
Exploiting and Defense

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Intro

About Me

Dobin Rutishauser

Worked as Security Analyst @ Compass Security for 8 years

- ✦ Penetration Tests
- ✦ Webapp Checks
- ✦ Architecture Reviews
- ✦ & lots more

Interested in ~~Hacking~~ Security since a young age (1998+)

I got a bit overboard when I was young



Content

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Exploiting & Defense

We will write **exploits** to **exploit buffer-overflows**

We will analyze what **defenses** exist to make writing exploits harder

Lecture



Lecture - Online

<https://exploit.courses>

- ★ Online exploit development website
- ★ Access to your own Linux via JavaScript terminal
- ★ Uses Hacking-Lab accounts
- ★ Solve **challenges** online
 - ★ Write exploits
 - ★ Debug them
- ★ Slides

(<https://www.hacking-lab.com>)

- ★ Half-online challenges website
- ★ Uses HLCD (Kali-based Linux Distribution)
- ★ VPN-Based
- ★ Use this if you don't like exploit.courses

Lecture - Online

If you wanna try it by yourself:

<https://github.com/dobin/yookiterm-challenges>

- ✦ The writeup of the challenges

<https://github.com/dobin/yookiterm-challenges-files>

- ✦ Source code of challenges



Important slides are marked with  in top right corner

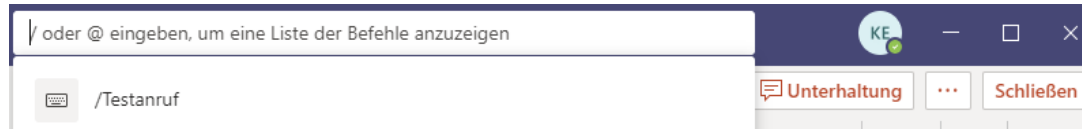
Sometimes slides have helpful comments in "notes" section

"Recap" slides at end of chapters point you to which things are important, and should be understood

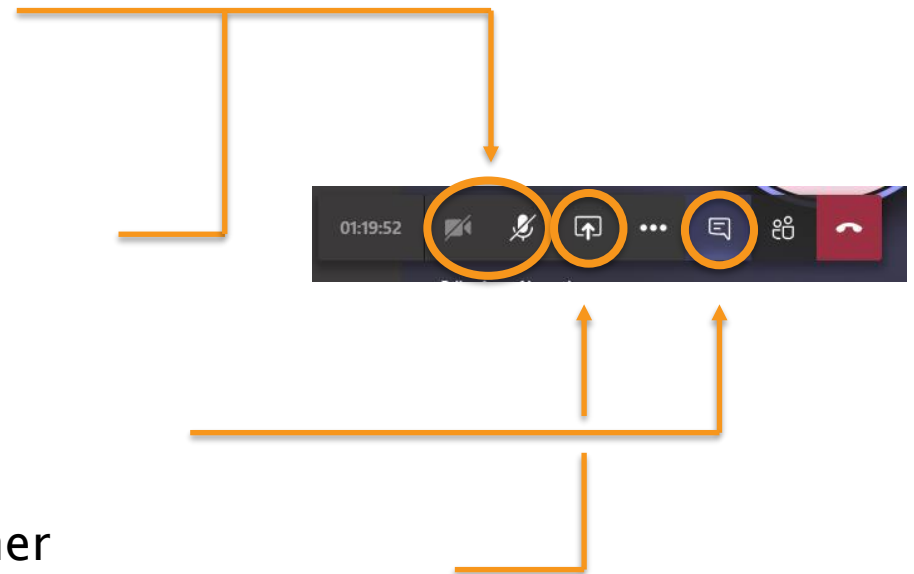


Welcome to the BFH-Teams Meeting

1. Test the audio before the appointment (enter "/test call" in the search bar above)



2. During the meeting: switch off / mute microphone & camera (camera & microphone are crossed out)
3. Turn on the camera before speaking (=message), do not switch on the microphone until called by the teacher
4. Questions and more generally in the chat



Motivation

Motivation for Exploiting & Defense

Motivation

For the hacker:

- ✦ Developing exploits
- ✦ Debugging of C/C++ code
- ✦ Disassembly & reversing of assembler code
- ✦ Being 31337

For the Sysadmin

- ✦ Judge security level of operating systems, and applications
- ✦ Harden and protect servers, clients

For the CISO:

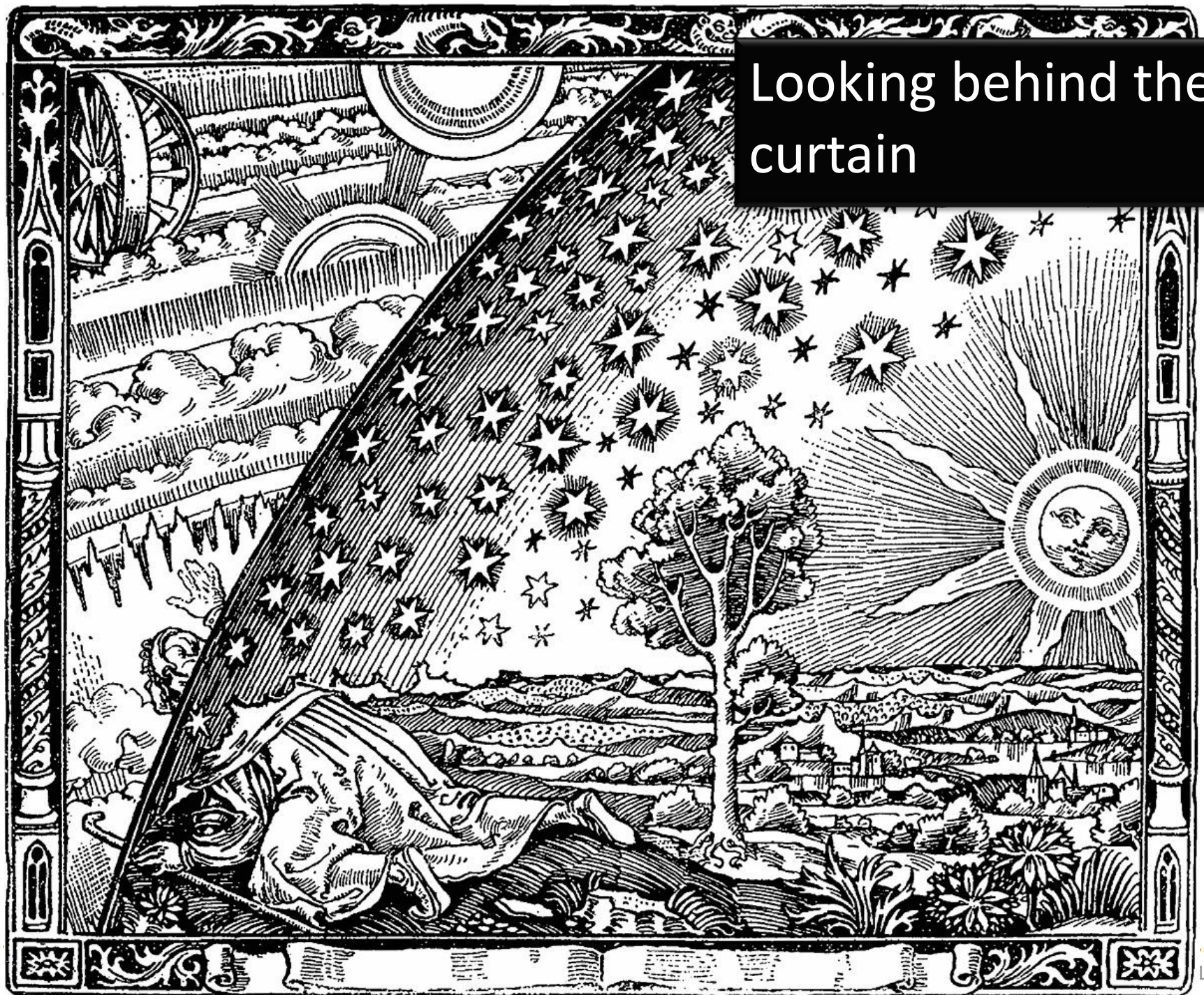
- ✦ Assess CVSS scores
- ✦ Assess (new) security mitigations
- ✦ Better risk analysis

Motivation

For everyone:

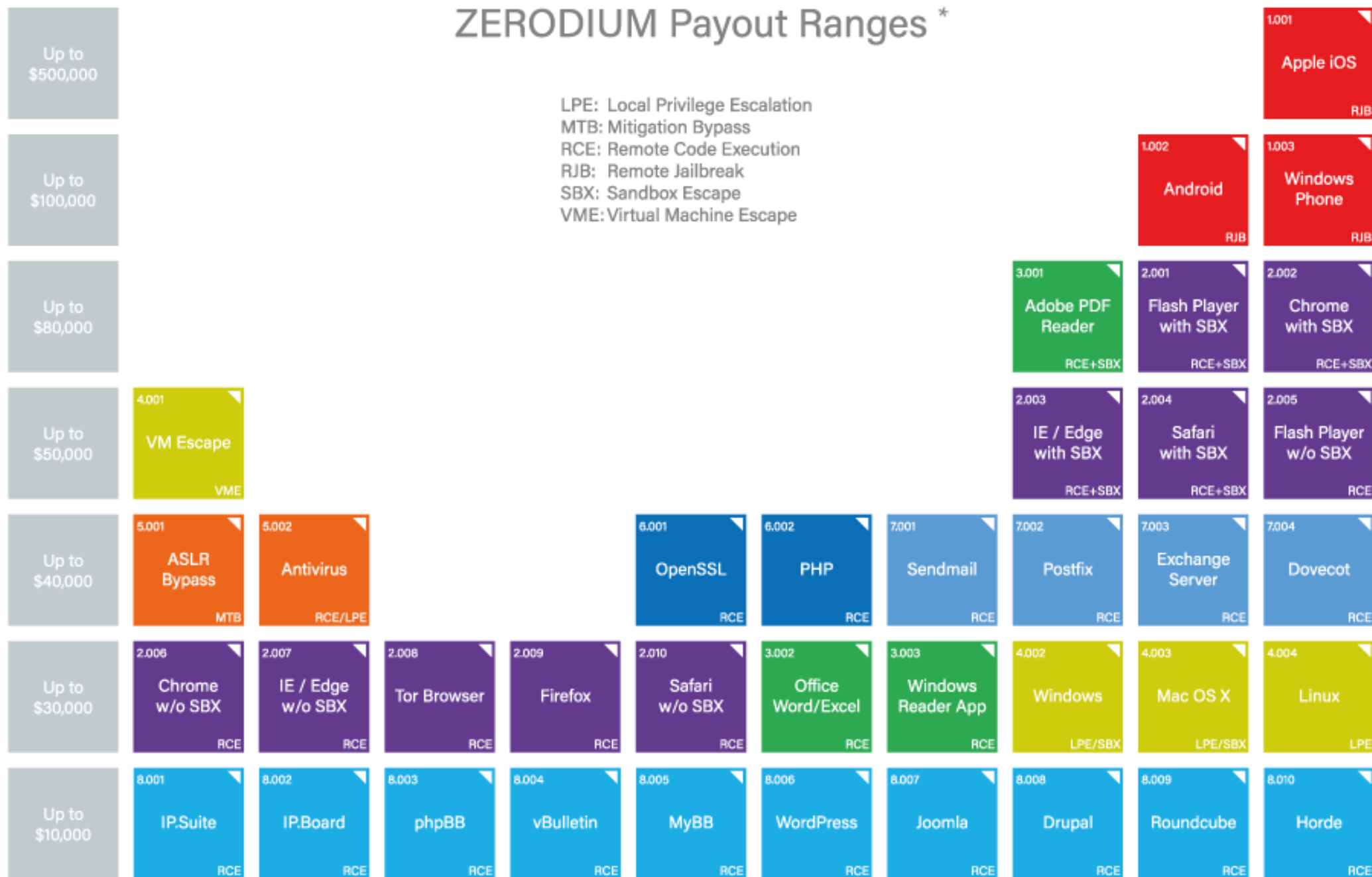
- ✦ How do functions work?
- ✦ How does the memory allocator work?
- ✦ What's the difference between userspace and kernelspace?
- ✦ How does computer work?!

Looking behind the curtain



ZERODIUM Payout Ranges *

LPE: Local Privilege Escalation
MTB: Mitigation Bypass
RCE: Remote Code Execution
RJB: Remote Jailbreak
SBX: Sandbox Escape
VME: Virtual Machine Escape



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ZERODIUM Payouts for Mobiles*

RJB: Remote Jailbreak with Persistence
RCE: Remote Code Execution
LPE: Local Privilege Escalation
SBX: Sandbox Escape or Bypass

■ iOS
■ Android
■ Any OS

Up to
\$2,000,000

1.001

iPhone RJB
Zero Click

iOS

Up to
\$1,500,000

1.002

iPhone RJB

iOS

Up to
\$1,000,000

2.001

WhatsApp
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

2.002

SMS/MMS
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

2.003

iMessage
RCE+LPE

iOS

Up to
\$500,000

2.004

WeChat
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

2.005

FB Messenger
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

2.006

Signal
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

2.007

Telegram
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

2.008

Email App
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

3.001

Chrome
RCE+LPE

Android

3.002

Safari
RCE+LPE

iOS

Up to
\$200,000

4.001

Baseband
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

5.001

LPE to
Kernel / Root

iOS / Android

2.009

Media Files
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

2.010

Documents
RCE+LPE

iOS / Android

3.003

SBX
for Chrome

Android

3.004

Chrome RCE
w/o SBX

Android

3.005

SBX
for Safari

iOS

3.006

Safari RCE
w/o SBX

iOS

Up to
\$100,000

6.001

Code Signing
Bypass

iOS / Android

4.002

WiFi
RCE

iOS / Android

4.003

RCE
via MitM

iOS / Android

5.002

LPE to
System

Android

7.001

Information
Disclosure

iOS / Android

7.002

[k]ASLR
Bypass

iOS / Android

8.001

PIN
Bypass

Android

8.002

Passcode
Bypass

iOS

8.003

Touch ID
Bypass

iOS

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Slide 20

Content of the next 7 Friday afternoons

You want to learn:

- ✦ What memory corruptions are
- ✦ What buffer overflows are
- ✦ What exploits are
- ✦ How exploits are being created
- ✦ To exploit a local application
- ✦ To exploit a remote application
- ✦ Learn about anti-exploiting technologies
- ✦ To circumvent all common anti-exploiting technologies for Linux
- ✦ See how Windows does it
- ✦ Use Use-After-Free
- ✦ Hack browsers
- ✦ ~~Hack facebook “for a friend”~~

You will actually learn:

- ★ Intel x86
 - ★ Architecture
 - ★ CPU
 - ★ Registers
- ★ Linux
 - ★ Userspace memory layout, stacks, heap
 - ★ Syscalls
 - ★ Sockets
 - ★ Networking
- ★ Programming Languages
 - ★ Assembler
 - ★ C
 - ★ Python
 - ★ Bash

Plan

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26.02.2021

Theory:

- ✦ 0x01 Intro (this)
- ✦ 0x02 Intro Technical
- ✦ 0x10 Intel Architecture
- ✦ 0x11 Memory Layout

Challenges:

- ✦ 0: Introduction to memory layout - basic
- ✦ 1: Introduction to memory layout - advanced

Plan

05.03.2021

Theory:

- ✦ 0x12 C Array and Data Structures
- ✦ 0x30 Assembler Intro
- ✦ 0x31 Shellcode
- ✦ 0x32 Function Call Convention
- ✦ 0x33 Debugging

Challenges:

- ✦ 2: C buffer analysis - simple
- ✦ 3: Introduction to shellcode development
- ✦ 7: Function Call Convention in x86 (32bit)
- ✦ 8: C buffer analysis - with debugging
- ✦ 9: Simple Buffer overflow - variable overwrite

Plan

12.03.2021

Theory:

- ✦ 0x41 Buffer Overflow
- ✦ 0x42 Exploit
- ✦ 0x44 Remote Exploit

Challenges:

- ✦ 11: Development of a buffer overflow exploit - 32 bit
- ✦ 12: Development of a buffer overflow exploit - 64 bit
- ✦ 13: Development of a remote buffer overflow exploit - 64 bit

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19.03.2021

Theory:

- ✦ 0x51 Exploit Mitigation
- ✦ 0x52 Defeat Exploit Mitigation
- ✦ 0x53 Exploit Mitigation – PIE
- ✦ 0x54 Defeat Exploit Mitigation ROP

Challenges:

- ✦ 14: Stack canary brute force
- ✦ 15: Simple remote buffer overflow exploit - ASLR/DEP/64bit
- ✦ 16: Remote buffer overflow with ROP - DEP/64bit
- ✦ 17: Remote buffer overflow with ROP - DEP/ASLR/64bit

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26.03.2021

Theory:

- ✦ 0x55: Defeat Exploit Mitigation – Heap Intro
- ✦ 0x56: Defeat Exploit Mitigation – Heap Attacks

Challenges:

- ✦ 31: Heap use-after-free analysis

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09.04.2021

Theory:

- ✦ 0x60: Windows Exploiting
- ✦ 0x70: Secure Coding

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16.04.2021

Theory:

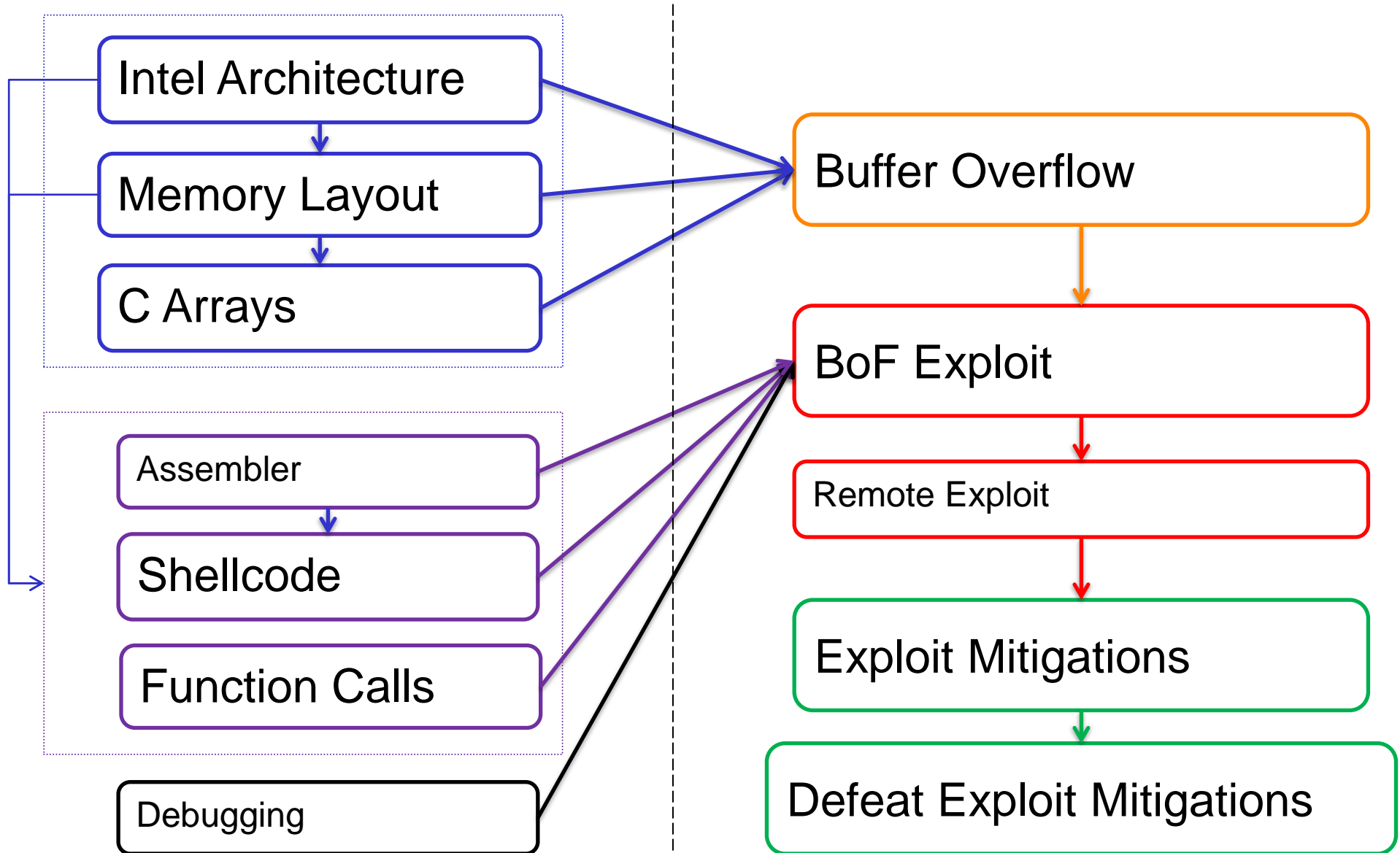
- ✦ 0x72: Linux Hardening
- ✦ 0x73: Kernel Exploitation

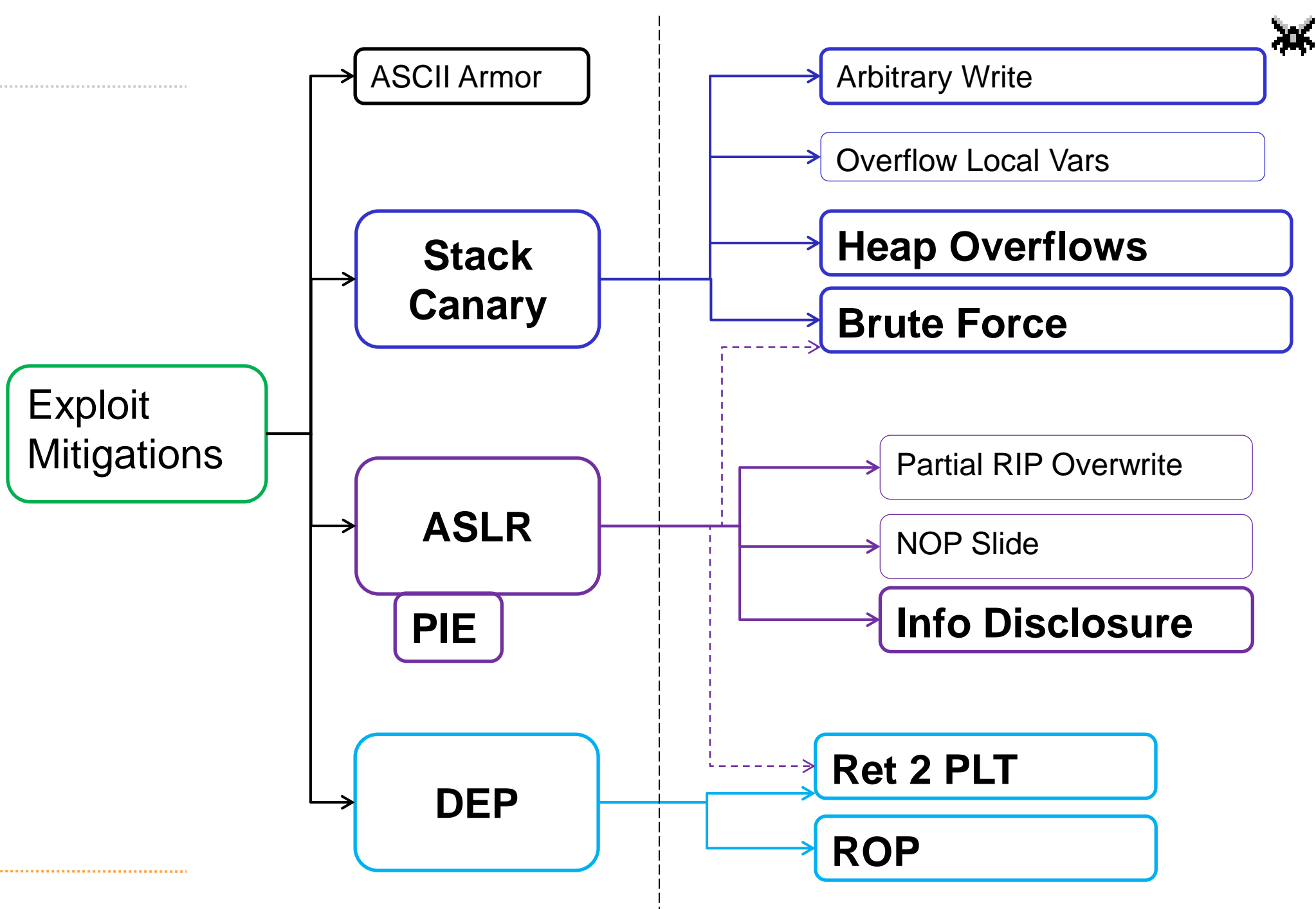
Challenges:

- ✦ 60: Linux Hardening



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And some...

Windows Exploiting

Fuzzing

Browser Security

Kernel Exploits

Secure Coding

Linux Hardening

Case Studies



What is (mainly) relevant for the oral exam?

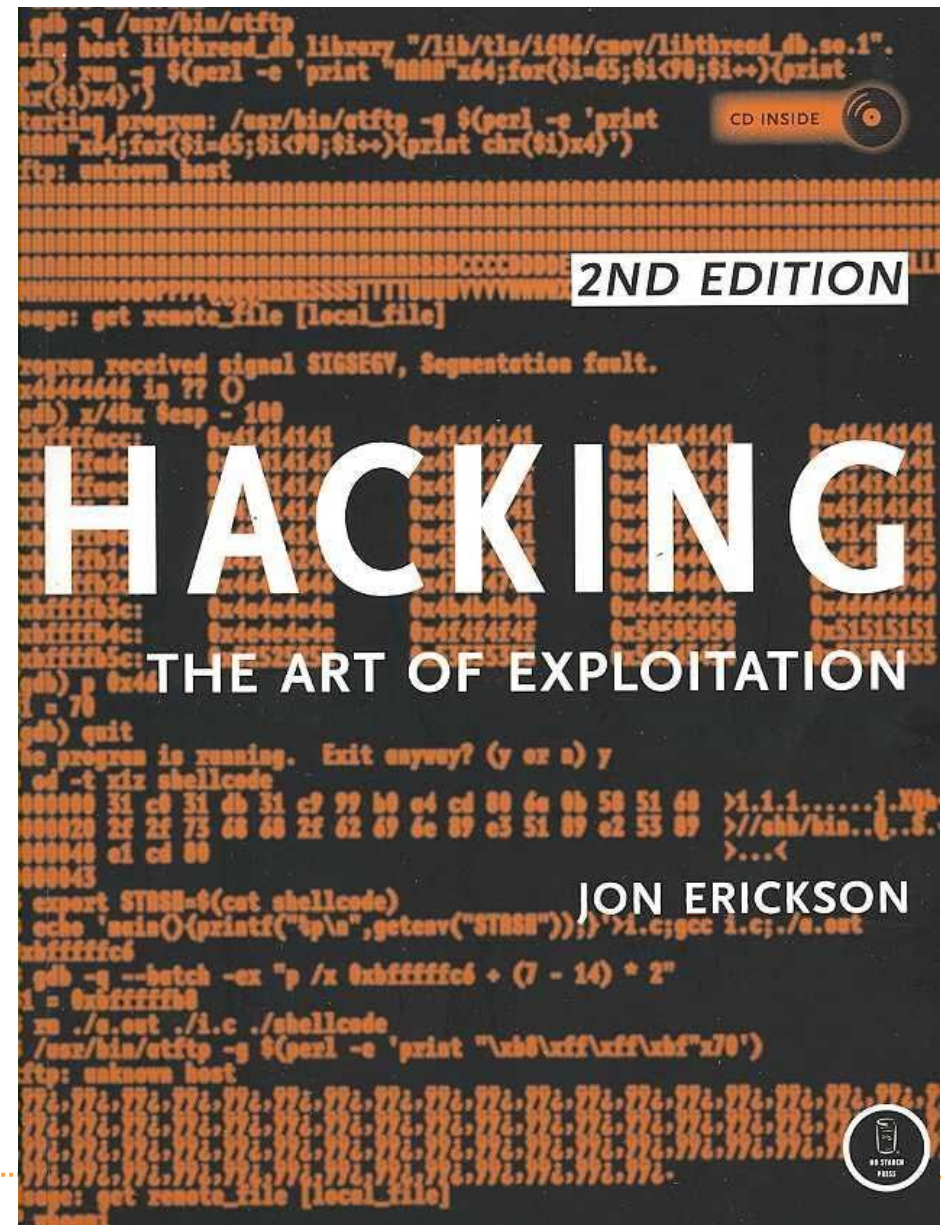
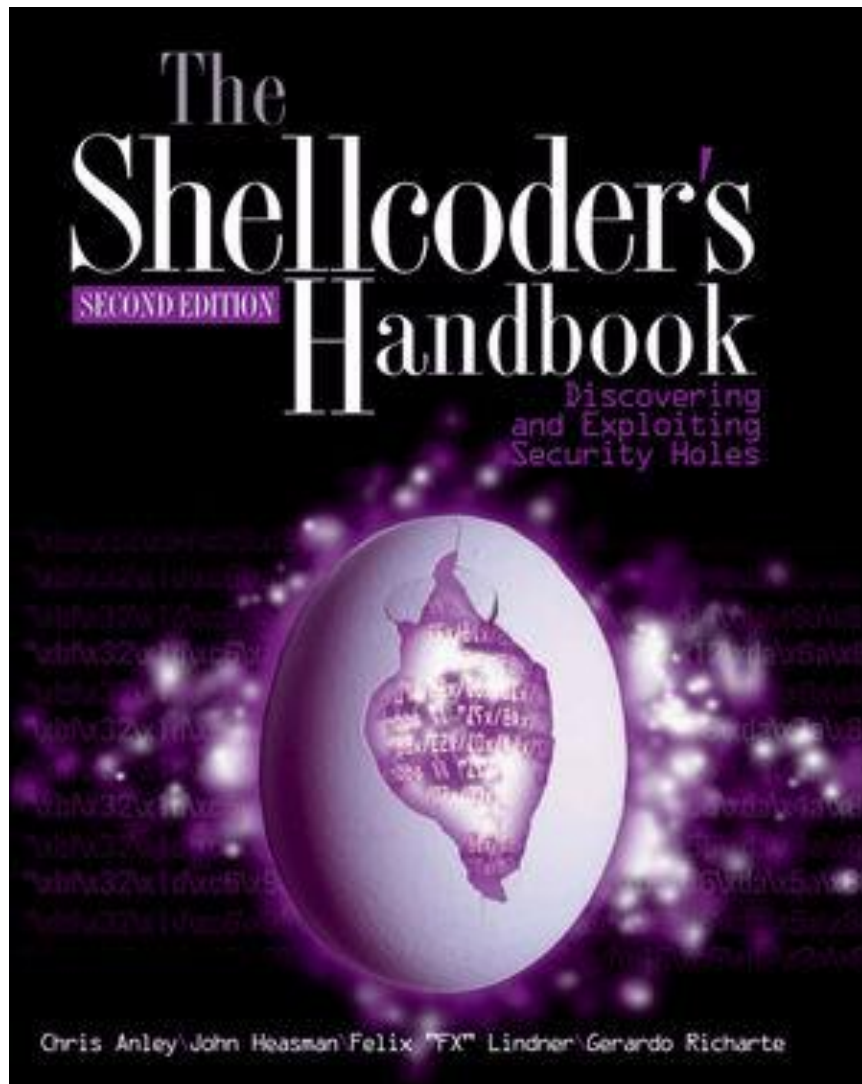
- ★ How does memory corruption work?
- ★ How does an exploit work?
- ★ What exploit mitigations exist?
- ★ How can these exploit mitigations be circumvented?

More theoretical, not so much the nitty gritty details

Typical question:

- ★ Explain me how a buffer overflow exploit works
- ★ Now we introduce ASLR. What do you need to change?

Books



Legal Issues

Don't hack other people's systems

«Damit der Tatbestand des **strafbaren Hackens** erfüllt ist, müssen **folgende Voraussetzungen kumulativ** erfüllt sein:

- ✦ **Eindringen** in das **Datenverarbeitungssystem**;
- ✦ **fremdes Datenverarbeitungssystem**;
- ✦ Eindringen auf dem Weg der von **Datenübertragungseinrichtungen**;
- ✦ **besondere Sicherung** gegen Zugriff.

<https://www.lexwiki.ch/hacken/>

Legal International

Wassenaar

- ★ Arms Control Treaty
 - ★ Anti-proliferation of Nukes and stuff
- ★ Includes now (?):
 - ★ Intrusion malware
 - ★ Intrusion exploits
 - ★ IP surveillance
- ★ -> Exploits are now weapons...
 - ★ Not allowed to transport over the border
 - ★ Exception: If they are open source
 - ★ (stop selling 0-days to Chinese gov!)



<http://blog.erratasec.com/2015/05/some-notes-about-wassenaar.html>