CS 161 Computer Security

Discussion 5

Question 1 Fuzzing and Symbolic Execution

 $(20 \min)$

In this problem, we will explore various approaches to systematically test a piece of code.

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int foo(uint8_t bar, uint8_t baz)
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       int buf [500] = \{0\};
       if ((bar + baz) % 3 == 2)
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            buf[(bar + baz) \% 500] = 4;
       if (bar > 250 \&\& baz > 250)
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           return -1;
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       else if (bar > 10 && baz < 245)
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            if ((bar \% 2 = 0) \&\& (baz \% 2 = 1))
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                return buf[bar + baz] + 3;
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           else if ((bar % 2 == 1) && (baz % 2 == 1))
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                return buf[bar + baz + 3];
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                return buf[bar + baz];
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       else
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           return bar + baz + 3;
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Reminder: uint8_t is a 1-byte int.

- (a) What is the minimum number of test cases required for line coverage?
- (b) What is the minimum number of test cases required for branch coverage?
- (c) What is the minimum number of test cases required for path coverage?
- (d) If we used blackbox fuzzing, what is the probability that a randomly generated set of inputs for bar and baz will cause a buffer overflow?
- (e) Write the formula for the values of bar and baz that would cause a buffer overflow.

Solution: (a) For line coverage, we want every line in the code executed. Thus, we need at least 5 test cases.

- (b) For branch coverage, we want to execute every branch. Thus, we need at least 5 test cases.
- (c) For path coverage, we want to execute every possible path in the code. Thus, we need at least 10 test cases.
- (d) Notice that the overflow can only occur on line 21 and when bar + baz + 3 >= 500 and (bar % 2 == 1) && (baz % 2 == 1) and bar > 10 && baz < 245. The only value of bar and baz that make all three conditionals true is bar = 255 and baz = 243. Since uint8_t are unsigned 8-bit integers, we see that there is a (1/256)*(1/256).
- (e) We can AND the conditions specified in part d.

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bar + baz + 3 >= 500 && (bar % 2 == 1) && (baz % 2 == 1) && bar > 10 && baz < 245.
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A final note: do not hesitate to ask for help! Our office hours exist to help you. Please visit us if you have any questions or doubts about the material.