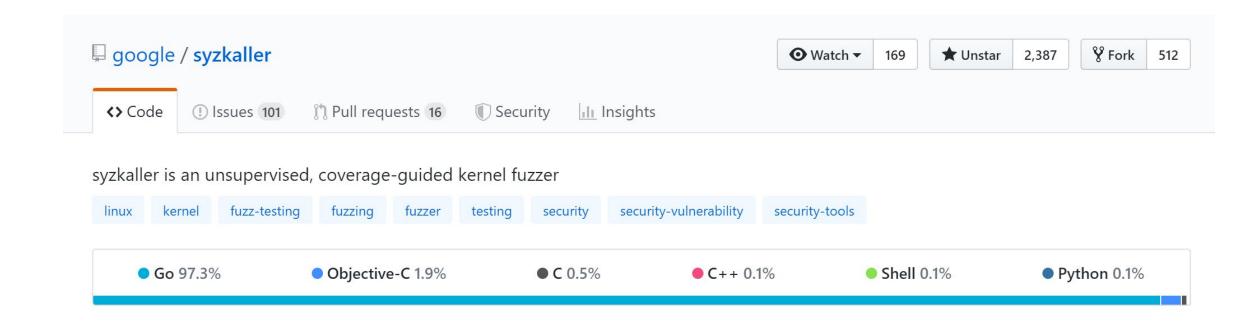
Overview of Google syzkaller

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About **syzkaller**

- Google Security dynamic tools team
- Golang
- Coverage-guided grammar-based kernel fuzzer



Kernel Fuzzers before syzkaller

```
while (true) {
    syscall(rand(), rand());
}

while (true) {
    while (true) {
        syscall(rand(), rand_fd(), rand_addr());
}
```

- Shallow bugs
- No reproducers

Operation of a Typical Kernel Fuzzer

- Manually create a bunch of VMs
- **Manually** copy and start the binary
- Manually monitor console output
- Manually deduplicate crashes
- Manually localize and reproduce
- Manually restart the crashed VM / Press power button

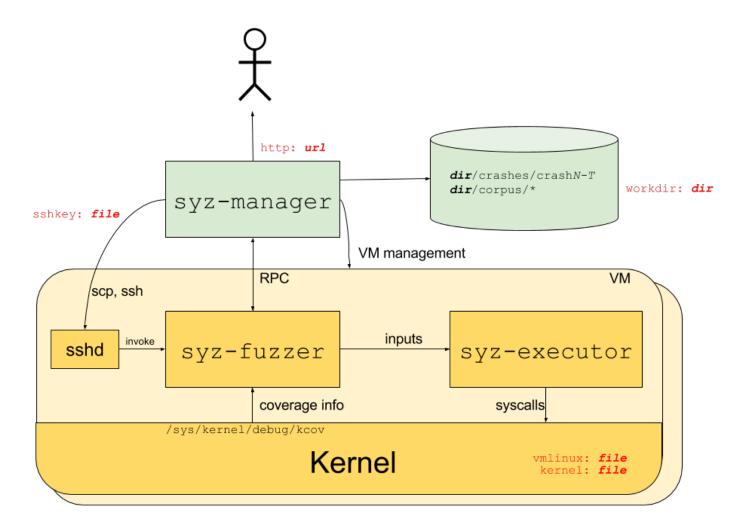
Efficiency

- Before fuzzing
 - Target crash the kernel → VM
 - Start-up the VMs, control the VMs, start fuzzing → Automatically?
- During fuzzing
 - Coverage information → Fuzz deeper?
 - Feedback for input generation → Unsupervised Mutation?
- After crash
 - Reproduce → Automatically?
 - Minimize → Automatically?



Syzkaller

- Before fuzzing
 - Unsupervised
 - Multi-
 - ➤ OS (Linux, *BSD, Windows, ···)
 - > Arch (x86-64, arm64, ···)
 - ➤ Machine (QEMU, GCE, Android phones, ···)
- During fuzzing
 - Coverage-guided
 - Input Generation
- After crash
 - Generate C/syzkaller program



- syz-manager
 - Start/Monitor/Restart VMs
 - Record crashes
 - User Interface
- syz-fuzzer
 - Input generation, mutation, minimization
 - Start syz-executor process
- syz-executor
 - Execute a single input (a sequence of syscalls)

Set up

How to set up syzkaller

Below are the generic instructions for how to set up syzkaller to fuzz the Linux kernel. Instructions for a particular VM type or kernel arch can be found on these pages:

- Setup: Ubuntu host, QEMU vm, x86-64 kernel
- Setup: Ubuntu host, Odroid C2 board, arm64 kernel
- Setup: Linux host, QEMU vm, arm64 kernel
- Setup: Linux host, QEMU vm, arm kernel
- Setup: Linux host, Android device, arm64 kernel
- Setup: Ubuntu host, Android device, arm32 kernel
- Setup: Linux isolated host

Coverage

- CONFIG_KCOV
- GCC/Clang inserts a function call into every basic block
- Kernel debugfs extension collects and exposes coverage per-thread

```
__sanitizer_cov_trace_pc(); // 1
if (...) {
    __sanitizer_cov_trace_pc(); // 2
    __sanitizer_cov_trace_pc(); // 3
}
__sanitizer_cov_trace_pc(); // 3
```

Algorithm

- 1. Start with an empty corpus of programs
- 2. Generate a new program / choose one from corpus and mutate it
- 3. Run the program, collect coverage
- 4. Cover new code \rightarrow Minimize the program and add to the corpus
- 5. Goto 1

Syscall Descriptions Syntax

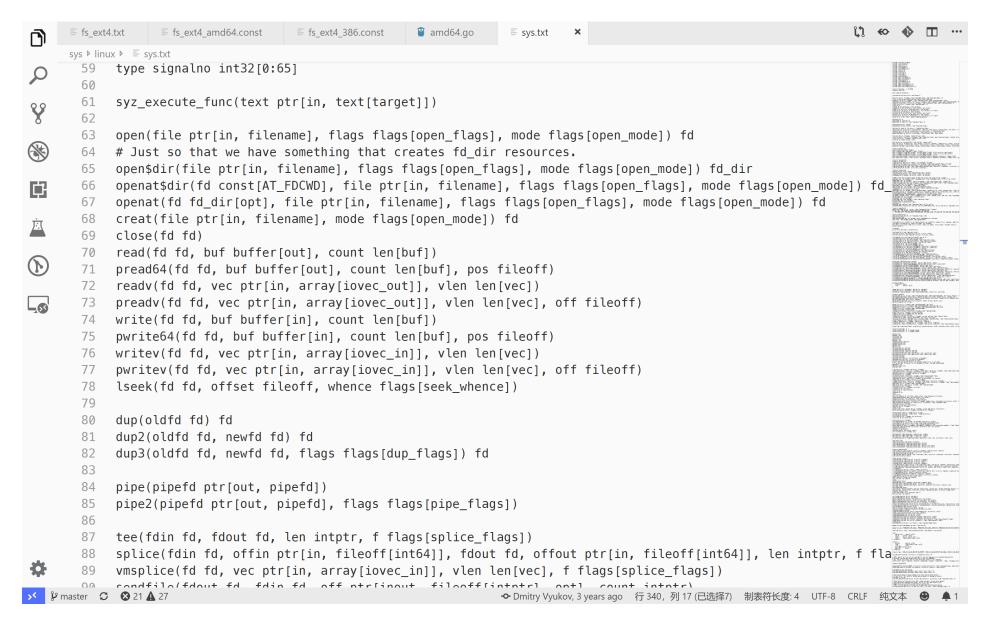
Resources

• Syscall Descriptions → symbolic constants

Generates a small C program that:

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- Defines macros as specified by define directives
- Prints values of symbolic constants

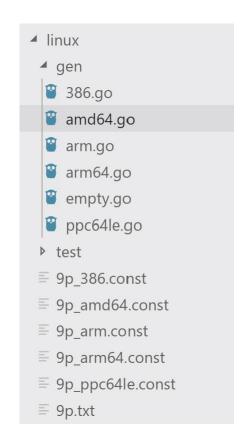
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- = fs_btrfs_ppc64le.const
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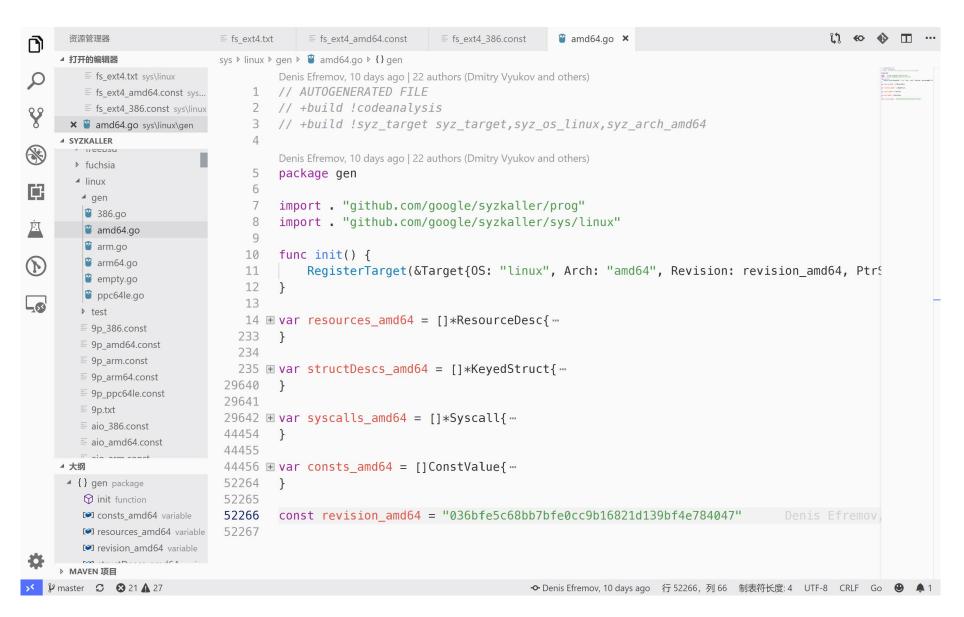


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- Translation of descriptions into Go code





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        var syscalls_amd64 = []*Syscall{
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            {NR: 43, Name: "accept", CallName: "accept", Args: []Type{
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```

• Syscall Descriptions → symbolic constants

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- Program

```
mmap(&(0x7f0000000000), (0x1000), 0x3, 0x32, -1, 0)
r0 = open(&(0x7f0000000000)="./file0", 0x3, 0x9)
read(r0, &(0x7f0000000000), 42)
close(r0)
```

https://syzkaller.appspot.com

sign-in

https://syzkaller.appspot.com/bug?id=4462b73f1e909dcd0f6e0d5d2f0b3e8be5191b69



memory leak in inet6 create

Status: fixed on 2019/07/10 21:40

Reported-by: syzbot+@syzkaller.appspotmail.com

Fix commit: 522924b5 net: correct udp zerocopy refent also when zerocopy only on append

First crash: 38d, last: 35d

Sample crash report:

```
executing program
BUG: memory leak
unreferenced object 0xffff888124365a40 (size 1280):
 comm "syz-executor032", pid 7039, jiffies 4294952820 (age 37.550s)
 hex dump (first 32 bytes):
   backtrace:
    [<00000000dba9ec2e>] kmemleak_alloc_recursive include/linux/kmemleak.h:55 [inline]
    [<0000000dba9ec2e>] slab_post_alloc_hook_mm/slab.h:439 [inline]
    [<00000000dba9ec2e>] slab alloc mm/slab.c:3326 [inline]
    [<00000000dba9ec2e>] kmem_cache_alloc+0x134/0x270 mm/slab.c:3488
    [<0000000018c52d6d>] sk prot alloc+0x41/0x170 net/core/sock.c:1596
    [<00000000d9c0caab>] sk_alloc+0x35/0x2f0 net/core/sock.c:1656
    [<00000000700b302a>] inet6_create net/ipv6/af_inet6.c:180 [inline]
    [<00000000700b302a>] inet6 create+0x115/0x4b0 net/ipv6/af inet6.c:107
    [<00000000ce38b1e5>] sock create+0x164/0x250 net/socket.c:1424
    [<000000007e6d40fd>] sock create net/socket.c:1475 [inline]
    [<000000007e6d40fd>] __sys_socket+0x69/0x110 net/socket.c:1517
    [<0000000081e1179a>] __do_sys_socket net/socket.c:1526 [inline]
    [<0000000081e1179a>] __se_sys_socket net/socket.c:1524 [inline]
    [<0000000081e1179a>] __x64_sys_socket+0x1e/0x30 net/socket.c:1524
    [<000000008d9383e5>] do_syscall_64+0x76/0x1a0 arch/x86/entry/common.c:301
    [<00000000af94d8fe>] entry SYSCALL 64 after hwframe+0x44/0xa9
```

All crashes (2):

<u>Manager</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Kernel</u>	Commit	<u>Syzkaller</u>	Config	<u>Log</u>	<u>Report</u>	Syz repro	<u>C repro</u>	<u>Maintainers</u>
ci-upstream-gce-leak	2019/06/06 17:54	upstream	156c0591	698773cb	.config	<u>log</u>	<u>report</u>	<u>syz</u>	<u>C</u>	ast@kernel.org, bpf@vg
ci-upstream-gce-leak	2019/06/09 12:52	upstream	d1fdb6d8	0159583c	.config	<u>log</u>	report	<u>syz</u>	<u>C</u>	ast@kernel.org, bpf@vg

- GCC
- Kernel
 - Linux 5.1.16
 - Enable options in default configs
 - Compile the kernel

```
LD [M] net/netfilter/xt addrtype.ko
  LD [M] net/netfilter/xt mark.ko
  LD [M] net/netfilter/xt nat.ko
  MKPIGGY arch/x86/boot/compressed/piggy.S
          arch/x86/boot/compressed/piggy.o
          arch/x86/boot/compressed/vmlinux
  LD
  ZOFFSET arch/x86/boot/zoffset.h
  OBJCOPY arch/x86/boot/vmlinux.bin
  AS
          arch/x86/boot/header.o
          arch/x86/boot/setup.elf
  OBJCOPY arch/x86/boot/setup.bin
          arch/x86/boot/bzImage
  BUILD
Setup is 16028 bytes (padded to 16384 bytes).
System is 19829 kB
CRC f3056af5
Kernel: arch/x86/boot/bzImage is ready (#2)
```

```
# CONFIG_TEST_KASAN is not set
CONFIG_ARCH_HAS_KCOV=y
CONFIG_CC_HAS_SANCOV_TRACE_PC=y
CONFIG_KCOV=y
CONFIG_KCOV_INSTRUMENT_ALL=y
# CONFIG_DEBUG_SHIRQ is not set
#
# Debug Lockups and Hangs
#
# CONFIG_SOFTLOCKUP_DETECTOR is not set
```

- Image
 - debootstrap
 - debootstrap is a tool which will install a Debian base system into a subdirectory of another, already installed system.

```
# Create a minimal Debian distribution in a directory.
DIR=chroot
<mark>PREINSTALL_PKGS</mark>=openssh-server,curl,tar,gcc,libc6-dev,time,strace,sudo,
y,selinux-policy-default
```

```
sudo rm -rf $DIR
mkdir -p $DIR
sudo debootstrap --<mark>include=</mark>$PREINSTALL_PKGS $RELEASE $DIR http://mirrors.ustc.edu.cn/debian/
```

Image

```
# Set some defaults and enable promtless ssh to the machine for root.
sudo sed -i '/^root/ { s/:x:/::/ }' $DIR/etc/passwd
echo 'T0:23:respawn:/sbin/getty -L ttyS0 115200 vt100' | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/inittab
printf '\nauto eth0\niface eth0 inet dhcp\n' | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/network/interfaces
echo '/dev/root / ext4 defaults 0 0' | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/fstab
echo 'debugfs /sys/kernel/debug debugfs defaults 0 0' | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/fstab
echo 'securityfs /sys/kernel/security securityfs defaults 0 0' | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/fstab
echo 'configfs /sys/kernel/config/ configfs defaults 0 0' | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/fstab
echo 'binfmt_misc /proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc binfmt_misc defaults 0 0' | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/fstab
echo "kernel.printk = 7 4 1 3" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo 'debug.exception-trace = 0' | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo "net.core.bpf jit enable = 1" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo "net.core.bpf_jit_kallsyms = 1" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo "net.core.bpf jit harden = 0" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo "kernel.softlockup all cpu backtrace = 1" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo "kernel.kptr restrict = 0" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo "kernel.watchdog thresh = 60" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo "net.ipv4.ping_group_range = 0 65535" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/sysctl.conf
echo -en "127.0.0.1\tlocalhost\n" | sudo tee $DIR/etc/hosts
echo "nameserver 8.8.8.8" | sudo tee -a $DIR/etc/resolve.conf
echo "syzkaller" | sudo tee $DIR/etc/hostname
ssh-keygen -f $RELEASE.id rsa -t rsa -N ''
sudo mkdir -p $DIR/root/.ssh/
cat $RELEASE.id rsa.pub | sudo tee $DIR/root/.ssh/authorized keys
```

Prepare QEMU

```
qemu-system-x86_64 \
  -kernel $KERNEL/arch/x86/boot/bzImage \
  -append "console=ttyS0 root=/dev/sda debug earlyprintk=serial slub_debug=QUZ"\
  -hda $IMAGE/stretch.img \
  -net user,hostfwd=tcp::10021-:22 -net nic \
  -enable-kvm \
  -nographic \
  -m 2G \
  -smp 2 \
  -pidfile vm.pid \
  2>&1 | tee vm.log
```

```
Started Getty on tty4.
      1 Started Getty on tty3.
  OK ] Started Serial Getty on ttyS0.
      ] Started Getty on tty1.
  OK ] Started Getty on tty5.
  OK ] Started Getty on tty6.
      Started Getty on tty2.
  OK | Reached target Login Prompts.
  OK ] Started OpenBSD Secure Shell server.
  OK ] Reached target Multi-User System.
  OK | Reached target Graphical Interface.
        Starting Update UTMP about System Runlevel Changes...
  OK | Started Update UTMP about System Runlevel Changes.
  OK ] Started Daily apt download activities.
        Starting Daily apt upgrade and clean activities...
  OK | Started Daily apt upgrade and clean activities.
Debian GNU/Linux 9 syzkaller ttyS0
syzkaller login: root
Unable to get valid context for root
Last login: Sun Jul 7 01:26:51 UTC 2019 on ttyS0
Linux syzkaller 5.1.16 #2 SMP Mon Jul 15 17:03:48 CST 2019 x86 64
The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
root@syzkaller:~#
root@syzkaller:~#
```

- Prepare QEMU
 - Start the VM
 - Test SSH connection from host to VM

ssh -i \$IMAGE/stretch.id_rsa -p 10021 -o "StrictHostKeyChecking no" root@localhost

syzkaller configuration

```
"target": "linux/amd64",
"http": "127.0.0.1:56741",
"workdir": "$GOPATH/src/github.com/google/syzkaller/workdir",
"kernel obj": "$KERNEL",
"image": "$IMAGE/stretch.img",
"sshkey": "$IMAGE/stretch.id rsa",
"syzkaller": "$GOPATH/src/github.com/google/syzkaller",
"procs": 8,
"type": "qemu",
"vm": {
    "count": 4,
    "kernel": "$KERNEL/arch/x86/boot/bzImage",
    "cpu": 2,
    "mem": 2048
```

syzkaller start up

mkdir workdir
sudo ./bin/syz-manager -config=my.cfg

```
2019/07/15 19:10:21 loading corpus...
2019/07/15 19:10:21 serving rpc on tcp://[::]:43055
2019/07/15 19:10:21 wait for the connection from test machine...
2019/07/15 19:10:35 machine check:
                        : 1390/2733
2019/07/15 19:10:35 comparison tracing : CONFIG_KCOV_ENABLE_COMPARISONS is not enabled
2019/07/15 19:10:35 extra coverage : extra coverage is not supported by the kernel
2019/07/15 19:10:35 namespace sandbox : /proc/self/ns/user does not exist
: enabled
2019/07/15 19:10:35 fault injection      : CONFIG_FAULT_INJECTION is not enabled
2019/07/15 19:10:35 leak checking : CONFIG_DEBUG_KMEMLEAK is not enabled
2019/07/15 19:10:35 net packet injection
                                 : /dev/net/tun does not exist
2019/07/15 19:10:35 net device setup
                                 : enabled
2019/07/15 19:10:35 corpus
                                 : 0 (0 deleted)
2019/07/15 19:10:41 VMs 4, executed 3, cover 4217, crashes 0, repro 0
2019/07/15 19:10:51 VMs 4, executed 6330, cover 6648, crashes 0, repro 0
2019/07/15 19:11:01 VMs 4, executed 10707, cover 8320, crashes 0, repro 0
2019/07/15 19:11:11 VMs 4, executed 15851, cover 12460, crashes 0, repro 0
```

http://127.0.0.1:56741

syzkaller

Stats: revision a0626693 config uptime 31s 1m0s fuzzing 0 triage queue 11898 cover 14709 signal syscalls 1390 0 (0/hour) crash types 0 (0/hour) crashes 724 (40/sec) exec candidate 0 (0/hour) exec fuzz 0 (0/hour) 0 (0/hour) exec hints exec minimize 3016 (167/sec) 0 (0/hour) exec seeds 0 (0/hour) exec smash 5107 (283/sec) exec total exec triage 1367 (75/sec) 32 (106/min) executor restarts 0 (0/hour) hub: recv prog hub: recv prog drop 0 (0/hour) hub: recv repro 0 (0/hour) hub: recv repro drop 0 (0/hour) 0 (0/hour) hub: send prog add hub: send prog del 0 (0/hour) hub: send repro 0 (0/hour) manager new inputs 291 (16/sec) 0 (0/hour) suppressed vm restarts 4 (13/min)

Crashes:

Description	Count	Last Time	Report
			110 001

```
Log: | 2019/07/15 19:24:31 fuzzer vm-3 connected
2019/07/15 19:24:31 fuzzer vm-2 connected
2019/07/15 19:24:31 fuzzer vm-0 connected
2019/07/15 19:24:31 fuzzer vm-1 connected
2019/07/15 19:24:32 machine check:
                                             : 1390/2733
2019/07/15 19:24:32 syscalls
2019/07/15 19:24:32 code coverage
2019/07/15 19:24:32 comparison tracing
2019/07/15 19:24:32 extra coverage
                                             : extra coverage is not supported by the kernel
```

2019/07/15 19:24:32 setuid sandbox 2019/07/15 19:24:32 namespace sandbox

- : CONFIG_KCOV_ENABLE_COMPARISONS is not enabled
- : /proc/self/ns/user does not exist