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brow1770@ecegrid-thin7 ~/404/hw10
$ ./client 127.0.0.1
Say something: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA\x18\x0e\x40\x00
You Said: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA@
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The string above is the string that caused the buffer to overflow. I obtained this string by first using the `disas secretFunction` command to obtain the address I needed to replace the return of `clientComm` with, with the last 4 bytes of that address shown above. Then, I set a breakpoint at the end of `clientComm` at the `leaveq` instruction in order to use a test case. Then, I connected to the server, sent in a test string, and let the program continue until the breakpoint, where I used the `info frame` command and found the difference in the `rip` – the start of my test string, which is how I figured out how many A's to put before the last 4 bytes of my return address, which was 40.

Code Modification -> Because `str` was declared at the top of the `clientComm` function with `MAX_DATA_SIZE` as its size, and before `numBytes` of `recvBuff` was known, there is a vulnerability because it will allow strings of any size to be `strcpy`d into `recvBuff`. In order to fix this, I commented out the original declaration of `str[MAX_DATA_SIZE]`, and declared it right above the `strcpy` function using `"char *str = malloc(sizeof(char) * (numBytes + 1));"`, which only allows strings of size `numBytes + 1` to be copied, thus fixing the problem.