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## x86-64 Basics

Registers:  $\text{rsp}$ : stack pointer

$\text{rip}$ : instruction pointer  $\text{arg1-6}$ :

$\text{rdi}, \text{rsi}, \text{rdx}, \text{rcx}, \text{r8}, \text{r9}, \text{ret}: \text{rax}$

Operand Types: imm  $\$, \text{reg } \%, \text{mem } ()$   
(dereference addr in reg)

Addressing Modes:

$$D(Rb, Ri, S) = D + Rb + S \cdot Ri$$

$\text{mov}$ : solve the above and then access

$\text{lea}$ : only computes

## Control Flow

Condition Codes

Carry Flag:  $\text{carry-out} = 1$

Zero:  $\text{result} = 0$

Sign:  $\text{top bit} = 1$

Overflow: signed overflow

$\text{cmp } a, b$ :  
 $b - a$   
 $\text{test } a, \text{lo}$ :  
 $a$  and  $\text{lo}$   
mathematic inst  
except  $\text{lea}$   
 $\text{read}$ : set reg

Conditionals

if-statements are conditional goto label  
using  $\text{jmp}$  instruction

Do-While While Loop

[pre code]  
LABEL:  
[body]  
[some test]  
[jump]  
 $\text{ret}$

Jump to Middle

goto MID  
LOOP:  
[body]  
MID:  
[conditional check]

Guarded Do (may not run in first iteration)

[pre code]  
[condition check]  
[jump done]  
LOOP:  
[body]  
[condition check]

For Loop

for init test update  
init while test update

## Switch Statement

Jump Table

this addr +  $8 \times$  jumps to statement  $x$   
L4  
quad L8 ← addr of case 0  
quad L3 1  
:  
:

Assembly

[check if case is default]  
[use default]

$\text{jmp } *L4(\text{rdi}, 8)$   
(indirect jumps)

## Procedure Call

Stack

bottom = large addr  
grows down by subtracting  
 $\text{rsp}$  → top = small addr

Operations

push: decrement by 8, write to  $(\text{rsp})$   
pop: read  $(\text{rsp})$ , increment by 8  
call: push ret addr which is 8 from  $\text{rip}$

ret: pop and jump

Stack Frame  
arguments  
ret addr  
local vars  
old frames  
caller frames  
calls, current frame

Caller and Callee Saved

fun 1  
save current vars in stack  
call fun 2  
restore vars

or  
fun 1  
save stuff from caller  
[body]  
restore caller vars  
[done]

## Structures

Arrays

$n$ : # of items,  $s$ : size of item

$x + s + s + s + \dots + x + m \cdot s$

access:  $(x, i, s) = x + i \cdot s$

Struct

Similar to array but can jump  
by different sizes

struct  
int a[4];  
long val;  
char str;

Buffer Overflow

Old frames  
Buf  
ret addr  
 $x$ ,  $\text{sub } x$  from  $\text{rsp}$  then  
a ret  
 $\text{rsp}$

Code Injection

After  $\text{sub } \text{rsp}$  and  
then a ret,  $\text{rip}$  goes  
to stack and exec  
my code

because  $\text{rip}$  gets incremented, which is higher  
up in mem (bottom of stack), code appears  
backwards on stack

Exploit String  
1. ~  
2. ~  
3. ~  
Stack Bottom +  
Top -  
old frame  
G4  
G3  
G2  
e.g. ret addr  
Pad

ROP  
find addr of  
useful existing  
code

Exploit String

1. ~  
2. ~ pad  
3. ~  
4. G1 addr  
5. G2  
6. G3

Stack Randomization  
ASLR allots rand amounts  
differs, cannot know add  
of injected code

Non-Executable Stack  
adds random num to stack and  
canaries ensures it is there. OP