

15213/15503 - Attack Lab Recitation

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To download the activity, enter into a Shark machine:

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$ wget https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~213/activities/s25-rec4.tar
$ tar -xvf s25-rec4.tar
$ cd s25-rec4
$ gdb activity
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Activity 1

The goal of this activity is to input a string that causes the program to call `win(0x15213)`, and thereby win a cookie¹. Work with your group to fill in the stack diagram, and discuss:

1. Where is **long** before stored on the stack? What about **long** after?
2. How many bytes can `Gets()` copy before overwriting something?
3. If the user types "12345678\n", what will the resulting stack look like? (Fill in the stack diagram on the back.) What will the corresponding value read from `%rdx` be?
4. How can you use GDB to check if your buffer overflow worked as intended?

Activity 2

We've upped the stakes! Can you figure out how to call `win(0x18213)` for two cookies?

1. Which lines of assembly correspond to `win(0x15213)` and `win(0x18213)`?
2. Which value will the `retq` instruction read off of the stack? Can it be overwritten?

Activity 3

If you finished the other activities early, see if you can manage to call `win(0x18613)`!

1. Note the suspiciously named function `gadget1`. Does it obey calling conventions by preserving the stack pointer when it returns? What value will it place into `%rdi`?

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Code for solve()

<pre> 0x4006b5 <+0>: sub \$0x38,%rsp 0x4006b9 <+4>: movq \$0xb4,0x28(%rsp) 0x4006c2 <+13>: movq \$0xaf,0x8(%rsp) 0x4006cb <+22>: lea 0x10(%rsp),%rdi 0x4006d0 <+27>: callq 0x40073f <Gets> 0x4006d5 <+32>: mov 0x28(%rsp),%rdx 0x4006da <+37>: movabs \$0x3331323531,%rax 0x4006e4 <+47>: cmp %rax,%rdx 0x4006e7 <+50>: jne 0x4006f3<solve+62> 0x4006e9 <+52>: mov \$0x15213,%edi 0x4006ee <+57>: callq 0x40064d <win> 0x4006f3 <+62>: mov 0x8(%rsp),%rdx 0x4006f8 <+67>: movabs \$0x3331323831,%rax 0x400702 <+77>: cmp %rax,%rdx 0x400705 <+80>: jne 0x400711<solve+92> 0x400707 <+82>: mov \$0x18213,%edi 0x40070c <+87>: callq 0x40064d <win> 0x400711 <+92>: add \$0x38,%rsp 0x400715 <+96>: retq </pre>	<pre> void solve(void) { long before = 0xb4; char buf[16]; long after = 0xaf; Gets(buf); if (before == 0x3331323531) win(0x15213); if (after == 0x3331323831) win(0x18213); } </pre>
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Stack diagram

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