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
        - init_task
            - init_cred
    - comm

Mapping

- map
    - `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)`
  - __va
    - 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);`
  - (user) `setns(open("/proc/1/ns/pid", O_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`

ldt_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
      - 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_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
                - call_usermodehelper_exec

core_pattern

- do_coredump
  - format_corename
  - call_usermodehelper_setup
  - call_usermodehelper_exec

n_tty_ops

- tty_struct
  - tty_ldisc
- n_tty_init
  - tty_register_ldisc