

Towards Thorough Verification of Particular Critical Industrial C Programs

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Critical Industrial C Programs

- BIOS and boot loaders
- Hypervisors
- Operating system kernels and drivers
- Libraries
- ...



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2021-08-18	usb: gadget: mv_u3d: request_irq() after initializing UDC	Nadezda Lutovinova	1	-9/+10
2021-08-17	mtdev: rawnand: intel: Fix error handling in probe	Evgeny Novikov	1	-9/+18
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2021-06-17	media: marvell-ccic: set error code in probe	Evgeny Novikov	1	-3/+9
2021-06-08	media: st_rc: Handle errors of clk_prepare_enable()	Evgeny Novikov	1	-4/+18
2021-06-02	media: st-hva: Fix potential NULL pointer dereferences	Evgeny Novikov	1	-2/+1
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2021-05-24	net: appletalk: cops: Fix data race in cops_probe1	Saubhik Mukherjee	1	-2/+2
2021-03-10	net: pxa168_eth: Fix a potential data race in pxa168_eth_remove	Pavel Andrianov	1	-1/+1
2020-12-10	mtdev: plat-ram: correctly free memory on error path in platram_probe()	Baskov Evgeniy	1	-3/+8
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2020-11-16	media: isif: reset global state	Evgeny Novikov	1	-2/+9
2020-11-16	media: zr364xx: propagate errors from zr364xx_start_readpipe()	Evgeny Novikov	1	-7/+24
2020-10-27	usb: gadget: goku_udc: fix potential crashes in probe	Evgeny Novikov	1	-1/+1
2020-10-14	drivers: watchdog: rdc321x_wdt: Fix race condition bugs	Madhuparna Bhowmik	1	-3/+2

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* Details of the experiment could be found in my talk at CPA'20
“[Recent advances of CPAchecker within Klever](#)”

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**This is not acceptable at verification
of particular programs!**

Challenges at Verification of Particular Programs

- Unclear program environments and requirements should be formalized
- Verification should not fail and run out of time/memory
- There may be no false alarms due to any reason
- There may be no missed bugs due to verification tools
- Code coverage should be 100%+

```
int array[10];
int func(int index) {
    return array[index];
}
```
- Verification results should be represented in a user-friendly way

Ideas on How to Cope with Challenges

- Develop very accurate and pretty simple environment models and requirement specifications
 - Development and decomposition of environment models (another talk today)
 - Expressing specific requirements
 - Models of error behavior
- Make verification tools extremely precise and fast
 - Using CPAchecker SMG due to active usage of arrays, lists, strings and bit precise operations
 - Fixing and optimizing CPAchecker SMG (another talk tomorrow)
- Facilitate analysis of verification results
 - Representation and analysis of violation witnesses (users should investigate and fix bugs and false alarms immediately after their detection)
 - Representation and analysis of code coverage reports (2 other talks today)

Expressing Specific Requirements (Statement *ldv_assert()*)

```
#ifdef LDV_MEMORY_SAFETY
#define ldv_assert() ({*(char *)0;})
#else
#define ldv_assert() __VERIFIER_error()
#endif

void entry_point(void) {
    ...
    if (...)
        /* ASSERT Something unexpected happened. */
        ldv_assert();
    ...
}
```

Expressing Specific Requirements (Concrete Values)

Original program source file

```
int array[10];  
int func(int index) {  
    return array[index];  
}
```

Requirement specification 1

```
void entry_point(void) {  
    array[5] = 5;  
    if (func(5) != 5)  
        /* ASSERT ... */  
        ldv_assert();  
}
```

Requirement specification 2

```
int entry_point(void) {  
    array[5] = -5;  
    if (func(5) != 5)  
        /* ASSERT ... */  
        ldv_assert();  
}
```

Expressing Specific Requirements (Nondeterministic Values)

Original program source file

```
int array[10];  
int func(int index) {  
    return array[index];  
}
```

Requirement specification

```
int entry_point(void) {  
    int index = ldv_random_int(0, 9);  
    int value = ldv_undef_int();  
  
    array[index] = value;  
    if (func(index) != value)  
        /* ASSERT ... */  
        ldv_assert();  
}
```

Models of Error Behavior (Possible Failures of *malloc()*)

Original program source file

```
void func(void) {  
    char *array[10];  
    int i;  
  
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)  
        array[i] = malloc(10);  
  
    ...  
  
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)  
        free(array[i]);  
}
```

Environment model

```
int entry_point(void) {  
    func();  
}
```

Models of Error Behavior

(Restrict Possible Number of Failures)

Original program source file

```
void func(void) {
    char *array[10];
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        array[i] = ldv_alloc(10);

    ...

    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        free(array[i]);
}
```

Environment model

```
int entry_point(void) {
    ldv_alloc_fails_num = 1;
    func();
}

int ldv_alloc_fails_num = 0;

void *ldv_alloc(size_t size) {
    if (ldv_alloc_fails_num > 0
        && ldv_undef_int()) {
        ldv_alloc_fails_num -= 1;
        return NULL;
    }
    void *res = malloc(size);
    ldv_assume(res);
    return res;
}
```

Models of Error Behavior (Failure Masks)

Original program source file

```
void func(void) {
    char *array[10];
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        array[i] = ldv_alloc(10);

    ...

    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        free(array[i]);
}
```

Environment model

```
int entry_point(void) {
    ldv_alloc_fail_mask = 5;
    func();
}

int ldv_alloc_fail_mask = 0;

void *ldv_alloc(size_t size) {
    if (ldv_alloc_fail_mask & 1) {
        ldv_alloc_fail_mask <<= 1;
        return NULL;
    }
    ldv_alloc_fail_mask <<= 1;
    void *res = malloc(size);
    ldv_assume(res);
    return res;
}
```

Future Work

- Consider thorough verification of several open source device drivers to evaluate suggested approaches better
- Enhance representation of verification results
- Optimize CPAchecker SMG to handle large loops and lists much more efficiently