

Code Vulnerabilities & Attacks: Classic Buffer Overflow

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- Back to O.S. (again)
- Overflows
- Buffer Overflow Attack
- Mitigations
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ABIs and Calling Conventions (CCs)

- How parameters are passed.
- The order they are passed.
- Where they are passed.

Calling Conventions (CCs)

Concept Definitions

Application Binary Interface (ABI)

“Uma definição da interface entre módulos de *software*, tais como entre códigos e o sistema operacional. Uma ABI especifica uma *calling convention*.”

Calling Convention (CC)

“Uma definição de como trechos de código são chamados, incluindo a ordem, localização, e a restauração dos parâmetros.”

Back to O.S. (again)

Stack Frame

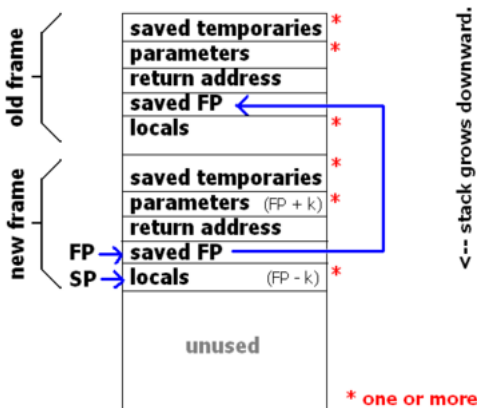


Figure: Stack Frame

⁰<https://tinyurl.com/hhq934r>

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Stack Frame

Definition

“Uma definição de contexto de função de forma temporária.”

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A basic overflow example

```
1  int main(int argc, char *argv[])
2  {
3      int a = 10;
4      char str[4];
5      scanf("%s",str);
6      printf("%d\n",a);
7      return 0;
8  }
```

Code 1: Variable overflow (Hypothetic code).

In Practice.

```
marcus@tux:/tmp$ ./variable_overflow.bin
a
10
marcus@tux:/tmp$ ./variable_overflow.bin
aa
10
marcus@tux:/tmp$ ./variable_overflow.bin
aaa
10
marcus@tux:/tmp$ ./variable_overflow.bin
aaaa
0
marcus@tux:/tmp$ ./variable_overflow.bin
aaaaa
97
marcus@tux:/tmp$ ./variable_overflow.bin
aaaab
98
```

Figure: Variavle overflow in practice.

Telling the truth.

Implementation a bit harder.

- Compiler optimizations.
- Stack smashing mitigation.

Try to implement.

- How to put variables together?
- Which compiler flags to use?

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Vulnerable code

```
1  int main(int argc, char *argv[])
2  {
3      char str[32];
4      strcpy(str, argv[1]);
5      return 0;
6  }
```

Code 2: Vulnerable code (Hypothetic).

For fun and for profit

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BugTraq, r00t, and Underground.Org
bring you

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Smashing The Stack For Fun And Profit
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by Aleph One
aleph1@underground.org

Figure: Aleph One's article.

⁰<http://phrack.org/issues/49/14.html>

A typical payload



Figure: Buffer overflow payload structure

⁰<https://tinyurl.com/y9dornpu>

Shellcodes



- 👤 Twitter Profile
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- 👤 Google+ Profile
- 👤 LinkedIn Profile
- 📡 RSS feeds
- ✉ Email

Shellcodes database for study cases

- Windows - sp3 (Tr) calc.exe Shellcode 53 bytes *by ZoRLu*
- Windows - sp3 (Tr) cmd.exe Shellcode - 42 bytes *by ZoRLu*
- Windows - sp3 (Tr) cmd.exe Shellcode 52 bytes *by ZoRLu*
- Windows - Xp Pro SP3 Fr (calc.exe) - 31 Bytes *by aglx*
- Windows - XP PRO SP3 - Full ROP calc shellcode *by b33f*
- Windows - xp pro sp3 (calc) - 57 bytes *by cr4wl3r*
- Windows - win32/xp pro sp3 MessageBox shellcode - 11 bytes *by d3c0der*
- Windows - download & exec shellcode - 226 bytes+ *by darkeagle*
- Windows - Shellcode Checksum Routine *by dijital1*
- Windows - IsDebuggerPresent ShellCode (NT/XP) - 39 bytes *by ex-pb*
- Windows - PEB method (9x/NT/2k/XP) - 29 bytes *by loco*
- Windows - connectback, receive, save and execute shellcode *by loco*
- Windows - Bind Shell (NT/XP/2000/2003) - 356 bytes *by metasploit*
- Windows - Create Admin User Account (NT/XP/2000) - 304 bytes *by metasploit*
- Windows - Vampiric Import Reverse Connect - 179 bytes *by metasploit*
- Windows - PEB method (9x/NT/2k/XP) *by oc192*
- Windows - eggsearch shellcode - 33 bytes *by oxff*
- Windows - XP-sp1 portshell on port 58821 - 116 bytes *by silicon*
- Windows - XP SP3 addFirewallRule *by slnn3r*

Figure: Shellcode Repository.

⁰<http://shell-storm.org/shellcode/>

Concept Definitions

Buffer

“Região **contígua** de memória, de tamanho **limitado**, utilizada para armazenamento **temporário**.”

Buffer Overflow

“Exceder a capacidade de armazenamento de um *buffer*.”

Buffer Overflow Attack

“Utilizar-se de um *buffer overflow* para alterar **intencionalmente** o estado de um programa.”

Concept Definitions

Payload

“Conteúdo de preenchimento do *buffer* em um ataque do tipo *overflow*”

Shellcode

“Conjunto de instruções que compõem um *payload*”

NOP

“Uma operação que não altera estados”

NOP Sled

“Sequência de NOPs que compõem um *payload*”

Buffer Overflow Classification

Types

- Stack-based.
- Heap-based.

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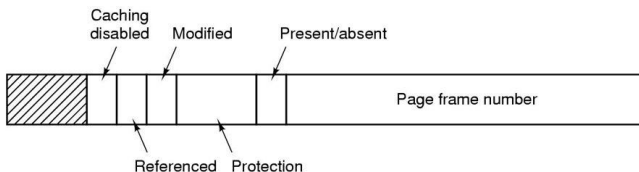
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No eXecutable (NX) pages

Page tables entry



Page frame number depends on size of physical memory.

Present/absent: entry is valid

Protection: three bits RWX

Figure: Page protection bits

⁰<https://tinyurl.com/y8wodhn2>

Back to O.S (again!!)

Libs and permissions

```
marcus@malware-lab:~/Documentos/aula-ROP$ cat /proc/self/maps
00400000-0040c000 r-xp 00000000 08:05 11022740      /bin/cat
0060b000-0060c000 r--p 0000b000 08:05 11022740      /bin/cat
0060c000-0060d000 rw-p 0000c000 08:05 11022740      /bin/cat
00d56000-00d77000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [heap]
7f3411e47000-7f3412121000 r--p 00000000 08:05 9052298    /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
7f3412121000-7f34122e1000 r-xp 00000000 08:05 20189578    /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc-2.23.so
7f34122e1000-7f34124e1000 --p 001c0000 08:05 20189578    /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc-2.23.so
7f34124e1000-7f34124e5000 r--p 001c0000 08:05 20189578    /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc-2.23.so
7f34124e5000-7f34124e7000 rw-p 001c4000 08:05 20189578    /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc-2.23.so
7f34124e7000-7f34124eb000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
7f34124eb000-7f3412511000 r-xp 00000000 08:05 20189562    /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/ld-2.23.so
7f34126ca000-7f34126ef000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
7f3412710000-7f3412711000 r--p 00025000 08:05 20189562    /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/ld-2.23.so
7f3412711000-7f3412712000 rw-p 00026000 08:05 20189562    /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/ld-2.23.so
7f3412712000-7f3412713000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
7ffea5db9000-7ffea5dda000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0           [stack]
```

Figure: Memory mapping and protection

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Still overflowing

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5      scanf("%s",str):
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Code 3: Variable overflow (Hypothetic).

Concept Definitions

Program Hijacking

- **Variable Hijacking:** “Alterar uma variável que controla um estado”.
- **Instruction Hijacking:** “Inserção de instruções para alterar o estado”.
- **Control Flow Hijacking:** “Uso das técnicas anteriores para alterar o estado”.

Challenge

How to avoid control flow hijacking?

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Challenge

How to implement a simple buffer overflow payload?

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Questions?

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