

Lec03: Writing Exploits

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Administrivia

- Survey: how many hours did you spend? (<3h, 6h, 10h, >20h)
- Join [Piazza](#)
- An optional recitation on every Wed at 4:30-5:30pm (in CBC 104A)
- Lab03: stack overflow is released!
- Lab04: [NSA Codebreaker Challenge](#)
- **Due** : Lab03: Sept 21 at midnight
- **Due** : Lab04 (until the end of this semester)

NSA Codebreaker Challenges

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2017 Codebreaker Challenge!

Registrations are not yet enabled. Please check back soon!

For information on reverse engineering and for some tips on how to get started, check out the [Resources](#) page.

Good luck!

Time Until the Challenge Begins

Days Hours Minutes Seconds

07:14:07:09

2016 Challenge Results

Thanks to everyone that participated in the 2016 Codebreaker Challenge!

The results of last year's challenge can be found [here](#).

NSA Codebreaker Challenges

“ *The NSA Codebreaker Challenge provides students with a hands-on opportunity to develop their reverse-engineering / low-level code analysis skills while working on a realistic problem set centered around the NSA's mission .*

Best Write-ups for Lab02

- shellcode32: jallen309, carterchen
- shellcode64: jallen309, rohandvora
- shellcode-ascii: dhaval, carterchen
- shellcode-min: carterchen, markwis
- shellcode-poly: carterchen, shudak3
- shortest shellcode-min: poning, spark720 (6 bytes)

Bomb Stats

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

Bomb Stats

- Bombs exploded 86 times in total ($86 \times -5 = -430$ pts)
- in ALL phases!
- 16 people exploded at least once!
 - Each lab: 28/7/5/4 people
 - Each lab: 63/9/9/5 times

Min shellcode

- 1000 bytes? 500 bytes? 100 bytes?

Min shellcode

- 6-byte: poning
- 6-byte: spark720

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
0x555555555952:    lea    rsp,[rsp-0x1028]
0x55555555595a:    or     QWORD PTR [rsp],0x0
0x55555555595f:    lea    rsp,[rsp+0x1020]
0x555555555967:    jmp    0x55555555596a
0x555555555969:    jmp    0x5555555549b56
0x55555555596e:    dec   DWORD PTR [rax-0x7d]
0x555555555971:    (bad)
0x555555555972:    or     bl ,al
```

Discussion 3 (when tracing)

```
0x555555555952:    lea    rsp,[rsp-0x1028]
0x55555555595a:    or     QWORD PTR [rsp],0x0
0x55555555595f:    lea    rsp,[rsp+0x1020]
-> 0x555555555967:    jmp    0x55555555596a
| 0x555555555969:    jmp    0x5555555549b56
| 0x55555555596e:    dec   DWORD PTR [rax-0x7d]
| 0x555555555971:    (bad)
| 0x555555555972:    or     bl ,al
+--> 0x55555555596a:    call  0x55555555558b0
      0x55555555596f:    add   rsp,0x8
      0x555555555973:    ret
      0x555555555974:    push  rbp
```


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:

Discussion 6 (shellcode ascii/min)

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

Lab04: Stack overflow (due in two weeks)

- Finally! 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: hijacking crackme0x00!
- A template exploit code
- In-class tutorial
 - IDA (yeah!)
 - Extending the exploit template (python)

DEMO: IDA/crackme0x00

- IDA w/ crackme0x00
- exploit writing

crackme0x00

```
$ objdump -d crackme0x00
```

```
...
```

```
8048448:      8d 45 e8                lea    -0x18(%ebp),%eax
804844b:      89 44 24 04            mov    %eax,0x4(%esp)
804844f:      c7 04 24 8c 85 04 08   movl  $0x804858c,(%esp)
8048456:      e8 d5 fe ff ff        call  8048330 <scanf@plt>
```

```

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

In-class Tutorial

- Step 1: Install IDA (feel free to use from now)
- Step 2: Play with your first exploit!

```
$ 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/lab03
$ cat README
```

References

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