

# Lec07: Return-oriented programming

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# Scoreboard

# NSA Codebreaker Challenges

University	Task 0	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5	Task 6
Carnegie Mellon University	11	5	5	2	2	2	1
Lafayette College	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
Georgia Institute of Technology	28	18	15	7	5	3	0
University of Hawaii	18	8	7	4	2	2	0
University of Tulsa	10	5	5	5	2	1	0
Pennsylvania State University	37	11	9	1	1	1	0
Virginia Community College System	11	1	1	1	1	1	0
Lesley University	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
University of Memphis	11	7	6	4	4	0	0
Texas A&M University - College Station	21	10	6	3	1	0	0

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# Administrivia

- Please submit both 'working exploit' and write-up on time; otherwise, no score.
- Due: Lab07 is out and its due on **Oct 19** (two weeks)!
- [NSA Codebreaker Challenge](#) → Due: **Nov 30**
- **Oct 13** : A special talk from NSA

# Lab06: DEP and ASLR

Name	Points	Release	Deadline	Solved
libbase	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	21
moving-target	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	21
fmtstr-read	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	21
fmtstr-write	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	21
fmtstr-digging	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	21
brainfxxk	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	19
fd-const	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	18
fmtstr-heap	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	10
profile	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	10
mini-sudo	20	09-29-2017 00:00:00	10-06-2017 00:00:00	17

# Best Write-ups for Lab06

- libbase: carterchen, shudak3
- moving-target: carterchen, markwis
- fmtstr-read: brian\_edmonds, shudak3
- fmtstr-write: poning, carterchen
- fmtstr-digging: N/A, N/A
- brainfxxk: jli850, rohandvora
- fd-const: prengasamy6, nagendra
- fmtstr-heap: carterchen, N/A
- profile: myao42, carterchen
- mini-sudo: markwis, carterchen

# Discussion: Lab06

- What's the most "annoying" bug or challenge?
- What's the most "interesting" bug or challenge?
- So, DEP and ASLR are not so effective?

# Discussion: libbase

- What do you learn from ./check?

```
$ ./check
stack    : 0xff930aa0
system(): 0xf7521c50
printf(): 0xf7536670
```

```
$ ./check
stack    : 0xff930250
system(): 0xf755dc50
printf(): 0xf7572670
```

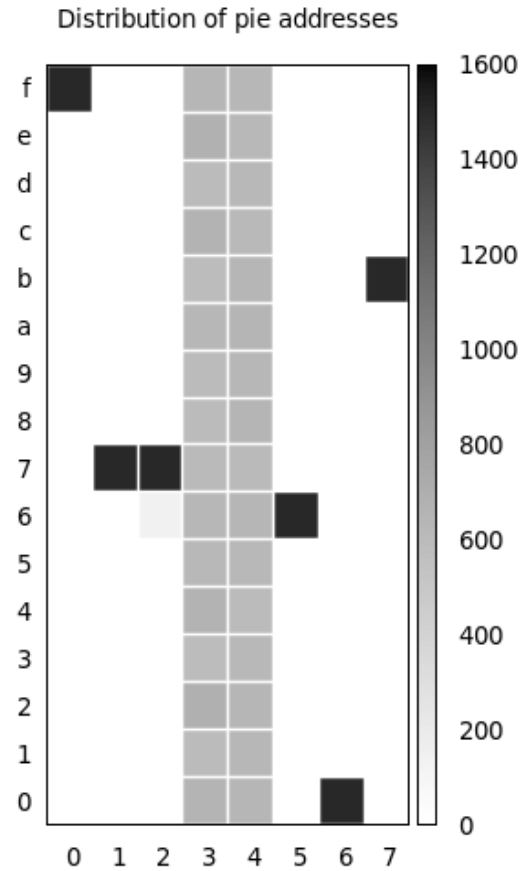


# Discussion: libbase

# Discussion: moving-target

- What's "check-aslr.sh" and pie.c?
- How many times should we try to exploit?

# Discussion: moving-target



# Discussion: fmtstr-read

# Discussion: fmtstr-write

# How to Prevent fmtstr-\*?

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- set a max on width (e.g., "%512x" in XP, "%622496x" in 2000)
- no direct argument access (i.e., "%N\$")
- static (ro) format string
- proposal: push N (#argument) in varargs?
- check all Ns (not skip)

```
$ ./fortify "%2\ $d"  
*** invalid %N$ use detected ***
```

# Discussion: brainfxxk



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# Discussion: fd-const

- What's the bug?

# Discussion: profile

- What's program about?
- What's the bug?

# Discussion: profile

```
void edit_all() {  
    struct profile p;  
    printf("[*] Edit all attributes\n");  
    p.name = get_name();  
    p.birthday = get_birthday();  
    get_phone_number(p.phone_number);  
    p.censored = get_censored();  
    if (!p.censored)  
        p.print = print_phone_number;  
    memcpy(&my, &p, sizeof(p));  
}
```

# Discussion: profile

```
bool get_censored() {
    char buf[SIZE];
    printf("[*] Censored? (y/n)\n");

    while (true) {
        stripped_read(buf, sizeof(buf));
        if (buf[0] == 'y')
            return true;
        else if (buf[0] == 'n')
            return false;
        else
            printf("y/n\n");
    }
}
```

# Discussion: profile

```
void print_profile() {
    printf("==== My profile =====\n");
    printf("Name : %s\n", my.name);
    printf("Birthday : %d-%d-%d\n", my.birthday.year,
           my.birthday.month,
           my.birthday.day);

    if (my.censored)
        printf("Phone number : CENSORED\n");
    else
        my.print(my.phone_number);
    printf("=====\n");
}
```

# Discussion: mini-sudo (CVE-2012-0809)

- What is '-D9' for?

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```
void sudo_debug(int level, const char *fmt, ...) {
    va_list ap;
    char *fmt2;

    if (level > debug_level) return;

    /* Bucket fmt with program name and a newline to make it
       a single write */
    easprintf(&fmt2, "%s: %s\n", getprogname(), fmt);
    va_start(ap, fmt);
    vfprintf(stderr, fmt2, ap);
    va_end(ap);
    efree(fmt2);
}
```



# Take-outs from DEP/ASLR?

- Do you think DEP/ASLR make your life more difficult?
- Is still possible to exploit? why?
- Although we can't place shellcode into stack/heap, we can still hijack the control flow of a program in many interesting ways

# Discussion: Modern Exploit on ASLR (PIE)

- Leak (or infer) code pointers (so map into library or code)
- Construct ROP (today's topic)
- (although there are a few proposals, such as CFI, to mitigate ROPs)

# Today's Tutorial

- In-class tutorial:
  - Ret-to-libc
  - Code pointer leakage / gadget finding
  - First ROP!

# Reminder: crackme0x00

```
void start() {
    printf("IOLI Crackme Level 0x00\n");
    printf("Password:");

    char buf[32];
    memset(buf, 0, sizeof(buf));
    read(0, buf, 256);

    if (!strcmp(buf, "250382"))
        printf("Password OK :)\n");
    else
        printf("Invalid Password!\n");
}
```

# Reminder: crackme0x00

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    setvbuf(stdout, NULL, _IONBF, 0);
    setvbuf(stdin, NULL, _IONBF, 0);

    void *self = dlopen(NULL, RTLD_NOW);
    printf("stack    : %p\n", &argc);
    printf("system(): %p\n", dlsym(self, "system"));
    printf("printf(): %p\n", dlsym(self, "printf"));

    start();

    return 0;
}
```

# Ret-to-libc: printf

```
[buf  ]  
[.....]  
[ra   ] -> printf  
[dummy]  
[arg1 ] -> "Password OK :)"
```

# Ret-to-libc: system

```
[buf  ]  
[.....]  
[ra   ] -> system  
[dummy]  
[arg1 ] -> "/bin/sh"
```

# Chaining Two Function Calls

```
printf("Password OK:~)")  
system("/bin/sh")
```



# Chaining Two Function Calls

```
[buf      ]  
[.....  ]  
[old-ra   ] -> 1) printf  
[ra       ] -----> 2) system  
[old-arg1 ] -> 1) "Password OK :)"  
[arg1     ] -> "/bin/sh"
```

# Chaining N Function Calls

```
[buf      ]
[.....   ]
[old-ra   ] -> 1) printf
[ra       ] -----> pop/ret gadget
[old-arg1 ] -> 1) "Password OK :)"
[ra       ] -> 2) system
[ra       ] -----> pop/ret gadget
[arg1     ] -> "/bin/sh"
[ra       ] ...
```

# Tutorial Goal: Chaining Three Calls

```
printf("Password OK:~)")  
system("/bin/sh")  
exit(0)
```

# In-class Tutorial

- Step1: Ret-to-libc
- Step2: Understanding module base
- Step3: First ROP

```
$ ssh YOURID@cyclonus.gtisc.gatech.edu -p 2023
$ ssh YOURID@cyclonus.gtisc.gatech.edu -p 2022
$ ssh YOURID@computron.gtisc.gatech.edu -p 2023
$ ssh YOURID@computron.gtisc.gatech.edu -p 2022
```

```
$ cd tut/lab07
$ cat README
```

# References

- [ROP](#)