# **Kernel Pwn Cheat Sheet**

### **Kernel version**

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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
    - <u>init task</u>
      - init cred
  - comm

# **Mapping**

- <u>map</u>
  - page\_offset\_base
    - heap base address (by kmalloc) and is mapped to /dev/mem
    - secondary\_startup\_64 can be found at page\_offset\_base + offset
  - 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

- <u>setxattr</u>
  - path setxattr
    - setxattr
      - vfs\_setxattr may fail. but it's not problem

### **Variables**

variable	memo
modprobe_path	/proc/sys/kernel/modprobe
core_pattern /proc/sys/kernel/core_patt	
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

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

### n\_tty\_ops

- tty\_struct
  - tty Idisc
- n tty init
  - tty register Idisc