Symbolic Execution of Smart Contracts with Manticore

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  - We help organizations build safer software
  - R&D focused: we use the latest program analysis techniques

Goals

- What is Symbolic Execution?
- How can Symbolic Execution can help build more secure smart contracts?
- Hands-on with Manticore

Before Starting

- git clone https://github.com/trailofbits/workshops/
  - “Manticore - EthCC 2018”
  - All the files for this workshop
- git clone https://github.com/trailofbits/manticore
  - cd manticore
  - pip2 install . --user

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Smart Contract Symbolic Execution

Problems

- How to test the presence of bugs in smart contracts?

```
contract Simple {
    function f(uint a){

        // .. lot of paths and conditions

        if (a == 65) {
            // lead to a bug here
        }
    }
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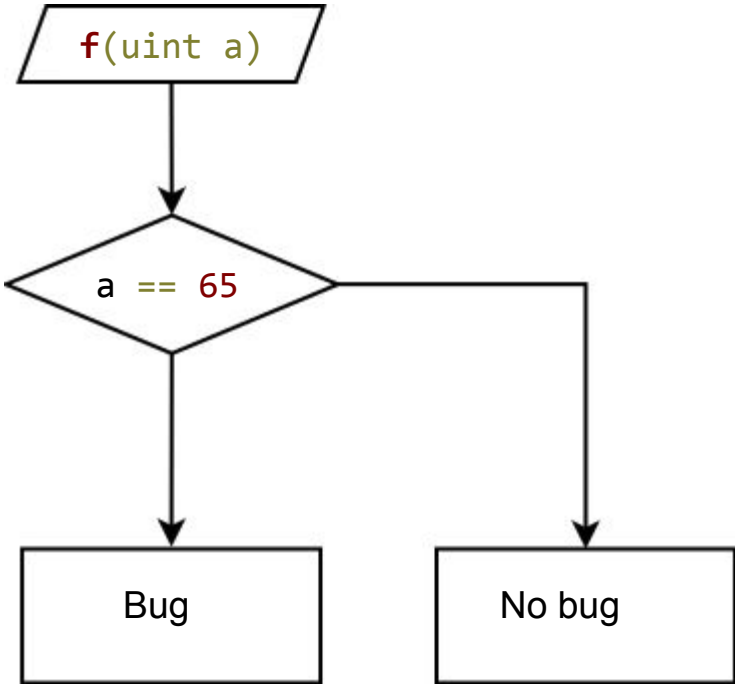
How to Review Code

- Manual review: time-consuming, every modification of the contract may lead to introducing a bug
- Unit tests: only cover a small part of the program's behavior
- Other techniques:
  - Static analysis (e.g. Slither)
  - Fuzzing (e.g. Echidna)
  - **Symbolic Execution** (e.g. Manticore)

Symbolic Execution in a Nutshell

- Program exploration technique
- Execute the program “symbolically” = Represent executions as logical formulas
- Use an SMT solver to check the feasibility of a path and generate inputs

Symbolic Execution Example

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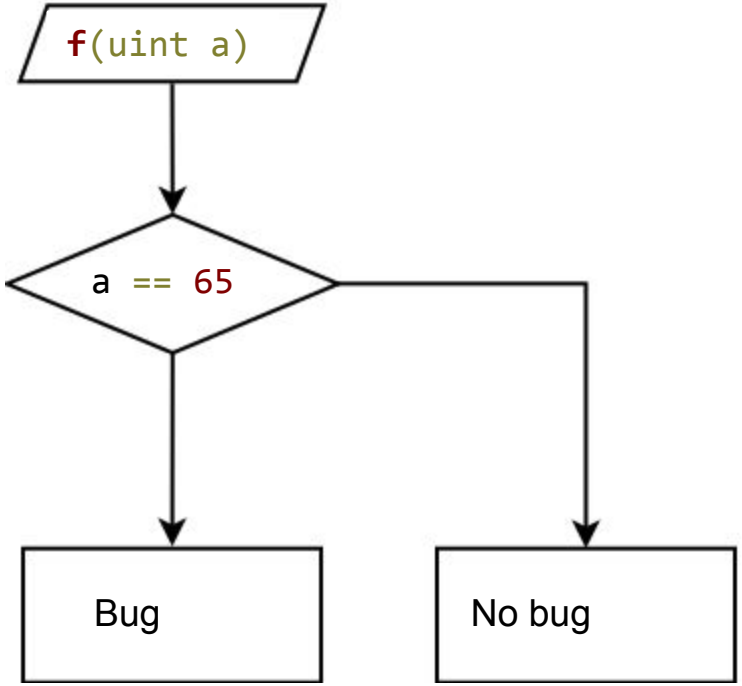

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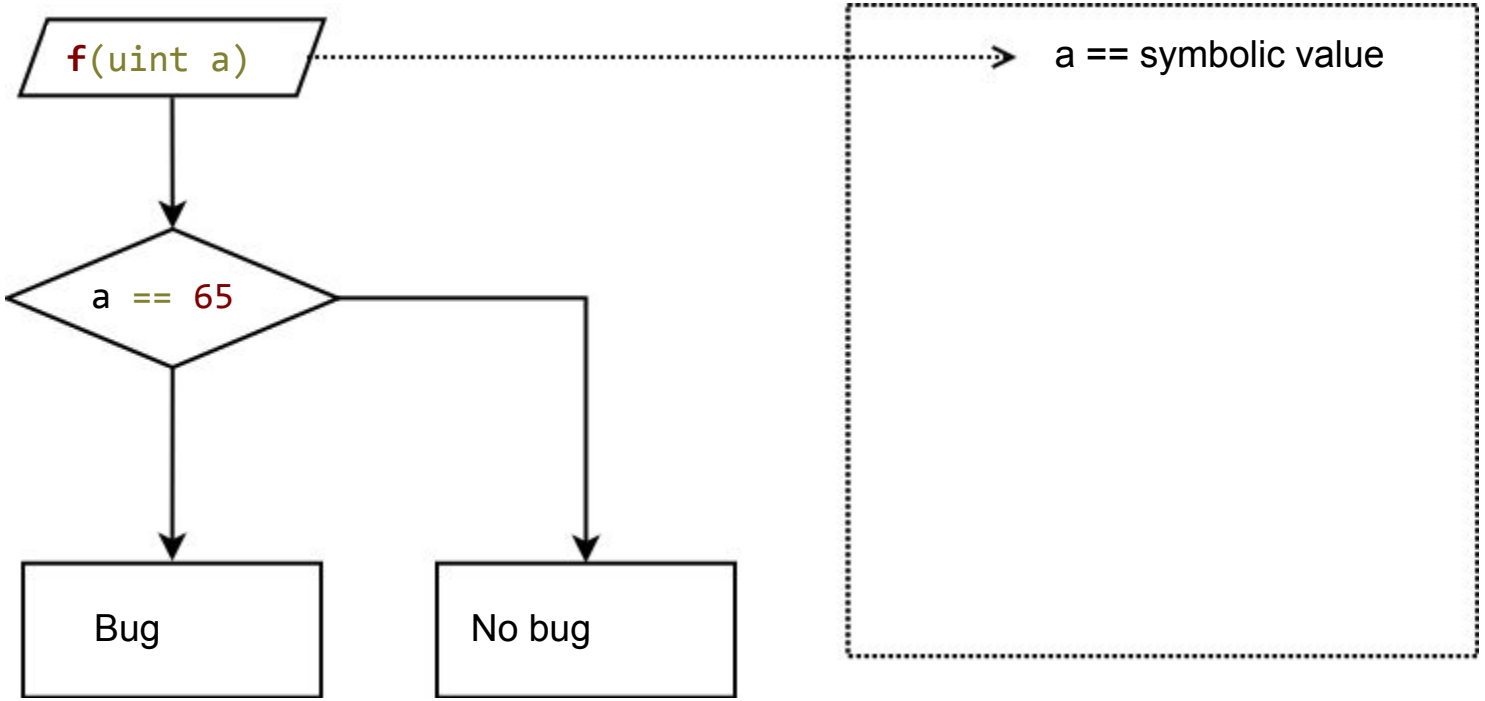

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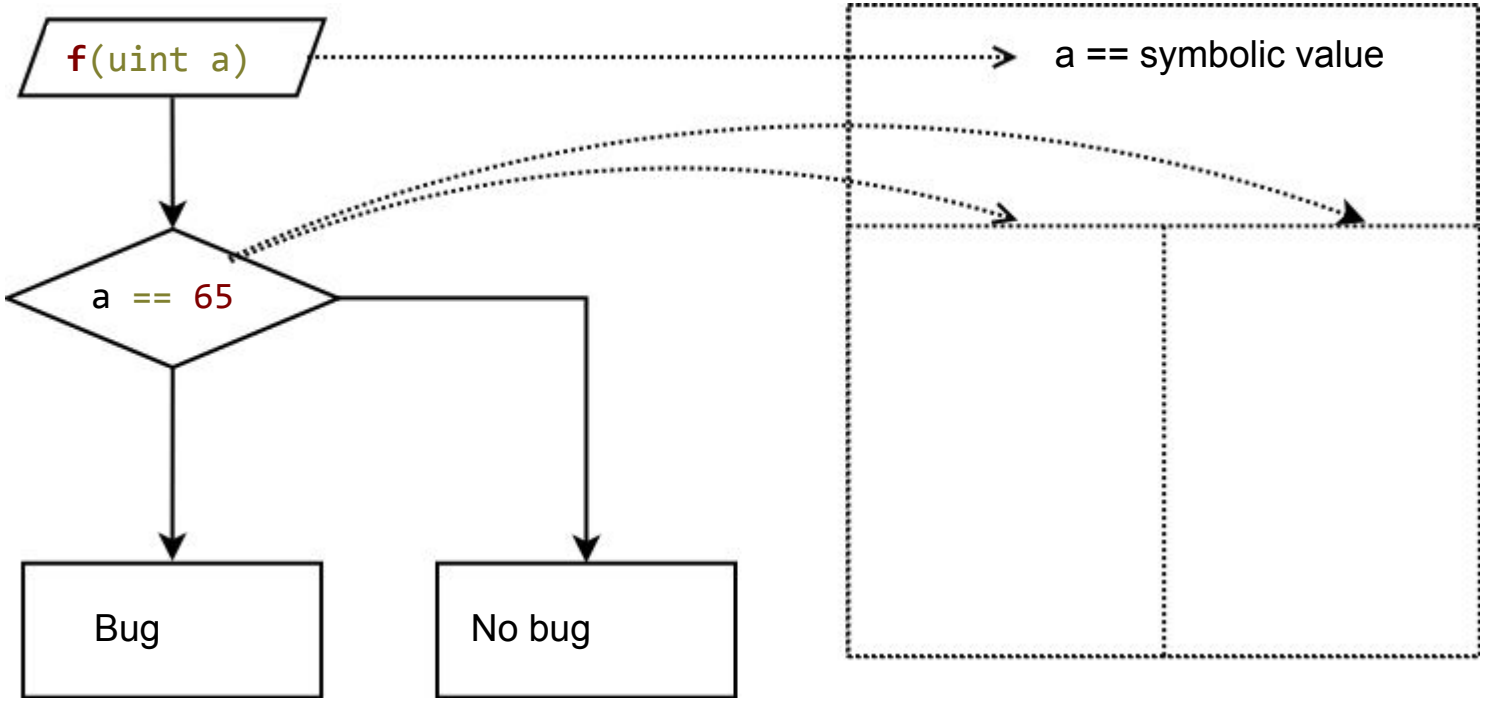

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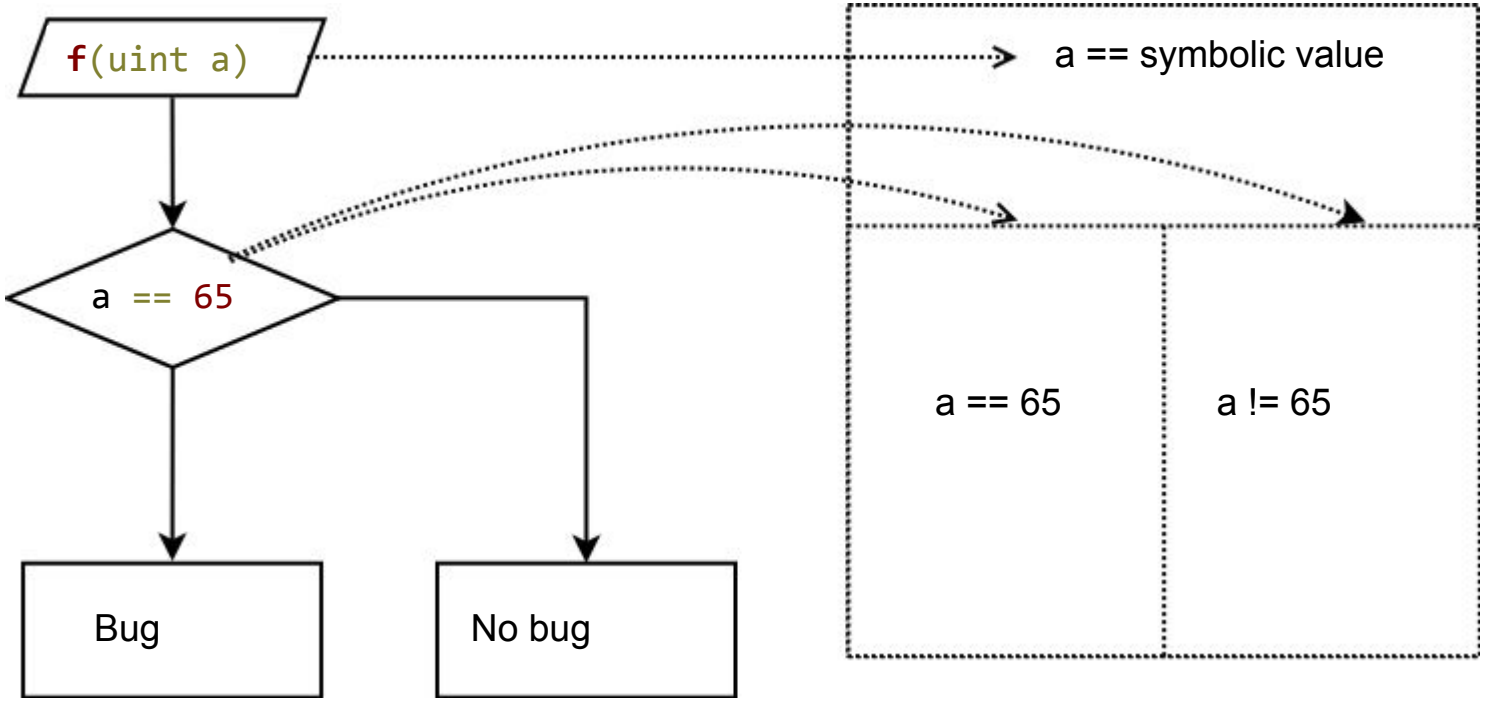

Symbolic Execution

- Explore the program automatically
- Allow to find unexpected paths

Manticore: Automatic Analysis

Manticore - EVM

- A symbolic execution engine for EVM
- All possible contract paths are explored
- Supports multiple contracts and transactions
- API for generic instrumentation

Manticore: Simple Example

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Exploration information

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Output directory

Manticore Output Example

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$ ls mcore_lDfo6m/
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Transactions information

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Value: 0
Data: 6060604052341...5a0029
Return_data: 6060604052600436106103..3fe81d8ff9d1568084695a0029

Transactions Nr. 1
Type: Call
From: 0xd51f25e60490392aa9eb72624f93de30ccd111f3
To: 0x1bfa530d5d685155e98cd7d9dd23f7b6a801cfef
Value: 1 (*)
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Tx #0: constructor

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Tx #1: f(65) -> leads to revert the transaction

Manticore: Assisted Analysis

Finding Smart Contract Vulnerabilities

- “Classic” vulnerabilities
  - Integer overflow/underflow/..
- Logic vulnerabilities/errors in the design
- What is a vulnerability in a contract?
  - It depends on the contract purpose!
- A user ends with more ethers than invested, is it a bug?
  - Yes, if the contract is a paid service
  - No, if the contract is a lottery

Finding Smart Contract Vulnerabilities

- Solution: assisted analysis == benefit from users' knowledge
- Manticore: full python API to script

Manticore Example

- Find all the paths leading `f()` to crash

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contract_account = m.solidity_create_contract(source_code, owner=user_account, balance=0)

contract_account.f(m.SValue, caller=user_account) # Call f(a), with a symbolic value

## Check if an execution ends with a REVERT or INVALID
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Find if a path fails

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```
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$ cat mcore_pkIhCq/BugFound_00000000.tx
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Invalid path found!

Manticore

- Auditors: Automatically find vulnerabilities
- Developers: Enhanced unit-tests

Exercise 1

Can an Attacker Steal the Contract's Balance?

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.20;
contract UnprotectedWallet{
    address public owner;

    modifier onlyowner {
        require(msg.sender==owner);
        _;
    }

    function UnprotectedWallet() public {
        owner = msg.sender;
    }

    function changeOwner(address _newOwner)  public {
       owner = _newOwner;
    }

    function deposit() payable public { }

    function withdraw() onlyowner public {
        msg.sender.transfer(this.balance);
    }
}
```

Exercise 2

Is an Integer Overflow Possible?

```
pragma solidity^0.4.20;
contract Overflow {
    uint public sellerBalance=0;

    function add(uint value) public returns (bool){
        sellerBalance += value; // complicated math, possible overflow
    }
}
```

Conclusions

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- Symbolic execution is a great tool to find bugs
  - We use it on our internal audits, found deeply hidden bugs
- Manticore can be integrated into your development process!
  - More complete exploration than classic unit tests
  - Deepstate integration coming soon

Manticore Github

https://github.com/trailofbits/manticore

> trailofbits/manticore
>
> manticore - Dynamic binary analysis tool

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