

Problem 1

Is constructing the Return-oriented Programming (ROP) chain an NP-hard problem?

Formally, constructing an ROP chain R that achieves an exploitation goal G in a program P from an initial status S can be described by the following specification: $\exists R \forall P, G : \{S\}R\{G\}$. This is a second-order formula. Clearly, it is an undecidable problem which is NP-hard.

Problem 2

Are there any good references for the weird machine concept?

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