

# Programovanie v operačných systémoch

10 - Services, Security

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# Services

- Detach
- stdio
- Controlling tty and SIGHUP
- Privileges
- pidfile

<https://github.com/jirihnidek/daemon/blob/master/src/daemon.c>

# Restricting privileges

- Dropping privileges
  - a daemon is (usually) run as root
  - sets up any resources it needs root access for (opening privileged ports, reading sensitive files)
  - "drops" root permissions: user, group and additional groups (<https://github.com/wertarbyte/coreutils/blob/master/src/setuidgid.c>)
- Capabilities
  - split permissions
  - program / daemon starts as normal user
  - is granted capabilities (i.e. CAP\_NET\_BIND\_SERVICE – bind ports <1024)

man 6 capabilities

# Security

- Authentication
- Authorization / access control
- Attacks
  - Privilege escalation
  - Code injection
- Problems
  - Bad design, allowing user too much freedom:
    - not dropping privileges correctly
    - specifying applications to run / files to write to...
    - using user's env (`$EDITOR`, `$PAGER`)
  - Data races
  - Bugs: buffer overflows
  - Apple: not checking return values correctly:  
[https://objective-see.com/blog/blog\\_0x24.html](https://objective-see.com/blog/blog_0x24.html)

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# Buffer Overflow istream

```
#include <iostream>
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    char buf[8];

    std::cin >> buf;
    std::cout << buf;
    return 0;
}
```

This is really C++ trying to be backwards compatible with C strings...

So does it have the same problem as gets?

# Buffer Overflow istream (fixed)

```
#include <iostream>
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    char buf[8];
    std::cin.width(sizeof(buf));
    std::cin >> buf;
    std::cout << buf;
    return 0;
}
```

# Stack Buffer Overflow

```
#include <stdio.h>
void foo()
{
    char buf[8];
    gets(buf);
    printf("%s\n", buf);
}

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    printf("start\n");
    foo();
    printf("end\n");
    return 0;
}
```

# Buffer Overflow

- Not passing available size
- Passing wrong size
  - storing 8 byte string in an 8 byte array (what about the terminating NUL?!?)
  - integer overflow, **int** n = strlen(s) (stores unsigned **size\_t** in a signed **int**), though not really practically exploitable unless it's a **char** or **short** (*"usernames are sure to be shorter than 255 chars..."*)
  - just bugs when calculating sizes
  - data size mismatch
  - copy paste, duplication (of numbers)

# Exploiting Buffer Overflows

- Crash program (not that interesting)
- Change data (not that interesting)
- Execute injected code
- Gain root access (trick a setuid/setgid program to execute shell)

Nice writeups:

<https://sploitfun.wordpress.com/2015/06/26/linux-x86-exploit-development-tutorial-series/>



# Mitigation

- Programmer
  - don't use / design bad APIs
  - take great care when there's no other way
  - avoid explicit numbers, use constants / **sizeof**
  - reviews / analysis
- System
  - non-executable memory pages (for stack, data...)
  - Stack canary / protector
  - ASLR (address space layout randomization) - randomize addresses where "stuff gets loaded"