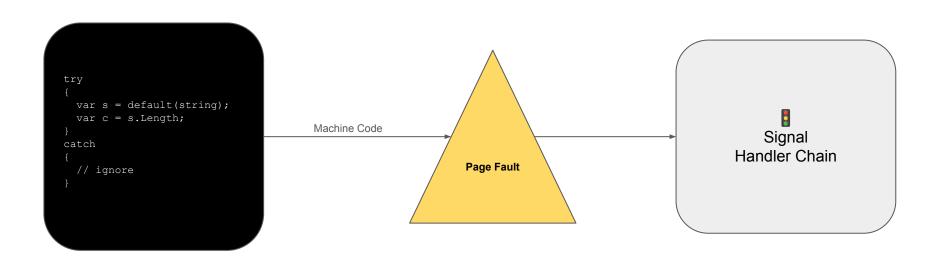
# NullReferenceException in .NET applications compiled to Native code

From detailed analysis by supervacuus here

# **Native Compilation**



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#### **Attempted Solution**

#### Theory

- Invoke the dotnet runtime handler before the NDK handler
- NDK handler would never execute for handled managed code exceptions
  - Only invoked if the runtime handler continues the signal chain (unintended CLR crash or native code crash)



## **Attempted Solution**

#### Reality

- Invoke the dotnet runtime handler before the NDK handler
- NDK handler still executes (even for handled managed code exceptions)

Other handlers

Native SDK

.NET SDK

Unhandled SIGSEGV crashes the application

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