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QuickChick: A Brief Review

QuickChick is a properties based testing framework for Coq.

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- Using those generators you can feed data into test cases.
- These test cases can be any arbitrary predicate.

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Maybe we can utilize AFL's smarts to achieve better test coverage.

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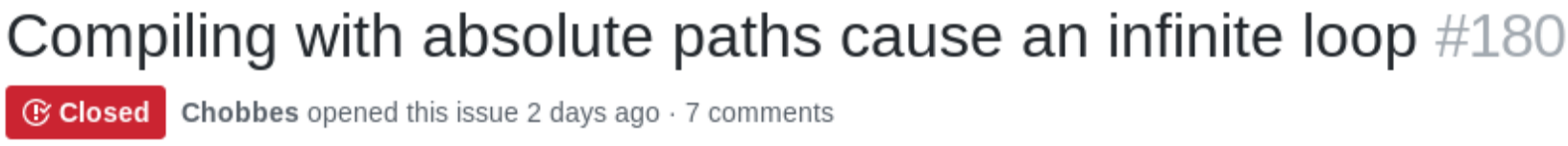

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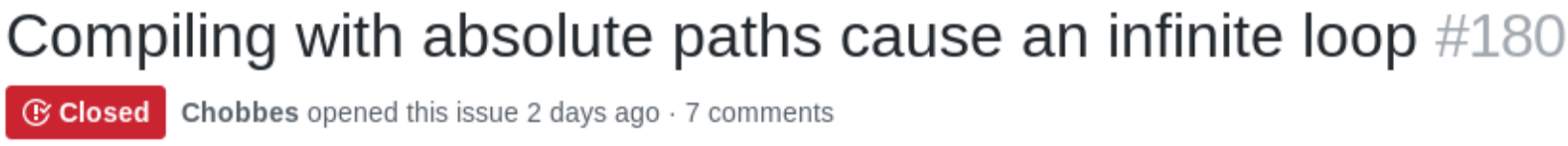

Maintainer fixed this issue promptly, which was *awesome*!

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QuickChick Coverage: ifc-basic

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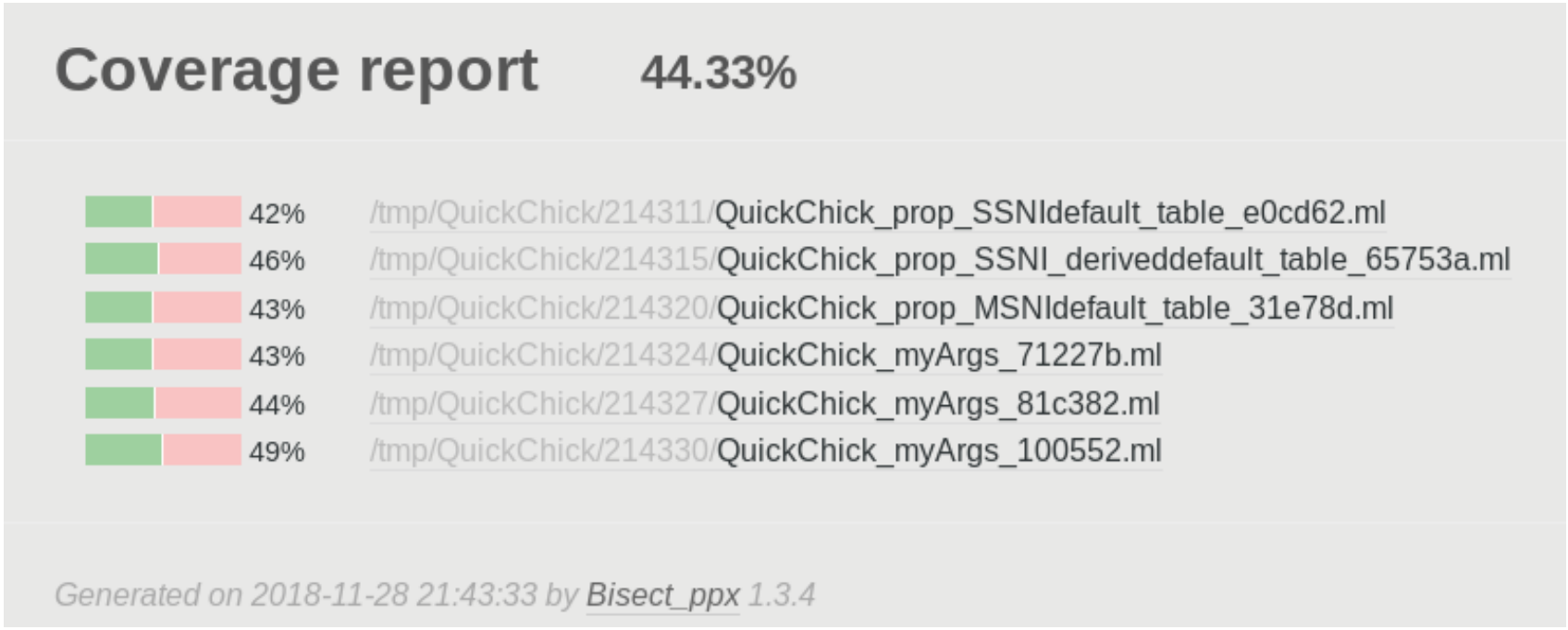

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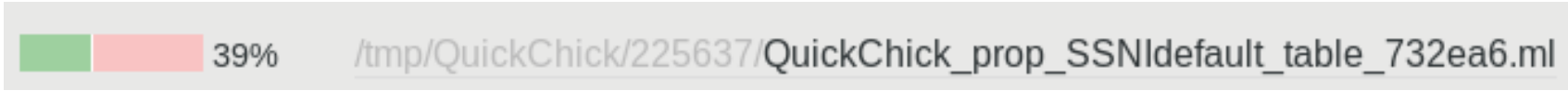

For some reason it seems that FuzzChick actually gets worse coverage than QuickChick on this test case... At least in the time I let it run (I'm not terribly patient)

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- This test case, for whatever reason, is fuzzer unfriendly?
  - Maybe extracted Coq could be fuzzer unfriendly? Lots of inefficient data types like like `nat` (basically a linked list whose length represents a number).
  - Could result in excessively long paths and hard to solve predicates for DSE?
  - Not sure that having pointers everywhere would be AFL's strength...

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Suggests maybe the extracted ocaml is harder for AFL to analyze? The C branches were discovered very quickly by AFL.

Performance

- Fuzzing is an order of magnitude slower than random testing.
- Performance bottleneck: disk access.
- Experiments to see whether the instrumentation overhead is worth it are still in preliminary stages.

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- The pthread is not AFL instrumented and AFL cannot analysis the underlying path in the blackbox and do its state driven fuzzing technique. (GDB results said so :p)

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Since I don't know what is the string that will make Apache run normally. (Thanks to the lack of documentation and the pthread function the patch is using.) I want the fuzzers to help me capture what is a string that will make the patched apache run successfully (exit with 0).

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Quickchick:

- **Pros:** Quickchick runs pretty fast at generating test cases.
- **Cons:** Quickchick fails to capture the successful case I want when we generate 10000 random strings. (That sounds natural I guess).

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FuzzChick:

- **Pros:** FuzzChick runs AFL and AFL does not generate random string, but it can cheat on having some testscript that people wrote.
- **Cons:** It runs pretty slowly (1.2s per testcase). Maybe the string it comes up with is meaningful to the server.

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Technical difficulties:

- The linkage between C to Ocaml and Ocaml to Coq is pretty messy. Code working in Ocaml does not necessarily compile when it is extracted to Coq.
- When we try to obtain more information from both of stderr and stdout in Ocaml, it is nontrivial to not stuck the terminal.

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Takeaway:

It is not yet very practical to fuzz large real world project with coq and ocaml.

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Conclusion! Questions?

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These are all good resources! You should look at them!