



. Exploit Development Basics

Activities:

- **Tools:** GDB, radare2.
- **Tasks:** Analyze and exploit a binary vulnerability.
- **Brief:**
 - Binary Analysis: Use strings and GDB on a vulnerable C program. Summarize 3 findings in 50 words.

C Program

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

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

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
void hacked( ) {  
    printf("You hacked me!\n");  
    system("/bin/sh");  
}
```

```
void vuln() {  
    char buffer[64];  
    fgets(buffer, sizeof(buffer), stdin);  
    printf("You said: %s\n", buffer);  
    hacked();  
}
```

```
int main( ) {  
    vuln();  
    return 0;
```



}

Sensitive strings exposed: Hardcoded credentials and dubious function names (such as gets and system) were exposed through the use of strings, suggesting unsafe operations; a stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability was confirmed by GDB, which showed input overwriting the return address; shell access was possible because the exploit causes arbitrary code execution, allowing shell access.

- Exploit PoC: Craft a buffer overflow payload; test in a VM.

```
(root@kali) ~/Desktop
# strings hack.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void hacked( ) {
    printf("You hacked me!\n");
    system("/bin/sh");
}
void vuln() {
    char buffer[64];
    fgets(buffer, sizeof(buffer), stdin);
    printf("You said: %s\n", buffer);
    hacked();
}
int main( ) {
    vuln();
    return 0;
}

(root@kali) ~/Desktop
# gcc -g -fno-stack-protector -z execstack -no-pie hack.c -o hack

(root@kali) ~/Desktop
# ./hack
You said:
You hacked me!
#
```