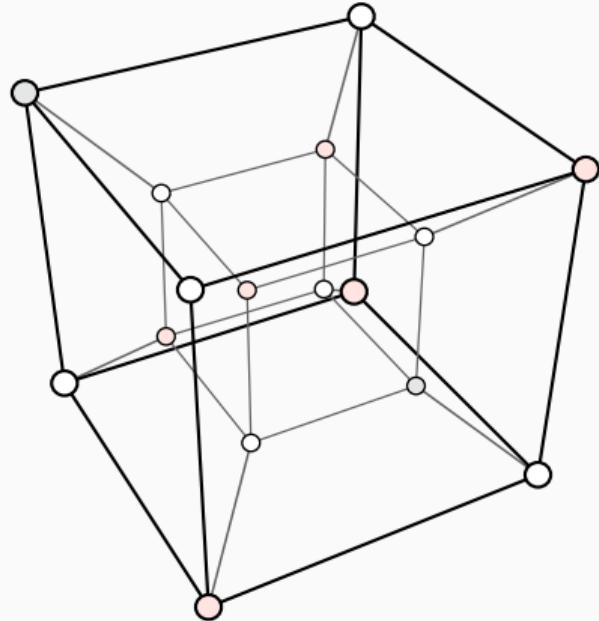


# Hyper-Cube

## High-Dimensional Hypervisor Fuzzing

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**Hypervisor**



**Hypervisor**

VM 1



VM 2





Hypervisor

VM 1



VM 2



**Malicious Guest**  
**(Privileged; Running in Ring-0)**



Hypervisor

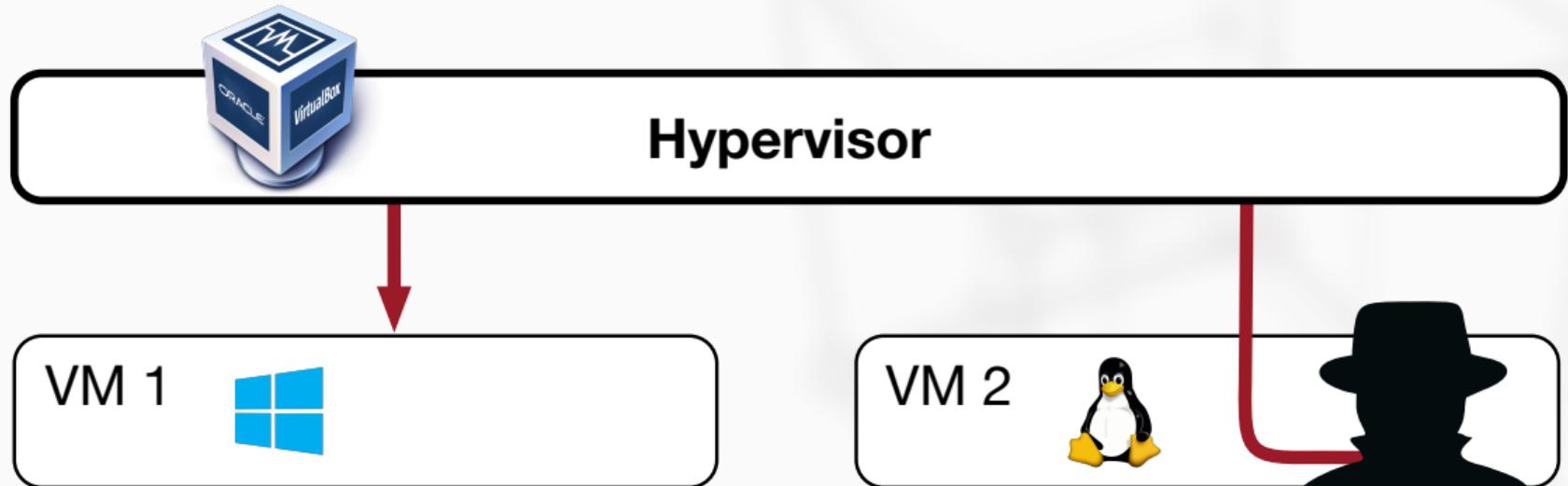
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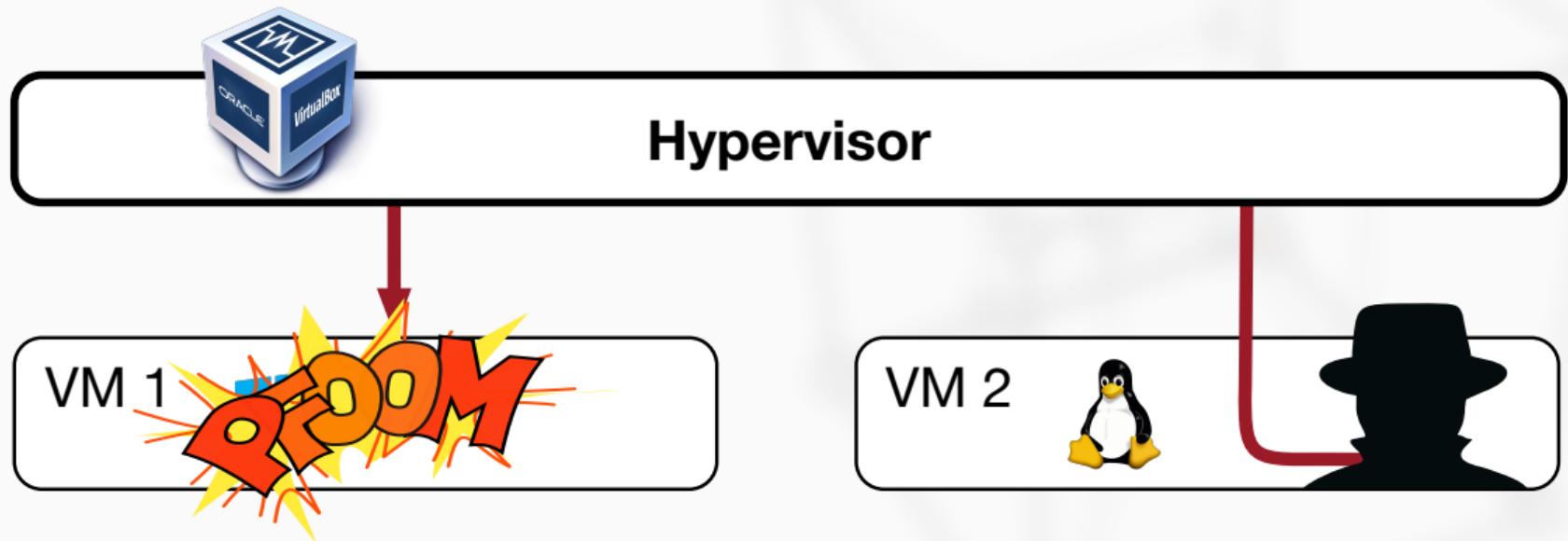


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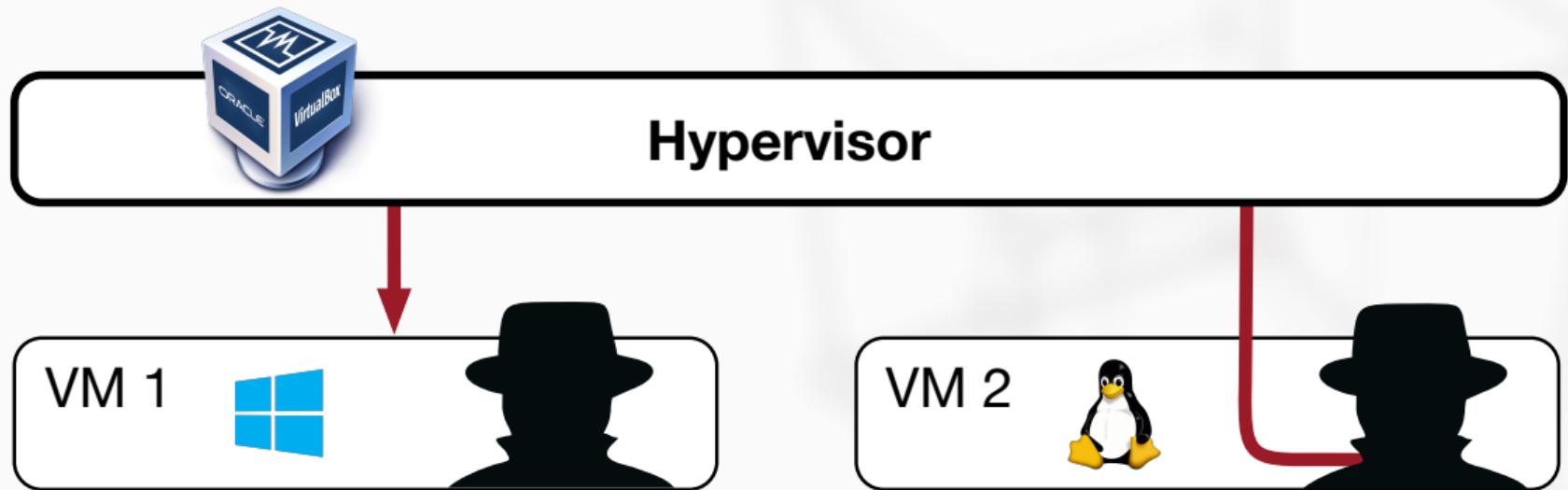


**Local VM DoS**  
**(Crash or Deadlock)**



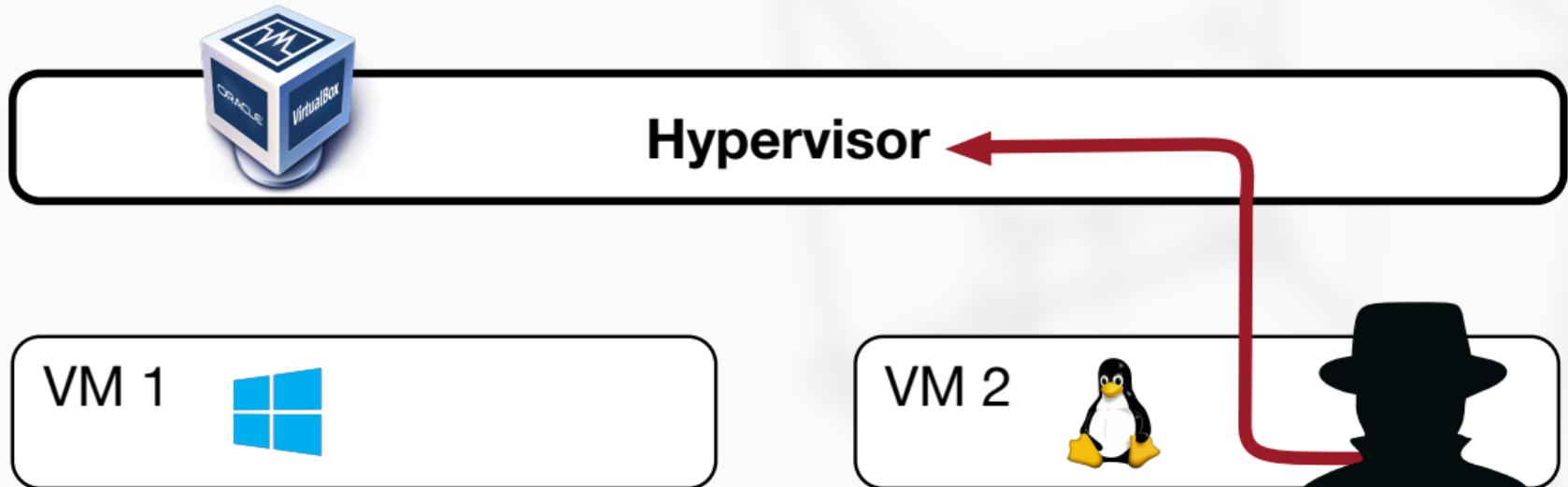


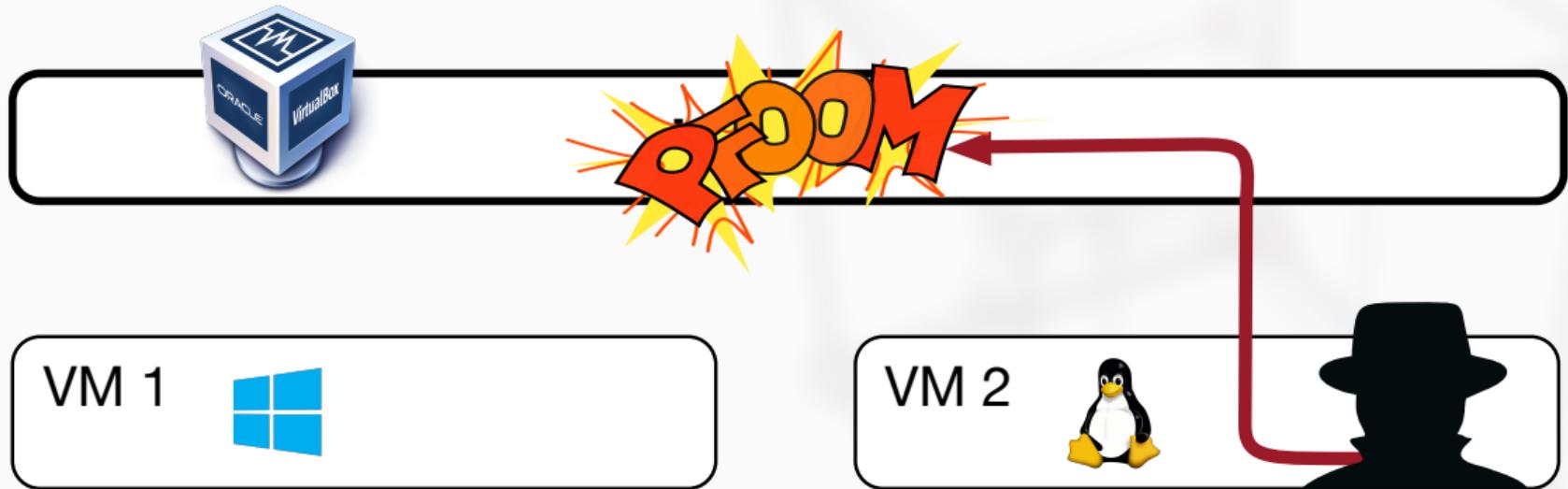
**Virtual Machine DoS**  
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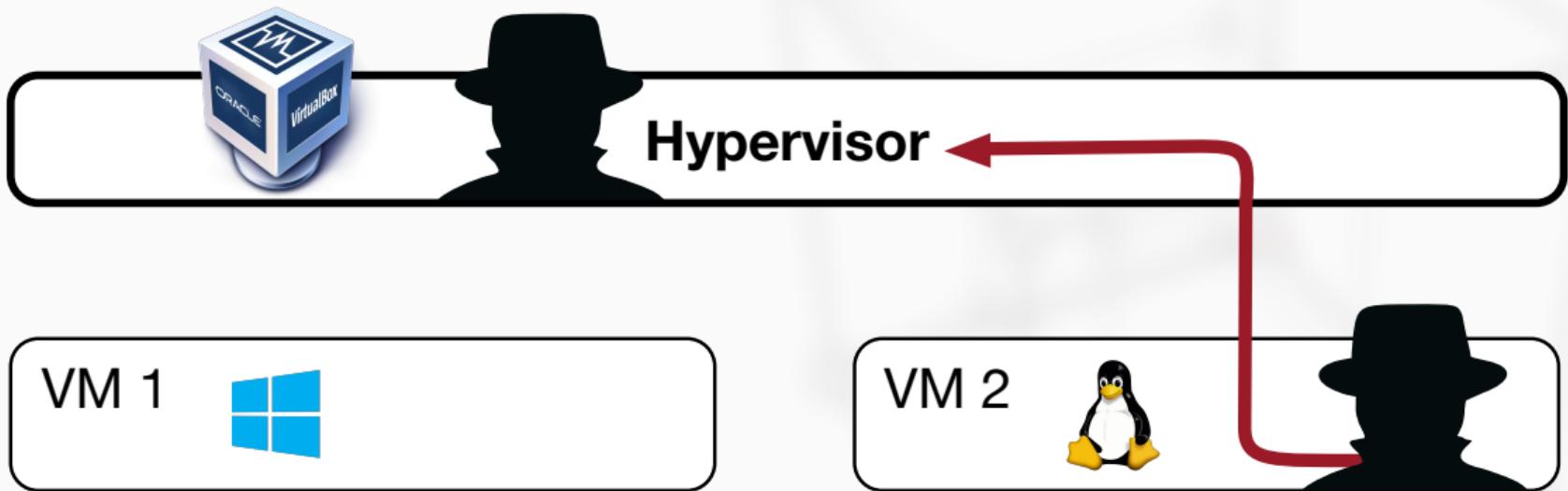
**Virtual Machine Escape  
(Other Guest)**

# Motivation





**Host DoS**  
**(Kernel Panic or Deadlock)**



**Virtual Machine Escape  
(Host)**



Program Name	Eligible Entries	Bounty Range
Microsoft Hyper-V	Critical remote code execution, information disclosure and denial of services vulnerabilities	Up to \$250,000 USD
Windows Defender Application Guard	Critical vulnerabilities in Windows Defender Application Guard	Up to \$30,000 USD
Microsoft Edge (Chromium-based)	Critical and important vulnerabilities in Microsoft Edge (Chromium-based)	Up to \$30,000
Office Insider	Vulnerabilities on Office Insider	Up to \$15,000 USD

Virtual Machine Escape  
(Host)





**Fuzzer of your Choice**

# Challenge



**Fuzzer of your Choice**

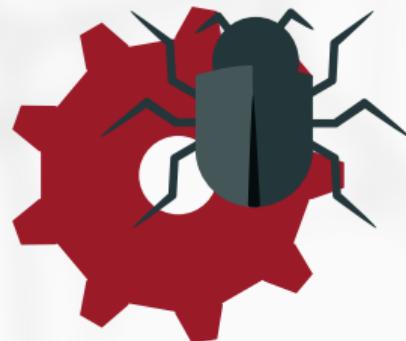


**Target Software**

# Challenge



**Fuzzer of your Choice**



**Target Software**

# Challenge



**User Space Fuzzing**

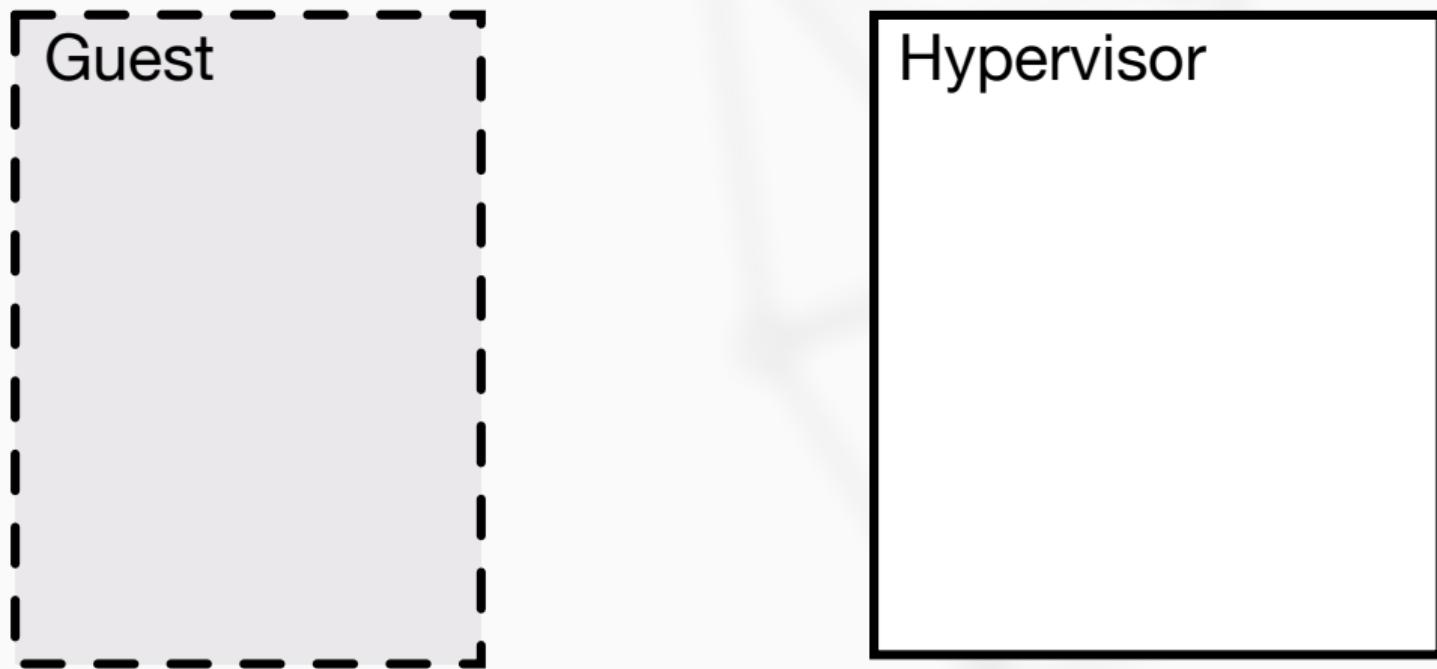
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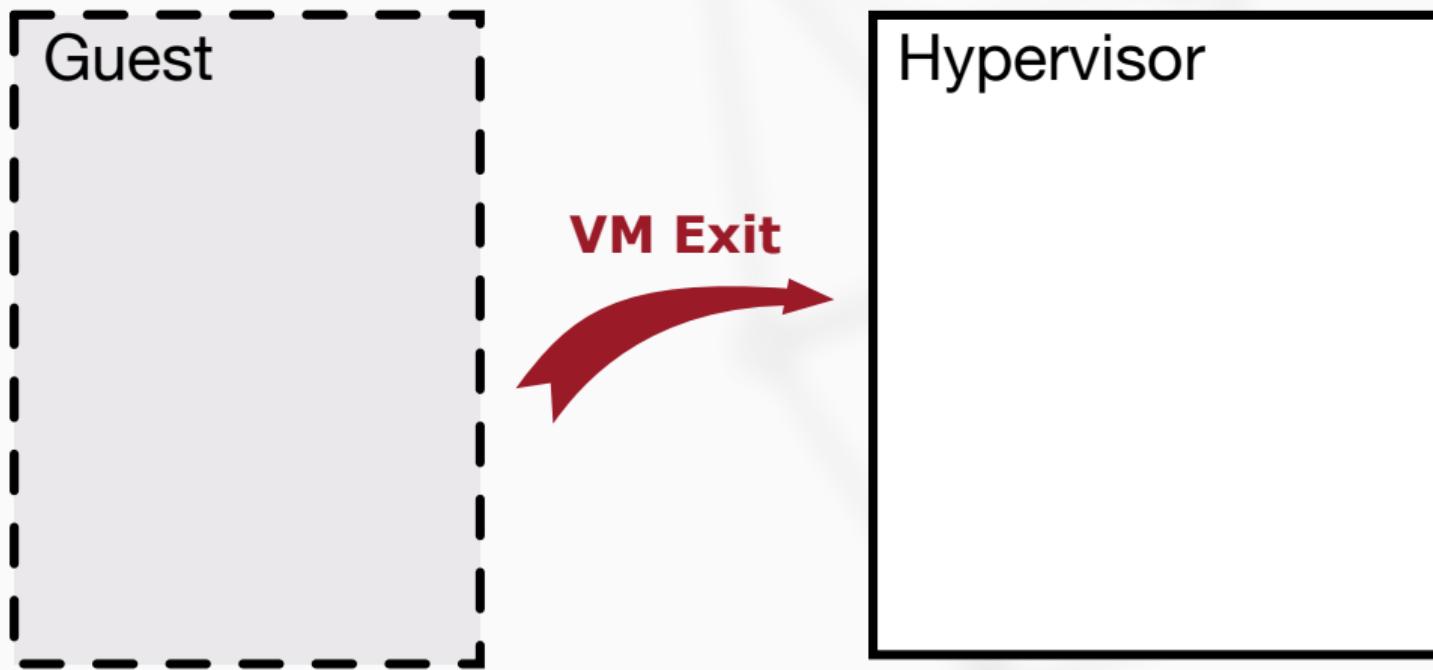
**Hypervisor Fuzzing**

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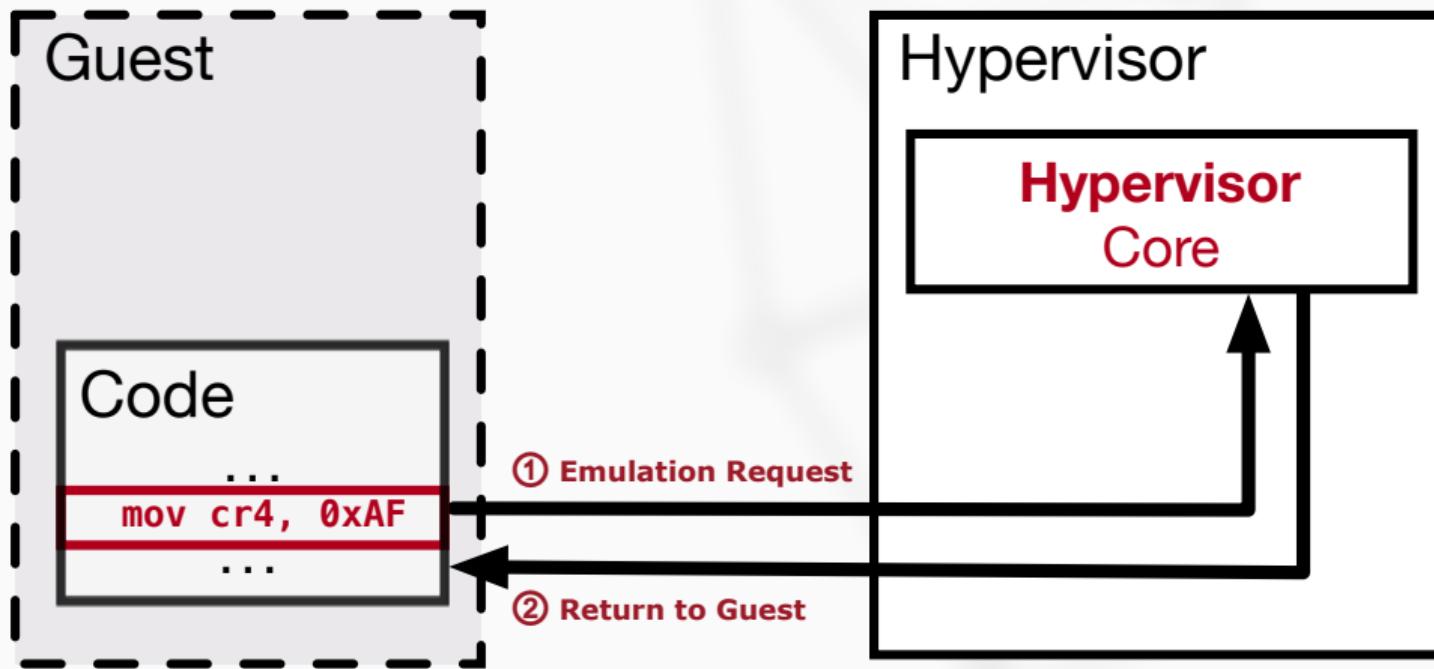
# Hypervisor Attack Surface



## Trap and Emulate



## Privileged Instructions



- Memory-Mapped I/O (**MMIO**)
- Legacy Port I/O (**PIO**)
- Hypercalls
- Direct Memory Access (**DMA**)
- ...

# Implementation

- x86 Hypervisor Agnostic
- Blackbox Fuzzing with High Throughput
- High-Dimensional in Terms of
  - **Interfaces**
  - **Operations**

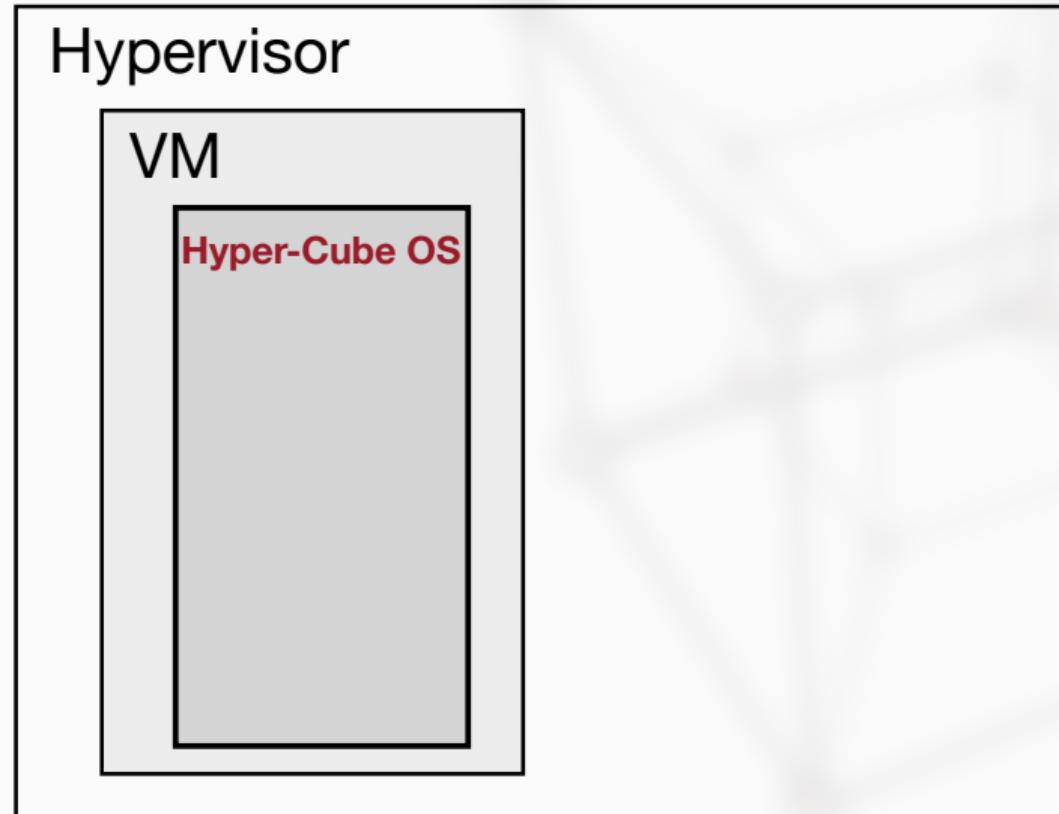
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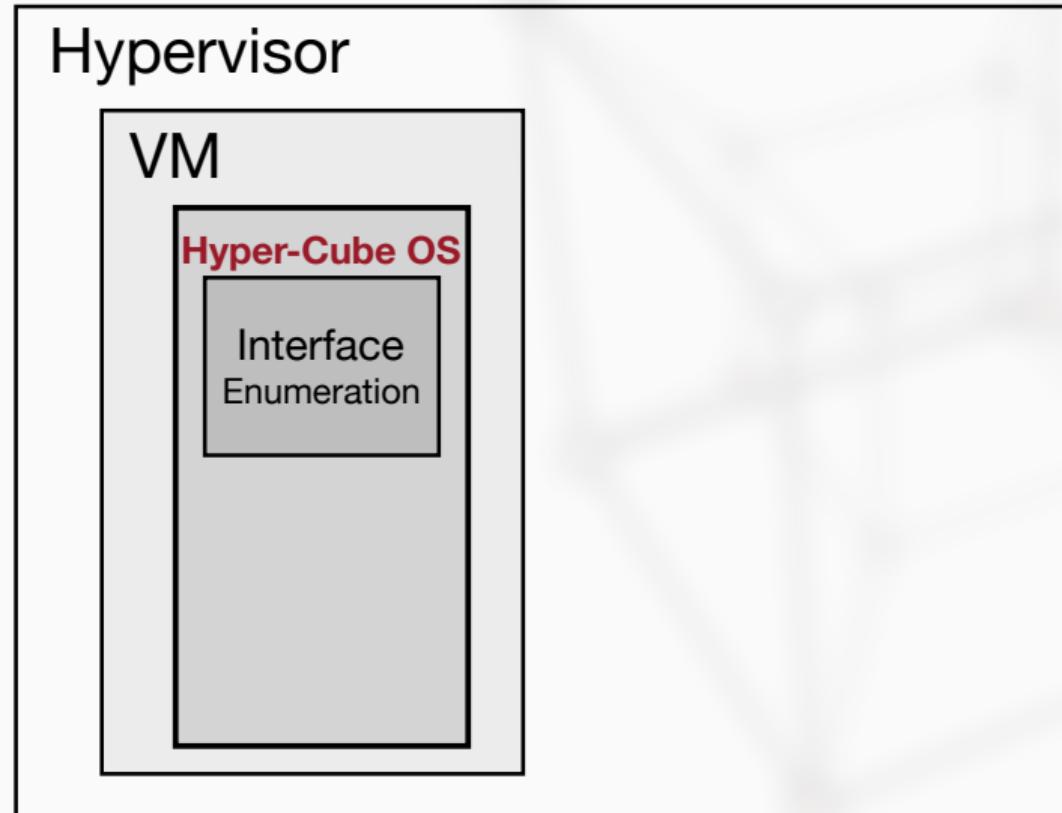
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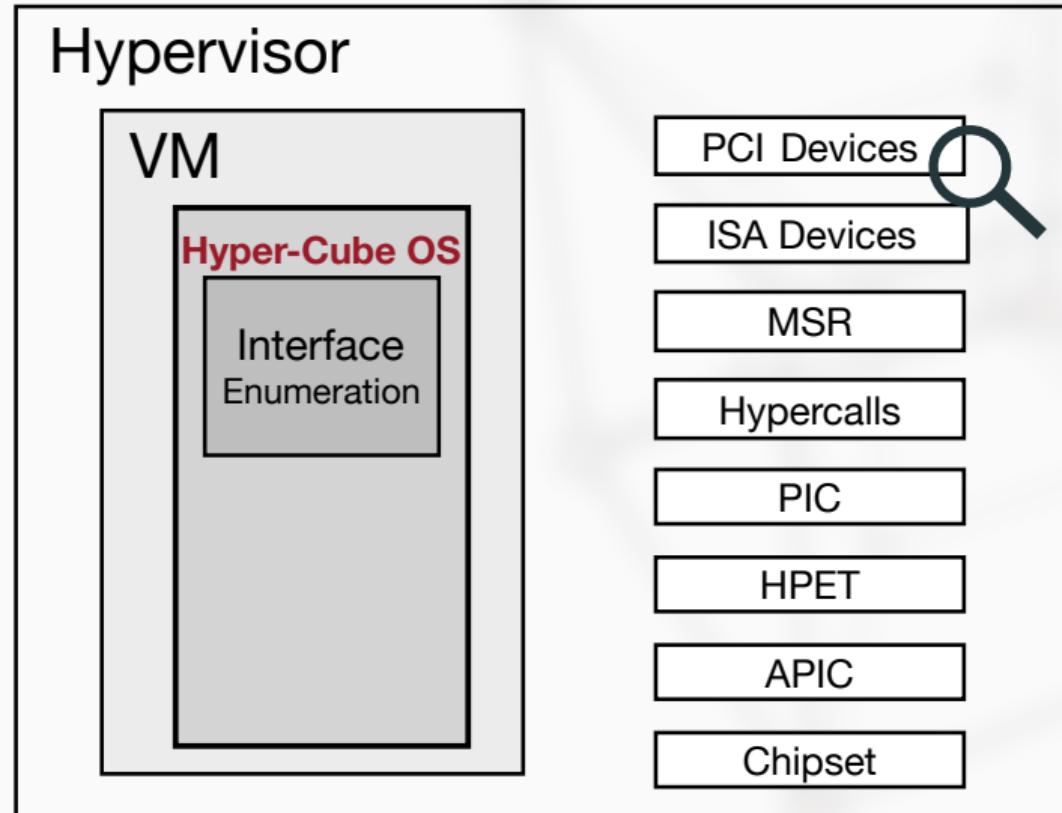
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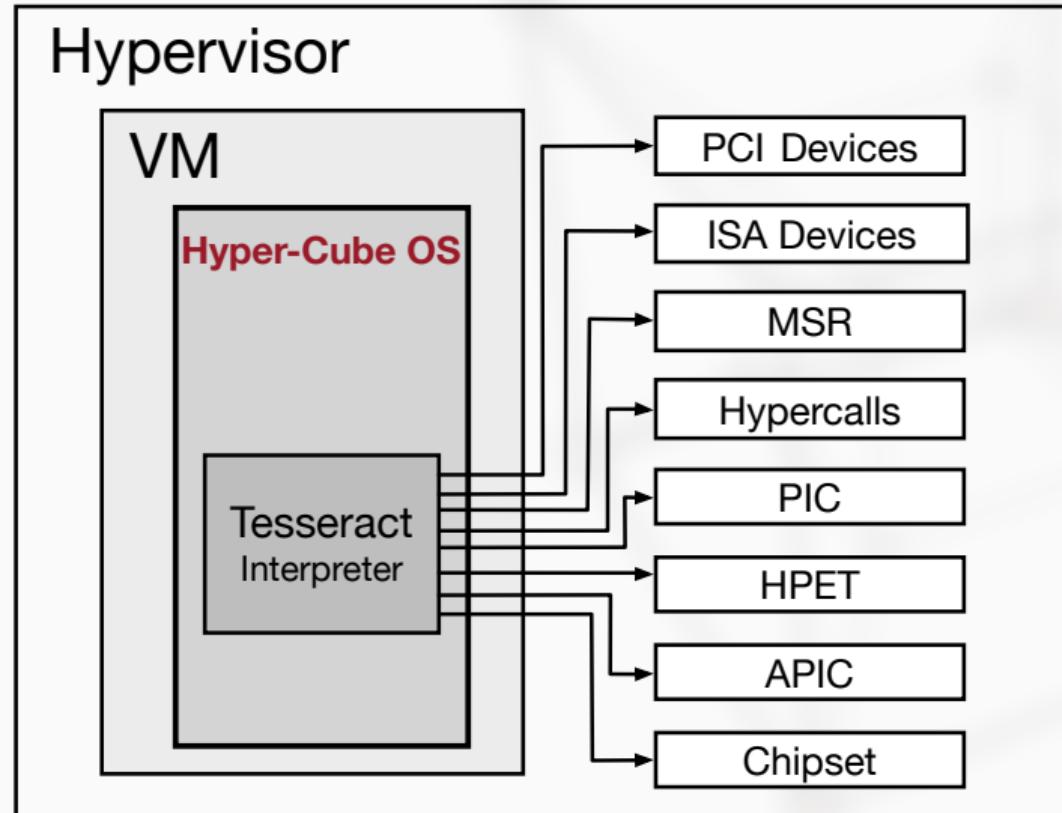
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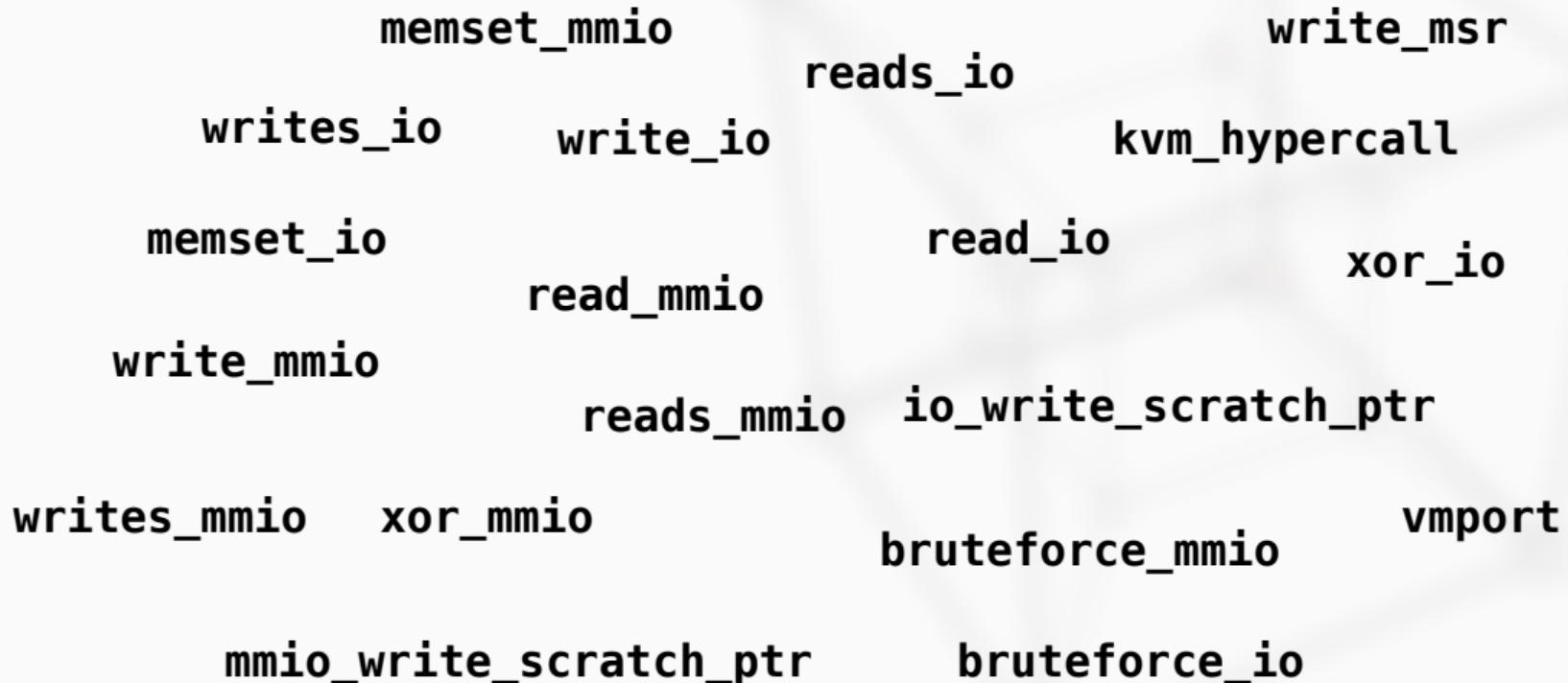


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## PRNG Stream

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0148: 1288 3a5a 91f9 1756
0150: 1cae 31ad 9b9c 938e
0158: 2a33 f597 6615 e267
0160: 0117 1f16 b440 8a86
0168: 9154 5b55 e4ca 9e3d
0170: 9d19 ae79 efac e500
0178: 8cdf 8c00 9a83 df76
0180: 91fe d779 026c 2e2b
0188: 9137 1ef8 eea3 d29c
0190: 1789 5938 a36f 718a
0198: 81e4 678c 20f5 fa0b
01a0: 774d 07f1 cee3 62bc
01a8: d845 bc86 7631 6eac
    ...
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**Robust  
Interpretation**



## Opcode Handler

```
vimport(0xbd4,0x10ea)
memset_io(0x426,0xce0,0x9dc,0xca8)

writes_mmio(0xec8,0xad,0x10ac,0x7e9)
bruteforce_mmio(0xce4,0xdfa,0xe31,0x322)

writes_io(0x4bb,0xb8,0xeb1,0x401)

memset_mmio(0x128,0xa73,0x2b3,0xa84)
read_mmio(0xbf3,0x907)

bruteforce_io(0x5c4,0x49a,0x94f,0xb1c)

xor_mmio(0x54b,0xa00,0xb51)
```

# Evaluation

# Tested Hypervisors

**FreeBSD bhyve** (12.0-RELEASE)

**VirtualBox** (5.1.37\_Ubuntu r122592)

**Parallels Desktop** (14.1.3)

**KVM/QEMU** (4.0.1-rc4)

**Intel ACRN** (29360 Build)

**VMware Fusion** (11.0.3)

# Results

Assert Failures

25

Null-Pointer Dereferences

13

Memory-Corruptions

8

Div-By-Zero (FP Exceptions)

5

Deadlocks

4

**55**  
**Bugs**

## **CVE-2019-12071**

FreeBSD Kernel Denial of Service via Privileged Guest

## CVE-2019-12071

### FreeBSD Kernel Denial of Service via Privileged Guest

```
===== INTERPRETER CONFIGURATION =====
```

```
mmio_area[0] = {
    base = 0xfee00000;
    size = 0x00008000;
    desc = "APIC";
};
```

```
===== INTERPRETER EXECUTING ... =====
```

```
mmio_memset_32(0x00000c7a + mmio_area[0], 0x884f972f, 0x0000001b)
```

```
...
```

## CVE-2019-12071

FreeBSD Kernel Denial of Service via Privileged Guest

Translates to



```
mmio_memset_32:  
    lea      edi, [APIC_addr+offset]  
    mov      esi, payload  
    mov      ecx, n  
    rep     movsd
```

mmio\_memset\_32(0x000000c7a + mmio\_area[0], 0x884f972f, 0x0000001b)

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```
panic: emulate_movs: unexpected error 22
```



CVE-2015-3456

**VENOM Vulnerability**



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TCG Mode:                   **5.8 sec**

(average time in seconds over 20 runs each )



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TCG Mode:                   **5.8 sec**

KVM Mode:                   **49.7 sec**

(average time in seconds over 20 runs each )

## VDF: Targeted Evolutionary Fuzz Testing of Virtual Devices

RAID 2017: Research in Attacks, Intrusions, and Defenses

- AFL-based Fuzzing Approach
- Fuzzing of Specific Device Emulators

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**HYPER  
CUBE** { **13/15** More Coverage  
**9/15** Crashed  
**10 Minutes** Each

**VDF** { **2/15** More Coverage  
**4/15** Crashed  
**≈ 60 Days Each**

# Conclusion

- **Novel Technique** to Fuzz Hypervisors
- **Outperforms** Coverage-Guided Fuzzers
- **Full-System** Fuzzing

# Thank You!

## Q & A