

- 1) **An explanation of what happens in the stack when a function is called, including a description of purposes of the rbp, rsp, and rip registers as used in the Intel x86 architecture.**

Whenever a function is called, the stack evaluates and pushes parameters onto the stack, it then pushes return addresses onto the stack, and then it branches into the destination function. Rbp is the base pointer for x86. It keeps local variables and function parameters from the rsp register so that whenever rsp is changed, the offset rbp still contains those values. Rbp is assigned to rsp's current address, this sets the new stack frame.

- 2) **A short description of what (in general) happens during a buffer overflow attack.**

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- 3) **An explanation of why the code used to take input in bof.c is dangerous, and what procedure should be used instead.**

A buffer overflow attack when you can use the lack of buffer checking and jump to whatever instructions you want directly. The code in bof.c uses gets(); which is a dangerous function and is now defunct, I would use fgets(); instead.

- 4) **A list of commands you used in gdb in order to examine the stack, as well as their output at each step.**

I did need gdb to complete this assignment. All I needed was the a.dump to tell me where the success function was in memory, then I could overload the buffer with 24 characters to overload the buffer (8 + 16) then the ASCII value of the hex value location of the Success(); function. 40065b turned into [^F@ and the program successfully jumped to Success.

- 5) **A copy of the input you provided to the program in order to perform the exploit.**

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mcgovern@Christian-PC:/mnt/c/Users/Christian/Desktop/Google_Drive/Course-Work/NMSU-Computer_Security/project1/part2$ ./a.out
Enter your password:
-> AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA[^F@
Your password was correct :)
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
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