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**Buffer Overrun Attacks Used to Dominate Vulnerabilities**

This type of attack is

- a **buffer overrun attack**,
- the dominant software vulnerability
- for many years.

Microsoft went through 50 million lines of code to try to eliminate them.

Recent OS changes have also helped:

- reduced ability to execute code on stack, and
- randomization of code location.

**Use Field Width to Make scanf Safe**

```
char name[20];
printf ("Hi, what is your name?");
if (1 == scanf ("%19s", name)) {
    printf ("Hello, %s!\n", name);
}
```

**Use field width 19\* to limit input to 19 characters (need 1 char for NUL).**

\*Solutions (such as this one) that require humans to maintain them are error-prone.

**Impromptu Survey on Phone Books**

**How many of you have ...**

- ...used a phone book?
- ...seen a phone book?
- ...heard of phone books?

**Just wondered.**

**How Do We Search When Values are Sorted?**

Imagine that you have

- an array of integers
- sorted in numerically increasing order.

**How do you check whether**

- a particular integer
- appears in the array?

Let's write a **C** function and return either

- the index of the desired value, or
- -1 if the value is not in the array.