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Fuzzer Evaluation Through Automation

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Complexity of Software Systems



Large attack surface for exploits

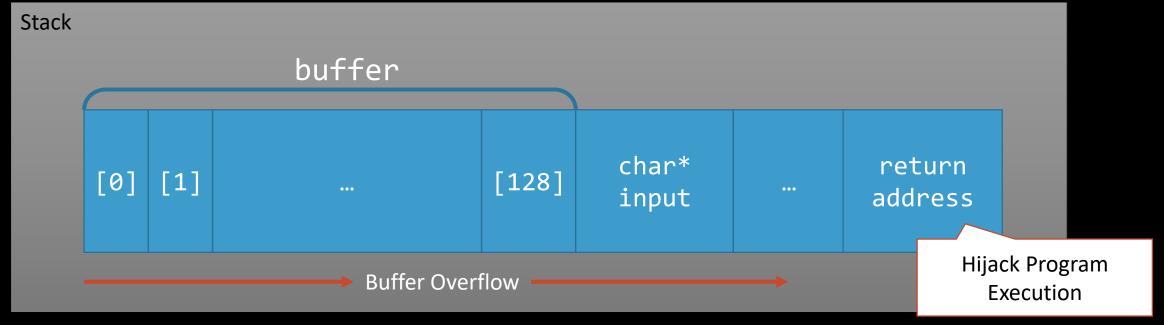
From Bug to Vulnerability

- C/C++ are plagued by memory safety violations (Bugs)
 - Missing bounds-checking (spatial)
 - Object lifetime violations (temporal)
- Memory Error Memory Corruption Arbitrary Code Execution
 - Often memory errors can be abused to corrupt memory
 - Code-pointers, data-pointers etc.
 - Hijack program execution Return-Oriented Programming (ROP)

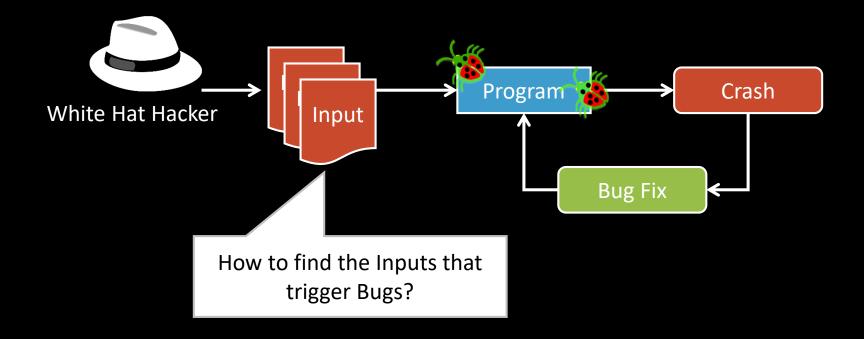
Example: Buffer Overflow

```
char* input = get_input();
char buffer[128];
int len = *((int*)input);
memcpy(buffer, input + sizeof(len), len);
Fixed Buffer Length!

Attacker controlled length!
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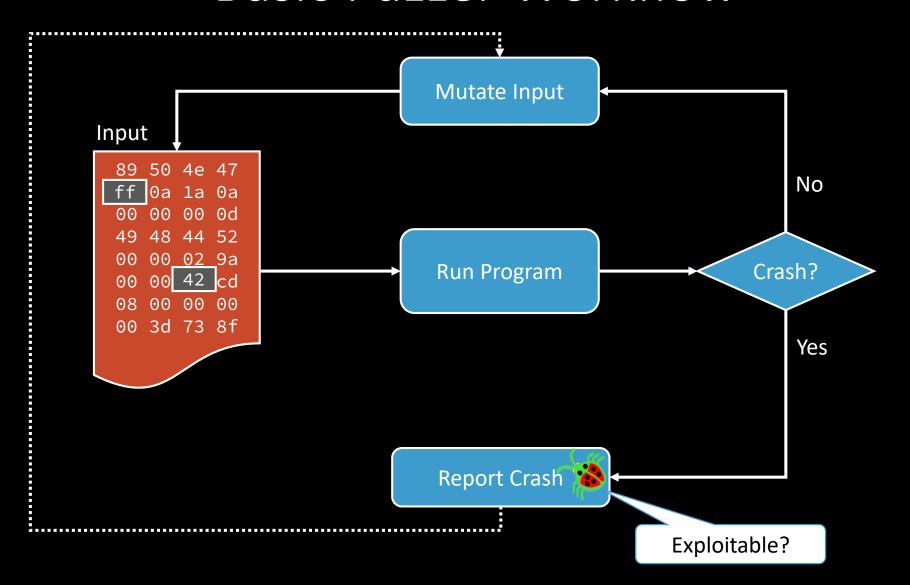
Vulnerability Discovery



Fuzzing

Brute-Force Vulnerability Discovery

Basic Fuzzer Workflow



Fuzzing – The Good, The Bad, ...

- +Simple
- +Scalable / Parallel
- +Good Results in Practice

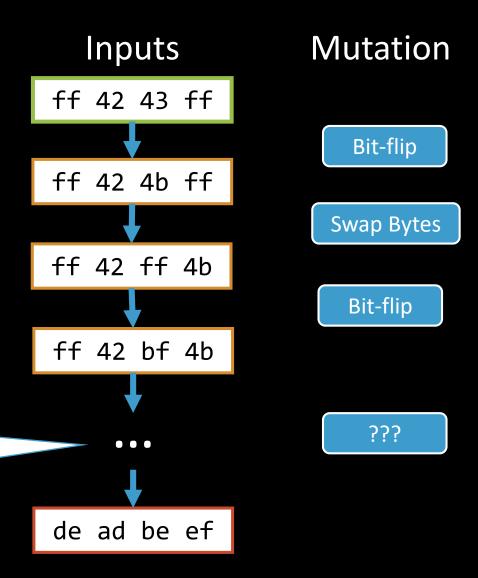
- Simple == dumb?
- Resource-hungry
- Manual optimizations

... The Ugly

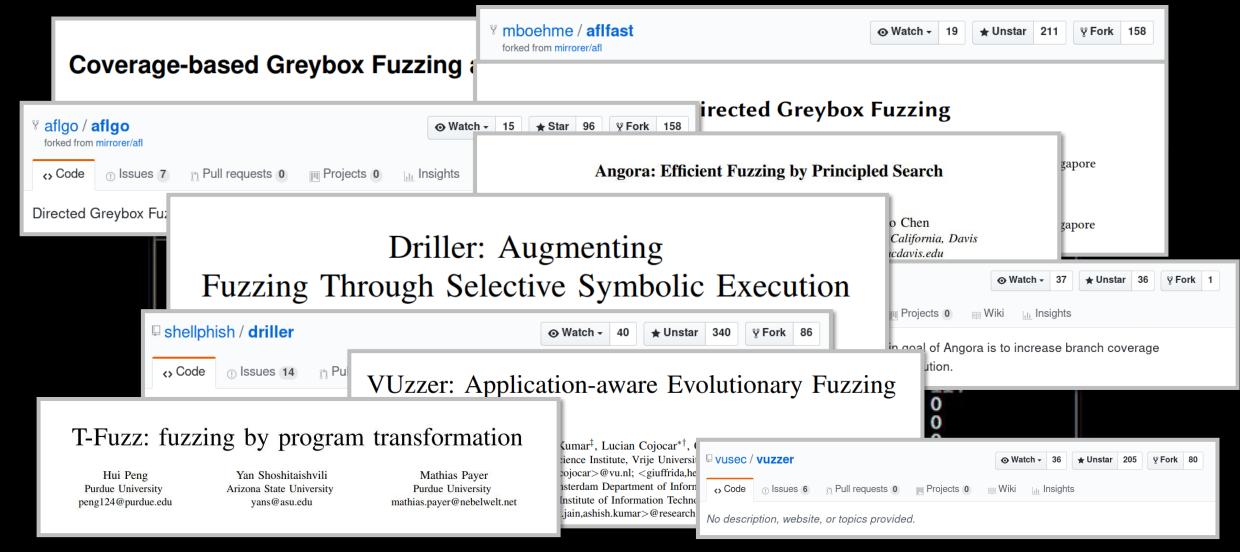
Program

```
int magic = input();
if (magic == 0xdeadbeef) {
  vulnerability();
}
```

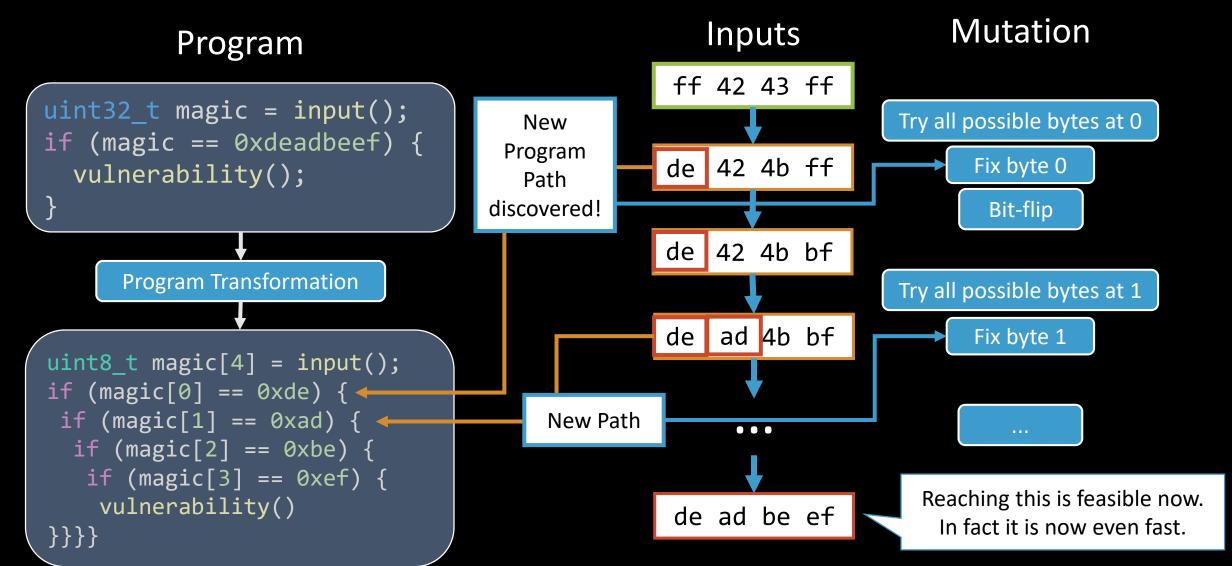
- How long does it take?
- It is not guaranteed to succeed
- Probabilistic process



Research in Optimizing Fuzzing



Optimized Fuzzing



Research Question:

Evaluation and Comparison of State-of-the-Art Fuzzing Approaches

Goals and Features

- 1. Automated Setup of Fuzzing Instances
- 2. Sharing of Generated Test-Cases
- 3. Comparison and Evaluation of Fuzzers
- 4. Combine all Fuzzers against one Target
- 5. Report Bugs and Write PoC Exploits

PG Outline

Lectures Seminar Implementation Report

Lectures – The Basics

- Program Exploitation: "From bugs to vulnerabilities to exploits"
 - Types of vulnerabilities (e.g. buffer overflow, use-after-free)
 - Practical exploit development
- Memory Error Detection
 - Hardening and Debugging Tools (AddressSanitizer, valgrind, etc.)
 - Root-cause analysis
- Basics of Program Analysis and Transformation
 - E.g. symbolic/concolic execution
 - Useful for understanding some optimized Fuzzers

Seminar Topics — The Fuzzers

- Summarize relevant literature
 - Presentation
 - Related work in final report
- Possible Topics:
 - Improved Fuzzing Search Strategies [Chen and Chen, IEEE S&P 2018], [Böhme et al., ACM SIGSAC 2016]
 - Improving Fuzzing with Static Program Analysis [Rawar et al., NDSS 2017], [Peng et al., IEEE S&P 2018]
 - Hybrid Fuzzing and Symbolic Execution [Stephens et al., NDSS 2016], [Yun et al., USENIX Security 2018]
 - Fuzzing Embedded Systems
 [Chen et al., NDSS 2018], [Muench et al., NDSS 2018]

Implementation

- Project Management
 - Issues and Milestones
 - Everything in git
- Implementation
 - Choose automation framework
 - Choose/Create Data-Sets for Evaluation
 - Setup and automate Experiments
 - Analyse results & write PoC exploits

Documentation

- Goal: **Publishable** project report!
 - Continuous writing and feedback loop
- Related work
 - i.e. the Fuzzers explained
 - Comparison of approaches
- Description of Experiments
 - Data-sets
 - Statistics
- PoC Exploits

```
american fuzzy lop 0.47b (readpng)
                                                                                                                                   overall results
cycles done: 0
total paths: 195
uniq crashes: 0
uniq hangs: 1
   process timing
                                         0 days, 0 hrs, 4 min, 43 sec
0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 26 sec
none seen yet
0 days, 0 hrs, 1 min, 51 sec
                 run time
      last new path
 last uniq crash
last uniq hang
                                                                                          map density : 1217 (7.43%)
count coverage : 2.55 bits/tuple
  cycle progress
now processing paths timed out
                                          38 (19.49%)
0 (0.00%)
                                                                                         findings in depth
favored paths: 128 (65.64%)
new edges on: 85 (43.59%)
total crashes: 0 (0 unique)
total hangs: 1 (1 unique)
   stage progress
 now trying : interest 32/8 stage execs : 0/9990 (0.00%)
 total execs : 654k
exec speed : 2306/sec
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fuzzing strategy yields

bit flips: 88/14.4k, 6/14.4k, 6/14.4k

byte flips: 0/1804, 0/1786, 1/1750

arithmetics: 31/126k, 3/45.6k, 1/17.8k

known ints: 1/15.8k, 4/65.8k, 6/78.2k

havoc: 34/254k, 0/0

trim: 2876 B/931 (61.45% gain)
                                                                                                                                  path geometry
                                                                                                                                    levels : 3
                                                                                                                                pending: 178
pend fav: 114
                                                                                                                                                        000
                                                                                                                                 variable
```



Questions?

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