

# **EXPLOITING VM/CMS REXX WITH WATERLOO C**

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**Exploiting VM/CMS REXX Facilities  
with Waterloo C**

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**Overview**

**Run-time Library Facilities**

- REXX function and variable access
- XEDIT command and file buffer access
- CMS SUBCOM support

**Debugger Support**

- C debugger macros

**C Compiler (Preprocessor) Extension**

- compile-time REXX interface

**C Calls to REXX**

**ANSI Standard Interface**

- system() – C program calls <fname> EXEC

```
int system( char *cmdstr );
```

*Example:*

```
system( "myexec command-line text" );
```

- parse arg
- exit return\_code

*Waterloo C Additions: <csubcom.h>, <rexndef.h>*

- execft() – call a REXX macro with an initial default address environment:

```
int execft( char *cmdstr, char *ftype );
```

*Example:*

```
execft( "PROFILE command-line text", "MYAPPL" );
```

- execrexx() – call a REXX program in memory

```
int execrexx( char *cmdstr, char *ftype,  
size_t stmtcount, char **rexxtstrs );
```

**Example: execrexx()**

```
#include <csubcom.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <string.h>  
  
static char *rxpgm[] =  
{  
    /* INMEM REXX */,  
    "say 'INMEM REXX: address() =' address()",  
    "parse arg cmdline",  
    "say ' cmdline ='" cmdline "'",  
    "parse source srcline",  
    "say ' srcline ='" srcline "'",  
    "exit length( cmdline )"  
};  
  
#define CMDLINE "Typical command line"  
  
int main()  
{  
    int stmtnum, retval;  
    char *rxcmdline;  
  
    /* print the REXX program, then execute it... */  
    printf( "char *rxpgm[]...\n" );  
    for( stmtnum = 1; stmtnum <= 7; ++stmtnum )  
        printf( " %d: %s\n", stmtnum, rxpgm[ stmtnum - 1 ] );  
  
    printf( "CMDLINE = \"%s\"\n strlen( CMDLINE ) = %d\n",  
           CMDLINE, strlen( CMDLINE ) );  
    rxcmdline = "INMEM " CMDLINE;  
    retval = execrexx( rxcmdline, "REXX", 7, rxpgm );  
    printf( "execrexx( rxcmdline, \"REXX\", 7, rxpgm ) = %d\n",  
           retval );  
}
```

### **Example: execrex()** ...continued

**Output:**

```

char *rxtmpm]...
1: /* INMEM REXX */
2: say 'INMEM REXX: address() =' address()
3: parse arg cmdline
4: say ' cmdline = "'cmdline"""
5: parse source srcline
6: say ' srcline = "'srcline"""
7: exit length( cmdline )
CMDLINE = "Typical command line"
strlen( CMDLINE ) = 20
INMEM REXX: address() = REXX
cmdline = "TYPICAL COMMAND LINE"
srcline = "CMS COMMAND INMEM REXX * !INMEM REXX"
execrex( rxcmpline, "REXX", 7, rxtmpm ) = 20

```

### **REXX Variable Access**

**Stem Variable Access: <stdio.h>, <file.h>**

```

fopen( "_REXX.MYVAR.", "r+" )
open( "_REXX.MYVAR.", O_WRONLY|O_TRUNC|O_CREAT )

```

- compatible with EXECIO ( STEM )
- MYVAR.0 contains the number of lines ( n )
- MYVAR.n contains the "file" data
- all the usual I/O functions: fprintf(), fscanf(), read(), write(), ...
- supports direct access: fseek(), ftell()
- command line redirection of standard I/O

**Single Variable Access: <rexdef.h>**

- C library functions to set, get and drop a REXX variable's value

```

int rexset( char *var, char *value );
int rexfetch( char *var, char *bufptr, size_t buflen );
int rexdrop( char *var );

```

### **Program Stack Access**

I/O using <stdio.h>, <file.h>

```

fopen( "_STACK.FIFO", "w" )
open( "_STK", O_WRONLY|O_TRUNC|O_CREAT )

```

- FIFO, LIFO (the default)
- compatible with REXX push, queue, parse pull
- all the usual I/O functions: fprintf(), fscanf(), read(), write(), ...
- direct access using fseek(), ftell() is diagnosed as an error
- command line redirection of standard I/O

### **REXX Calls to C**

**"Traditional" Calls to C Programs**

```

/* */
'MYPGM Typical C program command-line'
say 'program return code.' rc

```

- various forms of argc/argv command line processing:
  - UNTOKENIZED: argc is 1, argv[0] is the entire command line
  - TOKENS: usual CMS tokenization (8 character, upper case tokens)
  - EXTEND: tokenization (without truncation)
  - C\_STRINGS (UNIX compatible): quoted strings preserved as one token, trigraphs and ` processed as for C strings
- integer return value from main() assigned to REXX rc

**Function Calls to C Programs**

```

/* */
rex_string = mypgm( "parm 1", "parm 2" );
say 'mypgm returned.' rex_string

```

- C program can dynamically detect environment and (optionally) exit with a string return value

```

int isrexxfn( void );
void rexxit( char *str );

```

### XEDIT Access

#### XEDIT Subcommands

```
xedit( char *str );
```

#### Example

```
xedit( "MSG Bye, bye file!" );
xedit( "ALL\\:1DEL *" );
```

#### XEDIT File Buffer Access

- <depsets.h>
- int setxedit( int enable\_xedit );  
0 disables access, 1 enables access
- <stdio.h>, fopen(), ...  
when a file in the XEDIT file buffer ring is opened, I/O is performed through the XEDIT SUBCOM
- no CMS minidisk/SFS access required

#### Example Usage

- compiler can compile from an XEDIT file buffer, write errors to a second file buffer, and display a message in the editor message area
- when run from XEDIT, DIFF can compare the disk version of a file with the current file buffer contents
- CALC (a calculator program) can append its output to an editor file buffer

### CMS SUBCOM Support

#### <csubcom.h>

- C program defines a subcommand handler function: subcomset()
- program calls REXX (or just another program component), usually with execft
- handler is called with (argc/argv) command line parameters
- run-time environment recovered by SUBCOM handling interface (signal handling, open files, etc.)
- return code from handler returned to REXX
- handler function removed from SUBCOM list with subcomclr()
- can be used to transfer data between programs

#### Example: subcomset(), subcomclr(), execft()

```
#include <csubcom.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

static int schandler( int argc, char **argv );

int main()
{
    csubcom_descr *csdptr;
    char *cmdline, *ftype;
    int retval;

    csdptr = subcomset( schandler, "SUBC1" );
    cmdline = "C2REXX2C";
    ftype = "SUBCSET";
    printf( "main: calling execft( \"%s\", \"%s\" )\n",
            cmdline, ftype );
    retval = execft( cmdline, ftype );
    printf( "main: retval = %d\n", retval );
    subcomclr( csdptr );
}

static int schandler( int argc, char **argv )
{
    int i;

    printf( "schandler() : argc = %d\n", argc );
    for( i = 0; i < argc; ++i )
        printf( " argv[ %d ] = \"%s\"\n", i, argv[ i ] );
    return( argc );
}
```

#### Example: subcomset(), subcomclr(), execft() ...continued

```
/* C2REXX2C SUBCSET -- demonstrate C calling REXX calling C */

address SUBC1
say 'C2REXX2C SUBCSET: calling SUBC1...'
'Alphanumeric, mixed-case subcommand line'
say 'C2REXX2C: rc = ' rc
exit 1

Output:

main: calling execft( "C2REXX2C", "SUBCSET" )
C2REXX2C SUBCSET: calling SUBC1...
schandler() : argc = 5
argv[ 0 ] = "SUBC1"
argv[ 1 ] = "Alphanumeric,"
argv[ 2 ] = "mixed-case"
argv[ 3 ] = "subcommand"
argv[ 4 ] = "line"
C2REXX2C: rc = 5
main: retval = 1
```

## C Debugger Support for REXX

### CDEBUG Provides:

- a CMS SUBCOM entry point for REXX macros to call
- PROFILE CDEBUG, (NO)PROFILE <fname> command-line option
- EXTRACT subcommand for accessing debugger internal data
- OPTION OUTPUT <file-name> lets command output be written to a file, including \_REXX.<stemmed-var>

### Example:

```
/* CALC CDEBUG */
parse arg cmdline
address command 'MAKEBUF'
bufnum = rc
address cms 'CALC' cmdline '>_stk fifo'
calcrc = rc
if calcrc = 0 then do queued()
  parse pull calcout
  'MSG' calcout
end
address command 'DROPBUF' bufnum
if calcrc <> 0 then
  "EMSG Return code ""calcrc"" from 'CALC'."
exit 0
```

## Compile-time REXX Support ...continued

### Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
  printf("hello, world\n");
  __EXT__(SYSCMD)( CP Q TIME )
  return(0);
}

/* SYSCMD EXEC - execute a system command */
parse arg cmdline
say 'SYSCMD:' cmdline
address cms cmdline
exit ""
```

### Output:

```
Ready;
cw crexx
Waterloo C (Version 3.3B IBM 370)
SYSCMD. CP Q TIME
TIME IS 13:49:50 EDT TUESDAY 05/11/93
CONNECT= 00:32:24 VIRTCPU= 000:39.60 TOTCPU= 000:53.52
File 'crexx c a1': 8 lines, included 130, no errors
Ready;
```

- it's no worse than what the SQL preprocessor strips out, and certainly better than what the C preprocessor can do!

## Compile-time REXX Support

### An Experimental Facility!

- compiler recognizes a builtin C preprocessor symbol to call REXX ("external") functions:  
  \_\_EXT\_\_(FUNCNAME)(text of REXX argument string)
- FUNCNAME EXEC is called as a REXX function, string return value is inserted into C source stream
- compiler provides a SUBCOM entry point for accessing internal (symbol table) data

### **Compile-time REXX Support – Applications**

- evaluate non-constant expressions

*Example:*

```
#define SIN __EXT__(CWSIN)  
const double sin_of_5 = SIN(5);  
  
/* CWSIN EXEC */  
parse arg sinarg  
address cms 'CALC sin(' sinarg ') >_REXX.CALCCUT.'  
parse var calccut.1 skip1 '=' cwsinval "skip2  
exit cwsinval
```

- retrieve C source code from somewhere (e.g., network, database, ...), "pre-preprocess" it, then compile it

### **Summary**

#### *Programs and Applications*

- in UNIX environments, pipes and shell programs provide the "glue" to combine programs into "applications"
- for CMS, and now MVS and OS/2, REXX lets application programmers (and even end-users) combine programs and customize applications
  - transfer program control between programs within an application
  - transfer data between programs within an application