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# FINDING SECURITY VULNERABILITIES BY CODE AUDIT & STATIC ANALYSIS

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# FINDING SECURITY VULNERABILITIES



Discovered

**Code audit (manual static)**  
“laborious auditing, line by line”  
+ static & dynamic techniques?

**Fuzzing (automated dynamic)**

More reliable?  
More efficient?

Functional-level  
weaknesses?

**Post analysis:**

**Not detected**

**Detected**

**False alarm?**

**Automated static:**

**Checkers**

Data flow (user input → target) + Symbolic Execution  
Unsound detection of many weaknesses (CWE)

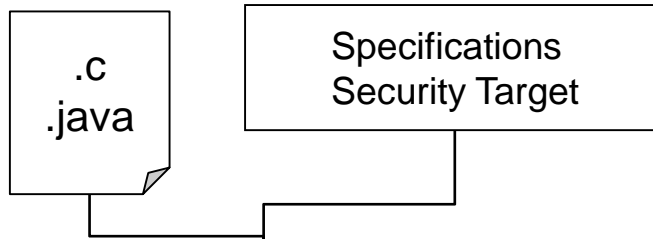
**Sound static analysis**

Verified property: no “runtime error”  
(CWE subset, e.g. Buffer Over-read)



## 2-STEP METHOD

**Code audit  
+ value  
analysis**



**1) Understand**

Identify: user inputs, sensitive functions and data (assets)  
Check the paths that are specified  
Are there any unexpected paths that could be exploited?

<b>Entrypoint</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Input data</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Initial state</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Oracle</b>	<b>?</b>

Forced security function (e.g. verify PIN, access control)  
Bypassed security function (e.g. Java Card firewall)

**Automated  
path  
coverage**

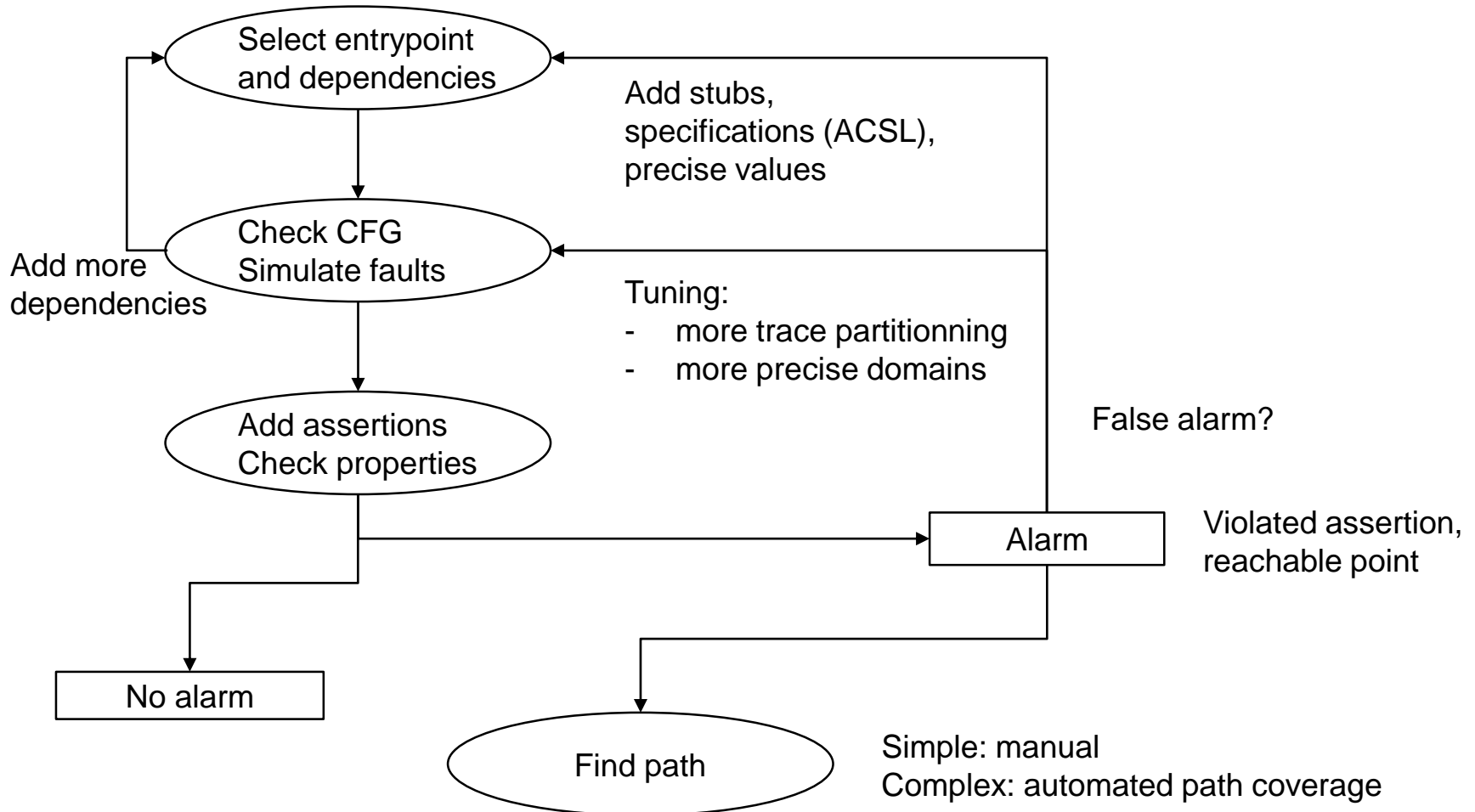
**2) Find attack paths**

**Verdict**

1) At least one attack path found

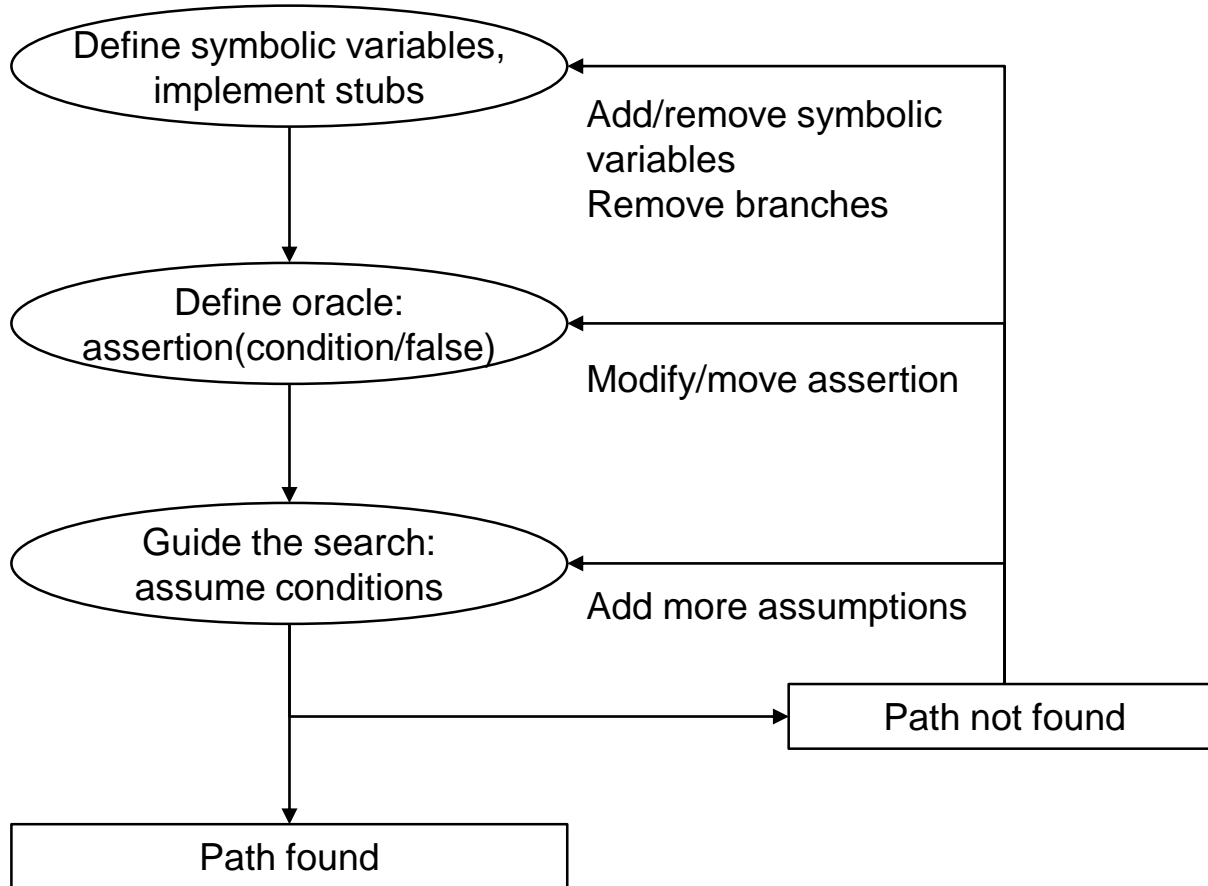
2) No attack path found: all-path coverage?  
True: secure; False: unknown

Abstract interpretation with Frama-C Eva: abstract domains + trace partitionning



# AUTOMATED PATH COVERAGE

Dynamic Symbolic Execution with Frama-C PathCrawler, and KLEE





Only one function definition should be allowed in an environment variable:

```
setenv("f", "(){echo \"...\";}")
```

1) Should not allow a command that is not a function definition:

```
setenv("f", "echo \"...\";")
```

2) Should not allow batch commands:

```
setenv("f", "(){:;};echo \"...\";")
```

```
void initialize_shell_variables(char **env, int privmode) {
    for (string_index = 0; string = env[string_index++]; ) {
        ...
        if (... && STREQN ("()", string, 4)) {
            ...
            parse_and_execute(temp_string, name, flags);
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

Filter function definitions

```
int parse_and_execute(char *string, const char *from_file, int flags) {
    ...
    with_input_from_string(string, from_file);
    ...
    while (*(bash_input_string)) {
        if (parse_command() == 0) {
            ...
            last_result = execute_command_internal(command);
            ...
        }
    }
    return last_result;
}
```

Multiple commands are parsed

```
int execute_command_internal(COMMAND *command) {
    switch (command->type) {
        case cm_simple:
            ...
            break;
        case cm_for:
            ...
            break;
        case cm_function_def:
            ...
            break;
    }
}
```

Potentially reachable command types

Really reachable points?  
 Caused by missing dependencies?  
 Caused by approximation?  
 → Make the behaviour more precise and check the CFG

# STUBS & PRECISE VALUES

```
void with_input_from_string(string, name)
char *string; const char *name; {
    bash_input_string = string;
}
```

Stubs

```
COMMAND parsed_commands[2];
int command_idx;
```

```
int parse_command() {
    if (command_idx < 2) {
        command = &parsed_commands[command_idx++];
        return 0;
    } else {
        bash_input_string = "\0";
        return 1;
    }
}
```

```
int main() {
    parsed_commands[0].type = cm_function_def;
    parsed_commands[1].type = cm_simple;
    command_idx = 0;
    char *string = "() { : }; echo vulnerable";
    parse_and_execute(string, from_file, flags);
}
```

Precise values

```
int parse_and_execute(char *string, const char *from_file, int flags) {
    ...
    with_input_from_string(string, from_file);
    ...
    while (*(bash_input_string)) {
        if (parse_command() == 0) {
            ...
            last_result = execute_command_internal(command);
            ...
        }
    }
    return last_result;
}
```

Loop unrolling

&parsed\_commands{[0], [1]}

```
int execute_command_internal(COMMAND *command) {
    switch (command->type) {
        case cm_simple:
            ...
            break;
        case cm_for:
            ...
            break;
        case cm_function_def:
            ...
            break;
        ...
    }
    ...
}
```

Potentially reachable

# CHECK PATCHED VERSION

```
void with_input_from_string(string, name)
char *string; const char *name; {
    bash_input_string = string;
}
```

Not precise

```
COMMAND parsed_commands[2];
int command_idx;
```

```
int parse_command() {
    if (command_idx < 2) {
        command = &parsed_commands[command_idx++];
        return 0;
    } else {
        bash_input_string = "\0";
        return 1;
    }
}
```

```
int main() {
    //parsed_commands[0].type = cm_function_def;
    //parsed_commands[1].type = cm_simple;
    command_idx = 0;
    char *string = "() { : }; echo vulnerable";
    parse_and_execute(string, from_file, flags);
}
```

```
int parse_and_execute(char *string; const char *from_file; int flags) {
    ...
    with_input_from_string(string, from_file);
    ...
    while (*(bash_input_string)) {
        if (parse_command() == 0) {
            ...
            if ((flags & SEVAL_FUNCDEF)
                && command->type != cm_function_def) {
                break;
            }
            ...
            last_result = execute_command_internal(command);
            ...
            if (flags & SEVAL_ONECMD)
                break;
        }
    }
    return last_result;
}
```

&parsed\_commands[[0]]

```
int execute_command_internal(COMMAND *command) {
    switch (command->type) {
        case cm_simple:
            ...
            break;
        case cm_for:
            ...
            break;
        case cm_function_def:
            ...
            break;
    }
}
```

Not reachable  
(proved)

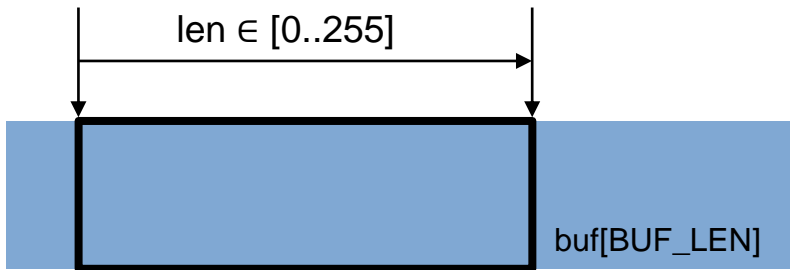


# NO RUNTIME ERROR

## Example: buffer overflow

$\text{offset} \in [0..65535]$

$\text{offset} + \text{len} \leq \text{BUF\_LEN}$



```
if (offset + len <= BUF_LEN)
  for (int i = 0; i < len; i++)
    buf[offset++] = ...
```

Gauge:  $\text{offset} = \langle \text{initial offset} \rangle + i$

Loop invariant:  $\text{offset} - i + \text{len} \leq \text{BUF\_LEN}$  and  $i < \text{len} \rightarrow \text{offset} < \text{BUF\_LEN}$

Different precision levels:

- Interval  $\text{offset} \in [0 .. 65535]$
- Interval + trace  $\text{offset} \in [0 .. \text{BUF\_LEN} + 255 - 1]$
- Gauges  $\text{offset} \in [0 .. \text{BUF\_LEN} + 255 - 1]$
- Octagon  $\text{offset} \in [0 .. 65535]$  (3-var invariant not inferred)
- Polyhedra (strict or loose)  $\text{offset} \in [0 .. \text{BUF\_LEN} - 1]$

Precise value 'len':

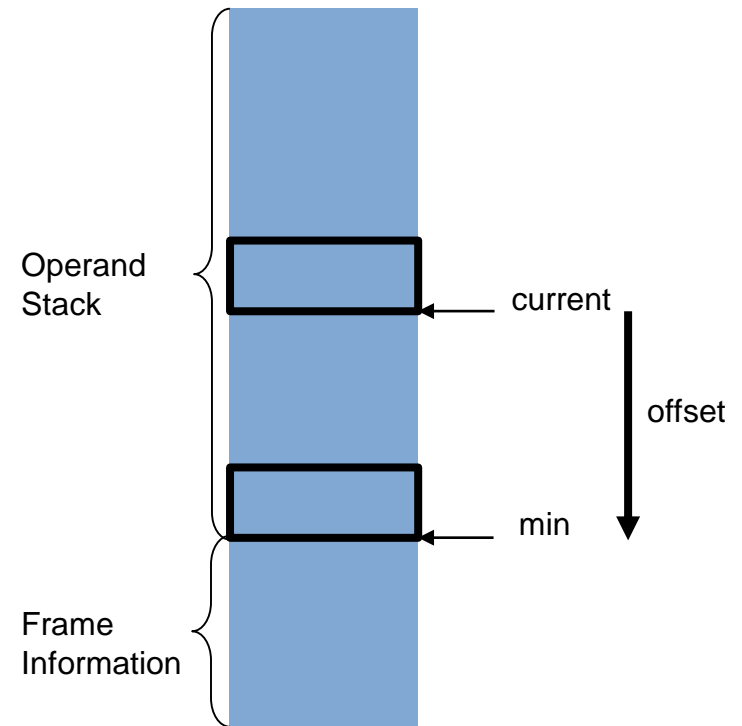
- Interval + trace  $\text{offset} \in [0 .. \text{BUF\_LEN} - \text{len} + \text{len} - 1]$

# NO UNEXPECTED BEHAVIOUR

Example on a Java Card platform:  
 "Manipulating the Frame Information With an Underflow Attack"  
 Emilie Faugeron (CARDIS 2013)

```
if (current - offset < min) return;
...
...
copy_current(offset);
...
```

```
void copy_current(uint offset) {
  //@ assert current - offset >= min;
  ...
  buf[current - offset] = buf[current];
  ...
}
```



# NO UNEXPECTED REACHABLE POINT

Example: ~ ShellShock + complex path

```
char buf[BUF_LEN];
command_t cmd;
int offset;
char mode;

void handle_command() {
    cmd.type = 0;
    cmd.op = 0;
    read_type();
    read_op();
    switch (cmd.op) {
    case 1:
        op1();
        break;
    case 2:
        op2();
        break;
    ...
    }
}
```

```
int main() {
    offset = 0;
    buf[0] = 0x0A;
    handle_command();
    return 0;
}
```

'mode' value is not precise

```
void read_type() {
    char id = buf[offset++];
    if (mode == 0) {
        if (id == 0x0A) {
            cmd.type = 1;
        } else if (id == 0x0B) {
            cmd.type = 2;
        }
    }
}
```

```
void read_op() {
    if (cmd.type == 1) {
        char id = buf[offset++];
        if (id == 0x0B) {
            extended_read_op();
        } else {
            cmd.op = 1;
        }
    } else if (cmd.type == 2) {
        cmd.op = 2;
    }
}
```

```
void extended_read_op() {
    char id = buf[offset++];
    if (id == 0x0C && mode == 1) {
        cmd.op = 2;
    }
}
```

Complex path and input data  
'buf': 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C...

Actually not reachable (merged states)

# SIMULATE FAULT INJECTION

Simulate the impact of faults on the CFG

Two fault models:

- test inversion
- faulted value

Applied:

- manually when checking the CFG
- automatically with Lazard

```
read_access_level = VERIFY_PIN;
```

```
int res = access_control(READ);
```

```
LAZART_ORACLE(res == 1);
```

```
// stub
int pin_is_validated() {
    return 0;
}
```

```
int parse_and_execute(char *string; const char *from_file; int flags) {
    ...
    with_input_from_string(string, from_file);
    ...
    while (*(bash_input_string)) {
        if (parse_command() == 0) {
            ...
            if ((flags & SEVAL_FUNCDEF)
                && command->type != cm_function_def
                && !(command_idx == 2 && FAULT_2)) {
                break;
            }
            ...
            last_result = execute_command_internal(command);
            ...
            if (flags & SEVAL_ONECMD
                && !(command_idx == 1 && FAULT_1))
                break;
        }
    }
    return last_result;
}
```

```
int execute_command_internal(COMMAND *command) {
    switch (command->type) {
        case cm_simple:
            ...
            break;
        case cm_for:
            ...
            break;
        case cm_function_def:
            ...
            break;
    }
}
```

Potentially reachable

Code audit + value analysis:

- understand code from manually selected entrypoints
- simulate fault injection
- check properties (no runtime error, no unexpected behaviour)

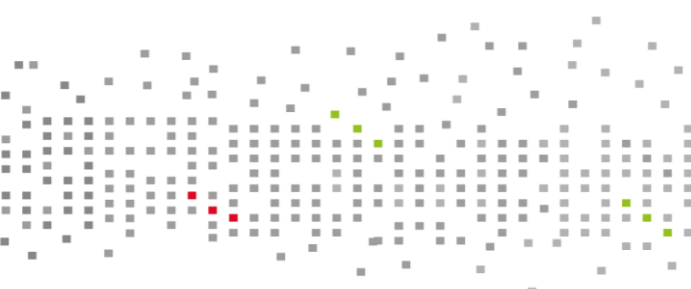
Find potential vulnerabilities

Prove that a vulnerability has been fixed

Automated path coverage: find a complex path reaching a vulnerability with or without fault injection

Tools currently used:

- Value analysis: Frama-C Eva
- DSE: Frama-C PathCrawler, KLEE, Lazart
- Java Card to C: Frama-C JCard
- C++ to C: Frama-Clang



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