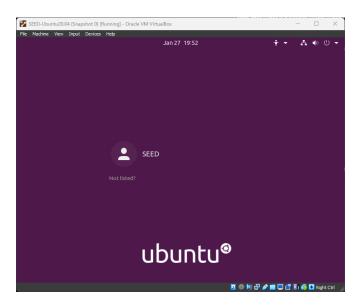
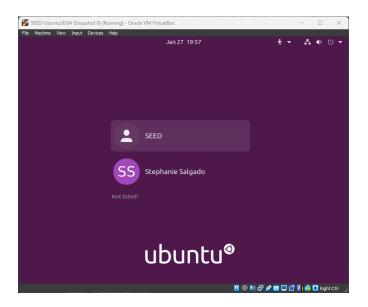
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Lab 2 Demo: Shellcode DevelopmentStephanie Salgado

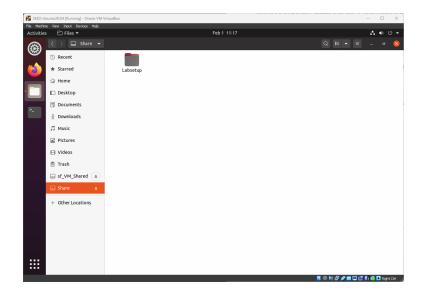
Configured and Launched SEED VM:



Created Username:

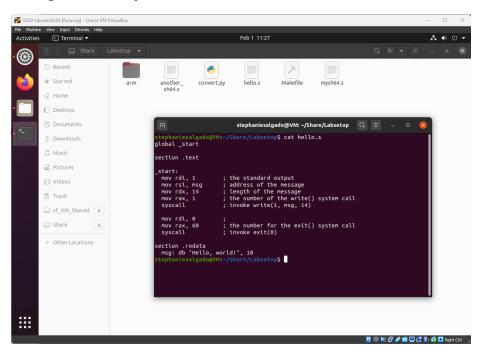


Demo:



Downloaded and unzipped the lab set up files in host then added them to the shared folder.

Task 1: Writing Assembly Code



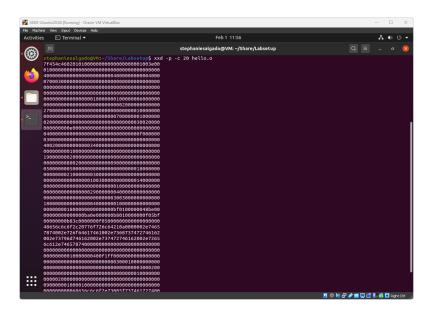
Located "hello.s" file required for the task.

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stephaniesalgado@VM: ~/Share/Labsetup
                                                                   Q =
 tephaniesalgado@VM:~/Share/Labsetup$ cat hello.s
global _start
section .text
start:
                      ; the standard output
 mov rdi, 1
 mov rsi, msg
                      ; address of the message
                      ; length of the message
; the number of the write() system call
 mov rdx, 14
  mov rax, 1
                      ; invoke write(1, msg, 14)
  syscall
 mov rdi, 0
                      ; the number for the exit() system call
 mov rax, 60
 syscall
                      ; invoke exit(0)
section .rodata
 msg: db "Hello, world!", 10
tephaniesalgado@VM:~/Share/Labsetup$ nasm -f elf64 hello.s -o hello.o
tephaniesalgado@VM:~/Share/Labsetup$ ld hello.o -o hello
stephaniesalgado@VM:~/Share/Labsetup$ ./hello
Hello, world!
tephaniesalgado@VM:~/Share/Labsetup$
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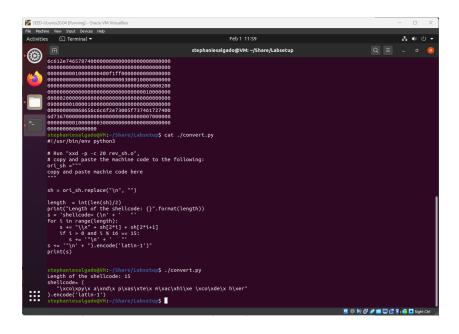
Compiled assembly code using "nasm" with "-f elf64" indicating that it should compile the code to 64-bit ELF binary format. After getting the object code "hello.o", running the linker program "ld" is required to generate the executable binary. Yielding the final executable code "hello" which when run prints "Hello, world!".

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Q =
                        stephaniesalgado@VM: ~/Share/Labsetup
 tephaniesalgado@VM:~/Share/Labsetup$ objdump -Mintel -d hello.o
             file format elf64-x86-64
Disassembly of section .text:
00000000000000000 <_start>:
                                       edi,0x1
       bf 01 00 00 00
  0:
                                mov
       48 be 00 00 00 00 00
                                movabs rsi,0x0
       00 00 00
       ba 0e 00 00 00
                                       edx,0xe
                                MOV
  14:
       b8 01 00 00 00
                                       eax,0x1
                                mov
                                syscall
  19:
       0f 05
       bf 00 00 00 00
                                       edi,0x0
  1b:
                                mov
       b8 3c 00 00 00
                                mov
                                       eax,0x3c
       0f 05
                                syscall
 tephaniesalgado@VM:~/Share/Labsetup$
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There are different methods to extract the machine code from the executable file or the object file. In this case, we used "objdump" to disassemble the executable or object file. Since "objdump" uses the AT&T mode by default the "-Mintel" flag was used for Intel mode.



Using the command "xxd" will print out the content of the binary file which should allow you to discover shellcode's machine code.

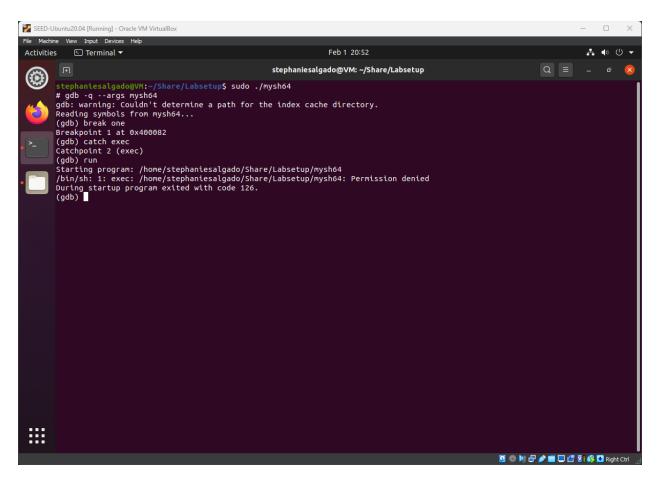


The "convert.py" file can then be used to format the shellcode correctly for it to be used in an attack.

Task 2: Writing Shellcode (Approach 1)

The "mysh64.s" seemed to match the file used in the lab pdf.

Using "-g" enabled debugging information.



For some reason, the program didn't want to execute. I tried using "chmod +x mysh64" to change permissions and that also didn't seem to work. Although the majority of the content covered in the lab was new to me, I did my best to experiment with different gdb commands. I tried "x/s \$rbx" which from my search, is supposed to be the address where "bin/bash" is stored. I also tried "info registers rbx" which should show the current value in "rbx" register. Whenever I did this, the return was "The program has no registers now." and "No registers." respectively. Around this time, my screen capture tool started quitting whenever I attempted to screenshot the results.

It's very possible I was running the wrong commands or that I might've not fully understood the scope of the lab. Even so, I feel that I learned a lot from it and hopefully I get to advance further in the next lab.