

- Read docs about Intel Pin and test some ManualsExamples
- Create a script with PinTool to count branches of a binary
- Test what I have done with a little binary "Hello world !!" with some conditional loop

What I have the last week?

Resources

Pin: User Guide: User Guide for PinTool

Pin: User Guide - Examples: Examples of script with PinTool

Intel Pin Tool: Setting up in 5 easy steps: Guide to setup PinTool

Branch Count using Intel Pin Tool: Guide to develop own script which counts branches using Intel Pin Tool

Intel PinTool

I read a lot the **Pin: User Guide** to learn how to use and create script using **Intel PinTool**.

The example **script** inscount.cpp helps me to understand the **basic of Intel PinTool scripting**.

The other example **script** proccount.cpp helps me to create a **count of branches specific to the binary** (not libraries or such like that).

So, finally, we have here the procbranchcount.cpp script that I created:

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procbranchcount.cpp:
#include <fstream>
#include <iomanip>
#include <iostream>
#include <string.h>
#include "pin.H"
using std::ofstream;
using std::string;
using std::hex;
using std::setw;
using std::cerr;
using std::dec;
using std::endl;
ofstream outFile;
// Holds instruction count for a single procedure
typedef struct RtnMain
    string _name;
    string _image;
    ADDRINT _address;
    UINT64 _branchcount;
} RTN_MAIN;
// Linked list of instruction counts for each routine
RTN_MAIN * RtnSingle = 0;
// This function is called before every instruction is executed
VOID dobranchcount(UINT64 * branchcounter)
     (*branchcounter)++;
const char * StripPath(const char * path)
    const char * file = strrchr(path,'/');
    if (file)
        return file+1;
    else
        return path;
// Pin calls this function every time a new rtn is executed
VOID Routine(RTN rtn, VOID *v)
    // We did only the routine when the procedure is the 'main' function
    if (strcmp(RTN_Name(rtn).c_str(), "main") == 0) {
        // Local variable for the routine
        RTN_MAIN * RtnLocal = new RTN_MAIN;
        // The RTN goes away when the image is unloaded, so save it now
        // because we need it in the fini
        RtnLocal->_name = RTN_Name(rtn);
        RtnLocal->_image = StripPath(IMG_Name(SEC_Img(RTN_Sec(rtn))).c_str());
        RtnLocal->_address = RTN_Address(rtn);
        RtnLocal->_branchcount = 0;
        // Assigned to the global variable
        RtnSingle = RtnLocal;
        // Open the routine
        RTN_Open(rtn);
        // For each instruction of the routine
        for (INS ins = RTN_InsHead(rtn); INS_Valid(ins); ins = INS_Next(ins))
                if (INS_IsBranch(ins)) {
                        // Insert a call to dobranchcount to increment the branch counter for
                        INS_InsertCall(ins, IPOINT_BEFORE, (AFUNPTR)dobranchcount, IARG_PTR,
        // Close the routine
        RTN_Close(rtn);
// This function is called when the application exits
// It prints the name and count for main procedure
VOID Fini(INT32 code, VOID *v)
    outFile << setw(23) << "Procedure" << " "</pre>
          << setw(15) << "Image" << " "
          << setw(18) << "Address" << " "
          << setw(12) << "Count of branches" << endl;
    outFile << setw(23) << RtnSingle->_name << " "</pre>
          << setw(15) << RtnSingle->_image << " "
          << setw(18) << hex << RtnSingle->_address << dec << " "
          << setw(12) << RtnSingle->_branchcount << endl;
int main(int argc, char * argv[])
    // Initialize symbol table code, needed for rtn instrumentation
    PIN_InitSymbols();
    // Output of result file
    outFile.open("procbranchcount.out");
    // Initialize pin
    if (PIN_Init(argc, argv)) return Usage();
    // Register Routine to be called to instrument rtn
    RTN_AddInstrumentFunction(Routine, 0);
    // Register Fini to be called when the application exits
    PIN_AddFiniFunction(Fini, 0);
    // Start the program, never returns
    PIN_StartProgram();
    return 0;
```

And the little example to **test** (quickly) our script :

prog.c:

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#include <unistd.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    if (argc == 2) {
        if (*(argv[1]) == '1') {
            write(1, "Hello world !!\n", 15);
        }
    }
}
```

Why this example ??

I wanted a little script to test if the script gives me **1** or **2** counted branches according to what I give to the binary.

Results:

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When I send 0 argument to the binary:

5h-5.0# ../../../pin -t /opt/pin-3.18-98332-gaebd7b1e6-gcc-linux/source/tools/ManualExamples/obj-intel64/procbranchcount.so -- ~/progsh-5.0# cat procbranchcount.out

Procedure Image Address Count of branches
main prog 560987cae149 1

When I send 1 argument: '1' to the binary:

5h-5.0# ../../../pin -t /opt/pin-3.18-98332-gaebd7b1e6-gcc-linux/source/tools/ManualExamples/obj-intel64/procbranchcount.so -- ~/progsh-5.0# cat procbranchcount.out

Procedure Image Address Count of branches
main prog 555bf196a149 2
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The dynamic analysis focus well ont the main function. It send us good result according to the **number of arguments**: **0** or **1 with '1'**.

What about the future with Intel PinTool?

I have to test more with complicated examples but, it's a second part of my internship.