CSC 374/407: Computer Systems II

Lecture 6
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Reading

- Bryant & O'Hallaron "Computer Systems, 2nd Ed."
 - Chapter 9.1-9.8: Virtual Memory
 - Chapter 9.9: Dynamic Memory Allocation
- Hoover "System Programming"
 - Chap 4: Pointers and Structures
 - Especially: 4.2.3: Dynamic Memory Allocation

Topics

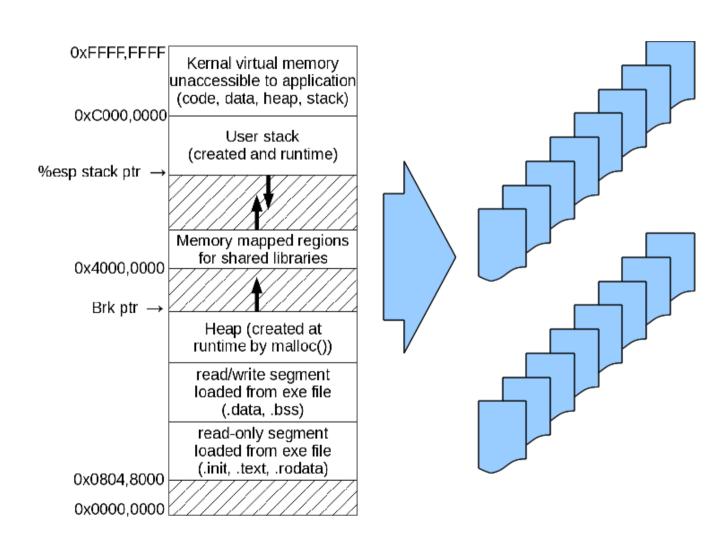
- Linux virtual memory and paging
- The heap
 - Heap Motivation
 - Heap Programming at C level (glibc)
 - malloc(), free(), calloc() and realloc()
 - How not to abuse the heap
 - Heap Programming at OS level (Linux)
 - getrlimit(), setrlimit(), brk(), sbrk()
- C-Strings
 - Buffer overflow attacks
 - Preventing buffer overflow attacks

Virtual Memory and Paging

- Advantages of virtual memory
 - Access to more memory than just Dynamic RAM ("DRAM")
 - 2. Easier memory management, let's processes share pages
 - 3. Increased protection for a process' memory: either a process has access to a page or it does not.

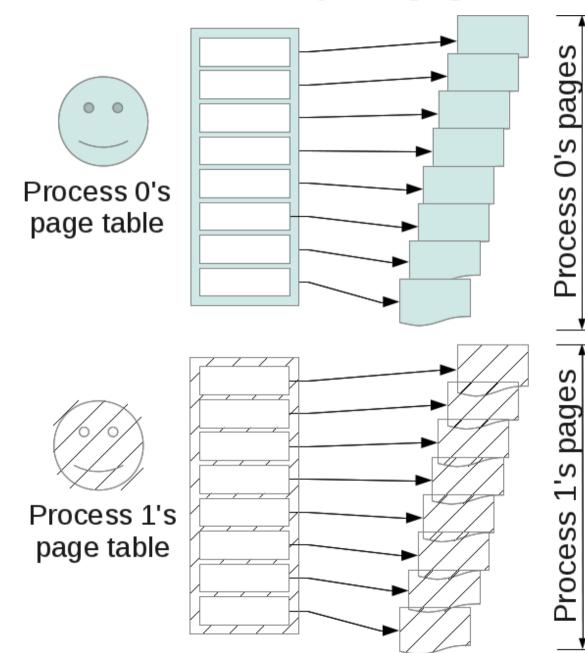
What is virtual memory? (1)

- Each process' memory divided into pages.
- Pages 4 kb each.



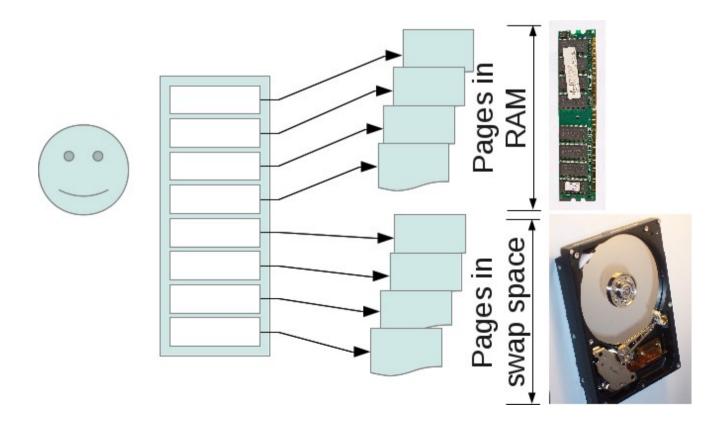
What is virtual memory? (2)

Each process'
 page table tells
 which pages it
 owns.



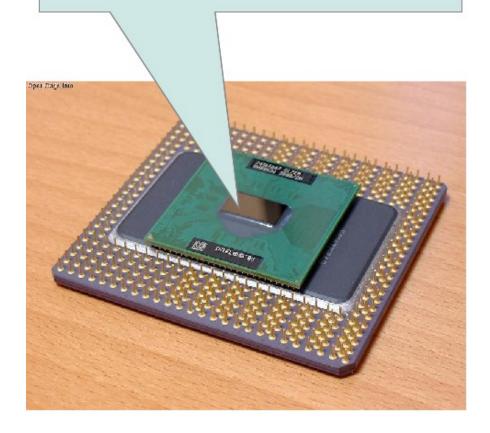
What is virtual memory? (3)

- Not everyone's pages fit in memory at same time.
- Processes own virtual pages, implemented either:
 - as physical pages (in RAM: FAST!)
 - as swap space (on the harddrive: SLOW!)



The CPU thinks in terms of virtual addresses

Give me the memory at address 0x1234,5678 please



- Your program knows *virtual addresses* in *virtual memory*
- They have to be translated into addresses in physical memory

Translating Virtual to Physical Addresses (32 bits) (1)

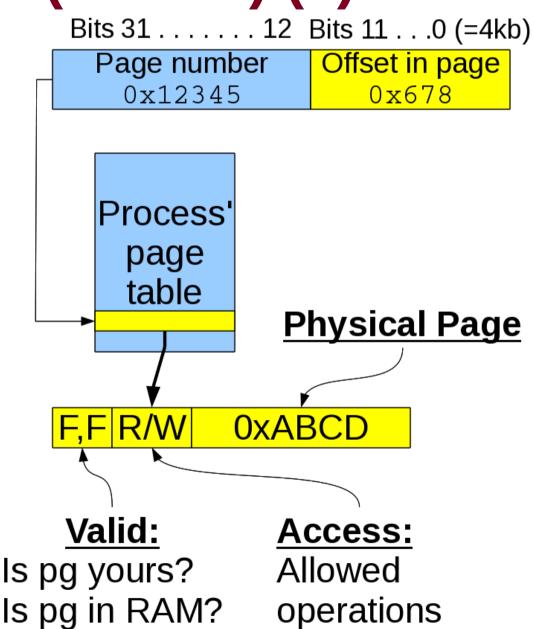
Each process has a page table.

High bits 12..31 tell the *virtual page num*.

Low bits 0..11 tell the *offset within page*.

Page table tells page's

- Validity
- Allowed access
- Physical page (or location on disk)

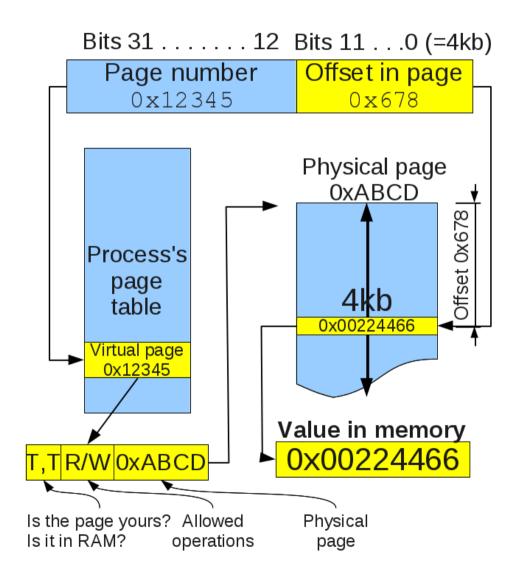


Virtual Memory Operation 1

Case 1: If:

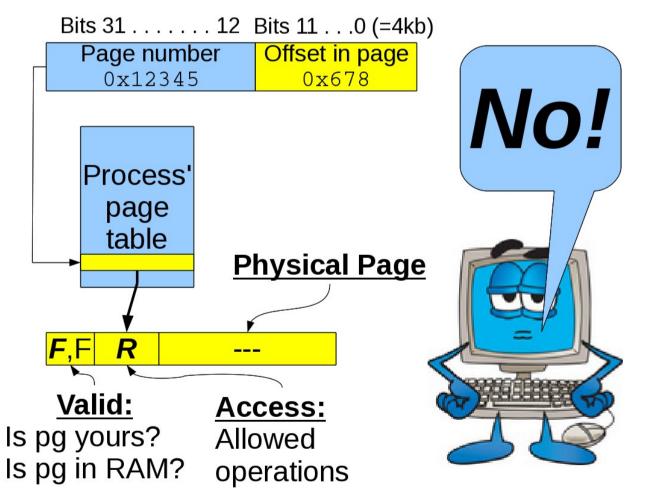
- Page belongs to process, AND
 - Page is in memory

then go to mem[physicalPage + offset]



Virtual Memory Operation 2

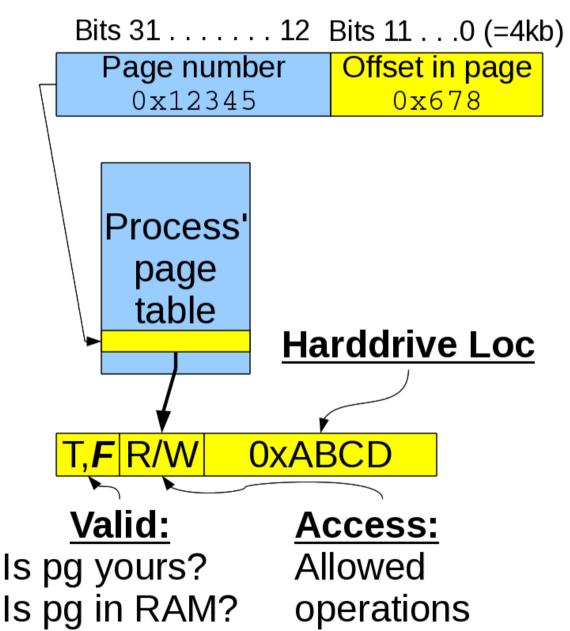
Case 2: You don't own the page, or try to write to read-only page



Virtual Memory Operation 3

Case 3: Page is yours but not in RAM.

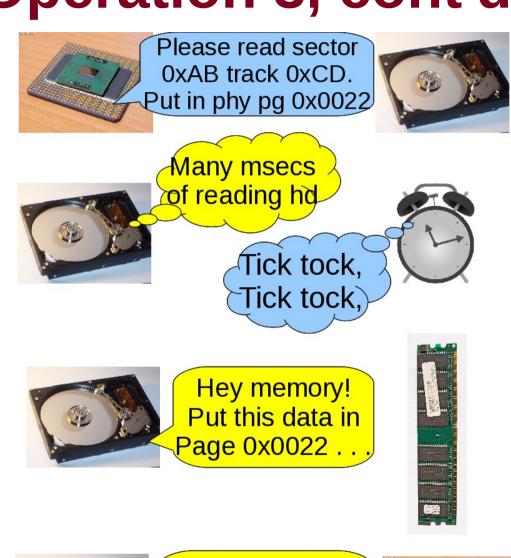
Have to load from hard drive.



Virtual Memory Operation 3, cont'd

Case 3: Page is yours but not in RAM.

Harddrive (and network card, and flash drive, and DVD, etc.) writes data directly to RAM. Interrupts CPU when done.



Sending you an

Interrupt Ms. CPU

The data is in mem!

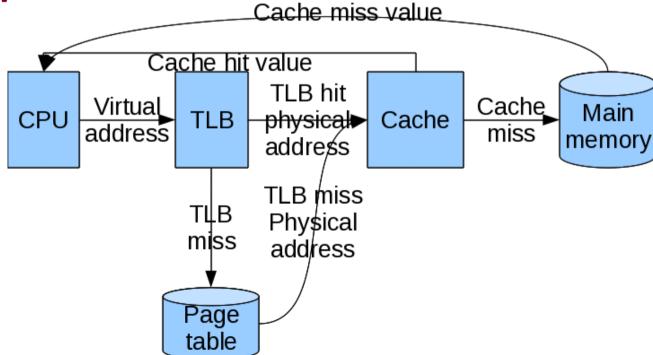
Virtual Memory Operation 1 (more detail)

Case 1: Page is yours and is in RAM. Go to cache (or RAM) and get it!

Problem: Page table could be huge!

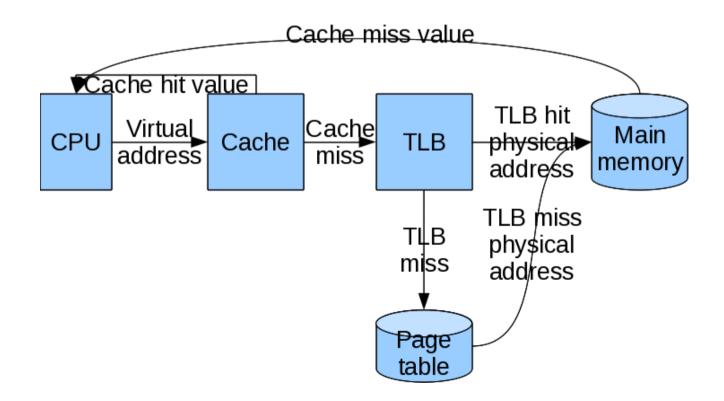
Solution: TLB (Translation Lookaside Buffer) is

a hardware cache of name table



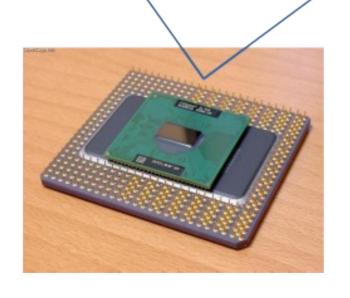
Your turn!

You could put the *cache* before the *TLB*. Caching *virtual addresses* would be *faster* for CPU. *Why is caching physical addresses still preferred?* Hint: There's more than 1 process.



A single call to the TLB is okay for 32-bit, but what about 64-bit?

Ms. CPU "Please get me what's at 0x1234,5678,1234,5678"





Then make multiple calls to TLB!

First iteration





Third iteration



Advantage #1 of Paging Sys

Ability to use harddrive as memory, not just file storage.

Question: Nothing is free! What did we sacrifice?

I can use my cheap 512 Gbyte harddrive as extra memory for my expensive 4 Gbyte RAM





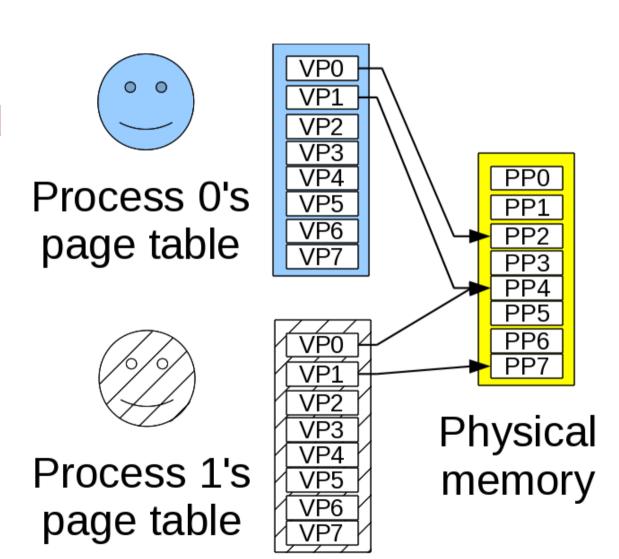


512 Gbyte, cheap!

Advantage #2 of Paging Sys

Ability of processes to share pages, and flexibility for OS about where virtual pages are in phys mem.

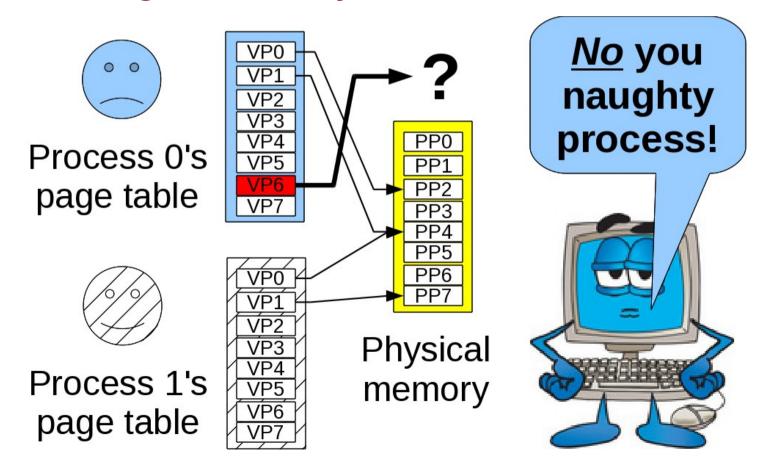
Question: Which segment pages can be safely shared?



Advantage #3 of Paging Sys

Ability to protect processes from each other.

Question: What must the OS do when process makes illegal memory access?



Effective main memory use

Stay on the same page!

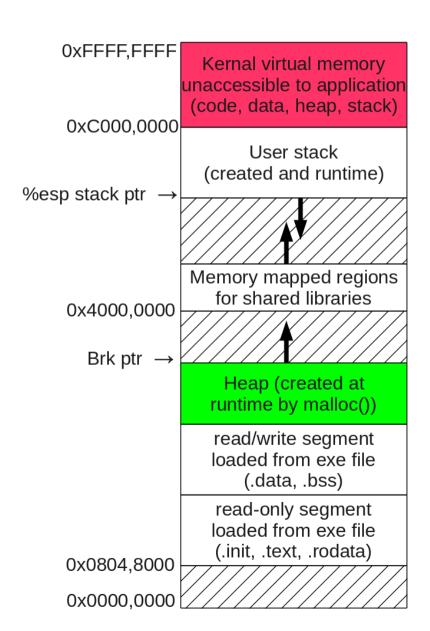
Your turn!

Which has better spatial locality?

```
// Option 1:
int sum=0;
for (int i=0; i<NUM ROW; i++)</pre>
  for (int j=0; j<NUM COLS; j++)</pre>
    sum+=array[i][j];
// Option 2:
int sum=0;
for (int j=0; j<NUM COLS; j++)
  for (int i=0; i<NUM ROW; i++)</pre>
    sum+=array[i][j];
```

Today's topic (in space)

Runtime heap



We all know that local vars live on the stack

```
int bar (int a, int b)
   int c = a + b;
                                     foo()'s
   return(c);
                                    activation
                                     record
                                              b = 2
                                                        bar's parameters
                                     bar()'s
                                              a = 1
                                    activation foo's eip
                                                        Registers bar()
int foo ()
                                     record
                                                        saves for foo()
                                            foo's ebp
                                                        bar's local vars
   int x = bar(1,2);
```

And we all know that the stack gets overwritten by subsequent function calls

```
int bar (int a, int b)
   int c = a + b;
   return(c);
                                     foo()'s
                                    activation
                                     record
                                                        bar's parameters
                                             a = \frac{1}{4} 3
                                     bar()'s
int foo ()
                                    activation foo's eip
                                                        Registers bar()
                                     record
                                                        saves for foo()
                                            foo's ebp
                                                        bar's local vars
   int x = bar(1,2);
      = bar(3,4);
```

Question?

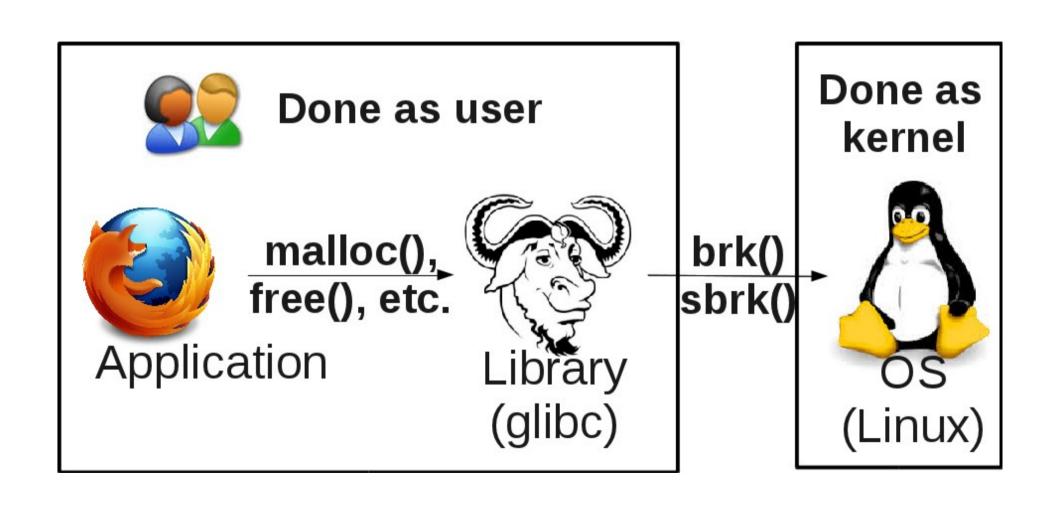
But what if you want your object to persist?

Answer!

```
Put it on the heap!
```

```
MyClass* bar()
  return new MyClass(1,2);
void foo()
  MyClass ptr;
  ptr = bar();
  delete(ptr);
```

Two "folks" we have to ask for heap memory:



First: Ordinary C heap programming (glibc)



Heap Programming

- void* malloc(size_t numBytes)
 - Allocate *numBytes* bytes from heap and return pointer (allocates in *page table*, not necessarily *main memory!*)
 - Returns NULL if error like not enough space.
 - Returned pointer should be cast to a more specific type before using:

```
int* intPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
char* charPtr = (char*)malloc(strlen(sourcePtr)+1);
```

- void free (void* ptr)
 - Return memory back to system

malloc() and free() example

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = p, *iPtr = d\n,
        iPtr, *iPtr
  free(iPtr); // Very important!
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

realloc() and calloc()

- void* calloc(size_t nmemb, size_t size);
 - Allocates an array of *nmemb* members, each of size bytes.
 - Initializes memory to byte all 0's
 - (Some claim this wastes time.)
- void* realloc(void *ptr, size_t size);
 - "Re-allocates" by extending memory allocated at pointer, or by (1) getting size bytes, (2) copying from ptr into new memory, and (3) free()-ing old memory

realloc() and calloc() example

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#define NUM ELE 4
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
 int* iPtr2;
 int i;
 iPtr = (int*)calloc(NUM ELE, sizeof(int));
 iPtr2 = (int*)calloc(NUM ELE, sizeof(int));
 for (i = 0; i < NUM ELE; i++)
  { // Any other ways to access?
   iPtr[i] = i*10;
```

realloc() and calloc(), contd

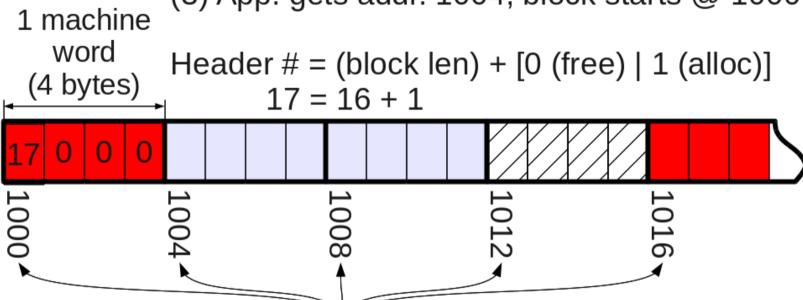
```
for (i = 0; i < NUM ELE; i++)
  printf("%3d is at %p\n",
          *(iPtr+i),(iPtr+i)
printf("Uh-oh, not enough space!\n");
iPtr=(int*)realloc(iPtr,4*NUM ELE*sizeof(int));
for (i = 0; i < 4*NUM ELE; i++)
  printf("%3d is at %p\n",
          *(iPtr+i),(iPtr+i)
 free(iPtr2); // Very important!
free(iPtr); // Very important!
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

realloc() and calloc(), contd

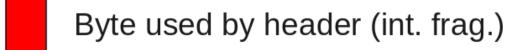
```
[instructor@localhost Lecture06]$ ./reallocAndCalloc1
  0 is at 0x84f2008
 10 is at 0x84f200c
 20 is at 0x84f2010
 30 is at 0x84f2014
Uh-oh, not enough space!
  0 is at 0x84f2038
 10 is at 0x84f203c
 20 is at 0x84f2040
 30 is at 0x84f2044
  0 is at 0x84f2048
  0 is at 0x84f204c
  0 is at 0x84f2050
  0 is at 0x84f2054
  0 is at 0x84f2058
  0 is at 0x84f205c
  0 is at 0x84f2060
  0 is at 0x84f2064
  0 is at 0x84f2068
  0 is at 0x84f206c
  0 is at 0x84f2070
  0 is at 0x84f2074
```

Datastructure for heap management

- (1) App. does malloc(6)
- (2) 6 rounded up to 8
- (3) App. gets addr. 1004, block starts @ 1000



Addresses (here in decimal)



Byte given to application



Byte used for padding (int. frag.)

Algorithm for heap management

- How do we keep track of malloc()s and free()s in heap?
- Desireable algorithms should:
 - 1) Be efficient (maximize space for app. data)
 - 1) Minimize internal fragmentation (space used in allocated block for bookkeeping and padding)
 - 2) Minimize external fragmentation (unused space between allocated blocks)
 - 2) Be fast!
 - 3) Be robust (detect app errors)
 - 4) Be sensitive to spatial locality (put similar sized items "close" to each other)
 - 5) Be thread safe

Your turn!

- Question 1:
 - Why do you think it changed addresses between the calloc() and the realloc()?
 - Can you test that hypothesis?
- Question 2:
 - Do you think the newly allocated space is guaranteed to by initialized to 0?
 - Can you test that hypothesis?

A Rogue's Gallery of the All-Time WORST memory offenses

Twirl your mustaches and enter at your own risk!



How NOT to use the heap: Memory leak

```
// Very subtly wrong. What are the symptoms?
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = %p, *iPtr = %d\n",
        iPtr,*iPtr
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

How NOT to use the heap: Double free

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = %p, *iPtr = %d\n",
        iPtr,*iPtr
  free(iPtr);
  free(iPtr);
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

How NOT to use the heap: Wild-write 1

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
 iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
 *(iPtr-1) = 14;
 printf("iPtr = p, *iPtr = dn",
        iPtr,*iPtr
 free(iPtr);
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

How NOT to use the heap: Freed memory access

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = %p, *iPtr = %d\n",
        iPtr,*iPtr
  free(iPtr);
  (*iPtr)++; // Not yet finished
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

How NOT to use the heap: Uninitialized mem access

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = %p, *iPtr = %d\n",
        iPtr,*iPtr
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

This is how glibc complains:

```
*** glibc detected *** wildwrite: munmap chunk():
invalid pointer: 0x08f71008 ***
====== Backtrace: =======
/lib/libc.so.6[0x49b8b9f2]
/lib/libc.so.6[0x49b8bc6b]
wildwrite[0x8048524]
/lib/libc.so.6( libc start main+0xf3)
[0x49b2c6b3]
wildwrite[0x8048441]
====== Memory map: ======
08048000-08049000 r-xp 00000000 fd:03 397997
     ./wildwrite
08049000-0804a000 rw-p 00000000 fd:03 397997
     ./wildwrite
08f71000-08f92000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
                                            [heap]
```

And this is how Linux complains:

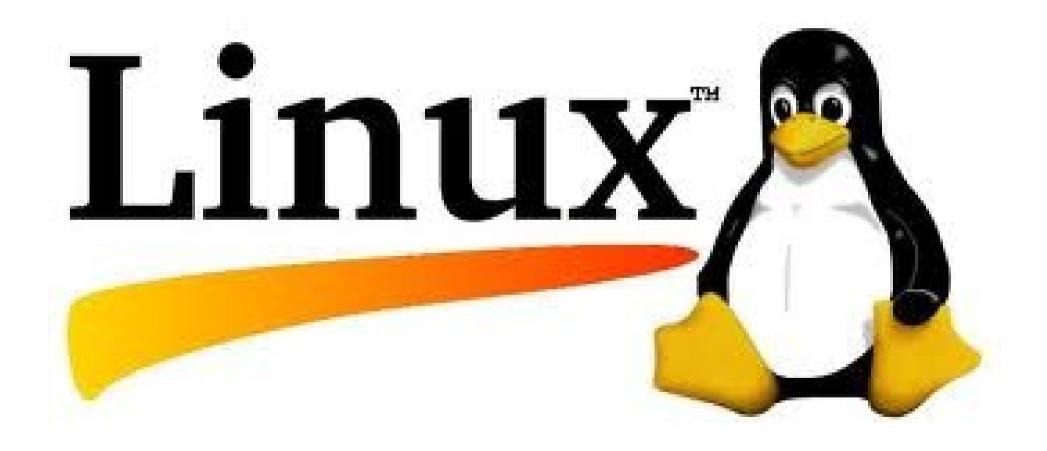
Segmentation fault (core dumped)

Your turn!

 Fix the following function that should copy a string into memory allocated from the heap:

```
char* naughtyCopy (const char* fromP)
 char* toP;
  for (; *fromP!= '\0'; fromP++, toP++)
    *toP = *fromP;
  free(fromP);
  return(toP);
```

Second: OS's heap interface



OS's heap tools

- A process can put limits on how big it's heap is allowed to grow
 - getrlimit(), setrlimit()
 - Soft-limit: limits how much heap (or stack, CPU, etc.)
 a process is allowed to use
 - Any process can set
 - YOUR TURN: Why would a process want to do this?
 - Hard-limit: limits the soft limit
 - Only privileged processes may set
- A process can get heap pages directly from OS:
 - brk(), sbrk()

OS's view of heap

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
                                                                    0xFFFF,FFFF
#include <sys/resource.h>
                                                                                   Kernal virtual memory
#include <errno.h>
                                                                                 unaccessible to application
int
     main ()
                                                                                  (code, data, heap, stack)
                                                                     0xC000.0000
 struct rlimit
                  resouceLimit:
                                                                                        User stack
 if (getrlimit(RLIMIT_DATA, &resouceLimit)) {
                                                                                   (created and runtime)
                                                                %esp stack ptr \rightarrow
  perror("getrlimit(RLIMIT_DATA) failed");
  return(EXIT FAILURE);
                                                                                  Memory mapped regions
 printf("Process' combined max Data,"
                                                                                     for shared libraries
                                                                     0x4000.0000
     " ROData and heap sizes:\n");
                                                                   Brk ptr \rightarrow
 printf("Soft:\t");
                                                             OS keeps soft
                                                                                      Heap (created at
 if (resouceLimit.rlim_cur == RLIM_INFINITY)
                                                                                    runtime by malloc())
  puts("(Unlimited)");
                                                             and hard limits
 else
                                                                                     read/write segment
                                                             on how big 3
  printf("%lu\n",resouceLimit.rlim cur);
                                                                                    loaded from exe file
                                                                                        (.data, .bss)
                                                             can grow
 printf("Hard:\t");
                                                                                     read-only segment
 if (resouceLimit.rlim max == RLIM INFINITY)
                                                                                    loaded from exe file
                                                                                     (.init, .text, .rodata)
  puts("(Unlimited)");
                                                                     0x0804.8000
 else
  printf("%lu\n",resouceLimit.rlim max);
                                                                     0x0000.0000
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

OS's view of heap, cont'd

- #include <unistd.h>
- int brk(void *endDataSeg);
 - sets end of data segment when
 - (1) value is reasonable,
 - (2) system has memory,
 - (3) process doesn't exceed max data size
- void *sbrk(intptr_t inc);
 - increments data space by *inc* bytes
 - Not a system call, it is just a C library wrapper.
 - sbrk(0) finds current ptr value.
- WARNING: YOU ARE malloc() and free()!
 - Manually do what GNU C Library (glibc) does for you

Check this out!

- A program that recursively
 - 1) Prints the current value of the brk pointer.
 - 2) Asks (in hexadecimal) how many bytes to allocate
 - 3) Allocates those bytes
 - 4) Prints the difference between the brk pointer and the end of the allocated block
 - 5) Recursively goes back to (1)
- Useful stuff:
 - strtol("FF", NULL, 16) returns integer 0xFF

moveBrkPtr3.c

```
#include <stdlib.h>
                                         if (size <= 0)
#include <stdio.h>
                                           return;
#include <unistd.h>
#include <errno.h>
                                                       = malloc(size);
                                         void* ptr
#include <string.h>
                                             (errno == ENOMEM)
#define TEXT LEN
                         10
                                           printf("Out of memory, Boss!\n");
void
        doIt
                ()
                                           return;
 char
       text[TEXT LEN];
                                         printf("You just got addresses:"
 printf("sbrk is now
                                                       %010p - %010p.\n",
                             %010p\n",
                                                ptr,ptr+(size-1)
         sbrk(0)
                                               );
                                       " printf("sbrk- blockEnd: %010p -"
 printf("How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL
                                                " %010p = %010p \n",
         "do you want (0-8000,0=quit)? "
                                                sbrk(0),
        );
                                                ptr+(size-1),
  fgets(text,TEXT LEN,stdin);
                                                sbrk(0)-(ptr+(size-1))
                = strtol(text, NULL, 16);
  int
        size
                                               );
```

moveBrkPtr3.c, cont'd

```
doIt();
  printf("Now freeing %p\n",ptr);
  free(ptr);
}

int    main  ()
{
  doIt();
  return(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

Using moveBrkPtr2.c

\$./moveBrkPtr2

```
sbrk is now
                                            0 \times 0.957 = 0.00
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x0957e008 - 0x09586007.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x09586007 = 0x00020ff9
                                           0x095a7000 \le 1^{st} malloc
sbrk is now
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x09586010 - 0x0958e00f.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x0958e00f = 0x00018ff1
sbrk is now
                                           0 \times 095 = 7000
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x0958e018 - 0x09596017.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x09596017 = 0x00010fe9
sbrk is now
                                           0 \times 095 = 7000
```

Using moveBrkPtr2.c

```
You just got addresses: 0x0958e018 - 0x09596017.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x09596017 = 0x00010fe9
sbrk is now
                                          0 \times 095a7000
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x09596020 - 0x0959e01f.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x0959e01f = 0x00008fe1
sbrk is now
                                          0x095a7000
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x0959e028 - 0x095a6027.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x095a6027 = 0x000000fd9 <= too small
                                          0 \times 095 = 7000
sbrk is now
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x095a6030 - 0x095ae02f.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095cf000 - 0x095ae02f = 0x00020fd1
sbrk is now
                                          0x095cf000 <=sbrk changed
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 0
```

Buffer overflow attacks

Buffer overflow:

- Very common type of attack
- Exploits weakness in design of C with respect to:
 - implementation of arrays
 - Function calls
 - How values are saved in system stack
- So we'll have to review a wee bit of how function calls work

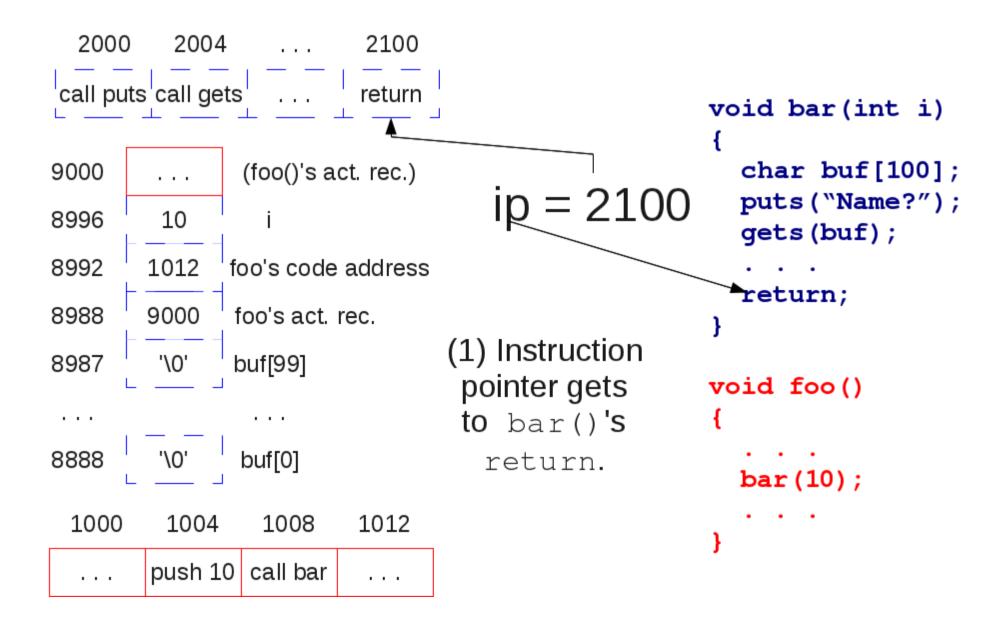
Buffer overflow attack (1)

```
void bar(int i)
                    Each function is in its own strip of
  char buf[100]; mem. Instruction pointer (ip) points
  puts ("Name?"); to current instruction being done
  gets (buf);
                               2004
                       2000
                                              2100
  return;
                      call puts call gets
                           ip = 1004
void foo()
  bar (10);
                       1000
                              1004
                                      1008
                                             1012
                             push 10
                                     call bar
```

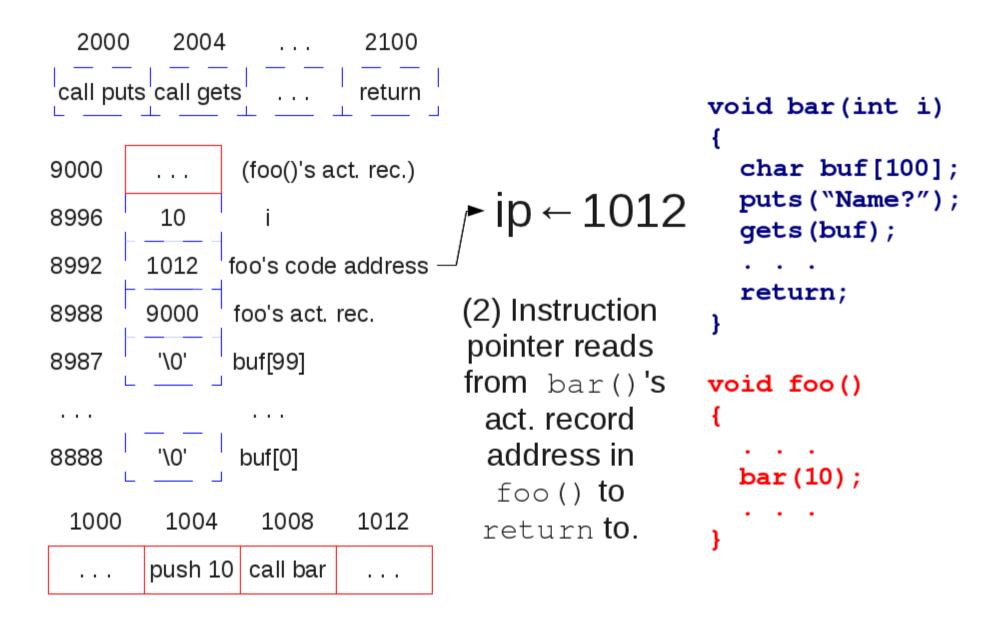
Buffer overflow attack (2)

```
Local vars for each fnc are in an
void bar(int i)
                     activation record on a sys stack,
                     along with address of where to
  char buf[100];
                     return in fnc that called you.
  puts("Name?");
  gets (buf);
                      9000
                                     (foo()'s act. rec.)
  return;
                               10
                      8996
                      8992
                                    foo's code address
                              1012
void foo()
                              9000
                      8988
                                     foo's act. rec.
                      8987
                                     buf[99]
  bar (10);
                      8888
                                     buf[0]
```

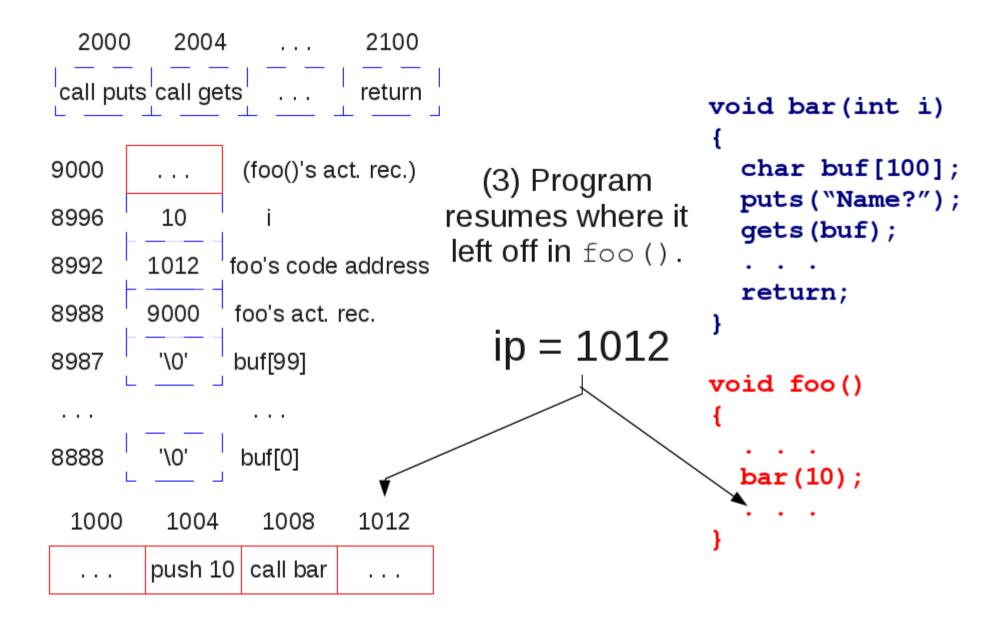
Buffer overflow attack (3)



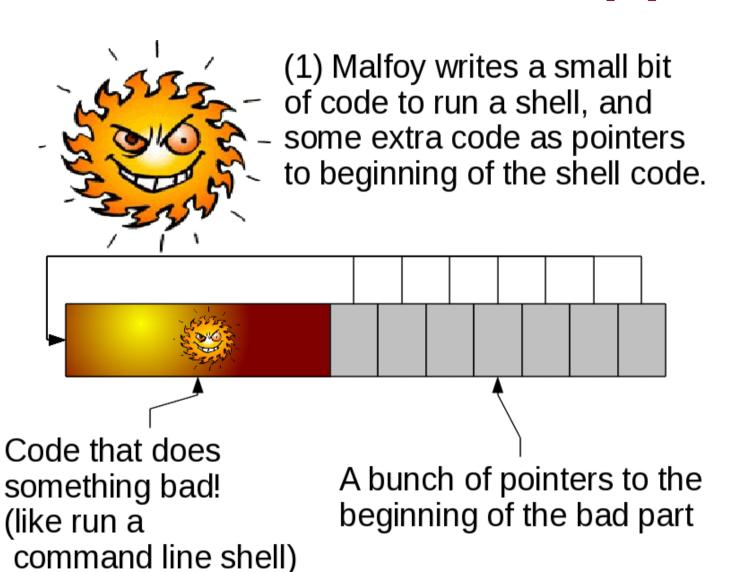
Buffer overflow attack (4)



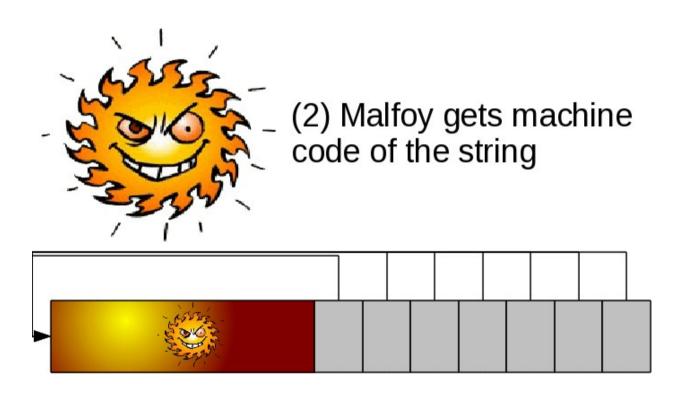
Buffer overflow attack (5)



Buffer overflow attack (6)

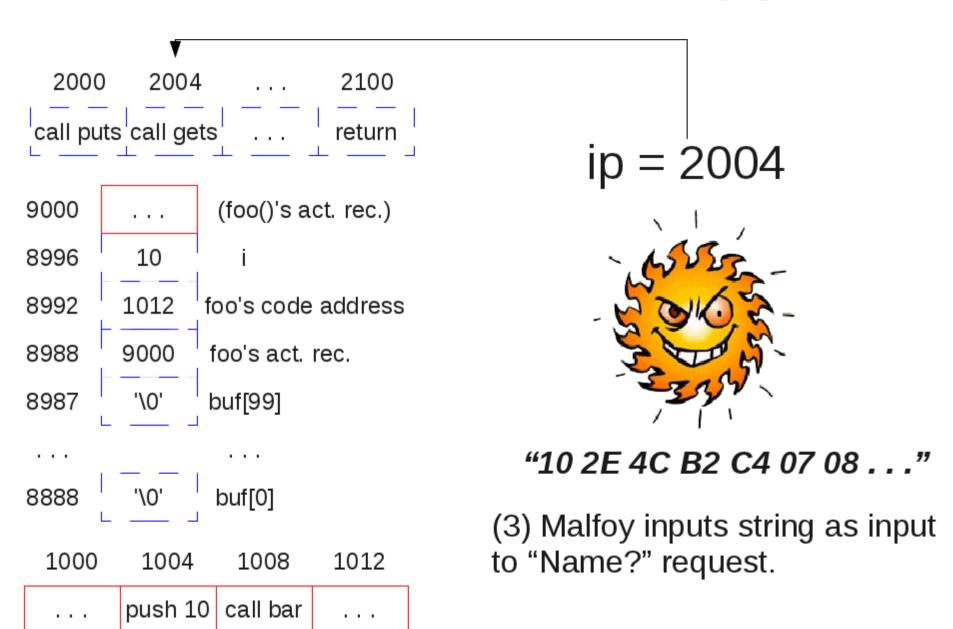


Buffer overflow attack (7)

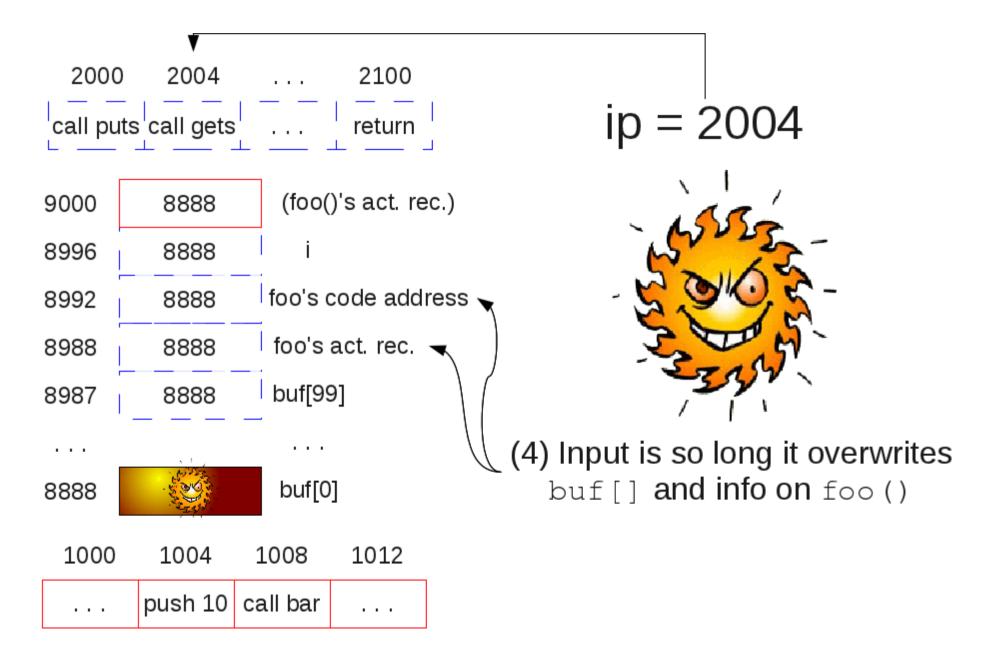


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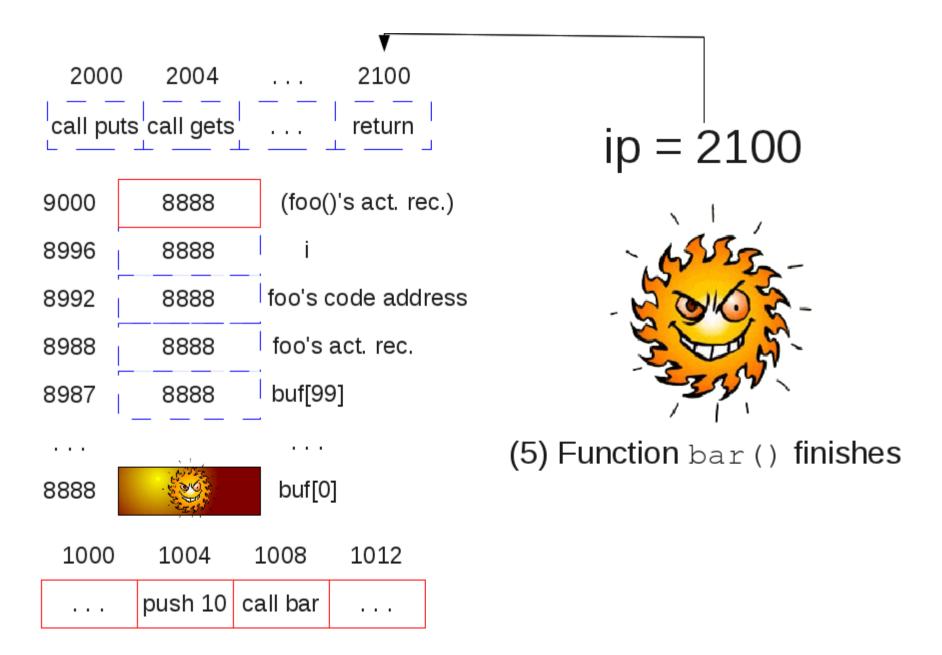
Buffer overflow attack (8)



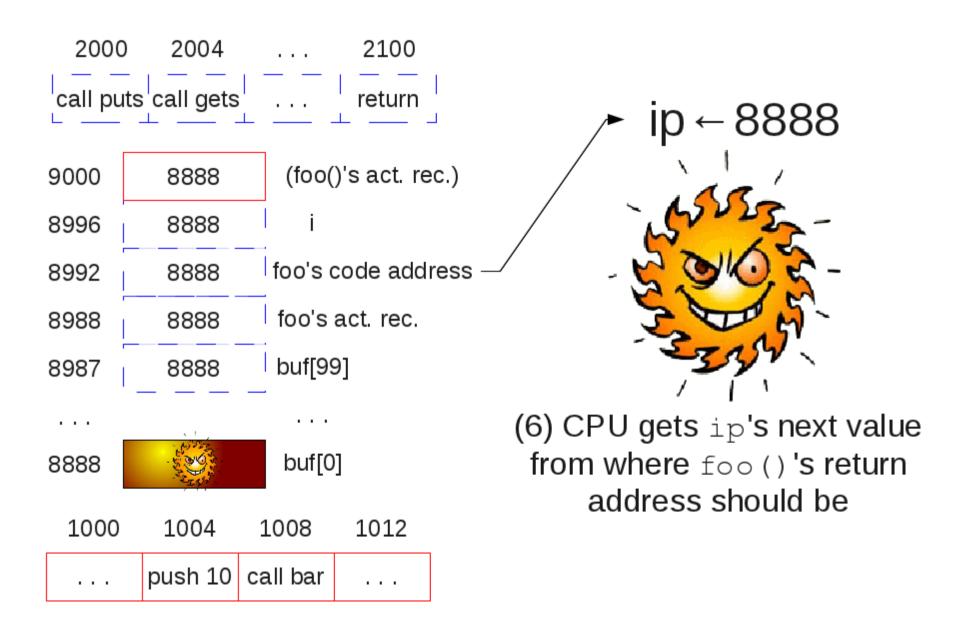
Buffer overflow attack (9)



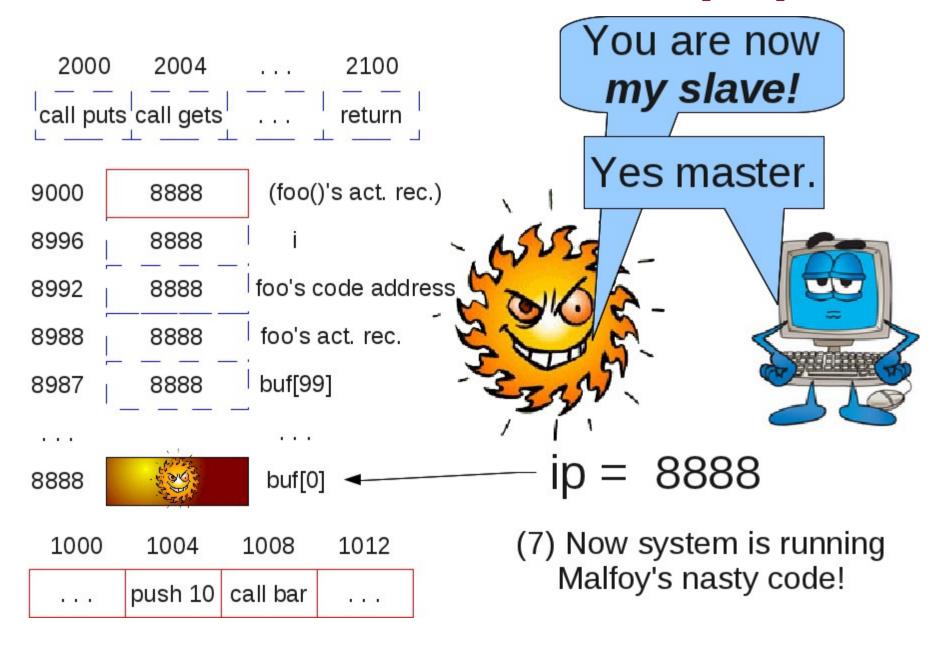
Buffer overflow attack (10)



Buffer overflow attack (11)



Buffer overflow attack (12)



Preventing Buffer Overflow

- Solution #1: Use C++ string objects.
 - const char* string::c_str();
 - Returns C-string representation of C++ string
- Solution #2: Use safe C-string fncs

```
Bad: gets(char* buf)
Good: fgets(char* buf, size_t size, FILE* filePtr)

Bad: sprintf(char* buf, ...)
Good: snprintf(char* buf, size_t size, ...)

Bad: strcpy(char* to, char* from)
Good: strncpy(char* to, char* from, size_t size)

Bad: strcat(char* to, char* from)
Good: strncat(char* to, char* from, size_t size)

Bad: strcat(char* to, char* from, size_t size)

Bad: strcmp(char* p0, char* p1)
Good: strncmp(char* p0, char* p1, size_t size)
```

Preventing Buffer Overflow, cont'd

- strncpy(char* to, const char* from, size_t size) will copy size bytes without copying '\0' if no '\0' is present in from.
- strncat(char* to, const char* from, size_t size) will copy up to size bytes from from and will <u>always</u> copy or add '\0'. Thus, it could write up to size+1 bytes.

Your turn! Fix this program!

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define STRING LEN 20 /*Assumed char array len */
#define NUMBER LEN 3
void enterName(char* nPtr)
{ printf("Your name: ");
  gets(nPtr);
void enterAge(int* agePtr)
{ char numberText[NUMBER LEN];
  printf("Your age: ");
  gets(numberText);
  *agePtr=strtol(numberText,0,0);
```

Your turn! Fix this (cont'd)

```
void enterFavoriteColor (const char*itemNamePtr,
                         char* entryPtr)
{ printf("Fav. color for %s.",itemNamePtr);
 gets(entryPtr);
void printInfo (char* nameP, int y,
               char* carCP,char* houseCP)
 char text[STRING LEN];
 sprintf(text,"%s who's %d yrs old",nameP,y);
 printf ("%s likes car color %s",text,carCP);
 if(strcmp(carCP, houseCP) == 0)
  puts("They like same color for houses");
 else
  printf("They like house color %s",houseCP);
```

Your turn! Fix this (cont'd)

```
int main ()
       name[STRING LEN];
  char
  int
      age;
  char carColor[STRING LEN];
  char houseColor[STRING LEN];
  enterName(name);
  enterAge(&age);
  enterFavoriteColor("car",carColor);
  enterFavoriteColor("house",houseColor);
 printInfo(name, age, carColor, houseColor);
  return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

Your turn again!

 Revise the naughtyCopy() to copy at most size_t n chars.

```
char* naughtyCopy(const char* fromP, size t
n)
  char* toP;
  for (; *fromP!= '\0'; fromP++, toP++)
    *toP = *fromP;
  free(fromP);
  return(toP);
```

Next time: Input/Output!