

Lecture 11 – Defense Strategies

[COSE451] Software Security

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Overview

- **Defense strategies**

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- **Vulnerability detection strategies**

- **Static analysis**

- Examining **source code** without executing it
 - To identify potential security vulnerabilities
 - Also called **whitebox testing**

- **Dynamic analysis**

- **Running the program** and analyzing its behavior during execution
 - To identify potential security vulnerabilities
 - Also called **blackbox testing**

Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: symbolic execution**

- Evaluate the program on **symbolic input values**

- Rather than using a concrete input
 - Use an automated theorem prover (e.g., SMT solver) to check whether there are corresponding concrete input values that make the program fail
 - Returning a result that is expressed in symbolic constants that represent input values

Defense strategies

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- **Advantage?**

- Symbolic execution can avoid giving false warnings!
 - Any error found by symbolic execution represents a **real**
 - Providing **feasible path** through the program
 - Presenting a **test case** that illustrates the error

- **Disadvantages?**

- Incomplete theorem prover
 - Limited scalability

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 - Example: random testing

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Q. What is the probability of reaching an error with random testing? ($1 \leq x, y \leq 100$)

- ① 0.04% ② 0.4% ③ 4% ④ 40%

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if x+y+z !=3:
pass (no problem)

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assert is not violated!

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Error detected!

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Defense strategies

- **Limitation of symbolic execution**

```
1 int foo (int v){
2     return secure_hash(v);
3 }
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5 void test(int x, int y){
6     z = foo (y);
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hash(y) cannot be solved by theorem prover..

Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: concolic execution**
 - Store program state **concretely** and **symbolically**
 - Use concrete values to simplify symbolic constraints
 - Solve constraints to guide execution at branch points
 - Explore all execution paths of the unit tested

Defense strategies

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Concrete state

$x = 22, y = 7$

Symbolic state

$x = \alpha, y = \beta$

1st iteration

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$x = 22, y = 7, z = 14$

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To reach the opposite branch..

Constraint: $2 * \beta = \alpha$
Solution: $\alpha = 2, \beta = 1$

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$x = 2, y = 1$

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$x = \alpha, y = \beta$

2nd iteration

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True ($2 * \beta = \alpha$)

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$2 * \beta = \alpha \wedge$
 $\alpha \leq \beta + 10$

Defense strategies

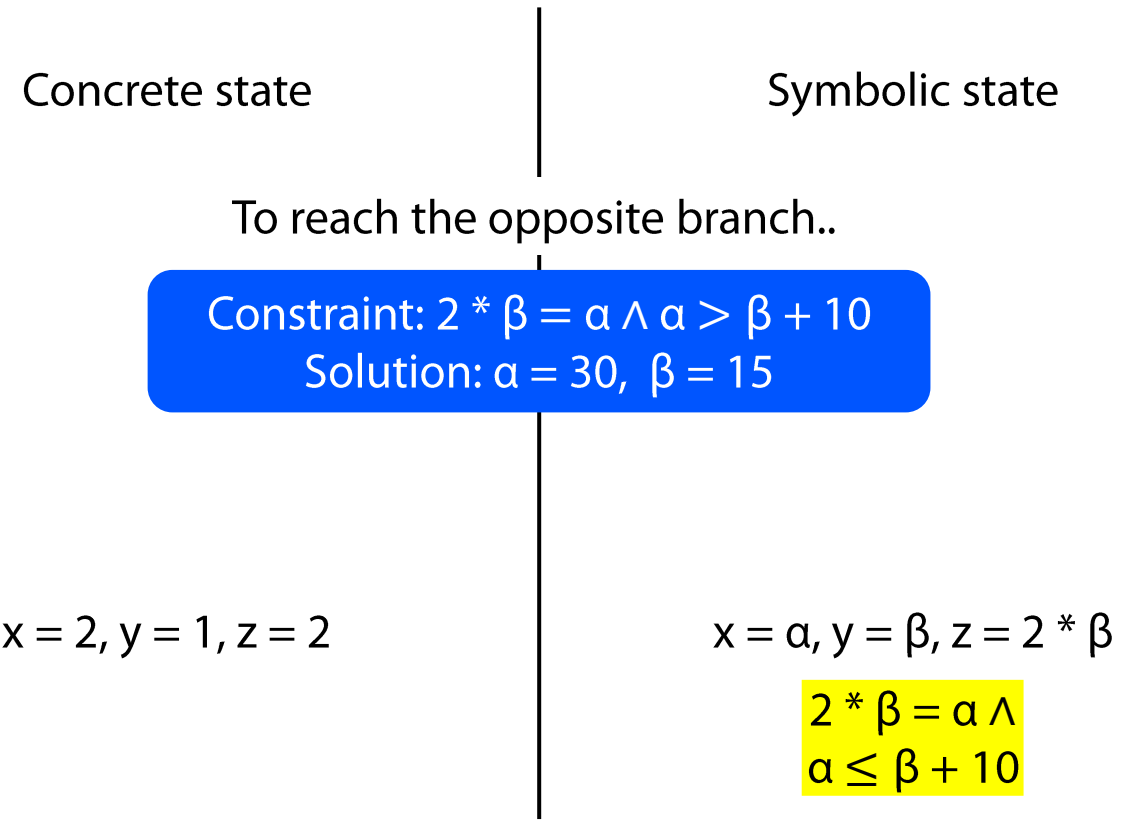
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x = 30, y = 15

Symbolic state

x = α , y = β

3rd iteration

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Crashing input!

Symbolic state

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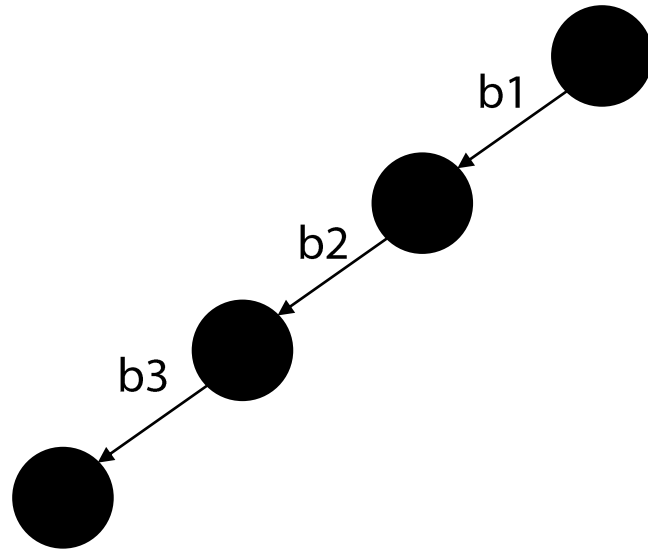
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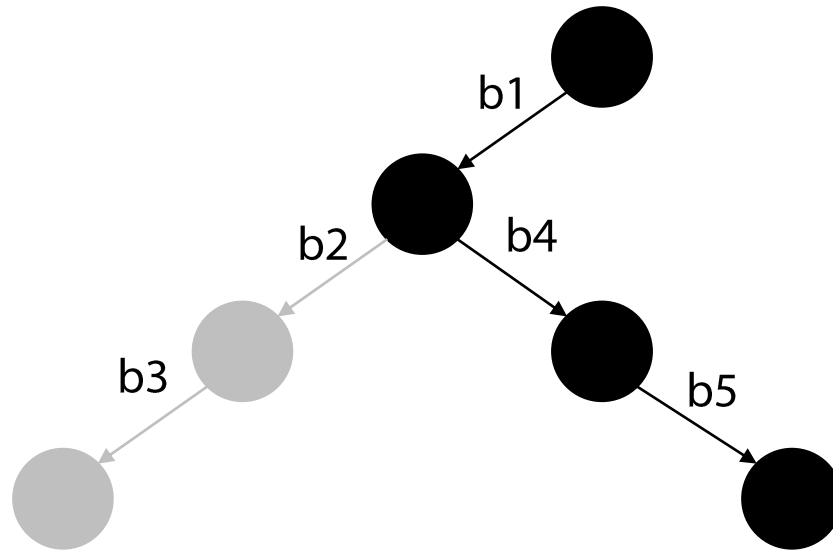
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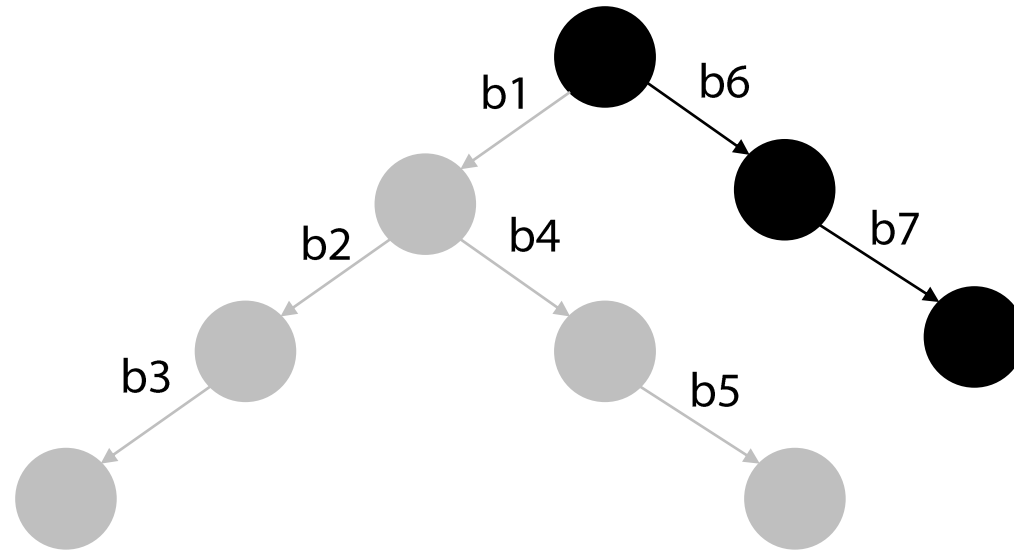
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Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: concolic execution**

- Another example

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4 } cell;
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8 void test(int x, cell *p){
9     if (x > 0)
10        if (p != NULL)
11            if (foo(x) == p->data)
12                if (p->next == p)
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1st iteration

Concrete state

$x = 236, p = \text{NULL}$

Symbolic state

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True ($\alpha > 0$)

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Symbolic state

x = α , p = β
 $\alpha > 0 \wedge \beta = \text{NULL}$

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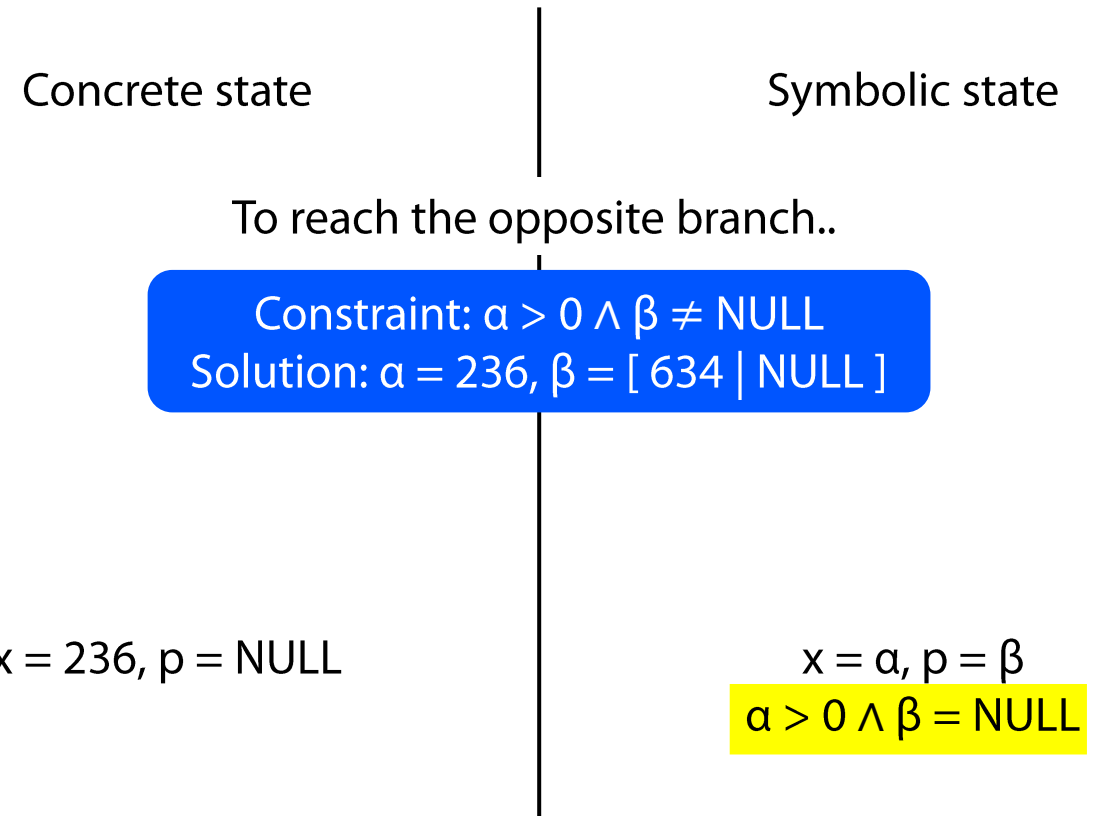
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$x = 236, p = [634 \mid \text{NULL}]$

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2nd iteration

Concrete state

$x = 236, p = [634 \mid \text{NULL}]$

Symbolic state

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Defense strategies

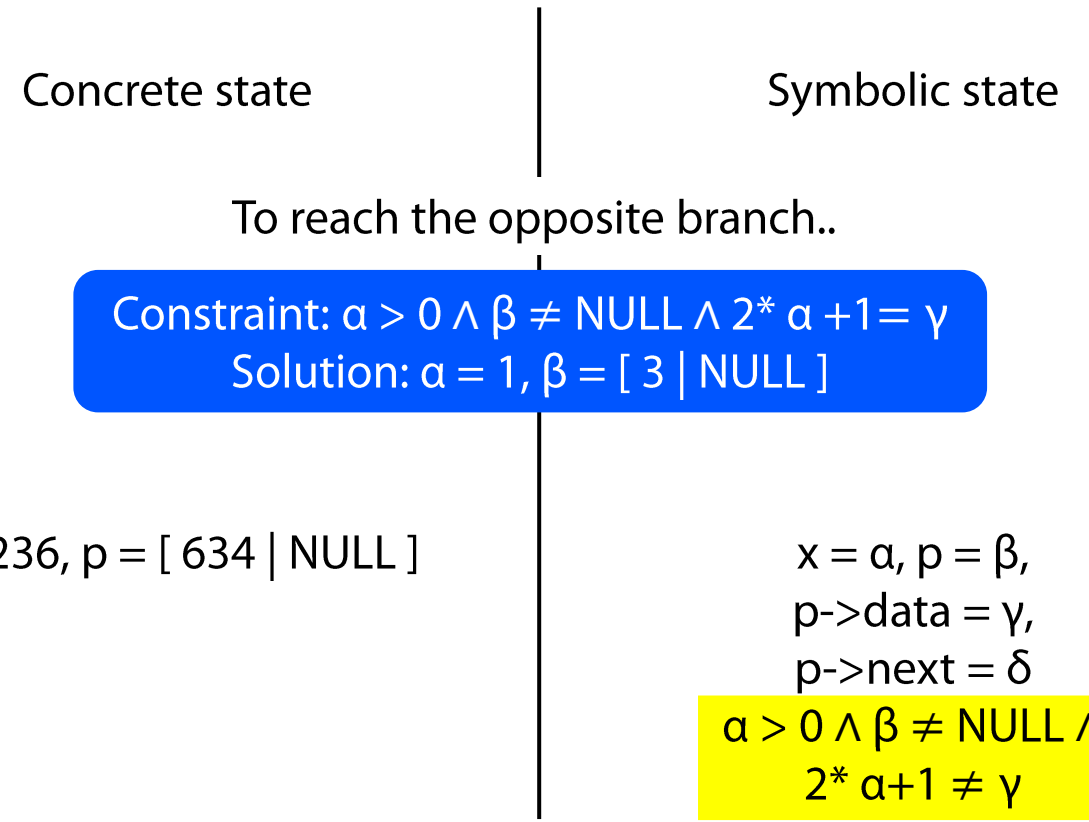
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3rd iteration

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$x = 1, p = [3 \mid \text{NULL}]$

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Defense strategies

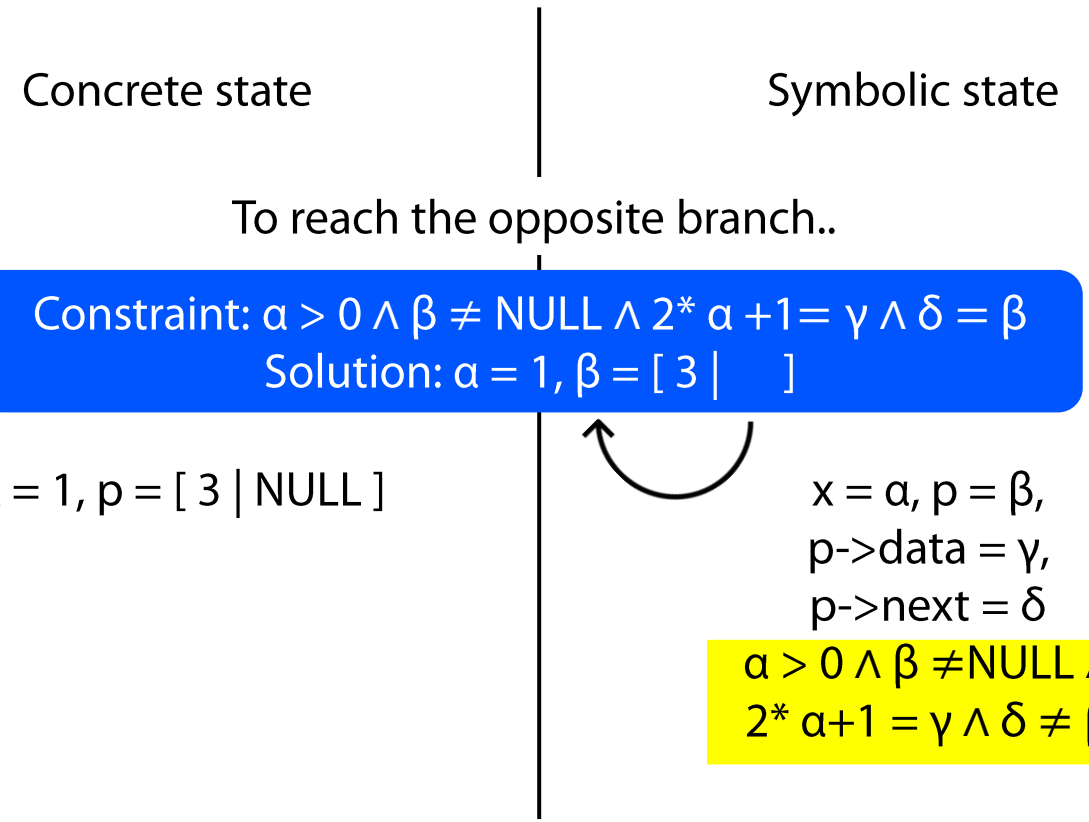
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4th iteration

Concrete state

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4th iteration

Concrete state

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Crashing input!

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True ($\delta = \beta$)

Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: concolic execution**

- It can do things that symbolic execution cannot

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2     return secure_hash(v);
3 }
4
5 void test(int x, int y){
6     z = foo (y);
7     if (z == x){
8         if (x > y + 10){
9             assert();
10        } else { }
11    }
12 }
```

1st iteration

Concrete state

$x = 22, y = 7, z = 601\dots129$

Symbolic state

$x = \alpha, y = \beta, z = \text{hash}(\beta)$

$\text{hash}(\beta) \neq \alpha$

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1st iteration

Concrete state

Symbolic state

To reach the opposite branch..

Constraint: $\text{hash}(\beta) = \alpha$
Replace β by 7: $601\dots129 = \alpha$
Solution: $\alpha = 601\dots129, \beta = 7$

$x = 22, y = 7, z = 601\dots129$

$x = \alpha, y = \beta, z = \text{hash}(\beta)$

$\text{hash}(\beta) \neq \alpha$

Defense strategies

- Limitation of concolic execution

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1st iteration

Concrete state

Symbolic state

To reach the opposite branch..

Constraint: $\alpha \neq \beta \wedge \text{hash}(\alpha) = \text{hash}(\beta)$
Replace α and β by 22, 7: $22 \neq 7 \wedge 438\dots861 = 601\dots129$
Unsatisfiable!!

$x = 22, y = 7$

$x = \alpha, y = \beta$
 $\alpha \neq \beta \wedge$
 $\text{hash}(\alpha) \neq \text{hash}(\beta)$

Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: code clone detection**

- Code clone

- Syntactically or semantically similar code fragments

- This can be used for 1-day vulnerability detection!

- Idea

- Detect code fragments that are syntactically/semantically similar to vulnerable code

- Considerations

- What units (e.g., function, file, line, block) will we use to detect vulnerable code clones?
 - How to create a signature?

Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: code clone detection**

- Example: **vulnerable** code clone detection (using function unit)

```
1 DLLEXPORT unsigned char *tjLoadImage(const char *filename, int *width,
2   int align, int *height, int *pixelFormat,
3   int flags)
4 {
5     int retval = 0, tempc, pitch;
6     tjhandle handle = NULL;
7     ...
8     pitch = PAD((*width) * tjPixelFormat[*pixelFormat], align);
9     if ((dstBuf = (unsigned char *)malloc(pitch * (*height))) == NULL)
10        _throw("tjLoadImage(): Memory allocation failure");
11     ...
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Vulnerable function for CVE-2018-20330 (discovered in Libjpeg-turbo)

Defense strategies

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1962 1962     {  
1963 - int retval = 0, tempc, pitch;  
1963 + int retval = 0, tempc;  
1964 + size_t pitch;  
1964 1965     tjhandle handle = NULL;  
1965 1966     tjinstance *this;  
1966 1967     j_compress_ptr cinfo = NULL;  
@@ -2013,7 +2014,9 @@ DLLEXPORT unsigned char *tjLoadImage(const char *filename, int *width,  
2013 2014     *pixelFormat = cs2pf[cinfo->in_color_space];  
2014 2015     pitch = PAD((*width) * tjPixelSize[*pixelFormat], align);  
2015 2016     if ((dstBuf = (unsigned char *)malloc(pitch * (*height))) == NULL)  
2016 - if ((unsigned long long)pitch * (unsigned long long)(*height) >  
2017 + (unsigned long long)((size_t)-1) ||  
2018 + (dstBuf = (unsigned char *)malloc(pitch * (*height))) == NULL)  
2017 2020         _throw("tjLoadImage(): Memory allocation failure");  
2018 2021     if (setjmp(this->jerr.setjmp_buffer)) {  
2019 2022
```

Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: code clone detection**

- Example: **vulnerable** code clone detection (using function unit)

Consider the entire vulnerable function as a **signature** for clone detection

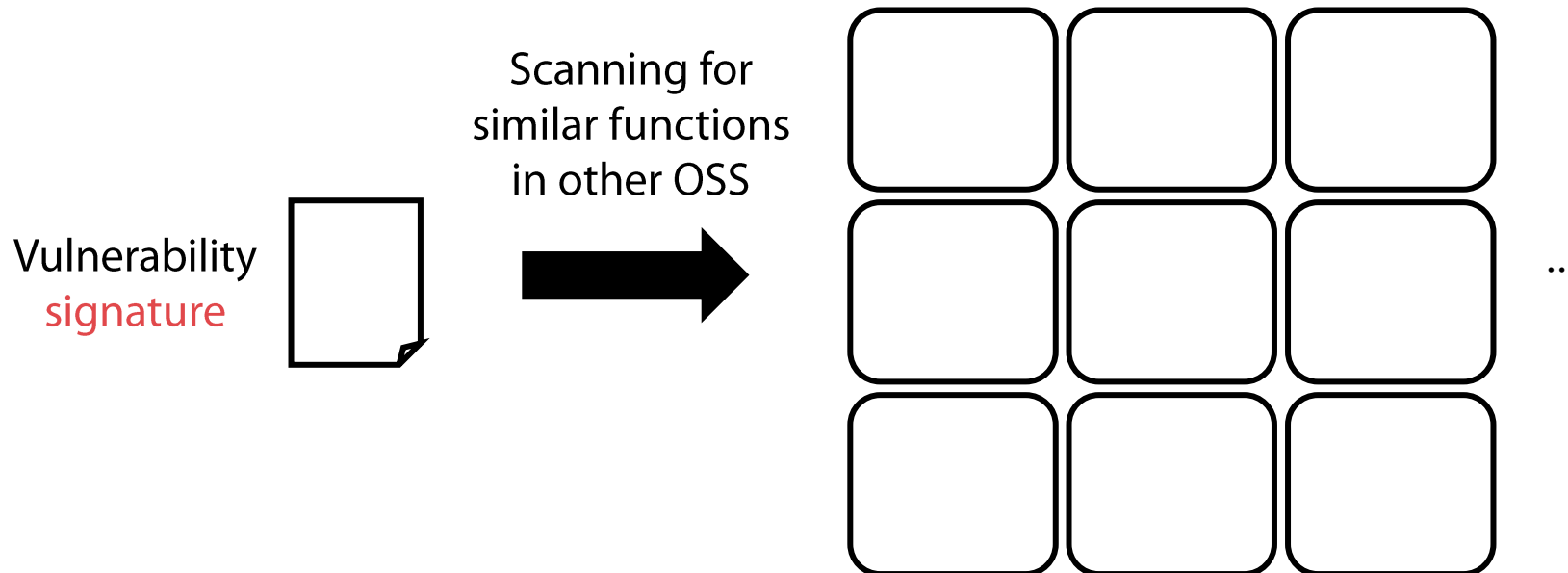
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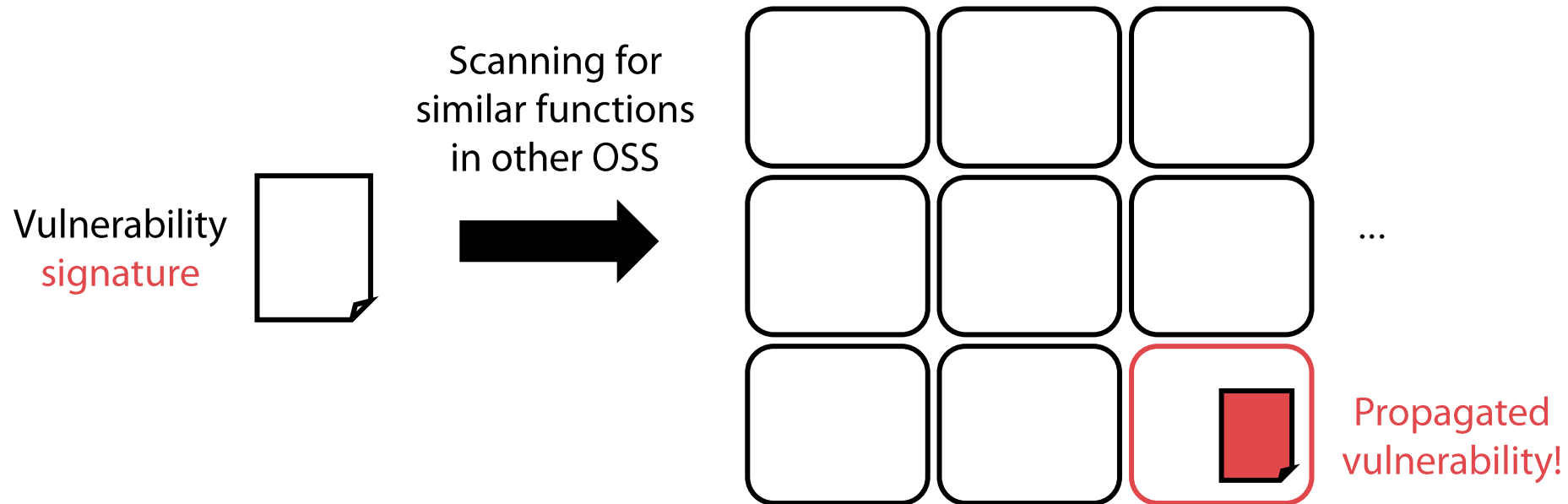
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Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: code clone detection**

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Defense strategies

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- Example: **vulnerable** code clone detection (using function unit)

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    tjhandle handle=NULL;
    tjinstance *this;
    j_compress_ptr cinfo=NULL;
    cjpeg_source_ptr src;
    unsigned char *dstBuf=NULL;
    FILE *file=NULL;
    boolean invert;
    ...
    pitch=PAD((*width)*tjPixelSize[*pixelFormat], align);
    if((dstBuf=(unsigned char *)malloc(pitch*(*height)))==NULL)
        _throwg("tjLoadImage(): Memory allocation failure");
}
```

Vulnerable function discovered in the latest version of Mozjpeg (as of 2020)

Defense strategies

- **Static analysis: code clone detection**
 - Recent code clone detection techniques consider semantics more
 - Control flow, data dependency, etc.
 - Will be introduced in the “Advanced topics” lecture

Next Lecture

- **Defense strategies: dynamic analysis**