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go-fuzz or new unit testing



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Fuzzing is a software testing technique, often automated or semi-automated, that involves providing invalid, unexpected, or random data to the inputs of a computer program.

- Made by The Dmitry Vyukov
aka Bug Slaughterer at Google
- 300+ fixes in Go compiler and stdlib
- +inf in the wild, or more
- See AFL and syzkaller

What to test?



- text format/media codecs
- crypto
- network protocols
- compression
- compilers, interpreters, databases
- or anything where you can pass []byte

But why fuzzing?



- horribly easy to use
- no human interaction
- designed for computers

What it may (and will) find?



- out-of-bounds accesses
- nil derefs
- division by 0/floating-point
- infinite loops
- Segfaults (CGo)
- ...

How does it work?



```
1. Instrument program for code coverage
2. Collect initial corpus of inputs

for {
  3. Randomly mutate an input from the corpus
  4. Execute and collect coverage

  if the input gives new coverage {
    5. Add the input to corpus
  }
}
```

One cozy loop


```
func SafeFunc(input string) {  
    if input[0] == 'A' {  
        if input[1] == 'B' {  
            if input[2] == 'C' {  
                if input[3] == 'D' {  
                    print(input[4])    // 😈  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
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Brute force generation $O(2^8 \times 4) = O(2^{32})$ tries.

0. {}
1. {"A"}
2. {"A", "AB"}
3. {"A", "AB", "ABC"}
4. {"A", "AB", "ABC", "ABCD"}

Coverage-guided fuzzer needs $O(4 \times 2^8) = O(2^{10})$ tries.

“SafeFunc”

So how to run it?



```
$ go get github.com/dvyukov/go-fuzz/go-fuzz
$ go get github.com/dvyukov/go-fuzz/go-fuzz-build

# build an executable
$ go-fuzz-build github.com/pkg/mypkg

# run fuzzing
$ go-fuzz -bin=./mypkg-fuzz.zip -workdir=workdir

# and follow the logs
workers: 8, corpus: 1525 (6s ago), crashers: 6, execs:
0 (0/sec), cover: 1651, uptime: 6s

workers: 8, corpus: 1525 (9s ago), crashers: 6, execs:
16787 (1860/sec), cover: 1651, uptime: 9s

workers: 8, corpus: 1525 (12s ago), crashers: 6,
execs: 29840 (2482/sec), cover: 1651, uptime: 12s
```

Fuzzing

func Fuzz([]byte) int



```
// +build gofuzz

package mypkg

func Fuzz(data []byte) int {
    _, err := WellTestedFunc(string(data))
    if err != nil {
        return 0
    }
    return 1
}
```

95% fuzz funcs

- do not run on each build
- but run regularly
- fuzz 1 func at time
- it's not unit test replacement
- SecOps be aware 😊

(doesn't work with go modules?)

Thank you
Questions?

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