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About me

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But I Can Grep This!

- Whenever I'm talking about CodeQL this is the first thing I hear.
- Each tool has advantages and with this workshop I will try to convince you of CodeQL's worth.
- Historically most auditors have used grep with great results.
- But can grep do the following things:
 - Match the absence of things.
 - Resolve macros.
 - Perform data flow analysis.

Workshop objectives

- Get you up and running.
- Introduce you to CodeQL.
- Avoid you some pitfalls.
- Give you some tricks I've developed while failing at CodeQL.

Disclaimer

- I tried to make this workshop as real life as possible.
- Run time of queries is an issue for a two hour workshop.
- Most of the examples will be reduced in scope.
- Complex things like global data flow will be performed in small projects that are guaranteed to terminate during the workshop.

Workshop Format

- Let's make this workshop as interactive as possible.
- If you are lost don't hesitate to stop me and asking for help.
- Work in groups if you prefer so.
- The solution to the exercises are not unique, you may have expressed the query in a different way and that's completely fine. Make sure the results match though.
- Feel free to peek into the solutions of the exercises but try to come up with your own.

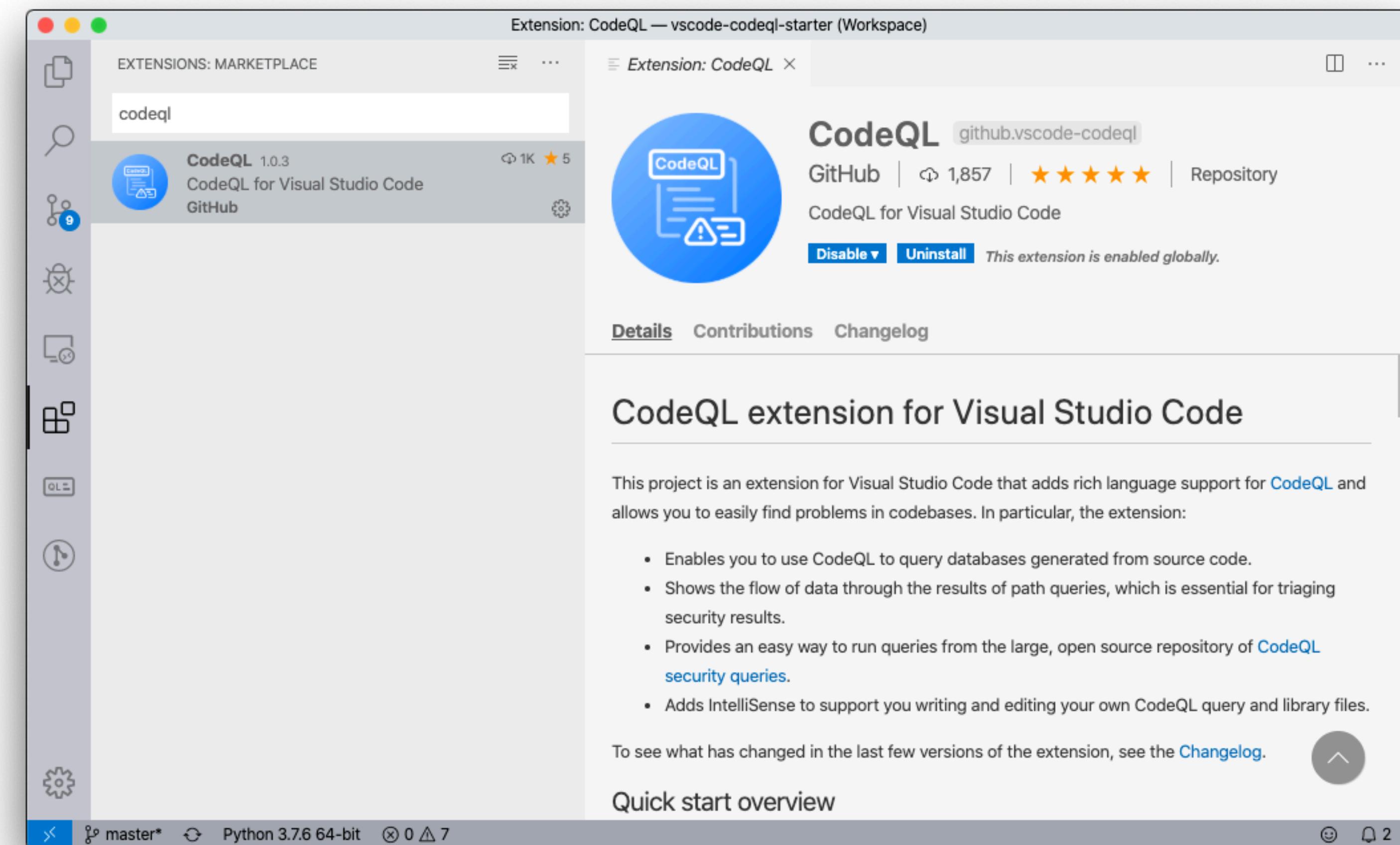
Setup

- We need the following things installed before starting
 - Visual Studio Code
 - CodeQL Plugin
 - CodeQL CLI
 - Workspace.

Visual Studio Code

- We will be using **VSCode** as our editor.
- Install it from <https://code.visualstudio.com/> or via your package manager.
- Once you are done install the **CodeQL Plugin** from the marketplace as explained in the following slides.

CodeQL Plugin



CodeQL CLI + Standard Library

```
$ mkdir $HOME/semmle
$ cd $HOME/semmle
$ wget https://github.com/github/codeql-binaries/releases/latest/download/codeql.zip
$ unzip codeql.zip
$ git clone https://github.com/Semmle/ql.git
$ mkdir databases
$ export PATH="$PATH:$HOME/semmle/codeql"
$ export DATABASES="$HOME/semmle/databases"
```

CodeQL CLI + Standard Library

- The CLI will look into sibling directories for things to load like the standard libraries.
- For this reason make sure you create a directory and put everything under the same directory.
- Make sure you keep the standard library up to date since it will give you bug fixes and performance gains.

Test your installation

```
$ codeql resolve languages
cpp (/Users/anon/semmle/codeql/cpp)
csharp (/Users/anon/semmle/codeql/csharp)
go (/Users/anon/semmle/codeql/go)
java (/Users/anon/semmle/codeql/java)
javascript (/Users/anon/semmle/codeql/javascript)
python (/Users/anon/semmle/codeql/python)
```

Workspace

- The workspace is where you put your CodeQL queries.
- It references the databases you will run your queries on.
- Contains your queries.
- And references the standard library you are currently using.
- Download it from the shared GDrive link as instructed in the next slides.

Workspace

- Download and uncompress all three zip files.
- Open **workspace** with vscode.
- Now add the linux-5.3-tinyconfig database to the workspace by using the CodeQL menu on the left.

Testing

The screenshot shows the CodeQL interface within a code editor. The left sidebar displays the 'EXPLORER' view, which includes sections for 'OPEN EDITORS', 'GROUP 1' (containing 'scratchpad.ql.cpp'), 'GROUP 2' (containing 'CodeQL Query Results'), and 'WORKSPACE' (containing 'cpp' subfolders like '.cache', 'dataflow', 'functions', etc., and files like 'README.md', 'qlpack.yml', and 'scratchpad.ql'). The main area shows a workspace titled 'scratchpad.ql — workspace'. In the top right of this area, there is a 'CodeQL Query Results' tab. The content of this tab shows a query result table:

#select	1 result
#	[0]
1	3

The bottom status bar indicates the current file is 'scratchpad.ql', with 'Ln 1, Col 13' and other details.

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Checkpoint: are we all setup?

Introduction

What is CodeQL?

- A query language similar to **SQL** but with some subtle notes of **logic programming** languages.
- Gives you tools from logic to **reason about code**.
- Has some **object oriented** syntactic sugar to make things more familiar.
- The **CLI** allows you to turn a codebase into a database.

Your first CodeQL database

What is a CodeQL database?

- CodeQL allows you to reason about **code as if it was data**.
- For this it provides you with a **language** named QL and a **database**.
- The database is created by using the CLI tools.
- The size of a database depends on the size of your target code since QL will embed a copy of the compiled code into the database.
- This means that when a database is created it is independent of the original sources.

Methodology

- Check out the sources of your target.
- Setup the build system.
 - Run **configure** / **cmake** or whatever your project needs before hitting **build**.
- Make sure the project builds on your host.
- Clean build artifacts and rebuild using codeql.

Example: rabbitmq-c

- We will build **rabbitmq-c** from sources.
- This project requires **openssl**.
 - brew install openssl
- If you don't feel like building this database you will find a prebuilt one inside the training materials.
 - The provided version contains a vulnerability that has been patched, so make sure not to mix them.

Example: rabbitmq-c

```
$ git clone https://github.com/alanxz/rabbitmq-c.git
$ cd rabbitmq-c
$ mkdir build
$ cd build
$ export PKG_CONFIG_PATH=/usr/local/opt/openssl/lib/
pkgconfig/
$ cmake ..
$ codeql database create $DATABASES/rabbitmq-c.db
  --language=cpp
  --command=make
  --threads=0
```

Other examples

```
# CSharp
$ codeql database create $DATABASE_NAME
  --language=csharp
  --command="dotnet build /t:rebuild"
```

```
# Java
$ codeql database create $DATABASE_NAME
  --language=java
  --command="gradle clean test"
```

CodeQL Queries

Structure of a CodeQL query

- A query has three parts
 - **from** — declaration of the main components of the query
 - **where** — the main logic of your query
 - **select** — representation of the results of your query
- A query file has the extension **.ql** and contains a query, and optionally imports, classes, and predicates.
- A query library has the extension **.qll** and does not contain a query clause, but may contain imports, classes, and predicates.
- import statements allow the classes and predicates defined in one file to be used in another.

Example

```
select "Hello OffensiveCon"
```

Example

```
select "OffensiveCon".length()
```

Example

```
from int x, int y  
where x = 6 and y = 7  
select x * y
```

Example

```
from string greeting, string who
where greeting = "Hello" and who = "OffensiveCon"
select greeting + " " + who + "!"
```

Example

```
from string greeting, string who
where
(greeting = "Hello" and who = "OffensiveCon")
or
(greeting = "Goodbye" and who = "OffensiveCon")
select greeting + " " + who + "!"
```

Example

```
import cpp
from Function fun
where fun.getName() = "malloc"
select fun
```

Building Blocks

Variables

- One of the most fundamental pieces of code.
- CodeQL allows you to reason about them.
- There are different types of variables.
- Each type has a different type in CodeQL that allows you to query only the things that you are interested in.

Variables: kinds

- **Variable**

- A regular variable.
- Parameters are also considered variables.
- Globals are also included.

- **LocalScopeVariable**

- Local variable or a func parameter.

Variables: kinds

- **StackVariable**

- Stack allocated variable.
- Meant to exclude static and thread local variables.

- **LocalVariable**

- Like a LocalScopeVariable but arguments are not considered LocalVariable.

- **GlobalVariable**

- **GlobalOrNamespaceVariable**

Variables

- Commonly used methods:
 - `getAnAccess()` – `VariableAccess`
 - `getName()` – `string`
 - `getType()` – `Type`
 - `getAnAssignedValue()` – `Expr`

Variables: exercises

- Explore **Variable.qml**.
 - Right click on something interesting and hit “Quick Evaluation”
- **ex0.qml** — Get all the variables declared in a project.
- **ex1.qml** — Filter those variable with a predicate based on the name.
 - Hint: Strings have a method called **matches** that allow you to use “_” and “%” wildcards.
- **ex2.qml** — Get all the local variables in the project. What changes from ex0.qml?
- **ex3.qml** — Get all the global variables.

Variables: accesses

- A Variable represents the **declaration** of a variable.
- In order to get **uses** of any of them we can ask QL to give us a **VariableAccess**.
- An access can be a read or write.

Variables: exercises

- **ex4.ql** – Get a reference to the global variable “**current_task**” and get all the accesses to it.
 - Why are we getting “repeated” accesses on the same line?
- **ex5.ql** – Get all the functions that use the variable “**current_task**”
 - Hint: access.getEnclosingFunction()
- **ex6.ql** – Get a list of all the global variables and with the number of times they are accessed.
 - Hint: count(expr)

Functions

- **Function** – Both **functions** and **methods**.
- **TopLevelFunction** – Regular functions.
- **MemberFunction** – Methods.
- **VirtualFunction** – Virtual methods.
- **Constructor** – Class constructors.

Functions: calls & accesses

- **FunctionCall** represents a call to a **Function**. It is an expression.
- **FunctionAccess** represents an access to a **Function** as a value.
- If you are interested on how the **Function** is used you need to reason about **FunctionCall** or **FunctionAccess**.

Functions: exercises

- Explore **Function.ql**.
 - Right click on something interesting and hit “Quick Evaluation”
- **ex0.ql** – get all the functions that have **ioctl** in its name.
 - We are getting all the prototypes too. Filter them by adding the **hasDefinition** predicate.
- **ex1.ql** – explore function calls to the functions in ex0.ql
 - Use **Function::getACallToThisFunction** to get calls to the target function.
 - Use **Expr::getEnclosingFunction** to see who makes the call.
- **ex2.ql** – Build a query that finds all the functions that have ioctl in their name that are accessed as a function pointer.
 - Use **Function::getAnAccess**.

Checkpoint

- If you got this far, now you have fundamental tools you need to move around a codebase by using CodeQL.
- In the next slides we will incrementally increase the complexity of the queries to get even more interesting information out of the database.

Predicates

Predicates

- They establish a relationship between its parameters by means of a formula.
- A predicate represents the **set of tuples** that satisfy its formula.
 - A database table if you will.
- They are similar to functions but the analogy will become weird if you push it too much.

Predicates

- Since there is no state, just a formula, you can evaluate anything in QL and get the results.
 - This is an incredible feature and should be used extensively to understand the bits and bolts of more complex queries.
- In predicates with a return type, the return value is implicit.
 - You can access it with the implicit variable **result**.

Predicates

```
// (Block): is `block` an empty block?  
predicate isEmpty(Block block) {  
    block.getNumStmt() = 0  
}
```

```
// (Expr, Call): get the first argument of a function call.  
Expr getFirstArg(Call call) {  
    result = call.getArgument(0)  
}
```

```
// (Expr, Call): same as before but expressed differently.  
predicate getFirstArg(Expr expr, Call call) {  
    expr = call.getArgument(0)  
}
```

Predicates != Functions

```
// (Call, Expr): Get all Call's that have `expr` as its first argument.  
Call getCallFor(Expr expr) {  
    expr = result.getArgument(0)  
}
```

```
// (Call, Expr): Get all Call's that have `expr` as its first argument.  
predicate getCallFor(Call call, Expr firstArg) {  
    firstArg = call.getArgument(0)  
}
```

```
// (int, Call, Expr): Get the index of `arg` when called as the first argument  
// of `call`.  
int getArgIndex(Call call, Expr arg) {  
    arg = call.getArgument(result)  
}
```

Useful predicates

- `none()` – represents the empty set also used to represent “false”.
- `any()` – used to say “true”
- `any(variable | condition)` – represents the set of values that satisfy “condition”.

Type Checks

- Checking a type in CodeQL is akin to asking if an element belongs to a set.
- Its use is not discouraged.
- Specially powerful when used with user defined types.

Type Checks: exercises

- ex0.ql — create a query that finds all **FunctionCall** that have a **SizeOfOperator** as any of its parameters.
- ex1.ql — improve the previous query by including expressions that contain the **SizeOfOperator** expression as a child.
 - Hints: use **getAChild()** and a **transitive closure** to inspect all the children.
- ex2.ql — make the previous query more specific by only displaying calls to **kmalloc**.
- ex3.ql — display only those calls with a sizeof that has a **PointerType**
- ex4.ql — display those calls to **kmalloc** that have a compile time allocation size.
 - Hint: use **getValue()** on the size expression.
- ex5.ql — display calls to **kmalloc** that contain a **MulExpr** in its size argument.
- Explore the following queries from the standard library. Can you extend them to handle **kmalloc**?
 - `cpp/ql/src/Critical/SizeCheck.ql`
 - `cpp/ql/src/Critical/SizeCheck2.ql`

Equality

- This is annoying but more likely than not, it will bite you.
- $A = B$ holds if there is an $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ such as $a = b$
 - True if there is a pair (a, b) such as $a = b$
- $A \neq B$ holds if there is an $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ such as $a \neq b$
 - True if there is a pair (a, b) such as $a \neq b$
- **not $A = B$** holds if there is not an $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ such as $a = b$
 - True if there is not a pair (a, b) such as $a = b$
- <https://help.semme.com/QL/ql-handbook/formulas.html#equality>

if ... then ... else

- More syntactic sugar!
 - **if A then B else C**
 - **(A and B) or (not A and C)**

Classes

- A way of grouping things that share a certain characteristic.
- If your query contain very clear “things” you want to operate then most likely you should define a class for them.
- A predicate used to define those characteristics is called a, surprise, surprise, a “characteristic predicate”.
- They can have “methods” (predicates).

Classes: example

```
class EmptyBlock extends Block {  
    EmptyBlock() {  
        this.getNumStmt() = 0  
    }  
  
    // Return the IfStmt containing this block (if any).  
    // (EmptyBlock, IfStmt)  
    IfStmt getParentIf() {  
        result.getThen() = this or result.getElse() = this  
    }  
}
```

Classes: example

```
class MemoryAllocFunction extends Function {  
    MemoryAllocFunction() {  
        getName() = "malloc" or  
        getName() = "calloc" or  
        getName() = "VirtualAlloc"  
    }  
}
```

Classes: exercise

- Take a look at [https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/bb288454\(v=msdn.10\)?redirectedfrom=MSDN](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/bb288454(v=msdn.10)?redirectedfrom=MSDN)
- It lists functions considered dangerous and that should be avoided.
- Write a class with as many banned functions as you like and give it a spin on a database of your choice.

Banned functions

```
class BannedStringCopyFunctions extends Function {  
    BannedStringCopyFunctions() {  
        exists(string name |  
            hasGlobalOrStdName(name) and  
            (name = "strcpy" or name = "strcpyA" or name = "strcpyW" or name = "wcscpy" or  
             name = "_tcscpy" or name = "_mbscpy" or name = "StrCpy" or name = "StrCpyA" or  
             name = "StrCpyW" or name = "lstrcpy" or name = "lstrcpyA" or name = "lstrcpyW" or  
             name = "_tccpy" or name = "_mbccpy" or name = "_ftcscpy" or name = "strncpy" or  
             name = "wcsncpy" or name = "_tcsncpy" or name = "_mbsncpy" or name = "_mbsnbcpy" or  
             name = "StrCpyN" or name = "StrCpyNA" or name = "StrCpyNW" or name = "StrNCpy" or  
             name = "strcpynA" or name = "StrNCpyA" or name = "StrNCpyW" or name = "lstrcpyn" or  
             name = "lstrcpynA" or name = "lstrcpynW")  
        )  
    }  
}
```

Quantifiers

- There are several of them but the most used is **exists**.
 - **exists(<variable declarations> | <formula>)**
 - Reads as “there is an X such as”.
 - Holds if the variables declared satisfy the formula.
 - Used mostly for readability.
 - Think about them like small auxiliary predicates.
 - You can use the **not** operator to negate the predicate.
 - <https://help.semme.com/QL/ql-handbook/formulas.html#quantified-formulas>

Quantifiers: example

```
class JumpTarget extends Stmt {  
    JumpTarget() {  
        exists(GotoStmt g | g.getTarget() = this)  
    }  
}
```

Quantifiers: exercise

- ex0.ql – write a class that represents functions that are never used (nor called nor referenced).
 - Hints: use **FunctionCall** and **FunctionUse**
- ex1.ql – write a class that represents variables without accesses.
 - Hints: use **LocalVariable** and **VariableAccess**.

Recursion

- Useful technique to represent transitive properties.
- Helps to model iteration.
- Evaluation continues until it reaches a fixed point where there are no more new tuples.
- Initially may be hard to grasp.

Recursion: strategy

- Define the initial base case as the first condition.
- Make sure the expression is not infinite.
- Recurse!

Recursion: example

```
Function getFunctionWrapper(Function target) {
    exists(FunctionCall call, ReturnStmt return |
        call = target.getACallToThisFunction() and
        call.getEnclosingFunction() = result and
        return.getEnclosingFunction() = result and
        DataFlow::localExprFlow(call, return.getExpr()))
    )
}

Function getFunctionWrappers(Function function) {
    result = function
    or
    exists(Function wrapper |
        wrapper = getFunctionWrapper(function) and
        result = getFunctionWrappers(wrapper))
    )
}

from Function target, Function wrapper
where
    wrapper = getFunctionWrappers(target) and wrapper ≠ target
select wrapper, target
```

Transitive Closures

- Simply put it is a way to apply the same predicate zero or more times in a transitive way.
- It allows you to succinctly express relationships between elements of the same set that are “connected” between them by means of a relationship / predicate.
- Example: get the set of all the superclasses of “class”
 - `class.getASupertype()`
- Example: get the set of all the superclasses of “class” “recursively”
 - `class.getASupertype+()`

Dataflow Analysis

Dataflow Analysis

- Allows us to elaborate queries regarding the **propagation** of data.
- Allows us to answer questions like these
 - Does this expression reach X?
 - Where does this expression reach in the program?
- Fundamental in more complex queries.
- <https://help.semme.com/QL/learn-ql/cpp/dataflow.html>

Dataflow Analysis: flavors

- **DataFlow**
 - **Local**
 - DataFlow::localFlow
 - TaintTracking::localTaint
 - **Global**
 - DataFlow::Configuration
 - TaintTracking::Configuration

Dataflow Analysis

- **Global**

- Follows propagation **across functions**.
- Computationally **expensive**.

- **Local**

- Follows propagation at the **function** level.
- Relatively **cheap**.

Dataflow Analysis

- **Regular data flow**

- Data propagation is value preserving.
 - $Y = X;$ — There is data flow into $Y.$
 - $Y = X + Z;$ — There is no data flow into $Y.$

- **Taint analysis**

- Extends data flow to non value preserving expressions.
 - $Y = X + Z;$ — There is propagation into $Y.$

Local Dataflow

- It tracks the value of variables.
 - **int number** – tracks the integer in the **variable**.
 - **void *buffer** – tracks the value of the **pointer**.
- To use it just **import semmle.code.cpp.dataflow.DataFlow**

Local Dataflow: limitations

- Cannot propagate flow if there is no sources
 - Think about standard library functions.
 - Can be avoided by modeling missing functions.
 - `cpp/ql/src/semmle/code/cpp/models/implementations/Strcpy.ql`
 - `cpp/ql/src/semmle/code/cpp/models/implementations/Memcpy.ql`
- It is not global so results may be incomplete.

Local Dataflow: example

```
import cpp
import semmle.code.cpp.dataflow.DataFlow

from Function fopen, FunctionCall fc, Expr src
where fopen.hasQualifiedName("fopen")
and fc.getTarget() = fopen
and DataFlow::localExprFlow(
    src,
    fc.getArgument(0)
)
select src
```

Local Dataflow: example

```
import semmle.code.cpp.dataflow.DataFlow
import semmle.code.cpp.common.Printf

from FormattingFunction format, FunctionCall call, Expr formatString
where call.getTarget() = format
    and call.getArgument(format.getFormatParameterIndex()) = formatString
    and not exists(DataFlow::Node source, DataFlow::Node sink |
        DataFlow::localFlow(source, sink) and
        source.asExpr() instanceof StringLiteral and
        sink.asExpr() = formatString
    )
select call, "Argument to " + format.getQualifiedName() + " isn't hard-
coded."
```

Local Dataflow: exercises

- ex0.ql — given a call to **kmalloc** build a query that shows where does its return value flows.
 - Hint: use `DataFlow::localExprFlow`
- ex1.ql — extend the previous query to show only the calls that do not flow into an if statement.
 - Hint: `not exists | IfStmt | DataFlow::localExprFlow | getControllingExpr`
 - Explore the results. Do you notice something weird? Can you explain why the query “fails”?
- ex2.ql — Improve the results of the previous query by using a transitive closure.
 - Hint: `sink.getControllingExpr().getAChild*()`
 - Explore the results. It seems like most false positives are related with wrappers, how can you solve this?

Taint Analysis

- What happens when a variable A encounters
 - $B = A + C$
 - $B = A > 0$
- Is flow propagated to B?
- Since data flow is value preserving there is no flow.
- In order to track flow in similar situations we need to perform taint analysis.

Taint Analysis: example

```
import cpp
import semmle.code.cpp.dataflow.TaintTracking
import semmle.code.cpp.rangeanalysis.SimpleRangeAnalysis

from FunctionCall call, DataFlow::Node source, DataFlow::Node sink
where
    call.getTarget().getName() = "snprintf" and
    call.getArgument(2).getValue().regexpMatch("(?s).*%s.*") and
    TaintTracking::localTaint(source, sink) and
    source.asExpr() = call and
    sink.asExpr() = call.getArgument(1)
select call, upperBound(call.getArgument(1).getFullyConverted())
```

Global DataFlow

- Models propagation across functions.
- To make the problem tractable we need to define a source and a sink.
- This is done by extending the DataFlow::Configuration class.
 - predicate **isSource**(DataFlow::Node source)
 - predicate **isSink**(DataFlow::Node sink)

Global DataFlow: example

```
class EnvironmentToFileConfiguration extends DataFlow::Configuration {
    EnvironmentToFileConfiguration() { this = "EnvironmentToFileConfiguration" }

    override predicate isSource(DataFlow::Node source) {
        exists(Function getenv |
            source.asExpr().(FunctionCall).getTarget() = getenv and getenv.hasQualifiedName("getenv")
        )
    }
}

override predicate isSink(DataFlow::Node sink) {
    exists(FunctionCall fc |
        sink.asExpr() = fc.getArgument(0) and fc.getTarget().hasQualifiedName("fopen")
    )
}
}

from Expr getenv, Expr fopen, EnvironmentToFileConfiguration config
where config.hasFlow(DataFlow::exprNode(getenv), DataFlow::exprNode(fopen))
select fopen, "This 'fopen' uses data from $@.", getenv, "call to 'getenv'"
```

Global TaintTracking: example

```
class NetworkToBufferSizeConfiguration extends TaintTracking::Configuration {
    NetworkToBufferSizeConfiguration() { this = "NetworkToBufferSizeConfiguration" }

    override predicate isSource(DataFlow::Node node) {
        node.asExpr().(FunctionCall).getTarget().hasGlobalName("ntohl")
    }

    override predicate isSink(DataFlow::Node node) {
        exists(ArrayExpr ae | node.asExpr() = ae.getArrayOffset())
    }
}

from DataFlow::Node ntohl, DataFlow::Node offset, NetworkToBufferSizeConfiguration conf
where conf.hasFlow(ntohl, offset)
select offset, "This array offset may be influenced by $@.", ntohl,
      "converted data from the network"
```

Real world bug!

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rabbitmq-c

- Client library to talk to RabbitMQ.
- Let's rediscover this vulnerability I found by using CodeQL.
- <https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2019-18609>
- Solutions to the exercises can be found in the **testcase** folder.

rabbitmq-c: where do we begin?

- Since this is a network client library we can start our research by looking for data read from the network.
- Build a query that shows you all the calls to **recv**.
 - Solution: testcase/ex0.ql
- There is only one result, a function called **amqp_tcp_socket_recv**.
- Build another query to investigate how is this function used.
 - Solution: testcase/ex1.ql
- Looks like this function is not called? What about function accesses?
- Build a query that shows you where is this function accessed.
 - Solution: testcase/ex2.ql

Sleazy amqp_tcp_socket_recv

- So this function is referenced via a function pointer in **amqp_socket_class_t**
- So we need to know what is the name of the function pointer.
- Build a query that gets you the definition of the struct **amqp_socket_class_t**.
 - Hint: use Struct.getName() = “amqp_socket_class_t”.
 - Solution: testcase/ex3.ql

Calls to recv

- We now that the target function is stored inside a struct.
- Now we need to see where it is used.
- Build a query that gets all the accesses to the structure field **recv**.
 - Hints
 - Get the struct.
 - Get a field of the struct.
 - Now get an access to the field.
 - Solution: testcase/ex4.ql

The end of the tunnel!

- So there is only one place that used the function pointer.
 - amqp_socket_recv
- Inspect what the function does by getting all its callers.
 - Solution: testcase/ex5.ql
- There is only one place and it populates an interesting structure called sock_inbound_buffer with network data.

Taint source

- Knowing that `amqp_bytes_t::bytes` contain network data create a class that encapsulates all accesses to this field.
 - Hints
 - Extend `FieldAccess` and check that the field name is **bytes**
 - Use **getQualifier** to get the structure that has this field.
 - Check that the structure type is **amqp_bytes_t**
 - Solution: testcase/ex6.ql

Taint sink

- A classic bug is reading a size from the network and allocating memory with it.
- Missing the proper checks can lead to vulnerabilities.
- rabbitmq-c uses **amqp_pool_alloc_bytes** to allocate memory.
- Create a class that represents this function.
 - Solution: testcase/ex7.ql

Taint Configuration

- Implement a taint configuration that
 - Defines as its source of taint the class defined in ex6.ql
 - Hint: check that the type of the source expression is the one defined in ex6.ql.
 - Defines as a sink the class defined in ex7.ql
 - Hint: Get a call and check that the sink is an argument to the call we are interested in.

lgtm.com

Can't grep this

OffensiveCon 

LGTM

- www.lgtm.com
- Continuous analysis of indexed open source projects.
- Has a web console that allows you to run queries.
- You can also download the databases for your personal use offline.
- **Warning:** projects will usually be compiled without much intervention. This leads to certain areas of the code to be not present in the database.
 - This is specially important for things like the linux kernel as many of the drivers will not be enabled.

<https://lgtm.com/projects/g/torvalds/linux/>



The screenshot shows the lgtm.com project page for the torvalds/linux repository. The top navigation bar includes links for Blog, Help, Query console, Community, Project lists, My alerts, and a user profile for Agustin Gianni. The main header displays the project name "torvalds/linux" and a GitHub icon. Below the header, there are tabs for C/C++ (selected), Python, JavaScript, and Code quality. The "Alerts" tab is active, showing 1.2k alerts. Other tabs include Logs, Files, History, Compare, Integrations, and Queries. A green banner at the top right announces "Semmle is joining GitHub". The "Active alerts" section shows a total of 4703d91 alerts, with 14 Errors, 532 Warnings, and 633 Recommendations. Alert filters are available for Severity, Query, Tag, Language, and Group by query. An "Export alerts" button is also present.

torvalds/linux

C/C++ Python JavaScript Code quality

Alerts 1.2k

Logs Files History Compare Integrations Queries

Semmle is joining GitHub

Active alerts 4703d91

Alert filters

No filter selected Export alerts

Severity Query Tag Language Group by query

Displaying 1179 alerts, grouped by query.

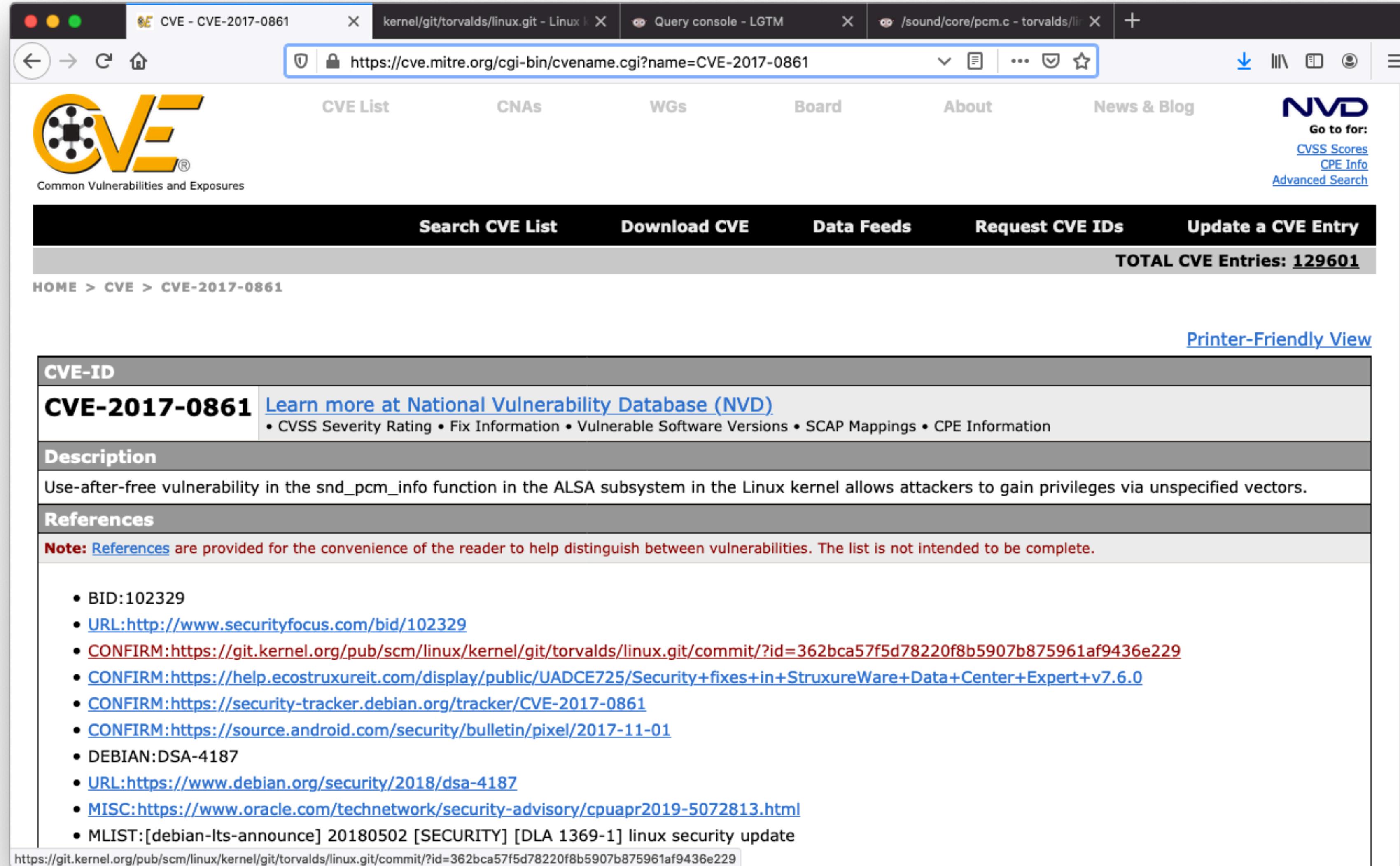
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Exploring LGTM

Exercise

- Find information about CVE-2017-0861
- Login to LGTM
- Query for the relevant functions

<https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name= CVE-2017-0861> 



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Address Bar:** https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name= CVE-2017-0861
- Header:** The page is titled "CVE - CVE-2017-0861". There are tabs for "kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git - Linux", "Query console - LGTM", and "/sound/core/pcm.c - torvalds/linux".
- Navigation:** Standard browser navigation buttons (back, forward, search, etc.) are visible.
- Logo:** The CVE logo is on the left.
- Menu:** Links to "CVE List", "CNAs", "WGs", "Board", "About", "News & Blog", and the "NVD" section.
- Search/Actions:** Buttons for "Search CVE List", "Download CVE", "Data Feeds", "Request CVE IDs", and "Update a CVE Entry".
- Total Entries:** TOTAL CVE Entries: 129601
- Breadcrumbs:** HOME > CVE > CVE-2017-0861
- Printer-Friendly View:** A link in the top right corner.
- CVE-ID Section:** Contains "CVE-2017-0861" and a link to "Learn more at National Vulnerability Database (NVD)". Sub-links include CVSS Severity Rating, Fix Information, Vulnerable Software Versions, SCAP Mappings, and CPE Information.
- Description:** Describes a use-after-free vulnerability in the snd_pcm_info function in the ALSA subsystem.
- References:** Notes that references are provided for convenience. A list of sources follows:

 - BID:102329
 - URL:<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/102329>
 - CONFIRM:<https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git/commit/?id=362bca57f5d78220f8b5907b875961af9436e229>
 - CONFIRM:<https://help.ecostruxureit.com/display/public/UADCE725/Security+fixes+in+StruxureWare+Data+Center+Expert+v7.6.0>
 - CONFIRM:<https://security-tracker.debian.org/tracker/CVE-2017-0861>
 - CONFIRM:<https://source.android.com/security/bulletin/pixel/2017-11-01>
 - DEBIAN:DSA-4187
 - URL:<https://www.debian.org/security/2018/dsa-4187>
 - MISC:<https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/security-advisory/cpuapr2019-5072813.html>
 - MLIST:[debian-lts-announce] 20180502 [SECURITY] [DLA 1369-1] linux security update

- Footer:** A link to the original git commit: <https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git/commit/?id=362bca57f5d78220f8b5907b875961af9436e229>

Git Commit



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a git commit page for the Linux kernel. The URL is <https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git/commit/?id=362bca57f5d78220f8b5907b875961af9436e229>. The browser has three tabs open: CVE - CVE-2017-0861, kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git - Linux k, and Query console - LGTM.

index : kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git

Linux kernel source tree

Linus Torvalds

about summary refs log tree commit diff stats

log msg search

diff options

context: 3 space: include mode: unified

author Robb Glasser <rglasser@google.com> 2017-12-05 09:16:55 -0800
committer Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de> 2017-12-05 23:28:08 +0100
commit 362bca57f5d78220f8b5907b875961af9436e229 (patch)
tree 744d83b54aa7820babaa178e52336159b024b161
parent f429e7e494afaded76e62c6f98211a635aa03098 (diff)
download linux-362bca57f5d78220f8b5907b875961af9436e229.tar.gz

ALSA: pcm: prevent UAF in snd_pcm_info

When the device descriptor is closed, the `substream->runtime` pointer is freed. But another thread may be in the ioctl handler, case SNDDRV_CTL_IOCTL_PCM_INFO. This case calls snd_pcm_info_user() which calls snd_pcm_info() which accesses the now freed `substream->runtime`.

Note: this fixes CVE-2017-0861

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Diffstat

-rw-r--r-- sound/core/pcm.c 2

1 files changed, 2 insertions, 0 deletions

diff --git a/sound/core/pcm.c b/sound/core/pcm.c
index 9070f277f8db..09ee8c6b9f75 100644
--- a/sound/core/pcm.c
+++ b/sound/core/pcm.c
@@ -153,7 +153,9 @@ static int snd_pcm_control_ioctl(struct snd_card *card,

<https://lgtm.com/query/3144676886775174305/>



The screenshot shows the LGTM Query console interface. At the top, there are four tabs: "CVE - CVE-2017-0861", "kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git - Linux", "Query console - LGTM", and "/sound/core/pcm.c - torvalds/linux". The URL in the address bar is <https://lgtm.com/query/3144676886775174305/>. The main area has a purple header "Query" with a green underline. Below it is a code editor containing the following query:

```
1 import cpp
2
3 from Function function
4 where function.getName() = "snd_pcm_control_ioctl"
5 select function|
```

On the right side of the editor is a blue "View results" button. Below the editor is a link "View some example queries".

Below the editor, it says "Query ran on 1 project" and "Run 9 minutes ago". To the right are buttons for "Order query runs by..." and "Share".

The results section shows a single result for the "torvalds/linux" project, commit [4703d91](#), with 1 result. The result is a function named "snd_pcm_control_ioctl" located at "pcm.c:83".

At the bottom, the full URL is shown: <https://lgtm.com/projects/g/torvalds/linux/snapshot/2e94b4c2686902775ba526b8f91bd2a61654f610/files/sound/core/pcm.c#L83>.

LGTM Result



The screenshot shows a web browser window with four tabs open:

- CVE - CVE-2017-0861
- kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git - Linux
- Query console - LGTM
- /sound/core/pcm.c - torvalds/lirc

The main content area is the LGTM interface, displaying a code editor with the following C code from `sound/core/pcm.c`:

```
83 static int snd_pcm_control_ioctl(struct snd_card *card,
84                                 struct snd_ctl_file *control,
85                                 unsigned int cmd, unsigned long arg)
86 {
87     switch (cmd) {
88     case SNDDRV_IOCTL_PCM_NEXT_DEVICE:
89         {
90             int device;
91
92             if (get_user(device, (int __user *)arg))
93                 return -EFAULT;
94             mutex_lock(&register_mutex);
95             device = snd_pcm_next(card, device);
96             mutex_unlock(&register_mutex);
97             if (put_user(device, (int __user *)arg))
98                 return -EFAULT;
99             return 0;
100        }
101    case SNDDRV_IOCTL_PCM_INFO:
102        {
103            struct snd_pcm_info __user *info;
104            unsigned int device, subdevice;
105            int stream;
106            struct snd_pcm *pcm;
107            struct snd_pcm_str *pstr;
108            struct snd_pcm_substream *substream;
109            int err;
110
111            info = (struct snd_pcm_info __user *)arg;
```

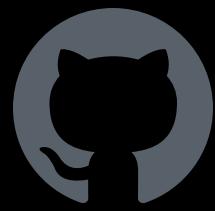
Query MetaData

- Expressed as a docstring comment.
- Changes the behavior of the engine.
- <https://help.semme.com/QL/learn-ql/writing-queries/query-metadata.html>
- <https://help.semme.com/QL/learn-ql/writing-queries/introduction-to-queries.html>

Query MetaData

Add header comment `/** ... */` at beginning of QL file to provide metadata:

- **@name:** a descriptive name of the query
- **@description:** a short description of what the query does
- **@id:** a unique identifier for the query (important for LGTM)
- **@kind:** how to display results, e.g. “@kind problem” for alert queries



Questions? Concerns? Comments?

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