Binary Reverse Engineering And Analysis Course 4: Dynamic Analysis

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Recap

- Last time: dissecting executables
- Today we study "moving targets"
 - From executable to process
 - Tracing unknown binaries
 - Modifying control flow

But... why?

- Can drastically reduce static analysis time
- Can uncover subtle vulnerabilities inside/outside the code
- Can uncover vulnerabilities unrelated to the actual code (!)

Example 1: side-channels

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assisted by Lev Pachmanov and numerous others

Summary

Many computers emit a high-pitched noise during operation, due to vibration in some of their electronic components. These acoustic emanations are more than a nuisance: they can convey information about the software running on the computer and, in particular, leak sensitive information about security-related computations. In a <u>preliminary presentation</u>, we have shown that different RSA keys induce different sound patterns.



Here, we describe a new acoustic cryptanalysis key extraction attack, applicable to GnuPG's current implementation of RSA. The attack can extract full 4096-bit RSA decryption keys from laptop computers (of various models), within an hour, using the sound generated by the computer during the decryption of some chosen ciphertexts. We experimentally demonstrate that such attacks can be carried out, using either a plain mobile phone placed next to the computer, or a more sensitive microphone placed 4 meters away.

More info: https://m.tau.ac.il/~tromer/acoustic

Example 2: disappearing security measures (before)

https://godbolt.org/z/QMZxYe

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5	<pre>printf("TODO, use password %s\n",buf);</pre>		3	secur	e_use_pa	ssword(char*):			
6	}		4		push	rbp				
7			5		mov	rbp,	rsp			
8	<pre>void secure_get_user_password(void)</pre>		6		sub	rsp,	16			
9	{		7		mov	QWOR	d ptr [rbp-8	, rdi	
10	char pwd[64];		8		mov	rax,	QWORD	PTR [I	'bp-8]	
11	fgets(pwd, 64, stdin);		9		mov	rsi,	rax			
12	secure_use_password(pwd);		10		mov	edi,	OFFSET	FLAT	.LCO	
13			11		mov	eax,	0			
14	//wipe the password from the memory		12		call	prin	tf			
15	<pre>memset(pwd, 0, sizeof(pwd));</pre>		13		nop					
16	}		14		leave					
			15		ret					

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5	mov	rbp, rsp
6	sub	rsp, 16
7	mov	QWORD PTR [rbp-8], rdi
8	mov	rax, QWORD PTR [rbp-8]
9	mov	rsi, rax
10	mov	edi, OFFSET FLAT:.LC0
11	mov	eax, 0
12	call	printf
13	nop	
14	leave	
15	ret	
16	secure_get_user_	_password():
17	push	rbp
18	mov	rbp, rsp
19	sub	rsp, 64
20	mov	rdx, QWORD PTR stdin[rip]
21	lea	rax, [rbp-64]
22	mov	esi, 64
23	mov	rdi, rax
24	call	fgets
25	lea	rax, [rbp-64]
26	mov	rdi, rax
27	call	secure_use_password(char*)
28	lea	rax, [rbp-64]
29	mov	edx, 64
30	mov	esi, 0
31	mov	rdi, rax
32	call	memset
33	nop	

Example 2: disappearing security measures (after)

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11	fgets(pwd, 64, stdin);			9	add	rsp,	8				
12	<pre>secure_use_password(pwd);</pre>		1	0	ret						
13			1	1 secu	re_get_us	er_pass	word():				
14	//wipe the password from the memory		1	2	sub	rsp,	72				
15	<pre>memset(pwd, 0, sizeof(pwd));</pre>		1	3	mov	rdx,	QWORD	PTR S	tdin[ri	.p]	
16	}		1	4	mov	esi,	64				
			1	5	mov	rdi,	rsp				
			1	6	call	fget	S				
			1	7	mov	rdi,	rsp				
			1	8	call	secu	re_use_	passw	ord(cha	r*)	
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Executables

- Start as files on the filesystem
- As seen last time, executables carry loading information
- But what happens when we run the executable?

OS Kernel

- Provides a separate address space from other processes
- Provides randomization where compatible (TBD)
- Provides expandable stack space, heap space
- Passes control to a suitable loader (interpreter)

Loaders

- Parse the file structure
- Copy segment contents into memory
- Expand sparse segments
- Set adequate permissions to each segment
- Do the same for any linked libraries needed
- Pass control to the address specified in the header

Linux Address Space Layout (1/2)

Static Executable

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Linux Address Space Layout (2/2)

Dynamic Executable

Temporary breakpoint 1. 0x00000000004011e2 in main () ddb-peda\$ vmmap

Start	End	Perm
0×00400000	0×00401000	rp
0×00401000	0×00402000	r-xp
0×00402000	0×00403000	rp
0×00403000	0×00404000	rp
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0x00007ffff7dc6000	0x00007ffff7de8000	rp
0x00007ffff7de8000	0x00007ffff7f30000	r-xp
0x00007ffff7f30000	0x00007ffff7f7c000	rp
0x00007ffff7f7c000	0x00007ffff7f7d000	p
0x00007ffff7f7d000	0×00007ffff7f81000	rp
0×00007ffff7f81000	0x00007ffff7f83000	rw-p
0×00007ffff7f83000	0x00007ffff7f87000	rw-p
0×00007ffff7f87000	0x00007ffff7f89000	rw-p
0x00007ffff7fd0000	0x00007ffff7fd3000	rp
0x00007ffff7fd3000	0x00007ffff7fd5000	r-xp
0x00007ffff7fd5000	0x00007ffff7fd6000	rp
0x00007ffff7fd6000	0x00007ffff7ff4000	r-xp
0x00007ffff7ff4000	0x00007ffff7ffc000	rp
0x00007ffff7ffc000	0x00007ffff7ffd000	rp
0x00007ffff7ffd000	0x00007ffff7ffe000	rw-p
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Windows Address Space Layout

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	0000000000019000			MAP	-R	-R
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000000000170000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000			PRV	-RW	-RW
	00000000001D9000	Reserved		PRV		-RW
000000000309000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000			PRV	-RW	-RW
		Reserved (0000000000200000)		PRV		-RW
000000000400000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000			MAP	-R	-R
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	00000000000F5000	Reserved (000000000570000)		PRV		-RW
00000000670000	00000000000FC000			PRV		-RW
	00000000000004000	Reperved		PRV	-RW-G	-RW
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	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	".pdata"	Exception information	ING	-R	ERWC-
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	000000000000F000	",pdata"	Exception information	IMG	-R	ERWC-
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0007FFDFC261000	0000000000001000	".nsnc"	Resources	IMG	-R	ERWC-
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0007FFDFC291000	0000000000B0000	".text"	Executable code	IMG	ER	ERWC-
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0007FFDFC37C000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	".pdata"	Exception information	IMG	-R	ERWC-
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- Direct access (used by debugging processes)

Linux debug methods (ptrace syscall)

- Attach to a process (called tracee)
- Read/write memory from tracee
- Read/write CPU registers from tracee
- Single step (one CPU instruction at a time)
- Start/stop/continue execution
- Handle breakpoints

Linux low-level debugging

- Debuggers mainly use ptrace
- We study GDB plus a plugin (PEDA)

[-----registers-----] RAX: 0x401c36 (<main>: push rbp) RBX: 0x400488 --> 0x0 RCX: 0x43f070 (<_dl_debug_state>: ret) RDX: 0x7fffffffde48 --> 0x7fffffffe1c8 ("CLUTTER IM MODULE=xim") RSI: 0x7fffffffde38 --> 0x7fffffffe18d ("/ctf/unibuc/curs/curs 04/"...) RDI: 0x1 RRP: 0x402840 (< libc csu init>: push r15) RSP: 0x7fffffffdd18 --> 0x402291 (< libc start main+977>: mov edi,eax) RIP: 0x401c36 (<main>: push rbp) R8 : 0x2 R9 : 0x2 R10 · 0x7 R11: 0×1 R12: 0x4028d0 (< libc csu fini>: push rbp) R13: 0x0 R14: 0x4be018 --> 0x437670 (< strcpy sse2 unaligned>: mov rcx,rsi) R15: 0x0 EFLAGS: 8x246 (carry PARITY adjust ZERO sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow) Code Av401c1b shello user+58>: ret 0x401c1c <goodbye world>: push rbp 0x401c1d <goodbye world+1>: mov rbp.rsp 0x401c20 <goodbye world+4>: lea rdi.[rin+0x933fa] # 0x495021 0x401c27 <goodbye world+11>: call 0x409620 <puts> 0x401c2c <goodbye world+16>: mov edi.0x0 0x401c31 <goodbye world+21>: call 0x408010 <exit> => 0x401c36 <main>: push rbp 0x401c37 <main+1>: mov rbp,rsp 0x401c3a <main+4>: mov eax.0x0 0x401c3f <main+9>: call 0x401bce <hello world> 0x401c44 <main+14>: mov eax.0x0 Ax401c49 <main+19>: call Ax401be1

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Windows debug methods (separate syscalls)

- Attach to a process (OpenProcess)
- Read/write memory from tracee (ReadProcessMemory/WriteProcessMemory)
- Read/write CPU registers from tracee (GetThreadContext)
- Start/stop/continue execution (DebugBreakProcess)
- Handle breakpoints (WaitForDebugEvent/ContinueDebugEvent)

Windows low-level debugging

- Windbg is the most powerful but hard to learn
- X64dbg is a decent debugger handling 32/64

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Fundamental tasks in a debugger wrt RE

- Interrupt (break) execution at a certain point in the code
- Inspect/modify virtual memory state/contents
- Inspect/modify CPU registers
- Analyze the call stack

Alternatives

- Processes can also be instrumented
- Intel PIN (Linux/Windows)
- Add extra code in the same address space
- More power, harder to detect, more complexity

Practice

- Any Questions?
- http://pwnthybytes.ro/unibuc_re/04-lab.html