

# Computer Security

- Evaluation

Surprise Quiz → 20%

Mid-term → 30%

End-term → 50%

- Security

→ Adversary → Hackers  
Bad people.

→ Achieving a goal on adversary, known as security.

- Define Policy → something we want to achieve.

↳ e.g. cs grade files can be accessed by class TAs

1. Confidentiality. (Unauthorized access / to the resources.)

2. Integrity (Unauthorized modification)

3. Availability. (it should be available whenever needed by the authorized users)

↳ e.g. the denial Request (when no. of users ↑↑↑↑ @ time t)

- Threat Models.

→ assumptions about adversary.

→ No system is 100% secure

→ we have to make some assumptions

→ for a system to be secured we must have some assumptions.

• Assumption: To set password by giving the required character set.

→ Encryption & Decryption.

\* Mechanism: all the implementations done and also testing them.  
SW / HW / System.

provided that adversary does not have access to advanced system. Teacher's Signature.....

### Notes

- What may go wrong?  
→ → Policy.

Reset pass. → Recovery questions.

- Inter-operability of different policies.

- Threat model

- This is the weakest part.
- since we simply make assumption on the adversary which may not be true.

### 1. Human factor

- Any user who can access.
  - Bad password
  - connecting to public Network which may not be secured.

### 2. Time-Based.

→ Kerberos → system → secured system (in 1980s)

DES → encryption algorithm → with 56 bit.

⇒ Total combination of available keys  
 $= 2^{56}$

→ But These many keys can be predicted in one day, Hence are not secured at this time.

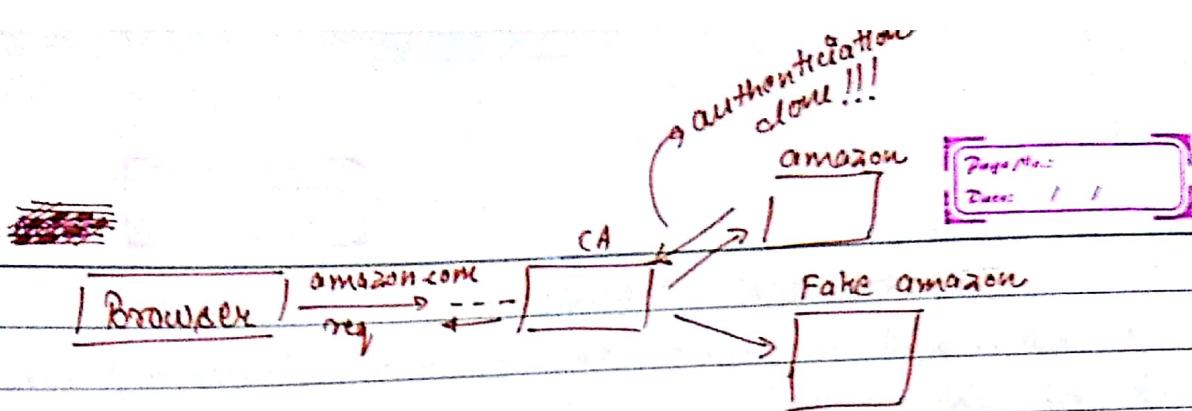
### 3. machine - Based

→ assuming that due to some problem one system/network can be compromised.

### 4. SSL/TLS certificate

→ CAs (Certificate authorities.)

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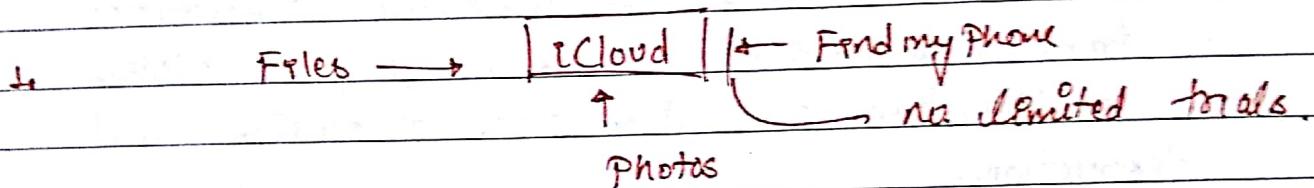


5) DARPA → Defence agency.

Red Team  
→ attackers

Blue Team  
→ defenders

\* mechanism (if not implemented properly).



Recovery password : (limited no. of try)

2. Citibank login / Pass

Link: citibank.com / acct ? id = 1234

→ Session login was required.

#### Applications

- Android bitcoinc, → cryptocurrency
- ↳ some theft was done using this.
- for login: Owner's private coin
- Using Java Secure API. (PRNG (Seed))

#### • Encoding representation

SSL/TLS → amazon.com

Browser → amazon.com\0

→ we can insert \0 so that the other websites can be opened.

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## INFORMATION SECURITY

- o Information : meaningful sequence of characters/numbers/symbols.
  - Aspects of Information
    - 1) Accurate.
    - 2) Timely.
    - 3) Relevant / Contextualize.
    4. Purposeful.
    5. Valuable.

Inf Security : It is the practise of defending information from unauthorized access / usage, disclosure, modification and inspection, recording and destruction.

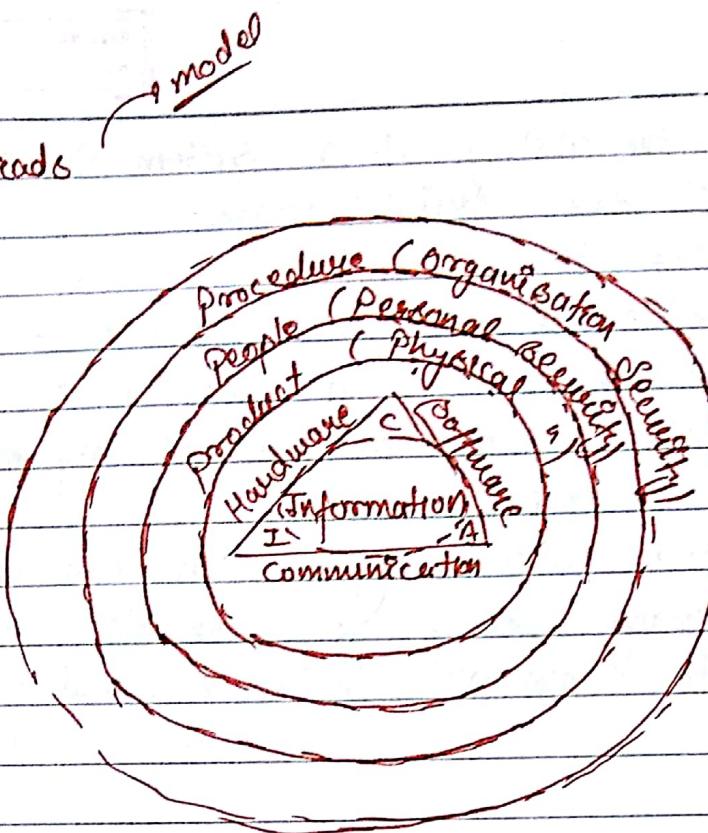
- Cyber security : Computing Based discipline, involving people, information and process to enable assured operations of an organization. It involves the creation, operation analysis and testing of secure computer systems. It is an interdisciplinary course of study including aspects of law, policy, human factor ethics and risks management in the context of adversaries.

### \* CIA - Triad

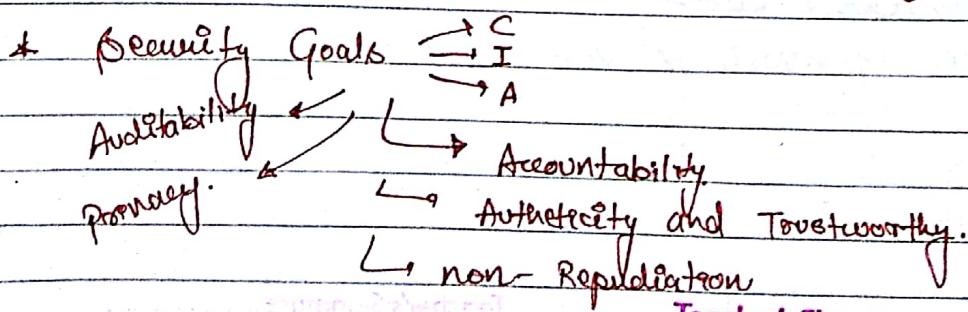
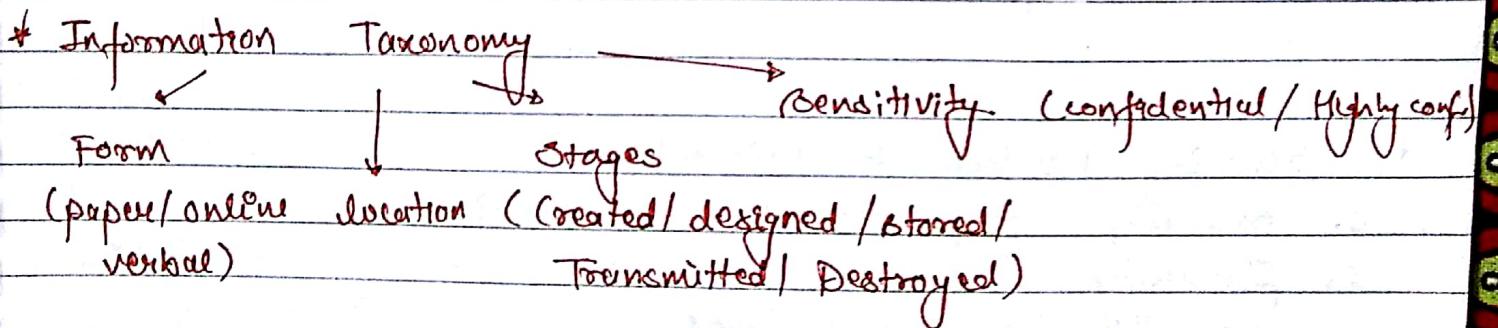
- CIA (Confiden. - Integ. - availability)
- \* Confidentiality → only authorized users can access information
- \* Integrity → ensure completeness accuracy and an absence of unauthorized modification we can determine that a piece of information is provided as requested and verify its providence.

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- CIA Treats



- \* Availability: A system and all the system components are available and operational when required by any authorized users.
- RMIS (Reference model for Information Assurance and Security)



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- Accountability: It is the ability of a system to hold user responsible for their actions.
- Authenticity: Verifying the identity.
- Non-Repudiation: Ability of a system to prove the occurrence/non-occurrence of an event.
- Auditability: Ability to monitor actions by machines/people.
- Privacy: A system where organization can have their privacy policy and enable individual to control their personal info.

#### \* Security Counter measures

- Technical
  - Cryptography, encryption, Authentication, Authorization, Organization Strategies, Policies, Rules
- Logical.
  - Law, contracts, agreement
- Human-factor.
  - Training, Ethics.

#### \* Security Development life cycle -

1. Security Requirement Engineering
  2. Security Design
  3. Security Countermeasures
  4. Security management & monitoring
- cyclic.

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Notes

## • CRYPTOGRAPHY

- nuts and bolts for attaining security mechanism.
- It is a toolkit of mechanism that can provide different types of security in digital world.

## \* Why we need cryptography?

assuming no internet and nothing  
Information can be accessed from

1. Verbal
2. written.

## \*\* SECURITY MECHANISM.

1. Secrecy / Confidentiality.
2. not Change. / Integrity.
3. Identifying a person

When the information is digital  
we need cryptography

→ We again required the same goals.

2. Data Integrity

→ Hash functions

→ message Authentication codes (MAC's)

→ Digital Signatures

conf → encryption  
codes.

3. Data Origin- Authentication

→ Data Origin Authentication not only assures that data  
has not been changed but also provides some  
kind of assurance as to who send a data.

(can be achieved by (MAC's) or private  
digital signature.)

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\* Authentication of source in data integrity.  
Notes → assurance / non-assurance of data.

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1. Non-repudiation. → Digital signature
2. Entity authentication
  - ↳ may be person, place / thing
  - ↳ password / Biometrics
  - ↳ Smart - Tokens.

- Relationship b/w Security mechanism

(1) Data-Origin Authentication is a stronger notion than Data Integrity. ✎

Data-Origin Authentication  $\Rightarrow$  Data Integrity  
 $\Leftrightarrow$

eg A sends a message to B.

NOTES → This can be achieved iff Data Integrity is provided

of a source

(2) Non-repudiation is a stronger notion than Data-Origin authentication.

→ It also requires data integrity  
Data Origin authentication is different from entity authentication

\* entity authentication is real time.

or we are authenticating the source of data in DOA.  
the entity

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- Cryptography toolkit
  - encryption
  - Digital signatures
  - Hash function
  - MAC (message authentication code)

Symmetric key crypto. → same key for encryption and decryption aka secret key encryption.

Asymmetric key crypto. → diff. keys for ency. and decrypt.  
One key is private and other is public aka public key encryption.

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\* Digital Signatures :-  
→ A mark which is made by person P who wants to sign M, so a signature is created as  $s(P, M)$   
Should follow -

1. Non-Forgeable -  $[M, s(P, M)] \rightarrow$  should be unique.
2. Authenticate - Uniquely identify the sender.

Sender

Message

Hash-func

Msg-Digest

(Abstract from ~~any~~ message)

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- encrypt a message using private key and the output will create unique signature

→ If something is encrypted using your private key it can be decrypted using public key and vice-versa.

$$(3 \times 7) \bmod 10 = 1$$

Private  $\leftarrow$  Public

Plain text = 4 (Encrypt. using public key)

$(4 \times 7) \bmod 10 = 8$  (Cypher text)

$(8 \times 3) \bmod 10 = 4$  (Decrypt using private key)

Encryp. using private key  
Decryp. " public

$$(4 \times 3) \bmod 10 = 2$$

$$(2 \times 7) \bmod 10 = 4$$

### Review

[Message] + [Signature]

[Hash function]

[Msg digest]

decrypted  
Using public  
key

[Digest]

⇒ Message is signed by sender

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- Hash func → digital fingerprint of any document.
- Msg digest → to make the system efficient.

When some hash value is generated, if it is encrypted by a separate key → MAC.



→ Diving into

- lower security, Buffer Overflow attack by Robert Morris.

If buffer overflowing, system crashes & strong in which a self replicating code will put hold and attack other users also.

Continued. →

↳ Stream Cipher (bit/byte)      A → B

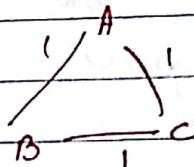
→ Block cipher

Simple, fast

key management

key exchange

eg. DES, AES, Blowfish



Parties	key eg <sup>d</sup>
2	1
3	3
4	6
5	10
6	C <sub>2</sub>

22. Public Private key pair.

One way func.

Ex: 7

RSA algo (multiplicative inverse). Private

$$7 \times 1 = 1 \quad (7 \times 3) \text{ mod } 10 =$$

7

Public

✓ if no fraction should be used.

Eg. RSA

$$(4 \times 7) \text{ mod } 10 = 8$$

$$(8 \times 3) \text{ mod } 10 = 4$$

→ Key management is simple, each user will keep only 2 keys (public, private)

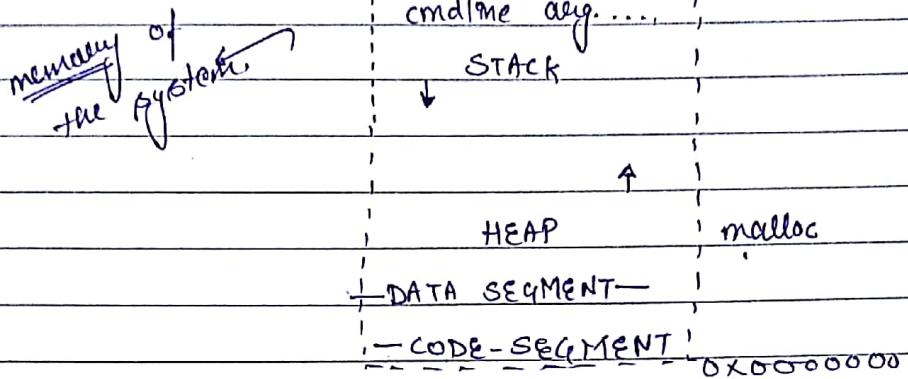
→ Despite of cipher, we still don't achieve confidentiality. because of fixed systems.

Today we have to tell what security method we are using, so a 3rd party can guess cipher.

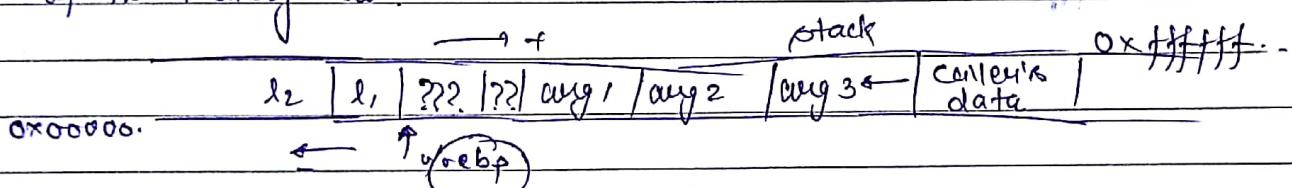
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## System Security

→ for a 32-bit system, we have  $2^{32} - 1$  addresses in the memory.



If the memory is

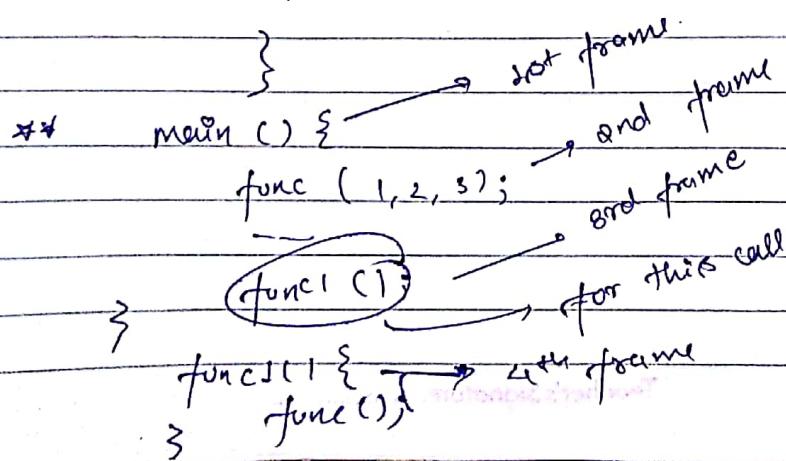


→ stack will move from right to left.

→ compiler will push arguments (if any) onto the stack in reverse order.

→ In C the first func. that is called is "main"

e.g. `func( arg1, arg2, arg3 ) {  
 int l1;  
 int l2;  
 l2++;`



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- Access variables.

- Computer does not know the absolute pointer/address of a variable. It is calculated in response to frame pointer.
  - Every time a part/function code is executed the OS everytime a new frame is created. The pointer to this frame is known as "frame pointer".
  - \*\* → EBP register gives the frame pointer, which is newly created.
- $| \text{EBP} = \% \text{ebp} |$  → which is Relative address.

Now to get the value of diff. variables we use EBP considering all the data is present.

→ from the stack above

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 &= -4 (\% \text{ebp}) & \text{arg3} &= +16 (\% \text{ebp}) \\ l_2 &= -8 (\% \text{ebp}) \\ \text{arg1} &= +8 (\% \text{ebp}) \end{aligned}$$

NOTE:- We cannot access the absolute address.

→ As soon as the func returns something the corresponding frame is destroyed.

\*\* → As the func is called the current frame is changed to the definition of the func which is called.

- Return from func.

- We have to store the caller function's(%ebp).
- so that when the func returns we can again start from where we left.

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%EBP → for frame  
%ESP → for instruction  
%EBP → stack pointers

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- Resume previous functions.

✓ %EIP → stores current value of instruction pointer.

→ This is used as to store where we will resume the execution of the fun. Thus gives the idea about instruction in that frame).

\*  
→ push argument

→ Then %EIP

→ Then %EBP

→ Then all local variables

→ all changes will be reflected in Registers

We have 8 Registers but till now only three are of use.

Ebp → frame pointer

EIP → instruction pointer

Esp → stack pointer.

- \* every time we push

→ first increase esp.

→ Then push-

→ we will set the value of ebp to be equal to esp.

- 1. Caller func
- 2. Calling func
- 3. Return from fun.

Ques

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1. → Push arguments of calling func. onto stack in reverse order.
2. → Push the return address i.e. the address of instruction you want to run after control returns to you
3. → Jump to func address.

## 2. Calling func

- Put the old frame pointer onto the stack.
- Set frame pointer (ebp) to where the end of the stack is right now.
- Push local variables onto the stack

e.g. main () {

1. func (x, y, z);

2

3

4. func (2);

5

6

6.1 func (z) {

6.2 loc1;

6.3 func ();

}

1. e,	2. y,ebp	3. 4,4	4. x/y/z	5. /loc1/main	6. y,ebp	7. 5/z	8. means	9. data
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y,ebp

3. Return from function.

→ Reset the previous stack pointer

→ Jump back to instruction pointer.

$$\%esp = \%ebp$$

$$\%ebp > (\text{caller's } \%ebp)$$

$$\%esp = +4(\%ebp).$$

\* func (arg1, arg2, arg3) {

2.1 l1;

2.2 l2;

2.3 l2+1;

2.4 ...

}

for (arg1) {

3.1 p1;

3.2 p2;

3.3 func ("10", "ABCD", 3);

}

int main() {

① q1;

② func (8, "XYZ", -10);

→ ③ for (100);

④ q1+t;

}

Memory | 4 | 40 | main's data

write the memory stack for ans. ③

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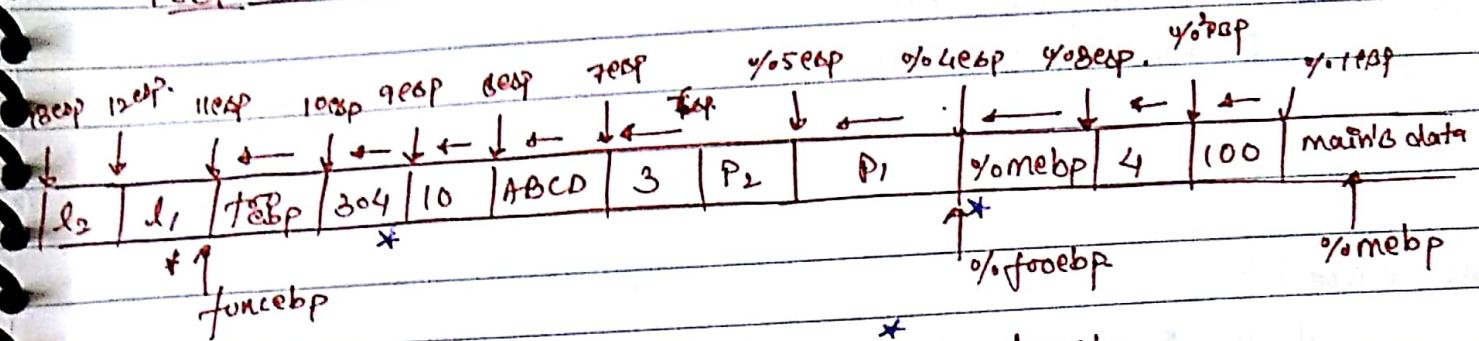
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[ESP] %ESP /

[EBP] %EBP

[EIP] 4



update in current ebp @  $\%ECSP = \text{forcebp}$

update in esp eip = 804

update in esp → forceebp

assuming that 804 is returning statement  
then following changes.

~~%ESP = %forcebp.~~

when returning

$\%ESP = (\%EBP) \text{ current}$

$\%EBP = (\%ESP)$

EBP = forceebp.

$\%EIP = 4(\%ESP)$

- **Buffer:** It is any contiguous memory that is associated with the variable or the frames.
- **Overflow:** put more into the buffer than it can hold.

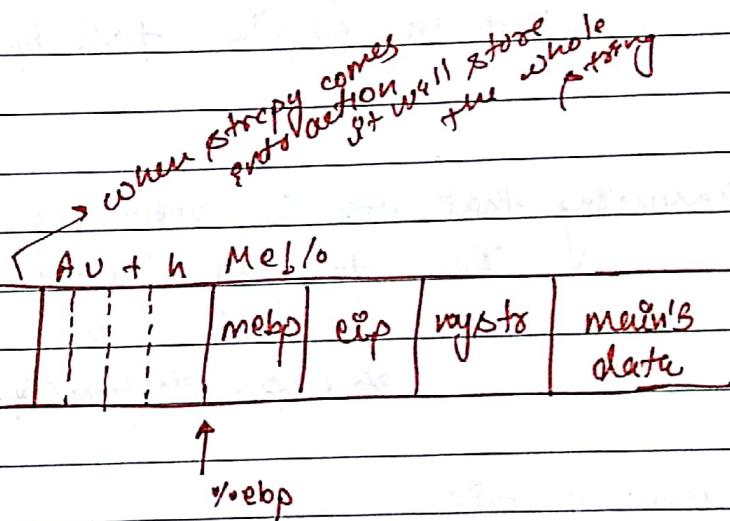
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```
void foo (char *arg) {
    char buffer[4];
    strcpy (buffer, arg);
}
```

```
int main () {
```

```
    char *mystr = "Authorities";
    foo (mystr);
}
```

Corresponding Stack



NOTE:- C, C++ are not type safe language

→ now since the strcpy will copy the string on the mebp part, but the mebp stored will be overwritten and the ASCII values of the "Mel/o" will be stored thus forming a new address, so when we are returning again to the old frame, we cannot reach there as the address will be changed.

Hence producing "Segmentation fault".!

\* Hence Buffer overflow is problem

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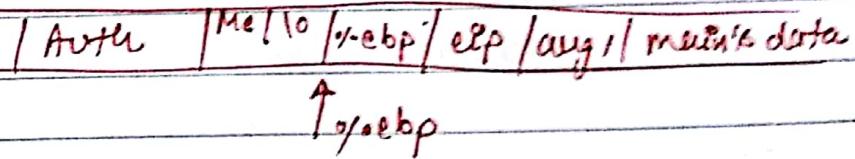
The security threat due to this/above.

A new function:

```
void foo ( char * aug1 ) {  
    int authenticated = 0;  
    char buffer [4];  
    strcpy ( buffer, aug1 );  
    if ( authenticated ) {  
        access secret  
        information  
    }  
}
```

```
int main () {  
    char * mystr = "AuthMe!";  
    foo ( mystr );  
}
```

Corresponding Stack:



→ now since copying will take place  
Hence authenticated = 1

Hence the user can access the information  
when the case of overflow.

\* → This attack is known as "buffer overflow attack".  
Confidentiality compromised.

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- When system crashed → "Availability compromised"
- The attacker can get remote access to the user, this is known as "code injection attack"

### CODE INJECTION ATTACK.

→ One way to achieve is by buffer overflow.

#### 1. Loading of code

→ If want to load, the code should be in machine language / compiled form.

→ The code should not contain zeros. (compiled)

How to generate such codes?

→ Open a shell in the user's system.

#### \* shell code

→ a code to open a shell code.

\*\*

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    char *name[2];
    name[0] = "/bin/sh";
    name[1] = NULL;
    execve(name[0], name, NULL);
}
```

The corresponding machine level code. (Assembly code)

XOR %eax,%eax		1A3111201
pushl %eax		1X501

→ Assembly code

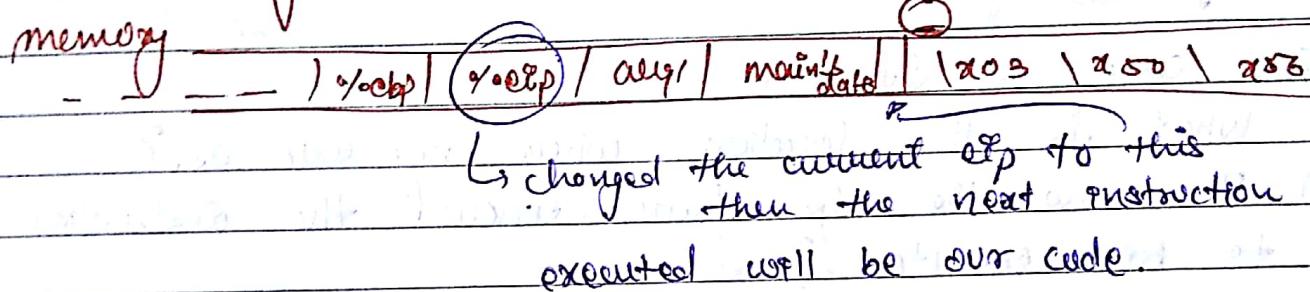
:	→ Machine language
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→ To copy we will pass the machine level code as string in the stack, then machine level code is inserted, but we have to be careful about the pointers or "Segmentation fault" will occur.

## 2. Executing the loaded code.

→ we have loaded the code somewhere in the memory.



```
* void func (char* arg) {
    char buffer[4];
    strcpy (buff, arg);
}
```

## • CODE INJECTION THROUGH BUFFER OVERFLOW.

### 1. Load the Code

→ Pre-compiled (in accordance with the architecture of function)

→ No-string terminations.

→ self-contained.

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• How we can load the code ??

STACK

buff.	%ebp (main's)	%esp main's	arg	main's data	\xco\31
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→ It shows what is the next instruction to be executed

If somehow I am able to change the esp to the pointer of my code so that we can execute it.

There come 2 questions

- What is the location where my code is?
- To know the esp from where the instruction to be executed?

Possible ways:

→ If we have source code we can easily find the esp and change it  
(but it is not possible as source code mostly is not available).

\* NOTE: we cannot traverse all the available addresses.

e.g. If 32 bit  $\rightarrow 2^{32}-1$  address.

Therefore, to make it space efficient by searching only the stack part until Heaps,

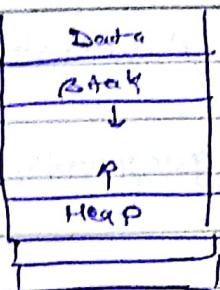
but we cannot have the starting address of Heaps, but still it's better than to make assumptions on  $2^{32}-1$  add.

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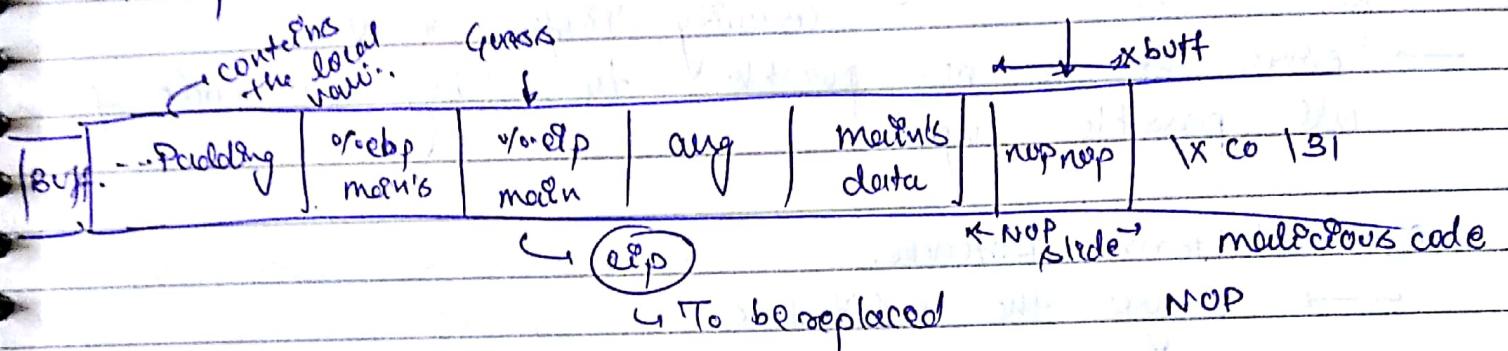
→ NOP → To access / execute the next instruction.

We have to self  
jump over  
this area



→ we insert many NOP's in our code so that we can reach the starting of our code.

No. of times NOP is inserted constitutes NOP slide



\* we assumed the esp's location and then we replace one of the address in the NOP slide with eip so that malicious code can be executed.

This is known as Control Hijacking.

→ This whole particular procedure where we are working only on stack is called stack smashing

- Control Hijacking attack

→ If the attack is successful then the control is shifted to the attacker this is known as CHA

• Integrity is violated, since we have inserted our code on the stack.

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- Availability :- Since on the attack is successful, the user will not be able to access the programs, even if the attack is not successful.

### Defense Mechanism.

1. Fix the bug,

→ Audit softwares.

↳ Concurrency. Proftex, Postfix.

→ Since it is not possible to debug the code for all possible inputs.

### 2. Platform Defences.

→ changes the architecture.

3. making memory non-executable. (W^X) → executable  
↳ writable

→ for code injection attack the defence is:  
making memory stack either writable or executable both not but not both.

These days.

stack writable

non executable  
NX = 1

→ genuine user will not write code on stack thus his/her code will be executable as it is placed in "code segment".  
→ whereas attacker will place the code on stack.

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libc attack.

memory is not executable.

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\* libc is library in "C" language.  
→ return -to- libc  
It will replace the esp to the current bin/loc address and thus  
① ~~destroying~~ the attack.

\* 2. ASLR (address space layout randomization).  
→ Somehow we will randomize the addresses of instruction / libraries where they are placed.

\* Limitations on change in Hardware.  
→ Heap need to be both writable and executable  
→ Does not provide protection against return oriented programming exploits.

↳ eg.

\* Return -to- libc. ↳ standard library of C.

replace the esp to the current instruction which the attacker wants to execute.

2. ASLR

(Address space layout randomization).

→ maps shared libraries to random locations in process memory.

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- Stack / Heap / ... → location randomized.
- System calls
- Instruction-set Randomization. (ISR)
  - ↳ System will encrypt

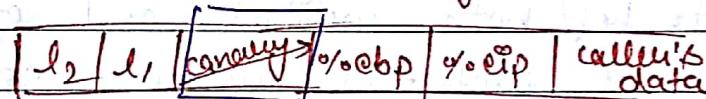
\* Steps → code → assembly language → encrypt → decrypted ①

but this is very costly. Runtime

## ## DEFENCE MECHANISM

### 1. Stack guard

→ embed canaries after each stack frame.



↳ This will save the ebp and eip from attacker / It also acts as a guard.

→ If the attackers change the data the value at canaries will change and thus core will exit from the program.

### Types of canary

#### 1. Random Canary

→ If (canary old = canary new)  
continue;

else

exit;

NOTE:- checks stack integrity. [for eip and ebp].

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→ called canary.

### STEPS FOLLOWED BY COMPILER

1. Random string is chosen @ program startup.
2. Insert canary string into every stack-frame.
3. Verify the canary before returning from the function.
4. Exit the program if canary changed.

\* Availability is violated

→ since as the value of canary is changed  
the program exits.

→ The canary is same for a particular row  
whole the time and is inserted in each frame.  
Now the attacker can read the canary  
at the first and then exploit.

### 2. Terminator Canary.

→ We will generate a canary in such a way  
that it contains terminator character  
e.g. null, '\n', '\0' etc.

so now there is no need to check the canary  
for equality.

And thus Dos is not reached

→ We have to recompile all the present codes so as to  
insert canary.

→ gcc do this.

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\* Analyse) lab  
↳ LEB safe  
 $\text{len}(\text{dest}) \rightarrow \text{len}(\text{source})$  → vulnerable condition

### 3. STACK SHIELD

→ We store "return address" and "stack frame pointer" in a safe place.

→ When attack has happened, then we check the integrity of these two values.

If (RET & SFP same) → as old

continue;

else

update with the original  
RET and SFP. And  
continue;

### 4. Control flow Integrity.

If we are making control flow graph of the program