

## Code Safety: data types in C

**Description** Illustrate how SAW is used to show code weakness in C programs due to data

type mismanagement. Considered are binary search, where overflow when adding numbers causes the well known algorithm to fail, authorization failure through integer truncation, and buffer overrun through mixing signed and

unsigned integer types.

**Purpose** Getting more familiar with constructs that can be used in SAW scripts and how

they are used.

**Audience** This module is intended for:

1 The general public

2 K-12 and college classes on Cyber Defense and Math Logic

3 preparation for proficiency in the use of tools and a computing environment

suitable for the study of cyber defense

**Objectives** After completing the module:

1 You will know how to run clang, the C language compiler to llvm

2 You will know how to write a llvm specification intended for a SAW script

3 You will be able to write Cryptol specs enabling safety checks on C code

**Keywords** Cryptol, SAW, Yices, ABC, Z3, CVC4, Boolector, stdint.h, primitive data types

**Category** cybersecurity > education

**Delivery** java applets and written documentation in pdf format

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**Assessment** The applets provide the means for experimentation. Questions are asked in the

documentation that help with the set up of experiments. The ideas that learners

come up with is evidence that the module was successful.

**Workflow** No particular schedule was established

**Environment** All materials are contained in a single jar file. The jar file can be run on any

computer where java version 14 or higher and some pdf reader such as acroread

or evince are available. The jar file may be executed in the cyber range or

learners may download the jar file (which is considered to be an executable file)

and run it on their personal computers.