Homework 1

Problem 1. Incomplete mediation (25 points)
Consider data that is input to a Web form. Such data is often transferred to the server by including it in a URL. Suppose the input is validated on the client. For example, suppose the following order has been checked by the client:
http://www.things.com/orders/final&custID=112&num=55&qty=20&price=10&shipping=5&total=205
This URL is interpreted to mean that the customer with ID number 112 has ordered 20 of item number 55, at a cost of $10 each, which, with $5 shipping, gives a total cost of $205 Q
Show three ways in which a client named Mallory can cheat the server.

Problem 2 (30 points).
Find and point the buffer overflow in the code below. Illustrate an attack using the stack image we covered in class. Show how the buffer overflow can be eliminated.

Algorithm 1 Code snippet of a vulnerable function.
1. ...
2. char buf[64], in[MAX_SIZE];
3. printf("Enter buffer contents: ");
4. read(0, in, MAX_SIZE - 1);
5. printf("Bytes to copy: ");
6. scanf("%d", &bytes);
7. memcpy(buf, in, bytes);
8. ...

Problem 3. (30 points)
What will the following code print? Why? Identify the line where the vulnerability is. Explain the vulnerability. Show how the vulnerability can be eliminated.

Algorithm 2 Example vulnerability.
1. void called (int foo){
2. if (foo = 1) printf("foo");
3. else printf("bar");
4. }
5. int main (){
6. called(2);
7. return 0;}

Problem 4 (15 points). How can we distinguish among viruses, worms and trojan horse programs?