

Kontrol UnlocKed

Foundry-based Formal Verification for 10x Devs and Auditors

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Getting Kontrol



- Via `kup` (most user friendly):
 - `bash <(curl https://kframework.org/install)`
 - `kup install kontrol`
 - `kup repo:`
<https://github.com/runtimeverification/kup>

Reproduction Steps



Workshop repository:



github.com/runtimeverification/kontrol-dss-2024

Your Kontrol
Journey Starts
Here.



```
function testMulWad(uint256 x, uint256 y) public {
    // No overflow case
    if (y == 0 || x <= type(uint256).max / y) {
        uint256 zSpec = (x * y) / WAD;
        uint256 zImpl = mulWad(x, y);
        // mulWad behaves as specified
        assert(zImpl == zSpec);
    } else {
        // If overflow, it should revert
        vm.expectRevert(MulWadFailed.selector);
        // External call needed for expectRevert to kick in
        this.mulWad(x, y);
    }
}
```

- You can run it as a Kontrol proof 
- Executing it symbolically instead of concretely 



Swap “forge” with “kontrol” and “test” with “prove”:

forge build



kontrol build

forge test



kontrol prove

Got `testFoo`? You can `proveFoo` and `checkFoo` too!

Three proof prefixes:

- `test` (foundry)
- `prove` (hevm)
- `check` (halmos)



Cheatcodes



- Kontrol is kompatible with Foundry cheatcodes
- Tests enhanced by Kontrol's own cheatcodes
- Foundry included some of Kontrol's cheatcodes recently!



- Compatible with Foundry cheatcodes
 - Most execution-related cheatcodes work in Kontrol
 - Reach out to us if you're missing a cheatcode!
 - Check out which cheatcodes have been implemented [here](#)



- Tests enhanced by Kontrol's own cheatcodes
 - We have our own symbolically-oriented cheatcodes
 - E.g.: `symbolicStorage(address)`, `fresh$type`, `expect*Call`
 - Caution, these are not(*) executable with Foundry!



- Foundry included/adapted some of Kontrol's cheatcodes recently!
 - `setArbitraryStorage`
 - `copyStorage`
 - `mockFunction`
 - `random*`, where $*$ $\in \{\text{Uint}, \text{Bool}, \text{Address}, \text{Bytes}\}$

- Kontrol Equivalents
 - `setArbitraryStorage` → `symbolicStorage`
 - `copyStorage` → Same
 - `mockFunction` → Same
 - `random*` → `fresh*`

- `setArbitraryStorage`
 - Foundry Version:

Sets a **fixed (concrete)** random value to **uninitialized** or **unread** storage slots
 - Kontrol Version (also called `symbolicStorage`):

Sets the **entire storage** of an account as **symbolic**



- `copyStorage`
 - Foundry Version == Kontrol Version
 - Copies the entire storage from one account to another
 - Kontrol bonus: includes **transient storage**
 - Foundry caveat: won't work if `setArbitraryStorage` has been used



- `mockFunction`
 - Foundry Version == Kontrol Version
 - Enhances the existing `mockCall` cheatcode:
 - `mockCall` swaps a call with a **specified return value**
 - `mockFunction` swaps a call with a **specified function call**

- `random*`, where $*$ $\in \{\text{Uint}, \text{Bool}, \text{Address}, \text{Bytes}\}$
 - Foundry Version:
Outputs a **new fixed (concrete) random** value of the desired type
 - Kontrol version: `fresh*`, where $*$ $\in \{\text{Uint}, \text{Bool}, \text{Address}, \text{Bytes}\}$
Outputs a **new symbolic** value of the desired type

- Not (yet) implemented in Foundry:
 - `expectRegularCall`
 - `expectStaticCall`
 - `expectDelegateCall`
 - `expectNoCall`
 - `expectCreate`
 - `expectCreate2`



Why so symbolic?



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Why so symbolic?



All unit
tests have
passed





Why so symbolic?



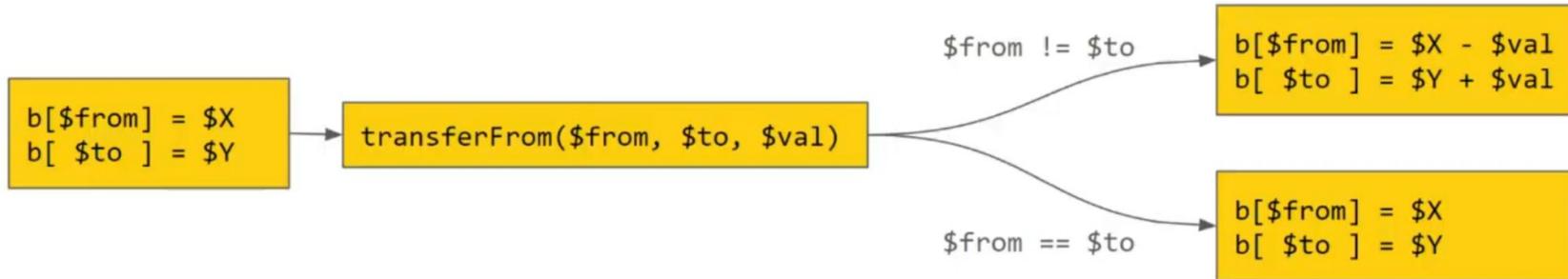
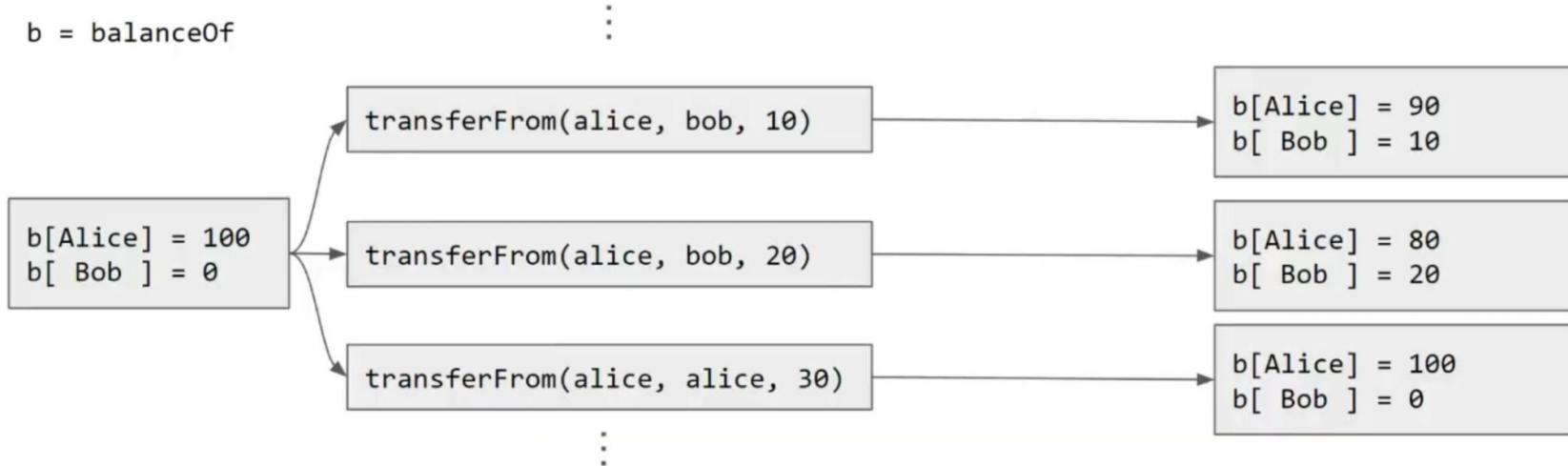
```
function setUp() public {
    token = new Token();
    vm.setArbitraryStorage(address(token));
}

// ∀ to, ∀ value, the transfer(to, value) will revert if the sender is address(0).
function test_transfer_RevertsWhenCallerIsZero(address to, uint256 value) public
{
    vm.startPrank(address(0));
    vm.expectRevert(abi.encodeWithSelector(IERC20Errors.ERC20InvalidSender.selector, address(0)));
    token.transfer(to, value);
}
```

What is Symbolic Execution?

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What is Symbolic Execution?



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- What is symbolic execution?
 - Execution
 - Symbolic
 - Not concrete
- Great. Let's elaborate:
 - `transferFrom(address from, address to, uint256 val)`
 - **Concrete** execution =
 - Execute with **concrete** `from`, `to` and `val`
 - Obtain **concrete** state update
 - **Symbolic** execution =
 - Execute with **symbolic** `from`, `to` or `val`
 - Obtain **symbolic** state update

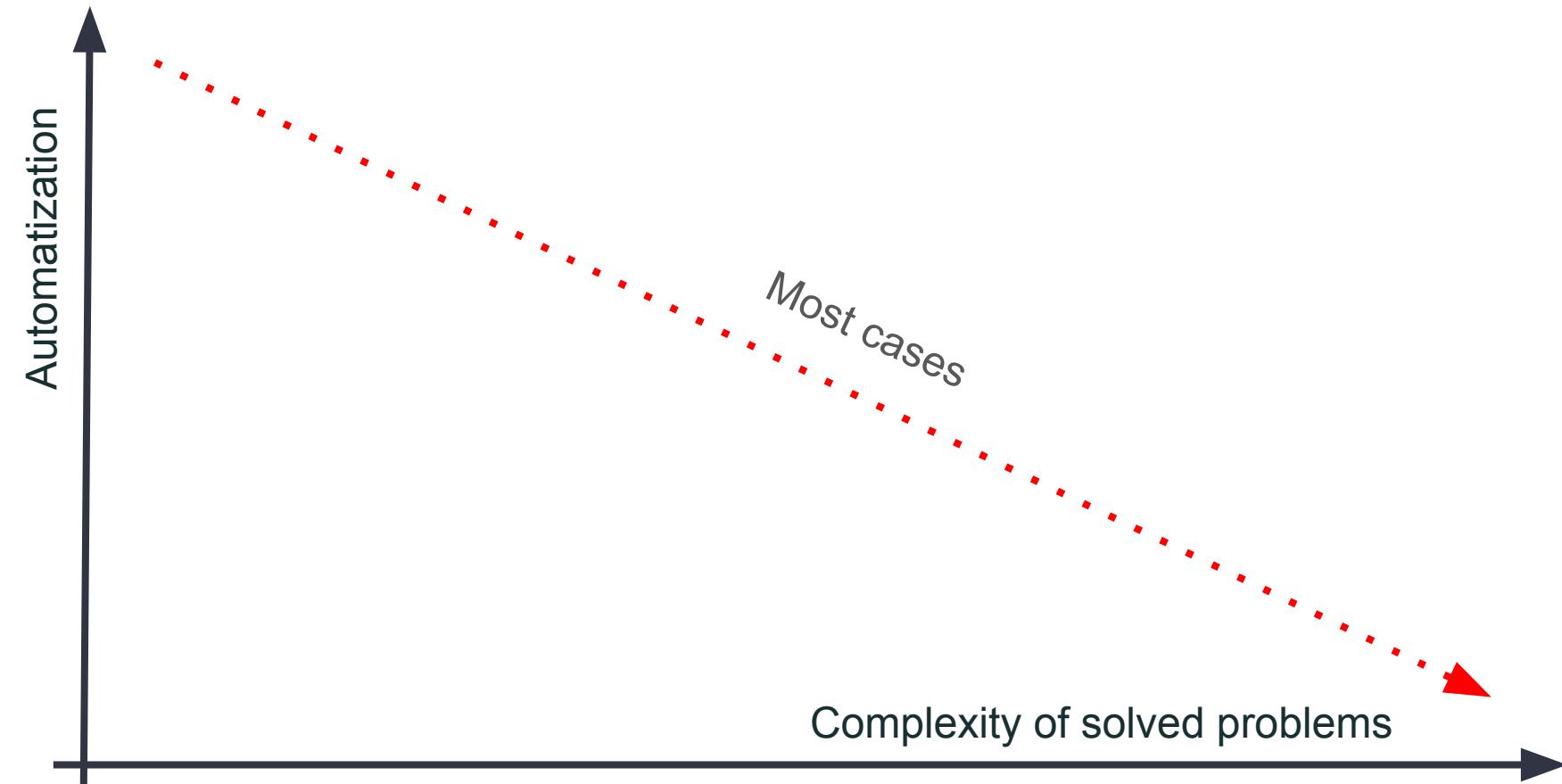


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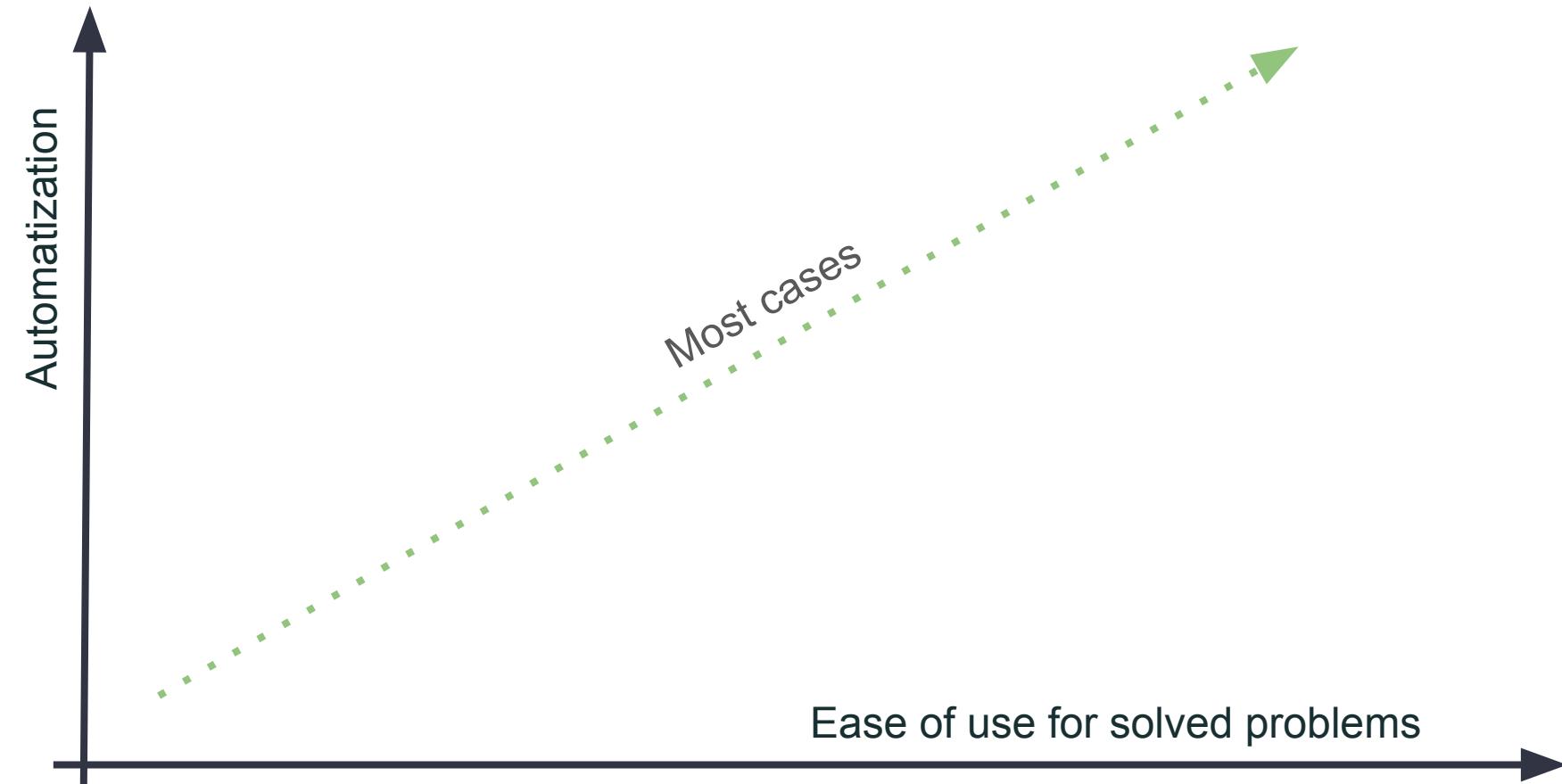


- What is Formal Verification?
 - Assert properties of your code (i.e. **specify** its behavior)
 - Prove that your code satisfies the specification
- There are a lot of different techniques to achieve this
- Symbolic execution is one of them
 - Execute your code with symbolic parameters
 - Get all possible execution traces
 - Check that each execution trace satisfies the specification

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How different proof systems look like:

- Interactive Theorem Proving (ITP)
 - Mostly manual
 - Constant feedback from the machine
- Automated Reasoning
 - No user interaction required
 - Usually no insights on the proving process



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Example of an ITP proof (LEAN4):

```
lemma IsHamiltonian.connected (hG : G.IsHamiltonian) : G.Connected where
  preconnected a b := by
    obtain rfl | hab := eq_or_ne a b
    · rfl
    have : Nontrivial α := ⟨a, b, hab⟩
    obtain ⟨_, p, hp⟩ := hG Fintype.one_lt_card.ne'
    have a_mem := hp.mem_support a
    have b_mem := hp.mem_support b
    exact ((p.takeUntil a a_mem).reverse.append <| p.takeUntil b b_mem).reachable
  nonempty := not_isEmpty_iff.1 fun _ => by simp using hG <| by simp [Fintype.card_eq_zero]
```



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Examples of ITP proof feedback (LEAN4)

```
α : Type u_1
inst1 : DecidableEq α
G : SimpleGraph α
inst : Fintype α
hG : G.IsHamiltonian
a b : α
hab : a ≠ b
this : Nontrivial α
w : α
p : G.Walk w w
hp : p.IsHamiltonianCycle
a_mem : a ∈ p.support
b_mem : b ∈ p.support
⊢ ∀ {V : Type u_1} {G : SimpleGraph V} {u v : V}, G.Walk u v → G.Reachable u v
```

```
case inr
α : Type u_1
inst1 : DecidableEq α
G : SimpleGraph α
inst : Fintype α
hG : G.IsHamiltonian
a b : α
hab : a ≠ b
this : Nontrivial α
⊢ G.Reachable a b
```



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Example of an automated proof (halmos)

```
Running 1 tests for src/GaussSpec.sol:GaussSpec
[PASS] check_sumToN_success(uint256) (paths: 3, time: 0.02s, bounds: [])
WARNING:Halmos:check_sumToN_success(uint256): paths have not been fully explored due to the loop unrolling bound: 2
(see https://github.com/a16z/halmos/wiki/warnings#loop-bound)
Symbolic test result: 1 passed; 0 failed; time: 0.03s
```

Possible outcomes:

- Success
- Failure (with counterexample)
- Unknown (indeterminate)



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Example of a Kontrol proof: interactively automated



Running Kontrol proofs

Add `--verbose` to `kontrol prove` for more details!

Selected functions: test%**FixedPointMathLibVerification**.testMulWad(uint256,uint256)

Running setup functions in parallel:

Running test functions in parallel: test%**FixedPointMathLibVerification**.testMulWad(uint256,uint256)

WARNING 2024-11-01 17:07:48,489 pyk.kcfg.Kcfg - Extending current KCFG with the following: vacuous node: 20
test%**FixedPointMathLibVerification**.testMulWad(uint256... PENDING: 2 nodes: 1 pending|0 passed|0 failing|0 vacuous|0 refu...

✨ PROOF PASSED ✨ test%**FixedPointMathLibVerification**.testMulWad(uint256,uint256):0

⌚ Time: 1m 12s ⌚

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Feedback: inspecting symbolic execution traces in Kontrol

```
subst: .Subst
constraint:
  ( notBool VV1_y_114b9705:Int ==Int 0 )
  ( VV0_x_114b9705:Int *Int VV1_y_114b9705:Int ) <=Int maxUInt256
  ( notBool ( ( notBool VV0_x_114b9705:Int ==Int 0 ) andBool maxUInt256 /Word VV0_x_114b9705:Int <Int VV1_y_114b9705:Int ) )

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  k: #execute ~> CONTINUATION:K
  pc: 0
  callDepth: 0
  statusCode: STATUSCODE:StatusCode
  src: test/FixedPointMathLib.k.sol:8:103
  method: test%FixedPointMathLibVerification.testMulWad(uint256,uint256)

  (834 steps)
- 19 (terminal)
  k: #halt ~> CONTINUATION:K
  pc: 292
  callDepth: 0
  statusCode: EVMC_SUCCESS
  src: test/FixedPointMathLib.k.sol:73:102
  method: test%FixedPointMathLibVerification.testMulWad(uint256,uint256)

  constraint: true
  subst: ...
- 2 (leaf, target, terminal)
  k: #halt ~> CONTINUATION:K
  pc: PC_CELL_5d410f2a:Int
  callDepth: CALLDEPTH CELL_5d410f2a:Int
  statusCode: STATUSCODE_FINAL:StatusCode
```

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runtime verification

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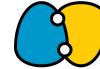


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Interactivity: enhancing Kontrol's reasoning power

```
requires "foundry.md"

module MY-LEMMAS
    imports BOOL
    imports FOUNDRY
    imports INT-SYMBOLIC

    rule bool2Word ( X ) => 1 requires X           [simplification]
    rule bool2Word ( X ) => 0 requires notBool X [simplification]

    rule chop ( bool2Word ( X ) <<Int Y ) => bool2Word ( X ) <<Int Y requires Y <Int 256 [simplification]
    rule chop ( 1 <<Int Y ) => 1 <<Int Y requires Y <Int 256 [simplification]
    rule ( A:Int >>Int B:Int ) >>Int C:Int => A >>Int ( B +Int C ) [simplification]
    rule A /=Int B => notBool ( A ==Int B ) [simplification, comm]

endmodule
```



Formal Verification in Ethereum



Non-exhaustive list of maintained Formal Verification EVM tools:

- **CLEAR** (Nethermind) [Type Theory]
- **coq-of-solidity** (Formal Land) [Type Theory]
- **hevm** (Ethereum Foundation) [SMT-Based]
- **Certora Prover** (Certora) [SMT-Based]
- **Halmos** (a16z) [SMT-Based]
- **Kontrol** (Runtime Verification) [Rewrite-Based]



Get excited for Kontrol!



All fine and dandy

but this is a workshop

after all...

Verifying Stuff with Kontrol.

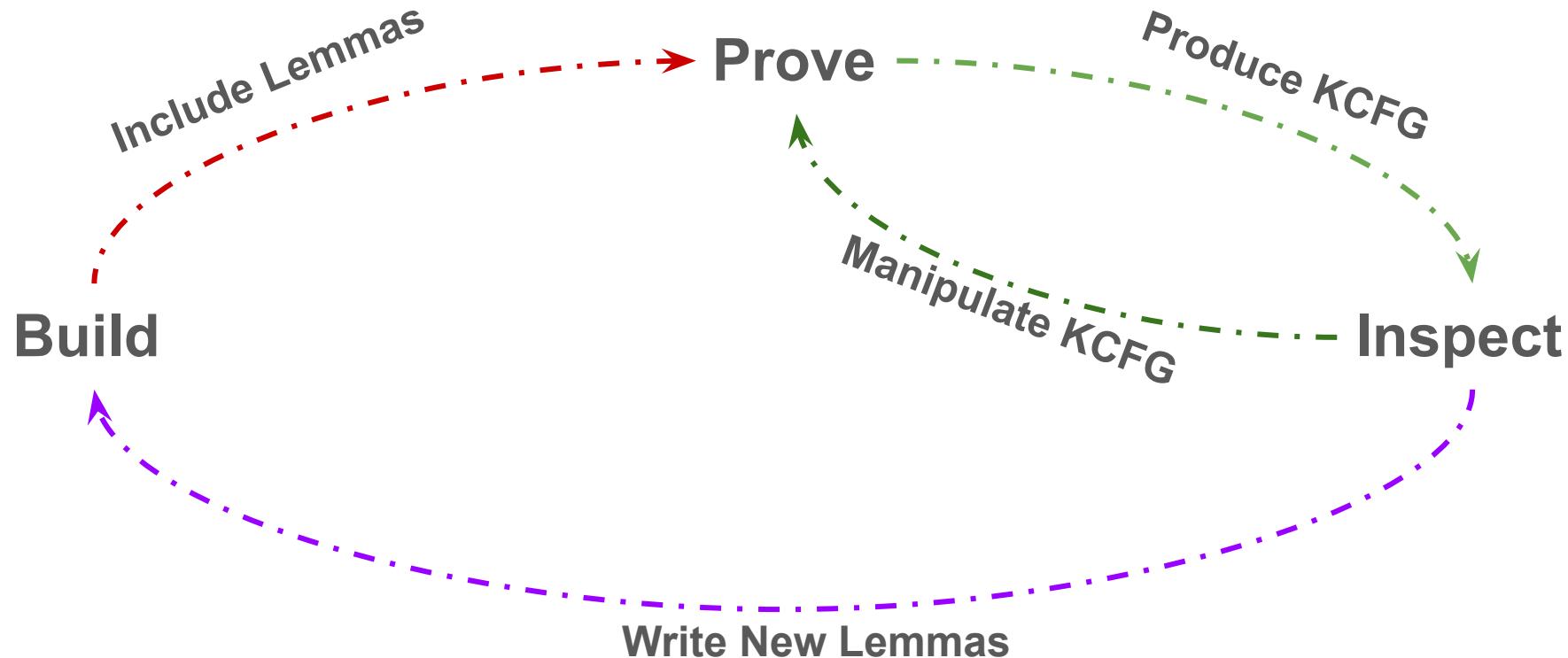
Hardware Requirements

- Minimum 16GB RAM to build projects
 - Windows Subsystem for Linux (wsl): Default memory is ~2GB, increase
 - Docker container: Make sure your machine allocated enough memory
- Running proofs in parallel
 - As a rule of thumb, consider 8GB RAM per parallel proof
 - This rule can be relaxed: experiment

first_verification_attempt.jpeg



Kontrol Prove Interaction Loop



Kontrol à la carte



kontrol build options



```
kontrol build [-h] [--verbose] [--debug] [-I INCLUDES]
[--main-module MAIN_MODULE]
[--syntax-module SYNTAX_MODULE]
[--md-selector MD_SELECTOR] [--depth DEPTH]
[--require REQUIRES] [--module-import IMPORTS]
[--output-definition DEFINITION_DIR] [--backend BACKEND]
[--type-inference-mode TYPE_INFERENCE_MODE] [--emit-json]
[--ccopt CC_OPTS] [--no-llvm-kompile] [--with-llvm-library]
[--enable-llvm-debug]
[--llvm-kompile-type LLVM_KOMPILE_TYPE]
[--llvm-kompile-output LLVM_KOMPILE_OUTPUT]
[--read-only-kompled-directory] [-00] [-01] [-02] [-03]
[--enable-search] [--coverage] [--gen-bison-parser]
[--gen-glr-bison-parser] [--bison-lists]
[--llvm-proof-hint-instrumentation]
[--llvm-proof-hint-debugging] [--no-exc-wrap]
[--ignore-warnings IGNORE_WARNINGS]
[--foundry-project-root FOUNDRY_ROOT]
[--enum-constraints]
[--target {KompileTarget.HASKELL,KompileTarget.MAUDE}]
[--config-file CONFIG_FILE]
[--config-profile CONFIG_PROFILE] [--regen] [--rekompile]
[--no-forge-build] [--no-silence-warnings]
```

kontrol prove options



```
kontrol prove [-h] [--verbose] [--debug] [--workers WORKERS]
[-I INCLUDES] [--main-module MAIN_MODULE]
[--syntax-module SYNTAX_MODULE]
[--md-selector MD_SELECTOR] [--depth DEPTH]
[--debug-equations DEBUG_EQUATIONS]
[--fast-check-subsumption] [--direct-subproof-rules]
[--maintenance-rate MAINTENANCE_RATE] [--assume-defined]
[--smt-timeout SMT_TIMEOUT]
[--smt-retry-limit SMT_RETRY_LIMIT]
[--smt-tactic SMT_TACTIC] [--no-log-rewrites]
[--log-fail-rewrites]
[--kore-rpc-command KORE_RPC_COMMAND] [--use-booster]
[--no-use-booster] [--port PORT]
[--maude-port MAUDE_PORT] [--bug-report BUG_REPORT]
[--break-every-step] [--break-on-jump]
[--break-on-calls] [--no-break-on-calls]
[--break-on-storage] [--break-on-basic-blocks]
[--symbolic-immutables] [--max-depth MAX_DEPTH]
[--max-iterations MAX_ITERATIONS] [--failure-information]
[--no-failure-information] [--auto-abstract-gas]
[--counterexample-information]
[--no-counterexample-information] [--fail-fast]
[--force-sequential] [--no-fail-fast]
```

Kontrol build: the essentials



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               [--require REQUIRES] [--module-import IMPORTS]
               [--output-definition DEFINITION_DIR] [--backend BACKEND]
               [--type-inference-mode TYPE_INFERENCE_MODE] [--emit-json]
               [-ccopt CC_OPTS] [--no-llvm-kompile] [--with-llvm-library]
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               [--config-profile CONFIG_PROFILE] [--regen] [--rekompile]
               [--no-forge-build] [--no-silence-warnings]
```

Kontrol build: the essentials



Relevant options revolve around **lemmas** in the build process:

- Include **auxiliary** lemmas
- Include **custom** lemmas
- **Exclude keccak** lemmas
- Regenerate K definitions (used to include custom lemmas)

Kontrol build: the essentials



Include auxiliary lemmas

- --auxiliary-lemmas

```
rule { #buf( N, X:Int ) +Bytes B2:Bytes #Equals B } =>
    { X #Equals #asWord ( #range ( B, 0, N ) ) } #And
    { #range ( B, N, lengthBytes(B) -Int N ) #Equals B2 }
requires N <=Int lengthBytes(B)
[simplification(60), concrete(B, N)]
```

```
kontrol build --auxiliary-lemmas
```

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Include **custom** lemmas

- `--require $path` Path to extra K files for the build process
- `--module-import $contract_name:$module_name`
 - Adds the specified module from the required K file
 - `$contract_name` Any contract that is compiled
 - `$module_name` K module to import from the required K file

```
kontrol build --auxiliary-lemmas --require $path --module-import  
$contract_name:$module_name
```

Exclude keccak lemmas

- `--no-keccak-lemmas` Do not include assumptions on keccak properties
 - Injectivity (different objects have different keccaks)
 - Collision resistance for symbolic values
 - Some more

```
kontrol build --auxiliary-lemmas --require $path --module-import  
$contract_name:$module_name
```

Kontrol build: the essentials



Regenerate K definitions (used to include more lemmas)

- `--regen` Regenerate `foundry.k` even if it already exists
- `--rekompile` Rekompile `foundry.k` even if kompiled definition exists

```
kontrol build --auxiliary-lemmas --require $path --module-import  
$contract_name:$module_name --regen --rekompile
```

Kontrol prove: weaponry



```
kontrol prove [-h] [--verbose] [--debug] [--workers WORKERS]
[--I INCLUDES] [--main-module MAIN_MODULE]
[--syntax-module SYNTAX_MODULE]
[--md-selector MD_SELECTOR] [--depth DEPTH]
[--debug-equations DEBUG_EQUATIONS]
[--fast-check-subsumption] [--direct-subproof-rules]
[--maintenance-rate MAINTENANCE_RATE] [--assume-defined]
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[--counterexample-information]
[--no-counterexample-information] [--fail-fast]
[--force-sequential] [--no-fail-fast]
[--foundry-project-root FOUNDRY_ROOT]
[--enum-constraints]
[--schedule {DEFAULT,FRONTIER,HOMESTEAD,TANGERINE_WHISTLE,SPURIOUS_}
[--chainid CHAINID] [--mode {NORMAL,VMTESTS}] [--no-gas]
[--config-file CONFIG_FILE]
[--config-profile CONFIG_PROFILE] [--match-test TESTS]
[--reinit] [--setup-version SETUP VERSION]
[--max-frontier-parallel MAX_FRONTIER_PARALLEL]
[--bmc-depth BMC_DEPTH] [--run-constructor] [--use-gas]
[--config-type {ConfigType.TEST_CONFIG,ConfigType.SUMMARY_CONFIG}]
[--hide-status-bar] [--break-on-cheatcodes]
[--init-node-from-diff RECORDED_DIFF_STATE_PATH]
[--init-node-from-dump RECORDED_DUMP_STATE_PATH]
[--include-summary INCLUDE_SUMMARIES]
[--with-non-general-state] [--xml-test-report] [--cse]
[--hevml] [--minimize-proofs] [--evm-tracing]
[--no-trace-storage] [--no-trace-wordstack]
[--no-trace-memory] [--remove-old-proofs]
[--optimize-performance OPTIMIZE_PERFORMANCE]
[--no-stack-checks]
```

Kontrol prove: weaponry



Relevant options revolve around **proof execution**:

- Proof **execution tweaks**
 - Get more **detailed execution trees**
 - **Loop exploration** behavior
 - **Performance** increases

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Get more **detailed execution trees**

- Modulate when Kontrol creates KCFG nodes:
 - `--max-depth N` At most each `N` steps create a node
 - Make a node (break) on **special occasions**
 - `--break-every-step:` On every EVM opcode
 - `--break-on-jumpi:` On every JUMPI opcode
 - `--break-on-storage:` On every SSTORE/SLOAD opcode
 - `--break-on-cheatcodes:` On every cheatcode

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Loop exploration behavior

- By default Kontrol doesn't bound loop execution
- Unbounded loops become potentially infinite loops
- There are two ways of dealing with this
 - Bounded loop unrolling: `--bmc-depth N`
 - Specifying loop invariants

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Performance increases

As part of Kontrol 1.0, there is the comprehensive option

```
--optimize-performance N
```

- Overrides proof execution settings for maximum speed
- **N** is the number of branches to explore concurrently

Proof Inspection



`kontrol prove` said ✨ PROOF PASSED ✨ or ✗ PROOF FAILED ✗, now what?

- `kontrol view-kcfg`: TUI interactive viewer
- `kontrol show`: CLI output
 - Also used for execution deltas (more on that later)
- KaaS: Web view and proof storage management service

Proof Inspection



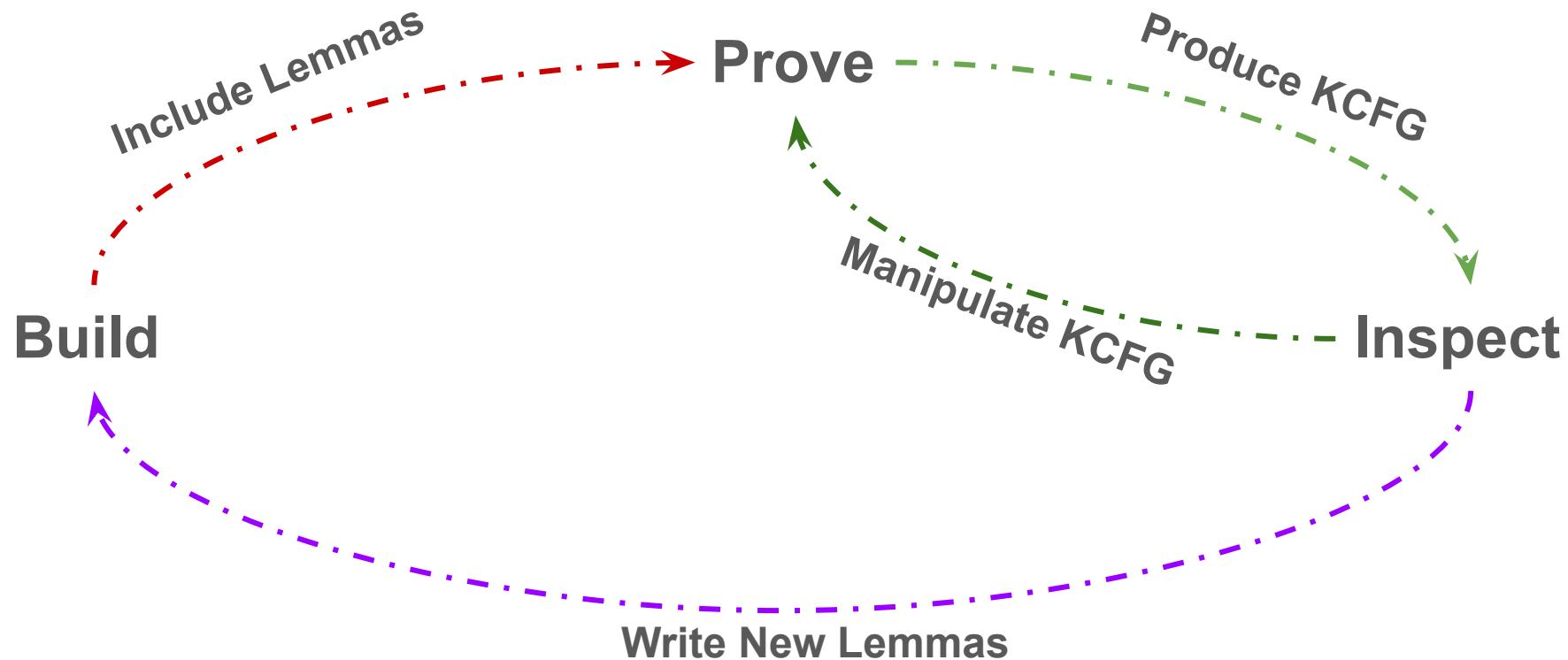
Stuff you can do with your kontrol prove result

- **KCFG manipulation:**
 - `kontrol remove-node`: Remove a node and its successors
 - `kontrol refute-node`: Remove a branch from being explored
 - Many more...

Possible reaction to all of this



Kontrol Workflow Loop



Applying the Verification Cycle.

Our Working Example



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Running the malicious sum

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Loop Invariants



- What is an invariant?
 - Properties that hold **before** and **after** executing some code
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Loop Invariants: the Recipe



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Loop Invariants: the Recipe for EVM



- Identify the loop head
- Look at the loop head and see how the state is
- Execute the loop head and see how the state is updated
- Generalize the state update into a property
- **Prove** that your invariant is correct
- Include the invariant as a rewrite step



A Word on Lemmas



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Turning the Claim into a Lemma



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  [priority(30)]
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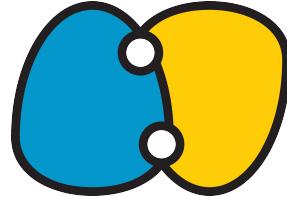
Get excited for Kontrol!



- Open source and free to use!
- Used by major projects independently and with our help
- Compatible with Foundry
- Can be run in CI
- Kontrol 1.0 is the most performant!



github.com/runtimeverification/install-kontrol



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 <https://discord.com/invite/CurfmXNtbN>

 <https://docs.runtimeverification.com/kontrol>

 <https://github.com/runtimeverification/kontrol>

 https://t.me/rv_kontrol