

WAYS TO AUTOMATE TESTING LINUX KERNEL EXPLOITS

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\$ agenda

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What's the problem?

```
$ qemu-system-x86_64 \  
    -kernel vmlinuz-4.18.8 \  
    -hda sid.img \  
    -append 'root=/dev/sda console=ttyS0 rw'  
  
$ vagrant up  
$ tail -f ubuntu-bionic-18.04-cloudimg-console.log
```

```

269.912918 CPU: 1 PID: 1858 Comm: bash Not tainted 4.20.0-rc2+ #1
269.913841 Hardware name: QEMU Standard PC (i440FX + PIIX, 1996), BIOS 1.11.0-1.fc284
269.915144 RIP: 0010:sysrq_handle_crash+0xd/0x20
269.915818 Code: 41 5f e9 d6 6a cb ff 48 89 ef e8 fe fb ff ff e9 bd fe ff ff 90 90 9f
269.918416 RSP: 0018:fffffae6a9b0d7f8 EFLAGS: 00010286
269.919115 RAX: ffffffffad844410 RBX: 0000000000000063 RCX: 0000000000000000
269.920037 RDX: 0000000000000000 RSI: ffff9606df315418 RDI: 0000000000000063
269.920969 RBP: ffffffff6a6a9b0c R08: 0000000000000000 R09: 0000000000000007
269.921885 R10: 0000000000000000 R11: ffffffff6a6a9b0c R12: 0000000000000007
269.922803 R13: 0000000000000000 R14: 000055f33fff0f50 R15: 0000000000000000
269.923733 FS: 00007fbfdd78740(0000) GS:ffff9606df300000(0000) knlGS:0000000000000000
269.924784 CS: 0010 DS: 0000 ES: 0000 CR0: 0000000080050033
269.925547 CR2: 0000000000000000 CR3: 000000003d972000 CR4: 0000000000000060
269.926435 DR0: 0000000000000000 DR1: 0000000000000000 DR2: 0000000000000000
269.927321 DR3: 0000000000000000 DR6: 00000000ffff00ff DR7: 0000000000000000
269.928211 Call Trace:
269.928533 __handle_sysrq+0x7f/0x130
269.929014 write_sysrq_trigger+0x26/0x30
269.929535 proc_reg_write+0x37/0x70
269.930010 ? __cond_resched+0x10/0x40
269.930485 __vfs_write+0x31/0x180
269.930939 ? selinux_file_permission+0x118/0x130
269.931541 ? security_file_permission+0x27/0xb0
269.932131 vfs_write+0xab/0x190
269.932551 ksys_write+0x4d/0xb0
269.932977 do_syscall_64+0x43/0xf0
269.933435 entry_SYSCALL_64_after_hwframe+0x44/0xa9
269.934080 RIP: 0033:0x7fbfdd642a4
269.934557 Code: 89 02 48 c7 c0 ff ff ff ff c3 66 2e 0f 1f 84 00 00 00 00 00 66 90 45
269.936241 RSP: 002b:00007fffca72d548 EFLAGS: 00000246 ORIG_RAX: 0000000000000001
269.937823 RAX: ffffffffad844410 RBX: 0000000000000002 RCX: 00007fbfdd642a4
269.938676 RDX: 0000000000000002 RSI: 000055f33fff0f50 RDI: 0000000000000001
269.939541 RBP: 000055f33fff0f50 R08: 000000000000000a R09: 000055f33fffaa80
269.940354 R10: 000000000000000a R11: 0000000000000026 R12: 00007fbfdd733760
269.941174 R13: 0000000000000002 R14: 00007fbfdd72e760 R15: 0000000000000002
269.941988 Modules linked in:
269.942335 CR2: 0000000000000000
269.942759 ---[ end trace 3d898502a7d0f75 ]---
269.943446 RIP: 0010:sysrq_handle_crash+0xd/0x20
269.944151 Code: 41 5f e9 d6 6a cb ff 48 89 ef e8 fe fb ff ff e9 bd fe ff ff 90 90 9f
269.946735 RSP: 0018:fffffae6a9b0d7f8 EFLAGS: 00010286
269.947495 RAX: ffffffffad844410 RBX: 0000000000000063 RCX: 0000000000000000
269.948376 RDX: 0000000000000000 RSI: ffff9606df315418 RDI: 0000000000000063
269.949180 RBP: ffffffff6a6a9b0c R08: 0000000000000000 R09: 0000000000000007
269.949962 R10: 0000000000000000 R11: ffffffff6a6a9b0c R12: 0000000000000007
269.950730 R13: 0000000000000000 R14: 000055f33fff0f50 R15: 0000000000000000
269.951565 FS: 00007fbfdd78740(0000) GS:ffff9606df300000(0000) knlGS:0000000000000000
269.952464 CS: 0010 DS: 0000 ES: 0000 CR0: 0000000080050033
269.953135 CR2: 0000000000000000 CR3: 000000003d972000 CR4: 0000000000000060
269.953992 DR0: 0000000000000000 DR1: 0000000000000000 DR2: 0000000000000000
269.954835 DR3: 0000000000000000 DR6: 00000000ffff00ff DR7: 0000000000000000
269.955662 Kernel panic - not syncing: Fatal exception
269.956464 Kernel Offset: 0x2c400000 from 0xfffffff810000000 (relocation range: 0xfff)
269.957553 ---[ end Kernel panic - not syncing: Fatal exception ]---

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loop4          tty15          tty5          vcsa5
loop5          tty16          tty50         vcsa6
loop6          tty17          tty51         vcsu1
loop7          tty18          tty52         vcsu1
mapper/        tty19          tty53         vcsu2
md0            tty2          tty54         vcsu3
mem            tty20          tty55         vcsu4
memory_bandwidth tty21          tty56         vcsu5
mqemu/         tty22          tty57         vcsu6
network_latency tty23          tty58         vga_arbiter
network_throughput tty24          tty59         zero
null           tty25          tty6
root@localhost:~# echo /proc/sys/kernel/
acct           perf_event_max_contexts_per_stack
acpi_video_flags perf_event_max_sample_rate
auto_msgmni    perf_event_max_stack
bootloader_type perf_event_mlock_kb
bootloader_version perf_event_paranoid
cad_pid        pid_max
cap_last_cap   poweroff_cmd
core_pattern   print-fatal-signals
core_pipe_limit printk
core_uses_pid  printk_delay
ctrl-alt-del   printk_devkmsg
dmesg_restrict printk_ratelimit
domainname     printk_ratelimit_burst
ftrace_dump_on_oops pty/
hostname       random/
hotplug        randomize_va_space
io_delay_type  real-root-dev
kexec_load_disabled sched_child_runs_first
keys/          sched_rr_timeslice_ms
kptr_restrict  sched_rt_period_us
max_lock_depth sched_rt_runtime_us
modprobe       seccomp/
modules_disabled sem
msgmax         sg-big-buff
msgmnb         shm_rmid_forced
msgmni         shmall
nrgroups_max   shmmax
osrelease      shmmni
ostype         sysctl_writes_strict
overflowgid    sysrq
overflowuid    tainted
panic          threads-max
panic_on_io_nmi timer_migration
panic_on_oops  traceoff_on_warning
panic_on_rcu_stall tracepoint_printk
panic_on_stackoverflow unknown_nmi_panic
panic_on_unrecovered_nmi usermodehelper/
panic_on_warn  version
perf_cpu_time_max_percent
root@localhost:~# echo 1 > /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq
root@localhost:~# echo c > /proc/sysrq-trigger

```

```
user@localhost /tmp/test $ vagrant ssh
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-34-generic x86_64)
```

```
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:     https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support:         https://ubuntu.com/advantage
```

System information as of Wed Nov 14 22:31:51 UTC 2018

```
System load:  0.58      Processes:      109
Usage of /:   14.1% of 9.63GB   Users logged in:  0
Memory usage: 16%        IP address for enp0s3: 10.0.2.15
Swap usage:   0%
```

Get cloud support with Ubuntu Advantage Cloud Guest:
<http://www.ubuntu.com/business/services/cloud>

101 packages can be updated.
41 updates are security updates.

```
vagrant@ubuntu-bionic:~$ sudo -l
root@ubuntu-bionic:~# echo 10 > /proc/sys/kernel/printk
root@ubuntu-bionic:~# echo c > /proc/sysrq-trigger
root@ubuntu-bionic:~# echo 1 > /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq
root@ubuntu-bionic:~# echo c > /proc/sysrq-trigger
```

[0] 1:ssh 2:ssh- 3:vagrant* 4:zsh

```
256.510789] sysrq: SysRq : Trigger a crash
256.563064] BUG: unable to handle kernel NULL pointer dereference at 0000000000000000
256.673584] IP: sysrq_handle_crash+0x16/0x20
256.798849] PGD 0 P4D 0
256.879353] Oops: 0002 [#1] SMP PTI
256.949456] Modules linked in: vboxvideo(OE) drm_kms_helper ttm drm fb_sys_fops sysco
pyarea sysfillrect sysimgblt vboxsf(OE) vboxguest(OE) iso9660 crct10d1f_pclmul crc32_pclmul
l_ghash_clmulni_intel input_leds serio_raw video sch_fq_codel ib_iser rdma_cm iw_cm ib_c
m_ib_core iscsi_tcp libiscsi_tcp libiscsi scsi_transport_iscsi ip_tables x_tables autofs
4 btrfs zstd_compress raid10 raid456 async_raid6_recov async_memcpy async_pq async_xor a
sync_tx xor raid6_pq libcrc32c raid1 raid0 multipath linear mptspi scsi_transport_spi mp
tscsih aesni_intel aes_x86_64 crypto_simd cryptd glue_helper psmouse e1000 mptbase [last
unloaded: vboxguest]
[ 257.577693] CPU: 1 PID: 13488 Comm: bash Tainted: G OE 4.15.0-34-generic
#37-Ubuntu
[ 257.779883] Hardware name: innotek GmbH VirtualBox/VirtualBox, BIOS VirtualBox 12/01/
2006
258.029723] RIP: 0010:sysrq_handle_crash+0x16/0x20
258.145386] RSP: 0018:ffffa68c06e300 EFLAGS: 00010286
258.270142] RAX: ffffffff8be7710 RBX: ffffffff8b873a0 RCX: 0000000000000000
258.479599] RDX: 0000000000000000 RSI: fffff90d7bdf16498 RDI: 0000000000000063
258.681489] RBP: fffffa68c06e300 R08: 0000000000000000 R09: 00000000000000f8
258.865382] R10: 0000000000000001 R11: 00000000ffffff R12: 0000000000000007
259.109868] R13: 0000000000000063 R14: 0000000000000002 R15: fffff90d7bdf1640
259.319693] FS: 00007fff7af4b740(0000) GS:ffff90d7bdf00000(0000) knlGS:0000000000000000
000
259.599403] CS: 0010 DS: 0000 ES: 0000 CR0: 0000000080050033
259.686753] CR2: 0000000000000000 CR3: 000000003b374003 CR4: 00000000000000e0
259.860379] Call Trace:
259.860951] __handle_sysrq+0x9f/0x170
259.861809] write_sysrq_trigger+0x34/0x40
259.862657] proc_reg_write+0x45/0x70
259.867033] __vfs_write+0x1b/0x40
259.867744] vfs_write+0xb1/0x1a0
259.868426] SyS_write+0x55/0xc0
259.869106] do_syscall_64+0x73/0x130
259.869861] entry_SYSCALL_64_after_hwframe+0x3d/0xa2
259.871228] RIP: 0033:0x7fff7fa621154
259.872312] RSP: 002b:00007fff52e408a8 EFLAGS: 00000246 ORIG_RAX: 0000000000000001
259.874194] RAX: ffffffff8be7710 RBX: 0000000000000002 RCX: 00007fff7fa621154
260.060439] RDX: 0000000000000000 RSI: 000055f763b39d10 RDI: 0000000000000001
260.216246] RBP: 000055f763b39d10 R08: 000000000000000a R09: 0000000000000001
260.397720] R10: 000000000000000a R11: 0000000000000246 R12: 00007fff7fa8fd760
260.630070] R13: 0000000000000002 R14: 00007fff7fa8f92a0 R15: 00007fff7fa8f8760
260.829581] Code: e7 e8 9f fb ff ff e9 c0 fe ff ff 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 1
f 44 00 00 55 c7 05 e8 49 36 01 01 00 00 48 89 e5 0f ae f8 <c6> 04 25 00 00 00 00 01
5d c3 0f 1f 44
260.983510] RIP: sysrq_handle_crash+0x16/0x20 RSP: fffffa68c06e300
260.985137] CR2: 0000000000000000
260.986312] ---[ end trace a7bd8af3e6d95b02 ]---
260.987649] Kernel panic - not syncing: Fatal exception
260.989783] Kernel Offset: 0xd600000 from 0xfffffff810000000 (relocation range: 0xffff
fffff800000000-0xfffffff800000000)
[ 260.992584] ---[ end Kernel panic - not syncing: Fatal exception
```

"localhost.local" 22:33 14-Nov-18

```
*root@e3ffc816a4ae: /" 23:00 14-Nov-18
```

- Ubuntu kernels
 - 4.4.0-*-generic
 - 4.8.0-*-generic
- CentOS kernels
 - 3.10.0-862.2.3.el7
 - 3.10.0-862.11.6.el7
- Upstream kernels
 - 4.18.19
 - 4.14.81

So, which versions are affected?

- security-tracker.debian.org
- access.redhat.com/security
- usn.ubuntu.com
- ...

What about o-day?

Solution

What should it look like?

- Must work without any “non-desktop software”
- Must be easily integrateable in exploit dev workflow
- Less code is better
- ...
- KISS

Base layer

```
qemu-system-x86_64 -snapshot -nographic \  
  -accel hvf -cpu host \  
  -hda ubuntu1604.img \  
  -kernel 4.10.0-40-generic \  
  -append 'root=/dev/sda console=ttyS0 rw' \  
  -smp 1 -m 512 -device e1000,netdev=n1 \  
  -netdev user,id=n1,hostfwd=tcp:127.0.0.1:25178-:22 \  
  -initrd initrd.img-4.10.0-40-generic
```

*bootstrap

- debootstrap
- febootstrap
- supermin
- ...

All these doesn't work well outside of
"home distro"

Get kernels₁

```
FROM ubuntu:16.04
```

```
RUN apt-get update
```

```
RUN DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive \  
    apt-get install -y \  
    linux-image-4*-generic \  
    linux-headers-*-generic \  
    build-essential wget git
```

Get kernels₂

```
docker build -t ${CONTAINER_NAME} ${DOCKER}
```

```
docker cp ${CONTAINER_ID}:/boot/. output/
```


Get kernels₃

```
[[Kernels]]
distro_type = "Ubuntu"
distro_release = "16.04"
kernel_release = "4.10.0-14-generic"
container_name = "ubuntu1604"
kernel_path = "vmlinuz-4.10.0-14-generic"
initrd_path = "initrd.img-4.10.0-14-generic"
root_f_s = "ubuntu1604.img"
```

build

```
docker run -v \  
    /tmp/out-of-tree_096015149/source:/work \  
    ubuntu1604 \  
    "bash -c cd /work && \  
    make KERNEL=/lib/modules/4.10.0-19-generic/build \  
    TARGET=1747351112451643602_4.10.0-19-generic"
```

Configuration file

```
name = "out-of-tree exploit example"  
type = "exploit"
```

```
[[supported_kernels]]  
distro_type = "Ubuntu"  
release_mask = "4.11.0-(1|2|3|4|5|6|7|8)-.*"
```

Key features

Testing kernel modules

- build in docker
- run qemu -kernel ...
- dmesg | grep ...

Testing kernel exploits

- build in docker
- run qemu -kernel ...
- echo touch RANDOM_FILE | EXPLOIT

Identifying vulnerable kernel version

- define “exploit” type in .out-of-tree.toml
- run “out-of-tree pew -guess”
- wait ...
- wait ...
- PROFIT!

```
1. _zsh_tmux_plugin_run a || _zsh_tmux_plugin_run; exit (tmux)
user@localhost ~/src/github.com/jollheef/out-of-tree/examples/kernel-module (master) $ out-of-tree
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.4.0-70-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS INSMOD SUCCESS TEST SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.15.0-29-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS INSMOD SUCCESS TEST SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-18.04 {4.15.0-29-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS INSMOD SUCCESS TEST SUCCESS
user@localhost ~/src/github.com/jollheef/out-of-tree/examples/kernel-module (master) $ cd ../kernel-exploit
user@localhost ~/src/github.com/jollheef/out-of-tree/examples/kernel-exploit (master) $ out-of-tree
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-14-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-27-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-19-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-20-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-24-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-22-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-26-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-21-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-30-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-28-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-32-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-35-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-33-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-38-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-40-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-37-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.11.0-13-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.10.0-42-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.13.0-16-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.13.0-17-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.4.0-101-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.13.0-21-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.4.0-103-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
[*] Ubuntu-16.04 {4.4.0-104-generic}: BUILD SUCCESS LPE SUCCESS
```


Demo

Future plans

- Add some generic tests
- Auto-analysis of kernel crash
- OpenSTF support
- Continuous Integration
- fastboot support
- Exploit pack coverage

Questions?

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