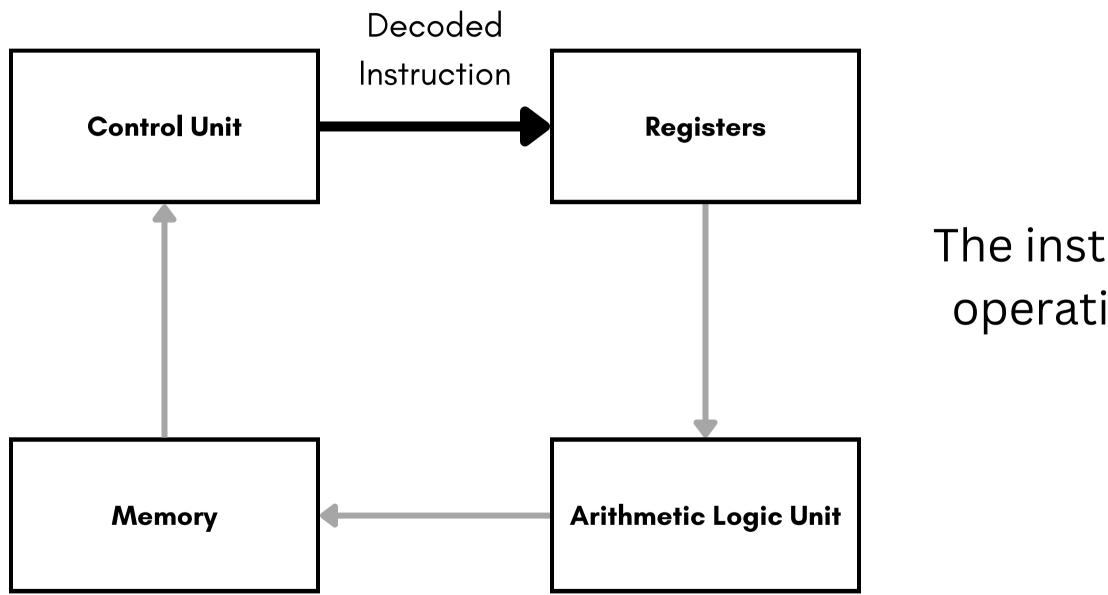
## \$ ~/: Fetch

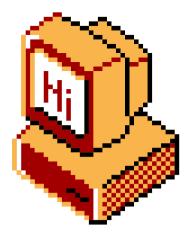




## The next instruction is **fetched** from memory

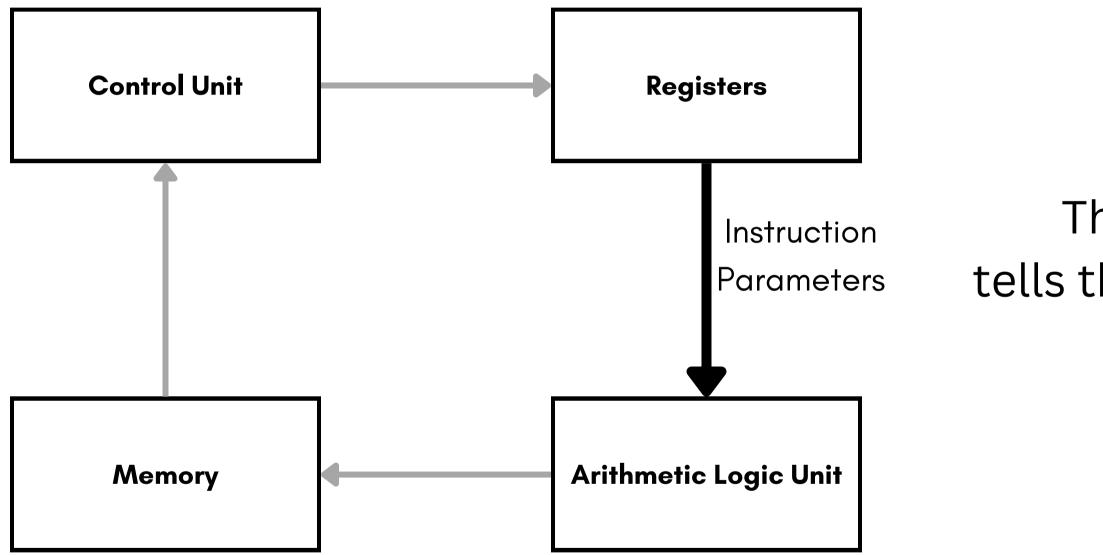
## \$ ~/: Decode





## The instruction is **decoded** into basic operations and memory addresses.

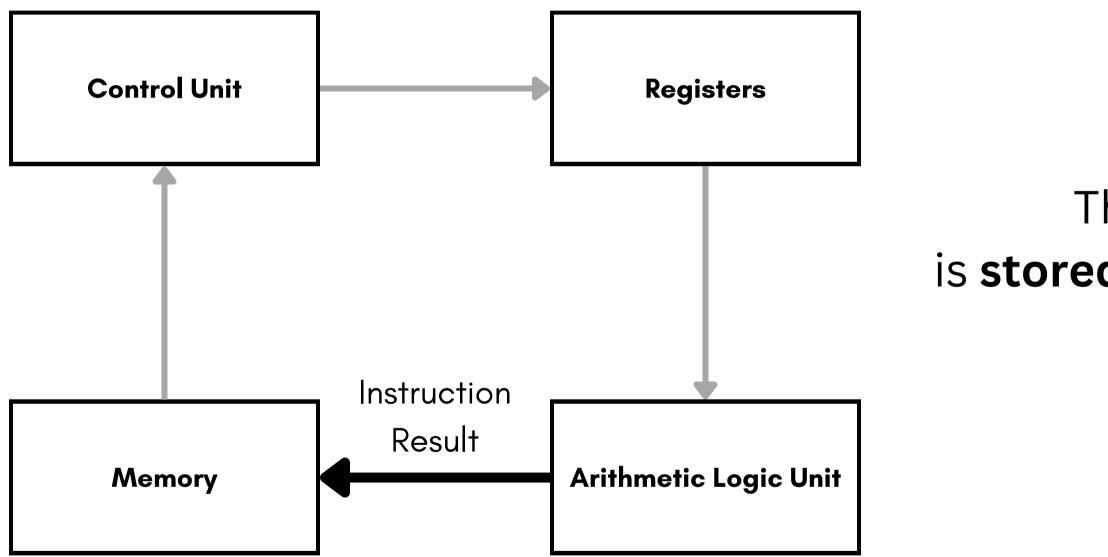
## \$ ~/: Execute





### The information in registers tells the ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit) to **execute** an action

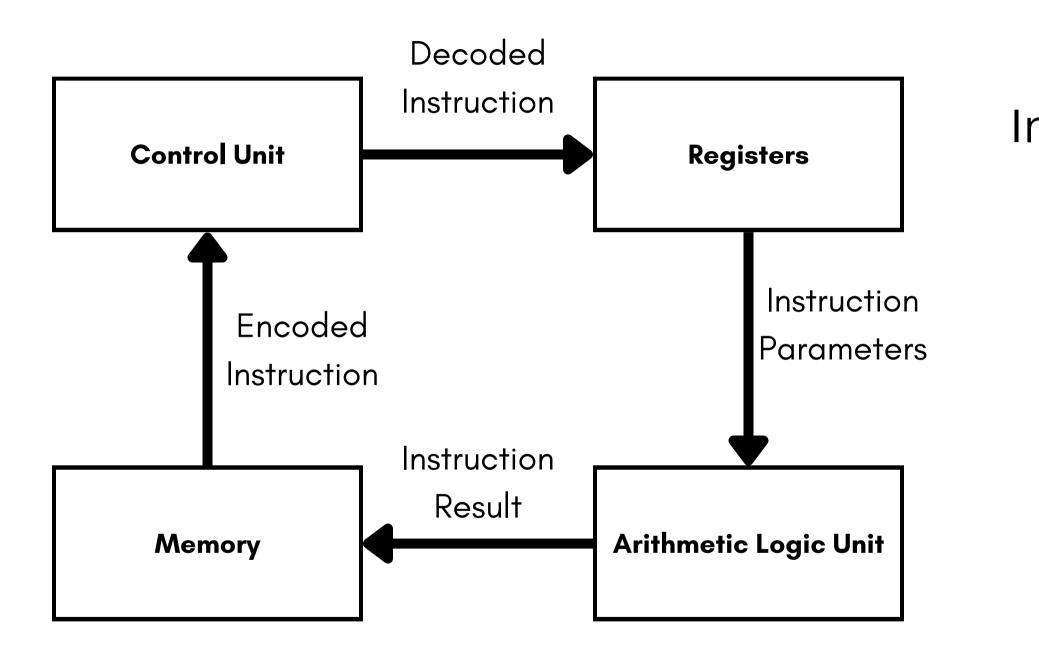
## \$ ~/: Store





### The result of that action is **stored** in memory according to the decoded instruction.

### //: Instructions & Archs 5





### Instructions are encoded based on the type of CPU (*architecture*) in a computer.

### • ARM

- Thumb
- aarch32
- aarch64
- x86(-64)
- Power ISA

## \$ ~/: Hexadecimal

We normally represent numbers like 123, or 1337 – this is known as **base 10** 

• We use 10 characters: 0123456789

You may know computers work in **binary**, also known as **base 2** 

• There are 2 characters: 0 and 1

Hexadecimal, or base 16 is simply another way to represent numbers

- We use it to better view values the computer uses, which are closely linked to powers of two
- Hexadecimal numbers are often prefixed with **Ox**
- Characters are 0-9, then A through F



## 1337 0x0539 10100111001 These are all the **same number**

## \$ ∾/: Registers

- Small stores of data that can be quickly accessible to instructions
- Specifics vary between architectures
- Some are reserved by convention
  - Function calls within the program
  - System calls to the OS
- Some are "special" to the processor
  - Instruction Pointer (*IP*) or Program Counter (*PC*)
  - Address registers like Stack Pointer





## \$ ∾/: Syscalls

- A **syscall** is an **instruction** that communicates with the **operating system** to do something
- Parameters for a system call are set up in the CPU's registers, then a syscall instruction is called
- Some examples for syscalls include **read**, write, open and exit



### Website containing syscalls & calling conventions https://syscall.sh

## \$ ~/: Assembly

Instructions are written in Assembly Language.

This language, both in syntax and functionality, varies between architectures

Additionally, programs on the same architecture will vary as syscalls differ between operating systems

### Windows

extern GetStdHandle extern WriteFile extern ExitProcess

section .rodata

msg db "Hello World!", 0x0d, 0x0a

msg len equ \$-msg stdout query equ -11

section .data

stdout dw 0 bytes\_written dw 0

section .text

global start

start:

mov rcx, stdout\_query call GetStdHandle mov [rel stdout], rax

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mov rcx, [rel stdout]
    rdx, msg
mov r8, msg_len
mov r9, bytes_written
push gword 0
call WriteFile
```

xor rcx, rcx call ExitProcess



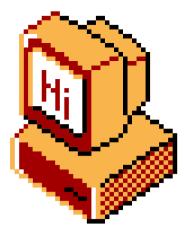
### Linux

global _start
section .text
_start:
mov rax, 1
mov rdi, 1
mov rsi, msg
mov rdx, msglen
syscall
mov rax, 60
mov rdi, 0
syscall
section .rodata
<pre>msg: db "Hello, world!", 10 msglop: ogu \$ _ msg</pre>
msglen: equ \$ - msg

## \$ ~/: Syntax

- Line deliminated
- [Instruction] [x], [y]

mov	rax	
Instruction	value/register	



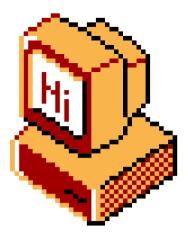
#### rbx

#### value/register

## \$ ~/: Common Instructions

• Common Instructions (there is HUNDREDS)

Data Movement	Arithmetic	Control Flow
mov	add	cmp
push	sub	jmp
рор	mul	je
xchg	div	jne
lea	shl	jle
	shr	jge
	xor	jnae



## \$ ~/: Memory & Addresses

• Suppose the following:

unsigned int myvalue = 1337;

- Compiling the code, this variable is stored at a known and fixed location (generally)
- You can access it when writing your code, but what does it look like to the CPU?



1337		
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#### myvalue

## \$ ~/: Memory & Addresses

• When modifying that variable:

```
unsigned int myvalue = 1337;
myvalue = 9001;
```

• In assembly, it would probably look like:

mov myvalue, 9001



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#### myvalue

## \$ ∾/: Memory & Addresses

- CPUs don't "name" variables in memory like you would in C or Python.
- Really,

mov myvalue, 9001 is encoded as something like: mov [0x4001000], 9001

• In this context, the number 0x4001000 is an *address* to our myvalue variable.



#### 0x400FFFC 0x4001000 0x4001004 0x4001008

•••	9001	•••	•••
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#### myvalue

## \$ ~/: Memory & Addresses

- When a program executes, it stores everything in the memory:
  - variables
  - library functions
  - its own code
- Within a compiled program, an address can refer to many things:
  - Functions
    - Blocks within functions
  - Other addresses(!)
    - e.g. an address which points to an address, which in turn points to an address...



## %/: pause

Workshop/Networking will now commence!

Filedrop! Find the exercise and challenge files here:

- https://emu.team/filedrop\_0x02
- 3 Exercises +crackme challenge ! (solutions soon)

Download "Binary Ninja": (cross platform)

https://binary.ninja/demo/



## \$ ~/: Exercise 0x01

```
global _start
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section .text
_start:
    mov rax, 1; SYS_write syscall number
    mov rdi, X; FIX THIS
    mov rsi, msg; Set the output buffer to our message
    mov rdx, XYZ; FIX THIS
    syscall;
    mov rax, 60; SYS_exit syscall number
    mov rdi, 0; EXIT_SUCCESS exit status
    syscall;
section .data
    msg db "Hello, World!", 0xa; our message string, plus a 0xa (newline character)
    msglen equ $ - msg
```



## You may want to check out <a href="https://x64.syscall.sh/">https://x64.syscall.sh/</a>

## \$ ~/: Exercise 0x01 - Solution

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global \_start

section .text

#### \_start:

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#### section .data

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Θ	read	man/ cs/	0	unsigned int fd		size_t count
1	write	man/ cs/	1	unsigned int fd	const char *buf	size_t count
2	open	man/ cs/	2	const char *filename	int flags	umode_t mode
3	close	man/ cs/	3	unsigned int fd	-	-

### (from https://x64.syscall.sh/)



fd (file descriptor) number	name
0	stdin
1	stdout
2	stderr

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### we set output to stdout (mov rdi, 1)

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### pecify our message length

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## \$ ~/: Exercise 0x02

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global \_start

section .text

#### \_start:

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jle XYZ; if less than, jump back to ... FIX THIS

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; There should be an instruction here... FIX THIS



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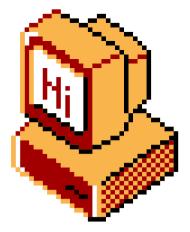
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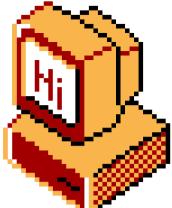
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### we need to increment rbx (inc rbx)



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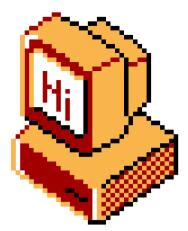
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- add "jle .loop", to jump back to the .loop label
- add syscall instruction to actually initiate the exit Perth Socialware 0x02

### ~/: Exercise 0x03 5

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Exercise 3 Instructions: Fix the file It should print every even number (between 1 and 9) Compile the program by running make If something screws up, run make clean to start again from the source file

### Take a look at the previous exercises They might be helpful for this one...



## \$ ~/: Exercise 0x03 - Solution

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global \_start

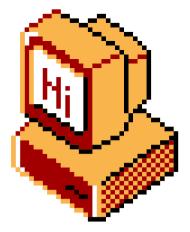
section .text

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mov rsi, 0xa; newline character
push rsi; put it on the stack so we can get the address
mov rsi, rsp; get the address of the first item of the stack, so we can print it
mov rdx, 1; we are writing one byte
syscall;
cmp rbx, 7; compare to the max number we will print, minus 1

jle .loop; if less than, jump back to `.loop`

mov rax, 60; set syscall number to SYS\_exit
mov rdi, 0; set code to EXIT\_SUCCESS
syscall;



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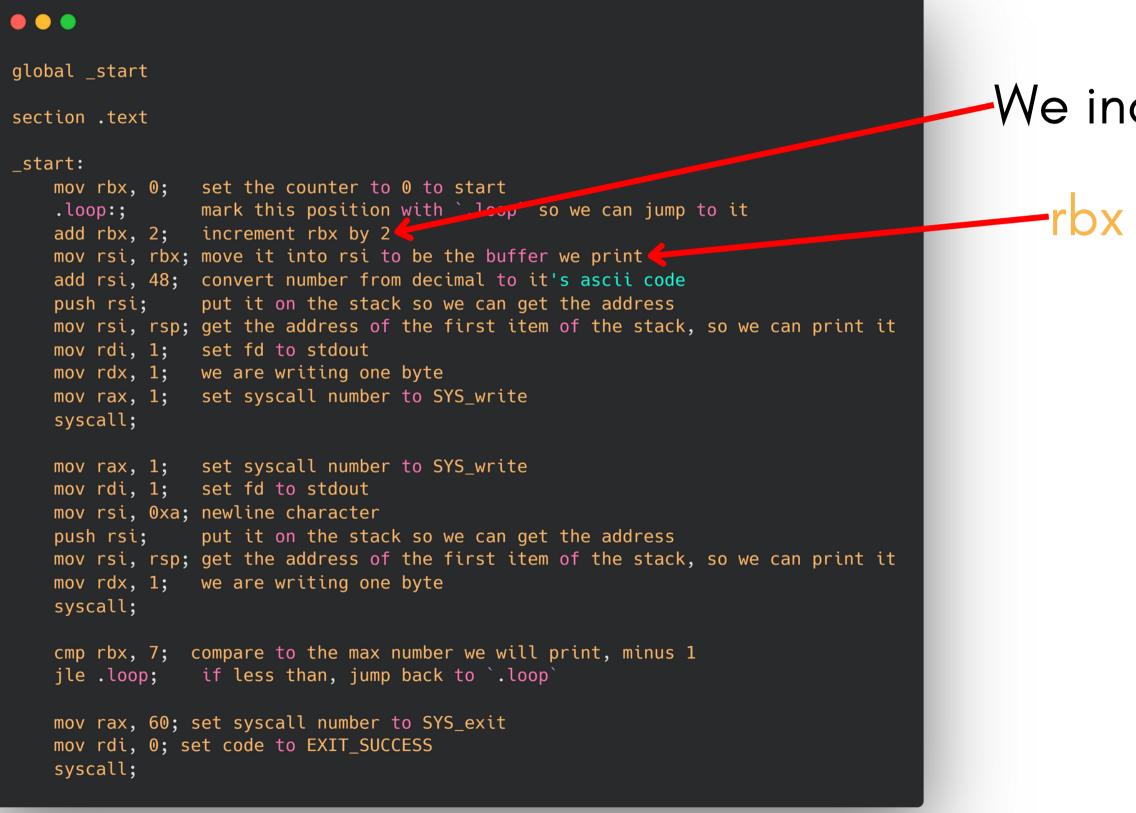
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### We increment rbx by 2 (add rbx, 2)

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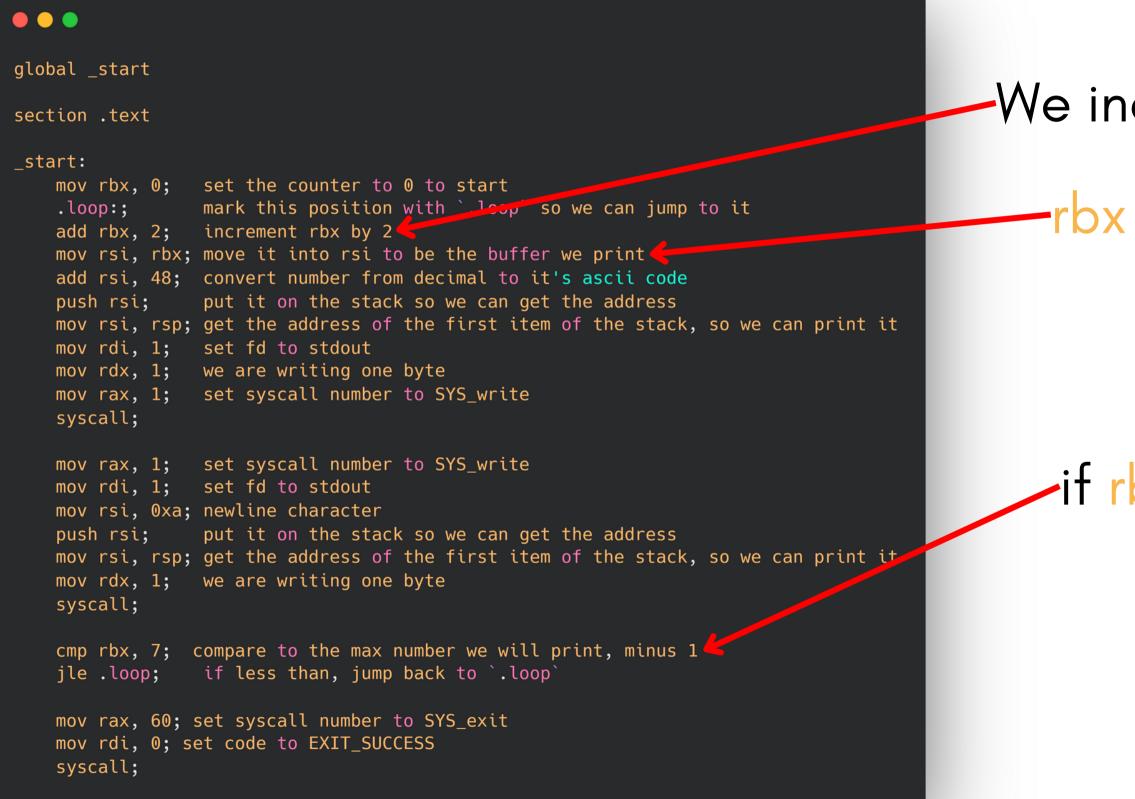




### -We increment rbx by 2 (add rbx, 2)

### -rbx is copied to rsi and printed

## //: Exercise 0x03 - Solution







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### $hif rbx \leq 7$ then we loop again

## //: Exercise 0x03 - Solution

global \_start -We increment rbx by 2 (add rbx, 2) section .text start: mov rbx, 0; set the counter to 0 to start -rbx is copied to rsi and printed mark this position with `lesp' so we can jump to it .loop:; add rbx, 2; increment rbx by 2 mov rsi, rbx; move it into rsi to be the buffer we print add rsi, 48; convert number from decimal to it's ascii code put it on the stack so we can get the address push rsi; mov rsi, rsp; get the address of the first item of the stack, so we can print it mov rdi, 1; set fd to stdout mov rdx, 1; we are writing one byte mov rax, 1; set syscall number to SYS\_write syscall; mov rax, 1; set syscall number to SYS\_write  $hif rbx \leq 7$  then we loop again mov rdi, 1; set fd to stdout mov rsi, 0xa; newline character put it on the stack so we can get the address push rsi: mov rsi, rsp; get the address of the first item of the stack, so we can print it mov rdx, 1; we are writing one byte syscall; cmp rbx, 7; compare to the max number we will print, minus 14 Otherwise we exit jle .loop; if less than, jump back to `.loop` mov rax, 60; set syscall number to SYS\_exit mov rdi, 0; set code to EXIT SUCCESS syscall; 🗲





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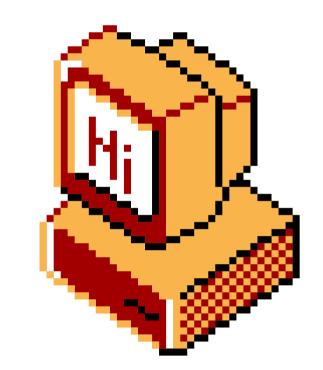
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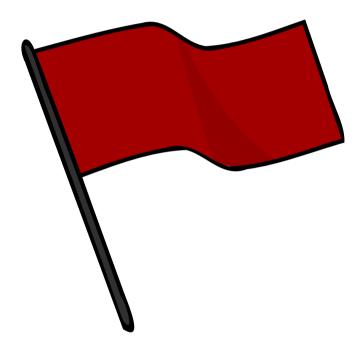
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## Questions!







## %/: shutdown

Thank you!

