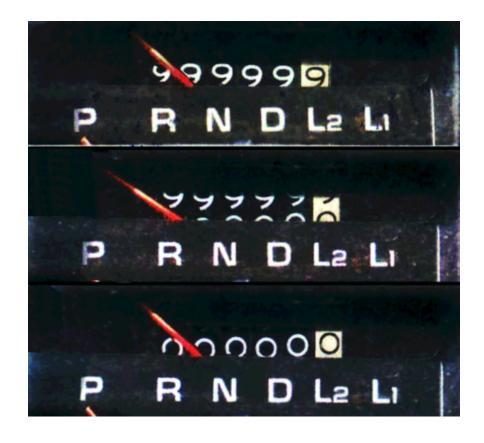
Lec03: Integer Overflow and Undefined Behavior

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Goals and Lessons

- Learn about two classes of vulnerabilities
 - 1. Integer overflow
 - 2. Undefined behavior
- Understand their security implications
- Understand best security practices
- Learn them from the real-world examples (Android, Linux, etc)

CS101: Integer Representation



Ref. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Integer_overflow

CS101: Two's Complement Representation

The value w of an N-bit integer $a_{N-1}a_{N-2}\dots a_0$

$$w = -a_{N-1} 2^{N-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{N-2} a_i 2^i.$$

```
e.g., in x86 (32-bit, 4-byte):
- 0x00000000 -> 0
- 0xffffffff -> -1
- 0x7fffffff -> 2147483648 (INT_MAX)
```

Ref. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two's_complement

 $-0 \times 80000000 -> -2147483649 (INT MIN)$

Arithmetic with Two's Complements

- One instruction works for both sign/unsigned integers (i.e., add, sub, mul)
 - e.g., add reg1, reg2 (not distinguishing signedness of reg1/2)
- Properties:
 - Non-symmetric representation of range, so single 0
 - MSB represents signedness: 1 means negative, 0 means positive

```
0 \times 00000001 + 0 \times 00000002 = 0 \times 00000003 (1 + 2 = 3)

0 \times \text{fffffff} + 0 \times 00000002 = 0 \times 00000001 (-1 + 2 = 1)

0 \times \text{fffffff} + 0 \times \text{fffffff} = 0 \times \text{fffffff} (-1 + -2 = -3)

range(signe integer) = [-2^31-1, 2^31] = [-2147483649, 2147483648]

range(unsigned integer) = [0, 2^32-1] = [0, 4294967295]
```

Question!

Then, how to interpret the arithmetic result?

```
; Oxffffffff + Oxfffffffe = Oxfffffffd (-1 +-2 =-3)

mov eax, Oxfffffff ; eax = Oxffffffff
mov ebx, Oxffffffd ; ebx = Oxfffffffe
add eax, ebx ; eax = Oxfffffffd
; eax = Oxfffffffd
; 1) is it -3?
; 2) is it 4294967293 (== Oxfffffffd)?
```

Idea: Using Status Flags (E/RFLAGS)

- CF: overflow of unsigned arithmetic operations
- OF: overflow of signed arithmetic operations

C's Integer Representation

		x86 (32b) x	(86_64 (64b)
	char	: 1 bytes	1 bytes
	unsigned char	: 1 bytes	1 bytes
	short	: 2 bytes	2 bytes
	unsigned short	: 2 bytes	2 bytes
	int	: 4 bytes	4 bytes
	unsigned int	: 4 bytes	4 bytes
(*)	long	: 4 bytes	8 bytes
(*)	unsigned long	: 4 bytes	8 bytes
	long long	: 8 bytes	8 bytes
	unsigned long long	: 8 bytes	8 bytes
(*)	size_t	: 4 bytes	8 bytes
(*)	ssize_t	: 4 bytes	8 bytes
(*)	void*	: 4 bytes	8 bytes

Thinking of C's Type/Precision Conversion

Lower → higher precision

Thinking of C's Type/Precision Conversion

- Higher → lower precision (what's correct mappings?)
- Mathematically complex, but architecturally simple (truncation!)

```
int -> char
[-2147483649, 2147483648] -> [-128, 127]
[0x80000000, 0x7ffffffff] -> [0x80, 0x7f]

    unsigned int -> unsigned char
    [0, 4294967295] -> [0, 255]
    [0, 0xffffffff] -> [0, 0xff]

both simply, eax -> al (by processor)
```

Example of Precision Conversion

```
$ cd lec03-intovfl/intovfl
$ ./intovfl2
0x7fffffff ->
   (unsigned int)(unsigned char): 000000ff
; mov eax, 0x7fffffff
; movzx eax, al

(unsigned int)(char) : ffffffff
; mov eax, 0x7fffffff
; mov eax, 0x7ffffffff
; movsx eax, al
```

Question?

Basic Concept: Integer Promotion

- Before any arithmetic operations,
- All integer types whose size is smaller than sizeof(int):
 - 1. Promote to int (if int can represent the whole range)
 - 2. Promote to unsigned int (if not)

Example: char/unsigned char Addition

Promote to int (if int can represent the whole range)

```
// by rule 1. -> (1)
char sc = SCHAR_MAX;
unsigned char uc = UCHAR_MAX;
long long sll = sc + uc;

1) (unsigned long long)((int)sc + (int)uc)?
2) (unsigned long long)sc + (unsigned long long)uc?
```

Example: int/unsigned int Comparison

Promote to unsigned int (if not)

Remark: Undefined Behaviors

- Overflow of unsigned integers are well-defined (i.e., wrapping)
- Overflow of signed integers are undefined
 - But well-defined to the processor (i.e., just wrapping in x86)
 - Optimization takes advantages of this, making it hard to understand

```
1. (in x86_64) what does the expression 1 > 0 evaluate to? (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) NaN (d) -1 (e) undefined
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>> (a)
(int) 1 > (int) 0
```

```
2. (unsigned short)1 > -1?
  (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) -1 (d) undefined
```

```
2. (unsigned short)1 > -1?
   (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) -1 (d) undefined
>> (a)
unsigned short can be represented by int
(int)(unsigned short)1 > (int)-1
```

```
3. -1U > 0?

(a) 1 (b) 0 (c) -1 (d) undefined
```

```
3. -1U > 0?
    (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) -1 (d) undefined

>> (a)

unsigned int can't be represented by int,
    so promote to unsigned int
    (unsigned int)(-1U) = 0xffffffff > 0
```

```
4. UINT_MAX + 1?

(a) 0 (b) 1 (c) INT_MAX (d) UINT_MAX (e) undefined
```

```
5. abs(-2147483648), abs(INT_MIN) in x86_32?

(a) 0 (b) < 0 (c) > 0 (d) NaN
```

```
5. abs(-2147483648), abs(INT_MIN) in x86_32?
    (a) 0 (b) < 0 (c) > 0 (d) NaN

>> (b)
    Undefined, but the way the processor works:
    int abs (int i) {
       return i < 0 ? -i : i;
    }
    Q. What about in x86 (64-bit)?</pre>
```

```
6. 1U << 0?
(a) 1 (b) 4 (c) UINT_MAX (d) 0 (e) undefined
```

```
6. 1U << 0?
        (a) 1 (b) 4 (c) UINT_MAX (d) 0 (e) undefined</li>>> (a)
```

```
7. 1U << 32?
(a) 1 (b) 4 (c) UINT_MAX (d) INT_MIN (e) 0 (f) undefined
```

```
7. 1U << 32?
    (a) 1    (b) 4    (c) UINT_MAX    (d) INT_MIN    (e) 0    (f) undefined

>> (f) in C

x86 (32-bit), 1U << 32 == 1!
shl edx,cl

Q. 1U << -1?
```

```
8. -1L \ll 2?

(a) 0 (b) 4 (c) INT_MAX (d) INT_MIN (e) undefined
```

```
8. -1L << 2?
    (a) 0 (b) 4 (c) INT_MAX (d) INT_MIN (e) undefined
>> (e) in C
shift operations on sign integers are undefined
```

```
9. INT_MAX + 1?
(a) 0 (b) 1 (c) INT_MAX (d) UINT_MAX (e) undefined
```

```
9. INT_MAX + 1?
   (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) INT_MAX (d) UINT_MAX (e) undefined
>> (e) in C
   overflow in sign integers are undefined!
```

```
10. UINT_MAX + 1?

(a) 0 (b) 1 (c) INT_MAX (d) UINT_MAX (e) undefined
```

```
10. UINT_MAX + 1?
    (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) INT_MAX (d) UINT_MAX (e) undefined
>> (a)
```

```
11. -INT_MIN?
  (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) INT_MAX (d) UINT_MAX (e) INT_MIN
  (f) undefined
```

```
11. -INT_MIN?
    (a) 0    (b) 1    (c) INT_MAX    (d) UINT_MAX    (e) INT_MIN
        (f) undefined
>> (f) in C but reuslts in (e)
```

```
12. -1L > 1U? on x86_64 and x86

(a) (0, 0) (b) (1, 1) (c) (0, 1) (d) (1, 0)

(e) undefined
```

```
12. -1L > 1U? on x86_64 and x86
    (a) (0, 0) (b) (1, 1) (c) (0, 1) (d) (1, 0)
    (e) undefined

>> (c)

x86_64: size(long) > sizeof(unsigned int)
    -> (long)-1L > (long)1U
x86: sizeo(long) == sizeof(unsigned int)
    -> (unsigned int)-1L > (unsigned int) 1U
```

BONUS. is it possible that a / b < 0 when a < 0 and b < 0?

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 a = INT_MIN \&\& b == -1!
```

Classifying Integer-related Vulnerabilities

- 1. Precision (or widthness) overflows
- 2. Arithmetic overflows
- 3. Signedness bugs
- 4. Undefined behaviors (e.g., time bomb)

1. Precision Error: CVE-2015-1593

- Arithmetic operations b/w unsigned int and unsigned long
- Reducing ASLR entropy by four in Linux (in x86_64)

CVE-2015-1593: Patch

- unsigned int \rightarrow unsigned long (match the precision)
- Be careful when you'd like to multiple architecture

2. Arithmetic Overflow: CVE-2018-6092

- Arithmetic overflows when adding two unsigned ints
- Result in remote code execution in Chrome (V8/WASM, 32-bit)

CVE-2018-6092: Patch

- Standard pattern/fix
- Avoid potential arithmetic overflows

```
// @src/wasm/function-body-decoder-impl.h
// count: unsigned int
// type_list->size(): size_t
// kV8MaxWasmFunctionLocals: size_t

+ DCHECK_LE(type_list->size(), kV8MaxWasmFunctionLocals);
+ if (count
+ > kV8MaxWasmFunctionLocals - type_list->size()) {
   decoder->error(decoder->pc()-1, "local count too large")
   return false;
}
```

3. Signedness Bugs: CVE-2017-7308

- Casting the arithmetic result of unsigned ints to sign for comparison
- Result in remote code execution in Linux (network stack)

```
// anet/packet/af_packet.c
// req->tp_block_size: unsigned int
// BLK_PLUS_PRIV(..): unsigned int

// Q. What if we don't have (int)?

if (po->tp_version >= TPACKET_V3 &&

* (int)(req->tp_block_size -

BLK_PLUS_PRIV(req_u->req3.tp_sizeof_priv)) <= 0)
goto out;</pre>
```

3. Signedness Bugs: CVE-2017-7308

```
// anet/packet/af packet.c
  // req->tp block size: unsigned int
3 // BLK PLUS PRIV(..) : unsigned int
   // Q. What if we don't have (int)?
   if (po->tp version >= TPACKET V3 &&
   // (int)(u1 - u2) <= 0
   // => (unsigned int)100 - (unsigned int)(-200)
   // => (int)300
10
   // => (unsigned int)100 < (unsigned int)(-200)
11
   * (int)(req->tp block size -
12
             BLK PLUS PRIV(req u->req3.tp sizeof priv)) <= 0)
13
       goto out;
```

CVE-2017-7308: Patch

- Direct comparison of unsigned ints!
- Fix a potential overflow inside the macro as well

Testing Signedness Bugs

```
$ cd lec03-intovfl/intovfl
$ make
$ ./uintcmp
0 < 1 = 1?
  (int)(0 - 1) == -1 <= 0? -> 1
1 < 0 = 0?
  (int)(1 - 0) == 1 <= 0? -> 0
10 < 4294967196 = 0?
  (int)(10 - 4294967196) == 110 <= 0? -> 0
unsigned int a = ?
unsigned int b = ?
```

4. Undefined Behaviors: NaCL/x86

- Shifting more than the available #bits
- Result in the entire sandbox sequence no-op!

Ref. https://bugs.chromium.org/p/nativeclient/issues/detail?id=245

Secure Way to Add Two Ints

SEI CERT C Coding Standard

```
void func(signed int si_a, signed int si_b) {
   signed int sum = si_a + si_b;
   /* ... */
}
```

Secure Way to Add Two Ints

```
#include <limits.h>
 3
   void f(signed int si_a, signed int si_b) {
     signed int sum;
     if (((si b > 0) && (si_a > (INT_MAX - si_b))) ||
 6
         ((si_b < 0) \& (si_a < (INT_MIN - si_b)))) 
      /* Handle error */
     } else {
       sum = sia + sib;
10
   /* ... */
11
12
```

Secure Way to Multiplying Two Ints

```
void func(signed int si_a, signed int si_b) {
   signed int result = si_a * si_b;
   /* ... */
}
```

Secure Way to Multiplying Two Ints

```
void func(signed int si_a, signed int si b) {
      signed int result;
      signed long long tmp;
      tmp = (signed long long)si a * (signed long long)si b;
 6
      /* If the product cannot be represented as a 32-bit intege
         handle as an error condition. */
      if ((tmp > INT MAX) || (tmp < INT MIN)) {</pre>
10
     /* Handle error */
11
     } else {
12
        result = (int)tmp;
13
   /* ... */
14
15
```

Secure Way to Multiplying Two Ints

The following portable compliant solution can be used with any conforming implementation, including those that do not have an integer type that is at least twice the precision of int:

```
#include <limits.h>
void func(signed int si a, signed int si b) {
 signed int result;
 if (si a > 0) { /* si_a is positive */
   if (si b > 0) { /* si a and si b are positive */
     if (si a > (INT MAX / si b)) {
        /* Handle error */
   } else { /* si_a positive, si_b nonpositive */
     if (si b < (INT MIN / si a)) {
        /* Handle error */
    } /* si a positive, si b nonpositive */
 } else { /* si a is nonpositive */
   if (si b > 0) { /* si a is nonpositive, si b is positive */
     if (si a < (INT MIN / si b)) {</pre>
        /* Handle error */
   } else { /* si a and si b are nonpositive */
     if ( (si a != 0) && (si b < (INT MAX / si a))) {</pre>
       /* Handle error */
   } /* End if si a and si b are nonpositive */
 } /* End if si a is nonpositive */
 result = si a * si b;
```

Case Study: Chackra Core (Multiplying Ints)

```
// Returns true if we overflowed, false if we didn't
   bool Int64Math::Mul(int64 left, int64 right, int64 *pResult)
   #if defined( M X64)
     // (I)MUL (Q/64) R[D/A]X <- RAX * r/m64
      int64 high;
 6
      *pResult = mul128(left, right, &high);
     return ((*pResult > 0) && high != 0) \
               || ((*pResult < 0) && (high != -1));
   #else
10
      *pResult = left * right;
11
      return (left != 0 && right != 0 \
12
               && (*pResult / left) != right);
13
   #endif
14
```

Case Study: glibc (Multiplying UInts)

```
static inline bool
   check mul overflow size t(size t left, size t right,
                              size t *result) {
     /* size t is unsigned
         so the behavior on overflow is defined. */
      *result = left * right;
 6
      size t half size t \
        = ((size t) 1) << (8 * sizeof (size t) / 2);
 9
10
      if ((left | right) >= half size t) {
11
        if (right != 0 && *result / right != left)
12
          return true;
13
14
     return false;
15
```

New Proposals: __builtin_*_overflow()

Ref. https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc/Integer-Overflow-Builtins.html

```
bool __builtin_add_overflow (type1 a, type2 b, type3 *res);
bool __builtin_sub_overflow (type1 a, type2 b, type3 *res);
bool __builtin_mul_overflow (type1 a, type2 b, type3 *res);
bool __builtin_uadd_overflow (unsigned int a, unsigned int b, unsigned int *res);
...
```

Taking Advantage of E/RFLAGS in x86

```
bool __builtin_add_overflow (type1 a, type2 b, type3 *res);

11bb: mov ecx,0x0

11c0: add eax,edx

11c2: jno 11c9 <main+0x70>

11c4: mov ecx,0x1

llc9: ...
```

Example: New calloc()

```
void * calloc (size_t x, size_t y) {
size_t sz;
if (__builtin_mul_overflow (x, y, &sz))
return NULL;
void *ret = malloc (sz);
if (ret)
memset (ret, 0, sz);
return ret;
}
```

Integer Overflow Beyond Security

- 1996: Ariane 5 rocket crashed
- 2015: FAA requested to reset Boeing 787 every 248 days
- 2016: a Casino machine printed a prize ticket of \$42,949,672!

Ref. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Integer_overflow

Not Abusing Int-related BU in Optimizer

Option: -fwrapv (gcc/clang)

```
// $ cd lec03-intovfl/intovfl
// $ make check-fwrapv

int base;
scanf("%d", &base);

// Q. base = INT_MAX?
if (base < base + 1)
printf("base < base + 1 is true!\n");</pre>
```

Exercise: Real-world Examples

- Ex1. Android Stagefright (CVE-2015-1538, CVE-2015-3824)
- Ex2. Linux Keyring (CVE-2016-0728)

Exercise: Real-world Examples

- Ex1. Android Stagefright (CVE-2015-1538, CVE-2015-3824)
 - → Remote exploit on Android via MMS
- Ex2. Linux Keyring (CVE-2016-0728)
 - → Local privilege escalation

CVE-2015-1538: Android (Stagefright)

Result in out-of-bound writes after integer overflows

```
// @edd4a76eb4747bd19ed122df46fa46b452c12a0d
// CVE-2015-1538
// uint32_t mTimeToSampleCount;

mTimeToSampleCount = U32_AT(&header[4]);
mTimeToSample = new uint32_t[mTimeToSampleCount * 2];
...

for (uint32_t i = 0; i < mTimeToSampleCount * 2; ++i)
mTimeToSample[i] = ntohl(mTimeToSample[i]);
...</pre>
```

Attempt1 to Fix Stagefright

```
aedd4a76eb4747bd19ed122df46fa46b452c12a0d
   // CVE-2015-1538
   // uint32 t mTimeToSampleCount;
        mTimeToSampleCount = U32 AT(&header[4]);
        uint64 t allocSize \
           = mTimeToSampleCount * 2 * sizeof(uint32_t);
        if (allocSize > SIZE_MAX) {
           return ERROR OUT OF RANGE;
10
11
        mTimeToSample = new uint32 t[mTimeToSampleCount * 2];
12
```

Attempt2 to Fix Stagefright

RHS: (unsigned int)mTimeToSampleCount * 2 * sizeof(uint32_t)!

Attempt3 to Fix Stagefright

RHS: (uint64_t)sizeof(uint32_t) is constant, again!

Attempt4 to Fix Stagefright

RHS: allocSize > SIZE_MAX in 64-bit!

CVE-2015-1538: Finally!

```
aa3630a418b4f65277a42cd4018cd3b0b7e134d0c
   + if (mTimeToSampleCount >
           UINT32 MAX / (2 * sizeof(uint32 t))) {
   + // Choose this bound because
      // 1) 2 * sizeof(uint32 t) is the amount of memory neede
             for one time-to-sample entry in the time-to-sample
             table.
      // 2) mTimeToSampleCount is the number of entries of the
10
   + // time-to-sample table.
   + // 3) We hope that the table size does not exceed
12
   + // UINT32 MAX.
13
           return ERROR OUT OF RANGE;
14
15
```

CVE-2015-3824: Android (Stagefright)

CVE-2016-0728: Linux Keyring

Forcing the refent to be overflowed, resulting in privlege escalation!

```
long join session keyring(const char *name) {
     // NOTE. refent is incremented on "success"!
      keyring = find keyring by name(name, false);
      if (PTR ERR(keyring) == -ENOKEY) { ... }
      else if (IS ERR(keyring)) { ... }
      } else if (keyring == new->session keyring) {
       ret = 0:
        goto error2;
10
11
      key put(keyring);
12
     error2:
13
      return ret;
14
```

Summary

- Two classes of vulnerabilities:
 - 1. Integer overflow
 - 2. Undefined behavior
- They are likely to have serious security implications when happened!
- Common patterns and known ways to mitigate/elliminate them!

References

- Stagefright Bugs
- Basic Integer Overflows
- Integer Rules
- CVE-2017-7308
- CVE-2018-6092
- CVE-2015-1593