

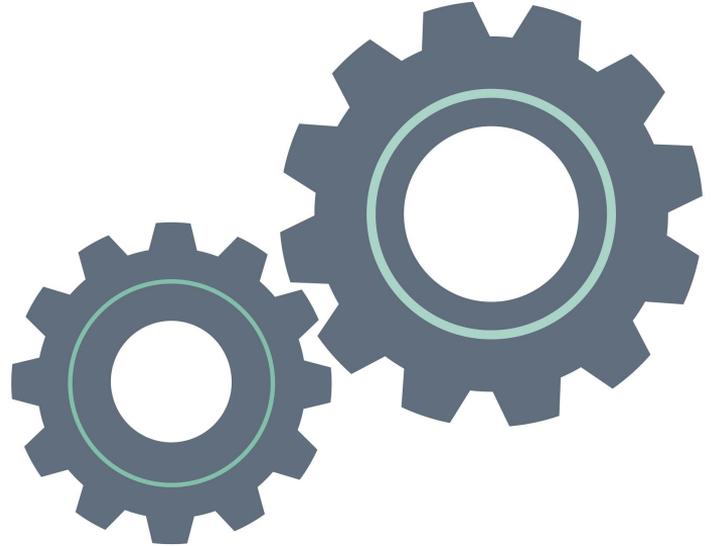
Reverse Engineering 101

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Overview of Reverse Engineering

- **What is Reverse Engineering**
- **How is Reverse Engineering used in CTFs**
- **Java**
- **Assembly Language**
- **What are registers and how do they work?**
- **Assembly Instructions**
- **Android Reverse Engineering**



What is Reverse Engineering?

Taking something apart and putting it back together again to understand how it works

Uses:

- Analyze malware and malicious programs to understand how they work to prevent against them
- Breaking down code to better understand the potential vulnerability of a software
- Understand how certain parts of the program work

What needs to be Reverse Engineered?

- Code
- Binary Files
- Assembly Instructions
- Malware
- Applications
- Programs written in Java, Python, C

Skills & Tools that are useful for reverse engineering

- Basic Programming knowledge to understand programs (Java, Python etc.)
- How Assembly Instructions, Registers work
- Memory Allocation

Tools:

- **Debuggers** - Allow you to step through another program one line at a time
- **Disassemblers** - Break down a compiled program into machine code
- **Decompilers** - Tool used to convert an executable program or low-level/machine language into a human readable format

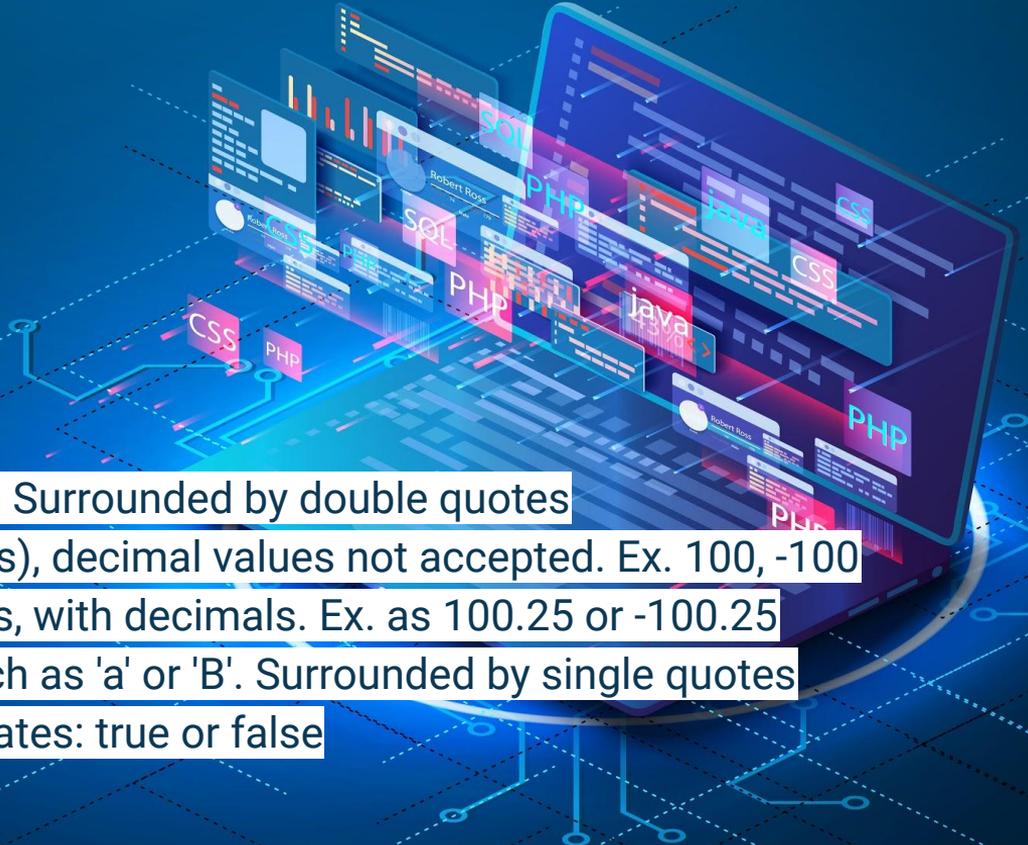
Java

Java is a programming language

Used to build applications(desktop, mobile, web), games, and more

Variables

- string - stores text, such as "Hello". Surrounded by double quotes
- int - stores integers (whole numbers), decimal values not accepted. Ex. 100, -100
- float - stores floating point numbers, with decimals. Ex. as 100.25 or -100.25
- char - stores single characters, such as 'a' or 'B'. Surrounded by single quotes
- boolean - stores values with two states: true or false



Vault Door Training

```
import java.util.*;

class VaultDoorTraining {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        VaultDoorTraining vaultDoor = new VaultDoorTraining();
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter vault password: ");
        String userInput = scanner.next();
        String input = userInput.substring("picoCTF{".length(),userInput.length()-1);
        if (vaultDoor.checkPassword(input)) {
            System.out.println("Access granted.");
        } else {
            System.out.println("Access denied!");
        }
    }

    // The password is below. Is it safe to put the password in the source code?
    // What if somebody stole our source code? Then they would know what our
    // password is. Hmm... I will think of some ways to improve the security
    // on the other doors.
    //
    // -Minion #9567
    public boolean checkPassword(String password) {
        return password.equals("w4rm1ng_Up_w1tH_jAv4_be8d9806f18");
    }
}
```

```
import java.util.*;
```

```
class VaultDoorTraining {
```

Every line of code that runs in Java must be inside a **class**.

The name of the java file must match the class name.

```
import java.util.*;
```

```
class VaultDoorTraining {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {
```

The **main()** method is required and you will see it in every Java program

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```

The **Scanner class** is used to get user input, and it is found in the **java.util** package. **System.in** tells the java compiler that system input will be provided through console(keyboard).

Asks the user for “Enter vault password:”

Get user input

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```

Check the user input but the string "picoCTF{" and the length-1 which will be "}" this character is not checked

Compare if userInput = the string provided

If user input matches then print "Access granted" and if not then "Access denied"





**Let's take a look at some
additional Java programs**

Assembly Language

An assembly language is a low-level programming language designed for a specific type of processor.

Also called assembly or ASM

The instruction below tells an x86/IA-32 processor to move an immediate 8-bit value into a register:

```
10110000 01100001
```

This binary computer code can be made more human-readable by expressing it in hexadecimal:

`B0 61` `B0` means 'Move a copy of the following value into AL, and `61` is a hexadecimal representation of the value `01100001`, which is `97` in decimal.

Assembly language for the 8086 family provides the mnemonic `MOV` (an abbreviation of move) for instructions such as this, so the machine code above can be written as follows in assembly language, complete with an explanatory comment if required, after the semicolon. This is much easier to read and to remember.

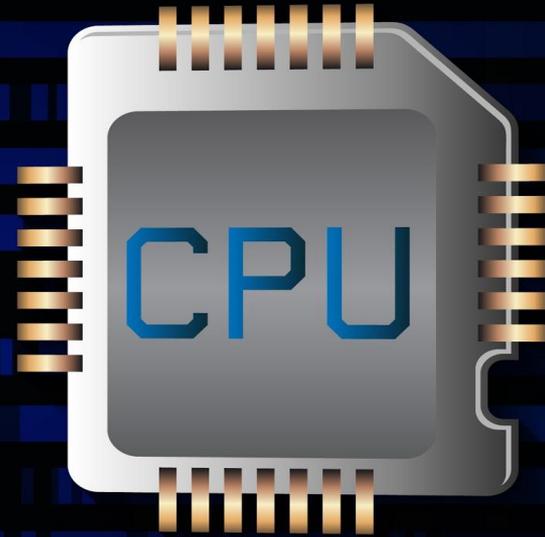
```
MOV AL, 61h ; Load AL with 97 decimal (61 hex)
```

Source: Wikipedia

Central Processing Unit (CPU)

CPU comprises of:

- The Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)
 - The ALU consists of the Arithmetic Unit (responsible for mathematical functions) and Logic Unit (responsible for logical operations)
- The Control Unit (CU)
 - Controls and directs the main memory, (ALU), input and output devices, and is also responsible for the instructions that are sent to the CPU
- Registers
 - Small, extremely high-speed CPU storage locations where data can be efficiently read or manipulated, hold data temporarily



Registers

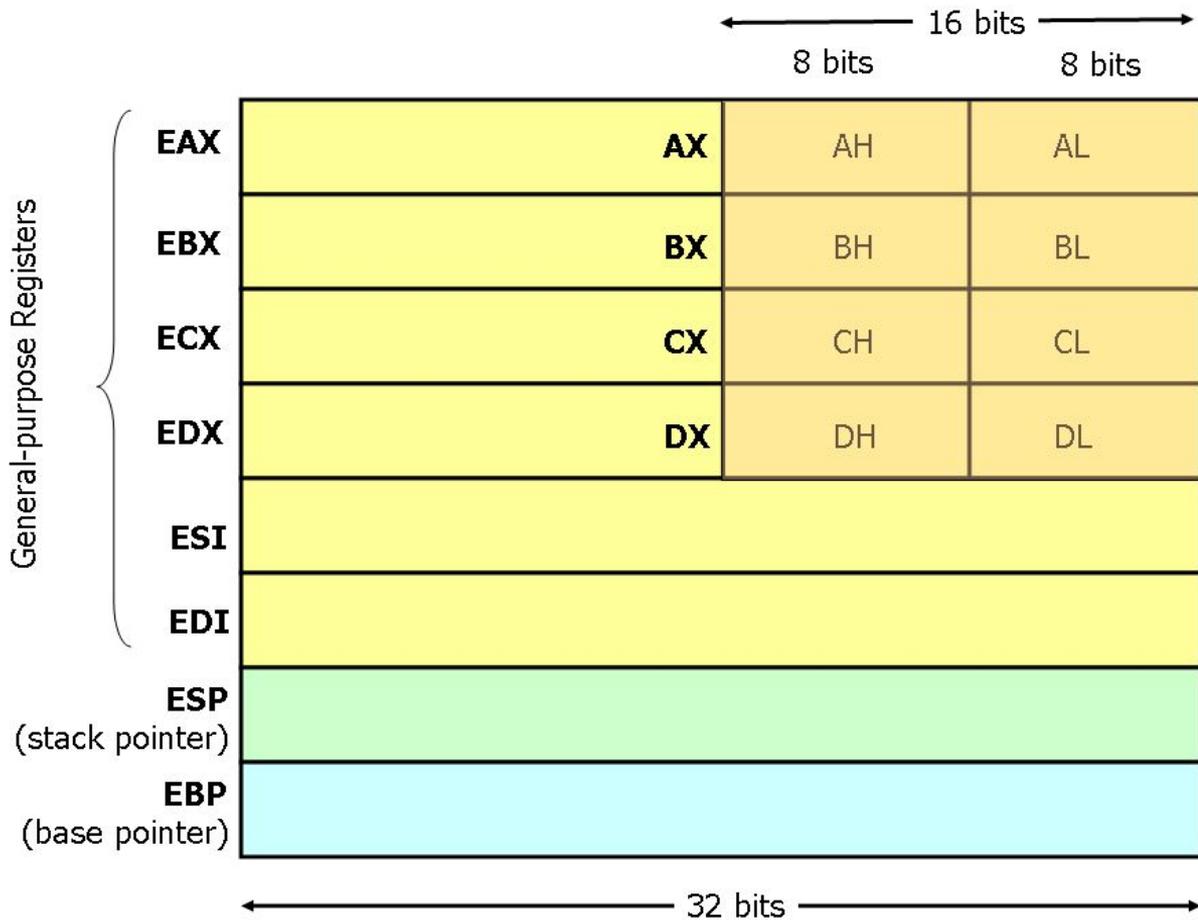
What do registers do?

- Holds temporary data that is needed by the CPU to execute instructions
- Perform operations
- Store resulting data

Only hold a small amount of data, 64-bit architecture CPU's hold 64 bits of data/register and 32-bit architecture CPU's hold 32 bits of data/register

The CPU Architecture determines the design of the processor, instructions that are supported, size of registers and other factors.

Common architecture for processors is x86 developed by Intel



EAX - Accumulator Register - used for storing operands and result data

EBX- Base register - Points to data

ECX - Counter Register - Loop operations

EDX- Data register. Input/output operations.

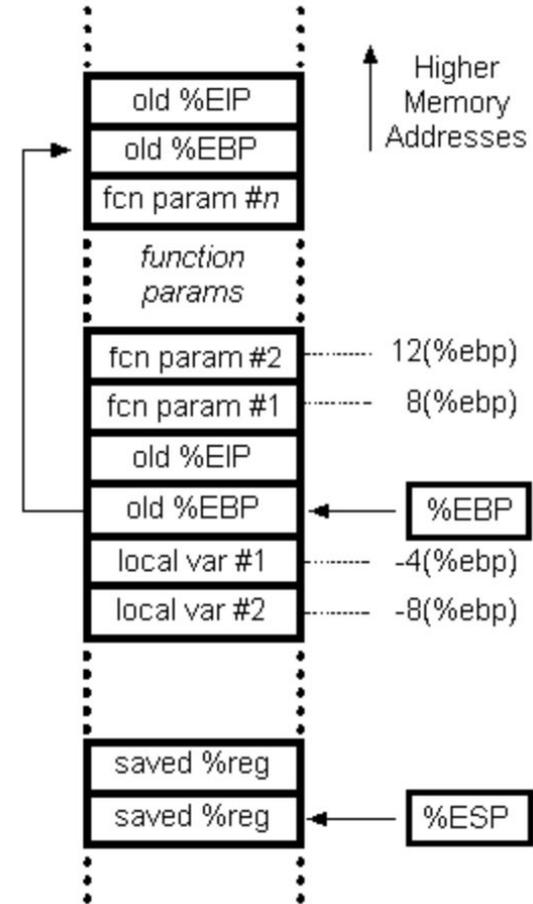
ESI/EDI- Source/Destination index for string operations.

ESP- Current position of data or address within the program stack, which changes automatically based on the operation

EBP- Frame pointer, contains the base address of the function's frame.

x86 architecture

- All x86 architectures use a stack as a temporary storage area in RAM that allows the processor to quickly store and retrieve data in memory
- Higher memory addresses are at the top of the stack
- LIFO (Last In First Out) Method is used, items that are “pushed” on top of the stack are “popped” first

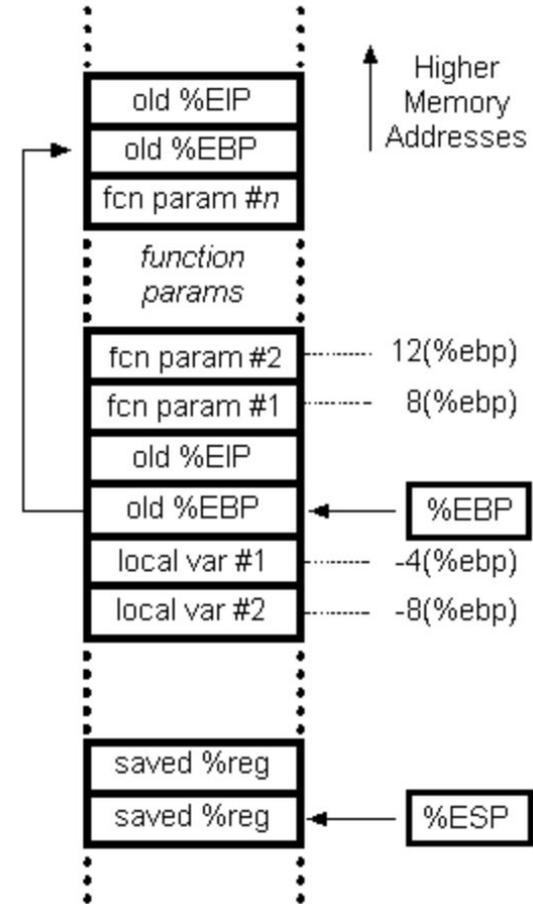


x86 architecture

- Data is stored using the Little Endian method
- $0x12345678$, it would be entered as 78, 56, 34, 12 into the stack
- In 32-bit registers, memory addresses of registers are 4 bytes apart
- By using a base pointer the return address will always be at $ebp+4$, the first parameter will always be at $ebp+8$, and the first local variable will always be at $ebp-4$

Note*

Two's complement is the standard way of representing negative integers in binary.



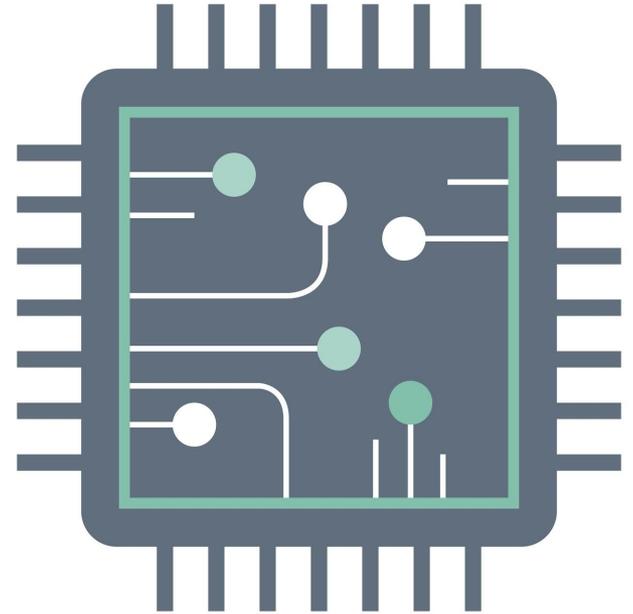
x86 assembly instructions

Assembly instructions represent a single operation for the CPU to perform.

Examples of Assembly instructions:

mov D, S	Move source to destination	
add S, D	Add source to destination	
je/jne	Jump when equal / Jump when not equal	
jg	Jump when greater than	
BYTE	00	1 byte/8 bits
WORD	00 00	2 bytes/ 16 bits
DWORD	00 00 00 00	4 bytes/ 32 bits

[Additional Instructions](#)



Prologue for x

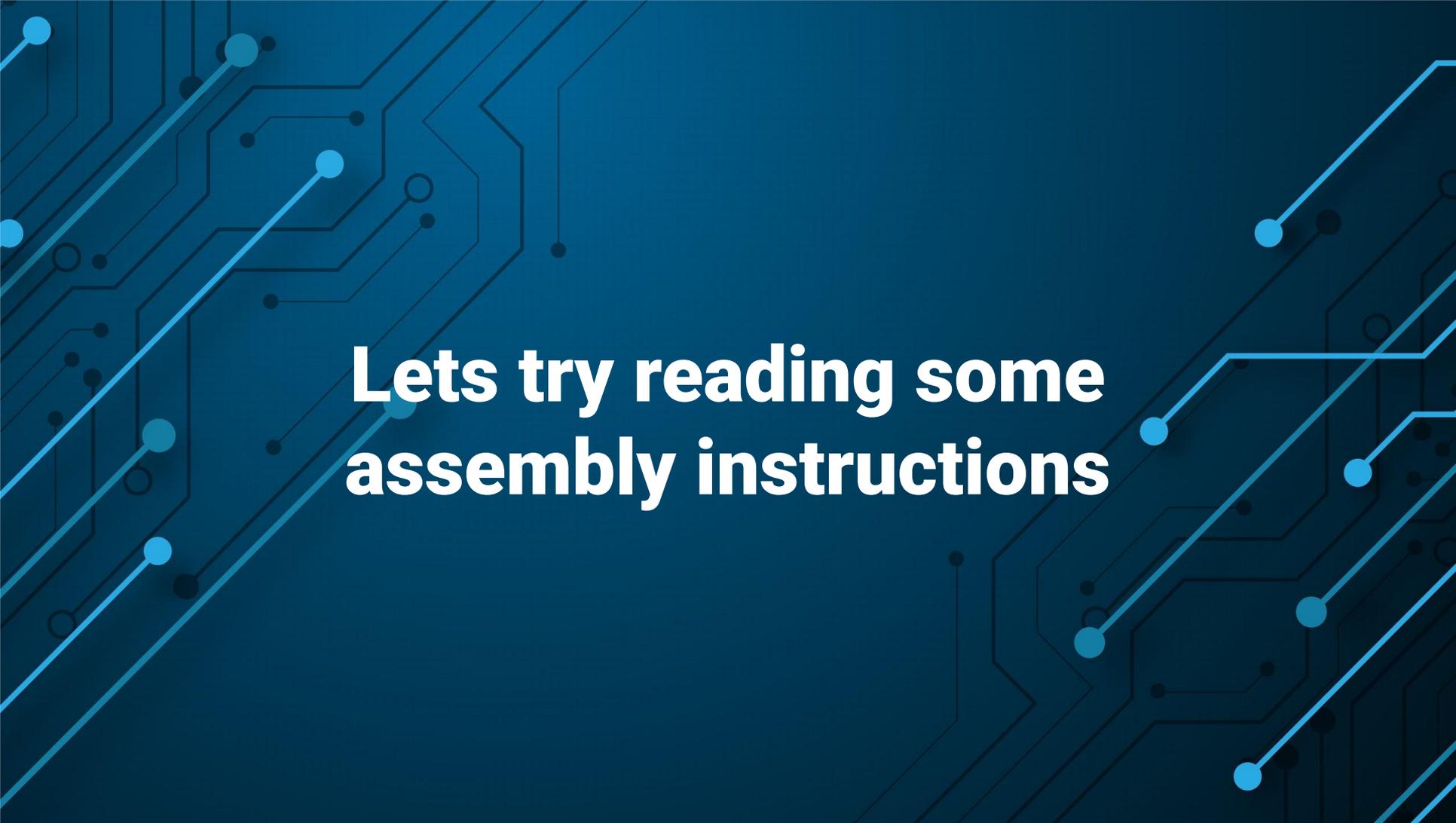
The function prologue prepares the stack and registers for use within the function

A function prologue typically looks like this:

- Push current base pointer onto the stack, so it can be restored later.
- Assigns the value of base pointer to the address of stack pointer (which is pointed to the top of the stack) so that the base pointer will be pointed to the top of the stack.
- Moves the stack pointer further by decreasing its value to make room for function's local variables.

```
push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
sub     esp, N
```

Data 2 from Function	[ebp + 0xc]
Data 1 from Function	[ebp + 0x8]
Return address	[ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp	
Local variable 1	[ebp - 0x4]
Local variable 2	[ebp - 0x8]
	[ebp - 0xc]
	[ebp - 0x10]



**Lets try reading some
assembly instructions**

asm1:

```
<+0>:push  ebp
<+1>:mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8],0x3fb
<+10>:    jg    0x512 <asm1+37>
<+12>:    cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8],0x280
<+19>:    jne   0x50a <asm1+29>
<+21>:    mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
<+24>:    add   eax,0xa
<+27>:    jmp   0x529 <asm1+60>
<+29>:    mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
<+32>:    sub   eax,0xa
<+35>:    jmp   0x529 <asm1+60>
<+37>:    cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8],0x559
<+44>:    jne   0x523 <asm1+54>
<+46>:    mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
<+49>:    sub   eax,0xa
<+52>:    jmp   0x529 <asm1+60>
<+54>:    mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
<+57>:    add   eax,0xa
<+60>:    pop   ebp
<+61>:    ret
```

2e0

Compare 2e0 with 3fb
2e0 is smaller than 3fb so don't jump

Compare 2e0 with 280
Jump if not equal to +29

Move 2e0 into eax → **eax = 2e0**
2e0 - 0xa = **2D6**

2e0	[ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]	
Old ebp	



ASM2

asm2:

```
<+0>:  push  ebp
<+1>:  mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:  sub   esp,0x10
<+6>:  mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
<+9>:  mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4],eax
<+12>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
<+15>: mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],eax
<+18>: jmp   0x50c <asm2+31>
<+20>: add   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4],0x1
<+24>: add   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],0xd1
<+31>: cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],0x5fa1
<+38>: jle   0x501 <asm2+20>
<+40>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
<+43>: leave
<+44>: ret
```

What does asm2(0x4,0x2d) return?

asm2:

```
<+0>:  push  ebp
<+1>:  mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:  sub  esp,0x10
<+6>:  mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
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0x2d [ebp + 0xc]
0x4 [ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp

asm2:

```
<+0>:  push  ebp
<+1>:  mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:  sub   esp,0x10  reserve 16 bytes on the stack
<+6>:  mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
<+9>:  mov  DWORD PTR [ebp+0x4],eax
<+12>: mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
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<+43>:  leave
<+44>:  ret
```

0x2d [ebp + 0xc]
0x4 [ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp
[ebp - 0x4]
[ebp - 0x8]
[ebp - 0xc]
[ebp - 0x10]

asm2:

```
<+0>:  push  ebp
<+1>:  mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:  sub   esp,0x10
<+6>:  mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc] eax= 0x2d
<+9>:  mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4],eax
<+12>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8] eax = 0x4
<+15>: mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],eax
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0x2d [ebp + 0xc]
0x4 [ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp
0x2d [ebp - 0x4]
0x4 [ebp - 0x8]
[ebp - 0xc]
[ebp - 0x10]

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<+38>: jle   0x501 <asm2+20> jump if lower than to +20
<+40>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
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[ebp + 0xc]
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<+24>: add   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],0xd1  0x4 + 0xd1 = d5
<+31>: cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],0x5fa1  d5 < value
<+38>: jle   0x501 <asm2+20>  Jump again to 20
<+40>: mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
<+43>: leave
<+44>: ret  This process will keep taking place until the value at
      [ebp-0x8] > 0x5fa1
```

Easier to calculate how many times 0xd1 needs to be added into [ebp - 0x8] so that we can jump

[ebp + 0xc]
[ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp
0x2e [ebp - 0x4]
d5 [ebp - 0x8]
[ebp - 0xc]
[ebp - 0x10]

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0xd1(z) + 0x4 = 0x5fa1
0xd1(z) = 5f9d
z = 75 remainder 18

z needs to be greater than 75 so it will have to added 76 times

[ebp + 0xc]
[ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp
0x2d [ebp - 0x4]
0x4 [ebp - 0x8]
[ebp - 0xc]
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<+43>: leave
<+44>: ret   0xd1(76) + 0x4 = 0x605a > 0x5fa1
```

[ebp + 0xc]
[ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp
0xa3 [ebp - 0x4]
0x605a [ebp - 0x8]
[ebp - 0xc]
[ebp - 0x10]

What is the value at [ebp - 0x4] $0x1(76) + 0x2d =$
0xa3



ASM3

asm3:

```
<+0>:    push  ebp
<+1>:    mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:    xor   eax,eax
<+5>:    mov   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xa]
<+8>:    shl  ax,0x10
<+12>:   sub   al,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xc]
<+15>:   add   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xd]
<+18>:   xor   ax,WORD PTR [ebp+0x10]
<+22>:   nop
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39 b1 c8 d3 [ebp + 0x10]
ae 72 86 d4 [ebp + 0xc]
ed 46 33 d7 [ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp

asm3:

```
<+0>:  push  ebp
<+1>:  mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:  xor   eax,eax    sets eax to 0
<+5>:  mov   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xa]
<+8>:  shl  ax,0x10    clear the register
<+12>: sub   al,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xc]
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		AH	AL
EAX	00	00	33

After shifting by 16, the register has been cleared.

asm3:

```

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<+1>:   mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:   xor   eax,eax
<+5>:   mov   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xa]
<+8>:   shl   ax,0x10
<+12>:  sub   al,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xc]
<+15>:  add   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xd]
<+18>:  xor   ax,WORD PTR [ebp+0x10]
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<+24>:  ret

```

00 - ae = -ae

For negative hex numbers we have to get the TWO's complement which is 52

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Old ebp

	AH		AL	
EAX	00	00	00	52

asm3:

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<+1>:  mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:  xor   eax,eax
<+5>:  mov   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xa]
<+8>:  shl   ax,0x10
<+12>: sub   al,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xc]
<+15>: add   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xd]  00 + 72 = 72
<+18>: xor   ax,WORD PTR [ebp+0x10]
<+22>:  nop
<+23>:  pop   ebp
<+24>:  ret
```

What does
asm3(0xd73346ed,0xd48672ae,0xd3c8
b139) return?

39 b1 c8 d3 [ebp + 0x10]
ae 72 86 d4 [ebp + 0xc]
ed 46 33 d7 [ebp + 0x8]
Return address [ebp + 0x4]
Old ebp

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asm3:

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<+0>:  push  ebp
<+1>:  mov   ebp,esp
<+3>:  xor   eax,eax
<+5>:  mov   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xa]
<+8>:  shl   ax,0x10
<+12>: sub   al,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xc]
<+15>: add   ah,BYTE PTR [ebp+0xd]
<+18>: xor   ax,WORD PTR [ebp+0x10] 7252 xor b139
<+22>: nop
<+23>: pop   ebp
<+24>: ret
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0xc36b

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Android Reverse Engineering

Reverse Engineering APK (Android Package Kit) files

An APK file is an app created for Android, Google's mobile operating system.

It's helpful to view these files using an Android Emulator.

Reverse Engineering APK files purpose:

- To better understand how an app or the features work
- Determine if there is anything malicious taking place on the app
- Libraries they are using





Tools for Android Reverse Engineering

Android Emulators- simulates Android devices on your computer

Android Studio

APK decompilers

- JADX
- Apktool

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Analyze App log output using Android Developer Studio

The screenshot displays the Android Studio interface for the 'zero' project. The top toolbar shows the 'zero' app is running on a 'Galaxy Nexus API 30' virtual device. The main window is split into two panes. The upper pane shows the app's file structure, including 'classes.dex', 'res', 'resources.arsc', 'META-INF', 'lib', and 'AndroidManifest.xml'. A yellow warning message at the top of this pane states 'libhellojni.so is missing debug symbols'. The lower pane shows the Logcat window, which is filtered to show logs from the 'com.hellocmu.picoctf' package. The search filter is set to 'picoCTF' with the 'Regex' option checked. The log output shows five entries, all with the message 'I/PICO: picoCTF{a.moose.once.bit.my.sister}'. The bottom status bar indicates 'Success: Operation succeeded (a minute ago)'. On the right side of the screen, a virtual smartphone is shown displaying the PicoCTF app. The app's interface includes a title bar 'PicoCTF', a subtitle 'where else can output go? [PICO]', an input field containing the string 'hfejekjrlwefefewf', a button labeled 'HELLO, I AM A BUTTON', and a message 'Not Today...'.

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Analyze APK file contents using JADX

Find password string

Use an emulator to input the password to get the flag

The image shows a workflow for analyzing an APK file and running it on an emulator. On the left, the JADX GUI displays the file structure of the APK, with the `strings.xml` file highlighted. The right side shows the Android Studio interface with the APK file open, displaying its metadata and file structure. Below the APK view, the build output shows a successful build of `MyApplication3`. On the right, an Android emulator is running the `PicoCTF` application, which displays a login screen with a text input field containing the password `opossum` and a button labeled `HELLO, I AM A BUTTON`. The emulator's keyboard is visible, showing the password being typed.

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<string name="vole">beaver</string>
</resources>
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JADX memory usage: 0.09 GB of 4.00 GB

Resources

Java:

<https://www.w3schools.com/java/default.asp>

Assembly Language:

<https://www.secjuice.com/guide-to-x86-assembly/>

<https://www.cs.virginia.edu/~evans/cs216/guides/x86.html>

<http://unixwiz.net/techtips/win32-callconv-asm.html>

[Hex Calculator for mathematical operations](#)

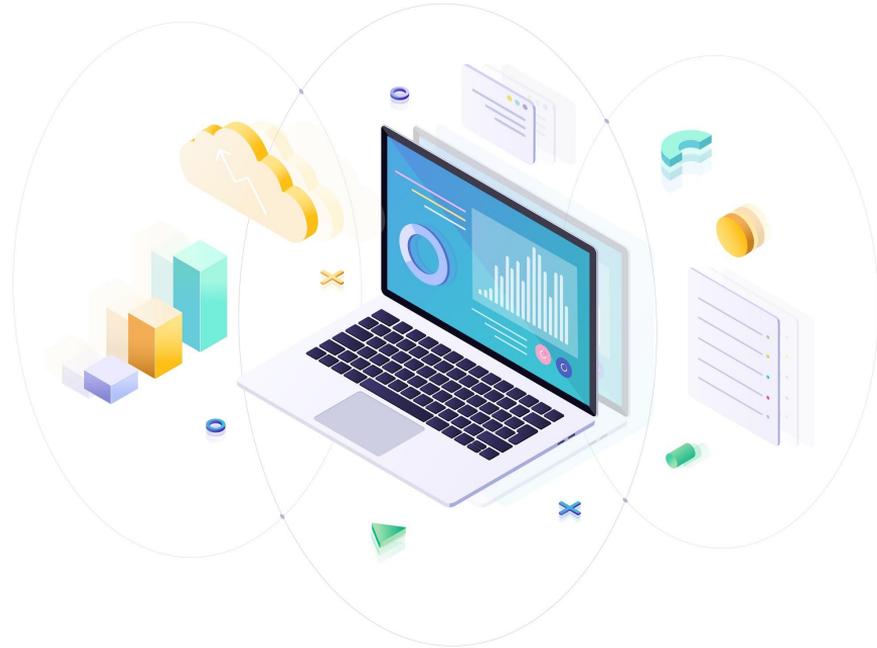
[Two complements calculator for Hex](#)

Android:

<https://developer.android.com/studio>

[JADX](#)

[Apktool](#)



Thank you!

Questions?

See you next week for Binary Exploitation 101!