

COMP500 / ENSE501: Week 11 – Exercise:

EXERCISE NAME: *Broken Binary Read*

Given the following source code:

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1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  struct Superhero
4  {
5      char hero_name[20];
6      char alter_ego[20];
7  };
8
9  void read_superhero_from_file(char* p_filename,
10                               struct Superhero output)
11  {
12      FILE* p_file = fopen(p_filename, "rb");
13
14      fread(output.hero_name, sizeof(char), 20, p_file);
15      fread(output.alter_ego, sizeof(char), 20, p_file);
16
17      fclose(p_file);
18  }
19
20 void print_hero(struct Superhero who)
21 {
22     printf("%s is %s\n", who.alter_ego, who.hero_name);
23 }
24
25 int main(void)
26 {
27     struct Superhero batman;
28     struct Superhero superman;
29
30     read_superhero_from_file("batman.bin", batman);
31     read_superhero_from_file("superman.bin", superman);
32
33     print_hero(batman);
34     print_hero(superman);
35
36     return 0;
37 }
```

Download the two files, **batman.bin** and **superman.bin**, from Blackboard and place them in the project directory.

The program crashes at runtime. Correct the program such that a **Superhero** structure variable is passed into the **read_superhero_from_file** function by reference. At present it is incorrectly passed by value.