

# Security Testing

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## Exercise 2 (10 Points)

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The lecture is based on [The Fuzzing Book](#), an *interactive textbook that allows you to try out code right in your web browser*.

The Fuzzing Book code is additionally available as a Python pip package. To work on the exercises, please install the package locally:

```
pip3 install fuzzingbook
```

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Submit your solutions as a `.zip` file on your status page in the [CMS](#).

You must verify that your submission is valid by running:

```
python3 verify.py
```

The output tells you whether your submission meets our structural expectations, and gives a warning in case a required file, variable, or function is missing. If you do not follow this structure or change it, we cannot evaluate your submission. **In this case, we will grade your submission with 0 points.** Note that the script does not check if your solutions are correct.

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**In this exercise sheet, you will write context-free grammars for two programming languages.**

### Exercise 2-1: (Brainf\*ck) (5 Points)

Please familiarize yourself with the brainf\*ck programming languages by reading the [wikipedia page](#). In particular, focus on the eight commands of the programming language:

```
> < + - . , [ ]
```

#### a. Write a grammar (2 Points)

Please write a context-free grammar in [fuzzingbook format](#) for the brainf\*ck programming language.

The start symbol must be `<start>`.

This grammar should be able to produce the set of all brainf\*ck programs.

Make sure that the programs produced by your grammar do have balanced parentheses.

Store the grammar in `bf_grammar.py`. The variable name of the grammar must be `BFGRAMMAR`.

Before submitting, please make sure your grammar is valid by running `assert is_valid_grammar(BFGRAMMAR)`, or, alternatively run the `verify.py` program which also performs this check.

## b. Just fuzz it (3 Points)

We implemented a brainf\*ck interpreter in `bf.py`. Unfortunately, we felt a bit dizzy during programming and introduced **4** bugs (1 bug per line) into the program.

Please use `fuzzBF.py` with the grammar you've written in [Exercise 2-1a](#) to find those bugs using fuzzing. Logs are written to stdout and help you to diagnose the errors.

It is sufficient to run the fuzzer **1000** times to solve this exercise.

### b-1. Where do errors become apparent? (1 Point)

List all the lines in `bf.py` where an error occurred during fuzzing. Note that the line where an error occurred is not necessarily the line where it originated from (root cause).

**Note:** `timeout` does not indicate a bug. Timeouts will happen as the grammar can generate programs that are not guaranteed to terminate.

Provide your solution in `exercise_1b1.py`. For instance, if you think an error occurred in lines 1,3,6,7,8 your `exercise_1b1.py` file should look as follows:

```
In [ ]: lines = [1,3,6,7,8]
```

Note that you may not name more than 7 lines.

### b-2. Where do the errors originate? (2 Points)

All the errors that can be observed during fuzzing originate from **4** faulty lines of code.

Please give the line numbers of the **4** faulty lines in `bf.py` and explain the fault for each line (one sentence each).

Provide your solution in `exercise_1b2.py`. Structurally, your solution should look as follows:

```
In [ ]: line1 = 111
line2 = 222
line3 = 333
line4 = 444
explanation_line1 = "The bug occurred due to an ZZZ error: Instead of XXX, tl
explanation_line2 = "The bug occurred due to an ZZZ error: Instead of XXX, tl
explanation_line3 = "The bug occurred due to an ZZZ error: Instead of XXX, tl
explanation_line4 = "The bug occurred due to an ZZZ error: Instead of XXX, tl
```

## Exercise 2-2: TinyC (3 Points)

TinyC is a simplified subset of the C programming language.

The TinyC language is characterized by the following context-free grammar in [BNF notation](#):

```
<program> ::= <statement>
<statement> ::= "if" <paren_expr> <statement> |
               "if" <paren_expr> <statement> "else" <statement> |
               "while" <paren_expr> <statement> |
               "do" <statement> "while" <paren_expr> ";" |
```

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        "{" <statement>* "}" |
        <expr> ";" |
        ";"
    <paren_expr> ::= "(" <expr> ")"
    <expr> ::= <test> | <id> "=" <expr>
    <test> ::= <sum> | <sum> "<" <sum>
    <sum> ::= <term> | <sum> "+" <term> | <sum> "-" <term>
    <term> ::= <id> | <int> | <paren_expr>
    <id> ::= "a" | "b" | "c" | "d" | ... | "z"
    <int> ::= <an_unsigned_decimal_integer>

```

Translate the grammar given above to fuzzingbook syntax. The start symbol should be `<start>` .

Store the grammar in **tinyc\_grammar.py**. The grammar's variable name should be `TINYCGRAMMAR` .

Before submitting, please make sure your grammar is valid by running `assert is_valid_grammar(TINYCGRAMMAR)` , or, alternatively run the `verify.py` program which also performs this check.

**Optional:** To see your grammar in action, first compile the TinyC compiler (**tinyc.c**) using your favorite C compiler, e.g. `gcc tinyc.c -o tinyc` . The resulting executable should be named **tinyc**. Next, run **fuzzTinyC.py** and marvel at the programs your grammar generates.

## Exercise 2-3: Quiz (2 Points)

Provide the BEST answers to the following questions in `exercise_3.py` by assigning to each variable `Q1, ..., Q4` the values `1` to `4` .

For instance, if you think the first answer is the BEST answer to Q1, set `Q1=1` in `exercise_3.py` .

There is only **one BEST answer** to each question.

Consider the following grammar in BNF syntax:

```

<start>    ::= <number>
<number>   ::= <integer> | +<integer> | -<integer>
<integer>  ::= <digit> | <digit><integer>
<digit>    ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9

```

**Q1:** Which statement is correct w.r.t. the grammar given above?

1. The grammar is not a context-free grammar.
2. The grammar describes all floating point numbers.
3. If a parse tree for a derivation of the given grammar contains a node `1` , this node must be a leaf node.
4. If a parse tree for a derivation of the given grammar contains a node `<digit>` , this node can be both a leaf node or an inner node.

**Q2:** Which statement is correct w.r.t. the grammar given above?

1. `+<integer>` is a non-terminal symbol.
2. `<digit>` is a non-terminal symbol.
3. `1` is a non-terminal symbol.
4. Both `+<integer>` and `<digit>` are non-terminal symbols.

**Q3:** Which statement is correct w.r.t. the grammar given above?

1. `<start>` is a rule of some non-terminal symbol.
2. `<digit><integer>` is a rule of some non-terminal symbol.
3. `<digit><number>` is a rule of some non-terminal symbol.

4. `111` is a rule of some non-terminal symbol.

**Q4:** Which statement is correct?

1. All programming languages can be described by context-free grammars.
2. Only programming languages with a context-free syntax can be described by context-free grammars.
3. The C++ programming language can be described by a context-free grammar.
4. The Python programming language can be described by a context-free grammar.