

Secure Software Development

Finding Bugs II

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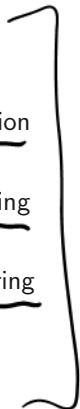
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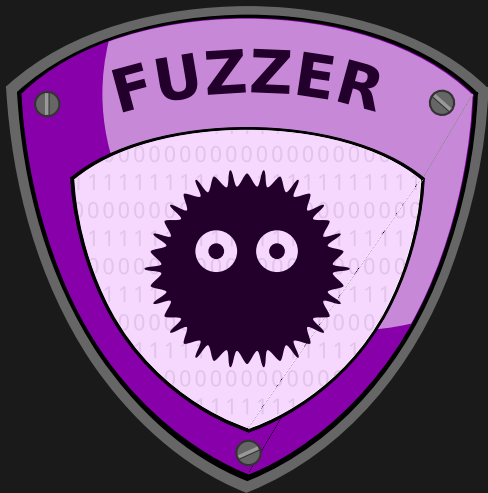
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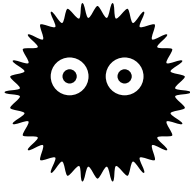
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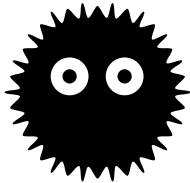
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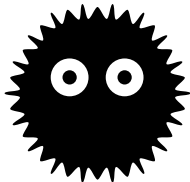




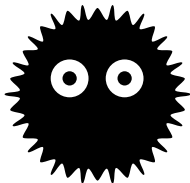
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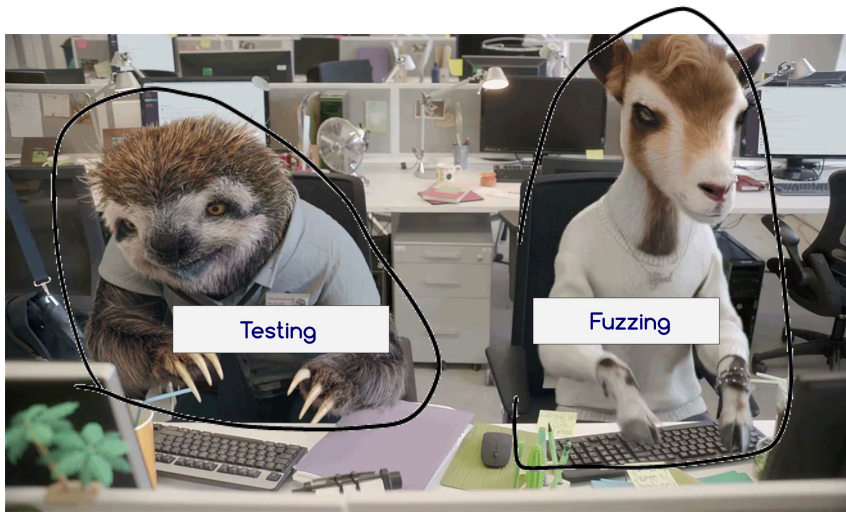
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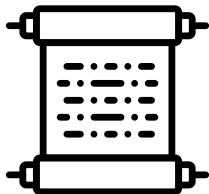


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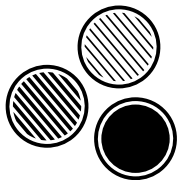
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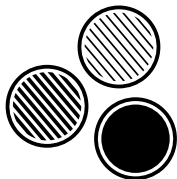
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- Fuzzing dates back to 1981, was considered worst means of testing
- Term was coined 1988: testing noise over fuzzy network connections
- Google runs ClusterFuzz since 2012 to fuzz Chrome
- Most teams used fuzzing to automatically detect bugs in the DARPA Cyber Grand Challenge 2016
- american fuzzy lop (AFL) regularly finds bugs in open source programs

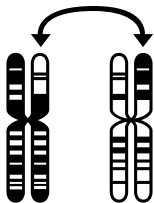


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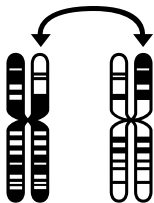


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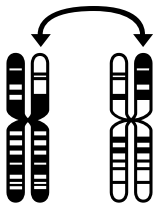
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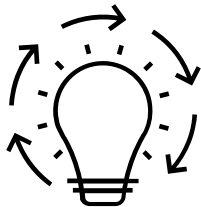


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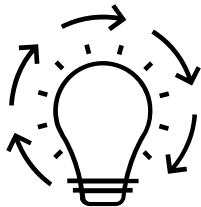


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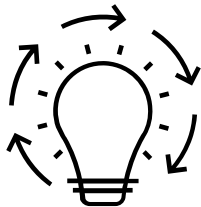
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- Writing testcase generator is a lot of work



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- Often requires binary instrumentation



Practical Example: Fuzzing



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typedef void (*function)(char*);
```

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typedef struct {
    char* name;
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} functions;
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void ping(char* cmd) {
    printf("Pong\n");
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void pong(char* cmd) {
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}

void echo(char* cmd) {
    printf("%s", cmd);
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    char buffer[64];
    functions list[] = {
        {"pong", pong},
        {"ping", ping},
        {"echo", echo},
        {NULL, NULL} ←
    };

    FILE* f = fopen(argv[1], "r");
    if(!f) return 1;
    while(fgets(buffer, 64, f)) {
        char* cmd = strtok(buffer, " \n");
        if(cmd) {
            if(is_valid(list, cmd)) {
                execute(list, cmd, strtok(NULL, ""));
            } else {
                printf("Unknown command!\n");
            }
        }
    }
    fclose(f);
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  run time : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 2 sec | cycles done : 0
  last new path : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 1 sec | total paths : 7
  last uniq crash : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 2 sec | uniq crashes : 2
  last uniq hang : none seen yet | uniq hangs : 0
-----|-----|
cycle progress | map coverage
now processing : 0 (0.00%) | map density : 0.02% / 0.04%
paths timed out : 0 (0.00%) | count coverage : 1.17 bits/tuple
-----|-----|
stage progress | findings in depth
now trying : interest 32/8 | favored paths : 1 (14.29%)
stage execs : 250/431 (58.00%) | new edges on : 7 (100.00%)
total execs : 1720 | total crashes : 247 (2 unique)
exec speed : 541.6/sec | total tmouts : 0 (0 unique)
-----|-----|
fuzzing strategy yields | path geometry
bit flips : 4/96, 0/95, 0/93 | levels : 2
byte flips : 0/12, 0/11, 0/9 | pending : 7
arithmetics : 2/669, 0/55, 0/0 | pend fav : 1
known ints : 2/64, 0/306, 0/0 | own finds : 6
dictionary : 0/0, 0/0, 0/0 | imported : n/a
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0x0000000000000000 in ?? ()
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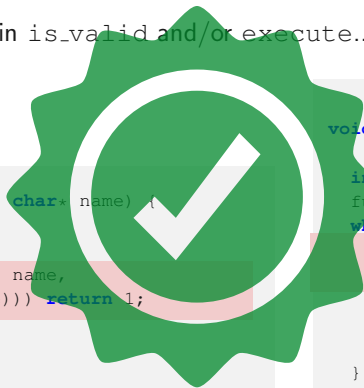
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map coverage
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findings in depth
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path geometry
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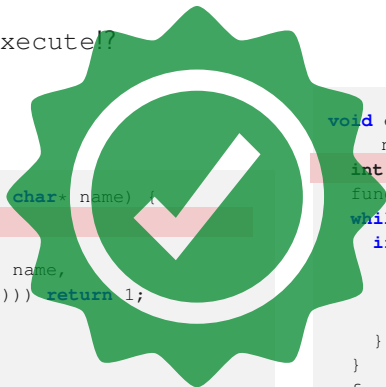
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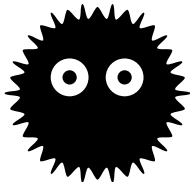
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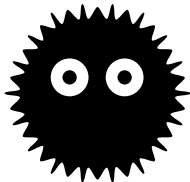
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Practical Example Analysis: Fuzzing



- + Fuzzing can be fast and efficient → ≈ 4 s for 2 bugs
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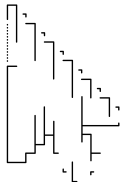
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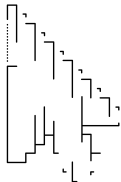


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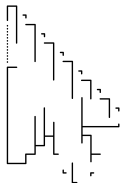
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- libFuzzer fuzzes single functions
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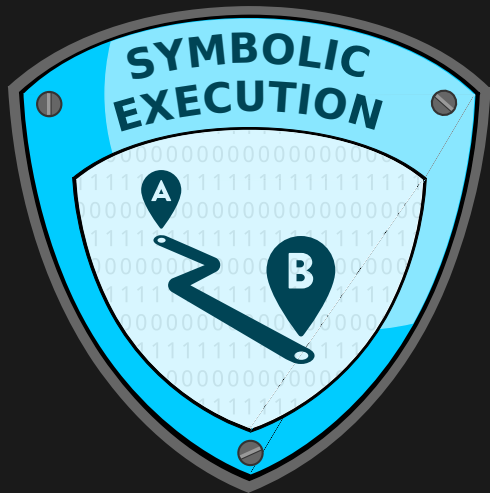
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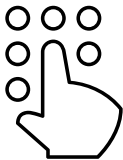
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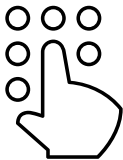
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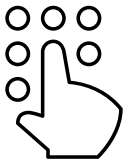
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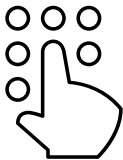
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import angr
```

```
good = 0x8048630
```

```
avoid = (0x8048642)
```

```
length = 12
```

```
project = angr.Project('main.elf')
```

```
state = project.factory.full_init_state()
```

```
simgr = project.factory.simgr()
```

```
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```

```
s = simgr.found[0]
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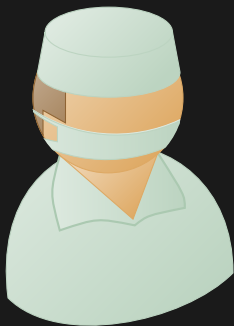
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    b = s.memory.load(0x0804a060 + i, 1)
```

```
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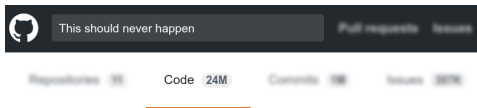


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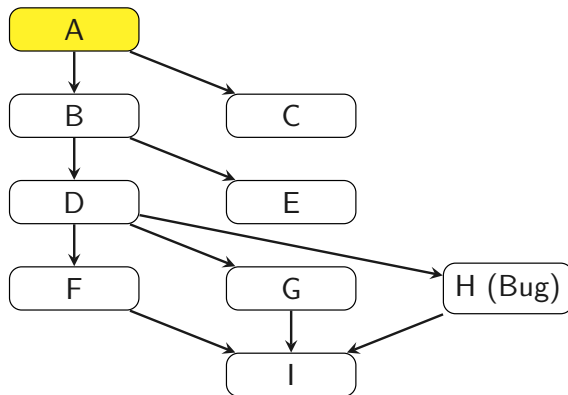
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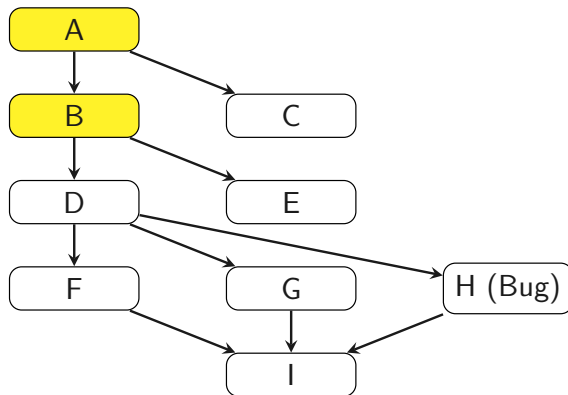
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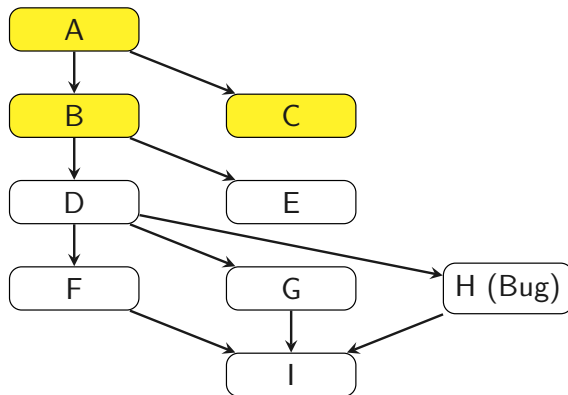
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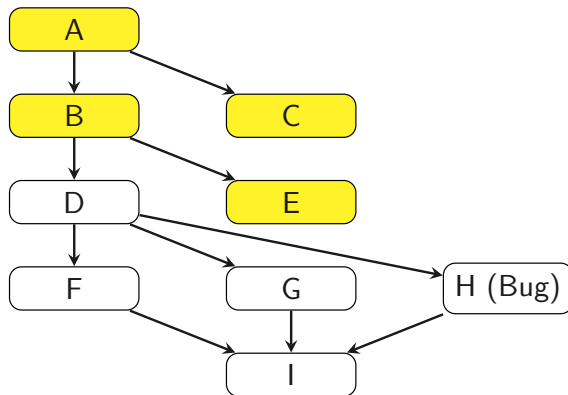
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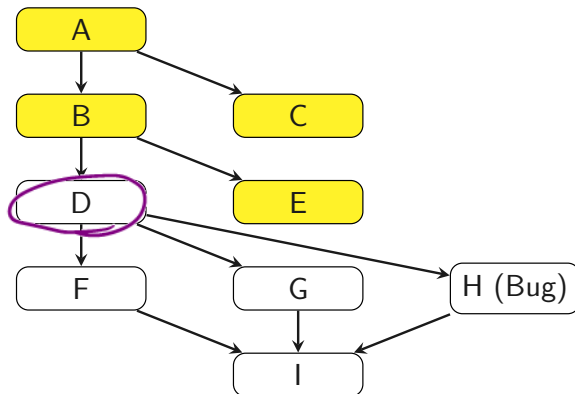
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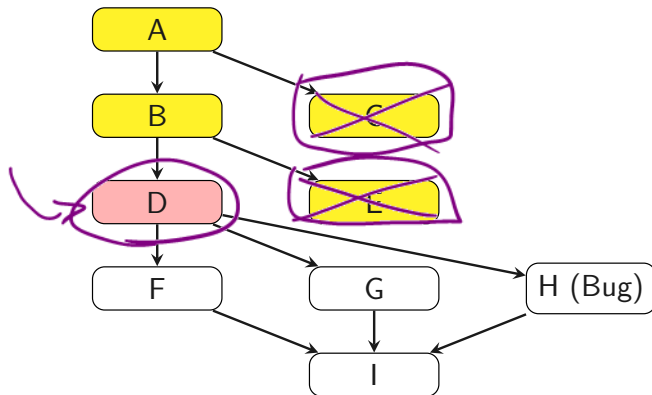
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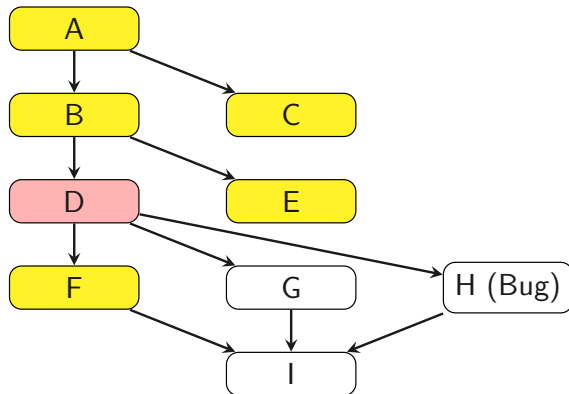
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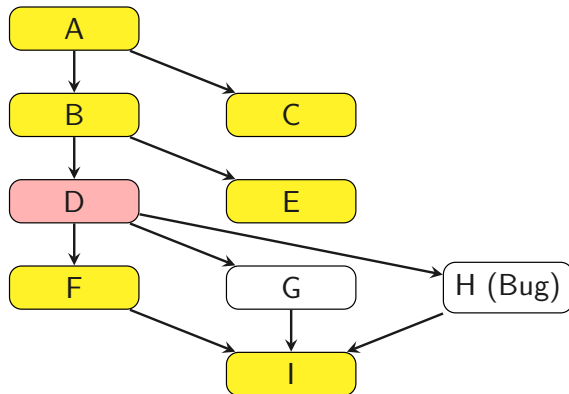
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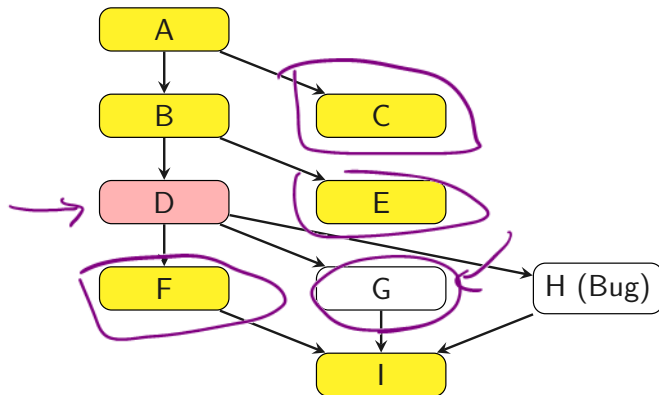
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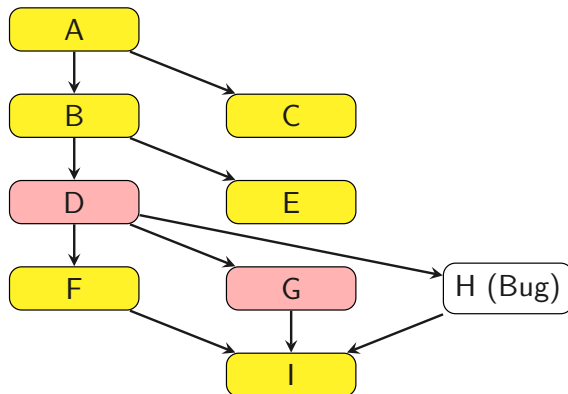
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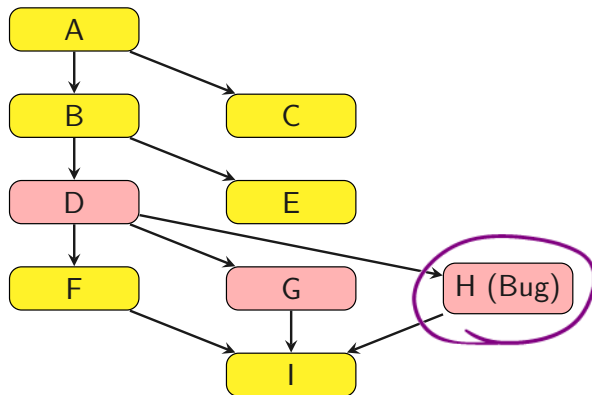
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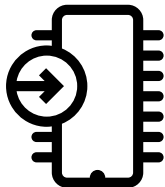
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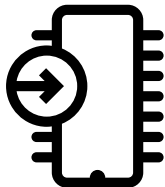
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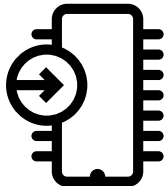
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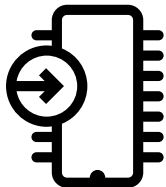
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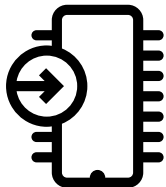
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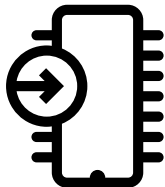
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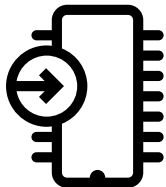
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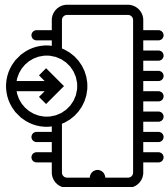


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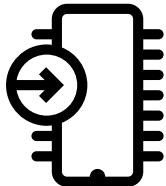


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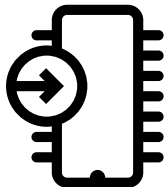
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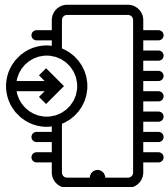
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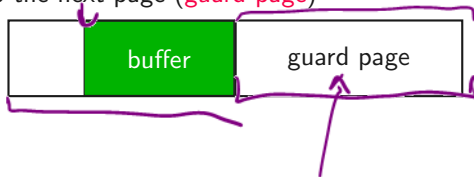
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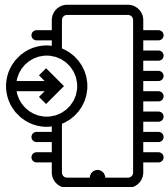




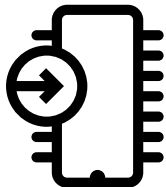
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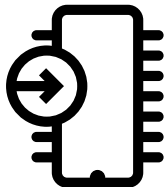
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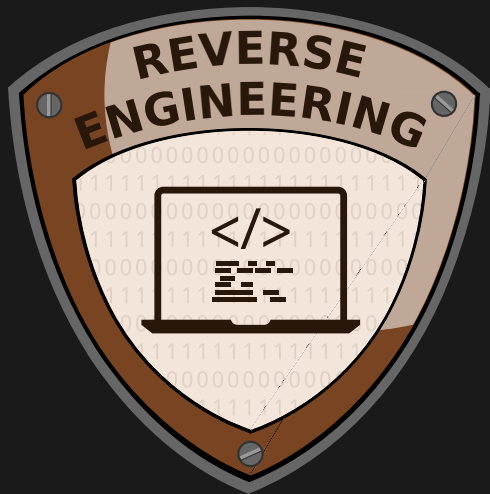
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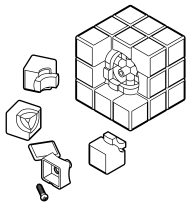


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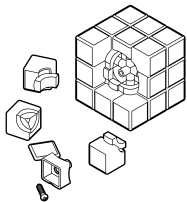


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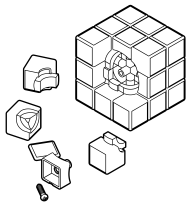




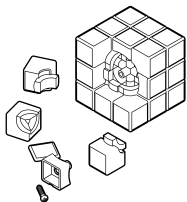
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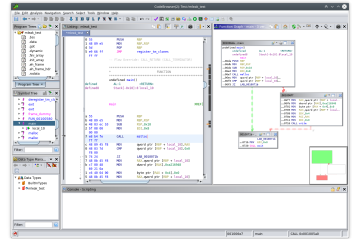
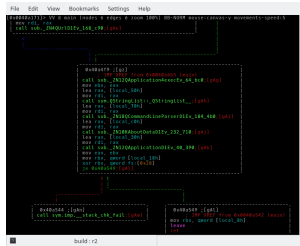
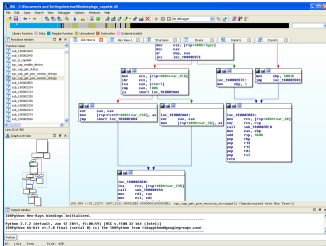
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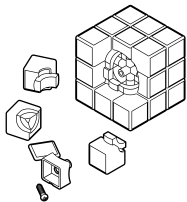
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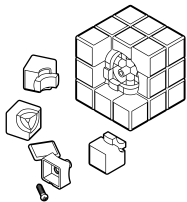
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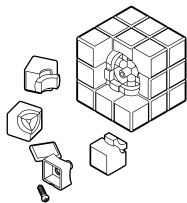




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% gcc re.c -o re
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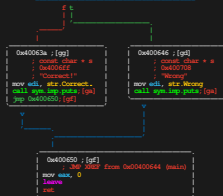


```
% r2_re
[0x00400500]> aaaa
[x] Analyze all flags starting with sym. and entry0 (aa)
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[x] Analyze function calls (aac)
[x] Emulate code to find computed references (aae)
[x] Analyze consecutive function (aat)
[x] Constructing a function name for fcn.* and
    sym.func.* functions (aan)
[x] Type matching analysis for all functions (afta)
[0x00400500]> VV @ main
```



[0x04005E6]> VV @ main (nodes 4 edges 4 zoom 100%) BB-NCM mouse:canvas-y movements-speed:5

```
[0x4005E6] : [gc]
; main
(func) main 97
main 0;
; var int local_4Ch @ rbp-0x40
; DATA XREF from 0x04005Dd (str.zy0)
push rbp
mov rbp, rsp
; 0
sub rsp, 0x40
; const char * a
; 0x4006e4
; "Enter password:"
mov edi, str.Enter.password; [gc]
call sym.imp.puts; [gc]
; r14, r14sum
; 0x401050-8)=0
mov r14, qword [rbp.stdia]
lea rax, [local_4Ch]
; rax=r14
sar byte [r14 + 0x40], 0x48
mov edi, eax
call sym.imp.puts; [gc]
lea rax, [local_4Ch]
; s1=2 n
mov edi, 0x4
; const char * s2
; 0x4006e4
; "secret1234"
mov esi, str.secret1234
; const char * s1
mov edi, rax
call sym.imp.strncmp; [gc]
test eax, eax
jnz 0x400646; [gd]
```





```
call sym.imp.fgets; [gb]
lea rax, [local_40h]
; size_t n
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f t

```
0x40063a ; [gg]
; const char * s
; 0x4006ff
; "Correct!"
mov edi, str.Correct
call sym.imp.puts; [ga]
jmp 0x400650; [ge]
```

```
0x400646 ; [gd]
; const char * s
; 0x400708
; "Wrong"
mov edi, str.Wrong
call sym.imp.puts; [ga]
```



```
1 int __cdecl main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
2 {
3     char s; // [sp+0h] [bp-40h]@1
4
5     puts("Enter password:");
6     fgets(&s, 04, stdin);
7     if ( !strcmp(&s, "secret1234", 10uLL) )
8         puts("Correct!");
9     else
10        puts("Wrong");
11    return 0;
12 }
```

00000603 main:12

Output window

Python

AU: idle Down Disk: 4GB



The screenshot shows the CodeBrowser interface with a decompiled C program. The main window displays the following code:

```
1  undefined8 main(void)
2
3
4  {
5      int iVar1;
6      char local_48 [64];
7
8      puts("Enter password:");
9      fgets(local_48,0x40,stdin);
10     iVar1 = strcmp(local_48,"secret1234",10);
11     if (iVar1 == 0) {
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13     }
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16     }
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18 }
19
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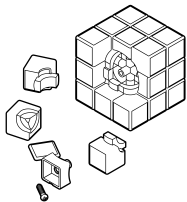
The left sidebar contains a 'Program Trees' view showing a directory structure with 're' and '.bss'. Below it is a 'Symbol Tree' view showing functions 'frame_d' and 'FUN_00'. At the bottom, there is a 'Data Ty...' view.



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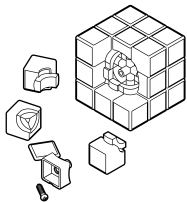


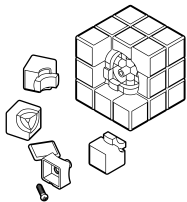
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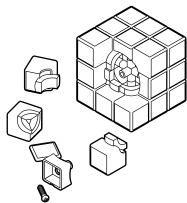


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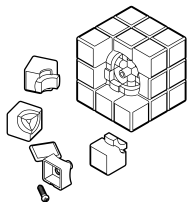




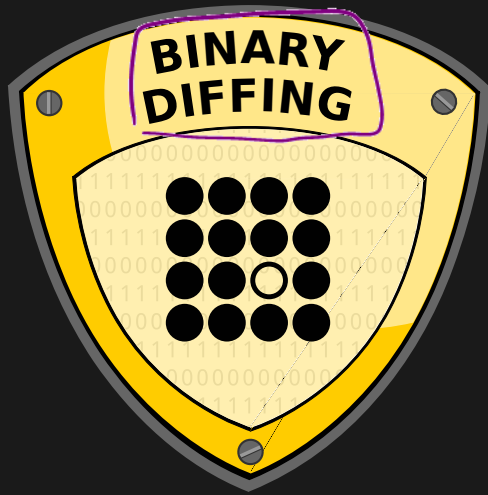
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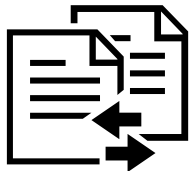


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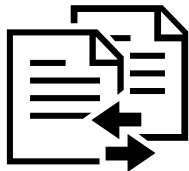


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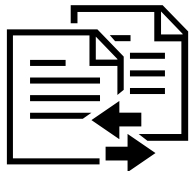




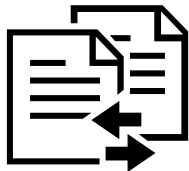
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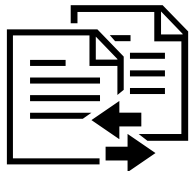
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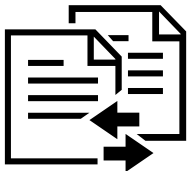


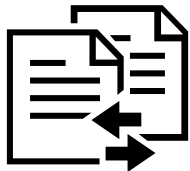
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Practical Example: 1-day (Binary Diffing)



```
[0x0400120]> W @ main (nodes 4 edges 4 score 1001) 0x-0x000 mouse:0x0400120-movement:0x0400120-speed:5

[0x0400120] | [gb]
|-- main
| [0x0400120] main: 239
| main: 0
| var int local_90h @ stp-0x98
| var char local_30h @ stp-0x90
| var int local_80h @ stp-0x84
| var int local_90h @ stp-0x80
| var int local_02h @ stp-0x70
| var int local_10h @ stp-0x64
| var int local_5h @ stp-0x40
| var int local_4h @ stp-0x34
| var int local_3h @ stp-0x28
| [0x0400120] from 0x040010064 (entry:0)
|
|-- 0x0400120
| mov esp, esp
| sub esp, 0x10
| mov dword [local_0h], 0
| mov dword [local_8h], edi
| mov dword [local_10h], esi
|
|-- 0x0400124
| mov
| [0x0400124]=1
| cmp dword [local_0h], 2
| jne 0x0400140 [gg]

[0x0400140] | [gg]
| const char s_0x0000
| 0x0000
| "mpg: h0 v0a0b0c0"
| m0a0b0 c0, str [0x0400140]
| mov esi, dword [local_10h]
| mov esi, dword [eax]
| mov al, 0
| call esp_imp_getintf [gf]
| mov dword [ebp - 0x4c], eax

[0x0400174] | [gb]
| mov eax, esi
| char s_0x0010
| mov esi, eax
| int 0x80
| mov eax, esi
| mov ecx, dword [local_10h]
| const char s_0x0014
| [0x0400174]=1
| 0
| mov esi, dword [ecx + 0]
| call esp_imp_getintf [gf]
| jmp r11, [local_00h]
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| mov esi, eax
| mov dword [local_30h], ecx
| mov dword [stp - 0x64], ecx
| call esp_imp_getintf [gf]
| const char s_0x0018
| mov ecx, eax, 0x040018
| char s_0x001c
| mov esi, dword [local_30h]
|
|-- 0x0400184
| mov ecx, dword [stp - 0x64]
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| mov al, 0
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| call esp_imp_getintf [gf]
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| mov ecx, eax, 0x04001c
| jmp r11, [local_00h]
| mov dword [stp - 0x64], eax
| mov al, 0
| call esp_imp_getintf [gf]
| mov dword [stp - 0x64], eax
| jmp 0x0400140 [gg]

[0x0400184] | [gg]
| jmp 0x0400140 from 0x0400174 0x410
```

- Given a binary with an **unknown bug**
- The vendor released a **patch**, fixing the vulnerability
- Fixed bug has **no documentation...**
- ...but we have both the patched (patched) and original (vuln) **binary**



```
% ./vuln  
Usage: ./vuln <number>
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```
% ./vuln 123
Dec: 123
Hex: 0x7b
Bin: 0b1111011
```




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sym.imp.printf 48 0x4004f0 | UNMATCH (0.854167) | 0x400530 48 sym.imp.printf
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fcn.00400540 57 0x400540 | MATCH (0.192982) | 0x400580 57 fcn.00400580
sym.deregister_tm_clones 35 0x400580 | UNMATCH (0.914286) | 0x4005c0 35 sym.deregister_tm_clones
sym.to_bin 236 0x400630 | MATCH (0.723776) | 0x400670 286 sym.to_bin
sym.imp.strncat 48 0x400540 | NEW (0.000000)
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fcn.00400540	57	0x400540		MATCH	(0.192982)		0x400580	57	fcn.00400580
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```
% radiff2 -g sym.to_bin vuln patched | xdot -
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```
| 0x004006c0 movabs rax, 0x400896
| 0x004006ca movabs rcx, str.10
| 0x004006d4 mov rdi, qword [local_10h]
| 0x004006d8 mov rdx, qword [local_18h]
| 0x004006dc and rdx, 1
| 0x004006e0 cmp rdx, 0
| 0x004006e4 cmovne rax, rcx
| 0x004006e8 mov rsi, rax
| 0x004006eb call sym.imp.strcat
| 0x004006f0 mov r8d, 2
| 0x004006f6 mov ecx, r8d
| 0x004006f9 mov rdx, qword [local_18h]
| 0x004006fd mov qword [local_30h], rax
| 0x00400701 mov rax, rdx
| 0x00400704 cqo
| 0x00400706 idiv rcx
| 0x00400709 mov qword [local_18h], rax
| 0x0040070d jmp 0x4006ac
```

Original (vuln)

```
| 0x00400703 movabs rax, 0x400916
| 0x0040070d movabs rcx, str.10
| 0x00400717 mov rdi, qword [local_10h]
| 0x0040071b mov rdx, qword [local_20h]
| 0x0040071f and rdx, 1
| 0x00400723 cmp rdx, 0
| 0x00400727 cmovne rax, rcx
| 0x0040072b movsxd rcx, dword [local_14h]
| 0x0040072f mov rdx, qword [local_10h]
| 0x00400733 mov qword [local_38h], rdi
| 0x00400737 mov rdi, rdx
| 0x0040073a mov qword [local_40h], rcx
| 0x0040073e mov qword [local_48h], rax
| 0x00400742 call sym.imp.strlen
| 0x00400747 mov rcx, qword [local_40h]
| 0x0040074b sub rcx, rax
| 0x0040074e sub rcx, 1
| 0x00400752 mov rdi, qword [local_38h]
| 0x00400756 mov rsi, qword [local_48h]
| 0x0040075a mov rdx, rcx
| 0x0040075d call sym.imp.strncat
| 0x00400762 mov r8d, 2
| 0x00400768 mov ecx, r8d
| 0x0040076b mov rdx, qword [local_20h]
| 0x0040076f mov qword [local_50h], rax
| 0x00400773 mov rax, rdx
| 0x00400776 cqo
| 0x00400778 idiv rcx
| 0x0040077b mov qword [local_20h], rax
| 0x0040077f jmp 0x4006ef
```

Patched (patched)



```
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| 0x00400701 mov rax, rdx
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| 0x00400747 mov rcx, qword [local_40h]
| 0x0040074b sub rcx, rax
| 0x0040074e sub rcx, 1
| 0x00400752 mov rdi, qword [local_38h]
| 0x00400756 mov rsi, qword [local_48h]
| 0x0040075a mov rdx, rcx
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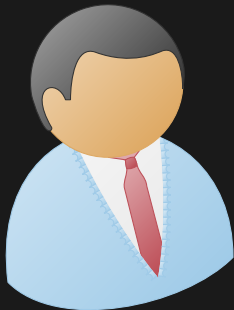
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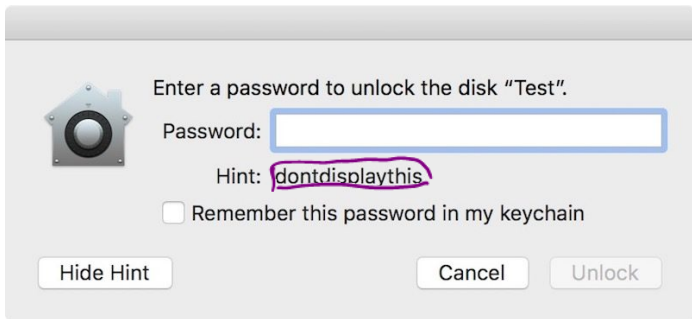
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Questions?


```
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```

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {  
    printf(argv[0]);  
    return 0;  
}
```

**There are no bugs,
just happy little accidents**



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