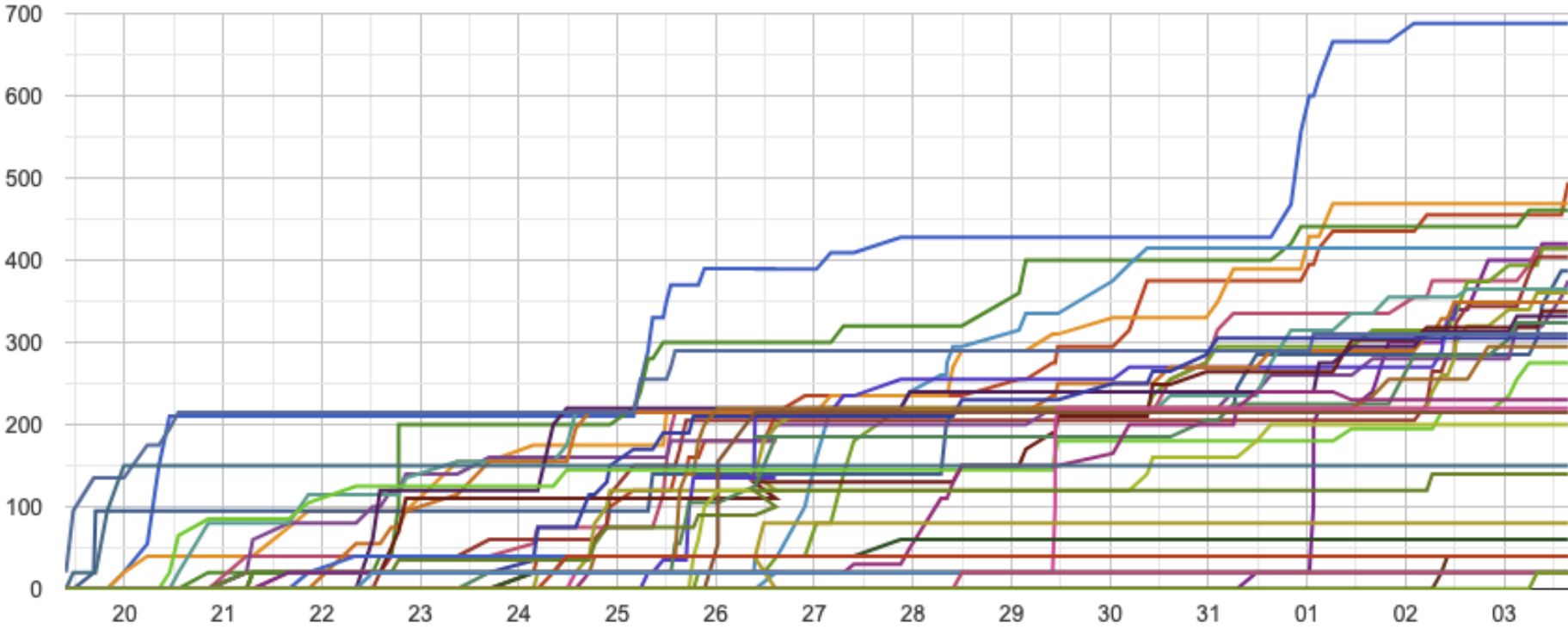


# Lec03: Writing Exploits

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# Scoreboard



# Administrivia

- Survey: how many hours did you spend? (<3h, 6h, 10h, 15h, >20h)
- Please join [Mattermost](#) and [Piazza](#)!
- Lab03: stack overflow challenges are out!
- **Due** : Jan 11!

# Survival Guide for CS6265

1. Work as a group/team (find the best ones around you!)
  - NOT each member tackles different problems
  - All members tackle the same problem (and discuss/help)
2. Ask questions wisely, concretely
  - Explain your assumption first (e.g., I expect A because ...)
  - Explain your problem second (e.g., A is expected but B appears)

# Thinking of Threat Model

- Story: A group of students modified “bomb” and got “flags” ..
- Why TAs think they are not correct flags?
- How does our system validate flags?
- How does a setuid binary work?

# Thinking of Threat Model

```
# Q0. can we get a flag like this?  
$ cat /proc/flag  
# Q1. how is this flag different from what bomb prints out?  
$ echo "phase2" > /proc/flag  
$ cat /proc/flag  
# Q2. what about under a tracer?  
$ strace -- cat /proc/flag  
# Q3. what about this and print flag?  
$ gdb ./bomb  
# Q4. are they different? why?  
$ diff <(cat /proc/flag) <(cat /proc/flag)  
# Q5. what about this?  
$ diff <(cat /proc/flag) <(sleep 1; cat /proc/flag)
```

# 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 (bomb201-readfirst)

1. What's going on the first phase?

# Discussion 3 (bomb202-objdump)

1. What's going on the second phase?
  - Did you find the main() function (i.e., dispatcher?)

# Discussion 3 (obfuscation)

```
4017c0:    eb 01                jmp     4017c3 <usleep@plt+0xb23>
4017c2:    e9 e9 58 ff ff      jmp     3f70b0 <getenv@plt-0x9a50>
4017c7:    ff 0f              dec     DWORD PTR [rdi]
4017c9:    1f                (bad)
4017ca:    84 00              test   BYTE PTR [rax],al
```

# Discussion 3 (when tracing)

```
> x/10i 0x4017c3  
0x4017c3:    jmp    0x401720  
..
```

# Discussion 4 (bomb203-signal)

1. What's going on the third phase?

# Discussion 5 (bomb204-minfuck)

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

```

      +-----+
      |               v
[dispatcher][x86      ][x86_64  ]

```

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. shellcode-min: 30 bytes? 20 bytes? 10 bytes? 5 bytes?

# Lab03: Stack Overflow

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

# Lab03: Stack Overflow!

# Today's Tutorial

- Example: hijacking crackme0x00!
- A template exploit code
- In-class tutorial
  - Your first stack overflow!
  - Extending the exploit template (python)



# DEMO: Ghidra/crackme0x00

- Ghidra w/ crackme0x00
- Exploit writing

# crackme0x00

```

$ objdump -M intel-mnemonic -d crackme0x00
...
0804869d <start>:
804869d: 55                push   ebp
804869e: 89 e5            mov    ebp, esp
80486a0: 83 ec 18        sub    esp, 0x18
80486a3: 83 ec 0c        sub    esp, 0xc
...

|<=- -0x18-=>|+--- ebp
top                v
[ [buf .. ] ][fp][ra]
|<=--- 0x18+0xc -----=>|

```

# crackme0x00

```
$ objdump -M intel-mnemonic -d crackme0x00
```

```
...
```

```
80486c6: 8d 45 e8          lea    eax, [ebp-0x18]
80486c9: 50               push  eax
80486ca: 68 31 88 04 08   push  0x8048831
80486cf: e8 ac fd ff ff   call  8048480 <scanf@plt>
```

```
      |<=- -0x18==>|+--- ebp
```

```
top
```

```
      v
```

```
[      [~~~~>   ]   ][fp][ra]
```

```
|<=--- 0x18+0xc -----=>|
```

```
      [*****XXXXXXXX]
```

# crackme0x00

- How can we bypass the password check w/o putting the correct password?

# In-class Tutorial

- Step 1: Navigate the binary with your Ghidra!
- Step 2: Play with your first exploit!
- Step 3: Using an exploit template!

```
$ ssh lab03@ss.snucse.org  
Password: <password>
```

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

# References

- Phrack #49-14