

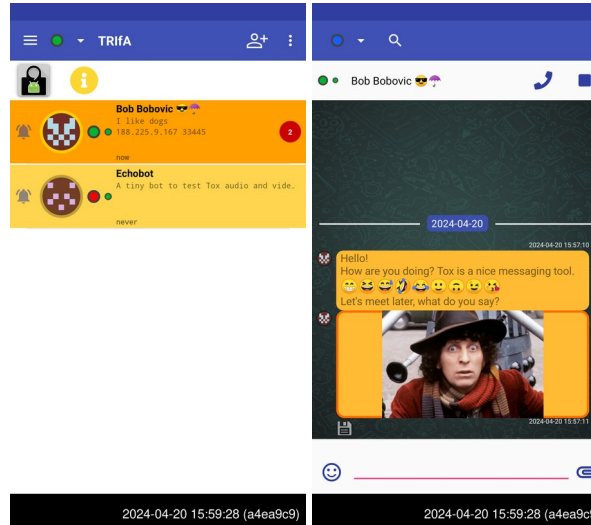
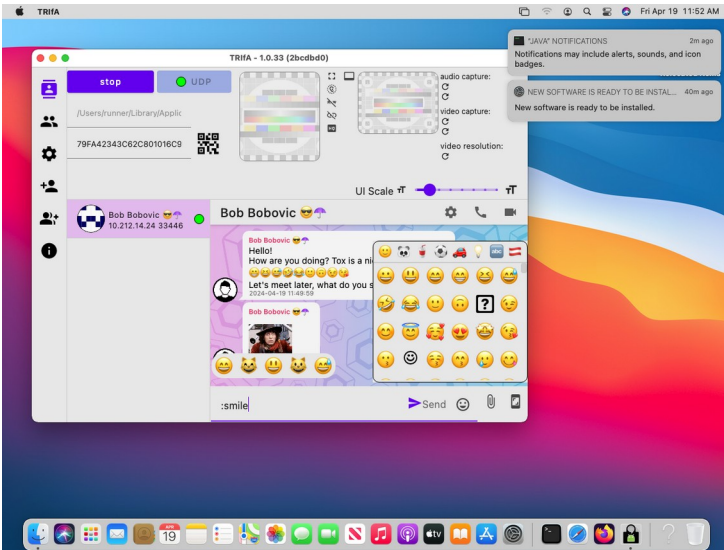


Workshop

Coding and working on security-focused apps, using Tox as example

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Adopting the Noise Key Exchange in Tox
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Topics ...

Redesign of Tox's cryptographic handshake

Code defensively and use dependencies responsibly

Using GitHub CI and the likes

Make C code safer and better auditable



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Make C code safer and better auditable

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static int32_t resolve_bootstrap_node(Tox *tox, const char *host, uint16_t port, const uint8_t *public_key,
                                     IP_Port **root, Tox_Err_Bootstrap *error)
{
    assert(tox != nullptr);
    assert(root != nullptr);

    if (host == nullptr || public_key == nullptr) {
        SET_ERROR_PARAMETER(error, TOX_ERR_BOOTSTRAP_NULL);
        return -1;
    }

    if (port == 0) {
        SET_ERROR_PARAMETER(error, TOX_ERR_BOOTSTRAP_BAD_PORT);
        return -1;
    }

    const int32_t count = net_getipport(host, root, TOX_SOCK_DGRAM);

    if (count < 1) {
        LOGGER_DEBUG(tox->m->log, "could not resolve bootstrap node '%s'", host);
        net_freeipport(*root);
        SET_ERROR_PARAMETER(error, TOX_ERR_BOOTSTRAP_BAD_HOST);
        return -1;
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    }

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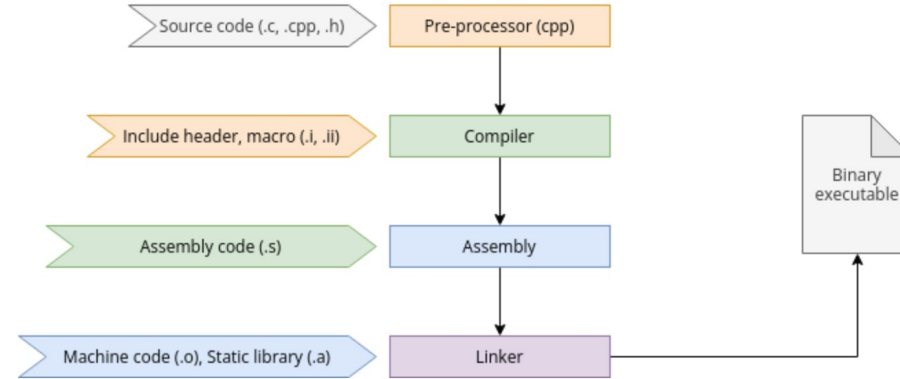


Make C code safer and better auditable

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↑... @@ -1791,8 +1791,7 @@ Socket net_socket(const Network *ns, Family domain, int type, int protocol)
1791 1791 uint16_t net_socket_data_recv_buffer(const Network *ns, Socket sock)
1792 1792 {
1793 1793     const int count = ns->funcs->recvbuf(ns->obj, sock.sock);
1794 - assert(count >= 0 && count <= UINT16_MAX);
1795 - return (uint16_t)count;
1794 + return (uint16_t)max_s32(0, min_s32(count, UINT16_MAX));
1796 1795 }
1797 1796
1798 1797 uint32_t net_htonl(uint32_t hostlong)
↓...
```



Phases of the C compiler



(Jayashree Huttanagoudar, CC BY-SA 4.0)

`gcc -E main.c -o main.i`

C Preprocessor

`gcc -S main.i -o main.s`

convert to assembly language

`gcc -c main.s -o main.o`

Assembler

`gcc main.o -o mybinary`

Linker

C compiler foo

PQShield plugs timing leaks in Kyber / ML-KEM to improve PQC implementation maturity

03/06/2024 Author: Dr Antoon Purnal

<https://pqshield.com/pqshield-plugs-timing-leaks-in-kyber-ml-kem-to-improve-pqc-implementation-maturity/>

```
void expand_insecure(int16_t r[256], uint8_t *msg){
    for(i=0;i<16;i++) {           // outer loop: every byte of msg
        for(j=0;j<8;j++) {        // inner loop: every bit in byte
            if ((msg[i] >> j) & 0x1) // branch on j-th msg bit
                r[8*i+j] = CONSTANT;
            else
                r[8*i+j] = 0;
        }
    }
}
```

```
expand_insecure: // x86 assembly
    xor     eax, eax
.outter:
    xor     ecx, ecx
.inner:
    movzx   r8d, byte ptr [rsi + rax]
    xor     edx, edx
    bt      r8d, ecx // LSB test on (m[i] >> j)
    jae     .skip // unsafe branch
    mov     edx, 1665 // load of CONSTANT (may be skipped)
.skip:
    mov     word ptr [rdi + 2*rcx], dx
    inc     rcx
    cmp     rcx, 8
    jne     .inner // safe branch: inner loop
    inc     rax
    add     rdi, 16
    cmp     rax, 32
    jne     .outter // safe branch: outer loop
    ret
```

```
void expand_secure(int16_t r[256], uint8_t *msg){
    for(i=0;i<16;i++) {
        for(j=0;j<8;j++) {
            mask = -(int16_t)((msg[i] >> j) & 0x1);
            r[8*i+j] = mask & CONSTANT; // no branch
        }
    }
}
```

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expand_secure: // x86 assembly
    [...]
.outter:
    [...]
.inner:
    movzx   r8d, byte ptr [rsi + rax]
    xor     edx, edx
    bt      r8d, ecx
    jae     .skip // still here :(
    mov     edx, 1665
.skip:
    [...]
    ret
```



Toxcore - Dependencies

- toxcore + toxencrypsave

- libsodium

<https://github.com/jedisct1/libsodium>

Libsodium v1.0.12 and v1.0.13 Security Assessment in 2017

<https://www.privateinternetaccess.com/blog/2017/08/libsodium-v1-0-12-and-v1-0-13-security-assessment/>



- toxav

- libvpx <https://github.com/webmproject/libvpx>

- libopus <https://github.com/xiph/opus>

- **x264*** https://code.videolan.org/videolan/x264/-/tree/stable?ref_type=heads

- **libav*** <https://github.com/FFmpeg/FFmpeg>

* Zoxcore - toxcore experiment fork (experimental H.264 support and other upgrades)

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Toxcore - Dependencies (2)

- libvpx <https://github.com/webmproject/libvpx>
- libopus <https://github.com/xiph/opus>
 - yasm <https://github.com/yasm/yasm>
- x264* https://code.videolan.org/videolan/x264/-/tree/stable?ref_type=heads
- libav* <https://github.com/FFmpeg/FFmpeg>
 - nasm <https://www.nasm.us/pub/nasm/releasebuilds/2.13.02/nasm-2.13.02.tar.bz2>
 - yasm <https://github.com/yasm/yasm>

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Nice Things (about Toxcore) ...

Easy to compile on almost any platform

use make or cmake or just use the single file toxcore amalgamation

https://github.com/zoff99/c-toxcore/tree/zoff99/toxcore_local_fork/amalgamation

No Access to Storage / Disk

Toxcore itself does not read / write or access any storage itself

Does not do Anything on it's own

a client application needs to trigger actions (iterate) in Toxcore

No internal Threads are created


Toxcore runs on the Thread(s) given to by a client application





Nice Things (about Toxcore) ...


All checks have passed


13 successful checks


✓  arm64 build / arm64 Build (push) Successful in 22m


✓  custom_tests_asan / linux-custom-tests (push) Successful in 11m


✓  custom_tests_tsan / linux-custom-tests (push) Successful in 12m


✓  github_build / linux-asan (push) Successful in 1m


✓  github_tcc / tcc (push) Successful in 21s

✓  mips build / mips Build (push) Successful in 25m

✓  riscv64 build / riscv64 Build (push) Successful in 3m


✓  s390x build / s390x Build (push) Successful in 27m


✓  github_build / linux-tsan (push) Successful in 1m


✓  program-analysis Successful in 3m - Workflow: program-analysis


All checks have passed


79 successful checks


✓  ci / analysis (cppcheck) (pull_request) Successful in 1m


✓  ci / analysis (doxygen) (pull_request) Successful in 50s


✓  ci / analysis (goblint) (pull_request) Successful in 22s


✓  ci / analysis (infer) (pull_request) Successful in 1m


✓  ci / analysis (freebsd) (pull_request) Successful in 12m

✓  ci / analysis (misra) (pull_request) Successful in 53s

✓  ci / analysis (modules) (pull_request) Successful in 51s

✓  ci / analysis (pkgsrc) (pull_request) Successful in 2m

✓  ci / analysis (rpm) (pull_request) Successful in 1m

✓  ci / analysis (slimcc) (pull_request) Successful in 35s

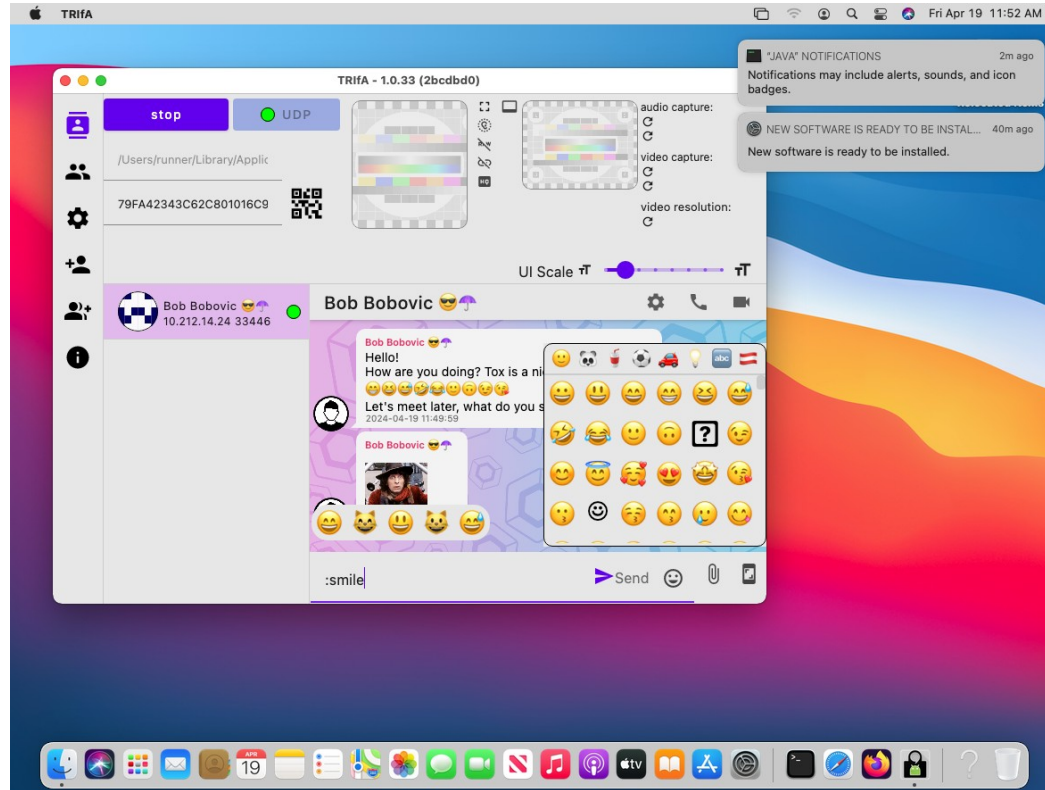
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657 49/59 Test #52: tox_many_tcp ..... Passed 20.28 sec
658 50/59 Test #41: overflow_recv ..... Passed 22.17 sec
659 51/59 Test #26: friend_request_spam ..... Passed 23.76 sec
660 52/59 Test #28: group_invite ..... Passed 25.08 sec
661 53/59 Test #21: file_transfer ..... Passed 27.73 sec
662 54/59 Test #40: onion ..... Passed 27.55 sec
663 55/59 Test #51: tox_many ..... Passed 28.70 sec
664 56/59 Test #13: conference ..... Passed 31.19 sec
665 57/59 Test #34: invalid_tcp_proxy ..... Passed 30.91 sec
666 58/59 Test #35: invalid_udp_proxy ..... Passed 30.88 sec
667 59/59 Test #57: conference_av ..... Passed 31.20 sec
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669 100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 59
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671 Total Test time (real) = 32.40 sec
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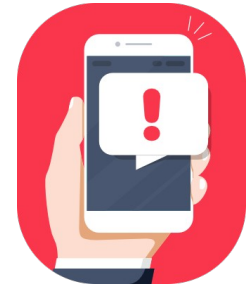
TRIfA Material - Linux, Windows, MacOS ...

GitHub

https://github.com/Zoxcore/trifa_material



triggers Push Notifications



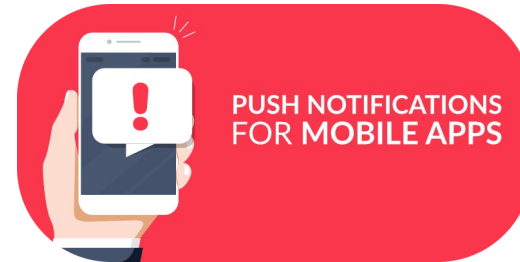
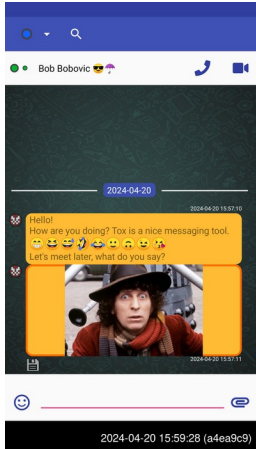
TRIfA - Android



<https://f-droid.org/packages/com.zoffcc.applications.trifa/>



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.zoffcc.applications.trifa>



https://zoff99.github.io/ToxAndroidRefImpl/PUSH_NOTIFICATION.html



getting in touch ...

- Github

<https://github.com/zoff99/c-toxcore>

- Tox Public Group

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or

<https://trifagrp.tox.zoff.cc/>

or

QR Code ----->



- Matrix

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