## PWNDBG CHEATSHEET

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#### **GDB COMMANDS**

file <path> load binary file to debug

**run [<args>...]** run program [with args]

**starti [<args>...]** start program and stop at its very first instruction

**set args <args>...** set program arguments

**break <where>** set a breakpoint

info breakpoints/threads/regs list breakpoints/threads/register values

**delete <breakpoint>** delete a breakpoint

next go to next (source) line

**step** go to next line stepping into functions

**ni** go to next instruction

si go to next instruction stepping into functions

finish run until current function returns

**continue** continue program execution

print <what>
evaluate and print an expression

x/format <address>
examine memory with given format
(see help x)

**apropos <topic>** find information about topic

**backtrace** print backtrace (call stack)

**up, down** move up/down the call stack

# PWNDBG COMMANDS:

**pwndbg [<topic>]** print info about pwndbg commands

**config** show pwndbg configuration

**theme** show pwndbg theme configuration

**tip [--all]** print tips that are shown during startup

#### CONTEXT DISPLAY

**context [<section>]** display context or a given context section (regs, disasm, args, code, stack, backtrace, expressions, ghidra, threads)

set context-sections [<sect1>] [<sect2>...]
set context to display only given sections

ctx-watch evallexecute <expression> adds a given expression to be shown on context display

#### START COMMANDS

attachp <pidIname> attach to given pid or process by part of its name

start [<args>...]
run and stop program at the first found symbol from:
main, \_main, start, \_start, init, \_init or entry

entry [<args>...] run and stop program at its entrypoint address

sstart [<args>...]
run and stop program at the \_\_libc\_start\_main function

#### MEMORY COMMAND

vmmap [<addressiname>] display memory mappings information [filtered by address or name]

search <what>
search memory for a given value

telescope <where> [<count>] examine memory dereferencing valid pointers

**hexdump <where> [<count>]** print hexdump of given address p2p <mapping\_names> [<mapping\_names>...]
pointer to pointer chain search (e.g. p2p stack
libc will look for pointers to libc on the stack)

xinfo <where> show offsets of the specified address from various useful locations

#### STACK COMMANDS

retaddr print return addresses on the stack

**canary** print the global stack canary/cookie value and finds canaries on the stack

#### NAVIGATION

xuntil <where> continue until an address or function

nextcall continue to next call instruction

nextjmp continue to next jump instruction

nextret continue to next return-like instruction

**stepret** step until a ret instruction is found

**stepuntilasm <asm code>** step until a given assembly instruction (or mnemonic) is found

#### LINUX/LIBC/ELF COMMANDS

**checksec** print binary mitigations status

**piebase** print the relocated binary base address

got

print symbols in the .got.plt section gotplt print symbols in the .got.plt section

**plt** print symbols in the .plt section tls print thread local storage address

#### MISC COMMANDS

distance <where1> <where2>
compute difference between two addresses

patch <where> '<instructions>...'
patch given address with given code/bytes

patch\_list list all applied patches

patch\_revert <patch>
revert a patch

**cymbol [...]** add, show, load, edit, or delete custom structures in plain C (so they can be used e.g. with print command)

plist [...]
dump elements of a linked list (see help plist)

**procinfo** display process information

errno [<errno value>] print libc's errno error code string

#### GLIBC HEAP HACKING

heap\_config show glibc allocator hacking configuration

**heap** iteratively print chunks on heap (glibc only)

vis\_heap\_chunks visualize chunks on a heap

bins print contents of all arena bins and thread's tcache

find\_fake\_fast <address>
find candidate fake fast or tcache chunks
overlapping the specified address

try\_free <address>
check what would happen if free was called
with given address

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