

# Low level attacks

## Shellcode (part 2)

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## Why?

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- Check it on `addresses.c`
- Run with and without `gdb`
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- If you need some environment variable, add it inline  
eg. `$ env -i SHELL="/bin/sh" ./a.out`

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## Pythonic solution

```
import struct
struct.pack("<I", address)
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```
malvi@pandora:~$ python -c 'import struct; print(struct.pack("<I", 0x41424344))'
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- There are a few enhancements for `gdb`
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- One of them is `peda`
- Execute `source <path to peda.py>` in `gdb`
- Try on `victim.c`

Download `peda` from github

<https://github.com/longld/peda>

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`set history save on`  
`set history filename ~/.gdb_history`  
`set history size 32768`  
`set history expansion on`

- Use `pattern create` to create a long pattern

```
gdb-peda$ pattern create 1024
' AAAAAsAABAA$AAnAACAA-AA (AADAA;AA) AEEAAaAA0AFABAA1AAGAAcAA2AAHAAdAA3AAI AaeAA4AAJAAfAA5AAKAA
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- Use `pattern offset` to compute the offset

```
gdb-peda$ pattern offset 0x73413973
1933654387 found at offset: 524
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- Use `pattern search` to find the address of the pattern

```
gdb-peda$ pattern search
Registers contain pattern buffer:
EIP+0 found at offset: 524
EBP+0 found at offset: 520
Registers point to pattern buffer:
[EDX] --> offset 1018 - size ~6
[ESP] --> offset 528 - size ~203
[EAX] --> offset 1018 - size ~6
Pattern buffer found at:
0xffffcc10 : offset 0 - size 1024 ($sp + -0x210 [-132 dwords])
0xffffd0b6 : offset 0 - size 1024 ($sp + 0x296 [165 dwords])
References to pattern buffer found at:
0xffffcbf0 : 0xffffcc10 ($sp + -0x230 [-140 dwords])
0xffffcc00 : 0xffffcc10 ($sp + -0x220 [-136 dwords])
0xffffcc04 : 0xffffd0b6 ($sp + -0x21c [-135 dwords])
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## When you cannot start the process

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- Again, a script may help you!



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