

Hack Night

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Week 1

Overview

1. Intro, resources, what we'll learn, and how we'll have fun
2. The life of a binary, and static reverse engineering
3. Abstract machines, and what they mean to security
4. Reversing and cracking demo!

Legend:

Green links - BU Hack Night affiliated

Whoami



Eugene Kolo.

2000 - 2009

trolling IRC servers, botting and hacking some games, skiddieing off milw0rm, and failing at installing Linux

2009-2012

EE @ BU

2012-2014

SOC Verification on the PS4 at AMD

2015-

Cyber Security Engineer @ MITRE, MS CE @ BU



Jeff Crowell.

2009-2013

CE @ BU

2011-2013

CTF with BUILDS

2013-

CTF with Shellphish

[illegible]

Real Intro

What this is

- Learn to hack
- Workshop oriented
- Meet fellow hackers
- Wargame for fame, and glory
- Open community to learn in
- Hands on



Down the
rabbit hole...

What this is **not**

- Unethical
- Structured education
- Selling to you why you should be here



EC521 - Cyber Security
EC700 - Malware, Vulnerability and
Defense Analysis
CS558 - Network Security

Goals

- We want to develop all the skills necessary for modern:
 - Vulnerability research
 - Cracking/modifying software, and video games
 - Capture the flag competitions and wargames
 - Reverse engineering
 - Malware analysis
 - Exploit development
 - Hardware hacking
 - Securing systems
 - ...

Some fun stuff

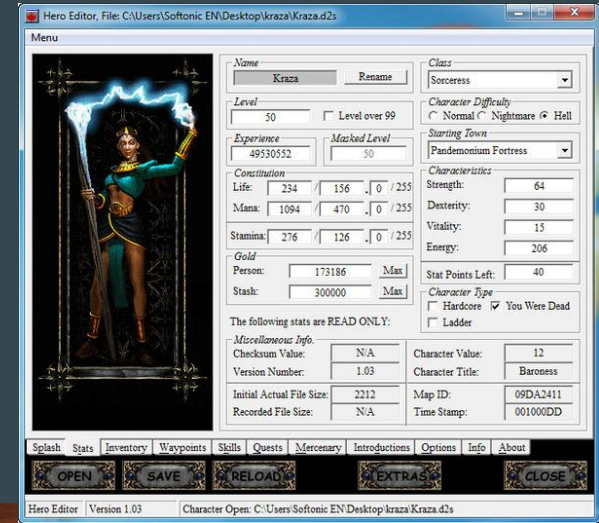


```
Android system recovery <3e>
Choose a package to install:
/sdcard

.../
Root_SuperSU_0.96_Only-signed.zip

# MANUAL MODE #
-- Applying Multi-CSC...
Applied the CSC-code : OPS
Successfully applied multi-CSC.

-- Install /sdcard ...
Finding update package...
Opening update package...
Verifying update package...
Installing update...
*****
Rooting with SuperSU 0.95
*****
Installing temporary busybox
Mounting system...
Removing old superuser
Installing Superuser...
Setting Permission...
Symlinking...
Unmounting system...
Deleting temporary busybox
Root complete!
SuperSU 0.95
```



Reality

- Hacking isn't easy
- Takes practice, training, learning, exchanging of information
 - Reverse engineering that video game to win can take days - and be so satisfying!
- Rewarding: mentally, financially, ethically

The best teacher is often times a search engine....

<https://google.com>

Getting started (1/3)

- Linux. Ubuntu preferred. C, assembly
 - Master the Linux command line.
 - <http://overthewire.org/wargames/bandit/bandit0.html>
 - Read, and write C. Proficiently.
 - <https://learnxinyminutes.com/docs/c/>
 - Read, and write Asm. Proficiently.
 - <http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~evans/cs216/guides/x86.html>
 - Know a scripting language. Python or Ruby are generally the two main ones
 - <http://inventwithpython.com/chapters/>
 - Speak w/ crowell for Ruby

Absolute minimum Linux and programming knowledge: http://security.cs.rpi.edu/courses/binexp-spring2015/lectures/1/01_lecture.pdf slides 27-59

Getting started (2/3)

- Install Ubuntu, on a virtual machine is fine.
 - a. <http://www.ubuntu.com/download/desktop>, <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>
- Some of our favourite tools:
 - <https://github.com/eugenekolo/sec-tools>
 - <https://github.com/eugenekolo/win-sec-tools>
 - `file`, `md5sum`, `strings`, `readelf`, `objdump`, `ssh`, `xxd`, `echo`, `printf`, ...
- Some good repos:
 - <https://github.com/isislab?page=1>
 - <https://github.com/Gallopsled/pwntools>
 - <https://github.com/zardus/ctf-tools>

Getting started (3/3)

- Resources:
 - <https://github.com/buhacknight/main/tree/master/resources>
- Books:
 - https://github.com/buhacknight/main/blob/master/resources/book_list.md

Learning with fun

- CTF Writeups
 - <https://github.com/ctfs/>
- CTF Challenges
 - <https://github.com/buhacknight/ctfs>
 - <http://ctftime.org>
- Wargames
 - <http://smashthestack.org/>
 - <http://pwnable.kr/>
 - <http://overthewire.org/wargames/>

Stay up to date and learn

- Twitter, blogs, news sites
 - https://github.com/buhacknight/main/blob/master/resources/blog_roll.md
- Good idea to do write-ups yourself, or chronicle your journey on a blog
 - <https://www.eugenekolo.com>



Let's begin

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Slides and references taken from: http://security.cs.rpi.edu/courses/binexp-spring2015/lectures/2/02_lecture.pdf by Jeremy Blackthorne

Compiling

Source Code

```
int main()
{
    printf("Hello world!");
}
```

Compile

Assembly

```
_main PROC
    push ebp
    mov  ebp, esp
    push OFFSET $SG2985
    call DWORD PTR __imp_printf
    add  esp, 4
    xor  eax, eax
    pop  ebp
    ret  0
_main ENDP
_TEXT ENDS
END
```

Assemble

Object File

```
68 00 30 40 00 FF 15 90
5D C3 88 4D 5A 00 00 66
33 C0 E8 34 88 00 3C 00
50 45 00 00 75 EA 08 00
40 00 75 0C 33 C0 83 89
81 E8 00 40 00 0F 95 C0
15 7C 20 40 00 59 6A FF
34 20 40 00 A3 88 33 40
30 40 00 89 01 88 00 38
89 01 E8 27 05 00 00 E8
40 00 00 75 0C 68 E4 12
59 E8 48 05 00 00 83 3D
FF FF 15 44 20 40 00 59
E8 0A 0A 00 00 A1 58 30
00 FF 35 54 30 40 00 A3
-- -- -- -- -- -- --
```

Link

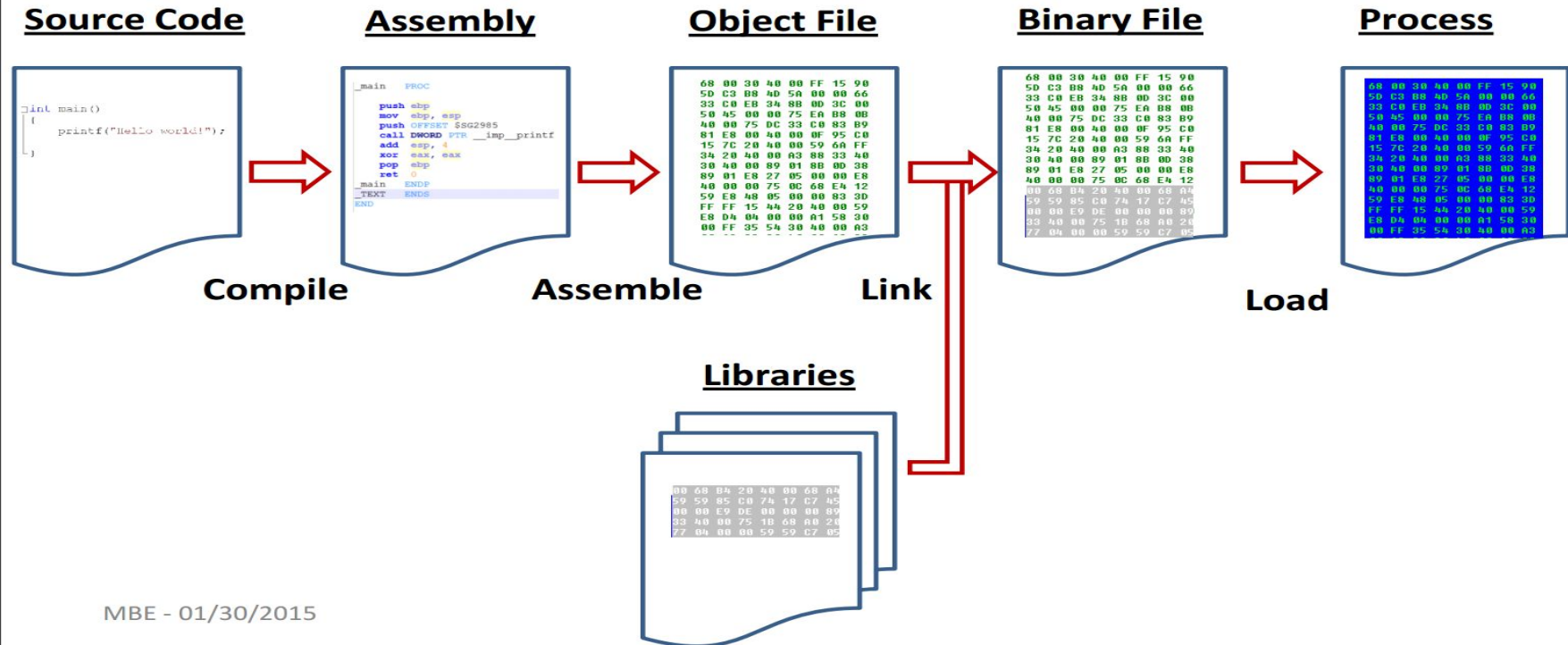
Binary File

```
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34 20 40 00 A3 88 33 40
30 40 00 89 01 88 00 38
89 01 E8 27 05 00 00 E8
40 00 00 75 0C 68 E4 12
00 05 24 20 40 00 68 A3
59 59 85 C0 7A 17 C7 45
00 00 E9 DE 00 00 80 89
33 40 00 75 1B 68 A0 24
77 0A 00 00 59 59 C7 05
```

Libraries

```
00 00 0A 20 40 00 68 A3
59 59 85 C0 7A 17 C7 45
00 00 E9 DE 00 00 80 89
33 40 00 75 1B 68 A0 24
77 0A 00 00 59 59 C7 05
```

Loading



Running

Process, t=0

68	00	30	40	00	FF	15	90
50	C3	08	40	5A	00	00	66
33	C0	E0	3A	00	00	2C	00
50	45	00	00	75	E8	00	00
40	00	75	DC	33	C0	83	09
01	E8	00	40	00	00	95	C0
15	70	20	40	00	59	68	FF
34	20	40	00	03	88	33	40
30	40	00	89	01	88	00	38
89	01	E8	27	05	00	00	E8
40	00	00	75	0C	68	E4	12
59	E8	48	05	00	00	83	30
FF	FF	15	44	20	40	00	59
E8	04	00	00	00	01	58	30
00	FF	35	54	30	40	00	03



Step

Process, t=1

68	00	30	40	00	FF	15	90
50	C3	08	40	5A	00	00	66
33	C0	E0	3A	00	00	3C	00
50	45	00	00	75	E8	00	00
40	00	75	DC	33	C0	83	09
01	E8	00	40	00	00	95	C0
15	70	20	40	00	59	68	FF
34	20	40	00	03	88	33	40
30	40	00	89	01	88	00	38
89	01	E8	27	05	00	00	E8
40	00	00	75	0C	68	E4	12
59	E8	48	05	00	00	83	30
FF	FF	15	44	20	40	00	59
E8	04	00	00	00	01	58	30
00	FF	35	54	30	40	00	03



Step

Process, t=i

68	00	30	40	00	FF	15	90
50	C3	08	40	5A	00	00	66
33	C0	E0	3A	00	00	3C	00
50	45	00	00	75	E8	00	00
40	00	75	DC	33	C0	83	09
01	E8	00	40	00	00	95	C0
15	70	20	40	00	59	68	FF
34	20	40	00	03	88	33	40
30	40	00	89	01	88	00	38
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FF	FF	15	44	20	40	00	59
E8	04	00	00	00	01	58	30
00	FF	35	54	30	40	00	03



Step

Process, t=n

68	00	30	40	00	FF	15	90
50	C3	08	40	5A	00	00	66
33	C0	E0	3A	00	00	3C	00
50	45	00	00	75	E8	00	00
40	00	75	DC	33	C0	83	09
01	E8	00	40	00	00	95	C0
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FF	FF	15	44	20	40	00	59
E8	04	04	00	00	01	58	30
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RE Domain

Binary File

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89 01 E8 27 05 00 00 E8
40 00 00 75 0C 68 E4 12
00 00 00 20 40 00 03 00
59 59 85 C0 7A 17 C7 45
00 00 E9 DE 00 00 00 89
33 40 00 75 10 68 00 20
77 0A 00 00 59 59 C7 05
```

Process, $t=0$

```
68 00 30 40 00 FF 15 90
50 C3 08 40 5A 00 00 66
33 C0 E8 34 88 00 3C 00
50 A5 00 00 75 EA 00 00
40 00 75 DC 33 C0 03 09
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40 00 00 75 0C 68 E4 12
00 00 00 20 40 00 03 00
59 59 85 C0 7A 17 C7 45
00 00 E9 DE 00 00 00 89
33 40 00 75 10 68 00 20
00 FF 35 5A 30 40 00 03
```

Load

Process, $t=i$

```
68 00 30 40 00 FF 15 90
50 C3 08 40 5A 00 00 66
33 C0 E8 34 88 00 3C 00
50 A5 00 00 75 EA 00 00
40 00 75 DC 33 C0 03 09
81 E8 00 40 00 0F 95 C0
15 7C 20 40 00 59 6A FF
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30 40 00 89 01 88 00 38
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00 00 00 20 40 00 03 00
59 59 85 C0 7A 17 C7 45
00 00 E9 DE 00 00 00 89
33 40 00 75 10 68 00 20
00 FF 35 5A 30 40 00 03
```

Step

Process, $t=n$

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```

Step

Static

Dynamic

EXECUTABLE AND LINKABLE FORMAT

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<http://www.corkami.com>



```
me@nux:~$ ./mini
me@nux:~$ echo $?
42
```

```

 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  A  B  C  D  E  F
00: 7F .E .L .F 01 01 01
10: 02 00 03 00 01 00 00 00 60 00 00 08 40 00 00 00
20:                34 00 20 00 01 00

40: 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 08
50: 70 00 00 00 70 00 00 00 05 00 00 00

60: BB 2A 00 00 00 B8 01 00 00 00 CD 80
```

MINI

ELF HEADER

IDENTIFY AS AN ELF TYPE
SPECIFY THE ARCHITECTURE

FIELDS	VALUES
e_ident	
EI_MAG	0x7F, "ELF"
EI_CLASS, EI_DATA	1ELFCLASS32, 1ELFDATA2LSB
EI_VERSION	1EV_CURRENT
e_type	2ET_EXEC
e_machine	3EM_386
e_version	1EV_CURRENT
e_entry	0x8000060
e_phoff	0x0000040
e_ehsize	0x0034
e_phentsize	0x0020
e_phnum	0001
<hr/>	
p_type	1PT_LOAD
p_offset	0
p_vaddr	0x8000000
p_paddr	0x8000000
p_filesz	0x0000070
p_memsz	0x0000070
p_flags	5PF_R PF_X

PROGRAM HEADER TABLE

EXECUTION INFORMATION

CODE

X86 ASSEMBLY

EQUIVALENT C CODE

```
mov ebx, 42
mov eax, SC_EXIT
int 80h
```

→ return 42;

PORTABLE EXECUTABLE

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```
D:\>mini.exe
```

```
D:\>echo %errorlevel%  
42
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F  
000: .M .Z  
  
030:                                     40 00 00 00  
040: .P .E 00 00 4C 01  
050:                                02 00 0B 01  
060:                                40 01 00 00  
070:                00 00 40 00 01 00 00 00 01 00 00 00  
080:                                04 00  
090: 60 01 00 00 40 01 00 00                03 00  
  
140: B8 2A 00 00 00 C3
```

MINI.EXE

DOS HEADER

IT'S A BINARY

FIELDS

e_magic
e_lfanew

VALUES

MZ
0x40 → PE Header

PE HEADER

IT'S A 'MODERN' BINARY

Signature
Machine
Characteristics

PE\0\0
0x14C [intel 386]
2 [executable]

OPTIONAL HEADER

EXECUTABLE INFORMATION

Magic
AddressOfEntryPoint
ImageBase
SectionAlignment
FileAlignment
MajorSubsystemVersion
SizeOfImage
SizeOfHeaders
Subsystem

0x10B [32b]
0x140
0x400000
1
1
4 [NT 4 or later]
0x160
0x140
3 [CLI]

CODE

X86 ASSEMBLY

EQUIVALENT C CODE

```
mov eax, 42  
ret
```

```
return 42;
```


TAPE ARCHIVE



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```
$ tar -xOf hello.tar hello.txt
Hello World!
```

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	FIELDS	VALUES	
0000:	.h	.e	.l	.l	.o	..	.t	.x	.t								file name	hello.txt	
0060:					.0	.0	.0	.0	.6	.4	.4	00	.0	.0	.0	.0	file mode	0000644	
0070:	.7	.6	.4	00	.0	.0	.0	.1	.0	.4	.0	00	.0	.0	.0	.0	owner user ID	0000764	
0080:	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.1	.5	00	.1	.2	.4	.2	.0	.0	.1	.0	group user ID	0001040	
0090:	.5	.3	.2	00	.0	.1	.4	.6	.3	.6	00	20	.0				file size	0000013	
0100:	.u	.s	.t	.a	.r	00	.0	.0	.A	.n	.g	.e					timestamp	2014-10-16 20:41	
0120:											.A	.d	.m	.i	.n	.i	.s	checksum	014636 \0\x20
0030:	.t	.r	.a	.t	.o	.r	.s										type flag	00 REGTYPE	
0200:	.H	.e	.l	.l	.o	20	.W	.o	.r	.l	.d	!	0A				magic	ustar\x00	
2800:]																version	"00"	
																	owner user name	Ange	
																	owner group name	Administrators	
																	contents	Hello World!\n	

TAR WAS INITIALLY DESIGNED FOR TAPE DRIVES, IN 1979:

- NO COMPRESSION, BLOCK ALIGNED
- NUMERIC VALUES ARE STORED IN OCTAL, ENCODED IN ASCII

TAR IS OFTEN COMBINED WITH GZIP, BZIP2 OR LZMA.

THE TAR FORMAT EVOLVED:

THIS EXAMPLE IS A "USTAR" FILE, AS DEFINED IN 1988

More on binary formats

- Mach-O (Mac OS X):
 - <https://github.com/corkami/pics/blob/master/MachO.png>
 - <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/corkami/pics/master/Mach-O101.png>
- Further PE and ELF in-depth:
 - <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/corkami/pics/master/PE101.png>
 - <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/corkami/pics/master/ELF101.png>
- Many non-executable binary formats
 - PDF
 - JPEG
 - etc...

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Virtual Machines

- Many executables don't run on the metal, but instead on virtual metal
 - Java, Flash, C#, and more

“The Java virtual machine is an abstract (virtual) computer defined by a **specification**. This specification omits **implementation** details that are not essential to ensure interoperability. For example, the memory layout of run-time data areas, the garbage-collection algorithm used, and any internal optimization of the Java virtual machine instructions (their translation into machine code). The main reason for this omission is to not unnecessarily constrain implementers. Any Java application can be run only inside some concrete implementation of the abstract specification of the Java virtual machine”

- Behaves almost exactly the same as a classic C/x86 executable
 - Load
 - Link
 - Execute

Virtual Machines (2)

- Like C, most VM based languages translate into a form of assembly specific to their virtual machine. Known as **Bytecode**.
- VM based languages also typically save a lot more information about the original source code. Useful for debugging and reversing.
 - Comments
 - Variable type

Java to Java bytecode

```
outer:
for (int i = 2; i < 1000; i++) {
    for (int j = 2; j < i; j++) {
        if (i % j == 0)
            continue outer;
    }
    System.out.println (i);
}
```



```
0:  iconst_2
1:  istore_1
2:  iload_1
3:  sipush 1000
6:  if_icmpge 44
9:  iconst_2
10: istore_2
11: iload_2
12: iload_1
13: if_icmpge 31
16: iload_1
17: iload_2
18: irem
19: ifne 25
22: goto 38
25: iinc 2, 1
28: goto 11
31: getstatic #84; // Field
   java/lang/System.out:
   Ljava/io/PrintStream;
34: iload_1
35: invokevirtual #85; //
   Method java/io/PrintStream.
   println:(I)V
38: iinc 1, 1
41: goto 2
44: return
```

Info

- Mail list - buhacknight-list@bu.edu
 - How to join: <http://www.bu.edu/tech/services/comm/email/mailling-lists/majordomo/commands/>
- IRC - [#buhacknight](#) on [irc.freenode.net](#)
 - <http://www.quassel-irc.org/>
- Email
 - eugenek [at] [two letter name for this university].edu

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Get inspired

- Live demos and explanations of cracking C, Flash, and C# applications.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6hhlvbMFLY> - Maximum CTF: Get the Most from Capture the Flag
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hABj_mrP-no - DEFCON 19: Hacking MMORPGs for Fun and Mostly Profit
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4oB28ksiIo> - DEFCON 18 Pwned By the owner What happens when you steal a hackers computer

Stay tuned next week for...

- Introduction to CTFs and Wargames
- Dynamic reverse engineering, debugging, and the stack
- **Challenge1:** `ssh cmd2@pwnable.kr -p2222`,
 - Requires flag from `ssh cmd1@pwnable.kr -p2222 (pw: guest)` first
- **Challenge2:** Remove pop-ups from Sublime Text



__libc_fini