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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

The black hats have kept up with security enhancements. Have you?

In the technological arena, three years is a lifetime. Since the first edition of this book was published in 2004, built-in security measures on compilers and operating systems have become commonplace, but are still far from perfect. Arbitrary-code execution vulnerabilities still allow attackers to run code of their choice on your system—with disastrous results.

In a nutshell, this book is about code and data and what happens when the two become confused. You'll work with the basic building blocks of security bugs— assembler, source code, the stack, the heap, and so on. You'll experiment, explore, and understand the systems you're running—and how to better protect them.

- Become familiar with security holes in Windows, Linux, Solaris, Mac OS X, and Cisco's IOS
- Learn how to write customized tools to protect your systems, not just how to use ready-made ones
- Use a working exploit to verify your assessment when auditing a network
- Use proof-of-concept exploits to rate the significance of bugs in software you're developing
- Assess the quality of purchased security products by performing penetration tests based on the information in this book
- Understand how bugs are found and how exploits work at the lowest level

About the Author

Chris Anley is a founder and director of NGSSoftware, a security software, consultancy, and research company based in London, England. He is actively involved in vulnerability research and has discovered security flaws in a wide variety of platforms including Microsoft Windows, Oracle, SQL Server, IBM DB2, Sybase ASE, MySQL, and PGP.

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Gerardo Richarte has been doing reverse engineering and exploit development for more than 15 years non-stop. In the past 10 years he helped build the technical arm of Core Security Technologies, where he works today. His current duties include developing exploits for Core IMPACT, researching new exploitation techniques and other low-level subjects, helping other exploit writers when things get hairy, and teaching internal and external classes on assembly and exploit writing. As result of his research and as a humble thank

you to the community, he has published some technical papers and open source projects, presented in a few conferences, and released part of his training material. He really enjoys solving tough problems and reverse engineering any piece of code that falls in his reach just for the fun of doing it.

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