Kernel Pwn Cheat Sheet

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Kernel config

config	memo
CONFIG_KALLSYMS, CONFIG_KALLSYMS_ALL	/proc/sys/kernel/kptr_restrict
CONFIG_USERFAULTFD	/proc/sys/vm/unprivileged_userfaultfd
CONFIG_STATIC_USERMODEHELPER	
CONFIG_SLUB	default allocator
CONFIG_SLAB	
CONFIG_SLAB_FREELIST_RANDOM	
CONFIG_SLAB_FREELIST_HARDENED	
CONFIG_FG_KASLR	
CONFIG_BPF	/proc/sys/kernel/unprivileged_bpf_disabled

Syscall

- entry SYSCALL 64
 - o do syscall 64
 - do syscall x64
 - swapgs restore regs and return to usermode

Kmalloc

- <u>kmalloc</u>
 - if CONFIG_SLUB
 - kmalloc
 - kmalloc slab
 - kmalloc type
 - #define GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT (GFP_KERNEL |
 __GFP_ACCOUNT)
 - GFP_KERNEL → KMALLOC_NORMAL
 - GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT → KMALLOC_CGROUP

- slab_alloc
 - slab alloc node
 - slab_alloc
 - slab alloc
- if CONFIG_SLUB
 - kfree
 - slab free
 - do slab free

Task

- task struct
 - thread info
 - <u>cred</u>
 - tasks
 - init task
 - init cred
 - comm

Seccomp

- seccomp
 - do seccomp
 - seccomp set mode strict
 - seccomp assign mode
 - set task syscall work

Snippet

- · gain root privileges
 - (kernel) commit_creds(prepare_kernel_cred(NULL));
- break out of namespaces
 - o (kernel) switch_task_namespaces(find_task_by_vpid(1), init_nsproxy);
 - o (user) setns(open("/proc/1/ns/mnt", 0_RDONLY), 0);
 - o (user) setns(open("/proc/1/ns/pid", 0_RDONLY), 0);
 - o (user) setns(open("/proc/1/ns/net", 0_RDONLY), 0);

Structures

structure	slab	flag	memo
shm_file_data	32	GFP_KERNEL	
seq_operations	32	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	/proc/self/stat
msg_msg	64 ~ 4096	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	
msg_msgseg	8 ~ 4096	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	

subprocess_info	128	GFP_KERNEL	socket(22, AF_INET, 0);
timerfd_ctx	256	GFP_KERNEL	
tty_struct	1024	GFP_KERNEL	/dev/ptmx
pipe_buffer	1024	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	
setxattr	8 ~	GFP_KERNEL	

shm_file_data

- shmat
 - do shmat

seq_operations

- proc stat init
 - stat proc ops
- stat open
 - single open size
 - single open
- seq read iter
 - m->op->start

msg_msg, msg_msgseg

- msgsnd
 - ksys msgsnd
 - do msgsnd
 - load msg
 - alloc msg
- msgrcv
 - ksys msgrcv
 - do msgrcv
 - #define MSG_COPY 040000

subprocess info

- socket
 - sys socket
 - sock create
 - sock create
 - request module
 - call modprobe
 - call usermodehelper setup

timerfd ctx

• timerfd create

- timerfd release
 - kfree_rcu

tty_struct

- unix98 pty init
 - tty_default_fops
 - tty_fops
- ptmx_open
 - tty init dev
 - alloc tty struct
- tty_ioctl
 - tty paranoia check
 - #define TTY_MAGIC 0x5401
 - tty pair get tty
 - tty->ops->ioctl

pipe_buffer

- pipe, pipe2
 - do pipe2
 - do pipe flags
 - create pipe files
 - get pipe inode
 - alloc pipe info
 - pipefifo fops
- pipe release
 - put pipe info
 - free pipe info
 - pipe buf release
 - ops->release

setxattr

- setxattr
 - path setxattr
 - setxattr

Variables

variable	path
modprobe_path	/proc/sys/kernel/modprobe
core_pattern	/proc/sys/kernel/core_pattern

modprobe_path

execve

- do execve
 - do execveat common
 - bprm_execve
 - exec_binprm
 - search_binary_handler
 - request_module
 - call_modprobe
 - call_usermodehelper_setup
 - call usermodehelper exec

core_pattern

- <u>do coredump</u>
 - format corename
 - <u>call_usermodehelper_setup</u>
 - call usermodehelper exec