

Ex2

Ex3

I couldn't get the prompt to display prettily, but as you can see. Inside the red triangle is the result from curling which indicates that I managed to get into the shell()

4. From exercise 2 and 3, can you explode the buffer-overflow attack even when the canary-style protection is activated? Please explain your analysis.

Ans: Canary protection is the method for preventing buffer-overflow attack, therefore if we enabled/activated canary protection during exercise 2 and 3, we wouldn't be able to attack successfully.

But there is some possible solution to perform a successful attack even with canary protection enabled. We have to find the canary value and address, then add the value at the specified address. This way we can pretend and bypass the canary protection.

5. Questions

1. Do you think that exploiting buffer-overflow attacks is trivial? Please justify your answer. (i.e. Is it trivial to write a program to exploit buffer-overflow attacks in a server?)

No, it's not trivial because

- 1. buffer overflow is one of the most-used methods by attackers. It can be used for creating malicious programs like worms
- 2. It is dangerous. From this activity, we can see how we can use buffer-overflow to execute shell commands
 - 2. As a programmer, is it possible to avoid buffer overflow in your program (write secure code that is not vulnerable to such attack)? Explain your strategy.
 - Use up-to-date compiler
 - Be extra careful when handling input i.e. not specifying static input size
 - Try to heap over the stack to make the address to be guessed harder.
 - Avoid using vulnerable functions i.e. strcpy, strcat