

ITERATION - 1 PRESENTATION

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Issue

Slither-read-storage: add support for Nested Structs #2077

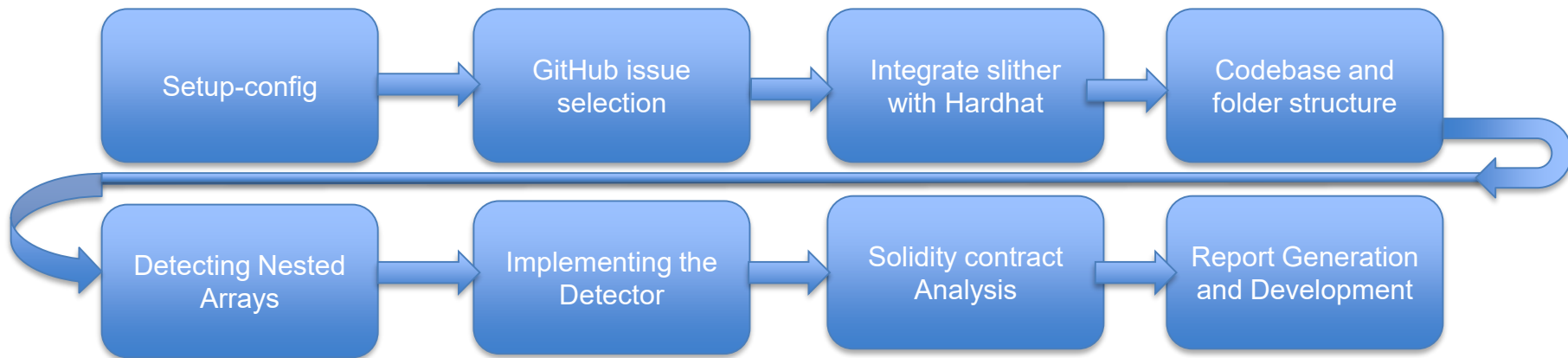
- Enhancing Slither with nested struct support would enable broader Solidity contract security analysis.
- This improvement will expand Slither's scope and accuracy in evaluating contracts, making it more comprehensive and precise.
- It addresses the current limitation in analyzing security vulnerabilities within smart contracts that utilize nested structs. [2]



About the Detector

- Detection of nested structures.
- Integration with Slither and interpreting solidity code to identify suitable hooks for the detector.
- Designing the detection algorithm to analyze the declaration to point instances where nested structs are employed.
- Implementing and integrating the algorithm's design into Slither and testing its effectiveness across Solidity smart contracts.

Planning



Specification and Design

1. Installation on Ubuntu OS:

a. Hardhat

```
npm install -save-dev hardhat
```

```
npx hardhat init  
npm install --save-dev @nomicfoundation/hardhat-toolbox@^3.0.0
```

b. Python

```
sudo apt update  
sudo apt install python3  
sudo apt-get -y install python3-pip
```

c. Slither

```
pip3 install slither-analyzer
```

2. Code and Screen Shots

a. Hardhat Installed [4]

```

Welcome to Hardhat v2.18.1

✓ What do you want to do? · Create a JavaScript project
✓ Hardhat project root: · /home/abhishek/ASNewIssue/Slither_github_issue
✓ Do you want to add a .gitignore? (Y/n) · y
✓ Do you want to install this sample project's dependencies with npm (@nomicfoundation/hardhat-toolbox)? (Y/n) · y

npm install --save-dev @nomicfoundation/hardhat-toolbox@^3.0.0

added 253 packages, changed 2 packages, and audited 566 packages in 1m

90 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

Project created

See the README.md file for some example tasks you can run

Give Hardhat a star on Github if you're enjoying it!

https://github.com/NomicFoundation/hardhat
```

b. Python Installed

```
abhi@abhishek-IdeaPad-5-15ITL05-Ua: $ python3 - --version
Python 3.10.12
```

c. Pip3 Installed

```
abhi@abhishek-IdeaPad-5-15ITL05-Ua: $ pip3 - --version
pip 22.0.2 from /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/pip (python 3.10)
```

d. Slither Installed [5]

```
abhi@abhishek-IdeaPad-5-15ITL05-Ua:~/ASenewIssue/Slither_github_issues$ slither--version
0.9.6
```

e. Smart Contract

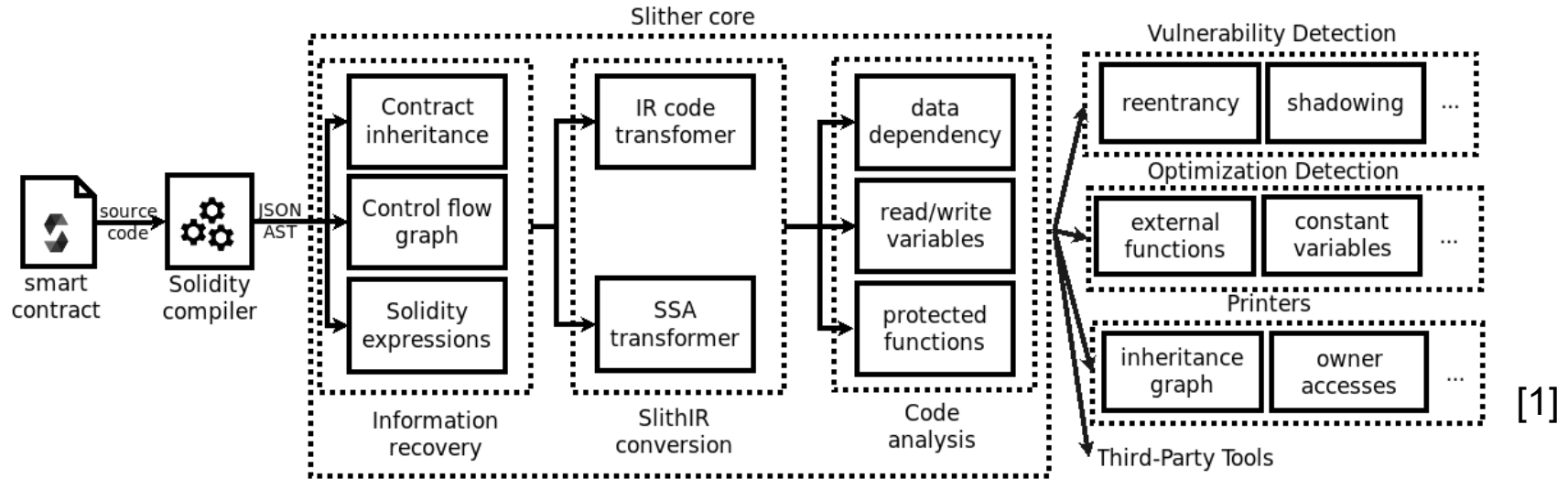
```
contracts > 0 NestedStructs.sol
1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.19;
3
4 contract NestedStructExample {
5     struct HomeAddress {
6         string street;
7         string city;
8         string country;
9     }
10
11     struct Person {
12         string name;
13         uint age;
14         HomeAddress location;
15     }
16
17     mapping(address => Person) public people;
18
19     function addPerson(string memory name, uint age, string memory street, string memory city, string memory country) public {
20         HomeAddress memory addr = HomeAddress(street, city, country);
21         Person memory newPerson = Person(name, age, addr);
22         people[msg.sender] = newPerson;
23     }
24
25     function getPerson() public view returns (string memory, uint, string memory, string memory, string memory) {
26         Person storage person = people[msg.sender];
27         return (person.name, person.age, person.location.street, person.location.city, person.location.country);
28     }
29 }
```


f. Slither command on Smart Contract

```
abhi@abhishek-IdeaPad-S-15ITL85-Ua:~/Freelancing/Slither_github_issue$ slither
'npx hardhat clean' running (wd: /home/abhishek/ASenewissue/Slither_github_issue)
'npx hardhat clean --global' running (wd: /home/abhishek/ASenewissue/Slither_github_issue)
'npx hardhat compile --force' running (wd: /home/abhishek/ASenewissue/Slither_github_issue)
INFO: Detectors:
solc-0.8.10 is not recommended for deployment
Reference: https://github.com/crytic/slither/wiki/Detector-Documentation#incorrect-versions-of-solidity
INFO:Slither: analyzed (1 contracts with 88 detectors), 1 result (s) found
```

- The current slither detector is unable to detect the nested structs. We will improve the detector to detect and suggest better!

Architecture



Risk and Mitigation Plan

| Risk/Issue Factor | Mitigation Plan | Risk Exposure |
|--|--|--|
| Maintaining and compatibility | Sticking with a fixed version of solidity in the detector. | Risk impact: 2 weeks Probability that risk will materialize: 92% Risk Exposure: 1 week approx. |
| Thorough Testing and Validation | Create detailed list of tests for the detector | Incomplete. |
| Technical issue - Inexperience with Python | Learning python via tutorials. | Risk impact: 5 weeks Probability that risk will materialize: 96% Risk Exposure: 3 weeks approx. |
| Technical issue- Inexperience with Solidity | Learning solidity language concepts by tutorials. | Risk impact: 4 weeks Probability that risk will materialize: 90% Risk Exposure: 4 weeks approx. |
| Technical issue- Complexity Building the Nested Struct and using in a Function | Finding out how to build nested structs and write them in the smart contracts. | Analyzing existing solidity open-source code and going through Solidity Documentation and relevant work. |

Reference

1. Slither: <https://github.com/crytic/slither>
2. Issue: <https://github.com/crytic/slither/issues/2077>
3. Solidity: <https://docs.soliditylang.org/en/v0.8.21/>
4. Install Hardhat: hardhat.org/hardhat-runner/docs/getting-started#overview
5. Install Slither: <https://github.com/crytic/slither#how-to-install>
6. <https://www.immunebytes.com/blog/slither-a-solidity-static-analyzer-for-smart-contracts/>

GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/Abhismoothie/Slither-Enhancementproject-team-9-CSE6324-001>



Questions?

Thank You 😊