Securing Systems via Design and Proof







Software Infrastructure















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Software Bug Made Swedish Exchange Go Bork, Bork, Bork

By Karen Weise on November 29, 2012

A computer error stalks the markets—again. An order on a relatively obscure derivatives index in Stockholm yesterday was asking to buy futures contracts on Swedish stocks valued at 131 times the country's entire GDP. The order made the exchange go "bananas" and caused Nasdaq OMX to stop trading in Swedish derivatives for four hours.

This was no "fat finger" incident, where a trader accidentally types an extra few digits or the wrong numbers in an order. Instead, a software glitch magnified an order, Nasdaq OMX spokesman Carl Norell told Bloomberg News. "Our system misinterpreted a certain order category and communicated a value that was way too high into the book," he said.

The interruption was in a small corner of the market, but it's just the latest in a string of technical problems that have halted trading. As more trading is driven by the algorithms of high-frequency traders, one glitch or bad order can spark major disruptions. The 2010 flash crash caused \$862 billion in stock values to vanish from the market temporarily, and technical problem metadath

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When exhaustive testing is impossible, our trust can only be based on proof.



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Reports and Articles Social Processes and Proofs of Theorems and Programs

Richard A. De Millo Georgia Institute of Technology

Richard J. Lipton and Alan J. Perlis Yale University proofs won't happen

... not just a dream!

Code in language suited for reasoning

Develop correctness proof in synch

Fully formal, machine checkable proof

Verified Compiler: CompCert [Leroy POPL 06]

| Compiler | Bugs Found |
|----------|------------|
| GCC | 122 |
| LLVM | 181 |
| CompCert | ? |

[Yang et al. PLDI 11]

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[Yang et al. PLDI 11] [Vu et al. PLDI 14]

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Promise





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Proof Burden

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Proof

Promise

The Burden of Proof

- I. Initial proofs require heroic effort
 - CompCert: 70% proof, vast majority of effort seL4: 200,000 line proof for 9,000 lines of C
- 2. Code updates require re-proving CompCert: adding opts [Tristan POPL 08, PLDI 09, POPL 10] seL4: changing RPC took 17% of proof effort

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 Formal shim verification for large apps
 QUARK: browser with security guarantees
 2: Evolving formally verified systems

Reflex DSL exploits domain for proof auto













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    Fixpoint factorial n :=
    match n with
        | 0 => 1
        | S m => n * factorial m
        end.
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program in a purely functional language



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  end.
Definition monotonic f :=
  forall a b,
  a <= b ->
                                claim program
  f a <= f b.
                                 satisfies spec
Theorem example :
  monotonic factorial
Proof.
             construct proof
                interactively
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  unfold monotonic. intros n1 n2 H.
   induction H. apply le refl. simpl.
   apply le trans with (m := factorial m); auto.
  destruct (mult 0 le (factorial m) m).
   rewrite H0; simpl. apply le refl.
   apply le trans with (m := m * factorial m); auto.
   rewrite plus n 0 at 1. rewrite plus comm.
   apply plus le compat. apply le 0 n. apply le refl.
0ed.
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Formally Verify a Browser?!

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Millions of LOC



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High performance



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Loose access policy

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Constant evolution

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Resources

Isolate sandbox untrusted code


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Formal Shim Verification



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Isolate Implement shim Verify shim

Applies when: 1. sys fits architecture 2. policy over resources browser, httpd, sshd, ...

Formal Shim Verification

Key Insight: Focus Effort Guarantee sec props for entire system Only implement and prove small shim Radically ease verification burden Prove actual code correct

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Browsers: Critical Infrastructure







Browsers: Vulnerable

Pwn2Own hacking contest puts record \$560K on the line

Google back as co-sponsor after organizer changes rules

By Gregg Keizer January 18, 2013 10:57 AM ET 💿 1 Comment



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Computerworld - HP TippingPoint, the long-time organizer of the annual Pwn2Own hacking contest, has revamped the challenge for the second year running and will offer cash awards exceeding half a million dollars, more than five times the amount paid out last year, the company said yesterday.

The 2013 edition of the contest will offer \$560,000 in potential prize money to hackers who demonstrate exploits of previously-unknown vulnerabilities in Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer (IE) or Safari, or the Adobe Reader, Adobe Flash or Oracle Java browser plug-ins.

Prizes will be awarded on a sliding schedule, with \$100,000 for the first to hack Chrome on Windows 7 or IE10 on Windows 8. From there, payments will fall to \$75,000 for IE9 and slide through a number of targets before ending at \$20,000 for Java. Prizes will also be given for exploiting Adobe Flash and Adobe Reader (\$70,000 each), Safari (\$65,000) and Firefox (\$60,000).

About the Java award, Kostya Kortchinsky, a researcher who now works for Microsoft, quickly <u>tweeted</u>, "ZDI giving out \$20k for free," referring to the Oracle software's recent vulnerabilities.

Pwn2Own will run March 6-8 at the CanSecWest security conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Defenses / Policies:

[Jang et al.W2SP]

[Stamm et al. WWW]

[Jackson et al.W2SP]

[Barth et al. CCS]

[Singh et al. OAKLAND]

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Complex + Implementation Bugs







Resources

network

persistent storage

user interface



Resources



Resources

Shim

Quark browser kernel

code, spec, proof in Coq



Resources

Shim



Resources Shim Untrusted Code browser components

run as separate procs

strictly sandboxed



Resources Shim Untrusted Code browser components run as separate procs strictly sandboxed

talk to kernel over pipe



Resources Shim Untrusted Code

two component types



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Resources Shim Untrusted Code

two component types

written in Python, manages single domain



Resources Shim Untrusted Code

two component types

WebKit tabs

cookie managers



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two component types

WebKit tabs

cookie managers

several instances each





Quark Kernel









Definition kstep ...



Definition kstep(focused_tab, tabs) :=
f <- select(stdin, tabs);</pre>

Unix-style select to find a component pipe ready to read



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Definition kstep(focused tab, tabs) :=
f <- select(stdin, tabs);</pre>
match f with
| Stdin =>
    cmd <- read cmd(stdin);</pre>
     . . .
                    read command from
                     user over stdin
 Tab t =>
```

```
Definition kstep(focused tab, tabs) :=
f <- select(stdin, tabs);</pre>
match f with
| Stdin =>
    cmd <- read cmd(stdin);</pre>
    match cmd with
     | AddTab =>
                 user wants to create
                 and focus a new tab
 Tab t =>
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         t <-mk tab();
                    create a new tab
 Tab t =>
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      match cmd with
       | AddTab =>
           t <- mk tab();
           write msg(t, Render);
                       tell new tab to
   Tab t =>
                         render itself
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  | Stdin =>
      cmd <- read cmd(stdin);</pre>
      match cmd with
       | AddTab =>
           t <- mk tab();
           write msg(t, Render);
           return (t, t::tabs)
  | Tab t =>
                     return updated state
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           return (t, t::tabs)
                  handle other
  | Tab t =>
                 user commands
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           retu
                handle requests
                   from tabs
  | Tab t =>
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Safety properties to mitigate attacks restrict kernel behavior to only safe executions

Example: mitigate phishing attacks prevent tricks that get users to divulge secrets



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Specify correct behavior wrt syscall seqs

read(), write(), open(), write(), ...

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trace: all syscalls made by Quark kernel during execution

Specify correct behavior wrt syscall seqs



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forall trace tab domain,

quark_produced(trace) \land

if Quark could have produced this trace

Specify correct behavior wrt syscall seqs

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Example: address bar correctness



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structure of produceable traces supports spec & proof

Example: address bar correctness

forall trace ta and domain displayed in
quark_produce address bar for this trace
tab = cur_ta (trace) /\
domain = addr_bar(trace) ->
....

Specify correct behavior wrt syscall seqs

structure of produceable traces supports spec & proof

Example: address bar correctness

forall trace tab dc
quark_produced(tr
tab = cur_tab(tra
domain = addr_ba
domain = tab_domain(tab)
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Specify correct behavior wrt syscall seqs

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Example: address bar correctness

forall trace tab domain,

- quark_produced(trace) \wedge
- $tab = cur_tab(trace) \land$
- domain = addr_bar(trace) ->

domain = tab_domain(tab)

Formal Security Properties Tab Non-Interference no tab affects kernel interaction with another tab **Cookie Confidentiality and Integrity** cookies only accessed by tabs of same domain Address Bar Integrity and Correctness address bar accurate, only modified by user action

Prove kernel code satisfies sec props by induction on traces Quark can produce

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Proceed by case analysis on kstep() what syscalls can be appended to trace? will they still satisfy all security properties? prove each case interactively in proof assistant

Proving required diverse range of tools

monads encoding I/O in functional language

Hoare logic reasoning about imperative programs

op. semantics defining correctness of Quark kernel

linear logic proving resources created / destroyed

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[Naneveski et al. ICFP 08]

Key Insight: FSV Effective Guarantee sec props for browser Use state-of-the-art components Only prove simple browser kernel

Formally Verified Browser!



Extending Quark

Filesystem access, sound, history could be implemented w/out major redesign

Finer grained resource accesses support mashups and plugins

Liveness properties no blocking, kernel eventually services all requests

Trusted Computing Base

Infrastructure we assume correct bugs here can invalidate our formal guarantees

Fundamental

Statement of security properties Coq (soundness, proof checker)

Eventually Verified [active research] OCaml [VeriML] Tab Sandbox [RockSalt] Operating System [seL4]

Quark Development Effort

150 lines of security props
900 lines of kernel code
4,500 lines of proofs
1,000,000 lines of WebKit

Quark Development Effort



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Struggle Against Formality Inertia

Adding cookies to Quark quite difficult all the pieces already there, still took over a month

Proof updates repetitive and shallow sensitive proof scripts, changes not mechanical

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match svec_ith PAYREST i as _vi return
   forall (EQ: (svec_ith (projT2 (existT vcdesc' ENVD_SIZE PAYREST)) i) = _vi),
   match vi as d return (base term (existT vcdesc' ENVD SIZE PAYREST) d -> Prop)
   with
    Desc d => fun _ => True
    Comp c => fun b=> FdSet.In
         (comp_fd (projT1 (eval_base_term (envd:=existT _ ENVD_SIZE PAYREST) erest b))) fds end
     match EQ in _ = __vi return base_term __vi with Logic.eq_refl =>
       Var (existT vcdesc' ENVD SIZE PAYREST) i end
   ->
   match vi as __d return (base_term (existT vcdesc' (S ENVD_SIZE) (PAYO, PAYREST)) __d -> Prop) with
     Desc d => fun => True
     Comp c \Rightarrow fun b \Rightarrow
       FdSet.In (comp_fd (projT1 (eval_base_term (envd:=existT _ (S ENVD_SIZE) (PAY0, PAYREST)) (e0, erest) b))) fds end
     match EQ in _ = __vi return base_term __vi with Logic.eq_refl =>
       Var (existT vcdesc' (S ENVD SIZE) (PAYO, PAYREST)) (Some i) end
with
  Desc d => | Comp c => end (Logic.eq refl )
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Division of Labor (to scale)







Proof









Reflex: a DSL for Reactive Systems Exploit structure of app domain kernel based archs, well suited to FSV design e.g. tabs, cookie managers Components Messages e.g. GetCookie, MouseClick

Exploit structure of app domain

kernel based archs, well suited to FSV design



Exploit structure of app domain kernel based archs, well suited to FSV design

Provide expressive spec language subset of LTL and non-interference properties

forall d c, [Recv(Tab(d), CookieSet(c))] Enables [Send(CookieMgr(d), CookieSet(c))]

cookie

Exploit structure of app domain kernel based archs, well suited to FSV design

Provide expressive spec language subset of LTL and non-interference properties

Auto prove user-provided specs exploit domain, ensure all traces match spec

Counterexample-driven search discovers invariants.

Reflex Effective:

Prototype sshd, browser, httpd

Specify basic access controls

Auto prove user-provided specs

es

Reflex: Evaluation

auto prove non-interference

| Web | Domains do not interfere, | | |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| browser | Cookie integrity, | | |
| SSH | No PTY access before authentication, | | |
| server | At most 3 authentication attempts, | | |
| Web server | auto prove non-local props Clients only spawned after successful login, File requests guarded by access control, | | |

Auto verified 33 properties (80% in < 2 minutes)

Reflex: Development Effort

7500 lines of Coq

Reflex :

| Web browser | SSH server | Web server |
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Many reactive systems

Quark Web browser :

5500 lines of Coq

Single reactive system

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AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

Double Trouble

$$x = 0.1 + 0.2;$$

if $(x != 0.3)$
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Less Double Trouble



Casio overhead (ratio)

Neutron Beams UWMedicine SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



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Achievement unlocked



















Thank You!

- Goal: mitigate formality inertia address scaling and evolving formally verified systems
- I. Extend verification frontier develop techniques to verify critical "pinch points"
- 2. Make verification accessible equip domain experts with effective tools



Rich compiler correctness history: McCarthy 67, Samet 75, Cousot 77, ...

Already solved?

| Compiler | Bugs Found | |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| GCC | 122 | many optimization |
| LLVM | 181 | bugs |
| CompCert | 0 | lacks many |
| | [Yang et al. PLDI 11] | optimizations |



Proof original and opt code equivalent.





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then opt prog can take same action to another equal state



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Construct bisimulation relation:



implies: anything orig can do, opt can do too








Construct bisimulation relation:













Future Work

Generating and evaluating specs techniques to ensure spec matches intuition

Even perfect program verification can only establish that a program meets its specification... Much of the essence of building a program is in fact the debugging of the specification.

> Frederick P. Brooks, Jr. No Silver Bullet



Software Infrastructure















Quark Usability

























