

Pin in CTF

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What is Instrumentation



- A technique that inserts extra code into a program to collect runtime information

Instrumentation approaches

- Source instrumentation
 - instrument source programs
- Binary instrumentation
 - instrument executables directly

Advantages of Pin



- Easy-to-use Instrumentation:
 - Uses dynamic instrumentation
 - Do not need source code, recompilation, post-linking
- Programmable Instrumentation:
 - Provides rich APIs to write in C/C++ your own instrumentation tools (called Pintools)
- Multiplatform:
 - Support x86, x86-64, Itanium, Xscale
 - Support Linux, Windows, MacOS
- Efficient:
 - Applies compiler optimizations on instrumentation code

Using Pin



- Installation is Easy
- Launch and instrument an application

```
$ pin -t pintool -- application
```



instrumentation
engine(provided in
the kit)



Instrumentation tool(write
your own, or use one
provided in the kit)

- attach to and instrument an application

```
$ pin -t pintool -pid 1234
```

Example: Instruction Count



source/tools/ManualExamples/inscount0/1/2/3.cpp

```
ManualExamples make obj-intel64/inscount1.so TARGET=intel64
g++ -Wall -Werror -Wno-unknown-pragmas -D__PIN__=1 -DPIN_CRT=1 -fno-stack-protector -fno-exceptions -funwind-tables -fasynchronous-unwind-tables -fno-rtti -DTARGET_IA32E -DH0ST_IA32E -fPIC -DTARGET_LINUX -fabi-version=2 -I../../../../source/include/pin -I../../../../source/include/pin/gen -isystem /home/m4x/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/extras/stlport/include -isystem /home/m4x/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/extras/libstdc++/include -isystem /home/m4x/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/extras/crt/include -isystem /home/m4x/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/extras/crt/include/arch-x86_64 -isystem /home/m4x/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/extras/crt/include/kernel/uapi -isystem /home/m4x/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/extras/crt/include/kernel/uapi/asm-x86 -I../../../../extras/components/include -I../../../../extras/xed-intel64/include/xed -I../../../../source/tools/InstLib -O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -fno-strict-aliasing -c -o obj-intel64/inscount1.o inscount1.cpp
g++ -shared -Wl,--hash-style=sysv ../../../../intel64/runtime/pincrt/crtbeginS.o -Wl,-Bsymbolic -Wl,--version-script=../../../../source/include/pin/pintool.ver -fabi-version=2 -o obj-intel64/inscount1.so obj-intel64/inscount1.o -L../../../../intel64/runtime/pincrt -L../../../../intel64/lib -L../../../../intel64/lib-ext -L../../../../extras/xed-intel64/lib -lpin -lxed ../../../../intel64/runtime/pincrt/crtendS.o -lpin3dwarf -ldl -dynamic -nostdlib -lstlport-dynamic -lm-dynamic -lc-dynamic -lunwind-dynamic
ManualExamples ../../../../pin -t obj-intel64/inscount1.so -- /bin/ls; cat inscount.out
buffer_linux.cpp      fork_app.cpp          little_malloc.c       replacesigprobed.cpp
buffer_windows.cpp    fork_jit_tool.cpp     makefile              safecopy.cpp
countreps.cpp         imageload.cpp         makefile.rules        stack-debugger.cpp
detach.cpp            inscount0.cpp         malloc_mt.cpp         stack-debugger-tutorial.sln
divide_by_zero_unix.c inscount1.cpp         malloctrace.cpp      stack-debugger-tutorial.vcxproj
divide_by_zero_win.c  inscount2.cpp         myInscount1.cpp      stack-debugger-tutorial.vcxproj.filters
emudiv.cpp            inscount.out          nonstatica.cpp       statica.cpp
fibonacci.cpp         inscount_tls.cpp     obj-ia32              staticcount.cpp
follow_child_app1.cpp invocation.cpp         obj-intel64           strace.cpp
follow_child_app2.cpp isampling.cpp         pinatrace.cpp         w_malloctrace.cpp
follow_child_tool.cpp itrace.cpp            proccount.cpp
Count 738025
ManualExamples
```

Using Pin in CTF



- side channel analysis
 - By counting the number of instruction executed
 - By recoding all memory writes
 - and so on

Example:

NDH2k13-crackme500



```
NDH2k13-crackme-500 check ./crackme
./crackme: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, invalid version (SYSV), for GNU/Linux 2.6.9, statically linke
d, corrupted section header size
[*] '/home/m4x/Desktop/pin/examples/NDH2k13-crackme-500/crackme'
  Arch:      amd64-64-little
  RELRO:     Partial RELRO
  Stack:     No canary found
  NX:        NX enabled
  PIE:       No PIE
NDH2k13-crackme-500 nm ./crackme

nm: out of memory allocating 109524665216 bytes after a total of 0 bytes
NDH2k13-crackme-500 objdump -d ./crackme
objdump: ./crackme: 不可识别的文件格式
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ./crackme
Jonathan Salwan loves you <3
-----
Password: test
Bad password
NDH2k13-crackme-500 █
```


Example:

NDH2k13-crackme500



```
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< a >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 160362
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< aa >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 163158
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< aaa >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 165954
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< aaaa >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 168750
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< aaaaa >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 171546
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< aaaaaa >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 174342
NDH2k13-crackme-500 bpython
bpython version 0.17.1 on top of Python 2.7.13+ /usr/bin/python2
>>> 160362 - 163158 == 163158 - 165954 == 165954 - 168750 == 168750 - 171546 == 171546 - 174342
True
>>> NDH2k13-crackme-500 python guessLen.py
inputLen( 1) -> ins(160307) -> delta(160307)
inputLen( 2) -> ins(163103) -> delta(2796)
inputLen( 3) -> ins(165899) -> delta(2796)
inputLen( 4) -> ins(168695) -> delta(2796)
inputLen( 5) -> ins(171491) -> delta(2796)
inputLen( 6) -> ins(174287) -> delta(2796)
inputLen( 7) -> ins(177083) -> delta(2796)
inputLen( 8) -> ins(182804) -> delta(5721)
inputLen( 9) -> ins(182676) -> delta(-128)
inputLen(10) -> ins(185472) -> delta(2796)
inputLen(11) -> ins(188268) -> delta(2796)
inputLen(12) -> ins(191064) -> delta(2796)
inputLen(13) -> ins(193860) -> delta(2796)
inputLen(14) -> ins(196656) -> delta(2796)
```

len(pwd) == 8?

Example:

NDH2k13-crackme500



```
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< "@???????" >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 182841
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< "?????????" >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 182841
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< "A?????????" >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 186879
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< "B?????????" >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 182841
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ~/pin-3.6-gcc-linux/pin -t ./inscount0.so -- ./crackme <<< "C?????????" >> /dev/null; cat inscount.out
Count 182841
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ■ A?????????
```

```
input(AzI0wBsW) -> now(211069) -> delta(0)
input(AzI0wBsX) -> now(214976) -> delta(3907)
Found pwd: AzI0wBsX
python guessPWD.py 31.34s user 14.50s system 105% cpu 43.322 total
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ./crackme
Jonathan Salwan loves you <3
-----
```

```
Password: AzI0wBsX
Good password
```

```
NDH2k13-crackme-500 ■
```

Bingo!

Conclusion:
(in CTF Challenges)



Experience: (in CTF Challenges)



- 连蒙带猜带验证
- 能用血赚，凉了不亏
- `inscount1(BB)` is faster than `inscount0(INS)`
- `dict = map(chr, range(0x20, 0x80))`
- [Triton](#)
- [PinCTF](#)

Reference:



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Thank you~