

Secure programming

Homework 1

Due: Friday, Nov. 11 & 2016

The practice of buffer overflow: stack smashing test.

Fig. 1 is an example C source code. Please

- (1) Write down the possible buffer overflow problems in this program (only observe it without using any analysis tools). You should explain *how* and *why* these buffer overflow flaws can be exploited.
- (2) Use a static analysis tool called `flawfinder` (running in Linux system, see <http://www.dwheeler.com/flawfinder/>) to audit this code and explain the security issues.
- (3) Apply some tools such as GDB to do the stack smashing attack under the operation systems of Windows or Linux (Linux is better; you are suggested to install a **virtual machine** for Linux environment). Note that you may disable some protections by OS or compilers to make your attack successful. You should write down the detail steps for your attack process.
- (4) Modify this program to avoid the buffer overflow attack and other possible threats you found. You should explain your resolving method.

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int UPtest(char *, char *, char *);
void myprivatetest(void);

int main(int argc, char**argv){

    if(UPtest(argv[1], argv[2], argv[3])){
        printf("Access granted...\n");
    } else {
        printf("Wrong username and password!!!!\n");
    }
    return 0;
}

int UPtest(char *a1, char *a2, char *a3){

    char Uid[27], Uname[25], Upass[70];
    strcpy(Uid, a1);
    strcpy(Uname, a2);
    strcpy(Upass, a3);

    if(!strcmp(Uname, "Admin") && !strcmp(Upass, "PassAd009"))
        return 1;
    else
        return 0;
}

void myprivatetest(){
    printf("This is test code to run other system program.\n");
    system("/usr/bin/xeyes");
}
```

Fig. 1 The C code to test buffer overflow attack