

Assembly Lab, Part 2

RECAP

Stacks and Return Addresses

echo:

24 bytes (decimal)

```
000000000040069c <echo>:
40069c: 48 83 ec 18      sub    $0x18,%rsp
4006a0: 48 89 e7         mov    %rsp,%rdi
4006a3: e8 a5 ff ff ff   callq 40064d <gets>
4006a8: 48 89 e7         mov    %rsp,%rdi
4006ab: e8 50 fe ff ff   callq 400500 <puts@plt>
4006b0: 48 83 c4 18      add    $0x18,%rsp
4006b4: c3              retq
```

After echo() finishes execution, the return address 4006c3 is popped from the stack

call_echo:

return address

```
4006b5: 48 83 ec 08      sub    $0x8,%rsp
4006b9: b8 00 00 00 00   mov    $0x0,%eax
4006be: e8 d9 ff ff ff   callq 40069c <echo>
4006c3: 48 83 c4 08      add    $0x8,%rsp
4006c7: c3              retq
```

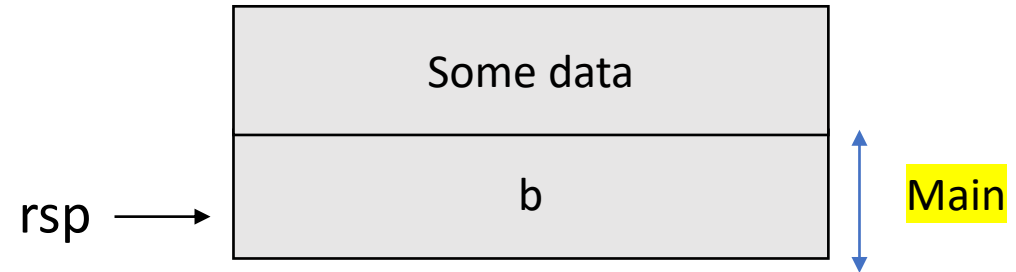
call to function echo() pushes the return address 4006c3 to the stack

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{ return x+y;
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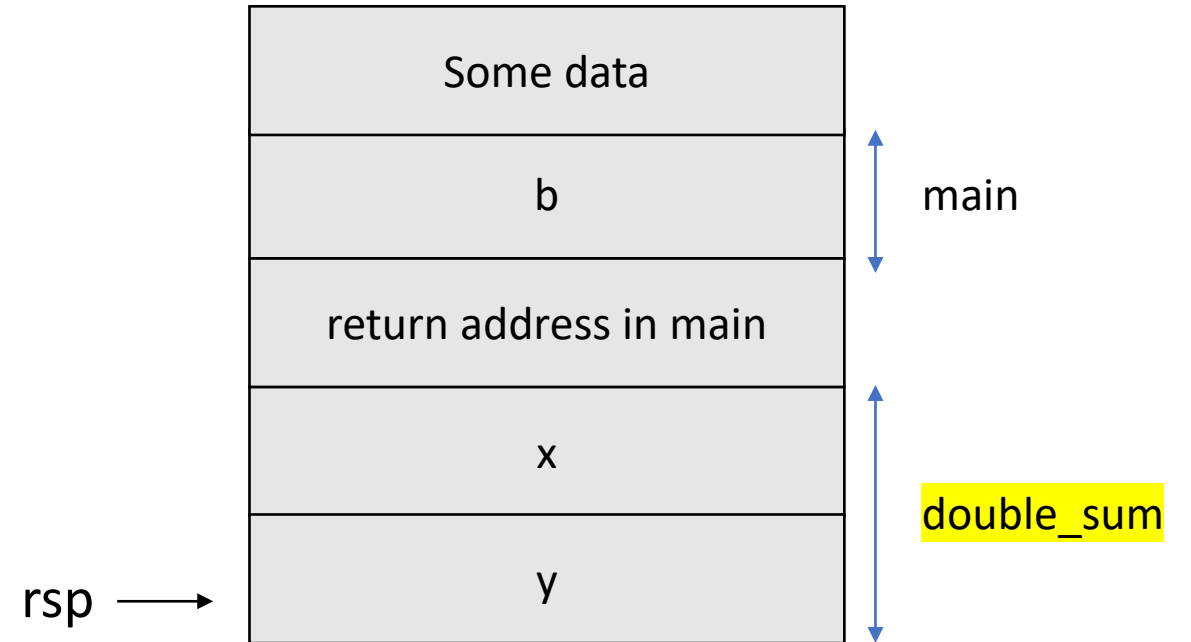

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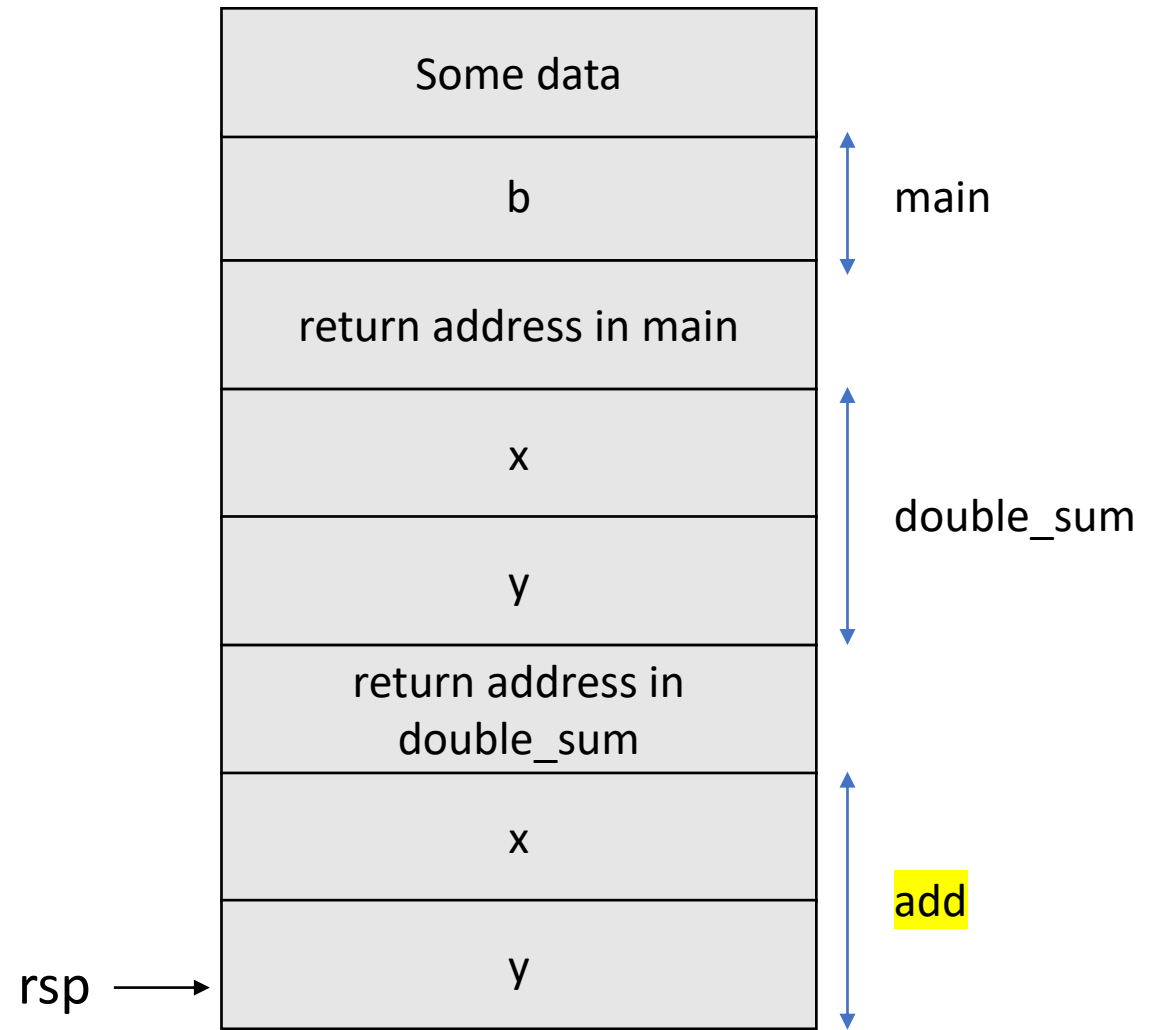

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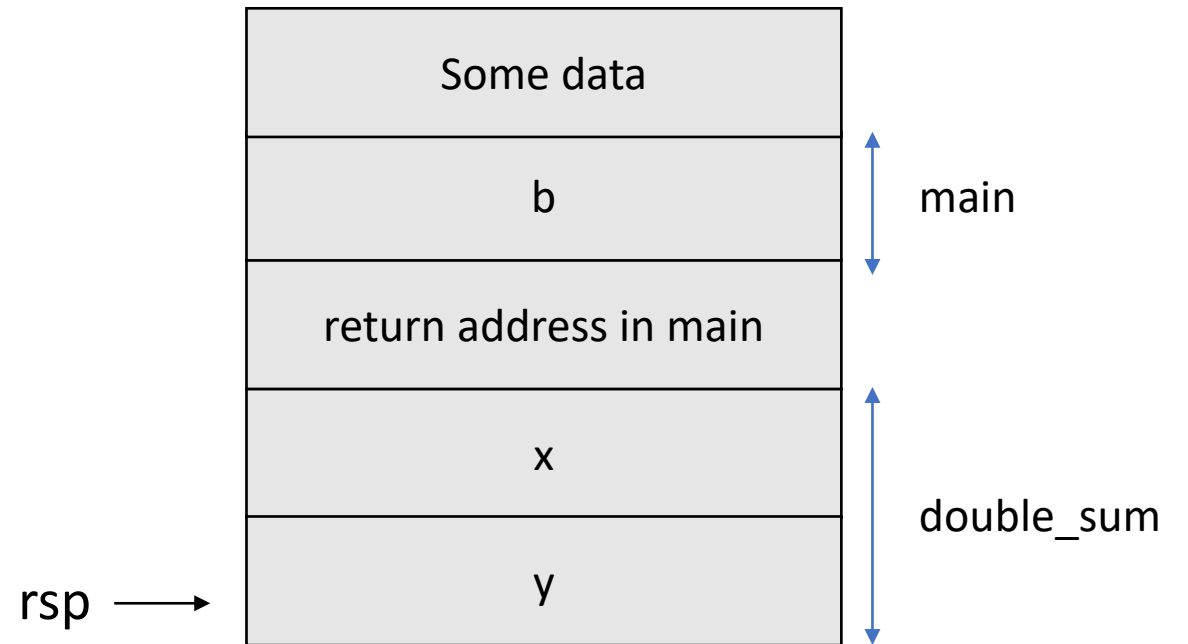

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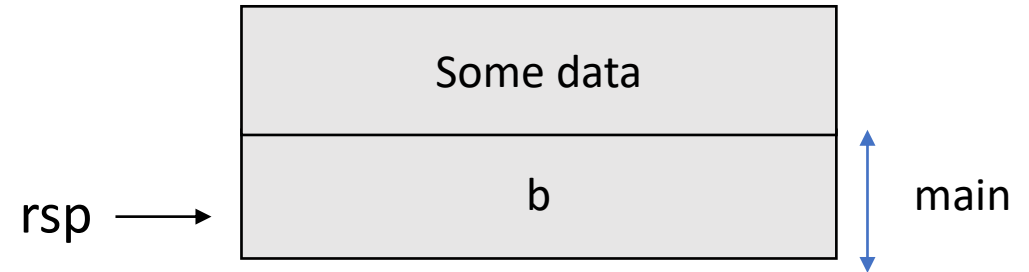
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Buffer Overflow

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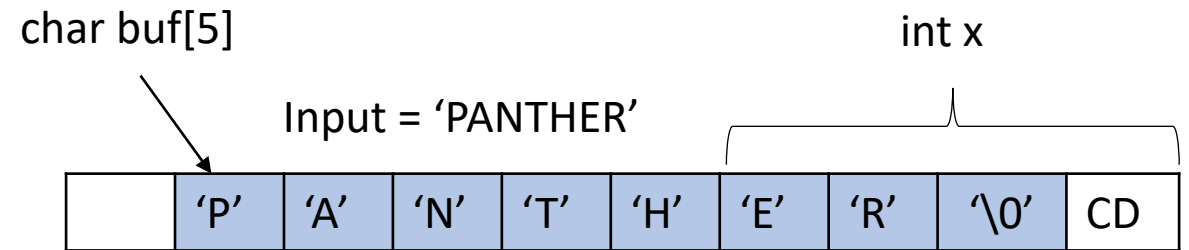
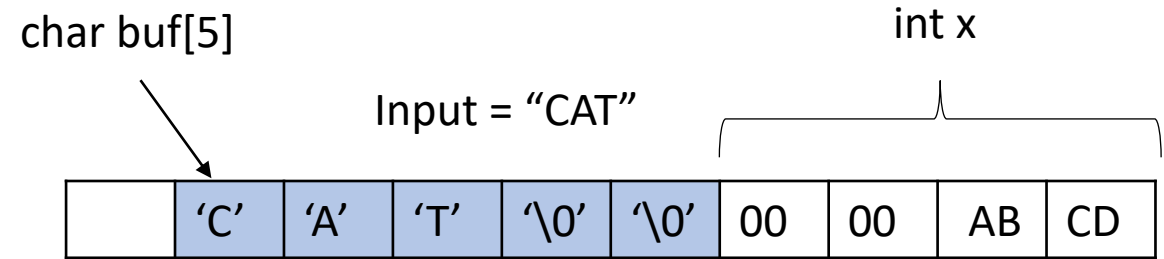
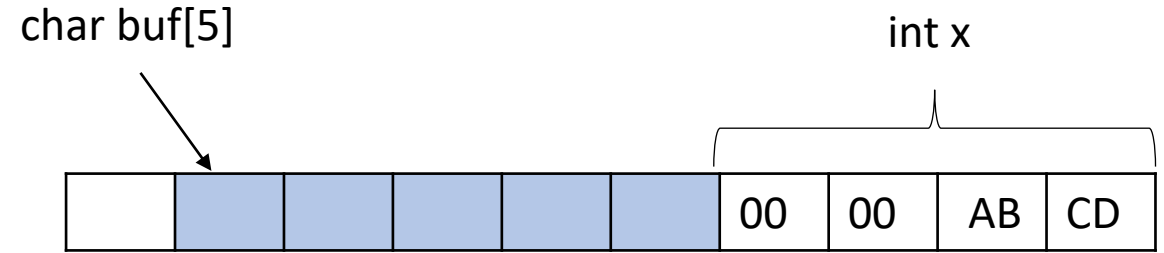
```
int getBuffer()  
{  
    char buf[SIZE];  
    int x = 16;  
    gets(buf);  
}
```

- Gets(buf) reads in user input till there is *'\n'* or *EOF*
- No constraint on the size of input
- Gets() returns the input to the given address even if size is longer than allocated space of memory

Problem with Gets(buf)

```
int getBuffer()  
{  
    char buf[SIZE];  
    int x = 43981;  
    gets(buf);  
}
```

What if it overwrites the
return address?



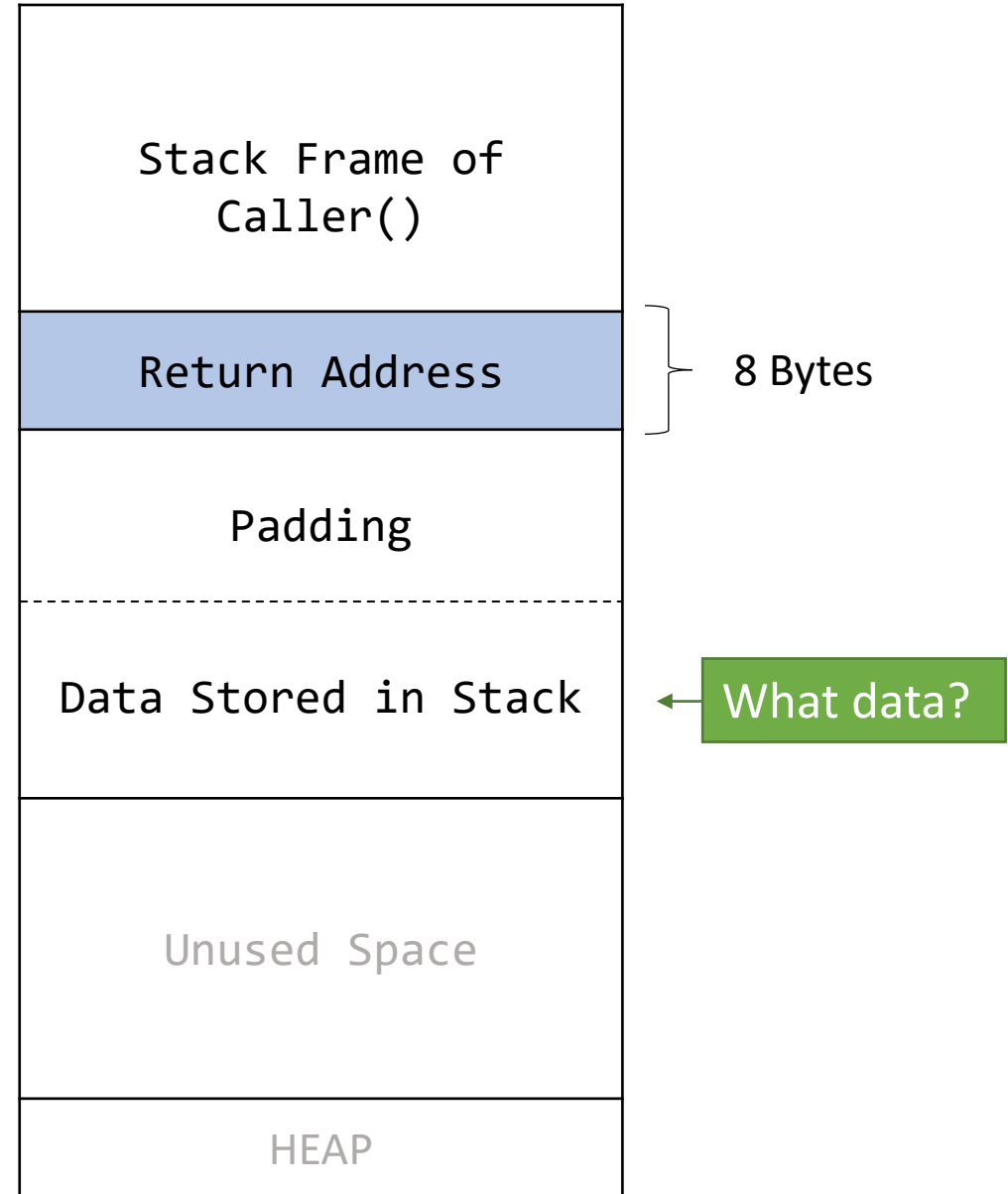
Stack

```
void Caller(){  
    ...  
    Callee();  
    ...  
}  
  
void Callee(){  
    ...  
    local variables  
}
```

Higher Memory Address

Stack
Frame of
Callee()

Lower Memory Address



Attack 1

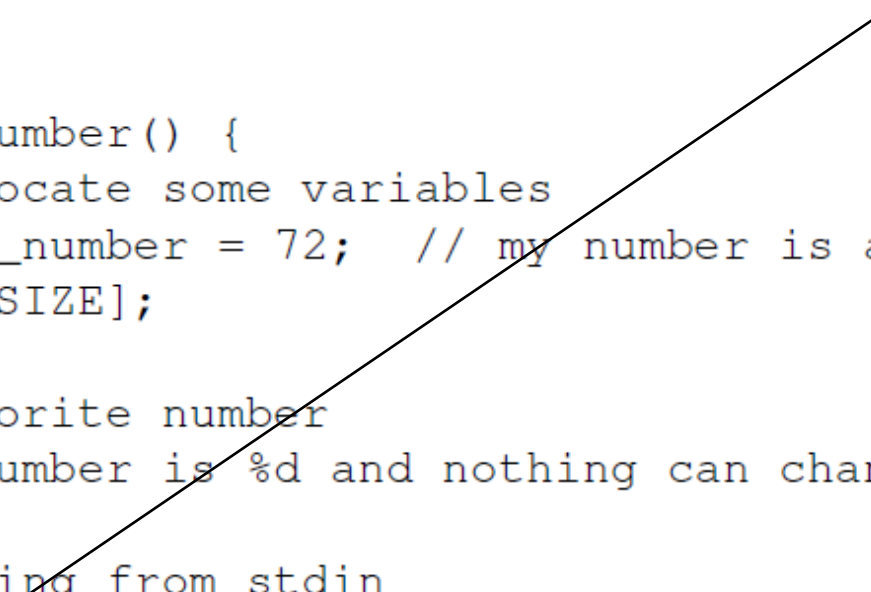
- Change the **value of a constant integer variable** in the stack by overflowing the buffer

User Input

USER INPUT:

exploit1.txt

```
void read_my_number() {  
    // stack allocate some variables  
    const int my_number = 72; // my number is a constant so it can't change  
    char buf[BUFSIZE];  
  
    // print favorite number  
    printf("My number is %d and nothing can change that\n", my_number);  
  
    // get a string from stdin  
    gets(buf);  
  
    // print favorite number again bc its a great number  
    printf("My number is %d and nothing can change that\n", my_number);  
}
```

A black arrow originates from the text 'exploit1.txt' in the 'USER INPUT' box and points to the 'gets(buf);' line in the code, which is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

How to prepare exploit1.txt?

1. Overflow *buf*

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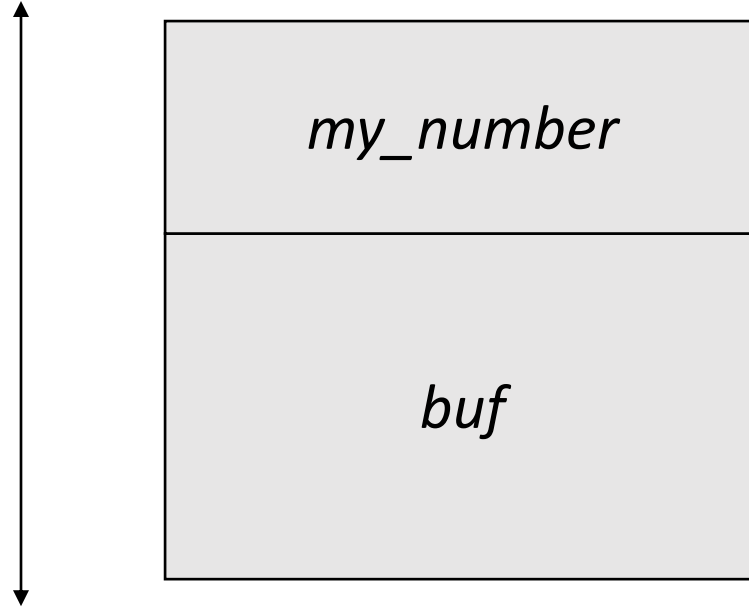

How to prepare exploit1.txt?

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    // stack allocate some variables  
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    char buf[BOFSIZE];  
  
    // print favorite number  
    printf("My number is %d and nothing can change that\n", my_number);  
  
    // get a string from stdin  
    gets(buf);  
  
    // print favorite number again bc its a great number  
    printf("My number is %d and nothing can change that\n", my_number);  
}
```

2. Overwrite *my_number*

Stack Content

What is the total size??



Let's check the
x86 code!!

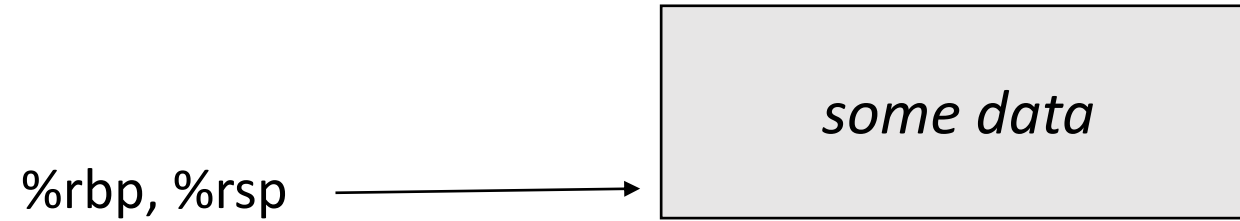
Code

Space allocated in the stack
= 0x30 Bytes

- Where is the my_number??
 - at address *$\%rbp - 4$*

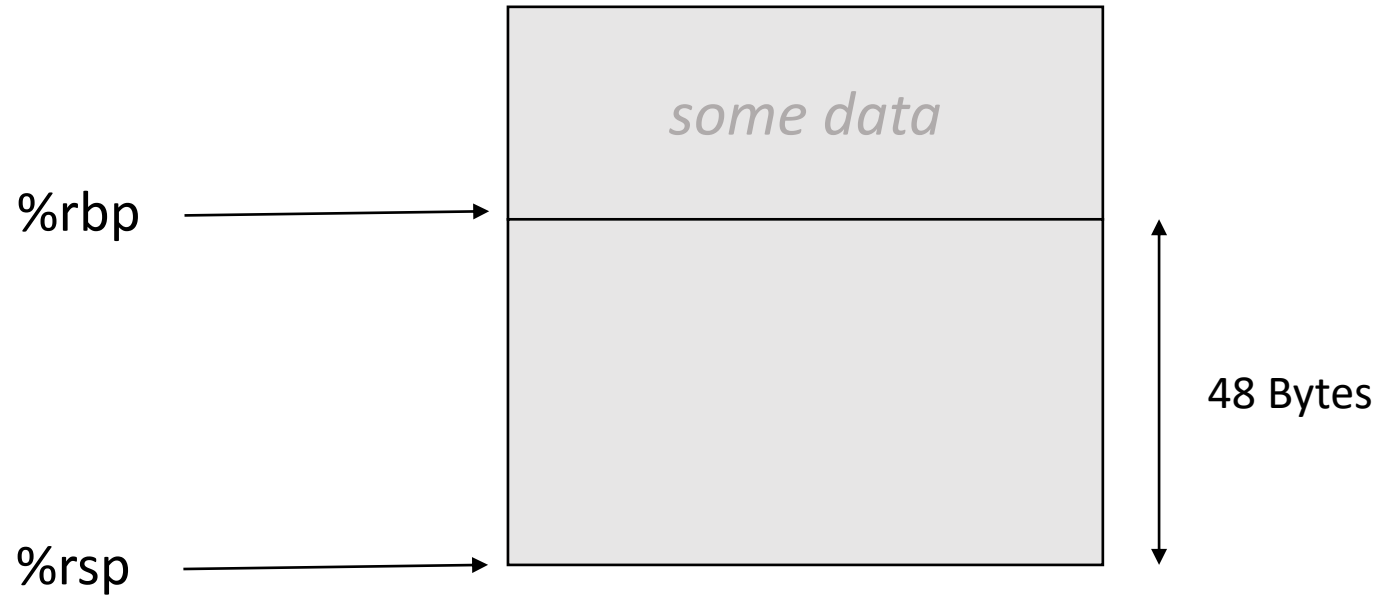
```
000000000040124c <read_my_number>:
40124c: f3 0f 1e fa          endbr64
401250: 55                   push    %rbp
401251: 48 89 e5             mov     %rsp,%rbp
401254: 48 83 ec 30          sub     $0x30,%rsp
401258: c7 45 fe 48 00 00 00 movl    $0x48,-0x4(%rbp)
40125f: 8b 45 fc             mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
401262: 89 c6               mov     %eax,%esi
401264: bf 88 20 40 00       mov     $0x402088,%edi
401269: b8 00 00 00 00       mov     $0x0,%eax
40126e: e8 4d fe ff ff       callq   4010c0 <printf@plt>
401273: 48 8d 45 d0          lea     -0x30(%rbp),%rax
401277: 48 89 c7             mov     %rax,%rdi
40127a: b8 00 00 00 00       mov     $0x0,%eax
40127f: e8 5c fe ff ff       callq   4010e0 <gets@plt>
401284: 8b 45 fc             mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
401287: 89 c6               mov     %eax,%esi
401289: bf 88 20 40 00       mov     $0x402088,%edi
40128e: b8 00 00 00 00       mov     $0x0,%eax
401293: e8 28 fe ff ff       callq   4010c0 <printf@plt>
401298: 90                   nop
401299: c9                   leaveq  %rax,%rbp
40129a: c3                   retq
```

Stack Content



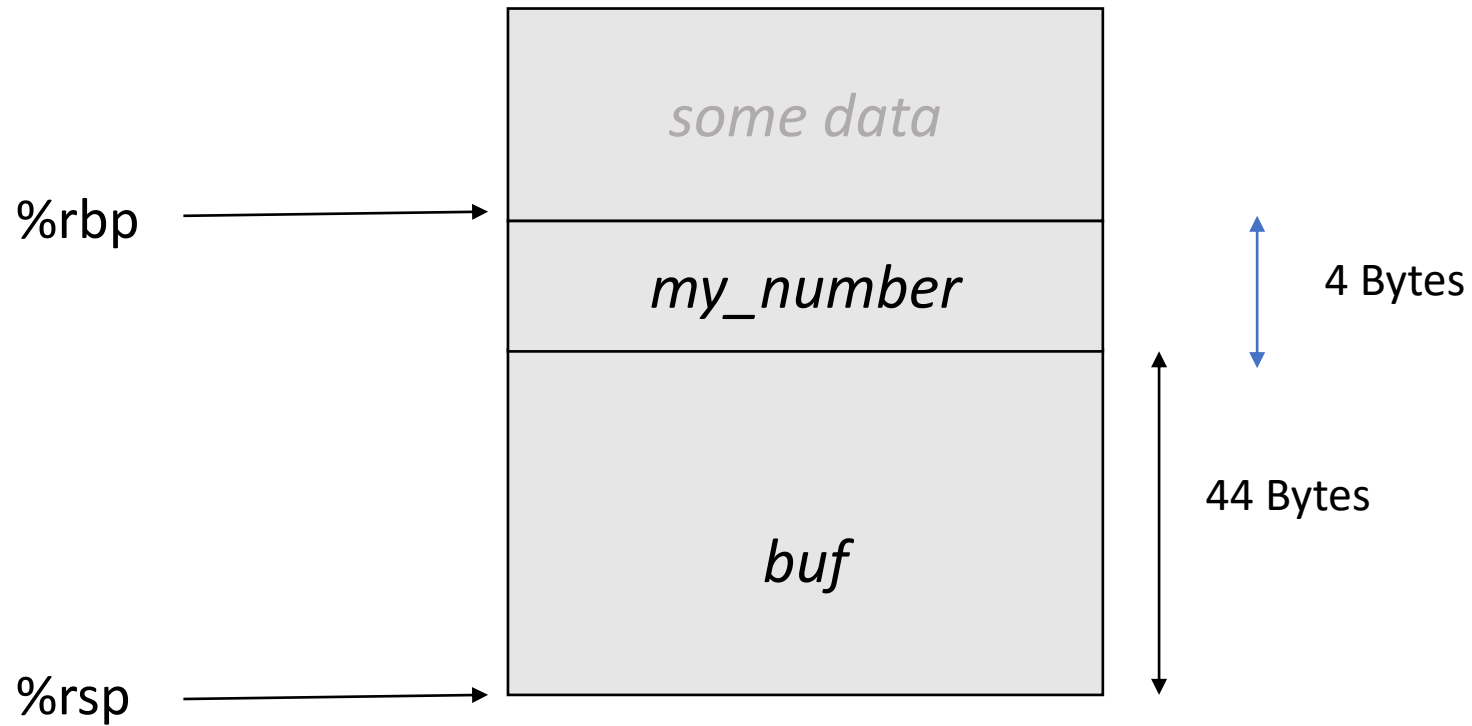
Stack Content

```
sub 0x30, %rsp
```



Stack Content

```
sub 0x30, %rsp  
movl $0x48, -0x4(%rbp)
```



How to prepare exploit string?

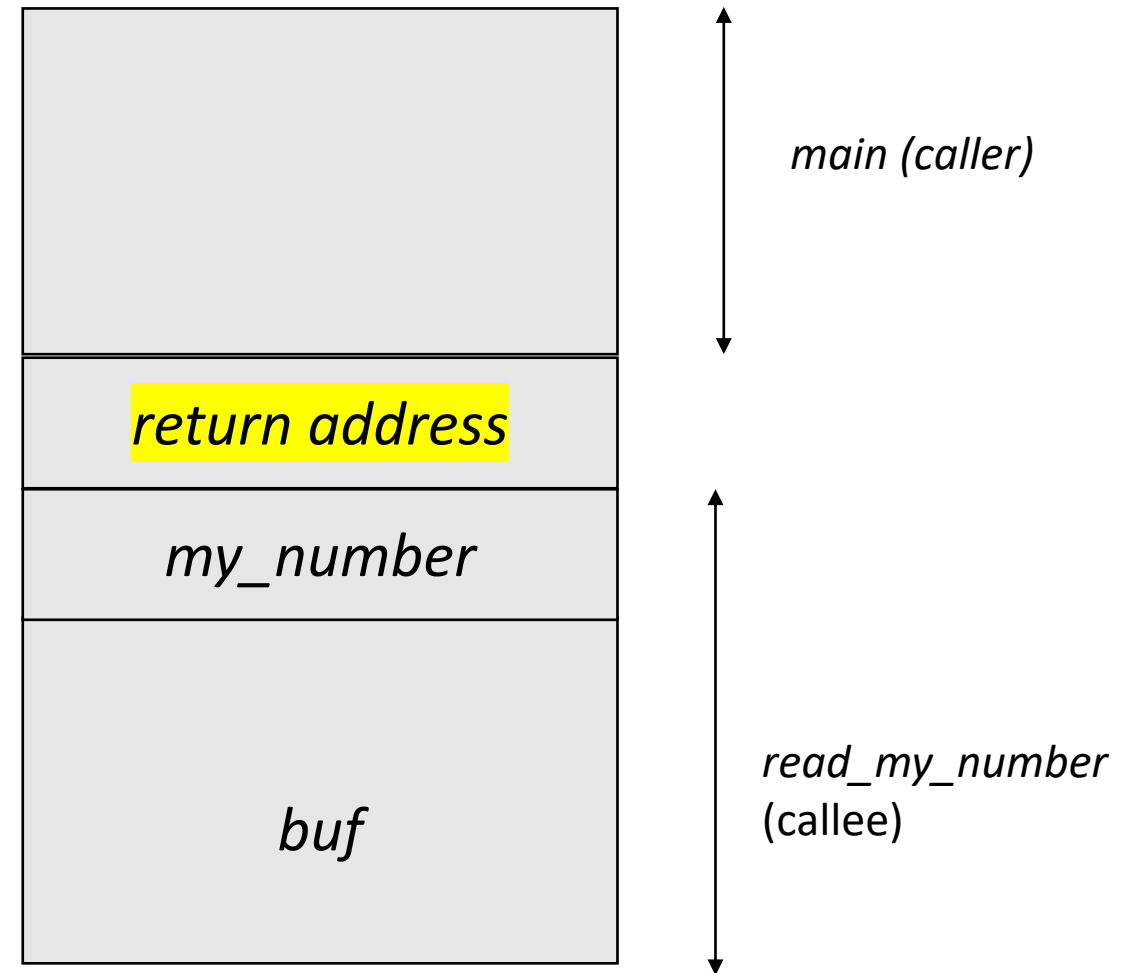
- Task 1:
 - Overflow buf
 - How many bytes of data?
 - Can you use any character?
- Task 2:
 - Change value of *my_num* to 449 or 0x01C1

Little Endian

- Write the exploit string for the number 0xABCD10EF
 - Tip: LSB goes to the lowest address
- Exploit string: EF 10 CD AB
- *Demo*

Attack 2

- Overflow the buffer to **overwrite** the return address



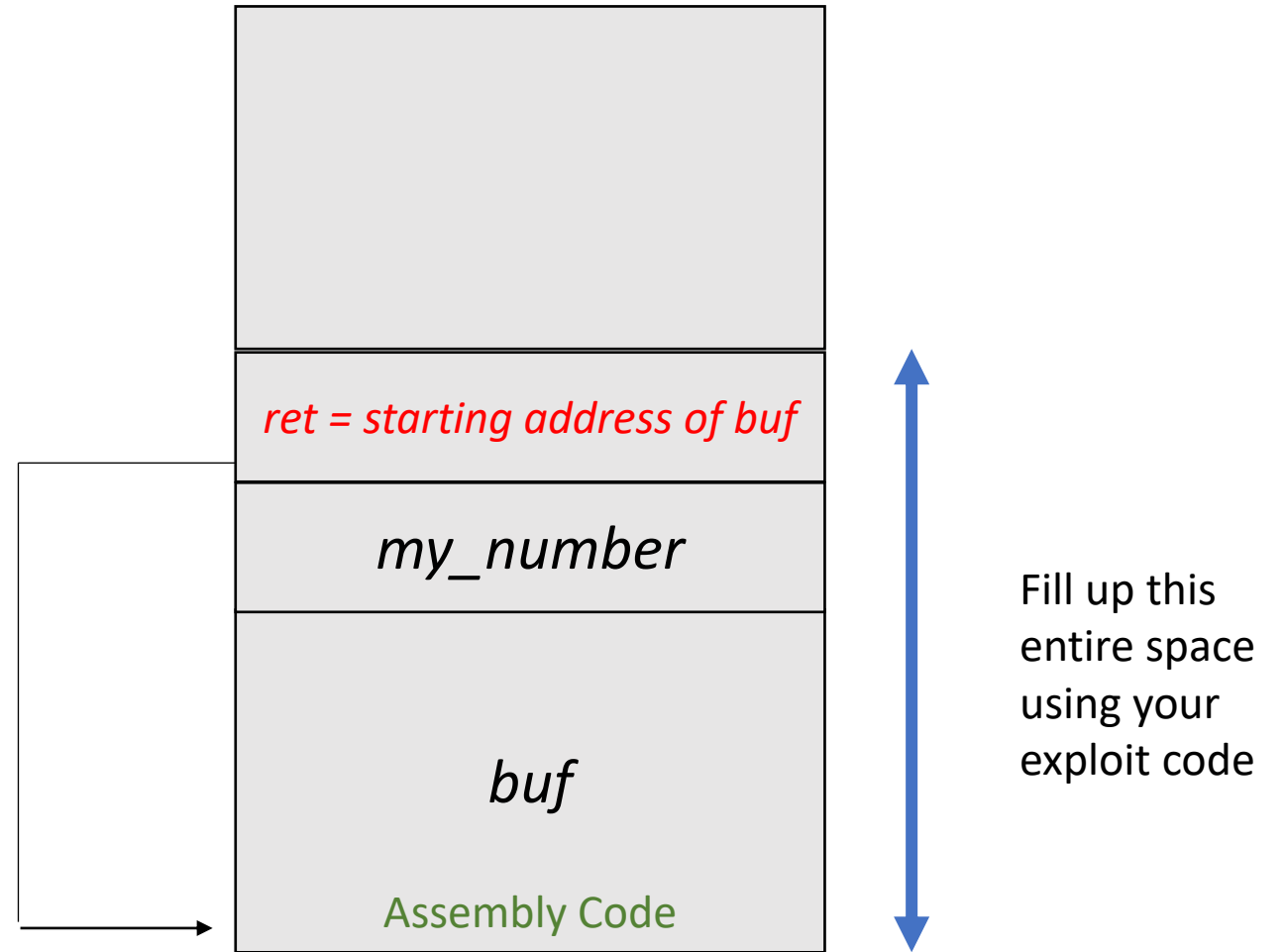
Important Points

- What do we overwrite the return address with??
 - Address of function `hack()`
 - How to get this??
- How big should our exploit string be?
 - Is it 48 + 8 Bytes??
 - You need to find out using gdb.
 - Use ***x /10gx \$rsp*** inside gdb to look at the contents of the stack

Attack 3

Code Injection

1. Replace the return address with address of buf
2. Insert assembly code in the buf



1. Address of buf

- How to get the address of buf?
- Approach 1:
 - What is the value of %rbp?
 - How many bytes was allocated in the stack?

Function hack()

```
void hack(unsigned val) {  
    printf("You've been HACKED!\n");  
    if (val == COOKIE) {  
        printf("Yes! Called passing the right argument (%d)\n", val);  
  
        } else {  
        printf("Misfire! Called it passing the wrong argument (%d)\n", val);  
        }  
    exit(0);  
}
```

2. Insert Assembly Code

- What should your assembly code do?
 - Call `hack()` by passing the argument `COOKIE`
- What is `COOKIE`?
 - Read the x86 code of `hack` – Demo
- How to write the assembly for calling `hack`??
 - DO NOT use **`call`** or **`jmp`** instruction
 - Instead use **`ret`**

2. Insert Assembly Code

- What should your assembly code do?
 - Push the return address of hack to the stack
 - Put the value COOKIE in the correct register
 - Remember which registers are used for passing arguments??
 - Finally, return to the address of hack

3. Converting from x86 to machine code

- You cannot insert x86 code directly to the stack
 - Convert it to machine code
- Demo