Program Analysis for Security

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Web Application Code

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1. javax.sql.Connection con = . . .;

2. javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest request = . . .;

3. String username = request.getParameter("username");

4. String query = "SELECT * FROM Users " +
                  " WHERE name = '" + username + "'";

5. con.execute(query);
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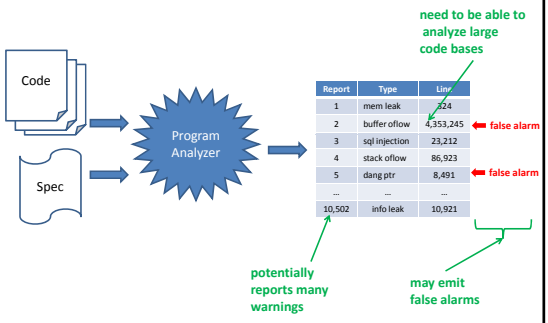
Program Analyzers



Soundness, Completeness

Dimension	Definition
Soundness	If the program contains an error, the analysis will report a warning.
Completeness	If the analysis reports an error, the program will contain an error.

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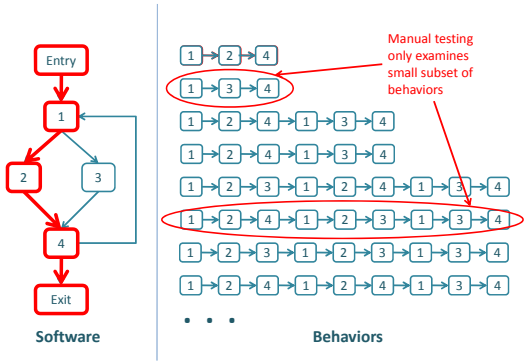
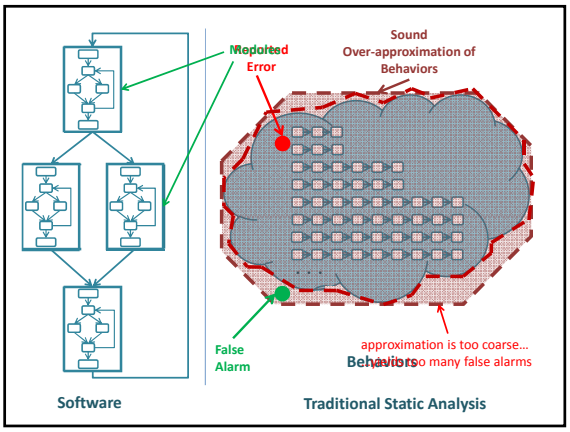
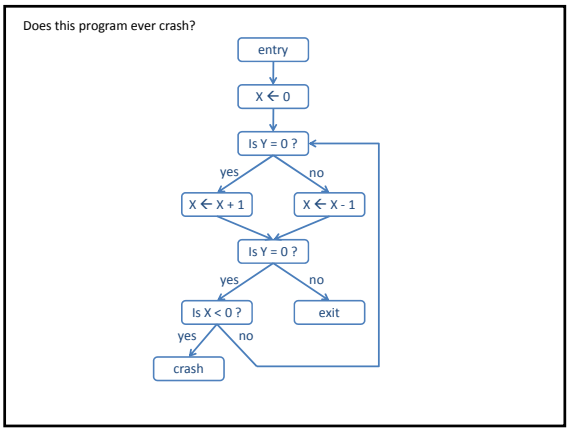
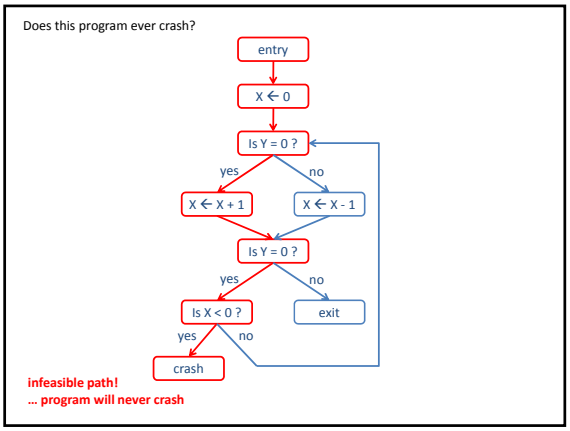



Reported Error
Sound Over-approximation of Behaviors
False Alarm
approximation is too coarse… leads to many false alarms
Behaviors
Software
Traditional Static Analysis


Does this program ever crash?
entry
X ← 0
Is Y = 0 ?
yes
no
X ← X + 1
X ← X - 1
Is Y = 0 ?
yes
no
Is X < 0 ?
exit
yes
no
crash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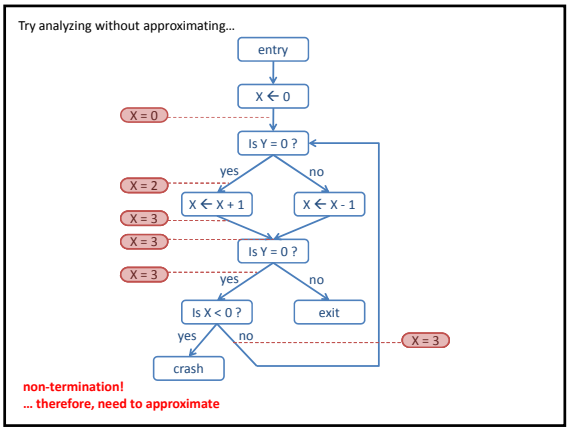
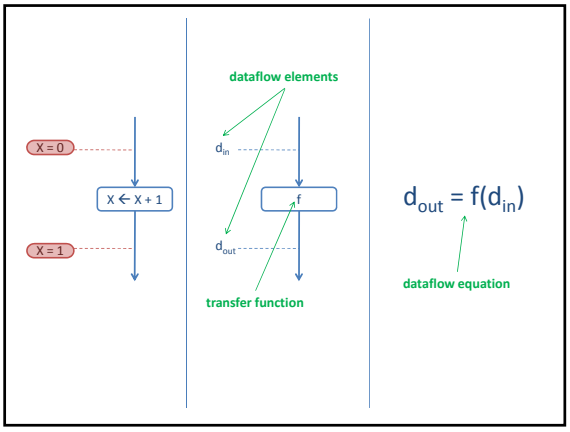
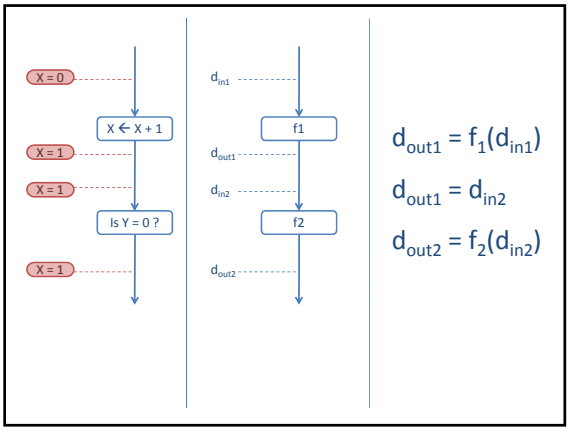
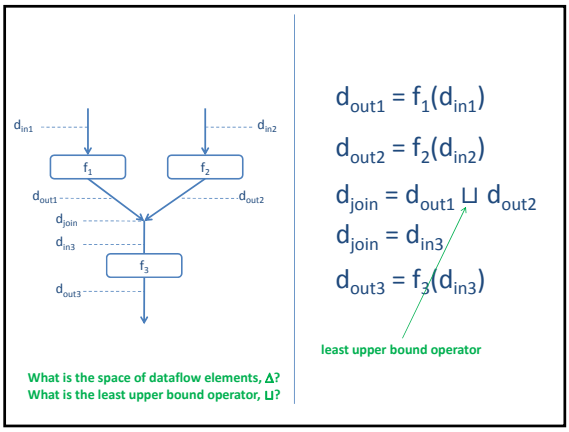
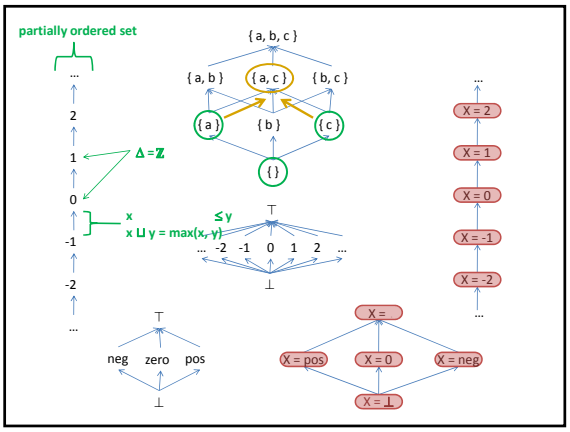
infeasible path!
… program will never crash

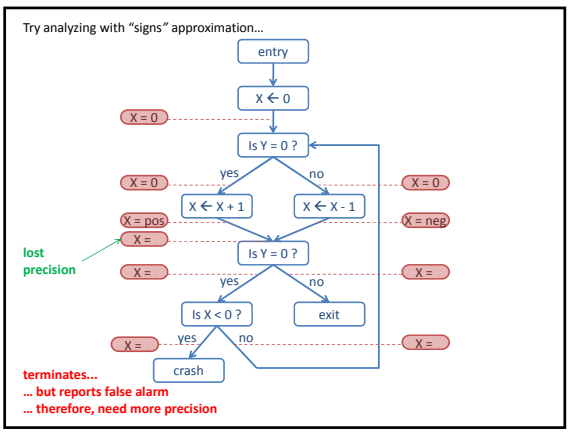

Try analyzing without approximating…
entry
X ← 0
X = 0
Is Y = 0 ?
yes
no
X = 2
X ← X + 1
X ← X - 1
X = 3
X = 3
Is Y = 0 ?
X = 3
yes
no
Is X < 0 ?
exit
yes
no
X = 3
crash
non-termination!
… therefore, need to approximate

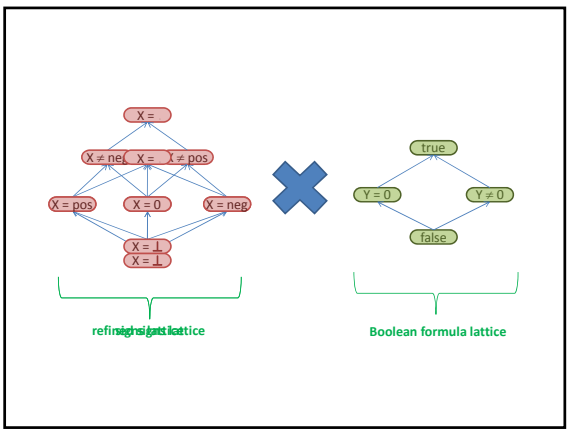

X = 0
X ← X + 1
X = 1
dataflow elements
d_{in}
f
d_{out}
transfer function
$d_{out} = f(d_{in})$
dataflow equation

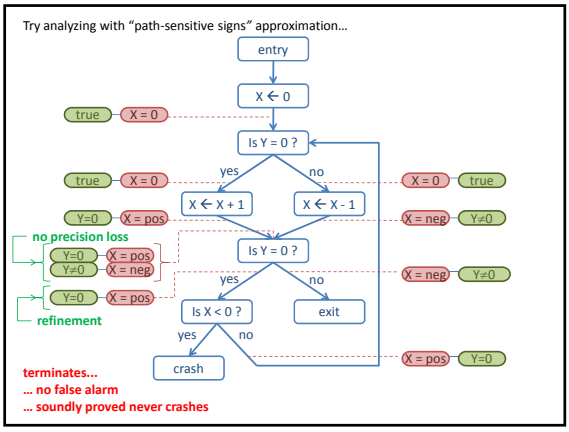

X = 0
X ← X + 1
X = 1
X = 1
Is Y = 0 ?
X = 1
d_{in1}
f1
d_{out1}
d_{in2}
f2
d_{out2}
$d_{out1} = f_1(d_{in1})$
$d_{out1} = d_{in2}$
$d_{out2} = f_2(d_{in2})$

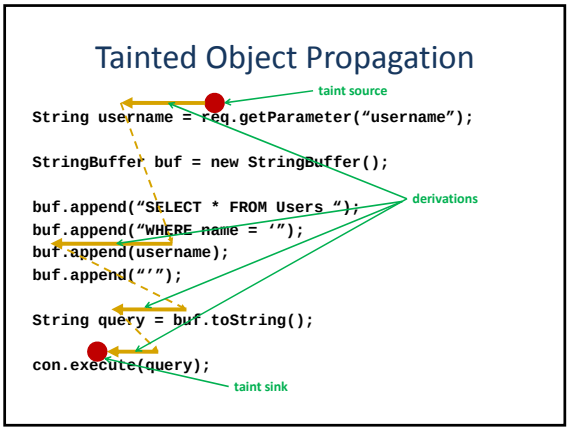

$d_{out1} = f_1(d_{in1})$
$d_{out2} = f_2(d_{in2})$
$d_{join} = d_{out1} \sqcup d_{out2}$
$d_{join} = d_{in3}$
$d_{out3} = f_3(d_{in3})$
least upper bound operator
What is the space of dataflow elements, Δ?
What is the least upper bound operator, ⊔?


partially ordered set
Δ = ℤ
x ⊔ y = max(x, y)
x ≤ y
{ a, b, c }
neg
zero
pos


Try analyzing with "signs" approximation...
entry
X ← 0
Is Y = 0 ?
X ← X + 1
X ← X - 1
Is X < 0 ?
exit
crash
lost precision
terminates...
... but reports false alarm
... therefore, need more precision


Boolean formula lattice

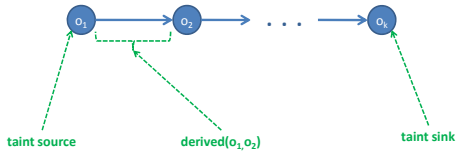

Try analyzing with "path-sensitive signs" approximation...
entry
X ← 0
Is Y = 0 ?
X ← X + 1
X ← X - 1
Is X < 0 ?
exit
crash
no precision loss
refinement
terminates...
... no false alarm
... soundly proved never crashes


Tainted Object Propagation
taint source
String username = req.getParameter("username");
StringBuffer buf = new StringBuffer();
buf.append("SELECT * FROM Users ");
buf.append("WHERE name = '");
buf.append(username);
buf.append("'");
String query = buf.toString();
con.execute(query);
derivations
taint sink

Tainted Object Propagation

Term	Descriptor	Example
Source Object	Method	HttpServletRequest.getParameter(String)
	Parameter	return
	Access path	ε

Security Violation



Complication of Aliasing

```
String username = req.getParameter("username");

StringBuffer buf1 = new StringBuffer();
StringBuffer buf2 = buf1;

buf1.append(username);

String query = buf2.toString();

con.execute(query);
```

$\exists o$. *points-to*(buf1,o) $\wedge$ *points-to*(buf2,o)

analyzer must know about aliasing relationship between buf1 and buf2 to find vulnerability

No security violation found!

Statements

Statement	Code	Description
object creation	o_i: `T v = new T();`	Creates a new heap object o_i of type **T**, and makes variable **v** point to o_i

Pointer Analysis

Predicate	Description
points-to (**v**,o)	variable **v** can point to heap object o

Statement	sql-injection (o_{src}, o_{sink})
`1: user = req.getParam("user");`	
`2: buf.append(user);`	
`3: query = buf.toString();`	
`4: con.execute(query);`	

Context Sensitivity

```
String passedUrl = request.getParameter("...");
DataSource ds1 = new DataSource(passedUrl);

String localUrl = "http://localhost/";
DataSource ds2 = new DataSource(localUrl);

String s1 = ds1.getUrl();
String s2 = ds2.getUrl();

StringBuffer buf1 = new StringBuffer();
buf1.append(s2);

String query = buf1.toString();

Connection con = ...;

con.execute(query);
```

false alarm!

```
class DataSource {
    private String url;

    public DataSource(String url) {
        this.url = url;
    }

    String getUrl() {
        return this.url;
    }
}
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        if (x == 12345678)
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Constraint
(x >= INT_MIN) && (x <= INT_MAX) && (x < 0) && (ret = -x)

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x = 12345678

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Solution
x = 4

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        if (x == 12345678)
                return -x;

        return x;
}
```

KLEE automatically generated test cases for each path…

x = -1
x = 12345678
x = 4

```
1: int symbolic_bad_abs (int x) {
2:     add_constraints(x >= INT_MIN, x <= INT_MAX);
3:     ret = new symbol;
4:
5:     if (fork() == child) {
6:             add_constraints(x < 0, ret = -x);
7:             return ret;
8:             //(x >= INT_MIN) && (x <= INT_MAX) && (x < 0) && (ret = -x)
9:     } else
10:            add_constraints(x >= 0);
11:
12:    if (fork() == child) {
13:            add_constraints(x = 12345678, ret = -x);
14:            return ret;
15:            //(x >= INT_MIN) && (x <= INT_MAX) && (x >= 0) && (x = 12345678)
16:            //      && (ret = -x)
17:    } else
18:            add_constraints(x != 12345678);
19:
20:    add_constraints(ret = x);
21:    return ret;
22:    //(x >= INT_MIN) && (x <= INT_MAX) && (x >= 0) && (x != 12345678)
23:            && (ret = x)
24:}
```

```
1: int main (void) {
2:     unsigned i, t, a[4] = { 1, 3, 5, 2};
3:     make_symbolic(&i);
4:
5:     if (i >= 4)
6:             exit(0);
7:
8:     char *p = (char *) a + i * 4;
9:     *p = *p - 1;
10:
11:    t = a[*p];
12:
13:    t = t / a[i];
14:
15:    if (t == 2)
16:      assert (i == 1);
17:    else
18:      assert (i == 3);
19: }
```

Questions