

Binary Exploitation

SIGPWNY

The Stack

“It’s where things go™”

Local Variables
“Linkage”
Return Address!
Arguments to this function
And so on...

Example

```
int demo (int A) {  
    int Y;  
    int X;  
  
    X = A + 2;  
    Y = A - X;  
  
    return A + X + Y;  
}
```

X
Y
"Linkage"
Return Address
A

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How to play

1. Program asks for user input, stores it in a variable
2. You give extra data to “**overflow**” the variable
3. Carefully choose extra data to change program execution flow

Your First Challenge

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{
    printf("This is SIGPwny thing, go\n");
    vulnerable();
}
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{  
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