

Introduction to binary exploitation

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github.com/mzr/intro_to_binary_exploitation



Ad!

- [WTF is CTF?](#)
- [justCatTheFish](#) team
 - 3rd in Poland
 - 20th worldwide
 - [pwndbg](#)
 - [pwntools](#)



What is binary security / exploitation ?

“Binary exploitation is the process of manipulating a compiled application such that it violates some trust boundary in a way that is advantageous to you, the attacker.”

“Everyone uses [Python, Java, C#, ...]
nowadays”

Binary code is still relevant!



JITs, performance, OS constructs, etc.



Vuln \subsetneq bug

Gynvael Coldwind @ Programistok 2016

- integer overflow
- type mismatch
- buffer overflow
- use after free
- double free
- format string vulnerability
- and many many other

Bug vs Vulnerability

(podatność, błąd bezpieczeństwa)



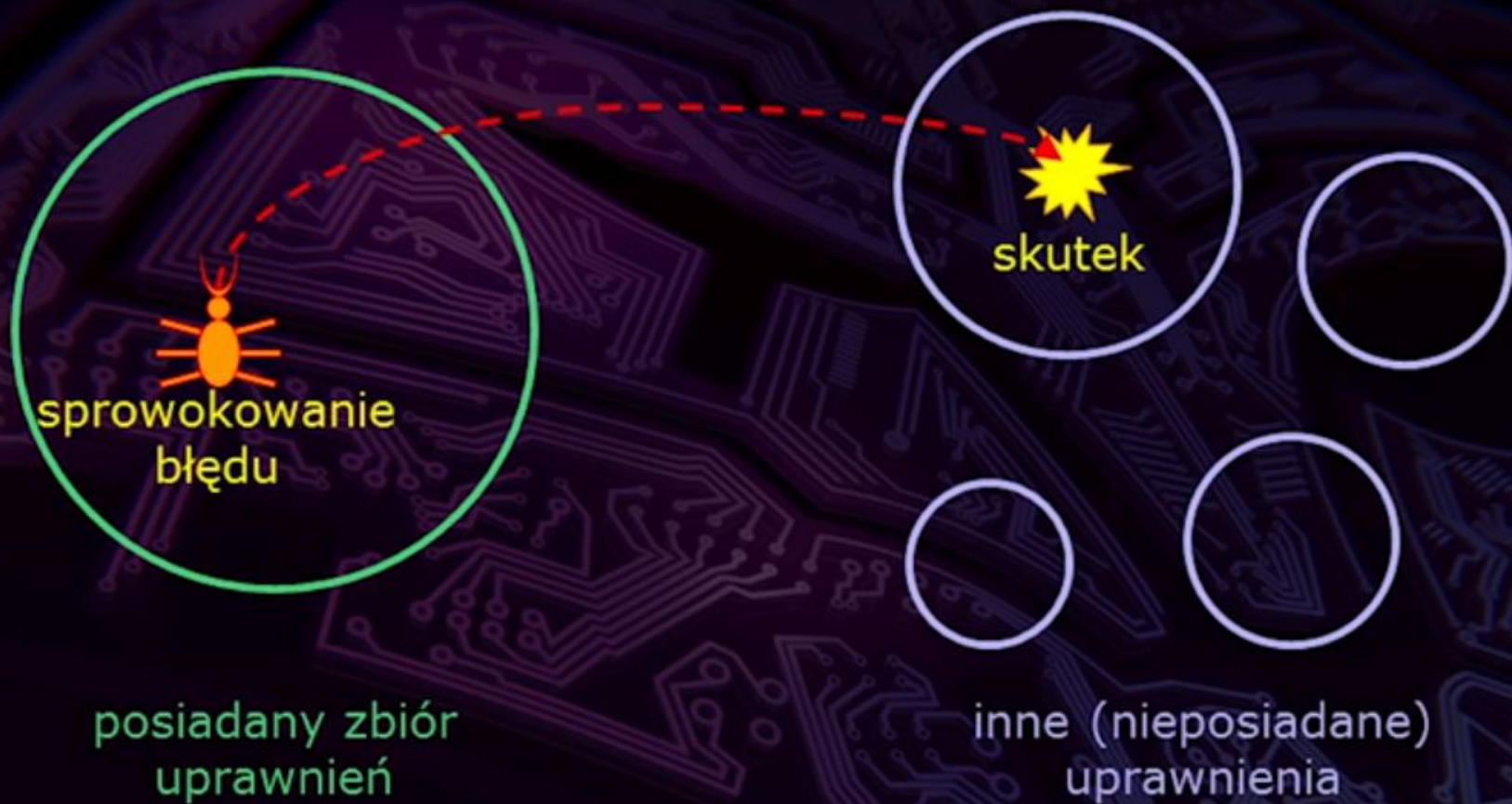
posiadany zbiór
uprawnień



inne (nieposiadane)
uprawnienia

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- shellcode injection
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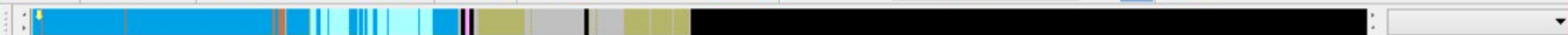
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Tools

- Ida-Pro
- Ghidra
- radare2
- strace
- ltrace
- gdb -> pwndbg, gef, peda
- pwnlib & pwntools
- one-gadget
- ropper & ROPgadget
- american fuzzy lop
- angr & angrop
- metasploit
- ...
- many
- MANY
- MORE



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Library function Data Regular function Unexplored Instruction External symbol

Functions window

Function name

sub_401370
sub_4013E0
sub_401AA0
sub_401B70
sub_401BA0
sub_401BF0
sub_401DA0
WinMain(x,x,x,x)
sub_4020C0
sub_402170
unknown_libname_4
sub_402270
sub_402280
sub_4022B0

Line 12 of 1554

Graph overview



Group nodes

Layout graph

Fit window W

Zoom 100% 1

Text view

Set node color

Use predefined color 1

Use predefined color 2

Set node color to default

Select nodes of this color

Synchronize with

Hex View-1

```
push    eax
call    sub_40C440
push    offset aV      ; "v"
lea     ecx, [esp+0ACh+CriticalSection]
call    sub_40C520
cmp     eax, 1
jnz     short loc_401CC6
```

```
test    edx, edx
jnz     short loc_401CC6
```

```
xor     ebx, ebx
jmp     short loc_401CCB
```

```
loc_401CC6:
mov     ebx, 1
```

```
loc_401CCB:                ; puReserved
push    0
call    ds:0!einitialize
mov     ecx, [esi+8]
push    4
push    0000h
push    62h
push    ecx
lea     ecx, [esi+898h]
call    sub_407980
```

78.41% (-267,939) (288,37) 00001CB0 00401CB0: sub_401BF0+C0 (Synchronized with Hex View-1)

Output window

The initial autoanalysis has been finished.

IDC

AU: idle Down Disk: 103GB

american fuzzy lop 1.86b (test)

process timing run time : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 2 sec last new path : none seen yet last uniq crash : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 2 sec last uniq hang : none seen yet	overall results cycles done : 0 total paths : 1 uniq crashes : 1 uniq hangs : 0
cycle progress now processing : 0 (0.00%) paths timed out : 0 (0.00%)	map coverage map density : 2 (0.00%) count coverage : 1.00 bits/tuple
stage progress now trying : havoc stage execs : 1464/5000 (29.28%) total execs : 1697 exec speed : 626.5/sec	findings in depth favored paths : 1 (100.00%) new edges on : 1 (100.00%) total crashes : 39 (1 unique) total hangs : 0 (0 unique)
fuzzing strategy yields bit flips : 0/16, 1/15, 0/13 byte flips : 0/2, 0/1, 0/0 arithmetics : 0/112, 0/25, 0/0 known ints : 0/10, 0/28, 0/0 dictionary : 0/0, 0/0, 0/0 havoc : 0/0, 0/0 trim : n/a, 0.00%	path geometry levels : 1 pending : 1 pend fav : 1 own finds : 0 imported : n/a variable : 0

[cpu: 92%]

```

*RAX 0x1c
RBX 0x0
*RCX 0x7fffffffeca8 → 0x7fffffffef → 0x4f494e4f48545950 ('PYTHONIO')
*RDY 0x7ffff7de8a50 (_dl_fini) ← push rbp
*RDI 0x7ffff7ffe168 ← 0x0
*RSI 0x1
*R8 0x7ffff7ffe6f8 ← 0x0
R9 0x0
R10 0x0
*R11 0x1
*R12 0x4006b0 ← xor ebp, ebp
*R13 0x7fffffffec90 ← 0x1
R14 0x0
R15 0x0
RBP 0x0
RSP 0x7fffffffec90 ← 0x1
*RIP 0x4006b0 ← xor ebp, ebp

```

DISASM

```

► 0x4006b0 xor ebp, ebp
0x4006b2 mov r9, rdx
0x4006b5 pop rsi
0x4006b6 mov rdx, rsp
0x4006b9 and rsp, 0xfffffffffffffff0
0x4006bd push rax
0x4006be push rsp
0x4006bf mov r8, 0x4009c0
0x4006c6 mov rcx, 0x400950
0x4006cd mov rdi, 0x4007a6
0x4006d4 call 0x400680

```

STACK

```

00:0000 | r13 rsp 0x7fffffffec90 ← 0x1
01:0008 | 0x7fffffffec98 → 0x7fffffffef7b ← 0x2f6465726168532f ('/Shared/')
02:0010 | 0x7fffffffeca0 ← 0x0
03:0018 | rcx 0x7fffffffeca8 → 0x7fffffffefef ← 0x4f494e4f48545950 ('PYTHONIO')
04:0020 | 0x7fffffffecb0 → 0x7fffffffec6 ← 0x79786f72705f6f6e ('no_proxy')
05:0028 | 0x7fffffffecb8 → 0x7fffffffefee3 ← 0x454d414e54534f48 ('HOSTNAME')
06:0030 | 0x7fffffffec90 → 0x7fffffffef9 ← 0x313d4c564c4853 /* 'SHLVL=1' */
07:0038 | 0x7fffffffec8 → 0x7fffffffef01 ← 'HOME=/root'

```

BACKTRACE

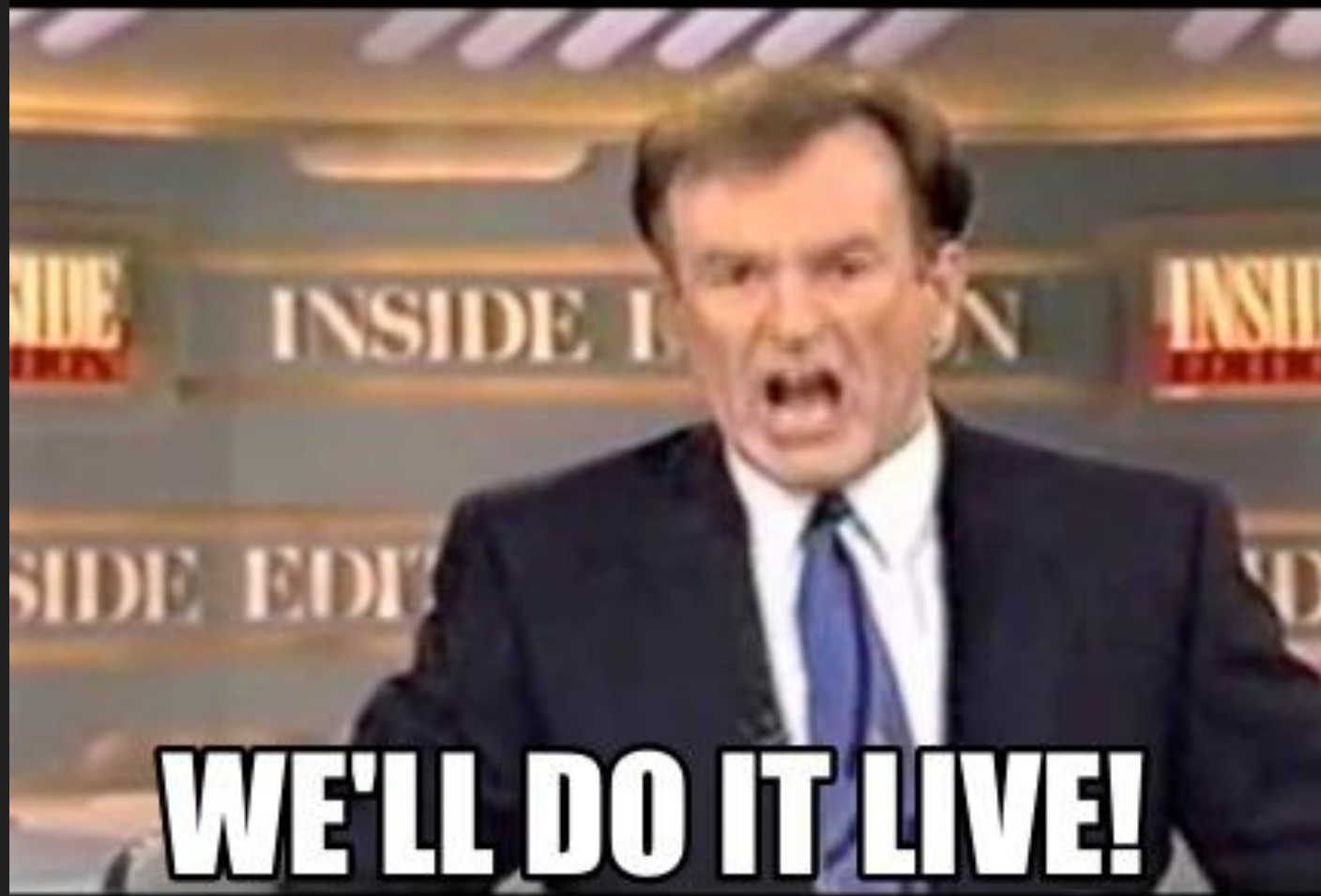
```

► f 0 4006b0
f 1 1
f 2 7fffffffef7b
f 3 0

```

Breakpoint *0x4006b0

pwndbg> █



WE'LL DO IT LIVE!

- <https://trailofbits.github.io>