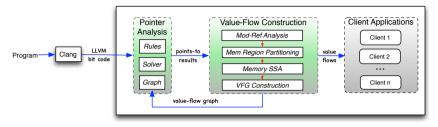
Interprocedural Value-Flow Graph

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Static Value-Flow Analysis



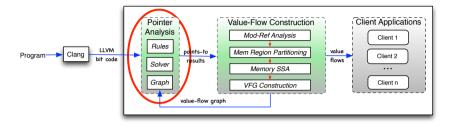
Static value-flow graph (VFG) resolves both the data and control dependence of a program. Three phrase to generate a VFG of a program: (1) **Pointer Analysis**. (2) Interprocedural Memory SSA Form. and (3) Value-Flow Construction.

SVF's command line to generate a VFG of a program (e.g., swap.c)¹

- clang -S -c -fno-discard-value-names -emit-llvm swap.c -o swap.ll
- wpa -ander -svfg -dump-vfg swap.ll

https://github.com/svf-tools/SVF/wiki/Analyze-a-Simple-C-Program#12-value-flow-graph

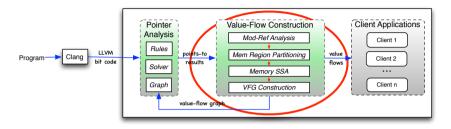
Static Value-Flow Analysis (Pointer Analysis)



- Support developing different analyses (flow-, context-, field-sensitivity²)
 - **Graph** is a higher-level abstraction extracted from the LLVM IR indicating **where** pointer analysis should be performed.
 - Rules defines how to derive the points-to information from each statement,
 - **Solver** determines in **what** order to resolve all the constraints.

²More details can be found at https://github.com/SVF-tools/SVF/wiki/Write-a-flow--and-field---insensitive-pointer-analysis

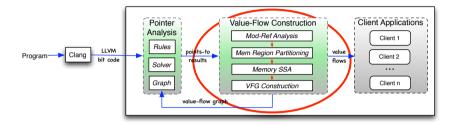
Static Value-Flow Analysis (Value-Flow Construction)



- Interprocedural memory SSA construction based on HSSA (CC '963') and widely used in Open64.
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 - **Placing Memory SSA** ϕ for memory objects.
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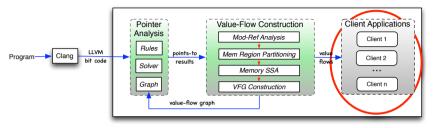
³F Chow. S Chan. SM Liu. R Lo. M Streich, Effective representation of aliases and indirect memory operations in SSA form, CC 1996

Static Value-Flow Analysis (Value-Flow Construction)



- Value-Flow Construction:
 - **Direct Value-Flows**: def-use of top-level pointers
 - Indirect Value-Flows: def-use of address-taken variables based on memory SSA

Static Value-Flow Analysis (Clients)



- Detecting memory errors
 - Memory leaks
 - Use-after-frees
 - **Null pointers**
- Code embedding:
 - Code summarization
 - Method name prediction

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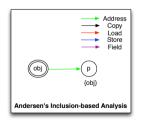
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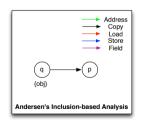
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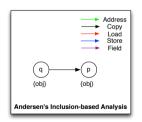
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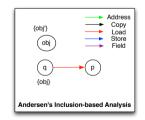


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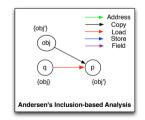


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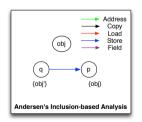


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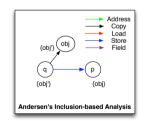


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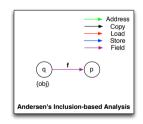
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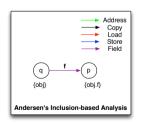
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- Edge: A Constraint between two nodes

```
Address p = alloc_{obj}

Copy p = q

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Store *p = q

Field p = q gep f
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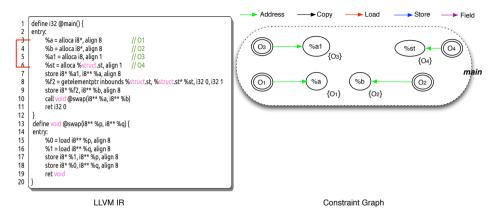
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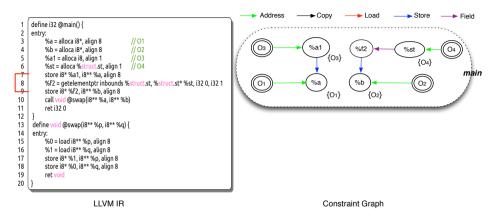
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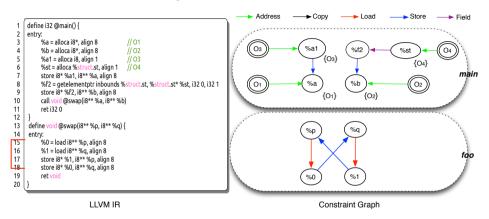
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              p = q Pts(a) \subseteq Pts(b)
Copy
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Store *p = q \forall o \in Pts(p), Pts(q) \subseteq Pts(o)
Field
              p = q \operatorname{gep} f \quad \forall o \in \operatorname{Pts}(g), \{o.f\} \subset \operatorname{Pts}(p)
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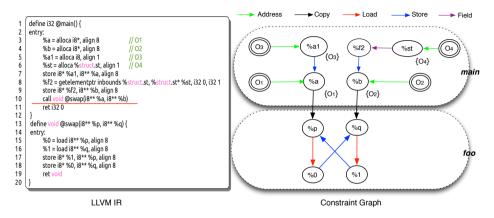
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struct st{
          char f1:
          char f2:
     typedef struct st ST:
     int main(){
          char a1; ST st;
          char *a = &a1:
          char *b = &(st.f2);
          swap(&a.&b):
          swap(char **p, char **q){
14
          char* t = *p:
15
          *D = *U.
16
          *a = t:
17
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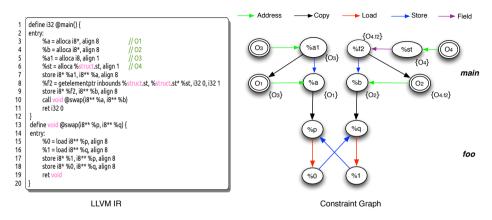
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                                             // 01
           %b = alloca i8*, align 8
           %a1 = alloca i8, align 1
           %st = alloca %struct.st, align 1
                                             11 04
           store i8* %a1, i8** %a, align 8
           %f2 = getelementptr inbounds %struct.st, %struct.st* %st, i32 0, i32 1
           store i8* %f2, i8** %b, align 8
10
          call void @swap(i8** %a, i8** %b)
11
          ret i32 0
12
13
     define void @swap(i8** %p. i8** %g) {
14
     entry:
15
           %0 = load i8** %p. align 8
16
           %1 = load i8** %g, align 8
17
           store i8* %1, i8** %p, align 8
18
           store i8* %0, i8** %g, align 8
19
          ret void
20
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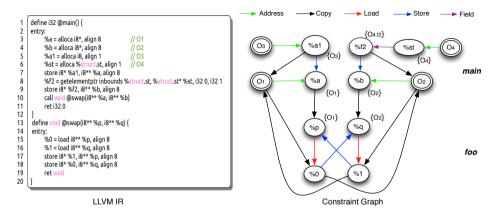


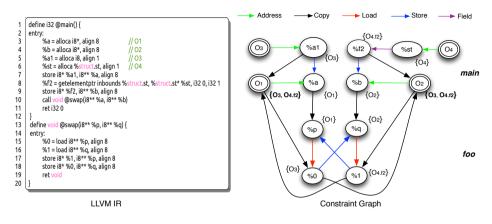












Constraint solving techniques: Wave-Deep Propagation, HCD, LCD. More details can be found here

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 - $o = \chi(o)$ is treated as both a def and a use of o.

```
define i32 @main() {
    entry:
          %a = alloca i8*, align 8
                                            // 01
 4
          %b = alloca i8*, align 8
                                            // 02
          %a1 = alloca i8, align 1
                                            // O3
 6
          %st = alloca %struct.st, align 1
                                            // 04
          store i8* %a1, i8** %a, align 8
          %f2 = getelementptr ... %st. i32 0. i32 1
 8
                                                         Annotation
 9
          store i8* %f2, i8** %b, align 8
10
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11
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17
          store i8* %1, i8** %p, align 8
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          store i8* %0, i8** %q, align 8
19
          ret void
20 }
                    LLVM IR
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            %h = alloca i8* align 8
            %a1 = alloca i8, align 1
                                         // 03
            %st = alloca %struct.st, align 1 // O4
 8
            store i8* %a1. i8** %a. align 8
 9
           MR1V 2 = STCHI(MR1V 1)
10
11
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12
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14
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17
18
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19
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23
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26
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36
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37
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39
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                 Annotated IR
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Pre-computed Points-to:

$$pt(%a) = pt(%p) = {O1}$$

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Memory Region:

MR2: O2 MR1: O1

Annotated CHIs at stores

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39
           RETMU(MR1V 2)
           RETMU(MR2V 2)
                  Annotated IR of the example code
```

Pre-computed Points-to:

 $pt(%a) = pt(%p) = {O1}$ $pt(%b) = pt(%a) = {O2}$

Memory Region:

MR2: 02 MR1: 01

Annotated MUS/CHIs at Function entry/exit

```
define i32 @main() {
    entry:
          %a = alloca i8*, align 8
                                            // 01
 4
          %b = alloca i8*, align 8
                                            // 02
          %a1 = alloca i8, align 1
                                            // O3
 6
          %st = alloca %struct.st, align 1
                                            // 04
          store i8* %a1, i8** %a, align 8
          %f2 = getelementptr ... %st. i32 0. i32 1
 8
                                                         Annotation
 9
          store i8* %f2, i8** %b, align 8
10
         call void @swap(i8** %a, i8** %b)
11
          ret i32 0
12
13
     define void @swap(i8** %p. i8** %g) {
14
     entry:
15
          %0 = load i8** %p, align 8
16
         %1 = load i8** %g, align 8
17
          store i8* %1, i8** %p, align 8
18
          store i8* %0, i8** %q, align 8
19
          ret void
20 }
                    LLVM IR
```

```
======FLINCTION: main======
            %a = alloca i8*, align 8
            %h = alloca i8* align 8
            %a1 = alloca i8. align 1
                                         // 03
            %st = alloca %struct.st, align 1 // O4
 8
            store i8* %a1. i8** %a. align 8
 9
           MR1V 2 = STCHI(MR1V 1)
10
11
            %f2 = getelementptr ... %st, i32 0, i32 1
12
            store i8* %f2, i8** %b, align 8
13
           MR2V 2 = STCHI(MR2V 1)
14
15
           CALMU(MR1V 2)
16
           CALMU(MR2V 2)
            call void @swap(i8** %a, i8** %b)
17
18
           MR1V 3 = CALCHI(MR1V 2)
           MR2V 3 = CALCHI(MR2V 2)
19
20
21
            ret i32 0
22
           ======FUNCTION: swap======
23
           MR1V 1 = ENCHI(MR1V 0)
24
           MR2V_1 = FNCHI(MR2V_0)
25
           entry
26
           LDMU(MR1V 1)
27
            %0 = load i8* i8** %n, align 8
28
29
           LDMU(MR2V 1)
30
            %1 = load i8* i8** %g, align 8
31
32
            store i8* %1, i8** %p, align 8
33
           MR1V 2 = STCHI(MR1V 1)
34
35
            store i8* %0 i8** %g align 8
36
           MR2V 2 = STCHI(MR2V 1)
37
38
            ret void
39
           RETMU(MR1V 2)
           RETMU(MR2V 2)
                 Annotated IR
```

Interprocedural Value-Flow Construction (Nodes and Edges)

Given annotated μ and χ functions, its VFG is constructed by connecting the definition of each SSA variable with its uses. Each node in the VFG represents one of the following:

- Statement VFGNodes: A definition of a variable at a non-call statement \(\ell \):
 - COPY $(\ell : p = q): p@\ell$:
 - PHI $(\ell : V_3 = \phi(V_2, V_1)): V_3@\ell$:
 - GEP $(\ell : p = \&q \to f)$: $p@\ell$.
 - LOAD $(\ell : p = *q [\mu(o)]): p@\ell$;
 - STORE $(\ell : *p = q [o_2 = \chi(o_1)]): o_2@\ell$.
- CallSite VFGNodes: A variable passing or defined at a callsite

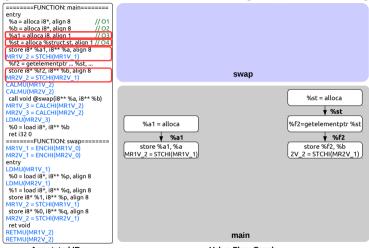
$$\ell_{cs}: r = f(..., p, ...) [\mu(o')] [o = \chi(_{-})]:$$

- ACTUAL PARM (callsite actual parameter): p@ℓ_{cs}.
- ACTUALRET (value directly returned): r@ℓ_{cs};
- ACTUALIN (value indirectly passed into callee f) o'@los.
- ACTUALOUT (value indirectly returned from callee f): o@lcs.

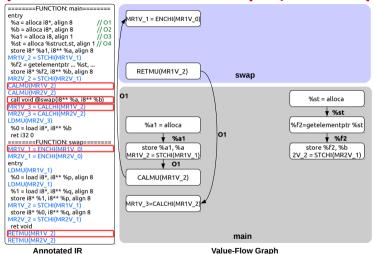
Interprocedural Value-Flow Construction (Nodes and Edges)

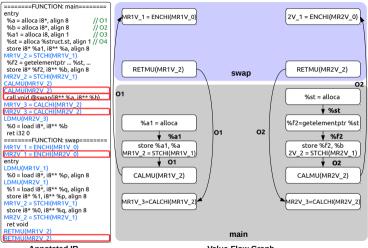
- FunctionEntry/Exit VFNodes: A variable defined at the entry or returned at the exit of a function $f(..., p, ...)\{[o = \chi(_)] ... [\mu(o')] \text{ return } q; \}$:
 - FORMALPARM (parameter directly initialized): p@ℓ_f.
 - FORMALRET (formal return): α@ℓ_f.
 - FORMALIN (parameter indirectly initialized): o@ℓ_f.
 - FORMALOUT (value indirectly modified in callee): o'@ℓ_f.

Rule	VFG Nodes	VFG Edges
COPY	$\ell: {m p} = {m q}$	$p@\ell \longleftrightarrow q@\ell'$
Рні	$\ell: \mathbf{v_3} = \phi(\mathbf{v_1}, \mathbf{v_2})$	$v_3@\ell \longleftrightarrow v_1@\ell' \qquad v_3@\ell \longleftrightarrow v_2@\ell''$
LOAD	$\ell: p = *q [\mu(o)]$	p@ℓ ← o@ℓ′
STORE	$\ell: *p = q [o_2 = \chi(o_1)]$	$o_2@\ell \longleftrightarrow q@\ell' \qquad o_2@\ell \longleftrightarrow o_1@\ell''$
CALL	$\ell_{\text{cs}}: r = f(, p,) [\mu(o_1)] [o_2 = \chi(_{-})]$	$q@\ell_f \longleftrightarrow p@\ell_1 \qquad r@\ell_{cs} \longleftrightarrow x@\ell_2$
	$\ell_f: f(, q,)\{[o_3 = \chi(_)] [\mu(o_4)] \text{ return } x\}$	$o_3@\ell_f \longleftrightarrow o_1@\ell_3 o_2@\ell_{cs} \longleftrightarrow o_4@\ell_4$

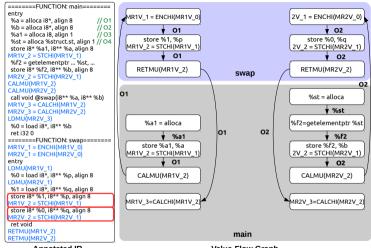


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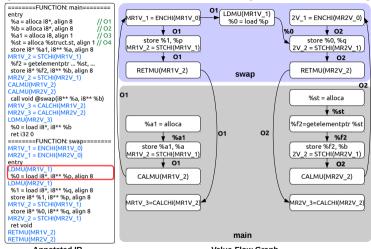




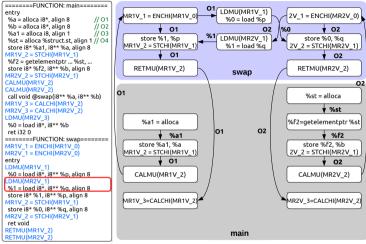
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Value-Flow Graph

```
struct st{
                                                                           define i32 @main() {
                                                                           entry:
           char f1:
                                                                                 %a = alloca i8*, align 8
           char f2:
                                                                                 %b = alloca i8*, align 8
                                                                                                                 11 02
                                                                                 %a1 = alloca i8, align 1
      typedef struct st ST:
                                                                                 %st = alloca %struct.st, align 1
                                                                                                                 // 04
                                                                                 store i8* %a1, i8** %a, align 8
 7
                                                                                 %f2 = getelementptr inbounds %struct.st, %struct.st* %st, i32 0, i32 1
     int main(){
                                                                                 store i8* %f2, i8** %b, align 8
           char a1: ST st:
                                                                      10
                                                                                 call void @swap(i8** %a, i8** %b)
           char *a = &a1:
                                                                      11
                                                                                 ret i32 0
10
           char *b = &(st.f2):
                                                                      12
11
           swap(&a,&b);
                                                                           define void @swap(i8** %p, i8** %g) {
12
                                                Querv: b?
                                                                      14
                                                                           entry:
13
                                                                      15
                                                                                %0 = load i8** %p, align 8
     void swap(char **p, char **a){
                                                                                %1 = load i8** %g, align 8
14
                                                                      16
           char* t = *p:
                                                                      17
                                                                                 store i8* %1, i8** %p, align 8
15
           *p = *a:
                                                                      18
                                                                                 store i8* %0, i8** %g, align 8
16
           *a = t:
                                                                      19
                                                                                 ret void
17
                                                                      20
```

