Symbolic Execution with Angr

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Overview

- ▶ What is Symbolic Execution? What techniques does it compete with?
- ▶ How symbolic execution works (theory)
- ▶ How symbolic execution works (Angr commands)
- ▶ Solving MBE lab1A with Angr

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     * additionally don't want to exceed that many bits. */
    if (is_single_word) {
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            /* Shifting by this much has undefined behaviour. */
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Background - What it is and what is the problem space?

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What is Symbolic Execution?

- ▶ Executes a program with symbolic data (usually input)
- ▶ Essentially runs a program on "all possible inputs" at once
- ▶ Instead of having concrete data in each variable/address, variables/addresses store trees of what to do with the input

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What problems does Symbolic Execution solve?

▶ What input to provide to reach/avoid a specific line of code?

▶ How is a value deep in the program affected by some specific input?

▶ Do any inputs lead to any crash?

▶ On a crashing input, what registers are controlled by the input?

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Symbolic Execution vs Fuzzing

Symbolic Execution	Fuzzing
+ Explores all inputs	- Only explores random inputs
- Uses more memory/time	+ Uses around as much memory/time as target program

TODO: more comparisons/columns? emphasize that "all inputs" means that symexec can find constant-time comparisons against a giant constant, unlike coverage-guided?

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How symbolic execution works in general

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TODO: Avi

- symbolic branches
- symbolic loops
- symbolizing tainted memory (e.g. `sym_memory[(EBP+username+i)]` vs `sym_username[i]`)
- state explosion when looping on symbolic data

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How to use Angr for symbolic execution

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TODO: Luke

- loading binariess
- marking input as symbolic
- initiating the search/pruning the search space
- simprocedures for shortcutting syscalls?

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         *      that's true. */
        for (i = 1; i < NUMPRIMES && primes[i] < rnd_word; i++) {
            if ((mods[i] + delta) % primes[i] == 0) {
                delta += 2;
                if (delta > maxdelta) {
                    goto again;
                }
                goto loop;
            }
        }
    } else {
        for (i = 1; i < NUMPRIMES; i++) {
            /* check that rnd is not a prime and also
             * that gcd(rnd-1,primes) == 1 (except for 2) */
            if (((mods[i] + delta) % primes[i]) == 0
```

Resources

- https://github.com/angr/
- https://github.com/Z3Prover/z3/
- https://github.com/RPISEC/MBE

```c
static int probable_prime(BIGNUM *rnd, int bits) {
    int i;
    uint16_t mods[NUMPRIMES];
    BN_ULONG delta;
    BN_ULONG maxdelta = BN_MASK2 - primes[NUMPRIMES - 1];
    char is_single_word = bits <= BN_BITS2;

again:
    if (!BN_rand(rnd, bits, BN_RAND_TOP_TWO, BN_RAND_BOTTOM_ODD)) {
        return 0;
    }

    /* we now have a random number 'rnd' to test. */
    for (i = 1; i < NUMPRIMES; i++) {
        BN_ULONG mod = BN_mod_word(rnd, (BN_ULONG)primes[i]);
        if (mod == (BN_ULONG)-1) {
            return 0;
        }
        mods[i] = (uint16_t)mod;
    }
    /* If bits is so small that it fits into a single word then we
     * additionally don't want to exceed that many bits. */
    if (is_single_word) {
        BN_ULONG size_limit;
        if (bits == BN_BITS2) {
            /* Avoid undefined behavior. */
            size_limit = ~((BN_ULONG)0) - get_word(rnd);
        } else {
            size_limit = (((BN_ULONG)1) << bits) - get_word(rnd) - 1;
        }
        if (size_limit < maxdelta) {
            maxdelta = size_limit;
        }
    }
    delta = 0;

loop:
    if (is_single_word) {
        BN_ULONG rnd_word = get_word(rnd);

        /* In the case that the candidate prime is a single word then
         * we check that:
         *    1) It's greater than primes[i] because we shouldn't reject
         *       3 as being a prime number because it's a multiple of
         *       three.
         *    2) That it's not a multiple of a known prime. We don't
         *       check that rnd-1 is also coprime to all the known
         *       primes because there aren't many small primes where
         *       that's true. */
        for (i = 1; i < NUMPRIMES && primes[i] < rnd_word; i++) {
            if ((mods[i] + delta) % primes[i] == 0) {
                delta += 2;
                if (delta > maxdelta) {
                    goto again;
                }
                goto loop;
            }
        }
    } else {
        for (i = 1; i < NUMPRIMES; i++) {
            /* check that rnd is not a prime and also
             * that gcd(rnd-1,primes) == 1 (except for 2) */
            if (((mods[i] + delta) % primes[i]) <= 1) {
                delta += 2;
```