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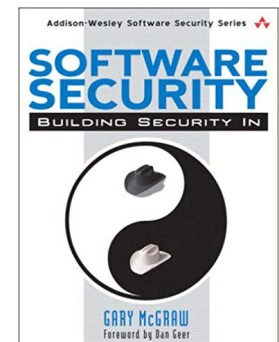
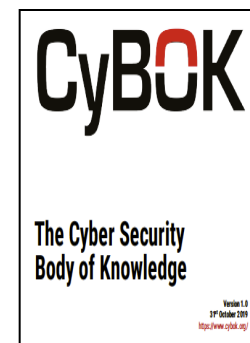
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Detection of Software Vulnerabilities: Dynamic Analysis

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Dynamic Analysis

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 - *Software Security: Building Security In* (Chapter 6)
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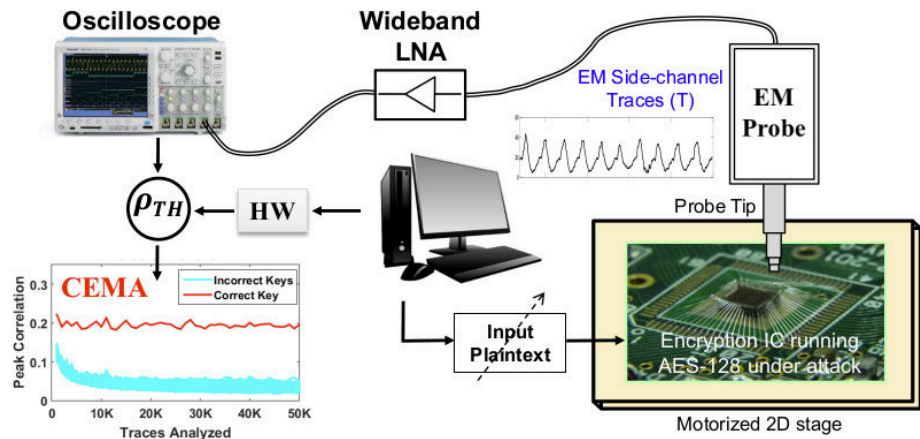
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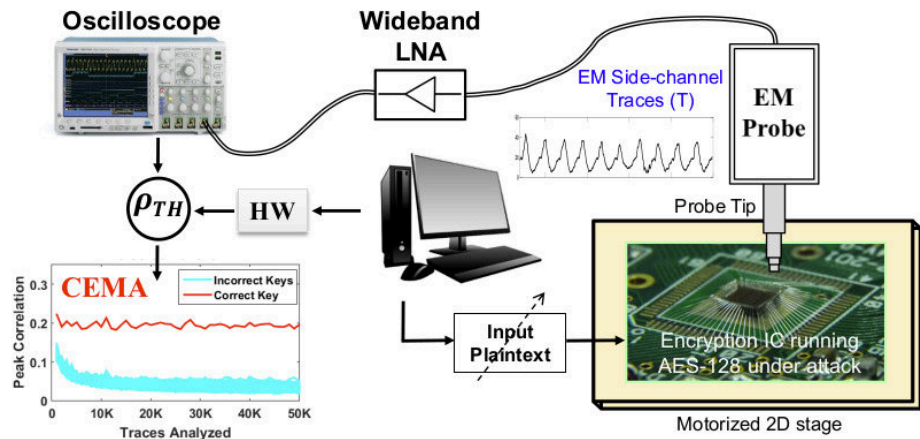
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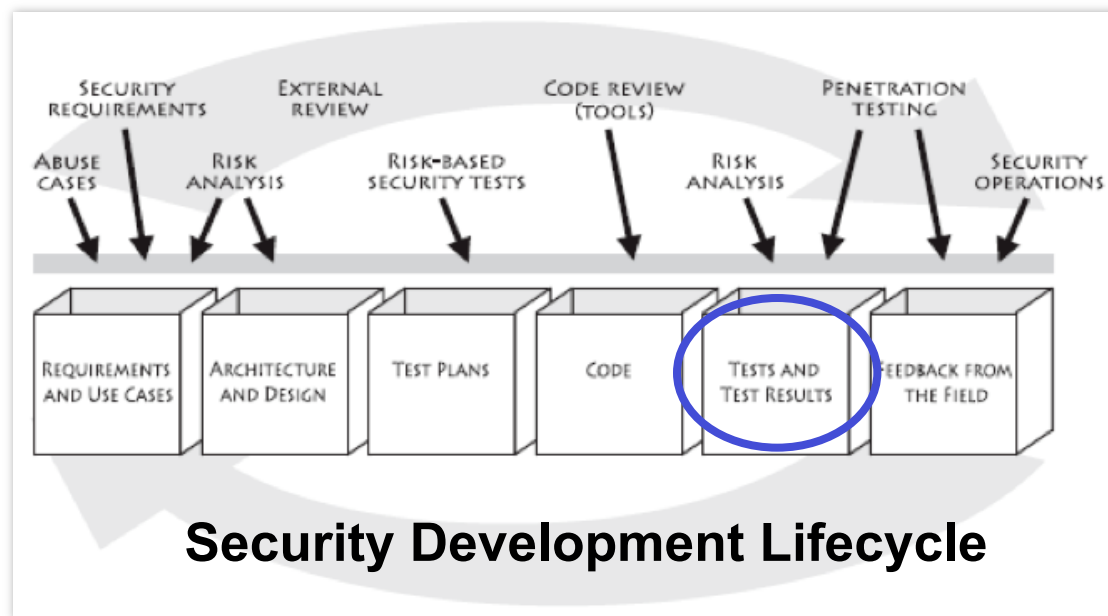
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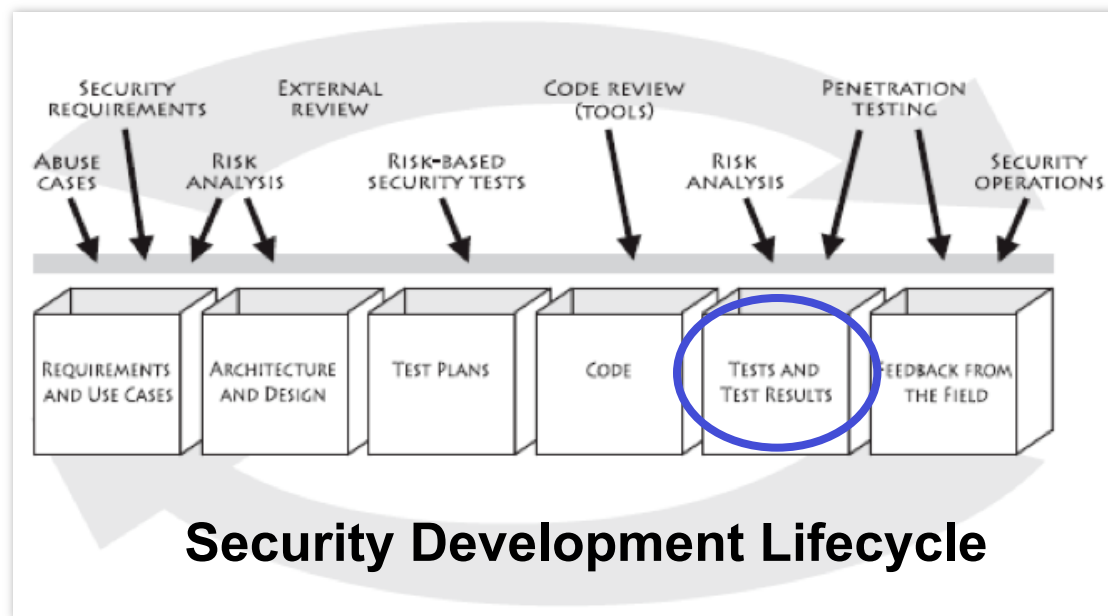
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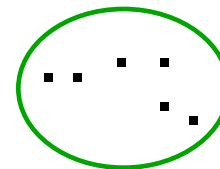
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 - **users** will complain about **functional problems**, but **hackers** will not complain about **security problems**

Security testing is difficult

space of all possible inputs

- input that triggers **security bug**, thus compromising the system

- some input to test corner conditions



Normal inputs

- sensible input to test some functionality

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- Define both test suites and test oracles can be a **significant work**

– A test oracle consists of a long list, which **for every individual test case, specifies what should happen**

– A **simple test oracle**: just looking if the application does not crash

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3	2	1	a	45%
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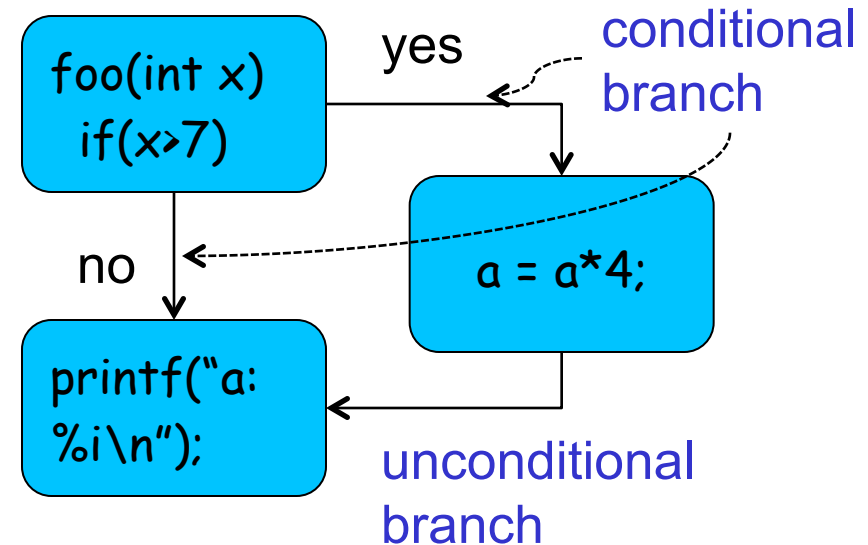
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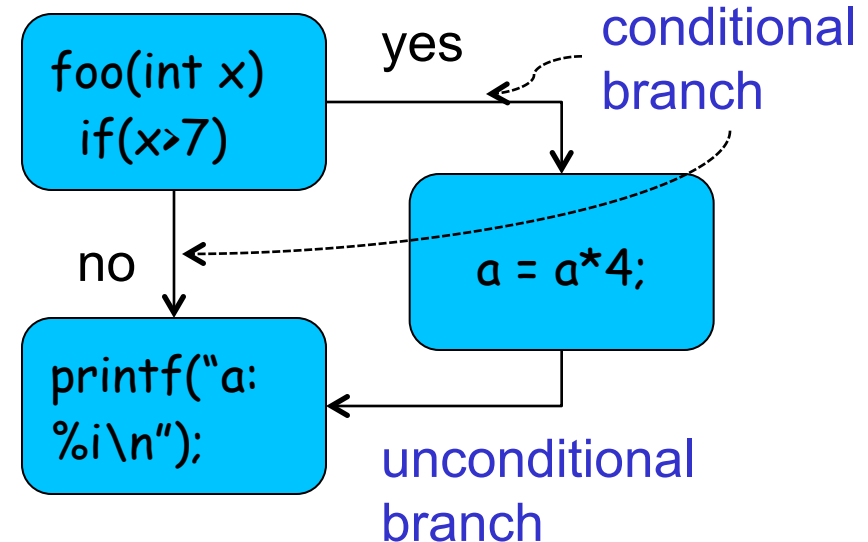
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Input	Condition	Outcome	Coverage
x=3, x=4	x<y	TRUE	25%
a=3, b=4	a>b	FALSE	25%

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- Other coverage criteria exists, e.g., **modified condition/decision coverage (MCDC)**, which is used to test **avionics embedded software**

Modified condition/decision coverage (MC/DC)

- MC/DC coverage is similar to condition coverage, but we must **test every condition in a decision independently** to reach full coverage
- MC/DC requires all of the below during testing:
 - We invoke each entry and exit point
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- MC/DC: For a decision with n atomic boolean conditions, we have to find at least $n+1$ tests

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- For other vulnerabilities, or when monitoring for violations of a specification is too expensive, **approximative monitors** can be defined
 - In cases where a dynamic analysis is approximative, it can also generate **false positives** or **false negatives**
 - o even though it operates on a concrete execution trace

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 - flag a violation when **untrusted input** has an impact on the parse tree of the generated output

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- Monitoring for **race conditions is hard**, but some approaches for monitoring data races on shared memory cells exist
 - E.g., by monitoring whether all shared memory accesses follow a **consistent locking discipline**

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- C expressions used as atoms in LTL:

{keyInput == 1} -> F {displayKeyUp}

({keyInput != 0} | {intr}) -> G{numInputs > 0}

“event”: change of global variable used in LTL formula

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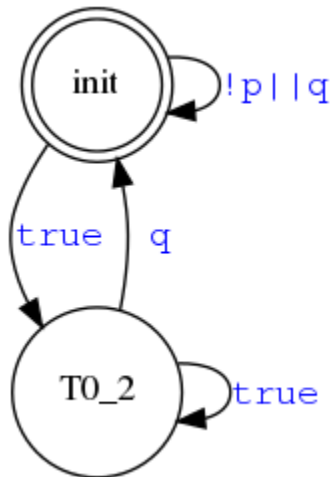
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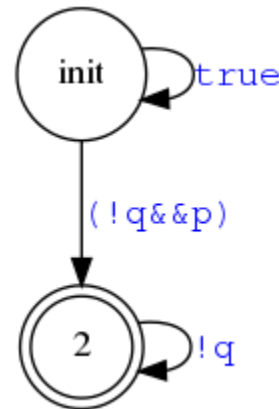
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 - ESBMC:
 - technically difficult to alternate between normal program and *never claim* program
 - instead: run *never claim* program as a monitor thread concurrently with other program thread(s)
- ⇒ no distinction between monitor thread and other threads

Jeremy Morse, Lucas C. Cordeiro, Denis A. Nicole, Bernd Fischer: Context-Bounded Model Checking of LTL Properties for ANSI-C Software. SEFM 2011: 302-317

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Solution:

- ESBMC maintains (global) current count of events
 - monitor checks it processes events one at a time (using assume statements)
- ⇒ causes ESBMC to discard interleavings where monitor does not act on relevant state changes

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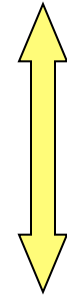
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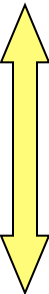


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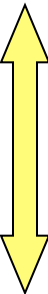
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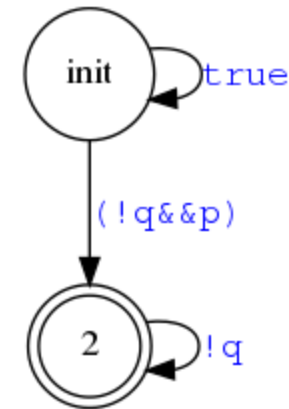


*reject unsafe
interleavings*

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```
switch(state) {
case T0_init:
    if(choice == 0) {
        assume((1));
        state = T0_init;
    } else if (choice == 1) {
        assume(!(cexpr_1 && cexpr_0));
        state = accept_S2;
    } else assume(0);
    break;
case accept_S2:
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- follow SPINs stuttering acceptance approach:
pretend final state extends infinitely
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with enough loop iterations to pass through each state twice
- if an accepting state is visited at least twice while stuttering,
BA accepts extended trace
 - LTL property violation found

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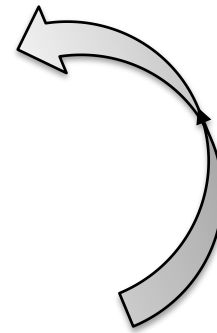
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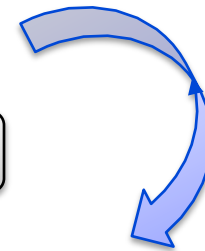
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State 9 file file.c line 16 function testSig_Inverter thread 0
```

```
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x = -2147483648
```

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...
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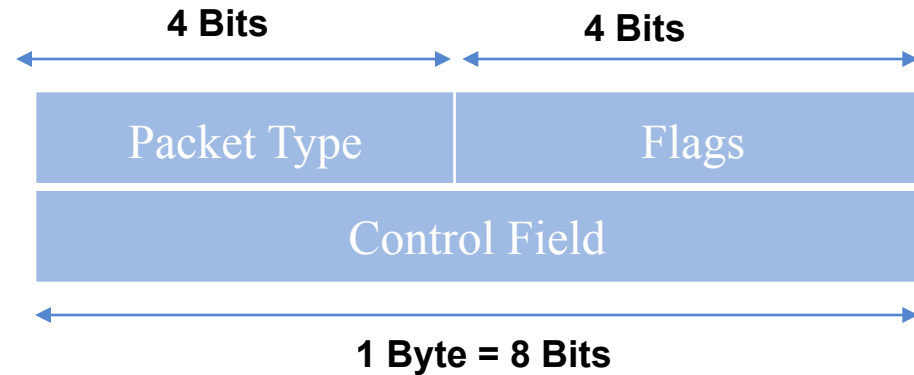
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Violated property:
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!((_Bool)((signed long int)!(result >= 0))))
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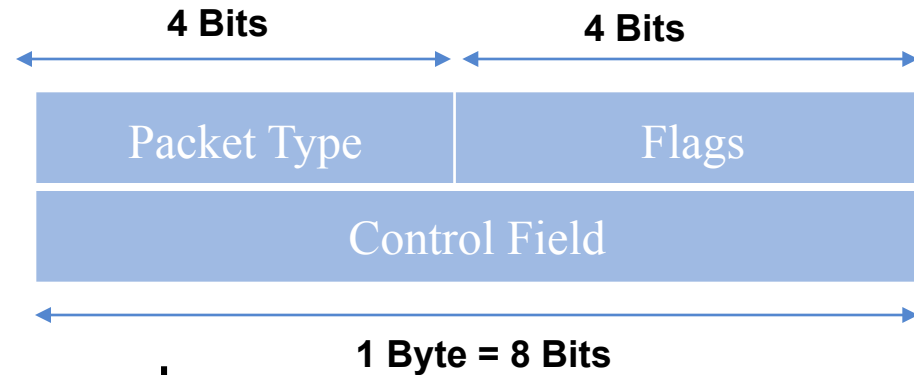
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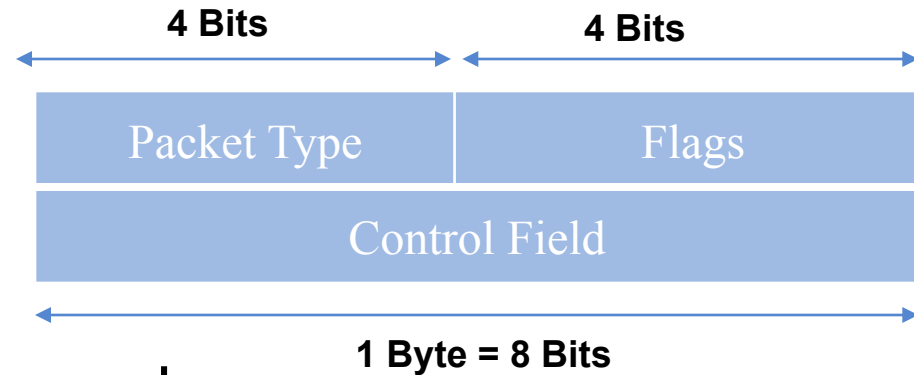


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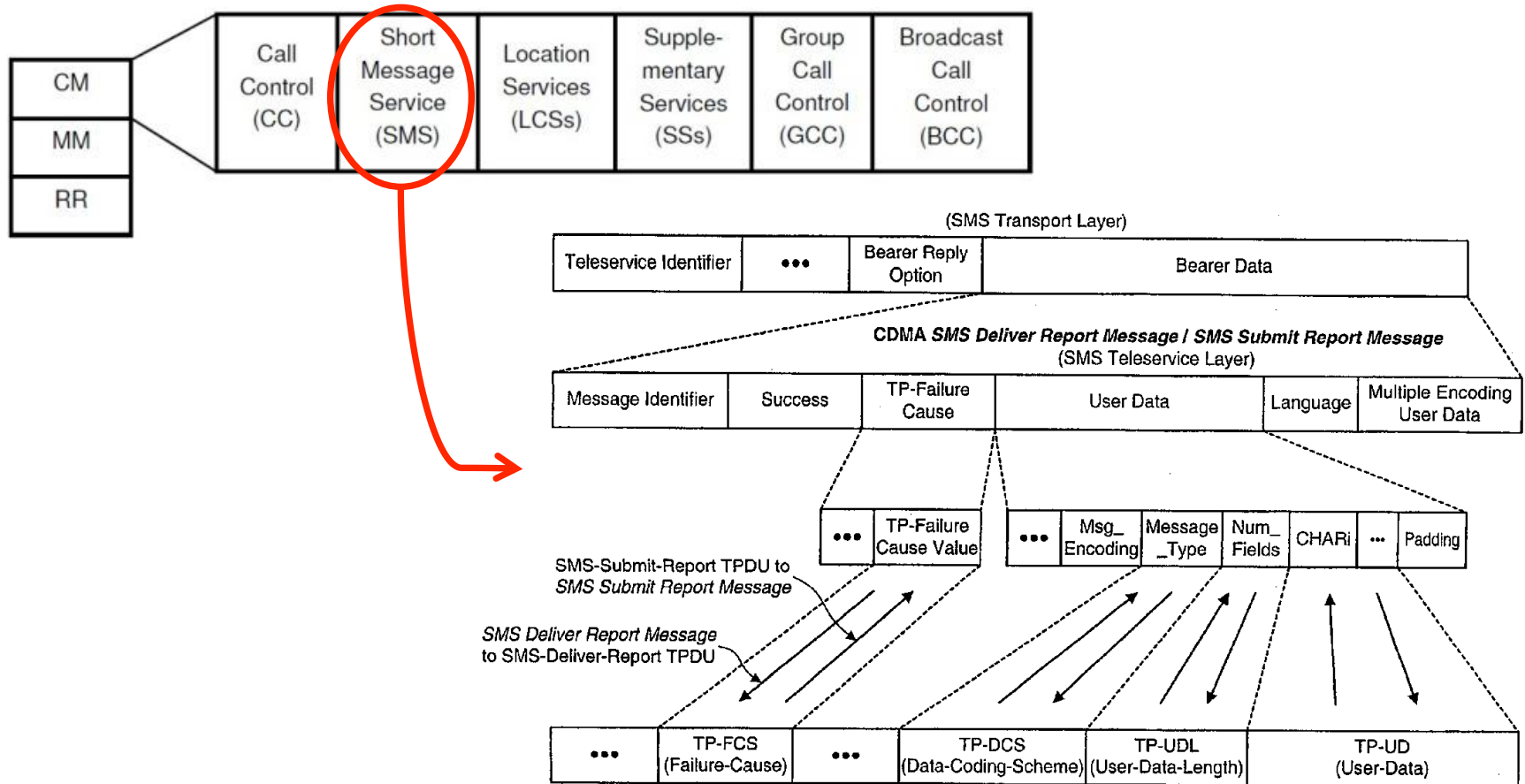
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GSM is an extremely rich and complicated protocol



SMS Message Fields

Field	size
Message Type Indicator	2 bit
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Validity Period Format	2 bit
User Data Header Indicator	1 bit
Reply Path	1 bit
Message Reference	integer
Destination Address	2-12 byte
Protocol Identifier	1 byte
Data Coding Scheme (CDS)	1 byte
Validity Period	1 byte/7 bytes
User Data Length (UDL)	integer
User Data	depends on CDS and UDL

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- We can use a **Universal Software Radio Peripheral (USRP)**
 - Most USRPs connect to a host computer through a high-speed link
 - the host-based software uses to control the USRP hardware and transmit/receive data
 - With open-source cell tower software (OpenBTS) to fuzz any phone



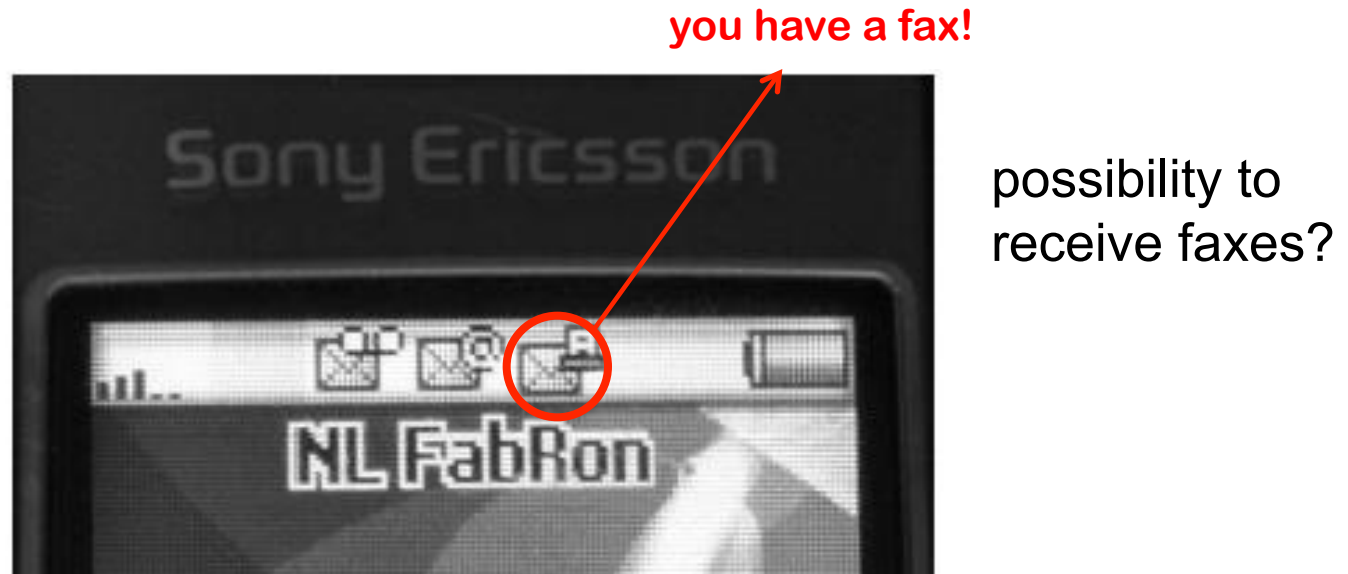
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Only way to get rid if this icon; reboot the phone

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- Malformed SMS text messages
 - show **raw memory** instead of the **text message**

(a) Showing garbage



(b) Showing the name of a wallpaper and two games

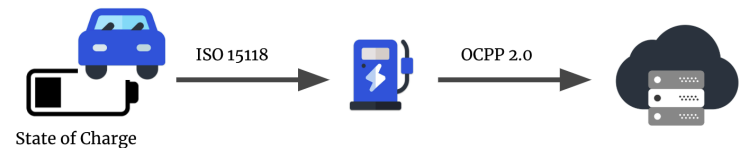


Mutation-based fuzzing: Fuzzing OCPP

- The **Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP)** is an application protocol
 - communication between Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and a central management system
- OCPP can use XML or JSON messages

Example message in JSON format

```
{ "location": NijmegenMercator2156
  "retries": 5,
  "retryInterval": 30,
  "startTime": "2018-10-27T19:10:11",
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- **AFL** (American Fuzzy Lop) takes an evolutionary approach to learn mutations based on measuring code coverage

- basic idea: if a mutation of the input triggers a new path through the code, then it is an exciting mutation; otherwise, the mutation is discarded
- Produce random mutations of the input and observe their effect on code coverage, **AFL** can learn what interesting inputs are

The Fuzzing Process of AFL

1. Start with sample seed inputs
2. Mutate seed inputs to generate mutants
3. Collect code coverage (CFG edges) information
4. Save as new seeds if coverage increases
5. Repeat from step 2

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```

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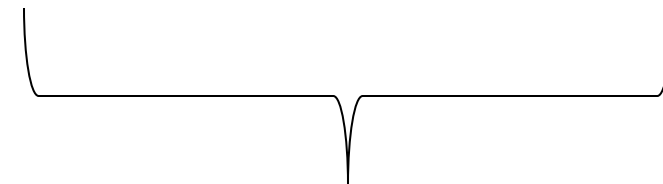
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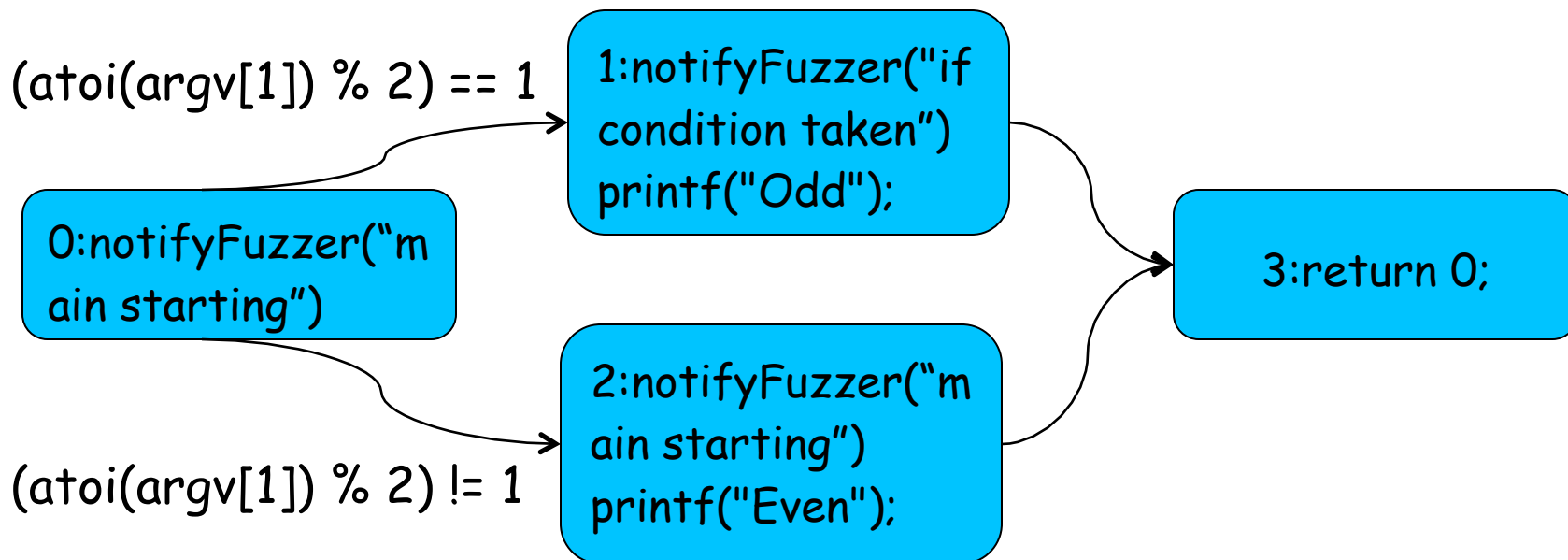
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- Intuition: for every jump from **src** to **dest** in the code a different byte in **shared_mem** is changed
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- Consider a code fragment that determines a parameter to be **even** or **odd**

```
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#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    ((atoi(argv[1]) % 2) == 1) ? printf("Odd") : printf("Even");
    return 0;
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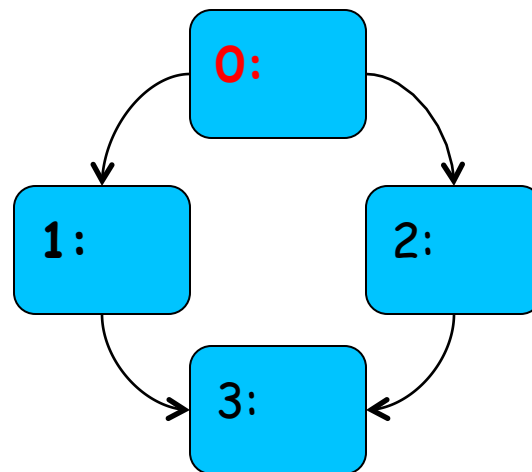


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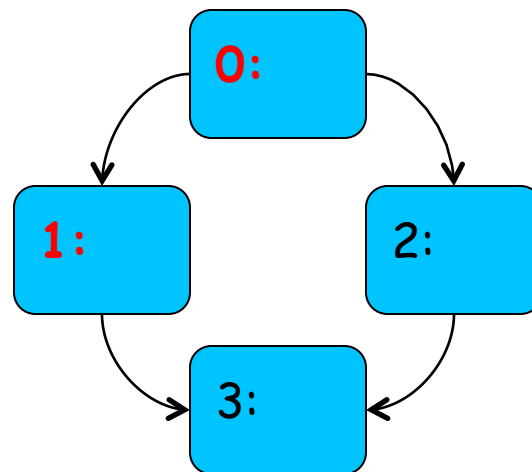


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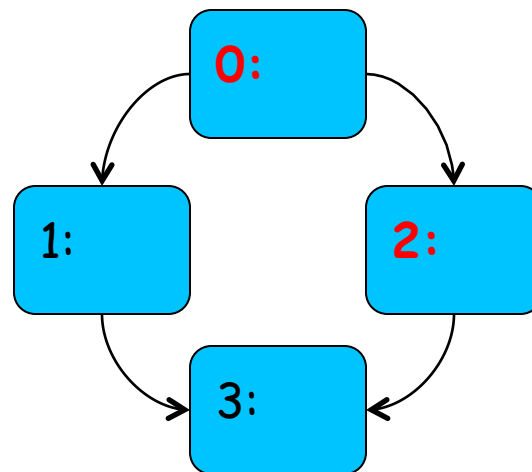


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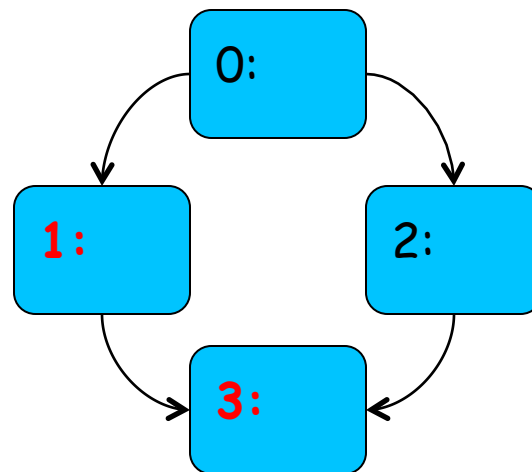


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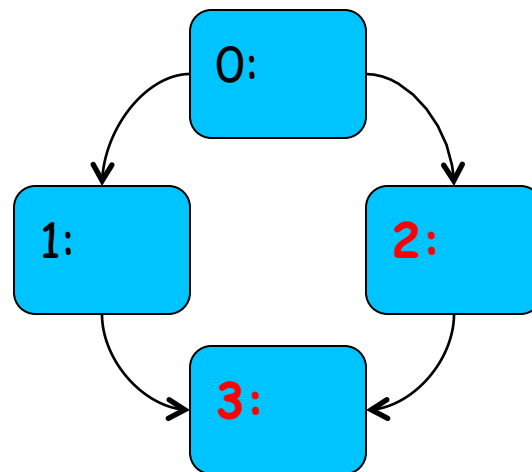


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Intended learning outcomes

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- Explain **white-box fuzzing: dynamic symbolic execution**

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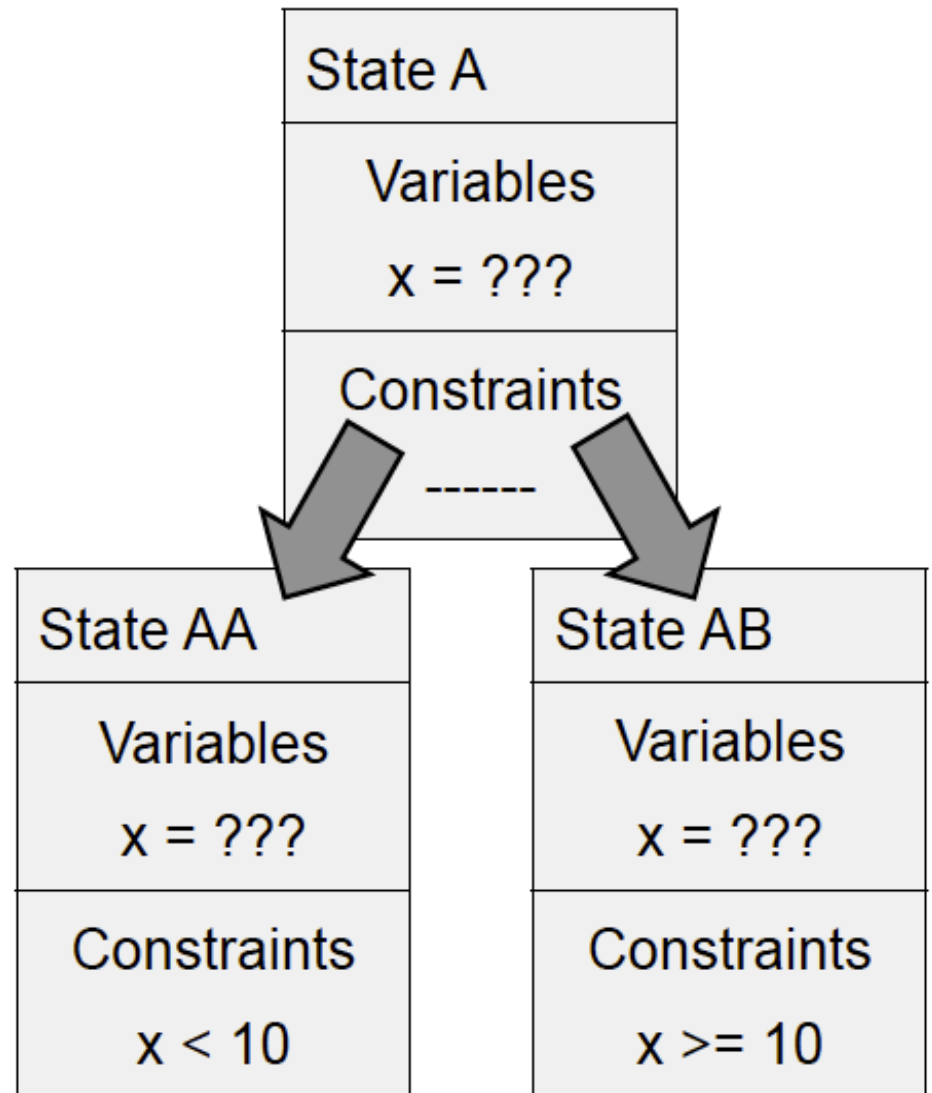
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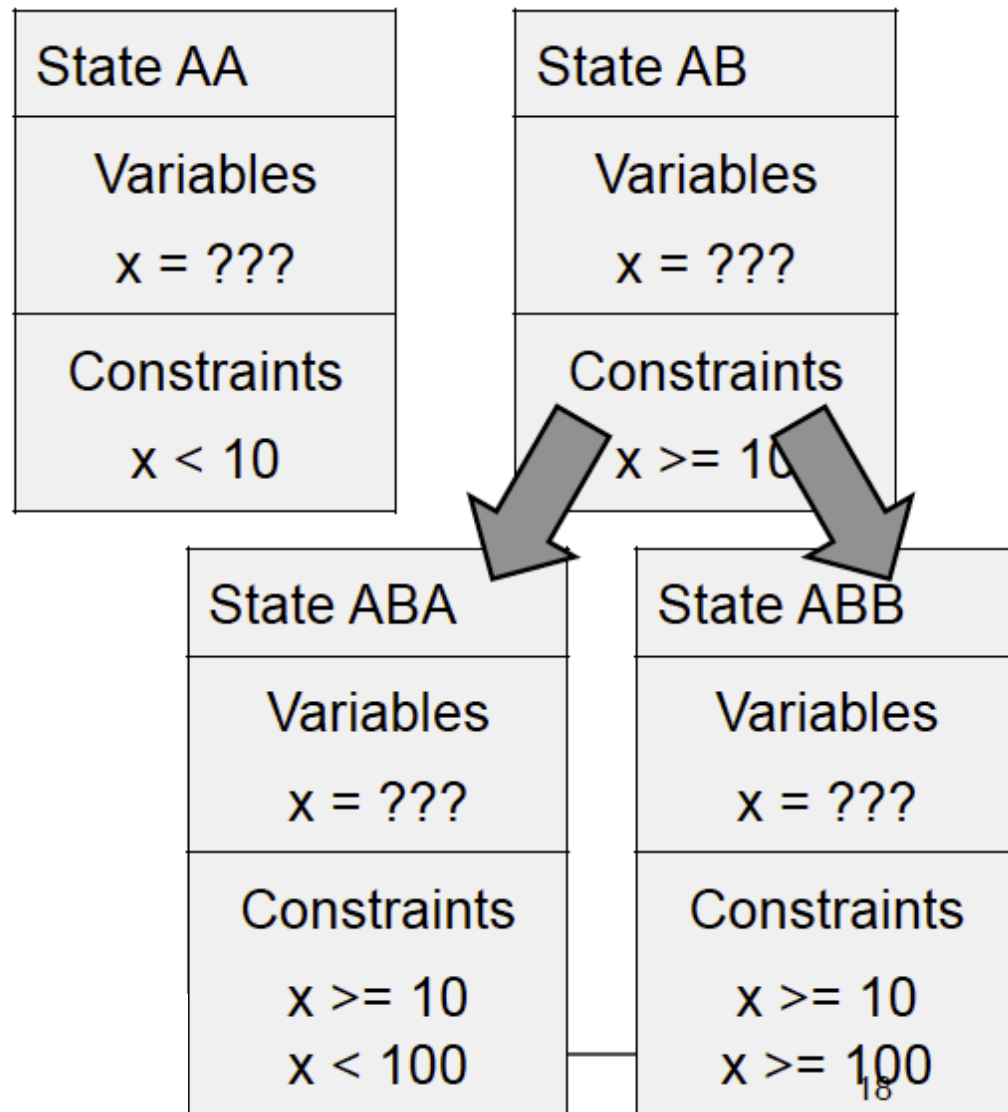
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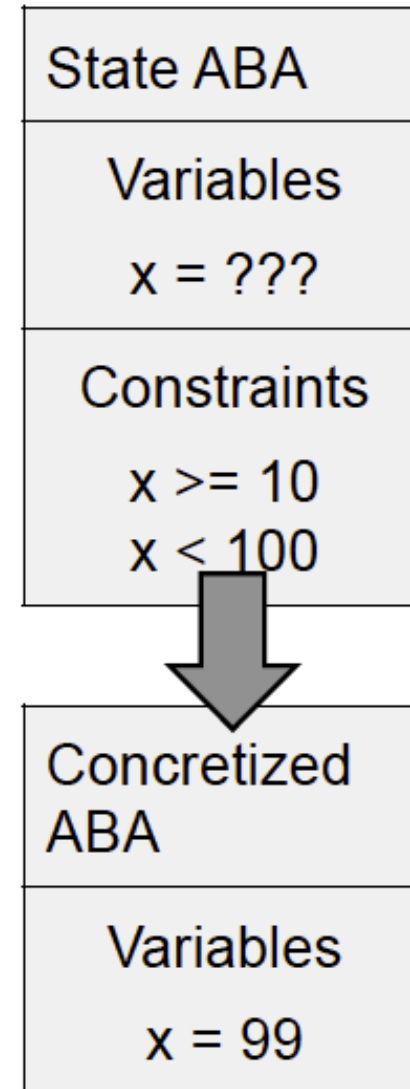
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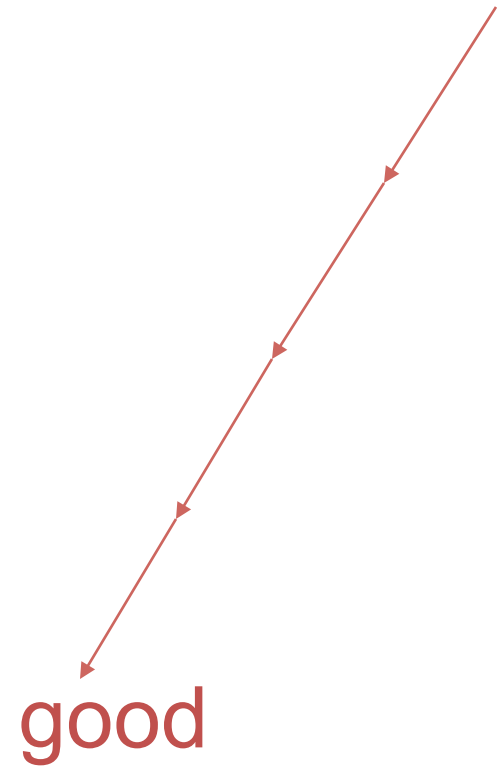
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I3 != '!'
```

Collect constraints from trace

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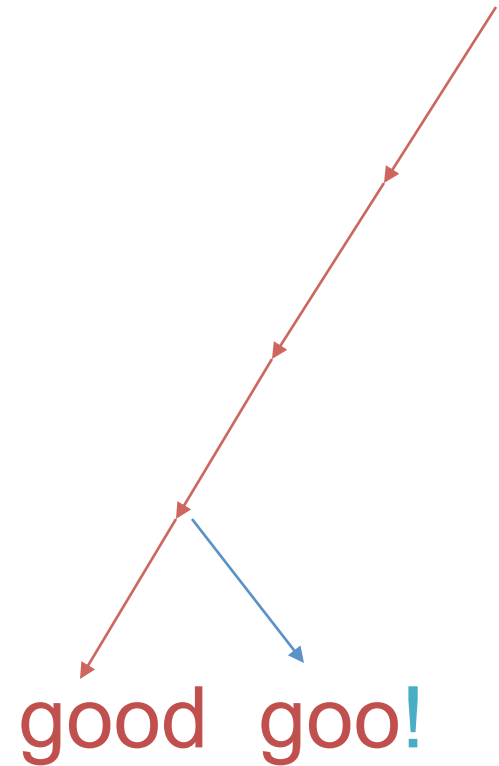
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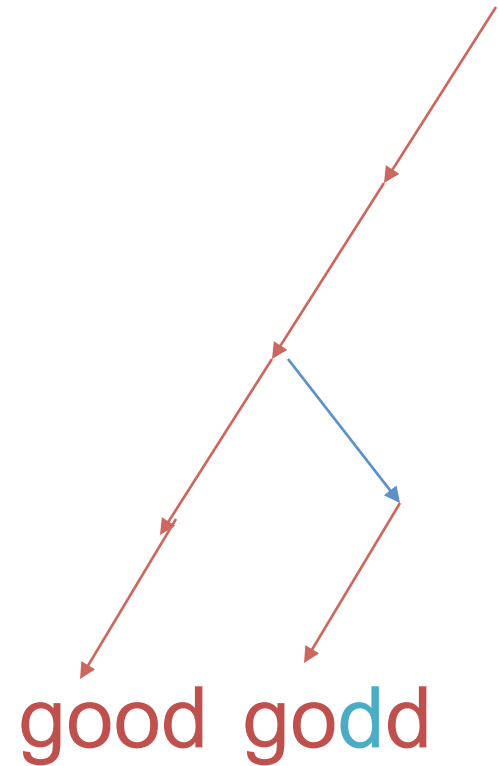
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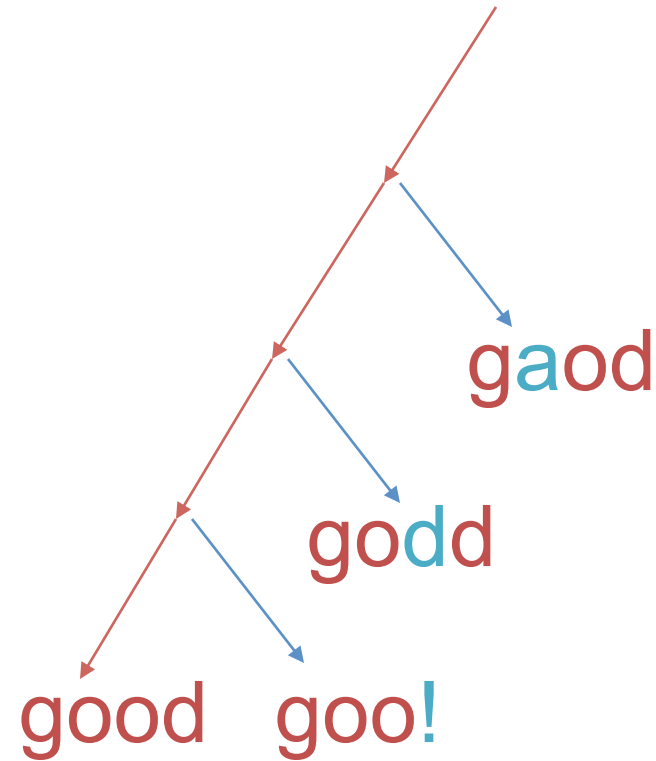
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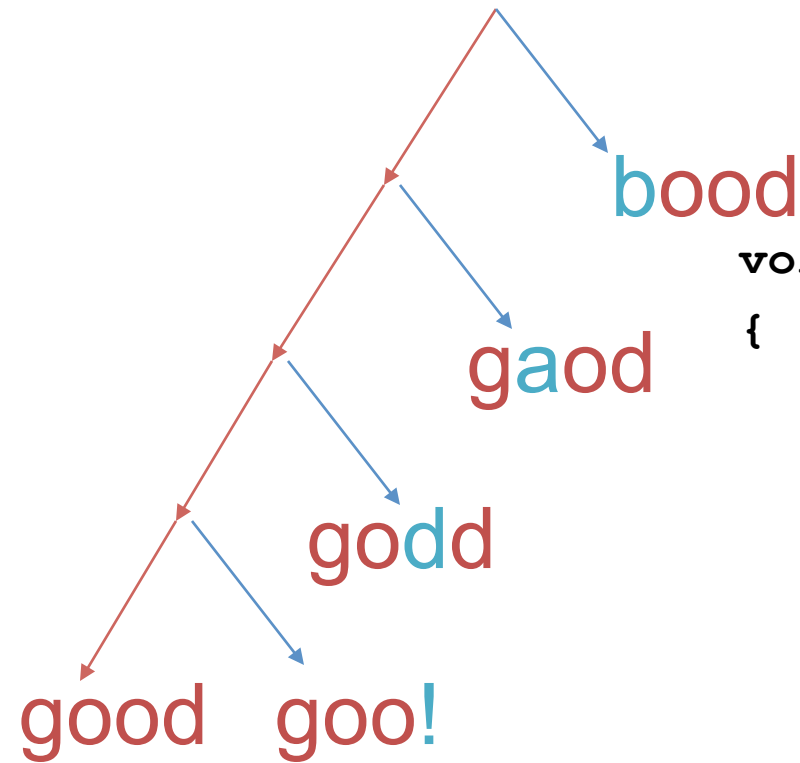
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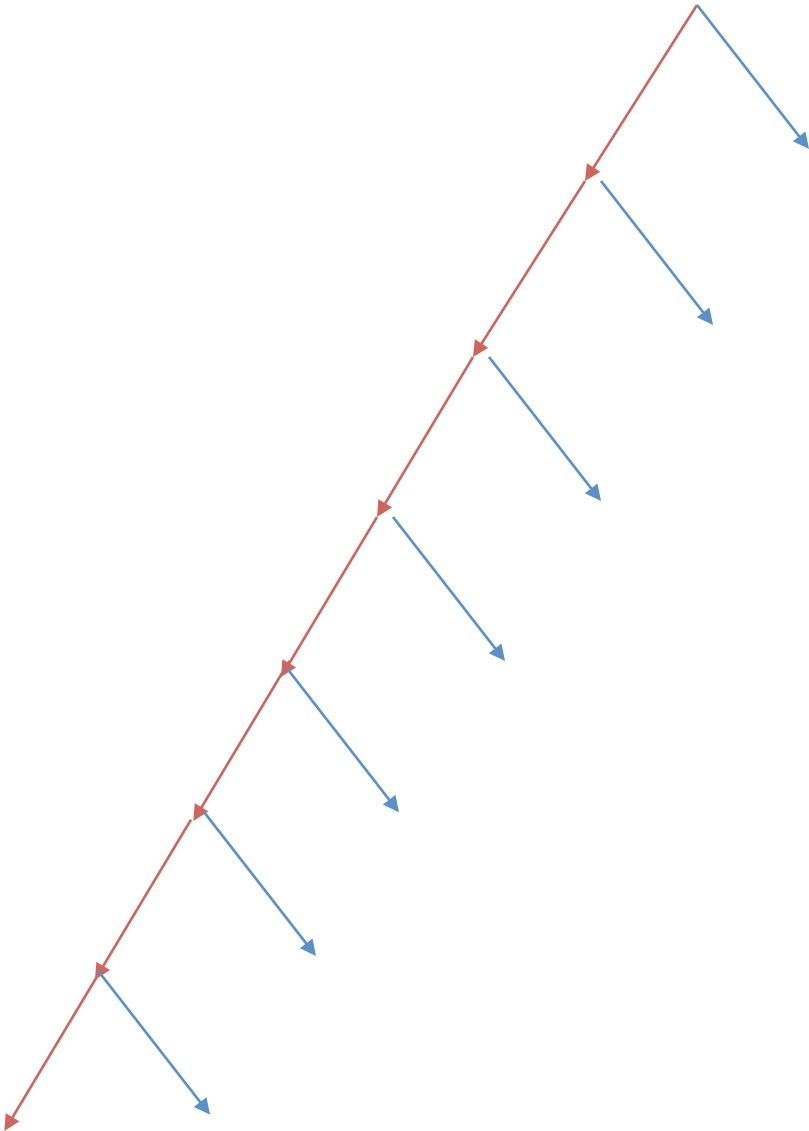
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Key Idea: One Trace, Many Tests

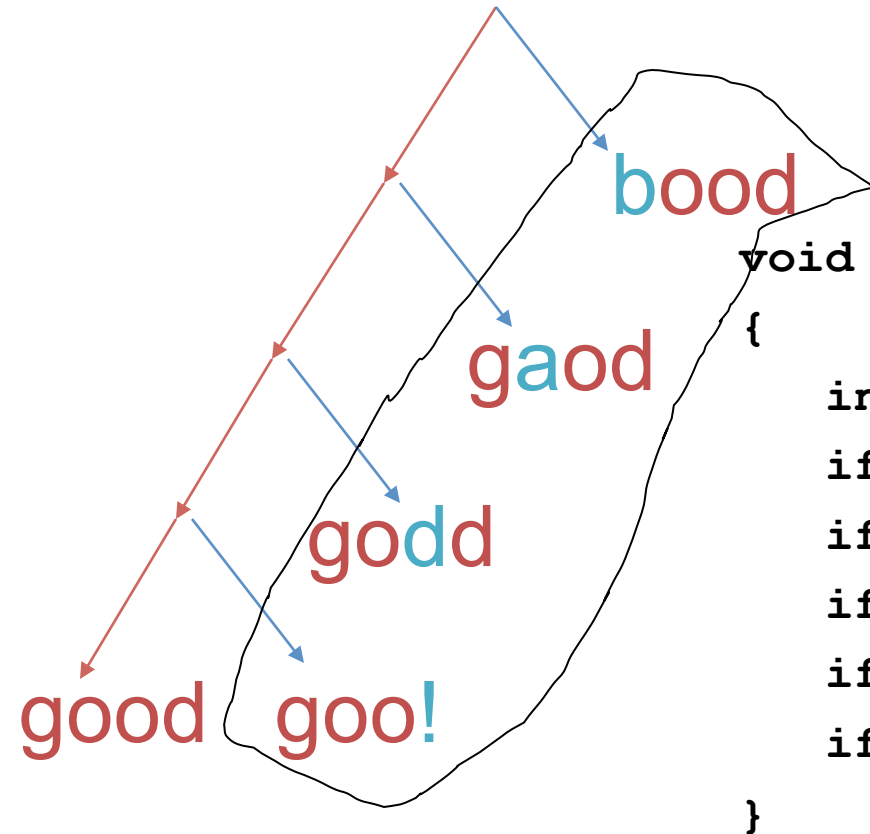


Office 2007 application:
Time to **gather constraints**: 25m30s
Tainted branches/trace: ~1000

Time per branch to
solve,
generate new test,
check for crashes: ~1s

Therefore, solve+check **all** branches
for each trace!

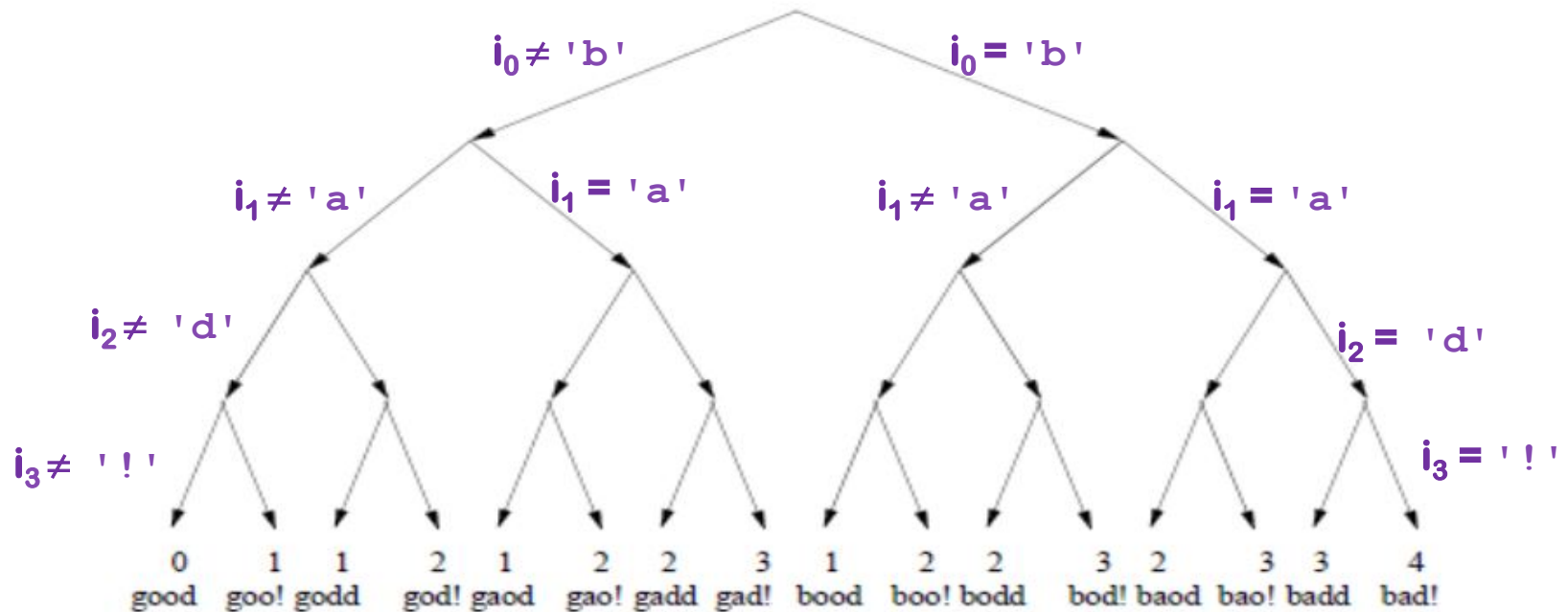
Generational Search



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Search space for interesting inputs

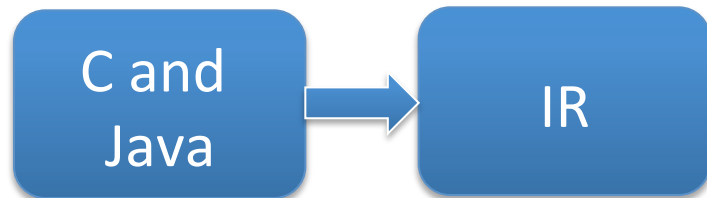
Based on this one execution, combining all these constraints now yields 16 test cases



Note: the initial execution with the input **'good'** was not very interesting, but these others are

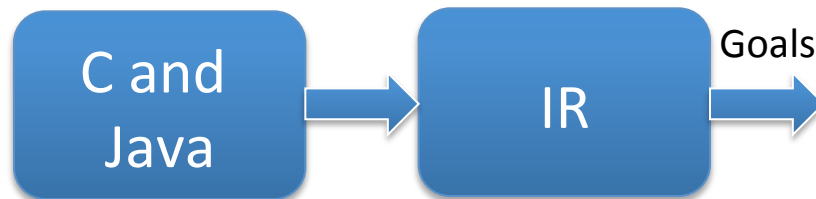
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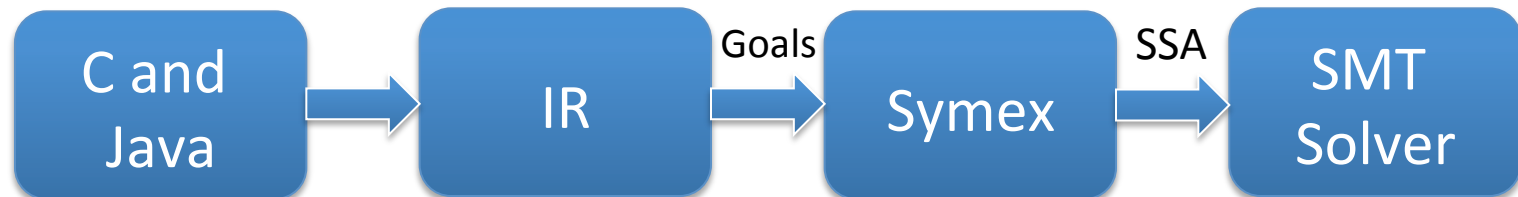
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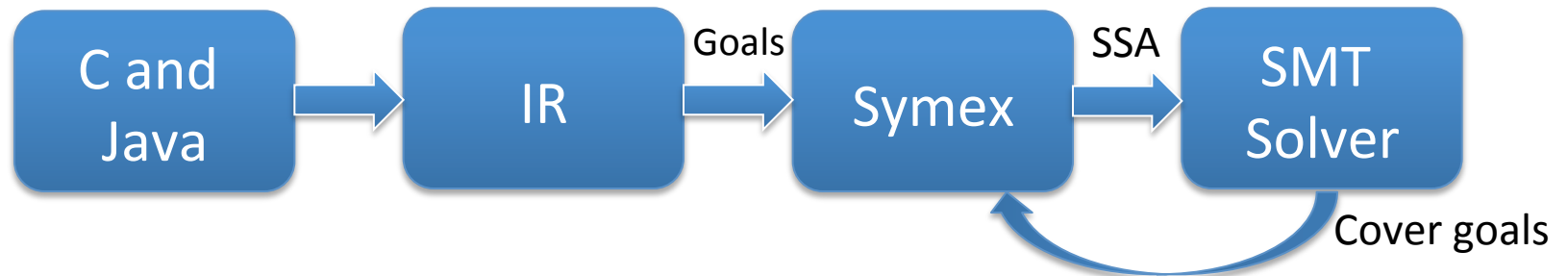
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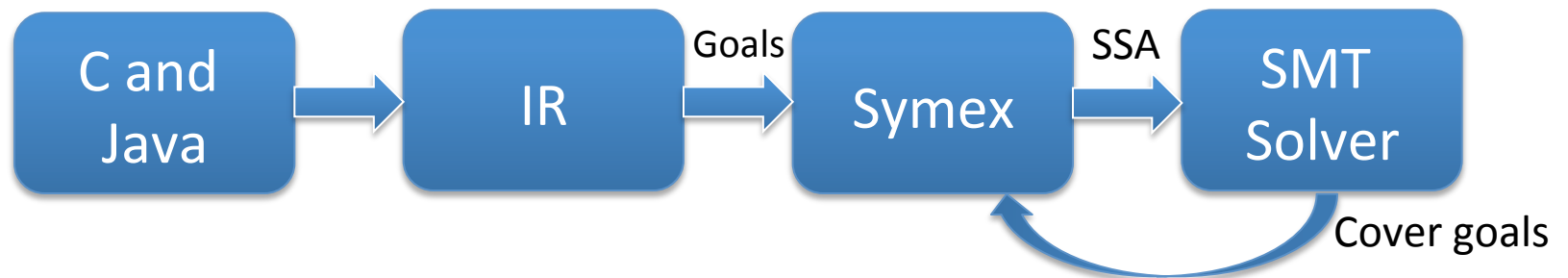
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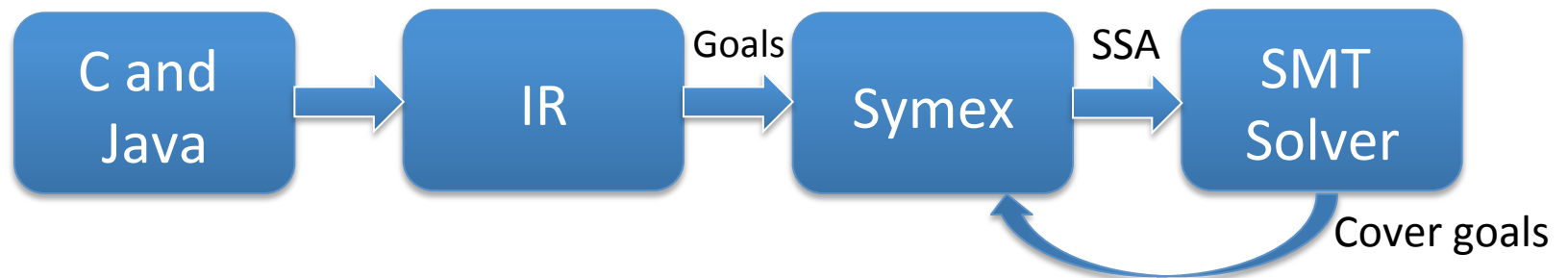
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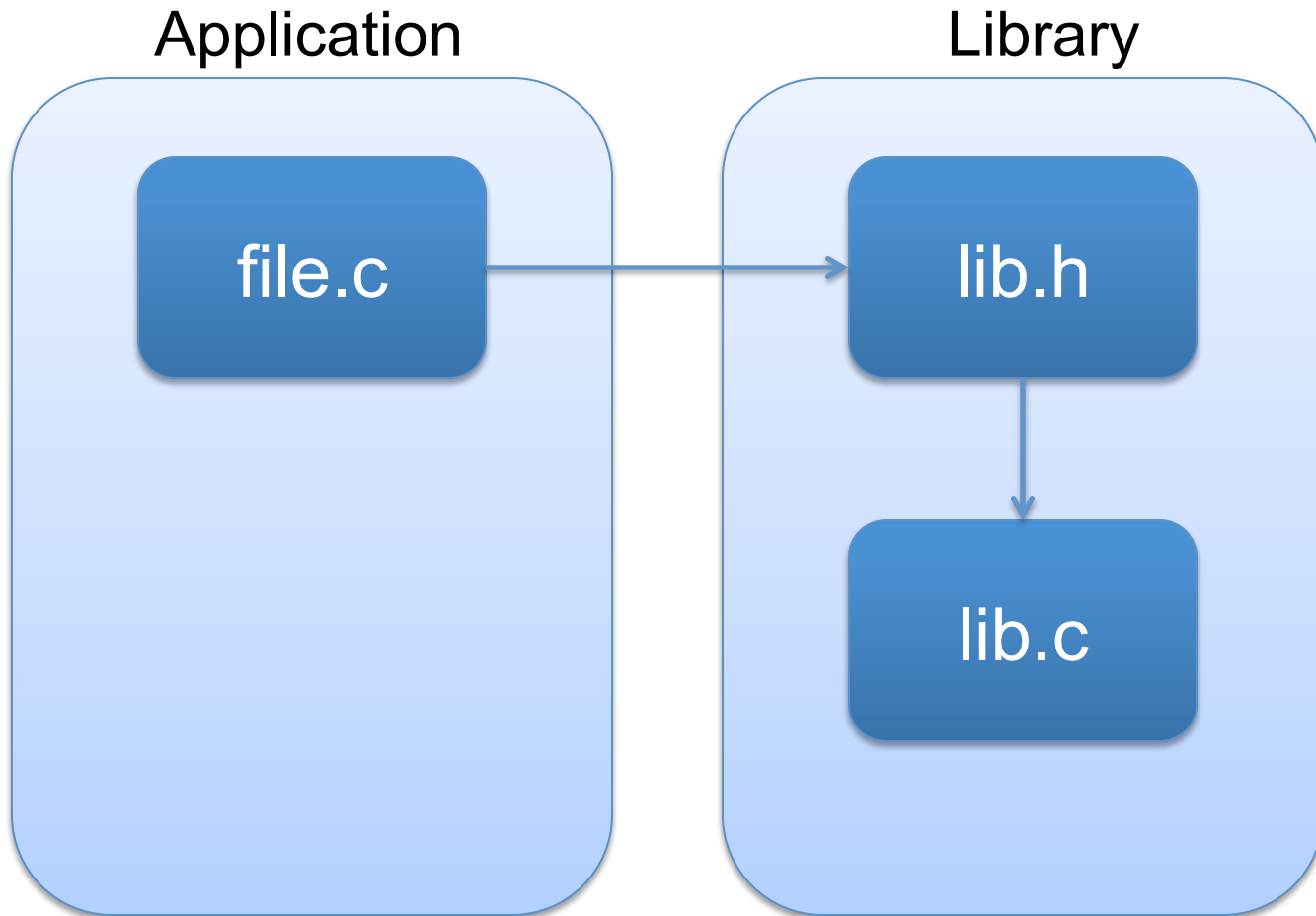


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file.c

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2
3 int64_t nondet_int64_t();
4 int main() {
5     int64_t a = nondet_int64_t();
6     int64_t b = nondet_int64_t();
7     int64_t r = nondet_int64_t();
8     if (mul(a, b, &r)) {
9         __ESBMC_assert(r == a * b, "Expected result
from multiplication");
10    }
11    return 0;
12 }
```

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2 _Bool mul(int64_t a, int64_t b, int64_t *res) {
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5         *res = 0;
6         return 1;
7     } else if(a == 1) {
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lib.h

```
1 #include<stdint.h>
2 _Bool mul(const int64_t a, const int64_t b,
int64_t *res);
```

```
esbmc main.c lib/lib.c --error-label GOALX -I lib/
```

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```

```
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```

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```

```
-----  
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00000000 00000000 00000000)
```

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```

```
-----  
Violated property:  
file lib.c line 5 function mul  
error label  
0
```

Program Instrumentation (Goal2)

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```
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```

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a = 1 (00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
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b = 1 (00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
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State 3 file lib.c line 9 function mul thread 0

Violated property:

file lib.c line 9 function mul
error label
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a = -4537113969113143794 (11000001 00001000 11101110
11100010 00111101 10001100 01100110 00001110)

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```
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```

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```
-----  
a = 6917247552664371199 (01011111 11111110 11111111 11111111  
11111111 11111111 11111111 11111111)
```

State 2 file main.c line 6 function main thread 0

```
-----  
b = -1 (11111111 11111111 11111111 11111111 11111111  
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```

State 3 file lib.c line 17 function mul thread 0

Violated property:

```
file lib.c line 17 function mul  
error label  
0
```

Generate Test Case for Overflow

```
esbmc main.c lib/lib.c --overflow-check -I lib/
```

Counterexample:

```
State 1 file main.c line 5 function main thread 0
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```
-----  
a = 4623516855184146434 (01000000 00101010 00001000  
00010101 01010110 01001000 01000000 00000010)
```

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State 2 file main.c line 6 function main thread 0
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```
-----  
b = 3 (00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000  
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```

```
State 3 file lib.c line 18 function mul thread 0
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```
-----  
Violated property:
```

```
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arithmetic overflow on mul  
!overflow("*", a, b)
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