

PANDA: Platform for Architecture-Neutral Dynamic Analysis

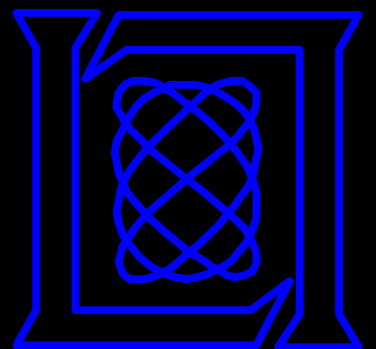


<https://github.com/moyix/panda>

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Who Am I?

- Assistant Professor at NYU School of Engineering
- PhD at Georgia Tech under Wenke Lee
- Things I've done that you may know: Volatility, pdbparse, creddump, **PANDA**

What is This Talk

- An introduction to PANDA: a Platform for Architecture-Neutral Dynamic Analysis
- A demonstration of interesting projects we've used PANDA for
- A transparent attempt to inspire people to collaborate and do something interesting with PANDA!

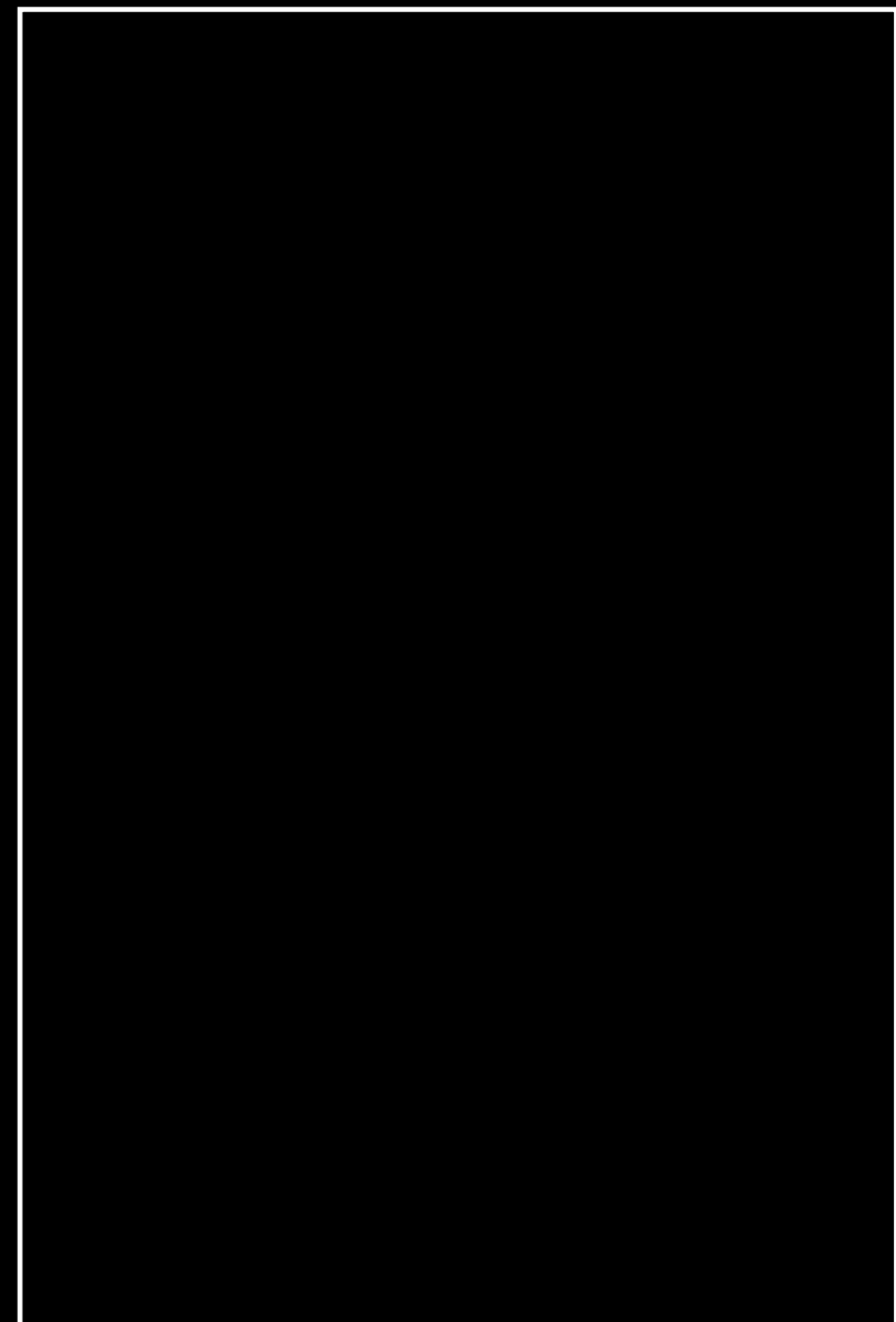
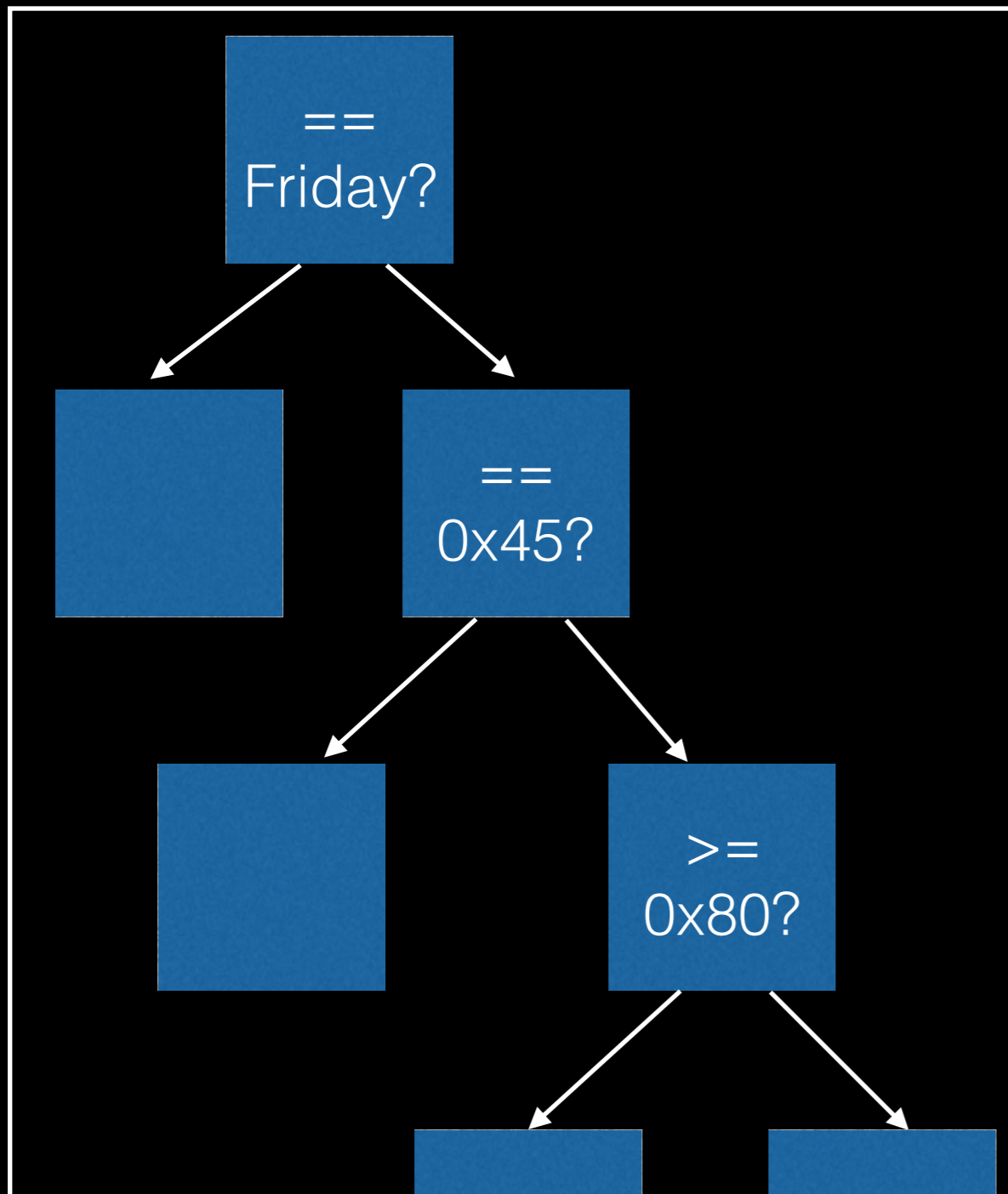
PANDA: Built for Dynamic Analysis

- Based on QEMU 1.0.1 whole-system emulator
- Deterministic record/replay
- Translation from binary to LLVM for all QEMU architectures (extended from S2E code)
- Android (ARM) emulation support
- Plugin architecture – easy to extend to new analyses

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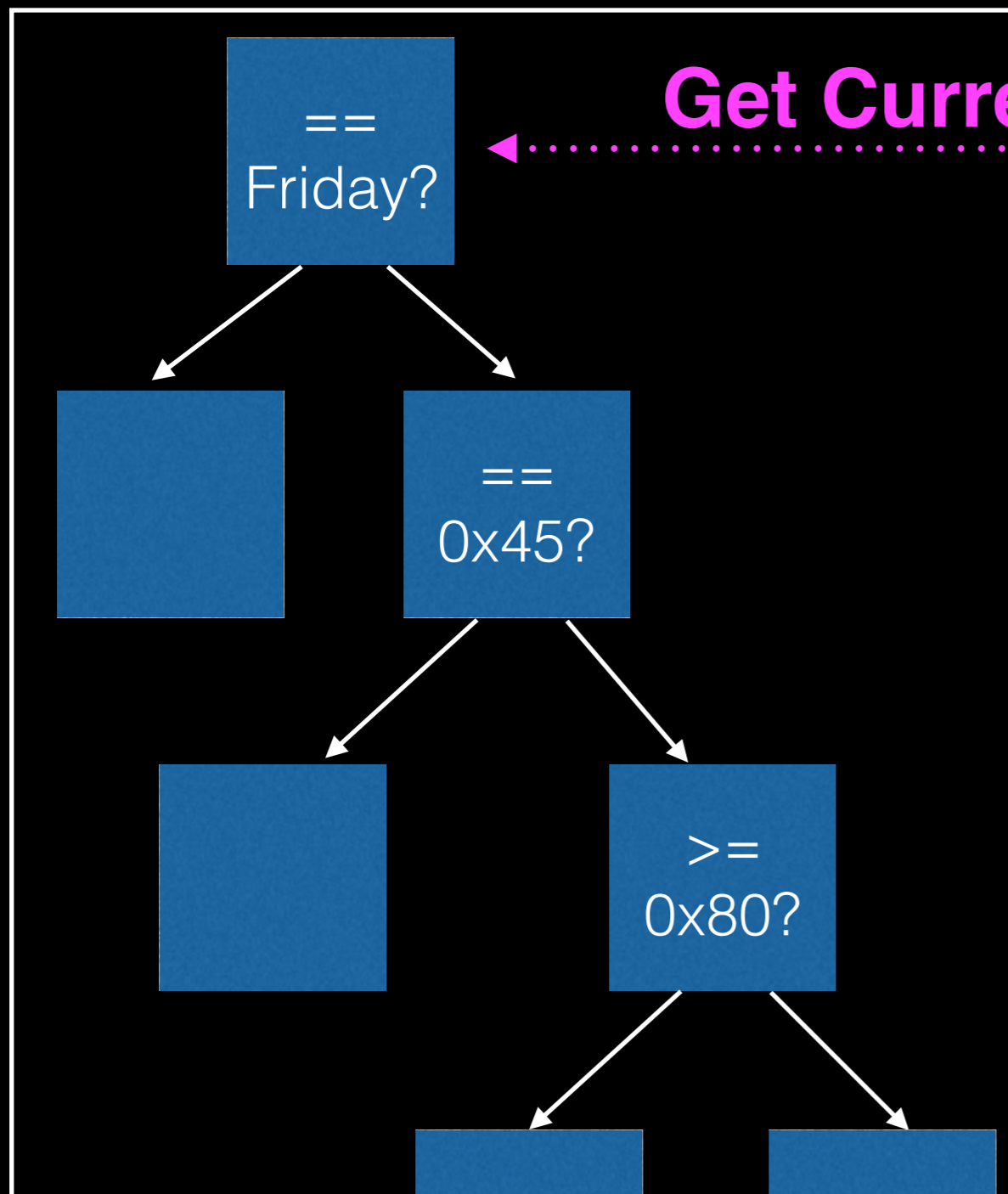
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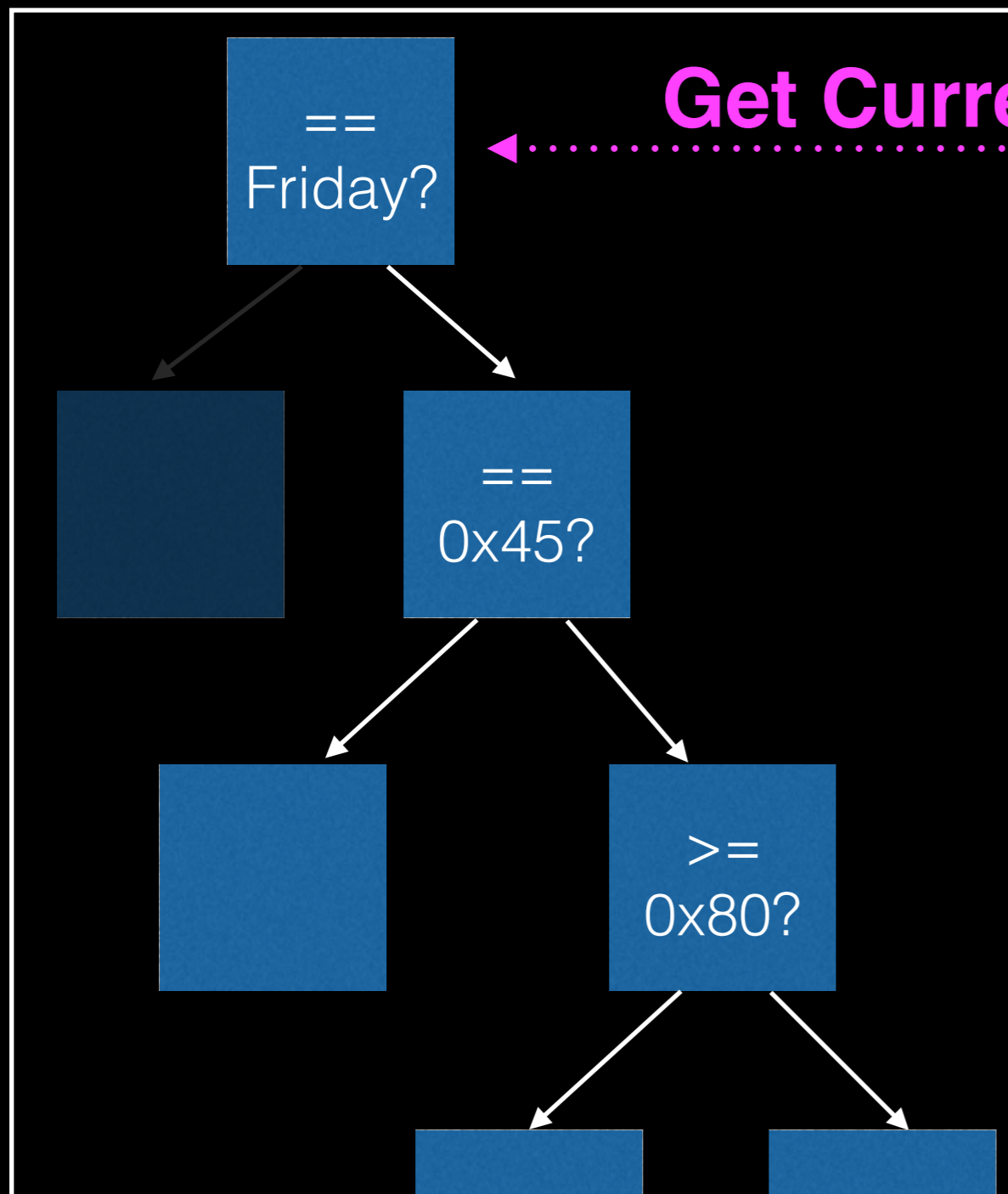
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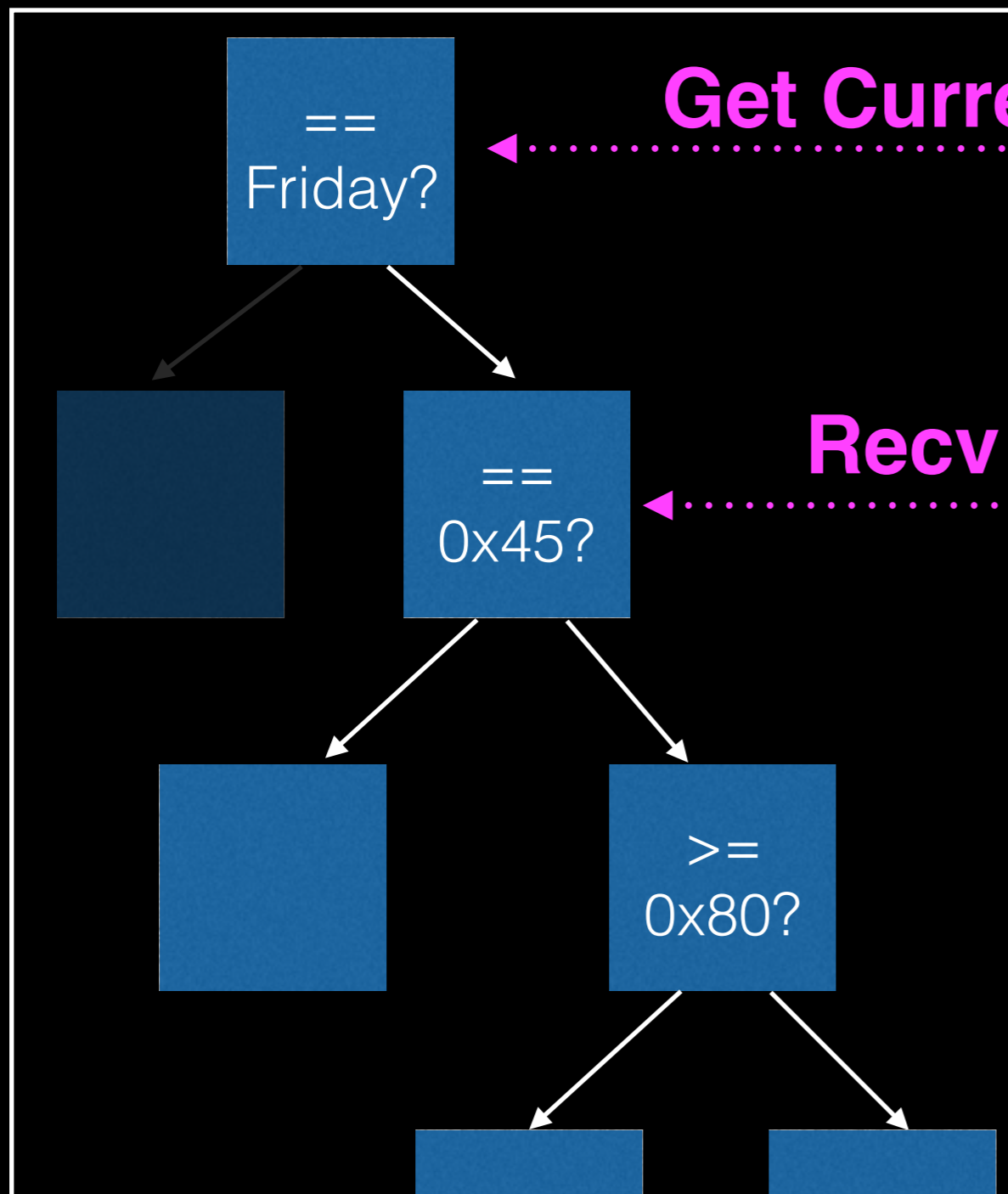


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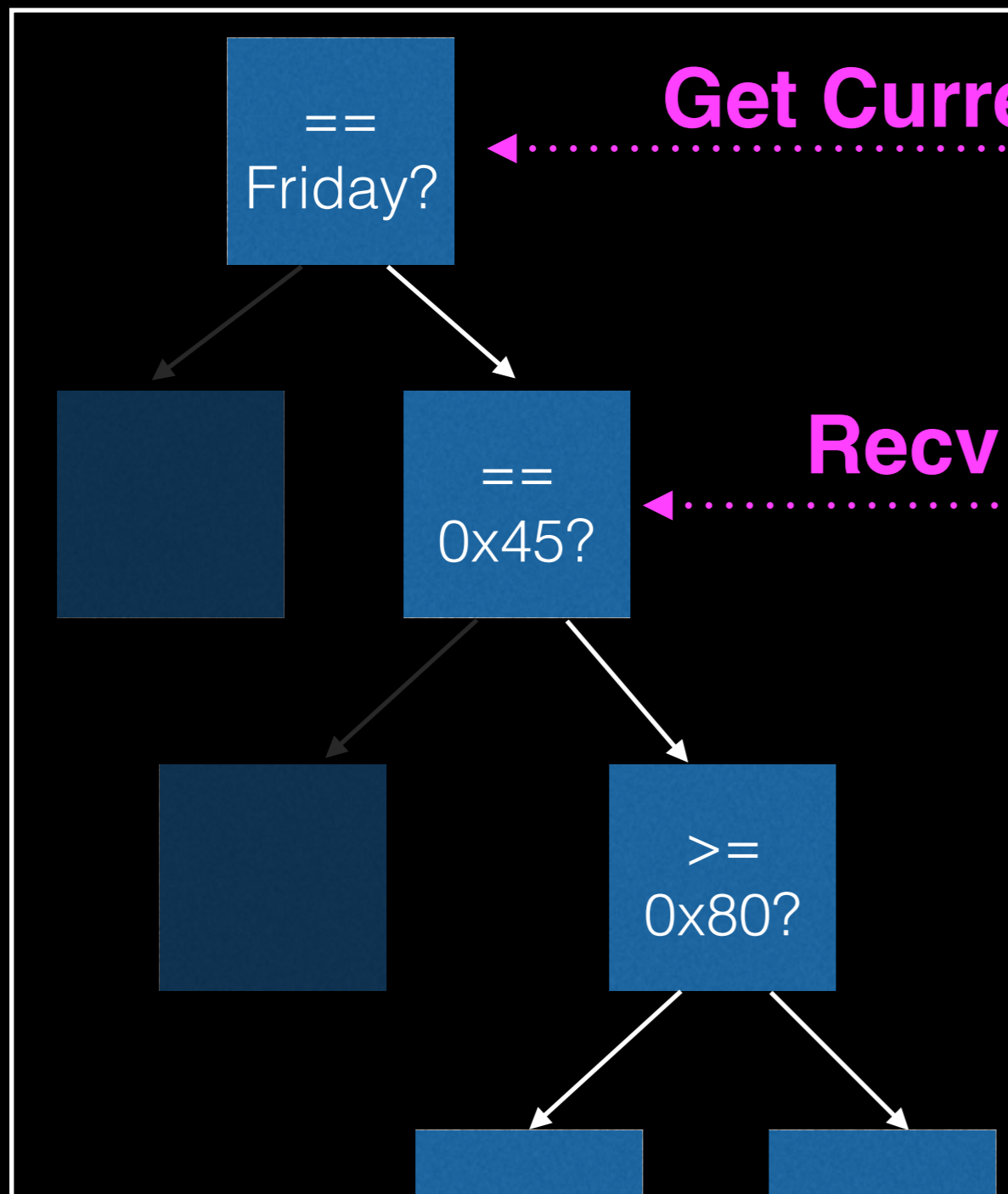
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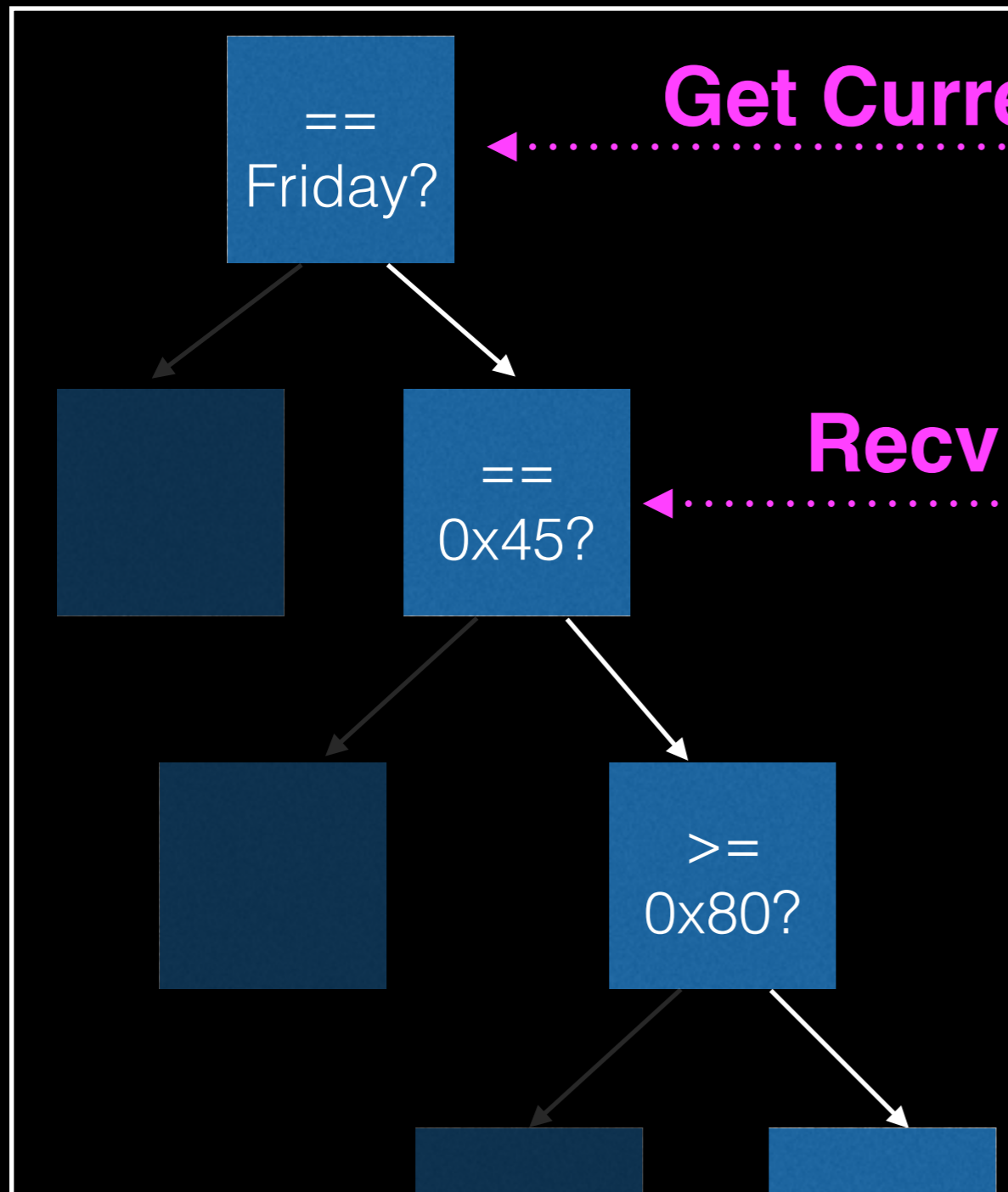
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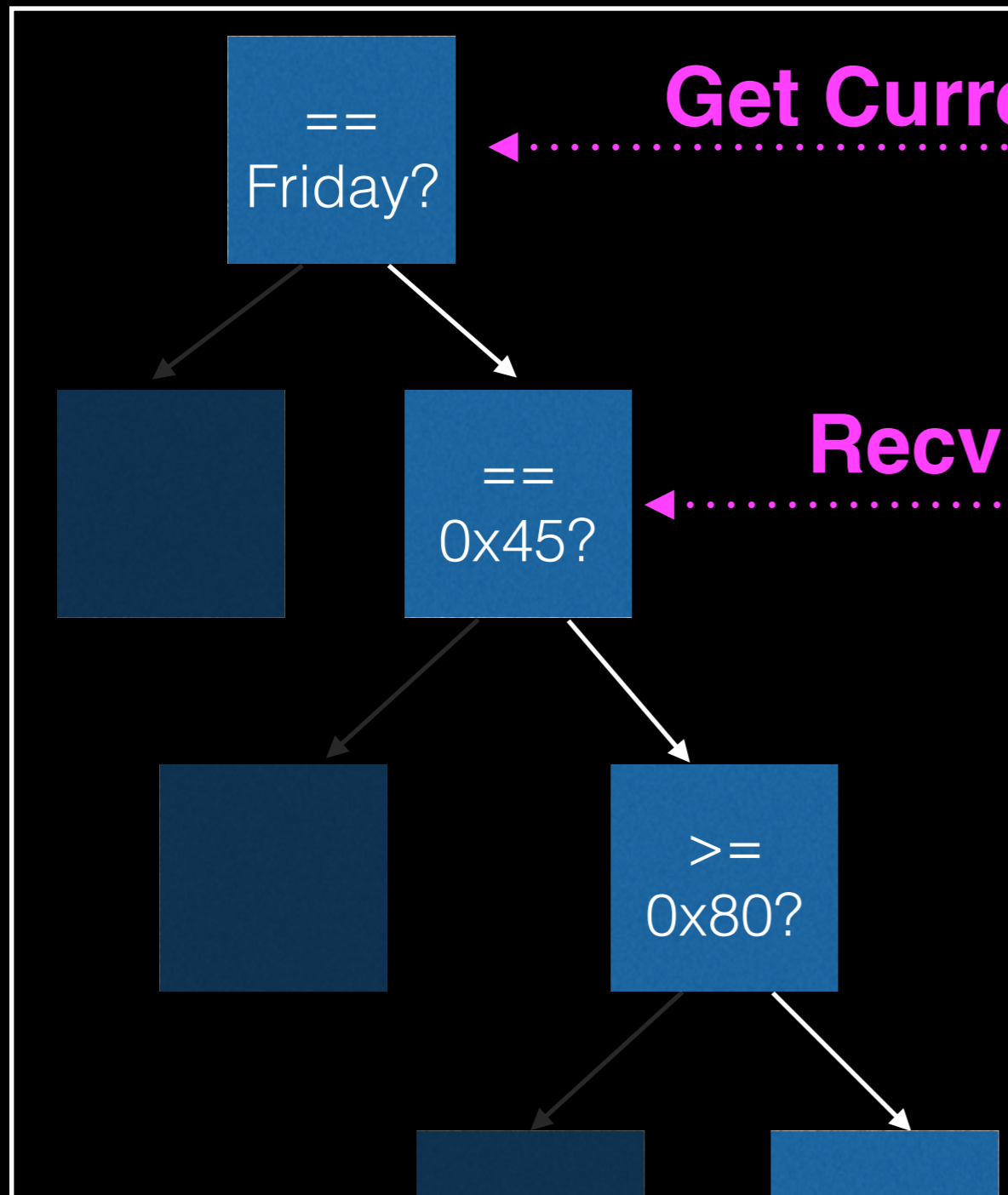
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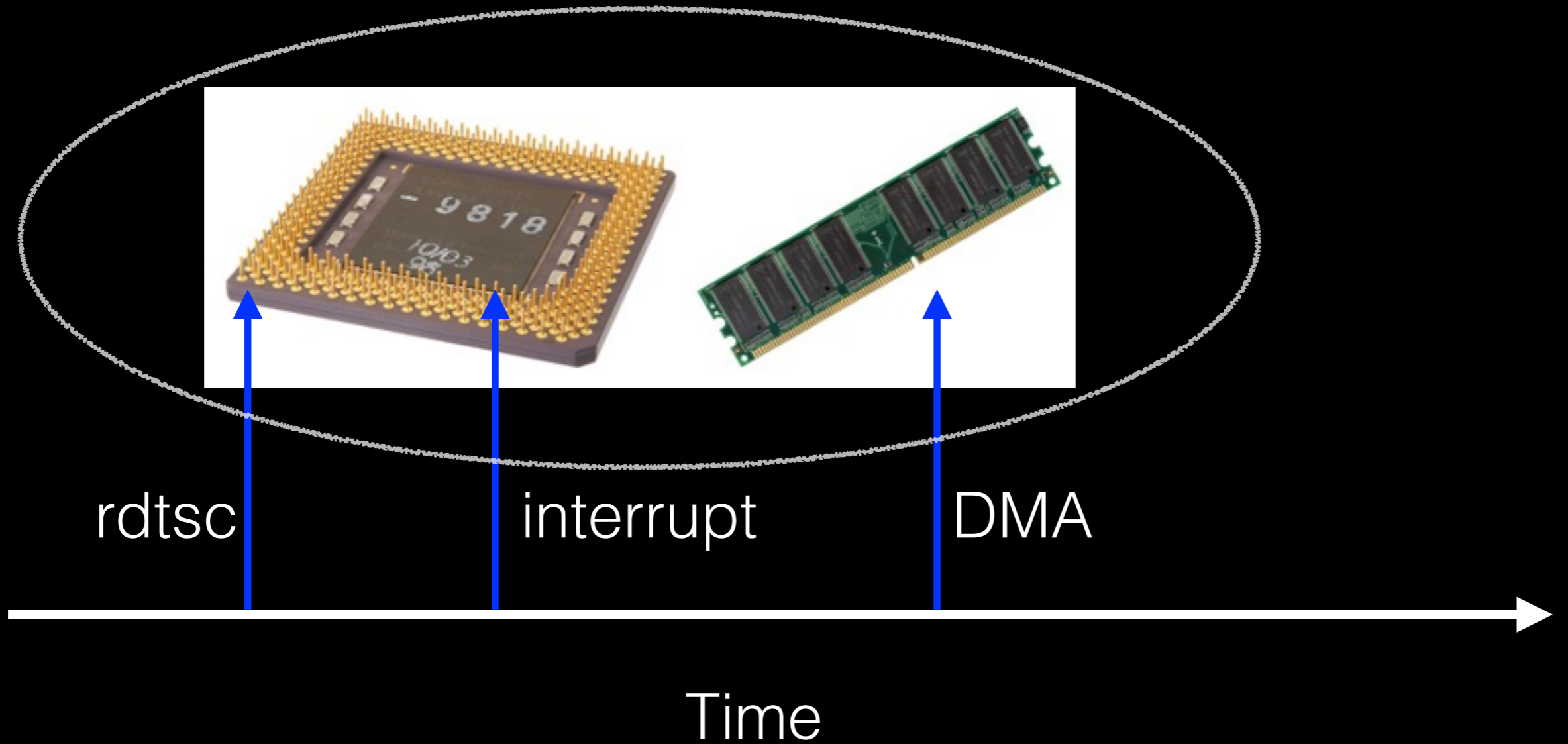
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Record Log

Record / Replay



Reproducibility via Replay

- Software execution is ephemeral
 - Environment may change
 - Timings may change
- Shareable replays make dynamic analyses **repeatable** and **reproducible**

www.rrshare.org

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying www.rrshare.org. The page title is "PANDA Share - Share PANI x". The browser's address bar also shows the URL. The page content includes a navigation menu with "PANDA SHARE" and links for "[Home]" and "[About]". A user is logged in as "moyix" with a "Logout" link. A main text block explains that the site stores recordings from the PANDA dynamic analysis platform and provides instructions on how to extract .rr files. A link to "Upload a new record/replay log" is present. Below this is a table listing various recordings with columns for Name, Summary, Download, Size, and Instructions.

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This site stores recordings made with the [PANDA dynamic analysis platform](#). To find out more about PANDA's record/replay features, you can peruse the [documentation](#). After downloading, the .rr files can be extracted using [scripts/rrunpack.py](#) in the PANDA distribution.

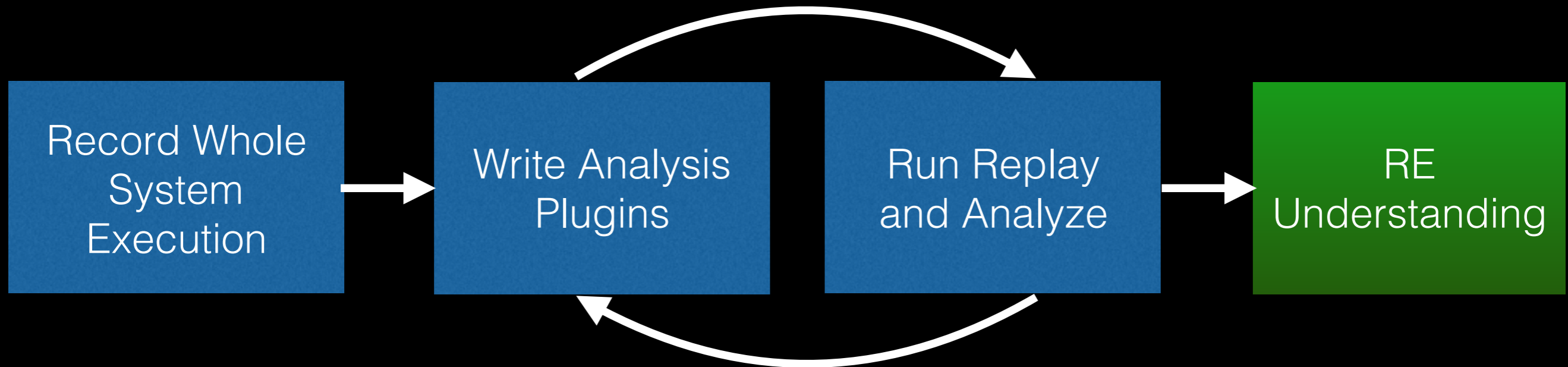
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cve-2012-4792-exploit	Exploitation of cve-2012-4792	rrlogs/cve-2012-4792-exploit.rr	130.1 MB	968.8 million
cve-2012-4792-crash	Crashing instance of cve-2012-4792	rrlogs/cve-2012-4792-crash.rr	129.9 MB	608.8 million
cve-2011-1255-exploit	Exploitation of cve-2011-1255	rrlogs/cve-2011-1255-exploit.rr	126.6 MB	2.1 billion
cve-2011-1255-crash	Crashing instance of cve-2011-1255	rrlogs/cve-2011-1255-crash.rr	127.1 MB	1.4 billion
cve-2014-1776-crash	Crashing instance of cve-2014-1776	rrlogs/cve-2014-1776-crash.rr	155.9 MB	1.2 billion
dia2dump	Parsing a PDB with dia2dump	rrlogs/dia2dump.rr	190.8 MB	5.4 billion
line2	Sending an IM using LINE for Android	rrlogs/line2.rr	64.6 MB	10.4 billion
win7_64bit_install_STOP_D1	Failure during boot to install CD of Win7 64bit. DRIVER_IRQL_NOT_LESS_OR_EQUAL	rrlogs/win7_64_install_fail.rr	203.3 MB	5.3 billion
carberp2	Running custom RU_Az build of the Carberp malware	rrlogs/carberp2.rr	91.9 MB	2.9 billion
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Log Size

Replay	Instructions	Log Size	Instr/Byte
freebsdboot	9.3 billion	533 MB	17
spotify	12 billion	229 MB	52
haikuurl	8.6 billion	119 MB	72
carberp1	9.1 billion	43 MB	212
win7iessl	8.6 billion	9.4 MB	915
Starcraft	60 million	1.8 MB	33

PANDA Model



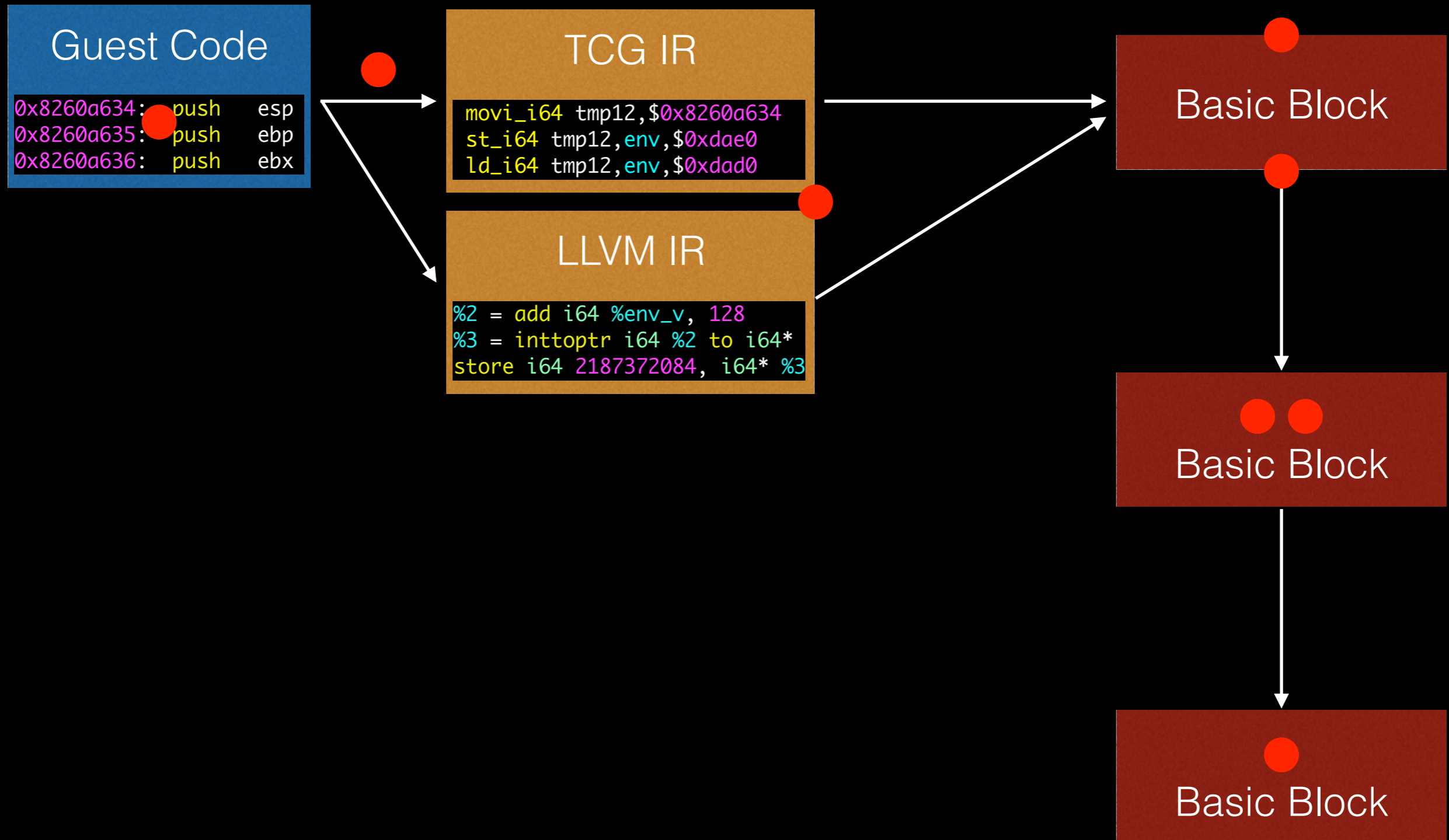
- Record / replay critical:
 - Heavy analyses don't disrupt execution
 - Analyses don't have to worry about memory layout changing between runs

Plugin Architecture

- Extend PANDA by writing plugins
- Implement functions that take action at various *instrumentation points*
- Can also instrument generated code in LLVM mode
- Plugin-plugin interaction: compose simple tools for complex functionality

Translation

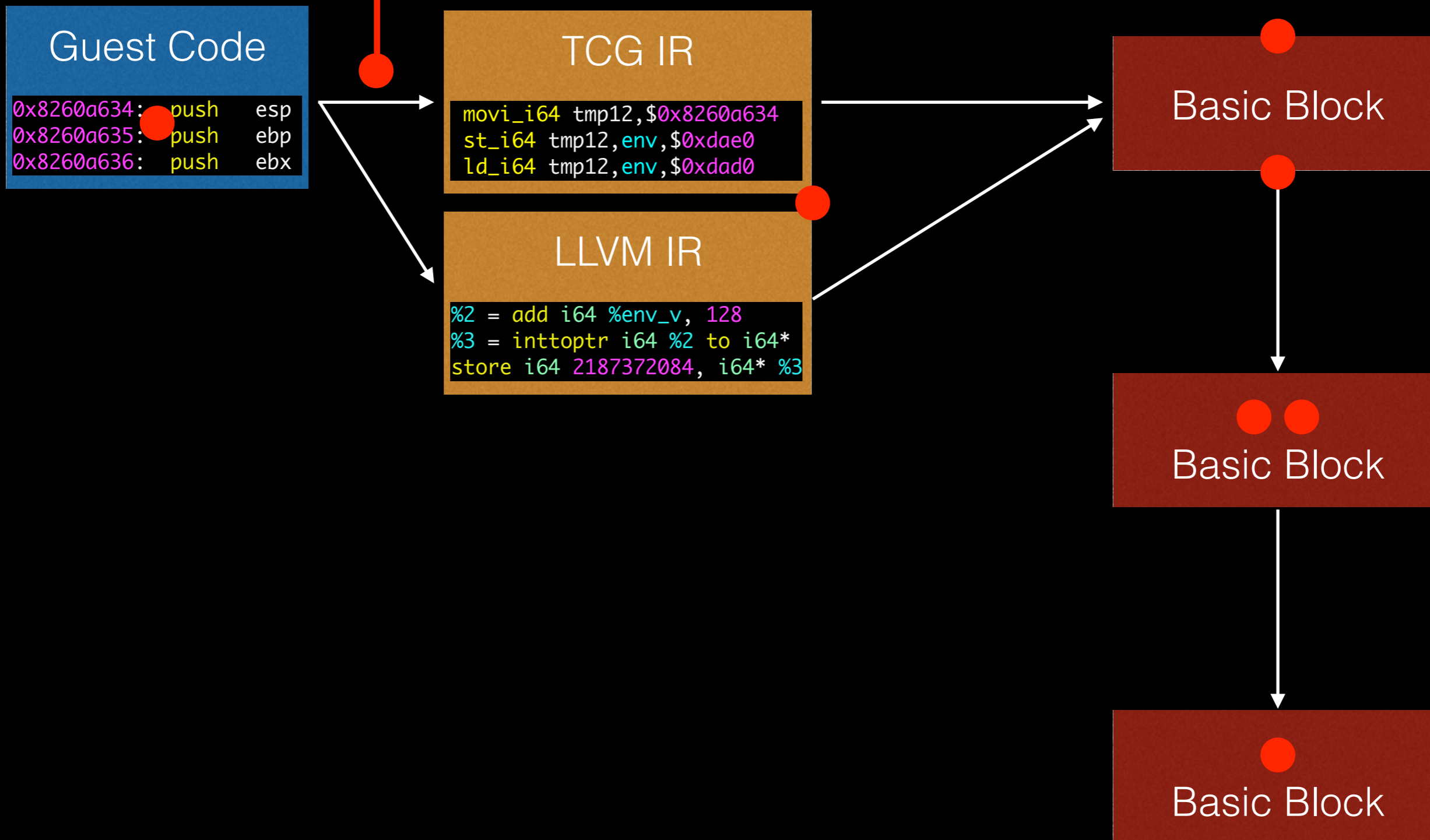
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PANDA_CB_BEFORE_BLOCK_TRANSLATE



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PANDA_CB_INSN_TRANSLATE

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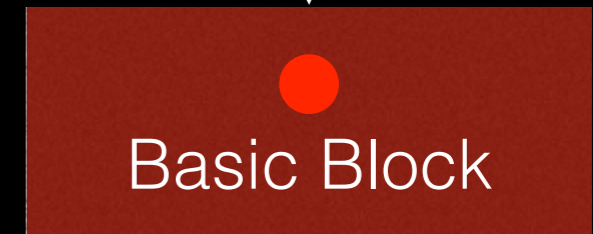
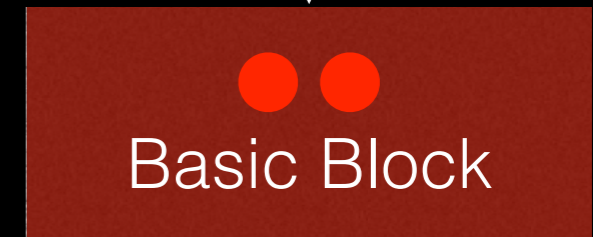
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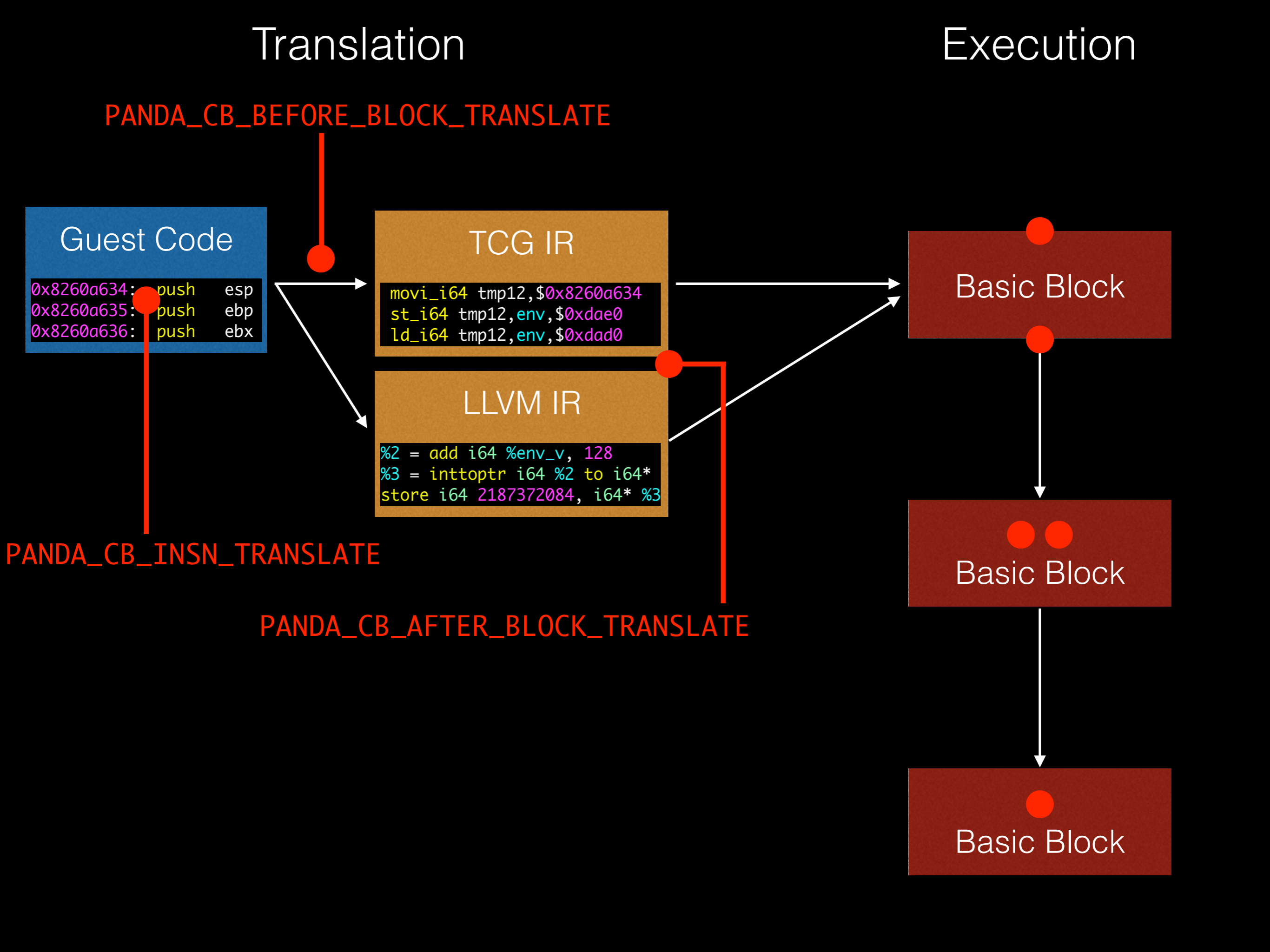
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PANDA_CB_VIRT_MEM_READ
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- PANDA_CB_VIRT_MEM_READ
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PANDA_CB_GUEST_HYPERCALL

LLVM Translation

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0x8260a635:  push    ebp
0x8260a636:  push    ebx
0x8260a637:  push    esi
0x8260a638:  push    edi
0x8260a639:  sub     esp, 0x54
0x8260a63c:  mov     ebp, esp
0x8260a63e:  mov     DWORD PTR [ebp+0x44], eax
0x8260a641:  mov     DWORD PTR [ebp+0x40], ecx
0x8260a644:  mov     DWORD PTR [ebp+0x3c], edx
0x8260a647:  test   DWORD PTR [ebp+0x70], 0x20000
0x8260a64e:  jne    0x8260a60c
```

LLVM Translation

```
movi_i64 tmp4,$0x8260a634
st_i64 tmp4,env,$0x80
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movi_i64 tmp12,$0x8260a634
st_i64 tmp12,env,$0xdae0
ld_i64 tmp12,env,$0xdad0
movi_i64 tmp13,$0x1
add_i64 tmp12,tmp12,tmp13
st_i64 tmp12,env,$0xdad0
mov_i64 tmp0,rsp
mov_i64 tmp2,rsp
movi_i64 tmp12,$0xfffffffffffffc
add_i64 tmp2,tmp2,tmp12
movi_i64 tmp12,$0xffffffff
and_i64 tmp2,tmp2,tmp12
```

[...]

LLVM Translation

```
define private i64 @tcg-llvm-tb-0-8260a634(i64*) {  
entry:  
  %1 = getelementptr i64* %0, i32 0  
  %env_v = load i64* %1  
  %2 = add i64 %env_v, 128  
  %3 = inttoptr i64 %2 to i64*  
  store i64 2187372084, i64* %3  
  store volatile i64 2, i64* inttoptr  
    (i64 29543856 to i64*)  
  store volatile i64 2187372084, i64* inttoptr  
    (i64 29543864 to i64*)  
  %4 = add i64 %env_v, 56032  
  %5 = inttoptr i64 %4 to i64*  
  store i64 2187372084, i64* %5  
  %6 = add i64 %env_v, 56016
```

[...]

Android Emulation

- Supports Android 2.x – 4.x
- Can make phone calls, send SMS, run native apps
- Record/replay
- Introspection into Android apps (Dalvik-level) for Android 2.3 (from DroidScope)
- System-level introspection supported on all Android versions

```
logger: created 256K log 'log_events'
logger: created 64K log 'log_radio'
Netfilter messages via NETLINK v0.30.
nf_conntrack version 0.5.0 (13312 buckets, 53248 max)
CONFIG_NF_CT_ACCT is deprecated and will be removed soon. Please use
nf_conntrack.acct=1 kernel parameter, acct=1 nf_conntrack module or
sysctl net.netfilter.nf_conntrack_acct=1 to enable it.
ctnetlink v0.93: registering with nfnetlink.
NF_IPROXY: Transparent proxy support initialized, version 4.
NF_IPROXY: Copyright (c) 2006-2007 BalaBit IT Ltd.
xt_time: kernel timezone is -0000
ip_tables: (C) 2000-2006 Netfilter Core Team
arp_tables: (C) 2002 David S. Miller
TCP cubic registered
NET: Registered protocol family 10
ip6_tables: (C) 2000-2006 Netfilter Core Team
IPv6 over IPv4 tunneling driver
NET: Registered protocol family 17
NET: Registered protocol family 15
RPC: Registered udp transport module.
RPC: Registered tcp transport module.
802.1Q VLAN Support v1.8 Ben Greear <greearb@candelatech.com>
All bugs added by David S. Miller <davem@redhat.com>
VFP support v0.3: implementor 41 architecture 3 part 40 variant 2
goldfish_rtc goldfish rtc: setting system clock to 2014-06-20 10:05:00
Freeing init memory: 124K
mmc0: new SDHC card at address e118
mmcblk0: mmc0:e118 SU826 4.00 GiB
mmcblk0: unknown partition table
init: cannot open '/initlogo.rle'
yaffs: dev is 32505856 name is "mtdblock0"
yaffs: passed flags ""
yaffs: Attempting MTD mount on 31.0, "mtdblock0"
yaffs_read_super: isCheckpointed 0
save_exit: isCheckpointed 0
yaffs: dev is 32505857 name is "mtdblock1"
yaffs: passed flags ""
yaffs: Attempting MTD mount on 31.1, "mtdblock1"
yaffs_read_super: isCheckpointed 0
yaffs: dev is 32505858 name is "mtdblock2"
yaffs: passed flags ""
yaffs: Attempting MTD mount on 31.2, "mtdblock2"
yaffs_read_super: isCheckpointed 0
init: cannot find '/system/etc/install-recovery.sh', disabling
eth0: link up
shell@android:/ $ warning: `rild' uses 32-bit capabilities (legacy use
request_suspend_state: wakeup (3->0) at 19726020528 (2014-06-20 10:05:00)
init: sys_prop: permission denied uid:1003 name:service.bootanim.drawable
```



Mining Memory Accesses

- Goal: Find places in system where data of interest (e.g., ssh passphrase) is handled
- Idea: watch every memory access in the system and look for patterns
- Call these points of interest – which we can hook – ***tap points***

More details: *Tappan Zee (North) Bridge: Mining Memory Accesses for Introspection*. B. Dolan-Gavitt, T. Leek, J. Hodosh, W. Lee. ACM CCS. Berlin, Germany, November 2013.

TZB Implementation

- Track calling context with *callstack* plugin
- At every memory access
(`PANDA_CB_PHYS_MEM_READ/WRITE`)
Get (caller, program counter, address space) –
i.e., *tap point*
- Analyze data flowing through tap point (e.g.,
string matching with *stringsearch* plugin)

Sample Tap Points

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		00646517 0064A427 Kernel	0064A427 push esi
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			_memcpy:
			[...]
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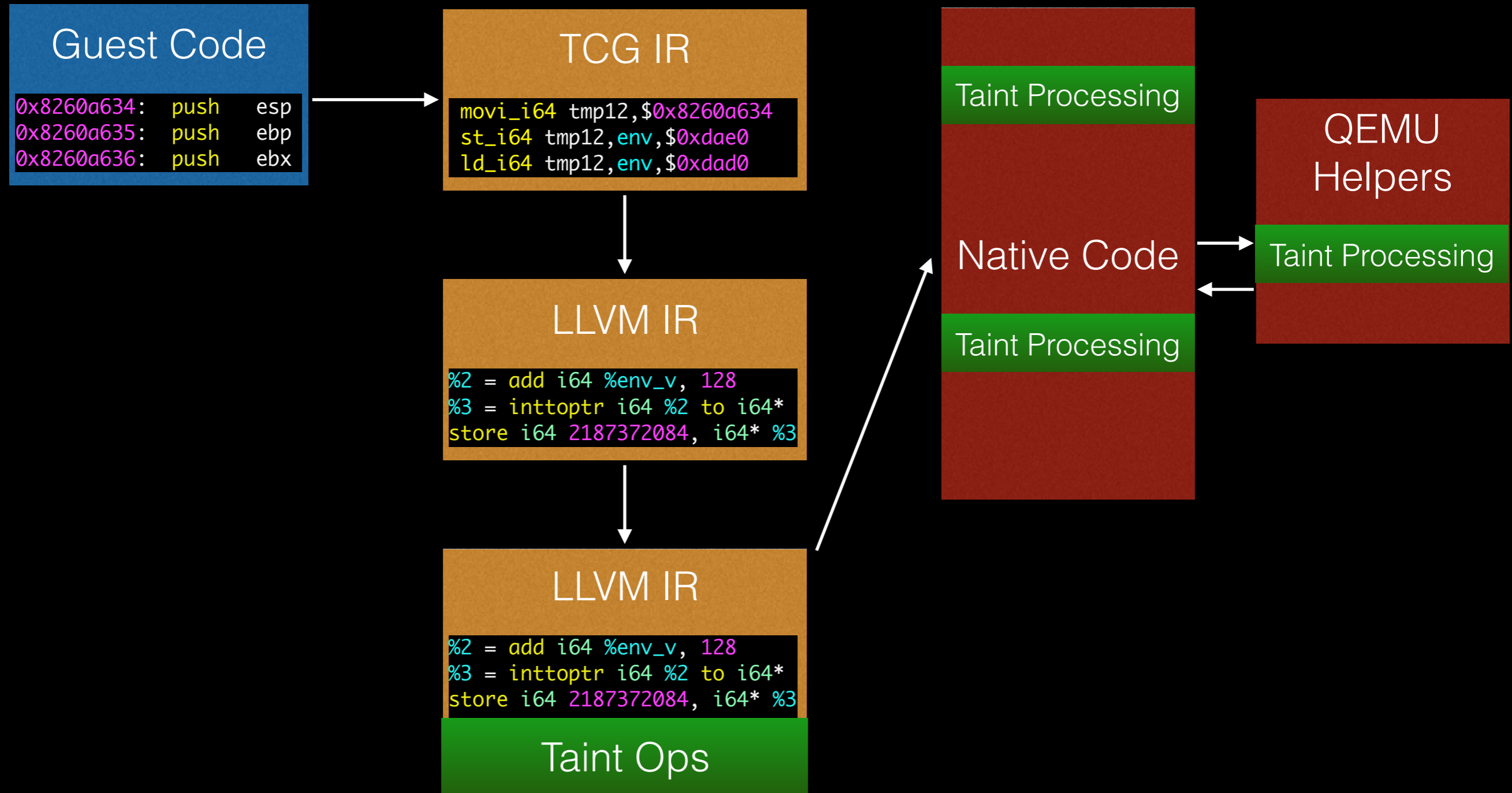
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Dynamic Taint Analysis

- Follows data flow between *taint source* and *sink*
- Implemented in PANDA as an LLVM pass
 - Allows taint tracking on *all* platforms
 - Can use clang to produce LLVM bitcode for QEMU's C functions and track taint through

More details: *Architecture-Independent Dynamic Information Flow Tracking*. R. Whelan, T. Leek, D. Kaeli. Compiler Construction (CC), Rome, Italy, March 2013.

LLVM Taint2 Instrumentation



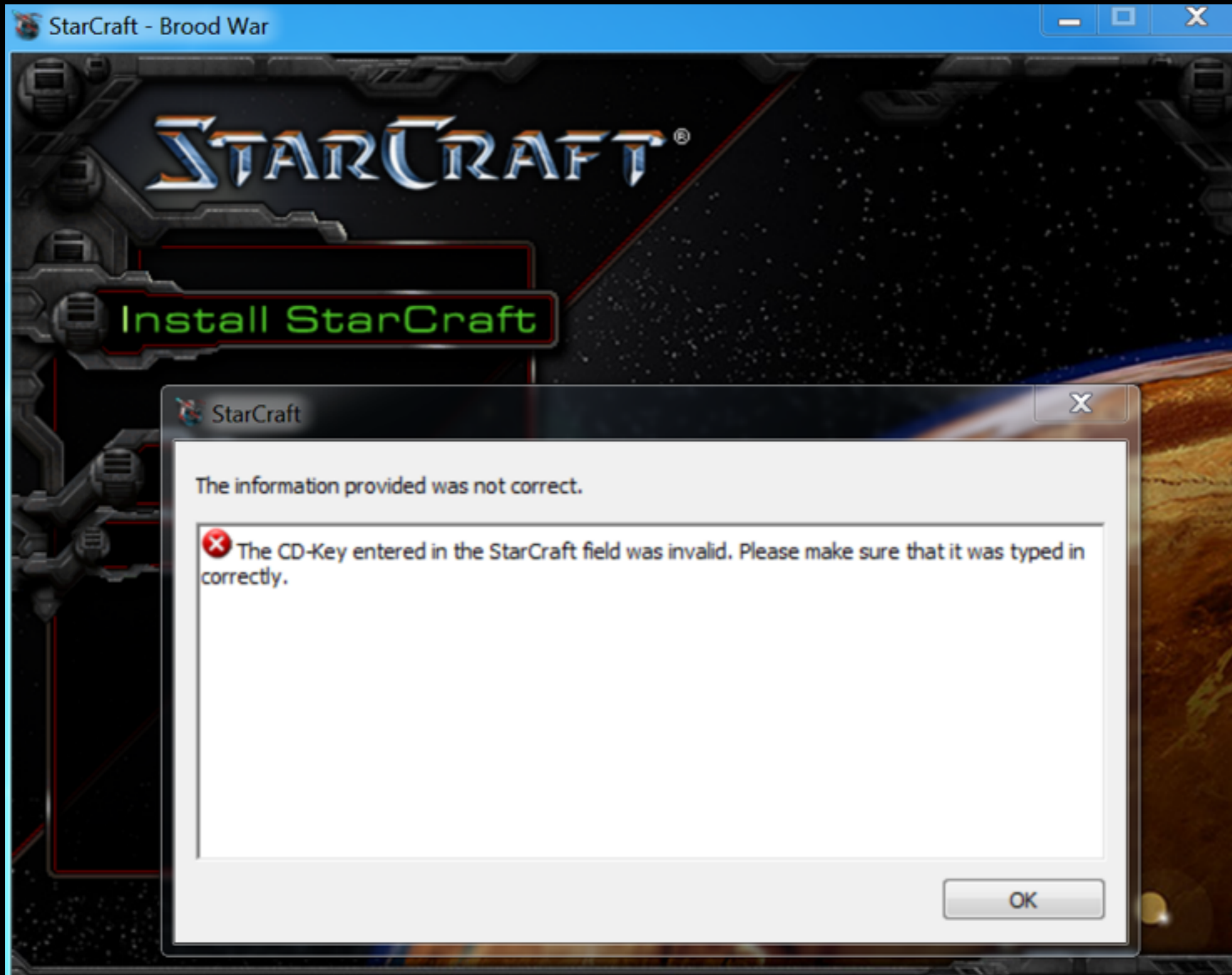
Other Notable Plugins

- *scissors*: extracts out a subset of a replay log
- *replaymovie*: takes frame buffer snapshots during replay and creates a movie
- *syscalls2*: provides callbacks for Linux & Windows system calls and their arguments
- *osi*: OS introspection for Windows 7 & Linux
- *file_taint*, *tstringsearch*: taint labeling based on file contents or in-memory string matches

Case Studies

- Reverse engineering the Starcraft CD key check
- Breaking Spotify DRM
- Understanding a vulnerability in Internet Explorer
- Full-trace malware analysis sandbox
- Automated bug injection

Starcraft CD Key



Creating a Keygen

- Simple approach:
 - Find the key validation code
 - Extract it so you can run it millions of times
 - Feed it random keys until you get a valid one
 - Works when the key space is *dense* – many valid keys relative to total keys

Starcraft RE

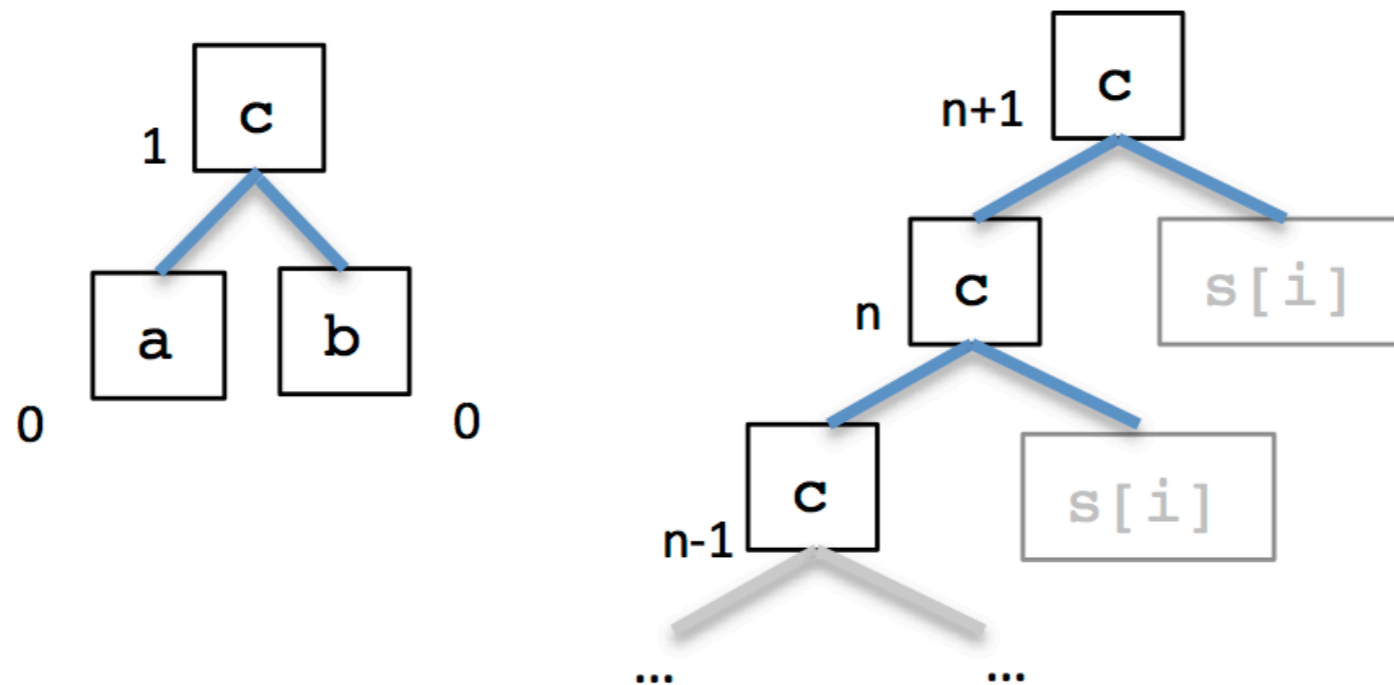
- Use TZB to search for code that uses CD key:

Caller 5	Caller 4	Caller 3	Caller 2	Caller 1	PC	CR3	
		0045c252	00428867	004286ff	0044c951	06cba000	1
0045c252	00428867	004286ff	0044c83b	0047d949	0047d4cb	06cba000	1
			[...]				

- Or, taint key and measure computation done on tainted data
 - i.e.: $a = b + c$
 $\text{tcn}(a) = \max(\text{tcn}(a), \text{tcn}(b)) + 1$

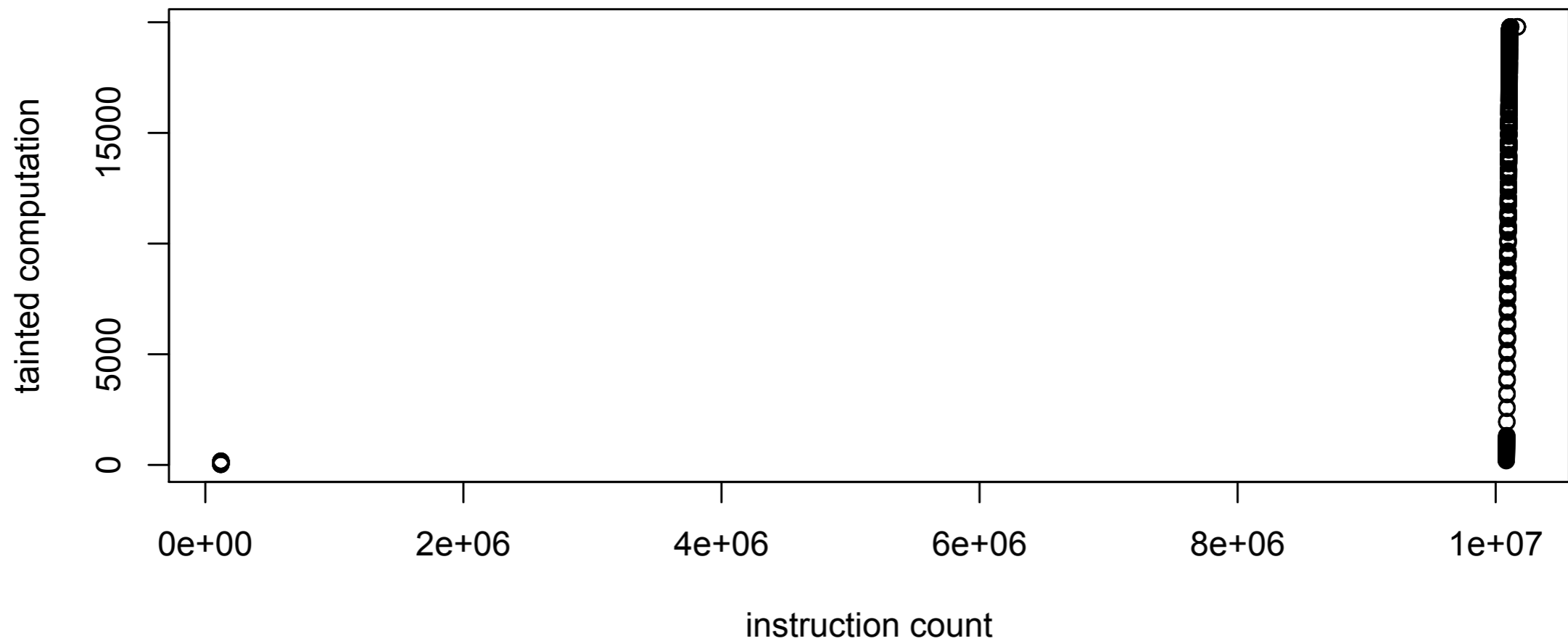
Taint Compute Number

```
1: int c = a+b;  
2: if (a != 0xdeadbeef)  
3:     return;  
4: for (int i=0; i<n; i++)  
5:     c+=s[i];
```



Starcraft

Tainted Computation



Key Load

```
.text:0047D4A0 loc_47D4A0: ; CODE XREF: unpack_key+53↓j
.text:0047D4A0 xor     edx, edx
.text:0047D4A2 lea    eax, [esi+7B5h]
.text:0047D4A8 mov    ecx, 34h
.text:0047D4AD div    ecx
.text:0047D4AF mov    esi, 34h
.text:0047D4B4 mov    ebp, 5
.text:0047D4B9 mov    ecx, edx
.text:0047D4BB xor    edx, edx
.text:0047D4BD lea    eax, [ecx+7B5h]
.text:0047D4C3 div    esi
.text:0047D4C5 mov    esi, edx
.text:0047D4C7 mov    edx, [esp+10h+arg_0]
.text:0047D4CB movzx  eax, byte ptr [edi+edx]
.text:0047D4CF movzx  eax, ds:byte_51EA70[eax]
.text:0047D4D6 cdq
.text:0047D4D7 idiv  ebp
.text:0047D4D9 inc    edi
.text:0047D4DA cmp    edi, 1Ah
.text:0047D4DD mov    [ecx+ebx], al
.text:0047D4E0 mov    [esi+ebx], dl
.text:0047D4E3 jb    short loc_47D4A0
.text:0047D4E5 pop    edi
.text:0047D4E6 pop    esi
.text:0047D4E7 pop    ebp
.text:0047D4E8 pop    ebx
.text:0047D4E9 retn
.text:0047D4F0 unpack_key endp
```

Key Validation

```
.text:0044C82C      lea     ecx, [esp+104h+var_EC]
.text:0044C830      push   ecx                ; int
.text:0044C831      push   edi                ; key
.text:0044C832      mov     [esp+10Ch+var_EC], ebx
.text:0044C836      call   decrypt_key        ; decrypt_key(k(@9cb68c) = N68KTDHEKMHEU89N74GKEDNYKD,
.text:0044C83B      mov     edx, [esp+10Ch+var_EC]
.text:0044C83F      add     esp, 10h
.text:0044C842      push   edx
.text:0044C843      mov     ecx, esi
.text:0044C845      call   test_key
.text:0044C84A      test   al, al
.text:0044C84C      jnz    loc_44C94C         ; jumtable 0044C6EA default case
.text:0044C852      cmp    dword ptr [esi+70h], 4
```

Key Comparison

```
.text:0044C120 test_key      proc near                ; CODE XREF: sub_44C6B0+11B↓p
.text:0044C120                                     ; sub_44C6B0+195↓p
.text:0044C120
.text:0044C120 arg_0          = dword ptr 4
.text:0044C120
• .text:0044C120      mov     edx, [ecx+68h]
• .text:0044C123      mov     eax, [ecx+64h]
• .text:0044C126      cmp     eax, edx
• .text:0044C128      jz     short loc_44C13B
• .text:0044C12A      mov     ecx, [esp+arg_0]
• .text:0044C12E      mov     edi, edi
.text:0044C130
.text:0044C130 loc_44C130:    ; CODE XREF: test_key+19↓j
• .text:0044C130      cmp     [eax], ecx
• .text:0044C132      jz     short loc_44C13B
• .text:0044C134      add     eax, 4
• .text:0044C137      cmp     eax, edx
• .text:0044C139      jnz    short loc_44C130
.text:0044C13B
.text:0044C13B loc_44C13B:    ; CODE XREF: test_key+8↑j
; test_key+12↑j
• .text:0044C13B      xor     ecx, ecx
• .text:0044C13D      cmp     eax, edx
• .text:0044C13F      setnz  cl
• .text:0044C142      mov     al, cl
• .text:0044C144      retn   4
.text:0044C144 test_key      endp
```

Key Valid Test

```
.text:0044C130:          cmp     [eax], ecx
```

Panda Plugin

```
bool translate_callback(CPUState *env, target_ulong pc) {  
    return env->cr[3] == 0x06cba000 && pc == 0x0044C130;  
}  
  
int exec_callback(CPUState *env, target_ulong pc) {  
    printf("Inside test_key: \n");  
  
    target_ulong x = 0;  
    panda_virtual_memory_rw(env, EAX, (uint8_t *)&x, 4, 0);  
  
    printf("    Expected=" TARGET_FMT_lx " calculated=" TARGET_FMT_lx "\n", x, ECX);  
    return 1;  
}
```

Output

```
Inside test_key:  
    Expected=00000017 calculated=000006e1
```

Breaking Spotify DRM

- DRM has a strong “signature”
 - **High** entropy, **high** randomness (χ^2) input
 - **High** entropy, **low** randomness (χ^2) output
- We can look for functions that match this description



From: *Steal This Movie - Automatically Bypassing DRM Protection in Streaming Media Services* by Wang et al., USENIX Security 2013

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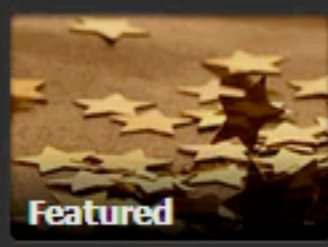
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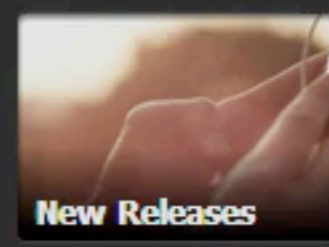
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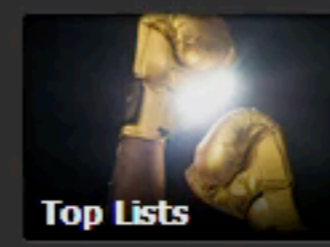
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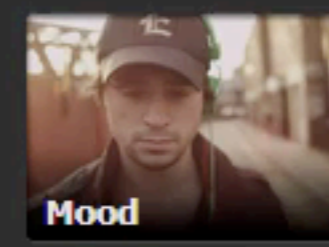
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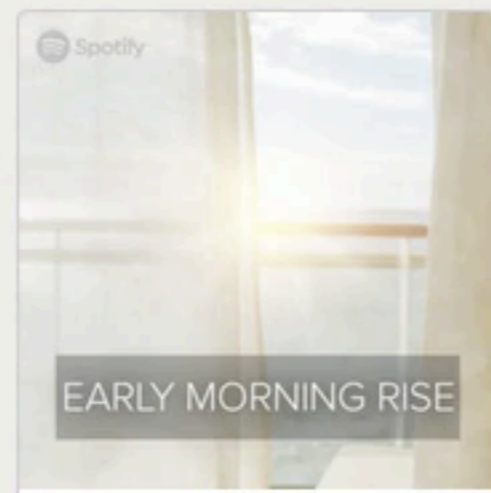
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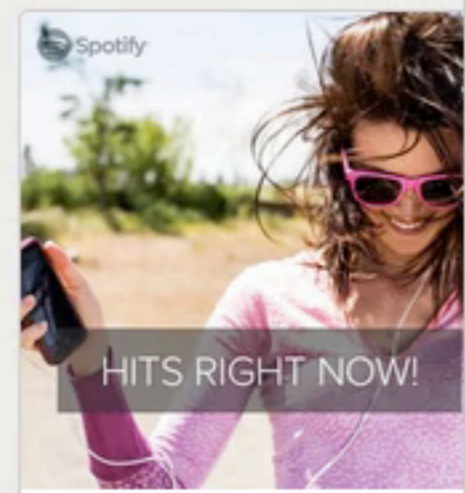
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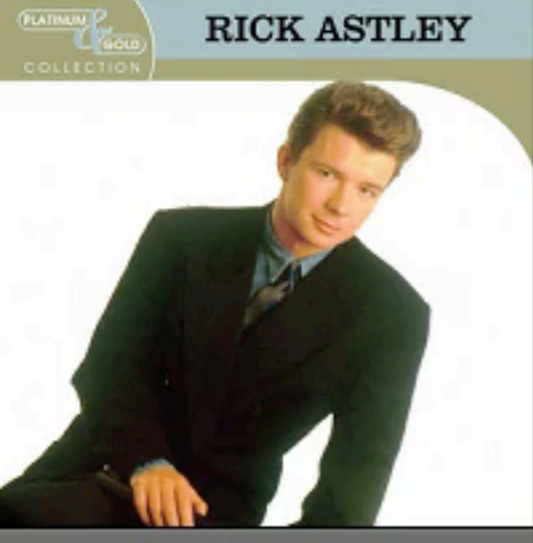
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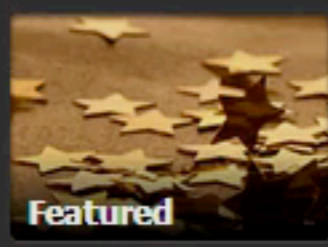
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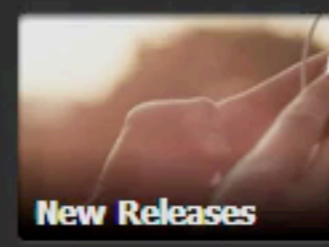
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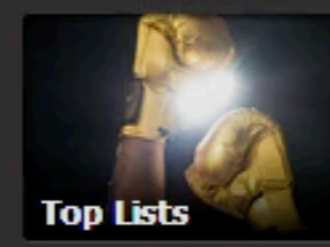
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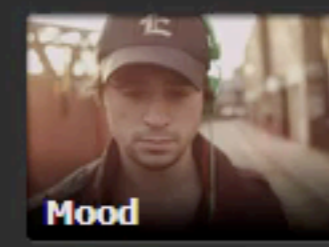
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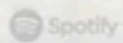
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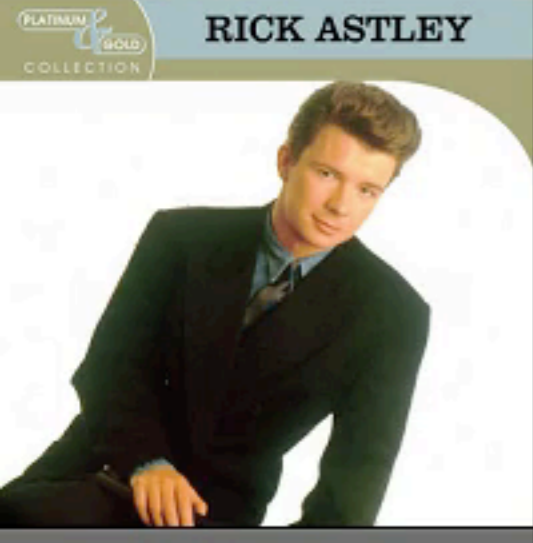
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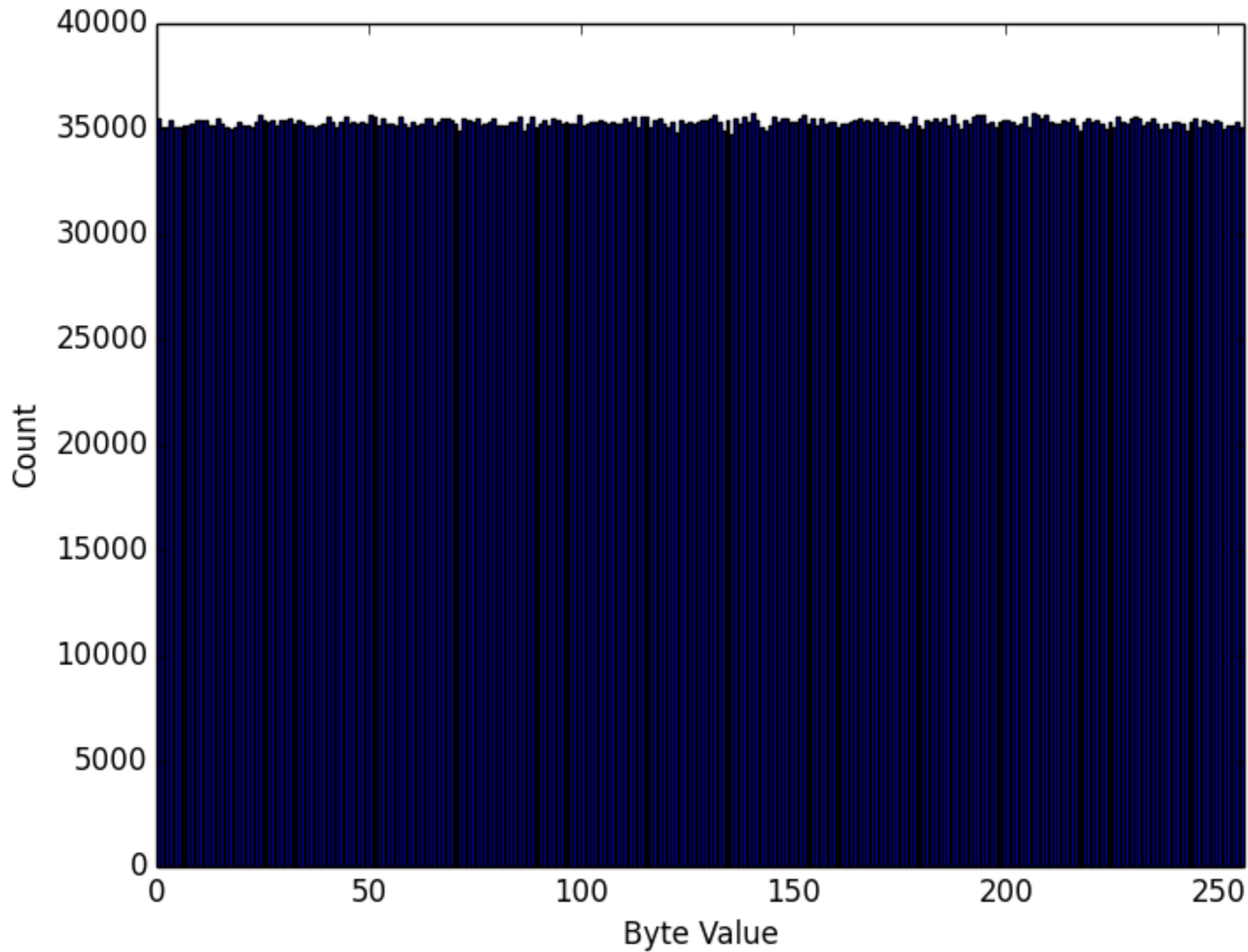
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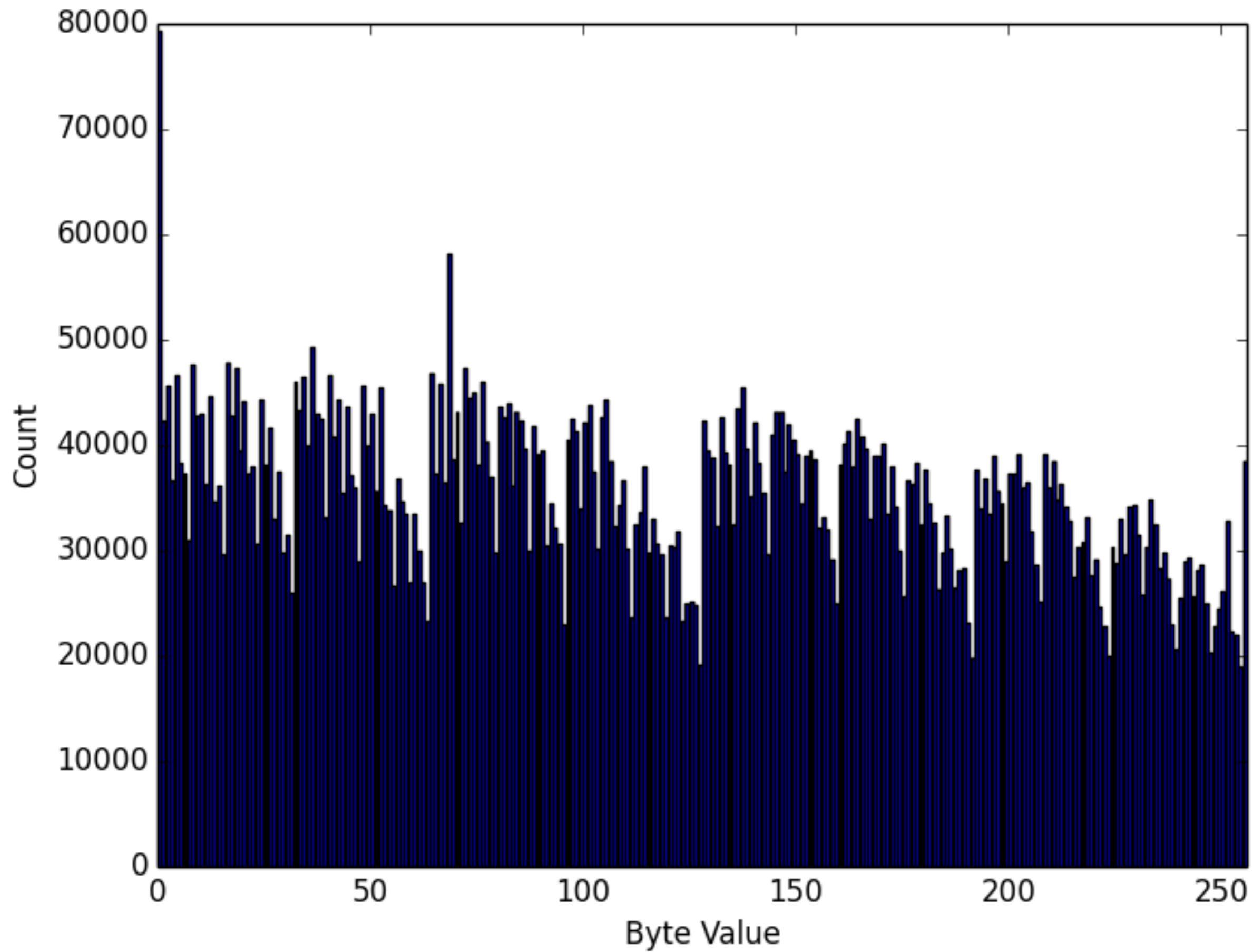


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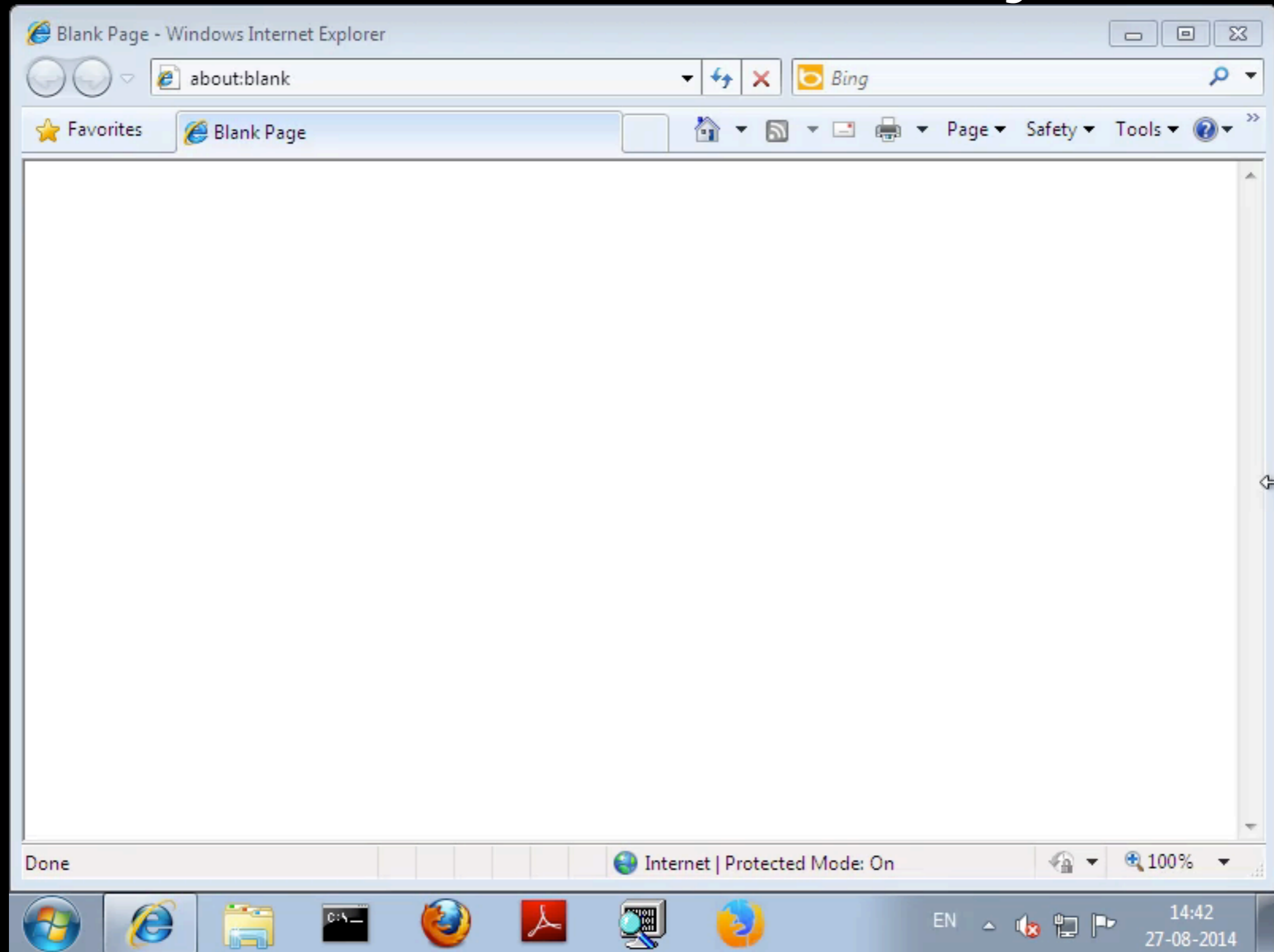
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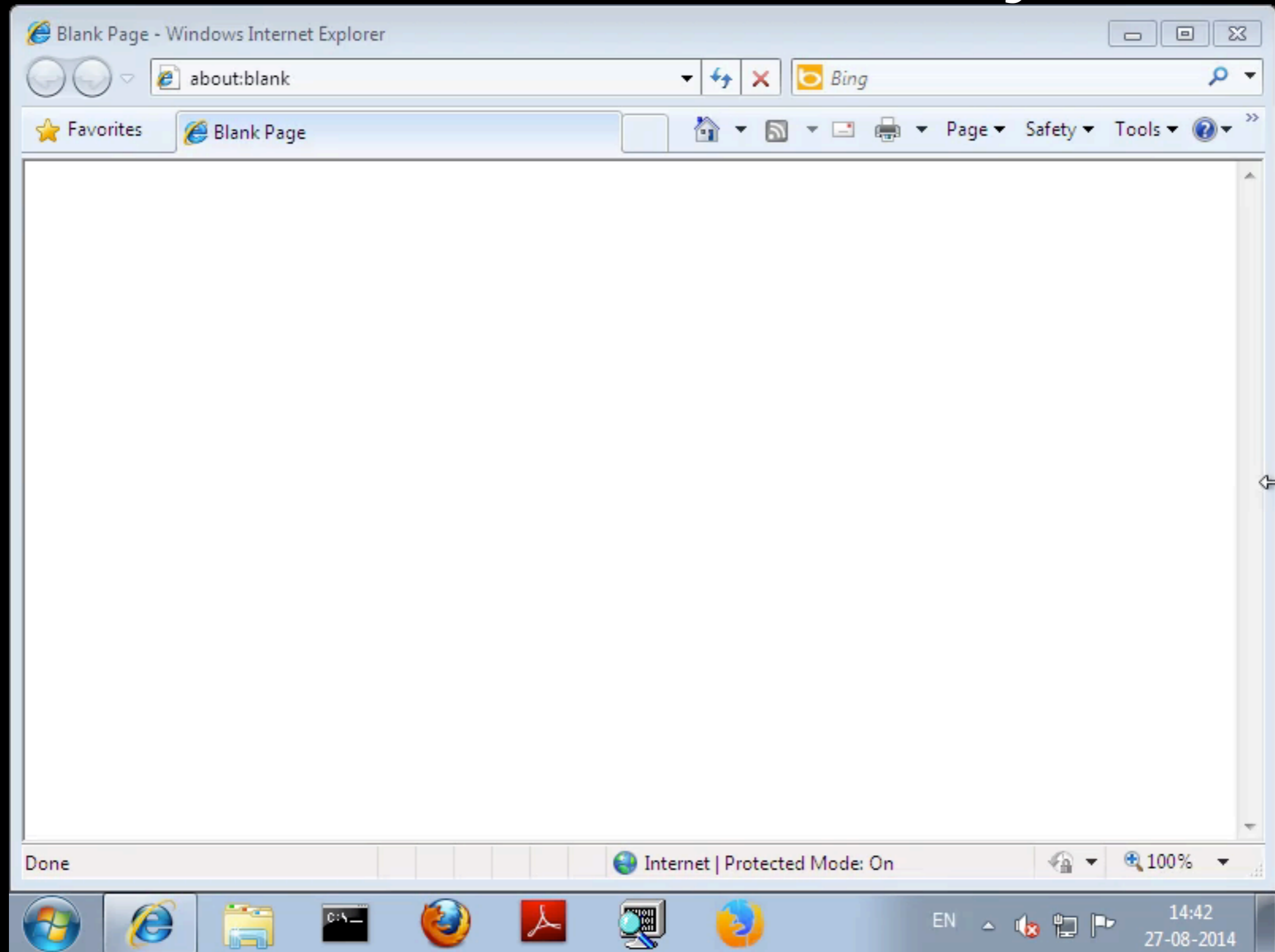
Future Work

- It is interesting that DRM decryption has a strong “dynamic signature”
- Are there other kinds of functions that can be identified by statistical properties of their inputs and outputs? Or intermediate states?
 - Compression / decompression
 - Cryptographic hash functions
 - Numerical computation?

IE Vulnerability



IE Vulnerability



Determining Root Cause

- We want to understand what caused the crash
- Can get bounds on the crash for use with *scissors* with two search strings in TZB:
 - “<html”
 - “has stopped working”
- Once found, can extract HTML for diagnosis

HTML Trigger

```
<HTML XMLNS:t="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:time">
<?IMPORT namespace="t"
implementation="#default#time2">
<body>
<div id="x" contenteditable="true">
HELLOWORLD
<t:TRANSITIONFILTER></t:TRANSITIONFILTER>
<script>
    document.getElementById("x").innerHTML = "";
    CollectGarbage();
    window.onclick;
    document.location.reload();
</script>
</div>
</body>
</HTML>
```

Use After Free Detector

- Watch mallocs/frees and keep a map of allocated intervals
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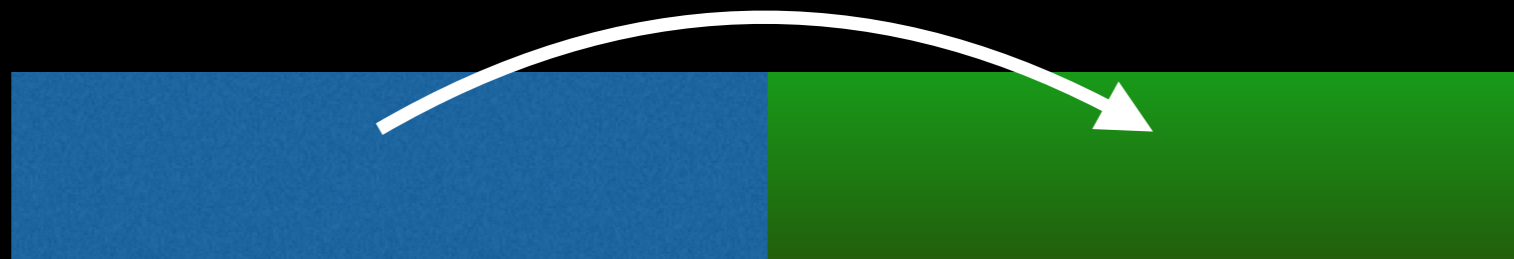
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Use After Free Results

- UAF detector finds exactly one match:

```
USE AFTER FREE READ @ {3f98b320, 5556f0}! PC 6dc996f5
```

- Pinpoints exact location in code where dangling pointer is used
- Bug is CVE-2012-4792
- Could easily be extended for vulnerability *discovery* as well – see, e.g. Undangle by Caballero et al.

Censorship Blacklist Extraction

- LINE is a Japanese-made IM app for Android with ~560M users worldwide
- Found by CitizenLab to censor some words for Chinese users
- We want to find out which ones



This is 3g now



Error

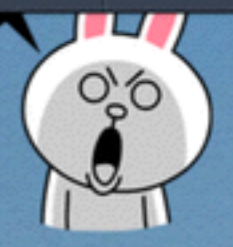
This message contains forbidden words and cannot be sent.

OK



2:05PM

李洪林访谈录



Read 1:58PM

- Tester Test 1:58PM
- Tester 李.洪.林.访.谈.录 1:58PM
- Tester ***** 1:59PM
- Tester ***** 2:01PM
- Tester ***** 2:42PM
- Tester ***** 2:43PM
- Tester ***** 2:45PM

Send button and input field

LINE Methodology

- Very simple strategy: use TZB to find usage of strings likely to be in “bad words” list:
 - 法轮 (Falun)
 - 天安门 (Tiananmen)
- Dump out the other data accessed at that same program point to get the full list

Censorship Blacklist (sample)

198964	共党	彭博	政变
FLG	共匪	天朝	周斌
GCD	共贼	天朝	祖莹
GFW	胡温	屠城	共C档
18大	江派	屠杀	08宪章
38军	江系	团派	89事件
八九	江贼	退党	艾未未
半羽	近平	汪洋	薄瓜瓜
鲍彤	九评	瘟神	薄熙来
暴政	军警	晓波	曹建明
柴玲	六四	学潮	曾庆红
赤匪	马凯	学运	陈光诚
	民运	余杰	大纪元

For translations & context see <https://china-chats.net/>

Future Work

- What if we don't have a good idea of what words may be blacklisted?
- Instead, we may be able to use *taint analysis* combined with *dynamic slicing*
- Use taint analysis to find areas where user's typed input is compared against some value
- Then use dynamic slicing to trace the compared value back to its source

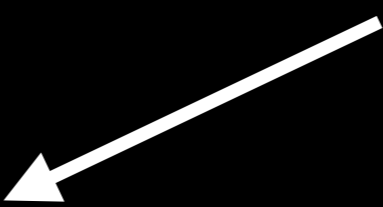
Toy Example

```
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    user_msg = input()  
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        if user_msg == word:  
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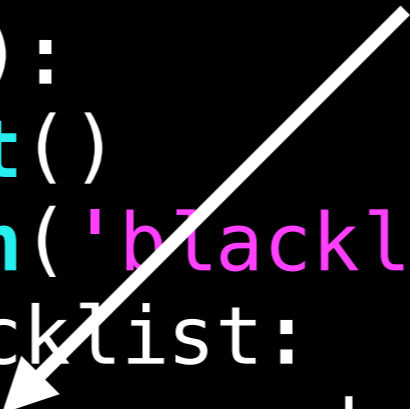
Taint user input



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User input used in comparison



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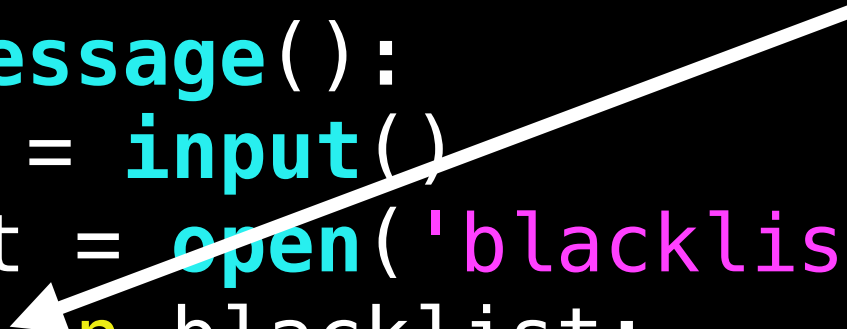
Look at data on the
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Follow data back
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def censor_message():  
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    blacklist ← open('blacklist.txt').readlines()  
    for word in blacklist:  
        if user_msg == word:  
            return "Censored"  
    return user_msg
```



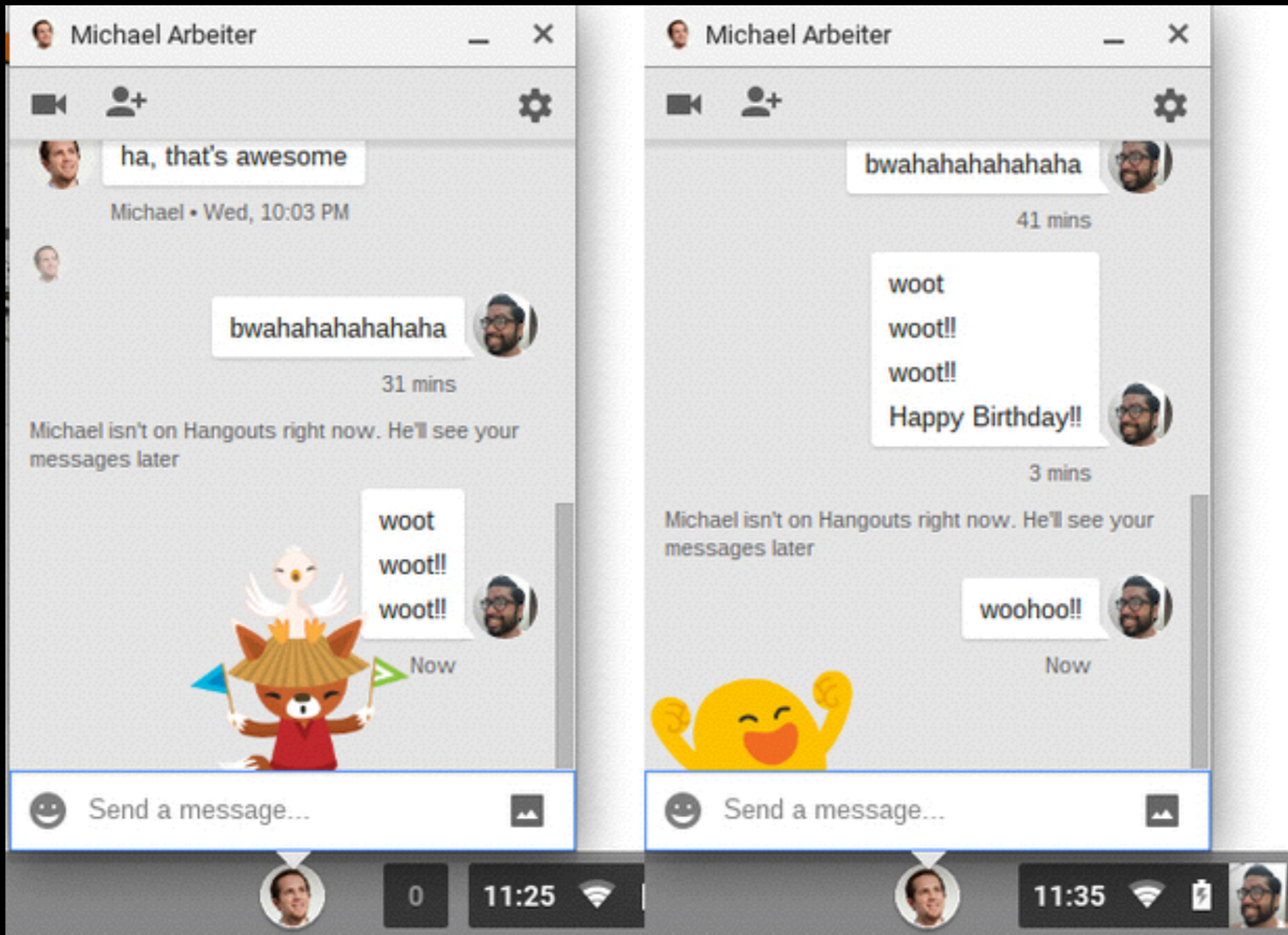
Toy Example

Follow data back
to its origin
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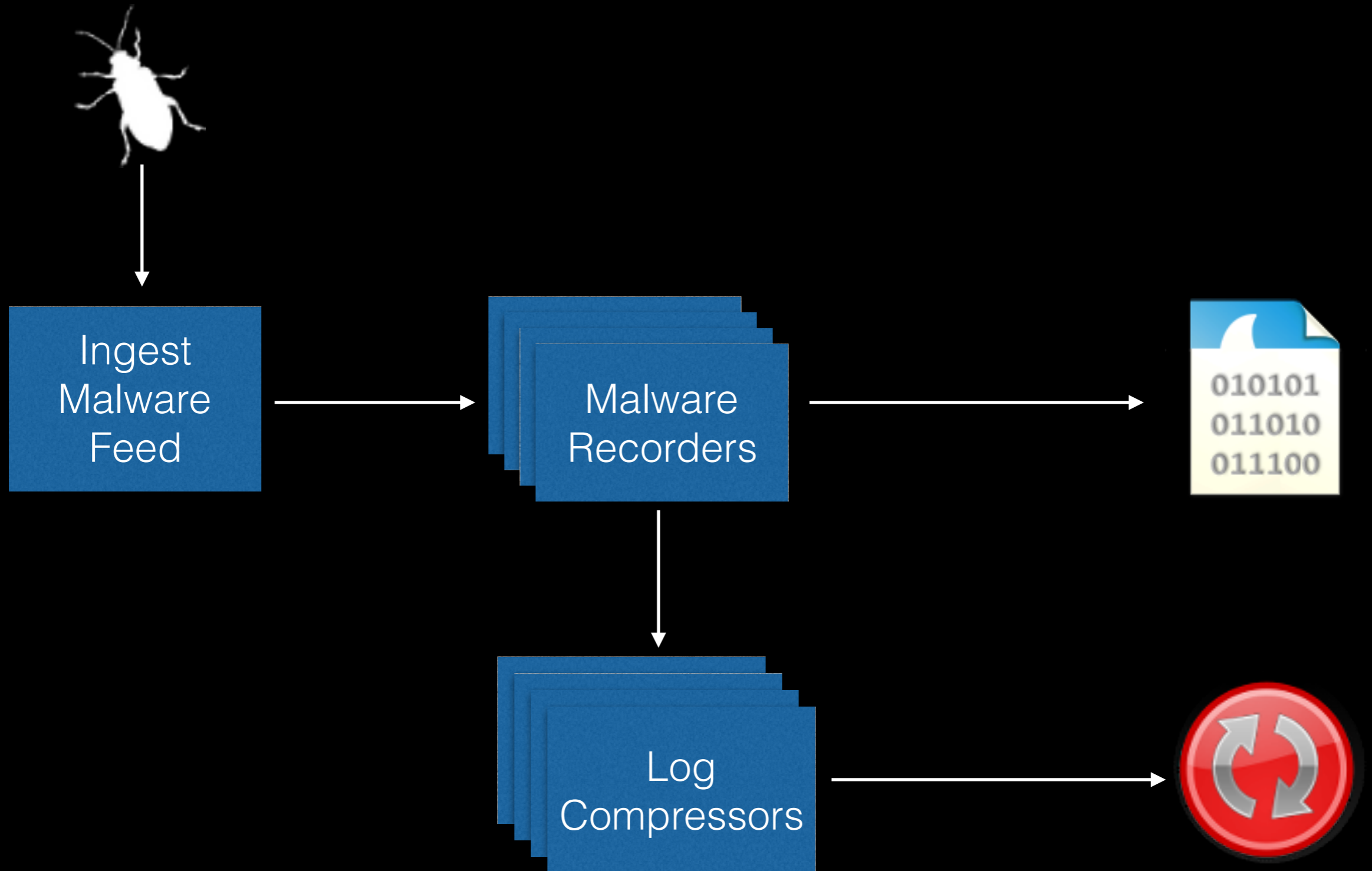
Applications Beyond Censorship



MalRec: A Malware Recording Platform

- Based on PANDA dynamic analysis platform
- Simple agentless setup:
 - Malware loaded via CD image
 - Started by sending keystrokes to VM
 - No in-guest monitoring utilities (reports can be generated from replays)

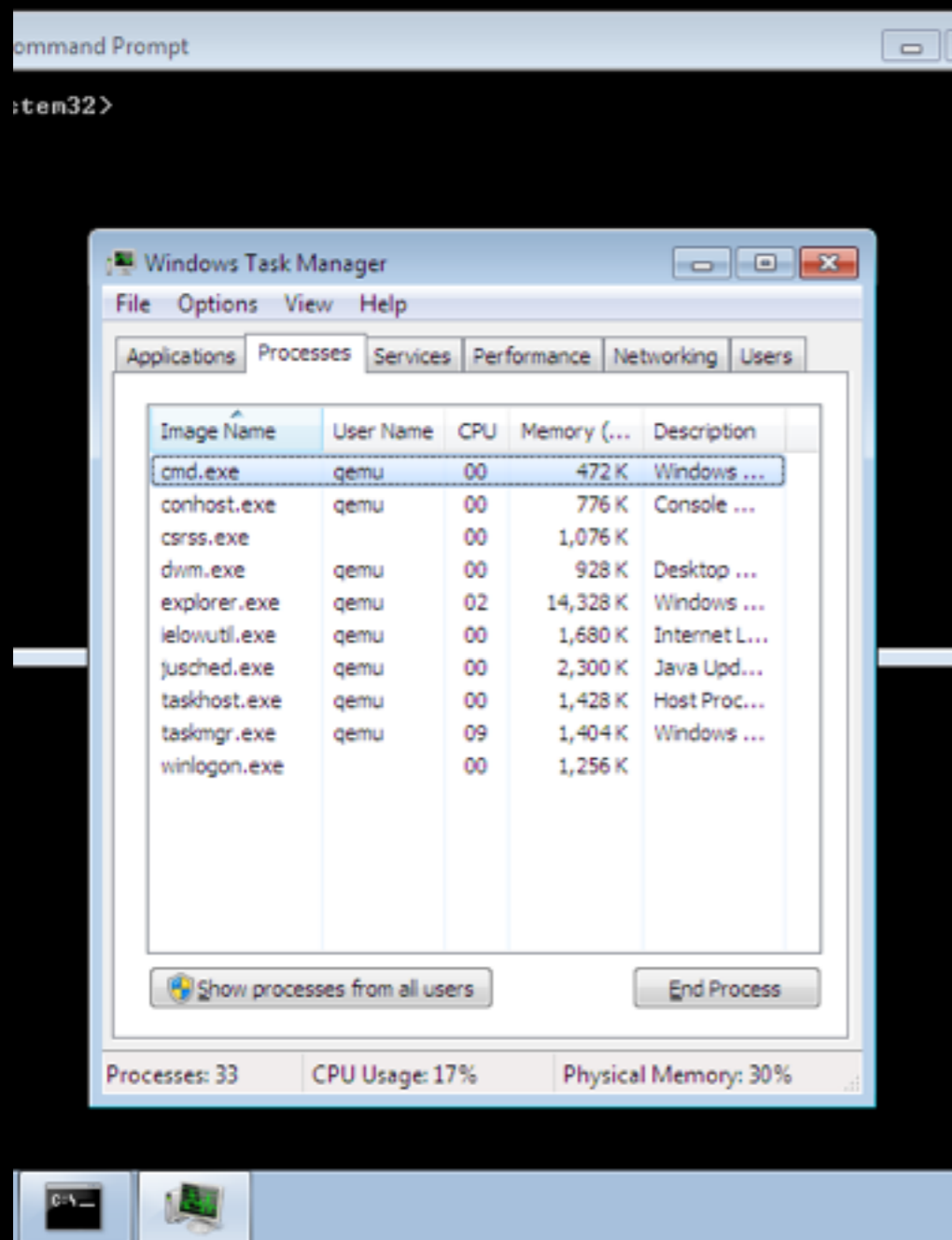
Malware Pipeline



GUI Actuation

GUI View

Volatility View (wintree)



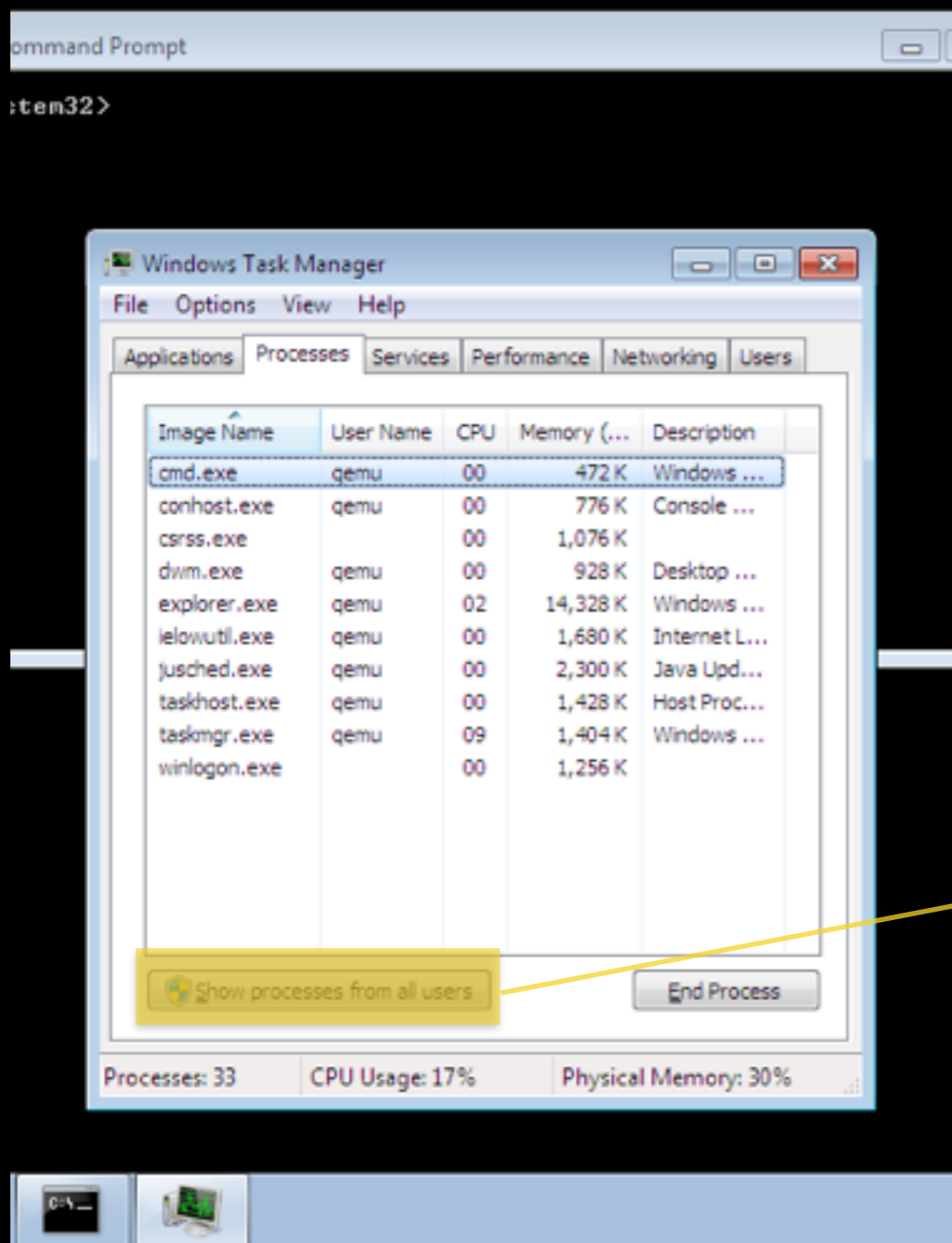
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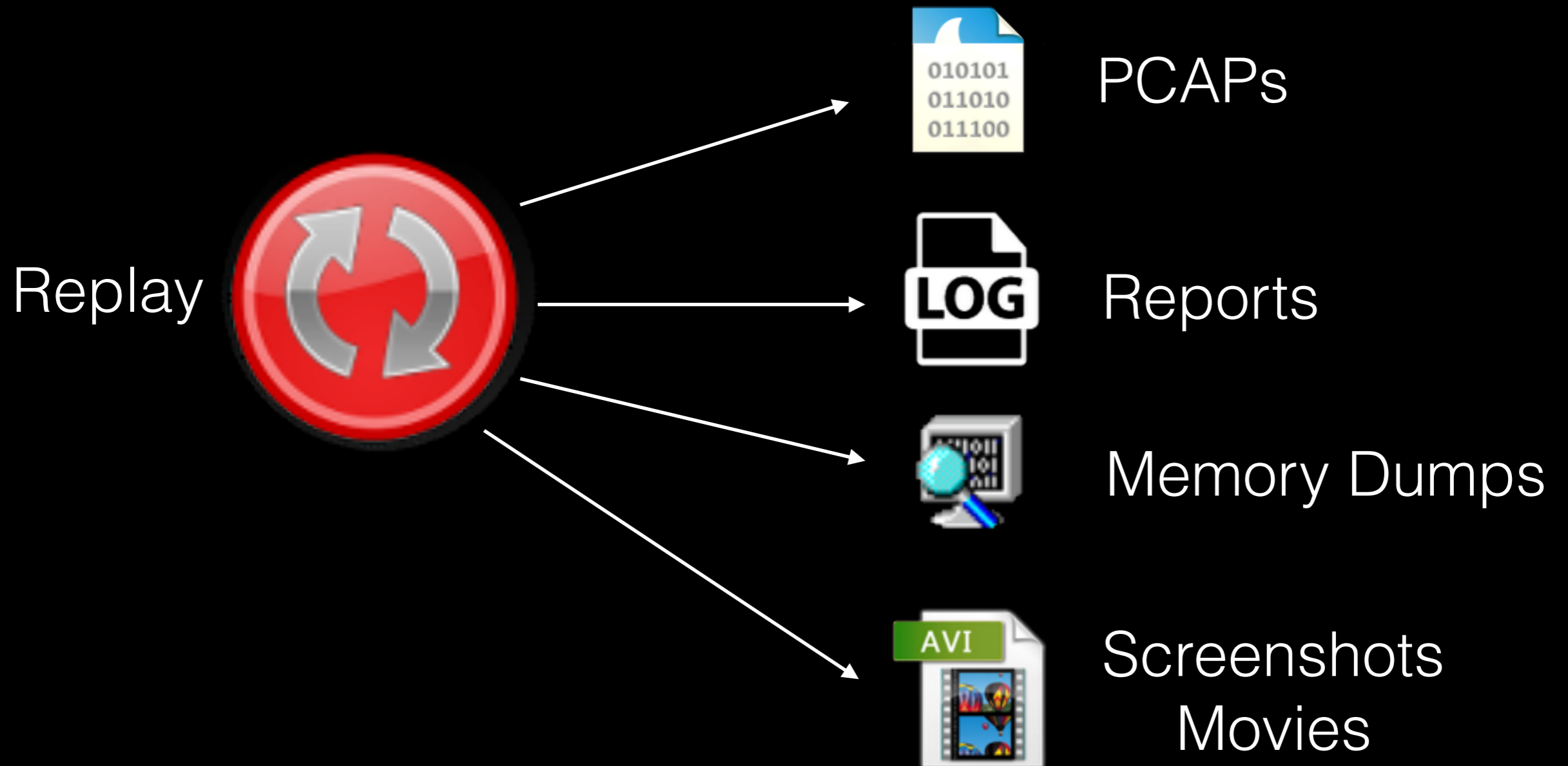
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Replay Subsumes Other Artifacts





Recycle Bin



Adobe Reader
XI

Administrator: Command Prompt

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Windows 7

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Stats

- 50,176 traces available for download
- More than 1 quadrillion instructions' worth of execution
- Each trace has:
 - VirusTotal report (JSON)
 - Full record/replay log
 - Movie (originally 5 seconds, now 25s)
 - PCAP of network traffic

Log Size (redux)

- In the case of malware we can get additional savings: all recordings start from same snapshot
 - So, just save a diff of the snapshot for each new recording
- 24,189 full system executions
 - Before snapshot optimization: 2.4 terabytes
 - After: 387GB
- 1147.5 instructions/byte (!)

Open Data

- Full dataset available via HTTP, BitTorrent
 - <http://moyix.blogspot.com/>
- Also as individual files at:
 - <http://panda.gtisc.gatech.edu/malrec/>

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MalRec Limitations

- Analysis time is fixed (10 minutes)
- Only one path through malware
- PANDA is based on QEMU 1.0.1 & non-virtualized – very detectable
- Currently do not accept submissions from the public

Future Work

- Extract interesting data from these traces
 - Printable strings passing through memory
 - Instruction mnemonic histograms
- Go big on our big data
 - Visualization
 - Machine learning
 - Searching / information retrieval

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Jedi Truth



What I told you was true... from a certain point of view

LAVA: Large-Scale Automated Vulnerability Addition

Thesis

We don't know where the bugs
are in programs or how they are
distributed.

Debugging the Bug Finders

- Many companies have products that claim to find bugs in programs
- Lack of ground truth makes it very difficult to evaluate these claims made
- If Coverity finds 22 bugs in my program, is that good or bad?
- **Do these tools work?**



Debugging the Bug Finders

- Existing corpora are fixed size and static – it's easy for vendors to optimize to the benchmark
- Instead we would like to automatically create corpora!
- Take an existing program and *automatically* add new bugs into it
- Now we can measure how many of our bugs they find, giving some indication of their performance

Goals

- We want to produce bugs that are:
 - Plentiful (can put 1000s into a program easily)
 - Distributed throughout the program
 - Come with a triggering input
 - Only manifest for a tiny fraction of inputs

Sounds Simple... But Not

- Why not just change all the `strncpys` to `strcpys`?
 - Turns out this breaks most programs for *every* input – trivial to find the bugs
 - We won't know how to trigger the bugs – hard to prove they're "real" and security-relevant
 - This applies to most local, random mutations

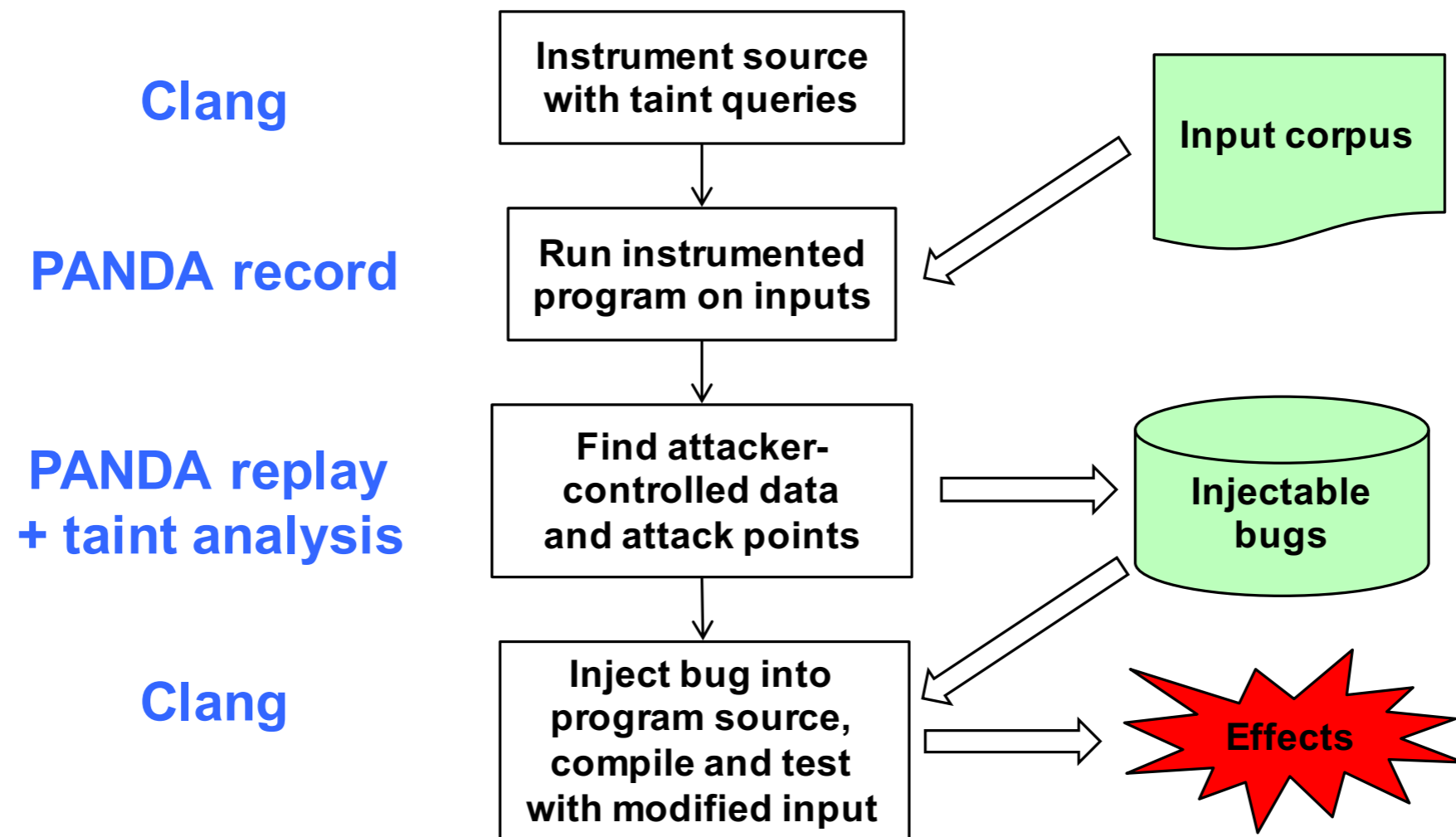
Our Approach

- We want to find parts of the program's input data that are:
 - **Dead:** not currently used much in the program (i.e., we can set to arbitrary values)
 - **Uncomplicated:** not altered very much (i.e., we can predict their value throughout the program's lifetime)
 - **Available** in some program variables
- If we can find these, we will be able to add code to the program that uses such data to trigger a bug

New Measures

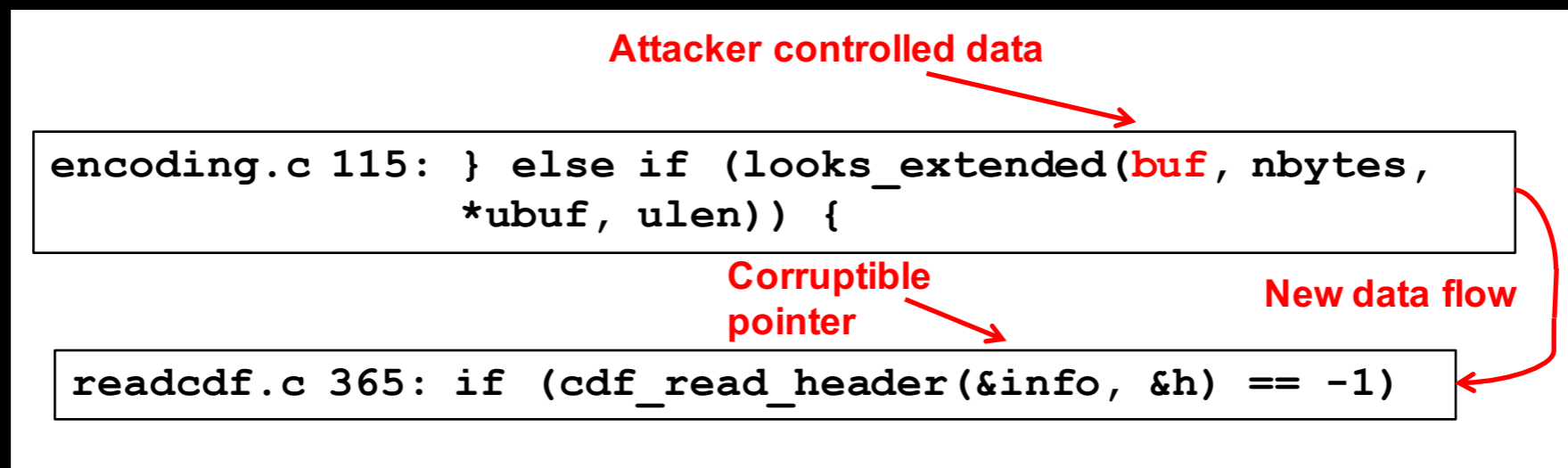
- How do we find out what data is **dead** and **uncomplicated**?
- Two new taint-based measures:
 - *Liveness*: a count of how many times some input byte is used to decide a branch
 - *Taint compute number*: a measure of how much computation been done on some data

Approach



LAVA Bug Example

- PANDA taint analysis shows that bytes 0-3 of `buf` on line 115 of `src/encoding.c` is attacker-controlled (dead & uncomplicated)
- From PANDA we also see that in `readcdf.c` line 365 there is a read from a pointer – if we modify the pointer value we will likely cause a bug in the program



LAVA Bug Example

```
// encoding.c:  
} else if  
  (({int rv =  
    looks_extended(buf, nbytes, *ubuf, ulen);  
    if (buf) {  
      int lava = 0;  
      lava |= ((unsigned char *)buf)[0];  
      lava |= ((unsigned char *)buf)[1] << 8;  
      lava |= ((unsigned char *)buf)[2] << 16;  
      lava |= ((unsigned char *)buf)[3] << 24;  
      lava_set(lava);  
    }; rv; })) {
```

```
// readcdf.c:  
if (cdf_read_header  
    (&info) + (lava_get()) *  
    (0x6c617661 == (lava_get()) || 0x6176616c == (lava_get())),  
    &h) == -1)
```


Results: Specific Value

Program	Total Bugs	Unique Bugs Found		
		FUZZER	SES	Combined
uniq	28	7	0	7
base64	44	7	9	14
md5sum	57	2	0	2
who	2136	0	18	18
Total	2265	16	27	41

Only 2% of injected bugs found

Results:

Range-Triggered Bugs

Tool	Bug Type					
	2^0	2^7	Range			KT
			2^{14}	2^{21}	2^{28}	
FUZZER	0	0	9%	79%	75%	20%
SES	8%	0	9%	21%	0	10%

Conclusion

- PANDA is a mature platform capable of many interesting dynamic analyses
- Many projects not mentioned here:
 - Transparent SSL/TLS interception by reading out keys from memory
 - Offline provenance tracing ("how was this document derived?")
 - Live visualizations of memory accesses

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