

# **Exploit Mitigation - PIE**



## **Recap! Exploit Mitigation Exploits**

All three exploit mitigations can be defeated by black magic

Easily

Is there a solution?

## **Exploit Mitigation - PIE**

#### The solution

The solution to all problems... PIE



## **Exploit Mitigation++**

Fix:

- Compile as PIE
- PIE: Position Independent Executable
- Will randomize Code and PLT, too

Note:

- Shared libraries are PIC
  - (Position Independent Code)
- Because they don't know where they are being loaded
- Always randomized, even without PIE



#### **PIE Executable**

```
$ cat test.c
#include <stdio.h>
void func() {
        printf("\n");
}
void main(void) {
        printf("%p\n", &func);
}
$ gcc -fpic -pie test.c
$ ./a.out
0x557d9dee57c5
$ ./a.out
0x5581df9d67c5
```

#### **PIE Executable**

Туре	Offset	VirtAddr	PhysAddr	
	FileSiz	MemSiz	Flags	Align
PHDR	0x000000000000000	040 0x000000000	)000040 0x00000	0000000040
	0x000000000000000	)1f8 0x000000000	0001f8 R E	8
INTERP	0x000000000000000	)238 0x000000000	0000238 0x00000	0000000238
	0x000000000000000	01c 0x000000000	00001c R	1
[Rec	questing program inter	preter: /lib64/lo	d-linux-x86-64.	so.2]
LOAD	0x0000000000000000	000000000x0 0000	000000 0x00000	0000000000
	0x000000000000000	)9dc 0x000000000	)0009dc R E	200000
[]				
Segment S	Sections			
00				
01	.interp			
02	.interp .note.ABI-tag	.note.gnu.build-	id .gnu.hash .	dynsym .dynstr .gn
u.version	.gnu.version_r .rela.d	dyn .rela.plt .ir	nit .plt .text	.fini .rodata

PIE randomizes Code segment base address

PIE randomizes GOT/PLT base address too

No more static locations!

## **Defeat Exploit Mitigation: PIE**





#### **ASLR vs Information Leak**

ASLR assumes attacker can't get information

What if they can?

Meet: Memory Leak

# Memory Leak / Information Disclosure

#### **Memory Leak**

Memory leak or information disclosure:

- Return more data to the attacker than the intended object size
- The data usually includes meta-data, like:
  - Stack pointers
  - Return addresses
  - Heap-management data
  - Etc.

#### **ASLR vs Memory Leak**

char <b>buf1[16</b> ]	*ptr	SFP	EIP	
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Server:

send(socket, buf1, sizeof(int) \* 16, NULL);

- Oups, attacker got 64 bytes back
  - Pointer to stack, code, heap
  - Can deduce base address

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Attacker:

- Information disclosure / memory leak
- Gains a pointer (Address of memory location)
- From pointer: Deduct base address of segment
- From base address: Can deduct all other addresses

A note on code -> libraries:

- Distance between code segment and mapped libraries is usually constant
- Got SIP? Can use LIBC gadgets...

#### Example: Windows memory disclosure (unpatched, 21.2.17, CVE-2017-0038)

As a consequence, the 16x16/24bpp bitmap is now described by just 4 bytes, which is good for only a single pixel. The remaining 255 pixels are drawn based on junk heap data, which may include sensitive information, such as private user data or information about the virtual address space.

# Windows gdi32.dll heap-based out-of-bounds reads / memory disclosure <a href="https://www.energylice.com">Project Member Reported by mjurczyk@google.com</a>, Nov 16 Project Member Reported by mjurczyk@google.com Nov 16

In issue #757, I described multiple bugs related to the handling of DIBs (Device Independent Bitmaps) embedded in EMF records, as implemented in the user-mode Windows GDI library (gdi32.dll). As a quick reminder, the DIBembedding records follow a common scheme: they include four fields, denoting the offsets and lengths of the DIB header and DIB data (named offBmiSrc, cbBmiSrc, offBitsSrc, cbBitsSrc). A correct implementation should verify that:



## **Exploit Mitigation Conclusion**

#### **Defeat Exploit Mitigations: TL;DR**

Enable ALL the mitigations (DEP, ASLR w/PIE, Stack Protector)

- Defeat ALL the mitigations:
  - ROP shellcode as stager to defeat DEP
  - Information leak to defeat ASLR
  - Non stack-based-stack-overflow vulnerability

#### Recap

Information disclosure can eliminate ASLR protection

Which enables ROP to eliminate DEP

#### References

#### References:

#### ROP CFI RAP XNR CPI WTF? Navigating the Exploit Mitigation Jungle

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