

LAB 5: LLVM

1. DEFAULT CHECKERS:

a. **Core:** based on language features.

1.1.1.1

Bug found was that function pointer was assigned to null. Null dereference in C makes the program run in an undefined behavior hence, not allowed. This can be rectified by making the function pointer foo point to a valid function pointer i.e test.

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Bug Summary

File: ex1.c
Warning: [line 5, column 4](#)
Called function pointer is null (null dereference)

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```

1 //C
2 void test() {
3     void (*foo)(void);
4     foo = 0;
5     foo(); //warn: function pointer is null
6 }
7 void main()
8 {
9     test();
10 }
```

2 ← Null pointer value stored to 'foo' →

3 ← Called function pointer is null (null dereference)

1 Calling 'test' →

```

1 //C
2 void test() {
3     void (*foo)(void)=test; //assigning function pointer foo to test()
4     foo();
5 }
6 void main()
7 {
8     test();
9 }

```

1.1.1.4

The bug found was that the variable x initialized when the function test was never used before the function is returned making it a dead assignment. This is fixed by adding the print statement which reads and prints the value of x.

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Bug Summary

File: ex2.c
 Warning: [line 5, column 7](#)
 Value stored to 'x' during its initialization is never read

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```

1 //C
2 void test(int *p) {
3     if (p)
4         return;
5     int x = p[0]; //warn

```

Value stored to 'x' during its initialization is never read

```

6 }
7
8 int main()
9 {
10     int p;
11     test(&p);
12 }

```

```

1 // C
2 #include<stdio.h>
3 void test(int *p) {
4     if (p) //if returns true
5         return;
6     int x = p[0];
7     printf("%d",x); //variable x is printed
8 }
9 int main()
10
11     int p={1};
12     test(&p); // pass as the argument
13

```

1.1.1.5

Here the variable x is declared as static i.e the value it holds remains same throughout the program execution. Since x holds the reference of a local variable y, it becomes a dangling pointer when the function test() returns. This is fixed by making the local variable y as static too.

[Summary](#) > [Report c49e23](#)

Bug Summary

File: ex3.c

Warning: [line 5, column 5](#)

Address of stack memory associated with local variable 'y' is still referred to by the static variable 'x' upon returning to the caller. This will be a dangling reference

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```

1
2 void test() {
3     static int *x;
4     int y;
5     x = &y; // warn

```

2 Address of stack memory associated with local variable 'y' is still referred to by the static variable 'x' upon returning to the caller. This will be a dangling reference

```

6 }
7
8 void main() {
9     test();
10 }

```

1 Calling 'test' →

```
void test() {
    static int *x;
    static int y; //making y as a static variable instead of local so the
    value it holds persist throughout the program execution.
    x = &y; // Here x will still be referencing y beyond the scope of test().
}

void main() {
    test();
}
```

1.1.1.6

This example generated 2 bugs. One being a dead initialization where the initialized value of y is never read, and another is the value stored in y is a result of addition operation using an uninitialized variable x. Since x is uninitialized, it holds a garbage value by default. This is corrected by initializing x with an integer value and printing the resultant y value.

Bug Group	Bug Type ▾	File	Function/Method	Line	Path Length		
Dead store	Dead initialization	ex4.c	test	3	1	View Report	Re Bu
Logic error	Result of operation is garbage or undefined	ex4.c	test	3	3	View Report	Re Bu

Bug Summary

File: ex4.c
 Warning: [line 3, column 7](#)
 Value stored to 'y' during its initialization is never read

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```
1 void test() {
2     int x;
3     int y = x + 1; // warn: left operand is garbage
4 }
5
6 void main()
7 {
8     test();
9 }
```

Value stored to 'y' during its initialization is never read

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```
1 void test() {
2   int x;
3   int y = x + 1; // warn: left operand is garbage
4 }
5
6 void main()
7 {
8   test();
9 }
```

2 ← 'x' declared without an initial value →

3 ← The left operand of '+' is a garbage value

1 Calling 'test' →

```
1 #include<stdio.h>
2 void test() {
3   int x = 3; // initialize x with an integer value
4   int y = x + 1; // result of add operation is stored in y
5   printf("%d",y); //printing the stored y value.
6 }
7
8 void main()
9 {
10  test();
11 }
```

1.1.1.7

The bug found in this example is that the array vla uses an uninitialized variable x to define its size, hence, making the array size to be a garbage value. This can be fixed by initializing the variable x with a non-zero integer value and using it to define the size of the array.

Bug Group	Bug Type ▾	File	Function/Method	Line	Path Length	
Logic error	Dangerous variable-length array (VLA) declaration	ex5.c	test	3	3	View Report Report Bug Open File

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Bug Summary

File: ex5.c

Warning: line 3, column 3

Declared variable-length array (VLA) uses a garbage value as its size

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1 void test() {

2 int x;

3 int vla1[x]; // warn: garbage as size

4 }

5

6 void main()

7 {

8 test();

9 }

2 ← 'x' declared without an initial value →

3 ← Declared variable-length array (VLA) uses a garbage value as its size

1 Calling 'test' →

```
1 void test() {
2   int x=10; //initializing x with a non-zero integer so the size of array vla1 will be valid.
3   int vla1[x];
4 }
5
6 void main()
7 {
8   test();
9 }
```

1.1.1.8

In this example, the given array ‘a’ has not been initialized and, we are trying to initialize variable x with a value within the array ‘a’ using an uninitialized variable ‘i’ as the index. Lastly, this initialized variable x is not used making it a dead initialization.

To fix these bugs, we first initialize the array with some values and assign a valid integer to the variable ‘i’ so it can be used for array indexing and lastly, printing this newly assigned value ‘x’.

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Logic error	Array subscript is undefined	ex6.c	test	3	3	View Report	Report Bug	Open File
Dead store	Dead initialization	ex6.c	test	3	1	View Report	Report Bug	Open File

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Bug Summary

File: ex6.c
Warning: [line 3, column 11](#)
Array subscript is undefined

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```

1 void test() {
2   int i, a[10];
3   int x = a[i]; // warn: array subscript is undefined
4 }
5
6 void main(){
7   test();
8 }
```

2 ← 'i' declared without an initial value →

3 ← Array subscript is undefined

1 Calling 'test' →

[Summary](#) > Report 7f792c

Bug Summary

File: ex6.c
Warning: [line 3, column 7](#)
Value stored to 'x' during its initialization is never read

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```

1 void test() {
2   int i, a[10];
3   int x = a[i]; // warn: array subscript is undefined
4 }
5
6 void main(){
7   test();
8 }
```

Value stored to 'x' during its initialization is never read

```
1#include <stdio.h>
2void test() {
3    int i=0, a[]={1,2}; // Initialize x and array a
4    int x = a[i];
5    printf("%d", x); //Initialized variables needs to be read, hence print x.
6}
7
8void main(){
9    test();
10}
```

1.1.1.9

In this example, the variable x is used to perform a bitwise OR operation while it is uninitialized. The variable x is not utilized in the program thus resulting in a dead store. To fix this bug , we simply initialize the variable x with a value of integer datatype and print this variable x.

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Logic error	Assigned value is garbage or undefined	ex7.c	test	3	3	View Report Report Bug Open File
Dead store	Dead increment	ex7.c	test	3	1	View Report Report Bug Open File

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File: ex7.c

Warning: [line 3, column 5](#)
The left expression of the compound assignment is an uninitialized value. The computed value will also be garbage

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```
1 void test() {
2     int x;
3     x |= 1; // warn: left expression is uninitialized
4 }
5
6 void main() {
7     test();
8 }
```

2 ← 'x' declared without an initial value →

3 ← The left expression of the compound assignment is an uninitialized value. The computed value will also be garbage

1 Calling 'test' →

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File: ex7.c

Warning: [line 3, column 3](#)

Value stored to 'x' is never read

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```

1 void test() {
2     int x;
3     x |= 1; // warn: left expression is uninitialized
4 }
5
6 void main() {
7     test();
8 }

```

Value stored to 'x' is never read

```

1 #include<stdio.h>
2 void test() {
3     int x=0; //initialize x to perform bitwise OR operation in the next line.
4     x |= 1;
5     printf("%d", x);
6 }
7
8 void main() {
9     test();
10 }

```

1.1.1.10

Here, the branching condition for if statement is based off the value of x which holds a garbage value. This is fixed by initializing x so that the if statement evaluates to be valid (true in this case).

```

1 void test() {
2     int x=1;
3     if (x) //Since x is initialized, if statement will evaluate to be true
4         return;
5 }
6
7 void main()
8 {
9     test();
10 }

```

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Bug Summary

File: ex8.c
Warning: [line 3, column 7](#)
Branch condition evaluates to a garbage value

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```

1 void test() {
2     int x;
3     if (x) // warn
4         return;
5 }
6
7 void main()
8 {
9     test();

```

2 ← 'x' declared without an initial value →

3 ← Branch condition evaluates to a garbage value

1 Calling 'test' →

1.1.1.11

I used clang instead of gcc to support the block type extension and build the program using the following command:

```
sowmyashree@sowmyashree-VirtualBox:~$ scan-build -o . clang ex9.c -fblocks -lBlocksRuntime
scan-build: Using '/usr/lib/llvm-10/bin/clang' for static analysis
```

Two bugs were found, one was that the block was capturing an uninitialized variable x. And the value of y was unused after assignment. This was fixed by initializing x before it is captured by the block and later printing the value of y to fix dead assignment.

File: ex9.c
 Warning: [line 6, column 3](#)
 Variable 'x' is uninitialized when captured by block

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```

1  #include<stdio.h>
2  #include <Block.h>
3
4  void test() {
5      int x;
6      ^{ int y = x; }();
7  }
8  int main()
9  {
10     test();
11     return 0;

```

2 ← 'x' declared without an initial value →

3 ← Variable 'x' is uninitialized when captured by block

1 Calling 'test' →

Bug Summary

File: ex9.c
 Warning: [line 6, column 10](#)
 Value stored to 'y' during its initialization is never read

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```

1  #include<stdio.h>
2  #include <Block.h>
3
4  void test() {
5      int x;
6      ^{ int y = x; }();
7  }
8  int main()
9  {
10     test();
11     return 0;
12 }

```

Value stored to 'y' during its initialization is never read

```

1 #include<stdio.h>
2 #include <Block.h>
3 //typedef void (^b1)();
4 void test() {
5     int x=3; //initialize value of x
6     ^{ int y = x;
7     printf("%d",y);}(); //print the value of y
8 }
9 int main()
10 {
11     test();
12     return 0;
13 }
14

```

1.1.1.12

The bug found is that the function test() returns an uninitialized value. Hence, it is fixed by assigned an integer value to x before returning it. Also since the test() returns an integer value, we assign that to a variable y in main() and print that value to avoid dead assignment.

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Bug Summary

File: ex10.c
 Warning: [line 3, column 3](#)
 Undefined or garbage value returned to caller

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```

1 int test() {
2     int x;
3     return x; // warn
4 }
5
6 void main()
7 {
8     test();
9 }

```

2 ← 'x' declared without an initial value →

3 ← Undefined or garbage value returned to caller

1 Calling 'test' →

```

1 #include<stdio.h>
2 int test() {
3     int x=5;
4     return x; //initialize x before returning the value to main
5 }
6
7 void main()
8 {
9     int y=test();
10    printf("%d",y);
11 }

```

b. Unix: checkers based on Posix/unix

1.1.7.2

This example threw a memory error where it was trying to assign a value to the dynamically allocated integer pointer p after it was freed. This can be fixed by interchanging the lines 4 and 5 i.e freeing the pointer after the assignment.

File: ex11.c
 Warning: [line 5, column 6](#)
 Use of memory after it is freed

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```

1 #include<stdlib.h>
2 void test() {
3     int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
4     free(p);
5     *p = 1; // warn: use after free
6 }
7
8 void main()
9 {
10    test();

```

2 ← Memory is allocated →

3 ← Memory is released →

4 ← Use of memory after it is freed

1 Calling 'test' →

```

1 #include<stdlib.h>
2 void test() {
3     int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
4     *p = 1;
5     free(p); //free the pointer after its usage.
6 }
7
8 void main()
9 {
10    test();
11 }

```

1.1.7.3

Here, the bug was type mismatch while creating a pointer p dynamically using malloc. Conversion of short to long is incompatible. Hence, this can be fixed by changing datatype from short to long as the operand for sizeof().

[Summary](#) > [Report 11c625](#)

Bug Summary

File: ex12.c
Warning: [line 3, column 13](#)
Result of 'malloc' is converted to a pointer of type 'long', which is incompatible with sizeof operand type 'short'

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```
1 #include<stdlib.h>
2 void test() {
3     long *p = malloc(sizeof(short));
4
5     // warn: result is converted to 'long *', which is
6     // incompatible with operand type 'short'
7     free(p);
8 }
9 void main()
10 {
11     test();
12 }
```

Result of 'malloc' is converted to a pointer of type 'long', which is incompatible with sizeof operand type 'short'

```
1 #include<stdlib.h>
2 void test() {
3     long *p = malloc(sizeof(long)); //Change short to long datatype to make it compatible.
4     free(p);
5 }
6
7 void main()
8 {
9     test();
10 }
```

2. Experimental Checkers: To test this checkers we need to use additional options: `--use-analyzer=/usr/bin/clang -enable-checker <checkername>` while building.

1.2.2.8

We build using the following command:

```
sowmyashree@sowmyashree-VirtualBox:~$ scan-build --use-analyzer=/usr/bin/clang -enable-checker alpha.core.FixedAddr -o . gcc ex13.c
scan-build: Using '/usr/bin/clang' for static analysis
ex13.c:4:5: warning: Using a fixed address is not portable because that address will probably not be valid in all environments or platforms
```

In this example, we are assigning a fixed address to the pointer `p`. This is not recommended because the memory address during execution varies every-time. Hence, it can cause the program to behave in an unpredictable manner. To fix this, we can make the pointer as the reference of another variable/intended variable. This can be done using the `'&'` operator. Then print the value of `p` to fix dead assignment.

[Summary](#) > **Report 489a92**

Bug Summary

File: `ex13.c`
 Warning: [line 4, column 5](#)
 Using a fixed address is not portable because that address will probably not be valid in all environments or platforms

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```
1  #include<stdio.h>
2  void test() {
3      int *p;
4      p = (int *) 0x10000; // warn
5      printf("%p", p);
6  }
7  void main()
8  {
9      test();
10 }
```

2 Using a fixed address is not portable because that address will probably not be valid in all environments or platforms

1 Calling 'test' →

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File: ex13.c

Warning: [line 3, column 3](#)
Value stored to 'p' is never read[Report Bug](#)**Annotated Source Code**Press ['?'](#) to see keyboard shortcuts[Show analyzer invocation](#)

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```

1 void test() {
2     int *p;
3     p = (int *) 0x10000; // warn
4 }
5 void main()
6 {
7     test();
8 }

```

Value stored to 'p' is never read

```

1 #include<stdio.h>
2 void test() {
3     int a;
4     int *p=&a; //Fixed addresses can't be assigned. Instead assign the address of the variable
5     *p = 100;
6     printf("%d", *p);
7 }
8 void main()
9 {
10 test();
11 }

```

1.2.2.10

We build using the following command:

```

sowmyashree@sowmyashree-VirtualBox:~$ scan-build --use-analyzer=/usr/bin/clang -enable-checker alpha.core.PointerArithm -o . gcc ex14.c
scan-build: Using '/usr/bin/clang' for static analysis
14 c:4:3: warning: Value stored to 'p' is never read

```

Two bugs were found, one is where we are performing the arithmetic operations on the address and another being a dead assignment. Here performing such operations on the address of a variable involves manipulation of memory addresses which again can make the program unpredictable. This can be fixed by assigning a pointer p to reference the required variable, x and performing the addition operation using this pointer. Also, we need to initialize x with an integer to avoid it from holding garbage value.

Later print this variable to fix dead assignment.

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Bug Summary

File: ex14.c
Warning: [line 4, column 10](#)
Pointer arithmetic on non-array variables relies on memory layout, which is dangerous

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```
1 void test() {
2     int x;
3     int *p;
4     p = &x + 1; // warn
5 }
6 void main(){
7     test();
8 }
```

2 ← Pointer arithmetic on non-array variables relies on memory layout, which is dangerous

1 Calling 'test' →

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Bug Summary

File: ex14.c
Warning: [line 4, column 3](#)
Value stored to 'p' is never read

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```
1 void test() {
2     int x;
3     int *p;
4     p = &x + 1; // warn
5 }
6 void main(){
7     test();
8 }
```

Value stored to 'p' is never read

```
1 void test() {
2     int x=0;
3     int *p = &x; // Create a reference/pointer to the variable x
4     *p = *p + 1; // Now, we can perform addition using that pointer.
5 }
6 void main(){
7     test();
8 }
```