

ROP to execute `system('/bin/sh')`. This ROP will consist of 3 elements - pop rdi, then address of '/bin/sh' string in libc, and then address of `system()`. After a few hours of debugging, I got a working script. [LINK TO SCIRIPT](#)

And the flag from server: `BSK{s3Nd-r3cV-f1X-5enD-h4X}`

Now let's move on to "harder" version. The only difference is that it quits after executing expression that doesn't assign to variable. This effectively prohibits reading any contents of memory. This is a problem for our script, because we now have no way of leaking addresses back to us, so no way of calculating addresses needed for ROP.

The solution is pretty simple - the binary is a calculator, let's make it calculate everything for us. This would be impossible in general case - this calculator performs operations on doubles, we want to perform operations on representations of those doubles, treated as unsigned 64 bit ints. Turns out - that's not a problem here, thank's to how doubles are represented in memory. 12 high bits are sign bit and exponent - those will always be 0 in our case, because we operate on addresses, and in Linux those will always have 16 high bits cleared (or set to 1's, but that's not something we need to worry about here - I think it's only possible in kernel). So, if the sign bit and exponent are 0's, addition of 2 doubles is equal to addition of their representations (if the addition itself doesn't change exponent).

$a * 2^{-1023} + b * 2^{-1023} = (a+b) * 2^{-1023}$. Well, that's all we need, let's modify exploit. [LINK TO SCIRIPT](#)

And the flag from server: `BSK{0n35hoT-w1Th-d3n0rM4l-f1o4Tz}`

Bonus: "beautiful" GDB script that was very helpful while debugging my exploits

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