

Lec04: Writing Exploits

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Scoreboard

Administrivia

- Please join [Piazza](#)
- An optional recitation at 5-7pm on every Wed (in **CoC 052**)
- Due : Lab03's deadline is on Sept 20th at midnight

Best Write-ups for Lab02

bomb201-readfirst

nhicks6, gojha

bomb202-objdump

riya, seulbae

bomb203-signal

seulbae, nhicks6

bomb204-minfuck

riya, nhicks6

env

nhicks6, seulbae

shellcode32

riya, seulbae

shellcode64

riya, ibtehaj

shellcode-min

nhicks6, easdar

shellcode-poly

nhicks6, bwickman3

shellcode-ascii

stong, bwickman3

Bomb Stats

- Bombs exploded ?? times in total?
- in ?? phases?
- ?? people exploded at least once?

Bomb Stats

- Bombs exploded 51 times in total ($51 \times -5 = -255$ pts)
- in ALL phases!
- ~20 people exploded at least once!
 - Each lab: 20/17/07/07 times

shellcode-min

- 30 bytes? 20 bytes? 10 bytes? 5 bytes?

shellcode-min

- 1-byte: jwalsh45 (how?)

Discussion 0

1. How different is the bomb binary this time?

Discussion 1

1. How did you start exploring the “bomb” (no symbol)?

Discussion 2 (phase 1)

1. What's going on the first phase?

Discussion 3 (phase 2)

1. What's going on the second phase?

- Did you find the main() function (i.e., dispatcher?)

Discussion 3 (obfuscation)

```
$ x/10i 0x555555555952
> x/10i 0x4018d0
 0x4018d0:    jmp     0x4018d3
 0x4018d2:    jmp     0x2484a41f
 0x4018d7:    or      BYTE PTR [rax-0x77],cl
 0x4018da:    (bad)
 0x4018db:    call    0x40180b
```

Discussion 3 (when tracing)

```
> x/10i 0x4018d3
! 0x4018d3:    mov    rax,QWORD PTR [rsp+0x8]
! 0x4018d8:    mov    rdi,rax
0x4018db:    call   0x40180b
```

Discussion 3 (intention)

```
> x/10i 0x4018d0
 401c10: jmp    401c13
 401c12: jmp    3f7500
 401c17: dec    DWORD PTR [rdi]
 401c19: (bad)
 401c1a: test   BYTE PTR [rax],al
```

Discussion 4 (phase 3)

1. What's going on the third phase?

Discussion 4 (phase 3)

```
int count = 0;
void progress_bar(int signo) {
    if (count != 0)
        printf("\b\b\b\b");
    printf(" | %02d%", count);
    count += 2;
    ...
}

phase() {
    signal(SIGTRAP, progress_bar);
    for (int i = 0; i < 50; i++) {
        ...
        __asm__ volatile("int3");
    }
}
```

Discussion 5 (phase 4)

1. What's going on the last phase? (nothing special!)

32/64 Shellcode

1. int \$80 vs. syscall

```
$ man syscall
```

What's about poly shellcode?

1. What's your general idea?

Discrepancy b/w 32 vs 64

2.2.1.2 More on REX Prefix Fields

REX prefixes are a set of 16 opcodes that span one row of the opcode map and occupy entries 40H to 4FH. These opcodes represent valid instructions (INC or DEC) in IA-32 operating modes and in compatibility mode. In 64-bit mode, the same opcodes represent the instruction prefix REX and are not treated as individual instructions.

The single-byte-opcode forms of the INC/DEC instructions are not available in 64-bit mode. INC/DEC functionality is still available using ModR/M forms of the same instructions (opcodes FF/0 and FF/1).

See [Table 2-4](#) for a summary of the REX prefix format. [Figure 2-4 through Figure 2-7 show](#) examples of REX prefix fields in use. Some combinations of REX prefix fields are invalid. In such cases, the prefix is ignored. Some additional information follows:

Dispatching routine



e.g., 0x40 0x90

- x86 inc eax
- x86_64 REX + nop

x86 : [*][goto x86 shellcode]

x86-64: [nop][*][goto x86_64 shellcode]

arm : [nop][nop][*][goto arm shellcode]

MIPS : [nop][nop][nop][*][goto MIPS shellcode]

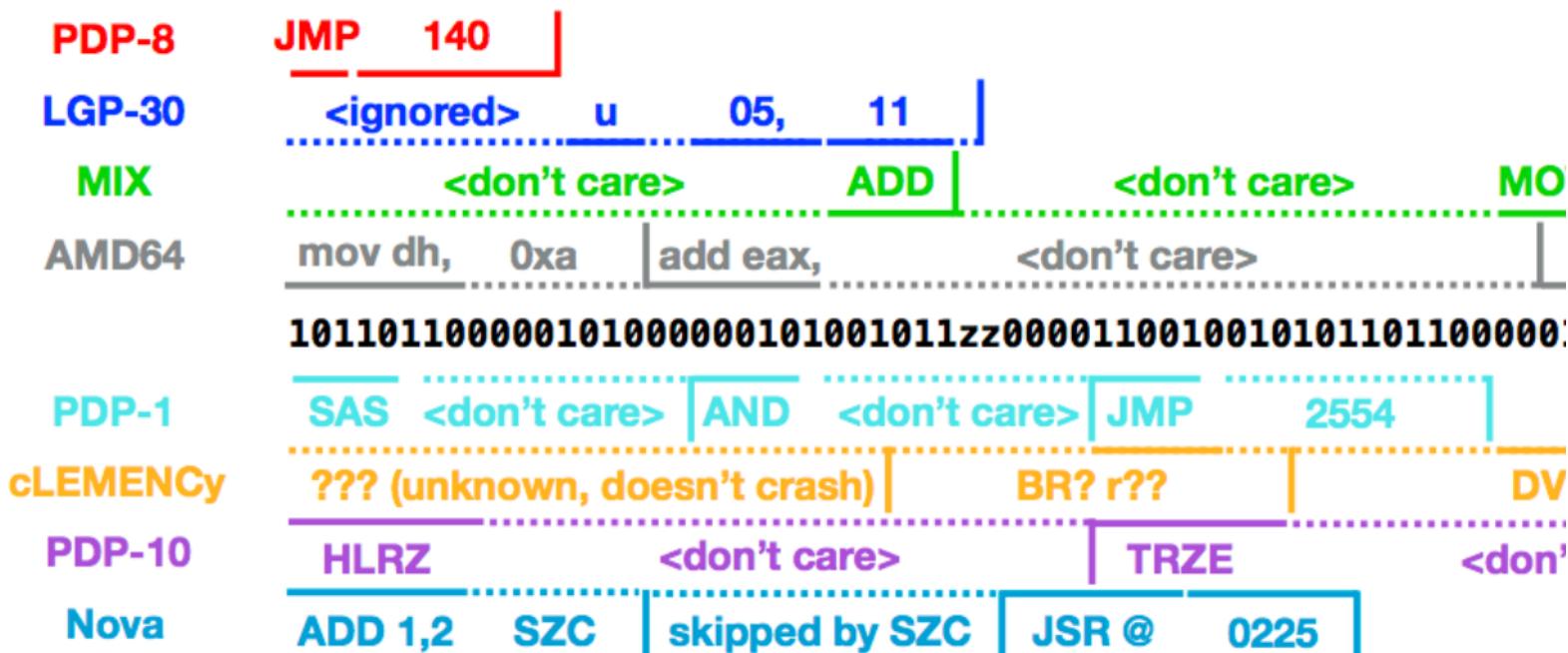
Dispatching routine

```
// x86      xor eax, eax  
// x86_64    xor eax, eax  
xorl %eax, %eax
```

```
// x86      inc eax  
// x86_64    REX + nop  
.byte 0x40  
nop  
jz _x86_64
```

DEFCON18 CTF Doublethink (8 Arch!)

- Ref. <https://www.robertxiao.ca/hacking/defcon2018-assembly-polyglot/>



Discussion 6 (shellcode ascii/min)

1. Wow, what are your tricks?
2. NOTE. can be as small as zero byte..

Lab03: Stack overflow!

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Smashing The Stack For Fun And Profit
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`smash the stack` [C programming] n. On many C implementations it is possible to corrupt the execution stack by writing past the end of an array declared auto in a routine. Code that does this is said to smash the stack, and can cause return from the routine to jump to a random address. This can produce some of the most insidious data-dependent bugs known to mankind. Variants include trash the stack, scribble the stack, mangle the stack; the term mung the stack is not used, as this is never done intentionally. See spam; see also alias bug, fandango on core, memory leak, precedence lossage, overrun screw.

Lab03: Stack overflow!

- It's time to write real exploits (i.e., control hijacking)
- TONS of interesting challenges!
 - e.g., lack-of-four, frobnicated, upside-down ..

Today's Tutorial

- Example: exploit crackme0x00 to get a shell/flag!
- Explore a template exploit code (PwnTool)
- In-class tutorial
 - Learning PwnTool
 - Writing your first stack overflow exploit!

Reminder: crackme0x00

```
$ objdump-intel -d crackme0x00
```

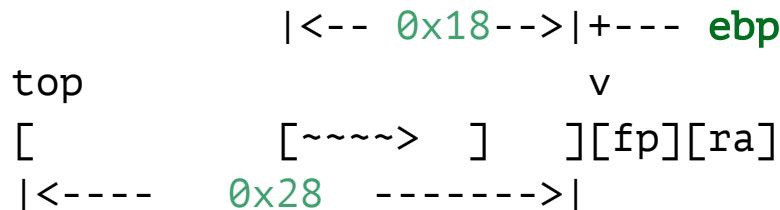
```
...
```

```
8048414:      push    ebp  
8048415:      mov     ebp,esp  
8048417:      sub     esp,0x28
```



Reminder: crackme0x00

```
$ objdump-intel -d crackme0x00  
...  
8048448:     lea    eax,[ebp-0x18]  
804844b:     mov    DWORD PTR [esp+0x4],eax  
804844f:     mov    DWORD PTR [esp],0x804858c  
8048456:     call   8048330 <scanf@plt>
```



Reminder: crackme0x00

```
main() {  
    char s1[16];  
    ...  
    scanf("%s", &s1);  
    ...  
}
```

Reminder: crackme0x00

```
|<-- 0x18-->|+--- ebp  
top           v  
[           [~~~~> ]   ][fp][ra]  
|<---- 0x28 ----->|  
          AAAABBBB.....GGGGHHHH
```

Where to put Shellcode?

- stack (today's tutorial)
- commandline argument
- environment vars

Example: Injecting Shellcode (e.g., env)

1. How to decide the address of an environment variable? (changing?)
2. How to inject (or manipulate) environment variables?

```
|<-- 0x18-->|+--- ebp  
top           v  
[           [~~~~> ]   ][fp][ra] . . . [SHELLCODE=...]  
|<---- 0x28 ----->|  
          AAAABBBB. . . . GGGG[ ]  
          +  
          |  
          +-----+  
          |
```

In-class Tutorial

- Step 1: Learn PwnTool
- Step 2: Play with your first exploit!

```
$ ssh lab03@computron.gtisc.gatech.edu -p 9003  
$ ssh lab03@cyclonus.gtisc.gatech.edu -p 9003  
Password: lab03
```

```
$ cd tut03-stackovfl  
$ cat README
```

References

- [IDA Demo](#)
- [Phrack #49-14](#)