IC637 Program Analysis

Lecture 0: Course Introduction

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Outline

Basic Information

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Course slides will be uploaded to:

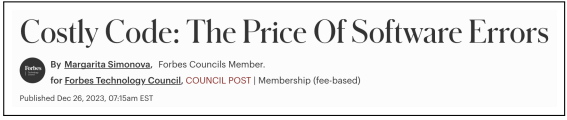
- LMS
- `https://dgistpl.github.io/courses/ic637/2025/`

Course Overview

Why?

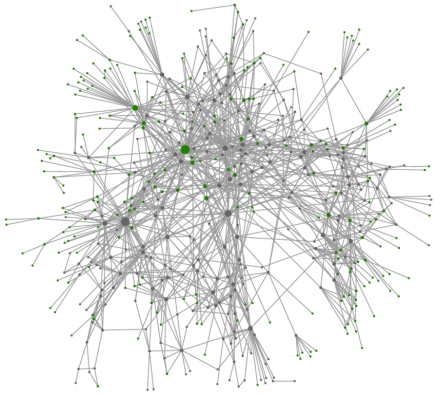
- We should **find** bugs before they are deployed!
- SW bugs are everywhere

- Enormous cost due to SW bugs



How?

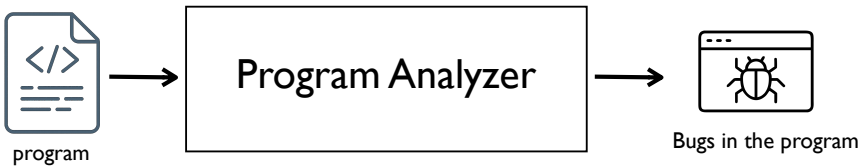
- Manually investigate the code and finding bugs is extremely difficult[1].



[1] Klein, Gerwin & Andronick, June & Elphinstone, Kevin & Murray, Toby & Sewell, Thomas & Kolanski, Rafal & Heiser, Gernot. (2014). Comprehensive Formal Verification of an OS Microkernel. ACM Transactions on Computer Systems (TOCS). 32. 10.1145/2560537.

How?

- We need to develop a tool that analyzes the code automatically.



What?

Program analysis aims to reason about program behavior (e.g., bugs) automatically.

- Static analysis: analyzing code without execution.
- Dynamic analysis: analyzing program during execution.

Applications: bug finding, security, optimization, verification.

Topics Covered

In this course, we will focus on foundational topics on program analysis

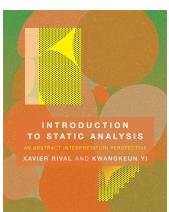
Weeks	Topics	Weeks	Topics
Week 1	Course Overview	Week 9	Axiomatic Semantics
Week 2	Introduction to Program Analysis	Week 10	Abstract Interpretation
Week 3	Static Analysis Examples 1	Week 11	Abstract Interpretation Example 1
Week 4	Static Analysis Examples 2	Week 12	Abstract Interpretation Example 2
Week 5	Operational Semantics	Week 13	Pointer Analysis
Week 6	Denotational Semantics	Week 14	Advanced Techniques 1
Week 7	—	Week 15	Advanced Techniques 2
Week 8	—	Week 16	Final Exam

Assessment

- Programming Assignments: 40%
- Final Exam: 50%
- Class Participation: 10%

Course Materials

- Lecture slides
- Xavier Rival and Kwangkeun Yi. Introduction to Static Analysis: An Abstract Interpretation Perspective. MIT Press



Questions?

Thank you!

Any questions about the course?