1. Stack Layout

Draw a stack layout of your program. Start from the address of &buf[0] and stop at &i+8. Specify symbol and content (if possible). Make sure that you have identified argument (i), and return address.

Please circle the result from the program above and write down the associated symbol. (Identify return address, buffer, local variables.)

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-desktop:~$ ./ex1
&main = 0x0000aaaaabdb08dc
&main = 0x0000aaaaabdb08dc
&myfunction = 0x0000aaaaabdb0940
&&ret_addr = 0x0000aaaaabdb0928
&i = 0x0000ffffdb0914fc
sizeof(pointer) is 8
&buf[0] = 0x0000ffffdb091500
0x0000ffffdb09153c: 0xaa
0x0000ffffdb09153b: 0xab
                                                  0x0000ffffdb09153a: 0xdb
                                                                                                    0x0000ffffdb091539: 0x08
                                                                                                                                                      0x0000ffffdb091538: 0x04
 0x0000ffffdb091537: 0x00
                                                  0x0000ffffdb091536: 0x00
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0x0000ffffdb091533: 0x00
                                                  0x0000ffffdb091532: 0x00
                                                                                                    0x0000ffffdb091531: 0x00
                                                                                                                                                      0x0000ffffdb091530: 0x00

        0x0000ffffdb09152e:
        Return Address 0ffffdb09152d:
        0xff 0x0000ffffdb09152a:

        0x0000ffffdb09152a:
        0x0000ffffdb09152b:
        0x6d

        0x0000ffffdb091526:
        0x00
        0x0000ffffdb09152b:
        0xff

 0x0000ffffdb09152f: 0x00
                                                                                                                                                       0x0000ffffdb09152c: 0xff
0x0000ffffdb09152b: 0x81
0x0000ffffdb091527: 0x00
                                                                                                                                                      0x0000ffffdb091528: 0x50
0x0000ffffdb091524: 0xff
0x0000ffffdb091523: 0xdb
0x0000ffffdb09151f: 0x1c
0x0000ffffdb09151b: 0xe8
                                                  0x0000ffffdb091522: 0x09
0x0000ffffdb09151e: 0xb0
                                                                                                    0x0000ffffdb091521: 0x15
0x0000ffffdb09151d: 0xe3
0x0000ffffdb091519: 0x55
                                                                                                                                                      0x0000ffffdb091520: 0x30
0x0000ffffdb09151c: 0xcc
                                                  0x0000ffffdb09151a: 0x61
                                                                                                                                                      0x0000ffffdb091518: 0x00
 0x0000ffffdb091517: 0x00
                                                  0x0000ffffdb091516: 0x00
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0x0000ffffdb091513: 0x00
0x0000ffffdb09150f: 0x35
                                                                                                    0x0000ffffdb091511: 0x37
0x0000ffffdb09150d: 0x33
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                                                  0x0000ffffdb091512: 0x38
                                                  0x0000ffffdb09150e: 0x34
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 0x0000ffffdb09150b: 0x31
                                                  0x0000ffffdb09150a:
                                                                                                     0x0000ffffdb091509: 0x39
                                                                                                                                                       0x0000ffffdb091508:
 0x0000ffffdb091507: 0x37
                                                  0x0000ffffdb091506: 0x36
                                                                                                    0x0000ffffdb091505: 0x35
                                                                                                                                                      0x0000ffffdb091504: 0x34
 0x0000ffffdb091503: 0x33
                                                  0x0000ffffdb091502: 0x32
                                                                                                    0x0000ffffdb091501: 0x31
                                                                                                                                                      0x0000ffffdb091500: 0x30
                                                  0x0000ffffdb0914fe: 0x00
0x0000ffffdb0914fa: 0
 0x0000ffffdb0914ff: 0x00
0x0000ffffdb0914fb: 0x81
                                                                                                    0x0000ffffdb0914fd: 0x00
                                                                                                                                                      0x0000ffffdb0914fc: 0x0c
                                                                                                          000ffffdb0914f9: 0x6b
                                                                                    local variable
  .. end
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2. Stack Smashing

3. Challenging

4. Bonus: From exercise 2 and 3, can you explode the buffer-overflow attack even when the canary-style protection is activated? Please explain your analysis.

Yes, if we're aware of the canary's value, we can still exploit the buffer-overflow. By overflowing the segment with the known canary value, we can manipulate the return address in the same manner as before.

- 5. Question: Now you have mastered a type buffer-overflow attack. Please answer the following questions.
- 5.1 Most viruses and worms use buffer overflow as a basis for its attack. Do you think that exploiting buffer-overflow attacks is trivial? Please justify your answer. (i.e. Is it trivial to write a program to exploit buffer-overflow attacks in a server?)
 - I believe that buffer overflow attacks are not a trivial matter because buffer overflows can potentially leak data, or they might disrupt the normal functioning of our program. Additionally, our server could be compromised and malicious software could be installed due to a buffer overflow.
- 5.2 As a programmer, is it possible to avoid buffer overflow in your program (write secure code that is not vulnerable to such attack)? Explain your strategy.
 - It's quite challenging. In low-level languages like C and ASM, we constantly have to be cautious about buffer sizes, which can lead to human errors. Even

high-level languages can't guarantee prevention from buffer overflows because they ultimately have to be translated back to low-level code.