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# Buffer overflow causing RCE in readelf #243

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Hi,

readelf in ToaruOS 2.0.1 has a global overflow allowing RCE when parsing a crafted ELF file. Through elaborately constructed elf files, remote code execution can be realized.

PoC

```
./readelf -d poc_elf_overflow
```

Dynamic section at offset 0x2df8 contains (up to) 30 entries:

Tag	Type	Name/Value
zsh: segmentation fault		./readelf -d poc_elf_overflow

[poc\\_elf\\_overflow.zip](#)

Patch

```
$ git diff
diff --git a/apps/readelf.c b/apps/readelf.c
index ce25d5e1..91f5e722 100644
--- a/apps/readelf.c
+++ b/apps/readelf.c
@@ -168,7 +168,7 @@ static char * dynamicTagToStr(Elf64_Dyn * dynEntry, char * dynstr) {
     break;
     case DT_NEEDED:
         name = "(NEEDED)";
-        sprintf(extra, "[shared lib = %s]", dynstr + dynEntry->d_un.d_val);
+        snprintf(extra, 500, "[shared lib = %s]", dynstr + dynEntry->d_un.d_val);
         break;
     case DT_PLTRELSZ:
         name = "(PLTRELSZ)";
@@ -286,7 +286,7 @@ static char * dynamicTagToStr(Elf64_Dyn * dynEntry, char * dynstr) {
     break;
 }
```

```
-    sprintf(buf,"%-15s %s", name, extra);  
+    snprintf(buf, 1024, "%-15s %s", name, extra);  
    return buf;  
}
```



**klange** closed this as completed in [5d36d27](#) on Aug 17

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No one assigned

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None yet

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None yet

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No branches or pull requests

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