



# CS 33: Introduction to Computer Organization

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# Outline



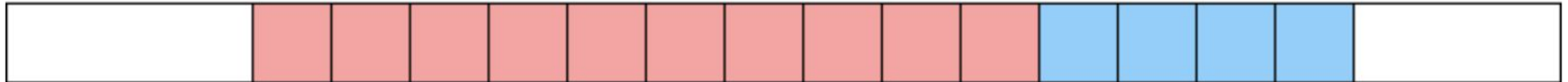
- **Buffer Overflow/ Attacks**
- **Practice Problems for Midterm**
- **Worksheet problem**

# Buffer Overflow - Example



`char buf[10];`

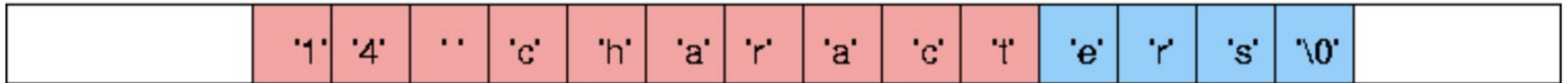
`int x;`



`strcpy (buf, "14 characters");`

`char buf[10];`

`int x;`



# Buffer Overflow



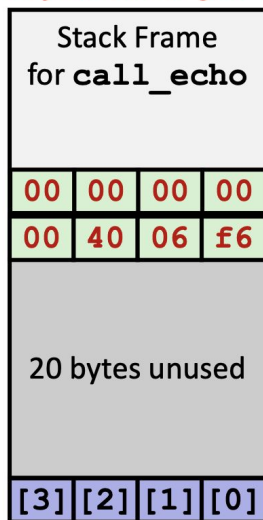
```
/* Get string from stdin */
char *gets(char *dest)
{
    int c = getchar();
    char *p = dest;
    while (c != EOF && c != '\n') {
        *p++ = c;
        c = getchar();
    }
    *p = '\0';
    return dest;
}
```

Is there any issue that you see with this function? How can it be exploited?

# Security Breaches - Buffer Overflow ( I )

## Buffer Overflow Stack Example

*Before call to gets*



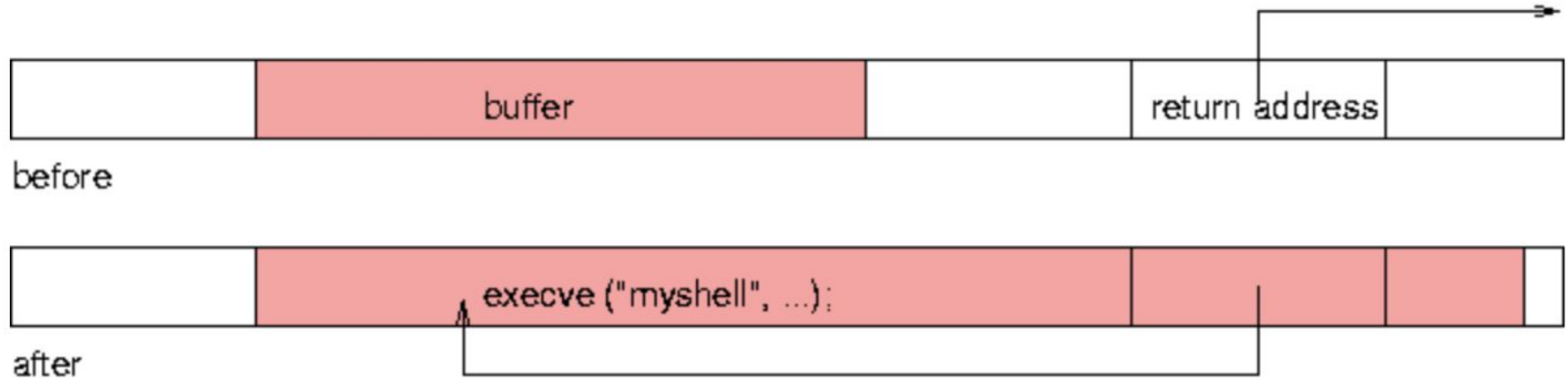
```
void echo()  
{  
    char buf[4];  
    gets(buf);  
    . . .  
}
```

```
echo:  
    subq    $24, %rsp  
    movq    %rsp, %rdi  
    call    gets  
    . . .
```

`call_echo:`

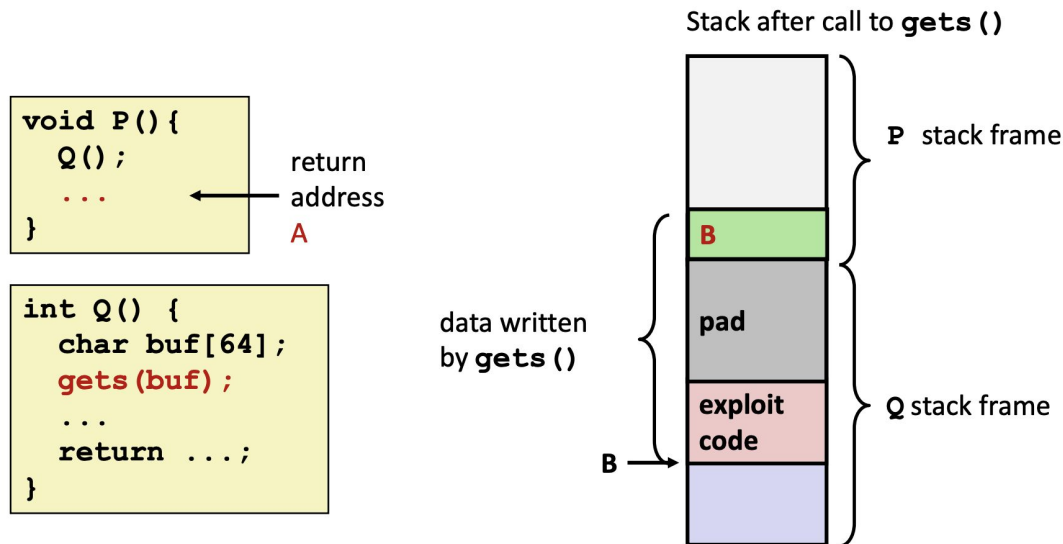
```
. . .  
4006f1:  callq    4006cf <echo>  
4006f6:  add      $0x8,%rsp  
. . .
```

# Security Breaches - Buffer Overflow ( II )



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## Code Injection Attacks



- Input string contains byte representation of executable code
- Overwrite return address A with address of buffer B
- When Q executes `ret`, will jump to exploit code

# How can we prevent such attacks?



- Library routines that *limit string lengths* - fgets, strncpy functions
- *Randomized offset* for function stack allocation
- Mark the stack as *non-executable code segment*
- *Stack canaries* - placed after the buffer



# Practice Problems - 0



```
int array[10] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};
```

Suppose that the compiler has placed the variable `array` in the `%ecx` register. How do you move the value at `array[3]` into the `%eax` register? Assume that `%ebx` is 3.

- (a) `leal 12(%ecx), %eax`
- (b) `leal (%ecx, %ebx, 4), %eax`
- (c) `movl (%ecx, %ebx, 4), %eax`
- (d) `movl 8(%ecx, %ebx, 2), %eax`
- (e) `leal 4(%ecx, %ebx, 1), %eax`

# Practice Problems - 1

```
mystery1:
    pushl %ebp
    movl %esp, %ebp
    subl $8, %esp
    cmpl $0, 8(%ebp)
    jne .L2
    movl $1, -4(%ebp)
    jmp .L3
.L2:
    movl 8(%ebp), %eax
    shrl %eax
    movl %eax, (%esp)
    call mystery1
    addl $1, %eax
    movl %eax, -4(%ebp)
.L3:
    movl -4(%ebp), %eax
    leave
    ret
```

```
unsigned mystery1(unsigned n) {
    if(n == 0)
        return 1;
    else
        return 1 + mystery1(n >> 1);
}
```

## Practice Problems - 2

```
void foo(struct my_struct *st) {  
    st->a = 'e';  
    st->d[0] = NULL;  
    st->c = 0x213;  
  
    printf("%lld %p %hu\n", st->b, &st->f, st->e[1]);  
}
```

```
struct my_struct {  
    char a;  
    long long b;  
    short c;  
    float *d[2];  
    unsigned char e[3];  
    float f;  
};
```

Dump of assembler code for function foo:

```
0x00000000004004e4 <+0>:    sub     $0x8,%rsp  
0x00000000004004e8 <+4>:    movb    $0x65, empty (%rdi)  
0x00000000004004eb <+7>:    movq    $0x0, 0x18 (%rdi)  
0x00000000004004f3 <+15>:   movw    $0x213, 0x10 (%rdi)  
0x00000000004004f9 <+21>:   movzbl  0x29 (%rdi), %ecx  
0x00000000004004fd <+25>:   lea     0x2c (%rdi), %rdx  
0x0000000000400501 <+29>:   mov     0x8 (%rdi), %rsi  
0x0000000000400505 <+33>:   mov     $0x40062c, %edi  
0x000000000040050a <+38>:   mov     $0x0, %eax  
0x000000000040050f <+43>:   callq   0x4003e0 <printf@plt>  
0x0000000000400514 <+48>:   add     $0x8,%rsp  
0x0000000000400518 <+52>:   retq
```

How would the layout look like?

# Practice Problems - 3

```
unsigned transform(unsigned n)
{
    int b, m;

    for (m = ____; ____; ____ ) {
        b = ____;

        if (b == 0) {
            ____;
        }

        ____;
    }

    return m;
}
```

gdb) disassemble transform

```
0x080483d0 <+0>:      push    %ebp
0x080483d1 <+1>:      mov     %esp,%ebp
0x080483d3 <+3>:      mov     0x8(%ebp),%edx
0x080483d6 <+6>:      mov     $0x0,%eax
0x080483db <+11>:     test    %edx,%edx
0x080483dd <+13>:     je      0x80483ec <transform+28>
0x080483df <+15>:     test    $0x1,%dl
0x080483e2 <+18>:     je      0x80483e8 <transform+24>
0x080483e4 <+20>:     lea     0x1(%eax,%eax,1),%eax
0x080483e8 <+24>:     shr     %edx
0x080483ea <+26>:     jne     0x80483df <transform+15>
0x080483ec <+28>:     pop     %ebp
0x080483ed <+29>:     ret
```

**Solution to this question on the next slide**

# Practice Problems - 3

```
unsigned transform(unsigned n)
{
    int b, m;

    for(m = 0; n != 0; n >>= 1) { // (or)
    for(m = 0; n > 0; n = n/2)

        b = n & 1; // (or) b = n % 2;
        if(b == 0) {
            continue;
        }
        m = 2*m + 1; // (or) m = m + m + 1;
    }
    (or) m = m<<1 + 1;
    }
    return m;
}
```

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# Worksheet

**<https://tinyurl.com/cs33-endgame>**