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Introduction

Day 16 introduced low-level exploit concepts, particularly buffer overflows and safety issues. The session focused on why memory corruption vulnerabilities arise and how mitigations work.

Key Concepts Discussed

We explored stack vs heap memory, how input validation errors can overwrite critical structures, and the defenses such as ASLR, DEP/NX, and stack canaries that counter modern exploitation.

Lab Preparation in Theory

A safe exercise plan was described for compiling intentionally vulnerable programs, toggling compile-time protections to observe differences in behavior. The class used small, sized non-production environments for such work.

Practical Understanding (Theory)

We discussed ethical considerations for exploit development and why understanding defensive techniques is necessary for realistic testing. The trainer also outlined how to document findings responsibly.

Key Takeaways

Memory vulnerabilities require specialized knowledge; working in lab environments while respecting boundaries is essential.

Conclusion

Following memory concepts, the next session will cover exploitation frameworks and exploitation workflows.