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SECBENCH A Database of Real Security Vulnerabilities

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Sources

- Github
- Bitbucket
- SourceForge
- BugZilla
- Travis Cl



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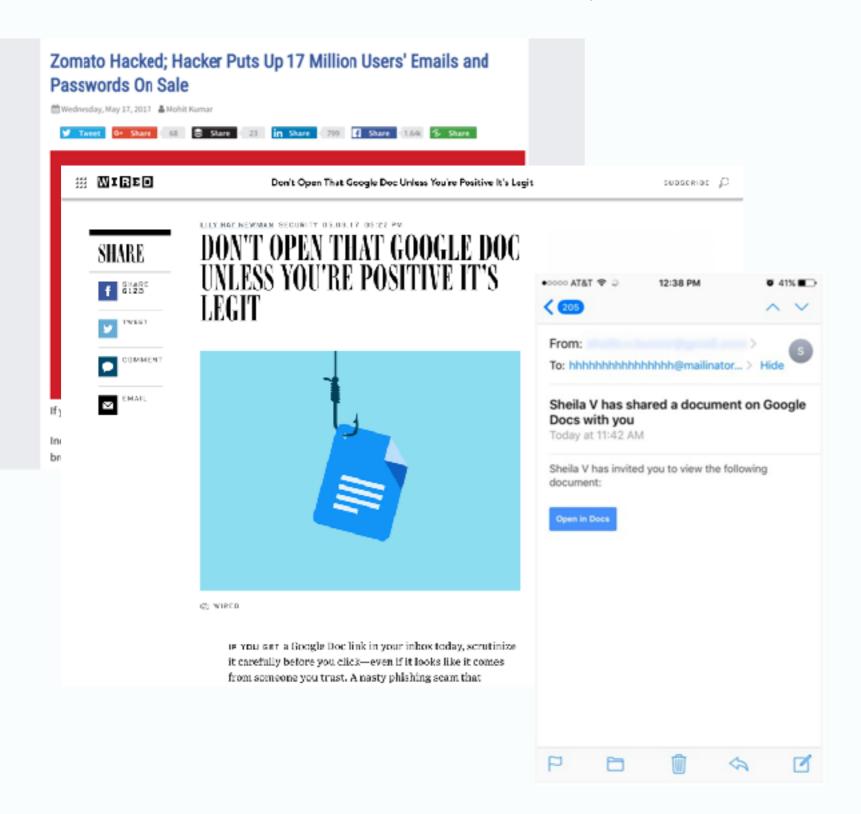
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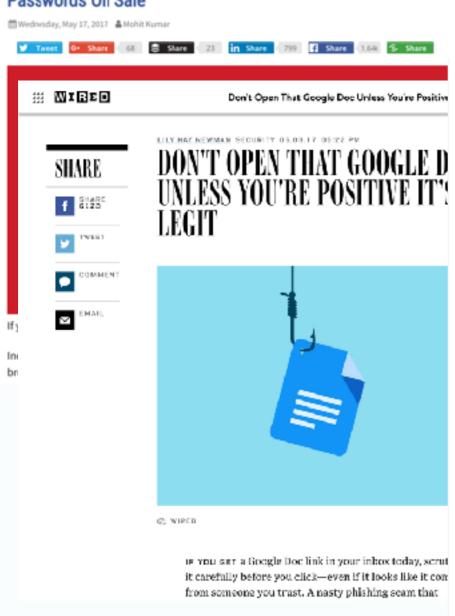
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Zomato Hacked; Hacker Puts Up 17 Million Users' Emails and Passwords On Sale



Hacking

DDoS attack that disrupted internet was largest of its kind in history, experts say

Dyn, the victim of last week's denial of service attack, said it was orchestrated using a weapon called the Mirai botnet as the 'primary source of malicious attack'

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

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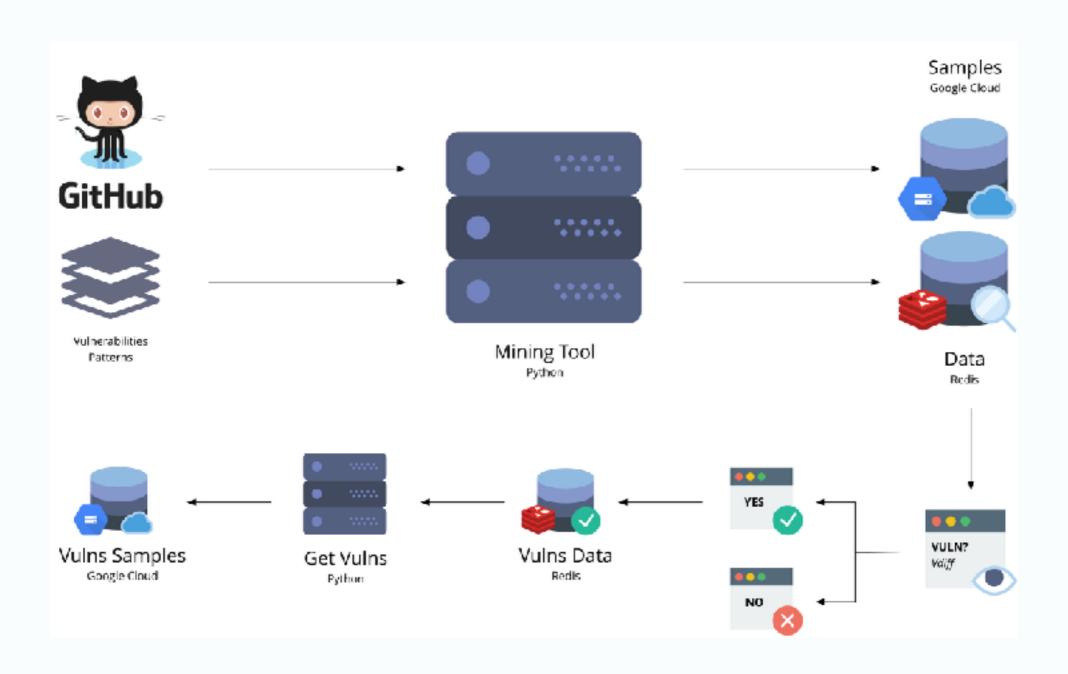
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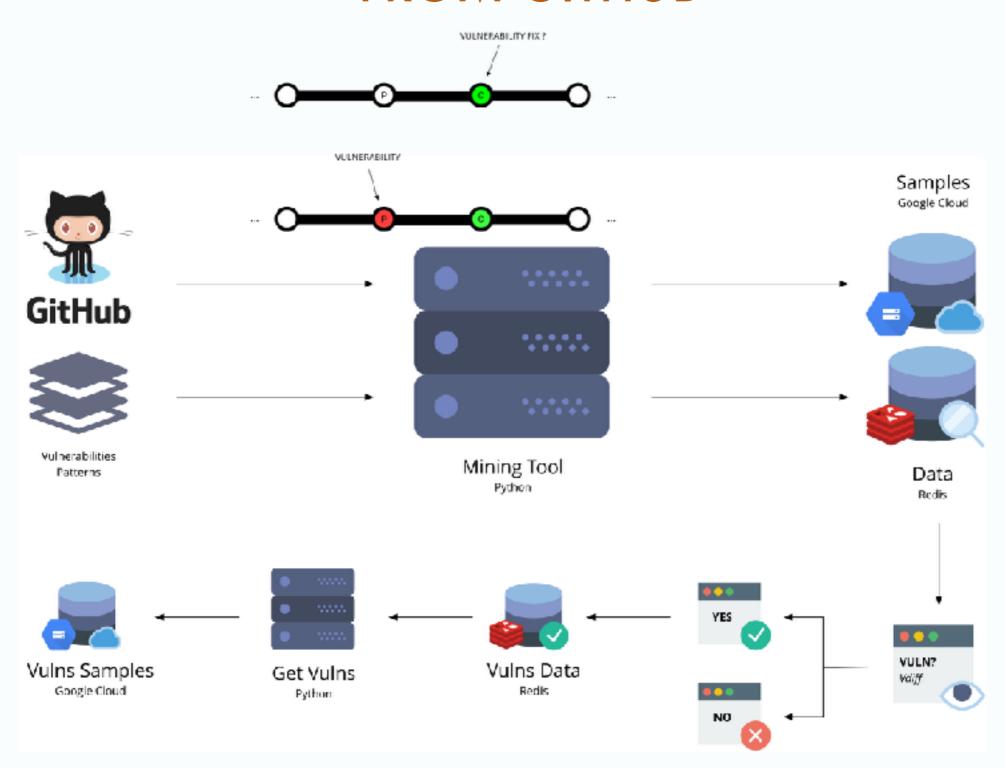


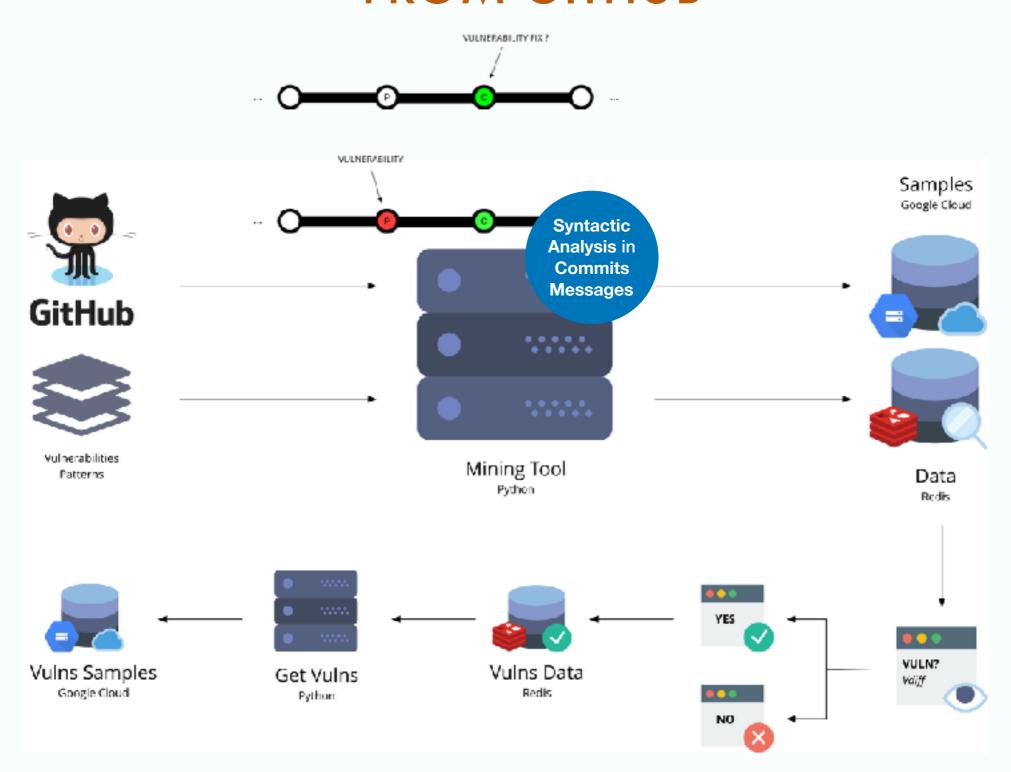
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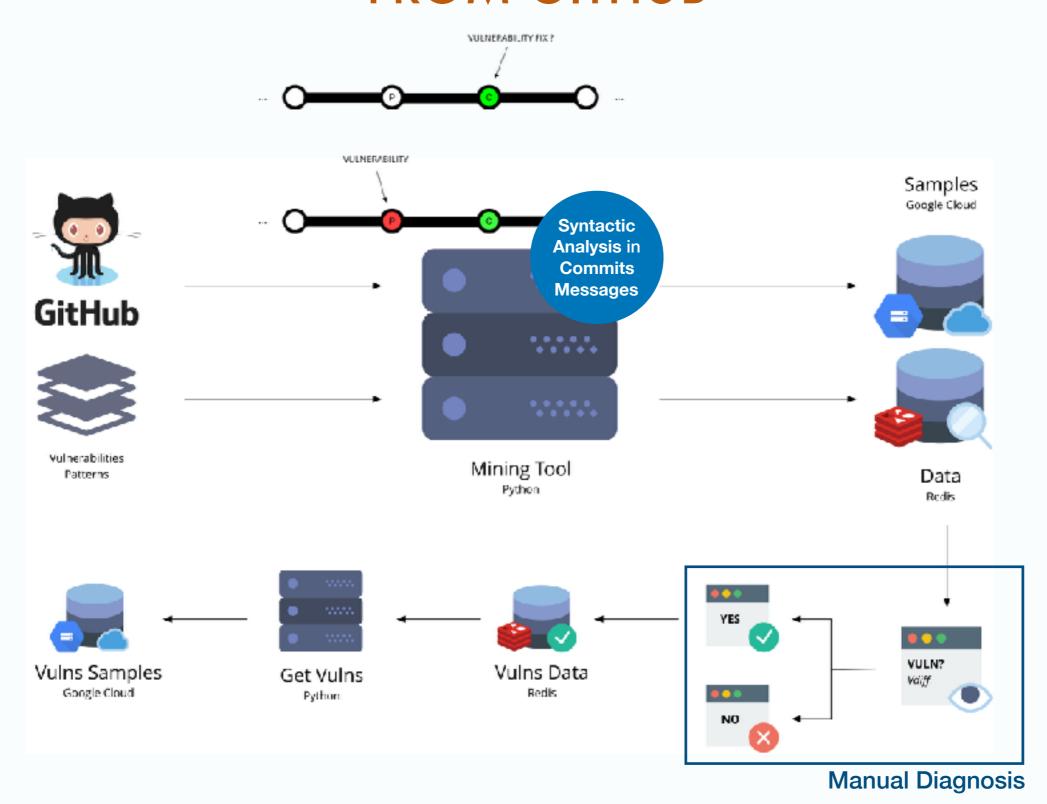
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1 benchmark has only real security vulnerabilities



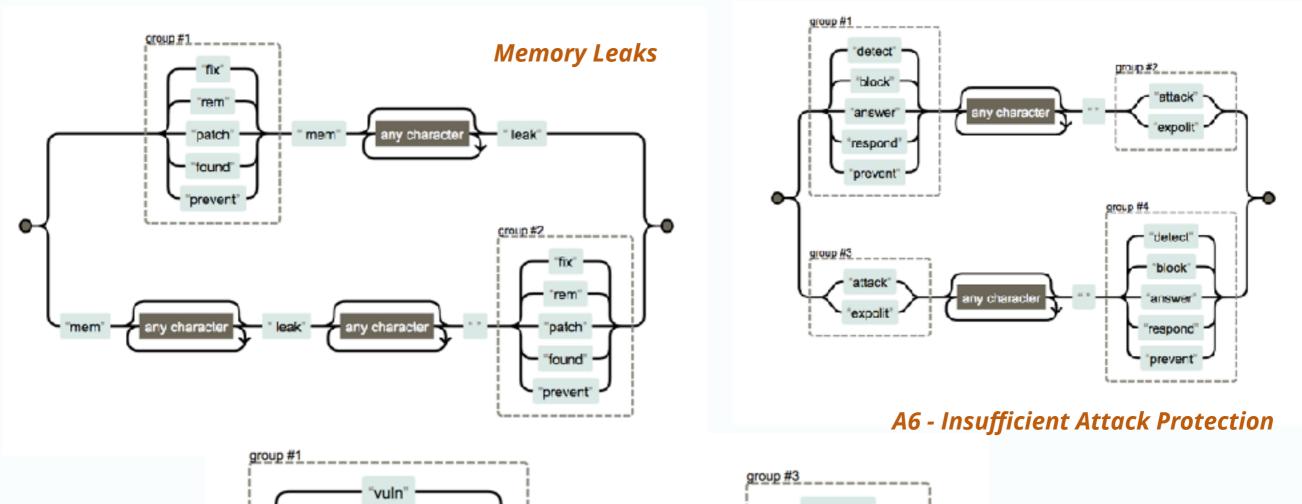


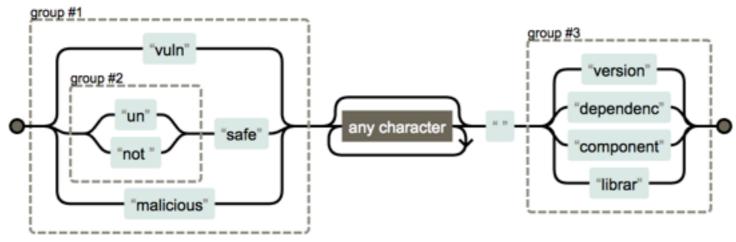




PATTERNS

TOP 10 OWASP, Memory Leaks, Resource Leaks, Overflow, Denial-of-Service and more Total of 17 patterns created



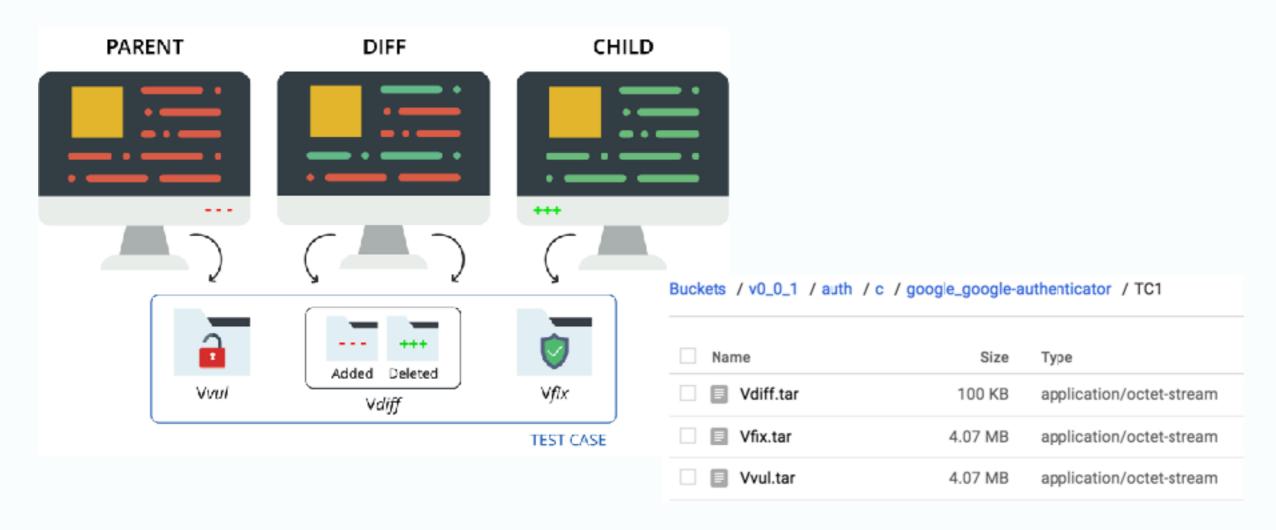


A9 - Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities

TEST CASES STRUCTURE

Juliet Test Cases

- *Vvul* Vulnerable source code from the parent commit.
- Vfix Non-vulnerable source code from the commit where the pattern was caught.
- *Vdiff -* Two folders, containing the added lines to fix the vulnerability and the deleted lines representing the security vulnerability.



HOW ARE VULNERABILITIES IDENTIFIED?

AUTOMATED IN COMMITS MESSAGES AND **MANUALLY** IN SOURCE CODE



sock = socket(sa-≎sa_family, SOCK_STREAM, 0);

Buffer Overflow

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173
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174
                                                                                                             if (8 > sock) {
                     zlog(ZLOG_SYSERROR, "failed to create new listening socket; socket()");
                                                                                                                     zlog(ZLOG_SYSERROR, "failed to create new listening socket: socket()");
                     return -1;
                                                                                                                     return -1:
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             octoockopt(seck, SOL_SOCKET, SO_NEUSEADON, &flogs, piccof(flogs));
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             if (we-olisten_address_commin == FPN_AF_LBIX) {
                                                                                                             if (up-olisten_address_domain == FPB_AF_UNIX) {
182
                     if (fpm_socket_unix_test_connect((struct sockaddr_un +)sa, socklan) --
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                                                                                                                     if (fpm_sccket_unix_test_comect((struct sockaddr_un +)sa, socklen) --
     81 {
                             zlog(ZLOG_ERROR, "An another FPP instance seems to already
                                                                                                                             zlog(ZLOG_ERROR, "Ar another FPM instance seems to already
      listen on %s", ((struct sockaddr_un *) sa)->sun_peth);
                                                                                                      listen on %s", ((struct sockaddr_un *) sa)->sun_path);
                                                                                                                             close(sack);
                             // SOCKET NEEDS TO BE CLOSED BEFORE RETURN
184
                                                                                                                             return -1:
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186
                     unlink( (istruct sockeddr_un *) sa)->sur_path);
                                                                                                                     unlink( ((struct sockaddr_ur *) sa)->sun_path);
187
                     saved_umask = umask(8777 ^ vp->socket_mode);
                                                                                                                     saved_umask = umask(8777 ^ up->socket_mode);
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             if (0 > bind(sock, sa, sockler)) {
                                                                                                             if (0 > binc(sock, sa, socklen)) {
                     slog(ZLOG_EVEERSOR, "unable to bind lictening cocket for address "4c"",
                                                                                                                     slog(ZLOG_EVEERSOR, "unable to bind listening tocket for address 'As'",
     wo->config->listen_address);
                                                                                                     wp->config->listen_address);
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                     if (wp->listen address domain -- FPM AF UNIX) {
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                             umask(szved_umask);
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sock = socket(sa->sa family, SDCK STREAM, 8);

Example 2

Example 1

Resource Leaks

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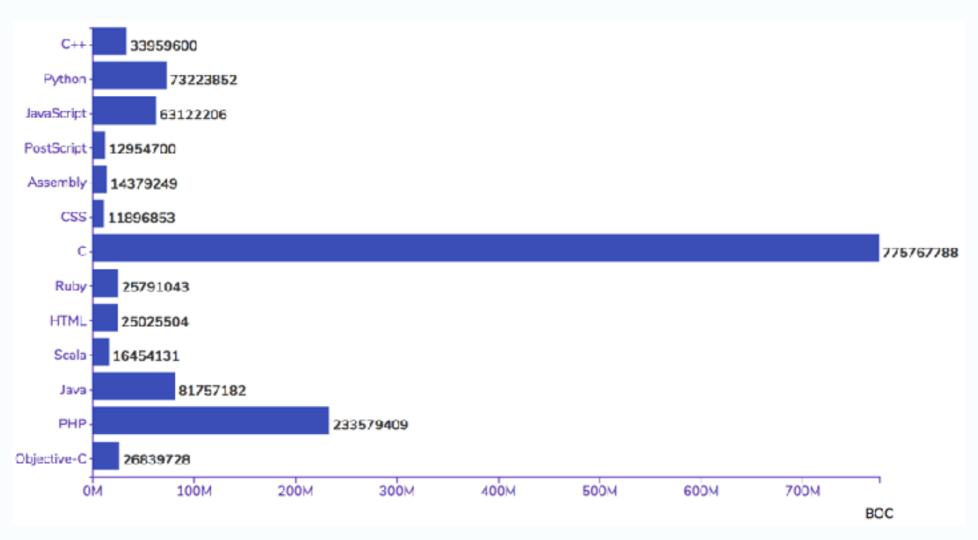
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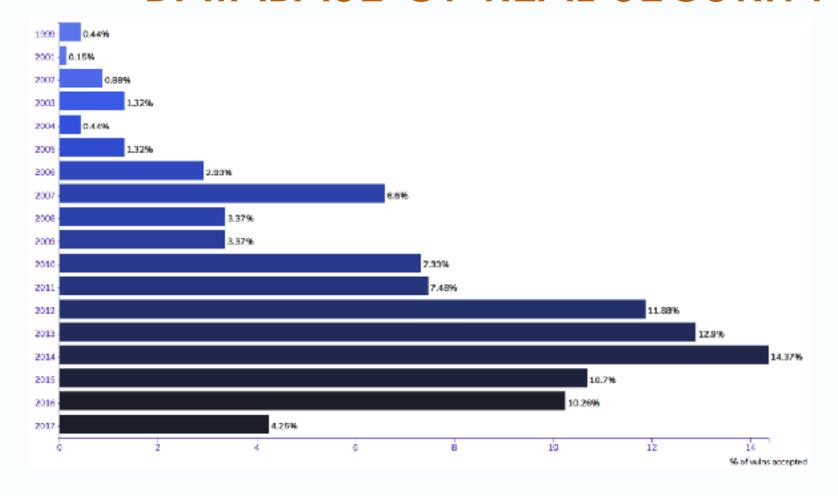
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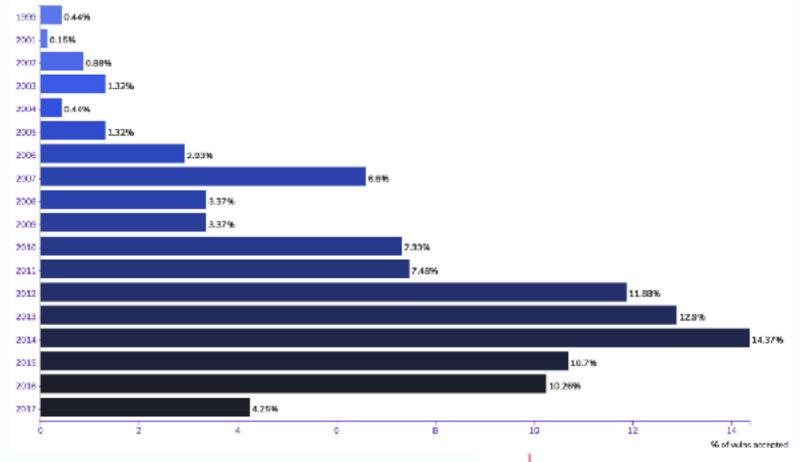
- 16/17 patterns satisfied
- 682 security vulnerabilities accepted
- Almost 6K commits manually evaluated

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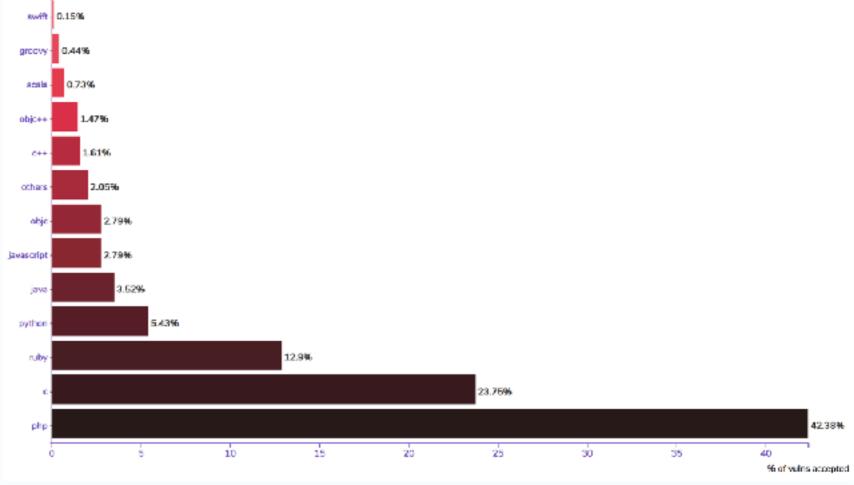
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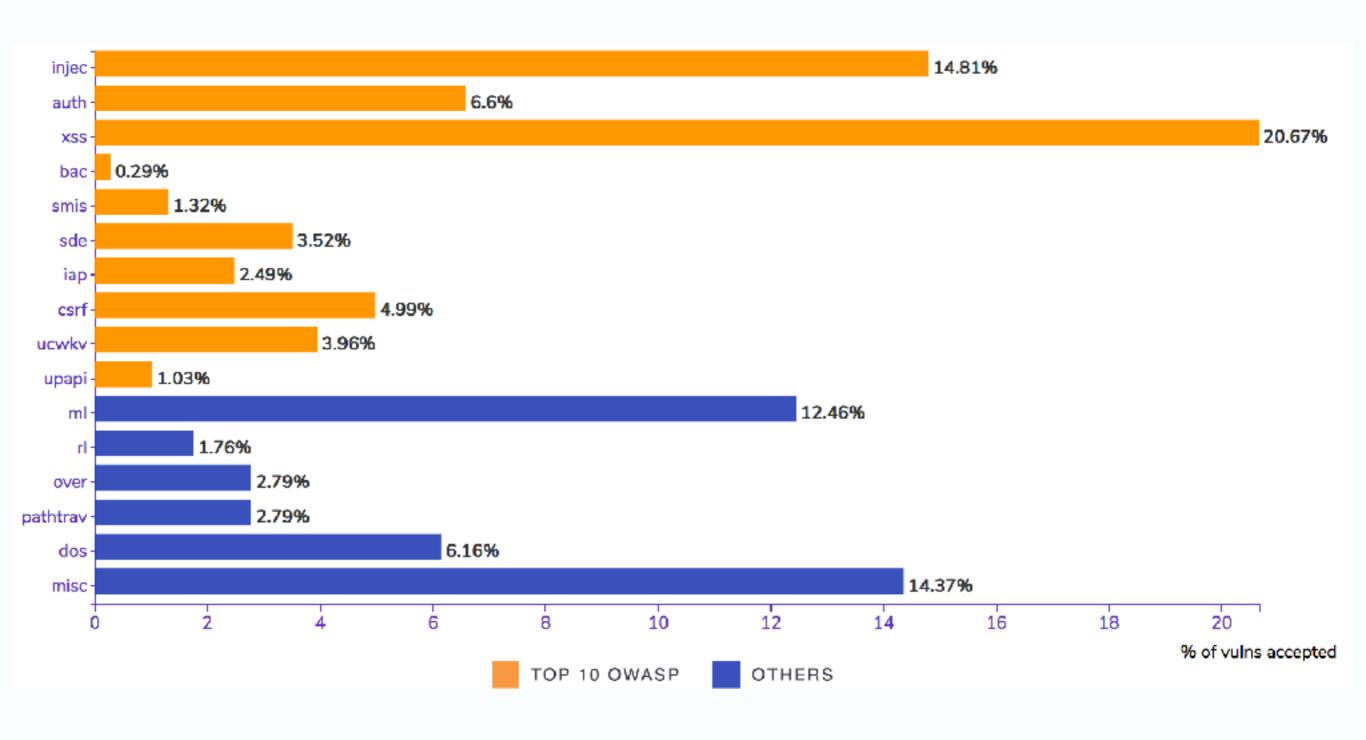
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ANSWERING RESEARCH QUESTIONS

RQ1.1: Is there **enough information available on OSS repositories** to create a **benchmark of software security vulnerabilities**?

There are enough vulnerabilities available on open-source repositories to create a database of real security vulnerabilities.

RQ1.2: What are the most prevalent security patterns on OSS repositories?

The most prevalent security patterns are Injection, Cross-Site Scripting and Memory Leaks.

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

- We were able to retrieve vulnerabilities with an existence ratio of, approximately, **2.75** (682/248).

61M x **2.75** = **168 MILLIONS** of real security vulnerabilities

Approximately, 246 thousand times larger than the current database.

- It is possible to get a considerable amount of vulnerabilities identified by CVE.
- There is enough information on open-source repositories to create a database of real security vulnerabilities for different languages and patterns.

FUTURE WORK

- **Augment** the amount of security **vulnerabilities**, **patterns** and **languages** support.
- Continue **studying** and **collecting patterns** from GitHub repositories and extend to **other source code hosting websites** (e.g., bitbucket, svn, etc).
- Use **natural processing languages** to improve the mining tool.

THANK YOU!

Any Question?

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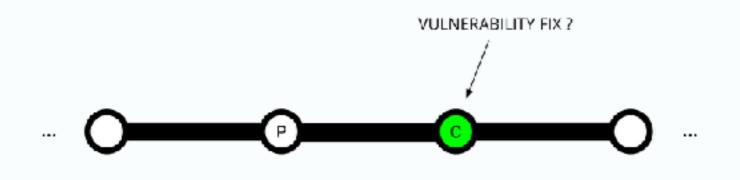
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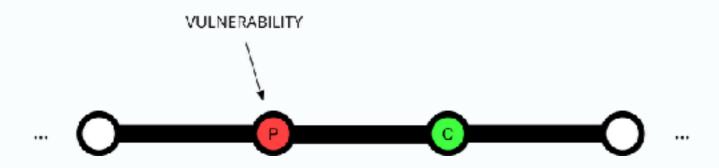
HOW WERE THE REPOSITORIES CHOSEN?

- A repository must contain one of the top programming languages on Github;
- A repository needs to have a size of at least 2 commits;

MINING TOOL



- Regular Expressions
- Syntactic Analysis on commits' messages



Limitation

Should we drop merges? NO.

WHY IS C ONLY THE SECOND?

- The type of mined patterns, since more than 50% of the patterns target web applications;
- The time when the repositories were migrated or created on Github (software migrated after years of development with lots of C files but small number of commits);
- low number of active repositories on Github compared with languages like JavaScript or Ruby (GitHut);
- Vulnerabilities from low level languages are more difficult to identify;

DATA VALIDATION

- Consistency checks on fields where the values were previously defined (e.g, vuln?, code, etc).
- Parent validation
- File existence check: some test cases were missing files due to the incorrect handling of exceptions in the early stages.
- A few times we corrected the missing packages on the cloud.
- Every 2 weeks, we ran a script in order to clean the non-viable samples form the cloud.
- Cardinality checks: Scripts to check if the information is in the right number or if there is any garbage ruining the data (e.g., if the total number of accepted vulnerabilities is equal to the sum of vulnerabilities for each pattern on the database)