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Content Intel Architecture **Buffer Overflow Memory Layout** C Arrays **BoF Exploit** Assembler Remote Exploit Shellcode **Exploit Mitigations Function Calls**

Debugging

Defeat Exploit Mitigations



Inspect state of a program while its running



Start GDB:

Load a file while being in gdb:

```
(gdb) file <filename>
```

Start the program:



Inspecting code:

Where am i?

(gdb) where

Disassemble a function:

(qdb) disas main

Dump of assembler code for function main:

0x000000000400b64 <+0>: push %rbp

0x000000000400b65 <+1>: mov %rsp,%rbp

0x000000000400b68 <+4>: sub \$0x150,%rsp

0x0000000000400b6f <+11>: mov %edi, -0x144(%rbp)

0x000000000400b75 <+17>: mov %rsi,-0x150(%rbp)



Setting a breakpoint:

(qdb) break *0x000000000400be3

Breakpoint 1 at 0x400be3

Info about set breakpoints:

(gdb) info breakpoints

Num Type Disp Enb Address What

1 breakpoint keep y 0x00000000400be3 <main+127>

Delete a breakpoint:

(gdb) delete 1



Continue execution:

(gdb) continue

Single step:

(gdb) step



Reaching a breakpoint:

```
(gdb) run test test
Starting program: /home/hacker/bfh/challenge1 test test
Breakpoint 1, 0x000000000000400834 in main (argc=3,
argv=0x7ffffffea28) at challenge1.c:47
47 handleData(argv[1], argv[2]);
```

Backtrace:

```
(gdb) backtrace
#0 0x000000000000400834 in main (argc=3, argv=0x7fffffffea28) at challenge1.c:47
```



Inspecting registers:

(qdb)	info	register

rax	0x7fffffffecae	140737488350382
rbx	0x0 0	
rcx	0x0 0	
rdx	0x7ffffffffecb3	140737488350387
rsi	0x7ffffffffecb3	140737488350387

...



Inspecting memory:

(gdb) x/32x 0x7fffffffe940

0x7fffffffe940:	0x0000000	0x0000000	0xf781bb45	0x00007fff
0x7fffffffe950:	0x0000000	0x0000000	0xffffea28	0x00007fff
0x7fffffffe960:	0x0000000	0x0000003	0x004007e0	0x0000000
0x7fffffffe970:	0x0000000	0x0000000	0xa2dfa5c8	0x1175d69a

(gdb) x/8b 0x7ffffffe940

0x7fffffffe940: 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x00 0	0x7fffffffe940:	0x00	0×00	0x00	0x00	0×00	0x00	0x00	0x00
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(gdb) **x/8g \$rsp-8**

0x7ffffffffe928:	0x0000000000400640	0x00007fffffffea28
0x7fffffffe938:	0x000000300000000	0x000000000000000000000000000000000000
0x7fffffffe948:	0x00007fffff781bb45	0x000000000000000000000000000000000000
0×7fffffffe958·	0x00007fffffffea28	0×000000030000000

x/<count><format><unit>



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Format:

- ★ x: Hexadecimal
- → d: Decimal
- + i: instructions
- → s: string
- → c: character

Unit:

- ★ b: bytes
- → w: Words (4 bytes, 32 bit)
- → g: Giant words (8 bytes, 64 bit)



If compiled with debugging symbols (-ggdb)

Local variables



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(qdb) info file
Symbols from "/home/hacker/bfh/day2/challenge3".
Local exec file:
  `/home/hacker/bfh/day2/challenge3', file type elf64-x86-64.
  Entry point: 0x400640
  0x0000000000400200 - 0x00000000040021c is .interp
  0 \times 000000000040021c - 0 \times 00000000040023c is .note.ABI-tag
  0x00000000040023c - 0x000000000400260 is .note.qnu.build-id
  0x0000000000400260 - 0x00000000040027c is .gnu.hash
  0x0000000000400280 - 0x0000000004003a0 is .dynsym
  0x00000000004003a0 - 0x000000000400455 is .dynstr
  0x0000000000400456 - 0x00000000040046e is .gnu.version
  0x0000000000400470 - 0x0000000004004b0 is .gnu.version r
  0x00000000004004b0 - 0x0000000004004c8 is .rela.dyn
  0x00000000004004c8 - 0x000000000400588 is .rela.plt
  0x0000000000400588 - 0x0000000004005a2 is .init
```



Important settings:

Attach to a running process, and follow forks:

(gdb) set follow-fork-mode child

This will be important for the remote exploit challenge



Attach to already existing processes:

(gdb) attach <pid>



Allow creation of core files:

\$ ulimit -c unlimited

Use a core file:

\$ gdb <binary> <corefile>



More gui:

```
$ gdb -tui
```

(gdb) layout asm

(gdb) layout regs



Helpful GDB Plugins:

PEDA

- → PEDA Python Exploit Development Assistance for GDB
- https://github.com/longld/peda

GEF

- → GDB Enhanced Features
- https://github.com/hugsy/gef

Lisa.py

- **→** LLDB
- Lisa.py: An Exploit Dev Swiss Army Knife.
- https://github.com/ant4g0nist/lisa.py

Voltron

- → Voltron is an extensible debugger UI toolkit written in Python.
- https://github.com/snare/voltron