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OPEN-SOURCING SOFTWARE CONFIDENCE

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How do you trust (your) open-source systems?



PROCESS- AND PRODUCT-BASED ASSURANCE

What are the means to build trust?

- Process-based assurance
 - Based on testing, V&V tools designed in the 1980s
 - Familiar, but expensive to scale up to large, participative process

Inapplicable to COTS software components

- Product-based assurance
 - Using formal methods to provide strong guarantees regarding:
 - Compliance with software safety requirements
 - Absence of software security vulnerabilities
 - Disruptive, but help meet mandatory requirements at reduced costs

Next-generation verification tools are reaching maturity in terms of cost effectiveness and industrial integration

FORMAL METHODS



Tools to understand software properties

Properties are formalized using unequivocal specifications

\forall a, i; \valid(a+(0..N-1)) ==> 0 <= i < N ==>
$$a[i]$$
 <= C

- Software systems are analyzed as sets of rules
 - Transforming the system state
 - Satisfying certain properties

On a given perimeter

- Formal methods are used to **prove** that some software properties hold...
- ... or to provide insight on why other properties do not.



A FORMALISM FOR SOFTWARE VALIDATION

Handles logical formulas

ACSL: a mathematical universe

Frame the computational universe using logics

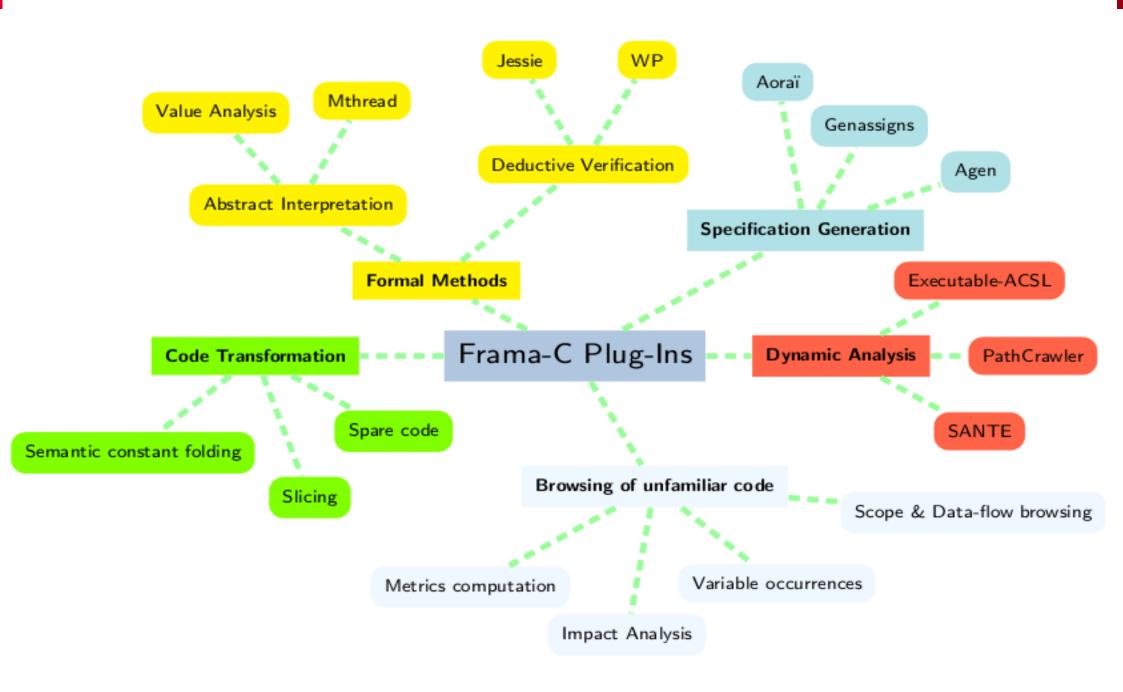
Modifies transistor states on micro-chips during execution



```
unsigned int M;
/*@
requires \valid (p) && \valid (q);
ensures M == (*p + *q) / 2;
*/
void mean ( unsigned int* p,
            unsigned int* q ) {
if (* p >= * q )
 M = (*p - *q) / 2 + *q;
else
 M = (*q - *p) / 2 + *p;
```

- Caller-callee contract
- Callee requires some preconditions from the caller
- Callee ensures some postconditions hold when it returns







ENFORCING CODING STANDARDS WITH FRAMA-C

- Result Airbus and Atos have designed the Taster plugin on top of Frama-C to enforce coding standards.
- Conclusion Frama-C yields productivity gains and ensures code quality.

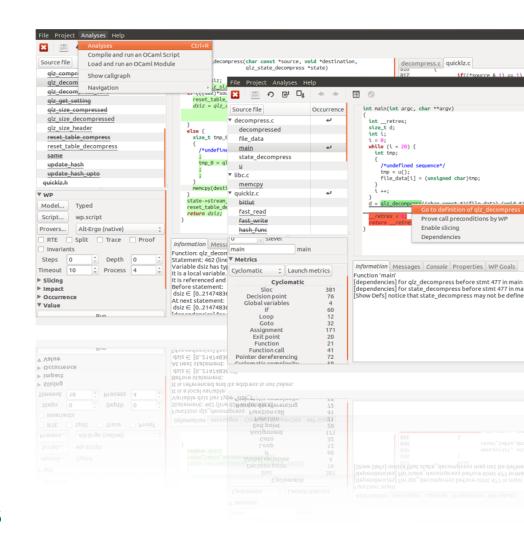
Benefits:

- Eases code review on syntactic or typing rules.
- ✓ Validation of semantic rules:
 - dataflow related rules on variables,
 - runtime errors requiring a value analysis.



SEMANTICAL ANALYSIS

- Automated process
- Integral & pointer ranges
- Some ACSL verifications
- Runtime-errors threats
- Side-effects & dependency analysis
- Program structure & transformations





CHECKING INTRINSIC FAULTS IN SCADA SYSTEMS

- Result Researchers have demonstrated the absence of multiple fault families in safetycritical software.
- In addition derived analyses cover structural properties on memory separation and cyclic behaviors.
- Conclusion Frama-C enables highly-automated verification runs.

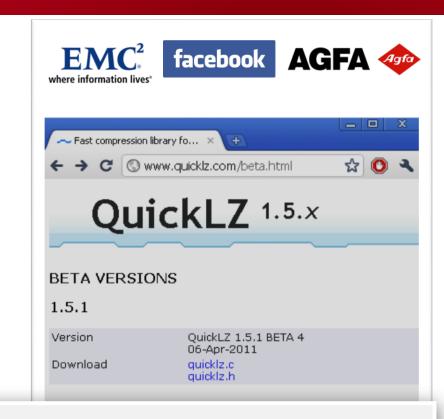
- > 100+ kloc
- > C source code
- > Highest
 certification
 requirements
- > 80% code coverage
- > 200 alarms

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DETECTION OF A SECURITY FLAW IN A COTS COMPRESSION LIBRARY

- Result CEA researchers identified a bug in the QuickLZ library. This bug was acknowledged by the designer and corrected in version beta 1.5.1.
- Conclusion Software analysis can be applied to general-purpose COTS, enabling their use in security-critical systems.

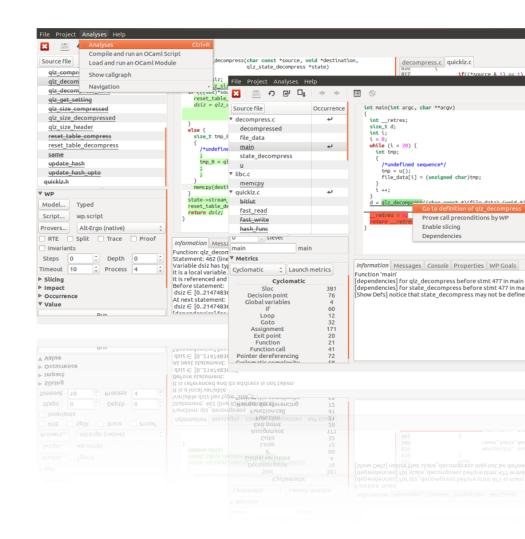


Fixed a condition where
QLZ_MEMORY_SAFE could fail
detecting corrupted data.
Thanks to Pascal Cuoq and
Kerstin Hartig who used FramaC's value analysis!



DEDUCTIVE VERIFICATION

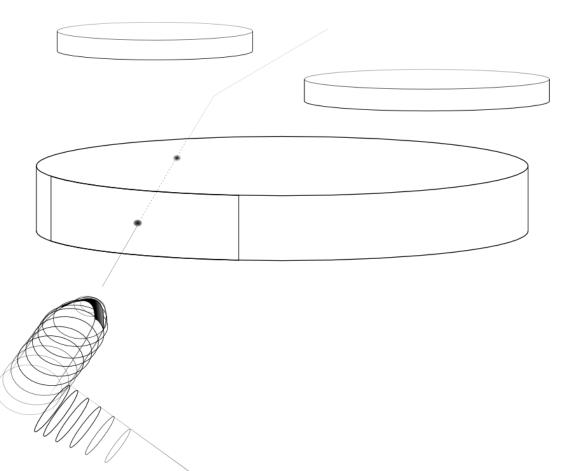
- Assisted process
- Full range of ACSL specifications
- Proof of code conformity
- Use of external solvers
- Function call sequences





FORMAL ALGORITHMIC CONFORMANCE PROOF





```
% Conflict during interval [B,T]
conflict_2D?(s,v) : bool =
   EXISTS (t: Lookahead): sqv(s+t*v) < sq(D)

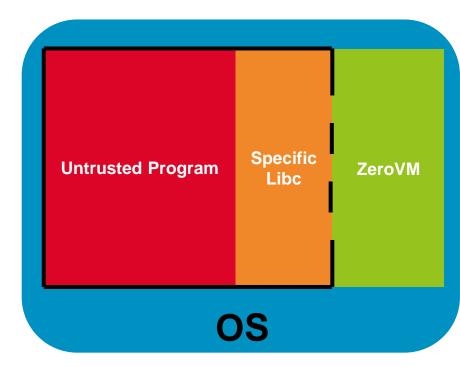
% 2-D Conflict Detection (cd2d)
cd2d?(s,v) : bool =
   horizontal_los?(s+B*v) OR omega_vv(s)(v) < 0

% THEOREM: cd2d is correct and complete
cd2d : THEOREM
   conflict_2D?(s,v)
IFF
   cd2d?(s,v)</pre>
```



ZEROVM: HYPERVISOR FOR THE CLOUD

- Isolation done by technique similar to Chrome NaCl:
 - Untrusted program compiled by a custom compiler
 - A validator check the binary before running it
- ZeroVM allows the untrusted application to use OS syscalls only as authorized by the manifest
 - Ex: Restrict which file/pipe can be read/write for how much
 - Verification using the Frama-C WP plugin of this property





RUNTIME MONITORING AND VERIFICATION

- Result Use program analysis and transformations to synthesize:
 - security monitors
 - fault injectors
- Conclusion Runtime code can be added to harden legacy software through hardware-enabled runtime verification.

```
00: extern int a, b;
01: void f(int);
03: void q() {
04: if (b == 0) a = 1;
      else if (b == 1) a = 2;
      else return;
06:
      assert((a == 1 && b == 0) || (a == 2 && b == 1)
09:
      f(a);
10: }
```



SPECIFIC OPEN-SOURCE PROGRAM VERIFICATION

Great for:

- Give examples of real programs to verify
- If you find a bug, you can propose a patch

Problems:

- The code writer can't be reached anymore
- Question too hard for the current maintainer
- Can't ask benevolent developper to right formal specification

FRAMA-C AN OPEN-SOURCE FRAMEWORK



FRAMA-C: LGPL 2.1

- A major release about every six months
- 9000+ downloads
- 3000+ messages on public mailing-list
- BTS, wiki, blogs publics
- Presents on Stackoverflow
- Used for teaching and research in France, England, Germany, Portugal, Russia, USA, ...

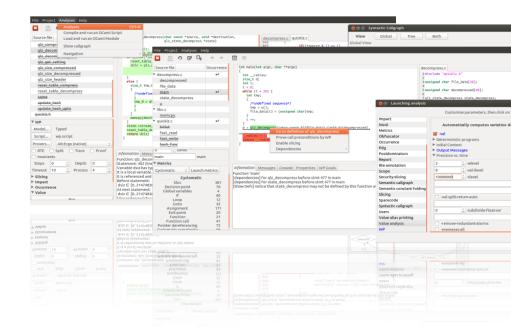






OPEN-SOURCE AND INNOVATION

- Industries appreciate:
 - the plugin system
 - possibility to look into the kernel
 - other open-source plugins for ideas
- Creation of a start-up in 2013:
 - packaging et dedicated analysis
 - support et industrial licences
 - composants validation kits







Merci! Question?