

Automated Smart Contracts Audit

Who Am I?



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

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

Before Starting



- git clone <https://github.com/trailofbits/trufflecon>
- docker pull trailofbits/manticore
 - Or: pip3 install manticore --user
- docker pull trailofbits/echidna
 - Or install through <https://github.com/trailofbits/echidna/>

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Problem: How to Find Bugs?

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

```
contract Simple {  
    function f(uint a) payable public {  
        if (a == 65) {  
            // bug here  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Problem: How to Find Bugs?

- **Manual review:** time-consuming, every modification of the contract may introduce a bug
 - Contact a security company
- **Unit tests:** cover a small part of the program's behavior
 - Use Truffle



Time consuming, usually low coverage

Finding Bugs With Automated Analysis

- Fuzzing (e.g. [Echidna](#))
 - Stress the contract through pseudo-random transactions
 - Best effort to explore the behaviors: **testing**
 - Successful technique for 'classic software' (e.g. AFL)

Finding Bugs With Automated Analysis



- Symbolic Execution (e.g. [Manticore](#))
 - Generate inputs through mathematical representation of the contract
 - Explores all the paths of the contract: **code verification**

Finding Bugs With Automated Analysis

- **Static analysis (e.g. [Slither](#))**
 - Analyze possible behaviors without executing the program
 - Variety of techniques: pattern matching to formal verification
 - Out of scope today

Echidna: Property Based Testing

- **Property based testing**
 - You write a property, Echidna tries to break it

Echidna: Example



```
// Anyone can have at maximum 1000 tokens
// The tokens cannot be transferred (not ERC20)

mapping(address => uint) public balances;

function airdrop() public{
    balances[msg.sender] = 1000;
}

function consume() public{
    require(balances[msg.sender]>0);
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}

// other functions
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- Property: $\text{balances}(\text{msg.sender}) \leq 1000$

Echidna: How To Use it



- Write the property in Solidity:

```
function echidna_balance_under_1000() public view returns(bool){  
    return balances[msg.sender] <= 1000;  
}
```

Echidna: How To Use it



- Let Echidna check the property

Echidna: Example

```
$ echidna-test token.sol
```

```
...
```

```
✗ "echidna_balance_under_1000" failed after 29 tests and 1  
shrink.
```

```
| Call sequence: airdrop();  
|                backdoor();
```

```
✗ 1 failed.
```

Echidna: Example



- Discover a hidden function:

```
// ..  
  
function backdoor() public{  
    balances[msg.sender] += 1;  
}  
// ...
```

Echidna: Exercises

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Exercises



- Open echidna/exercises.pdf (<https://github.com/trailofbits/trufflecon>)

Token



```
contract Ownership{
    address owner = msg.sender;
    function Owner(){
        owner = msg.sender;
    }
    modifier isOwner(){
        require(owner == msg.sender);
        _;
    }
}
```

```
contract Pausable is Ownership{
    bool is_paused;
    modifier ifNotPaused(){
        require(!is_paused);
        _;
    }
}
```

```
function paused() isOwner public{
    is_paused = true;
}

function resume() isOwner public{
    is_paused = false;
}
}
```

```
contract Token is Pausable{
    mapping(address => uint) public balances;
    function transfer(address to, uint value) ifNotPaused public{
        balances[msg.sender] -= value;
        balances[to] += value;
    }
}
```

Echidna: Exercises Solutions

Echidna: Summary



- Echidna will test automatically your code
- No complex setup, properties written in Solidity
- You can integrate Echidna in your development process!

Symbolic Execution

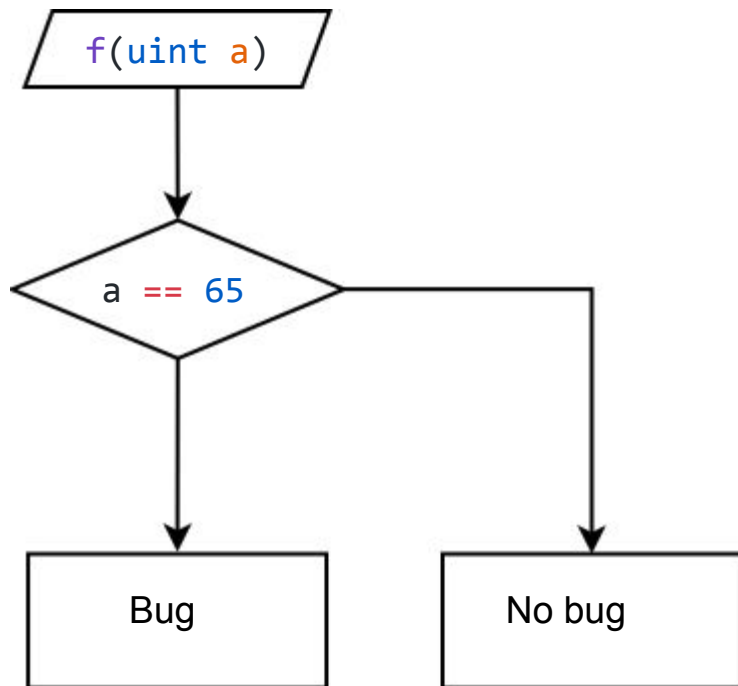
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Symbolic Execution in a Nutshell



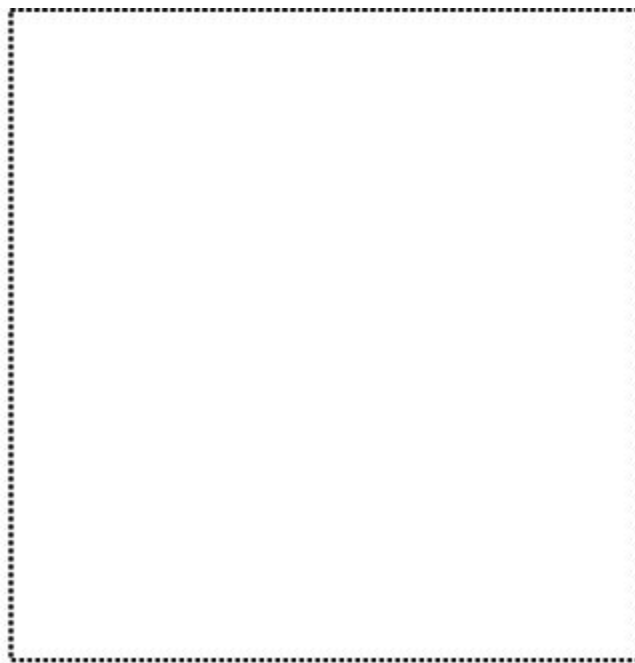
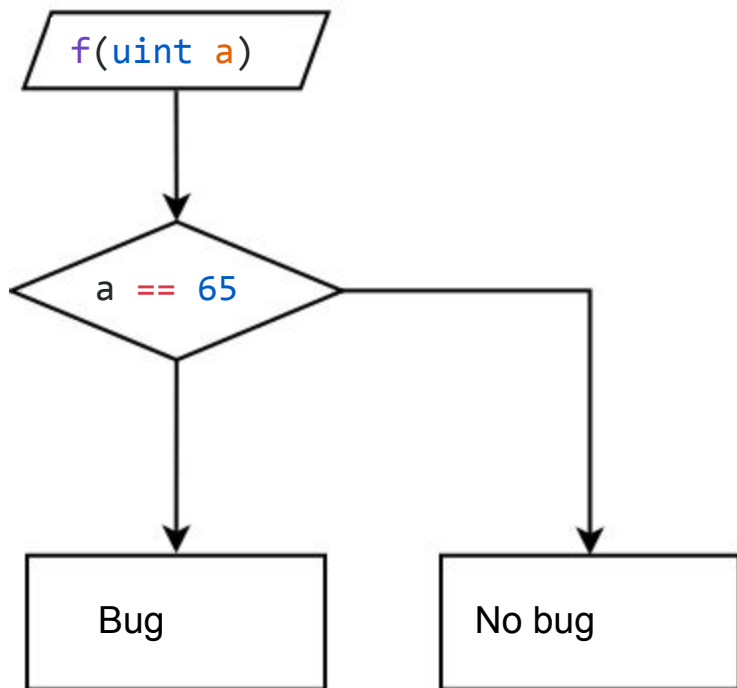
- Program exploration technique
- Execute the program “symbolically”
 - == Represent executions as logical formulas
- Use an SMT solver to check the feasibility of a path and generate inputs

Symbolic Execution Example

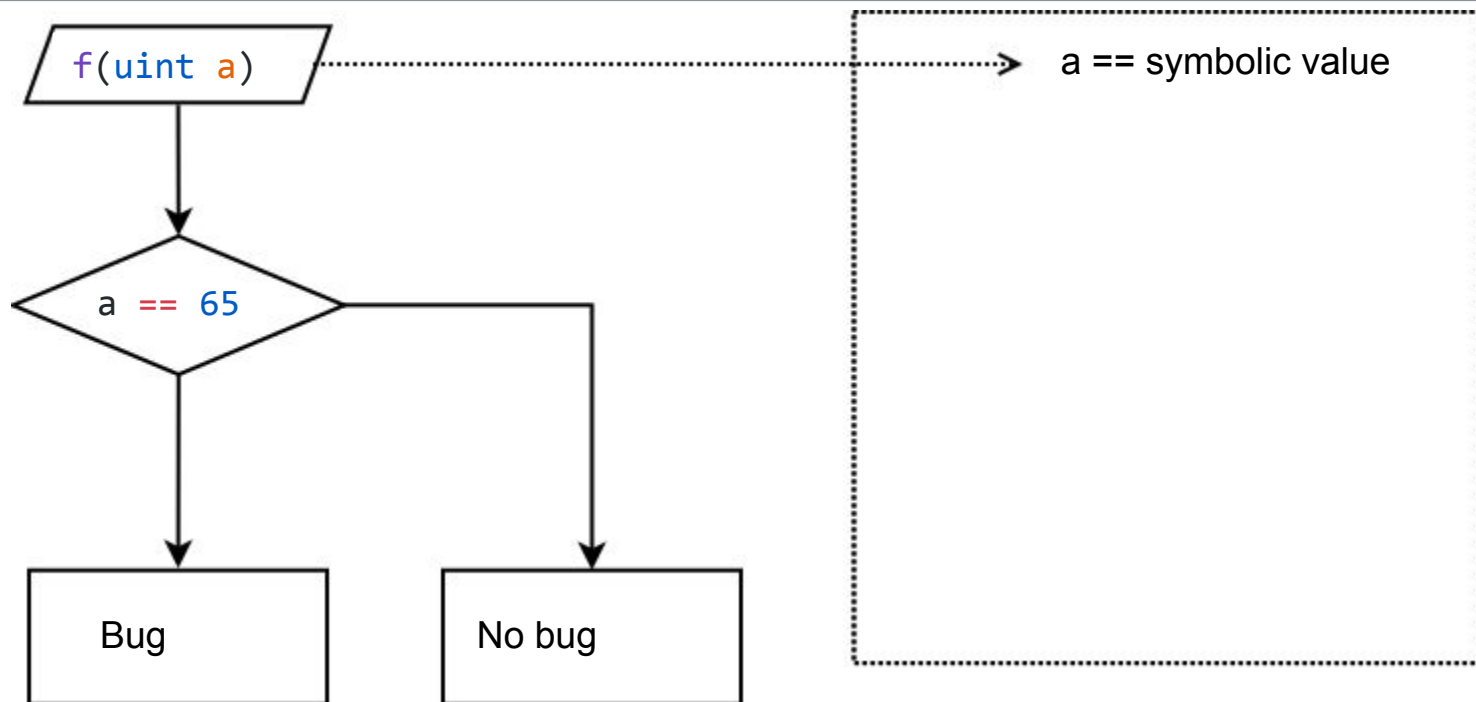


```
contract Simple {  
    function f(uint a) payable public {  
        // lot of paths and conditions  
        if (a == 65) {  
            // bug here  
        }  
    }  
}
```

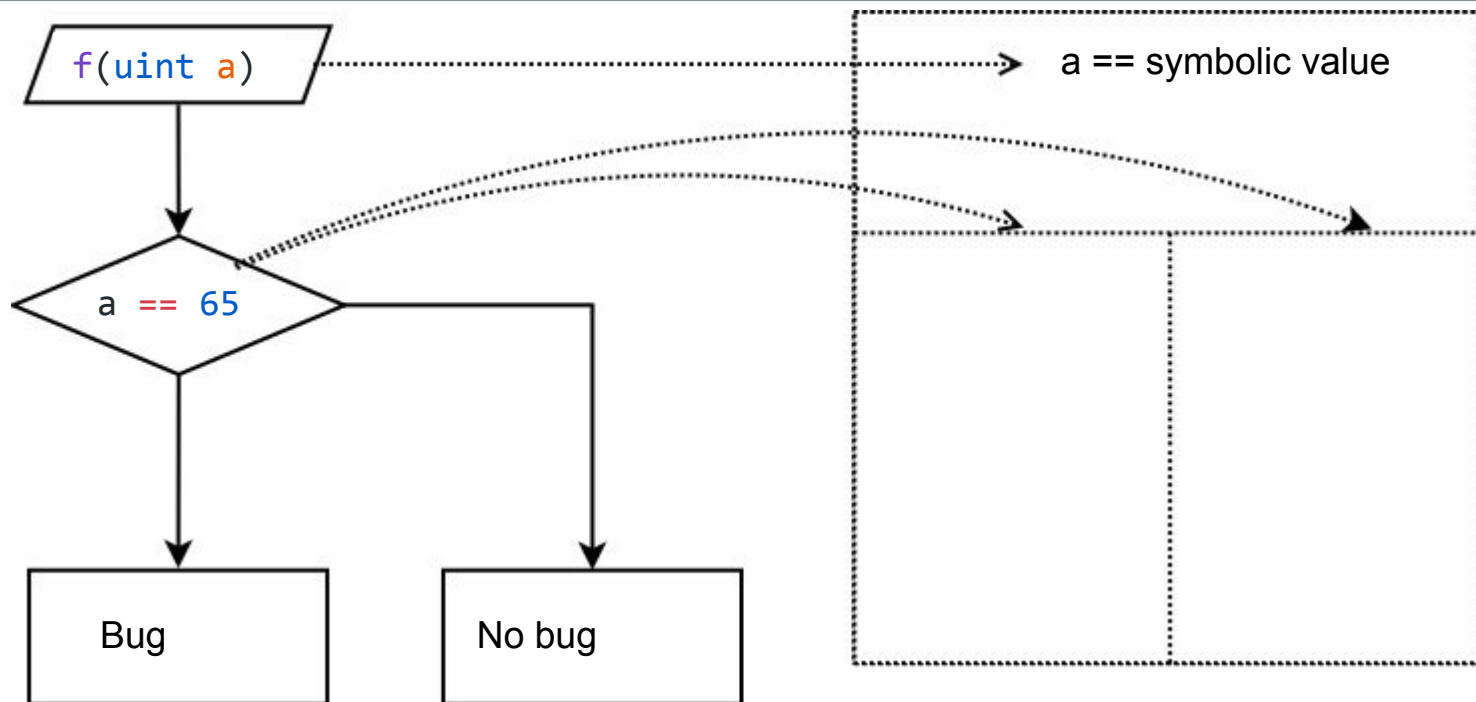
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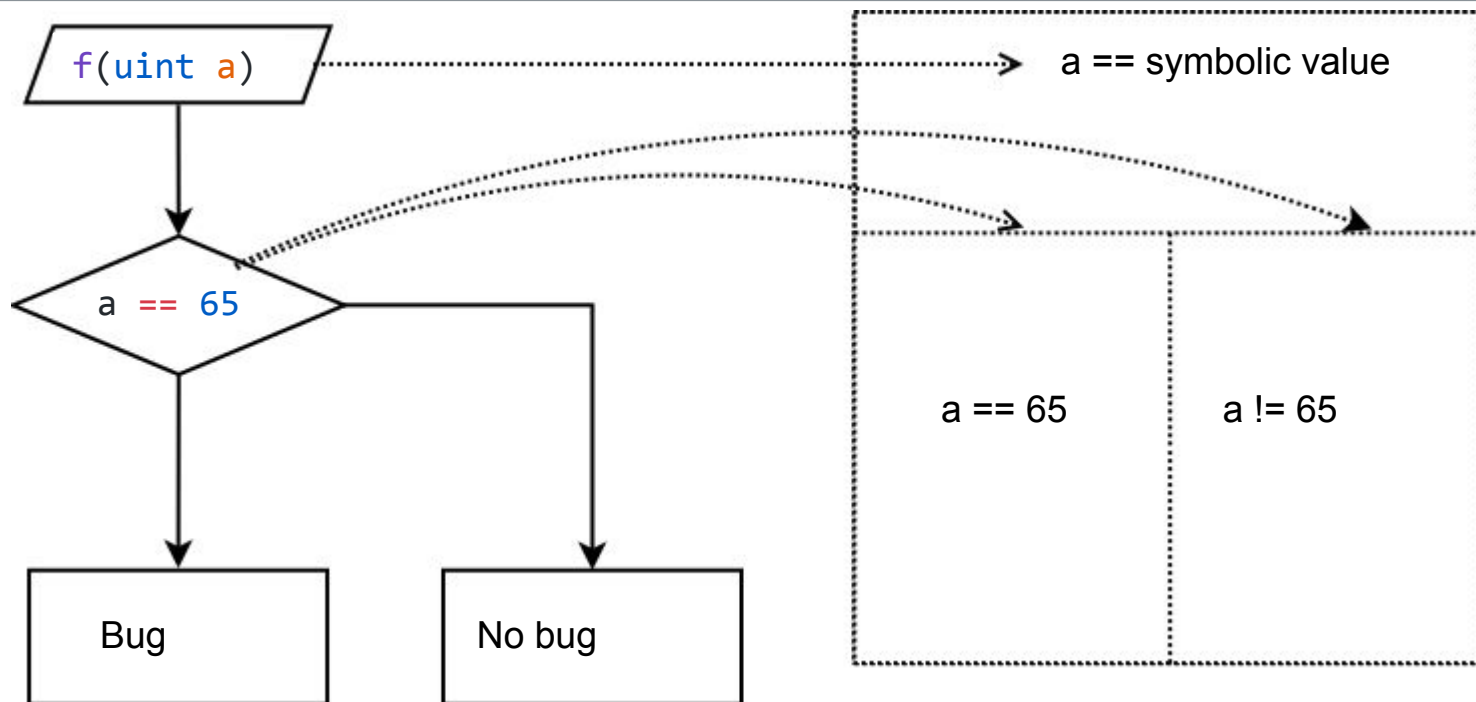
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Symbolic Execution in a Nutshell



- Explore the program automatically
- Allow to find unexpected paths
- Possibility to add arbitrary conditions

Manticore

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- A symbolic execution engine supporting EVM
- Builtin detectors for classic issues
 - Selfdestruct, External Call, Reentrancy, Delegatecall, ...
- Python API for generic instrumentation
 - Today's goal

Manticore: Command Line



```
contract Suicidal {  
    function backdoor() {  
        selfdestruct(msg.sender);  
    }  
}
```

Manticore: Command Line

```
$ manticore examples/suicidal.sol --detect-selfdestruct
```

```
m.main:INFO: Beginning analysis
m.ethereum:INFO: Starting symbolic create contract
m.ethereum:INFO: Starting symbolic transaction: 0
m.ethereum:WARNING: Reachable SELFDESTRUCT
m.ethereum:INFO: 0 alive states, 4 terminated states
m.ethereum:INFO: Starting symbolic transaction: 1
m.ethereum:INFO: Generated testcase No. 0 - RETURN
m.ethereum:INFO: Generated testcase No. 1 - REVERT
m.ethereum:INFO: Generated testcase No. 2 - SELFDESTRUCT
m.ethereum:INFO: Generated testcase No. 3 - REVERT
m.ethereum:INFO: Results in /home/manticore/mcore_9pqdsrtc
```

Manticore: Command Line

```
$ cat mcore_9pqdsgtc/test_00000002.tx
```

```
Transactions Nr. 0
```

```
...
```

```
Function call:
```

```
Constructor() -> RETURN
```

```
Transactions Nr. 1
```

```
..
```

```
Function call:
```

```
backdoor() -> SELFDESTRUCT (*)
```

Manticore: Python API

- Verify that `f()` reverts only if `var == 65`

```
contract Simple {  
    function f(uint var) payable public{  
        if (var == 65) {  
            revert();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Manticore: Python API

```
from manticore.ethereum import ManticoreEVM
from manticore.core.smtlib import solver
```

```
m = ManticoreEVM()
with open('example.sol') as f:
    source_code = f.read()
```

```
user_account = m.create_account(balance=1000)
contract_account = m.solidity_create_contract(source_code, owner=user_account)
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Initialization

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```
symbolic_var = m.make_symbolic_value()
contract_account.f(symbolic_var)
```

Generate a symbolic input
Call f with the symbolic input

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```
for state in m.terminated_states:
    last_tx = state.platform.transactions[-1]
    if last_tx.result in ['REVERT', 'INVALID']:
        state.constrain(symbolic_var != 65)
        if solver.check(state.constraints):
            print("Bug found in {}".format(m.workspace))
            m.generate_testcase(state, 'BugFound')
```

Explore the states explored. There is a bug if on a reverted state, var != 65

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Manticore: Python API

```
contract Simple {  
    function f(uint a) payable public{  
        if (a == 65) {  
            revert();  
        }  
        if (a == 64){  
            revert();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
$ python3 simple.py
```

```
Bug found /home/manticore/examples/mcore_q3csvx7t
```

```
$ cat mcore_q3csvx7t/BugFound_00000000.tx
```

```
...
```

```
f(64) -> REVERT (*)
```

Manticore: Exercise

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Is an Integer Overflow Possible?

- Open `manticore/exercises.pdf`
(<https://github.com/trailofbits/trufflecon>)

Is an Integer Overflow Possible?

```
contract Overflow {  
    uint public sellerBalance=0;  
  
    function add(uint value) public returns (bool){  
        sellerBalance += value; // complicated math, possible overflow  
    }  
}
```

- **There are many ways to check it**
 - The one proposed is not the simplest, but it will allow you to get familiar with Manticore!

Manticore: Exercise Solution

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Manticore: Summary

- Manticore will verify your code
- You can verify high-level and low-level properties
- Manticore will help to trust your code

Workshop Summary

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Workshop Summary



- **Our tools will help you building safer smart contracts**
 - Echidna: <https://github.com/trailofbits/echidna/>
 - Manticore: <https://github.com/trailofbits/manticore/>
 - Slither: <https://github.com/trailofbits/slither/>
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