

# Lec11: Fuzzing

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# NSA Codebreaker Challenges

University	▲ Task 1 ▼	Task 2 ▼	Task 3 ▼	Task 4 ▼	Task 5 ▼	Task 6 ▼
Georgia Institute of Technology	55	45	41	31	17	4
Carnegie Mellon University	28	26	16	11	5	2
Williams College	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dakota State University	56	40	26	20	8	0
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology	13	13	12	11	6	0
Naval Postgraduate School	7	7	6	6	5	0
Arizona State University	22	21	12	9	3	0
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	14	12	9	9	3	0
University of Hawaii	12	11	9	9	3	0
United States Military Academy	9	8	8	7	3	0

# Administrivia

- Welcome to the last lab!
- Two options: 1) sandboxing/kernel or 2) Web exploitation
- Last lecture (Dec 2): real-world exploit (iPhone jailbreaking) + NSA Q&A
- Due: Lab04 / Lab10 / Lab11 on Dec 1
- Let you know your grade on Dec 2 in class

# Today: Fuzzing

- intro
- DEMO: fuzzing

# So far, focuses are more on "exploitation"

- More important question: how to find bugs?
  - often, with source code
  - but mostly, with only binary

# Two Conditions

- Locating a bug (i.e., bug finding)
- Triggering the bug (i.e., reachability)

```
if (magic == 0xdeadbeef)
    memcpy(dst, src, len)
```

# Solution 1: Code Auditing (w/ code)

```
if ((err = SSLFreeBuffer(&hashCtx)) != 0)
    goto fail;

if ((err = ReadyHash(&SSLHashSHA1, &hashCtx)) != 0)
    goto fail;

if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &clientRandom)) != 0)
    goto fail;

if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &serverRandom)) != 0)
    goto fail;

if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &signedParams)) != 0)
    goto fail;
    goto fail;

if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.final(&hashCtx, &hashOut)) != 0)
    goto fail;
```



# Solution 2: Static Analysis (on binary)

- Reverse Engineering (e.g., IDA)

# Problem: Too Complex (e.g., browser)

# Two Popular Directions

- Symbolic Execution (also static)
- Fuzzing (dynamic)

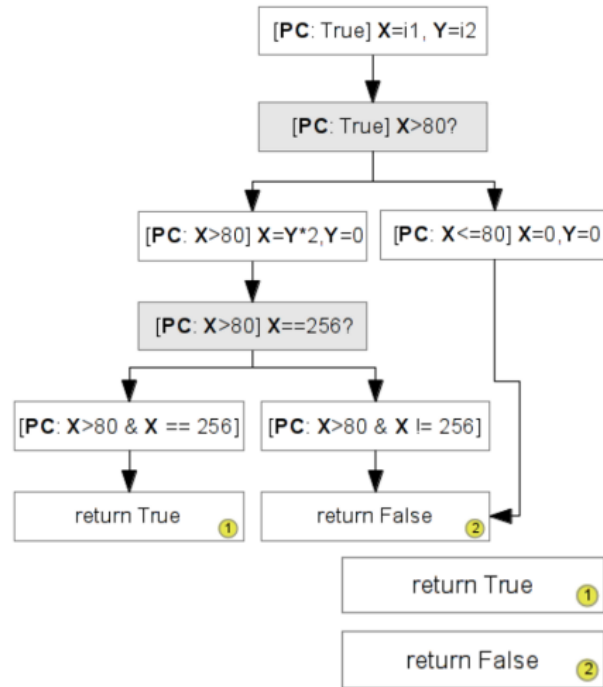
# Symbolic Execution

```

int foo(int i1, int i2)
{
    int x = i1;
    int y = i2;

    if (x > 80){
        x = y * 2;
        y = 0;
        if (x == 256)
            return True;
    }
    else{
        x = 0;
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    }
    /* ... */
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# Problem: State Explosion

- Too many path to explore (e.g., strcmp("hello", input))
- Too huge state space (e.g., browser? OS?)
- Solving constraints is a hard problem

# Today's Topic: Fuzzing

- Two key ideas
  - **Reachability** is given (since we are executing!)
  - Focus on **quickly** exploring the path/state
    - How? mutating inputs
    - How well? e.g., coverage

# Example: How well fuzzing can explore all paths?

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# Game Changing Fact: Speed

- In this example,
  - Symbolic execution explores/checks just two conditions
  - Fuzzing requires 256 times (by scanning values from 0 to 256)
- But, what if fuzzer is an order of magnitude faster (say, 10k times)?



# Importance of High-quality Corpus

- In fact, fuzzing is really bad at exploring paths
  - e.g., if (a == 0xdeadbeef)
- So, paths should be (or mostly) given by corpus (sample inputs)
  - e.g., pdf files utilizing full features
  - but, not too many! (do not compromise your performance)
- A fuzzer will trigger the exploitable state
  - e.g., len in malloc()

# AFL (American Fuzzy Lop)

- VERY well-engineered fuzzer w/ lots of heuristics

# Examples of Mutation Techniques

- interest: -1, 0x80000000, 0xffff, etc
- bitflip: flipping 1,2,3,4,8,16,32 bits
- havoc: random tweak in fixed length
- extra: dictionary, etc
- etc

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- Input  $\rightarrow$  map[(rand1  $\gg$  1 ^ rand2) % len]

# Key Idea: Avoiding Redundant Paths

- If you see the duplicated state, throw out
  - e.g.,  $i1 = 1, 2, 3$
- If you see the new path, keep it for further exploration
  - e.g.,  $i1 = 81$

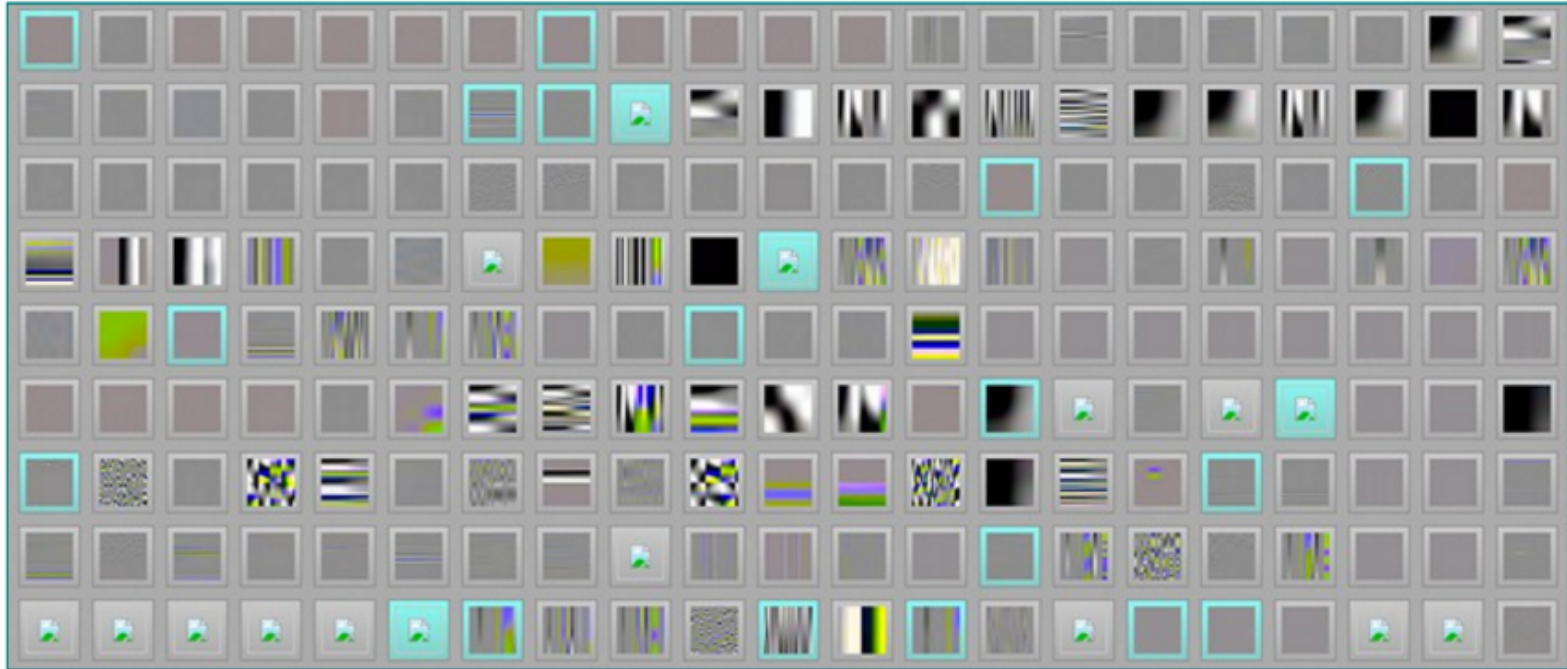


# How to Create Mapping?

- Instrumentation
  - Source code → compiler (e.g., gcc, clang)
  - Binary → QEMU

```
if (block_address > elf_text_start && block_address < elf_text_end) {  
    cur_location = (block_address >> 4) ^ (block_address << 8)  
    shared_mem[cur_location ^ prev_location] ++;  
    prev_location = cur_location >> 1;  
}
```

# AFL Arts



# Other Types of Fuzzer

- Radamsa: syntax-aware fuzzer
- Cross-fuzz: function syntax for Javascript
- langfuzz: fuzzing program languages
- Driller: fuzzing + symbolic execution

# Today's Tutorial

- In-class tutorial:
  - Fuzzing with source code
  - Fuzzing on binary
  - Fuzzing a real-world program

# In-class Tutorial

```
$ git clone tc.gtisc.gatech.edu:seclab-pub cs6265
```

or

```
$ git pull
```

```
$ cd cs6265/lab11
```

```
$ ./init.sh
```

```
$ cd tut
```

```
$ cat README
```