

# Dyninst patching:

## Basic Block - based:

+ ~~to be~~ flagged as worthwhile

⇒ + content moved to newly created

using snippets  
that can be placed  
before ~~or~~ after or  
instead of an  
instr within  
a BB

section ~~and~~ ~~pointer~~

+ old BB points to new BB (\*)

+ new BB fallthrough is essentially a backjump  
@ start of fall through ~~to~~ (end of new chain)

(\*) Dyninst 9.2 uses the following options:

(generic Branching!)

a) "distance" (BB<sub>old</sub>, BB<sub>new</sub>)  $\leq 2^8$

0x EB \$disp (2 byte)

8 bit displacement (RIP based)

eg ⇒ bias usually too big

bias usually below

$2^{32}$  byte = 4GB

⇒ should be the  
normal case

b) "distance" (BB<sub>old</sub>, BB<sub>new</sub>)  $- 5 \leq 2^{32}$

0x E9 \$disp (5 byte)

32 bit displacement (RIP based)

c) ~~distance (BB<sub>old</sub>, BB<sub>new</sub>)~~

32 bit address ?

[push imm] 0x 68 \$address

[jump]

ret

32 bit fn call

d) 64 bit address

[push imm]

0x 68 \$low<sup>32</sup> address

[disop stack + push high]

0x 67 0x 44 0x 24 0x 04

\$high<sup>32</sup> address

[jump]

ret

might interfere  
with badw CF

6 byte

⇒ not <sup>necessarily</sup> applied, as we have  
64 bit bias



Cell targets : goal : store data for access through any cell/site

a) work the entry Block of a to together as usual

↳ Codegen will apply patches

(usually 5 byte for 32 bit disp jump + 5 bytes payload).

⇒ access for the callsite via a const offset from target entry addr:

$(\text{Storage} + 5)$  is data start

Cellsites: goal: ~~the~~ access ct data and check against own signature

'clear' mask the data with our own signature  
~~and~~ then on each byte should the  
byte not be  $0xFF$ , we can assume  
you working  $\neg 3 \times (0x00)$

