

# 15213 Recitation Section C

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## Outline

- Buffer overflow
- Putting code onto stack

# Example 1: Buffer Overflow

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Please draw the stack frame of “example1”. What are the values of n and x at the marked points?

```
void example1()
{
    volatile int n;
    char buf[8];
    volatile int x;

    n = 0x12345678;  x = 0xdeadbeef;
    strcpy(buf, "abcdefghijkl");
    // a=0x61 b=0x62 ...
    buf[8] = 0xab;
    buf[-4] = 0xcd;
}
```

1. n=? x=?

2. n=? x=?

3. n=? x=?

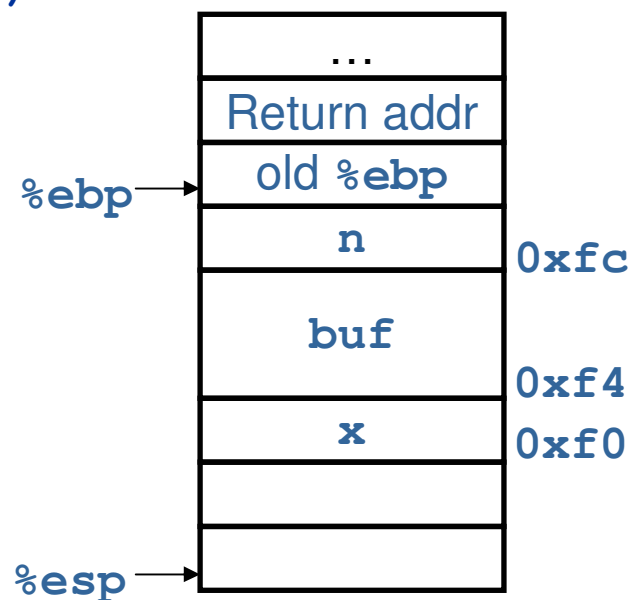
# ASM of example1

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```
0x80483f0    push    %ebp
0x80483f1    mov     %esp, %ebp
0x80483f3    sub     $0x18, %esp
0x80483f6    movl   $0x12345678, 0xffffffffc(%ebp)
0x80483fd    movl   $0xdeadbeef, 0xffffffff0(%ebp)
0x8048404    add     $0xffffffff8, %esp
0x8048407    push   $0x80484a8
0x804840c    lea    0xffffffff4(%ebp), %eax
0x804840f    push   %eax
0x8048410    call   0x8048308 <strcpy>
0x8048415    add     $0x10, %esp
0x8048418    movb   $0xab, 0xffffffffc(%ebp)
0x804841c    mov    $0xffffffffc, %eax
0x8048421    lea    0xffffffff4(%ebp), %edx
0x8048424    movb   $0xcd, (%eax, %edx, 1)
0x8048428    mov    %ebp, %esp
0x804842a    pop    %ebp
0x804842b    ret
```

# Stack Frame

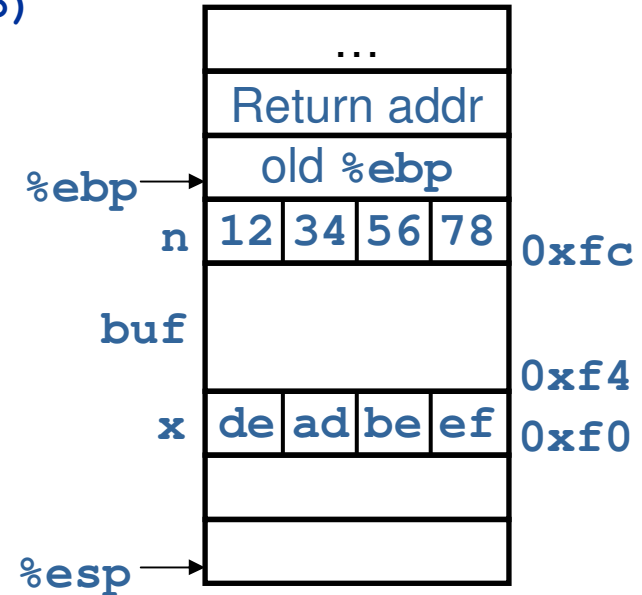
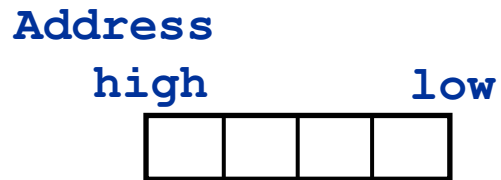
```
push    %ebp
mov     %esp, %ebp
sub     $0x18, %esp
movl   $0x12345678, 0xffffffffc(%ebp)
movl   $0xdeadbeef, 0xffffffff0(%ebp)
add     $0xffffffff8, %esp
push   $0x80484a8
lea    0xffffffff4(%ebp), %eax
push   %eax
call   0x8048308 <strcpy>
add     $0x10, %esp
movb   $0xab, 0xffffffffc(%ebp)
mov    $0xffffffffc, %eax
lea    0xffffffff4(%ebp), %edx
movb   $0xcd, (%eax, %edx, 1)
mov    %ebp, %esp
pop    %ebp
ret
```



# Before Calling strcpy()

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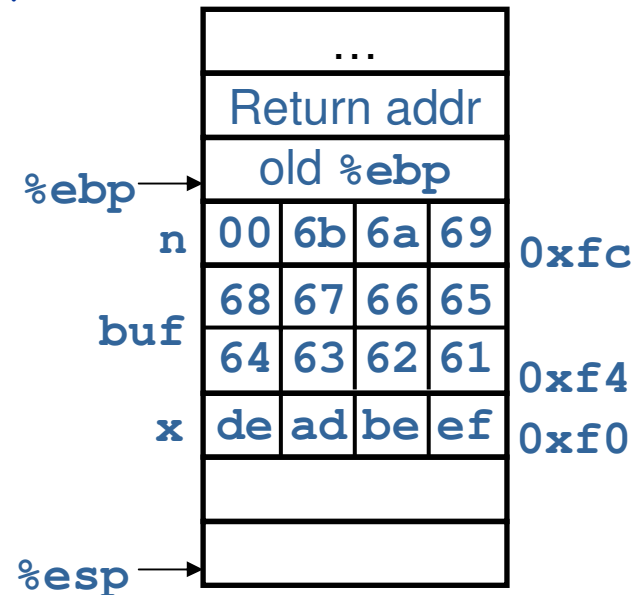
```
push    %ebp
mov     %esp, %ebp
sub     $0x18, %esp
movl   $0x12345678, 0xffffffffc(%ebp)
movl   $0xdeadbeef, 0xfffffffff0(%ebp)
```



# After Calling strcpy()

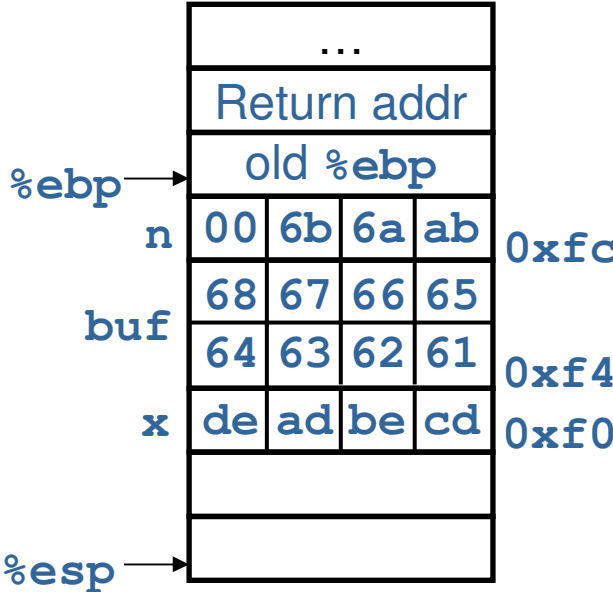
```
push    %ebp
mov     %esp, %ebp
sub     $0x18, %esp
movl   $0x12345678, 0xffffffffc(%ebp)
movl   $0xdeadbeef, 0xffffffff0(%ebp)
add     $0xffffffff8, %esp
push   $0x80484a8
lea    0xffffffff4(%ebp), %eax
push   %eax
call   0x8048308 <strcpy>
add    $0x10, %esp
```

```
Strcpy (buf, "abcdefghijk");
```



# Before Return

```
push    %ebp
mov     %esp, %ebp
sub     $0x18, %esp
movl   $0x12345678, 0xffffffffc(%ebp)
movl   $0xdeadbeef, 0xffffffff0(%ebp)
add     $0xffffffff8, %esp
push   $0x80484a8
lea    0xffffffff4(%ebp), %eax
push   %eax
call   0x8048308 <strcpy>
add    $0x10, %esp
movb   $0xab, 0xffffffffc(%ebp)
mov    $0xffffffffc, %eax
lea    0xffffffff4(%ebp), %edx
movb   $0xcd, (%eax, %edx, 1)
```



## What If ...

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- What if we instead

```
strcpy(buf, "abcdefghijklmn");
```

*14+1 chars*

- Old ebp is overwritten

- What if we instead

```
strcpy(buf, "abcdefghijklmnopq");
```

*17+1 chars*

- Return addr is overwritten



## Example 2: How to Put Code onto Stack?

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```
int example2 ()
{
    char buf[8];
    gets (buf);
    return 0;
}
```

```
push    %ebp
mov     %esp, %ebp
sub     $0x18, %esp
add     $0xffffffff4, %esp
lea    0xffffffff8(%ebp), %eax
push   %eax
call   0x80482e8 <gets>
xor    %eax, %eax
mov    %ebp, %esp
pop    %ebp
ret
```

# Steps

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1. Write assembly code
2. Get binary representation of the code
3. Generate ASCII for the binary code
4. Run the program with the input

# Write assembly code

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- Use your favorite text editor
- For example,

```
movl $0, -8(%ebp)
addl $0x12345678, %eax
```

- Save as \*.s, e.g. input.s

## Get binary representation of the code

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- Compile the assembly with gcc  
`gcc -c input.s`
- Display binary representation with objdump:  
`objdump -d input.o`
- Copy the byte code into a text file

# Generate ASCII for the binary code

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- Use `sendstring` to generate ASCII string:

```
sendstring < input.txt > input.raw
```

## Run the program with the input

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- Run at the command line:

```
example2 < input.raw
```

- Run in gdb:

```
gdb example2
```

```
run < input.raw
```

## Show Code on the Stack

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```
(gdb) break example2
(gdb) break *0x80483f6
(gdb) run < input.raw
(gdb) p/x $ebp - 8
(gdb) p/x $ebp + 3
(gdb) continue
(gdb) disas 0xbffffa40 0xbffffa4b
```

# Important Dates

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- Lab 3: due Monday (Oct. 7), 11:59pm
- Exam 1: Tuesday (Oct. 8), 6:00–7:30pm  
Doherty Hall 2315