Intro to Binary Analysis with Z3 and Angr

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++ Code

- + Code and setup instructions at: https://github.com/mwrlabs/z3_and_angr_binary_analysis_workshop
- + All paths in the slides are relative from the repo base



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Schedule

13:30 - 15:15 Background & Z3

15:15 - 15:30 Break/Extra exercise time

15:30 - End Angr



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- 1. What the Hell is Z3?
- 2. Z3-python
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- 8. Wrap-up



++ What the Hell is Z3?

- + Z3 is an SMT solver
- + what





What the Hell is a SMT Solver?

- + Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT) solvers
- + what





What the Hell is a SMT Solver?

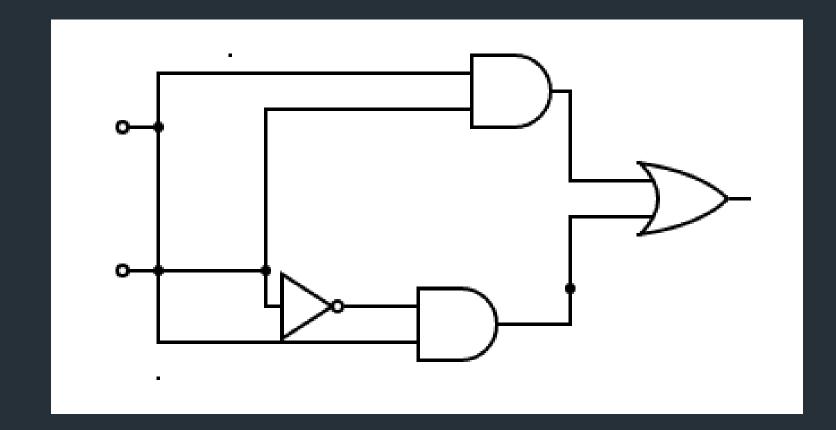
- + Built on top of SAT solvers..
- + 'satisfiability'
- + Boolean formula in => Can it be satisfied?
- + If so give me example values

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What the Hell is a SAT Solver?



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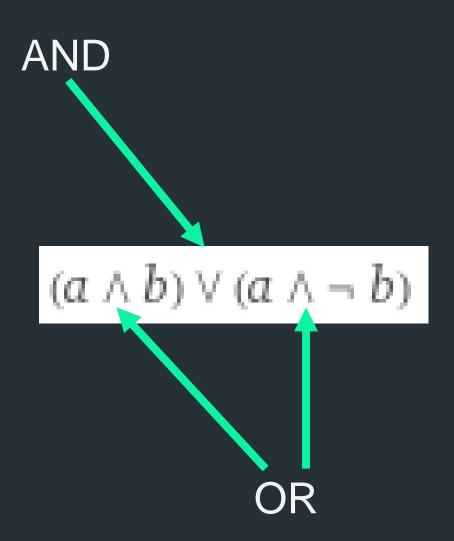
Input: $(a \land b) \lor (a \land \neg b)$ $(a \land AND b) \land OR (a \land AND (Not b))$





CNF?

- + Conjunctive Normal Form
- + an AND of ORs
- + AND, OR, NOT only
- + Used because any propositional logic can be converted to CNF in linear time









What the Hell is a SAT Solver?

Tri	Truth table:			
	а	b	$(a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge \neg b)$	
	Т	Τ	T	
	Т	F	T	
	F	Τ	F	
	F	F	F	







What the Hell is a SMT Solver?

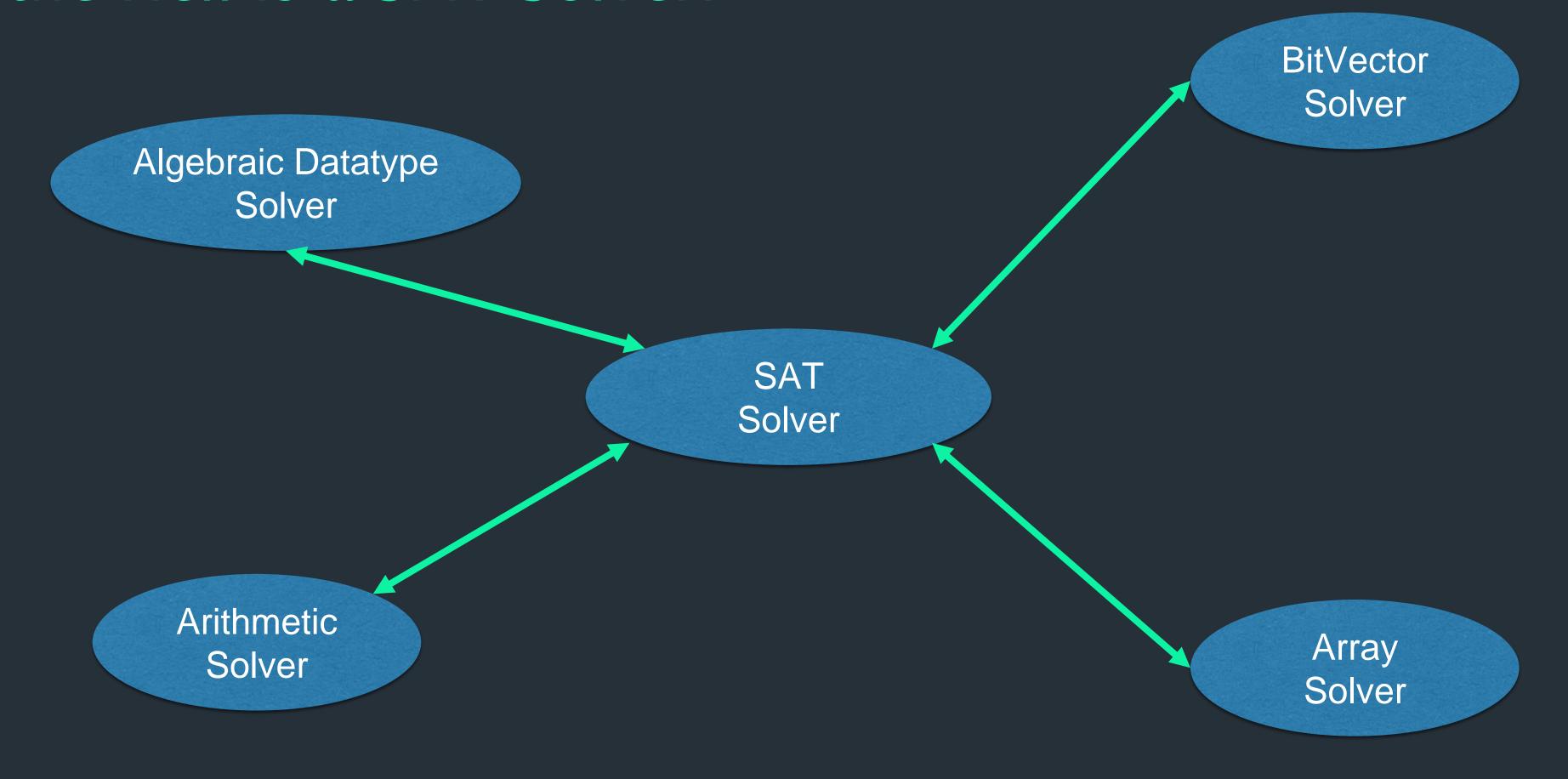
- + SMT builds on this
- + Converts constraints on integers, vectors, strings etc into forms SAT solvers can work with
- + Referred to as 'theories'







What the Hell is a SMT Solver?





More

A Peek Inside SAT Solvers – Jon Smock

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d76e4hV1iJY



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- + Theorem prover from Microsoft Research
- + High performance
- + Well engineered
- + Open source: https://github.com/Z3Prover/z3

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Z3
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```
1 (declare-const a Int)
2 (declare-fun f (Int Bool) Int)
3 (assert (> a 10))
4 (assert (< (f a true) 100)) 4
5 (check-sat)</pre>
```

Declare an integer constant 'a'

Declare a function 'f' 'int f(int, bool);'

Is this possible?

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4 (assert (< (f a true) 100))
5 (check-sat)
6 (get-model) ←</pre>
```

If so, what might everything look like?

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$$A = 11$$

Function Definition

Ite = if then else

else

If arg1 == 11 and arg2 == true



TT Z3

Theories:

- + Functions
- + Arithmetic
- + Bit-Vectors
- + Algebraic Data Types <
- + Arrays
- + Polynomial Arithmetic

Lists, trees, enums, etc

Exponentials, sine, cosine, etc

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++ Z3

In browser tutorial: https://rise4fun.com/z3/tutorial



++ Z3-python

- + https://github.com/Z3Prover/z3/tree/master/src/a pi/python
- + pip install z3
- + Secretly a DSL
- Z3_var_one and Z3_var_two != And(Z3_var_one, Z3_var_two)



Z3-python

```
I lite changed, iz insertions(+), iz detetions(+)
(angr) user@workshop:~/smt-workshop$ python
Python 2.7.13 (default, Nov 24 2017, 17:33:09)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170516] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> from z3 import *
>>> a = Int('x')
>>> b = Int('y')
>>> s = Solver()
>>> s.add(a * 15 == b)
>>> s.check()
sat
>>> s.model()
[x = 0, y = 0]
>>> s.add(a != 0)
>>> s.check()
sat
>>> s.model()
[y = 15, x = 1]
>>>
```



TTZ3-python

- + And (condition_one, condition_two)
- + Or (condition_one, condition_two)
- + Not (boolean expression)



Z3-python

- + Distinct(\$list) set constraint all items in list must be unique
- + BitVec('name', size) create a bit vector of size bits
- + Bool('name'), Real('name') Boolean and real
 symbolic variables
- + If(condition, true_result, false_result) decision logic in Z3!

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Z3-python
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```
Color = Datatype('Color')
Color.declare('red')
Color.declare('green')
Color.declare('blue')
Color = Color.create()
```

```
Color, (red, green, blue) = EnumSort('Color', ('red', 'green', 'blue'))
```





++ Z3-python

Good tutorials:

- + http://ericpony.github.io/z3py-tutorial/guideexamples.htm
- + http://ericpony.github.io/z3py-tutorial/advanced-examples.htm



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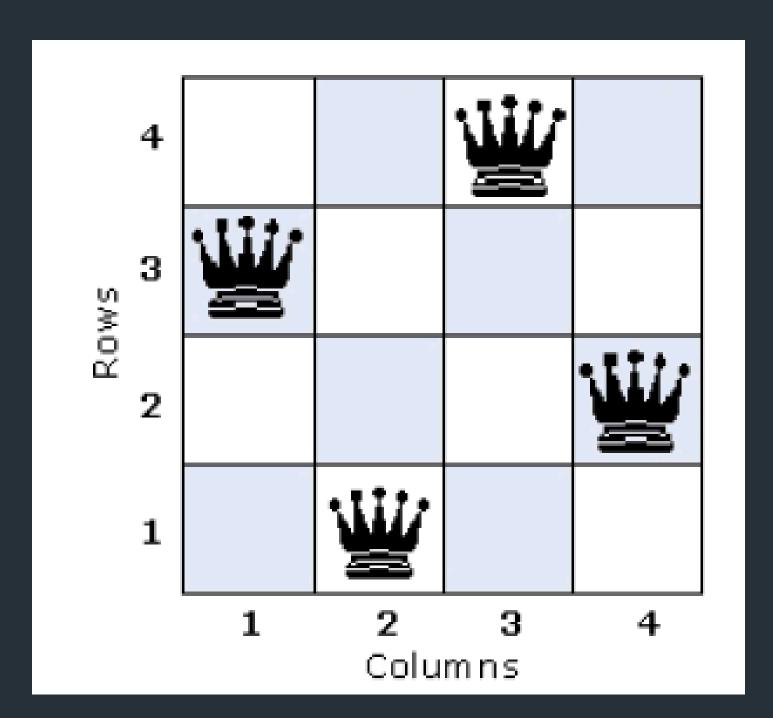
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Cheating at Logic Challenges - N-Queens





Cheating at Logic Challenges - N-Queens

```
columns = [Int('col_%d' % i) for i in range(n)]
rows = [Int('row_%d' % i) for i in range(n)]
s = Solver()
```



Cheating at Logic Challenges - N-Queens



Cheating at Logic Challenges - N-Queens

```
if s.check() == sat:
    m = s.model()
```







Cheating at Logic Challenges - N-Queens





Cheating at Logic Challenges - Hackvent 15

```
We've captured a strange message. It looks like it is encrypted somehow ...
iw, hu, fv, lu, dv, cy, og, lc, gy, fq, od, lo, fq, is, ig, gu, hs, hi, ds, cy, oo, os,
iu, fs, gu, lh, dq, lv, gu, iw, hv, gu, di, hs, cy, oc, iw, gc
We've also intercepted what seems to be a hint to the key:
bytwycju + yzvyjjdy ^ vugljtyn + ugdztnwv | xbfziozy = bzuwtwol
wwnnngbw - uclfgydu & oncycbxh | ogcnwbsd ^ cgyoyfjg = vyhyjivb
yzdgotby | oigsjgoj | ttligxut - dhcqxtfw & szblgodf = sfgsoxdd
yjjowdqh & niiqztgs + ctvtwysu & diffhlnl - thhwohwn = xsvuojtx
nttuhlnq ^ oqbctlzh - nshtztns ^ htwizvwi + udluvhcz = syhjizjq
           zoljwdfl
fjivucti
                                            jqxizzxq
                      sugvqgww
                                 uxztiywn
```





Cheating at Logic Challenges - Hackvent 15

See <u>z3/hackvent_15/README.md</u> for details



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Cheating at Logic Challenges - DIY Sudoku

```
z3/suduko
```

- \$ workon angr
- \$ python skeleton.py tests.txt

Files:

- + skeleton.py => Your solution
- + solution.py => My solution
- + tests.txt => Random puzzles from http://magictour.free.fr/top100





Cheating at Logic Challenges - DIY Sudoku

Steps:

- 1. puzzle is a string with 81 chars, . for unknowns, ints for known values
- 2. Create a 9*9 grid of symbolic variables
- 3. Add baseline value constraints on every square
- 4. Add constraints for known int values to hold
- 5. Add unique constraints on rows/columns/squares







Cheating at Logic Challenges

DIY (If time) Java RNG seed recovery

z3/rng

Recover the seed from Java's default insecure Random Number Generator!

See: README.md



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Encoding CPU Instructions

- + Automatically analyse assembly
- + Transform instructions into constraints on registers, flags
- + Answer Q's about sequences of instructions

z3/x86



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Encoding CPU Instructions

- + Use a simplified example
- + No stack, memory, function support





Encoding CPU Instructions

registers.py

```
from [3 import *

class Registers:

def __init__(self):
    self.eax = BitVec('eax', 32)
    self.ebx = BitVec('ebx', 32)
    self.ecx = BitVec('ecx', 32)
    self.edx = BitVec('edx', 32)
    self.edi = BitVec('edi', 32)
    self.esi = BitVec('esi', 32)
    self.esp = BitVec('esp', 32)
    self.esp = BitVec('esp', 32)
    self.eip = BitVec('eip', 32)
```



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        self.edi = BitVec('edi', 32)
        self.esi = BitVec('esi', 32)
        self.ebp = BitVec('ebp', 32)
                                                  Carry
        self.esp = BitVec('esp', 32)
        self.eip = BitVec('eip', 32)
                                                 Zero
        self.cf = Bool('cf')
        self.zf = Bool('zf')
                                                Sign
        self.sf = Bool('sf')←
        self.of = Bool('of')
                                                 Overflow
```







Encoding CPU Instructions

Xor: example – xor.py

Performs a bitwise exclusive OR (XOR) operation on the destination (first) and source (second) operands and stores the result in the destination operand location. The source operand can be an immediate, a register, or a memory location; the destination operand can be a register or a memory location. (However, two memory operands cannot be used in one instruction.) Each bit of the result is 1 if the corresponding bits of the operands are different; each bit is 0 if the corresponding bits are the same.

The OF and CF flags are cleared; the SF, ZF, and PF flags are set according to the result. The state of the AF flag is undefined.

https://c9x.me/x86/html/file_module_x86_id_330.html







Encoding CPU Instructions

Add: example - add.py

Adds the first operand (destination operand) and the second operand (source operand) and stores the result in the destination operand. The destination operand can be a register or a memory location; the source operand can be an immediate, a register, or a memory location. (However, two memory operands cannot be used in one instruction.) When an immediate value is used as an operand, it is sign-extended to the length of the destination operand format.

The ADD instruction performs integer addition. It evaluates the result for both signed and unsigned integer operands and sets the OF and CF flags to indicate a carry (overflow) in the signed or unsigned result, respectively. The SF flag indicates the sign of the signed result.

The OF, SF, ZF, AF, CF, and PF flags are set according to the result.

https://c9x.me/x86/html/file_module_x86_id_5.html





Encoding CPU Instructions

Or - DIY / Skeleton: or.py My solution: or_solution.py

Performs a bitwise inclusive OR operation between the destination (first) and source (second) operands and stores the result in the destination operand location. The source operand can be an immediate, a register, or a memory location; the destination operand can be a register or a memory location. (However, two memory operands cannot be used in one instruction.) Each bit of the result of the OR instruction is set to 0 if both corresponding bits of the first and second operands are 0; otherwise, each bit is set to 1.

The OF and CF flags are cleared; the SF, ZF, and PF flags are set according to the result. The state of the AF flag is undefined.

https://c9x.me/x86/html/file_module_x86_id_219.html





Encoding CPU Instructions

sub - DIY / Skeleton: sub.py, My solution: sub_solution.py

Subtracts the second operand (source operand) from the first operand (destination operand) and stores the result in the destination operand. The destination operand can be a register or a memory location; the source operand can be an immediate, register, or memory location.

(However, two memory operands cannot be used in one instruction.) When an immediate value is used as an operand, it is sign-extended to the length of the destination operand format.

The SUB instruction performs integer subtraction. It evaluates the result for both signed and unsigned integer operands and sets the OF and CF flags to indicate an overflow in the signed or unsigned result, respectively. The SF flag indicates the sign of the signed result.

The OF, SF, ZF, AF, PF, and CF flags are set according to the result.





Encoding CPU Instructions

Jmp: example – jmp.py

Fake this - just goes directly to operand address







Encoding CPU Instructions

Jnz: example – jnz.py

Instruction	Description	signed-ness	Flags	short jump opcodes	near jump opcodes
JNE JNZ	Jump if not equal Jump if not zero		ZF = 0	75	0F 85







Encoding CPU Instructions

jg - DIY, Skeleton: jg.py, My solution: jg_solution.py

Instruction	Description	signed-ness	Flags	short jump opcodes	near jump opcodes
JG JNLE	Jump if greater Jump if not less or equal	signed	ZF = 0 and SF = OF	7 F	0F 8F







Encoding CPU Instructions – Equivalents

Given two sequences of assembly instructions – do they have the exact same effect?

z3/equivalence_checking

http://zubcic.re/blog/experimenting-with-z3-dead-code-elimination







Encoding CPU Instructions - Opaque Predicates

- + Opaque Predicate: A conditional jump which is always taken or not taken
- + Code Obfuscation
- + Can we auto detect them to remove them?

z3/opaque predicates

http://zubcic.re/blog/experimenting-with-z3proving-opaque-predicates







Real World

- + Memory, stack, full flags, oddities make this harder
- + 'Lift' instructions to a simpler (to a program!) representation
- + Write constraints for the 'simpler' representation



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Z3 in the Real World

Bond Allocations

Microsoft Sage/Microsoft Security Risk Detection

Angr

MSR's Project Everest

Goal: verified HTTPS replacement

CLOUDY, WITH A CHANCE OF EXPLOITS -

Microsoft launches "fuzzing-as-aservice" to help developers find security bugs

Project Springfield, Microsoft's "million-dollar bug detector" now available in cloud.





Z3 in the Real World

- + HACL* in Mozilla Firefox https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrZTVRICpSs
- + AWS Security
 https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/protect-sensitive-data-in-the-cloud-with-automated-reasoning-zelkova/



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Angr!





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http://angr.horse

https://github.com/angr/angr-doc/blob/master/docs/examples.md

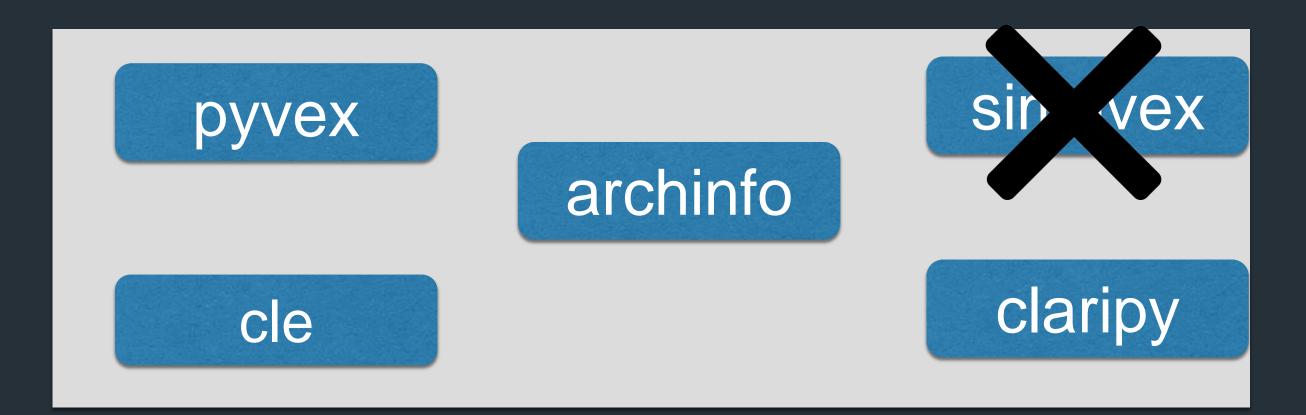




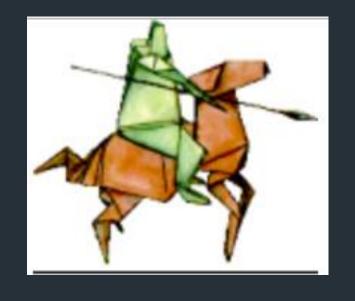


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Components



Shoulders of Giants...



VEX



Unicorn Engine



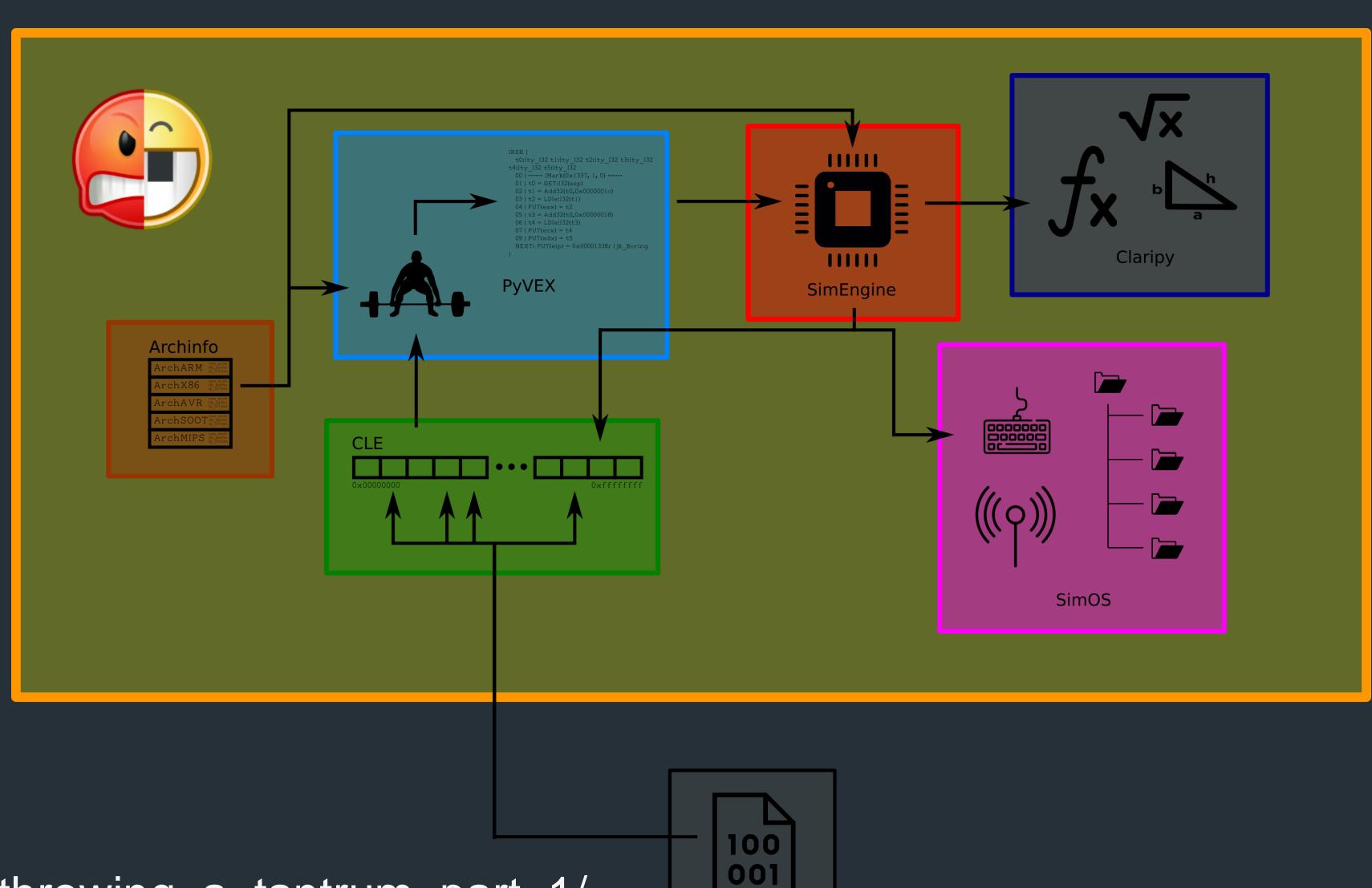
Capstone Engine



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http://angr.io/blog/throwing_a_tantrum_part_1/



Angr!

Features:

- + Binary Loading
- + Static Analysis
- + Symbolic Execution







OS Knowledge

advapi32	Add prototypes and MS 64-bit CC (#925)	6 months ago
cgc cgc	Remove IS_SYSCALL and set is_syscall when it actually matters	13 days ago
definitions	Add stub for sigaction	13 days ago
glibc	Remove deprecated names, including .se, god rest their soul	a month ago
libc	Implement syslog simprocedure	13 days ago
linux_kernel	Remove IS_SYSCALL and set is_syscall when it actually matters	13 days ago
linux_loader	Remove deprecated names, including .se, god rest their soul	a month ago
msvcr	Remove deprecated names, including .se, god rest their soul	a month ago
ntdll	Add inhibit_autoret to simprocedures, set it whenever the user perfor	11 months ago
posix	Clean up after myself, like an adult, I guess	13 days ago
stubs	Remove IS_SYSCALL and set is_syscall when it actually matters	13 days ago
testing testing	A little better. things import, but SimLibraries aren't hooked up and	a year ago
tracer	Remove IS_SYSCALL and set is_syscall when it actually matters	13 days ago
uclibc uclibc	A little better. things import, but SimLibraries aren't hooked up and	a year ago
mwin32	Remove deprecated names, including .se, god rest their soul	a month ago

https://github.com/angr/angr/tree/master/angr/procedures





OS Knowledge

```
import angr
     from angr.sim_type import SimTypeString
     class strdup(angr.SimProcedure):
         #pylint:disable=arguments-differ
         def run(self, s):
             self.argument_types = {0: self.ty_ptr(SimTypeString())}
             self.return_type = self.ty_ptr(SimTypeString())
10
             strlen = angr.SIM_PROCEDURES['libc']['strlen']
             strncpy = angr.SIM_PROCEDURES['libc']['strncpy']
             malloc = angr.SIM_PROCEDURES['libc']['malloc']
             src_len = self.inline_call(strlen, s).ret_expr
             new_s = self.inline_call(malloc, src_len+1).ret_expr
             self.inline_call(strncpy, new_s, s, src_len+1, src_len=src_len)
             return new_s
```



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Angr 8!

New features:

- + All Python 3
- Byte strings everywhere
- + Simuvex fully integrated/deprecated
- + Big speed ups in CFG recovery

http://angr.io/blog/moving_to_angr_8/



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Binary Loading

- + CLE (CLE Loads Everything)
 https://github.com/angr/cle (ELF, IdaBIn, PE, Mach-O, Blob)
- + Capstone/VEX x86, mips, arm, ppc
- + Archinfo https://github.com/angr/archinfo





+ IR from Valgrind

The following ARM instruction:

```
subs R2, R2, #8
```

Becomes this VEX IR:

```
1 t0 = GET:I32(16)
2 t1 = 0x8:I32
3 t3 = Sub32(t0,t1)
4 PUT(16) = t3
5 PUT(68) = 0x59FC8:I32
```

https://docs.angr.io/advanced-topics/ir







Static Analysis

- + Control Flow Graphs
- Data Flow Graphs
- Value Set Analysis

'VSA is a combined numeric-analysis and pointer analysis algorithm that determines a safe approximation of the set of numeric values or addresses that each register and aloc holds at each program point'

http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.

1.76.637&rep=rep1&type=pdf





Symbolic Execution

- + Execute binary using 'symbolic values'
- + Pass constraints for each path to a constraint solver to get inputs that will reach 'x' point

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Symbolic Execution

```
unsigned int a = read_int();
unsigned int b = read int(); <
if(a > 1){
    if(b < 20) {
        if(a * b > 30){
            func one();
        } else {
            func two();
      else {
        func_three();
} else {
    func_four();
```

```
a = X
b = Y
```



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      else {
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```

```
X > 1 \text{ and } Y < 20
X > 1 \text{ and } Y < 20
         and
    X \times Y > 30
 X > 1 \text{ and } Y < 20
          and
     X * Y < 30
```





More!

(State of) The Art of War: Offensive Techniques in Binary Analysis https://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~vigna/publications/2016_SP_angrSoK.pdf



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Using Angr in Anger

Lots of crackme/CTF examples:

https://github.com/angr/angr-doc/tree/master/examples







Using Angr in Anger

Opaque predicates, easy mode

A nice work on malware deobfuscation, in which Capstone disassembler + Z3 are used to remove opaque predicates: zubcic.re/blog/experimen ... 6:45 AM - 19 Aug 2016 31 Retweets 44 Likes 💮 🚳 🚳 🚳 🍪 🦸 💿 €7 31 Triton DBA framework @qb_triton · 20 Aug 2016 Replying to @capstone_engine fun blog post. Here our solution in Python (using Capstone + Z3) of his examples Triton is a Dynamic Binary Analysis (DBA) framework. It provides internal components like a Dynamic Symbolic Execution (DSE) engine, a Taint Engine, AST represen... github.com

https://twitter.com/capstone_engine/status/766632168260972547





Opaque Predicates

angr/opaque_predicates

Step through example code







Dumping IOCTL Codes

'I/O control codes (IOCTLs) are used for communication between user-mode applications and drivers, or for communication internally among drivers in a stack.'

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windowshardware/drivers/kernel/defining-i-o-control-codes

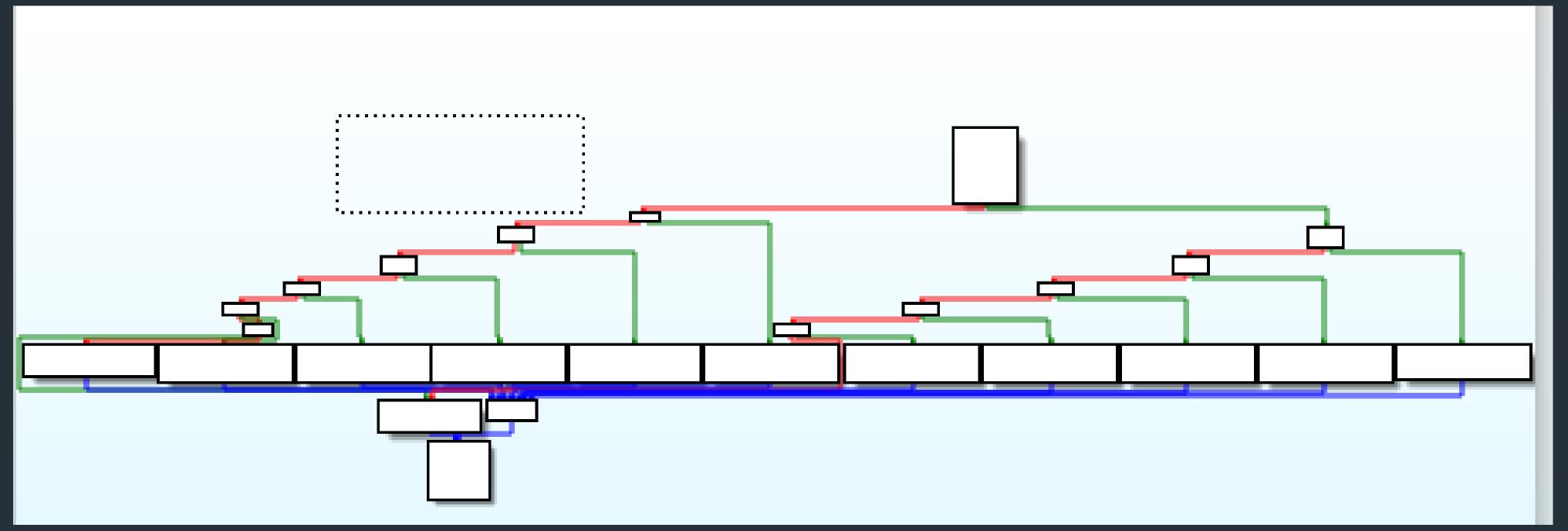
C o m Device Type O n	31	30 29	28 27	26 25	24 2	23 22	21 2	0 19	18 17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10 9	98	7 6	5 4	3 2	2 1	0	
	o m m			D	evic	е Тур	рe				-		u s t o		F	ınc	tio	n C	ode				





Dumping IOCTL Codes

- + Consist structure and values
- + Complex dispatch functions



https://github.com/hacksysteam/HackSysExtremeVulnerableDriver







Dumping IOCTL Codes

- + Step through instruction by instruction
- + Save all evaluable register values
- + Process them to find potential IOCTL codes
- + Device code must match
- + Function codes should be in a set range





Dumping IOCTL Codes

angr/ioctls



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Using Angr in Anger

Used in

https://github.com/mwrlabs/win_driver_plugin



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Hello World!

```
workon angr
angr/hello_world
objdump -d serial.o > disas.txt
```

```
generate_serial_skeleton.py Makefile serial.c serial.o
generate_serial_solution.py README.md serial.h
```





Hello World!

- + Library validates serial codes
- + Several routines with harsher constraints
- + Let's walk through the examples!

Note: Step through generate_serial_skeleton.py and try to fill the second function, then step through the full solutions.



Calling Conventions – AMD64

- + Arguments are passed in Right-to-Left
- + Return values are returned in rax
- + First six arguments passed in registers: rdi, rsi, rdx, rcx, r8, r9
- + Any other arguments passed on the stack



Passing arguments

```
arg = state.solver.BVS('serial', 8 * 128)
# Place the symbolic variable at a specific address
rand_addr = 0x00000000041414141
state.memory.store(rand_addr, arg)
# And then make rdi hold a pointer to it as the first argument
state.add_constraints(state.regs.rdi == rand_addr)
```





Evaluating symbolic variables

```
sm = p.factory.simulation_manager(state)
sm.explore(find=base + 0x870, avoid=base + 0xaf5)
found = sm.found[0]
answer = found.solver.eval(arg, cast_to=str)
```





Bomb lab! DIY!

```
workon angr
angr/bomb lab
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bomb bomb.c bomb.h Makefile README.md skeleton.py solution.py

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Bomb Lab

- + objdump -d bomb > disas.txt
- + Note: kaboom and phase defused

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#pragma once
void phase_defused(void);
void kaboom(void);
void phase_one(char *);
void phase_two(char *, char *, char *);
void phase_three(int, int, int, int);
void phase_four(unsigned int *);
void phase_five(unsigned int *);
void phase_six(char *);
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Cool Angr Projects

- + CGC entry: https://github.com/mechaphish
- + AFL + Angr for fuzzing: https://github.com/shellphish/driller
- + Heap analysis: https://github.com/angr/heaphopper



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Wrap-up

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- + Tomislav Zubcic
- + Sean Heelan





Further Reading

Great resource:

https://yurichev.com/writings/SAT_SMT_draft-EN.pdf

Great paper:

http://openwall.info/wiki/_media/people/jvanegue/files/woot12.pdf