

## Tartiflette: Snapshot fuzzing with KVM and libAFL

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# Fuzzing?

# libAFL ??

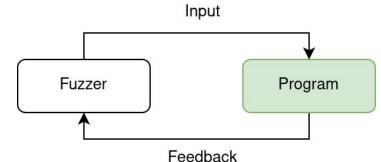
# KVM ???

## Tartiflette ????



## Fuzzing 101

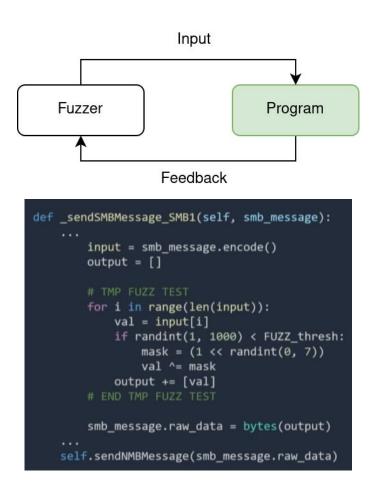
- Automatically tests robustness of programs
- We provide an input to the program:
  - Random
  - Corrupted (mutated valid input)
  - Generated (ex: from a grammar)
- We observe the effects on the execution:
  - Nothing (99% of the time)
  - Crash (very interesting)
- Not limited to memory corruption:
  - Differential fuzzing
  - Web fuzzing (xss)
  - Only requirement -> some form of feedback





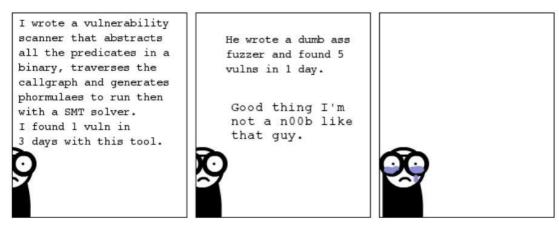
#### Blackbox fuzzing

- The simplest type of fuzzing...
  - Very low feedback (crash oracle)
  - No need for source code !
  - Fast to build
  - ./my\_prog < /dev/urandom</li>
- .. but it works !
  - 3DS smb bug -> RCE [1]

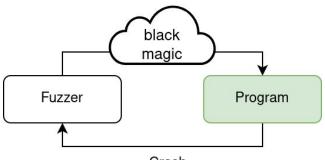


#### Whitebox fuzzing

- Most complicated type of fuzzing:
  - Makes use of symbolic execution
  - Can solve complex constraints
  - $\circ$  With or without source code
  - Slow !
- But:
  - Can be combined with other fuzzing techniques



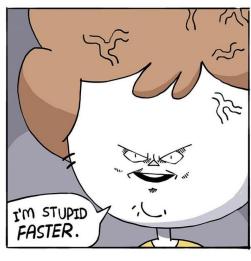


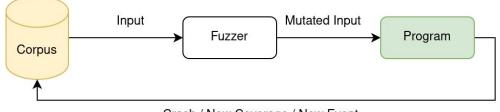


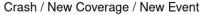
Crash

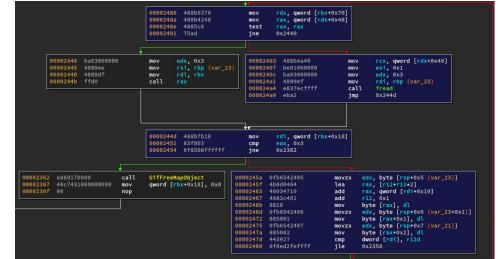
### **Greybox fuzzing**

- The most common technique:
  - AFL, libfuzzer, Honggfuzz, etc...
  - Genetic algorithm using coverage\*
  - With or without source code
  - Fast and efficient !
  - Good track record









#### **Snapshot fuzzing**

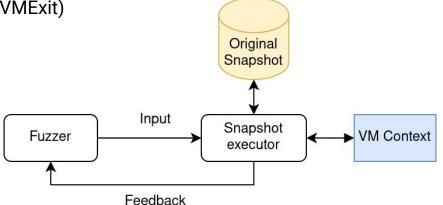
- Running programs snapshots:
  - Process/VM memory
  - Process/VM CPU context
  - Metadata (coverage, symbols, opened files, etc...)
- Flexibility:
  - Fuzzing from any point of execution of a program
  - Userland, Kernel, Hypervisor
  - Windows kernel fuzzing on Linux
  - Fuzz another architecture is possible (emulators)
- But:
  - Requires a lot of boilerplate (syscall emulation layer)
  - Need for low level system knowledge
  - Hard to debug



#### **Snapshot fuzzing**

#### • Processus:

- Place the input data in memory
- Run the snapshot until a chose exit point
- Handle the coming events during runtime (VMExit)
  - Errors
  - Syscalls emulations
  - Instrumentation Hooks
- Restore full VM state after execution
  - Gives deterministic execution
- Give feedback to fuzzer





- First version released in 2014
- Impressive track record:
  - Firefox, OpenSSL, sqlite, VLC, etc...
- Easy to use
- Uses coverage for feedback:
  - With source: compile-time instrumentation
  - Without source: instrumentation with **QEMU**
- But:
  - Monolithic (new feature == fork)
    - WinAFL, kAFL, TriforceAFL, afl-pt, ...
  - Not optimized (too many syscalls)
  - Parallel fuzzing is a hack
  - Not actively maintained

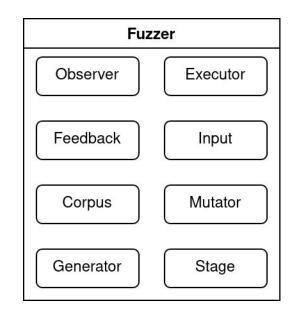


**AFL++** is a great alternative

paths timed out : 0 (0.00%)       count coverage :         stage progress       findings in dep         now trying : arith 32/8       favored paths :         stage execs : 0/545 (0.00%)       new edges on :         total execs : 91.7k       total crashes :         exec speed : 620.6/sec       total tmouts :         fuzzing strategy yields       bit flips : 6/680, 1/669, 2/647	17 (56.67%)
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#### libAFL

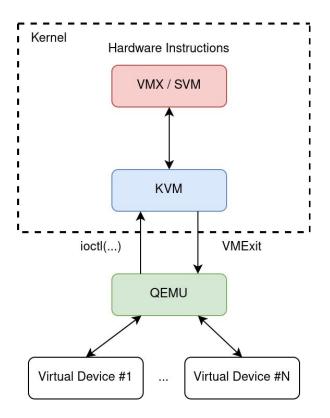
- First version release in 2021
- By the **AFL++** authors
- Framework/library for fuzzing:
  - Extremely composable and flexible architecture
  - Designed for performance
  - Built for parallel and scalable fuzzing
- But:
  - Unstable API
  - Lack of documentation
  - Requires a lot of boilerplate code





#### KVM

- Kernel Virtual Machine
- Linux kernel hypervisor
- Exposes a userland interface:
  - VCPU manipulation
  - Memory manipulation
  - Interruption handling
  - Low level API
- Used as backend by other hypervisors:
  - QEMU/KVM
  - VirtualBox backend KVM





Tartiflette

# libAFL + KVM









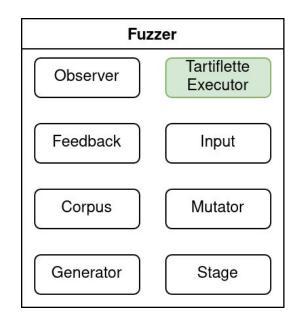
#### Tartiflette: Overview

#### • Tartiflette-VM

- Abstraction layer over the KVM api
- Provides virtual memory handling, cpu access, exception forwarding and state reset

#### • Tartiflette-executor

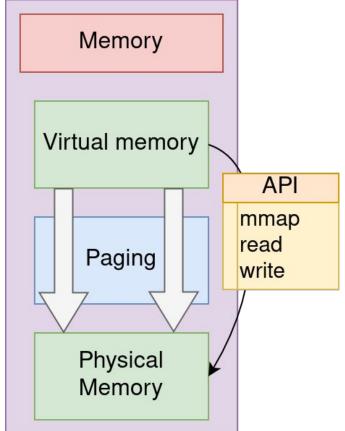
- libAFL executor component using Tartiflette-VM
- Provides coverage collection, code hooking, syscall hooking, timeout handling





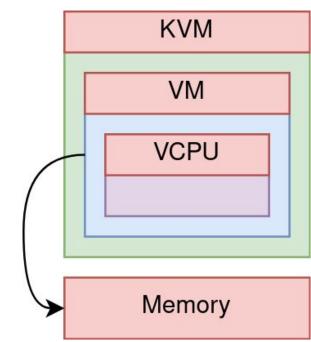
## Tartiflette-vm: Memory handling

- **Tartiflette-vm** exposes virtual memory handling apis (mmap, read, write):
  - Much like Unicorn
- Paging is implemented by the host
- Advantages:
  - Lower memory consumption
  - More flexible api (mmap)
- Disadvantages:
  - Does not expect guest code to meddle with physical memory
    - Tricky to fuzz kernel code
  - Cannot handle context switches (userland/kernel)
    - CPU context in ring0
    - All memory is mapped in ring0



#### Tartiflette-vm: KVM setup

```
// 1 - Allocate the memory
let vm_memory = VirtualMemory::new(memory_size)?;
// 2 - Open the Kvm handles
let kvm_fd = Kvm::new()?;
let vm_fd = kvm_fd.create_vm()?;
let vcpu_fd = vm_fd.create_vcpu(0)?;
// 3 - Setup guest memory
let region = kvm_userspace_memory_region {
    slot: 0,
    guest_phys_addr: 0,
    memory_size: vm_memory.host_memory_size() as u64,
    userspace_addr: vm_memory.host_address(),
    flags: KVM_MEM_LOG_DIRTY_PAGES,
};
vm_fd.set_user_memory_region(region)?;
```



#### Tartiflette-vm: CPU setup

- Segments selectors:
  - 64 bits segments
- Controls registers
  - Paging
- Model specific registers:
  - 64 bits modes

```
// 64 bits code segment
```

```
let mut seg = kvm_segment {
    base: 0, limit: 0, present: 1,
    selector: 1 << 3, // Index 1, GDT, RPL = 0
    type_: 11, // Code: execute, read, accessed
    dpl: 0, db: 0, s: 1, // Code/data
    l: 1, g: 0, avl: 0, unusable: 0, padding: 0,
};</pre>
```

```
// Execute
self.sregs.cs = seg;
```

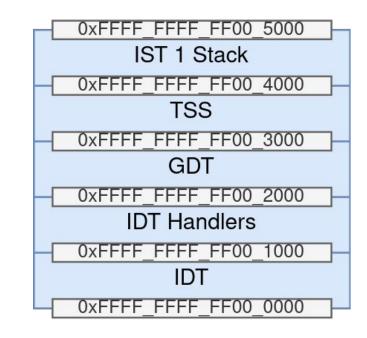
// No execute
seg.type = 3;

```
self.sregs.cr0 = CR0_PE | CR0_PG | CR0_ET | CR0_WP;
self.sregs.cr3 = self.memory.page_directory() as u64;
self.sregs.cr4 = CR4_PAE | CR4_OSXSAVE | CR4_OSFXSR;
self.sregs.efer = IA32_EFER_LME | IA32_EFER_LMA | IA32_EFER_NXE; self.sregs.ss = seg;
```

## Tartiflette-vm: Exception handling setup

#### • GDT

- NULL entry (as per the spec)
- 64 bit dumb segment descriptor
- TSS entry
- Sets up **GDTR**
- IDT Handlers
  - Forwards guest exceptions to the host
- IDT
  - **IDT** entries pointing to corresponding handlers
  - Sets the IST #1 as the interrupt stack to use
  - Sets up IDTR
- TSS
  - Sets up the first IST entry to point to the interrupt stack
- Interrupt stack
  - Separate stack to use during CPU exceptions





## Tartiflette-vm: Exception forwarding

- Guest exceptions do not generate VMExits
  - Save for breakpoints with the VM\_GUESTDBG\_ENABLE and KVM\_GUESTDBG\_USE\_SW\_BP KVM
- Solution
  - Writes the trampoline entries to the IDT Handlers page, forwarding exceptions through a HLT VMExit
  - Point the **IDT** entries to the relevant trampolines

```
# NMI exception
push 0x2
hlt
```

# Breakpoint exception
push 0x3
hlt

```
# Overflow exception
push 0x4
hlt
```

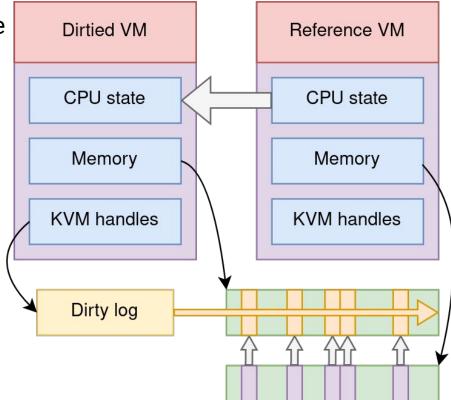
. . .

# BOUND Range Exceeded Exception
push 0x5
hlt



#### Tartiflette-vm: State reset

- Used to reset a VM after a fuzz case for another one
- Full CPU reset:
  - General purpose registers
  - Special registers (segments, crX)
  - Model specific registers (fs/gs)
- Differential memory reset:
  - Uses KVM\_LOG\_DIRTY bits bitmap to only reset dirty physical guest pages



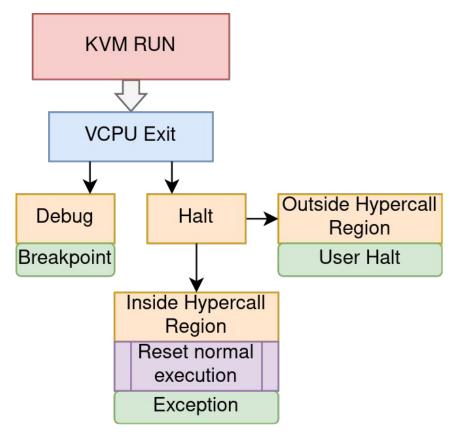


## Tartiflette-vm: Run loop

- Let KVM run the VM's VCPU
  - Until the first VCPU exit
- Get CPU full state
  - General purpose registers
  - Special registers (segments, crX)
- Handle the VCPU exit:
  - Debug: Forward breakpoint
  - Halt outside hypercall region: Forward breakpoint Halt
  - Halt inside hypercall region:
    - Get the exception frame
    - Reset execution before interruption
    - Forward interruption:
      - PageFault

. . .

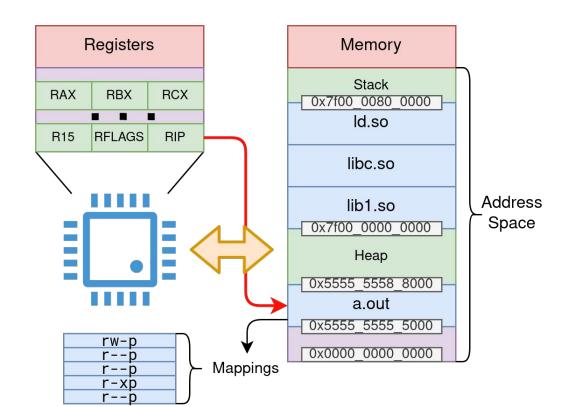
• Syscall: InvalidOpcode





#### Tartiflette-vm: Snapshot format

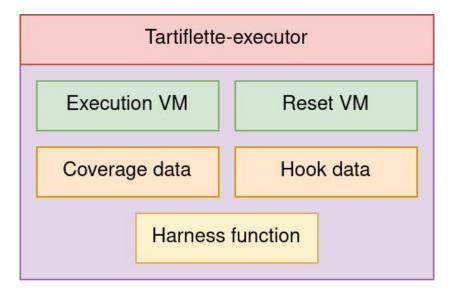
- Binary file:
  - All dumped memory mappings
- JSON file:
  - CPU context
  - Mappings
    - Virtual start and end addresses
    - Page permissions
    - Physical offset into the binary file
    - Owning file (if any)
  - Symbols (if any)





#### Tartiflette-executor: Overview

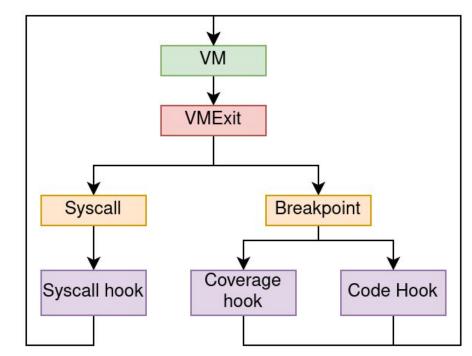
- Implements the fuzzing runtime:
  - Harness:
    - Writes the input and sets up the Vm state
  - Coverage handling
    - Uses breakpoints on basic blocks
  - Timeout handling
  - Hook handling
  - State reset
- Exposes instrumentation apis:
  - Code hooks
  - Syscall hooks
  - Coverage hooks





#### Tartiflette-executor: Hooks

- Code hooks:
  - For instrumentation
  - Returns whether the guest should continue, stop or crash
- Coverage hook:
  - For coverage logging (ex: lighthouse mod offset trace)
  - Called when a basic block is first encountered
- Syscall hooks:
  - For syscall emulation
  - Returns whether the execution should stop





#### Tartiflette-executor: Timeout

- **KVM** has no built-in timer to kick the VM out of virtualization
- We use alarm:
  - Kicks the kvm thread to handler
  - ioctl(KVM\_RUN, ...) returns EINTR -> we exit with timeout
  - If timeout occurred in vmexit handling, we check the starting time
- Alarm only offers a granularity in seconds :(

```
alarm::set(self.timeout_duration.as_secs() as u32);
```

```
let starting_time = Instant::now();
```

```
let exit_kind = loop {
    ....// Timed out after a hook
    ....if starting_time.elapsed() > self.timeout_duration {
    ....break ExitKind::Timeout;
    ....}
```

```
....let vmexit = self.exec_vm.run();
```

```
// Remove the alarm
alarm::cancel();
```

Ok(exit\_kind)



# QuickJS



- Released in 2020
- Javascript Interpreter
- Project both small and complex:
  - Perfect for testing a fuzzer !
- Code not battle tested:
  - Bugs and exploits were found for older versions
    - <u>http://rce.party/cracksbykim-quickJS.nfo</u>
  - Potential to find bugs !



### **QuickJS: Capturing a snapshot**

- We want to capture a snapshot before parsing and exec
- qjs -e <expr>
  - Executes the given expression and exits
  - Internally calls the **eval\_buf** function
- With gdb:
  - Breakpoint at eval\_buf and dump the program state



#### QuickJS: Capturing a snapshot

```
/repo $ gdb --args ./gjs -e "console.log(1);"
(qdb) source /tartiflette-qdb.pv
(qdb) b eval_buf
Breakpoint 1 at 0x17650: file qjs.c, line 54.
(qdb) r
Starting program: /repo/gjs -e console.log((1));
Breakpoint 1, eval_buf (ctx=0x7fa1cbf72a10, buf=0x7ffccbd30f44, buf_len=15, filename=0x55
54→ {
(qdb) x/s buf
0x7ffccbd30f44:-"console.log(1);"
(qdb) tartiflette-snapshot
Process id: 33
Dumping range 0x55f5df0a0000 -> 0x55f5df0b1000 r--p
. . .
Dumping range 0x7fa1cc009000 -> 0x7fa1cc00a000 rw-p
Dumping range 0x7fa1cc00a000 -> 0x7fa1cc00d000 rw-p
Dumping range 0x7ffccbd10000 -> 0x7ffccbd31000 rw-p
Could not dump range 0x7ffccbdf3000 -> 0x7ffccbdf7000
Dumping range 0x7ffccbdf7000 -> 0x7ffccbdf9000 r-xp
Mapping too high in memory, cannot dump: fffffffff600000-fffffffff601000 --xp 00000000
(qdb)
```

#### QuickJS Fuzzer: VM Setup

- 1. Load Vm from snapshot:
  - a. Parse Snapshot information
  - b. Load snapshot into a fresh VM
- 2. Allocate space for the Input
- 3. Setup the syscall emulation layer:
  - a. To emulate syscalls triggered in code running in the vm
  - Allocate space for possible returned resources accessible in the vm

```
const MEMORY_SIZE: usize = 32 * 1024 * 1024; // 32Mb

let snapshot_info = SnapshotInfo::from_file("./data/snapshot_info.json")
let mut orig_vm = Vm::from_snapshot(
...."./data/snapshot_info.json",
...."./data/snapshot_data.bin",
....MEMORY_SIZE
)
```

```
// Reserve space for the input
const INPUT_START: u64 = 0x22000;
const INPUT_SIZE: u64 = 0x1000;
orig_vm.mmap(INPUT_START, INPUT_SIZE as usize, PagePermissions::READ)
// mmap reserve area as well as the syscall emulation layer
const MMAP_START: u64 = 0x1337000;
const MMAP SIZE: u64 = 0 \times 100000;
const MMAP_END: u64 = MMAP_START + MMAP_SIZE;
orig_vm.mmap(
MMAP START,
MMAP_SIZE as usize,
····PagePermissions::READ
                            PagePermissions::WRITE
let sysemu = Rc::new(RefCell::new(SysEmu::new(MMAP_START, MMAP_END)));
```

#### QuickJS Fuzzer: libAFL Setup

- Create the standard components:
  - Observer:
    - Channel through which collected events can be queried
  - Feedback:
    - Determine whether input is interesting, using observers data.
  - State
  - Fuzzer

```
static mut COVERAGE: [u8; 1 << 15] = [0u8; 1 << 15];</pre>
```

```
let observer = StdMapObserver::new("coverage", unsafe { &mut COVERAGE });
let time_observer = TimeObserver::new("time");
```

```
let feedback_state = MapFeedbackState::with_observer(&observer);
```

```
let feedback = feedback_or!(
```

MaxMapFeedback::new(&feedback\_state, &observer),

```
TimeFeedback::new_with_observer(&time_observer)
```

```
);
```

```
let objective = CrashFeedback::new();
```

```
let corpus_scheduler = QueueCorpusScheduler::new();
let mut fuzzer = StdFuzzer::new(corpus_scheduler, feedback, objective);
```



- Take an input
- Run the target with it
- Inside a Tartiflette-VM!

```
let mut executor = TartifletteExecutor::new(
    &orig_vm,
    Duration::from_millis(1000),
    tuple_list!(observer, time_observer),
    &mut harness
).expect("Could not create executor");
```



#### QuickJS Fuzzer: Coverage points

- A disassembler can be used to dump basic block addresses for coverage
- The snapshot info json file can give the base address of a module
- This gives flexibility without having to hardcode addresses in the fuzzer

```
let snapshot_info = SnapshotInfo::from_file("./data/snapshot_info.json")
...
let program_module = snapshot_info.modules.get("qjs")
let breakpoints = load_breakpoints("./data/breakpoints.txt");
for bkpt in &breakpoints {
```

```
executor.add_coverage(program_module.start + bkpt)
....expect("Error while adding breakpoint");
```



#### QuickJS Fuzzer: Syscall hook

- Called on each syscall
- **src/sysemu.rs** implements some useful standard syscalls:
  - o mmap
  - o **munmap**
  - exit\_group
- Enough to make calls to malloc work and to stop the program cleanly on errors

```
let sysemu = Rc::new(
····RefCell::new(
SysEmu::new(MMAP_START, MMAP_END)
. . . . )
);
. . .
let semu = Rc::clone(&sysemu);
let mut syscall_hook = move vm: &mut Vm {
....let mut emu = semu.borrow mut();
····if emu.syscall(vm) {
HookResult::Continue
····} else {
HookResult::Exit
};
```

executor.add\_syscall\_hook(&mut syscall\_hook);



#### QuickJS Fuzzer: Coverage hook

- Called on each new basic block
   discovered
- Useful for generating traces (for tools such as lighthouse)

```
let cov_file = File::create("cov.txt");
let mut cov_file = LineWriter::new(cov_file);
let mod_base = program_module.start;
```

```
let mut coverage_hook = move |addr| {
    let offset = addr - mod_base;
    write!(cov_file, "qjs+0x{:x}\n", offset)
};
```

executor.add\_coverage\_hook(&mut coverage\_hook);



## QuickJS Fuzzer: Coverage hook

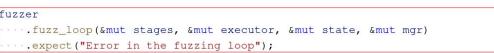
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Cov %*	Func Name		А	ddress	Blocks Hit	Instr. Hit	Func Size	cc 🔺
56.88	JS_NewObjectFromShape.lto_priv.	0		190F0	8 / 15	62 / 109	439	6
56.82	bf_div.lto_priv.0		03	A5560	14 / 30	125 / 220	861	14
56.15	<pre>bf_atof_internal.lto_priv.0</pre>		02	AEB00	90 / 188	452 / 805	3579	108
55.56	JS_CreateProperty		03	234B0	35 / 78	175 / 315	1262	51
53.90	JS_EvalInternal.lto_priv.0		03	58C00	48 / 106	311 / 577	2487	62
53.71	bf_mul		- E	A58F0	19 / 37	123 / 229	941	21
53.33	js_pow.lto_priv.0		6	25AB0	2/5	8 / 15	73	3
53.12	js_mallocz		¢0	17900	2 / 5	17 / 32	110	2



## **QuickJS Fuzzer: Launching the fuzzer**

- 1. Load corpus from directory
- 2. Prepares the input transformation stages:
  - We only use a standard byte a. mutator
  - b. No pre/post preprocessing stages
- 3. Runs the fuzzer!







### QuickJS Fuzzer: Javascript fuzzing

- Usual javascript fuzzing techniques:
  - Dictionary (AFL, Jackalope)
  - Grammar fuzzing (**domato**, **dharma**)
  - Black Magic (Fuzzilli)
- The standard libAFL mutator operates on bytes.
  - Bad for text based inputs
  - Bad for highly structured inputs
  - Bad for javascript fuzzing
- How to generate javascript code from bytes ?



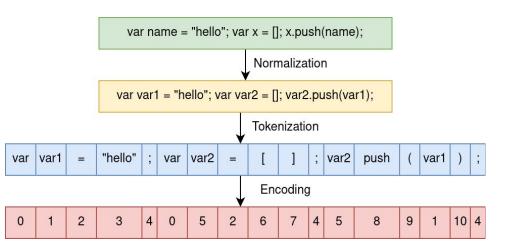
- Taken from the <u>USENIX '21 Token-Level Fuzzing</u> presentation
  - Augmented dictionary fuzzing
- Encodes javascript tokens as byte arrays:
  - Encoded input can be mutated by a classic byte mutator
  - Input is decoded back to javascript before being sent to the program
- Advantages:
  - Quick to build
  - Low cost of maintenance
- Disadvantages:
  - May not go as deep as grammar based fuzzers
  - High chance of syntactically invalid inputs



## QuickJS Fuzzer: Token-Level Fuzzing (encoding)

#### Code normalization:

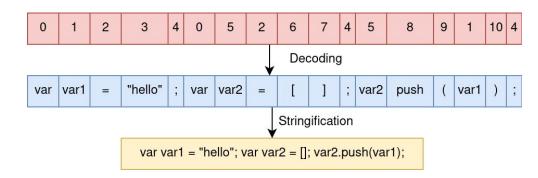
- Done using a javascript obfuscator and custom variable name dictionary
- Tokenization:
  - Done using the esprima js parser
- Output:
  - Encoded javascript code (per input)
  - Mapping of javascript tokens to their indices (shared across all inputs)





## QuickJS Fuzzer: Token-Level Fuzzing (decoding)

- Inputs:
  - Encoded javascript code
  - Token mapping
- Decoding:
  - Map token indices to their string representation
- Stringification:
  - Concat everything
- Output:
  - Javascript code





## QuickJS Fuzzer: Token-Level Fuzzing (harness)

- 1. Load token map
- 2. Decode token to strings
- 3. Stringify
- 4. Write the input to the VM memory

```
let tokens_str = std::fs::read_to_string("./data/tokens.json").unwrap();
let token_cache: TokenCache = serde_json::from_str(&tokens_str).unwrap();
```

```
let mut harness = move |vm: &mut Vm, input: &BytesInput| {
    ....// Reset the emulaton layer state
    ...let mut emu = hemu.borrow_mut();
    ....emu.reset();
```

let js\_input = token\_writer.buffer();

vm.set\_reg(Register::Rsi, INPUT\_START); ··vm.set\_reg(Register::Rdx, js\_input.len() as u64);

// Write the fuzz case to the vm memory
vm.write(INPUT\_START, js\_input)

......expect("Could not write fuzz case to vm memory");

```
ExitKind::Ok
```

};

- - }



#### Tartiflette

# DEMO



# **Questions ?**



#### Links

- Repository:
  - <u>https://github.com/MattGorko/Tartiflette</u>

