

virus 3 / anti-virus 1

# last time

cavities to place code in

appending code with 'real' executable formats

replacing returns, calls, etc.

dynamic linking

- extra indirection for library functions

- information about what to load in headers

- ELF interpreter — dynamic linker in other file

# adding linker stubs

program.s

```
main:
  ...
  call puts
  ...
```

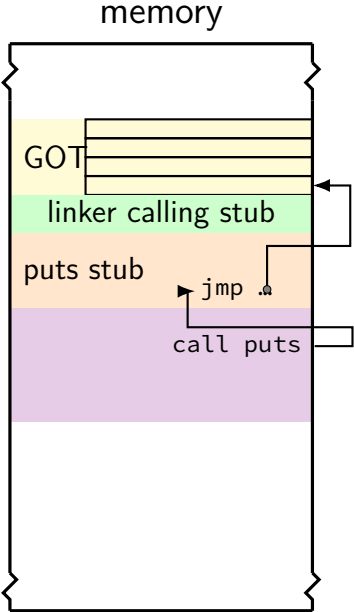
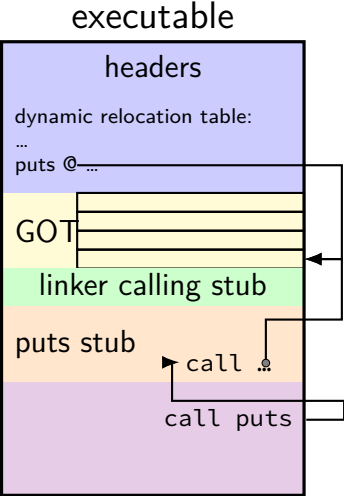
program.exe

```
GLOBAL_LOOKUP_TABLE:
  ... // placeholders

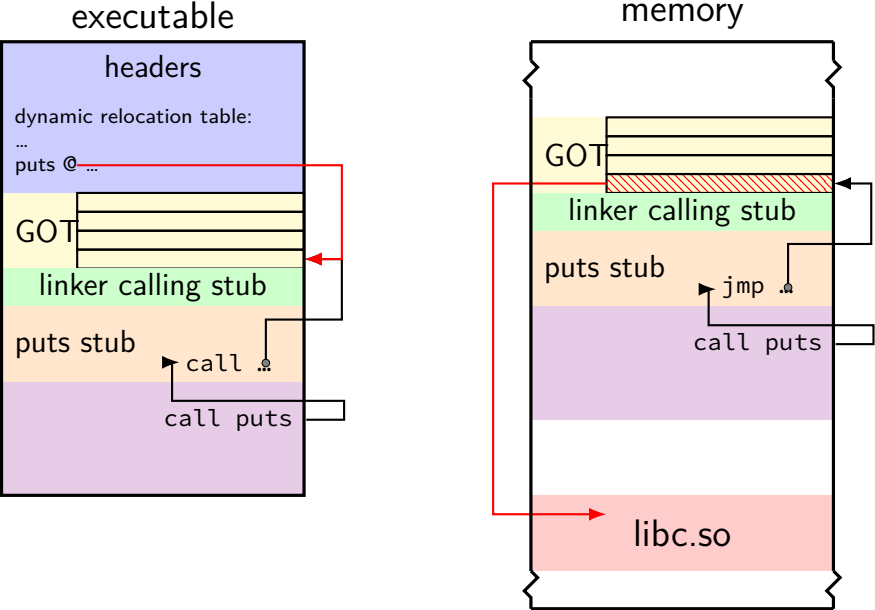
puts@plt:
  jmp *GLOBAL_LOOKUP_TABLE[index]
  ...

...
main:
  ...
  call puts@plt
  ...
+ something that says where puts in the lookup table
```

# dynamic puts (picture)



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# dynamic linking information

symbol table in libraries: list of functions/variables to find with their locations in the library

relocation records in programs: list of functions/variables with locations (probably in lookup table) to fill in

# dynamically linked puts (non-lazy)

## DYNAMIC RELOCATION RECORDS

OFFSET	TYPE	VALUE
...		
0000000000404018	R_X86_64_JUMP_SLOT	puts@GLIBC_2.2.5
...		

## Text:

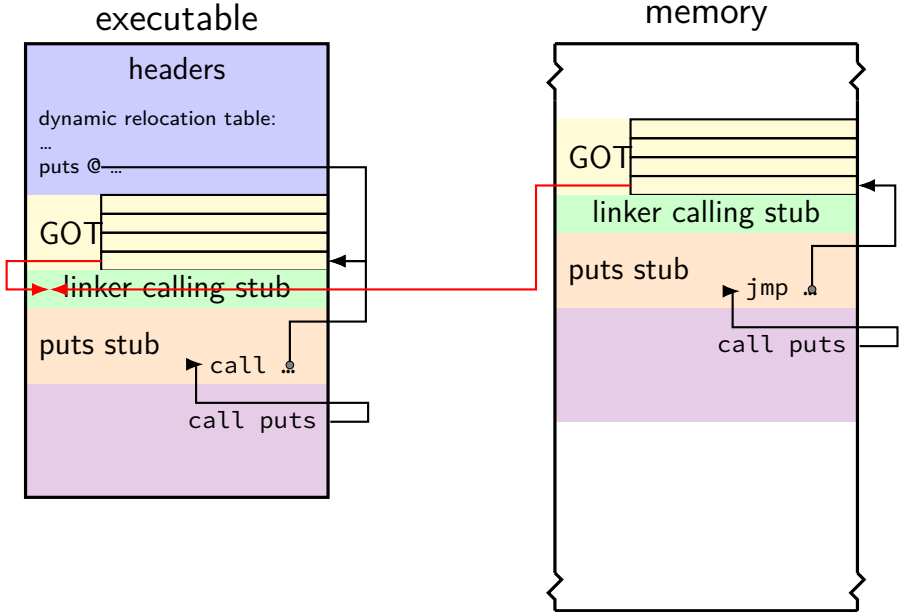
```
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  401044:    f2 ff 25 cd 2f 00 00      bnd jmpq *0x2fcd(%rip) # 404018
```

stub reads pointer from 0x404018, jump to location

0x404018 part of 'global offset table' (GOT)

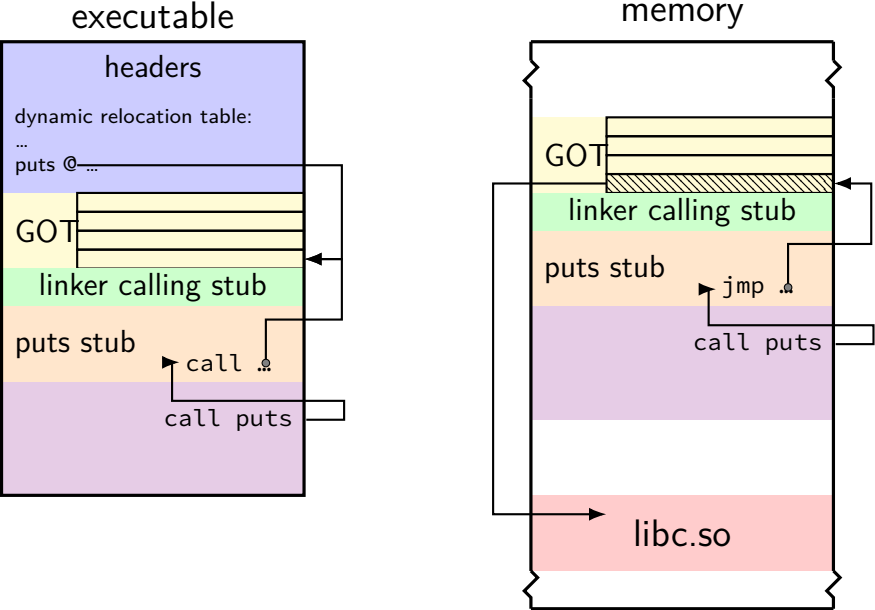
relocation table entry indicates where puts pointer goes

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Contents of section .got.plt:

```
404000 203e4000 00000000 00000000 00000000  >@.....  
404010 00000000 00000000 30104000 00000000  .....0.@.....
```

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code found at `0x401030` is routine to invoke dynamic linker code:

```
401020:    ff 35 e2 2f 00 00        pushq 0x2fe2(%rip)          # 404008 <_GLOBAL_OFFSET_T
401026:    f2 ff 25 e3 2f 00 00      bnd jmpq *0x2fe3(%rip)      # 404010 <_GLOBAL_OFFSE
40102d:    0f 1f 00                  nopl (%rax)
401030:    f3 0f 1e fa                endbr64
401034:    68 00 00 00 00           pushq $0x0
401039:    f2 e9 e1 ff ff ff        bnd jmpq 401020 <.plt>
```

# lazy binding

with lazy binding turned on (not always done)

GOT loaded with address of linker routine hard-coded in executable

first call to puts:

- invoke dynamic linker routine pointed to by GOT
- linker routine fills in puts address in 0x404018
- then jumps to puts

second (and later) call to puts

- 0x404018 contains real address of puts, no indirection

# lazy binding pro/con

advantages:

- faster program loading

- no overhead for unused code (often a lot of stuff)

disadvantages:

- can move errors (missing functions, etc.) to runtime

- possibly more total overhead

- means global offset table needs to be writable?

# dynamic library headers

```
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6:      file format elf64-x86-64
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
architecture: i386:x86-64, flags 0x00000150:
HAS_SYMS, DYNAMIC, D_PAGED
start address 0x000000000000271f0
```

## Program Header:

```
PHDR off   0x0000000000000040 vaddr 0x0000000000000040 paddr 0x0000000000000040
      filesz 0x0000000000000310 memsz 0x0000000000000310 flags r--
INTERP off   0x000000000001c16a0 vaddr 0x000000000001c16a0 paddr 0x000000000001c16a0
      filesz 0x000000000000001c memsz 0x000000000000001c flags r--
LOAD  off   0x0000000000000000 vaddr 0x0000000000000000 paddr 0x0000000000000000
      filesz 0x0000000000024940 memsz 0x0000000000024940 flags r--
```

...

DYNAMIC — instead of EXEC\_P

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  INTERP off   0x000000000001c16a vaddr 0x000000000001c16a paddr 0x000000000001c16a
        filesz 0x000000000000001c memsz 0x000000000000001c flags r--
    LOAD off   0x0000000000000000 vaddr 0x0000000000000000 paddr 0x0000000000000000
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```

...

specifies loading starting at address 0  
but dynamic linker will actually choose a different starting address

# position-independent executables

```
hello.exe:      file format elf64-x86-64
hello.exe
architecture: i386:x86-64, flags 0x00000150:
HAS_SYMS, DYNAMIC, D_PAGED
start address 0x00000000000001080
```

## Program Header:

PHDR	off	0x0000000000000040	vaddr	0x0000000000000040	paddr	0x0000000000000004
	filesz	0x00000000000002d8	memsz	0x00000000000002d8	flags	r--
INTERP	off	0x0000000000000318	vaddr	0x0000000000000318	paddr	0x0000000000000031
	filesz	0x000000000000001c	memsz	0x000000000000001c	flags	r--
LOAD	off	0x0000000000000000	vaddr	0x0000000000000000	paddr	0x0000000000000000
	filesz	0x00000000000005f8	memsz	0x00000000000005f8	flags	r--

executable with headers like dynamic library

“position-independent executable”: can be loaded at any address



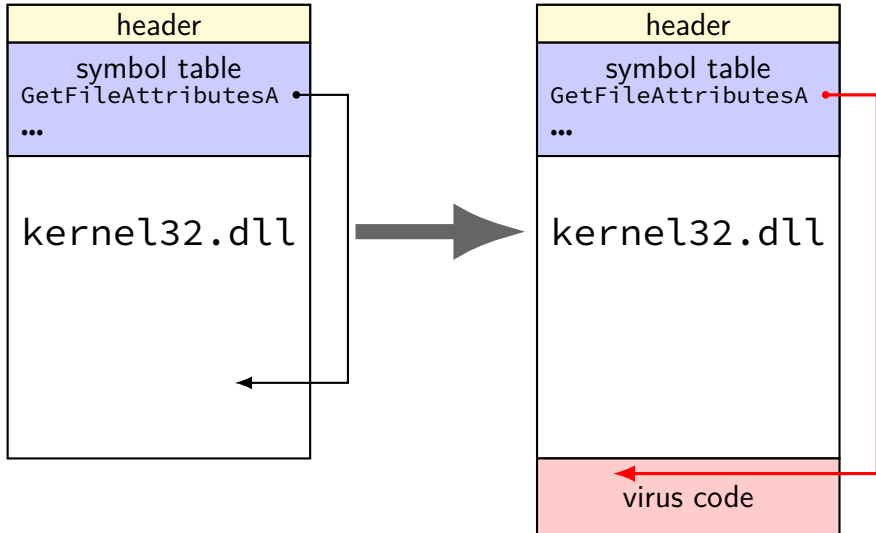
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# infecting shared libraries via relocations



# other dynamic-linking-based infections

could also modify

relocations on executable

this isn't the table entry for puts,  
it's the one for evilvirus

list of needed libraries?

the C standard library and virus.so

stubs and calls to stub

very regular and easy to locate

# virus library calls

common for viruses to want to call standard library

in applications:

- just call the stub

problem: stubs located at different parts of different applications

- virus code won't work in every one

some possible solutions:

- hard-code common loaded addresses (hope nothing changes)

- rewrite standard library function yourself

- scan linker data structures to find

- write out new library/executable and run it

# preview: exploits and dynamic linking

later we'll talk about memory error exploits  
buffer overflows, etc.

common goal: convert memory overwrite to running code  
bug that "just" allows overwriting memory somewhere  
easy to cause crashes...  
but not so easy to do something in particular

global offset table: function pointers in known location  
useful to overwrite in exploits

# summary

how to hide:

- separate executable
- append existing “unused” space
- append + compression

how to run:

- change entry point (start address)
- change calls
- change beginning of function
- change dynamic-linking-related pointers
- arrange to run as part of OS

## virus: easiest code to find?

what should be easiest/hardest to identify without many false positives?

- A. replaced start location
- B. replaced dynamic linker stub
- C. replaced dynamic library symbol location
- D. replaced function call
- E. replaced function return
- F. replaced bootloader
- G. new automatically started system program

## virus choices?

why don't viruses always append/replace?

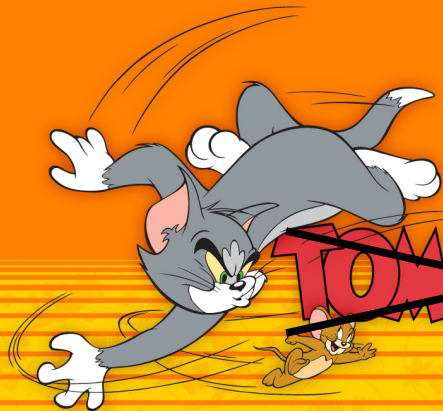
why don't viruses always change start location?

why did I bother talking about all these strategies?



# more on virus strategies

after we talk about anti-virus strategies some



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Anti-Virus and Virus



# anti-malware software goals

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key subproblem: detect malware

# tripwire

open source tool from c. 2000

also company around that tool, but I don't know about it

“tool for monitoring and alerting on file & directory changes”

targetted at servers with professional administrators

setup: run tool, it records state of system/etc. files (e.g. hashes)

later: run tool, it tells you if anything changed

# tripwire as antimalware software?

tripwire idea: detect any changes

notify user (administrator) about them

what is user supposed to do with this info?

what about normal software updates, etc.?

can malware hide in files that are supposed to change?

“data” files with other programs, scripts?

...

what if system compromised before setup?

# application whitelisting

how about we only let standard applications run, unmodified?  
AppStore-based strategy?

not uncommon in corporate environments:

## AppLocker

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### Applies to

- Windows 10
- Windows Server

This topic provides a description of AppLocker and can help you decide if your organization can benefit from deploying AppLocker application control policies. AppLocker helps you control which apps and files users can run. These include executable files, scripts, Windows Installer files, dynamic-link libraries (DLLs), packaged apps, and packaged app installers.

# case study: Microsoft's AppLocker

AppLocker is Windows 10 feature for limiting what can run

administrator sets rules about...

what publisher is allowed

- publisher cryptographically signs applications
- virus-like techniques break signatures
- allows upgrades!

what file hashes are allowed

- requires manual update each time software updates

what locations are allowed

- presumably for administrator-only directories



# problems with whitelisting

programs with features/bugs malware could exploit

“AppLocker does not control the behavior of applications after they are launched. Applications could contain flags passed to functions that signal AppLocker to circumvent the rules and allow another .exe or .dll to be loaded.”

users want to install/develop other software

scripting:

“Not all host processes call into AppLocker and, therefore, AppLocker cannot control every kind of interpreted code”

# modern bootloaders — secure boot

“Secure Boot” is a common feature of modern bootloaders

idea: UEFI/BIOS code checks bootloader code, fails if not okay  
requires user intervention to use not-okay code

# Secure Boot and keys

Secure Boot relies on cryptographic signatures

idea: accept only “legitimate” bootloaders

legitimate: known authority vouched for them

user control of their own systems?

in theory: can add own keys

what about changing OS instead of bootloader?

need smart bootloader

# malware “signatures”

typically can't rely on whitelisting approach  
software and related files change legitimately  
(note: malware might not be in main executables)

antivirus vendor have **signatures** for known malware

many options to represent signatures

thought process: **signature for Vienna?**

goals: compact, fast to check, reliable

# what signature for Vienna?

Suppose we wanted to detect Vienna in execs.

What is best to look for in an executable...

in terms of performance? false positives? true positives?

- A. machine code found in example infected file at the end of the executable
- B. machine code found in example infected file at the end of the executable, ignoring parts that change on reinfection
- C. portion of virus's machine code that copies itself to a new file anywhere in the executable
- D. whether another executable file in same directory changes if we run the executable in a VM
- E. for a jump at beginning of the executable to something near the end

## exercise: signatures for Vienna

```
jmp 0x0700      ...
mov $0x9e4e, %si  add $0x2f9, %cx
...            mov %si, %di
/* app code */ sub $0x1f7, %di
...            mov %cx, (%di)
push %cx        ...
mov $0x8f9, %si  mov $0x288, %cx
...            mov $0x40 %ah
mov $0x0100, %di  mov %si, %dx
mov $3, %cx       sub $0x1f9, %dx
rep movsb        int 0x21
...            ...
```

```
pop %cx
xor %ax, %ax
xor %bx, %bx
xor %dx, %dx
mov $0x0100, %di
push %di
xor %di, %di
ret
/* virus data */
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# simple signature (1)

all the code Vienna copies

... except changed `mov` to `%s i`

virus doesn't change it to relocate

includes infection code — definitely malicious

# signature generality

the Vienna virus was copied a bunch of times

small changes, “payloads” added

print messages, do different malicious things, ...

this signature will not detect any variants

can we do better?

## simple signature (2)

Vienna start code

weird jump at beginning??

problem: maybe real applications do this?

problem: easy to move jump

## simple signature (3)

Vienna infection code

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# making things hard for the mouse

don't want **trivial changes** to break detection

want to detect **strategies**

e.g. require changing relocation logic

...not just reordering instructions, adding nops

need to detect signatures in real time

don't want interrupt user (much)

want to avoid false positive

goals: compact, fast to check, reliable, **general?**

# generic pattern example

another possibility: detect writing near 0x100

0x100 was DOS program entry code — no program should do this(?)

problem: how to represent this?

- describe machine code bytes

- multiple possibilities

# regular expressions

one method of representing patterns like this:  
regular expressions (regexes)

restricted language allows very fast implementations  
especially when there's a long list of patterns to look for

homework assignment next week

# regular expressions: implementations

multiple implementations of regular expressions

we will target: flex, a parser generator

# simple patterns

alphanumeric characters **match themselves**

foo:

- matches exactly foo only

- does not match Foo

- does not match foo\_

- does not match foobar

backslash might be needed for others

C\+\+

- matches exactly C++ only

# metachars (1)

special ways to match characters

`\n`, `\t`, `\x3C`, ...— work like in C

`[b-fi]` — b or c or d or e or f or i

`[^b-fi]` — any character but b or c or ...

`.` — any character except newline

`(.|\n)` — any character

## metachars (2)

$a^*$  — zero or more as:  
(empty string), a, aa, aaa, ...

$a\{3,5\}$  — three to five as:  
aaa, aaaa, aaaaa

$(abc)\{3,5\}$  — three to five abcs: (“grouping”)  
abcabcabc, abcabcabcabc, abcabcabcabcabc

$ab|cd$   
ab, cd

$(ab|cd)\{2\}$  — two ab-or-cds:  
abab, abcd, cdab, cdcd

## metachars (3)

`\xAB` — the byte `0xAB`

`\x00` — the byte `0x00`

flex is designed for text, handles binary fine

`\n` — newline (and other C string escapes)



## example regular expressions

match words ending with ing:

```
[a-zA-Z]*ing
```

match C /\* ... \*/ comments:

```
/\*([\*]|\*[/])*\*/
```

# flex

flex is a regular expression matching tool

intended for writing **parsers**

generates **C code**

parser function called `yylex`

## flex example

```
int num_bytes = 0, num_lines = 0;
int num_foos = 0;

%%
foo    {
        num_bytes += 3;
        num_foos += 1;
    }

.      { num_bytes += 1; }
\n     { num_lines += 1; num_bytes += 1; }

%%
int main(void) {
    yylex();
    printf("%d bytes, %d lines, %d foos\n",
           num_bytes, num_lines, num_foos);
}
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```

three sections

```
%%
```

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          num_foos  
        }  
.  
\n      { num_bytes += 1, }  
      { num_lines += 1; num_bytes += 1; }  
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    yylex();  
    printf("%d bytes, %d lines, %d foos\n",  
          num_bytes, num_lines, num_foos);  
}
```

first — declarations for later  
C code in output file

# flex example

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patterns, code to run on match  
as parser: return "token" here

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extra code to include

```
int main(void) {  
    ylex();  
    printf("%d bytes, %d lines, %d foos\n",  
           num_bytes, num_lines, num_foos);  
}
```

## flex: matched text

```
%%  
[aA][a-z]* {  
    printf("found a-word '%s'\n",  
          yytext);  
}  
(.|\n) {} /* default rule: would output text */  
%%  
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yytext — text of matched thing

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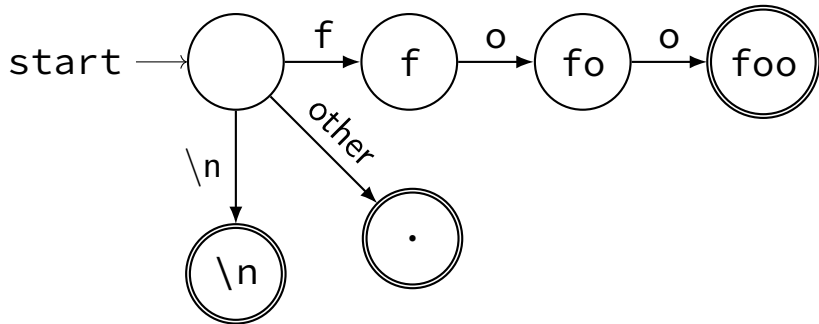
definitions of common patterns  
included later

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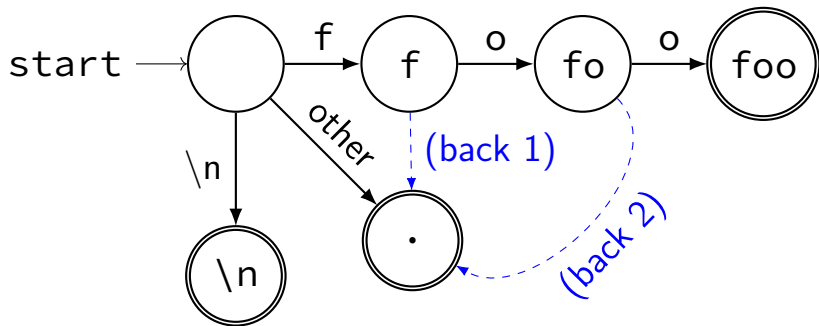
# flex: state machines

foo	{...}
.	{...}
\n	{...}



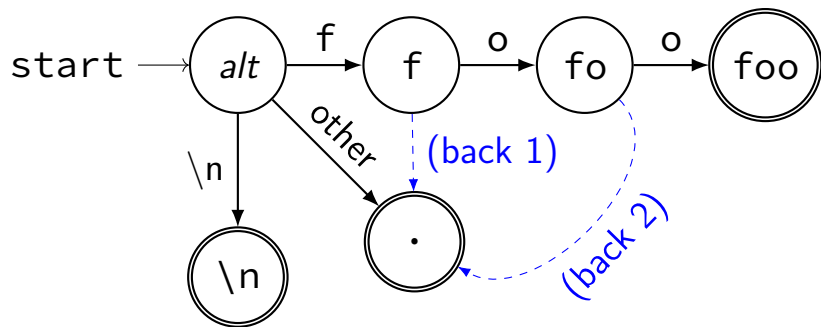
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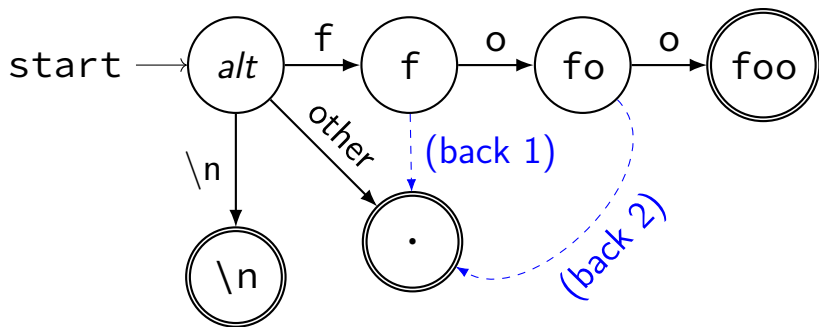
# state machine matching

abfoofoabffoo



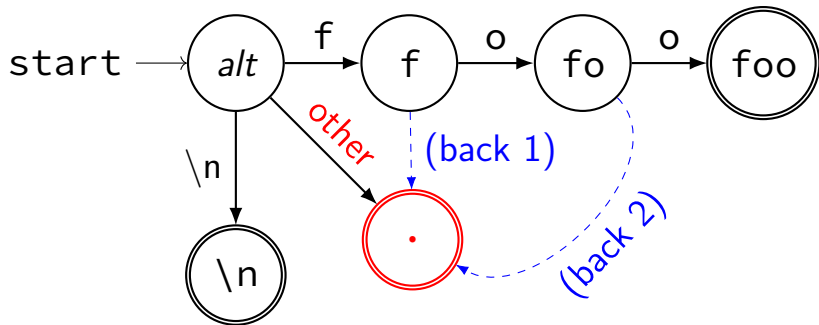
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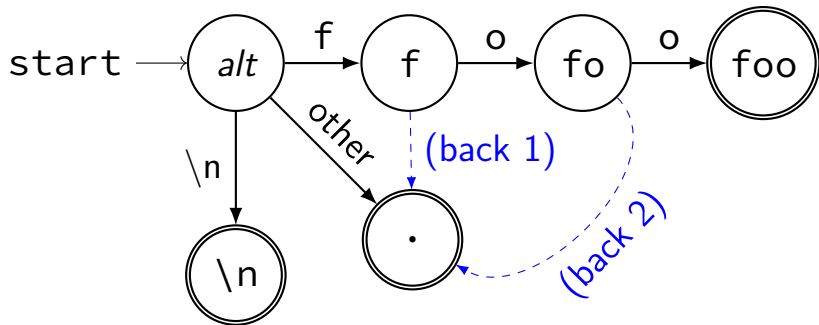
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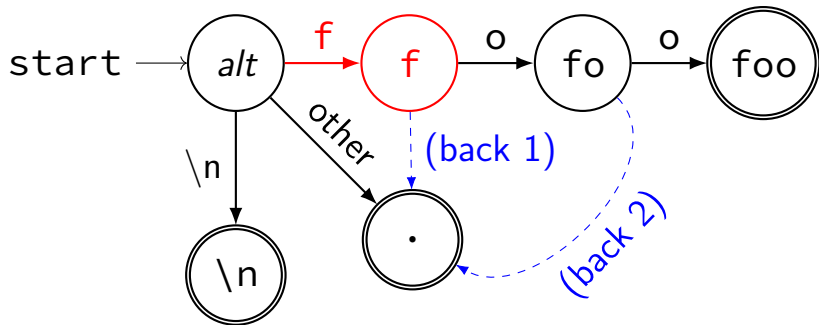
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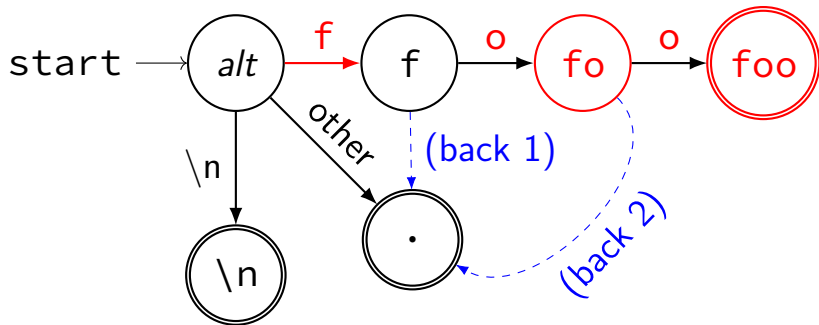
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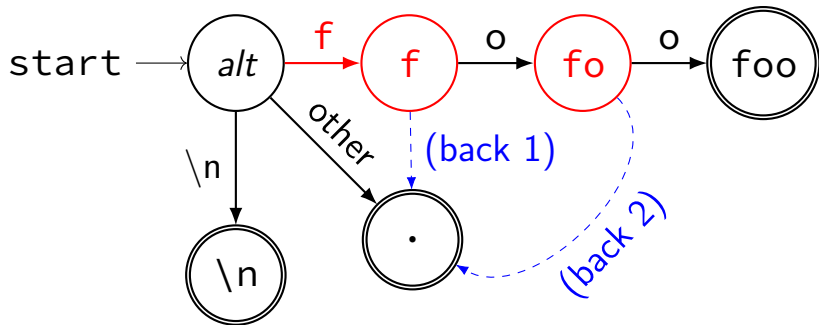
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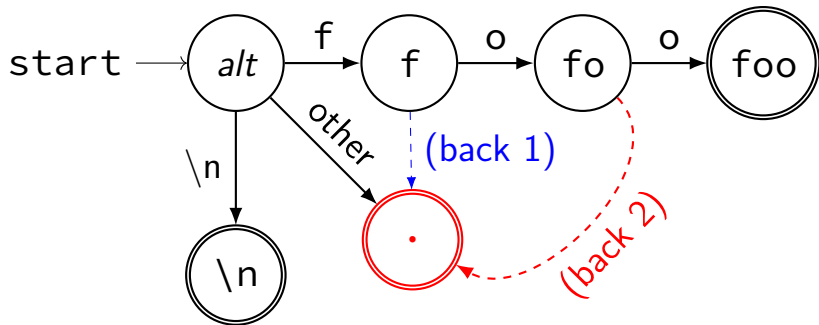
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# flex states (1)

```
%x str
%%
\"          { BEGIN(str); }
<str>\"     { BEGIN(INITIAL); }
<str>foo    { printf("foo in string\n"); }
foo        { printf("foo out of string\n"); }
<INITIAL,str>(.\|\\n) {}
%%
int main(void) {
    yylex();
}
```

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```

```
%%
```

```
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<str>\"     { BEGIN(INITIAL); }  
<str>foo    { printf("foo in string\n"); }  
foo        { printf("foo out of string\n"); }  
<INITIAL .str>(.\|\\n) {}
```

```
%%
```

```
int main()  
{  
    yy  
}
```

declare "state" to track  
which state determines what patterns are active

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%%
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<str>\"     { BEGIN(INITIAL); }
<str>foo    { printf("foo in string\n"); }
foo        { printf("foo out of string\n"); }
<INITIAL,str>(.|\\n) {}
%%
int main(void) {
    yylex();
}
```



## flex states (2)

```
%s afterFoo
```

```
%%
```

```
<afterFoo>foo    { printf("later foo\n"); }  
foo              {  
                  printf("first foo\n");  
                  BEGIN(afterfoo);  
                  }
```

```
(.|\n) {}
```

```
%%
```

```
int main(void) {  
    yylex();  
}
```

## flex states (2)

```
%s afterFoo
```

```
%%
```

```
<afterFoo>foo
```

```
foo
```

```
(.|\n) {}
```

```
%%
```

```
int main(void) {  
    yylex();  
}
```

declare non-exclusive state

```
{ printf("later foo\n"); }  
{  
    printf("first foo\n");  
    BEGIN(afterfoo);  
}
```

**backup slides**

# evading signatures

idea for detecting Vienna:

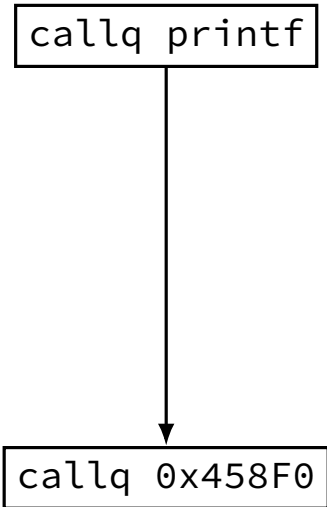
signature = code excluding changing part from relocation

exercise 1: what are some **easy** changes to Vienna that would evade this **strategy for making signatures**?

exercise 2: what are some ways of handling those?

# linking

callq printf



```
graph TD; A[callq printf] --> B[callq 0x458F0]
```

callq 0x458F0

# static v. dynamic linking

static linking — linking **to create executable**

dynamic linking — linking **when executable is run**

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conceptually: no difference in how they work

reality — very different mechanisms

extra indirection to avoid modifying much code at runtime  
change *lookup table* instead of code for library locations

## interlude: strace

strace — system call tracer

on Linux, some other Unices

OS X approx. equivalent: dtruss

Windows approx. equivalent: Process Monitor

indicates what system calls (operating system services) used by a program



# statically linked hello.exe

```
gcc -static -o hello-static.exe hello.s
```

```
strace ./hello-static.exe:
```

```
execve("./hello-static.exe", ["/hello-static.exe"], [/* 46 vars */]) = 0
uname(sysname="Linux", nodename="reiss-lenovo", ...) = 0
brk(NULL) = 0x20a5000
brk(0x20a61c0) = 0x20a61c0
arch_prctl(ARCH_SET_FS, 0x20a5880) = 0
readlink("/proc/self/exe", "/home/cr4bd/spring2017/cs4630/sl"..., 4096) = 62
brk(0x20c71c0) = 0x20c71c0
brk(0x20c8000) = 0x20c8000
access("/etc/ld.so.nohwcap", F_OK) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
fstat(1, st_mode=S_IFCHR|0620, st_rdev=makedev(136, 1), ...) = 0
write(1, "Hello, World!\n", 14) = 14
exit_group(14) = ?
+++ exited with 14 +++
```

# statically linked hello.exe

```
gcc -static -o hello-static.exe hello.s
```

```
strace ./hello-static.exe:
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```

standard library startup

# statically linked hello.exe

```
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```

```
strace ./hello-static.exe:
```

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memory allocation

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```
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```

```
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implementation of puts

# statically linked hello.exe

```
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```

```
strace ./hello-static.exe:
```

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standard library shutdown

# dynamically linked hello.exe

```
gcc -o hello.exe hello.s
```

```
strace ./hello.exe:
```

```
execve("./hello.exe", [ "./hello.exe" ], [ /* 46 vars */ ]) = 0
...
mmap(NULL, 8192, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x7fdfeeb39000
access("/etc/ld.so.preload", R_OK) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
open("/etc/ld.so.cache", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
fstat(3, st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=137808, ...) = 0
...
open("/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
read(3, "\177ELF\2\1\1\3\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\3\0>\0\1\0\0\0P\t2\0\0\0\0\0"... , 832) = 832
fstat(3, st_mode=S_IFREG|0755, st_size=1864888, ...) = 0
mmap(NULL, 3967392, PROT_READ|PROT_EXEC, ..., 3, 0) = 0x7fdfee54d000
mprotect(0x7fdfee70c000, 2097152, PROT_NONE) = 0
mmap(0x7fdfee90c000, 24576, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, ..., 3, 0x1bf000) = 0x7fdfee90c000
mmap(0x7fdfee912000, 14752, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, ..., -1, 0) = 0x7fdfee912000
close(3) = 0
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```

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the standard C library (includes puts)

0x7fdfee90c000  
e912000

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mmap(0x7fdfee912000, ee912000
close(3) = 0
...
write(1, "Hello, World!\n", 14) = 14
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```

memory allocation (different method)

0x7fdfee90c000  
ee912000



# dynamically linked hello.exe

```
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```

```
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```

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read standard C library header

# dynamically linked hello.exe

```
gcc -o hello.exe hello.s
```

```
strace ./hello.exe:
```

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mprotect(0x7fdfee70c000, 2097152, PROT_NONE) = 0
mmap(0x7fdfee90c000, 1912000, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x7fdfee90c000
mmap(0x7fdfee912000, 1912000, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x7fdfee912000
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...
write(1, "Hello, World!\n", 14) = 14
exit_group(14) = ?
+++ exited with 14 +++
```

load standard C library (3 = opened file)



## where's the linker

Where's the code that calls `open("...libc.so.6")`?

Could check `hello.exe` — it's not there!

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instead: "interpreter" `/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2`

on Linux: contains loading code instead of core OS

OS loads it instead of program

# objdump — the interpreter

excerpt from `objdump -sx hello.exe`:

Program Header:

```
...  
  INTERP off      0x0000238 vaddr 0x0400318 paddr 0x0400238 align 2**0  
          filesz 0x000001c memsz 0x000001c flags r--  
...
```

Contents of section `.interp`:

```
400318 2f6c6962 36342f6c 642d6c69 6e75782d /lib64/ld-linux-  
400328 7838362d 36342e73 6f2e3200 x86-64.so.2.
```

# dynamic linking: what to load? (1)

excerpt from `objdump -sx hello.exe`:

Program Header:

```
...  
DYNAMIC off      0x00000000000002e20 vaddr 0x0000000000403e20 paddr 0x0000000000403e20  
          filesz 0x00000000000001d0 memsz 0x00000000000001d0 flags rw-
```

Dynamic Section:

```
NEEDED          libc.so.6  
INIT             0x0000000000401000  
...  
STRTAB          0x0000000000400420  
...
```

program header: identifies where dynamic linking info is

dynamic linking info: array of key-value pairs

- needed libraries

- constructor locations ('INIT')

- string table location

- ...

# stubs

```
0000000000001050 <puts@plt>:
 1050:      f3 0f 1e fa      endbr64
 1054:      f2 ff 25 75 2f 00 00    bnd jmpq *0x2f75(%rip)      # 3fd0 <puts@GLIBC_2.2.5>
    replace with:
0000000000001050 <puts@plt>:
 1050:      f3 0f 1e fa      endbr64
 1054:      ff 25 XX XX XX XX    jmp VIRUS CODE
 105a:      90                nop
```

in known location (particular section of executable)



# stubs again

```
0000000000001050 <puts@plt>:  
1050:      f3 0f 1e fa      endbr64  
1054:      f2 ff 25 75 2f 00 00    bnd jmpq *0x2f75(%rip)      # 3fd0 <puts@GLIBC_2.2.5>
```

don't edit stub — edit initial value at `0x3fd0`  
stored in data section of executable

originally: pointer to lazy linking code

malware code can jump to original lazy linking code after

preview of future topics: also can be changed by exploits  
commonly involved in memory-error exploits (buffer overflow, etc.)

# relocations?

on executable:

```
hello.exe:      file format elf64-x86-64
```

```
DYNAMIC RELOCATION RECORDS
```

```
OFFSET          TYPE                VALUE
```

```
...  
00000000000003fd0 R_X86_64_JUMP_SLOT puts@GLIBC_2.2.5
```

**replace with:**

```
00000000000003fd0 R_X86_64_JUMP_SLOT *ABS**virus_code_address
```

```
...
```

relocation record: where to put library code addresses

# symbols?

on library:

```
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6:      file format elf64-x86-64
```

DYNAMIC SYMBOL TABLE:

```
...  
000000000000875a0 w DF .text 00000000000001dc GLIBC_2.2.5 puts  
    replace with:  
000000000000875a0 w DF .text (virus code off) GLIBC_2.2.5 puts
```

symbol table entry: where library code is

## virus: easiest code to find?

what should be easiest/hardest to identify without many false positives?

- A. replaced start location
- B. replaced dynamic linker stub
- C. replaced dynamic library symbol location
- D. replaced function call
- E. replaced function return
- F. replaced bootloader
- G. new automatically started system program