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Artifact for paper "COLLISIONREPAIR: First-Aid and Automated Patching for Storage Collision Vulnerabilities in Smart Contracts". This repository contains scripts and results for evaluating the smart contract patching. Detailed patching instructions can be found in Octopus/PATCHING.md.

## **Installation / Environment Setup**

• Before proceeding, install the following tools:

Tool	Purpose
Node.js ≥ v16	For deploying contracts and running scripts
Python >= 3.10.16	For static verification and patching
Ganache	Local Ethereum testnet (must be running)
Octopus	Bytecode instrumentation engine

### **Installation Steps**

#### 1.1 Install Node.js and npm

Visit <a href="https://nodejs.org/">https://nodejs.org/</a> or install via a package manager (e.g., brew install node)

### 1.2 Install Python dependencies

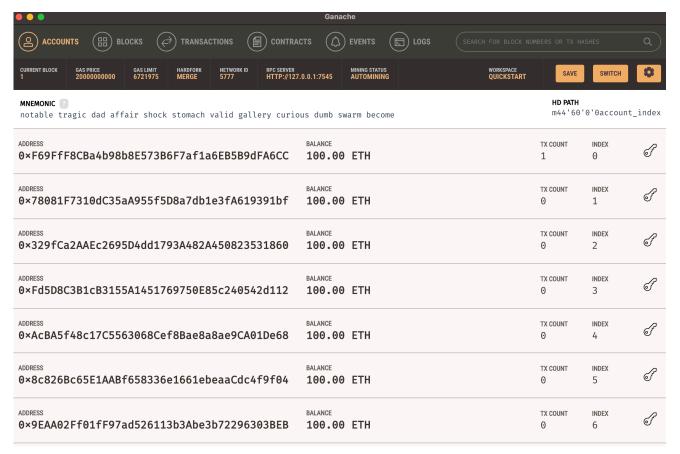
#### 1.3 Install Ganache

Ganache is a local Ethereum testnet used for deploying and replaying contracts.

### • Recommended: Ganache GUI

- 1. Download the GUI from <a href="https://trufflesuite.com/ganache/">https://trufflesuite.com/ganache/</a>
- 2. Launch it and click "Quickstart Ethereum"
- 3. Ensure it's running on http://127.0.0.1:7545 (default)

The GUI makes it easy to view accounts, logs, and transactions interactively.



### Alternative: Ganache CLI

You must keep Ganache running in the background while patching or replaying.

**Important:** Ganache must be running at <a href="http://127.0.0.1:7545">http://127.0.0.1:7545</a> before applying patches or replaying transactions.

### 2.1 Install Octopus from source

Our patching tool is built upon a modified Octopus(<a href="https://github.com/FuzzingLabs/octopus">https://github.com/FuzzingLabs/octopus</a>)

```
cd octopus
sudo python3 setup.py install
cd -
```

```
cd octopus
pip install -r requirements.txt
cd -
```

#### 2.2 Install Node dependencies

```
cd evaluation/correctness
npm install
cd -
```

### **Directory Structure**

```
evaluation/
 correctness/
   contracts.txt
                                # List of contract addresses to process
   results/
                                # Main output directory for all contract results
     <contract_address>/
                              # Each contract has its own folder
       abi.json
                               # ABI for the contract
                               # Bytecode for the contract
       bytecode.txt
                              # Historical transactions for the contract
       transactions.json
       replay_results.json
                               # Results of transaction replays
                                # Other files (e.g., address.txt, name.txt)
                               # Subset of results with at least one valid replay
   clean/
     <contract address>/
                              # Same structure as results/
   checkpoints/
                               # Checkpoint files for resuming batch jobs
     deploy_checkpoint.json
                              # Progress checkpoint for deployment script
   scripts/
     correctness/
       deploy_original_replay.js # Main batch deployment and replay script
       deploy patch replay.js
                                  # Batch deploy and replay for patched contracts
       find clean results.js
                                  # Script to filter and copy clean results
                               # Script to patch contracts in correctness
   patch.sh
```

### **Data, Scripts, and Core Function of Patching**

- **Data**: The contracts.txt file lists all contract addresses to be processed. The results/ directory stores all output data for each contract, including ABI, bytecode, transactions, and replay results.
- **Scripts**: All main scripts are in <a href="evaluation/correctness/scripts/correctness/">evaluation/correctness/scripts/correctness/</a>. These include deployment, replay, patching, and result filtering scripts.

• **Core Patch Function**: The patch.sh script is provided to patch contracts in the correctness dataset. Run it from the root or the evaluation/correctness directory to apply automated patching to all contracts listed in contracts.txt.

## **Verifying Existing Results**

Before verification, note that the results being verified are generated by scripts described in the following two sections: **Applying the Patch Tool** and **Regenerating Dynamic Execution Results**.

We provide two methods to verify the integrity and effectiveness of our patching process:

- 1. **Patched Bytecode Verification** Confirms that the instrumented contracts are valid and that all SSTORE opcodes have been correctly patched.
- 2. **Transaction Replay Verification** Compares transaction outcomes before and after patching to determine whether patched contracts preserve original behavior and fix the intended vulnerabilities.

If you wish to apply the patch and regenerate patched bytecode and replay results, please refer to the next two sections for detailed instructions.

## 1. Verifying Patched Bytecode

- Script:
  - o verify\_patch.sh
  - evaluation/scripts/verify\_instrumentation.py: This script takes a folder as input and automatically checks the original and patched bytecode, then displays the results.
- Usage:

```
chmod 777 verify_patch.sh
./verify_patch.sh
```

Expected output (example):

```
Verification complete. Report saved to
evaluation/correctness/results/instrumentation_verification.json
Total contracts: 4097
Valid contracts: 4097
Invalid contracts: 0
Error contracts: 0

SSTORE Statistics:
Total SSTORE instructions: 115581
Valid SSTORE instrumentations: 0
```

• **Performance**: This static verification takes less than 1 minute to complete.

## 2. Verifying Existing Transaction Replay

- Scripts
  - o verify\_tx.sh
  - evaluation/scripts/correctness/compare\_results.js: This script replays transactions and compares the results of the original and patched contracts to detect discrepancies.
- How to use:

```
chmod 777 verify_tx.sh
./verify_tx.sh
```

• Expected output (example):

• **Performance**: This static verification takes less than 1 minute to complete.

## 3. Applying the Patch Tool

First, back up the existing results/ directory to preserve previous outputs before generating new results.

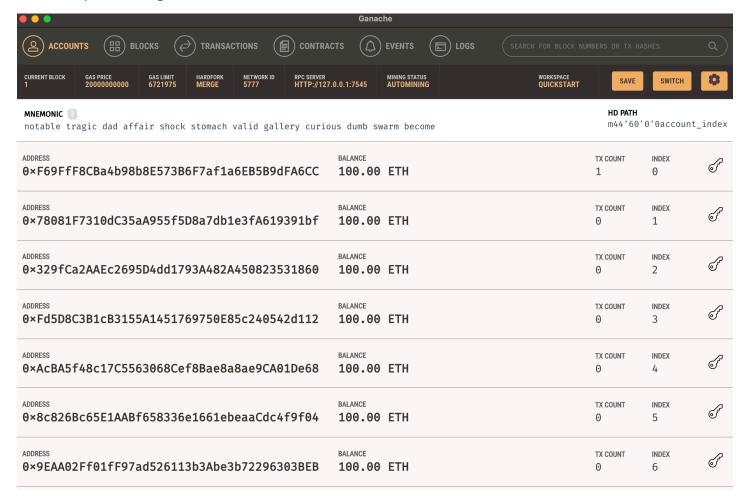
cp -r evaluation/correctness/results evaluation/correctness/results\_backup

### 3.1 Deploy the StorageTracker Contract

The StorageTracker contract is a helper component used to **check for storage collisions** during local execution. It monitors storage access patterns to ensure patched contracts do not overwrite or conflict with existing storage slots.

#### Ganache must be running at http://127.0.0.1:7545.

Example: Running Ganache via the GUI Interface



This step deploys a monitoring contract and saves the monitor address to be used during patching.

```
node js_scripts/monitor/deploy_monitor.js
```

• Example Output:

```
node js_scripts/monitor/deploy_monitor.js
Using account: 0xF69FfF8CBa4b98b8E573B6F7af1a6EB5B9dFA6CC
Deploying Monitor contract...
Estimated gas: 1153299n
Monitor contract deployed at: 0xfaD68b67f6094211AB931a8dF5324aed0D6b319a
Updating config.json...
Done!
```

## 3.2 Run the Patching Script

After deploying the StorageTracker contract, the next step is to apply the patching process to all contracts listed in the dataset. This script instruments the bytecode to fix storage collisions using our trampoline-based approach.

```
chmod 777 patch.sh
./patch.sh
```

This script will:

- Load addresses from evaluation/correctness/contracts.txt
- Instrument contract bytecode using customized Octopus
- Save results under evaluation/correctness/results/<contract\_address>/
- Example Output:

```
INFO - [+] Runtime code detected
WARNING - function signatures collision: ['symbol()',
    'link_classic_internal(uint64,int64)']
WARNING - function signatures collision: ['ideal_warn_timed(uint256,uint128)', 'owner()']
WARNING - function signatures collision: ['decimals()',
    'available_assert_time(uint16,uint64)']
INFO - [+] Runtime code detected
INFO - [+] Runtime code detected
...
```

• **Performance**: Patching 4,000 contracts takes approximately 2 to 4 hours, depending on the hardware.

## 4. Regenerating Dynamic Execution Results(Optional)

If you want to re-run the transaction replays, you can execute the following scripts. Note that these scripts run in real time, so the replay results may vary slightly from previous runs.

Checkpoint files are used to resume progress when replaying transactions for both the original and patched contracts. These checkpoints are located in the evaluation/correctness/checkpoints/ directory.

If you wish to start from scratch, simply delete the corresponding checkpoint files.

### 4.1 Start Ganache

Ganache must be running at http://127.0.0.1:7545.

## **4.2 Run Replay Scripts**

```
node evaluation/scripts/correctness/deploy_original_replay.js
node evaluation/scripts/correctness/deploy_patch_replay.js
node evaluation/scripts/correctness/compare_results.js
```

- What it does: These scripts deploy each contract and replay its historical transactions on a local testnet, saving the results in evaluation/correctness/results/.
- Performance: Each deploy script can take approximately 4 to 6 hours to process all contracts, depending
  on your hardware and the size of the dataset. It is recommended to run these commands step by step for
  better control and monitoring.

### 5. Notes

- Octopus is required for both patching and static verification.
- Ganache is required to deploy the StorageTracker(monitor) contract and replay transactions.
- compare\_results.js can be run independently to check replay consistency.