

Automatic Bug-Finding for the Blockchain

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- Ethereum Blockchain
- Smart Contract Design
- Smart Contract Vulnerabilities
- Manticore

Our contribution: Symbolic Execution on Smart Contracts

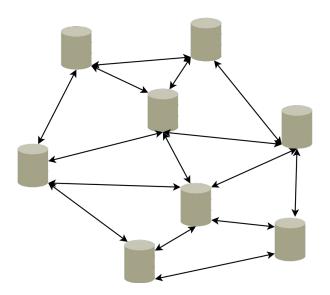
The Ethereum Blockchain

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Blockchain



- Distributed data: All participants store all the data
- Decentralized consensus: Everyone agrees on the data



Blockchain Application

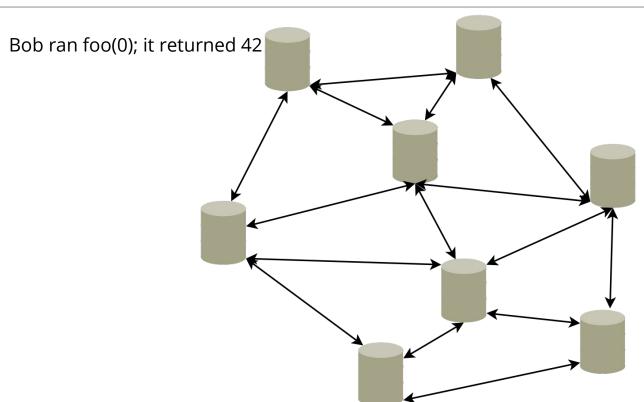


- Bitcoin (2009): First digital currency using blockchain
 - Solved the double spending problem
- Ethereum (2015): Extended blockchain to run apps
 - Store & execute code

Bitcoin: distributed database => Ethereum: distributed VM

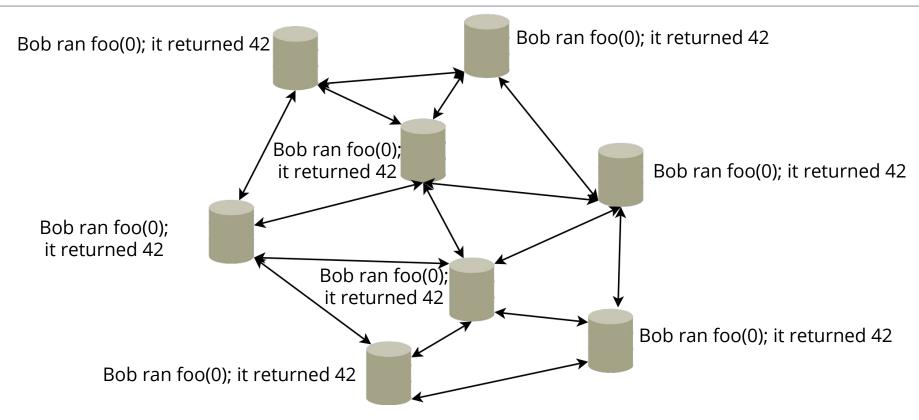
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Smart Contracts



- Smart Contracts: Applications that run on Ethereum
 - Everyone executes and verifies it
 - Decentralized: nobody can stop or secretly modify data
 - => Ensures strong properties on your application

Smart Contract Usage



- Digital currency is one example of an application
 - ICO, Crowdfunding system
 - Game (ex: Poker, lotteries, ..)
 - o ...
- Already a lot of money invested into smart contracts
 - Tezos ICO: \$200 million
 - Bancor ICO: \$153 million

Smart Contract Design

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Ethereum Design



Ethereum runs EVM bytecode

```
00000000
          PUSH1
                 0x60
00000002
          PUSH1
                 0x40
00000004
        MSTORE
         CALLDATASTZE
00000005
00000006
        ISZERO
00000007
          PUSH2
                0x131
0000000a
          JUMPT
```

- VM with <150 opcodes, only 1 register (PC), stack-based
- Calling a function = making a transaction
- Each transaction has a cost (gas), paid in ethers
- Bytecode cannot be updated (!)

Solidity



- Smart contracts are typically written in **Solidity**
 - High-level language in "Javascript style"
 - Contracts organized as a set of methods
 - State = contract variables + balance (# ethers)



```
pragma solidity 0.4.16; // Compiler version
contract Bank{
                                   // There are bugs, don't use this contract
    mapping(address => uint) private balances;
    function Bank(uint initial supply) public {
       balances[msg.sender] = initial supply;
    function transfer(address to, uint val) public {
        balances[msg.sender] -= val;
        balances[to] += val;
    function balanceOf(address user) public constant returns (uint){
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                                                                            Public function
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                                                                           Constant function
        return balances[user];
                                                                               (gas-free)
```

Transaction



- Among other, a transaction has: From/to/data
- Data holds: Function name and parameters
 - Function name: 4 bytes of keccak256(signature)
 - Ex: 'transfer(address,uint256)' => 0xa9059cbb
 - Parameters can be padded with 0 bytes according the size

Demo



Smart Contract Vulnerabilities

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Smart Contract Security



- Vulnerabilities in smart contracts have already cost a lot
- Parity Wallet: \$30 million (could have been a lot worse)
- DAO Hack: \$150 million (led to a hard fork)

Smart Contract Vulnerabilities



- "Classic" vulnerabilities:
 - Integer overflow/underflow
 - Race condition

- Logic vulnerabilities / errors in the design
 - Harder to find, but deadly

Reentracy Vulnerability



The <u>DAO</u> (\$\$\$)

```
function withdrawBalance(){
    // Send the balance to the caller.
    // If the caller is a contract, call the fallback function
    if( ! (msg.sender.call.value(userBalance[msg.sender])() ) ){
        throw;
    }
    // Empty the balance
    userBalance[msg.sender] = 0;
}
```

Use of the fallback function to call the caller

- call withdrawBalance from a malicious contract
- withdrawBalance calls the fallback function of the malicious contract
- The fallback function calls a second time withdrawBalance
- Repeat n times => withdraws n times the original deposit

Improperly restricted functions



- Parity Wallet
 - Widely used library for storing ethers
 - o Built by Gavin Wood, formerly CTO of Ethereum Foundation
- Key function was public, should have been callable only once
 - End result: Anyone can become the owner of the contract

Other Examples



- <u>KingOfTheEtherThrone</u>: Calls to external function not tested -> excepted compensation could be not send
- GovernMental: Uses new address[](0);, which cleans the internal storage, but iterates over all the index -> fees too costly to be executed
- <u>Rubixi</u>: Constructor with incorrect name, anyone could become the owner (and calls to send() are never checked)
- <u>Rock-Paper-Scissor</u>: Data was not hidden
- <u>FirePonzi</u>: Mistype between payoutCursor_Id and payoutCursor_Id_
- <u>The Run</u>: Uses the current timestamp as random number; but timestamp can be manipulated

Logic vulnerabilities are hard to find



- What is a vulnerability in a contract?
 - It depends on the contract purpose!
- A user ends with more ethers than invested, is it a bug?
 - Yes, if the contract is a paid service
 - No, if the contract is a lottery

Smart Contract Symbolic Execution



Manticore - EVM



- A symbolic execution engine for EVM
- All possible contract paths are explored
- Supports multiple contracts and transactions
- Produces examples transactions that fail
- API for generic instrumentation



Manticore - EVM - How

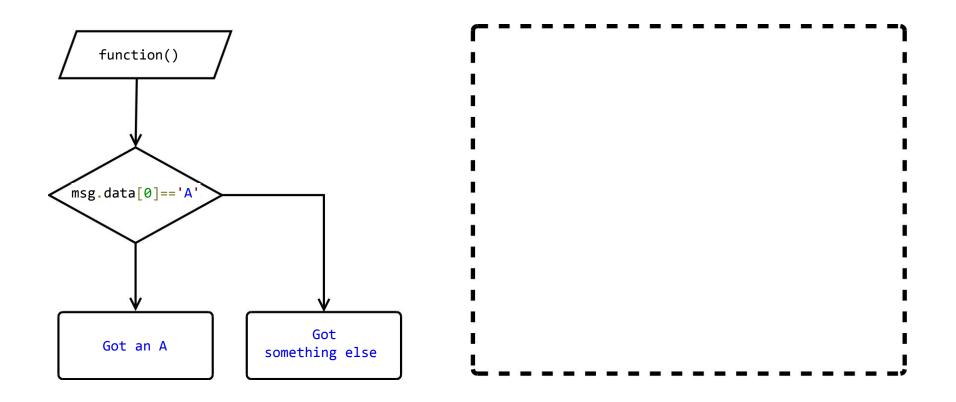


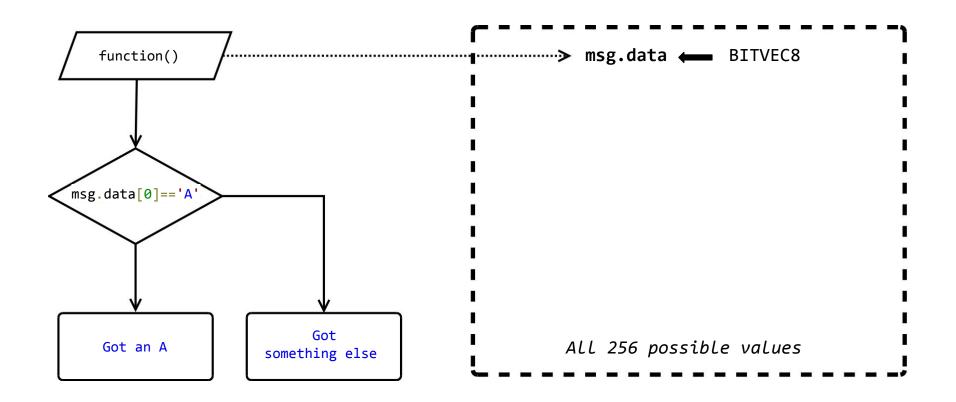
- Transaction inputs are considered symbolic
- Emulated instructions build expressions
- At a conditional jump, analysis is forked
- A set of input constraints is maintained
- An SMT solver is queried to solve these constraints

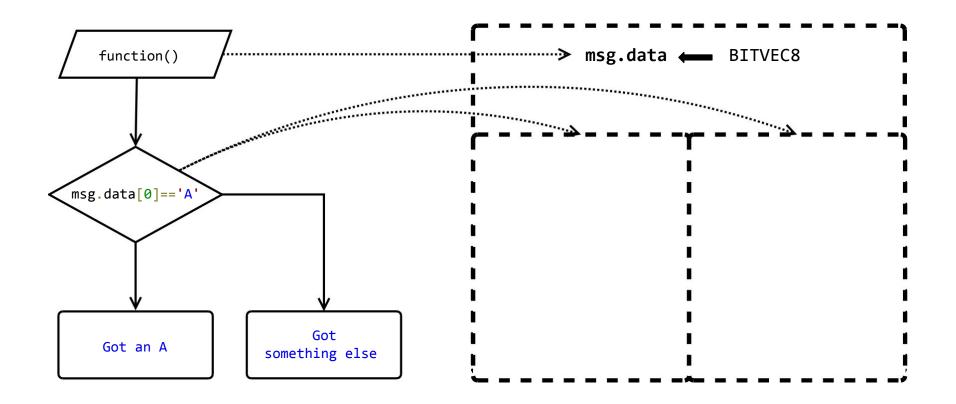
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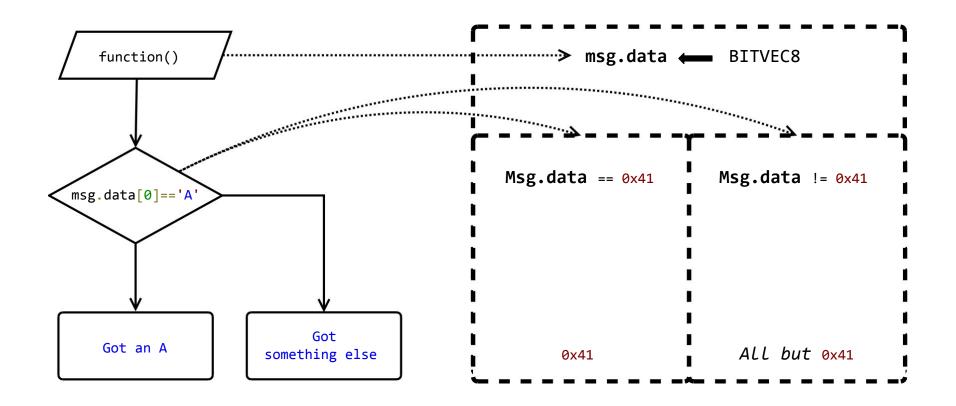


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The Yellow Paper



ETHEREUM: A SECURE DECENTRALISED GENERALISED TRANSACTION LEDGER EIP-150 REVISION

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ABSTRACT. The blockchain paradigm when coupled with cryptographically-secured transactions has demonstrated its utility through a number of projects, not least Bitcoin. Each such project can be seen as a simple application on a decentralised, but singleton, compute resource. We can call this paradigm a transactional singleton machine with shared-state.

Ethereum implements this paradigm in a generalised manner. Furthermore it provides a plurality of such resources, each with a distinct state and operating code but able to interact through a message-passing framework with others. We discuss its design, implementation issues, the opportunities it provides and the future hurdles we envisage.

http://gavwood.com/paper.pdf

Instructions



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Instructions - Stack



GASLIMIT, POP, MLOAD, MSTORE, MSTORE8, SLOAD, SSTORE, JUMP, JUMPI, GETPC, MSIZE, GAS, JUMPDEST, PUSH, DUP, SWAP, LOG,

Instructions - Memory



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Ethereum Virtual Machine



PC	0x0004: MSTORE Save word to memory.	
Stack	0x000000000000000000000000000000000000	
	0xa0a1a2a3a4a5a6a7a8a9aaabacadaeafb0b1b2b3b4b5b6b7b8b9babbbcbdbebf	
		\rightarrow 1024
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	0010:	
	0020:	
Mem	0030:	
	0040:	
	0050:	

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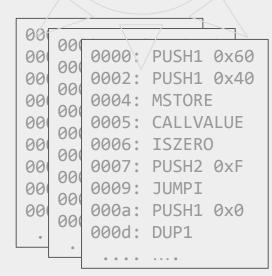


Transaction

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contract		key	value					
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0004: MSTORE

0005: CALLVALUE

0006: ISZERO

0007: PUSH2 0xF

0009: JUMPI

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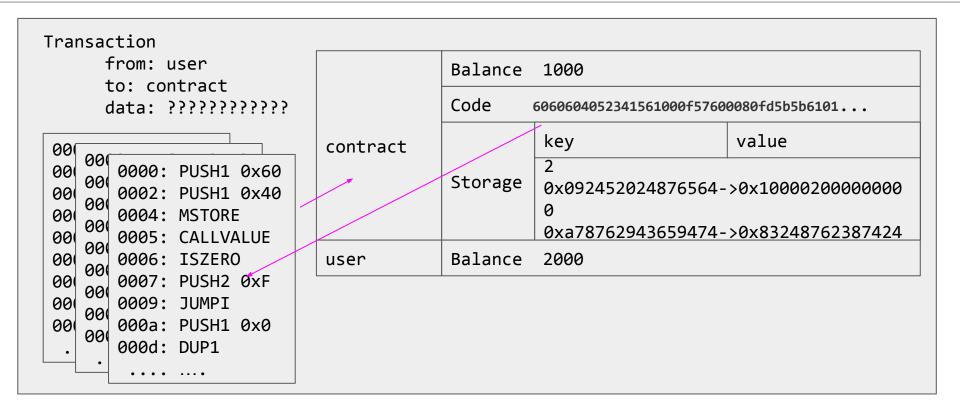
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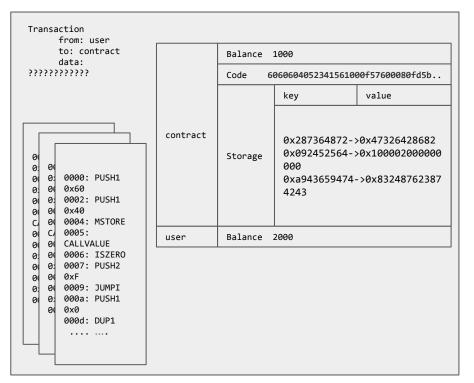
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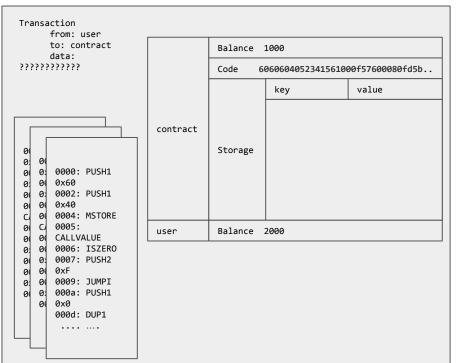




Ethereum World - Fork







Create an Ethereum contract



- Any account can create a contract (\$)
- Solidity source code -> initialization bytecode
- The initialization bytecode sets up the storage and returns the runtime bytecode
- Constructor parameters are appended to the init bytecode





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Toy Contract - Transaction



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seth.transaction(caller=user account,
                address=contract account,
                data=seth.SByte(16),
                                        #Symbolic buffer
                value=seth.SValue
                                        #Symbolic value
print "[+] There are %d reverted states now"% len(seth.final state ids)
for state id in seth.final state ids:
   seth.report(state id)
print "[+] There are %d alive states now"% len(seth.running state ids)
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print seth.coverage(contract account)
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print seth.coverage(contract account) #Print covered instructions
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Reading Manticore results



REPORT: STOP

LOG: 0xa9eb72624f93de30ccd1118fbccfb637cd367b35L "Got something else"

=============

REPORT: STOP

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Total assembler lines: 131

Total assembler lines visited: 111

Coverage: 84.73 %





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pragma solidity ^0.4.15;

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    function add(uint value) returns (bool){
        sellerBalance += value; // complicated math with possible overflow
        // possible auditor assert
        assert(sellerBalance >= value);
    }
}
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Example - Integer overflow



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Needs two transactions











```
#First add will not overflow uint256 representation
symbolic data = seth.make function call('add(uint256)', seth.Svalue)
seth.transaction( caller=user account,
                                                                          tx1
                               address=contract account,
                               value=0,
                               data=symbolic data,
#Potential overflow
symbolic data = seth.make function call('add(uint256)', seth.Svalue)
seth.transaction( caller=user account,
                               address=contract account,
                                                                          tx2
                               value=0,
                               data=symbolic data
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for state_id in seth.running_state_ids:
    seth.report(state_id)

print "[+] Global coverage: %x"% contract_account
print seth.coverage(contract_account)
```

Reading Manticore results



0xd30a286ec6737b8b2a6a7b5fbb5d75b895f62956L 1000 0x1bfa530d5d685155e98cd7d9dd23f7b6a801cfefl 0

REPORT: RETURN

data_1: 1003e2d2

data_3: 1003e2d2

BALANCES

0xd30a286ec6737b8b2a6a7b5fbb5d75b895f62956L 1000 0x1bfa530d5d685155e98cd7d9dd23f7b6a801cfefL 0

[+] Global coverage: 76.47%



The SHA₃ problem



```
buffer = msg.data; // symbolic free data
if (sha3(buffer) == 0x11223344){
   do something();
else{
   do something else();
```

Solidity `mappings` are implemented with sha3()



The SHA3 problem - Solutions?



- Return a free symbolic hash -> False positives
 - sha3(symbolic_buffer) -> free_256bitvector
- Concretization and fork over known hashes
- Symbolic SHA3 over known solutions





Handling mappings



```
contract Test {
  event Log(string);
  mapping(address => uint) private balances;
  function Test(){
     balances[0x2222222222222222222222222] = 20;
     balances[0x3333333333333333333333333333] = 30;
     function target(address key) returns (bool){
     if (balances[key] > 20)
        Log("Balance greater than 20");
     else
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     function target(address key) returns (bool){
     if (balances[key] > 20)
                                 Make special expression
        Log("Balance greater than 20");
     else
        Log("Balance less or equal than 20");
```

Reading Manticore results



many solutions

REPORT: REVERT

REPORT: RETURN

LOGS: "Balance greater than 20"

REPORT: RETURN

LOGS: "Balance less or equal than"

Conclusions & Future Work

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Conclusions



- Smart contracts on the blockchain is a new technology
 - Already a lot of money = good target for attackers
 - Developers are not always aware of the security best practices
 - We need more usable tools to perform audits
- We will probably see other large hacks in a near future
 - There is a need for contract verification/analysis
- EVM is a good fit for Symbolic Execution
 - o Gas limitation, not many paths
- No memory safety heuristics
 - Need a human to provide require() and assert()

Manticore - Further work



- Add gas support
 - Calculate real max gas spent on functions
- Bindiff between 2 versions of the same contract:
 - contractA(symbolic_input_a) == contractB(symbolic_input_a)
- Add ABI helpers for building input
- Add vulnerabilities detection heuristics
- Special instruction for meta-assert

Ok, entonces todavía falta para poder vaciar la blockchain. 😕



Other Tools for Audits



- https://github.com/hrishioa/Oyente (symbolic executor)
 - Paper: <u>Making Smart Contracts Smarter</u>
 - Detects: call stack / concurrency / time dependency / reentrancy
- https://github.com/pirapira/dry-analyzer (symbolic executor)
 - o "Dr. Y's Ethereum Contract Analyzer"
- https://ethereum.github.io/browser-solidity (static analysis)
 - Detects: similar variables names, re-entracy
- http://securify.ch/ (static analysis-based verification)
 - Still in development

Manticore Github



https://github.com/trailofbits/manticore/tree/dev-evm-eko

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