

# The K Framework

A tool kit for language semantics and verification

**PM Session**  
**Smart Contract Verification with kontrol**

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- Intro to Blockchain, EVM, and Solidity
- Smart Contract Testing and Verification:
  - Unit Testing and Fuzzing with Foundry
  - Symbolic Execution with **kontrol**
- **kontrol** hands-on

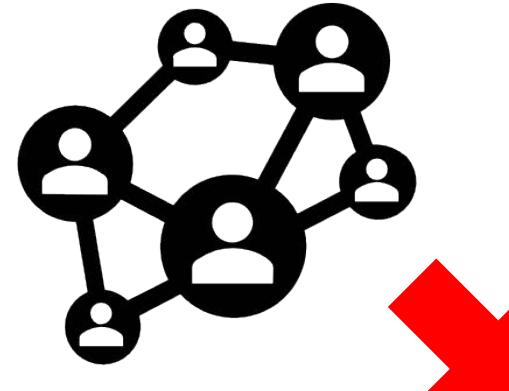
**Github repository for all materials**

<https://github.com/runtimeverification/k-tutorial-atva-2023>

# Intro to Blockchain

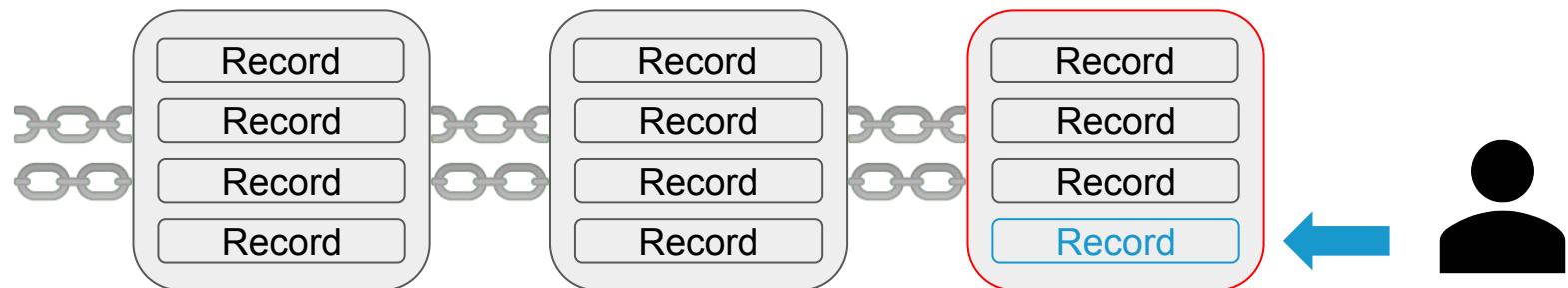
# Blockchain

Managed by **peer-to-peer network**



Which records to be included?  
**Consensus mechanism**

Who can propose records?  
**Permissionless => Anyone**



From Wiki: A **blockchain** is a **distributed** ledger with growing lists of records (blocks) that are securely linked together via cryptographic hashes.

# Intro to Ethereum

# Ethereum

- Transaction-based state machine
- Transactions are atomic
- ETH is native cryptocurrency



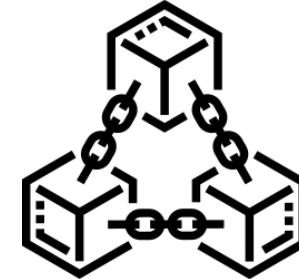
# EVM — Source code & bytecode

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

contract Counter {
    uint256 public number;

    function setNumber(uint256 newNumber) public {
        number = newNumber;
    }
}
```

608060405234801561000f575  
15600e575f80fd5b506004361  
942c14604e575b5f80fd5b603  
f35b6054606d565b604051605



Solidity source code



Bytecode



EVM

› solc src/Counter.sol --bin

Record	Virtual Machine
Transaction	Universal Ledger (e.g., Bitcoin)
Transaction involving a smart contract	Universal Virtual Machine (e.g., Ethereum)

EVM

# EVM — Opcode

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
```

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;
```

```
contract Counter {
    uint public count;

    function getCount() public view returns (uint) {
        return count;
    }
}
```

```
› solc src/Counter.sol --opcodes
```



1	PUSH1 0x80
2	PUSH1 0x40
3	MSTORE
4	CALLVALUE
5	DUP1
6	ISZERO
7	PUSH2 0xF
8	JUMPI
9	PUSH0
10	DUP1
11	REVERT
12	JUMPDEST
13	POP
14	PUSH1 0xD8
15	DUP1
16	PUSH2
17	0x1C

# EVM — Transaction & State Update



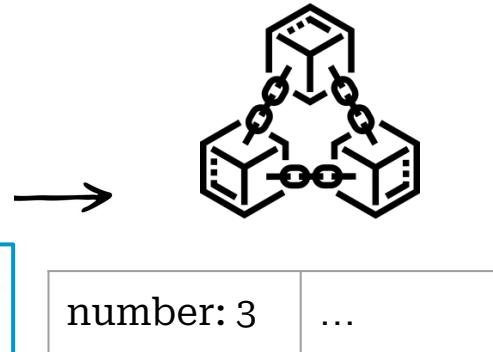
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A large black arrow pointing from the user icon towards the transaction details.

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

contract Counter {
    uint256 public number;

    function setNumber(uint256 newNumber) public {
        number = newNumber;
    }
}
```

The Solidity code defines a contract named 'Counter' with a public variable 'number' of type uint256. It includes a public function 'setNumber' that takes a uint256 parameter 'newNumber' and assigns it to the 'number' variable.

# Intro to Solidity Development

- Statically-typed, curly-bracket language, inspired by C++, JS, Python
- Contracts are like objects in OOP containing state variables, functions
- Has **contract-specific features**, e.g.,
  - custom global (blockchain) variables
  - require (guard) clauses
  - etc.
- Latest version is 0.8.21

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

contract Counter {
    uint256 public number;
    function setNumber(uint256 newNumber, address sender) public {
        require(sender == msg.sender);
        number = newNumber;
        assert(number == 3);
    }
}
```

# Smart Contract Testing and Verification

# Permissionless => Issues



Permissionless



- anyone can write a smart contract and deploy it to the network
  - anyone can inspect deployed smart contracts
- anyone can issue a transaction / interact with a smart contract



⚠ Security issues ⚠

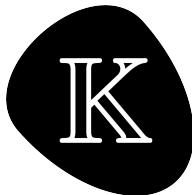
# Security Incidents



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1. **Ronin Network - REKT** *Unaudited*  
\$624,000,000 | 03/23/2022
  2. **Poly Network - REKT** *Unaudited*  
\$611,000,000 | 08/10/2021
  3. **BNB Bridge - REKT** *Unaudited*  
\$586,000,000 | 10/06/2022
  4. **SBF - MASK OFF** *N/A*  
\$477,000,000 | 11/12/22
  5. **Wormhole - REKT** *Neodyme*  
\$326,000,000 | 02/02/2022
  6. **Mixin Network - REKT** *N/A*  
\$200,000,000 | 09/23/2023
  7. **Euler Finance - REKT** *Sherlock*  
\$197,000,000 | 03/13/2023
  8. **BitMart - REKT** *N/A*  
\$196,000,000 | 12/04/2021
  9. **Nomad Bridge - REKT** *N/A*  
\$190,000,000 | 08/01/2022
  10. **Beanstalk - REKT** *Unaudited*  
\$181,000,000 | 04/17/2022

11. **Wintermute - REKT** *2 N/A*  
\$162,300,000 | 09/20/2022
12. **Compound - REKT** *Unaudited*  
\$147,000,000 | 09/29/2021
13. **Vulcan Forged - REKT** *Unaudited*  
\$140,000,000 | 12/13/2021
14. **Cream Finance - REKT** *2 Unaudited*  
\$130,000,000 | 10/27/2021
15. **Multichain - REKT** *2 N/A*  
\$126,300,000 | 07/06/2023
16. **BonqDAO - REKT** *Out of scope*  
\$120,000,000 | 02/01/2023
17. **Badger - REKT** *Unaudited*  
\$120,000,000 | 12/02/2021
18. **Mango Markets - REKT** *Out of Scope*  
\$115,000,000 | 10/11/2022
19. **Atomic Wallet - REKT** *Unaudited*  
\$100,000,000 | 06/02/2023
20. **Harmony Bridge - REKT** *N/A*  
\$100,000,000 | 06/23/2022

# Property Testing Tools

Unit testing	 Foundry	 Hardhat
Fuzz testing	 Foundry	
Formal verification	 <b>kontrol</b>	15

# The Foundry Toolkit



- Very **easy** to use - write property tests and test.
- Supports **fuzzing** over parametric tests at the Solidity level.
- Blazing **fast** execution, providing users with immediate feedback.
- There are no false positives<sup>1</sup>, but it can produce false negatives<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Tests that are supposed to pass will pass.

<sup>2</sup>Some tests that are supposed to fail may pass because the fuzzing test cannot find counterexamples within the limited number of runs.

# Foundry Cheat codes



```
54     function startPrank(address) external;
55     // Sets the *next* call's msg.sender to be the input address, and the tx.origin to be the
56     // second input
57     function prank(address,address) external;
58     // Sets all subsequent calls' msg.sender to be the input address until `stopPrank` is
59     // called, and the tx.origin to be the second input
60     function startPrank(address,address) external;
61     // Resets subsequent calls' msg.sender to be `address(this)`
62     function stopPrank() external;
63     // Sets an address' balance, (who, newBalance)
64     function deal(address, uint256) external;
65     // Sets an address' code, (who, newCode)
66     function etch(address, bytes calldata) external;
67     // Expects an error on next call
68     function expectRevert(bytes calldata) external;
69     function expectRevert(bytes4) external;
70     function expectRevert() external;
```

- A Solidity Interface that contains function signatures
- Give developers the ability to alter the state of the EVM from their own Solidity tests

# Foundry Fuzz Testing



```
function testBalanceOf(address addr, uint256 amount) public {
    ERC20 erc20 = new ERC20("Bucharest Workshop Token", "BWT");
    bytes32 storageLocation = getStorageLocationForKey(addr, BALANCES_STORAGE_INDEX);
    vm.assume(uint256(vm.load(address(erc20), storageLocation)) == amount);
    uint256 balance = erc20.balanceOf(addr);
    assertEq(balance, amount);
}
```

- Foundry would fuzz the values of the function parameters.

# Foundry Fuzz Testing Output



```
[anvacaru@desktop foundry-demo$ FOUNDY_FUZZ_RUNS=300 forge test
[..] Compiling...
No files changed, compilation skipped

Running 8 tests for test/ERC20.t.sol:ERC20Test
[PASS] testBalanceOf(address,uint256) (runs: 300, μ: 510340, ~: 510340) ←
[PASS] testName() (gas: 508343)
[PASS] testSymbol() (gas: 508387)
[PASS] testTotalSupply(uint256) (runs: 300, μ: 509813, ~: 509813)
[PASS] testTransferFailure_0(address,uint256) (runs: 300, μ: 510167, ~: 510167)
[PASS] testTransferFailure_1(uint256) (runs: 300, μ: 509723, ~: 509723)
[PASS] testTransferFailure_2() (gas: 513545)
[FAIL. Reason: The `vm.assume` cheatcode rejected too many inputs (65536 allowed)]
,address,uint256,uint256,uint256) (runs: 9, μ: 516918, ~: 516918)
Test result: FAILED. 7 passed; 1 failed; finished in 3.59s
```

But recall that ...

**Some tests that are supposed to fail may pass** because the fuzzing test cannot find counterexamples within the limited number of runs.

# Foundry hands-on

# Foundry Installation & Project Initialization

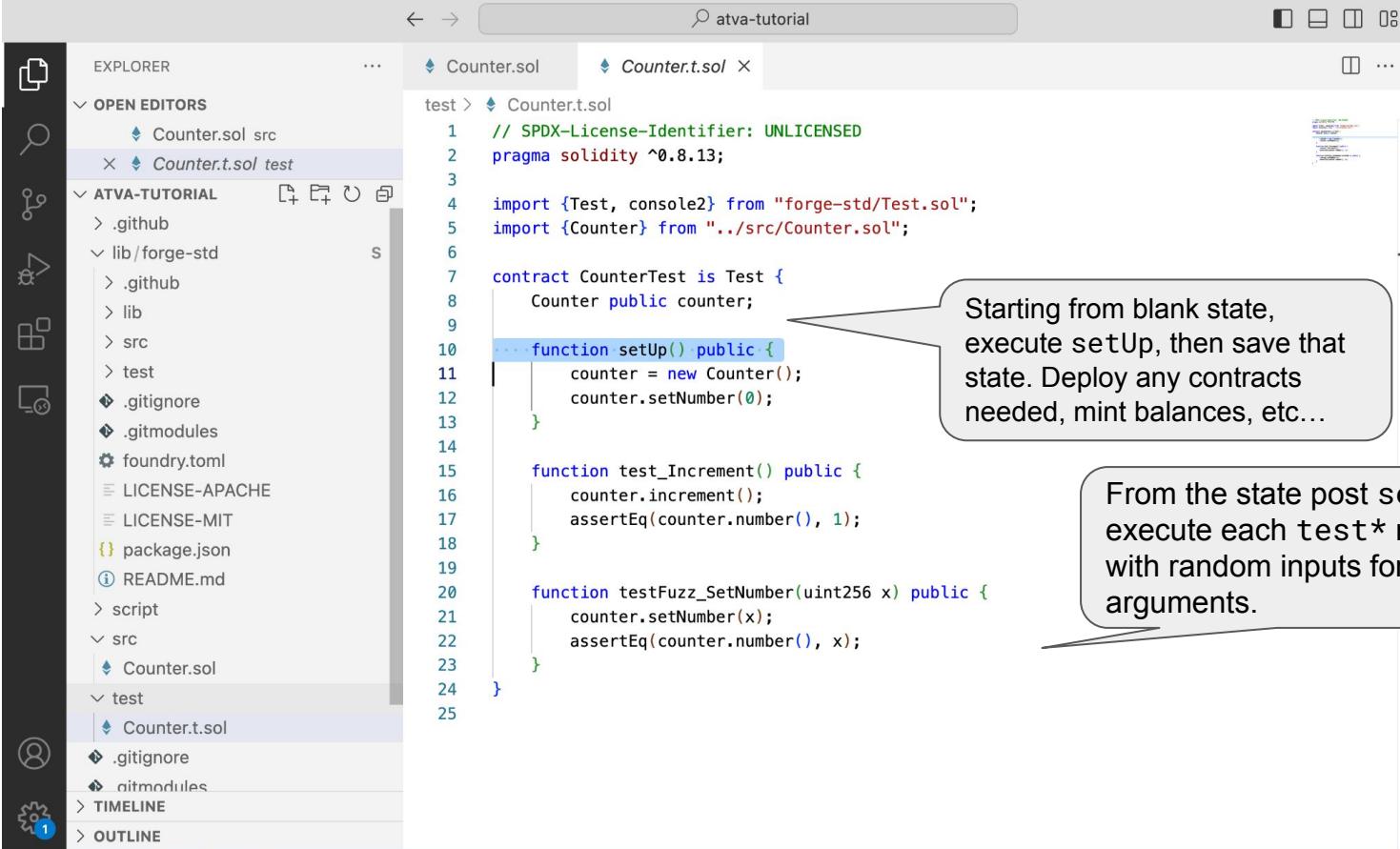


- `curl -L https://foundry.paradigm.xyz | bash`
- `foundryup`
- *...depending on your system, additional steps might be needed...*

*// creating & initializing the project*

- `mkdir foundry-project && cd foundry-project`
- `forge init --no-commit`

# Foundry Project Structure



The screenshot shows the Foundry IDE interface. The left sidebar displays the project structure under 'OPEN EDITORS' and 'ATVA-TUTORIAL'. The right pane shows two tabs: 'Counter.sol' and 'Counter.t.sol'. The 'Counter.t.sol' tab is active, displaying Solidity test code. A callout bubble points to the first few lines of the code, which define a contract named CounterTest that inherits from Test and contains a setUp function that initializes a Counter instance with zero.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import {Test, console2} from "forge-std/Test.sol";
import {Counter} from "../src/Counter.sol";

contract CounterTest is Test {
    Counter public counter;

    function setUp() public {
        counter = new Counter();
        counter.setNumber(0);
    }

    function test_Increment() public {
        counter.increment();
        assertEq(counter.number(), 1);
    }

    function testFuzz_SetNumber(uint256 x) public {
        counter.setNumber(x);
        assertEq(counter.number(), x);
    }
}
```

Starting from blank state, execute `setUp`, then save that state. Deploy any contracts needed, mint balances, etc...

From the state post `setUp`, execute each `test*` method with random inputs for the arguments.

# Testing & Fuzzing w/Foundry (1)



- Run `forge test`

```
> forge test
[+] Compiling...
[+] Compiling 1 files with 0.8.21
[+] Solc 0.8.21 finished in 818.52ms
Compiler run successful!

Running 2 tests for test/Counter.t.sol:CounterTest
[PASS] testFuzz_SetNumber(uint256) (runs: 256, μ: 27864, ~: 28409)
[PASS] test_Increment() (gas: 28379)
Test result: ok. 2 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 11.14ms

Ran 1 test suites: 2 tests passed, 0 failed, 0 skipped (2 total tests)
```

- Now, add the following test to `Counter.t.sol`:

```
function test_failure(uint256 x) public {
    if (x == 4) {
        assert(false);
    }
}
```

- Add more digits to the constant (e.g., `4` -> `421`)

# Foundry Project Configuration



## More config options:

<https://github.com/foundry-rs/foundry/blob/master/crates/config/README.md>

# Symbolic execution using kontrol

# What is KEVM?



- KEVM = Formal semantics of the Ethereum Virtual Machine in K Framework.
  - Passes same conformance test-suite as other clients.
  - Enables symbolic execution (and thus verification) of EVM bytecode.
  - Online: <https://jellopaper.org> or  
<https://github.com/runtimeverification/evm-semantics>
- Defined using a configuration and transition rules.
- Used by Runtime Verification in formal engagements.
- Large-scale proving with K and ACT (from Multi-Collateral Dai system - 1011 proofs)

# KEVM Former Approach



```
contract ERC20 {  
    ...  
    mapping(address => uint256) private _balances;  
  
    function balanceOf(address account) external view returns (uint256) {  
        return _balances[account];  
    }  
}
```

Provide formal verification  
BUT  
difficult to write proofs

# KEVM Former Approach



# Aiming for Formal Verification



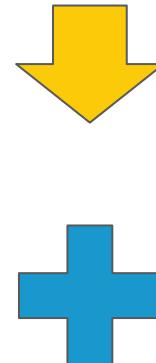
- Hoare Triples -  $(\forall \text{ vars})\{\text{pre-conditions}\} \text{ code } \{\text{post-conditions}\}$
- We can use Foundry and KEVM to define Hoare Triples in Solidity parametric tests.

```
function testProperty(vars) external {
    assume pre;
    code;
    assert post;
}
```

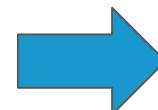
- Using the symbolic execution capabilities of KEVM, it will formally verify the specifications.

KEVM former approach might be too challenging

Property test function  
from Foundry  
  
(Easy to write)



Symbolic execution  
of KEVM  
  
(Formal verification)



# kontrol

# kontrol hands-on

# kontrol Installation



- bash <(curl https://kframework.org/install)
- **kup install kontrol**
- **kup list**

A screenshot of a terminal window titled "personal@Palinas-MacBook-Pro:~/rv/atva-tutorial". The window shows the output of the "kup list" command. The output includes the command run, file sizes, download progress, and a success message. Below this, a table lists packages and their status.

Package name (alias)	Installed version	Status
kup	ccb9ca9ab0f42ef997d8a9ab33df1a37c7299757 3997d65c227fdfe4e67cedfc83a8a2d2436229e6 (v6.0.87)	installed
k.openssl.procps	132a6c5cb18b4795f90b1b8dfc26fea0baa6ac82 (v0.1.34)	newer version available
kontrol	132a6c5cb18b4795f90b1b8dfc26fea0baa6ac82 (v0.1.34)	installed
kavm		available
kevm		available
kplutus		available
kmir		available
kore-exec		available
kore-rpc		available
kore-rpc-booster		available
pyk		available
booster		available

# kontrol hands-on: Example #1 (Counter)



- Let's make the Counter contract more interesting:

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

error CoffeeBreak();

contract Counter {
    uint256 public number;

    function setNumber(uint256 newNumber, bool inLuck) public {
        number = newNumber;
        if (newNumber == 0xC0FFEE && inLuck == true) {
            revert CoffeeBreak();
        }
    }

    function increment() public {
        number++;
    }
}
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example #1



- And `testSetNumber` — more challenging to verify

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import "forge-std/Test.sol";
import "../src/Counter.sol";

contract CounterTest is Test {
    Counter public counter;

    function setUp() public {
        counter = new Counter();
        counter.setNumber(0, false);
    }

    function testIncrement() public {
        counter.increment();
        assertEq(counter.number(), 1);
    }

    function testSetNumber(uint256 x, bool inLuck) public {
        counter.setNumber(x, inLuck);
        assertEq(counter.number(), x);
    }
}
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example 1



- **Compile:**
  - `kontrol build --verbose`
- **Verify:**
  - `kontrol prove --test CounterTest.testSetNumber \`  
`--use-booster \`  
`- counterexample-information`
- **Examine:**
  - `kontrol view-kcfg --test CounterTest.testSetNumber`
  - `kontrol list`

# kontrol hands-on: Example 2



```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

error CoffeeBreak();

contract Counter {
    uint256 public number;

    bool public isActive;

    function activate() public {
        isActive = true;
    }

    function setNumber(uint256 newNumber, bool inLuck) public {
        number = newNumber;
        if (newNumber == 0xC0FFEE && inLuck == true && isActive == true) {
            revert CoffeeBreak();
        }
    }

    function increment() public {
        number++;
    }
}
```

# kontrol hands-on: Kontrol Cheatcodes



- **forge install**

**runtimeverification/kontrol-cheatcodes**

**--no-commit**

```
interface KontrolCheatsBase {
    // Expects a call using the CALL opcode to an address with the specified calldata.
    function expectRegularCall(address,bytes calldata) external;
    // Expects a call using the CALL opcode to an address with the specified msg.value and calldata.
    function expectRegularCall(address,uint256,bytes calldata) external;
    // Expects a static call to an address with the specified calldata.
    function expectStaticCall(address,bytes calldata) external;
    // Expects a delegate call to an address with the specified calldata.
    function expectDelegateCall(address,bytes calldata) external;
    // Expects that no contract calls are made after invoking the cheatcode.
    function expectNoCall() external;
    // Expects the given address to deploy a new contract, using the CREATE opcode, with the specified value and bytecode.
    function expectCreate(address,uint256,bytes calldata) external;
    // Expects the given address to deploy a new contract, using the CREATE2 opcode, with the specified value and bytecode (appended with a bytes32 salt).
    function expectCreate2(address,uint256,bytes calldata) external;
    // Makes the storage of the given address completely symbolic.
    function symbolicStorage(address) external;
    // Adds an address to the whitelist.
    function allowCallsToAddress(address) external;
    // Adds an address and a storage slot to the whitelist.
    function allowChangesToStorage(address,uint256) external;
    // Sets the remaining gas to an infinite value.
    function infiniteGas() external;
    // Sets the current <gas> cell to the supplied amount.
    function setGas(uint256) external;
    // Returns a symbolic unsigned integer
    function freshUInt(uint8) external returns (uint256);
    // Returns a symbolic boolean value
    function freshBool() external returns (uint256);
}

abstract contract KontrolCheats {
    KontrolCheatsBase public constant kevm = KontrolCheatsBase(address(uint160(uint256(keccak256("hevm cheat code")))));
    // Checks if an address matches one of the built-in addresses.
    function notBuiltInAddress(address addr) internal pure returns (bool) {
        return (addr != address(6453264744265472031341006915390598525362434349) &&
                addr != address(728815563385977040452943777879061427756277306518));
    }
}
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example 2



```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import "forge-std/Test.sol";
import "../src/Counter.sol";
import "kontrol-cheatcodes/KontrolCheats.sol";

contract CounterTest is Test, KontrolCheats {
    Counter public counter;

    function setUp() public {
        counter = new Counter();
        // counter.activate();
        counter.setNumber(0, false);
    }

    function testIncrement() public {
        counter.increment();
        assertEq(counter.number(), 1);
    }

    function testSetNumber(uint256 x, bool inLuck) public {
        kevm.symbolicStorage(address(counter));
        counter.setNumber(x, inLuck);
        assertEq(counter.number(), x);
    }
}
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example 2



```
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pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import "forge-std/Test.sol";
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        //    counter.activate();
        counter.setNumber(0, false);
    }

    function testIncrement() public {
        counter.increment();
        assertEq(counter.number(), 1);
    }

    function testSetNumber(uint256 x, bool inLuck) public {
        . . .
        kevm.symbolicStorage(address(counter));
        counter.setNumber(x, inLuck);
        assertEq(counter.number(), x);
    }
}
```

```
> kontrol prove --use-booster
```

```
PROOF FAILED: ('CounterTest.testSetNumber(uint256,bool)', 0)
1 Failure nodes. (0 pending and 1 failing)
```

Failing nodes:

Node id: 64

Failure reason:

```
Implication check failed, the following is the remaining implication:
( ( { VV0_x_114b9705:Int #Equals 12648430 }
#And ( { true #Equals VV1_inLuck_114b9705:Int ==Int 1 ==Bool true }
#And ( { true #Equals #rangeBool ( VV1_inLuck_114b9705:Int )
#And { true #Equals ( notBool ( maxUInt8 &Int #lookup ( ?STORAGE:Map , 1 ) ) ==Int 0 ) ==Bool true } ) ) #Implies { true #Equals foundry_success ( ... statusCode: EVMC_REVERT , failed: #lookup ( .Map , 4630802232649500702797272867
791791489272979299929974583047559687180801507328 ) , revertExpected: false , opcodeExpected: false , recordEventExpected: false , eventExpected: false } )
Path condition:
( { true #Equals ( notBool ( notBool VV0_x_114b9705:Int ==Int 12648430 ) ) }
#And ( { true #Equals ( notBool ( notBool VV1_inLuck_114b9705:Int ==Int 1 ==Bool true ) ) }
#And { true #Equals ( notBool ( notBool ( maxUInt8 &Int #lookup ( ?STORAGE:Map , 1 ) ) ==Int 0 ) ==Bool true }
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example 3 (Solady)



```
contract Solady {
    /// @dev The scalar of ETH and most ERC20s.
    uint256 internal constant WAD = 1e18;

    /// @dev Equivalent to `(x * y) / WAD` rounded down.
    function mulWad(uint256 x, uint256 y) public pure returns (uint256 z) {
        /// @solidity memory-safe-assembly
        assembly {
            // Equivalent to `require(y == 0 || x <= type(uint256).max / y)`.
            if mul(y, gt(x, div(not(0), y))) {
                mstore(0x00, 0xbac65e5b) // `MulWadFailed()`.

                revert(0x1c, 0x04)
            }
            z := div(mul(x, y), WAD)
        }
    }
}
```

SolADY

<https://github.com/Vectorized/solady>

# kontrol hands-on: Example 3 (Solady)



```
function testMulWad(uint256 x, uint256 y) public {
    if(y == 0 || x <= type(uint256).max / y) {
        uint256 zSpec = (x * y) / WAD;
        uint256 zImpl = solady.mulWad(x, y);
        assertEq(zImpl, zSpec);
    } else {
        vm.expectRevert();
        solady.mulWad(x, y);
    }
}
```

```
> kontrol build
```

```
> kontrol prove --test SoladyTest.testMulWad --use-booster
```

```
> kontrol view-kcfg --test SoladyTest.testMulWad
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example 3 (Solady)



- Adding lemmas:

```
≡ lemmas.k
1   requires "evm.md"
2   requires "foundry.md"
3
4   module DEMO-LEMMAS
5       imports BOOL
6       imports FOUNDRY
7       imports INFINITE-GAS
8       imports INT-SYMBOLIC
9
10      rule bool2Word ( X ) => 1 requires X      [simplification]
11      rule bool2Word ( X ) => 0 requires notBool X [simplification]
12  endmodule
```

```
> kontrol build --rekompile --require ./lemmas.k --module-import SoladyTest:DEMO-LEMMAS
> kontrol prove --test SoladyTest.testMulWad --use-booster--reinit
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example 4 (Loops)



```
contract LoopsTest is Test {
    function sum_N(uint n) public returns (uint) {
        vm.assume(n <= 51816696836262767);

        uint s = 0;
        while (0 < n) {
            s = s + n;
            n = n - 1;
        }
        return s;
    }

    function test_sum_10() public returns (uint) {
        return sum_N(10);
    }
}
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example 4 (Loops)



```
> kontrol prove --test LoopsTest.test_sum_10 --use-booster  
> kontrol prove --test LoopsTest.sum_N
```

```
// bound loop iterations
```

```
> kontrol prove --test LoopsTest.sum_N --bmc-depth 3
```

```
// add loop invariant
```

```
> kontrol build --recompile --require ./invariant_lemmas.k --module-import  
LoopsTest:SUM-TO-N-INVARIANT
```

```
> kontrol prove --test LoopsTest.sum_N --bmc-depth 3
```

# kontrol hands-on: Example 5 (`wmul`)



```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import "forge-std/Test.sol";

contract Examples is Test {
    uint256 constant MAX_INT = (2 ** 256) - 1;
    uint constant WAD = 10 ** 18;

    function wmul(uint x, uint y) internal pure returns (uint z) {
        z = (x * y) / WAD;
    }

    function test_wmul_increasing(uint a, uint b) public {
        uint c = wmul(a, b);
        // overflow check
        assertTrue(a < c && b < c);
    }
}
```

# Step-by-step tutorial



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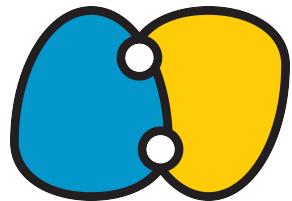
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