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CHAPTER 1 Overview

This manual describes internals details about the bytecode API, compiler, and libclamav bytecode interpreter/JIT. This manual is only of interest to ClamAV developers, see the "ClamAV Bytecode Compiler User Manual" on how to write bytecode signatures.





CHAPTER 2

Bytecode libclamav hooks

2.1. Logical Signature hooks

2.2. PE hooks

2.3. Adding a new hook

A bytecode hook consists of the following:

- special global variables mapped to clamav internal structures,
- bytecode invoked at certain points in libelamav
- bytecode APIcalls specific to the hook

2.3.1. Adding new special globals for hooks

In the bytecode there are several special global variables named __clambc_*, which are mapped to libclamav internal variables.

These are globals from the bytecode's point of view to make bytecode writing easier, but they are not real globals in libclamav (it wouldn't be threadsafe). Instead in libclamav these "special globals" are stored in struct cli_bc_ctx.hooks, and the JIT/interpreter inserts special code to access fields of this struct as if they were globals.

Steps to add a new global to the bytecode compiler:

- Choose a unique name for the global (have a look at clang/lib/Headers/bytecode_api.h)
- Add a new value to enum bc_global in ClamBC/clambc.h named GLOBAL_followed by the uppercase name of the global. Make sure you add a new global before _LAST_GLOBAL, and don't change the order of the other enum values (this ensures that bytecodes that don't use the new global continue to work properly on old versions of libclamay that don't have the new global).

- Declare the global's name in ClamBC/ClamBCModule.cpp:

 globalsMap["__clambc_<name>"] = GLOBAL_<NAME>; where <name> and <NAME>
 are the lowercase/uppercase names of the global.
- Declare the new global in clang/lib/Headers/bytecode_api.h, order of declaration of globals doesn't matter here. The global must be declared as extern const and named __clambc_ followed by the lowercase name of the global.
- Run ./sync_clamav.sh to generate bytecode_api_decl.c.h, bytecode_api_impl.h, bytecode_hooks.h.

Steps to add a new global to libclamav (needed if you add to compiler):

- In libclamav/bytecode.c:cli_bytecode_context_alloc() initialize the field of ctx->hooks corressponding to the new global
- Set the field coresponding to the global in the struct ctx->hooks in one of the API hooks, or introduce a new API hook that sets it.
- Note that the pointer set must be valid during the entire execution of the bytecode.

2.3.2. Adding new bytecode APIs

Bytecode APIs are external function calls from the bytecode into special entrypoints in libelamay.

To add a new API follow these steps:

- Add the prototype for the new API to clang/lib/Headers/bytecode_api.h, inside #ifdef __CLAMBC__
- Run ./sync_clamav.sh to synchronize with libclamav
- Implement the new cli_bcapi_ in libclamav/bytecode_api.c
- You can store values in fields of ctx, which is a hidden parameter, not accessible from bytecode.
- You can introduce new fields in ctx if needed to implement the API
- Do validation on input parameters, and any necessary security checks in the implementation of the API
- Create a new test in examples/in/, with the extension .o1.c, and update sync_clamav.sh to copy it to unit_tests/input

- Add a new testcase to unit_tests/check_bytecode.c:
 - Add a new test_function, and add it to the testcase with tcase_add_test
 - Call cl_init and runtest similar to other existing unit tests, but change the filename to the newly added unittest's name
 - Run make check, make sure it passes



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CHAPTER 3 Updating LLVM

3.1. Update LLVM from upstream SVN

- cd into the git-svn dir of upstream LLVM
- Update LLVM ¹:

```
$ cd llvm
$ git svn fetch
$ git svn rebase --local
```

• Update clang:

```
$ cd clang
$ git svn fetch
$ git svn rebase --local
```

• Build it:

- All tests must pass before merging to clamav: make check-all
- (Optional) Build ClamAV with clang/x86 backend to test that the C frontend works:

```
$ cd /path/to/clamavsrc
$ ./configure CC=/path/to/clambc-compiler/obj/Release/bin/clang
$ make -j4
$ make check -j4
```

¹this may require updating the svn-authors file

3.2. Merging LLVM to ClamAV bytecode compiler

Use the merge-new.sh script in the bytecode compiler repository. If there are no conflicts then the script takes care of merging, and comitting and.

If there are conflicts, the script will stop, and output an error message about the failed merge.

Fix the conflicts by using git mergetool, then commit the result using git commit. Note that if llvm merge failed, clang is not merged either, so you should resume the merge of clang (easiest is to just rerun the script).

Then run make check-all for the compiler too.

Note: the script is now doing normal merges (i.e. unsquashed), to visualize just "our" history use git log –first-parent

3.3. Merging LLVM to ClamAV (libclamav)

Update llvm remote: git remote update llvm-upstream.

Use the script libclamav/c++/merge.sh as above, from root of ClamAV source directory, there will be delete/modify conflicts.

Next run the script libclamav/c++/strip-llvm.sh, from the libclamav/c++ directory, and see if there are any unneeded dirs left in LLVM. If there are, update the strip script, and rerun it. Now resolve any merge conflicts, commit the merge, and tag it as instructed by merge.sh.

Regenerate configure with autoconf 2.65:

- cd llvm/autoconf
- sed -i '/Your/d' AutoRegen.sh
- ./AutoRegen.sh
- git checkout AutoRegen.sh
- cd ..; git add configure; git add include/llvm/Config/config.h.in

After the merge is complete, update the build files (if needed):

- do a Debug build of upstream LLVM
- Run libclamav/c++/GenList.pl /path/to/llvm-objdir >out
- Copy the _SOURCES definitions from out to libclamav/c++/Makefile.am

- Run automake in libclamav/c++
- Update the autogenerated files
- Build ClamAV
- Update to latest LLVM API (if needed)
- Build ClamAV
- Update win32 proj files: win32/update-win32.pl --regen

To update the autogenerated files:

- Configure ClamAV in maintainer mode ¹: ./configure --enable-maintainer-mode
- Build it: make -j8
- If tblgen fails to build, review the list of files in tblgen_SOURCES
- Review what files changed files (probably .inc and .gen files): git status
- Commit the result:

```
git commit -a -m "Update autogenerated files after LLVM import"
```

• Fully clean the build dir ²: git clean -xfd

• Test a normal (non-maintainer build, can be objdir != srcdir):

```
./configure && make && make check
```

Run make check from top-level builddir, this will run the LLVM tests too, make sure all of them pass.

Build ClamAV with --enable-all-jit-targets to test that all supported JIT targets build.

¹Note that this must be a srcdir == objdir build

²Be careful to run this inside the ClamAV source dir, and not some other git repository



CHAPTER 4

ClamAV bytecode language

The bytecode that ClamAV loads is a simplified form of the LLVM Intermediate Representation, and as such it is language-independent.

However currently the only supported language from which such bytecode can be generated is a simplified form of C.

The ClamAV bytecode backend translates from LLVM IR to ClamAV bytecode. Theoretically it could translate any LLVM IR which meets these constraints:

- No external function calls, except those defined by the ClamAV API
- No inline assembly
- ...

Thus (theoretically) any language that doesn't need an external language runtime (or the runtime can be compiled to the above restricted set of LLVM IR), could be compiled to ClamAV bytecode.

There are currently no plans currently to support any other language than C (maybe C++ when clang will support it).

4.1. Predefines

The following macros are predefined:

```
1 #define ..clang... 1
#define ..clang... 1
#define ..GNUC_MINOR... 2
#define ..GNUC_PATCHLEVEL... 1

5 #define ..GNUC... 4
#define ..GXX_ABIL_VERSION 1002

7 #define ..VERSION... "4.2.1_Compatible_Clang_Compiler"
#define ..STDC... 1

9 #define ..STDC_VERSION... 199901L
#define ..STDC_HOSTED... 0

11 #define ..CHAR_BIT... 8

14 #define ..CHAR_BIT... 8

15 #define ..SCHAR_MAX... 127
#define ..SCHAR_MAX... 32767

15 #define ..INT_MAX... 2147483647
```

4.1. Predefines

```
33 #define _.sIG_ATOMIC_WIDTH__ 32
#define _.FLT_DENORM_MIN._ 1.40129846e-45F
35 #define _.FLT_HAS_DENORM__ 1
 #define _-FLI_NAN_ENORM__ 1
#define _-FLT_DIG__ 6

37 #define _-FLT_DIG__ 6

37 #define _-FLT_HAS_INFINITY__ 1

39 #define _-FLT_HAS_QUET_NAN__ 1
#define _-FLT_MANT_DIG__ 24

41 #define _-FLT_MAX_IO_EXP__ 38
#define _-FLT_MAX_EXP__ 128
#define ..DBL_MAX_10_EXP__ 308
#define ..DBL_MAX_EXP__ 1024
#define ..DBL_MAX__ 1.7976931348623157e+308
#define ..DBL_MIN_10_EXP__ (-307)
#define ..DBL_MIN_EXP__ (-1021)
#define ..DBL_MIN__ 2.2250738585072014e-308
#define ..LDBL_DENORM_MIN__ 4.9406564584124654e-324
  55 #define
#define __EXECS_H
#define BC_FEATURES_H
 #define EBOUNDS(x)
91 #define __PE_H
      #define DISASM_BC_H
#define BYTECODE_DETECT_H
 #define LSTDBOOLH
95 #define bool Bool
#define true 1
       #define false 0
```

#define __bool_true_false_are_defined 1

```
### define VRUNNAME PERFUNATION |
### define VRUNNAME PERFUNATION |
### define VRUNNAME PERFUNATION |
### define VRUNNAMES(...) const char *const char ..clambc.virusname.prefix[] = name;

### define PELNPACKER.DECLABE const unit16.t ..clambc.kind = BC.PELNPACKER;

### define DECLARE.SIGNATURE(name) const char *const char *name##.sig; ...Signature name;

### define DECLARE.SIGNATURE(name) const char *name##.sig; ...Signature name;

### define COPYRIGHT(c) const unsigned short ...Target = (tgt);

### define COPYRIGHT(c) const char *const ...Copyright = (c);

### define CONGROUPI(group) const char *const ...LonGroup1 = (group);

### define CONGROUPI(group) const char *const ...LonGroup2 = (group);

### define CONGROUPI(group) const char *const ...LonGroup2 = (group);

### define PUNCTIONALITY_LEVEL_MIN(m) const unsigned short ...FuncMin = (m);

### define PUNCTIONALITY_LEVEL_MIN(m) const unsigned short ...FuncMin = (m);

### define SIGNATURES.DEC.BED Signature.bias = ...COUNTER_+!; const struct ...Signatures Signatures = {

### define SIGNATURES.DEC.BED Signature.bias = ...COUNTER_- - ...signature.bias},

### define SIGNATURES.DEC.BED Signature.bias = ...COUNTER_- - ...signature.bias},

### define VYCUNGNGT re2c.scur

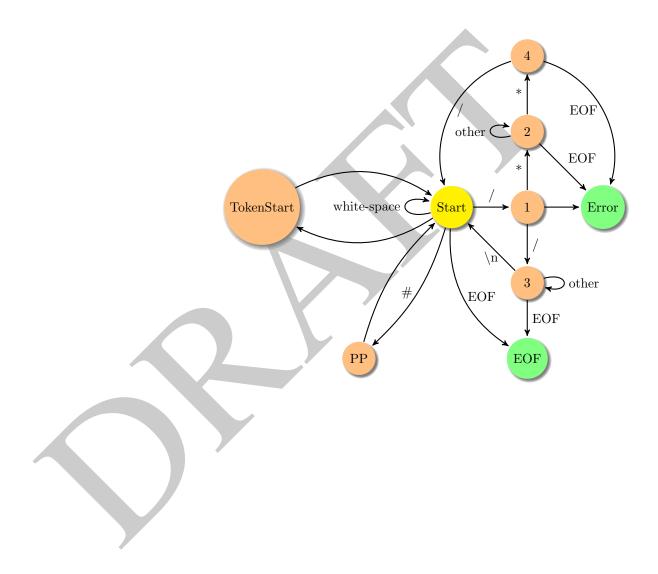
### define REGEX.SONNER unsigned char *re2c.scur, *re2c.stok, *re2c.scur, *re2c.scur, *re2c.stok, *re2c.scur, *re2c.scur, *re2c.stok, *re2c.scur, *re2c.scur, *re2c.stok, *re2c.scur, *
```

4.2. ClamAV API header restrictions

The ClamAV API header file (bytecode_api.h, and any files included by it) must be both valid C code, and conform to the following BNF grammar:

The reason is that the ifacegen program must be able to parse it to generate the api description, and glue code, and it only recognizes the above BNF grammar.

This also adds portability checks: any code conforming to that grammar should work properly both in the interpret and the JIT, even though a number of things have changed (such as size of int, which is why only fixed-size integers are allowed in the API).



CHAPTER 5

Publishing ClamAV bytecode

5.1. Pre-publish tests

The following tests are automatically performed prepublish:

• Compile the source code using the latest version of the ClamAV bytecode compiler (with user-specified optimization level):

```
$ clambc-compiler bytecode-726914.c -o testdir/bytecode-726914.cbc -O<N>
```

• Try to load the bytecode using the latest 2 stable version of ClamAV, both in JIT and interpreter mode ¹

```
$ export STABLEBIN=/usr/local/clamav-stable/bin
$ export DEVBIN=/usr/local/clamav-devel/bin
$ $STABLEBIN/clamscan -dtestdir/ -r /path/to/clamav-testfiles/
$ $DEVBIN/clamscan -dtestdir/ -r /path/to/clamav-testfiles/
$ $STABLEBIN/clamscan --force-interpreter -dtestdir/\
   -r /path/to/clamav-testfiles/
$ $DEVBIN/clamscan --force-interpreter -dtestdir/\
   -r /path/to/clamav-testfiles/
```

- Scan the sample(s) that will have this bytecode associated with the bytecode loaded (both interpreter and JIT mode):
- Scan the FPfarm

```
$ $STABLEBIN/clamscan -dtestdir/ -r /path/to/fpfarm/
$ $DEVBIN/clamscan -dtestdir/ -r /path/to/fpfarm/
```

¹Since there is no stable version supporting bytecode, and the bytecode will be distributed in a separate cvd, for now we should test with latest nightly snapshot of ClamAV-devel. For 0.97 we should test with: 0.97, 0.96.1 (assuming those are latest 2 versions)

5.2. Building bytecode.cvd

Sigtool will perform some minimal checks on the bytecode prior to creating CVD:

- writes its own version in the header
- load the bytecode using libclamav API
- check that the interpreter and JIT can load it
- check that it is compilable to all configured targets (x86, ppc at least)
- check that the bytecode is production version (no debug metadata, all header fields are filled out, has associated virusname)

%TODO: sigtool commandline



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