

Verification Techniques with Linux Examples

Project 2, Part II

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General Comments

- We verify one LOCK instance (one call to LOCK within one function) at a time.
- The BIG MPG is for related LOCK instances, the small MPG is for one particular LOCK instance.
- The Event Flow Graph (EFG) is often adequate for verification. In some instances, especially when a path feasibility check is required, the Control Flow Graph (CFG) is needed for additional information.

Related Locks in Big MPG

The LOCK instances in a BIG MPG are related in different ways. Here is one example of how they may be related.

1. The Big MPG has 4 nodes for functions F, G, LOCK, and UNLOCK.
2. F calls: LOCK, G, UNLOCK.
3. G calls: UNLOCK, LOCK.
4. Let us differentiate the two LOCK instances by denoting them as LOCK(F) and LOCK(G). Similarly denote the two UNLOCK instances by UNLOCK(F) and UNLOCK(G).
5. LOCK(F), LOCK(G), UNLOCK(F), and UNLOCK(G) are for the same object.
6. LOCK(F) and LOCK(G) are related. Note that UNLOCK(G) matches with LOCK(F).
7. For the instance LOCK(F), the EFG for G will show only the UNLOCK(G). The CFG will include also the LOCK(G).

Optimality of MPG

The MPG is designed to be minimal to avoid the effort to through functions not necessary for verification.

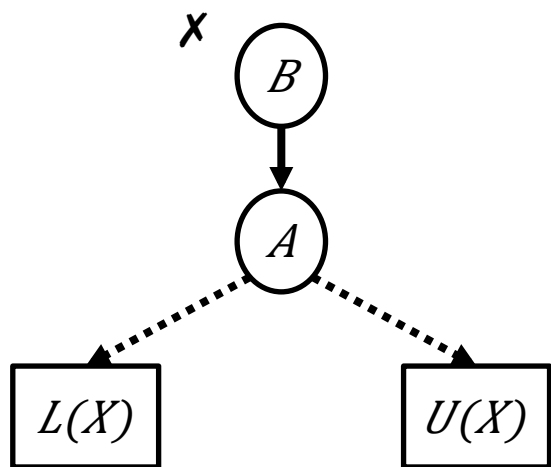
1. The pairing may or may not happen at an intermediate node, i.e. a node that is not a root node of MPG.
2. Example: F calls: G1 followed G2. G1 calls LOCK and G2 calls UNLOCK. The MPG for LOCK(G1) includes F, G1, G2, LOCK(G1), LOCK(G2). The pairing does not happen at G1 but it happens at F.
3. If a pairing happens at an intermediate node, then we can use that node for *modular verification* as discussed earlier lecture notes.
4. The extreme case is when the pairing happens only at the root nodes on MPG.
5. The root nodes cannot be redundant for verification, otherwise the MPG is not minimal.

A glimpse of math behind MPG

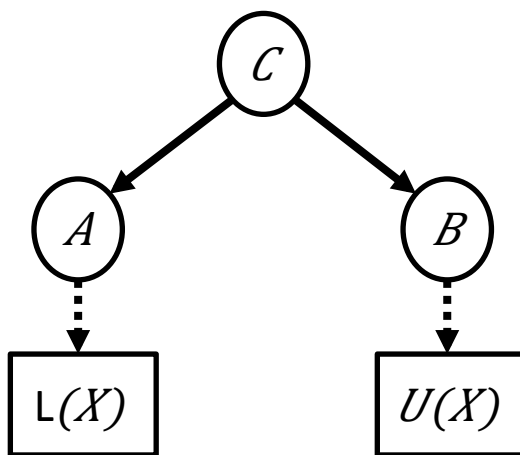
The minimality of MPG is based on graph theory. Intuitive Idea: (a) Include parents of *unbalanced* nodes so that all nodes in the MPG are balanced. (b) Remove parents if all their children are balanced.

What are Irrelevant Functions (~~X~~)?

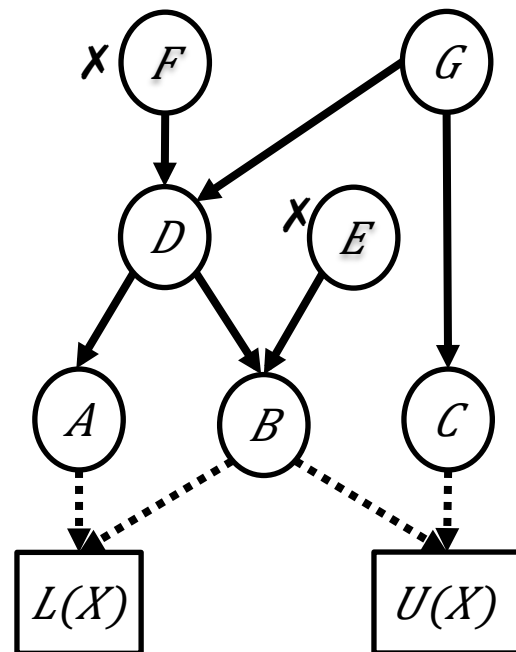
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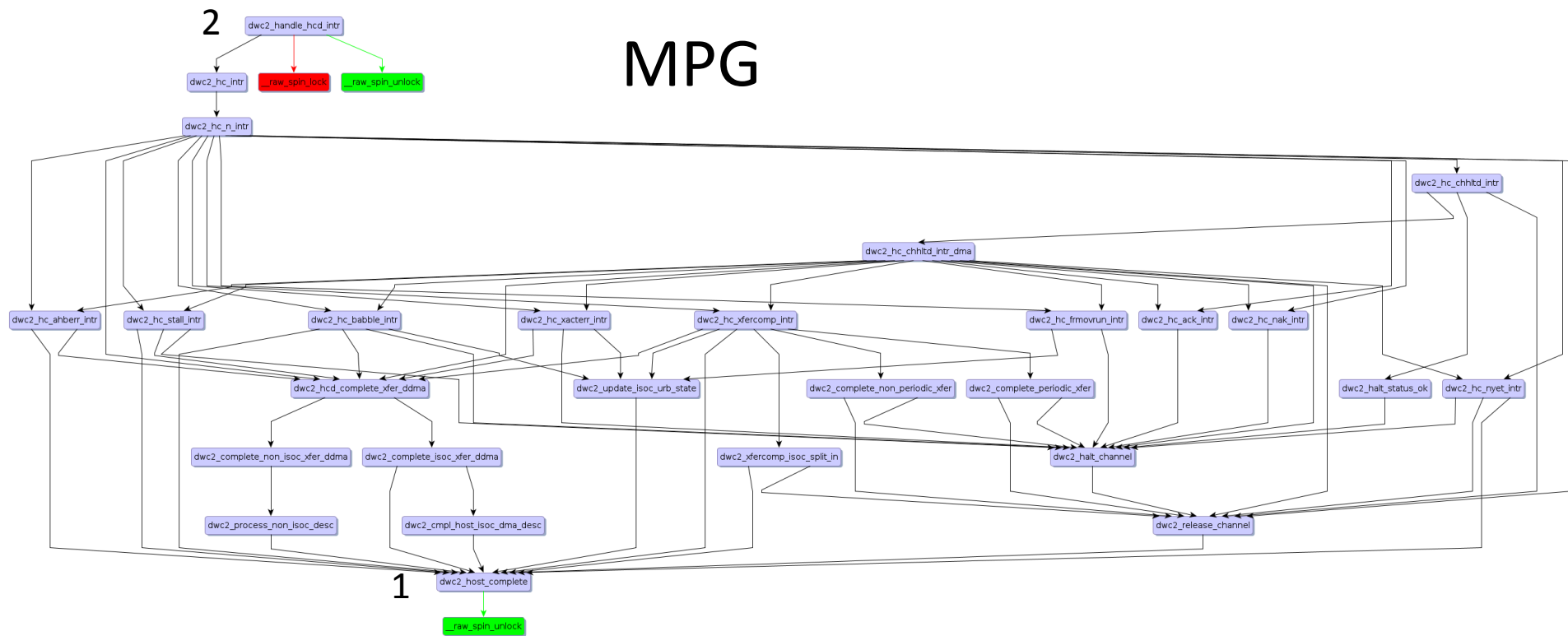
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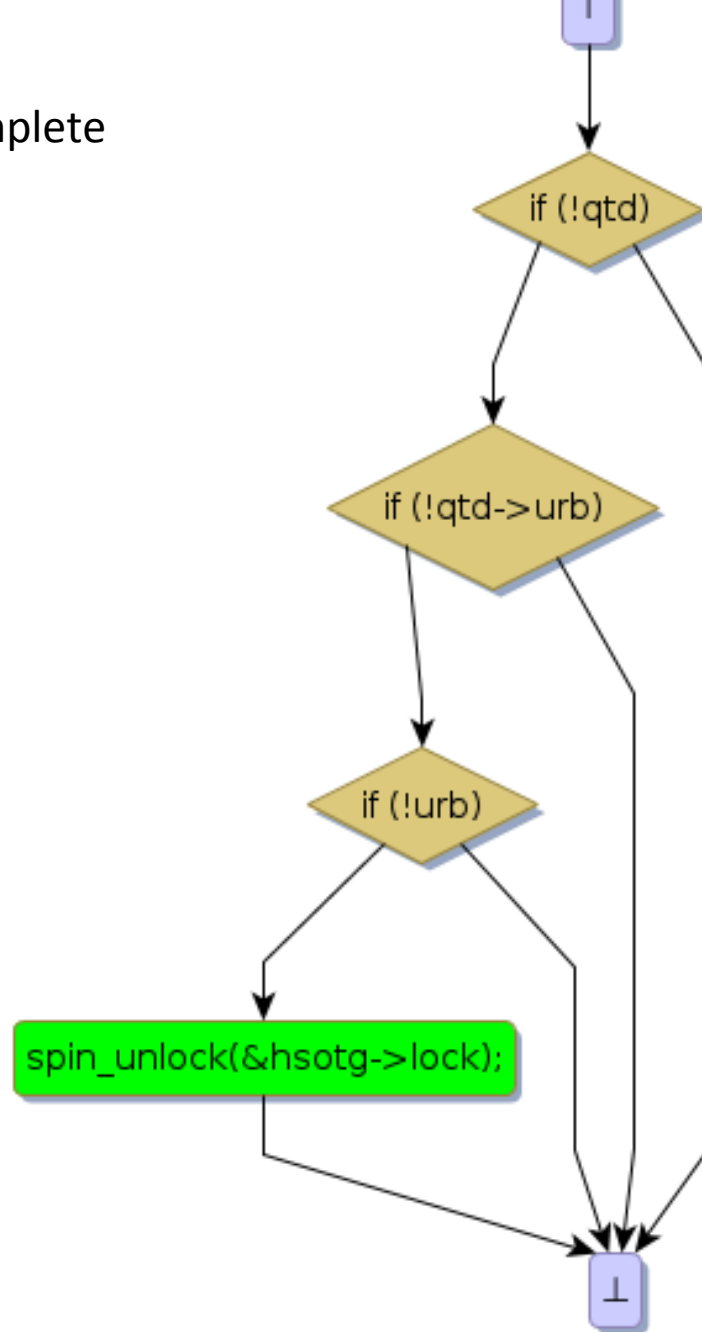
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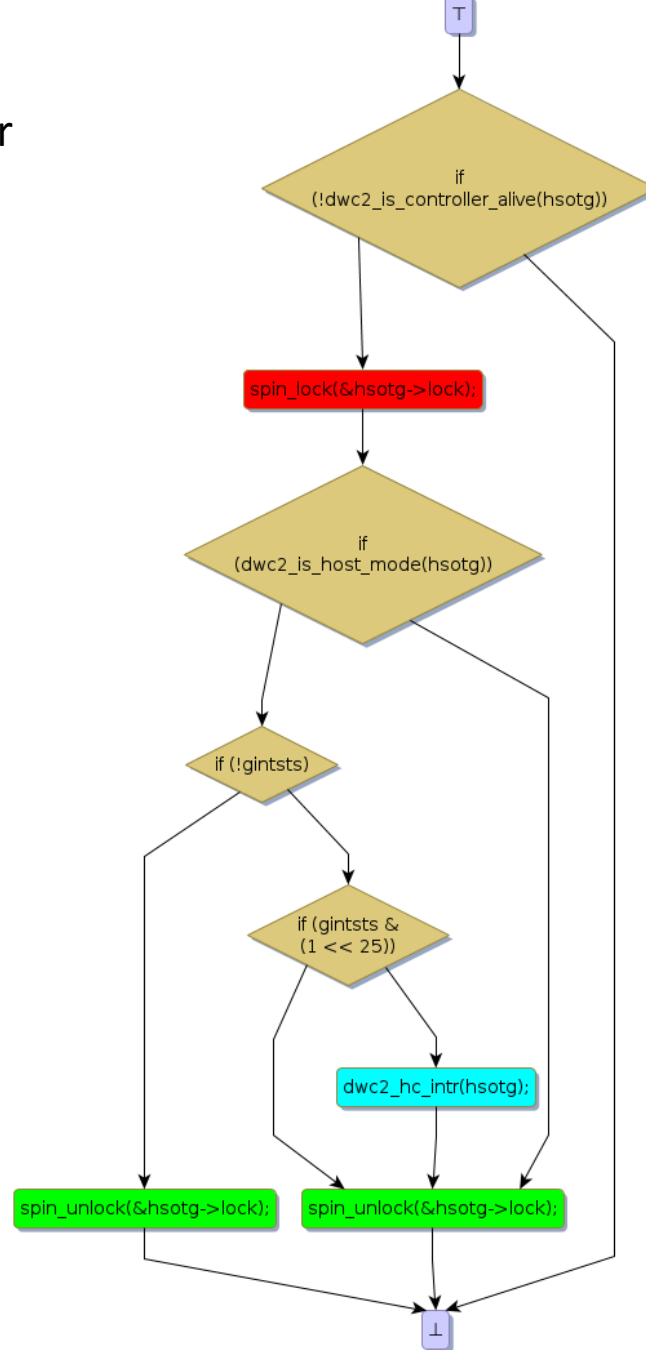
MPG



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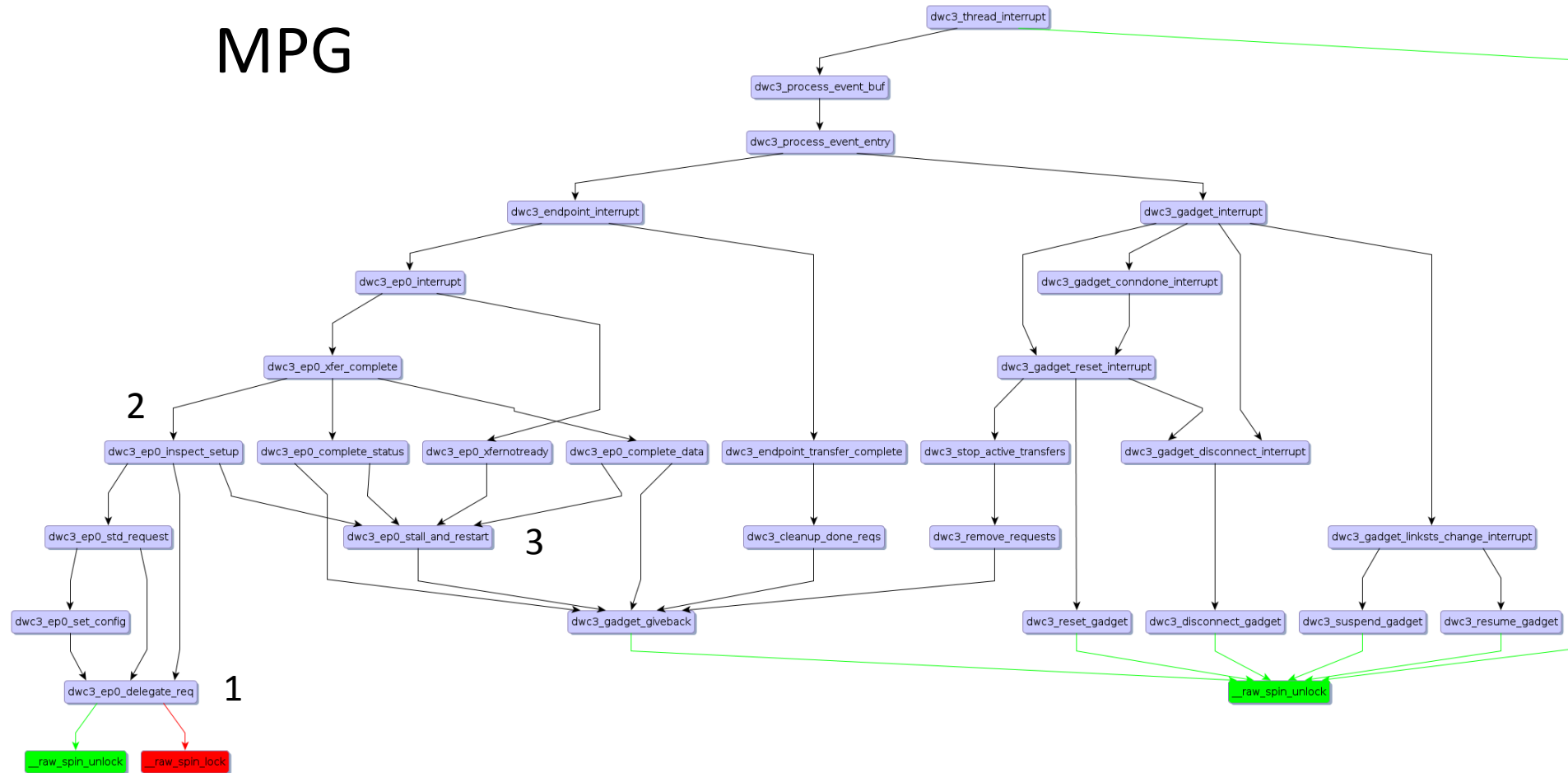


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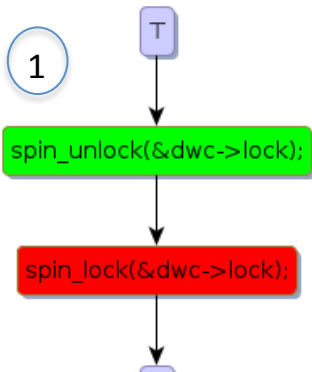


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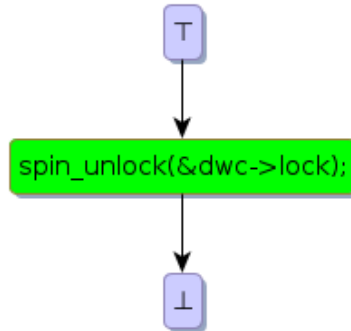
MPG



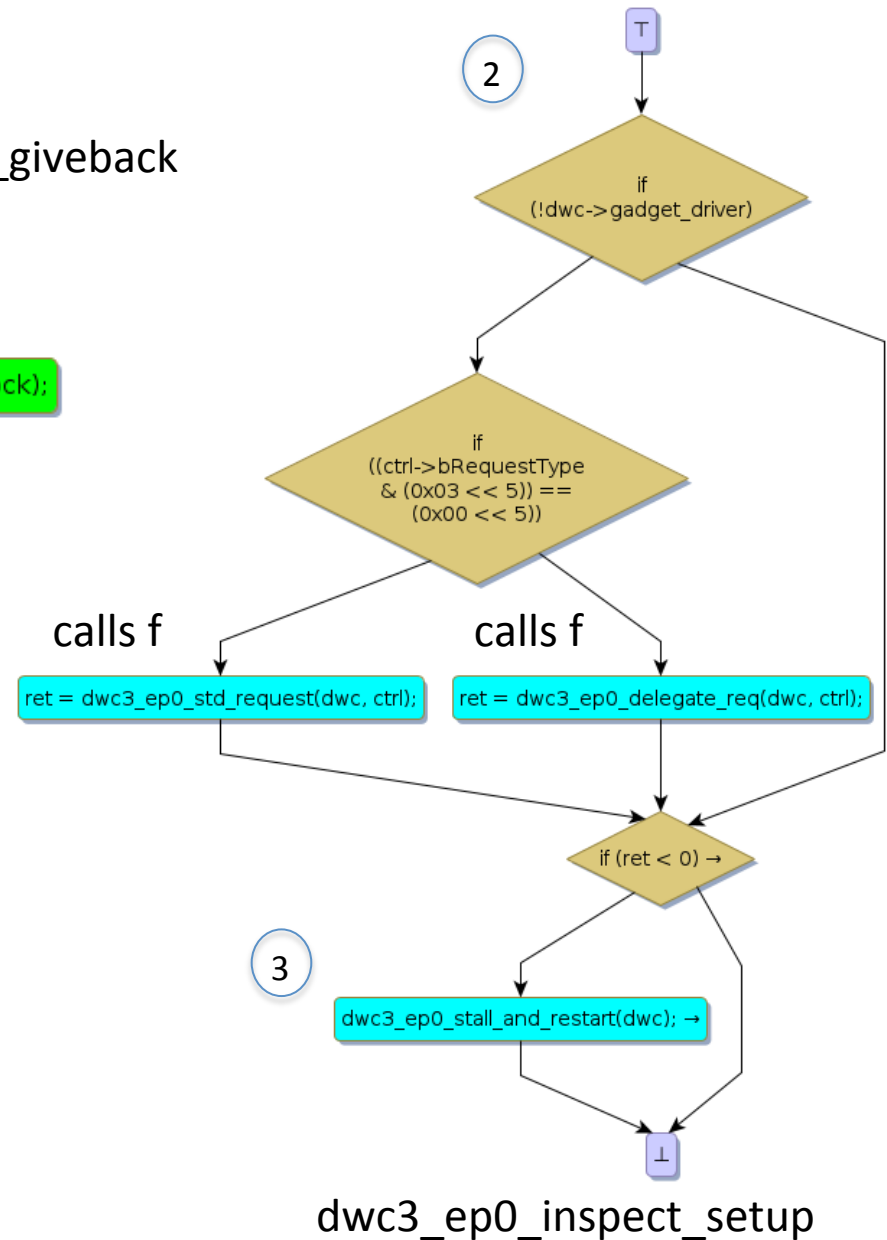
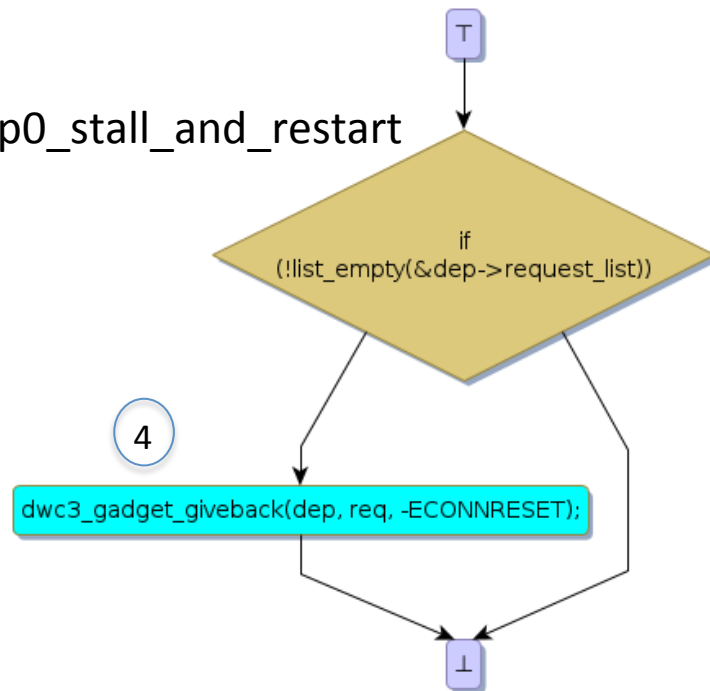
dwc3_ep0_delegate_req (f)



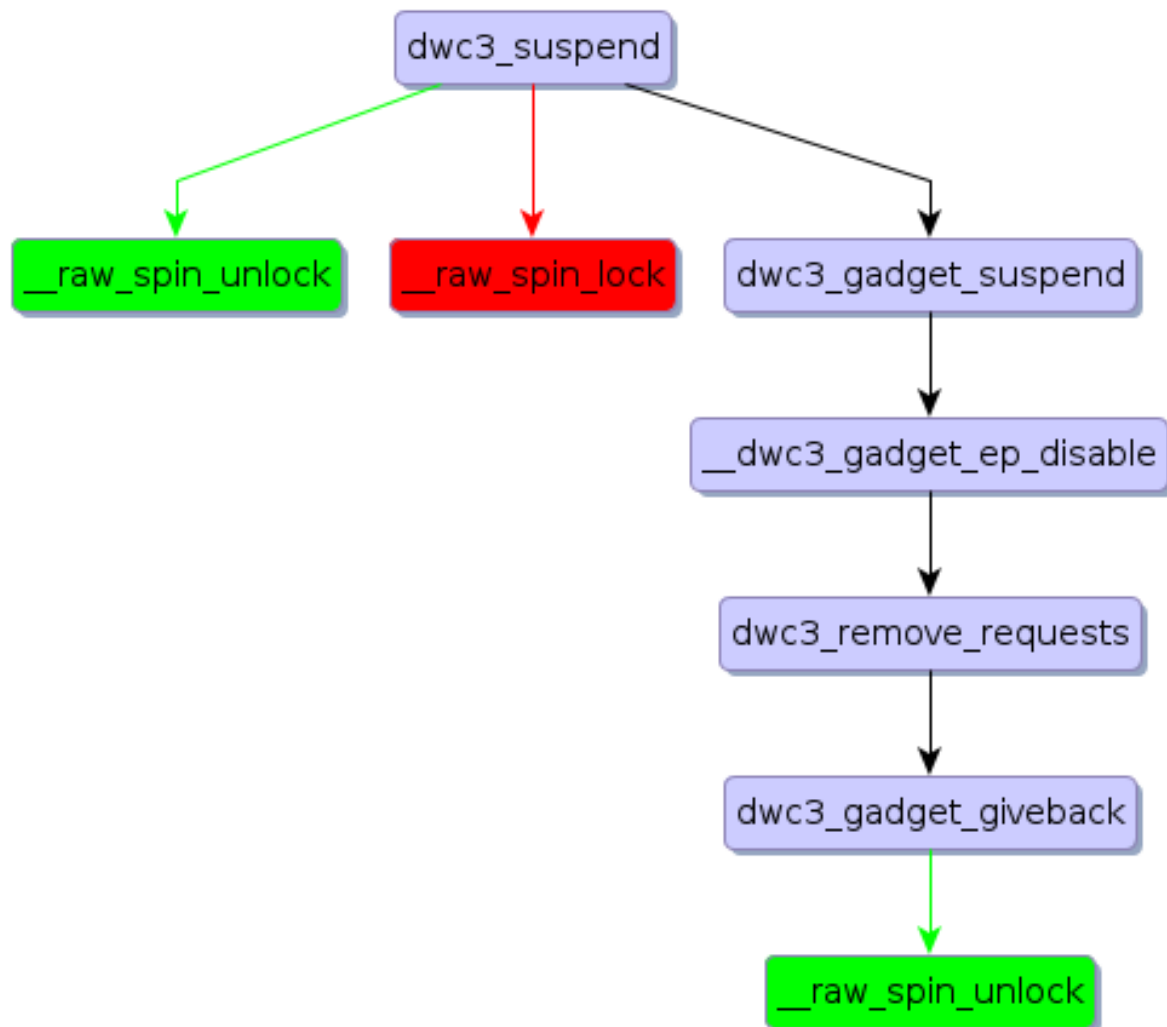
dwc3_gadget_giveback



dwc3_ep0_stall_and_restart



ANALYSIS OF 25423



dwc3_suspend EFG

