

Control Hijacking (Part 1)

```
root@victim:~#
```

EECS 388: Introduction to Computer Security
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Outline

- Computer
 - CPU
 - Instructions
- The Stack (x86)
 - What is a stack
 - How it is used by programs
 - Technical details
- Buffer overflows
- Adapted from Aleph One's "Smashing the Stack for Fun and Profit"

CPU

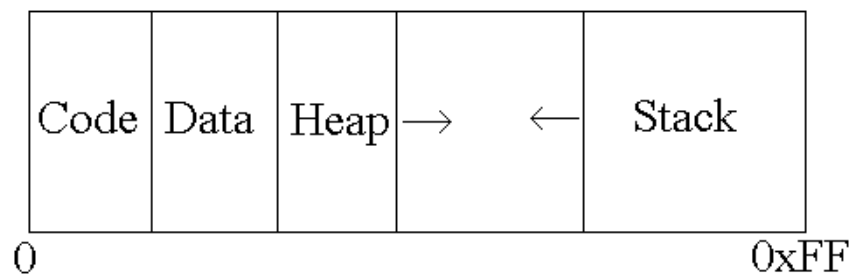
- Executes assembly instructions
 - ADD, SUB, MULT, XOR, CMP, JMP, ...
- Has built-in "variables" called registers
- General Purpose
 - EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, EDI, ESI
- Special Purpose:
 - EIP: Instruction Pointer
 - ESP: Stack Pointer
 - EBP: Frame/Base Pointer



The Stack



Process Memory Organization



Stack

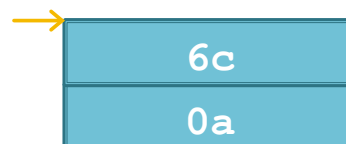
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Stack

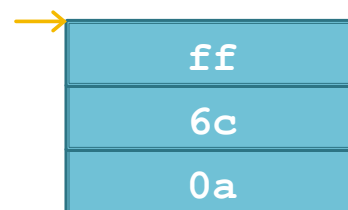
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`push 0x6c`



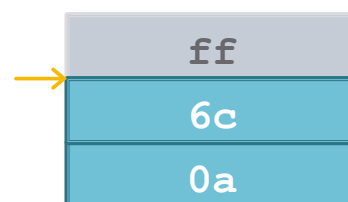
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push 0x0a  
push 0x6c  
push 0xff
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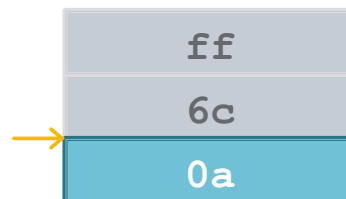
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push 0x0a  
push 0x6c  
push 0xff  
pop r1 #0xff
```



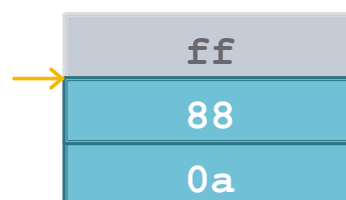
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push 0x0a
push 0x6c
push 0xff
pop  r1    #0xff
pop  r2    #0x6c
```



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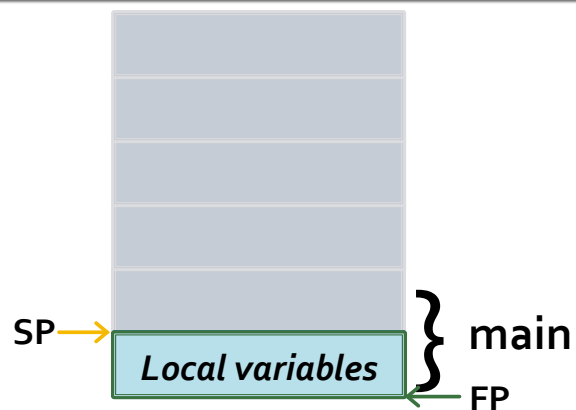
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push 0xff
pop  r1    #0xff
pop  r2    #0x6c
push 0x88
```



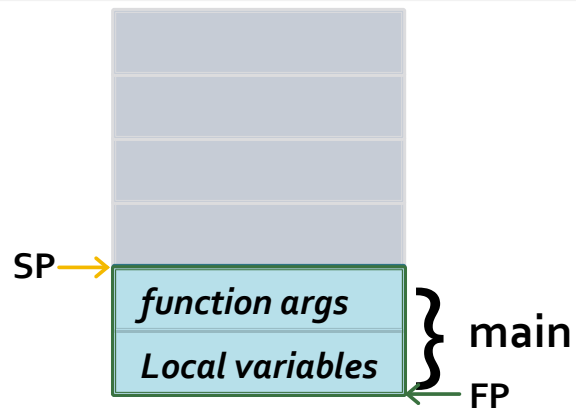
example.c

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    char buf1[10];  
}  
  
void main() {  
    foo(3,6);  
}
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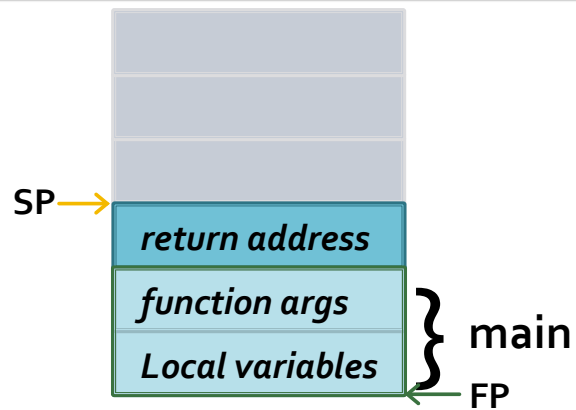
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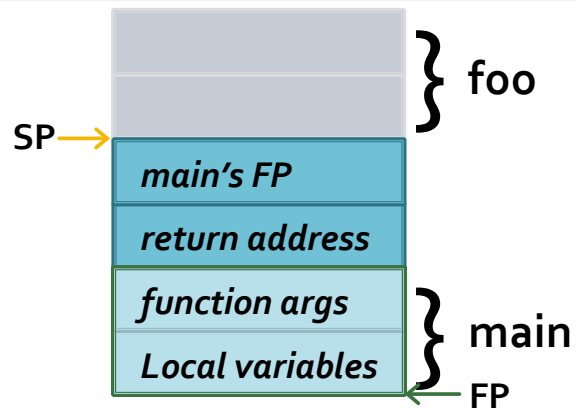
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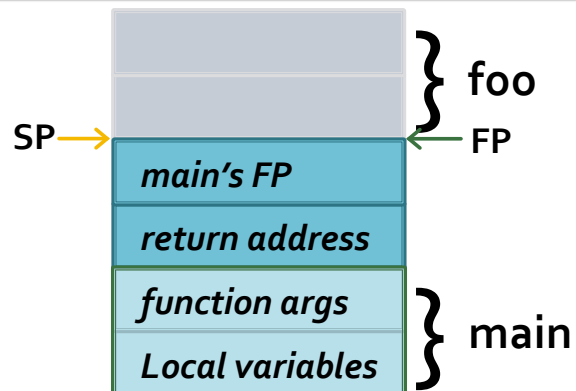
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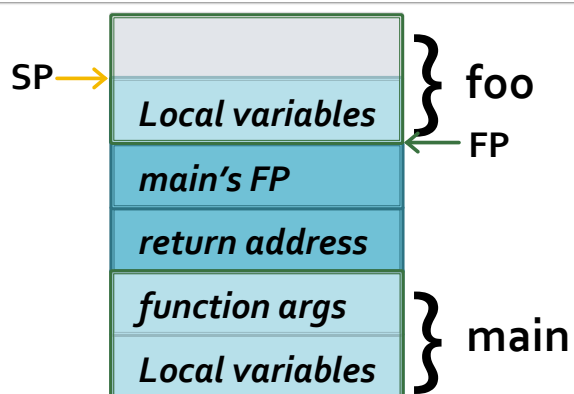
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C stack frames (x86 specific)

Grows toward lower address

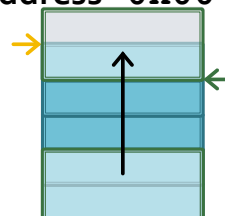
Starts ~end of VA space

Two related registers

%ESP - Stack Pointer

%EBP - Frame Pointer

Low address 0x00



High address 0xff

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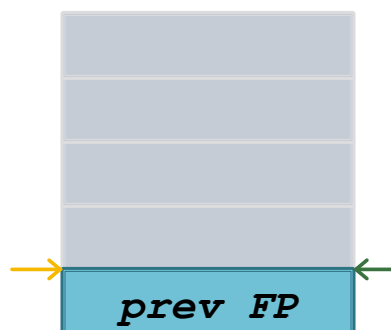
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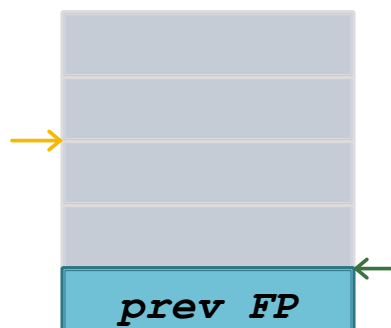
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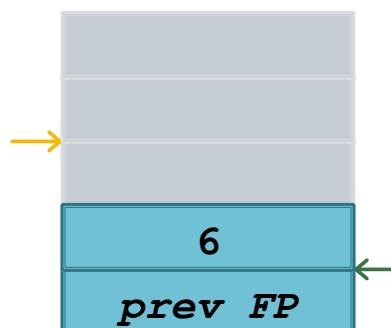
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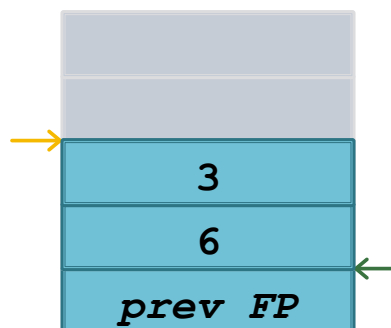
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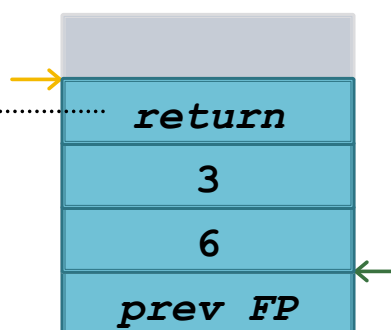
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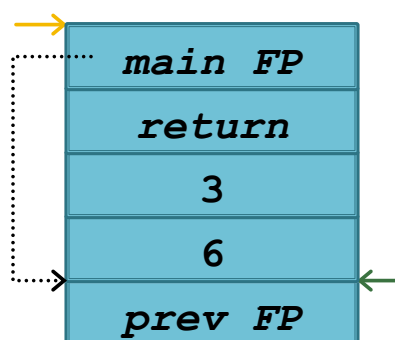
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foo:

```

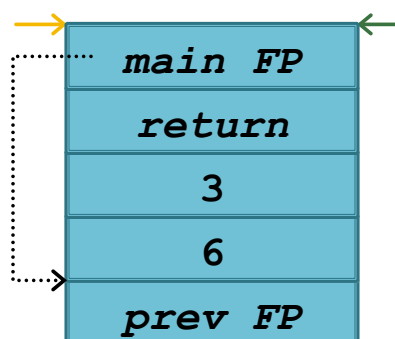
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leave
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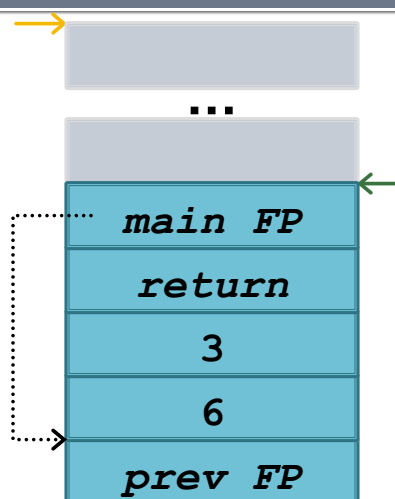
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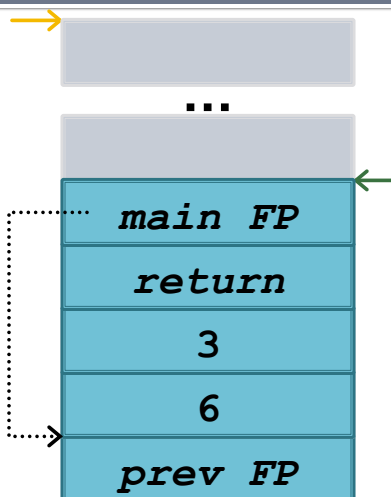
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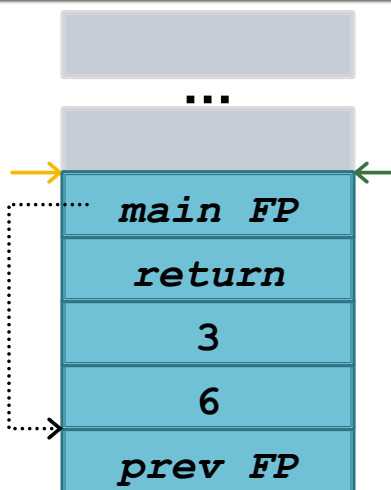
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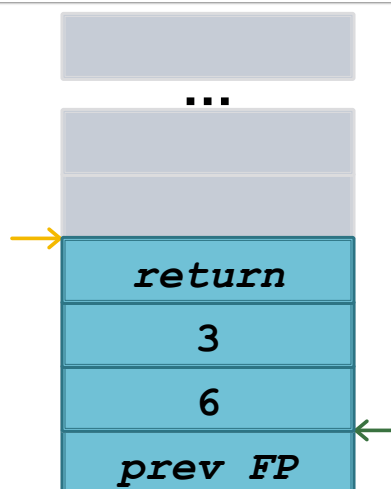
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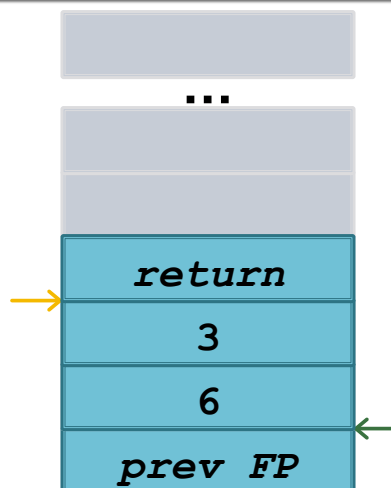
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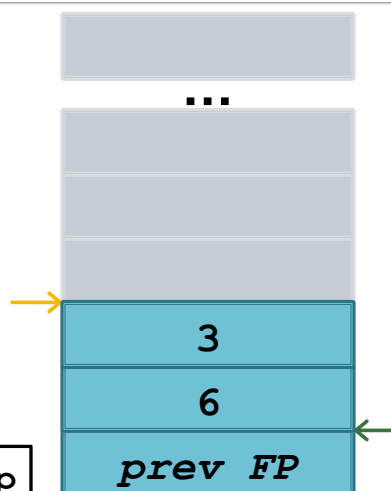
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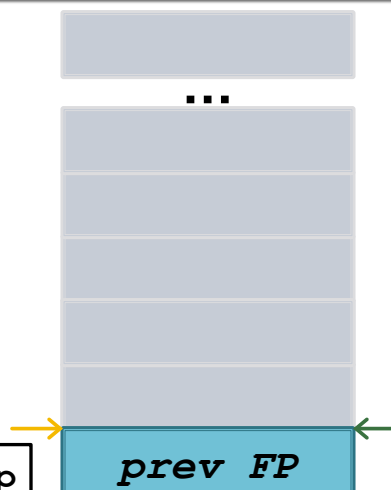
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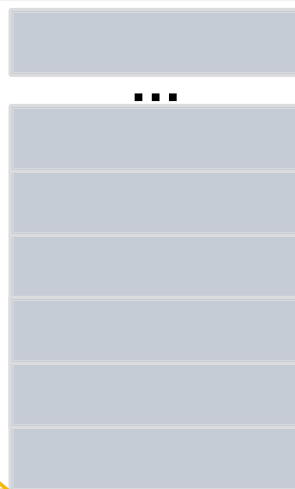
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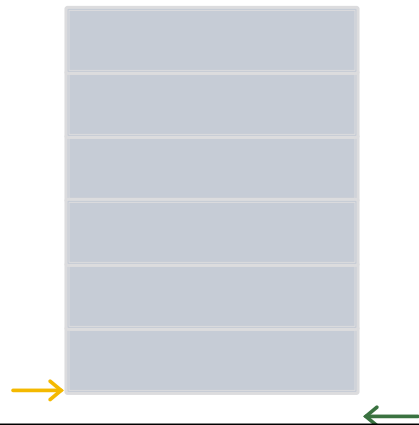
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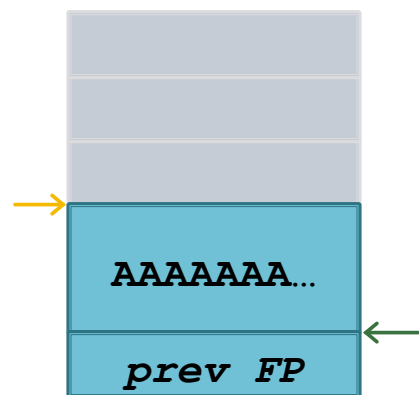
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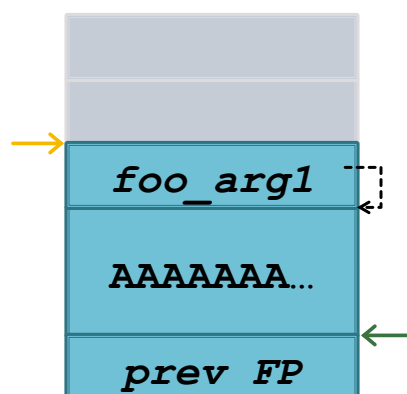
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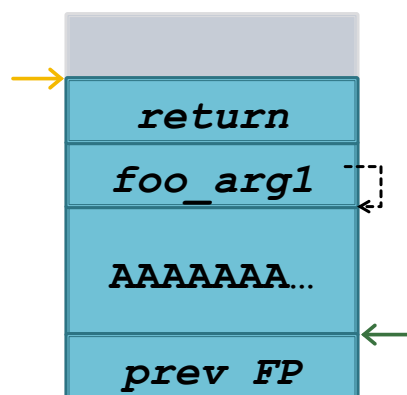
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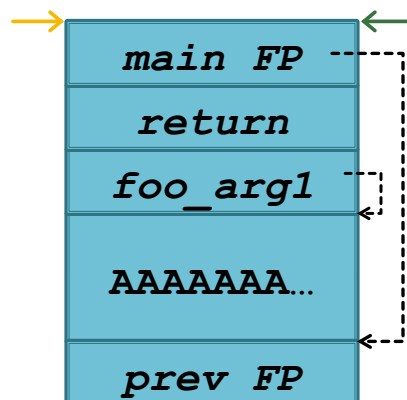
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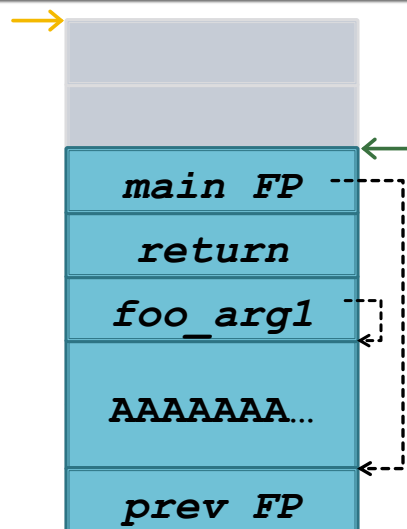
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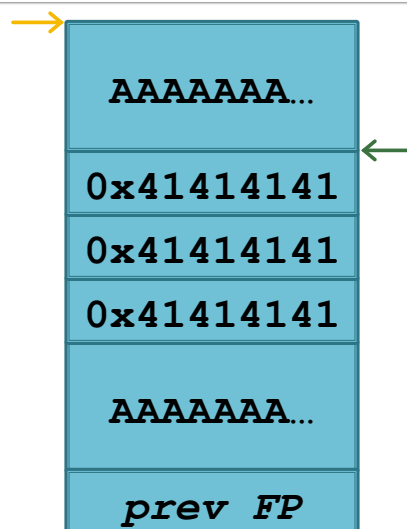
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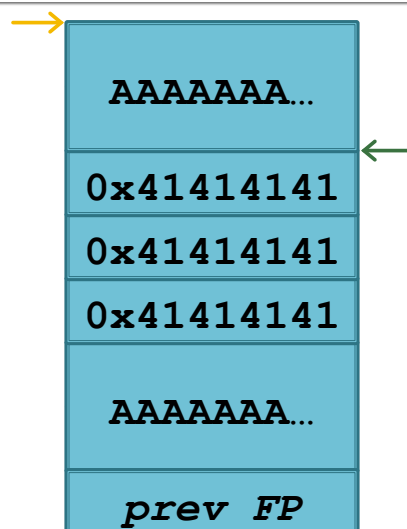


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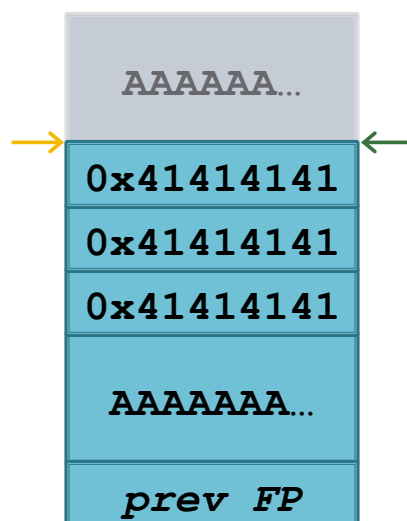


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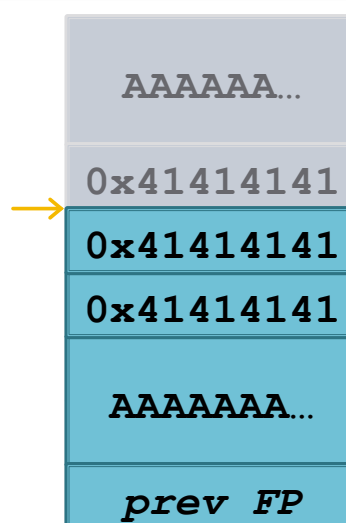


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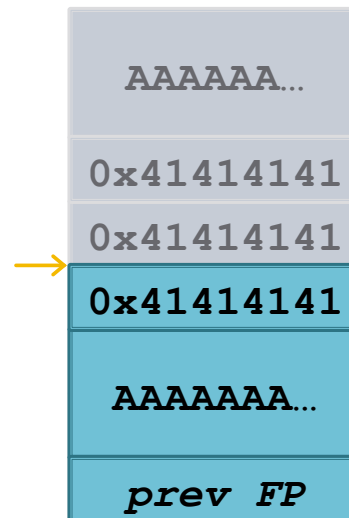
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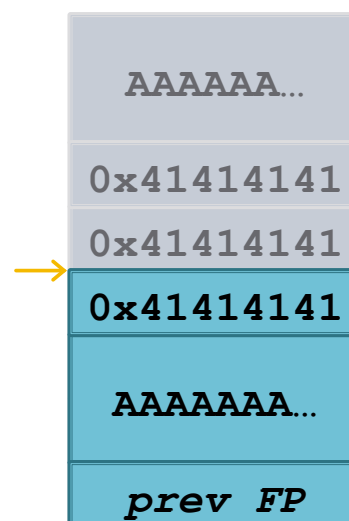


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%eip = 0x41414141

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Buffer overflow FTW

- Success! Program crashed!
- Can we do better?
 - Yes
 - How?

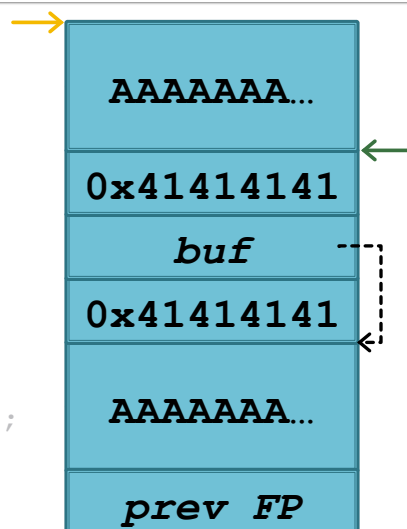
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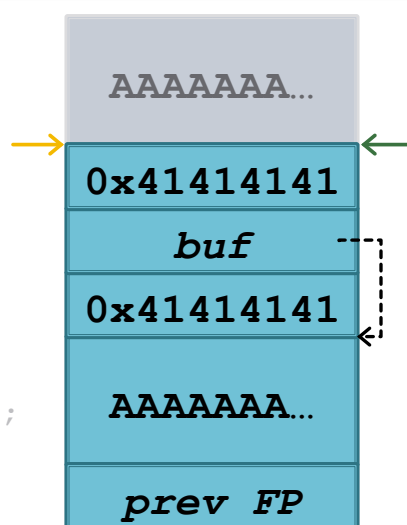


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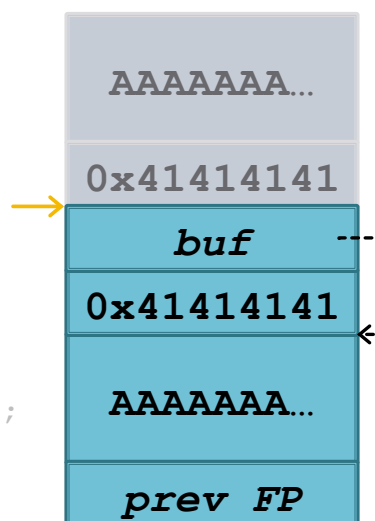


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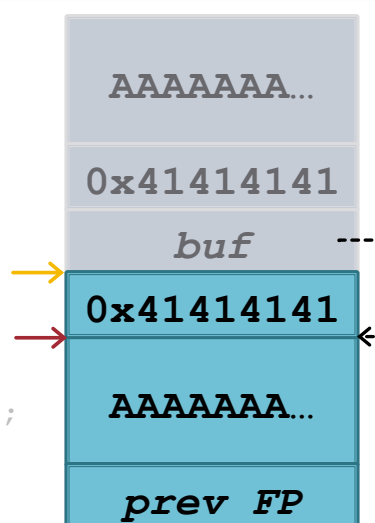


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(slightly) more realistic vulnerability

```
void main()
{
    char buffer[100];
    printf("Enter name: ");
    gets(buffer);
    printf("Hello, %s!\n", buffer);
}
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```
void main()
{
    char buffer[100];
    printf("Enter name: ");
    gets(buffer);
    printf("Hello, %s!\n", buffer);
}

python -c "print '\x90'*110 + \
'\xeb\xfe' + '\x00\x00\xff\xff'" | \
./a.out
```

Simple attack payload

0xffffd000

return addr →

nop
nop
nop
nop
...
jmp -2
0xffffd000

