

Token-Level Fuzzing

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Motivation - Bugs in JS Engines

CVE-2017-8729

```
function f() {  
  ({  
    a: {  
      b = 0x1111  
      c = 0x2222,  
    }.c = 0x3333  
  } = {});  
}  
  
f();
```

CVE-2018-17463

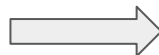
```
function hax(o) {  
  o.a;  
  Object.create(o);  
  return o.b;  
}  
  
for (i = 0; i < 100000; i++) {  
  let o = {a: 42};  
  o.b = 43;  
  hax(o);  
}
```

“Byte-Level Fuzzing”

- Traditional Fuzzers apply mutations on bytes
- What AFL/LibFuzzer and many other fuzzers do

“Byte-Level Fuzzing”

```
while (bar.x)
```



```
whjae (bar.x)  
while*(bar.x)  
while (ba*%x)  
while (zbar.x)
```

“Byte-Level Fuzzing”

- Most mutations result in simple syntax errors
- Fails to generate much coverage
- “Dictionaries” can improve results, but still suffer from the same issues

Grammar-Based Fuzzing

- Most common way to fuzz interpreters
- Specify a “grammar” and apply mutations following the grammar

Grammar-Based Fuzzing - Example

```
; Example FuzzIL program
v0 <- LoadInt '0'
v1 <- LoadInt '10'
v2 <- LoadInt '1'
v3 <- Phi v0
BeginFor v0, '<', v1, '+', v2 -> v4
  v6 <- BinaryOperation v3, '+', v4
  Copy v3, v6
EndFor
v7 <- LoadString 'Result: '
```

* Taken from https://saelo.github.io/presentations/offensivecon_19_fuzzilli.pdf

Grammar-Based Fuzzing - Example

Mutating FuzzIL

Input Mutator

```
v0 <- LoadGlobal 'print'  
v1 <- LoadString 'Hello World'  
v2 <- CallFunction v0, v0
```

Operation Mutator

```
v0 <- LoadGlobal 'print'  
v1 <- LoadString 'Hello World'  
v2 <- CallFunction v0, v1
```

```
v0 <- LoadGlobal 'encodeURIComponent'  
v1 <- LoadString 'Hello World'  
v2 <- CallFunction v0, v1
```


Limitations Grammar-Based Fuzzing

- Limiting to a grammar limits the bugs you can find
- E.g. FuzzIL never assigns to a variable more than once
 - -> Can never find bugs that require assigning to a variable multiple times
- Does not generate inputs with invalid syntax
- And bugs like these exist!

Limitations Grammar-Based (old bugs)

Chromium Issue 800032 - Semantic error leads to OOB Write

```
class Sub extends RegExp {  
  constructor(a) {  
    const a = 1; // semantic error  
  }  
}
```

```
let o = Reflect.construct(RegExp,[],Sub);  
// OOB write  
o.lastIndex = 0x1234;
```

Limitations Grammar-Based (old bugs)

CVE-2017-8729 - Syntax error leads to type confusion

```
function f() {  
  ({  
    a: {  
      b = 0x1111, // invalid assignment  
      c = 0x2222,  
    }.c = 0x3333  
  } = {});  
}  
  
f();
```

So what are we missing?

Grammar Based Fuzzing

Token Level Fuzzing

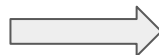
Byte Level Fuzzing

“Token-Level Fuzzing”

- Mutations applied on individual tokens
- Allows fuzzer to make more useful mutations

“Token-Level Fuzzing”

```
while (bar.x)
```



```
if (bar.x)
```

```
Number (bar.x)
```

```
while (bar+x)
```

```
while (while.x)
```

Implementation

Input seeds

```
function foo() {  
    try {  
    } catch (x) {  
        var x = 18;  
    }  
    print(x);  
}
```

Step 1) Rewrite

```
function var1() {  
    try {  
    } catch (var2) {  
        var var2 = 16;  
    }  
    print(var2);  
}
```

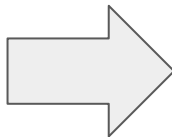

Step 2) Identify tokens assign unique numbers

```
function, var1, (, ), {,  
try, }, catch, var2, var,  
...
```

```
0: (  
1: )  
2: {  
3: }  
4: function  
5: var  
6: Math  
.  
.  
.
```

Step 3) Encode

```
function var1() {  
  try {  
  } catch (var2) {  
    var var2 = 16;  
  }  
  print(var2);  
}
```



```
4, 102, 0, 1, 2, 53, 2,  
3, 54, 0, 103, 1, 2, 5,  
103, 33, 201, 22, 3, 224,  
0, 103, 1, 22, 3
```

Inputs become a list of numbers

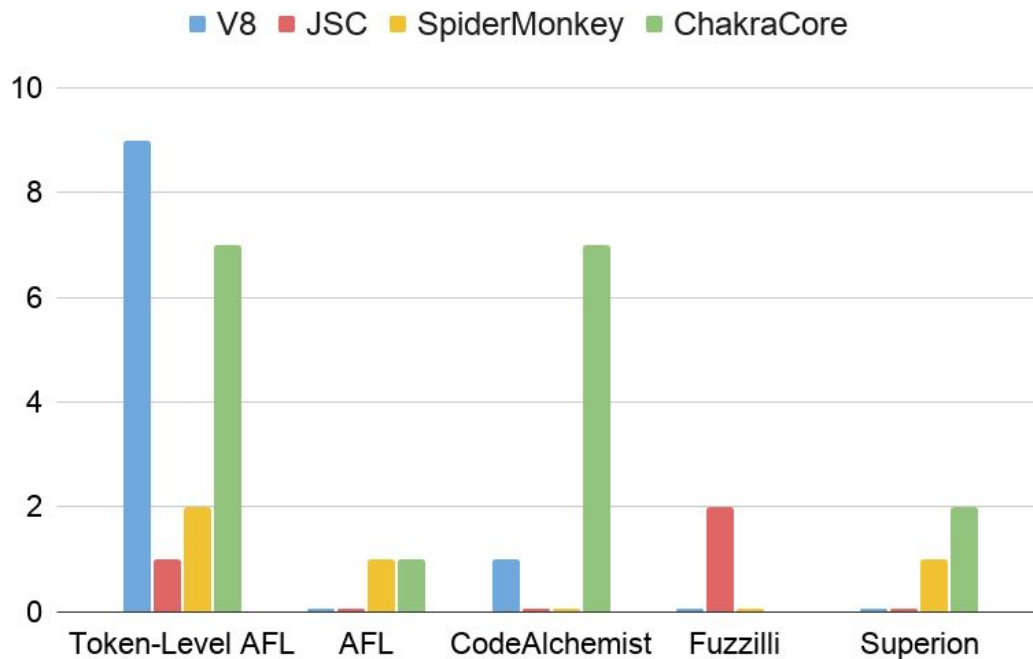
- Mutations can be applied directly on the numbers
- Before executing an input, decode the list back into Javascript Tokens!
- Only requires small modifications to AFL

Experiments

- Compared against other state-of-the-art Fuzzers
 - (3 days X 30 cores)
 - AFL, CodeAlchemist, Fuzzilli
- Ran Token-Level AFL on latest JavaScript Engines
 - (60 days X 30 cores)
 - V8, JavaScriptCore, SpiderMonkey, ChakraCore

Results - 3 day X 30 core runs

Total Number of Bugs Found



Results - 60 Days X 30 Cores

Token-Level Fuzzing Found:

- 16 V8 Bugs
- 4 JSC Bugs
- 3 SpiderMonkey Bugs
- 6 ChakraCore Bugs

Case Study 1

```
class var6 extends Object {  
    constructor ( a,b,c) {  
        super (1.1 ) 1 ;  
    }  
};  
  
new var6();
```

Case Study 2

```
function f () {
  var14=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8];
  var15=var14;
  var14.length = 0x100 ;
  var14.__defineGetter__(././, function(){
    var14.unshift ( 0x20 ) ;
    var14.shift();
    var var3=new Uint32Array(var14);
    Object.entries(var14).toString();
  } ) ;
  print(Object.entries(var14).toString());
}
f();
```


Conclusion

- Token-Level Fuzzing is a promising new technique
- Can make use of existing mutation fuzzers such as AFL
- Finds different bugs than other state of the art fuzzers