

Smart Contract Reentrancy Attack Lab

Task 1: Getting Familiar with the Victim Smart Contract

Task 1.a: Compiling the Contract

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[11/30/25] seed@VM:~/.../contract$ solc-0.6.8 --overwrite --abi --bin -o . ReentrancyVictim.sol
```

Compiler run successful. Artifact(s) can be found in directory ..

Task 1.b: Deploying the Victim Contract

Task 1.c: Interacting with the Victim Contract

Funding the Contract

Withdrawing

We can see that the ending balance is 25 Ethers

Task 2: The Attacking Contract

Deploy the attacker contract

Task 3: Launching the Reentrancy Attack

First find the balance of the victim contract

```
GNU nano 4.8                               get_balance.py                         Modified
#!/bin/env python3

from web3 import Web3
import SEEDWeb3

def print_balance(_web3, address):
    if address != None:
        caddr = Web3.toChecksumAddress(address)
        print("{}: {}".format(caddr, _web3.eth.get_balance(caddr)))
    else:
        print("Address is None!")

web3 = SEEDWeb3.connect_to_geth_poa('http://10.151.0.71:8545/')

# Get the balance of the accounts on the geth node
print("-----")
print("**** This client program connects to 10.151.0.71:8545")
print("**** The following are the accounts on this Ethereum node")
for acct in web3.eth.accounts:
    print_balance(web3, acct)
print("-----")

# Get the balances of the victim's and attacker's contract accounts.
# Please use their correct addresses.
try:
    victim_addr = '0xE4f431062358923783bc63Ba7bC0BF232AFd9f99'
    print(" Victim: ", end='')
    print_balance(web3, victim_addr)

    attack_addr = '0x1e40De1853817f8e6Ea73982b0Ea0e7B73E8FE62'
    print("Attacker: ", end='')
    print_balance(web3, attack_addr)
except:
    print()
    print("Exception captured: Please put the actual address in the code")

[11/30/25]seed@VM:~/.../attacker$ nano get_balance.py
[11/30/25]seed@VM:~/.../attacker$ python3 get_balance.py
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/requests/_init_.py:89: RequestsDependencyWarning: urllib3 (2.2.
3) or chardet (3.0.4) doesn't match a supported version!
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0xa6bBf9891a0689Fe91d9c1538478b95effe0a57A: 974999225170994576197
-----
Victim: 0xE4f431062358923783bc63Ba7bC0BF232AFd9f99: 25000000000000000000000000000000
Attacker: 0x1e40De1853817f8e6Ea73982b0Ea0e7B73E8FE62: 0
```

Then launch the attack


```

GNU nano 4.8                                         cashout.py                                         Modified
#!/bin/env python3

from web3 import Web3
import SEEDWeb3
import os

web3 = SEEDWeb3.connect_to_geth_poa('http://10.151.0.71:8545')

sender_account = web3.eth.accounts[1]
web3.geth.personal.unlockAccount(sender_account, "admin")

abi_file      = "../contract/ReentrancyAttacker.abi"
attacker_addr = '0x1e40De1853817f8e6Ea73982b0Ea0e7B73E8FE62'

# Cash out the money from the attacker contract
contract_abi  = SEEDWeb3.getFileContent(abi_file)
recipient_acct = Web3.toChecksumAddress(web3.eth.accounts[2])
contract = web3.eth.contract(address=attacker_addr, abi=contract_abi)
tx_hash     = contract.functions.cashOut(recipient_acct).transact({
    'from': sender_account
})
print("Transaction sent, waiting for block ...")
tx_receipt = web3.eth.wait_for_transaction_receipt(tx_hash)
print("Transaction Receipt: {}".format(tx_receipt))

```

From this we can see that we were able to take the money from the victim contract and move it to the attacker contract.

Task 4: Countermeasure

Modify the victim contract and redo the attack

```

GNU nano 4.8                                         ReentrancyVictim.sol                                         Modified
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.6.8;

contract ReentrancyVictim {
    mapping (address => uint) public balances;
    uint256 total_amount;

    function deposit() public payable {
        balances[msg.sender] += msg.value;
        total_amount += msg.value;
    }

    receive() external payable {
        total_amount += msg.value;
    }

    function withdraw(uint _amount) public {
        require(balances[msg.sender] >= _amount);

        balances[msg.sender] -= _amount;
        (bool sent, ) = msg.sender.call{value: _amount}("");
        require(sent, "Failed to send Ether!");
    }

    function getBalance(address _addr) public view returns (uint) {
        return balances[_addr];
    }
}

```

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Deploy victim contract

Fund the victim contract

Deploy Attacker Contract

Check balances

```
[11/30/25] seed@VM:~/.../attacker$ python3 get_balance.py
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/requests/_init_.py:89: RequestsDependencyWarning: urllib3 (2.2.3) or chardet (3.0.4) doesn't match a supported version!
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Victim: 0xFcCF0f7E94975adAaF7Ea3739eA7C843cdBAcCf4: 20000000000000000000000000000000
Attacker: 0x678E8714173c549A88cB2021657e25c4a35EcB59: 0
```

Launch the attack

```
[11/30/25] seed@VM:~/.../attacker$ python3 launch_attack.py
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/requests/_init_.py:89: RequestsDependencyWarning: urllib3 (2.2.3) or chardet (3.0.4) doesn't match a supported version!
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Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "launch_attack.py", line 18, in <module>
    tx_hash = contract.functions.attack().transact({
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/contract.py", line 1010, in transact
    return transact_with_contract_function()
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/contract.py", line 1614, in transact_with_contract_function
    txn_hash = web3.eth.send_transaction(transact_transaction)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/eth.py", line 828, in send_transaction
    return self._send_transaction(transaction)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/module.py", line 57, in caller
    result = w3.manager.request_blocking(method_str,
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/manager.py", line 197, in request_blocking
    response = self._make_request(method, params)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/manager.py", line 150, in _make_request
    return request_func(method, params)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/middleware/formatting.py", line 94, in middleware
    response = make_request(method, params)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/middleware/gas_price_strategy.py", line 89, in middleware
    return make_request(method, (transaction,))
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/middleware/formatting.py", line 94, in middleware
    response = make_request(method, params)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/middleware/attrdict.py", line 33, in middleware
    response = make_request(method, params)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/middleware/formatting.py", line 94, in middleware
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    response = make_request(method, params)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/middleware/buffered_gas_estimate.py", line 37, in middleware
    hex(get_buffered_gas_estimate(web3, transaction)),
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/_utils/transactions.py", line 134, in get_buffered_gas_estimate
    gas_estimate = web3.eth.estimate_gas(gas_estimate_transaction)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/eth.py", line 868, in estimate_gas
    return self._estimate_gas(transaction, block_identifier)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/module.py", line 57, in caller
    result = w3.manager.request_blocking(method_str,
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/manager.py", line 198, in request_blocking
    return self.formatted_response(response,
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/manager.py", line 170, in formatted_response
    apply_error_formatters(error_formatters, response)
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/manager.py", line 70, in apply_error_formatters
    formatted_resp = pipe(response, error_formatters)
  File "cytoolz/functoolz.pyx", line 680, in cytoolz.functoolz.pipe
  File "cytoolz/functoolz.pyx", line 655, in cytoolz.functoolz.c_pipe
  File "/home/seed/.local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/web3/_utils/method_formatters.py", line 576, in raise_solidity_error_on_revert
    raise ContractLogicError(response['error'][‘message’])
web3.exceptions.ContractLogicError: execution reverted: Failed to send Ether!
```

From this we can see that we failed to send the ether, preventing a reentrancy attack, verify by checking balances

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