



Similarity Calculation Method for Binary Executables

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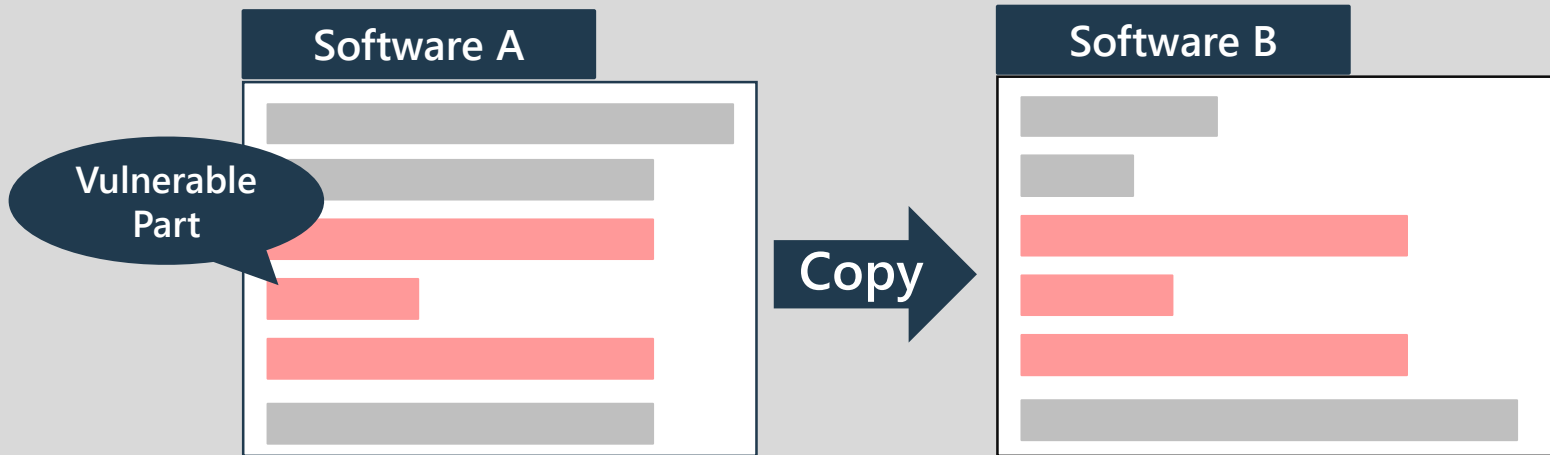
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● Detection of Code Clone Vulnerability



Calculate the similarity between vuln func and target binary func

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Software Similarity Calculation in Malware Analysis Field

“program similarity is a key sub-problem in malware analysis”

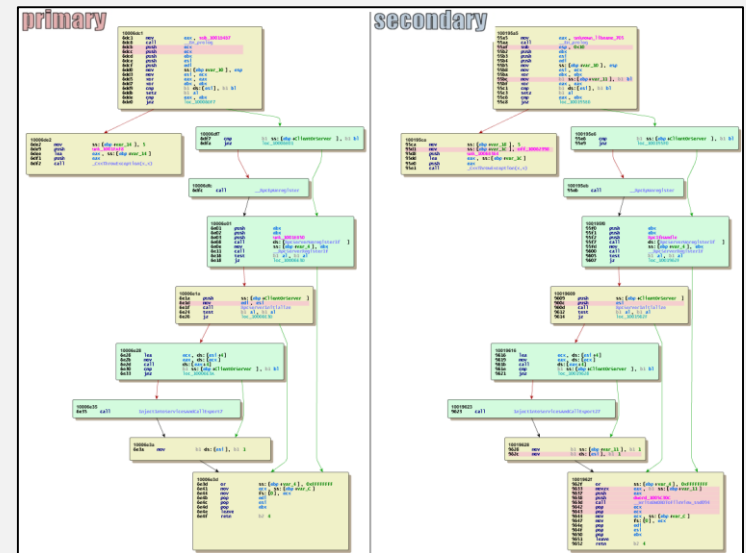
[1]Andrew Walenstein and Arun Lakhotia, “The Software Similarity Problem in Malware Analysis.” In Proceedings Dagstuhl Seminar 06301: Duplication, Redundancy, and Similarity in Software, 10 pp., Dagstuhl, Germany, July 2006.

● Subspecies

- Version update
- Toolkit-generated malware
- Metamorphic / Polymorphic malware

● Code Reuse

- e.g. Stuxnet/Duqu
- Open sourced malware (e.g. Mirai)



▲ Stuxnet vs Duqu

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● Related Research Area

- Copyright Infringement Detection
- Source Code Plagiarism Detection
- Vulnerability Discovery
- Software Evolution Analysis



Similarity Calculation Method Has Become Highly Sophisticated

It can even identify similar function in other binary across different architecture or compilers or compilation options or OS

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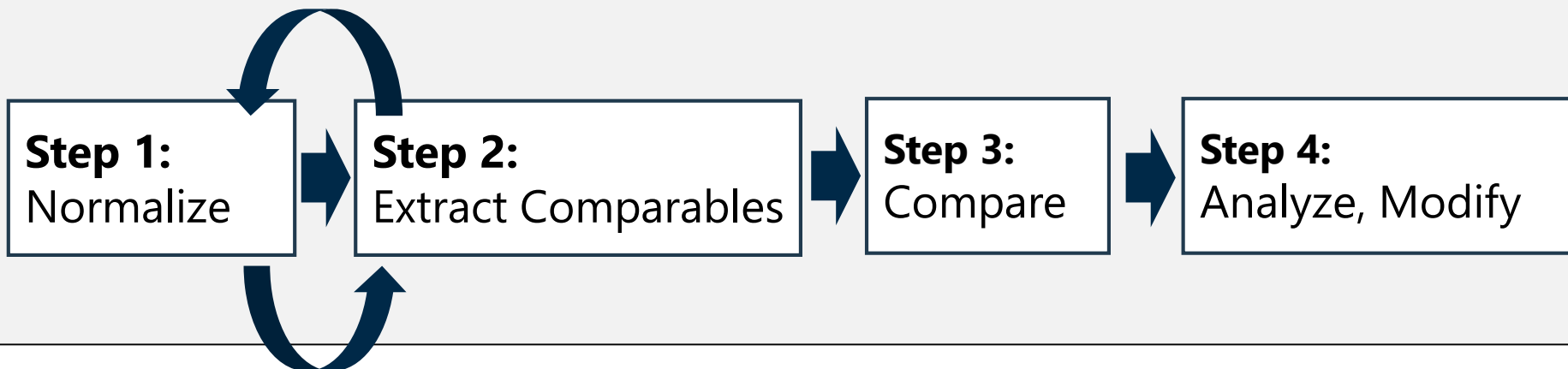
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Overview

● **Type of Similarity Calculation Method**

- Dynamic Analysis Based Method
 - Memory Usage Pattern, API call pattern, etc
- **Static Analysis Based Method**
 - Control Flow Graph, Instruction, etc

Overview of Static Analysis Based Method[1]



Category	Example
Graph-based feature	Control Flow Graph
	Data Flow Graph
	Call Graph
Tree-based feature	Abstract Syntax Tree
	S-Expression
Text-based feature	String
	Instructions(opcode/operand)
	API Name
Metric-based feature	Complexity
Hybrid	Graph-based + Text-based
Other	Basic block I/O sampling

Category	Example
Compiler Difference Compiler Optimization Difference	1. Basic Block Reordering
	2. Instruction Reordering
	3. Function Inlining/Outlining
	4. Loop Unrolling
	5. Register Reassignment
Software Evolution	1. Patch
	2. Update
	3. Refactoring
Obfuscation/Metamorphism	1. Dead Code-Insertion
	2. Instruction Substitution
	3. Opaque Predicate Insertion
Encryption and Packing	UPX, etc
Architecture Difference (e.g. IoT Malware)	x86/x86-64/ARM/MIPS/PPC/etc

Research Map of Static Binary Similarity Calculation [1/3]



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Software Evolution Analysis (Binary Diffing)

Malware Analysis

Copyright Infringement / Plagiarism Detection

Vulnerability Discovery

General Purpose Binary Similarity Analysis

Research Map of Static Binary Similarity Calculation [2/3]



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● **Background & Motivation**

- Discover Code Clone Vulnerability in Binary Executables
 - Windows, Adobe Reader, etc
- Method that can discover Gapped Code Clone Vulnerability
 - Source Code Modification (add multiple lines, I/O Change)

It can be also applied to malware analysis field

About My Research:

Gapped Code Clone Detection in Binary Executables



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● System Overview

Input

Binaryfile

- Unpatched vuln
- Target Binary File

Step1:
Disassemble

Step2:
Normalization

Step3:
Similarity
Calculation

Output

Vulnerability
Candidate

- Needleman-Wunsh Algorithm
- Applied "Affine Gap Penalty"

System Image

Vuln part

```
push REG
mov REG REG
mov REG VAL
call MEM
...
```

Similarity Calculation

Target Binary

```
mov REG REG
push REG
mov REG REG
push REG
push REG
mov REG MEM
mov REG MEM
lea REG MEM
...
```

Similarity
 $N\%$

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LCS (Global Alignment)

String1
(source)

```
mov REG REG
mov REG REG
call MEM
test REG REG
```

String2
(dest)

```
push REG REG
push REG REG
call MEM
test REG REG
jmp MEM
xor REG REG
pop REG
pop REG
.
```

**Search all similar
part between
two given string**

Smith-Waterman (Local Alignment)

String1
(source)

```
mov REG REG
mov REG REG
call MEM
test REG REG
```

String2
(dest)

```
push REG REG
push REG REG
call MEM
test REG REG
jmp MEM
xor REG REG
pop REG
pop REG
.
```

**Search similar
region between
two given strings**

Needleman-Wunsch (Semi-Global Alignment)

String1
(source)

```
mov REG REG
mov REG REG
call MEM
test REG REG
```

String2
(dest)

```
mov REG REG
push REG REG
push REG REG
call MEM
test REG REG
jmp MEM
xor REG REG
pop REG
pop REG
.
```

**Search the region
(in string2) that best
matches to string1**

Needleman-Wunsch is most suitable

Approach: Disassemble & Normalization



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1 Disassemble

- Binary File(unpatched vuln)
- Target Binary File



2 Normalization (Operand)

Different assembly(operand) will be generated even the source code is same※

Before	After
Immediate val	VAL
Memory	MEM
Register	REG

→

mov **eax ecx** → mov **REG REG**

※Example

Original	Copy
shr rdx,1 lea rdi, [rdx+0x4] call 3f3d0	shr rdx,1 lea rdi, [rdx+0x4] call 41d630

Original	Copy
xor ebx, ebx add rsp, 38h mov eax, ebx pop rbx pop rbp pop r12 pop r13 retn	xor r12d, r12d add rsp, 38h mov eax, r12d pop rbx pop rbp pop r12 pop r13 retn

Approach: Similarity Calculation [1/3]



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$$\text{Similarity} = \frac{\text{Score of Most Similar Part}}{\text{Maximum Score(All Matched Case)}}$$

● Score Calculation

Needleman-Wunsch(Normal Gap)

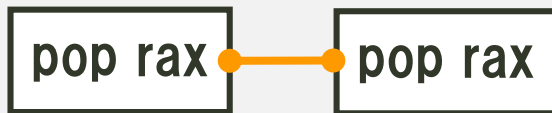
match	+2point
mismatch	-2point
gap	-1point

Needleman-Wunsch (AffineGap)

match	+2point
mismatch	-2point
open gap※	-3point
extended gap	-0.5point

**Distinct
the Gap**

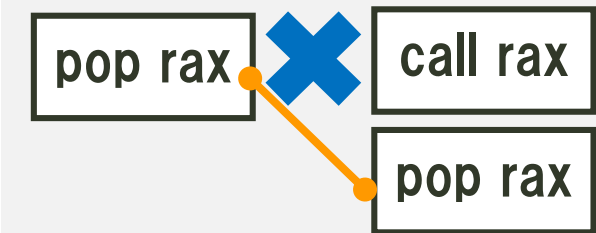
■ Match



■ Mismatch



■ Gap



※Open gap : The first gap of multiple gaps

Approach: Similarity Calculation [3/3]

Affine Gap penalty can mitigate the significant score drop due to the source code modification

Source Code

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]){  
  
    if(argc !=2){  
        printf("Usage:%s <your name>%n", argv[0]);  
        return 1;  
    }  
  
    printf("Argument:%d,%s%n",argc,argv[1]);  
    printf("Hello World! %s%n", argv[1]);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Adding 1L Source Code =
Adding 8L Assembly Code

Assembly

```
push    ebp  
mov     ebp, esp  
and     esp, 0xfffffff0  
sub     esp, 0x10  
cmp     DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8], 0x2  
je      0x8048448 <main+43>  
mov     eax, DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]  
mov     eax, DWORD PTR [eax]  
mov     DWORD PTR [esp+0x4], eax  
mov     DWORD PTR [esp], 0x8048520  
call    0x80482f0 <printf@plt>  
mov     eax, 0x1  
jmp     0x8048484 <main+103>  
mov     eax, DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]  
add     eax, 0x4  
mov     eax, DWORD PTR [eax]  
mov     DWORD PTR [esp+0x8], eax  
mov     eax, DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]  
mov     DWORD PTR [esp+0x4], eax  
mov     DWORD PTR [esp], 0x8048536  
call    0x80482f0 <printf@plt>  
mov     eax, DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc]  
add     eax, 0x4  
mov     eax, DWORD PTR [eax]  
mov     DWORD PTR [esp+0x4], eax  
mov     DWORD PTR [esp], 0x8048546  
call    0x80482f0 <printf@plt>  
mov     eax, 0x0  
leave  
ret
```

■ Normal gap

$$22 \times 2 = 44$$

$$8 \times -1 = -8$$

Total36p

■ Affine Gap

$$22 \times 2 = 44$$

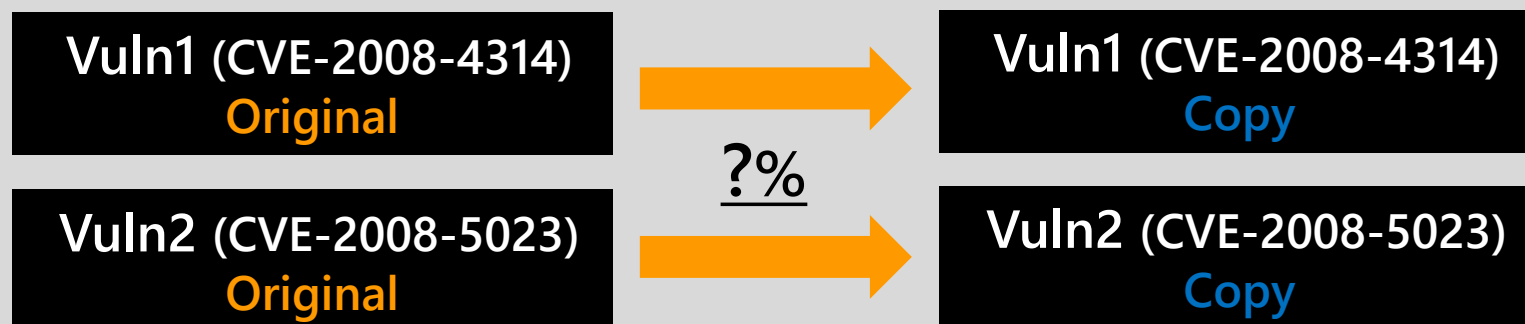
$$1 \times -3 = -3$$

$$7 \times -0.5 = -3.5$$

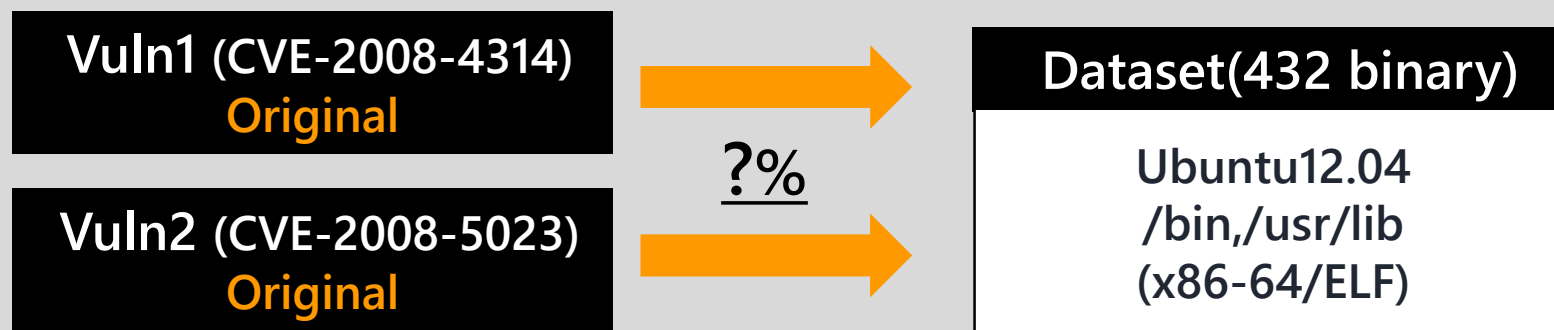
Total37.5p

[GOAL] Evaluate the validity of the approach

- Calculate the similarity between original and copied binary



- Calculate the similarity between original and dataset binary



[score setting] Match2p, Mismatch -2p, Opengap-3p, Extendedgap-0.5p

Case1: CVE-2008-4316 (Source Code)

Original [Glib]

```
g_base64_encode (const guchar *data, gsize len){
```

```
    gchar *out;  
    gint state = 0, outlen;  
    gint save = 0;
```

```
    g_return_val_if_fail (data != NULL, NULL);  
    g_return_val_if_fail (len > 0, NULL);
```

2 lines are
deleted

```
    out = g_malloc (len * 4 / 3 + 4);  
    outlen = g_base64_encode_step (data, len, FALSE, out, &state, &save);  
    outlen += g_base64_encode_close (FALSE, out + outlen, &state, &save);  
    out[outlen] = '\0';  
    return (gchar *) out;  
}
```

Copy [Seahorse]

```
seahorse_base64_encode (const guchar *data, gsize len){
```

```
    gchar *out;  
    gint state = 0, outlen;  
    gint save = 0;
```

```
    out = g_malloc (len * 4 / 3 + 4);  
    outlen = seahorse_base64_encode_step (data, len, FALSE, out, &state, &save);  
    outlen += seahorse_base64_encode_close (FALSE, out + outlen, &state, &save);  
    out[outlen] = '\0';  
    return (gchar *) out;  
}
```

Case2: CVE-2008-5023 (Source Code)



Original [Firefox]

```
PRBool nsXBLBinding::AllowScripts(){
    PRBool result;
    mPrototypeBinding->GetAllowScripts(&result);
    ...
    nsCOMPtr<nsIDocument> ourDocument;
    mPrototypeBinding->XBLDocumentInfo()->GetDocument(getter_AddRefs(ourDocument));
    PRBool canExecute;
    nsresult rv = mgr->CanExecuteScripts(cx, ourDocument->NodePrincipal(), &canExecute);
    return NS_SUCCEEDED(rv) && canExecute;
}
```

Copy [Seamonkey]

```
PRBool nsXBLBinding::AllowScripts(){
    PRBool result;
    mPrototypeBinding->GetAllowScripts(&result);
    ...
    nsCOMPtr<nsIDocument> ourDocument;
    mPrototypeBinding->XBLDocumentInfo()->GetDocument(getter_AddRefs(ourDocument));
    nsIPrincipal* principal = ourDocument->GetPrincipal();
    if (!principal) {
        return PR_FALSE;
    }
    PRBool canExecute;
    nsresult rv = mgr->CanExecuteScripts(cx, principal, &canExecute);
    return NS_SUCCEEDED(rv) && canExecute;
}
```

4 lines are added &
1 line is modified

Evaluation 1



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CVE-ID	Original	Copy	Similarity (unpatched)	Similarity (patched)	Max similarity (Dataset)
CVE-2008-4316	Glib	Seahorse	60.7%	11.5%	9.2%
CVE-2008-5023	Firefox	Seamonkey	68.8%	38.0%	9.7%

- The extracted part was the copied vulnerable part
- Similarity between the dataset was maximum 9.7%

Detected codeclone vulnerability in binary executables, even there was source code modification

Evaluation 2 [1/2]

**[GOAL] Detect codeclone vulnerability
from real world software product**

21 Vulnerabilities

CVE-2015-1635	CVE-2010-0028	CVE-2015-1793
CVE-2014-0301	CVE-2008-4250	CVE-2015-1790
CVE-2013-5058	CVE-2008-4028	CVE-2015-1789
CVE-2013-0030	CVE-2007-1794	CVE-2015-0292
CVE-2011-2005	CVE-2007-0024	CVE-2015-0288
CVE-2011-0658	CVE-2006-4691	CVE-2015-0287
CVE-2010-0816	CVE-2006-0021	CVE-2015-0286

?%







40945 binary files

Windows XP.
Windows Vista,
Windows 7
Windows 8.1
Windows Server
Virus Total(NSRL)

- 14 vulnerabilities from Windows
- 7 vulnerabilities from OpenSSL

[Score setting] match2p, mismatch-2p, opengap-3p, extendedgap-0.5p
[Threshold] 20%

- Candidate of codeclone vulnerability

CVE-ID	Original	Copy	Similarity	Result
CVE-2008-4250	netapi32.dll (5.1.2600.2952)	netlogon.dll (5.2.3790.1830)	37.7%	
CVE-2011-0658	oleaut32.dll (5.2.3790.4202)	olepro32.dll (6.1.7601.17514)	75.1%	 Deadcode
CVE-2015-1789	libeay32.dll (0.9.8.31)	JunosPulseVpnBg.dll (1.0.0.206)	43.9%	
CVE-2015-1793	libeay32.dll (1.0.1.15)	JunosPulseVpnBg.dll (1.0.0.206)	39.0%	 No attack vector

CVE-2008-4520 (MS08-067)



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● Details

- It was real codeclone BoF vulnerability !
 - Vulnerability which was used by Conficker Worm
- [original] netapi32.dll [copy] netlogon.dll

Original

```
text:5925A180 ; int __stdcall CanonicalizePathName(wchar_t *Source, ww
text:5925A180 _CanonicalizePathName@20 proc near ; CODE XREF: Ne
text:5925A180
text:5925A180 var_420 = dword ptr -420h
text:5925A180 var_41C = dword ptr -41Ch
text:5925A180 Dest = word ptr -418h
text:5925A180 var_4 = dword ptr -4
text:5925A180 Source = dword ptr 8
text:5925A180 Str = dword ptr 0Ch
text:5925A180 arg_8 = dword ptr 10h
text:5925A180 arg_C = dword ptr 14h
text:5925A180 arg_10 = dword ptr 18h
text:5925A180
text:5925A180 ; FUNCTION CHUNK AT .text:59268864 SIZE 000000AB BYTES
text:5925A180
text:5925A180 mov edi, edi
text:5925A182 push ebp
text:5925A183 mov ebp, esp
text:5925A185 sub esp, 420h
text:5925A18B mov eax, ___security_cookie
text:5925A190 push ebx
text:5925A191 mov ebx, [ebp+Str]
text:5925A194 mov [ebp+var_4], eax
text:5925A197 mov eax, [ebp+arg_8]
text:5925A19A push esi
text:5925A19B mov esi, [ebp+Source]
text:5925A19E push edi
text:5925A19F mov [ebp+var_41C], eax
text:5925A1A5 mov eax, [ebp+arg_10]
```

Copy

```
text:7423C933 ; int __stdcall CanonicalizePathName(wchar_t *Str, wchar_t *
text:7423C933 _CanonicalizePathName@20 proc near ; CODE XREF: NetpwPa
text:7423C933
text:7423C933 var_420 = dword ptr -420h
text:7423C933 var_41C = dword ptr -41Ch
text:7423C933 Dest = word ptr -418h
text:7423C933 var_4 = dword ptr -4
text:7423C933 Str = dword ptr 8
text:7423C933 Source = dword ptr 0Ch
text:7423C933 arg_8 = dword ptr 10h
text:7423C933 arg_C = dword ptr 14h
text:7423C933 arg_10 = dword ptr 18h
text:7423C933
text:7423C933 mov edi, edi
text:7423C935 push ebp
text:7423C936 mov ebp, esp
text:7423C938 sub esp, 420h
text:7423C93E mov eax, ___security_cookie
text:7423C943 push ebx
text:7423C944 mov [ebp+var_4], eax
text:7423C947 mov eax, [ebp+arg_8]
text:7423C94A push esi
text:7423C94B mov esi, [ebp+Str]
text:7423C94E mov [ebp+var_41C], eax
text:7423C954 mov eax, [ebp+arg_10]
text:7423C957 xor ebx, ebx
text:7423C959 cmp esi, ebx
text:7423C95B push edi
text:7423C95C mov edi, [ebp+Source]
text:7423C95F mov [ebp+var_420], eax
text:7423C965 jz short loc_7423C96D
text:7423C967 push esi ; Str
text:7423C968 call ds:imp_wcslen
```



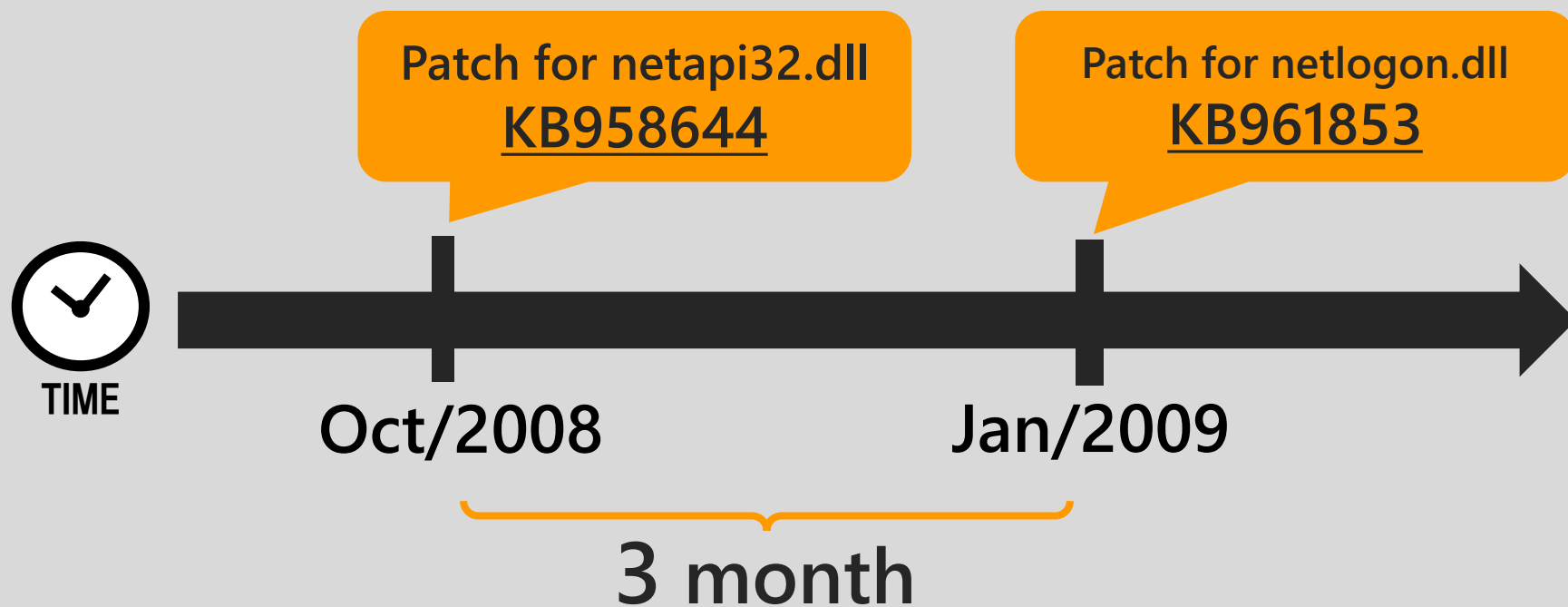
Reserved.

CVE-2008-4520 (MS08-067)



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- Distribution of patch



Patch distribution date differs three month a part

Outline of Today's Talk :

Similarity Calculation Method for Binary Executables



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1. Background

- Software Similarity Calculation on Malware Analysis Field

2. A Survey on Similarity Calculation Method for Binary Executables

- Overview
- Taxonomy of Program Features
- Challenges
- Research Map

3. About My Research

- Gapped Code Clone Detection in Binary Executables

4. State-of-the-Art Research

- GitZ

State-of-the-art Research

Similarity of Binaries through re-Optimization (GitZ)



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“Similarity of Binaries through re-Optimization” (GitZ) [32]

Yaniv David, Nimrod Partush, Eran Yahav, PLDI, June, 2017

- **Background/Motivation**

- Develop Cross-{compiler, optimization, architecture} binary code similarity method

- **Key Idea**

- Strands
- Out-of-context re-optimization

● System Overview

- Step1: Split the basic block assembly to “strand”
- Step2: Lift assembly to IR
- Step3: Canonical
- Step4: Normalization

Basic block(top) and extracted strands (bottom)

```
1  mov    rbx, 0x147
2  lea    r15, [rax+1]
3  add    rbx, r15
4  sub    r13, r15
5  cmp    r13, -2
```

Basic Block

```
1  mov    rbx, 0x147
2  lea    r15, [rax+1]
3  add    rbx, r15
```

Strand 1

```
2  lea    r15, [rax+1]
4  sub    r13, r15
5  cmp    r13, -2
```

Strand 2

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(i) Assembly ➤ (ii) Lifted ➤ (iii) Canonical ➤ (iv) Canonical & Normalized

(A) ARM-64
GCC 4.8 -O0

```
mov    x0,  x20
add    x0,  x0,  1
sub    x21, x21, x0
cmn    x21, 2
```

```
t3 = load i64, i64* x20
t4 = sext i8 0 to i64
t5 = shl i64 t3, t4
t6 = or i64 0, t5
store i64 t6, i64* x0
t17 = load i64, i64* x0
t18 = add i64 t17, 1
store i64 t18, i64* x0
t38 = load i64, i64* x21
...
```

```
t3 = load i64, i64* x20
t18 = add i64 t3, 1
store i64 t18, i64* x0
t38 = load i64, i64* x21
t42 = sub i64 t38, t18
store i64 t42, i64* x21
t57 = add i64 t42, 2
ret i64 t57
```

(B) X86-64
icc 15.0.3 -O3

```
lea    r15, [rax+1]
sub    r13, r15
cmp    r13, -2
```

```
t18 = load i64, i64* rax
t19 = add i64 t18, 1
store i64 t19, i64* r15
t23 = load i64, i64* r13
t24 = load i64, i64* r15
t25 = sub i64 t23, t24
store i64 t25, i64* r13
t37 = load i64, i64* r13
t38 = sub i64 t37, -2
...
```

```
t18 = load i64, i64* rax
t19 = add i64 t18, 1
store i64 t19, i64* r15
t23 = load i64, i64* r13
t25 = sub i64 t23, t19
store i64 t25, i64* r13
t38 = add i64 t25, 2
ret i64 t38
```

```
t0 = load i64, i64* r0
t1 = add i64 t0, 1
store i64 t1, i64* r1
t2 = load i64, i64* r2
t3 = sub i64 t2, t1
store i64 t3, i64* r2
t4 = add i64 t3, 2
ret i64 t4
```

State-of-the-art Research

Similarity of Binaries through re-Optimization (GitZ)

Scenario	#	Queries	Targets	CROC	FPr
Cross-*	1	*	*	.977	.03
Cross-Arch, Opt	2	$C_{ARM} - 0^*$	$C_{x64} - 0^*$	.963	.01
	3	$C_{x64} - 0^*$	$C_{ARM} - 0^*$		
Cross-Opt, Version	4	$gcc_{x64} 4.\{6,8,9\} - 0^*$	$gcc_{x64} 4.\{6,8,9\} - 0^*$	.999	.001
	5	$icc_{x64} \{14,15\} - 0^*$	$icc_{x64} \{14,15\} - 0^*$	.999	.001
	6	$CLang_{x64} 3.\{4,5\} - 0^*$	$CLang_{x64} 3.\{4,5\} - 0^*$	1	0
	7	$gcc_{ARM} 4.8 - 0^*$	$gcc_{ARM} 4.8 - 0^*$	1	0
	8	$CLang_{ARM} 4.0 - 0^*$	$CLang_{ARM} 4.0 - 0^*$	1	0
Cross-Comp x86_64	9	$C_{x64} - 0s$	$C_{x64} - 0s$	.992	.001
	10	$C_{x64} - 00$	$C_{x64} - 00$	.992	.001
	11	$C_{x64} - 01$	$C_{x64} - 01$	.986	.002
	12	$C_{x64} - 02$	$C_{x64} - 02$	.992	.001
	13	$C_{x64} - 03$	$C_{x64} - 03$	.992	.001
Cross-Comp AArch64	14	$C_{ARM} - 0s$	$C_{ARM} - 0s$	.988	.002
	15	$C_{ARM} - 00$	$C_{ARM} - 00$	.995	.001
	16	$C_{ARM} - 01$	$C_{ARM} - 01$	.999	.001
	17	$C_{ARM} - 02$	$C_{ARM} - 02$	.995	.001
	18	$C_{ARM} - 03$	$C_{ARM} - 03$	.998	.001
Cross-Arch	19	$C_{x64} - 0s$	$C_{ARM} - 0s$	.969	.006
	20	$C_{ARM} - 0s$	$C_{x64} - 0s$		
	21	$C_{x64} - 00$	$C_{ARM} - 00$	.977	.004
	22	$C_{ARM} - 00$	$C_{x64} - 00$		
	23	$C_{x64} - 01$	$C_{ARM} - 01$	.960	.006
	24	$C_{ARM} - 01$	$C_{x64} - 01$		
	25	$C_{x64} - 02$	$C_{ARM} - 02$	.965	.005
	26	$C_{ARM} - 02$	$C_{x64} - 02$		
	27	$C_{x64} - 03$	$C_{ARM} - 03$	.975	.004
	28	$C_{ARM} - 03$	$C_{x64} - 03$		

Table 2. Accuracy and FP rate for different derivatives of the All v. All experiment.



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