

## Recitation 11

### More Malloc Lab

## 1 GDB Exercise 1

1. Form pairs and download the handout.

```
$ wget http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~213/activities/rec11b.tar
$ tar xf rec11b.tar
$ cd rec11b
$ make
```

2. Run mdriver using GDB.

```
$ gdb --args ./mdriver -c ./traces/syn-array-short.rep -D
...
(gdb) run
```

You should see “garbled bytes” errors:

```
...
Throughput targets: min=6528, max=11750, benchmark=13056
Malloc size 9904 on address 0x800000010.
Malloc size 50084 on address 0x8000026d0.
ERROR [trace ././traces/syn-array-short.rep, line 7]: block 0 has 8 garbled byte
s, starting at byte 0
...
Terminated with 14 errors
[Inferior 1 (process 30988) exited normally]
```

3. Set a watchpoint on the first garbled address.

```
(gdb) watch *0x800000010
(gdb) run
```

... a few continues ...

```
Hardware watchpoint 1: *0x800000010
```

```
Old value = -7350814
New value = 9928
mm_malloc (size=50084) at mm.c:276
276         dbg_printf("Malloc size %zd on address %p.\n", size, bp);
(gdb) c
Continuing.
Malloc size 50084 on address 0x8000026d0.
ERROR [trace ././traces/syn-array-short.rep, line 7]: block 0 has 8 garbled byte
s, starting at byte 0
```

4. What happened?

## 2 GDB Exercise 2

1. Run mdriver-2 using GDB.

```
$ gdb --args ./mdriver-2 -c traces/syn-array-short.rep
...
(gdb) run
```

You should see this error:

```
Malloc size 9904 on address 0x8000036d0
ERROR [trace ./traces/syn-array-short.rep, line 5]: Payload (0x8000036d0:0x80000
5d7f) lies outside heap (0x800000000:0x8000036cf)
```

2. Set a watchpoint on the header of the payload.

```
(gdb) watch *0x8000036c8
(gdb) run
...
Hardware watchpoint 1: *0x8000036c8

Old value = 1
New value = 9921
write_header(block=0x8000036c8, size=9920, alloc=true) at mm-2.c:573
573     }
```

3. Backtrace to see what function called write\_header.

```
(gdb) bt
#0 write_header (block=0x8000036c8, size=9920, alloc=true) at mm-2.c:573
#1 0x000000000407d93 in place (block=0x8000036c8, asize=9920) at mm-2.c:458
...
```

4. The writes occurred in place. Is place implemented incorrectly, or was it given a bad argument?