Cyber Security and Forensics

Practical 1: Static code analysis using open-source tool Flawfinder

Write-up:-

Static code Analysis & Benefits Vulnerability Flawfinder

Implement static code analysis using open source tool Flawfinder for the following: Buffer overflow

String problem

Race conditions, etc

Steps taken to perform the practical:

Download Flawfinder from Github

Using "pip install flawfinder" Install flawfinder using command prompt

Once flawfinder is installed we will test the given 'test.c' file given in the 'test' folder in the flawfinder folder.

Open command prompt and type "flawfinder test.c"

It will run and give the following hits

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ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
Lines analyzed = 125 in approximately 0.01 seconds (10423 lines/second)
Physical Source Lines of Code (SLOC) = 86
Hits@level = [0] 16 [1] 9 [2] 9 [3] 4 [4] 10 [5] 7
Hits@level+ = [0+] 55 [1+] 39 [2+] 30 [3+] 21 [4+] 17 [5+]
Hits/KSLOC@level+ = [0+] 639.535 [1+] 453.488 [2+] 348.837 [3+] 244.186 [4+] 197.674 [5+] 81.3953
Suppressed hits = 2 (use --neverignore to show them)
Minimum risk level = 1
Not every hit is necessarily a security vulnerability.
You can inhibit a report by adding a comment in this form:
// flawfinder: ignore
Make *sure* it's a false positive!
You can use the option --neverignore to show these.
There may be other security vulnerabilities; review your code!
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(https://dwheeler.com/secure-programs) for more information.
C:\Users\Admin\Downloads\flawfinder-master\flawfinder-master\test>
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Created C Program to get array error

```
demo.c:5: [2] (buffer) char:
   Statically-sized arrays can be improperly restricted, leading to potential
   overflows or other issues (CWE-119!/CWE-120). Perform bounds checking, use
   functions that limit length, or ensure that the size is larger than the
   maximum possible length.

ANALYSIS SUMMARY:

Hits = 1
Lines analyzed = 14 in approximately 0.01 seconds (2779 lines/second)
Physical Source Lines of Code (SLOC) = 9
Hits@level = [0] 0 [1] 0 [2] 1 [3] 0 [4] 0 [5] 0
Hits@level+ = [0+] 1 [1+] 1 [2+] 1 [3+] 0 [4+] 0 [5+] 0
Hits/KSLOC@level+ = [0+] 111.111 [1+] 111.111 [2+] 111.111 [3+] 0 [4+] 0 [5+] 0
Minimum risk level = 1
```

Created C Program to get race condition error:

```
Race Condition prac 1 paper 2 int
main() {
           char * fn =
"/tmp/XYZ";
               char buffer[60];
  FILE *fp;
  /* get user input */
scanf("%50s", buffer);
  if(!access(fn, W_OK)){
                               fp = fopen(fn, "a+");
fwrite("\n", sizeof(char), 1, fp);
                                     fwrite(buffer,
sizeof(char), strlen(buffer), fp);
                                      fclose(fp);
  }
  else printf("No permission \n");
}
```

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:\flawfinder-2.0.19\test>flawfinder mitesh1.c
Flawfinder version 2.0.19, (C) 2001-2019 David A. Wheeler.
Number of rules (primarily dangerous function names) in C/C++ ruleset: 222
Examining mitesh1.c
FINAL RESULTS:
mitesh1.c:8: [4] (race) access:
 This usually indicates a security flaw. If an attacker can change anything
  along the path between the call to access() and the file's actual use
 (e.g., by moving files), the attacker can exploit the race condition (CWE-362/CWE-367!). Set up the correct permissions (e.g., using setuid())
 and try to open the file directly.
mitesh1.c:3: [2] (buffer) char:
 Statically-sized arrays can be improperly restricted, leading to potential
 overflows or other issues (CWE-119!/CWE-120). Perform bounds checking, use
 functions that limit length, or ensure that the size is larger than the
 maximum possible length.
mitesh1.c:9: [2] (misc) fopen:
 Check when opening files - can an attacker redirect it (via symlinks),
 force the opening of special file type (e.g., device files), move things around to create a race condition, control its ancestors, or change its
 contents? (CWE-362).
mitesh1.c:6: [1] (buffer) scanf:
 It's unclear if the %s limit in the format string is small enough
  (CWE-120). Check that the limit is sufficiently small, or use a different
 input function.
mitesh1.c:11: [1] (buffer) strlen:
 Does not handle strings that are not \0-terminated; if given one it may
 perform an over-read (it could cause a crash if unprotected) (CWE-126).
ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
Hits = 5
Lines analyzed = 14 in approximately 0.01 seconds (1272 lines/second)
Minimum risk level = 1
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Created program to create buffer overflow error

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// a prompt how to execute the program...
  if (argc < 2)
       printf("strcpy() NOT executed....\n");
printf("Syntax: %s <characters>\n", argv[0]);
exit(0);
  }
  // copy the user input to mybuffer, without any
// bound checking a secure version is strcpy s()
strcpy(buffer, argv[1]); printf("buffer content=
%s\n", buffer);
  // you may want to try strcpy s()
  printf("strcpy() executed...\n");
  return 0;
  C:\flawfinder-2.0.19\test>flawfinder mitesh.c
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  Examining mitesh.c
  FINAL RESULTS:
  mitesh.c:26: [4] (buffer) strcpy:
    Does not check for buffer overflows when copying to destination [MS-banned]
    (CWE-120). Consider using snprintf, strcpy_s, or strlcpy (warning: strncpy
    easily misused).
  mitesh.c:12: [2] (buffer) char:
    Statically-sized arrays can be improperly restricted, leading to potential
    overflows or other issues (CWE-119!/CWE-120). Perform bounds checking, use
    functions that limit length, or ensure that the size is larger than the
    maximum possible length.
  ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
  Lines analyzed = 33 in approximately 0.01 seconds (3680 lines/second)
  Physical Source Lines of Code (SLOC) = 17
  Hits@level = [0]  4 [1]  0 [2]  1 [3]  0 [4]  1 [5]  0
Hits@level+ = [0+]  6 [1+]  2 [2+]  2 [3+]  1 [4+]  1 [5+]  0
Hits/KSLOC@level+ = [0+]  352.941 [1+]  117.647 [2+]  117.647 [3+]  58.8235 [4+]  58.8235 [5+]
  Minimum risk level =
Created program to for string error
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main() { char buffer[5]; // Buffer to store strings (size 4 + 1 for null
               char *fruits[] = {"apple", "banana", "mango", "carrot", "chikoo",
terminator)
"jackfruit"};
               int i;
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for (i = 0; i < sizeof(fruits) / sizeof(fruits[0]); i++) {
strncpy(buffer, fruits[i], sizeof(buffer) - 1);
    buffer[sizeof(buffer) - 1] = '\0'; // Ensure null-termination

    printf("String %d: %s\n", i + 1, buffer);

    // If the string is longer than the buffer, handle accordingly
    if (strlen(fruits[i]) > sizeof(buffer) - 1) {
        printf("Warning: String
'%s' truncated to fit buffer size.\n", fruits[i]);
    }
}

return 0;
}
```

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C:\flawfinder-2.0.19\test>flawfinder mitesh2.c
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Number of rules (primarily dangerous function names) in C/C++ ruleset: 222
Examining mitesh2.c
FINAL RESULTS:
mitesh2.c:5: [2] (buffer) char:
 Statically-sized arrays can be improperly restricted, leading to potential
 overflows or other issues (CWE-119!/CWE-120). Perform bounds checking, use
 functions that limit length, or ensure that the size is larger than the
 maximum possible length.
ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
Hits = 1
Lines analyzed = 21 in approximately 0.01 seconds (1909 lines/second)
Physical Source Lines of Code (SLOC) = 13
Hits@level = [0] 3 [1] 0 [2] 1 [3] 0 [4] 0 [5]
Hits@level+ = [0+]  4 [1+]  1 [2+]  1 [3+]  0 [4+]  0 [5+]
Hits/KSLOC@level+ = [0+] 307.692 [1+] 76.9231 [2+] 76.9231 [3+] 0 [4+]
                                                                           0 [5+]
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Number of rules (primarily dangerous function names) in C/C++ ruleset: 222
Examining mitesh2.c
FINAL RESULTS:
mitesh2.c:5: [2] (buffer) char:
 Statically-sized arrays can be improperly restricted, leading to potential
 overflows or other issues (CWE-119!/CWE-120). Perform bounds checking, use
 functions that limit length, or ensure that the size is larger than the
 maximum possible length.
mitesh2.c:10: [1] (buffer) strncpy:
Easily used incorrectly; doesn't always \0-terminate or check for invalid
 pointers [MS-banned] (CWE-120).
mitesh2.c:16: [1] (buffer) strlen:
 Does not handle strings that are not \0-terminated; if given one it may
 perform an over-read (it could cause a crash if unprotected) (CWE-126).
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