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
CONFIG_SMP	multi-processor

Syscall

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

Kmalloc, Kfree

- kmem cache
 - kmem cache cpu
 - freelist
 - slab
 - slab_cache
 - freelist

- kmem cache node
- kmalloc
 - case CONFIG_SLUB
 - kmalloc index
 - kmalloc\ index
 - kmalloc caches
 - kmalloc type
 - #define GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT (GFP_KERNEL | __GFP_ACCOUNT)
 - GFP_KERNEL → KMALLOC_NORMAL
 - GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT → KMALLOC_CGROUP
 - kmem cache alloc trace
 - slab alloc
 - slab alloc node
 - slab_alloc
 - slab alloc
 - get freepointer safe
 - freelist ptr
- case CONFIG_SLUB
 - kfree
 - slab free
 - do slab free
 - likely(slab == c->slab) → likely(slab == slab->slab_cache->cpu_slab->slab)
 - slab free

Task

- task struct
 - thread info
 - cred
 - tasks
 - init task
 - init cred
 - comm

Mapping

- <u>map</u>
 - page_offset_base
 - /dev/mem
 - this address range is returned by kmalloc
 - vmalloc_base
 - vmemmap_base
- page
 - sizeof(struct page) == 64

- vmalloc to page
- · page to virt
 - page_to_virt(page) = page_offset_base + (((page vmemmap_base) / 64) << 12)</pre>
 - <u>va</u>
 - PAGE_OFFSET
 - PAGE OFFSET
 - PFN PHYS
 - PAGE SHIFT
 - page to pfn
 - case CONFIG_SPARSEMEM_VMEMMAP
 - 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", 0_RDONLY), 0);
 - (user) setns(open("/proc/1/ns/net", O_RDONLY), 0);

Structures

structure	slab	flag (v5.14+)	memo
shm_file_data	32	GFP_KERNEL	
seq_operations	32	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	/proc/self/stat
ldt_struct	(slub) 16, (slab) 32	GFP_KERNEL_ACCOUNT	
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

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

msg_msg, msg_msgseg

- msgsnd
 - ksys msgsnd
 - do msgsnd
 - <u>load msg</u>
 - <u>alloc msg</u>
- 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
 - o tty->ops->ioctl

pipe buffer

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

setxattr

- setxattr
 - path setxattr
 - setxattr

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
 - <u>call_usermodehelper_exec</u>

core_pattern

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

n_tty_ops

- tty_struct
 - tty Idisc
- n tty init
 - tty register Idisc