

# 3.8 - 3.12 Summary

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# 3.8.4 & 3.8.5

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- Array accesses

# N X N Matrix Code

## ■ Fixed dimensions

- Know value of N at compile time

```
#define N 16
typedef int fix_matrix[N][N];
/* Get element a[i][j] */
int fix_ele
    (fix_matrix a, int i, int j)
{
    return a[i][j];
}
```

## ■ Variable dimensions, explicit indexing

- Traditional way to implement dynamic arrays

```
#define IDX(n, i, j) ((i)*(n)+(j))
/* Get element a[i][j] */
int vec_ele
    (int n, int *a, int i, int j)
{
    return a[IDX(n,i,j)];
}
```

## ■ Variable dimensions, implicit indexing

- Now supported by gcc

```
/* Get element a[i][j] */
int var_ele
    (int n, int a[n][n], int i, int j)
{
    return a[i][j];
}
```

# 16 X 16 Matrix Access

## ■ Array Elements

- Address  $\mathbf{A} + i * (\mathbf{C} * \mathbf{K}) + j * \mathbf{K}$
- $\mathbf{C} = 16, \mathbf{K} = 4$

```
/* Get element a[i][j] */  
int fix_ele(fix_matrix a, int i, int j) {  
    return a[i][j];  
}
```

```
movl    12(%ebp), %edx    # i  
sall    $6, %edx         # i*64  
movl    16(%ebp), %eax    # j  
sall    $2, %eax         # j*4  
addl    8(%ebp), %eax     # a + j*4  
movl    (%eax,%edx), %eax # *(a + j*4 + i*64)
```

# n X n Matrix Access

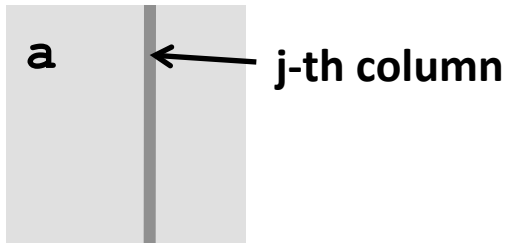
## ■ Array Elements

- Address  $\mathbf{A} + i * (\mathbf{C} * \mathbf{K}) + j * \mathbf{K}$
- $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{K} = 4$

```
/* Get element a[i][j] */  
int var_ele(int n, int a[n][n], int i, int j) {  
    return a[i][j];  
}
```

```
movl    8(%ebp), %eax    # n  
sall    $2, %eax        # n*4  
movl    %eax, %edx      # n*4  
imull   16(%ebp), %edx   # i*n*4  
movl    20(%ebp), %eax   # j  
sall    $2, %eax        # j*4  
addl    12(%ebp), %eax   # a + j*4  
movl    (%eax,%edx), %eax # *(a + j*4 + i*n*4)
```

# Optimizing Fixed Array Access



```
#define N 16
typedef int fix_matrix[N][N];
```

```
/* Retrieve column j from array */
void fix_column
(fix_matrix a, int j, int *dest)
{
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
        dest[i] = a[i][j];
}
```

## ■ Computation

- Step through all elements in column j

## ■ Optimization

- Retrieving successive elements from single column

# Optimizing Fixed Array Access

## ■ Optimization

- Compute  $ajp = \&a[i][j]$ 
  - Initially  $= a + 4*j$
  - Increment by  $4*N$

| Register          | Value             |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| <code>%ecx</code> | <code>ajp</code>  |
| <code>%ebx</code> | <code>dest</code> |
| <code>%edx</code> | <code>i</code>    |

```
/* Retrieve column j from array */  
void fix_column  
    (fix_matrix a, int j, int *dest)  
{  
    int i;  
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)  
        dest[i] = a[i][j];  
}
```

```
.L8:                                # loop:  
    movl    (%ecx), %eax             #   Read *ajp  
    movl    %eax, (%ebx,%edx,4)     #   Save in dest[i]  
    addl    $1, %edx                #   i++  
    addl    $64, %ecx               #   ajp += 4*N  
    cmpl   $16, %edx               #   i:N  
    jne    .L8                     #   if !=, goto loop
```

# Optimizing Variable Array Access

- Compute  $ajp = \&a[i][j]$ 
  - Initially  $= a + 4*j$
  - Increment by  $4*n$

| Register | Value |
|----------|-------|
| %ecx     | ajp   |
| %edi     | dest  |
| %edx     | i     |
| %ebx     | 4*n   |
| %esi     | n     |

```
/* Retrieve column j from array */
void var_column
(int n, int a[n][n],
 int j, int *dest)
{
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        dest[i] = a[i][j];
}
```

```
.L18:                                # loop:
    movl    (%ecx), %eax              #   Read *ajp
    movl    %eax, (%edi,%edx,4)      #   Save in dest[i]
    addl    $1, %edx                 #   i++
    addl    $ebx, %ecx               #   ajp += 4*n
    cmpl    $edx, %esi              #   n:i
    jg     .L18                      #   if >, goto loop
```





# 3.10

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- Recap on pointers



## 3.11 gdb

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- Debugger – important tool.
  - gdb: low level tool, important to know what it can do
  - Use a higher level tool based on gdb = front-end to gdb, e.g., **kdbg**.



## 3.12.1 Protection Against Attacks

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- Some protections against buffer overflow
  - stack randomization
  - detection of stack corruption
  - (processor) execution flag

# System-Level Protections

## ■ Randomized stack offsets

- At start of program, allocate random amount of space on stack
- Makes it difficult for hacker to predict beginning of inserted code

## ■ Nonexecutable code segments

- In traditional x86, can mark region of memory as either “read-only” or “writeable”
  - Can execute anything readable
- X86-64 added explicit “execute” permission

```
unix> gdb bufdemo
(gdb) break echo

(gdb) run
(gdb) print /x $ebp
$1 = 0xffffc638

(gdb) run
(gdb) print /x $ebp
$2 = 0xffffbb08

(gdb) run
(gdb) print /x $ebp
$3 = 0xffffc6a8
```

# Stack Canaries

## ■ Idea

- Place special value (“canary”) on stack just beyond buffer
- Check for corruption before exiting function

## ■ GCC Implementation

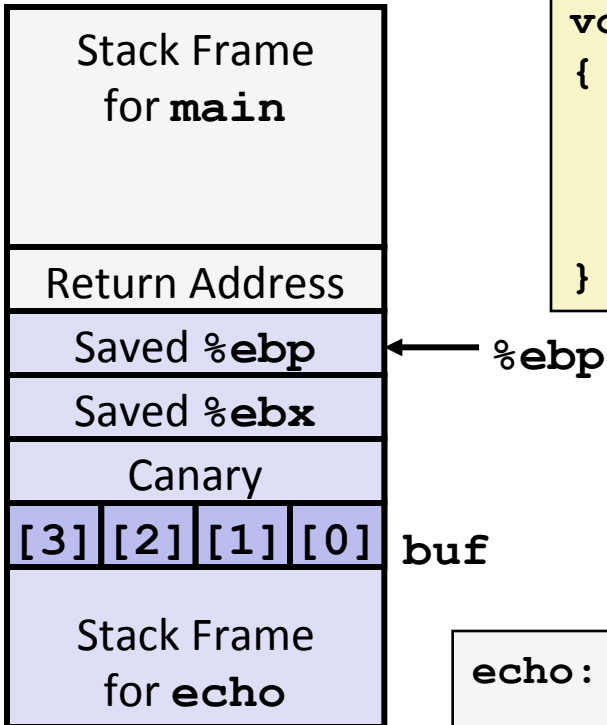
- `-fstack-protector`
- `-fstack-protector-all`

```
unix> ./bufdemo-protected  
Type a string:1234  
1234
```

```
unix> ./bufdemo-protected  
Type a string:12345  
*** stack smashing detected ***
```

# Setting Up Canary

*Before call to gets*

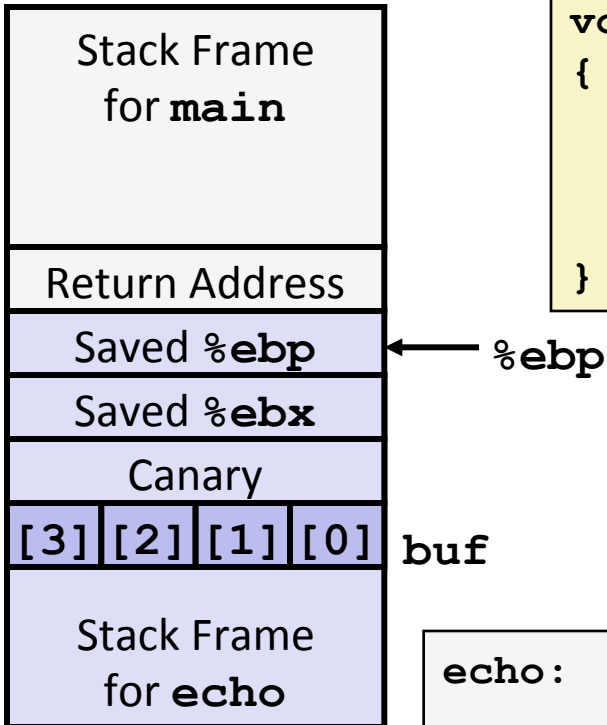


```
/* Echo Line */  
void echo()  
{  
    char buf[4]; /* Way too small! */  
    gets(buf);  
    puts(buf);  
}
```

```
echo:  
    . . .  
    movl    %gs:20, %eax    # Get canary  
    movl    %eax, -8(%ebp)  # Put on stack  
    xorl    %eax, %eax     # Erase canary  
    . . .
```

# Checking Canary

*Before call to gets*



```
/* Echo Line */  
void echo()  
{  
    char buf[4]; /* Way too small! */  
    gets(buf);  
    puts(buf);  
}
```

```
echo:  
    . . .  
    movl    -8(%ebp), %eax    # Retrieve from stack  
    xorl    %gs:20, %eax     # Compare with Canary  
    je     .L24              # Same: skip ahead  
    call   __stack_chk_fail  # ERROR  
.L24:  
    . . .
```



# 3.13.1

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- History, for your culture.





# 3.14

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- “x87” FP
  - Old & cumbersome (stack).
- SSE
  - Set of SIMD instructions, support FP operations, better.