Kernel Pwn Cheat Sheet

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Kernel version

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Kernel config

config	memo
CONFIG_KALLSYMS	/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
CONFIG_SMP	multi-processor

Syscall

- entry SYSCALL 64
 - pt regs
 - pt_regs can be use for stack pivoting
 - do syscall 64
 - do syscall x64
 - swapgs restore regs and return to usermode

Memory allocator

kmem_cache

- case CONFIG_SLUB
 - kmem cache
 - kmem cache cpu
 - freelist
 - <u>slab</u>
 - slab_cache
 - freelist
 - offset
 - random
 - kmem cache node
- case CONFIG_SLAB
 - kmem cache
 - array cache
 - kmem cache node

kmalloc

- kmalloc
 - kmalloc index
 - kmalloc index
 - case CONFIG_SLUB
 - KMALLOC_MIN_SIZE == 8
 - case CONFIG_SLAB
 - KMALLOC_MIN_SIZE == 32

- kmalloc caches
- kmalloc type
 - #define GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT (GFP_KERNEL | __GFP_ACCOUNT)
 - GFP_KERNEL → KMALLOC_NORMAL
 - GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT → KMALLOC_CGROUP
- case CONFIG SLUB
 - kmem cache alloc trace
 - slab alloc
 - slab alloc node
 - slab alloc
 - slab alloc
 - new slab
 - allocate slab
 - shuffle freelist
 - get freepointer safe
 - <u>freelist ptr</u>
 - *(ptr + kmem_cache.offset) ^
 freelist ^ kmem_cache.random
- case CONFIG SLAB
 - kmem cache alloc trace
 - slab alloc
 - do cache alloc
 - cache alloc
 - cache alloc refill
 - cache alloc node
 - cache grow begin
 - cache init objs
 - shuffle freelist

kfree

- case CONFIG_SLUB
 - kfree
 - slab free
 - do slab free
 - likely(slab == c->slab) → likely(slab == slab->slab_cache->cpu_slab->slab)
 - slab free
 - set freepointer
 - BUG_ON(object == fp);
- case CONFIG_SLAB
 - kfree
 - cache free

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    cache flusharray
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- free one
 - WARN_ON_ONCE(ac->avail > 0 && ac->entry[ac->avail 1] == objp)

Task

- task struct
 - thread info
 - cred
 - tasks
 - init_task
 - init cred
 - comm
 - prctl(PR_SET_NAME, name);

Mapping

- <u>map</u>
 - page_offset_base
 - heap base address (by kmalloc) and it is mapped to /dev/mem
 - secondary_startup_64 can be found at page_offset_base + offset
 - o vmalloc_base
 - vmemmap_base
- page
 - sizeof(struct page) == 64
- vmalloc to page
- page to virt
 - o page_to_virt(page) = page_offset_base + (((page vmemmap_base) / 64) <<
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 - <u>va</u>
 - PAGE OFFSET
 - PAGE OFFSET
 - PFN PHYS
 - PAGE SHIFT
 - page to pfn
 - page to pfn
 - vmemmap
 - VMEMMAP START

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
 - (kernel) switch_task_namespaces(find_task_by_vpid(1), init_nsproxy);
 - (user) setns(open("/proc/1/ns/mnt", O_RDONLY), 0);
 - o (user) setns(open("/proc/1/ns/pid", O_RDONLY), 0);
 - o (user) setns(open("/proc/1/ns/net", 0_RDONLY), 0);

Structures

structure	size	flag (v5.14+)	memo
ldt_struct	16	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	
shm_file_data	32	GFP_KERNEL	
seq_operations	32	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	/proc/self/stat
msg_msg	48 ~ 4096	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	
msg_msgseg	8 ~ 4096	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	
subprocess_info	96	GFP_KERNEL	socket(22, AF_INET, 0);
timerfd_ctx	216	GFP_KERNEL	
pipe_buffer	640 = 40 x 16	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	
tty_struct	696	GFP_KERNEL	/dev/ptmx
setxattr	0 ~	GFP_KERNEL	
sk_buff	320 ~	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	

Idt_struct

- modify ldt
 - write_ldt
 - alloc ldt struct
 - read ldt
 - desc struct
 - copy_to_user
 - copy_to_user won't panic the kernel when accessing wrong address

shm_file_data

- shmat
 - do shmat

seq_operations

- proc stat init
 - stat proc ops
- stat open
 - single open size
 - single_open
- <u>seq_read_iter</u>
 - m->op->start

<u>msg_msg</u>, <u>msg_msgseg</u>

- 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

pipe buffer

- pipe, pipe2
 - <u>do pipe2</u>
 - do pipe flags
 - create pipe files
 - get pipe inode
 - alloc pipe info
 - #define PIPE_DEF_BUFFERS 16
 - pipefifo fops

- pipe write
 - o buf->ops = &anon_pipe_buf_ops;
- pipe release
 - put pipe info
 - free pipe info
 - pipe buf release
 - ops->release

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

setxattr

- setxattr
 - path_setxattr
 - setxattr
 - vfs_setxattr may fail, but kvmalloc and kvfree complete successfully

sk buff

- socketpair
 - sys socketpair
 - sock create
 - sock create
 - case PF_UNIX
 - unix family ops
 - unix_create
 - case SOCK_DGRAM
 - unix dgram ops
 - unix create1
 - sk->sk_allocation =
 GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT;
- unix dgram sendmsg

- sock alloc send pskb
 - alloc skb with frags
 - alloc skb
 - alloc skb
 - struct skb_shared_info is at the end of data

Variables

variable	memo	
modprobe_path	/proc/sys/kernel/modprobe	
core_pattern	/proc/sys/kernel/core_pattern	
n_tty_ops	(read) scanf, (ioctl) fgets	

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

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

n tty ops

- tty struct
 - tty Idisc
- n tty init
 - tty register Idisc