

Fuzzing test

Referent

Google

<https://github.com/google/syzkaller>

Introduction

Kernel version upgrades hurt

- Functionality-wise
- Performance-wise

We upgraded in SLE12-SP1-SP2

- About 40k LOCs changed)
- Manual inspection impossible

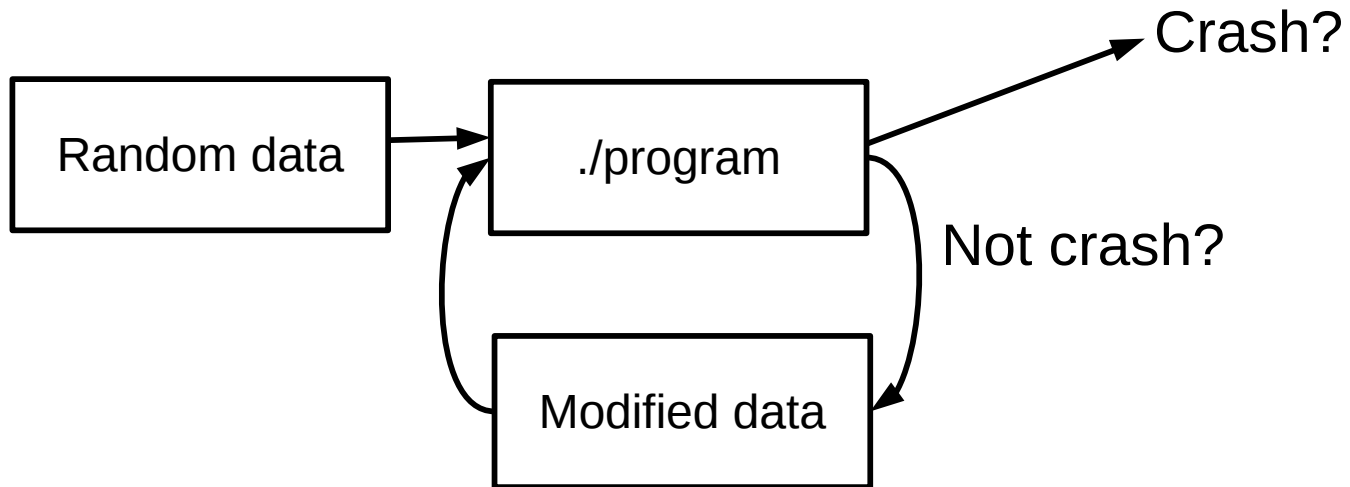
Tools

Not covered: SPARSE, Coverity PREVENT, LDV, . . .

Covered: SYZKALLER, TRINIT

Fuzzing test

Common technique nowadays



Fuzzing the kernel

Userspace fuzzing

- Input from user
- Files from filesystem
- . . .

What is the input of the kernel?

- Data from drivers
 - Network traffic, disk data, . . .
 - These fuzzers do not cover this
- System calls

Trinity

Syzkaller

Syzkaller

Similar to TRINITY

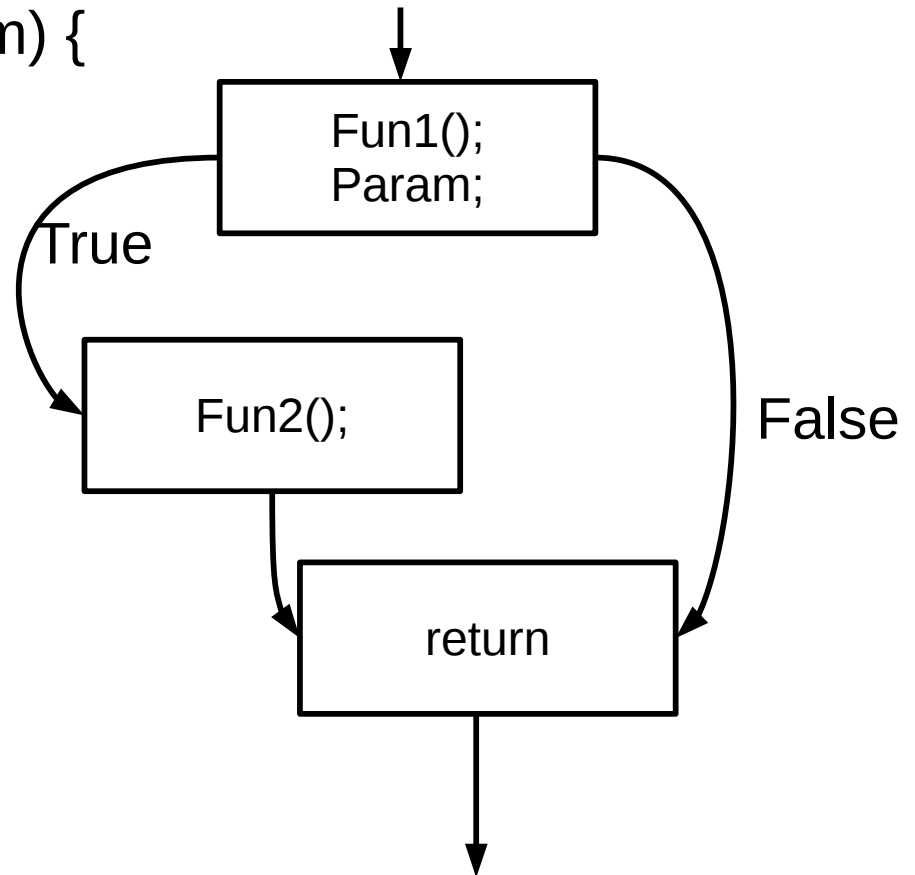
- List of syscalls
- Annotated parameters of every syscall

But it tracks coverage

- It tries to cover all code paths

Tracking Coverage

```
1 void syscall_158(int param) {  
3     fun1() ;  
4     if(param) {  
6         fun2() ;  
7     }  
9     return;  
10 }
```



Tracking Coverage

```
1 void syscall_158(int param) {  
2     __sanitizer_cov_trace_pc();// instrumented  
3     fun1() ;  
4     if(param) {  
5         __sanitizer_cov_trace_pc(); // instrumented  
6         fun2() ;  
7     }  
8     __sanitizer_cov_trace_pc();// instrumented  
9     return;  
10 }
```

__sanitizer_cov_trace_pc()

What does it do?

- Stores its caller address
- All exported in debugfs

Who does instrument it into the kernel?

- GCC >=6
- But GCC in SP2 is 4.8 and 5 only

How to enable the instrumentation?

- Turn on CONFIG_KCOV

Requirements

GCC \geq 6

- Instrumentation support

Kernel

- Enable instrumentation:KCOV
- Enable debugging (optional):KASAN,KMEMLEAK,LOCKDEP
- Disable unwinder (too slow to boot):STACK_UNWIND

SYZKALLER package

QEMU

- SYZKALLER fuzzes in isolation
- Runs in snapshot mode

Description

KASAN – checks memory accesses and helps to catch errors like use-after-free and out-of-bounds. Prior to 4.6, KASAN needs SLUB memory allocator to work correctly (SLES12-SP2's default is SLAB)

KMEMLEAK – reports kernel memory leaks.

LOCKDEP – reports potential deadlocks, stalls, and similar.

CONFIG_KCOV – to store a basic block was visited. The information is then exported via debugfs in /sys/kernel/debug/kcov.

(KCOV is upstreamed in linux 4.6. For older kernels you need to backport

commit : 5c9a8750a6409c63a0f01d51a9024861022f6593.)

Main components of syzkaller

`syz-executor` – a small, self-contained program containing a sequence of syscalls with input. It is run inside the virtual machine in a hope to cause some harm.

`syz-fuzzer` – establishes the sequence of system calls, permutes input, compiles all that into several `syz-executors`. `Syz-fuzzer` then runs and terminates them. There is a single instance in each virtual machines.

`syz-manager` – runs and manages virtual machines with `syz-fuzzer` running inside them. It can also run several virtual machines in parallel. This component is what users are supposed to run.

Principle of Operation

- 1 syz-manager starts a virtual machine
- 2 syz-manager starts syz-fuzzer inside the VM
- 3 Generate a syscalls sequence – syz-executor
 - Incl. random data
- 4 syz-executor is invoked with appropriate parameters
- 5 Check dmesg for a WARNING/BUG
 - Generate a report if there is one
- 6 Look at the visited paths and permute the input accordingly
- 7 Check if the VM is viable
 - Restart if needed
- 8 Repeat from 3

Reproduce

SYZKALLER can generate reproducers from reports

- A simple C code
- Triggers the reported WARNING/BUG

Run syz-repro

- Give the report as a parameter
- The reproducer is emitted

syz-repro

- may fail for rare race conditions etc.

How to – host

```
zypper ar -f  
http://download.nue.suse.com/ibs/home:/jirislaby:/syzkaller:/sle12-sp2/syz_SLE12-SP2/
```

```
zypper in syzkaller
```

```
zypper in kvm_server
```

```
zypper in -t pattern kvm_server
```

home:jirislaby:syzkaller contains syzkaller and a new GCC

home:jirislaby:syzkaller:sles12-sp2 always builds the latest patched SLES12-SP2 kernel. The kernel is with all SLAB,KASAN,KMEMLEAK,LOCKDEP, and KCOV enabled.STACK_UNWIND is disabled.

How to – guest

zypper ar -f syz

zypper dup --from syz

zypper in kernel-default-debuginfo

cp vmlinux-<version>,vmlinux-<version>.debug in same directory

vmlinux-<version> can be copied from virtual machine directly(/boot/vmlinux-*.gz) and extracted

zypper in syzkaller

su some_user

allow root logins into virtual machines without asking for password.

ssh-keygen -f my_key

add my_key.pub to /root/.ssh/authorized_keys in VM

How to – config

```
cp /usr/share/doc/package/syzkaller/example.cfg
{
  "http": "localhost:56741",
  "workdir": "/home/kathy/syzkaller/workdir",
  "kernel": "/home/kathy/syz/vmlinux-4.4.21-56-default",
  "initrd": "/home/kathy/syz/initrd-4.4.21-56-default",
  "vmlinux": "/home/kathy/syz/vmlinux-4.4.21-56-default",
  "image": "/var/lib/libvirt/images/sles-12-sp2-64-fv-def-net.qcow2",
  "sshkey": "/home/kathy/.ssh/id_rsa",
  "cmdline": "root=UUID=42383662-70ca-44c7-83e7-10559a9ddae1",
  "syzkaller": "/usr/",
  "type": "qemu",
  "count": 1,
  "procs": 4,
  "cpu": 2,
  "mem": 2048,
  "disable_syscalls": [
    "keyctl",
    "add_key",
    "request_key"
  ],
  "suppressions": [
    "some known bug"
  ]
}
syz-manager -config example.cfg
.
```

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