# **C CODE VULNERABILITIES**

#### 3.2: Task 1: Shellcode Practice

### Question 1.

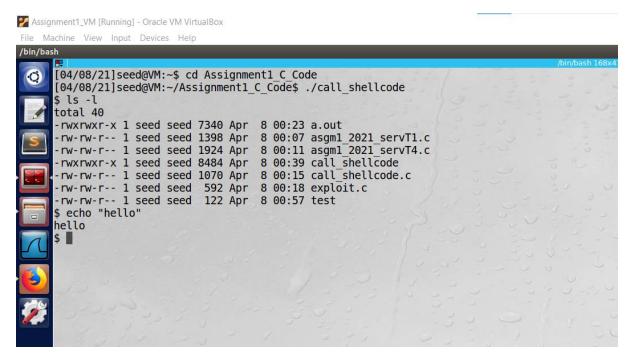


Figure 1 Executing the shellcode program

After compiling and executing the code, it opens a shell which allows us to enter and execute code as seen above. This is because he computer is being fed machine code that is a decompiled program that launches a shell. It is essentially forcing the computer to execute the shell by giving it meachine language commands.

# 3.3 The Vulnerable Program

#### Question 2.

```
[04/08/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1 C Code$ ls -l
total 68
-rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed
                         7340 Apr
                                   8 00:23 a.out
rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed 10804 Apr
                                    8 01:27 asgm1 2021 servT1
rw-rw-r-- 1
             seed seed
                         1399 Apr
                                   8 01:10 asgm1 2021 servT1.c
rw-rw-r-- 1
                         1924 Apr
                                   8 00:11 asgm1 2021 servT4.c
             seed
                  seed
                         8484 Apr
rwxrwxr-x 1 seed seed
                                   8 01:18 call shellcode
rw-rw-r-- 1
                         1070 Apr
                                   8 00:15 call shellcode.c
             seed seed
rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed
                          592 Apr
                                   8 00:18 exploit.c
rw-rw-r-- 1
             seed seed 12343 Apr
                                   8 01:12 notes
                          122 Apr 8 00:57 test
rw-rw-r-- 1 seed seed
[04/08/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1_C_Code$ gcc -z execstack -g -o asgm1_2021_servT1 asgm1_2021_servT1.c
[04/08/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1_C_Code$
```

Figure 2 Successfully compiling the vulnerable program

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Figure 3 Successfully searching for the term "DELETE" using the client (right side) and receiving a meaningful results on the client screen.

# 3.4 Exploiting the Vulnerability

## 3.4.1 Task 2

Question 3

## **Demonstration Video:**

https://pro.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?tid=542e864d-9120-430b-a119-ad1a004307e6

The vulnerability of the program exists in the exec\_command function. Specifically the vulnerability is in the sprintf() command and the fact that the input from the user is directly copied to the command variable, which is then executed in the system() command. This allows the user to enter their own commands for the system to execute such as an open file command. Therefore, all the attacker must do is enter something like "; sudo vim /etc/shadow" and the shadow file will open on the client terminal. This is called a command injection attack.



Figure 4 Shadow file displayed on the client terminal window (right)

#### 3.4.2 Task 3

#### Question 4

```
/bin/bash
[04/11/21]seed@VM:~$ cd Assignment1 C Code
[04/11/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1 C Code$ ls
                     asgm1 2021 servT1.c call shellcode
                                                                 exploit.c test
asgml 2021 servT1 asgml 2021 servT4.c call shellcode.c note
[04/11/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1_C_Code$ vim asgml_2021_servT4
                                             call shellcode.c notes
[04/11/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1_C_Code$ ls
                     asgm1_2021_servT1.c call_shellcode
                                                                 exploit.c test
asgm1_2021_servT1 asgm1_2021_servT4.c call_shellcode.c notes
[04/11/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1 C Code$ vim asgm1 2021 servT4.c
[04/12/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1 C Code$ gcc -fno-stack-protector -o asgm1 2021 servT4 asgm1 2021 servT4.
asgm1_2021_servT4.c: In function 'exec_command':
asgm1_2021_servT4.c:26:11: warning: format not a string literal and no format arguments [-Wformat-securi
ty]
    printf(command);
[04/12/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1 C Code$ ls
a.out asgm1 2021 servT1.c asgm1 2021 servT4.c call shellcode.c notes
asgm1 2021 servT1 asgm1 2021 servT4 call shellcode exploit.c test
[04/12/21]seed@VM:~/Assignment1_C_Code$
```

Figure 5 New program successfully compiled



Figure 6 Fixed code successful execution, server (left), client (right)

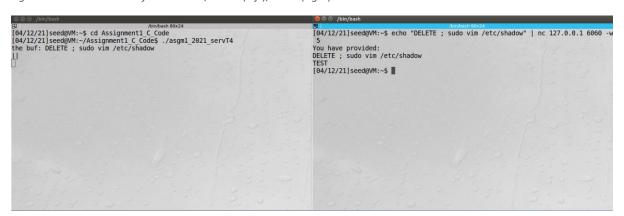


Figure 7 Unsuccessful command injection attack in recompiled code. Server (left), client (right).

The command injection attack does not work due to the implementation of secure coding practices. Specifically, sanitization and canonicalization to remove any unwanted characters in the input and stop the command injection. The new program separates the different elements of the system

command into separate string elements, so they can put together by the program instead of manipulated by the client.

### 3.4.3 Task 4

Question 5

#### **Demonstration Videos:**

Debugging:

https://pro.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?tid=a292cb4c-603f-42ce-8170-ad190009496f

# Exploit.c contents:

https://pro.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?tid=654aa1ab-a3b6-455b-b6ea-ad1900098210

### Successful attack:

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Figure 8 Return address after exec\_command has been executed

Figure 9 locating security flaw in vulnerable program, a breakpoint must be placed at line 26

Figure 10 Return address found by printing out memory content starting from command variable in GDB at breakpoint at line 26

Figure 11 successful reverse shell injection

#### 3.4.4 Task 5

Question 6

# **Demonstration Videos:**

Format String Vulnerability:

 $\underline{https://pro.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?tid=ddf27625-26d4-49c4-b8c7-ad1a0059feab}$ 

I was not able to get the rest of question 6 to work.

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#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <isys/wait.h>
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#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <isys/wait.h>
#include <issys/wait.h>
#include <issys/wait.holded
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Figure 12 Identifying the format string vulnerability to print out memory contents from the vulnerable program.

# PROVIDING SECURE CODE IN JAVA PROGRAMS

Question 7

# Java code walkthrough:

https://pro.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?tid=c596e65b-d4c1-4887-a82d-ad1900cbb02e

## Java code execution:

https://pro.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?tid=55006a31-89a3-4fc0-a798-ad1900cbe773