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Witchcraft Compiler Collection : User Manual



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Welcome to the Witchcraft Compiler Collection User Manual.

The latest version of this manual is available at:

<https://github.com/endrazine/wcc/wiki>

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This page documents how to download, compile and install WCC.

Downloading the source code

The official codebase of the Witchcraft Compiler Collection is hosted on github at <https://github.com/endrazine/wcc/> . It uses git modules, so some extra steps are needed to fetch all the code including dependencies. To download the source code of wcc, in a terminal, type:

```
git clone https://github.com/endrazine/wcc.git
cd wcc
git submodule init
git submodule update
```

This will create a directory named wcc and fetch all required source code in it.

Prerequisites

Installing requirements

The Witchcraft Compiler Collection requires the following software to be installed:

```
Glibc, libbfd, libdl, zlib, libelf, libreadline, libgsl.
```

Installing requirements on Ubuntu/Debian

Under ubuntu/debian those dependancies can be installed with the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install clang libbfd-dev uthash-dev libelf-dev libcapstone-dev
libreadline6 libreadline6-dev libliberty-dev libgsl-dev
```

Building and Installing:

Building WCC

From your root wcc directory, type:

```
make
```

Installing WCC

Then to install wcc, type:

```
sudo make install
```

Building the WCC documentation

WCC makes use of doxygen to generate its documentation. From the root wcc directory, type

```
make documentation
```

Presentations

The slides of the presentation given at the DEF CON 24 Conference in August 2016 are available at:
https://github.com/endrazine/wcc/raw/master/doc/presentations/Jonathan_Brossard_Witchcraft_Compiler_Collection_Defcon24_2016.pdf

More demos

The source code of the all demos of the presentation given at DEF CON can be found here :
https://github.com/endrazine/wcc/tree/master/doc/presentations/demos_defcon24_2016

Developer Manual

The Doxygen documentation of the Witchcraft Compiler Collection is available at:
https://github.com/endrazine/wcc/raw/master/doc/WCC_internal_documentation.pdf

wcc : The Witchcraft Core Compiler

The wcc compiler takes binaries (ELF, PE, ...) as an input and creates valid ELF binaries as an output. It can be used to create relocatable object files from executables or shared libraries.

wcc command line options

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wcc
Witchcraft Compiler Collection (WCC) version:0.0.1    (01:47:53 Jul 29 2016)

Usage: wcc [options] file

options:

  -o, --output          <output file>
  -m, --march           <architecture>
  -e, --entrypoint     <0xaddress>
  -i, --interpreter    <interpreter>
  -p, --poison         <poison>
  -s, --shared
  -c, --compile
  -S, --static
  -x, --strip
  -X, --sstrip
  -E, --exec
  -C, --core
  -O, --original
  -D, --disasm
  -d, --debug
  -h, --help
  -v, --verbose
  -V, --version

jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

Options description

```
-o, --output          <output file>
```

Specify the desired output file name. Default: a.out

```
-m, --march           <architecture>
```

Specify the desired output architecture. This option is ignored. Run the 64bit or the 32bit versions of wcc to produce 64 bits or 32 bits binaries respectively.

```
-e, --entrypoint     <0xaddress>
```


Specify the address of the entry point as found in the ELF header manually.

```
-i, --interpreter <interpreter>
```

Specify a new program interpreter to be written to the interpreter segment of the output program.

```
-p, --poison <poison>
```

Specify a poison byte to be written in the unused bytes of the output file.

```
-s, --shared
```

Produce a shared library.

```
-c, --compile
```

Produce relocatable object files.

```
-S, --static
```

Produce a static binary.

```
-x, --strip
```

Do not use the Dynamic symbol table to unstrip the binary. Default: off.

```
-X, --sstrip
```

Strip more.

```
-E, --exec
```

Set binary type to ET_EXEC in the ELF header.

```
-C, --core
```

Set binary type to a Core file in the ELF header.

```
-O, --original
```

Copy original section headers from input file (which must be an ELF) instead of guessing them from bfd sections. Default: off.

```
-D, --disasm
```

Display application disassembly.

```
-d, --debug
```

Enable debug mode (very verbose).

```
-h, --help
```

Display help.

```
-v, --verbose
```

Be verbose.

```
-V, --version
```

Display version number.

Example usage of wcc

The primary use of wcc is to "unlink" (undo the work of a linker) ELF binaries, either executables or shared libraries, back into relocatable shared objects. The following command line attempts to unlink the binary /bin/ls (from GNU binutils) into a relocatable file named /tmp/ls.o

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wcc -c /bin/ls -o /tmp/ls.o
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

This relocatable file can then be used as if it had been directly produced by a compiler. The following command would use the gcc compiler to link /tmp/ls.o into a shared library /tmp/ls.so

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ gcc /tmp/ls.o -o /tmp/ls.so -shared
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

Limits of wcc

wcc will process any file supported by libbfd and produce ELF files that will contain the same mapping when relinked and executed. This includes PE or OSX COFF files in 32 or 64 bits. However, rebuilding relocations is currently supported only for Intel ELF x86_64 binaries. Transforming a PE into an ELF and invoking pure functions is for instance supported.

How does it work ?

wcc uses libbfd to parse the sections of the input binary, and generates an ELF file with the corresponding Sections and Segments. wcc also handles symbols and symbol tables and attempts to unstrip stripped binaries by parsing their dynamic symbol tables. Relocations are recreated as needed for ELF Intel x86_64 input files. Help on extending to other cpus and relocation types very welcome :)

What does the resulting /tmp/ls.o look like in details ?

In order to observe more closely the output of wcc, let's take a look at /tmp/ls.o as parsed by readelf (GNU binutils package) edited for brevity:

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ readelf -a /tmp/ls.o
ELF Header:
  Magic:   7f 45 4c 46 02 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
  Class:                               ELF64
  Data:                                   2's complement, little endian
  Version:                               1 (current)
  OS/ABI:                               UNIX - System V
  ABI Version:                           0
  Type:                                   REL (Relocatable file)
  Machine:                               Advanced Micro Devices X86-64
  Version:                               0x1
  Entry point address:                   0x0
  Start of program headers:              0 (bytes into file)
  Start of section headers:             2348624 (bytes into file)
  Flags:                                  0x0
  Size of this header:                   64 (bytes)
  Size of program headers:               0 (bytes)
  Number of program headers:             0
  Size of section headers:               64 (bytes)
  Number of section headers:             9
  Section header string table index:     8

Section Headers:
 [Nr] Name                Type            Address         Offset
      Size                EntSize        Flags   Link  Info  Align
 [ 0]                      NULL            0000000000000000 00000000
      0000000000000000 0000000000000000          0   0    0
 [ 1] .text                  PROGBITS       0000000000000000 0001ae00
      000000000002191ec 0000000000000000 WAX     0   0   16
 [ 2] .rodata                PROGBITS       0000000000000000 00011f20
      000000000000050fc 0000000000000000 A       0   0   32
 [ 3] .data                  PROGBITS       0000000000000000 0001a3a0
      0000000000000254 0000000000000000 WA      0   0   32
```

```

[ 4] .bss                NOBITS                0000000000000000 0001a5f4
      00000000000000d60 0000000000000000 WA      0      0      32
[ 5] .rela.all            RELA                0000000000000000 00233fe0
      00000000000007158 0000000000000018 A       7      1      8
[ 6] .strtab             STRTAB              0000000000000000 0023b138
      00000000000000dee 0000000000000000          0      0      1
[ 7] .symtab             SYMTAB              0000000000000000 0023bf26
      000000000000016f8 0000000000000018          6      5      8
[ 8] .shstrtab          STRTAB              0000000000000000 0023d890
      000000000000003e 0000000000000000          0      0      1

```

Key to Flags:

W (write), A (alloc), X (execute), M (merge), S (strings), l (large)
 I (info), L (link order), G (group), T (TLS), E (exclude), x (unknown)
 O (extra OS processing required) o (OS specific), p (processor specific)

There are no section groups in this file.

There are no program headers in this file.

Relocation section '.rela.all' at offset 0x233fe0 contains 1209 entries:

Offset	Info	Type	Sym. Value	Sym. Name + Addend
000000217eb0	000600000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	__ctype_toupper_loc + 0
000000217eb8	000700000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	__uflow + 0
000000217ec0	000800000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	getenv + 0
000000217ec8	000900000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	sigprocmask + 0
000000217ed0	000a00000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	raise + 0
000000217ed8	007b00000001	R_X86_64_64	00000000004021f0	free + 0
000000217ee0	000b00000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	localtime + 0
000000217ee8	000c00000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	__mempcpy_chk + 0
000000217ef0	000d00000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	abort + 0
000000217ef8	000e00000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	__errno_location + 0
000000217f00	000f00000001	R_X86_64_64	0000000000000000	strcmp + 0
...				
00000000091f	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + abd
000000000971	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + ac1
000000000976	00020000000a	R_X86_64_32	0000000000000000	.rodata + 1924
000000000988	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + acd
0000000009b6	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + ad1
0000000009ce	00020000000a	R_X86_64_32	0000000000000000	.rodata + 1160
0000000009d3	00020000000a	R_X86_64_32	0000000000000000	.rodata + 3ca8
000000000a0b	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + b3e
000000000a12	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + b46
000000000a26	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + b0d
000000000a2f	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + b36
000000000a39	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + b2a
...				
000000000b25	008500000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	optarg - 4
000000000b45	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + ad1
000000000b50	000400000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	.bss + b3e
00000000240f	008200000002	R_X86_64_PC32	0000000000000000	stderr - 4
...				

The decoding of unwind sections for machine type Advanced Micro Devices X86-64 is not currently supported.

Symbol table '.symtab' contains 245 entries:

Num:	Value	Size	Type	Bind	Vis	Ndx	Name
0:	0000000000000000	0	NOTYPE	LOCAL	DEFAULT	UND	
1:	0000000000000000	0	SECTION	LOCAL	DEFAULT	1	.text
2:	0000000000000000	0	SECTION	LOCAL	DEFAULT	2	.rodata
3:	0000000000000000	0	SECTION	LOCAL	DEFAULT	3	.data
4:	0000000000000000	0	SECTION	LOCAL	DEFAULT	4	.bss
5:	0000000000000000	0	SECTION	LOCAL	DEFAULT	5	.unknown
6:	0000000000000000	0	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	__ctype_toupper_loc
7:	0000000000000000	0	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	__uflow
8:	0000000000000000	0	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	getenv
9:	0000000000000000	0	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	sigprocmask
10:	0000000000000000	0	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	raise
11:	0000000000000000	0	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	localtime
12:	0000000000000000	0	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	__memcpy_chk
...							
132:	0000000000411efc	0	NOTYPE	WEAK	DEFAULT	UND	old_fini
133:	0000000000000000	8	OBJECT	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	optarg
134:	0000000000000000	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	old_plt
135:	0000000000000738	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	old_text
136:	00000000000104d5	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	old_text_end
137:	000000000000b538	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_0040d6a0
138:	000000000000fd78	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00411ee0
139:	000000000000c4d8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_0040e640
140:	0000000000007ce8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00409e50
141:	000000000000ed28	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00410e90
142:	000000000000ead8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00410c40
143:	00000000000075e8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00409750
144:	000000000000e9c8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00410b30
145:	0000000000007fb8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_0040a120
146:	000000000000a6a8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_0040c810
147:	000000000000c7c8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_0040e930
148:	000000000000c498	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_0040e600
149:	000000000000c4c8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_0040e630
150:	000000000000c4e8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_0040e650
151:	0000000000002c68	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00404dd0
...							
241:	000000000000e958	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00410ac0
242:	000000000000fbc8	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00411d30
243:	000000000000fc48	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00411db0
244:	000000000000fc88	100	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	1	internal_00411df0

No version information found in this file.
jonathan@blackbox:~\$

It is worth in particular noticing that wcc rebuilt different types of relocations under the new .rela.all section. It also stripped the sections non essential to a relocatable object file from the input binary, and rebuilt a symbol table. On this last topic, it is also worth noticing that wcc created new symbols named internal_00XXXXXX where 0xXXXXXX is the address of a static function within the binary, not normally exported. Finally, wcc also makes used of additional symbol tables to find the address of additional functions if any are available (parsing both symbol tables and dynamic symbol tables).

wcch command line options

wcch takes a single mandatory argument : the path to an ELF executable or shared library.

```
wcch </path/to/binary>
```

wcch will generate minimal C header files suitable for compiling C code against the binary given as argument.

Example usage of wcch

The following command instructs wcch to generate C headers from the apache2 executable and redirects the output from the standard output to a file named /tmp/apache2.h ready for use as a header in a C application.

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wcch /usr/sbin/apache2 >/tmp/apache2.h
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

Here is the actual content of the generated /tmp/apache2.h file, edited because of its large size:

```
/**
 *
 * Automatically generated by the Witchcraft Compiler Collection 0.0.1
 *
 * 23:17:22 Jul 26 2016
 *
 */

/**
 * Imported objects
 **/
extern void *_dlfcn_hook;
extern void *daylight;
extern void *_sys_nerr;
extern void *getdate_err;
extern void *__rcmd_errstr;
extern void *optind;
extern void *argp_program_version;
extern void *__free_hook;
extern void *__tzname;
extern void *__progname;
extern void *_environ;
...
extern void *ap_hack_ap_build_cont_config;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_find_etag_weak;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_hook_get_post_read_request;
extern void *ap_hack_apr_file_name_get;
extern void *ap_hack_apr_sdbm_unlock;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_is_rdirectory;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_request_has_body;
```

```

extern void *ap_hack_apr_pool_cleanup_run;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_hook_get_type_checker;
extern void *ap_hack_apr_global_mutex_pool_get;
extern void *ap_hack_apr_file_data_set;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_hook_get_child_status;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_set_server_protocol;
extern void *ap_hack_apr_hash_make_custom;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_malloc;
extern void *ap_hack_ap_pool_cleanup_set_null;
extern void *ap_hack_apr_dbm_firstkey;
extern void *ap_hack_apr_strmatch_precompile;
...

/**
 * Imported functions
 **/
void *dlclose();
void *dldlinfo();
void *dladdr1();
void *dlsym();
void *dladdr();
void *dlopen();
void *dlmopen();
void *dlerror();
void *dlvsym();
void *putwchar();
void *__strspn_c1();
void *__gethostname_chk();
void *__strspn_c2();
void *setrpcent();
void *__wcstod_l();
void *__strspn_c3();
void *epoll_create();
void *sched_get_priority_min();
void *__getdomainname_chk();
void *klogctl();
void *__tolower_l();
void *dprintf();
void *setuid();
...
void *ap_mpm_pod_killpg();
void *ap_register_hooks();
void *ap_remove_output_filter_byhandle();
void *ap_hook_create_request();
void *ap_expr_exec_ctx();
void *ap_send_http_options();
void *ap_mpm_set_max_requests();
void *ap_os_escape_path();
void *ap_file_walk();
void *ap_build_cont_config();
void *ap_start_lingering_close();
void *ap_hook_generate_log_id();
void *ap_varbuf_cfg_getline();
void *ap_hook_test_config();
void *ap_fcgi_header_to_array();
void *ap_http_chunk_filter();

```

```
void *ap_random_insecure_bytes();
void *ap_pcfg_open_custom();
void *ap_hook_get_auth_checker();
void *ap_expr_yyfree();
...
void *uuid_copy();
void *uuid_generate();
```

The functions prototypes and imported objects cover all of the API exported by executables and shared libraries including their recursive dependancies. All the programmable API in the address space. #Witchcraft

How is this useful ?

Both gcc and clang will happily use the above mention function prototypes when compiling C code making use of them instead of issuing errors due to missing function prototypes. This is a great feature : it means we can now call those functions from C without actually knowing their exact prototypes (such as arguments number and types).

wld : The Witchcraft Linker.

wld takes an ELF executable as an input and modifies it to create a shared library.

wld command line options

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wld
Witchcraft Compiler Collection (WCC) version:0.0.1    (23:11:13 Jul 21 2016)

Usage: wld [options] file

options:

    -libify          Set Class to ET_DYN in input ELF file.

jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

Example usage of wld

The following example libifies the executable `/bin/ls` into a shared library named `/tmp/ls.so`.

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ cp /bin/ls /tmp/ls.so
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wld -libify /tmp/ls.so
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

Limits of wld

wld currently only works on ELF binaries. However wld can process ELF executables irrelevant of their architecture or operating system. wld could for instance process Intel, ARM or SPARC executables from Android, Linux, BSD or UNIX operating systems and transform them into "non relocatable shared libraries". Feel free to refer to the documentation under the `/doc` directory for more ample details.

Do I even need wld ?

If the ELF executable you wish to work with has been compiled with as Position Independent Executable (`-pie -fpie` compiler flags with `gcc` or `clang`), it already is a functional shared library and doesn't need to be libified. In particular, its ELF header is already set to `ET_DYN`.

Here is an example executable that is of type `ET_EXEC` and can be libified. Mind the Type field set to `EXEC`:

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ file /bin/ls
/bin/ls: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked
(uses shared libs), for GNU/Linux 2.6.24,
BuildID[sha1]=8d0966ce81ec6609bbf4aa439c77138e2f48a471, stripped
jonathan@blackbox:~$ readelf -h /bin/ls
ELF Header:
  Magic:   7f 45 4c 46 02 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

```

Class: ELF64
Data: 2's complement, little endian
Version: 1 (current)
OS/ABI: UNIX - System V
ABI Version: 0
Type: EXEC (Executable file)
Machine: Advanced Micro Devices X86-64
Version: 0x1
Entry point address: 0x404890
Start of program headers: 64 (bytes into file)
Start of section headers: 108288 (bytes into file)
Flags: 0x0
Size of this header: 64 (bytes)
Size of program headers: 56 (bytes)
Number of program headers: 9
Size of section headers: 64 (bytes)
Number of section headers: 28
Section header string table index: 27
jonathan@blackbox:~$

```

Here is an exemple binary compiled as Position Independant Executable and not requiring libification to be used as a shared library or loaded in wsh. Mind the Type field set to DYN:

```

jonathan@blackbox:~$ file /usr/sbin/apache2
/usr/sbin/apache2: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV),
dynamically linked (uses shared libs), for GNU/Linux 2.6.24,
BuildID[sha1]=02c74092325980f41ca3e1c2995daec1f3b30ea2, stripped
jonathan@blackbox:~$ readelf -h /usr/sbin/apache2
ELF Header:
  Magic:   7f 45 4c 46 02 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
  Class:   ELF64
  Data:   2's complement, little endian
  Version: 1 (current)
  OS/ABI: UNIX - System V
  ABI Version: 0
  Type:   DYN (Shared object file)
  Machine: Advanced Micro Devices X86-64
  Version: 0x1
  Entry point address: 0x37156
  Start of program headers: 64 (bytes into file)
  Start of section headers: 635736 (bytes into file)
  Flags:  0x0
  Size of this header: 64 (bytes)
  Size of program headers: 56 (bytes)
  Number of program headers: 9
  Size of section headers: 64 (bytes)
  Number of section headers: 28
  Section header string table index: 27
jonathan@blackbox:~$

```

Finally, here is what a libified shared library looks like. The Type field has been set to DYN by wld during the libification process:

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ file /tmp/ls.so
/tmp/ls.so: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically
linked, BuildID[sha1]=04fd28208b659339be2711ea5f6d3485b6117da6, not stripped
jonathan@blackbox:~$ readelf -h /tmp/ls.so
ELF Header:
  Magic:   7f 45 4c 46 02 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
  Class:                               ELF64
  Data:                                   2's complement, little endian
  Version:                               1 (current)
  OS/ABI:                                UNIX - System V
  ABI Version:                           0
  Type:                                   DYN (Shared object file)
  Machine:                               Advanced Micro Devices X86-64
  Version:                               0x1
  Entry point address:                   0x6200
  Start of program headers:              64 (bytes into file)
  Start of section headers:              2261504 (bytes into file)
  Flags:                                  0x0
  Size of this header:                   64 (bytes)
  Size of program headers:               56 (bytes)
  Number of program headers:              6
  Size of section headers:               64 (bytes)
  Number of section headers:              27
  Section header string table index:     24
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

wldd : print shared libraries compilation flags

When compiling C code, it is often required to pass extra arguments to the compiler to signify which shared libraries should explicitly be linked against the compiled code. Figuring out those compilation parameters can be cumbersome. The `wldd` command displays the shared libraries compilation flags given at compile time for any given ELF binary.

wldd command line options

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wldd
Usage: /usr/bin/wldd </path/to/bin>

Returns libraries to be passed to gcc to relink this application.

jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

Example usage of wldd

On `/bin/ls` (ET_EXEC ELF executable)

The following command displays shared libraries compilation flags as passed to `gcc` when compiling `/bin/ls` from GNU binutils:

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wldd /bin/ls
-lselinux -lacl -lc -lpcrc -ldl -lattrib
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

On `apache2` (ET_DYN ELF executable compiled as Position Independent Executable / full ASLR)

The following command displays the compilation flags relative to shared libraries used when compiling `/usr/sbin/apache2`:

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wldd /usr/sbin/apache2
-lpcrc -laprutil-1 -lapr-1 -lpthread -lc -lcrypt -lexpat -luuid -ldl
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

On the `openssl` shared library

This command can also be run on shared libraries. The following example displays the same compiler options for the `openssl` shared library:

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wldd /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libssl.so.0.9.8
-lcrypto -lc -ldl -lz
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

Security Caveat

wldd invokes binutils' ldd which in turns loads the binary passed as an argument using its hardcoded dynamic linker. This does run code inside the analysed binary. As such, running wldd on potentially hostile code (eg: malware) is not safe.

Note: We could get the name of the shared libraries linked with this binary from the content of its .dynamic section without having to rely on ldd nor run the binary. That would be very useful. It would also produce a non recursive answer (unlike wldd currenty), which would reflect more the actual linking of the binary. Feel free to implement it :)

wsh : The Witchcraft shell

The witchcraft shell accepts ELF shared libraries, ELF ET_DYN executables and Witchcraft Shell Scripts written in Punk-C as an input. It loads all the executables in its own address space and make their API available for programming in its embedded interpreter. This provides for binaries functionalities similar to those provided via reflection on languages like Java.

wsh command line options

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wsh -h
Usage: wsh [script] [options] [binary1] [binary2] ... [-x] [script_arg1]
[script_arg2] ...

Options:

    -x, --args                Optional script argument separator.
    -v, --verbose
    -V, --version

Script:

    If the first argument is an existing file which is not a known binary file
    format,
    it is assumed to be a lua script and gets executed.

Binaries:

    Any binary file name before the -x tag gets loaded before running the script.
    The last binary loaded is the main binary analyzed.

jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

Example usage of wsh

The following command loads the `/usr/sbin/apache2` executable within wsh, calls the `ap_get_server_banner()` function within apache to retrieve its banner and displays it within the wsh interpreter.

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wsh /usr/sbin/apache2
> a = ap_get_server_banner()
> print(a)
Apache/2.4.7
>
```

To get help at any time from the wsh interpreter, simply type `help`. To get help on a particular topic, type `help("topic")`.

The following example illustrates how to display the main wsh help from the interpreter and how to get detailed help on the `grep` command by calling `help("grep")` from the wsh interpreter.

```
> help
[Shell commands]

    help, quit, exit, shell, exec, clear

[Functions]

+ basic:
    help(), man()

+ memory display:
    hexdump(), hex_dump(), hex()

+ memory maps:
    shdrs(), phdrs(), map(), procmap(), bfmmap()

+ symbols:
    symbols(), functions(), objects(), info(), search(), headers()

+ memory search:
    grep(), grepptr()

+ load libraries:
    loadbin(), libs(), entrypoints(), rescan()

+ code execution:
    libcall()

+ buffer manipulation:
    xalloc(), ralloc(), xfree(), balloc(), bset(), bget(), rdstr(), rdnum()

+ control flow:
    breakpoint(), bp()

+ system settings:
    enableaslr(), disableaslr()

+ settings:
    verbose(), hollywood()

+ advanced:
    ltrace()
```

Try `help("cmdname")` for detailed usage on command `cmdname`.

```
> help("grep")
```

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION grep
```

```
NAME
```

```
grep
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
table match = grep(<pattern>, [patternlen], [dumplen], [before])
```

DESCRIPTION

Search <pattern> in all ELF sections in memory. Match [patternlen] bytes, then display [dumplen] bytes, optionally including [before] bytes before the match. Results are displayed in enhanced decimal form

RETURN VALUES

Returns 1 lua table containing matching memory addresses.

>

Extending wsh with Witchcraft Shell Scripts

The combination of a full lua interpreter in the same address space as the loaded executables and shared libraries in combination with the reflection like capabilities of wsh allow to call any function loaded in the address space from the wsh interpreter transparently. The resulting API, a powerfull combination of lua and C API is called Punk-C. Wsh is fully scriptable in Punk-C, and executes Punk-C on the fly via its dynamic interpreter. Scripts in Punk C can be invoked by specifying the full path to wsh in the magic bytes of a wsh shell. The following command displays the content of a Witchcraft shell script:

```
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$ cat md5.wsh
#!/usr/bin/wsh

-- Computing a MD5 sum using cryptographic functions from foreign binaries (eg:
sshd/OpenSSL)

function str2md5(input)

    out = calloc(33, 1)
    ctx = calloc(1024, 1)

    MD5_Init(ctx)
    MD5_Update(ctx, input, strlen(input))
    MD5_Final(out, ctx)

    free(ctx)
    return out
end

input = "Message needing hashing\n"
hash = str2md5(input)
hexdump(hash,16)

exit(0)
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$
```

To run this script using the API made available inside the address space of sshd, simply run:


```
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$ ./md5.wsh /usr/sbin/sshd
0x43e8b280      d6 fc 46 91 b0 6f ab 75 4d 9c a7 58 6d 9c 7e 36      V|F.0o+uM.'Xm.~6
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$
```

Limits of wsh

wsh can only load shared libraries and ET_DYN dynamically linked ELF executables directly. This means ET_EXEC executables may need to be libified using wld before use in wsh. Binaries in other file formats might need to be turned into ELF files using wcc.

Analysing and Executing ARM/SPARC/MIPS binaries "natively" on Intel x86_64 cpus via JIT binary translation

wsh can be cross compiled to ARM, SPARC, MIPS and other platforms and used in association with the qemu's user space emulation mode to provide JIT binary translation on the fly and analyse shared libraries and binaries from other cpus without requiring emulation a full operating system in a virtual machine. On the the analyzed binaries are translated from one CPU to an other, and the analysed binaries, the wsh cross compiled analyser and the qemu binary translator share the address space of a single program. This significantly diminishes the complexity of analysing binaries accross different hardware by seemingly allowing to run ARM or SPARC binaries on a linux x86_64 machine natively and transparently.

Core API Overview

basic functions

```
help(), man()
```

memory display functions

```
hexdump(), hex_dump(), hex()
```

memory maps functions

```
shdrs(), phdrs(), map(), procmap(), bfmmap()
```

symbols functions

```
symbols(), functions(), objects(), info(), search(), headers()
```

memory search functions

```
grep(), grepptr()
```

load libraries functions

```
loadbin(), libs(), entrypoints(), rescan()
```

code execution functions

```
libcall()
```

buffer manipulation functions

```
xalloc(), ralloc(), xfree(), balloc(), bset(), bget(), rdstr(), rdnum()
```

control flow functions

```
breakpoint(), bp()
```

system settings functions

```
enableaslr(), disableaslr()
```

settings functions

```
verbose(), hollywood()
```

advanced functions

```
ltrace()
```

API specifications

function help()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION help
```

```
NAME
```

```
help
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
help([topic])
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Display help on [topic]. If [topic] is omitted, display general help.
```

```
RETURN VALUES
```

```
None
```

function man()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION man
```

```
NAME
```

```
man
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
man([page])
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Display system manual page for [page].
```

RETURN VALUES

None

function hexdump()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION hexdump

NAME

hexdump

SYNOPSIS

hexdump(<address>, <num>)

DESCRIPTION

Display <num> bytes from memory <address> in enhanced hexadecimal form.

RETURN VALUES

None

function hex_dump()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION hex_dump

NAME

hex

SYNOPSIS

hex(<object>)

DESCRIPTION

Display lua <object> in enhanced hexadecimal form.

RETURN VALUES

None

function hex()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION hex

NAME

```
hex
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
hex(<object>)
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Display lua <object> in enhanced hexadecimal form.
```

```
RETURN VALUES
```

```
None
```

function shdrs()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION shdrs
```

```
NAME
```

```
shdrs
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
shdrs()
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Display ELF section headers from all binaries loaded in address space.
```

```
RETURN VALUES
```

```
None
```

function phdrs()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION phdrs
```

```
NAME
```

```
phdrs
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
phdrs()
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Display ELF program headers from all binaries loaded in address space.
```

```
RETURN VALUES
```

None

function map()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION map

NAME

map

SYNOPSIS

map()

DESCRIPTION

Display a table of all the memory ranges mapped in memory in the address space.

RETURN VALUES

None

function procmap()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION procmap

NAME

procmap

SYNOPSIS

procmap()

DESCRIPTION

Display a table of all the memory ranges mapped in memory in the address space as displayed in /proc/<pid>/maps.

RETURN VALUES

None

function bfmap()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION bfmap

NAME

```
bfmap
```

SYNOPSIS

```
bfmap()
```

DESCRIPTION

Bruteforce valid mapped memory ranges in address space.

RETURN VALUES

None

function symbols()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION symbols
```

NAME

```
symbols
```

SYNOPSIS

```
symbols([sympattern], [libpattern], [mode])
```

DESCRIPTION

Display all the symbols in memory matching [sympattern], from library [libpattern]. If [mode] is set to 1 or 2, do not wait user input between pagers. [mode] = 2 provides a shorter output.

RETURN VALUES

None

function functions()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION functions
```

NAME

```
functions
```

SYNOPSIS

```
table func = functions([sympattern], [libpattern], [mode])
```

DESCRIPTION

Display all the functions in memory matching [sympattern], from library [libpattern]. If [mode] is set to 1 or 2, do not wait user input between pagers.

```
[mode] = 2 provides a shorter output.
```

RETURN VALUES

Return 1 lua table `_func_` whose keys are valid function names in address space, and values are pointers to them in memory.

function objects()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION objects
```

NAME

```
objects
```

SYNOPSIS

```
objects([pattern])
```

DESCRIPTION

Display all the functions in memory matching [sympattern]

RETURN VALUES

```
None
```

function info()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION info
```

NAME

```
info
```

SYNOPSIS

```
info([address] | [name])
```

DESCRIPTION

Display various informations about the [address] or [name] provided : if it is mapped, and if so from which library and in which section if available.

RETURN VALUES

```
None
```

function search()


```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION search
```

```
NAME
```

```
search
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
search(<pattern>)
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Search all object names matching <pattern> in address space.
```

```
RETURN VALUES
```

```
None
```

function headers()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION headers
```

```
NAME
```

```
headers
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
headers()
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Display C headers suitable for linking against the API loaded in address space.
```

```
RETURN VALUES
```

```
None
```

function grep()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION grep
```

```
NAME
```

```
grep
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
table match = grep(<pattern>, [patternlen], [dumplen], [before])
```

DESCRIPTION

Search <pattern> in all ELF sections in memory. Match [patternlen] bytes, then display [dumplen] bytes, optionally including [before] bytes before the match. Results are displayed in enhanced decimal form

RETURN VALUES

Returns 1 lua table containing matching memory addresses.

function grepptr()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION grepptr

NAME

grep

SYNOPSIS

table match = grep(<pattern>, [patternlen], [dumplen], [before])

DESCRIPTION

Search <pattern> in all ELF sections in memory. Match [patternlen] bytes, then display [dumplen] bytes, optionally including [before] bytes before the match. Results are displayed in enhanced decimal form

RETURN VALUES

Returns 1 lua table containing matching memory addresses.

function loadbin()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION loadbin

NAME

loadbin

SYNOPSIS

loadbin(<pathname>)

DESCRIPTION

Load binary to memory from <pathname>.

RETURN VALUES

None

function libs()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION libs
```

```
NAME
```

```
libs
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
table libraries = libs()
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Display all libraries loaded in address space.
```

```
RETURN VALUES
```

```
Returns 1 value: a lua table _libraries_ whose values contain valid binary names (executable/libraries) mapped in memory.
```

function entrypoints()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION entrypoints
```

```
NAME
```

```
entrypoints
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
entrypoints()
```

```
DESCRIPTION
```

```
Display entry points for each binary loaded in address space.
```

```
RETURN VALUES
```

```
None
```

function rescan()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION rescan
```

```
NAME
```

```
rescan
```

SYNOPSIS

```
rescan()
```

DESCRIPTION

Re-perform address space scan.

RETURN VALUES

None

function libcall()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION libcall
```

NAME

```
libcall
```

SYNOPSIS

```
void *ret, table ctx = libcall(<function>, [arg1], [arg2], ... arg[6])
```

DESCRIPTION

Call binary <function> with provided arguments.

RETURN VALUES

Returns 2 return values: `_ret_` is the return value of the binary function (nil if none), `_ctx_` a lua table representing the execution context of the library call.

function xalloc()

```
No help available for function xalloc()
```

function ralloc()

```
No help available for function ralloc()
```

function xfree()

```
No help available for function xfree()
```

function balloc()

```
No help available for function balloc()
```

function bset()

No help available for function bset()

function bget()

No help available for function bget()

function rdstr()

No help available for function rdstr()

function rdnum()

No help available for function rdnum()

function breakpoint()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION breakpoint

NAME

breakpoint

SYNOPSIS

breakpoint(<address>, [weight])

DESCRIPTION

Set a breakpoint at memory <address>. Optionally add a <weight> to breakpoint score if hit.

RETURN VALUES

None

function bp()

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION bp

NAME

bp

SYNOPSIS

```
bp(<address>, [weight])
```

DESCRIPTION

Set a breakpoint at memory <address>. Optionally add a <weight> to breakpoint score if hit. Alias for breakpoint() function.

RETURN VALUES

None

function enableaslr()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION enableaslr
```

NAME

```
enableaslr
```

SYNOPSIS

```
enableaslr()
```

DESCRIPTION

Enable Address Space Layout Randomization (requires root privileges).

RETURN VALUES

None

function disableaslr()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION disableaslr
```

NAME

```
disableaslr
```

SYNOPSIS

```
disableaslr()
```

DESCRIPTION

Disable Address Space Layout Randomization (requires root privileges).

RETURN VALUES

None

function verbose()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION verbose
```

NAME

```
verbose
```

SYNOPSIS

```
verbose(<verbosity>)
```

DESCRIPTION

```
Change verbosity setting to <verbosity>.
```

RETURN VALUES

```
None
```

function hollywood()

```
WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION hollywood
```

NAME

```
hollywood
```

SYNOPSIS

```
hollywood(<level>)
```

DESCRIPTION

```
Change hollywood (fun) display setting to <level>, impacting color display (enable/disable).
```

RETURN VALUES

```
None
```

The following commands are built into wsh

help

Simply typing help in the wsh interpreter displays the following help

```
> help
[Shell commands]

    help, quit, exit, shell, exec, clear

[Functions]

+ basic:
    help(), man()

+ memory display:
    hexdump(), hex_dump(), hex()

+ memory maps:
    shdrs(), phdrs(), map(), procmap(), bfmap()

+ symbols:
    symbols(), functions(), objects(), info(), search(), headers()

+ memory search:
    grep(), grepptr()

+ load libraries:
    loadbin(), libs(), entrypoints(), rescan()

+ code execution:
    libcall()

+ buffer manipulation:
    xalloc(), ralloc(), xfree(), balloc(), bset(), bget(), rdstr(), rdnum()

+ control flow:
    breakpoint(), bp()

+ system settings:
    enableaslr(), disableaslr()

+ settings:
    verbose(), hollywood()

+ advanced:
    ltrace()

Try help("cmdname") for detailed usage on command cmdname.

>
```

The advanced help for help follow:


```
> help("help")

WSH HELP FOR FUNCTION help

NAME

    help

SYNOPSIS

    help([topic])

DESCRIPTION

    Display help on [topic]. If [topic] is omitted, display general help.

RETURN VALUES

    None

>
```

quit

The quit command terminates the main wsh process and exits the wsh interpreter.

Here is the help page for quit

```
> help("quit")

WSH HELP FOR COMMAND quit

NAME

    quit

SYNOPSIS

    quit

DESCRIPTION

    Exit wsh.

RETURN VALUES

    Does not return : exit wsh

>
```

exit

The exit command behaves much like the quit command.

Here is the detailed help for the exit command:

```
> help("exit")

WSH HELP FOR COMMAND exit

NAME

    exit

SYNOPSIS

    exit

DESCRIPTION

    Exit wsh.

RETURN VALUES

    Does not return : exit wsh

>
```

Note on the exit command versus exit() function

It is worth noticing that typing `exit(0)` in the terminal does something different entirely : this will result in calling the function `exit()`, typically from the C library, with the parameter 0.

shell

The shell command instanciates an instance of `/bin/sh` from the wsh interpreter. Terminating the `/bin/sh` session will allow returning in the parent wsh session.

```
> help("shell")

WSH HELP FOR COMMAND shell

NAME

    shell

SYNOPSIS
```

```
shell [command]
```

DESCRIPTION

Run a /bin/sh shell.

RETURN VALUES

None. Returns upon shell termination.

```
>
```

example usage of the shell command

From the wsh interpreter, the following commands start a /bin/sh shell, run the /bin/id application from this shell, and finally calls exit, which terminates the /bin/sh session and returns into the wsh interpreter.

```
> shell
$ id
uid=1001(jonathan) gid=1001(jonathan) groups=1001(jonathan)
$ exit
>
```

exec

The exec command allows running an external command from the wsh interpreter.

Here is the detailed help page for the exec command :

```
> help("exec")
```

WSH HELP FOR COMMAND `exec`

NAME

`exec`

SYNOPSIS

`exec <command>`

DESCRIPTION

Run `<command>` via the `system()` library call.

RETURN VALUES

None. Returns upon `<command>` termination.

```
>
```

Example usage of the exec command

The following command exemplifies calling the uname system utility with the "-a" argument:

```
> exec uname -a
Linux blackbox 3.13.0-68-generic #111-Ubuntu SMP Fri Nov 6 18:17:06 UTC 2015 x86_64
x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
>
```

clear

The clear command clears the terminal. Its detailed help follows:

```
> help("clear")

WSH HELP FOR COMMAND clear

NAME

    clear

SYNOPSIS

    clear

DESCRIPTION

    Clear terminal.

RETURN VALUES

    None.

>
```

Disclaimer

If you are an academic C teacher, your feelings may be hurt by what you are going to read in this page and what we are doing to your very dear and beautiful language for the purpose of binary wizardry. #Enjoy

What is Punk-C ?

Punk-C is the language wsh implements by extending a core lua interpreter with the API "reflected" from all the executables and shared libraries loaded in its address space.

How is Punk C different from C ?

Punk C is not compiled but interpreted. Punk C has no types declarations, does not enforce functions prototypes (wtf?) nor any of the notorious C nightmares. Think C without the problems.

The control statements such as loop iterators are inherited from lua and do not resemble those of C.

Note/TODO: Can we hack this last statement by modifying the lua grammars ? :)

What is lua ?

Lua is an amazing open source programming language and implementation. Its interpreter is very tiny yet very powerful. For more information on the Lua language, feel free to visit :

<https://www.lua.org/>

How does binary "reflection" work ?

We use quotes around the word "reflected" because strictly speaking there is no Virtual Machine. wsh and the loaded programs share the same address space. The functionality is made possible by parsing the struct link_map returned by dlopen() when loading a binary. It allows in particular dumping all the symbols known by the dynamic linker and their respective addresses in the address space. This allows providing reflection like functionalities on raw binaries.

From a user perspective, this mechanism is transparent. We can call all of the C API present in memory directly from lua. In particular pass arguments to a C function and retrieve its return value.

Punk-C by example

The following commands exemplify how to start wsh by loading the OpenSSH in memory from the path /usr/sbin/sshd. Wsh is then instructed to call the getpid() and getenv() functions and print their results. Those two functions do not exist in the Lua API : they are really made available directly from the libc by wsh's reflection mechanism.

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ wsh /usr/sbin/sshd
```

```
> a = getpid()
> print(a)
22453
> b = getenv("PWD")
> print(b)
/home/jonathan
> exit(3)
jonathan@blackbox:~$ echo $?
3
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

It is worth noticing that the `exit()` function was too called here via reflection from the C library loaded as an OpenSSH server dependency, and its parameter returned to the parent shell as expected.

Example witchcraft shell scripts

If you installed the Witchcraft Compiler Collection on your computer, the directory `/usr/share/wcc/scripts` should contain example scripts.

Let's take a look at the following script:

```
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$ cat read.wsh
#!/usr/bin/wsh

fname="/etc/passwd"
printf("\n ** Reading file %s\n", fname)
mem = malloc(1024)
nread = read(open(fname), mem, 100) -- Composition works
printf(" ** Displaying content (%u bytes) of file %s:\x0a\x0a%s\n", nread, fname,
mem)
free(mem)
c = close(fd)
exit(0);

jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$
```

Conventionally, wsh scripts names end with the ".wsh" extension.

This script attempts to open the `/etc/passwd` file and read 100 bytes of its content into a buffer of 1024 bytes pre allocated in the heap. This content is then displayed, the allocated heap memory freed and the opened file descriptor closed, before exiting with return value 0 (success, no errors).

The first line of the script instructs the linux kernel where to find the interpreter to execute it. We set this line to the full path of wsh.

A few things are worth noticing : the `open` function is only given one parameter when the POSIX standard specifies 2 or 3 :

```
Posix prototypes for function open():
```

```
int open(const char *pathname, int flags);  
int open(const char *pathname, int flags, mode_t mode);
```

This is made possible by the fact that wsh doesn't need to know the exact type of a function to craft arguments to call it and invoke it. Non provided arguments are implicitly casted to the value 0.

It is also worth noticing that arguments have no explicit types. This is made possible by the Lua typing mechanism.

Comments start with the "--" marker, and end with the line return as in lua.

Running a Witchcraft shell script as a wsh argument

Let us now call this script with wsh, using sshd (and its dependancies) as the API provided for all the functions we will use:

```
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$ wsh ./read.wsh /usr/sbin/sshd  
  
** Reading file /etc/passwd  
** Displaying content (100 bytes) of file /etc/passwd:  
  
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash  
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin  
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/  
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$
```

We just invoked C functions from wsh dynamically, without compilation, and without knowing their prototypes ! #Witchcraft

Running a Witchcraft shell script as a standalone program

Let us start by making the read.wsh script executable:

```
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$ sudo chmod +x read.wsh  
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$
```

We can now execute this script on any ELF executable or shared library by passing it as an argument to the script:

```
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$ ./read.wsh /usr/sbin/sshd  
  
** Reading file /etc/passwd  
** Displaying content (100 bytes) of file /etc/passwd:  
  
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash  
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

```
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/
jonathan@blackbox:/usr/share/wcc/scripts$
```

Registering a custom binfmt for .wsh scripts

Linux allows to define a binfmt so that the interpreter path can be omitted in wsh scripts. Any file named with the ".wsh" extension and executed will then be executed via the wsh interpreter automatically.

This is achieved via the following command:

```
sudo update-binfmts --package wsh --install wsh /usr/bin/wsh --extension wsh
```

You can verify if this command worked by viewing the corresponding entry under /proc :

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ cat /proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc/wsh
enabled
interpreter /usr/bin/wsh
flags:
extension .wsh
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```

We can now run .wsh scripts directly within wsh without specifying an interpreter :

```
jonathan@blackbox:~$ echo 'printf("Hello %s !\n", "World"); exit(3);'
>/tmp/hello.wsh
jonathan@blackbox:~$
jonathan@blackbox:~$ chmod +x /tmp/hello.wsh
jonathan@blackbox:~$
jonathan@blackbox:~$ cat /tmp/hello.wsh
printf("Hello %s !\n", "World"); exit(3);
jonathan@blackbox:~$
jonathan@blackbox:~$ /tmp/hello.wsh /usr/sbin/apache2
Hello World !
jonathan@blackbox:~$ echo $?
3
jonathan@blackbox:~$
```