# GARUDA 2.0

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f_{Ei}
EXE Input Fields
                                          ::=
                                                  f_{Ei_1} \mid \cdots \mid f_{Ei_k}
State Reg Fields
                                 f_{SR}
                                          := f_{SR_1} \mid \cdots \mid f_{SR_k}
                                                  f_{Mi_1} \mid \cdots \mid f_{Mi_k}
MEM Input Fields
                                 f_{Mi}
                                          ::=
Fields
                                 f
                                          := f_{Ei} \mid f_{SR} \mid f_{Mi}
Obfuscated Field
                                          ::= \{f_{i_1} = v_{i_1}, \ldots, f_{i_k} = v_{i_k}\}
Inputs
                                                 \{f_{o_1} = v_{o_1}, \dots, f_{o_k} = v_{o_k}\}
f \to f^{\mathbf{o}} \mid f^{\mathbf{o}} \to f
Outputs
Obfuscation Fxn
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Figure 1: Definitions in GARUDA 2.0.

### 1 Background

GARUDA was a system that operated on a two stream model of the "user" or program, and that which executed the instructions. GARUDA 2.0, we extend, or refine based on the point of view, this model to operate between the Execution (EXE) and Memory (MEM) stages of the pipeline. We assume a monitor theory shown by the graphic Fig ??. The monitor appears to operate on a single stream, but the two hanging connections can be considered the two streams of the former model.

The most obvious change we need to make is to enable encryption and decryption of the EffAddr. Our attack vector focuses on a trojan targeting the state register between the EXE and MEM stages. They could cache these addresses and try to access that memory later, or they may try to use them as a side channel. Either way, allowing an adversary to track our memory accesses is clearly problematic. However, when we refer to "encryption", we really mean some reversible obfuscation function. We employ the proof assistant, Coq, to prove the EN and DE blocks are exact inverses. GARUDA is written in Coq for exactly this reason, so requiring a proof that  $\forall P, DE(ENP) = P$  should be sufficient.

Figure 2: Predicates in GARUDA 2.0 act as a boolean algebra.

Figure 3: Syntax of Policies in GARUDA 2.0

# 2 The Implementation of GARUDA 2.0

- 2.1 Syntax
- 2.1.1 Definitions
- 2.1.2 Syntax of Predicates
- 2.1.3 Syntax of Policies

Figure 4: The semantics of predicates in GARUDA 2.0. While predicates remain unchanged from GARUDA, the theory changes slightly

#### 2.2 Semantics

#### 2.2.1 Semantics of Predicates

#### 2.2.2 Semantics of Policies

Figure 5: The semantics of policies in GARUDA 2.0.

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Values
                       INSTR | RES
                  ::=
Registers
Expressions e ::= read(b)
                                                   Read Reg
                       write(b, v)
let \ x = e_1 \ in \ e_2
                                                   Write Value to Reg
                                                   Assignment
                       e_1 \mid\mid e_2
                                                   Parallel
                                                   Apply Function
                       if v = n then e_1 else e_2 Conditional
                       e_1 \&\& e_2
                                                   Product (AND)
                       e_1; e_2
                                                   Concatenation
                       forever e
                                                   Hardwire
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Figure 6: The language GARUDA 2.0 uses as a means to facilitate compilation.

PORT	DESCRIPTION
EXE	Direct output of the execution stage.
$EXE^{\mathbf{o}}$	Altered state register input.
$MEM^{\mathbf{o}}$	Direct output of the state register.
MEM	Altered memory access input.

Table 1: The four ports used in compilation. These are the inputs and outputs for logic between the functional units and state register.

### 3 Compilation to Verilog

# 3.1 The Intermediate Language

### 3.2 Compiling GARUDA 2.0 to the Intermediate

We define a function  $\mathbf{C}$  to be the compilation of some predicate or policy in GARUDA 2.0 to the intermediate language.  $\mathbf{C}$  operates on the four ports of the GARUDA 2.0 monitor. These consist of the processing done after the Execution stage, before the Memory stage, and their respective altered streams. Table 1 summarizes each port. Assume all  $\mathbf{C}$  are short for  $\mathbf{C}_{(EXE,EXE^{\circ},MEM^{\circ},MEM)}$  if unspecified.

- ${\bf 3.2.1}\quad {\bf Compiling\ Predicates}$
- 3.2.2 Compiling Policies

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\mathbf{C}[0] = let \ E\_boq = new \ buf
                                M\_bog = \text{new buf}
                           in write(EXE^{\mathbf{o}}, E\_bog)
                               write(MEM, M\_bog)
              C[1] = write(EXE^{o}, read(EXE))
                           write(MEM, read(MEM^{\mathbf{o}}))
       \mathbf{C}[f=n] = if \ EXE = n \ then
                               write(EXE^{o}, read(EXE))
                               else \mathbf{C}_{(EXE,EXE^{\circ},-,-)}[0]
                           if MEM^{o} = n then
                               write(MEM, read(MEM^{o}))
                               else \mathbf{C}_{(-,-,MEM^{\circ},MEM)}[0]
\mathbf{C}[\mathsf{test}(a+b)] = (*Intermediate\ Execution\ Ports*)
                           let E_{ai}, E_{ai}^{\mathbf{o}}, E_{bi}, E_{bi}^{\mathbf{o}} = \text{new buf } in
                           (*Intermediate Memory Ports*)
                           let M_{ai}^{\mathbf{o}}, M_{ai}, M_{bi}^{\mathbf{o}}, M_{bi} = \text{new buf } in
                                 DeMux(EXE, E_{ai}, E_{bi}) \parallel
                                 DeMux(MEM^{\mathbf{o}}, M_{ai}^{\mathbf{o}}, M_{bi}^{\mathbf{o}})
                           let i_a = \mathbf{C}_{(E_{ai}, E^{\mathbf{o}}_{-i}, M^{\mathbf{o}}_{-i}, M_{ai})}[a]
                                 i_b = \mathbf{C}_{(E_{bi}, E_{bi}^{\mathbf{o}}, M_{bi}^{\mathbf{o}}, M_{bi})}[b]
                           in \ Mux(i_a \ i_b, (EXE^{\mathbf{o}}, MEM))
  \mathbf{C}[\mathsf{test}(a \cdot b)] = \mathbf{C}[\mathsf{test}(a) \cdot \mathsf{test}(b)]
           \mathbf{C}[\neg a] = if \neg a \ then
                               write(EXE^{o}, read(EXE))
                               write(MEM, read(MEM^{o}))
                           else C[0]
```

Figure 7: Compilation of GARUDA 2.0 predicates into the intermediate language. These remain largely unchanged from GARUDA.

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\begin{split} \mathbf{C}[inj_{SR}V] &= write(EXE^{\bullet}, V) \\ \mathbf{C}[inj_{Mi}V] &= write(MEM, V) \\ \mathbf{C}[f \leftarrow n] &= let \ e' = f(read(EXE)) \\ &\quad m' = f(read(MEM^{\bullet})) \\ &\quad in \ write(EXE^{\bullet}, e') \\ &\quad write(MEM, m') \\ \mathbf{C}[p+q] &= let \ e_p = \mathbf{C}[p] \\ &\quad e_q = \mathbf{C}[q] \\ &\quad in \ Mux(e_p, e_q, (EXE^{\bullet}, MEM)) \\ \mathbf{C}[p \cdot q] &= let \ EXE_{mid} = \text{new buf} \\ &\quad MEM_{mid} = \text{new buf} \\ &\quad e_p = \mathbf{C}_{(EXE, EXE_{mid}, MEM^{\bullet}, MEM_{mid})}[p] \\ &\quad e_q = \mathbf{C}_{(EXE_{mid}, EXE^{\bullet}, MEM_{mid}, MEM)}[q] \\ &\quad in \ e_p \ ; \ e_q \end{split}
```

Figure 8: Compilation of GARUDA 2.0 policies into the intermediate language.

# 4 Applications of GARUDA 2.0

#### 4.1 Standard Taint

In the previous version of GARUDA, taint was implemented by tagging the most significant bit of a register. This caused no hardware overhead to maintain in the pipeline, but imposed an obvious bit-resolution hindrance. In GARUDA 2.0, the definition of such a policy is identical, but the compilation is different.

We assume a MIPS-like architecture for this example. The op codes of any given instruction are no more than 3;  $\mathsf{IN}_1$ ,  $\mathsf{IN}_2$ , and  $\mathsf{OUT}$  We denote these as RS, RT, and RD.

Let's suppose you want your taint to propogate on the inputs of any arithmetic instructions. Additionally, you prohibit any tainted instructions or addresses from accessing memory. In GARUDA 2.0, we can define this as follows. Please note that ALU can further be expanded to specific types of ALU instructions

```
Instruction Fields f_i ::= Taint_{RS}, Taint_{RT}, Taint_{RD}, OP
                                  MEM<sub>READ</sub> | MEM<sub>WRITE</sub> | ALU| ···
      Result Fields f_r ::=
                                  (*empty*)
                             \triangleq
                                  OP = ALU
                    Arith
                    Read
                                  OP = MEM_{RFAD}
                   Write
                                  \mathsf{OP} = \mathsf{MEM}_{\mathsf{WRITE}}
               AnyMem
                                   Read + Write
           TaintedInstr
                                   (Taint_{RS} = TRUE) + (Taint_{RT} = TRUE)
                             \triangleq
                                   \mathsf{Taint}_{\mathsf{RD}} \leftarrow \mathsf{TRUE}
               TaintRes
        PropTaintALU
                                   act(Arith \cdot TaintedInstr \cdot TaintRes)
                                   +act(Arith \cdot \neg TaintedInstr)
          NoTaintMem
                                   act(AnyMem \cdot \neg TaintedInstr)
            SecureMem
                                   PropTaintALU + NoTaintMem
                                   +act(\neg(Arith + AnyMem))
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### 4.2 Speculative Taint

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Instruction \ Fields \ f_i ::= Taint_{RS}, Taint_{RT}, Taint_{RD}, OP
                           ::= MEM_{READ} \mid MEM_{WRITE} \mid ALU \mid \cdots
                      OP
      Result Fields f_r ::=
                                   (*empty*)
                             \triangleq OP = ALU
                    Arith
                    Read
                                   OP = MEM_{READ}
                   Write
                             \triangleq
                                   \mathsf{OP} = \mathsf{MEM}_{\mathsf{WRITE}}
               AnyMem
                                   \mathsf{Read} + \mathsf{Write}
           TaintedInstr
                                   (Taint_{RS} = TRUE) + (Taint_{RT} = TRUE)
               TaintRes
                                   \mathsf{Taint}_{\mathsf{RD}} \leftarrow \mathsf{TRUE}
        PropTaintALU
                                   act(Arith \cdot TaintedInstr \cdot TaintRes)
                                   +act(Arith \cdot \neg TaintedInstr)
          NoTaintMem
                                   act(AnyMem \cdot \neg TaintedInstr)
            SecureMem
                                   PropTaintALU + NoTaintMem
                                   +act(\neg(Arith + AnyMem))
```

# References

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