System Security Overview with an Emphasis on Security Issues for Storage and Emerging NVM (Part 1)

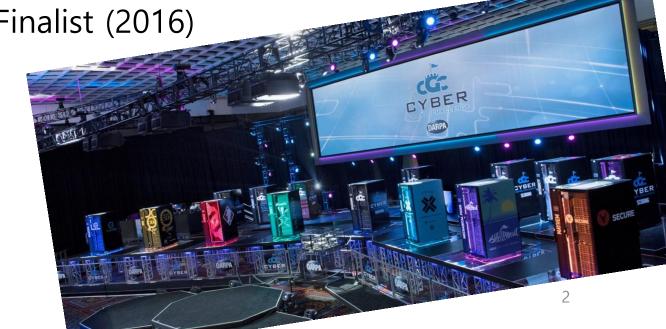
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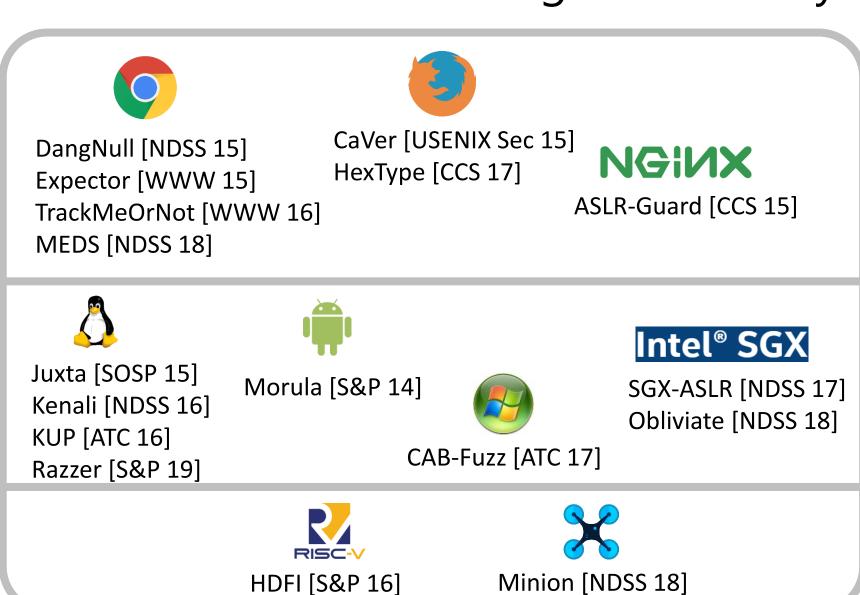
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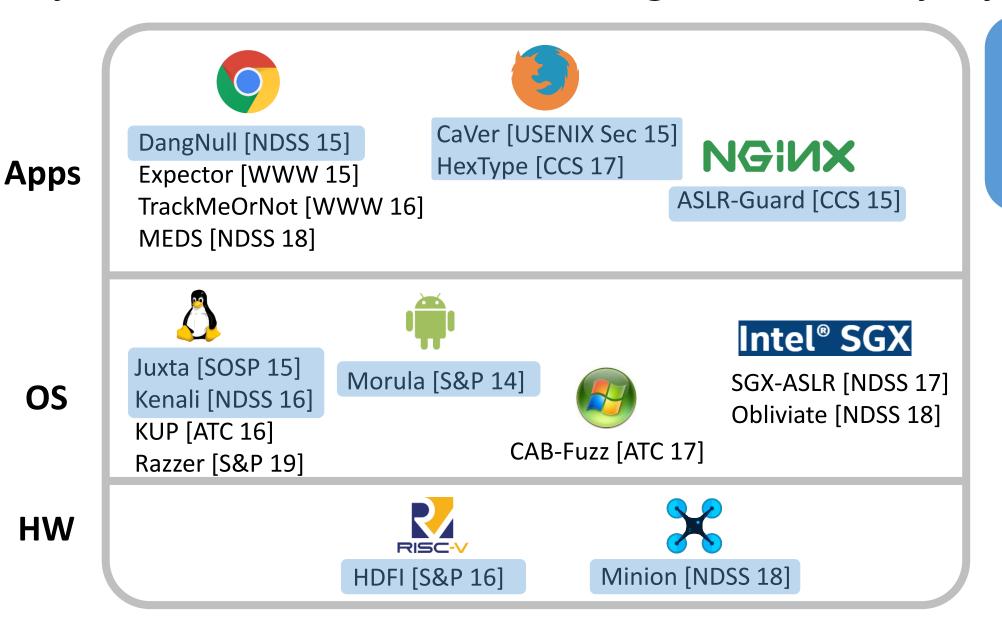




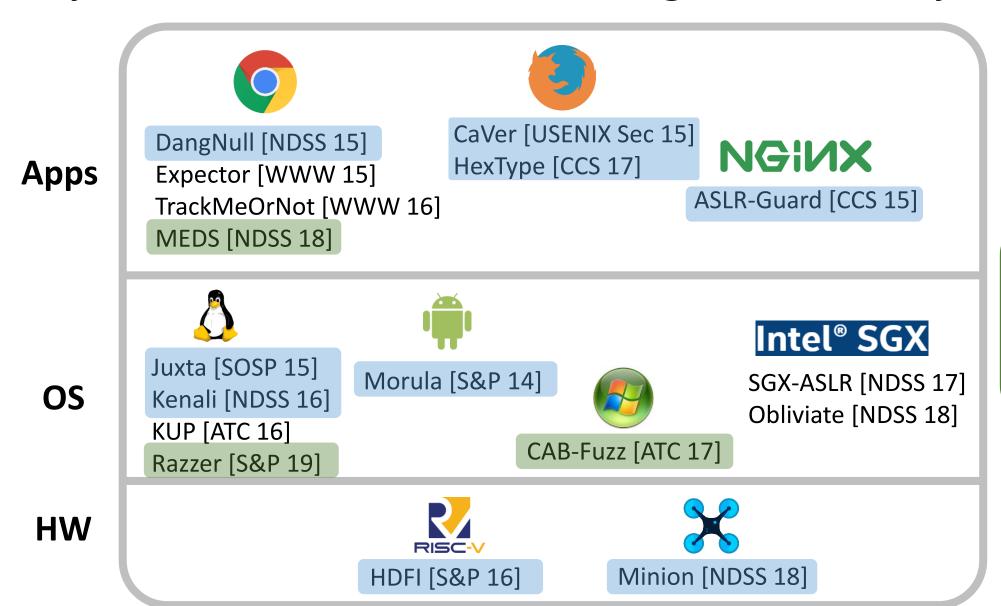
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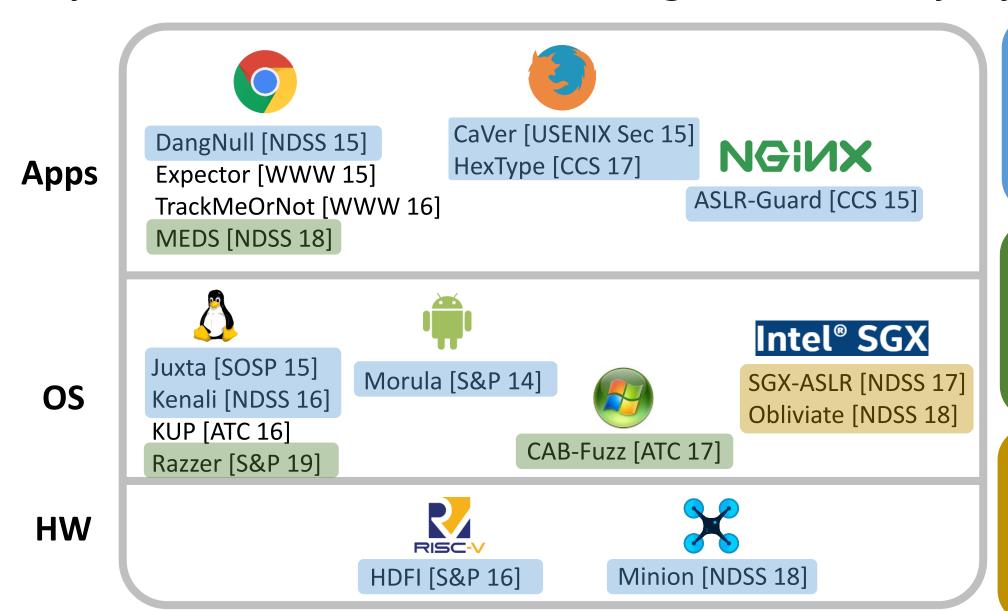


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Linux Kernel Plagued by an EXT4 Data Corruption Issue, Patch Available

Risk of filesyste May 20, 2015 02:37 GMT · By Marius Nestor 🎐 · Share: 💆 🄠 😘 🔀 Bug #1097042 reported by 🚨 lemonsqueeze o Apparently, there's a data corruption issue in the EXT4 file system for multiple Linux kernel branches, affecting several mainstream distributions, This bug affects 1 person including Arch Linux, Fedora, and Debian GNU/Linux. **Affects** Several Arch Linux users have already <u>reported data loss</u> after upgrading to Linux kernel Expire 4.0.2, the latest version available in the main software repositories of the respective linux (Ubuntu)

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operating system, which had already been flagged as out of date since May 17, 2015.

The issue is also confirmed by a Phoronix reader, who says, "several people were affected by an ext4 data corruption bug in Linux 4.0.2. The bug is reported to be unpatched even in the most recent stable version, Linux 4.0.4. We are not sure what exactly triggers the problem, using a RAID setup seems to have something to do with it. It is reported to affect multiple distributions, including Arch, Debian and Fedora, so it seems to be an upstream problem."

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Also affects project

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'Urgent data corruption issue' destroys filesystems in Linux 4.14

Using bcache to speed Linux 4.14? Stop if you want your data to live

By Simon Sharwood 22 Nov 2017 at 08:35

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A filesystem-eating bug has been found in Linux 4.14.

First reported last week by developer Pavel Goran, the problem struck bcache, a tool that lets one use a solid state disk drive as a read/write cache for another drive, bcache is often used to store data from a slow disk on faster media.

Goran noticed the problem after trying to upgrade Gentoo from version 4.13 of the Linux kernel to version 4.14. During that effort he noticed "reads from the bcache device produce different data in 4.14 and 4.13."

After plenty of analysis, he concluded that "this looks like a very serious bug that can corrupt or completely destroy the data on bcache devices.

Others agreed with Goran, as his report quickly made its way onto the Gentoo bugs list and was later identified as having the following cause:

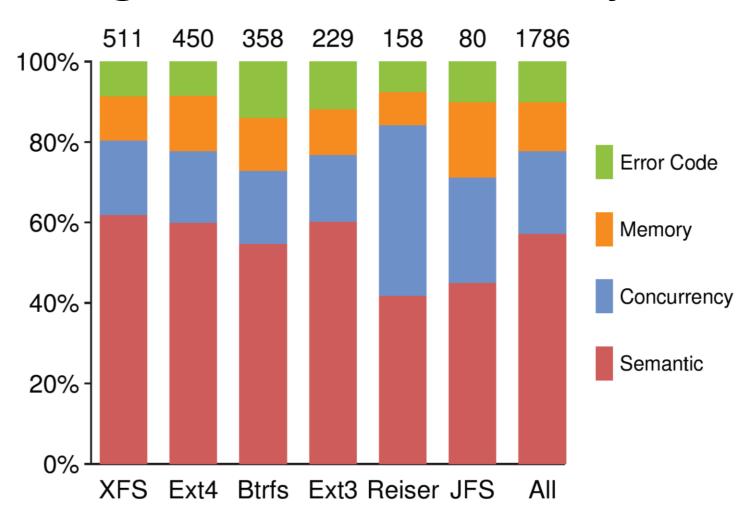
A new field was introduced in 74d46992e0d9, bi partno, instead of using bdev->bd_contains and encoding the partition information in the bi_bdev field. __bio_clone_fast was changed to copy the disk information, but not the partition information. At minimum, this regressed bcache and caused data corruption.

Bug Patterns in File Systems

Bug pattern	Description
Semantic	Incorrect design or implementatione.g., incorrect state update, wrong design
Concurrency	Incorrect concurrent behaviore.g., miss unlock, deadlock
Memory	Incorrect handling of memory objectse.g., resource leak, null dereference
Error code	Missing or wrong error code handlinge.g., return wrong error code

[&]quot;A study of Linux File System Evolution [FAST 13]"

Bug Patterns in File Systems



How to stop bleeding from bugs

- Detection
 - Static analysis
 - Dynamic analysis
- Prevention
 - Formal proof-assisted development (FSCQ [SOSP15])
 - Use type-safe languages
- Minimizing negative security impacts
 - Isolation
 - A principle of least privileges
 - Data backup

Bug Detection Techniques in General

- Static analysis
 - Analyzing an implementation without running
 - Low false negative: complete coverage can be guaranteed
 - High false positives: difficult to determine if it's truly a bug
- Dynamic analysis
 - Analyzing an implementation while running
 - Low false positive: capable of generating evidence of bugs
 - High false negatives: bug detection capability is limited by its testing coverage

Detection Methods per Bug Pattern

Bug pattern	Detection Methods
Semantic	Model inference from specification Semantic inconsistency inference [PLDI 07, SOSP 15]
Concurrency	Model checking Random thread interleaving: SKI [OSDI 14] Fuzzing: Razzer [S&P 19]
Memory	Static program analysis (Points-to analysis) Symbolic execution: KLEE [OSDI 08] Fuzzing
Error code	Model inference from specification Semantic inconsistency inference

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Semantic Bugs

- Semantic bugs
 - Difficult to define violation conditions
 - Most semantic bugs are discovered by manual auditing
- Semantic bugs include
 - Incorrect condition check
 - Incorrect status update
 - Incorrect argument
 - Incorrect error code
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Example of Semantic Bug

Missing Capability Check in OCFS2

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Can we find this bug by leveraging other implementations?

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Deviant implementations → Potential bugs?

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    ext2

static size_t ext2_xattr_trusted_list()
    if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
        return 0:

    ext4

static size t ext4_xattr_trusted_list()
    if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
        return 0;
XFS
static size_t xfs_xattr_put_listent()
    if ((flags & XFS_ATTR_ROOT) &&
      !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
        return 0;
```

Case Study: Write a page

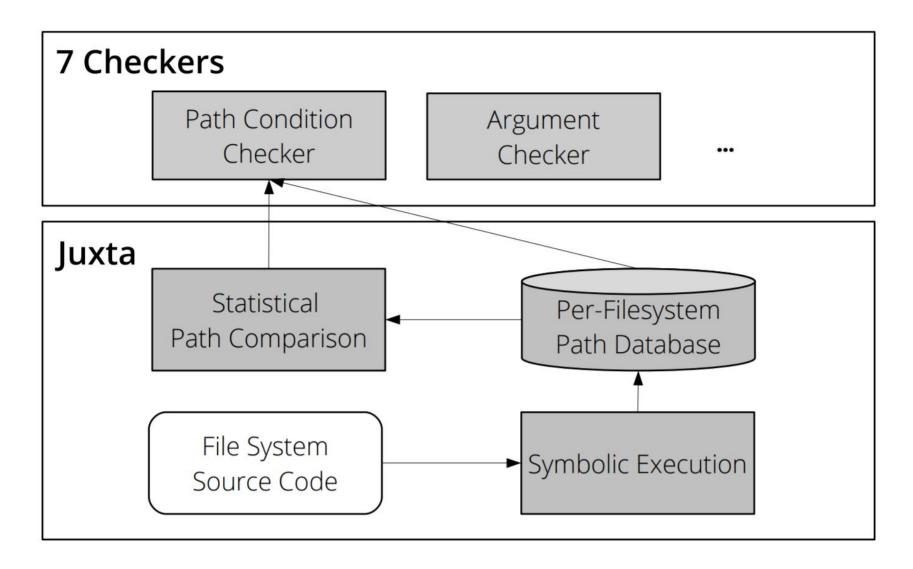
- Each file system defines how to write a page
- Semantic of writepage()
 - Success → return locked page
 - Failure → return unlocked page
- Document/filesystem/vfs specifies such a rule
 - Hard to detect semantic violations without domain knowledge

What if 99% file systems follow above pattern,
But not one file system?
Will it be a bug?

Juxta [SOSP 15]: Approaches

- Intuition
 - Bugs are rare
 - Majority of implementations is correct
- Idea
 - Find deviant ones as potential bugs

Juxta: overview



Juxta: Results Summary

- New semantic bugs
 - 118 new bugs in 54 file systems
- Critical bugs
 - System crash, data corruption, deadlock, etc.
- Bugs difficult to find
 - Bugs were hidden for 6.2 years on average
- Various kinds of bugs
 - Condition check, argument use, return value, locking, etc.

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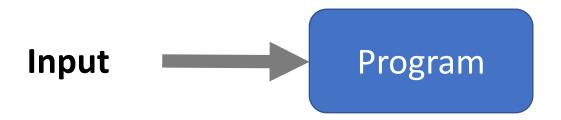
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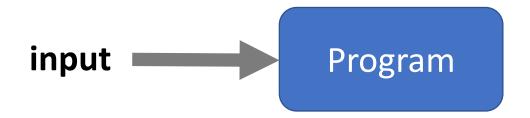
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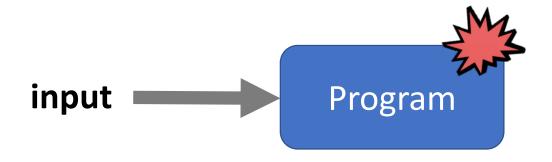


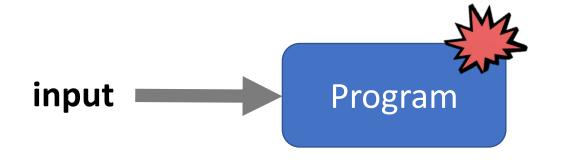
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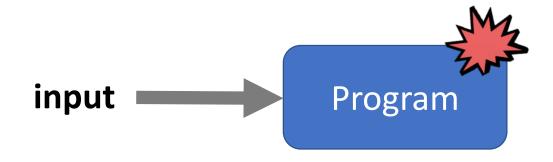
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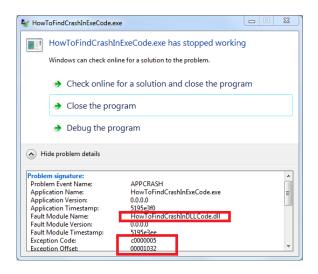




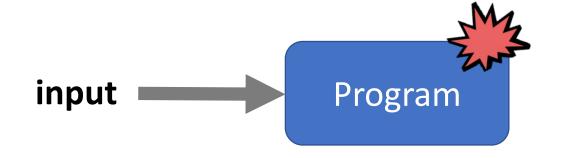


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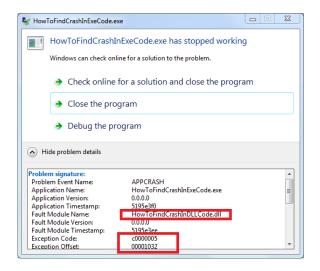


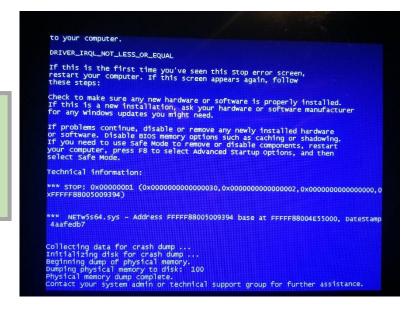


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Vulnerability: Example (Stack Overflow)

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char output[4];
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i=0;
while (1) {
    input[i] = output[i];
    if (input[i] == 0)
        break;
    i++;
}
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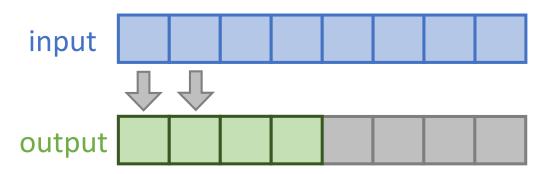
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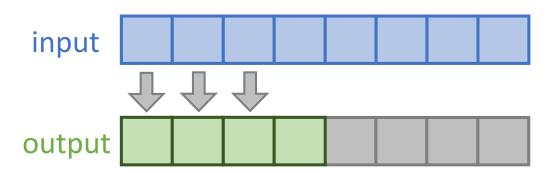
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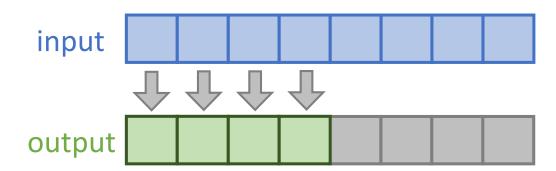
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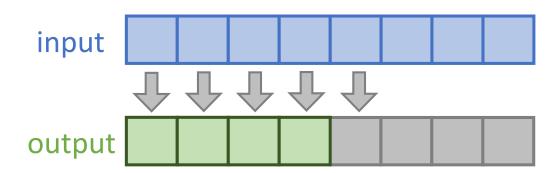
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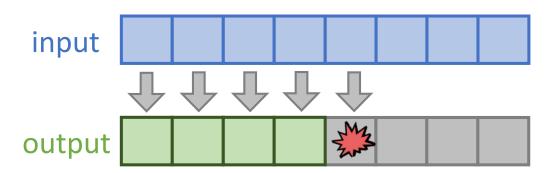
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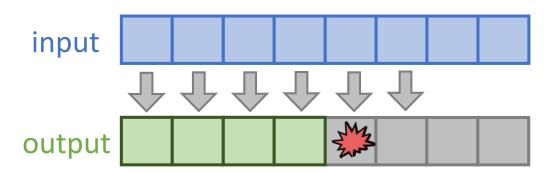
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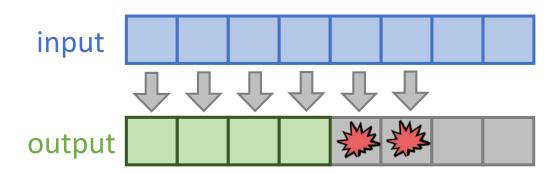
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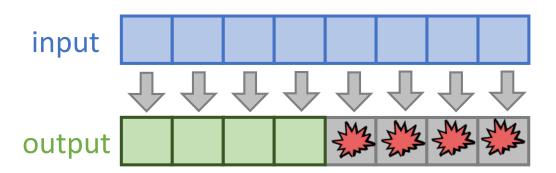
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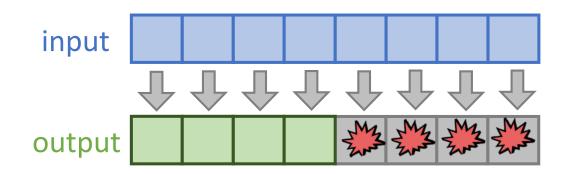


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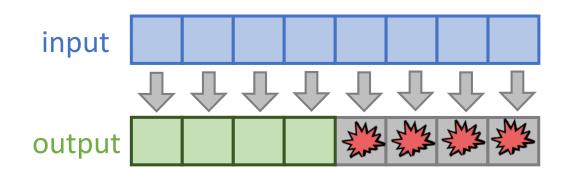
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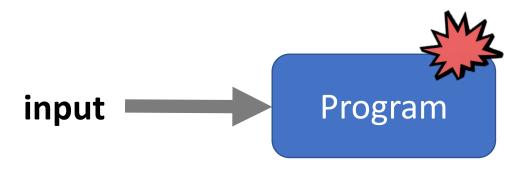
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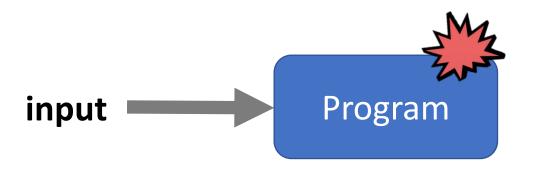
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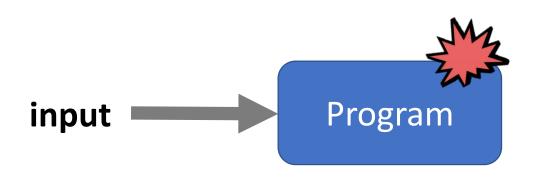
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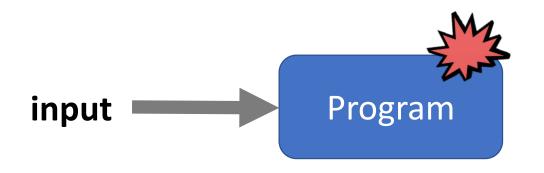


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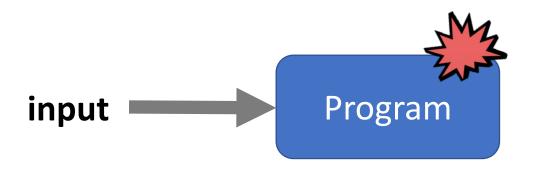
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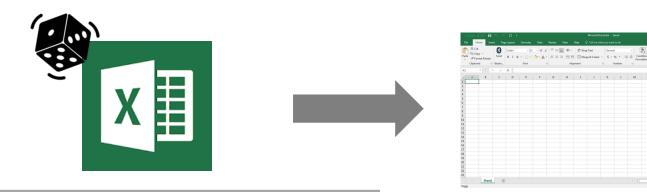


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- #3. Go back to step #1



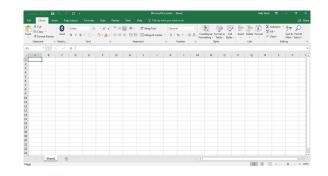
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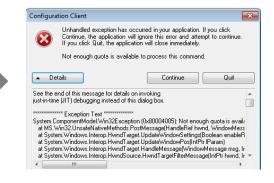


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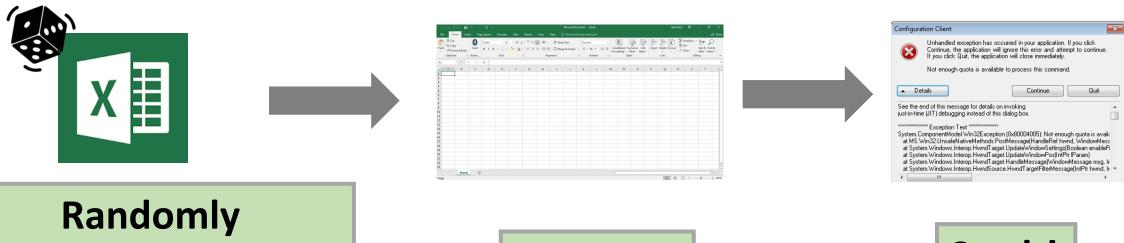




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Crash!



Generate/mutate
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Run Excel Crash!

Finding a crashing input gets harder and harder 🕲

Fuzzing: Desired Features

- Fuzzing attempts to
 - Detect explicit violation
 - While exploring all different program states in a given implementation
- Desired features
 - Good violation detection capability
 - Exploring all different program states

Fuzzing: Good Violation Detection Capability

- Memory bug
 - Violation conditions are clear
 - Per-pointer capability w.r.t. accessing memory space
- Concurrency bug
 - Violation conditions are clear
 - If race occurs, it is undefined behavior
 - Challenges: False positive issues in concurrency bug detection
 - Undefined behavior can be implementation-defined behavior
 - Developers may intentionally introduce races
 - Difficult to differentiate benign VS harmful races
- Semantic bug
 - Challenges: Violation conditions are unclear
 - We don't even know violation conditions
 - Only assertions (manually inserted by developers) may help
 - Only a few research have been done

Fuzzing: Exploring all different program states

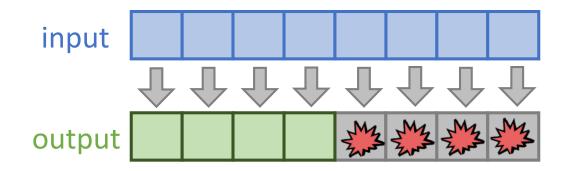
- State exploration and bug finding
 - More code coverage → More complete testing → More bugs
 - Most fuzzing techniques take coverage-oriented genetic algorithm (proposed by AFL)
- Coverage-oriented genetic algorithm for fuzzing
 - Design an object function **f** to evaluate goodness of input's coverage
 - Algorithm
 - Initialize a corpus C
 - Corpus: a set of inputs to be mutated
 - Generate an input i
 - Generation: Randomly generate i from scratch
 - Mutation: Pick c from C, and then mutate c
 - If f(i) >= f(c) for all c in C
 - Add input i to the corpus C

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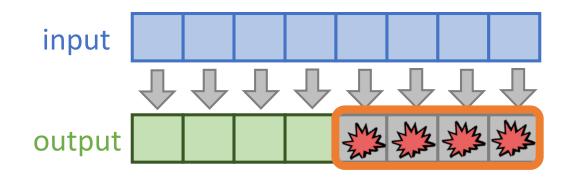
Covering complete context sensitivity is challenging

- Concurrency bugs are much more complex
 - Scheduler mechanisms can be seen as non-deterministic
 - For fuzzing, input definition is complicated
 - Should consider thread interleaving
 - Related to hardness of race bug reproduction

Challenges in Fuzzing: Violation Detection



Challenges in Fuzzing: Violation Detection



This crash may not be observable in practice.

It may simply overwrite some other variables, and it won't involve critically bad behaviors.

Memory error bugs

- Spatial safety violation
 - When accessing beyond allocated memory regions
 - e.g., stack overflow, heap overflow
- Temporal safety violation
 - When accessing deallocated memory regions
 - e.g., use-after-free, double-free

Memory Error: Detection Approaches

- Pointer-based detection
 - Keep track of each pointer's capability w.r.t. memory accesses
 - Software: SoftBound [PLDI 09], CETS [ISMM 10]
 - Hardware: Watch Dog [ISCA 12], Intel Memory Protection Extension (MPX)
- Redzone-based detection
 - Keep track of global memory space accessibility
 - Software: AddressSanitizer [ATC 12]
 - Hardware: REST [ISCA 18]

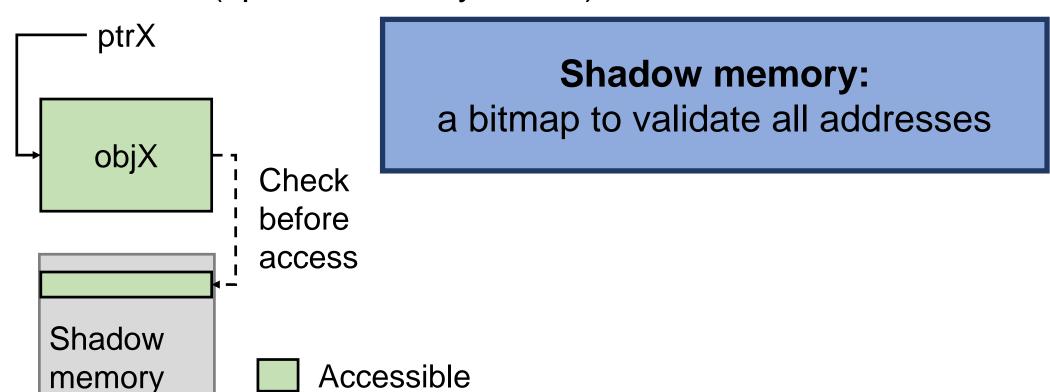
SoftBound [PLDI 09]

- Maintain per-pointer metadata
 - (base, bound) per pointer
- Runtime safety enforcement
 - All memory access should be within the range (base, base+bound)
- Metadata propagation
 - Per-pointer metadata is propagated when performing pointer arithmetic operations
- Disjoint metadata scheme
 - For better compatiblity, metadata space is isolated from original program's memory space

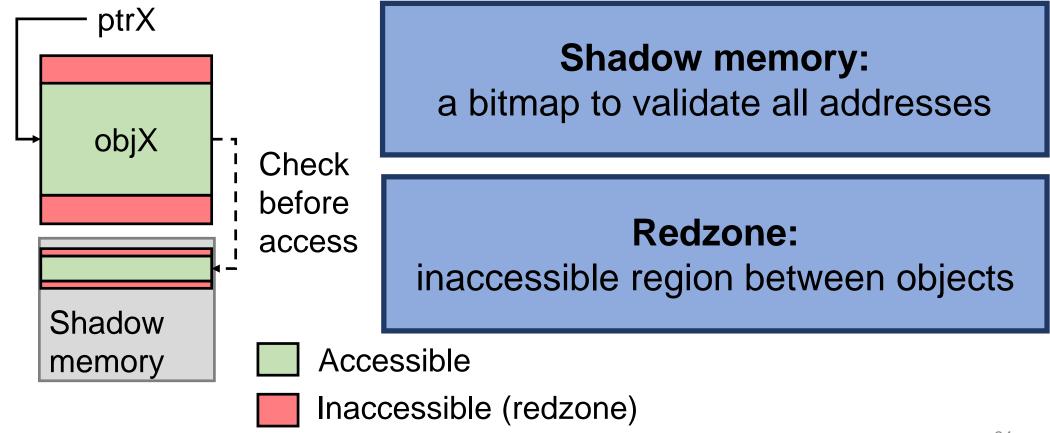
Intel MPX

- Hardware-assisted version of SoftBound
 - Hardware-assisted metadata management
 - Metadata management: Bound registers + Bound table
 - Bound registers
 - (base, bound) information is now stored in CPU registers
 - Fast bound check: a dedicated instruction is supported by MPX
 - Bound table
 - Used if bound registers are not available
- Limitations
 - Compatibility issues (arbitrary type casting, external libraries, multi-threading)
 - More details: Intel MPX Explained [SIGMETRICS 18]

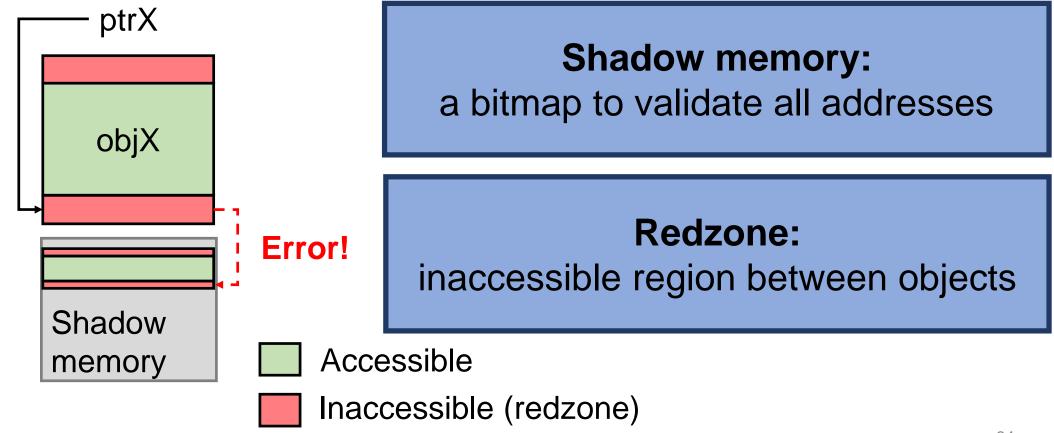
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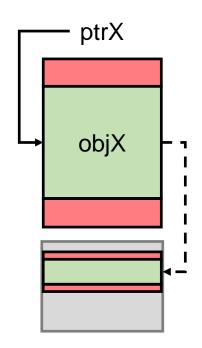
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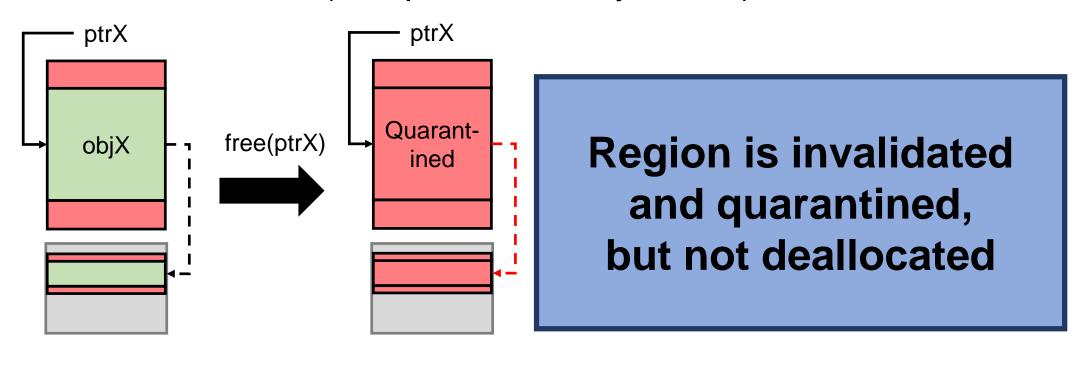
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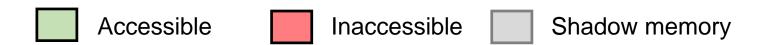




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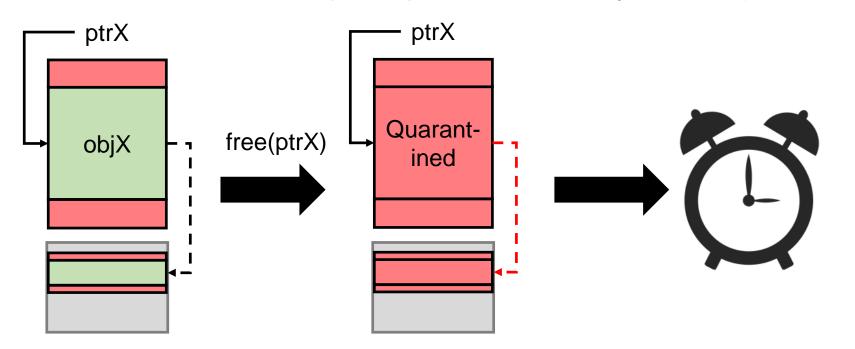
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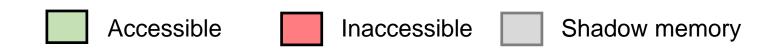


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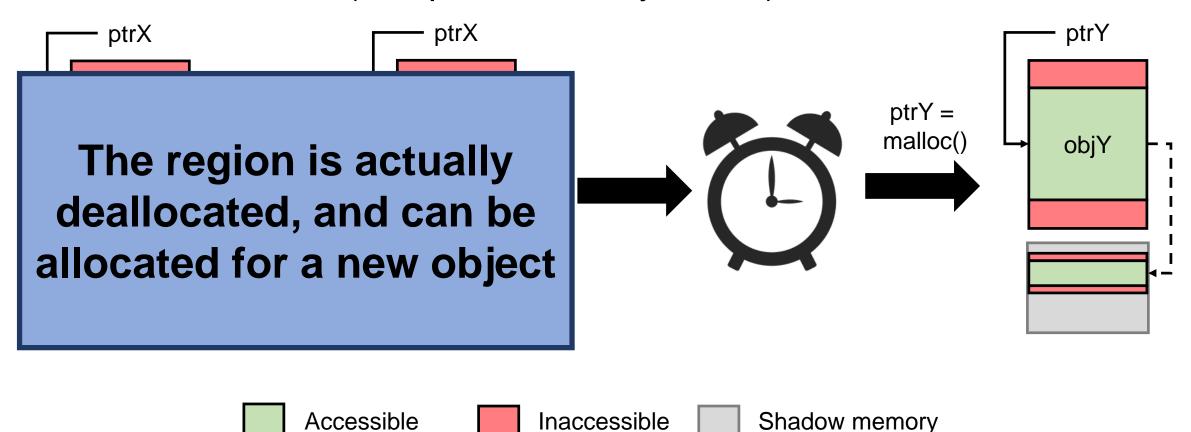


Hold the region until quarantine zone is full (FIFO)



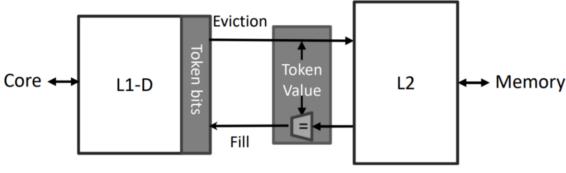
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REST [ISCA 18]

- Hardware-assisted version of AddressSanitizer
- A fixed token value in redzone
 - A pre-determined random value (in 64-byte space) is reserved for representing an invalid memory region
 - No need to maintain shadow memory
- Validity checks on memory read/write can be very efficient
 - Simply check if the token bit (in cache) is set



Race condition

- Race conditions
 - If following three conditions meet
 - Two instructions access the same memory location
 - At least one of two is a write instruction
 - These two are executed concurrently
- If a race condition occurs, the computational results may vary depending on the execution order.

```
a = 1;
a = 0;
If (a) {
 b = 0;
} else {
 b = 1;
Thread 1
                  Thread 2
```

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If (a) {
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Thread 1
                 Thread 2
        b will be 1
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                                                              a = 1;
a = 0;
                                              If (a) {
If (a) {
                                                b = 0;
 b = 0;
                                              } else {
} else {
                                                b = 1;
 b = 1;
                 Thread 2
Thread 1
                                              Thread 1
                                                               Thread 2
        b will be 1
                                                       b will be 0
```

Real-world race example: CVE-2017-2636 (Linux Kernel)

```
int fd = open("/dev/ptmx");

ioctl(fd, TCFLSH);

Write(fd, ".....");

User thread A

ioctl(fd, TCXONC);
close(fd);

User thread B
```

User

```
if (n_hdlc->tbuf) {
431:
432: push_back(free_list, n_hdlc->tbuf);
                                               216: tbuf = n_hdlc->tbuf;
        n_hdlc->tbuf = NULL;
440:
                                                     if (tbuf)
                                               217:
                                                                                      Kernel
441: }
                                                         push_back(free_list, tbuf);
                                               218:
Kernel thread A
                                                                  Kernel thread B
                     266:
                           if (n_hdlc->flag & TCXONC)
                             while (list_empty(free_list)) {
                     267:
                     268:
                                buf = pop_front(free_list);
                                kfree(buf);
                     269:
                     270: }
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Kernel thread A

Kernel thread B
```

This will turn into "double-free", which in turn allows a privilege escalation

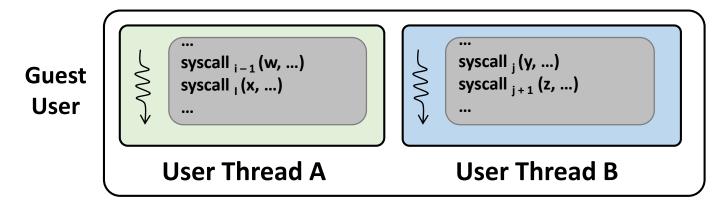
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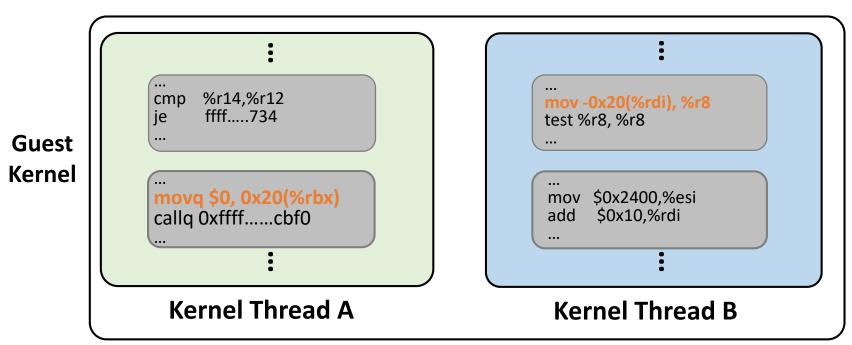
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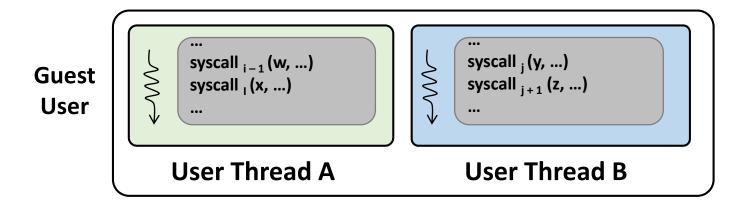
Race condition and fuzzing

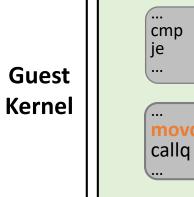
- Finding race conditions through fuzzing is challenging
 - How to execution racing pair instructions concurrently?
 - All the execution interleaving (scheduling) is "randomly" determined

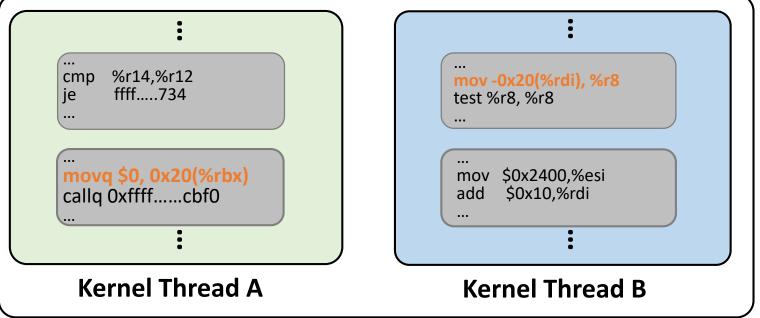
- Case study: Previous techniques
 - Syzkaller: a system call fuzzer for the Linux kernel
 - SKI: an academic prototype to find a race [OSDI 14]



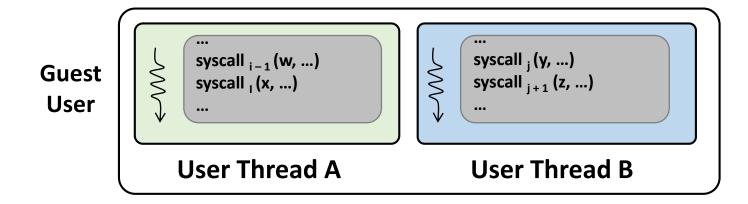




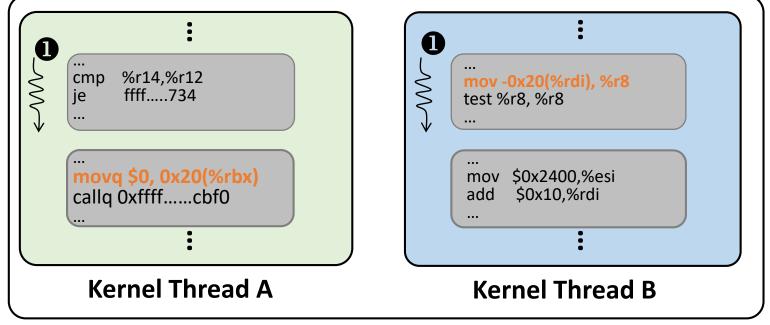




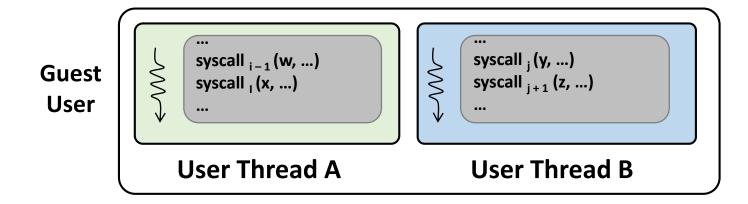
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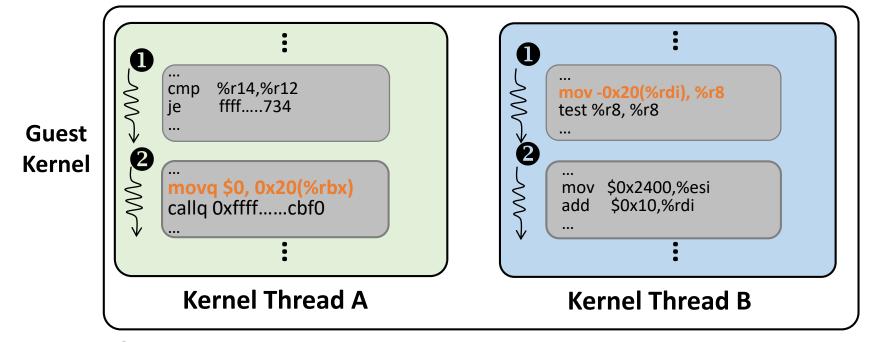






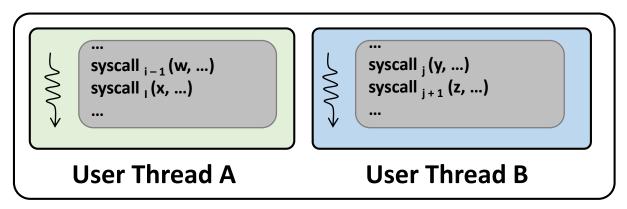
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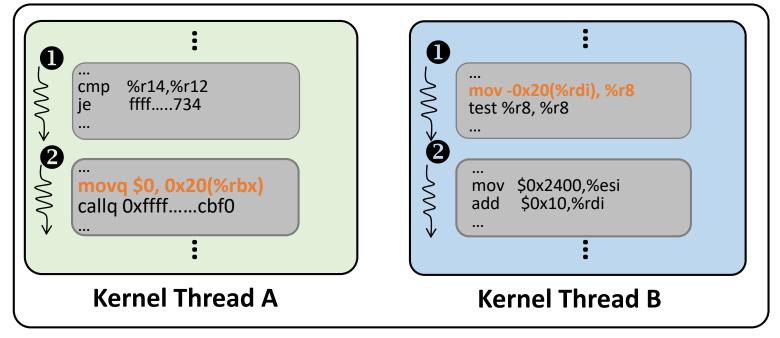




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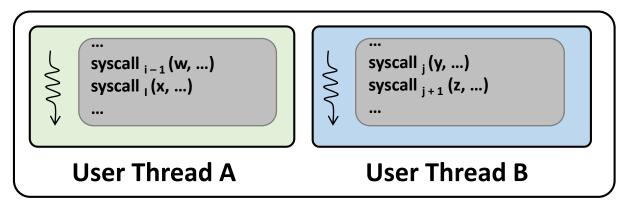


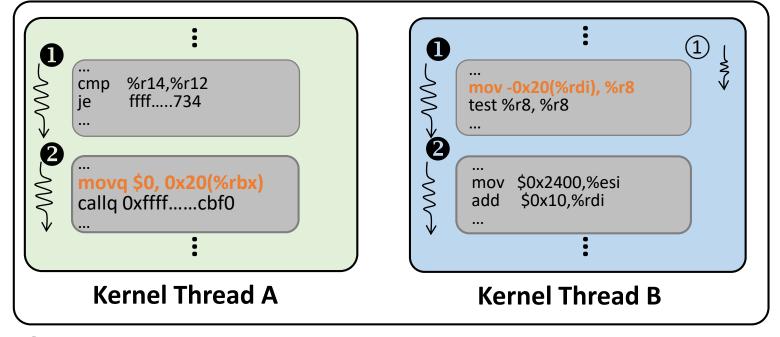


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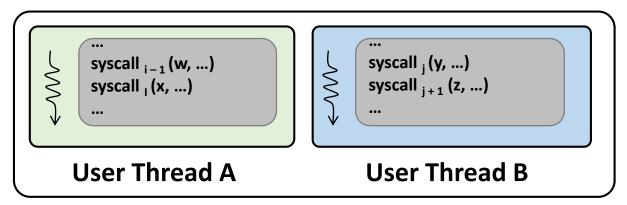


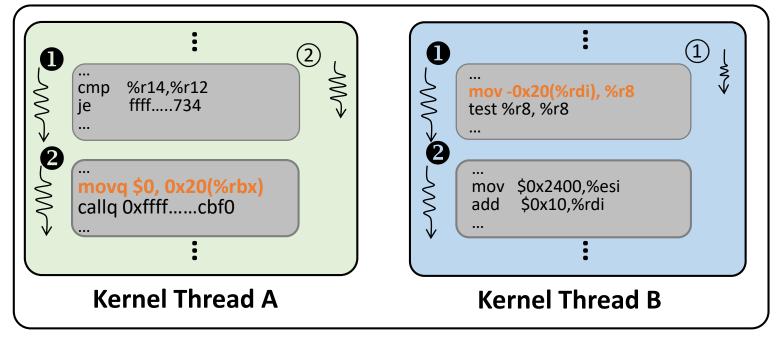


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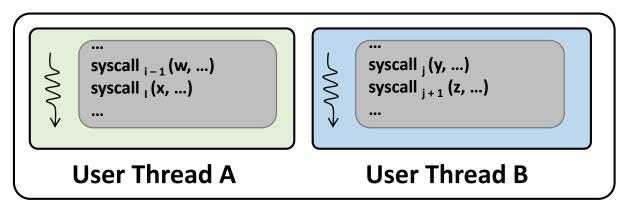


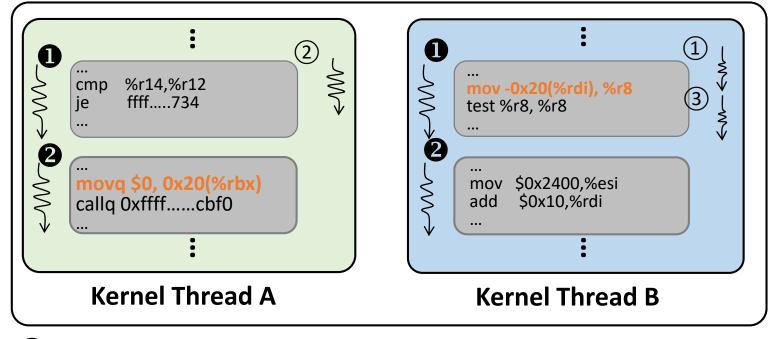


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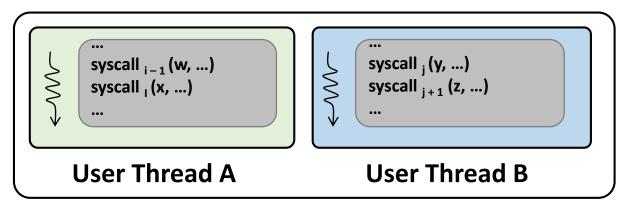


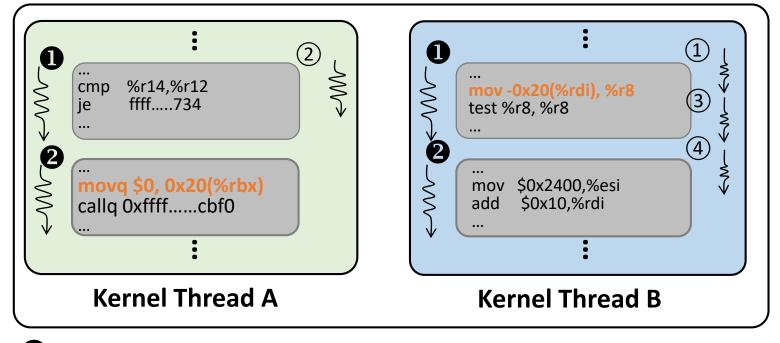


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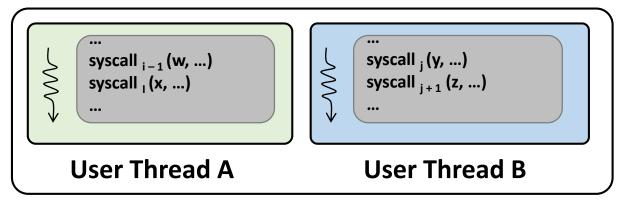


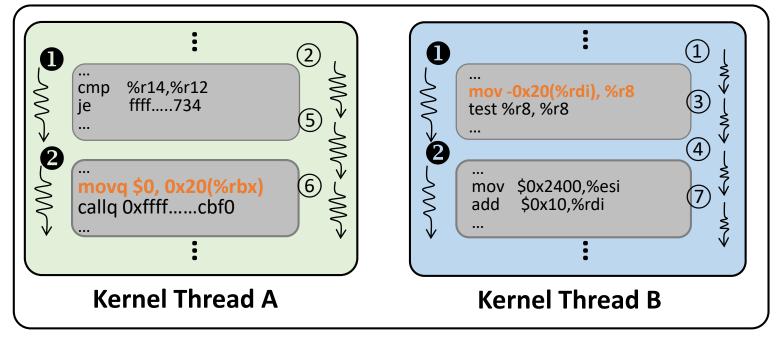


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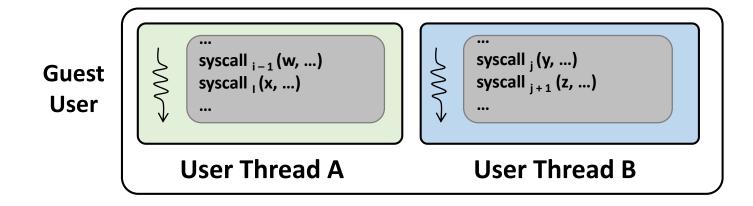


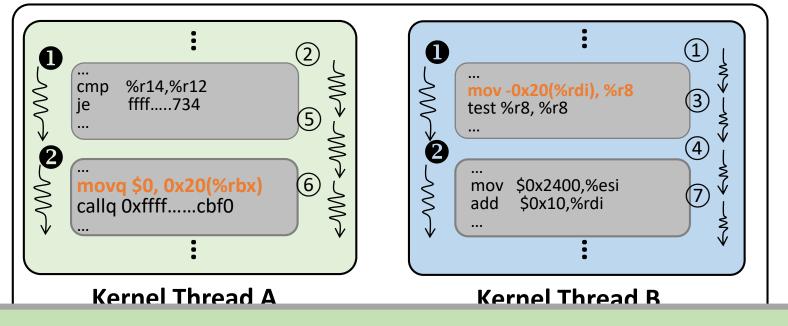




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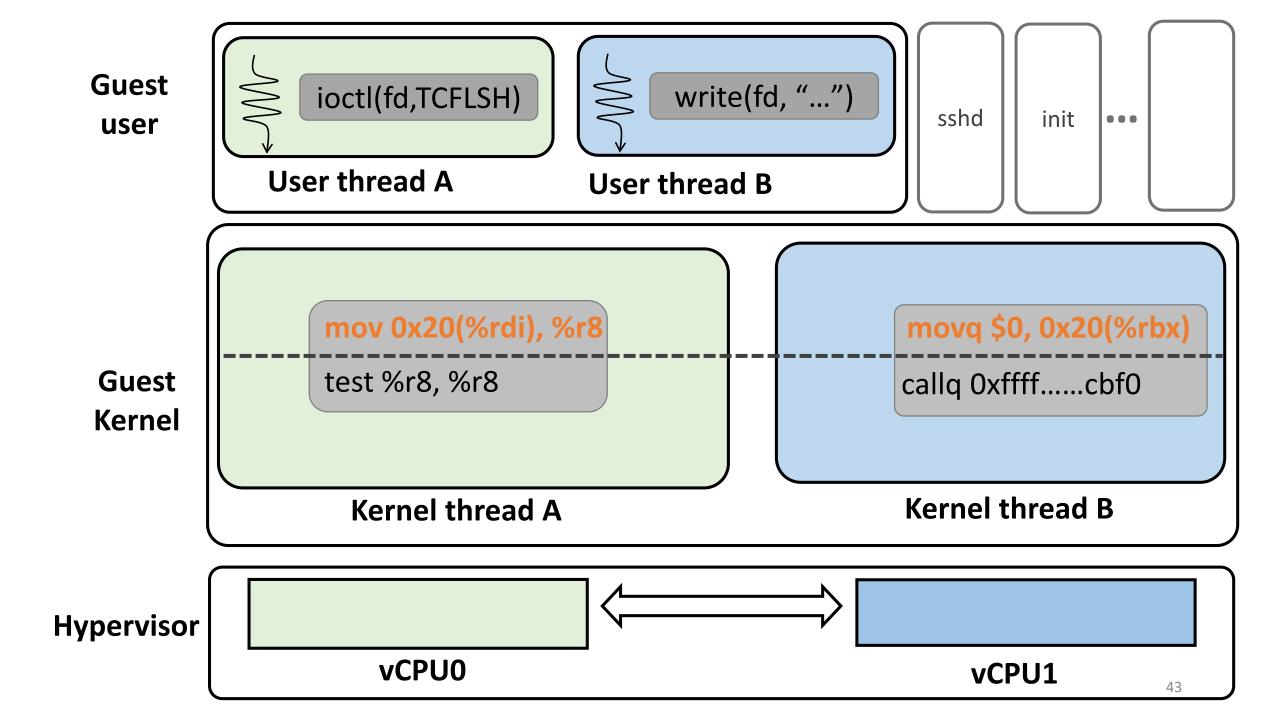
Very unlikely to be executed concurrently

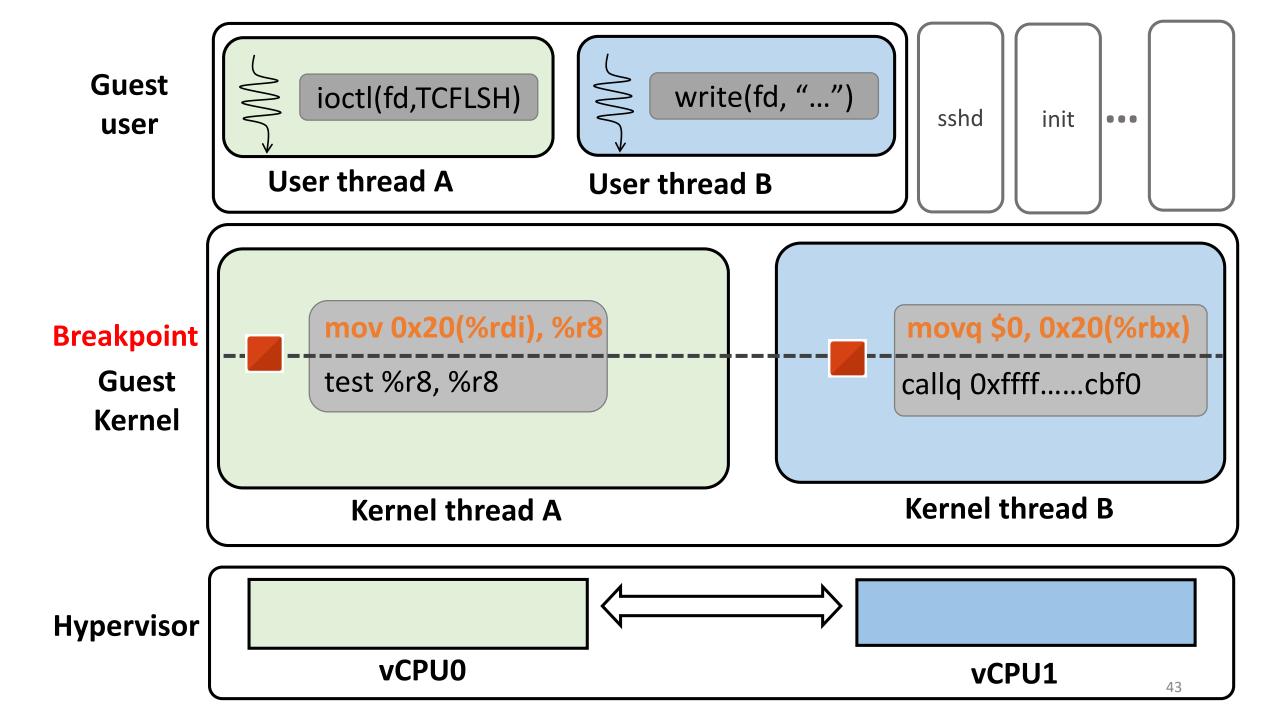
→ Very unlikely to trigger a race!

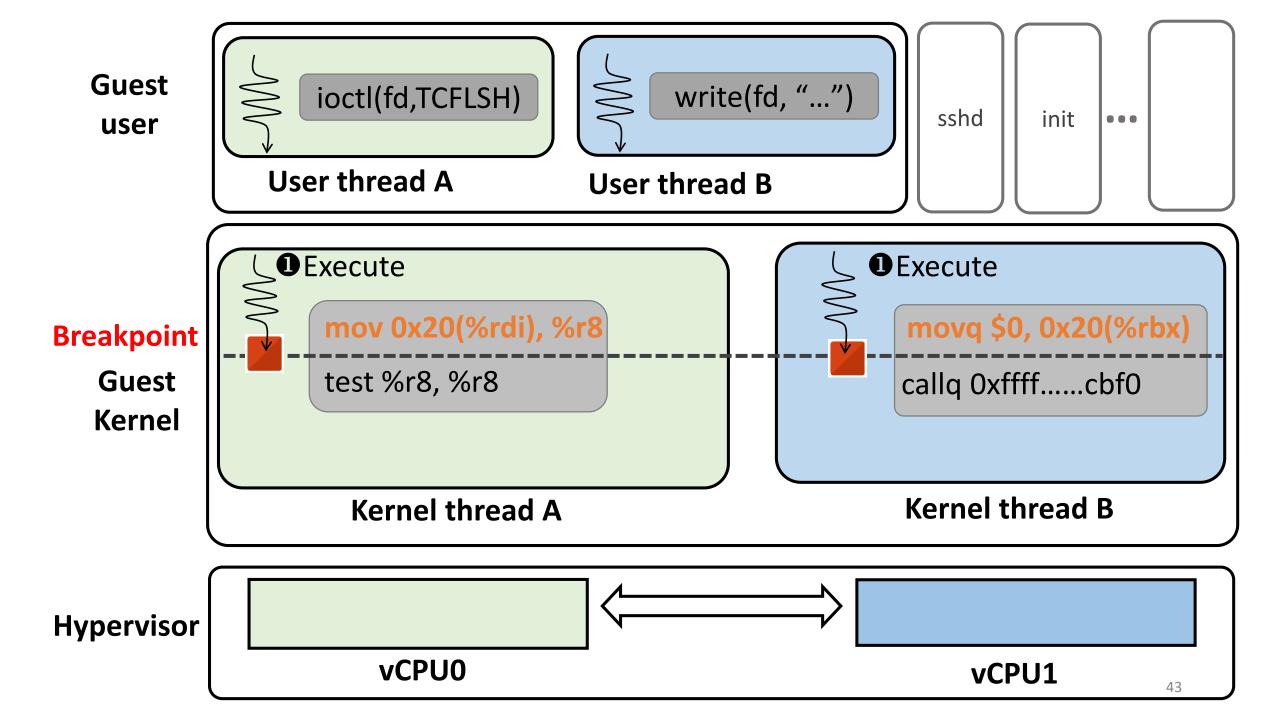
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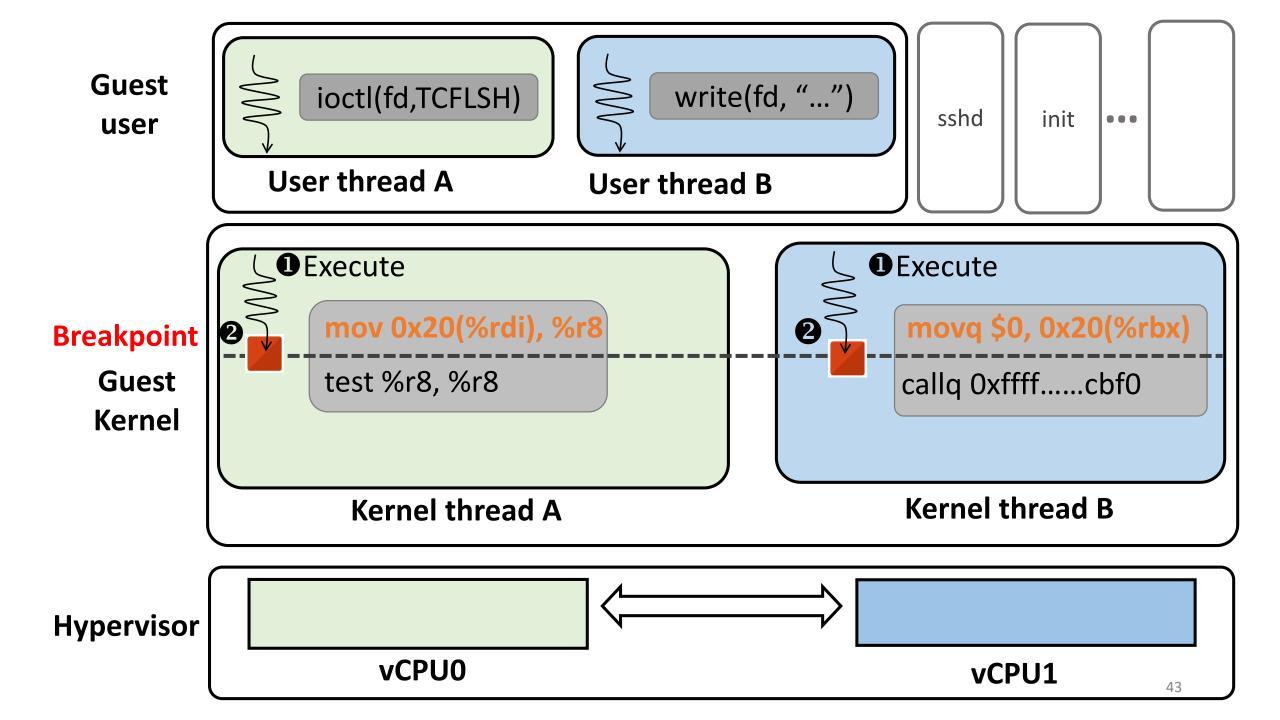
Finding Kernel Races through Fuzzing

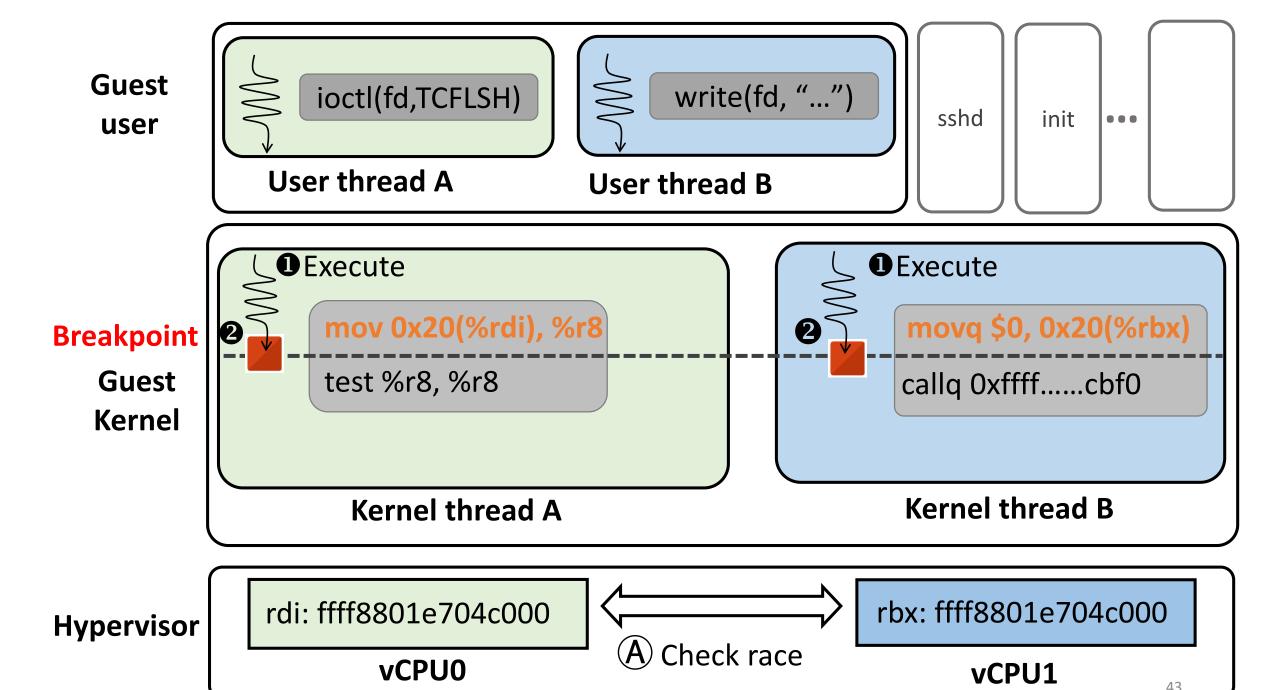
- Razzer [S&P 19]
 - #1. Static analysis to find potential race spots
 - Points-to analysis over an entire kernel
 - #2. For each potential race spots, setup per-core breakpoint
 - Run the kernel on modified hypervisor (QEMU/KVM)
 - #3. Check if a race truly occurs
 - Prioritize a truly racing pair to be further fuzzed later

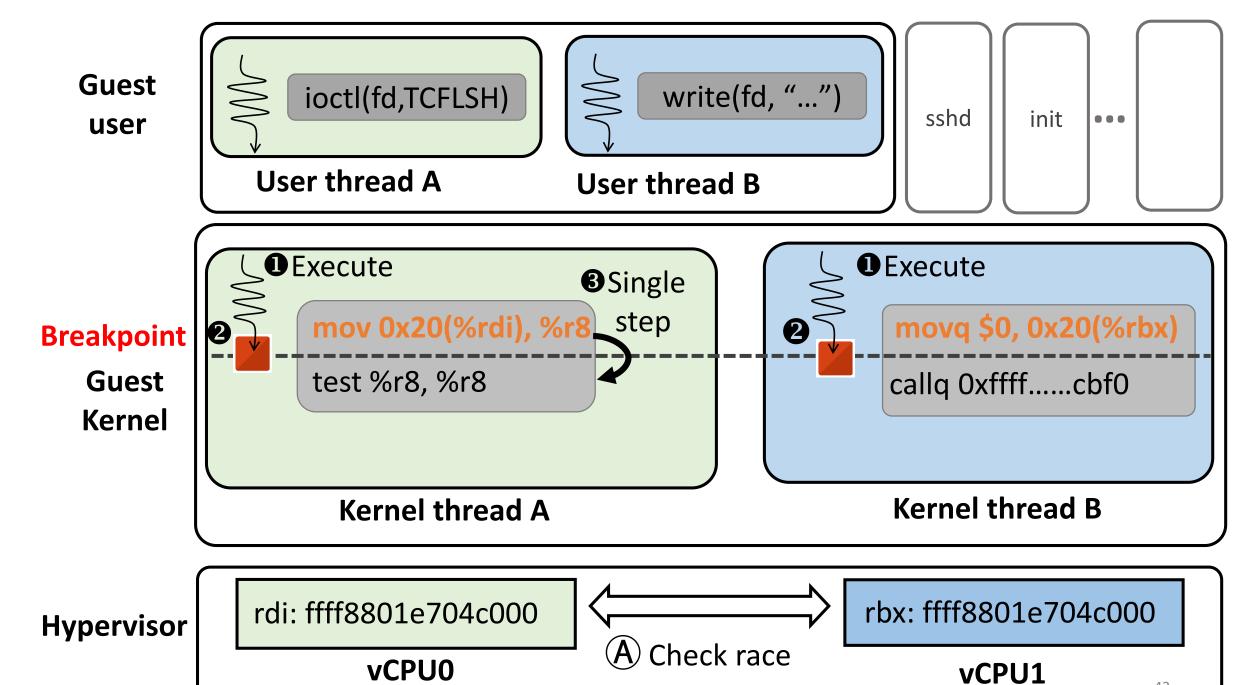




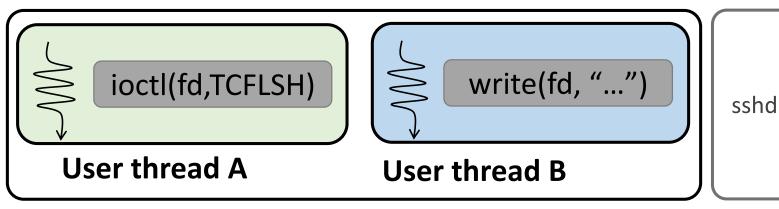




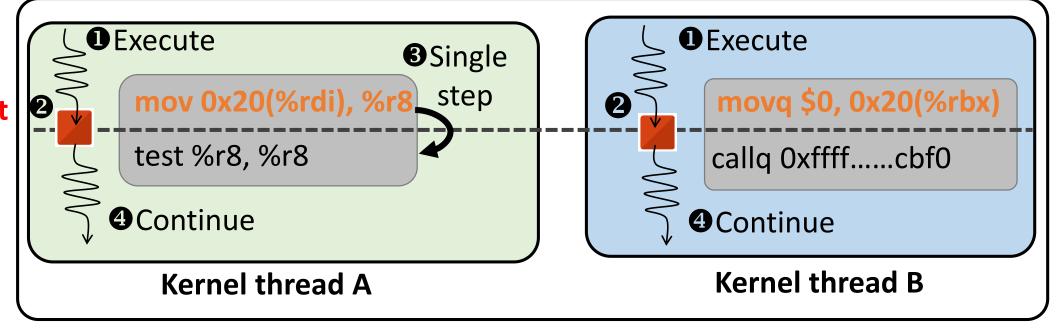




Guest user



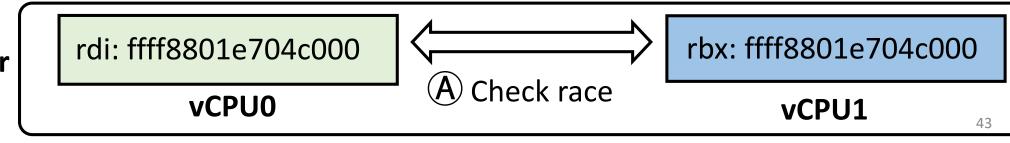
Breakpoint
Guest
Kernel



init

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Hypervisor



Results

- 30 new races
- 16 are fixed

Kernel crash summary	Crash type	Kernel version	Kernel subsystem	Confirmed	Patch submitted	Fixed
KASAN: slab-out-of-bounds write in tty_insert_flip_string_flag	Use-After-Free	v4.8	drivers/tty/	✓	✓	✓
WARNING instatic_key_slow_dec	Reachable Warning	v4.8	net/	✓		
Kernel BUG at net/packet/af_packet.c:LINE!	Reachable Assertion	v4.16-rc3	net/packet/	✓	✓	✓
WARNING in refcount_dec	Reachable Warning	v4.16-rc3	net/packet/	✓	✓	✓
unable to handle kernel paging request in snd_seq_oss_readq_puts	Page Fault	v4.16	sound/core/seq/oss/	✓	✓	✓
KASAN: use-after-free Read in loopback_active_get	Use-After-Free	v4.16	sound/drivers/	✓	✓	✓
KASAN: null-ptr-deref Read in rds_ib_get_mr	Null ptr deref	v4.17-rc1	net/rdma/	√(assisted Syzkaller)	✓	✓
KASAN: null-ptr-deref Read in list_lru_del	Null ptr deref	v4.17-rc1	fs/			
BUG: unable to handle kernel NULL ptr dereference in corrupted	Null ptr deref	v4.17-rc1	net/sctp/			
KASAN: use-after-free Read in nd_jump_root	Use-After-Free	v4.17-rc1	fs/	✓	✓	√
KASAN: use-after-free Read in link_path_walk	Use-After-Free	v4.17-rc1	fs/	✓	✓	✓
BUG: unable to handle kernel paging request ininet_check_established	Page Fault	v4.17-rc1	net/ipv4/			
KASAN: null-ptr-deref Read in ata_pio_sector	Null ptr deref	v4.17-rc1	net/drivers/ata/			
WARNING in ip_recv_error	Reachable Warning	v4.17-rc1	net/	✓	✓	✓
WARNING in remove_proc_entry	Reachable Warning	v4.17-rc1	net/sunrpc/			
KASAN: null-ptr-deref Read in ip6gre_exit_batch_net	Null ptr deref	v4.17-rc1	net/ipv6/			
KASAN: slab-out-of-bounds Write inregister_sysctl_table	Heap overflow	v4.17-rc1	net/ipv6/			
KASAN: use-after-free Write in skb_release_data	Use-After-Free	v4.17-rc1	net/core/			
KASAN: invalid-free in ptlock_free	Double free	v4.17-rc1	mm/			
Kernel BUG at lib/list_debug.c:LINE!	Reachable Assertion	v4.17-rc1	drivers/infiniband/			
INFO: trying to register non-static key inhandle_mm_fault	Reachable INFO	v4.17-rc1	mm/			
KASAN: use-after-free Read in vhost-chr_write_iter	Use-After-Free	v4.17-rc1	drivers/vhost/	✓	✓	✓
BUG: soft lockup in vmemdup_user	Soft lockup	v4.17-rc1	net/			
KASAN: use-after-free Read in rds_tcp_accept_one	Use-After-Free	v4.17-rc1	net/rds/			
WARNING in sg_rq_end_io	Reachable Warning	v4.17-rc1	drivers/scsi/			,
BUG: soft lockup in snd_virmidi_output_trigger	Soft lockup	v4.18-rc3	sound/core/seq/	√(assisted Syzkaller)	✓	✓
KASAN: null-ptr-deref Read in smc_ioctl	Null ptr deref	v4.18-rc3	net/smc/	✓	✓	✓
KASAN: null-ptr-deref Write in binderf_update_page_range	Null ptr deref	v4.18-rc3	drivers/android/	✓	✓	
WARNING in port_delete	Reachable Warning	v4.18-rc3	sound/core/seq/	√(assisted Syzkaller)		
KASAN: null-ptr-deref in inode_permission	Null ptr def	v4.18-rc3	fs/	✓	✓	✓

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Discussion

- Semantic bugs
 - Need to automatically synthesize safety assertions
- Concurrency bugs
 - How to better reproduce races? (or find a root cause of races?)
 - How to better test?
- Memory bugs
 - Enforcing memory access permissions by firmware
 - Granularity: Page-granularity? Byte-granularity?
 - Metadata: MMU like designs? MPU like designs?
 - Principals: Bisected principals (e.g., kernel/user)? Multiple principals (e.g., multi-users)?

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