Exploit Mitigations

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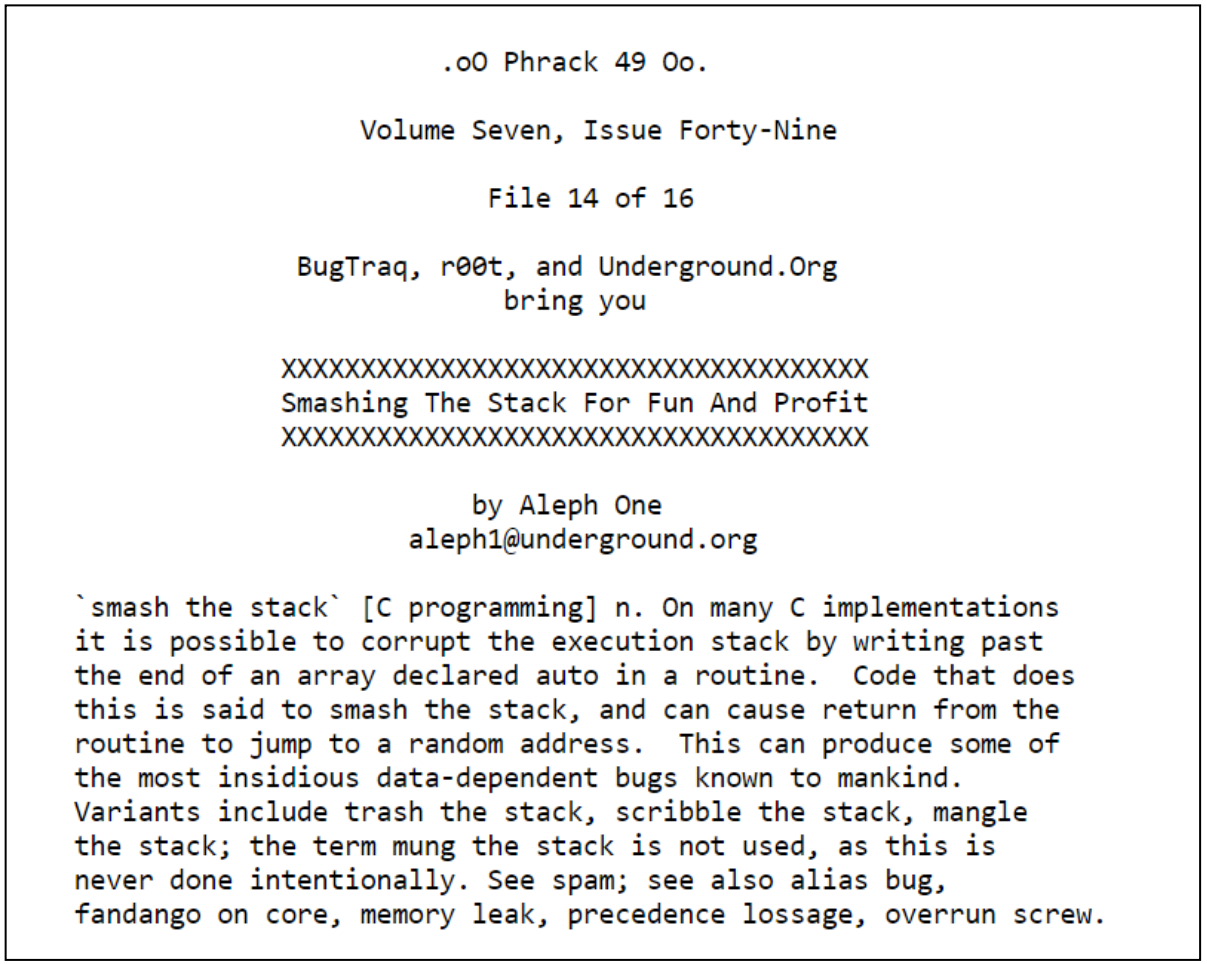
Exploit Mitigations: Recap

You know how to exploit a buffer overflow.

Like it's 1996.

Lets take you to 2016



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BugTraq, r00t, and Underground.Org
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Smashing The Stack For Fun And Profit
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by Aleph One
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`smash the stack` [C programming] n. On many C implementations it is possible to corrupt the execution stack by writing past the end of an array declared auto in a routine. Code that does this is said to smash the stack, and can cause return from the routine to jump to a random address. This can produce some of the most insidious data-dependent bugs known to mankind. Variants include trash the stack, scribble the stack, mangle the stack; the term mung the stack is not used, as this is never done intentionally. See spam; see also alias bug, fandango on core, memory leak, precedence lossage, overrun screw.

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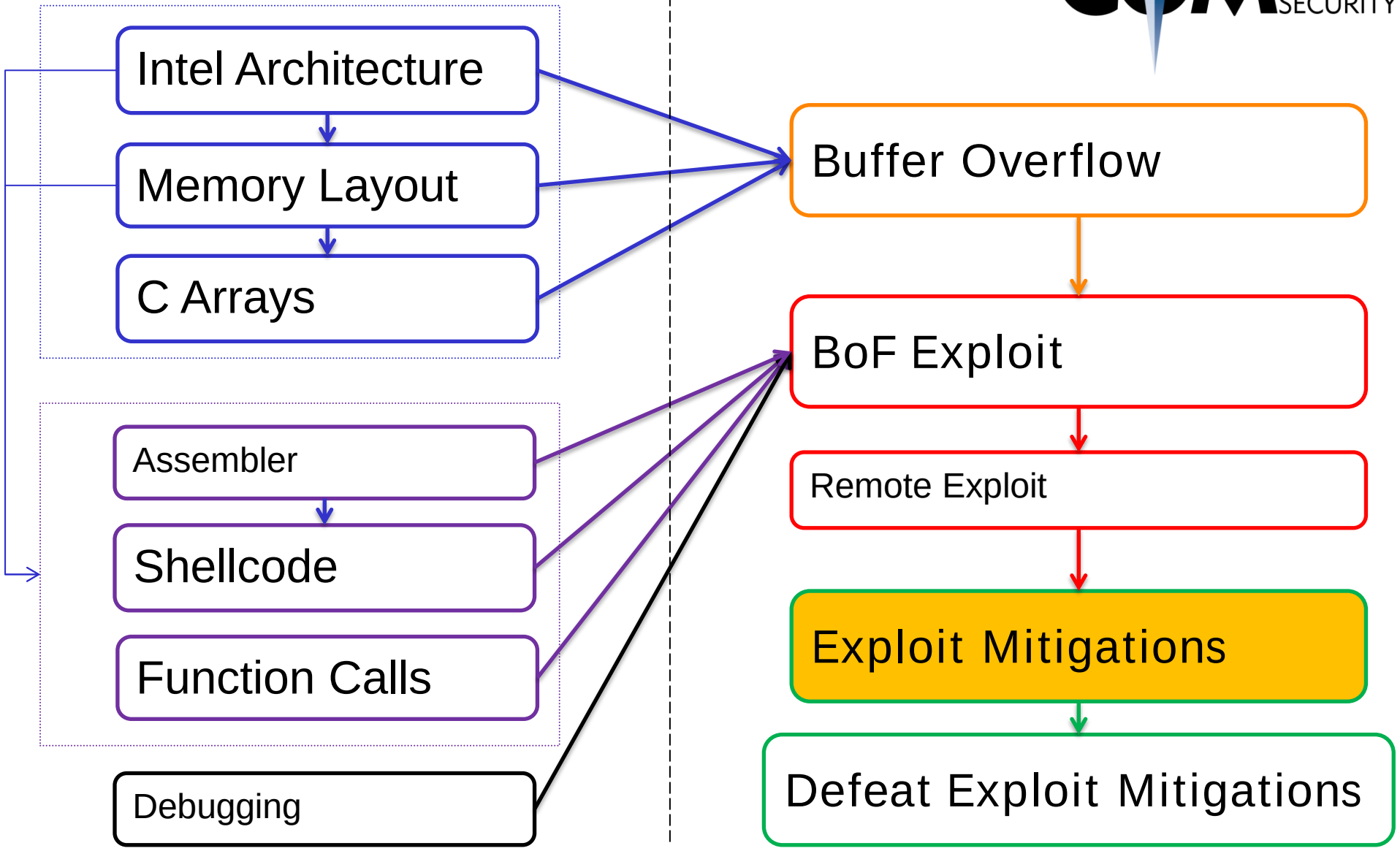
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Exploit Mitigations: Security News

OpenBSD

Subject: anti-ROP mechanism in libc
From: Theo de Raadt <deraadt () openbsd ! org>
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This change randomizes the order of symbols in libc.so at boot time.

This is done by saving all the independent .so sub-files into an ar archive, and then relinking them into a new libc.so in random order, at each boot. The cost is less than a second on the systems I am using.

Grsecurity/PAX

RAP is here. Public demo in 4.5 test patch and commercially available today!

April 28, 2016

Today's release of grsecurity® for the Linux 4.5 kernel marks an important milestone in the project's history. It is the first kernel to contain RAP, a defense mechanism against code reuse attacks. RAP was announced to the

Linux Kernel 4.6

Currently on i386 and on X86_64 when emulating X86_32 in legacy mode, only the stack and the executable are randomized but not other mmapped files (libraries, vDSO, etc.). This patch enables randomization for the libraries, vDSO and mmap requests on i386 and in X86_32 in legacy mode.

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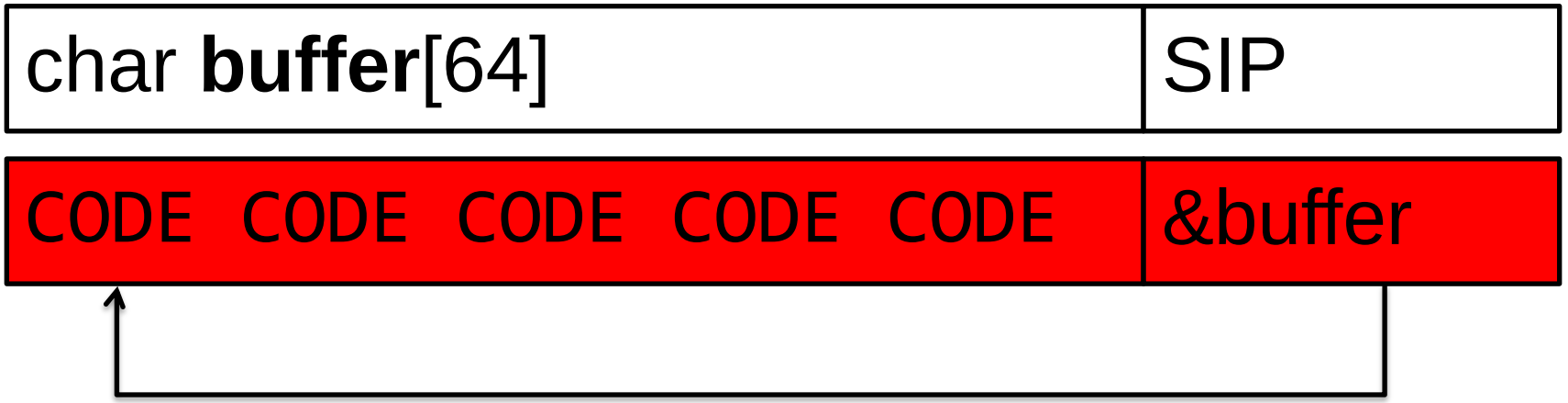

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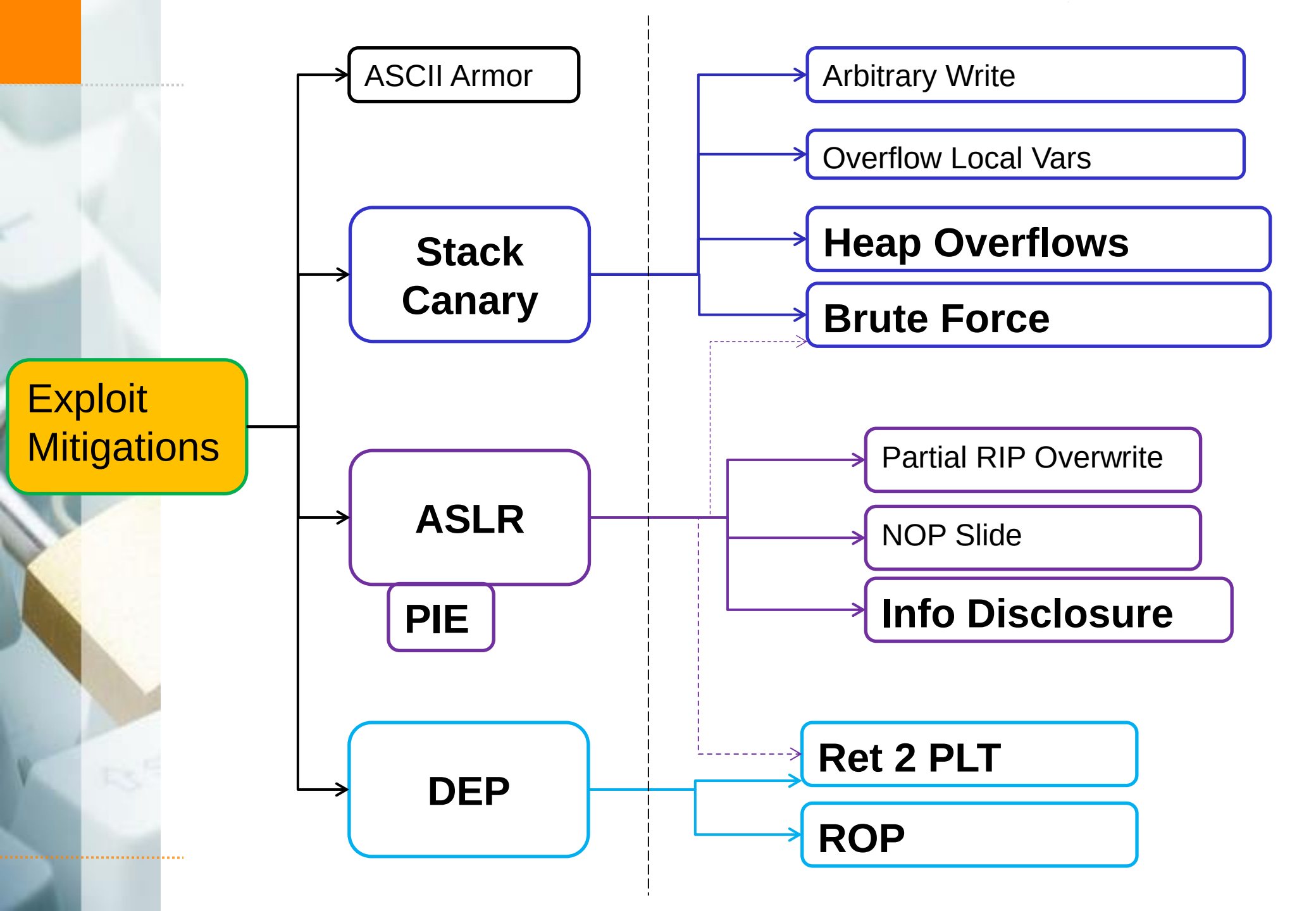
What is required to create an exploit?

- Executable Shellcode
  - Aka “Hacker instructions”
- The distance from buffer to SIP
  - Offset for the overflow
- The Address of shellcode
  - in memory of the target process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Best Exploit Mitigation:

(Security relevant-) Bugs should not exist at all

Write secure code!

- Use **secure libraries**
- Perform **Static Analysis** of the source code
- Perform **Dynamic Analysis** of programs
- Perform **fuzzing** of input vectors
- Have a secure development lifecycle (**SDL**)
- Manual source code **reviews**
- …

Developers, developers, developers

Not the focus of this lessons

Our focus: “Sysadmin/user view”

What can WE do to improve security on our systems?

- Without fixing other people’s code

Two things:

- Compile Time Protection
- Runtime Protection

Practical Exploit Mitigations

Compile Time:

- Stack canaries
- PIE

Runtime:

- ASLR
- DEP
- ASCII Armor

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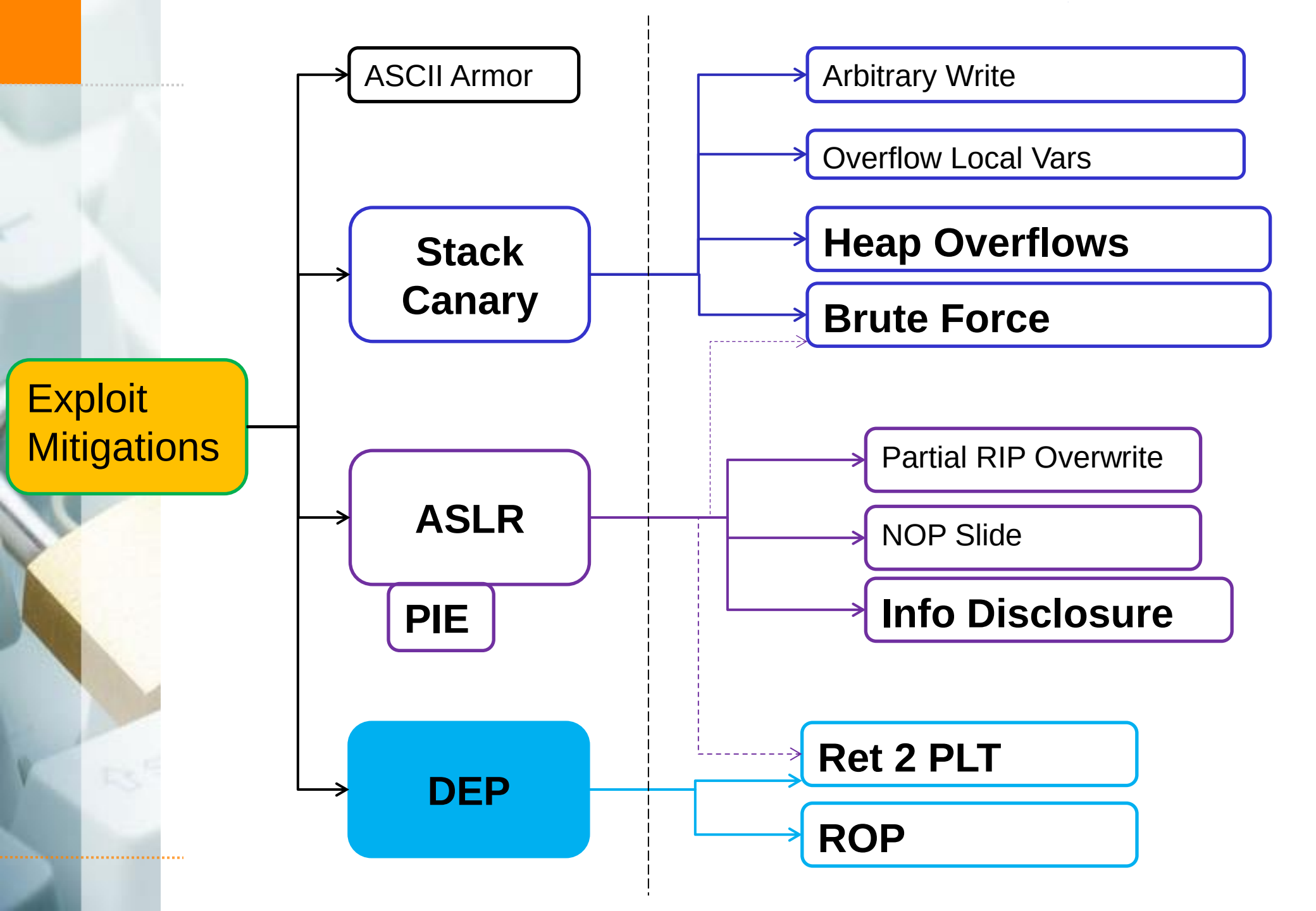
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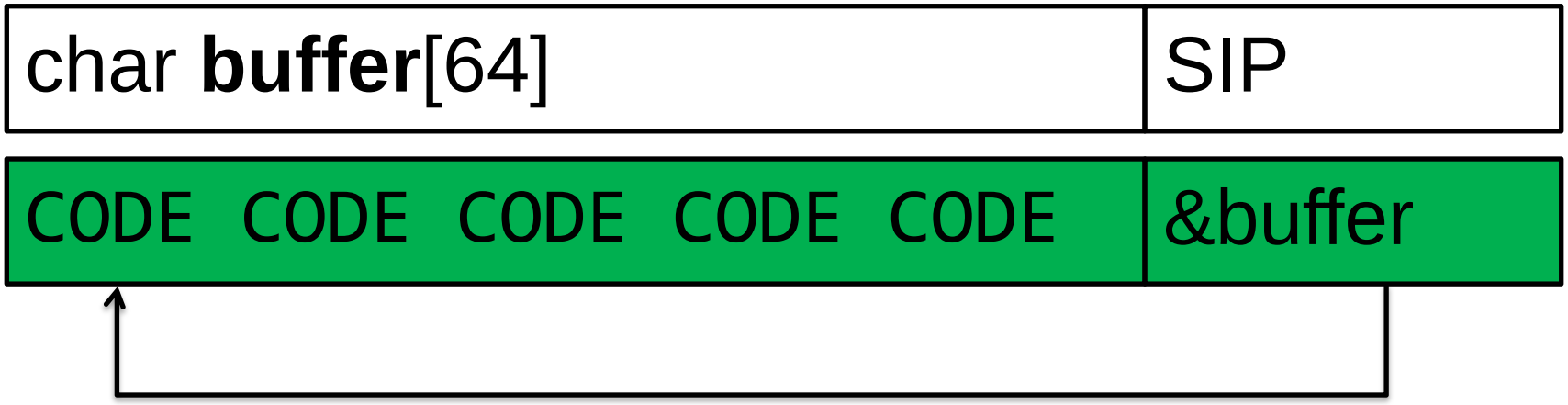


DEP: Make stack not executable

DEP

DEP – **D**ata **E**xecution **P**revention

- Aka: No-Exec Stack
- Aka: W^X (Write XOR eXecute)(OpenBSD)
- Aka: NX (Non-Execute) Bit

32 bit (x86)

- Since 386
- "saved" Xecute bit (Read / Write are available)

AMD64 (x86-64)

- introduced NX bit in HW
- Or kernel patches like PaX
- For 32 bit, need PAE (Physical Address Extension, 32->36bit)

Linux

- Support in 2004, Kernel 2.6.8, default active

Memory regions

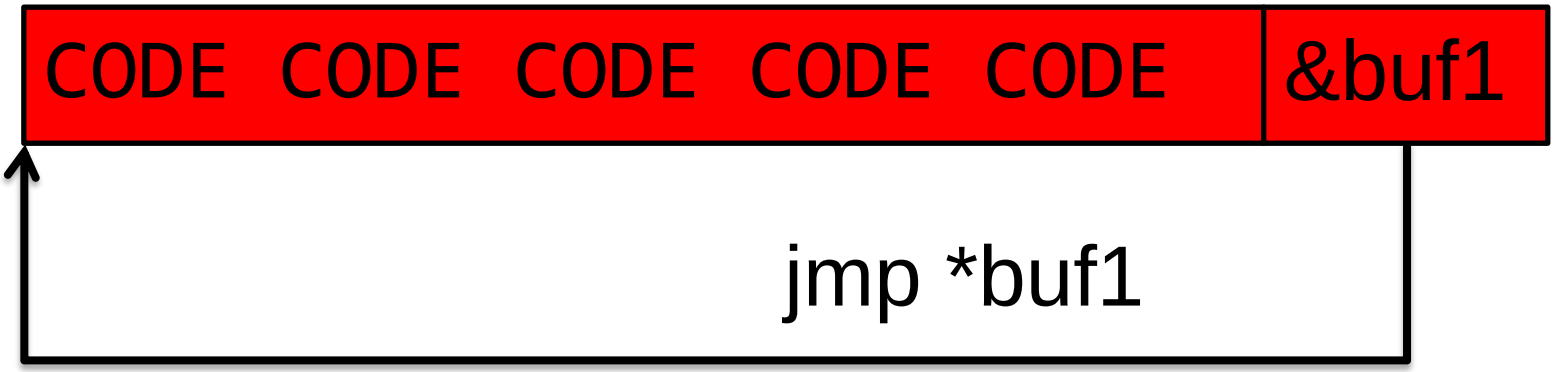
- Are mapped with permissions
- Like files
  - R Read
  - W Write
  - X eXecute

- DEP removes X bit from memory which do not contain code
  - Stack
  - Heap
  - (Possibly others)

Anti-Exploitation: No-Exec Stack

Without DEP:

Permissions: rw**x**



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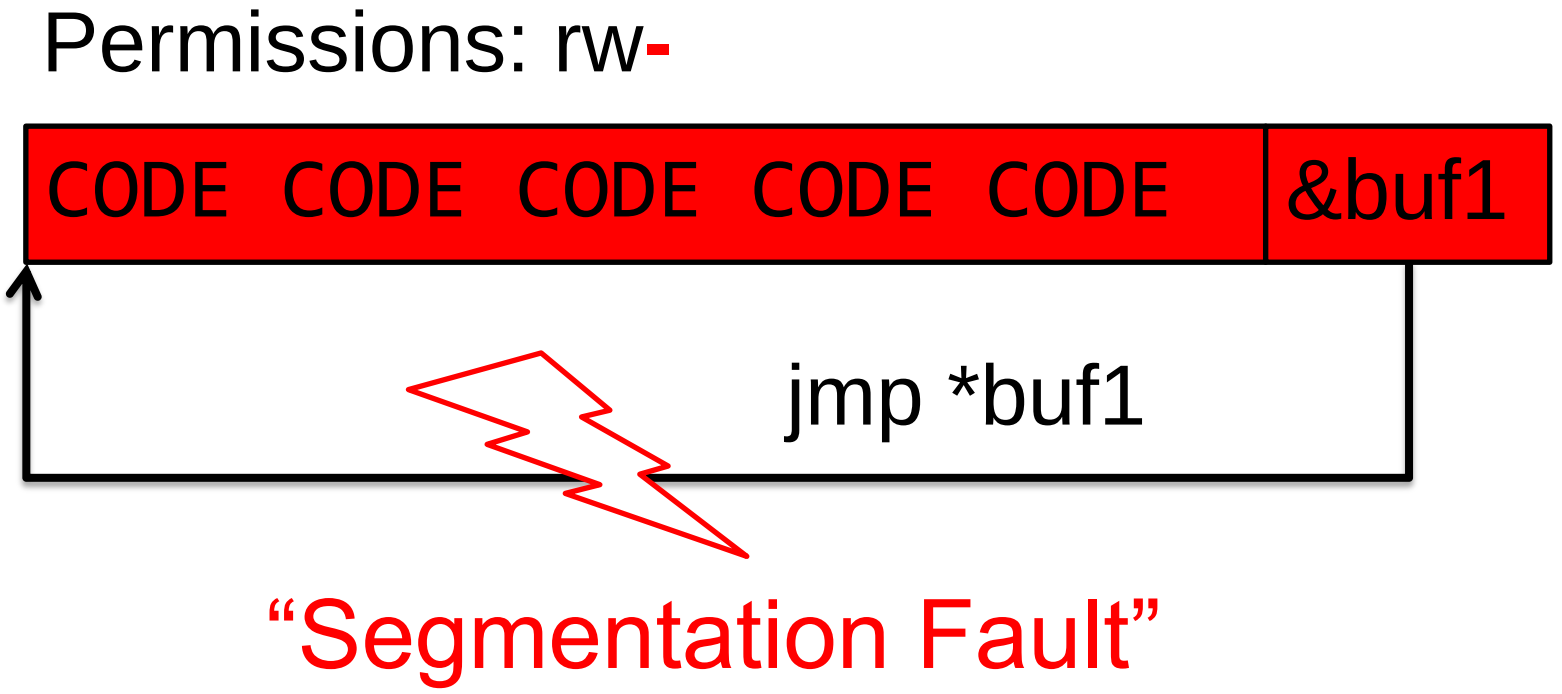

DEP Example

```
(gdb) r
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0xbffff4ec in ?? ()

(gdb) info proc mappings
Mapped address spaces:
[…]
 0xbffdf000 0xc0000000    0x21000        0x0 [stack]

(gdb) i r eip
eip            0xbffff4ec       0xbffff4ec
```

Anti-Exploitation: No-Exec Stack

```
$ gcc system.c -o system && readelf -l system

Program Headers:
  Type           Offset   VirtAddr   MemSiz  Flg Align
  PHDR           0x000034 0x08048034 0x00120 R E 0x4
  INTERP         0x000154 0x08048154 0x00013 R   0x1
  LOAD           0x000000 0x08048000 0x005d0 R E 0x1000
  LOAD           0x000f14 0x08049f14 0x00108 RW  0x1000
  DYNAMIC        0x000f28 0x08049f28 0x000c8 RW  0x4
  NOTE           0x000168 0x08048168 0x00044 R   0x4
  GNU_EH_FRAME   0x0004d8 0x080484d8 0x00034 R   0x4
  GNU_STACK      0x000000 0x00000000 0x00000 RW  0x4
  GNU_RELRO      0x000f14 0x08049f14 0x000ec R   0x1
```

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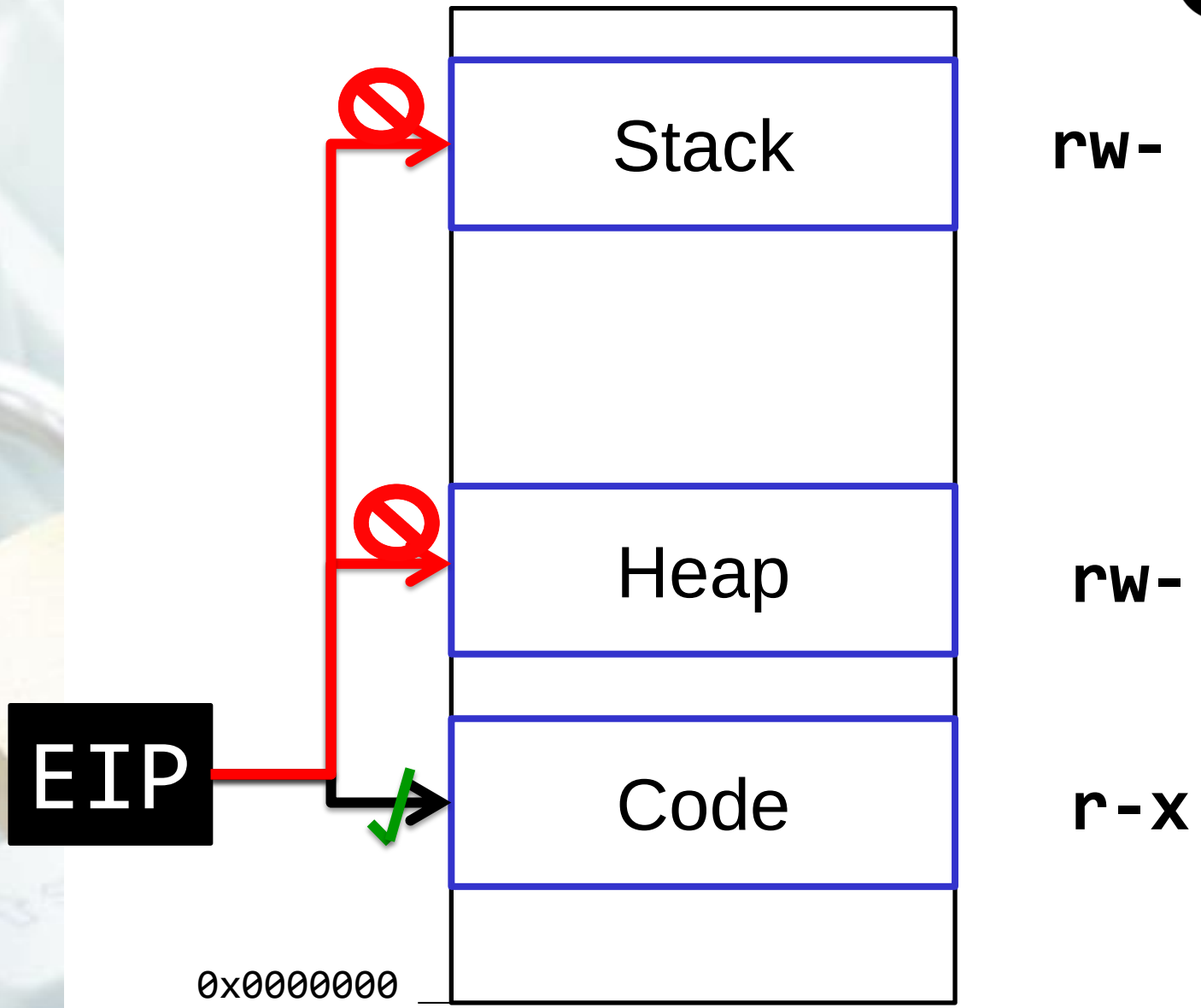

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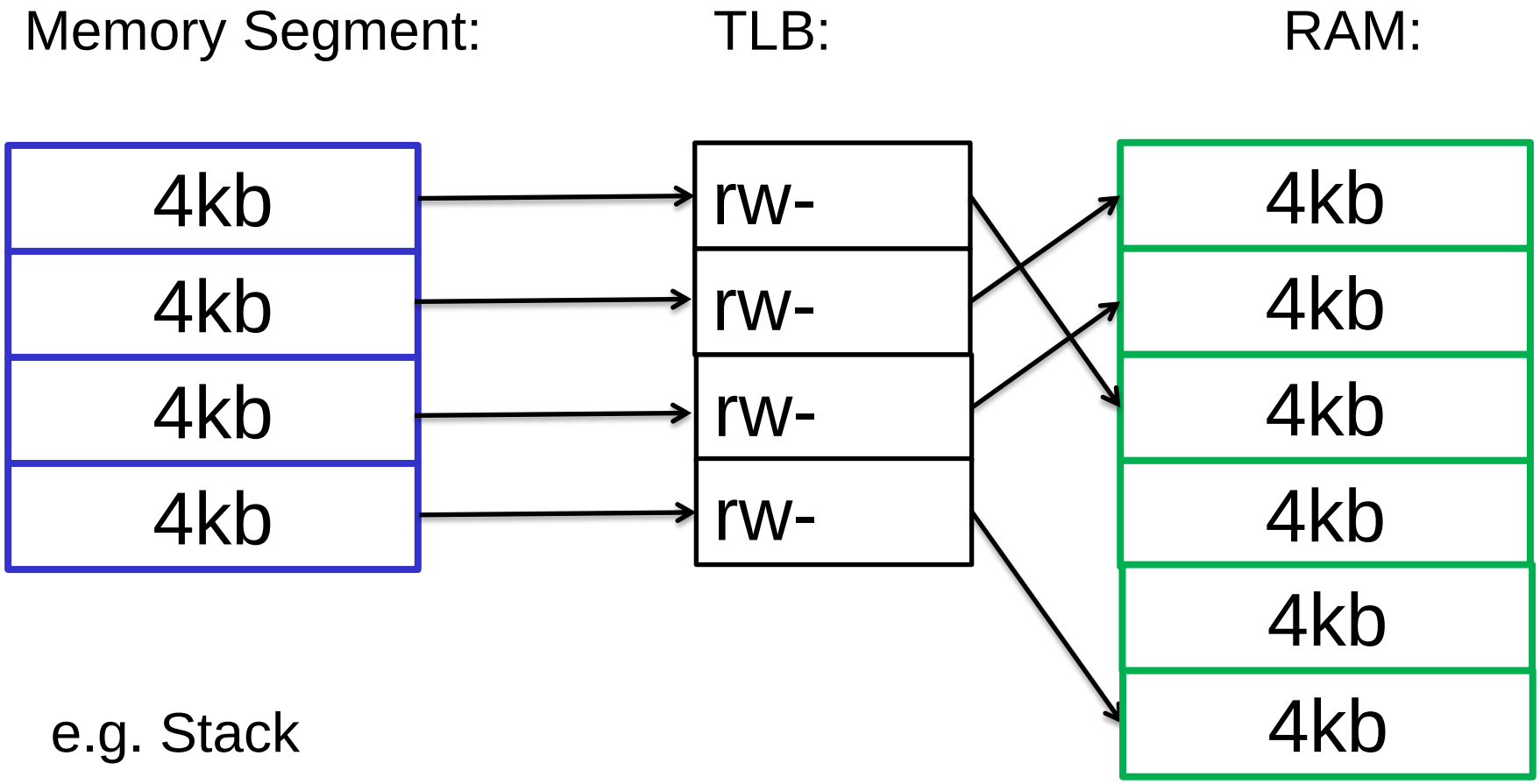


Anti-Exploitation: DEP - Memory

Userspace

- Program sees 2^32 (or 2^64) 1-byte memory locations
- Cannot access it until it is “mapped”
- Mapping is based on pages
- Pages are 4096 bytes (4kb) size

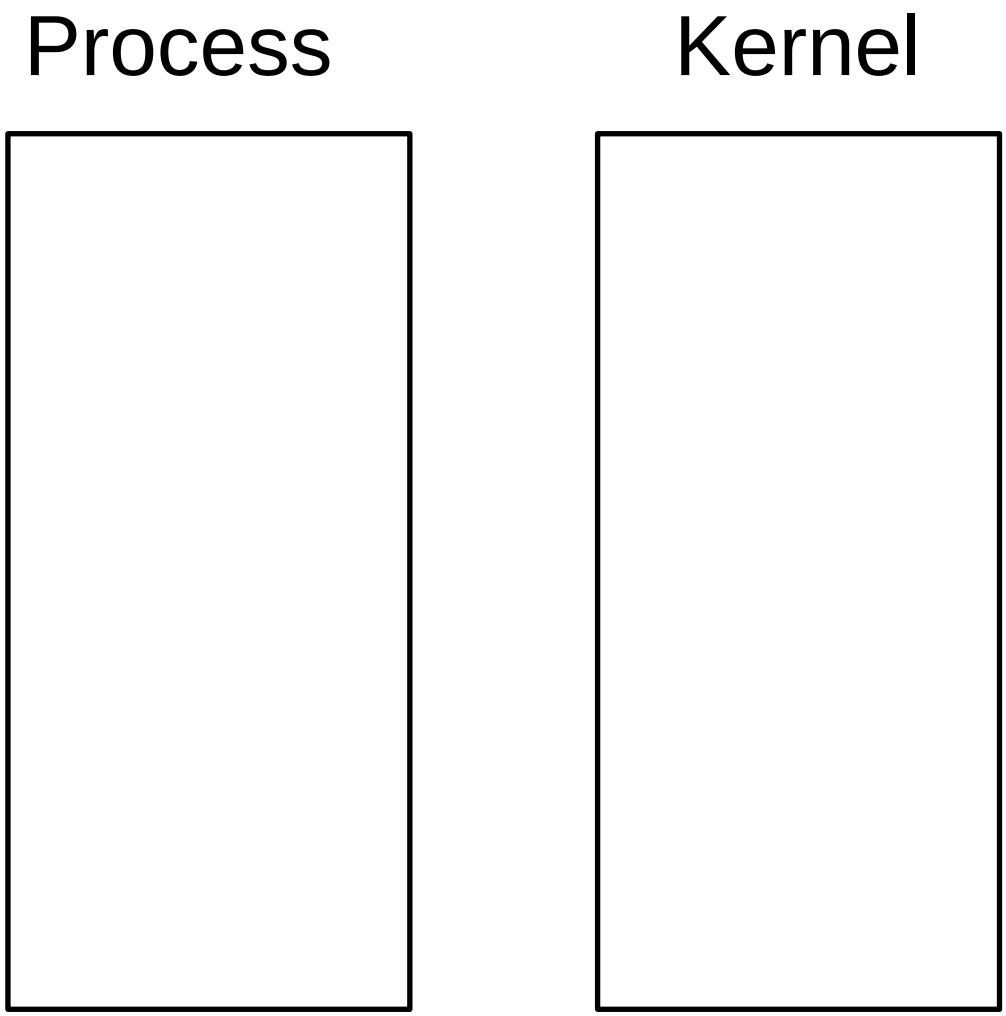
Kernelspace

- Manages RAM
- Also sees 2^32 bytes (for itself)
- “Maps” userspace pages to physical pages
- Via the TLB

Anti-Exploitation: DEP - Memory

Process start

No memory mappings



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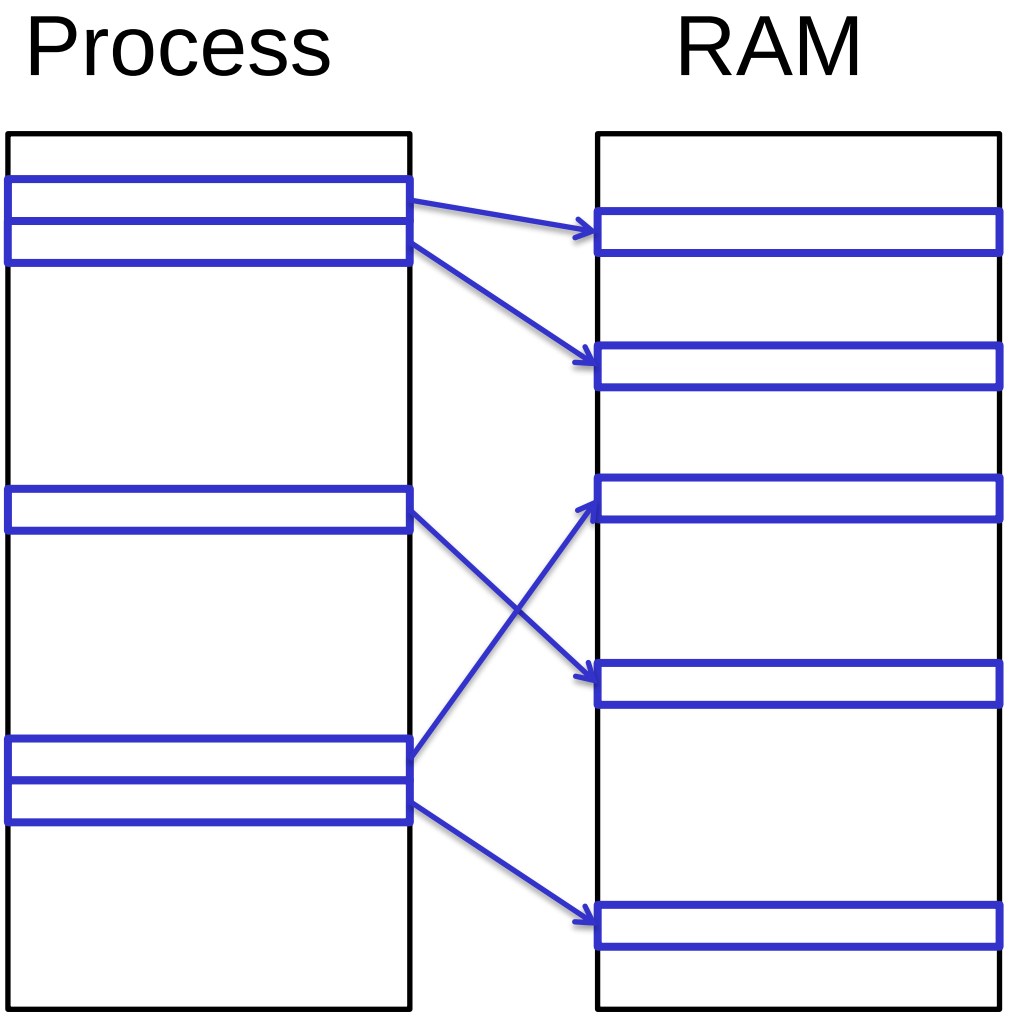
Process started

Memory is mapped



Anti-Exploitation: No-Exec Stack

GCC compiles automatically with no-exec stack

Exploit Mitigation – DEP

- Makes it **impossible** for an attacker **to execute** his own shellcode
- Code segment: e**X**ecute (no write)
- Heap, Stack: **W**rite (no execute)

Exploit Mitigation – DEP

- No-no: Write AND Execute
- Sometimes necessary
- Interpreted Languages
  - E.g. Java
  - Or JavaScript
  - Ähem *Browser* ähem

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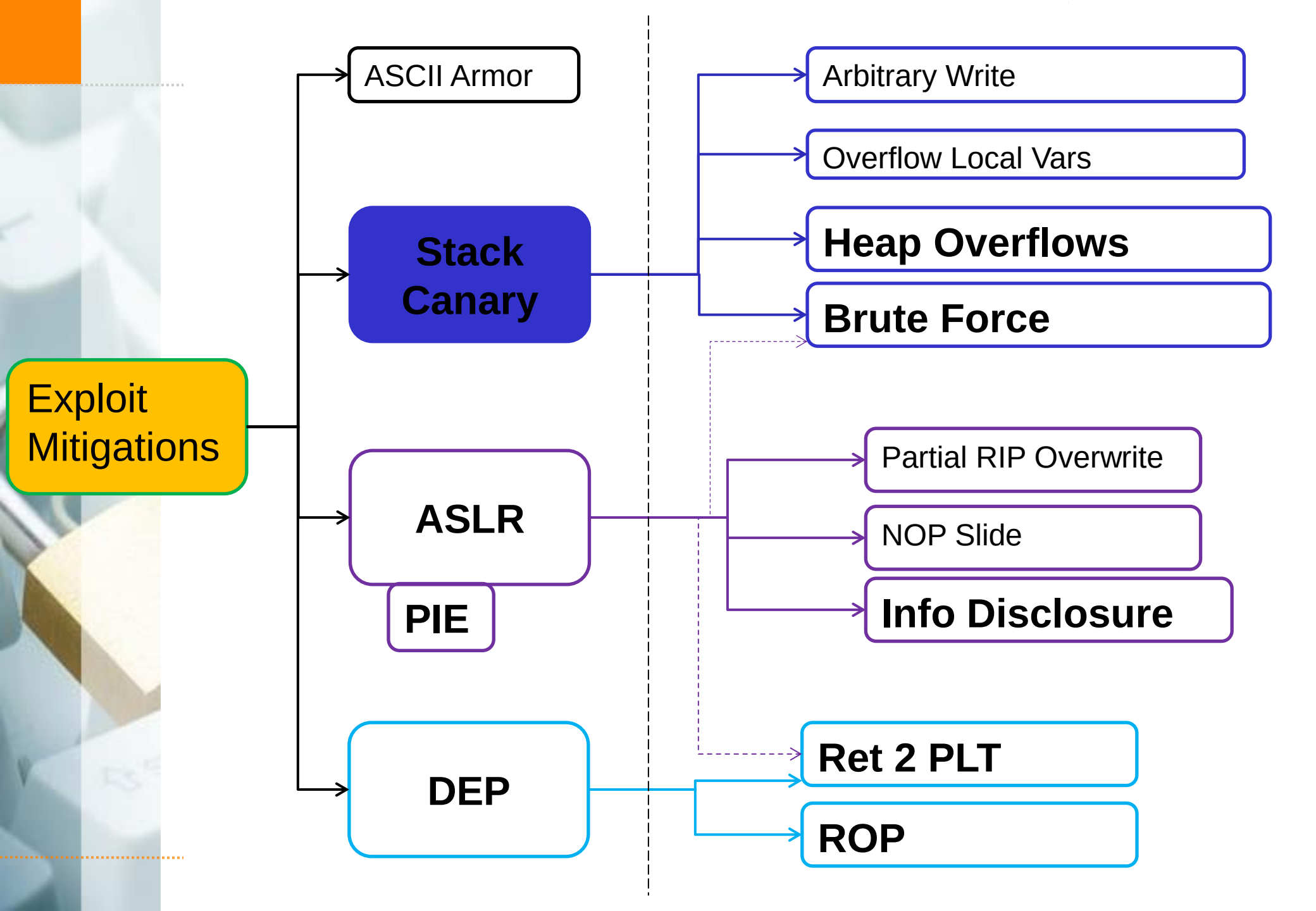
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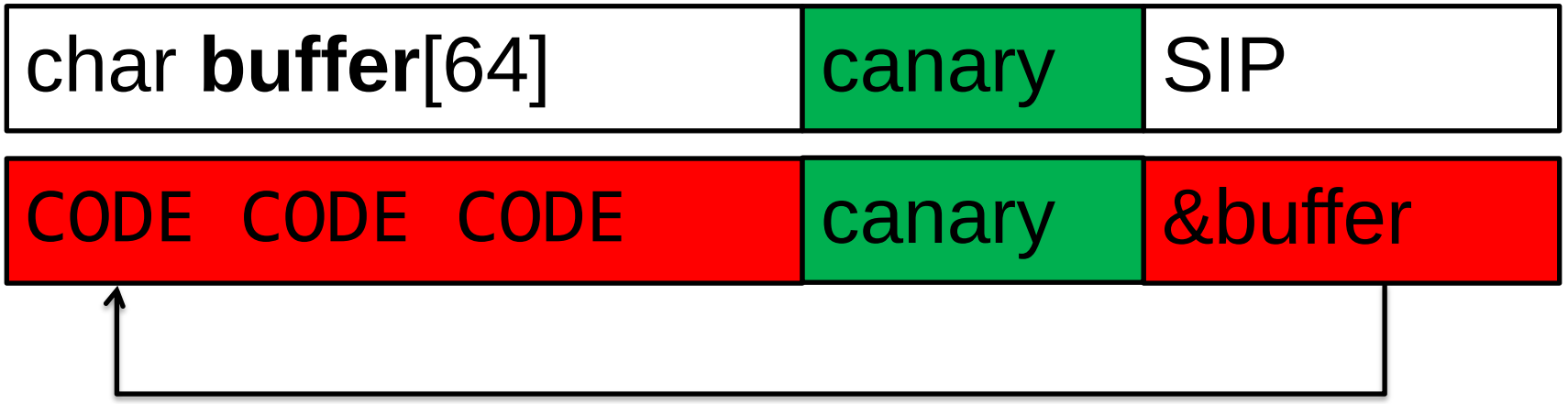

Exploit Mitigation – Stack Protector

Aka:

- SSP: Stack Smashing Protector
- Stack Cookie
- Stack Canary

Exploit Mitigation – Stack Protector

Secret value in front of control data

A value unknown to the attacker

Checked before performing a "ret"

- When returning from a function; "return;"
- Before using SIP

```
if (secret_on_stack == global_secret) {
  return;
} else {
  crash();
}
```

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char buf1[16]	EIP

char buf1[16]	secret	EIP

Exploit Mitigation – Stack Protector

char buf1[16]	secret	EIP

char buf1[16]	55667	FF12

CODE CODE CODE CODE	BBBB	AA00

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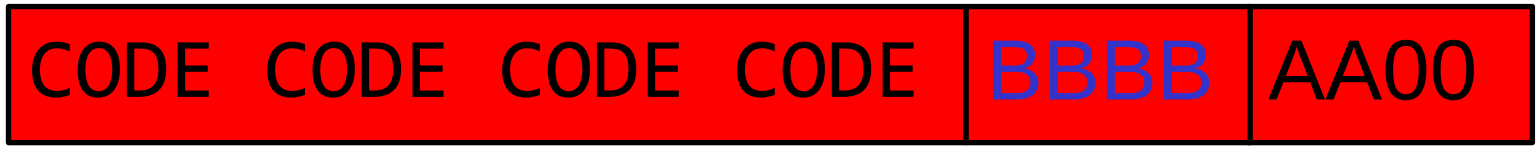

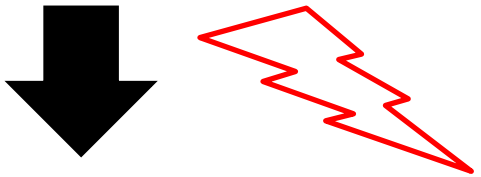

"Segmentation Fault"

BBBB != 55667

Stack Protector

- GCC patch
  - First: StackGuard in 1997
  - Then: ProPolice in 2001, by IBM
- Finally: Re-implement ProPolice in 2005 by RedHat
  - introduced in GCC 4.1
  - -fstack-protector
- Update: Better implementation by Google in 2012
  - -fstack-protector-strong
- Enabled since like forever by default
  - most distributions
  - most packages

Exploit Mitigation – Stack Protector

When does the stack protector change?

- On execve()
  - (replace current process with a ELF file from disk)
- NOT on fork()
  - (copy current process)

Exploit Mitigation – Stack Protector

Stack canary properties:

- Not predictable
- Be located in a non-accessible location
- Cannot be brute-forced
- Should contain at least one termination character

Exploit Mitigation – Stack Protector

Stack protector in ASM, static analysis:

```
// get stack canary
mov     -0xc(%ebp),%eax

// compare with reference value
xor     %gs:0x14,%eax

// skip next instruction if ok
je      0x804846e <bla+58>

// was not ok - crash/exit program
call    0x8048340 <__stack_chk_fail@plt>
```

Exploit Mitigation – Stack Protector

Stack protector in ASM, dynamic analysis:

```
=> 0x08048458 <+36>:    call   0x8048350 <strcpy@plt>
   0x0804845d <+41>:    mov    -0xc(%ebp),%eax
   0x08048460 <+44>:    xor    %gs:0x14,%eax
   0x08048467 <+51>:    je     0x804846e <bla+58>
   0x08048469 <+53>:    call   0x8048340 <__stack_chk_fail@plt>
```

```
(gdb) x/1x $ebp-0xc
0xbffff5cc:     0x2f140600
(gdb) info auxv
25   AT_RANDOM            Address of 16 random bytes     0xbffff7bb
(gdb) x/1x 0xbffff7bb
0xbffff7bb:     0x2f1406ae
```

Stack Smashing Example

```
$ ./strcpy AAAAAAAAAAAAA
*** stack smashing detected ***: ./strcpy terminated
======= Backtrace: =========
/lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc.so.6(__fortify_fail+0x45)[0xb76ff095]
/lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc.so.6(+0x10404a)[0xb76ff04a]
./strcpy[0x804846e]
./strcpy[0x8048489]
/lib/i386-linux-
gnu/libc.so.6(__libc_start_main+0xf3)[0xb7614533]
./strcpy[0x80483a1]
======= Memory map: ========
```

Stack Smashing Example

```
(gdb) disas overflow
Dump of assembler code for function overflow:
   0x08048434 <+0>:     push   %ebp
   0x08048435 <+1>:     mov    %esp,%ebp
   0x08048437 <+3>:     sub    $0x38,%esp
[…]
   0x08048458 <+36>:    call   0x8048350 <strcpy@plt>
   0x0804845d <+41>:    mov    -0xc(%ebp),%eax
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   0x08048467 <+51>:    je     0x804846e <overflow+58>
   0x08048469 <+53>:    call   0x8048340
                          <__stack_chk_fail@plt>
   0x0804846e <+58>:    leave
   0x0804846f <+59>:    ret
```

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Stack Canary

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Arrival: Canary

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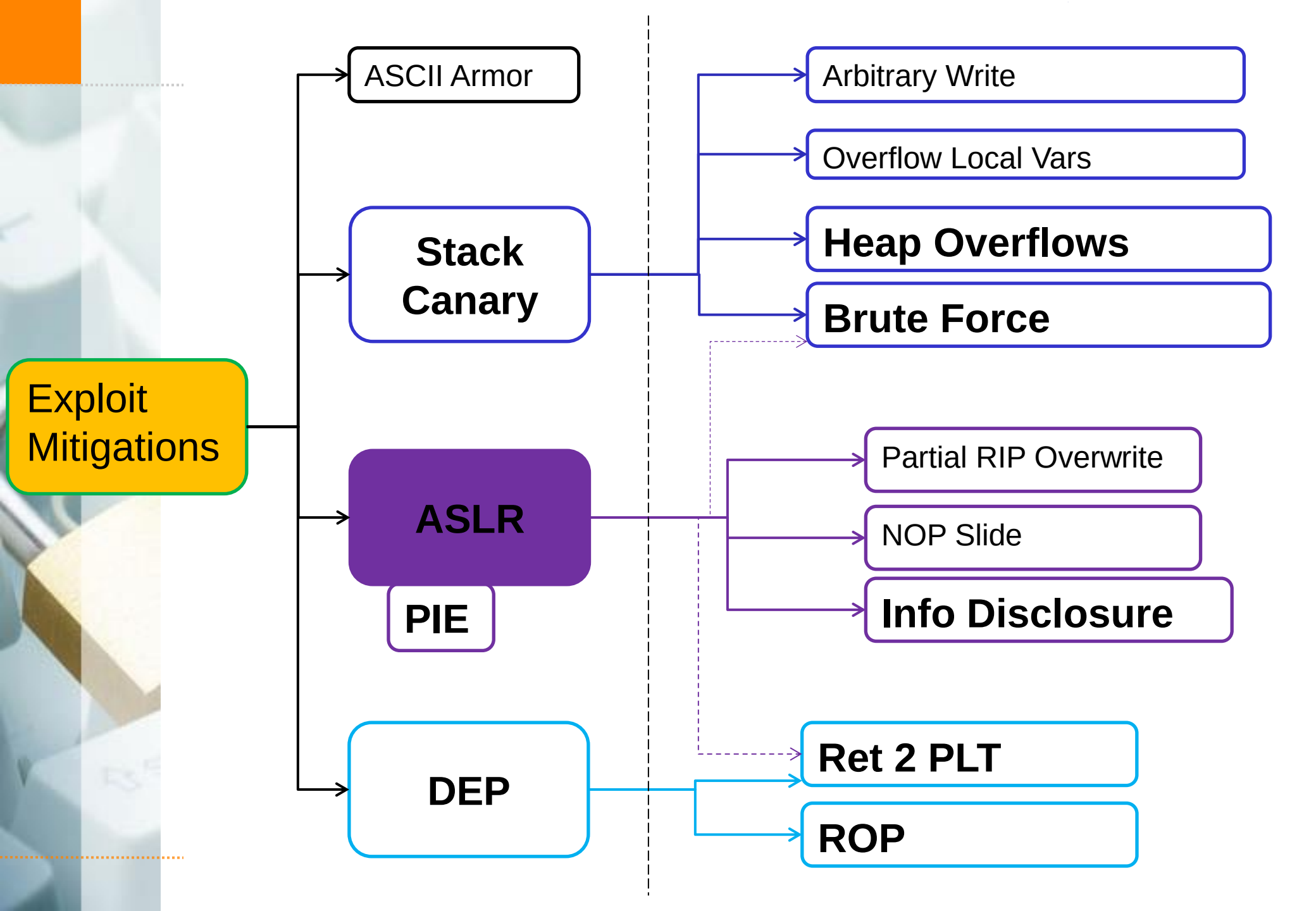
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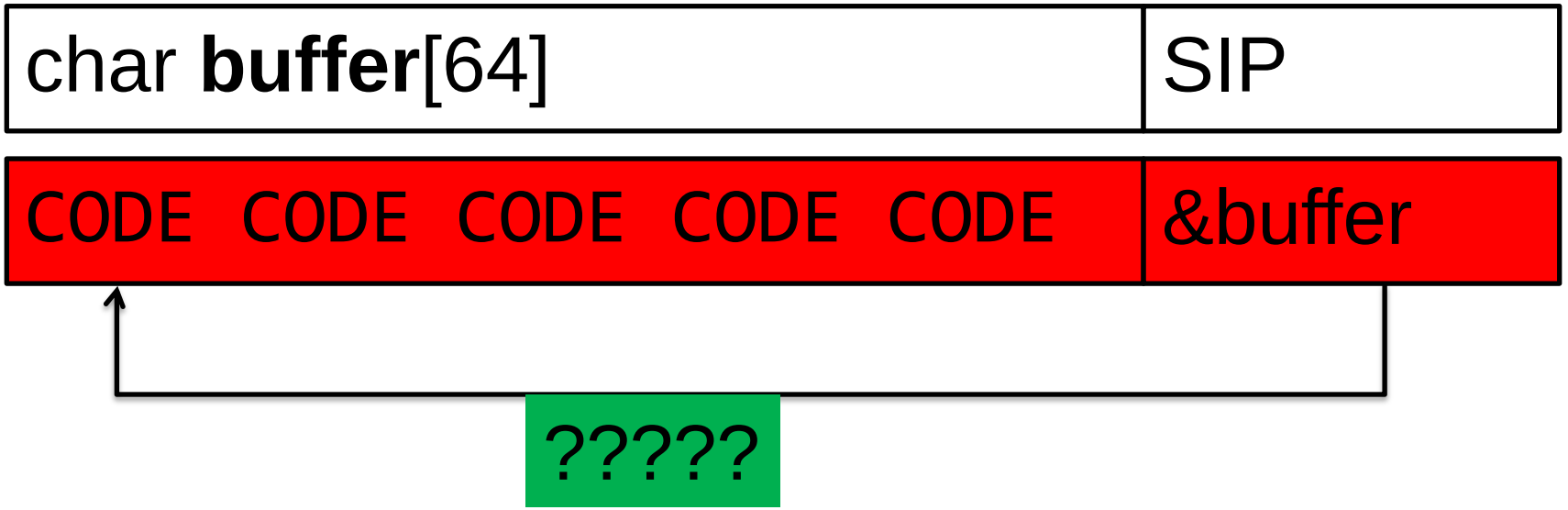
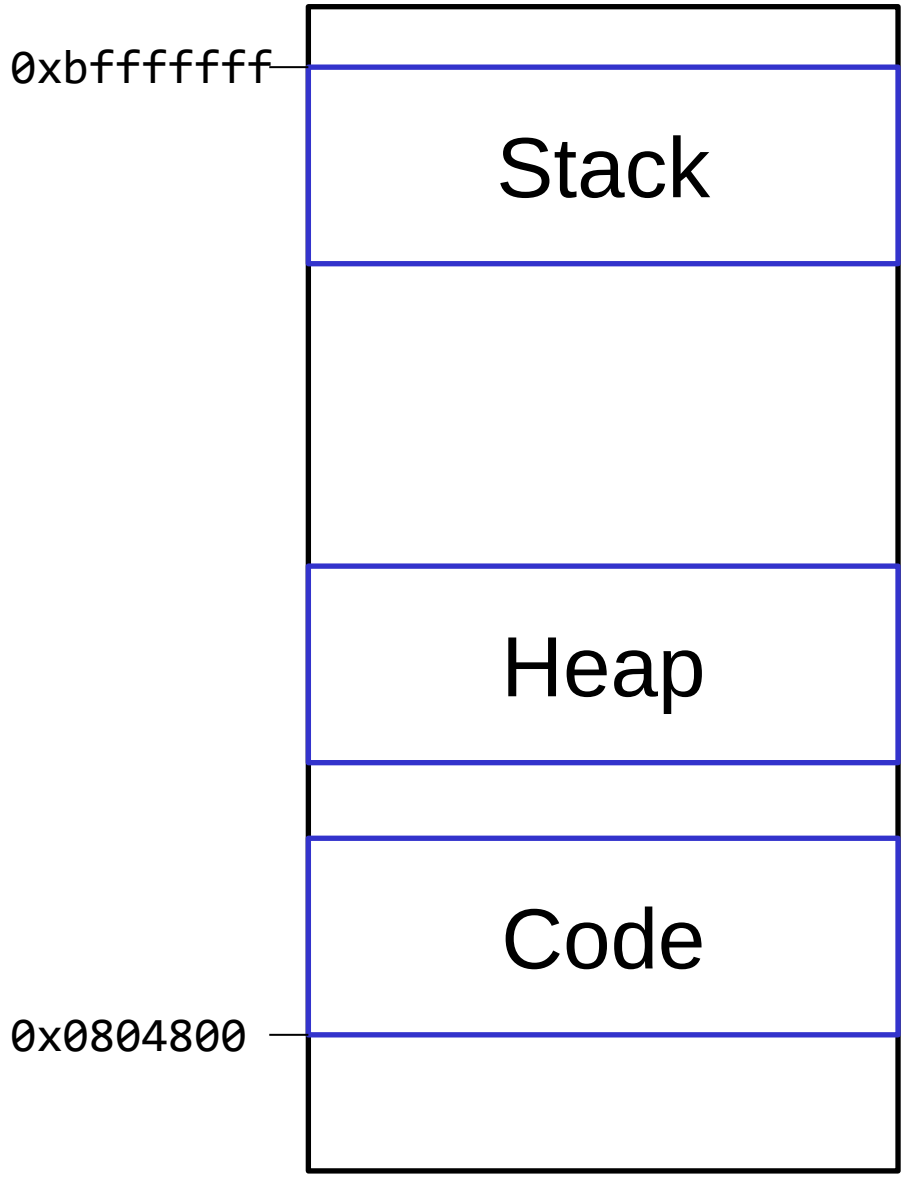


Exploit Mitigation - ASLR

- Code execution is surprisingly deterministic
- E.g. Network service:
  1. fork()
  2. Parse incoming data
  3. Buffer Overflow is happening at module X line Y
- On every exploit attempt, memory layout looks the same!
  - Same stack/heap/code layout
  - Same address of the buffer(s)
- ASLR: Address Space Layout Randomization
  - Introduces randomness in memory regions

Memory Layout



Without ASLR

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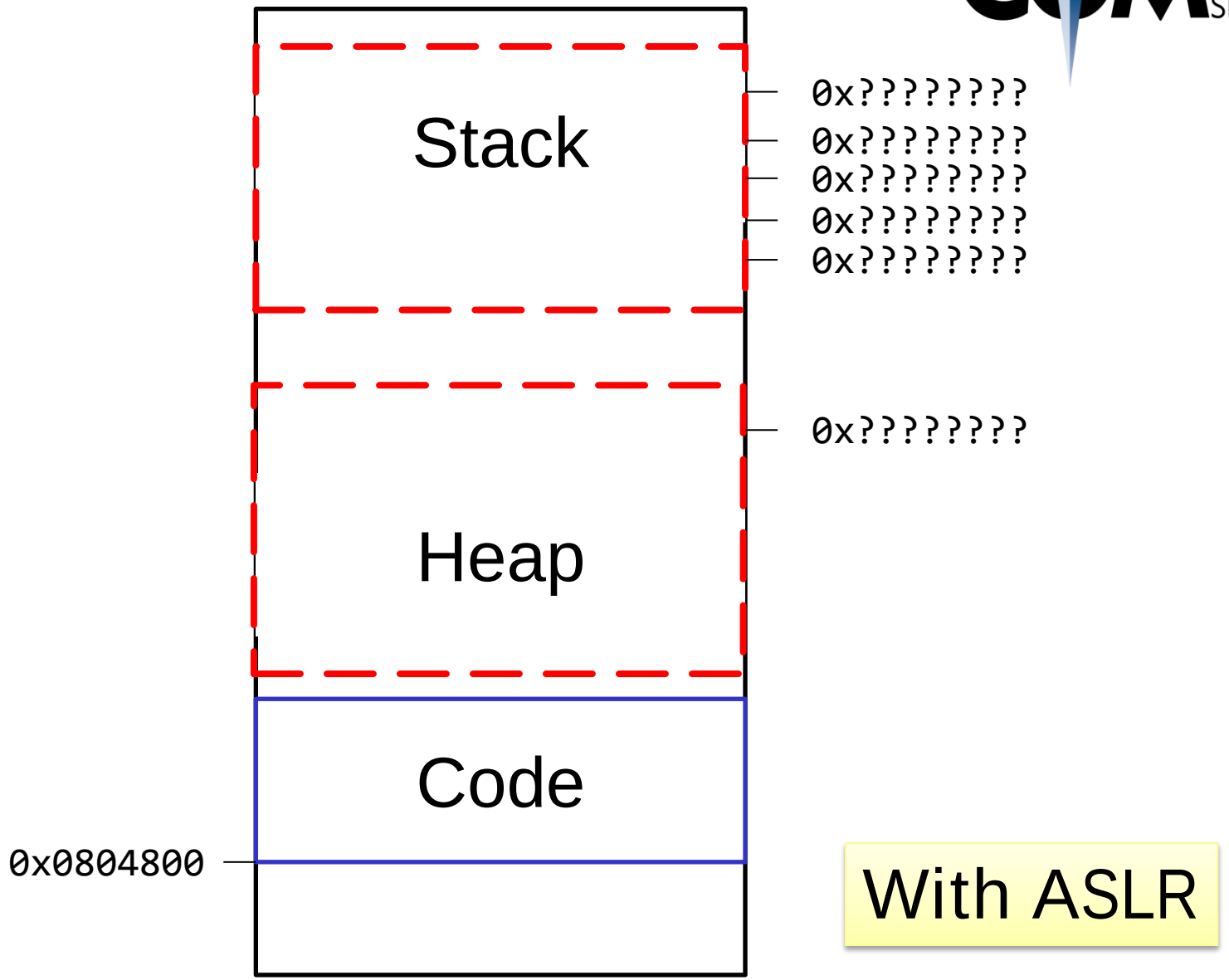

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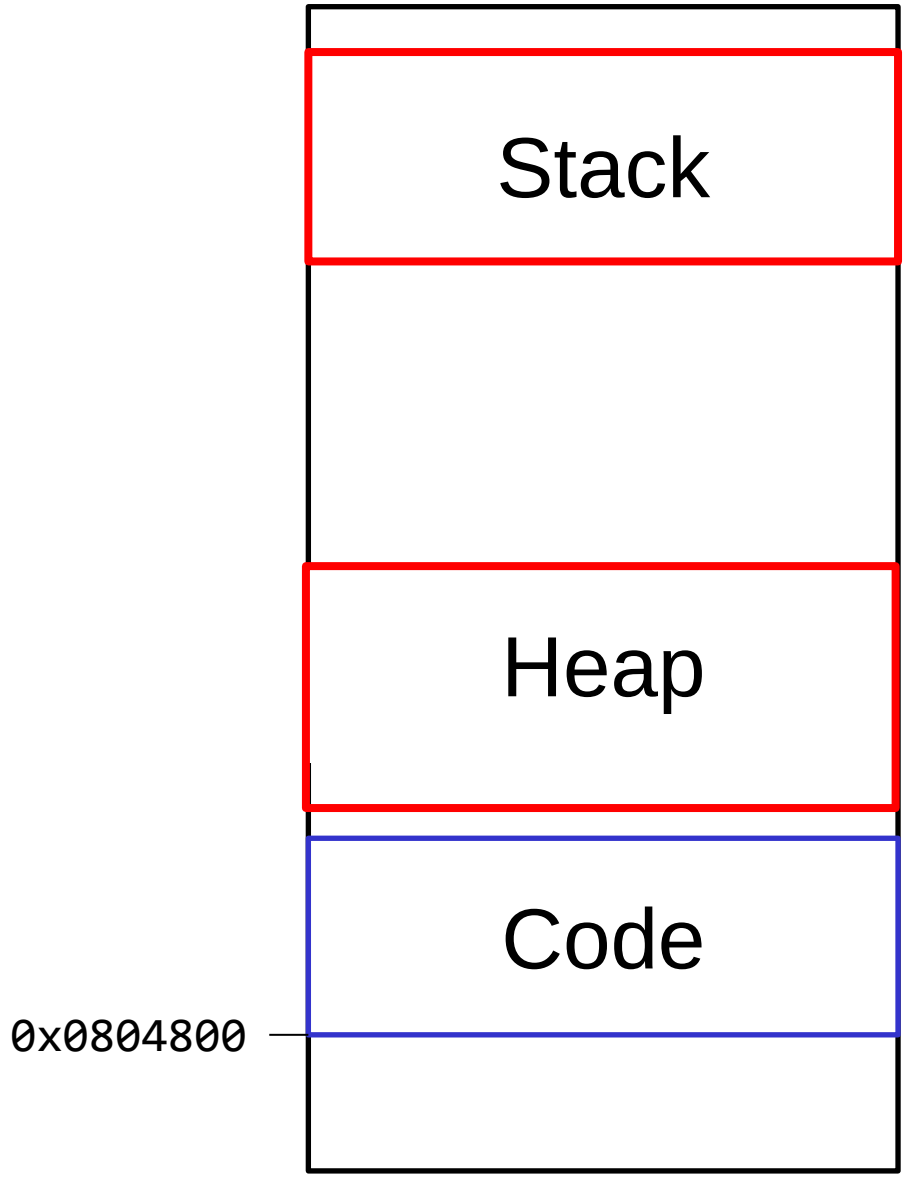

With ASLR, #1

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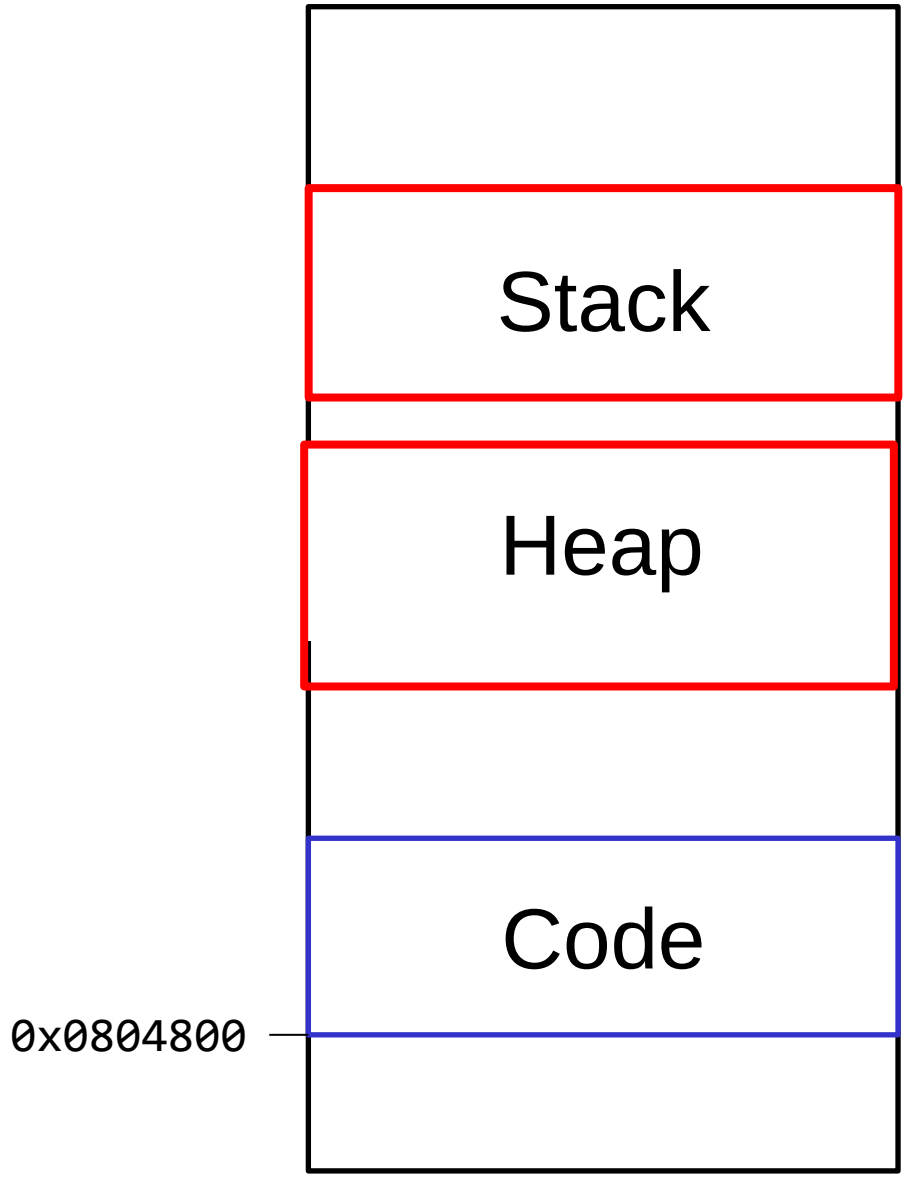

With ASLR, #2

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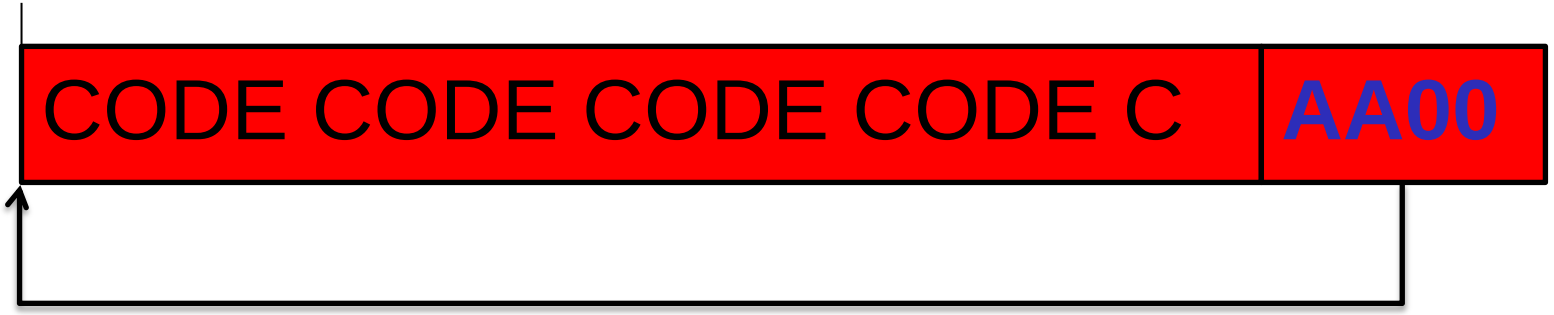
0xAA00

0xAA00



0xBB00

0xBB00

"Segmentation Fault"

AA00 != **BB00**

Randomness is measured in entropy

- Several restrictions
  - Pages have to be page aligned: 4096 bytes = 12 bit
- Very restricted address space in x32 architecture
  - ~8 bit for stack (256 possibilities)
- Much more space for x64
  - ~22 bit for stack

Default ASLR:

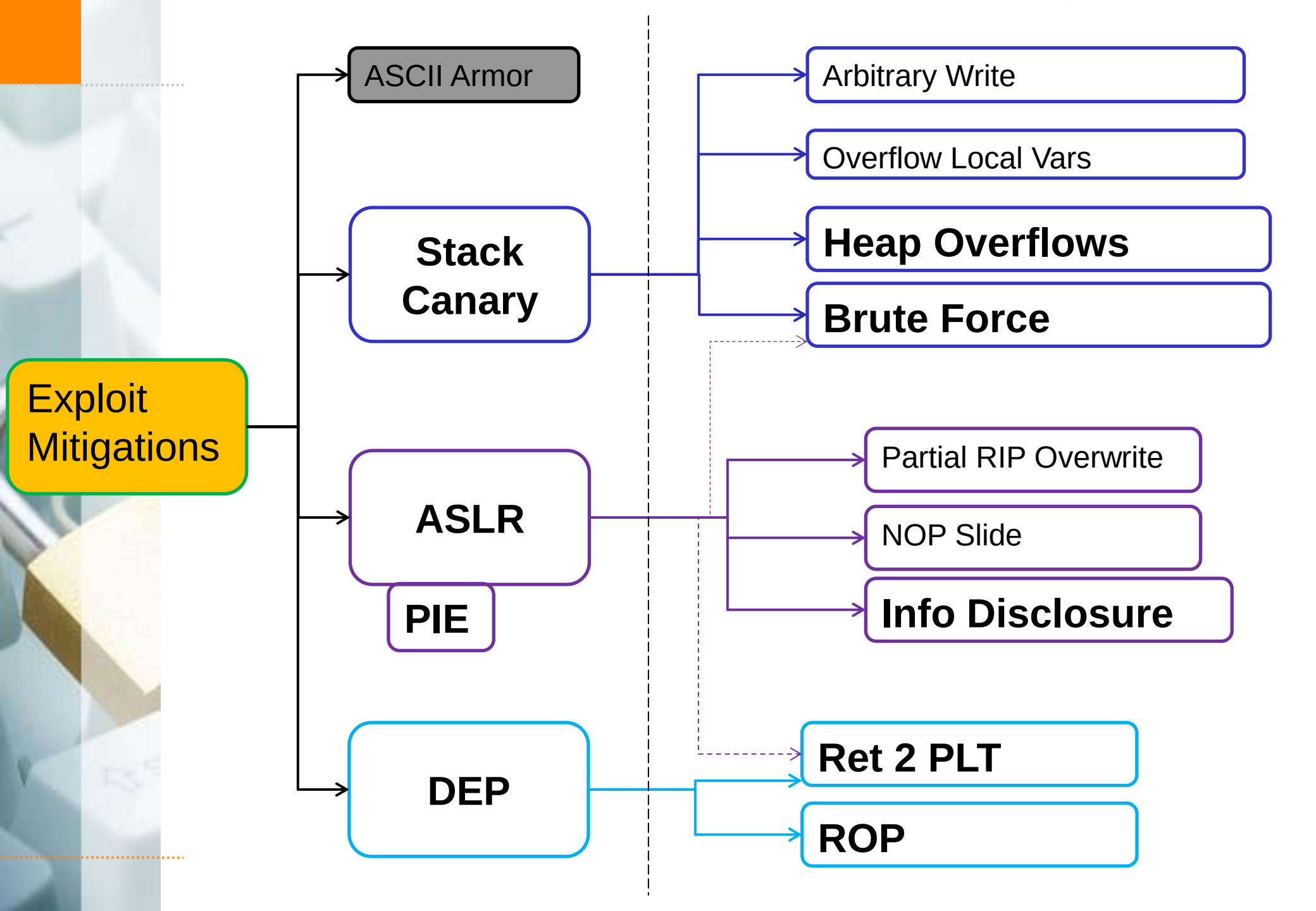
- Stack
- Heap
- Libraries (new!)

Re-randomization

- ASLR only applied on exec() [exec = execute new program]
- Not on fork() [fork = copy]

Randomize Memory Layout

Attacker can’t call/reference what he cant find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Why null bytes?

- In C, Null bytes are string determinator
- strcpy, strcat, strncpy, sprintf, …

```
strlen(AAAA\00BBBB\00) = 4
```

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```
(gdb) info file
      0x0000000000400980 - 0x0000000000400d92 is .text
      0x0000000000400830 - 0x0000000000400980 is .plt
      0x0000000000400980 - 0x0000000000400d92 is .text
      0x00000000006011f8 - 0x0000000000601200 is .got
      0x0000000000601200 - 0x00000000006012b8 is .got.plt

      0x00007ffff7b9ed80 - 0x00007ffff7b9eff8 is .got in
   /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6

      0x00007ffff7b9f000 - 0x00007ffff7b9f078 is .got.plt in
   /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
```

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Recap:

- Putting important stuff at addresses with 0 bytes breaks strcpy etc.

Exploit Mitigation - Conclusion

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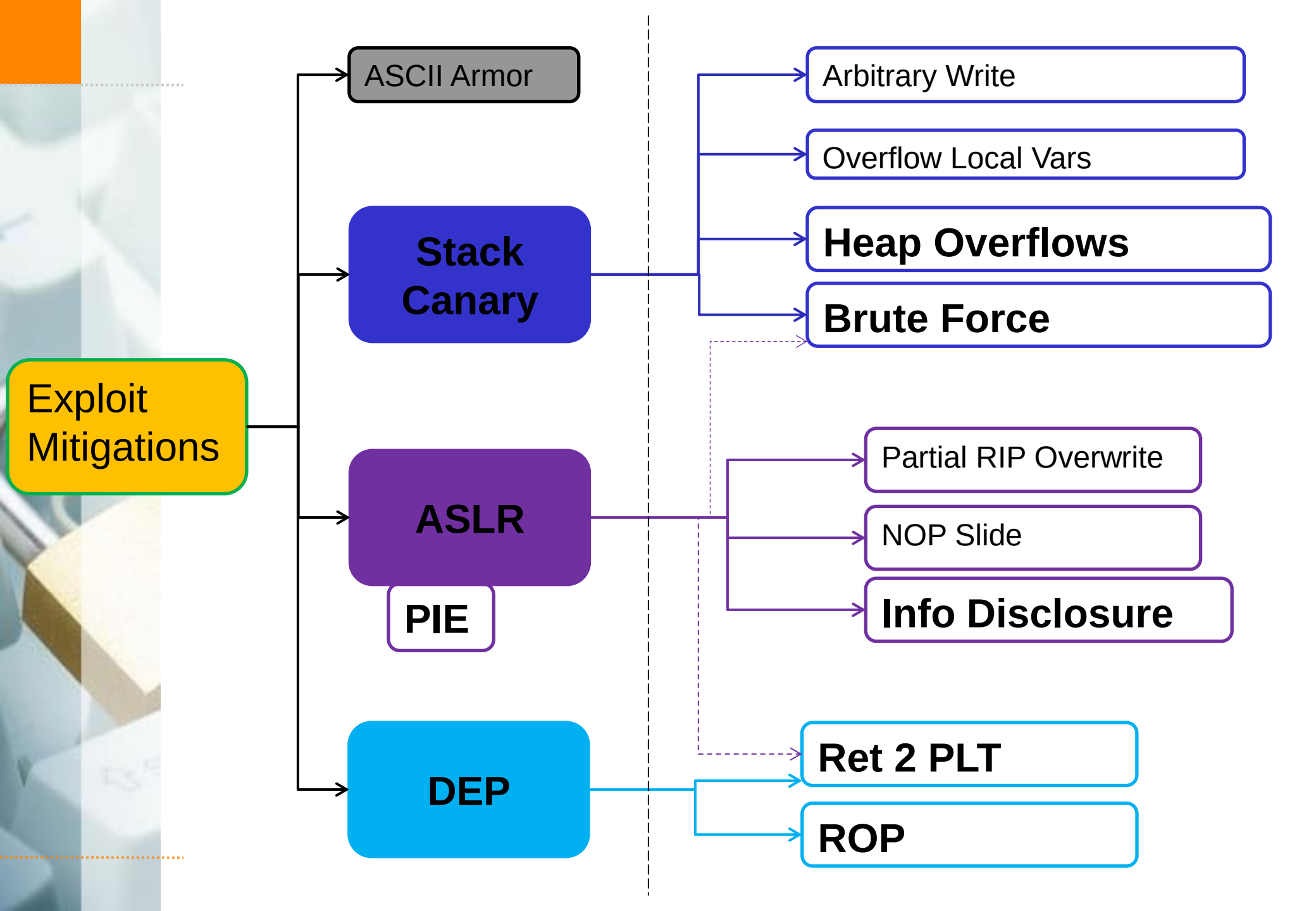

Exploit Mitigations
ASCII Armor
Stack Canary
ASLR
PIE
DEP
Arbitrary Write
Overflow Local Vars
Heap Overflows
Brute Force
Partial RIP Overwrite
NOP Slide
Info Disclosure
Ret 2 PLT
ROP

Recap! All Exploit Mitigations

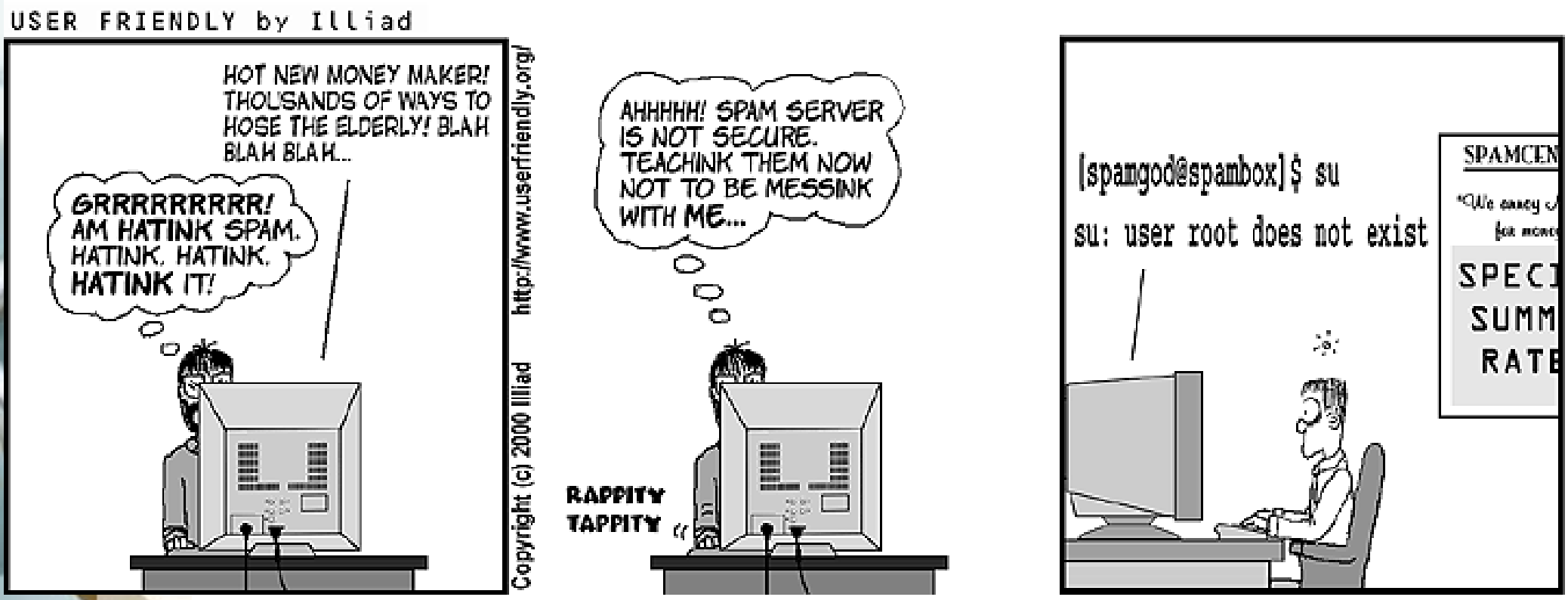
Stack canary: **detects/blocks** overflows

DEP: makes it impossible to **execute** uploaded code

ASLR: makes it impossible to **locate** data

ASCII Armor: makes it impossible to **insert** certain data

Recap! All Exploit Mitigations



Anti Exploiting in Linux

How is the state of Exploit Mitigations in Linux?

Easy: Everything active by default!

ASLR: System-level

DEP: System level

Stack Canary: Per-program (3rd party programs?)

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