TaintSNIFFER: A Robust Dynamic Taint Tracking System For a Homogenous Web Browsing Environment

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we have implemented a fairly robust taint tracking facility in the JavaScript language implementation of the Microsoft Research's C3 system. We have also implemented a comprehensive suite of test cases (in JavaScript) along with a framework (in C#) ensuring that our sematics have been correctly implemented. Using our taint tracking system, we have illustrated a proof of concept test case that enables us to track the flow of taint in the DOM (effectively the browser).

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the past decade computing has shifted increasingly towards web-based applications and services, affording more opportunities for malicious exploits aimed at stealing usersensitive information such as passwords, credit card information and Social Security Numbers. Domain-crossing exploits such as cross-site scripting (XSS) and cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attacks are commonly employed by modern ne'er-do-wells to steal others' personal data and identities. Recently, dynamic taint tracking has been shown effective in sniffing-out such exploits. However, the components of many modern web browsers - the layout engine, Document Object Model (DOM)¹, JavaScript handler and HTML and CSS parser - are implemented in different languages and styles which complicates taint tracking across the entire browser. Furthermore, the dynamic, prototypebased nature of the JavaScript language complicates the implementation of dynamic taint tracking. Microsoft Research resolves difficulties tied to heterogeneous browser implementations with their new C3 Web browser. Designed as a client product for accessing cloud-computing resources, all of the C3 browser's subsystems are integrated within the common .NET framework. We extend the C3 browser to create TaintSNIFFER, a dynamic taint tracking system for C3's JavaScript engine and DOM subsytem. We author a suite of correctness benchmarks for validating implementations of dynamic taint tracking in JavaScript and web browsing systems in general, then use TaintSNIFFER to verify the suite's robustness and practicality.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 describes our approach in technical detail. Section 3 presents relevant related work of others in leveraging dynamic taint tracking for preventing malicious attacks in Web browsers, specifically in their JavaScript engines. Section 4 presents our experimental methodology for evaluating our dynamic taint tracking system. In Section 5 we present and discuss the empirical results obtained during our evaluation. We discuss the limitations of TaintSNIFFER and our test suite in Section 6. Finally we summarize and conclude our work in Section 7.

2. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Dynamic taint tracking is the process of marking (*tainting*) and following (*tracking*) certain pieces of data as they are used during the execution of a program. The process can be subdivided into three core tasks: tainting desired values at their sources, propagating taint when tainted values are used and enforcing policies which ensure that tainted values are not used in pre-defined ways during execution.

2.1 Source Tainting

For most applications of dynamic taint tracking for web browsing systems, tainted values need to originate from userprovided data and from certain properties of DOM objects such as document.URL, document.referrer, document.location, and window.location. It is important to taint these sources before they are used because they hold information that can be abused by an adversary to launch an attack to surreptitiously gain sensitive user information. Table 1 summarizes a list of sources which should be initially tainted for testing an implementation of dynamic taint tracking for web browsing systems.

2.2 Taint Propagation

In any taint tracking system, taint must be propagated copied from one tainted value to another - according to a set of rules. For dynamic taint tracking in web browsing systems, these rules are best described by the following set of semantics:

- Literals (e.g. true, false, 1, 2, -1.0, quoted string) are never tainted.
- The resulting value of any evallated expression (e.g. +, -, in, return) whose result depends on a tainted value is tainted.
- Only the data-holding properties of a JavaScript object can be tainted, not the object itself.
- Tainting one property of an object only taints the data referred to by that property and not other properties

¹The Document Object Model (DOM) is a platform- and language-neutral interface that allows programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure and style of documents displayed in a Web browser.

Object	Tainted properties
Document	cookie, domain, forms, lastModified, links, referrer, title, URL
Form	action
Any form input element	checked, defaultChecked, defaultValue, name, selectedIndex, toString,
	value
History	current, next, previous, toString
Select option	defaultSelected, selected, text, value
Location and Link	hash, host, hostname, href , pathname, port, protocol, search, toString
Window	defaultStatus, status, location

Table 1: Sensitive Data Sources. We initially focus on those in bold.

of the object (unless both properties are aliased to the same data).

- Since functions are properties of objects, they may become tainted. The return value of a tainted function is always tainted, even for functions with implicit return statements (e.g. constructors).
- Taint does not propagate between values in different scopes solely due to variable shadowing.

2.3 Tracking Policies

As taint propagates during the execution of a document's associated JavaScript, actions need to be taken to prevent the use of tainted values in certain situations. An example of such a situation would be the execution of the eval function on a tainted value. Collectively these situations can be viewed as a set of security policies for protecting user-sensitive data as well as internal application state. We suggest prohibiting the execution of any tainted data or the assignment of DOM object properties described in Table 1 to tainted values for protection against a wide range of domancrossing and SQL-injecting exploits.

2.4 TaintSNIFFER Implementation

We extend the C3 browser's Javascript engine, SPUR [1], and its DOM subsystem to dynamically taint and track userprovided data and sensitive internal data of certain DOM nodes. Like other JavaScript engines, SPUR initially interprets executing JavaScript code at a bytecode level to trace execution paths for future optimization. We instrument SPUR's bytecode interpreter to implement our dynamic taint tracking system. We also add taint fields to C3's internal representation of DOM nodes so that we can taint their properties as necessary.

2.4.1 Taint Representation

We taint values by adding and setting a boolean flag of each JavaScript object property which contains the data. While this approach incurs a minimum one byte of overhead for each object property, constant time taint-checking and taint propagation are preserved. Additionally, in the C3 system JavaScript values are already boxed with a generic wrapper object.

2.4.2 Source Tainting

We add two functions, taint() and untaint(), to SPUR's set of pre-defined functions for programmatically tainting and clearing the taint of JavaScript variables. This allows us to taint the property p of an object o with the statement o.p = taint(o.p and clear its taint with the statement o.p = untaint(o.p). This idea can be extended for tainting the initial properties of the global DOM window, document and history objects in the window.onload function which is invoked immediately after the browser completes parsing the associated document's XHTML content into its DOM representation.

2.4.3 Taint Propagation

We propagate taint according to the set of rules outlined in Section 2.2.

2.4.4 Tracking Policies

We add an additional function, checkTaint(), to SPUR's set of pre-defined functions for checking the taint of a variable at any point in execution. checkTaint(x) returns true if x is tainted and false otherwise. We call checkTaint() at various points in our test suite for verifying the correct functioning of our dynamic taint tracking system.

3. RELATED WORK

The Netscape group was one of the first to employ dynamic taint tracking within a browser's JavaScript engine for protecting against domain-crossing exploits [2]. The group outlined what sources must be tainted for effective prevention and proposed including a domain name label for each tainted variable to track its origin. We adopt their set of must-taint sources, listed in bold in Table 1 and several of their suggested sources for initial tainting, also summarized in the same table.

Recently several groups have implemented their own Web browsers which use dynamic taint tracking to prevent against known domain-crossing attacks and exploits. Tang et al.'s Alhambra browser [3] uses fine-grained security policies to increase the robustness of policy-enhanced web browsing via a dynamic taint-tracking system built into the JavaScript and DOM subsystems. We adopt their rules for propagating taint at the JavaScript object level when tainted object properties are used in an assignment, logical, arithmetic or string mainpulating operation.

Other recent work has extended existing Web browsers to incorporate and evaluate the use of dynamic taint tracking for exploit and attack prevention. Vogt et al. extend Mozilla's Firefox browser to perform both static and dynamic taint tracking [4]. Their static component is used to cover information flows which cannot be dynamically detected which attackers are free to use to launch domain-crossing attacks. An example of such a flow is the use of a tainted value in a logical operation where the result short-circuits around a tainted operand. We adopt their rules for propagating taint to the return value of function calls, including eval() requests.

Some recent work focuses on protecting both the client and server side resources used during the lifetime of a web application. Xu et. al. use fine-grained taint analysis in [5] to strengthen security in the browser and in server-side scripts and applications by augmenting security policies with information about the trustworthiness of data used in securitysensitive operations. Taints are represented as a boolean array called the tagmap which is indexed with a variable's memory address and propagated in a similar fashion as our work. By using a tagmap for tainting and tracking the clientside execution of a web page's JavaScript as well as a tagmap for taint tracking during the execution of any server-side scripts they are able to effectively prevent against a wide range of web-based attacks including SQL- and commandinjection, cross-site scripting, format string corruption, memory error exploits and access-privilege-hijacking attacks. We leverage their idea of adding functions for tainting, untainting, and checking the taint of a value via its container to our JavaScript engine for evaluating the correctness of our taint propagation rules and performing intermediate, unit-style testing during development.

None of the aforementioned related works discuss dynamic taint tracking issues related to scoping and object prototypes. Hence, we focus a significant portion of our test suite development to creating tests which propagate taint through object prototype properties. We also test issues related to variable shadowing and lexical environment closures for ensuring taint is propagated with respect to scope.

4. EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY

We evaluate TaintSNIFFER along lines of semantic correctness. We add a basic test framework written in C# to C3's JavaScript engine for our evaluation. This framework exposes a built-in function called assertFunc that accepts four arguments: the result of invoking checkTaint() on a JavaScript variable, the expected result, a test class description, and a detailed test description. We write test cases in JavaScript and report their results by calling the assertFunc function. The framework executes all the JavaScript files in a specified directory of test cases which use the assertFunc function, executes each case with our modified version of SPUR's bytecode interpreter and outputs the results of all the test cases in the specified directory with additional information about any cases which failed.

Overall the semantic correctness of our taint tracking subsystem is separated into five categories: core operations, simple operations, object operations, scope operations, and DOM operations.

4.1 Core Operations

The core operations tests verify the correct functioning of our taint(), untaint() and checkTaint() functions. The tests not only verify that a variable has been correctly tainted but also that no other objects or properties are tainted because of the previous taint operation. This is necessary since a variable in a JavaScript function is actually a property of the global or the enclosing scope's object and an incorrectly implemented taint() function can pollute the global object and all of its properties. Also, constant literals are tested to make sure that they are never tainted (yet when they are used in an expression, the taint is propagated). Refer to Appendix Section A.1 for more details.

4.2 Simple Operations

The simple operational tests verify that taint is propagated when tainted values are used as operands in arithmetic, logical, bitwise, comparison, string and complex assignment expressions. They exhaustively test that the taint is propagated whenver a tainted value is used in an expression consisting of the aforementioned "simple" operators. Refer to Appendix Section A.2 for more details.

4.3 **Object Operations**

The object operational test cases cover different operations which modify object properties and object prototype properties. These are important to test since JavaScript is a loosely of Appendix Btyped prototype based language. It is natural to have mutable data in the objects and any commom (immutable) properties as a part of an object's prototype property (which is shared by every object instance constructed from the same constructor). Hence, it can be disastrous to accidentally taint the prototype property of an object since then every object which have a reference to the same prototype are tainted. In general, these test cases add properties and functions to the prototype dynamically and test for the correct behavior, initialize an object from tainted data, and also ensure that not every object becomes tainted.

For example, Figure 1 illustrates a block of code from Appendix Section A.3 that illustrates one of our object operations test cases. In Figure 1 the last two checkTaint() calls are worth noticing, since hello() is a function that returns the name property, which is tainted for the object myTaintedPropertyPet and not tainted for myPet. Refer to Appendix Section A.3 for more details.

4.4 Scope Operations

JavaScript introduces a new scope only in the context of a function call. Variables declared anywhere inside a function are semantically equivalent to the varables declared in the beginning (except nested functions). Moreover, the JavaScript uses lexical scoping rules for functions, which implies that the scope chain inside a function is always the same. This leads to interesting behavior such as closures when used in combination with nested functions. It is important to make sure that any variables in a closure retain their taint across different execution contexts. Another important test case is when scope changes with the use of the with operator as the shadowed properties have their taint status preserved as well as the other properties with the same name that are now in the current scope have their taint status preserved.

For example, Figure 2 illustrates one of the test cases where the InsideScope function toggles storing its property from tainted to untainted. Refer to Appendix Section A.4 for more details.

```
// Simple Object
var Pet = function (name, gender) {
    if (!this instanceof Pet) {
        return new Pet(name, gender);
    }
    this.name = name;
    this.gender = gender;
    this.hello = function ()
        { return "Hello, I am " + name + "."; };
}
```

```
var myPet = new Pet("T", 'M');
var taintedName = "J";
taintedName = taint(taintedName);
var myTaintedPropertyPet = new Pet(taintedName, 'F');
var myTPPHello = myTaintedPropertyPet.hello();
```

```
// Should be true
checkTaint(myTaintedPropertyPet.hello());
// Should be false
checkTaint(myPet.hello());
```

Figure 1: An example test case for the Object Operation Test case category.

```
function Scoping(a, b) {
   var exposedProperty = "";
    var taintedClosure = taint("taint");
    var untaintedClosure = "untaint";
    var boolValue = false;
   function InsideScope() {
        if (boolValue) {
            exposedProperty = taintedClosure;
        }
        else {
            exposedProperty = untaintedClosure;
        ľ
        boolValue = !boolValue;
        return exposedProperty;
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   return InsideScope;
}
```

var closedScope = Scoping(2, 3); checkTaint(closedScope()); // Should be false checkTaint(closedScope()); // Should be true checkTaint(closedScope()); // Should be false checkTaint(closedScope()); // Should be true

Figure 2: An example test case for the Scope Operation Test case category. window.onload = function() {

var someStr = "Hello World!"; someStr = taint(someStr); alert(checkTaint(someStr));

// Append the tainted string into some DOM element
var p = document.getElementById('a_p');
p.textContent += someStr;

```
// textContent should be tainted
    alert("node('a_p').textContent isTainted = " +
        checkTaint(p.textContent));
// innerHTML should NOT be tainted
    alert("node('a_p').innerHTML isTainted = " +
        checkTaint(p.innerHTML));
// p should be tainted
    alert("node('a_p') isTainted = " +
        checkTaint(p));
// window (global obj) should not be tainted
    alert("window " +
        checkTaint(window));
}
```

Figure 3: An example test case for the Scope Operation Test case category.

4.5 DOM Operations

The DOM operations test cases examine the storage of tainted values into properties of DOM objects and the use of tainted values stored in DOM object properties to verify that taint is preserved. The code shown in Figure 3 illustrates a very simple example where a tainted string is stored in a property of a paragraph element and is later retrieved. Refer to Appendix Section A.5 for more details.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 Core Operations

The results of our core operations tests (summariazed in Table 2 of Appendix B) demonstrate the correct functioning of our taint() and untaint() additions to the set of predefined functions of C3's JavaScript engine. The results of the tests also show the correct propagation of taint through direct assignment and the clearing of taint by assignment of a previously tainted variable to an untainted value.

5.2 Simple Operations

The results from our simple operations tests (summarized in Table 3 of Appendix B) demonstrate the correct propagation of taint for arithmetic, logical, bitwise, comparision, and compound assignment expressions in which one or more source values that the resulting value depends upon is tainted. It is important to note, as is the case with the logical AND (&&) and logical OR (||) operations, that taint is not propagated to the result when the logic "short circuits" around a tainted operand. This behavior highlights the dynamic nature of our system.

5.3 **Object Operations**

The results of our object-based testing regarding object properties, prototypes, and built-in JavaScript objects (e.g. Array, Date) demonstrate our strict adherence to keeping taint information as close to the data which it is associated with as possible. We achieve this goal by tainting the properties of an object, rather than an object itself (since they are what hold the data). For functional object properties, our implementation taints the entire function and therefore its return value as outlined in our taint propagation semantics in Section 2.2. We only fail one test case in this test category, the case where the contents of an Array which contains tainted values are joined together. This shortcoming is due to our system's inability to propagate taint from within a function which returns a tainted value. The full results of these tests are summarized in Table 4 of Appendix B.

5.4 Scope Operations

The results from our scoping tests (summarized in table form in Table 5 of Appendix B) raise several issues with how scope is handled by our system. Firstly, our false reporting of newObj's a property in the scope of with(newObj) indicates that the proper scope is not being explored upon checking the taint of newObj.a. This may be a shortcoming of our implementation, or may be a failure in the current state of the C3 JavaScript engine in handling such a scope. We are unable to determine which assessment is correct without further research. Secondly, our false reporting of closedScope()'s return value in our elementary scoping test highlights a deeper issue related to returning tainted values from a function or any nested scope. Finally, our test case failures in the if-else conditional case shows our lack of implementation for such cases where information leakage about tainted data is possible.

5.5 DOM Operations

Our test cases are not fully exhaustive for testing the manipulation of DOM objects by JavaScript. However, they suffice for confirming the inability to launder taint through the DOM and therefore only focus on ensuring that any tainted values stored into the DOM remain tainted until they are reassigned to untainted values. Our system passes both the case of writing tainted data into the property of a DOM object and reading tainted data from a property of a DOM object by JavaScript code. The full results for these tests are summarized in Table 6 of Appendix B.

6. LIMITATIONS

There are several limitations with our test suite and dynamic taint tracking system. Most notably, the C3 browser's Document Object Model is not yet fully implemented and still lacks components of essential nodes (input, textarea, form) for collecting user input from an XHTML-formatted documents. Furthermore, the cases in our test suite may not be fully exhaustive and certainly require further study and experimentation. Since our ideal application of TaintSNIF-FER falls within the realm of web security, there may exist loopholes unknown to us in the C3 browser and its subsystems which require patching. Finally, TaintSNIFFER's requirement that all JavaScript be interpreted by SPUR significantly hampers the performance gains that SPUR affords with its tracing just-in-time compilation opportunities.

7. CONCLUSION

In this project we developed TaintSNIFFER, a dynamic taint tracking system within Microsoft Research's novel homogenous C3 web browser. By taking a test-driven approach for implementing TaintSNIFFER we were able to compile a robust and practical test suite for use in the development of dynamic taint tracking systems for JavaScript and web browsers in general. We began our project by studying previous and current uses of dynamic taint tracking in web browsing systems for preventing the clandestine transfer of sensitive information by domain-crossing exploits. Upon reviewing this work, we noticed a lack of information regarding taint propagation in the properties and prototypes of JavaScript objects. It was at this point that we shelved our plans for extending and evaluating TaintSNIF-FER's ability to prevent the transfer of sensitive information by domain-crossing exploits and reshifted our focus to authoring a rich suite of tests for dynamic taint tracking systems in the JavaScript language.

By categorizing our tests into five distinct categories we were able to rapidly author unit-style tests which we then validated with TaintSNIFFER. While TaintSNIFFER did not correctly propagate taint in all of the test cases, we were able to identify concrete shortcomings in our implementation. We also were able to extend our test suite to include the DOM subsystem and experienced success in preventing the laundering of tainted values through the DOM. Given the current state of TaintSNIFFER's implementation and the coverage of our test suite we expect handling the failing cases to be a simple process involving further study of the C3 JavaScript engine's bytecode interpreter. Once we verify TaintSNIFFER's robustness, we can move foward with adding a policy engine for preventing the compromise of sensitive data by domain-crossing attacks.

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APPENDIX

A. TEST SUITE

A.1 Core Operations

// Basic taint functionality

```
var a = taint(a);
assertFunc(checkTaint(a), true, "Taint", "Simple
    variable tainted"):
assertFunc(checkTaint(this.a), true, "Global", "
    Property of global object tainted");
assertFunc(checkTaint(this), false, "Global", "
    Global object untainted");
```

var b = a:

```
assertFunc(checkTaint(b), true, "Assignment", "
   Simple assignment statement");
assertFunc(checkTaint(this), false, "Global", "
   Global object untainted after assignment
   statement");
```

```
a = untaint(a):
assertFunc(checkTaint(a), false, "Untaint", "
     Simple variable untainted");
assertFunc(checkTaint(this.a), false, "Global", "
Property of global object untainted");
assertFunc(checkTaint(this), false, "Global", "
Global object untainted");
```

```
assertFunc(checkTaint(b), true, "Persist", "Taint
    from assignment persists");
assertFunc(checkTaint(this.b), true, "Global", "
    Property assigned to of global object remains
    tainted"):
```

```
assertFunc(checkTaint(this), false, "Global", "
    Global object remains untainted");
```

```
//
```

```
// Reassinging...
```

b = "untainted"; assertFunc(checkTaint(b), false, "Reassign", " Untaint due to reassignment");

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var a1 = taint(true); var a2 = taint("Hello World"); var a3 = taint(1); var a4 = taint(-1.0);

```
assertFunc(checkTaint(a1), true, "taint literals",
     "boolean assigned variable");
assertFunc(checkTaint(true), false, "taint
    literals", "boolean literal");
```

```
assertFunc(checkTaint(a2), true, "taint literals",
   "string assigned variable");
assertFunc(checkTaint(a3), true, "taint literals",
   "integers/floats assigned variable");
```

```
assertFunc(checkTaint(-1.0), false, "taint
   literals", "floats literal");
```

A.2 Simple Operations

```
// Arithmetic
var a = 10;
a = taint(a);
var b = a + 4:
var b1 = 4 + a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(b), true, "Binary Add", "b =
    a + 4"):
assertFunc(checkTaint(b1), true, "Binary Add", "b1
    = 4 + a'':
var c = a - 4;
var c1 = 4 - a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(c), true, "Binary Subtract",
    "c = a - 4");
assertFunc(checkTaint(c1), true, "Binary Subtract"
   , "c1 = 4 - a");
var d = a * 2;
var d1 = 2 * a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(d), true, "Binary Multiply",
     "d = a * 2"
assertFunc(checkTaint(d1), true, "Binary Multiply"
  , "d1 = 2 * a");
var e = a / 2;
var e1 = 2 / a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(e), true, "Binary Division",
     "e = a / 2");
assertFunc(checkTaint(e1), true, "Binary Division"
   , "e1 = 2 / a");
var f = a % 4;
var f1 = 4 \% a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(f), true, "Binary Modulus",
   "f = a % 4");
assertFunc(checkTaint(f1), true, "Binary Modulus",
     "f = 4 \% a");
var g = +a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(g), true, "Unary Plus", "g =
     +a");
var h = -a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(h), true, "Unary Minus", "h
    = -a'');
a++:
++a:
assertFunc(checkTaint(a), true, "Postfix increment
   ". "a++"):
assertFunc(checkTaint(a), true, "Prefix increment"
   , "++a");
a--:
--a:
```

```
assertFunc(checkTaint(a), true, "Postfix decrement
   ", "a--");
```

assertFunc(checkTaint(a), true, "Prefix decrement" , "--a"); /* var k = 4;k += a: assertFunc(checkTaint(k), true, "Composite increment", "k += a"); var 1 = 6:1 -= a; assertFunc(checkTaint(1), true, "Composite decrement", "1 -= a"); // Bitwise var aa = a & 4; var aa1 = 4 & a; assertFunc(checkTaint(aa), true, "Bitwise And", " aa = a & 4") assertFunc(checkTaint(aa1), true, "Bitwise And", " aa1 = 4 & a'');var bb = $a \mid 5;$ var bb1 = $5 \mid a;$ assertFunc(checkTaint(bb), true, "Bitwise Or", "bb = a | 5"): assertFunc(checkTaint(bb1), true, "Bitwise Or", " bb1 = 5 | a'');var cc = ~a; assertFunc(checkTaint(cc), true, "Bitwise Not", " cc = a");var dd = a << 3;</pre> var dd1 = 3 << a; assertFunc(checkTaint(dd), true, "Bitshift Left", "dd = a << 3"); assertFunc(checkTaint(dd1), true, "Bitshift Left", "dd1 = 3 << a"):var ee = a >> 1; var ee1 = 204050 >> a; assertFunc(checkTaint(ee), true, "Bitshift Right", "ee = a >> 1"): assertFunc(checkTaint(ee1), true, "Bitshift Right" , "ee1 = 204050 >> a"); var ff = a >>> 1; var ff1 = 204050 >>> a; assertFunc(checkTaint(ff), true, "Shift Right With Sign", "ff = a >>> 1"); assertFunc(checkTaint(ff1), true, "Shift Right With Sign", "ff1 = 204050 >>> a"); var gg = a 4 ; var gg1 = 4 a ; assertFunc(checkTaint(gg), true, "XOR", "gg = a ^ **4"**); assertFunc(checkTaint(gg1), true, "XOR", "gg1 = 4 **a**"); // Logical var a1 = true; //a1 = taint(a1); var a2 = true; a2 = taint(a2);var aaa = a1 && a2; var aaa1 = a2 && a1; var aaa2 = true && a2; var aaa3 = a2 && false; assertFunc(checkTaint(aaa), true, "Logical And", "

aaa = a1 && a2'"); assertFunc(checkTaint(aaa1), false, "Logical And", "aaa1 = a2' && a1"); assertFunc(checkTaint(aaa2), true, "Logical And", "aaa2 = true && a2'"); assertFunc(checkTaint(aaa3), false, "Logical And", "aaa3 = a2' && false"); var bbb = a2 || a1; var bbb1 = a1 || a2; var bbb2 = a2 || false; var bbb3 = true || a2; assertFunc(checkTaint(bbb), true, "Logical Or", " bbb = a2' || a1'': assertFunc(checkTaint(bbb1), false, "Logical Or", "bbb1 = a1 || a2'") assertFunc(checkTaint(bbb2), true, "Logical Or", " bbb2 = a2' || false"); assertFunc(checkTaint(bbb3), false, "Logical Or", "bbb3 = true || a2'"); var ccc = !a2;assertFunc(checkTaint(ccc), true, "Logical Not", " ccc = !a2'');// Comparison var aaaa = a < 2;var aaaa1 = 2 < a;assertFunc(checkTaint(aaaa), true, "Less Than", " aaaa = a < 2");assertFunc(checkTaint(aaaa1), true, "Less Than", " aaaa1 = 2 < a'');var bbbb = a > 4;var bbbb1 = 4 > a;assertFunc(checkTaint(bbbb), true, "Greater Than", "bbbb = a > 4"); assertFunc(checkTaint(bbbb1), true, "Greater Than" , "bbbb1 = 4 > a"); var cccc = a <= 2;</pre> var cccc1 = 2 <= a;</pre> assertFunc(checkTaint(cccc), true, "Less Than Or Equal", "cccc = a <= 2");</pre> assertFunc(checkTaint(cccc1), true, "Less Than Or Equal", "cccc1 = 2 <= a");</pre> var dddd = a >= 4; var dddd1 = $4 \ge a$: assertFunc(checkTaint(dddd), true, "Greater Than Or Equal", "dddd = $a \ge 4$ "); assertFunc(checkTaint(dddd1), true, "Greater Than Or Equal", "dddd1 = 4 >= a"); **var** eeee = a == 2; **var** eeee1 = 2 == a; assertFunc(checkTaint(eeee), true, "Equals Equals" "eeee = a == 2" assertFunc(checkTaint(eeee1), true, "Equals Equals ", "eeee1 = 2 == a"); var ffff = a != 2; var ffff1 = 2 != a;assertFunc(checkTaint(ffff), true, "Not Equals", " ffff = a != 2"): assertFunc(checkTaint(ffff1), true, "Not Equals", "ffff1 = 2 != a"); // String
var a3 = "asdf"; a3 = taint(a3);

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var aaaaa = a3 + 2;
var aaaaa1 = 2 + a3;
assertFunc(checkTaint(aaaaa), true, "String Concat
      .", "aaaaa = a3' + 2");
assertFunc(checkTaint(aaaaa1), true, "String
     Concat.", "aaaaa1 = 2 + a3'");
var bbbbb = a3 < "foo";</pre>
var bbbbb1 = "foo" < a3;
assertFunc(checkTaint(bbbbb), true, "String Less
     Than", "bbbbb = a3' < \"foo\"");
assertFunc(checkTaint(bbbbb1), true, "String Less
Than", "bbbbb1 = \"foo\" < a3'");</pre>
var ccccc = a3 > "foo";
var ccccc1 = "foo" > a3;
assertFunc(checkTaint(ccccc), true, "String
Greater Than", "ccccc = a3' > \"foo\"");
assertFunc(checkTaint(ccccc1), true, "String
Greater Than", "ccccc1 = \"foo\" > a3'");
var ddddd = a3 <= "foo";</pre>
var ddddd1 = "foo" <= a3;
assertFunc(checkTaint(dddd), true, "String Less
Than Or Equal", "ddddd = a3' <= \"foo\"");
assertFunc(checkTaint(dddd1), true, "String Less
Than Or Equal", "ddddd1 = \"foo\" <= a3'");</pre>
var eeeee = a3 >= "foo";
var eeeee1 = "foo" >= a3;
assertFunc(checkTaint(eeeee), true, "String
Greater Than Or Equal", "eeeeee = a3' >= \"foo\"
assertFunc(checkTaint(eeeee1), true, "String
Greater Than Or Equal", "eeeee1 = \"foo\" >=
      a3'");
// Complex Assignment
var aaaaaa = 4;
aaaaaa += a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(aaaaaa), true, "Plus Equals"
      , "aaaaaa += a");
var bbbbbb = 4;
bbbbbb -= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(bbbbbbb), true, "Minus Equals
      ", "bbbbbb -= a");
var cccccc = 4;
cccccc *= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(cccccc), true, "Times Equals
      ", "cccccc *= a");
var dddddd = 0;
dddddd /= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(dddddd), true, "Divide
     Equals", "dddddd /= a");
var eeeeee = 3;
eeeeee %= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(eeeeee), true, "Modulo
     Equals", "eeeeee %= a");
var ffffff = 2;
ffffff <<= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(ffffff), true, "Shift Left
     Equals", "ffffff <<= a");</pre>
var gggggg = 2048;
ggggggg >>= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(gggggg), true, "Shift Right
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Equals", "gggggg >>= a");
var hhhhhh = 2048;
hhhhhh >>>= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(hhhhhh), true, "Shift Right
    With Sign Equals", "hhhhhh >>>= a");
var iiiiii = 5;
iiiiii &= a:
assertFunc(checkTaint(iiiiii), true, "And Equals",
     "iiiiii &= a");
var jjjjjj = 7;
jjjjjj |= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(jjjjjj), true, "Or Equals",
    "jjjjjj |= a");
var kkkkkk = 9;
kkkkkk ^= a;
assertFunc(checkTaint(kkkkkk), true, "XOR Equals",
     "kkkkkk ^= a");
```

A.3 Object Operations

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// Simple Object
var Pet = function (name, gender) {
    if (!this instanceof Pet) {
        return new Pet(name, gender);
    this.name = name;
    this.gender = gender;
    this.hello = function () { return "Hello, I am
          " + name + "."; };
}
var myPet = new Pet("Trevor", 'M');
assertFunc(checkTaint(myPet), false, "Simple
     Object", "Untainted construction of simple
     object");
//assertFunc(checkTaint(myPet.prototype), false, "
     Simple Object", "Untainted prototype of
untainted simple object");
var taintedName = "Justine";
taintedName = taint(taintedName);
var myTaintedPropertyPet = new Pet(taintedName, 'F'
     );
var myTPPHello = myTaintedPropertyPet.hello();
assertFunc(checkTaint(myTaintedPropertyPet.name),
     true, "Simple Object", "Tainted object
     property");
assertFunc(checkTaint(myTaintedPropertyPet.hello),
     false, "Simple Object", "Untainted property
of object w/ tainted property");
assertFunc(checkTaint(myTPPHello), true, "Simple
Object", "Tainted return value of object
property which uses tainted property"); //I
     think this is right.
assertFunc(checkTaint(myTaintedPropertyPet), false
     , "Simple Object", "Untainted object with
tainted property");
assertFunc(checkTaint(myPet.hello()), false, "
     Simple Object", "Untainted name property of untainted Object Pet");
var myTaintedPet = new Pet("Param", 'M');
myTaintedPet = taint(myTaintedPet);
assertFunc(checkTaint(myTaintedPet), true, "Simple
      Object", "Tainted object");
assertFunc(checkTaint(myTaintedPet.name), false, "
    Simple Object", "Property of tainted object");
assertFunc(checkTaint(myTaintedPet.prototype),
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false, "Simple Object", "Untainted prototype of tainted object"); // Prototypes
var x = "Aaron"; x = taint(x);Pet.prototype.owner = x; var newPet = new Pet("Spike", 'M'); assertFunc(checkTaint(newPet.owner), true, " Prototype", "Tainted prototype property"); assertFunc(checkTaint(newPet), false, "Prototype", "Object instance untainted"); assertFunc(checkTaint(myPet.owner), true, " Prototype", "Shared tainted prototype property "); Pet.prototype = taint(Pet.prototype); assertFunc(checkTaint(newPet), false, "Prototype", "Object instance w/ tainted prototype untainted"); assertFunc(checkTaint(newPet.prototype), false, " Prototype", "Tainted prototype property of object"); Pet.prototype.greet = function () { return "Hi, I'm " + this.name + " and I belong to " + this. owner; }; var g = newPet.greet(); assertFunc(checkTaint(g), true, "Prototype", " Return value of prototype method which uses tainted data"); // Array var arrElement = "foo"; arrElement = taint(arrElement); var simpleArr = new Array(1, 2, "duck", arrElement
 , "orange"); assertFunc(checkTaint(simpleArr), false, "Array" "Array after initialization w/ tainted value") assertFunc(checkTaint(simpleArr[3]), true, "Array"
 , "Array access of tainted value"); var isInArr = arrElement in simpleArr; assertFunc(checkTaint(isInArr), true, "In", " Result of in operation looking for tainted value"); var joinedArrContents = simpleArr.join(); assertFunc(checkTaint(joinedArrContents), true, " Array", "Joined array contents containing tainted data"); assertFunc(checkTaint(concatArr[3]), true, "Array" "Element in result of array concatentation") , var sliceArr = simpleArr.slice(1, -1);
assertFunc(checkTaint(sliceArr), false, "Array", " Result of array slice"); assertFunc(checkTaint(sliceArr[2]), true, "Array", "Element in result of array slice"); var assocArr = new Array(); assocArr[arrElement] = "Hello World!"; assertFunc(checkTaint(assocArr[arrElement]), false

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, "Array", "Associative array access w/
tainted key");
//debugger;
assocArr["asdf"] = arrElement; // same as assocArr
.asdf = arrElement;
assertFunc(checkTaint(assocArr["asdf"]), true, "
Array", "Associative array access of tainted
value"); // Fails
assertFunc(checkTaint(assocArr), false, "Array", "
Associative array with tainted key and tainted
value");
```

A.4 Scope Operations

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// with tests
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var newObj = { a: "foo", b: "blah" };
newObj.a = taint(newObj.a);
var a = "untainted";
assertFunc(checkTaint(a), false, "With test", "'a'
    untainted in global scope");
assertFunc(checkTaint(newObj.a), true, "With test"
    , "obj.a tainted in global scope");
with (newObj) {
   print("Value of a is: " + a);
    assertFunc(checkTaint(a), true, "With test", "'
       a' tainted in newObj scope");
    var c = a;
    assertFunc(checkTaint(c), true, "With test", "
       One of the vars assigned from the tainted
    obj property");
var d = b;
    assertFunc(checkTaint(d), false, "With test", "
        One of the vars assigned from the untainted
         obj property");
};
assertFunc(checkTaint(a), false, "With test", "a
    remains untainted in the global scope");
||
||
// elementary closure test
function Scoping(a, b) {
   var exposedProperty = "";
   var taintedClosure = taint("taint");
    var untaintedClosure = "untaint";
    var boolValue = false;
    function InsideScope() {
       if (boolValue) {
            exposedProperty = taintedClosure;
       }
       else {
            exposedProperty = untaintedClosure;
       print("Boolean is: " + boolValue);
       print("Taint is: " + checkTaint()
            exposedProperty));
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boolValue = !boolValue;
                                                                               + v;
                                                                      else
       return taintedClosure;
                                                                          value = v;
                                                                  };
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   return InsideScope;
}
                                                              // The following code demonstrates the
                                                              makeProperty() method.
var o = {}; // Here is an empty object
var closedScope = Scoping(2, 3);
assertFunc(checkTaint(closedScope()), false, "
                                                              // Add property accessor methods getName and
    Closure Test", "First time return value is
                                                                   setName()
    untainted");
                                                              // Ensure that only string values are allowed
                                                              makeProperty(o, "Name", function (x) { return
   typeof x == "string"; });
assertFunc(checkTaint(closedScope()), true, "
    Closure Test", "Next time return value IS tainted");
                                                              o.setName("Frank"); // Set the property value
print(o.getName()); // Get the property value
assertFunc(checkTaint(closedScope()), false, "
    Closure Test", "Third time return value is
    again untainted");
assertFunc(checkTaint(closedScope()), true, "
                                                              var taintedName = "Tainted Name";
    Closure Test", "Next time return value IS tainted (and the cycle repeats)");
                                                              taintedName = taint(taintedName);
                                                              assertFunc(checkTaint(o.getName()), false, "
                                                                   Private Scoped Props", "Setting prop to
||
||
                                                                   untainted value");
                                                              o.setName(taintedName);
                                                              assertFunc(checkTaint(o.getName()), true, "Private
// elementary closure test: Setting/Getting of
                                                                   Scoped Props", "Setting prop name to tainted
                                                                   value");
   private object properties.
                                                              o.setName("Frank");
                                                              assertFunc(checkTaint(o.getName()), false, "
    Private Scoped Props", "Setting prop name back
    to untainted value");
// Code taken from: JavaScript the Definitive
Guide, 5E, David Flanagan
  This function adds property accessor methods
    for a property with
// the specified name to the object o. The methods
     are named get<name>
// and set<name>. If a predicate function is
                                                               // conditionals
    supplied, the setter
// method uses it to test its argument for
    validity before storing it.
// If the predicate returns false, the setter
                                                              function TestTaintReturn() {
    method throws an exception.
                                                                  var a = taint("taint");
                                                                  return a;
// The unusual thing about this function is that
    the property value
                                                              //debugger;
                                                              var abc = checkTaint(TestTaintReturn());
// that is manipulated by the getter and setter
    methods is not stored in
// the object o. Instead, the value is stored only
                                                              assertFunc(abc, true, "Function tainted return", "
     in a local variable
                                                                   Function returns a tainted value");
// in this function. The getter and setter methods
     are also defined
// locally to this function and therefore have
    access to this local variable.
// Note that the value is private to the two
    accessor methods, and it cannot
// be set or modified except through the setter.
                                                               // conditionals
function makeProperty(o, name, predicate) {
   var value; // This is the property value
                                                              var a = "if taint test";
    // The getter method simply returns the value.
    o["get" + name] = function () { return value;
                                                              var b = true;
        };
                                                              b = taint(b);
    // The setter method stores the value or throws
                                                              if (a && b) {
         an exception if
                                                                  var c = a;
   // the predicate rejects the value.
o["set" + name] = function (v) {
                                                              else (b)
        if (predicate && !predicate(v))
            throw "set" + name + ": invalid value "
                                                                  var c = b;
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B. TEST RESULTS
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assertFunc(checkTaint(c), false, "Conditionals", "
    Dynamically");
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A.5 DOM Operations

}

```
<html>
   <head>
       <script type="text/javascript">
           window.onload = function() {
               var someStr = "Hello World!";
               someStr = taint(someStr);
               var p = document.getElementById('a_p'
                    ):
               p.textContent += someStr;
               assertFunc(checkTaint(p.textContent)
                   , true, "DOM Write", "node's
textContent property tainted");
               assertFunc(checkTaint(p), false,
                   DOM Write", "node tainted");
               var someOtherStr = document.
                    getElementById('a_p').textContent
               assertFunc(checkTaint(someOtherStr),
                    true, "DOM Read", "assigning to
node's textContent propagates
                    taint");
       var someUntaintedOtherStr = document.
            getElementById('other_p').textContent;
       assertFunc(checkTaint(someUntaintedOtherStr
           ), false, "DOM Read", "other node's
textContent property untainted");
}
       </script>
   </head>
   <body>
       This is a paragraph.
   </body>
</html>
```

Test Case	Description	Passed	Expected	Actual
Taint	Simple variable tainted	True	True	True
Taint	Simple variable tainted	True	True	True
Global	Property of global object tainted	True	True	True
Global	Global object untainted	True	False	False
Assignment	Simple assignment statement	True	True	True
Global	Property of global object tainted	True	True	True
Global	Global object untainted after assignment statement	True	False	False
Untaint	Simple variable untainted	True	False	False
Global	Property of global object untainted	True	False	False
Global	Global object untainted	True	False	False
Persist	Taint from assignment persists	True	True	True
Global	Property assigned to of global object remains tainted	True	True	True
Global	Global object remains untainted	True	False	False
Reassign	Untaint due to reassignment	True	False	False
taint literals	boolean assigned variable	True	True	True
taint literals	boolean literal	True	False	False
taint literals	string assigned variable	True	True	True
taint literals	string literal	True	False	False
taint literals	integers/floats assigned variable	True	True	True
taint literals	integers/floats literal	True	False	False
taint literals	floats literal	True	False	False

Table 2:	Core	Operations	\mathbf{Test}	Results
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Test Case	Description	Passed	Expected	Actual
Binary Add	b = a + 4	True	True	True
Binary Add	b1 = 4 + a	True	True	True
Binary Subtract	c = a - 4	True	True	True
Binary Subtract	c1 = 4 - a	True	True	True
Binary Multiply	d = a * 2	True	True	True
Binary Multiply	d1 = 2 * a	True	True	True
Binary Division	e = a / 2	True	True	True
Binary Division	e1 = 2 / a	True	True	True
Binary Modulus	f = a % 4	True	True	True
Binary Modulus	f = 4 % a	True	True	True
Unary Plus	g = +a	True	True	True
Unary Minus	h = -a	True	True	True
Postfix increment	a++	True	True	True
Prefix increment	++a	True	True	True
Postfix decrement	a	True	True	True
Prefix decrement	a	True	True	True
Bitwise And	aa = a & 4	True	True	True
Bitwise And	aa1 = 4 & a	True	True	True
Bitwise Or	$bb = a \mid 5$	True	True	True
Bitwise Or	bb1 = 5 a	True	True	True
Bitwise Not	cc = a	True	True	True
Bitshift Left	$dd = a \ll 3$	True	True	True
Bitshift Left	dd1 = 3 << a	True	True	True
Bitshift Right	ee = a >> 1	True	True	True
Bitshift Right	ee1 = 204050 >> a	True	True	True
Shift Right With Sign	ff = a >>> 1	True	True	True
Shift Right With Sign	ff1 = 204050 >>> a	True	True	True
XOR	$\frac{d}{dg} = a \hat{4}$	True	True	True
XOR	gg = 4 $gg1 = 4$ a	True	True	True
Logical And	aaa = a1 && a2'	True	True	True
Logical And	aaa = a1 & daa = a2' & a2 aaa1 = a2' & a1	True	False	False
Logical And	aaa1 = a2 & aa $a1aaa2 = true && a2'$	True	True	True
Logical And	aaa2 = ti ue & a2 aaa3 = a2' & & false	True	False	False
Logical Or	$bbb = a2' \parallel a1$	True	True	True
Logical Or	bbb = a2 a1 bbb1 = a1 a2'	True	False	False
Logical Or	bbb1 = a1 a2 bbb2 = a2' false	True	True	True
Logical Or	bbb2 = a2 laise bbb3 = true a2'	True	False	False
Logical Not	ccc = !a2'	True	True	True
Less Than	aaaa = a < 2	True	True	True
Less Than	aaaa1 = 2 < a	True	True	True
Greater Than	bbbb = a > 4	True	True	True
Greater Than	bbbb1 = 4 > a	True	True	True
Less Than Or Equal	$\operatorname{cccc} = a \le 2$	True	True	True
Less Than Or Equal	$\operatorname{cccc1} = 2 \le a$	True	True	True
Greater Than Or Equal	$dddd = a \ge 4$	True	True	True
Greater Than Or Equal	dddd1 = 4 >= a	True	True	True
Equals Equals	eeee = a == 2	True	True	True
Equals Equals	eeee1 = 2 == a	True	True	True
Not Equals	ffff = a! = 2	True	True	True
Not Equals	fff1 = 2! = a	True	True	True
String Concat.	aaaaa = a3 + 2	True	True	True
String Concat.	aaaaa1 = 2 + a3	True	True	True
String Less Than	bbbbb = a3 < "foo"	True	True	True
String Less Than	bbbbb1 = "foo" < a3	True	True	True
Stain Creater Then		True	True	True
String Greater Than	$\operatorname{ccccc} = a3 > \text{``foo''}$	IIue	11 40	
String Greater Than String Greater Than	$\operatorname{ccccc1} = \operatorname{``foo''} > a3$	True	True	True
			True True	True True
String Greater Than	$\operatorname{ccccc1} = \operatorname{``foo''} > a3$	True	True	
String Greater Than String Less Than Or Equal	$\begin{array}{l} ccccc1 = "foo" > a3 \\ ddddd = a3 <= "foo" \end{array}$	True True	True True	True

Test Case	Description	Passed	Expected	Actual
Plus Equals	aaaaaa $+ = a$	True	True	True
Minus Equals	bbbbbb $- = a$	True	True	True
Times Equals	$\operatorname{cccccc} * = a$	True	True	True
Divide Equals	dddddd $/ = a$	True	True	True
Modulo Equals	eeeeee $\% = a$	True	True	True
Shift Left Equals	ffffff <<= a	True	True	True
Shift Right Equals	gggggg >>= a	True	True	True
Shift Right With Sign Equals	hhhhhh $>>>=$ a	True	True	True
And Equals	iiiiiii $\& = a$	True	True	True
Or Equals	$jjjjjj \mid = a$	True	True	True
XOR Equals	kkkkkk $\hat{} = a$	True	True	True

Table 3: Simple Operations Test Results. For cases with multiple operands, an apostrophe(') indicates which value is tainted.

Test Case	Description	Passed	Expected	Actual
Simple Object	Untainted construction of simple object	True	False	False
Simple Object	Tainted object property	True	True	True
Simple Object	Untainted property of object w/ tainted property	True	False	False
Simple Object	Tainted return value of object property which uses tainted property	True	True	True
Simple Object	Untainted object with tainted property	False	False	True
Simple Object	Untainted name property of untainted Object Pet	True	False	False
Simple Object	Tainted object	True	True	True
Simple Object	Property of tainted object	True	False	False
Simple Object	Untainted prototype of tainted object	True	False	False
Prototype	Tainted prototype property	True	True	True
Prototype	Object instance untainted	True	False	False
Prototype	Shared tainted prototype property	True	True	True
Prototype	Object instance w/ tainted prototype untainted	True	False	False
Prototype	Tainted prototype property of object	True	False	False
Prototype	Return value of prototype method which uses tainted data	True	True	True
Array	Array after initialization w/ tainted value	True	False	False
Array	Array access of tainted value	True	True	True
In	Result of in operation looking for tainted value	True	True	True
Array	Joined array contents containing tainted data	False	True	False
Array	Result of array concatentation	True	False	False
Array	Element in result of array concatentation	True	True	True
Array	Result of array slice	True	False	False
Array	Element in result of array slice	True	True	True
Array	Associative array access w/ tainted key	True	False	False
Array	Associative array access of tainted value	True	True	True
Array	Associative array with tainted key and tainted value	True	False	False

 Table 4: Object Operations Test Results

Test Case	Description	Passed	Expected	Actual
With test	'a' untainted in global scope	True	False	False
With test	obj.a tainted in global scope	True	True	True
With test	'a' tainted in newObj scope	False	True	False
With test	One of the vars assigned from the tainted obj property	False	True	False
With test	One of the vars assigned from the untainted obj property	True	False	False
With test	a remains untainted in the global scope	True	False	False
Closure Test	First time return value is untainted	True	False	False
Closure Test	Next time return value IS tainted	False	True	False
Closure Test	Third time return value is again untainted	True	False	False
Closure Test	Next time return value IS tainted (and the cycle repeats)	False	True	False
Private Scoped Props	Setting prop to untainted value	True	False	False
Private Scoped Props	Setting prop name to tainted value	False	True	False
Private Scoped Props	Setting prop name back to untainted value	True	False	False
Function tainted return	Function returns a tainted value	False	True	False
Conditionals	Dynamically	False	False	True

 Table 5: Scope Operations Test Results

Test Case	Description	Passed	Expected	Actual
DOM Write	node's textContent property tainted	True	True	True
DOM Write	node's innerHTML property tainted	True	True	True
DOM Write	node tainted	True	False	False
DOM Read	assigning to node's textContent propagates taint	True	True	True
DOM Read	other node's textContent property untainted	True	False	False

 Table 6: DOM Operations Test Results