

# HACKING USING DYNAMIC BINARY INSTRUMENTATION

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# ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

- » How does DBI work – Intro to a DBI engine (Pin)
- » The InfoSec usages of DBI
- » InfoSec DBI tools

# WHAT IS INSTRUMENTATION

- » (Binary) instrumentation is the capability to observe, monitor and modify a (binary) program behavior

**in-stru-men-ta-tion**  *noun*  
\\in(t)-strə-mən-'tā-shən, -,men-\\


## Definition of INSTRUMENTATION



**1** : the arrangement or composition of music for instruments especially for a band or orchestra

**2** : the use or application of instruments (as for observation, measurement, or control)

**3** : instruments for a particular purpose; *also* : a selection or arrangement of instruments

 See [instrumentation](#) defined for English-language learners

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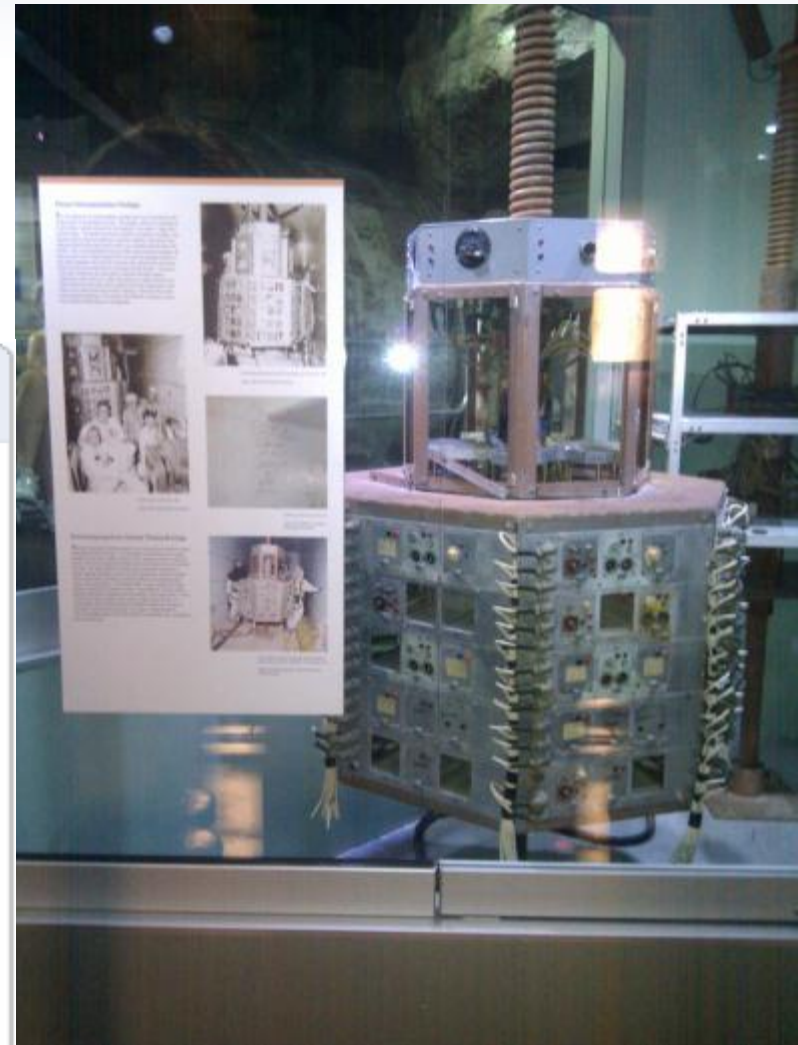
See [instrumentation](#) defined for kids »

## Examples of INSTRUMENTATION

- There was a problem with the airplane's *instrumentation*.

## First Known Use of INSTRUMENTATION

1845



# INSTRUMENTATION TYPES

- » Source / Compiler Instrumentation
- » Static Binary Instrumentation
- » Dynamic Binary Instrumentation

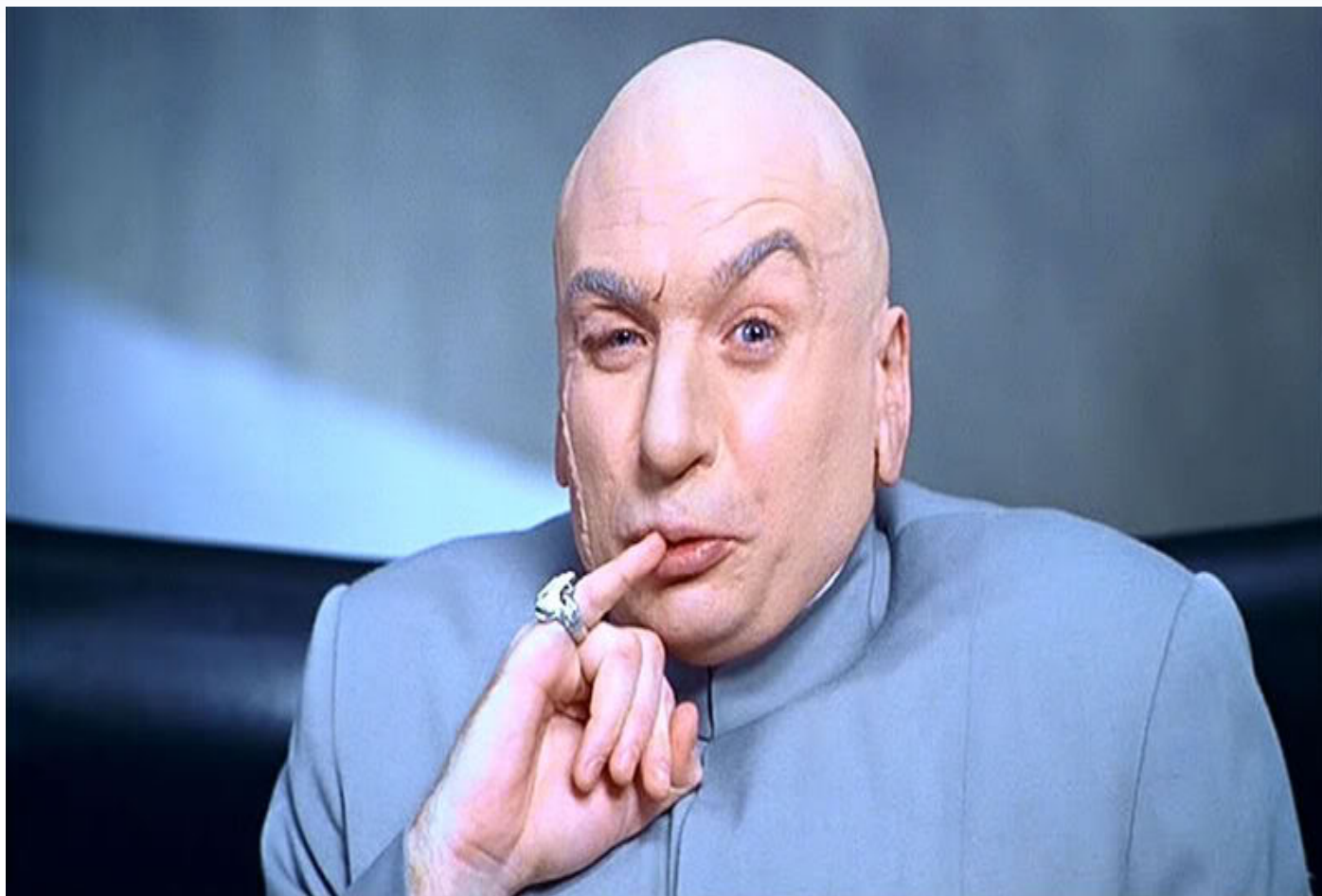




# HOW NON-SECURITY PEOPLE USE DBI

- » Simulation / Emulation
- » Performance analysis
- » Correctness checking
- » Memory debugging
- » Parallel optimization
- » Call graphs
- » Collecting code metrics
- » Automated debugging


# WHAT DO WE WANT TO USE IT FOR?



# GETTING A JOB

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- Developing exploits using the Metasploit Framework
- Reverse engineering compiled applications
- SMT/SAT solvers
- Various run-time analysis techniques
- **Dynamic Binary Instrumentation/Translation**
- Fuzz-testing
- Programming in other assembly languages, such as ARM, PPC, SPARC, MIPS
- Embedded device research and exploitation

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# SECURITY APPLICATIONS OF INSTRUMENTATION

- » *Data flow analysis*
- » *Control flow analysis*
- » Fuzzing
- » Vulnerability detection
- » Program visualization
- » Taint analysis
- » Reverse engineering
- » Transparent debugging
- » Privacy
- » Vulnerability classification
- » Behavior based security
- » Anti-virus / Anti-malware technologies
- » Forcing security practices
- » Sandboxing
- » Automated exploitation
- » Pre-patching
- » Forensics

# BINARY INSTRUMENTATION ENGINES

- » Pin
- » DynamoRio
- » Valgrind
- » DynInst
- » ERESI
- » Many more...

# PIN & PINTOOLS

- » Pin – the instrumentation **engine**
  - JIT for x86
- » PinTool – the instrumentation **program**
- » PinTools register **hooks** on events in the program
  - **Instrumentation routines** – called **only** on the **first** time something happens
  - **Analysis routines** – called **every** time this object is reached
  - **Callbacks** – called **whenever** a certain **event** happens



# WHERE TO FIND INFO ABOUT PIN

- » Website: [www.pintool.org](http://www.pintool.org)
- » Mailing list @ Yahoo groups: [Pinheads](#)

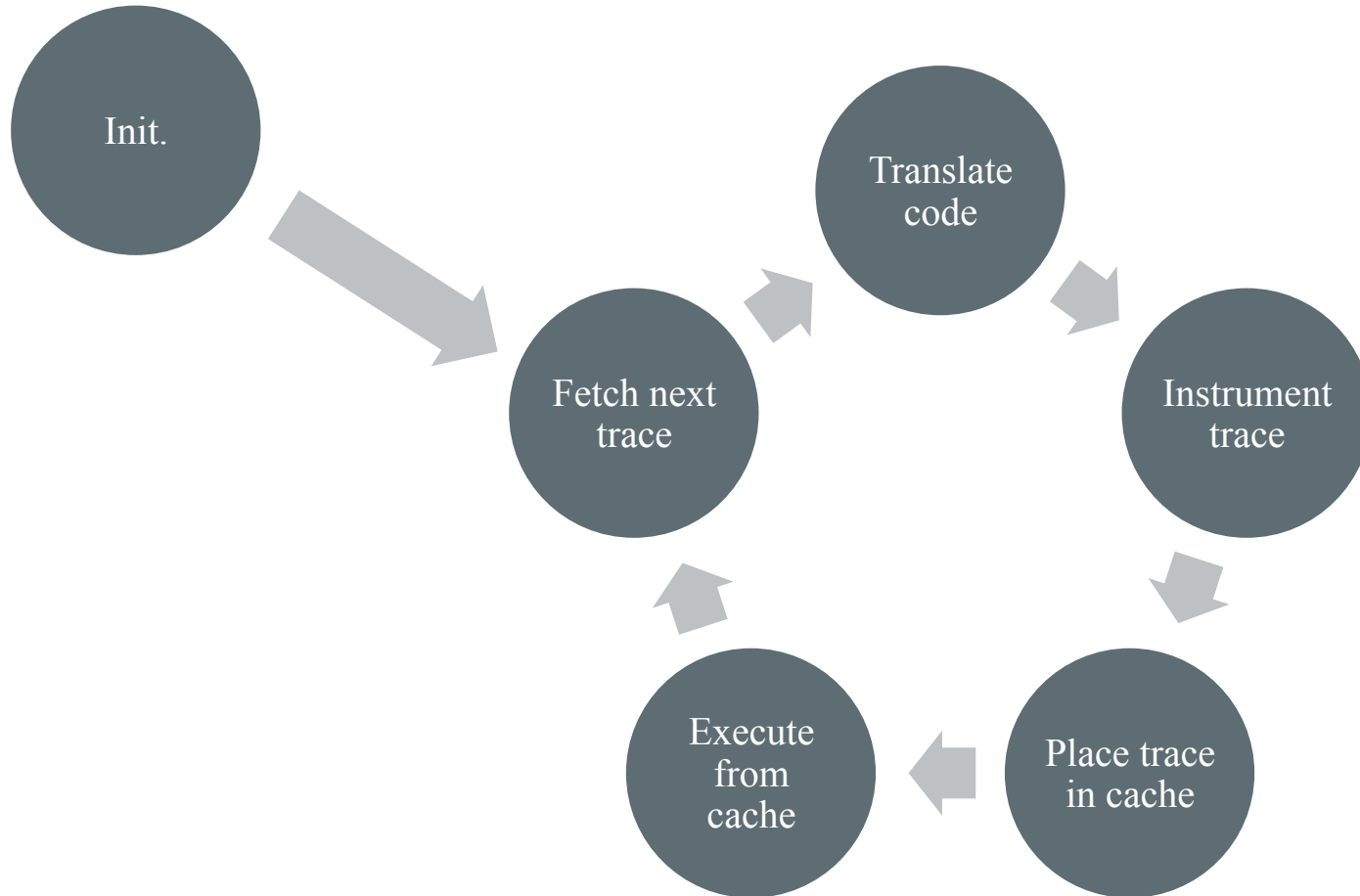
# A PROGRAM'S BUILDING BLOCKS

- » Instruction
- » Basic Block
- » Trace (sometimes called Super-block)





# PIN EXECUTION



# PINTOOL 101: INSTRUCTION COUNTING

```
#include "pin.h"
```

```
UINT64 icount = 0;
```

```
void docount() { icount++; }
```

```
void Instruction(INS ins, void *v)
{
    INS_InsertCall(ins, IPOINT_BEFORE,
        (AFUNPTR)docount, IARG_END);
}
```

```
void Fini(INT32 code, void *v)
{ std::cerr << "Count " << icount << endl; }
```

```
int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    PIN_Init(argc, argv);
    INS_AddInstrumentFunction(Instruction, 0);
    PIN_AddFiniFunction(Fini, 0);
    PIN_StartProgram(); // Never returns
    return 0;
}
```

*Execution time routine*

*Jitting time routine*

```
switch to pin stack
save registers
call docount
restore regs & stack
inc icount
```

- `sub $0xff, %edx`
- inc icount
- `cmp %esi, %edx`
- save eflags
- inc icount
- restore eflags
- `jle <L1>`
- inc icount
- `mov 0x1, %edi`

# PIN COMMAND LINE

- » `pin [pin_options] -t pintool.dll [pintool_options] – app_name.exe [app_args]`
- » Pin provides PinTools with a way to parse the command line using the KNOB class

# HOOKS

- » The heart of Pin's approach to instrumentation
- » Analysis and Instrumentation
- » Can be placed on various events / objects, e.g:
  - Instructions
  - Context switch
  - Thread creation
  - Much more...

# INSTRUMENTATION AND ANALYSIS

## » Instrumentation

- Usually defined in the tool “main”
- Once per object
- Heavy lifting

## » Analysis

- Usually defined in instrumentation routine
- Every time the object is accessed
- As light as possible

# GRANULARITY

- » INS – Instruction
- » BBL – Basic Block
- » TRACE – Trace
- » RTN – Routine
- » SEC – Section
- » IMG – Binary image



# OTHER INSTRUMENTABLE OBJECTS

- » Threads
- » Processes
- » Exceptions and context changes
- » Syscalls
- » ...

# INSTRUCTION COUNTING: TAKE 2

```
#include "pin.H"
```

```
UINT64 icount = 0;
```

```
void PIN_FAST_ANALYSIS_CALL docount(INT32 c) { icount += c; }
```

```
void Trace(TRACE trace, void *v) { // Pin Callback
    for(BBL bbl = TRACE_BblHead(trace);
        BBL_Valid(bbl);
        bbl = BBL_Next(bbl))
        BBL_InsertCall(bbl, IPOPOINT_ANYWHERE,
            (AFUNPTR)docount, IARG_FAST_ANALYSIS_CALL,
            IARG_UINT32, BBL_NumIns(bbl),
            IARG_END);
}
```

```
void Fini(INT32 code, void *v) { // Pin Callback
    fprintf(stderr, "Count %lld\n", icount);
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    PIN_Init(argc, argv);
    TRACE_AddInstrumentFunction(Trace, 0);
    PIN_AddFiniFunction(Fini, 0);
    PIN_StartProgram();
    return 0;
}
```



# INSTRUMENTATION POINTS

## » IPOINT\_BEFORE

- Before an instruction or routine

## » IPOINT\_AFTER

- Fall through path of an instruction
- Return path of a routine

## » IPOINT\_ANYWHERE

- Anywhere inside a trace or a BBL

## » IPOINT\_TAKEN\_BRANCH

- The taken edge of branch

# LIVENESS ANALYSIS

- » Not all registers are used by each program
- » Pin takes control of “dead” registers
  - Used for both Pin and tools
- » Pin transparently reassigns registers



# HOW TRANSLATED CODE LOOKS?

APP IP

```
2 0x77ec4600 cmp rax, rdx
22 0x77ec4603 jz 0x77f1eac9
40 0x77ec4609 movzx ecx, [rax+0x2]
37 0x77ec460d call 0x77ef7870
```

Compiler generated code for docount  
Inlined by Pin  
r14 allocated by Pin

r15 allocated by Pin

Points to per-thread spill area

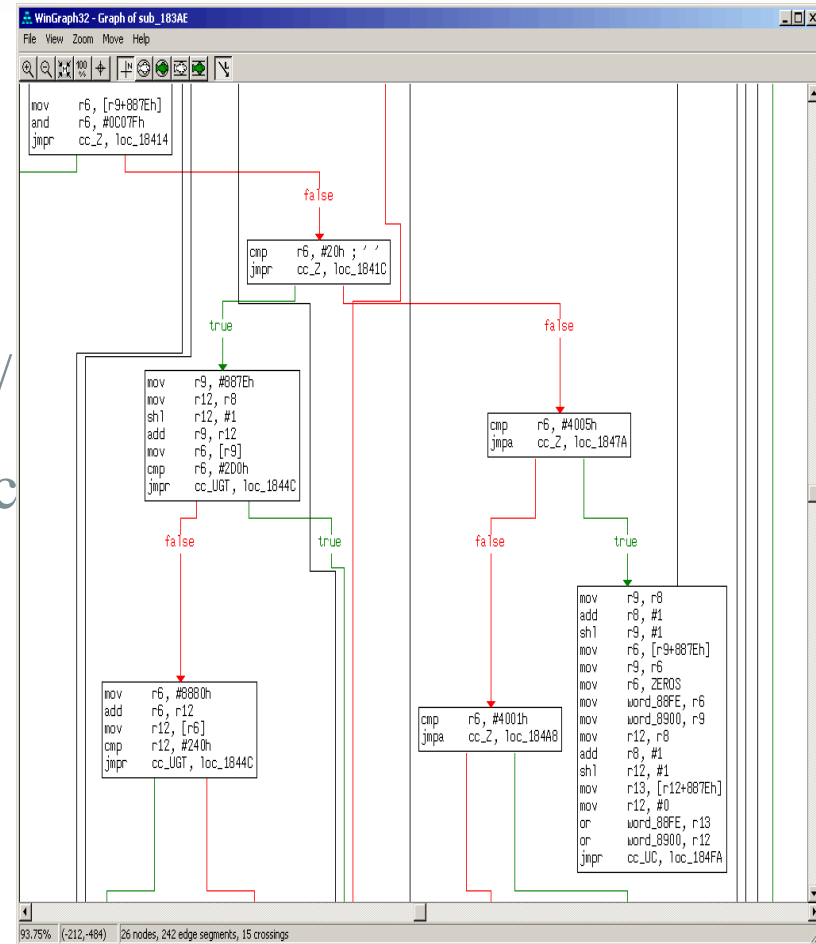
Application Trace  
How many BBLs in this trace?

```
20 0x001de0000 mov r14, 0xc5267d40 //inscount2.docount
58 0x001de000a add [r14], 0x2 //inscount2.docount
2 0x001de0015 cmp rax, rdx
9 0x001de0018 jz 0x1deffa0 (PIN-VM) //patched in future
52 0x001de001e mov r14, 0xc5267d40 //inscount2.docount
29 0x001de0028 mov [r15+0x60], rax
57 0x001de002c lahf
37 0x001de002e seto al
50 0x001de0031 mov [r15+0xd8], ax
30 0x001de0039 mov rax, [r15+0x60]
12 0x001de003d add [r14], 0x2 //inscount2.docount
40 0x001de0048 movzx edi, [rax+0x2] //ecx alloted to edi
22 0x001de004c push 0x77ec4612 //push retaddr
61 0x001de0051 nop
17 0x001de0052 jmp 0x1deffd0 (PIN-VM) //patched in future
```

save  
status  
flags

# REVERSING

- » De-obfuscation / unpacking
- » Frequency analysis
- » SMC analysis
- » Automated lookup for behavior /
- » Differential analysis / equivalenc
- » Data structure restoration



# REVERSING

» Examples:

- [Covert debugging / Danny Quist & Valsmith @ BlackHat USA 2007](#)
- [Black Box Auditing Adobe Shockwave - Aaron Portnoy & Logan Brown](#)
- [tartetatintools](#)
- [Automated detection of cryptographic primitives](#)

# COVERT DEBUGGING

- » Hiding from anti-debug techniques
- » Anti-instrumentation
- » Anti-anti instrumentation

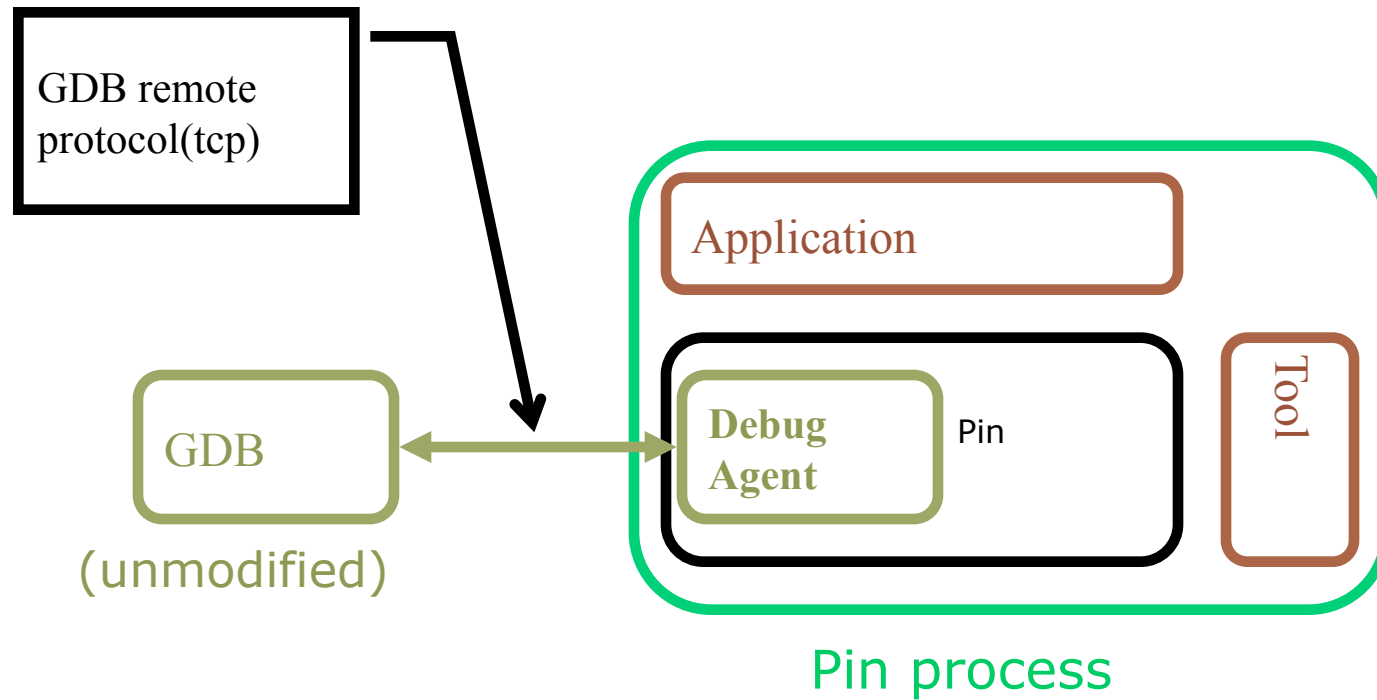


# TRANSPARENT DEBUGGING

- » PIN's terminology for “covert debugging”
- » Transparent debugging
  - “-appdebug” on Linux
- » Experimental Windows support exists and might go mainline soon (look for vsdbg.bat in the Pin kit)



# PIN DEBUGGER INTERFACE



# COVERT DEBUGGING DEMO

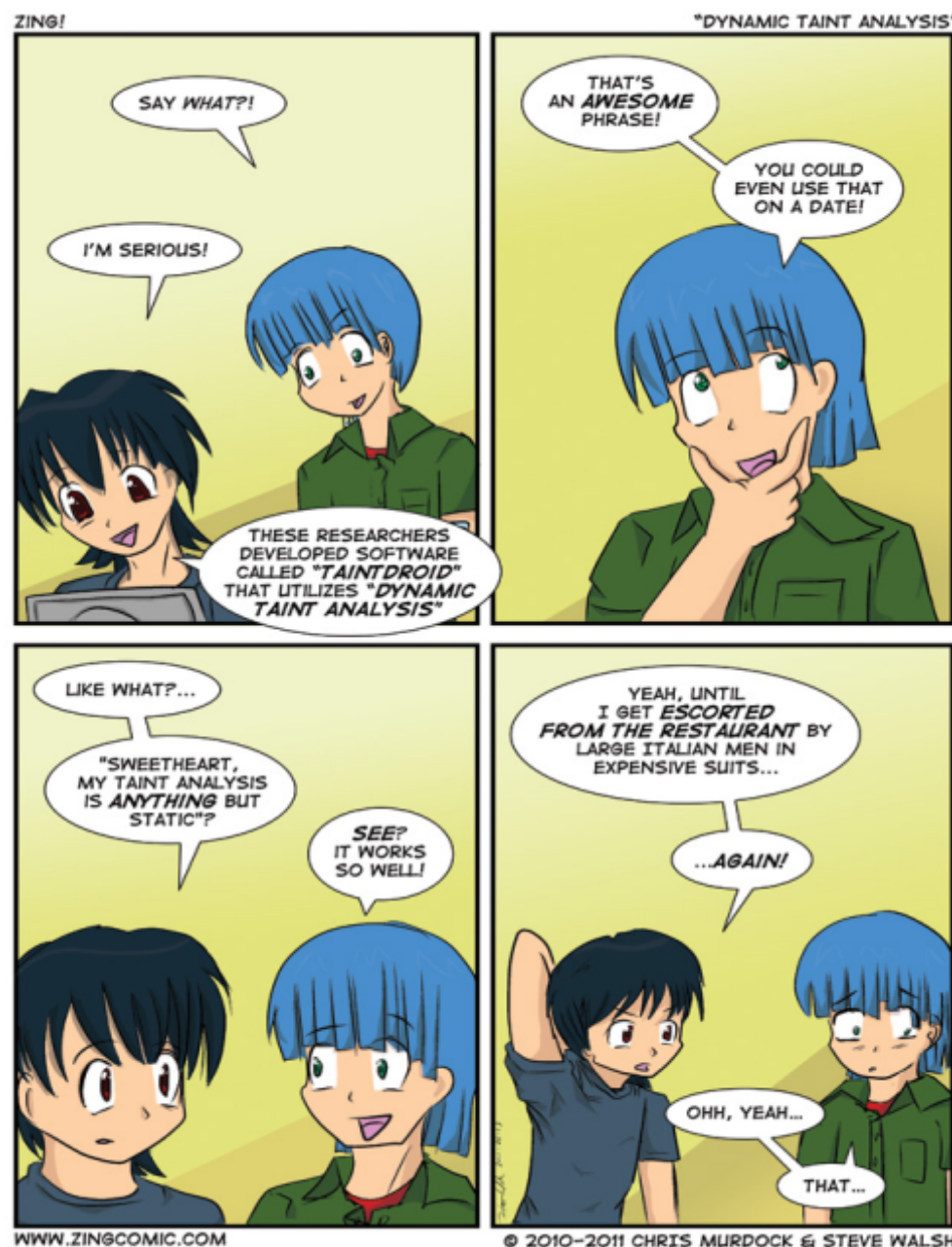
# TAINT ANALYSIS

» Following tainted data flow through programs

» Transitive property

$$X \in T(Y) \wedge Z \in T(X) \rightarrow Z \in T(Y)$$

$$(x < y) \wedge (z < x) \rightarrow (z < y)$$



# TAINT (DATA FLOW) ANALYSIS

- » Data flow analysis
  - Vulnerability research
  - Privacy
- » Malware analysis
- » Unknown vulnerability detection
- » Test case generation
- » ...



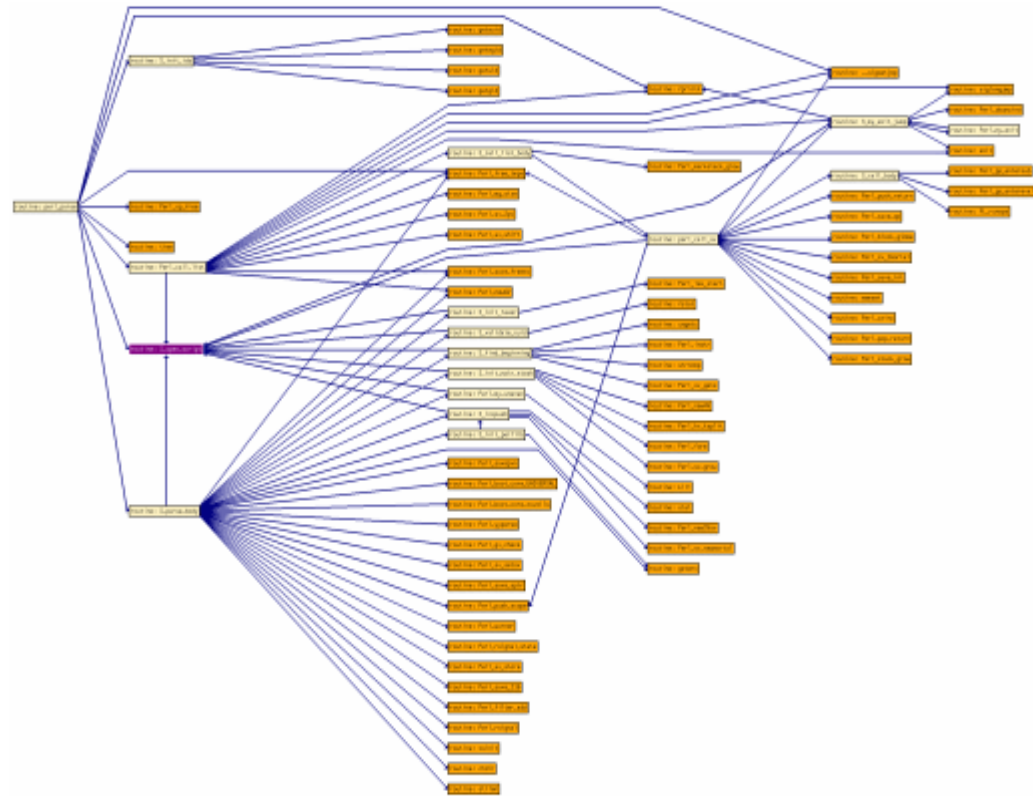
# TAINT (DATA FLOW) ANALYSIS

- » Edgar Barbosa in H2HC 2009
- » Flayer
  
- » Some programming languages have a taint mode



# CONTROL FLOW ANALYSIS

- » Call graphs
- » Code coverage
- » Examples:
  - Pincov



# PRIVACY MONITORING

- » Relies on taint analysis
  - Source = personal information
  - Sink = external destination
  
- » Examples:
  - [Taintdroid](#)
  - [Privacy Scope](#)



# MORE TAINT ANALYSIS

- » What can be tainted?
  - Memory
  - Register
- » Can the flags register be tainted?
- » Can the PC be tainted?



# MORE TAINT ANALYSIS

» For each instruction

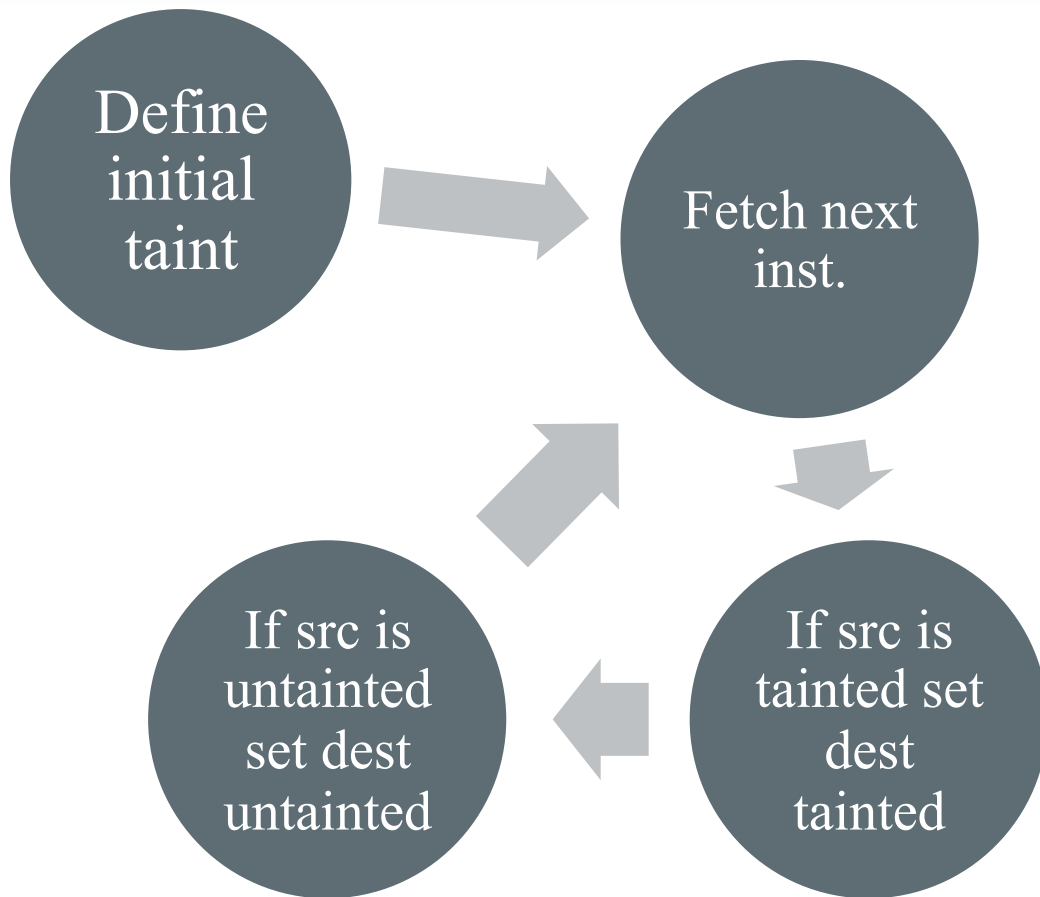
- Identify source and destination operands
  - Explicit, Implicit
- If SRC is tainted then set DEST tainted
- If SRC isn't tainted then set DEST not tainted

» Sounds simple, right?

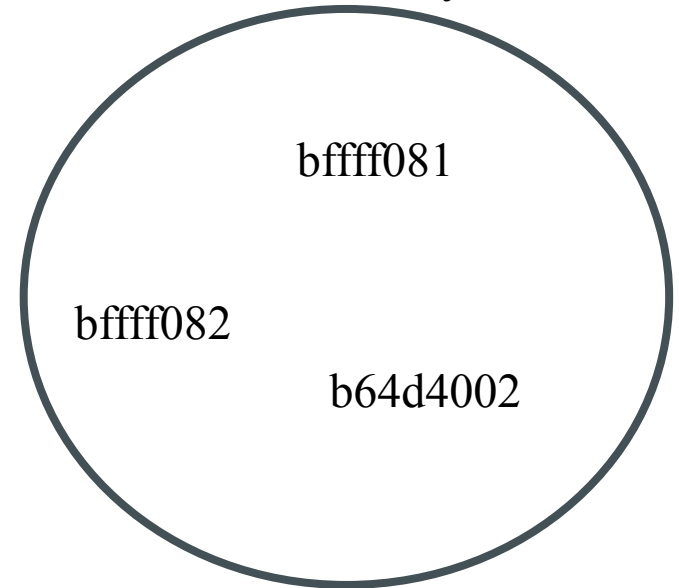
# MORE TAINT ANALYSIS

- » Implicit operands
- » Partial register taint
- » Math instructions
- » Logical instructions
- » Exchange instructions

# A SIMPLE TAINT ANALYZER



Set of Tainted Memory Addresses



Tainted Registers



```
#include "pin.H"  
#include <iostream>  
#include <fstream>  
#include <set>  
#include <string.h>  
#include "xed-iclass-enum.h"
```

```
set<ADDRINT> TaintedAddrs; // tainted memory addresses  
bool TaintedRegs[REG_LAST]; // tainted registers  
std::ofstream out; // output file
```

```
KNOB<string> KnobOutputFile(KNOB_MODE_WRITEONCE, "pintool",  
"o", "taint.out", "specify file name for the output file");
```

```
/*!  
 * Print out help message.  
 */
```

```
INT32 Usage()
```

```
{
```

```
cerr << "This tool follows the taint defined by the first argument to " << endl <<  
"the instrumented program command line and outputs details to a file" << endl ;
```

```
cerr << KNOB_BASE::StringKnobSummary() << endl;
```

```
return -1;
```

```
}
```

```

VOID DumpTaint() {
    out << "=====" << endl;
    out << "Tainted Memory: " << endl;
    set<ADDRINT>::iterator it;
    for ( it=TaintedAddrs.begin() ; it != TaintedAddrs.end(); it++ )
    {
        out << " " << *it;
    }
    out << endl << "***" << endl << "Tainted Regs:" << endl;

    for (int i=0; i < REG_LAST; i++) {
        if (TaintedRegs[i]) {
            out << REG_StringShort((REG)i);
        }
    }
    out << "=====" << endl;
}

```

```

// This function marks the contents of argv[1] as tainted
VOID MainAddTaint(unsigned int argc, char *argv[]) {
    if (argc != 2) return;

    int n = strlen(argv[1]);
    ADDRINT taint = (ADDRINT)argv[1];

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) TaintedAddrs.insert(taint + i);

    DumpTaint();
}

```

```

// This function represents the case of a register copied to memory
void RegTaintMem(ADDRINT reg_r, ADDRINT mem_w) {
    out << REG_StringShort((REG)reg_r) << " --> " << mem_w << endl;

    if (TaintedRegs[reg_r]) {
        TaintedAddr.insert(mem_w);
    }
    else //reg not tainted --> mem not tainted
    {
        if (TaintedAddr.count(mem_w)) { // if mem is already not tainted nothing to do
            TaintedAddr.erase(TaintedAddr.find(mem_w));
        }
    }
}

```

```

// this function represents the case of a memory copied to register
void MemTaintReg(ADDRINT mem_r, ADDRINT reg_w, ADDRINT inst_addr) {
    out << mem_r << " --> " << REG_StringShort((REG)reg_w) << endl;

    if (TaintedAddr.count(mem_r)) //count is either 0 or 1 for set
    {
        TaintedRegs[reg_w] = true;
    }
    else //mem is clean -> reg is cleaned
    {
        TaintedRegs[reg_w] = false;
    }
}

```

```
// this function represents the case of a reg copied to another reg
```

```
void RegTaintReg(ADDRINT reg_r, ADDRINT reg_w)
```

```
{  
    out << REG_StringShort((REG)reg_r) << " --> " <<  
        REG_StringShort((REG)reg_w) << endl;  
  
    TaintedRegs[reg_w] = TaintedRegs[reg_r];  
}
```

```
// this function represents the case of an immediate copied to a register
```

```
void ImmedCleanReg(ADDRINT reg_w)
```

```
{  
    out << "const --> " << REG_StringShort((REG)reg_w) << endl;  
  
    TaintedRegs[reg_w] = false;  
}
```

```
// this function represents the case of an immediate copied to memory
```

```
void ImmedCleanMem(ADDRINT mem_w)
```

```
{  
    out << "const --> " << mem_w << endl;  
  
    if (TaintedAddrs.count(mem_w)) //if mem is not tainted nothing to do  
    {  
        TaintedAddrs.erase(TaintedAddrs.find(mem_w));  
    }  
}
```

# HELPERS

```
// True if the instruction has an immediate operand  
// meant to be called only from instrumentation routines  
bool INS_has_immed(INS ins);
```

```
// returns the full name of the first register operand written  
REG INS_get_write_reg(INS ins);
```

```
// returns the full name of the first register operand read  
REG INS_get_read_reg(INS ins)
```



```

/*!
* This function checks for each instruction if it does a mov that can potentially
* transfer taint and if true adds the appropriate analysis routine to check
* and propogate taint at run-time if needed
* This function is called every time a new trace is encountered.
*/
VOID Trace(TRACE trace, VOID *v) {
for (BBL bbl = TRACE_BblHead(trace); BBL_Valid(bbl); bbl = BBL_Next(bbl)) {
for (INS ins = BBL_InsHead(bbl); INS_Valid(ins); ins = INS_Next(ins)) {
if ( (INS_Opcode(ins) >= XED_ICLASS_MOV) &&
      (INS_Opcode(ins) <= XED_ICLASS_MOVZX) ) {
if (INS_has_immed(ins)) {
if (INS_IsMemoryWrite(ins)) { //immed -> mem
      INS_InsertCall(ins, IPOINT_BEFORE, (AFUNPTR)ImmedCleanMem,
                    IARG_MEMORYOP_EA, 0,
                    IARG_END);
}
else //immed -> reg
{
      REG insreg = INS_get_write_reg(ins);
      INS_InsertCall(ins, IPOINT_BEFORE, (AFUNPTR)ImmedCleanReg,
                    IARG_ADDRINT, (ADDRINT)insreg,
                    IARG_END);
}
} // end of if INS has immed
else if (INS_IsMemoryRead(ins)) //mem -> reg

```

```

else if (INS_IsMemoryRead(ins)) { //mem -> reg
    //in this case we call MemTaintReg to copy the taint if relevant
    REG insreg = INS_get_write_reg(ins);
    INS_InsertCall(ins, IPOINT_BEFORE, (AFUNPTR)MemTaintReg,
        IARG_MEMORYOP_EA, 0,
        IARG_ADDRINT, (ADDRINT)insreg, IARG_INST_PTR,
        IARG_END);
}
else if (INS_IsMemoryWrite(ins)) { //reg -> mem
    //in this case we call RegTaintMem to copy the taint if relevant
    REG insreg = INS_get_read_reg(ins);
    INS_InsertCall(ins, IPOINT_BEFORE, (AFUNPTR)RegTaintMem,
        IARG_ADDRINT, (ADDRINT)insreg,
        IARG_MEMORYOP_EA, 0,
        IARG_END);
}
else if (INS_RegR(ins, 0) != REG_INVALID()) { //reg -> reg
    //in this case we call RegTaintReg
    REG Rreg = INS_get_read_reg(ins);
    REG Wreg = INS_get_write_reg(ins);
    INS_InsertCall(ins, IPOINT_BEFORE, (AFUNPTR)RegTaintReg,
        IARG_ADDRINT, (ADDRINT)Rreg,
        IARG_ADDRINT, (ADDRINT)Wreg,
        IARG_END);
}
else { out << "serious error?!\n" << endl; }
} // IF opcode is a MOV
} // For INS
} // For BBL
} // VOID Trace

```

```
/*!  
 * Routine instrumentation, called for every routine loaded  
 * this function adds a call to MainAddTaint on the main function  
 */
```

```
VOID Routine(RTN rtn, VOID *v)
```

```
{
```

```
    RTN_Open(rtn);
```

```
    if (RTN_Name(rtn) == "main") //if this is the main function
```

```
    {
```

```
        RTN_InsertCall(rtn, IPOINT_BEFORE, (AFUNPTR)MainAddTaint,  
            IARG_FUNCARG_ENTRYPOINT_VALUE, 0,  
            IARG_FUNCARG_ENTRYPOINT_VALUE, 1,  
            IARG_END);
```

```
    }
```

```
    RTN_Close(rtn);
```

```
}
```

```
/*!
```

```
 * Print out the taint analysis results.  
 * This function is called when the application exits.
```

```
 */
```

```
VOID Fini(INT32 code, VOID *v)
```

```
{
```

```
    DumpTaint();  
    out.close();
```

```
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    // Initialize PIN
    PIN_InitSymbols();

    if( PIN_Init(argc,argv) )
    {
        return Usage();
    }

    // Register function to be called to instrument traces
    TRACE_AddInstrumentFunction(Trace, 0);
    RTN_AddInstrumentFunction(Routine, 0);

    // Register function to be called when the application exits
    PIN_AddFiniFunction(Fini, 0);

    // init output file
    string fileName = KnobOutputFile.Value();
    out.open(fileName.c_str());

    // Start the program, never returns
    PIN_StartProgram();

    return 0;
}
```

# TAINT VISUALIZATION

- » Do we need to visualize registers?
- » How to visualize memory?
- » Is the PC important?



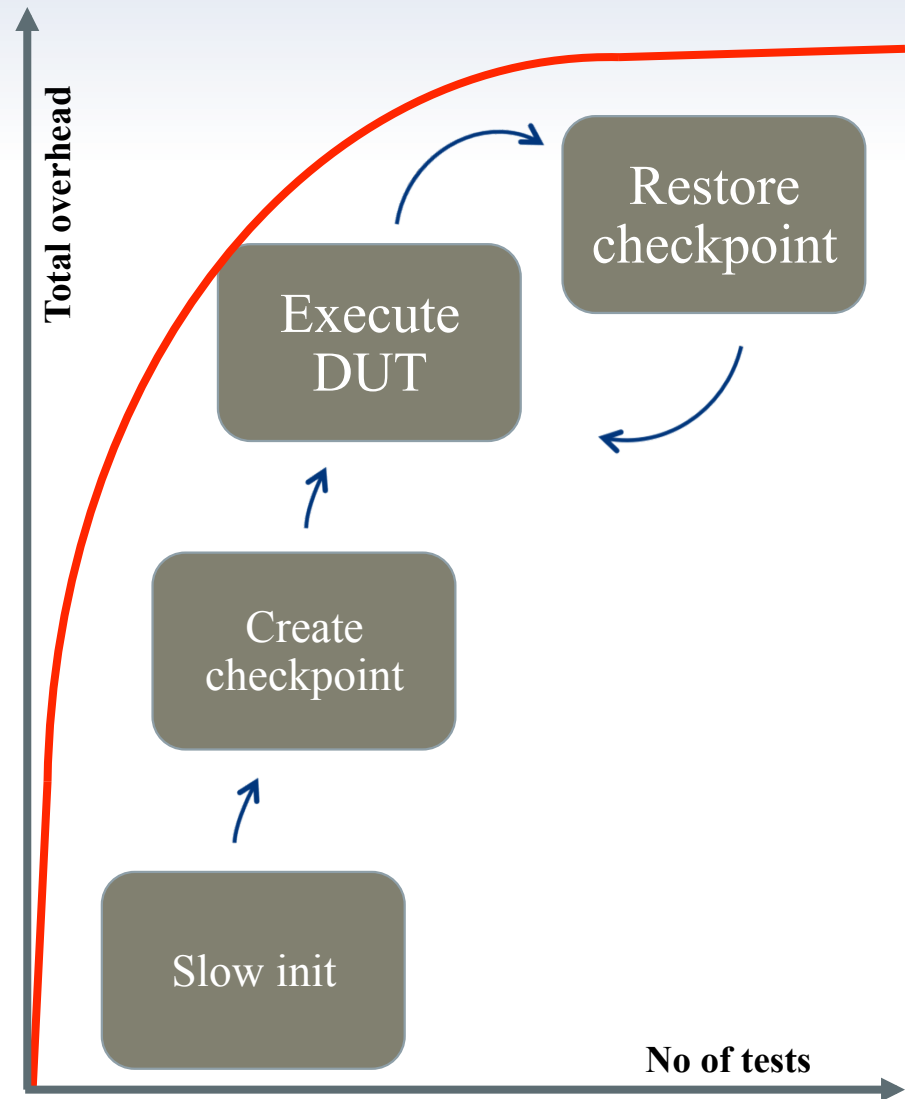
# FUZZING / SECURITY TEST CASE GENERATION

- » Feedback driven fuzzing
  - Code coverage driven
    - Corpus distillation
  - Data coverage driven
    - Haven't seen it in the wild
  - Constraints
  - Evolutionary fuzzing
- » Checkpointing
- » In-memory fuzzing
- » Event / Fault injection



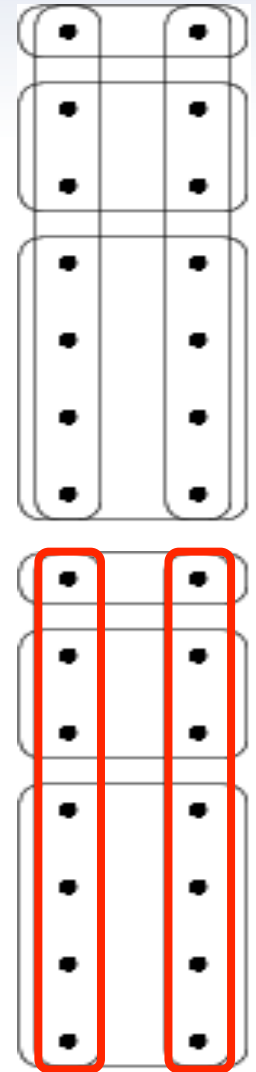
# FAST FUZZING

- » The main overhead of modern instrumentation comes from the first pass on the code (JIT)
- » Many programs have a constant long initialization (and destruction) before what we're interested in testing
- » One solution to this is checkpointing
- » Over enough time:  
 **$(\text{init} * \text{overhead}) \ll (\text{init} * \text{no of tests})$**



# CORPUS DISTILLATION

- » A technique for locating “untested” code
- » Corpus – the entire collection of existing inputs
- » Distilled corpus – a subset of the corpus with the same code coverage
- » Simple set operations or other operations like mutations allow finding new test cases from a distilled corpus that target uncovered areas





# FUZZING / SECURITY TEST CASE GENERATION

» Examples:

- Tavis Ormandy @ HITB'09
- Microsoft SAGE



# ADVANCED MONITORING

- » Defining advanced restrictions on your program behavior and detecting violations of those
  
- » In particular applying vulnerability detection:
  - **Generic:**
    - Exploitable condition
    - Exploitable behavior
  - **Specific:**
    - Illegal state or sequence of states
    - Illegal values
    - Illegal data-flow
    - Illegal control-flow



# KNOWN VULNERABILITY DETECTION

## » Detect exploitable **condition**

- Double free
- Race condition
- Dangling pointer
- Memory leak



# UNKNOWN VULNERABILITY DETECTION

## » Detect exploit **behavior**

- Overwriting a return address
- Corruption of meta-data
  - E.g. Heap descriptors
- Execution of user data
- Overwrite of function pointers



# VULNERABILITY DETECTION

» Examples:

- [Intel® Parallel Studio](#)
- Determina



# RETURN ADDRESS PROTECTION

- » Detecting return address overwrites for functions in a certain binary
- » Before function: save the expected return address
- » After function: check that the return address was not modified
- » aka “shadow stack”

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "pin.H"
#include <stack>
```

```
typedef struct
```

```
{
    ADDRINT address;
    ADDRINT value;
} pAddr;
```

```
stack<pAddr> protect; //addresses to protect
```

```
FILE * logfile; //log file
```

```
// called at end of process
```

```
VOID Fini(INT32 code, VOID *v)
```

```
{
    fclose(logfile);
}
```

```
// Save address to protect on entry to function
```

```
VOID RtnEntry(ADDRINT esp, ADDRINT addr)
```

```
{
    pAddr tmp;
    tmp.address = esp;
    tmp.value = *((ADDRINT *)esp);
    protect.push(tmp);
}
```

```

// check if return address was overwritten
VOID RtnExit(ADDRINT esp, ADDRINT addr) {
    pAddr orig = protect.top();
    ADDRINT cur_val = (*(ADDRINT *)orig.address));
    if (orig.value != cur_val) {
        fprintf(logfile, "Overwrite at: %x old value: %x, new value: %x\n",
                orig.address, orig.value, cur_val );
    }
    protect.pop();
}

```

**//Called for every RTN, add calls to RtnEntry and RtnExit**

```

VOID Routine(RTN rtn, VOID *v) {
    RTN_Open(rtn);
    SEC sec = RTN_Sec(rtn);
    IMG img = SEC_Img(sec);

```

```

if ( IMG_IsMainExecutable(img) && (SEC_Name(sec) == ".text" )
    {
        RTN_InsertCall(rtn, IPOINT_BEFORE,(AFUNPTR)RtnEntry, IARG_REG_VALUE,
                        REG_ESP, IARG_INST_PTR, IARG_END);
        RTN_InsertCall(rtn, IPOINT_AFTER ,(AFUNPTR)RtnExit , IARG_REG_VALUE,
                        REG_ESP, IARG_INST_PTR, IARG_END);
    }
    RTN_Close(rtn);
}

```



```
// Help message
INT32 Usage()
{
    PIN_ERROR( "This Pintool logs function return addresses in main module and reports modifications\n"
              + KNOB_BASE::StringKnobSummary() + "\n");
    return -1;
}
```

```
// Tool main function - initialize and set instrumentation callbacks
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    // initialize Pin + symbol processing
    PIN_InitSymbols();
    if (PIN_Init(argc, argv)) return Usage();

    // open logfile
    logfile = fopen("protection.out", "w");

    // set callbacks
    RTN_AddInstrumentFunction(Routine, 0);
    PIN_AddFiniFunction(Fini, 0);

    // Never returns
    PIN_StartProgram();

    return 0;
}
```

# AUTOMATED EXPLOIT DEVELOPMENT

- » Known exploit techniques
- » SAT/SMT
  
- » **Want to learn more?**  
**Look forward to my paper**



# AUTOMATED EXPLOITATION

- » This program is the bastard son of the previous two examples
- » It relies on the ability to find the source of the taint to connect the taint to the input
- » This PinTool creates a log we can use to exploit the program

```

// This functions marks the contents of argv[1] as tainted
VOID MainAddTaint(unsigned int argc, char *argv[])
{
    if (argc != 2)
    {
        return;
    }

    int n = strlen(argv[1]);
    ADDRINT taint = (ADDRINT)argv[1];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        TaintedAddrs[taint + i] = i+1;
    }
}

```

```

// This function represents the case of a register copied to memory
void RegTaintMem(ADDRINT reg_r, ADDRINT mem_w)
{
    if (TaintedRegs[reg_r])
    {
        TaintedAddrs[mem_w] = TaintedRegs[reg_r];
    }
    else //reg not tainted --> mem not tainted
    {
        if (TaintedAddrs.count(mem_w)) // if mem is already not tainted nothing to do
        {
            TaintedAddrs.erase(mem_w);
        }
    }
}
}

```

```

VOID RtnExit(ADDRINT esp, ADDRINT addr)
{

/*
 * SNIPPED...
 */

ADDRINT cur_val = (*(ADDRINT *)orig.address);
if (orig.value != cur_val)
{
    out << "Overwrite at: " << orig.address << " old value: " << orig.value
        << " new value: " << cur_val << endl;
    for (int i=0; i<4; i++)
    {
        out << "Source of taint at: " << (orig.address + i) << " is: "
            << TaintedAddrs[orig.address+i] << endl;
    }

    out << "Dumping taint" << endl;
    DumpTaint();
}

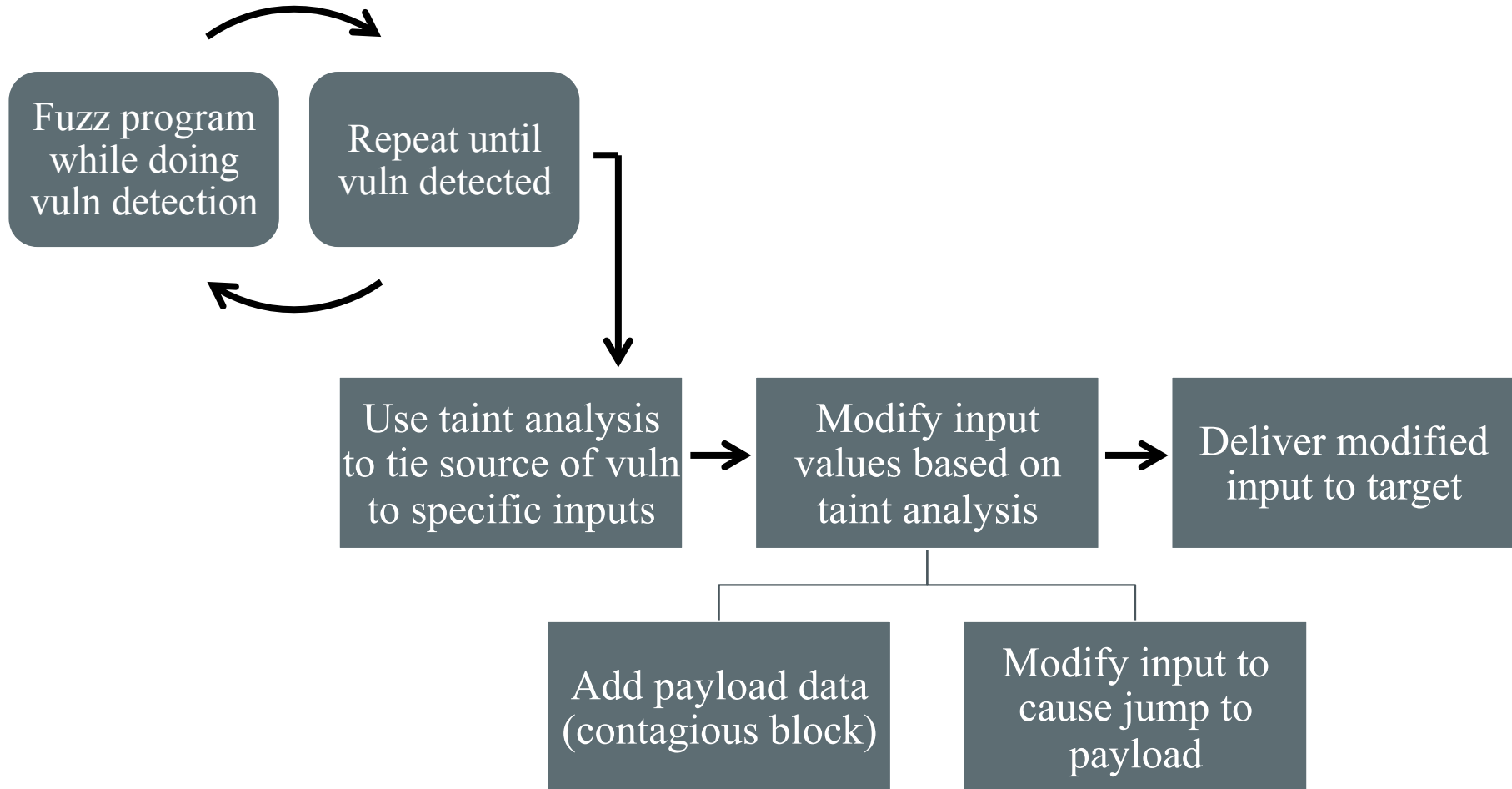
protect.pop();
}

```

# FROM LOG TO EXPLOIT

- » Simple processing of the log file gives us the following:
  - The indices in the input string of the values that overwrote the return pointer
  - All memory addresses that are tainted at the time of use
- » With a bit of effort we can find a way to encode wisely and take advantage of all tainted memory
  - But for sake of example I use the biggest consecutive buffer available
- » We can mark areas we don't want to be modified like protocol headers

# AUTOMATIC EXPLOITATION FLOW



# AUTOMATED VACCINATIONS

- » Detecting attacks
- » Introducing diversity
- » Adaptive self-regenerative systems
- » Examples:
  - Sweeper
  - GENESIS



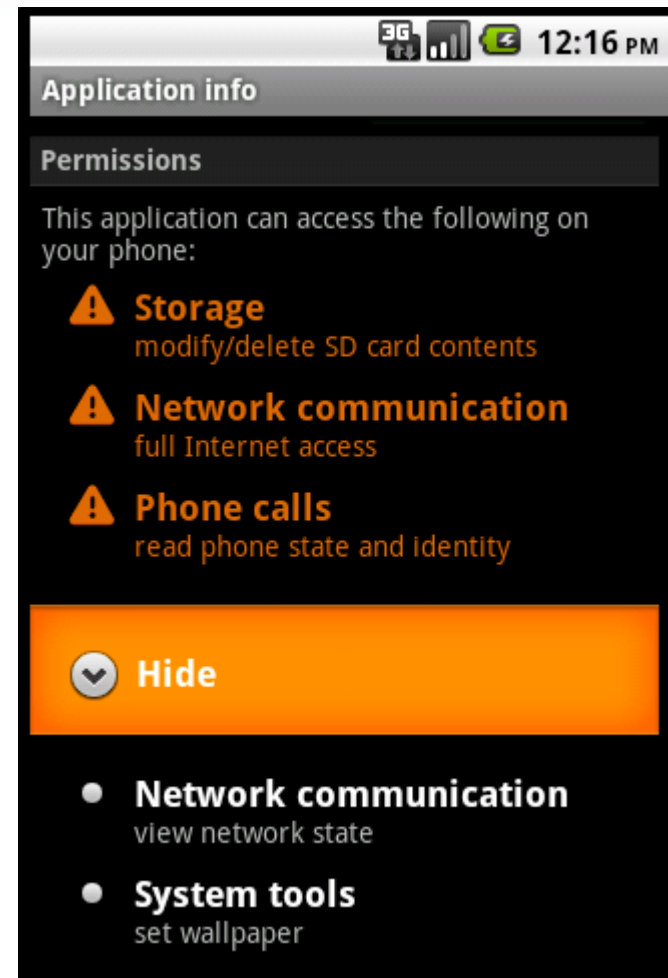


# PRE-PATCHING OF VULNERABILITIES

- » Modify vulnerable binary code
- » Insert additional checks
  
- » Example:
  - Determina LiveShield

# BEHAVIOR BASED SECURITY

- » Creating legit behavior profiles and allowing programs to run as long as they don't violate those
- » Alternatively, looking for backdoor / Trojan behavior
- » Examples:
  - HTH – Hunting Trojan Horses



# OTHER USAGES

- » Vulnerability classification
- » Anti-virus technologies
- » Forcing security practices
  - Adding stack cookies
  - Forcing ASLR
- » Sandboxing
- » Forensics

# ATTACHING TO A RUNNING PROCESS

- » Simply add “-pid <PID#>” command line option instead of giving a program at the end of command line
  - `pin -pid 12345 -t MyTool.so`
- » Related APIs:
  - `PIN_IsAttaching`
  - `IMG_AddInstrumentFunction`
  - `PIN_AddApplicationStartFunction`

# DETACHING

- » Pin can also detach from the application
- » Related APIs:
  - PIN\_Detach
  - PIN\_AddDetachFunction

# Launcher Process



pin.exe -i pincount.dll -igoup.exe input.txt

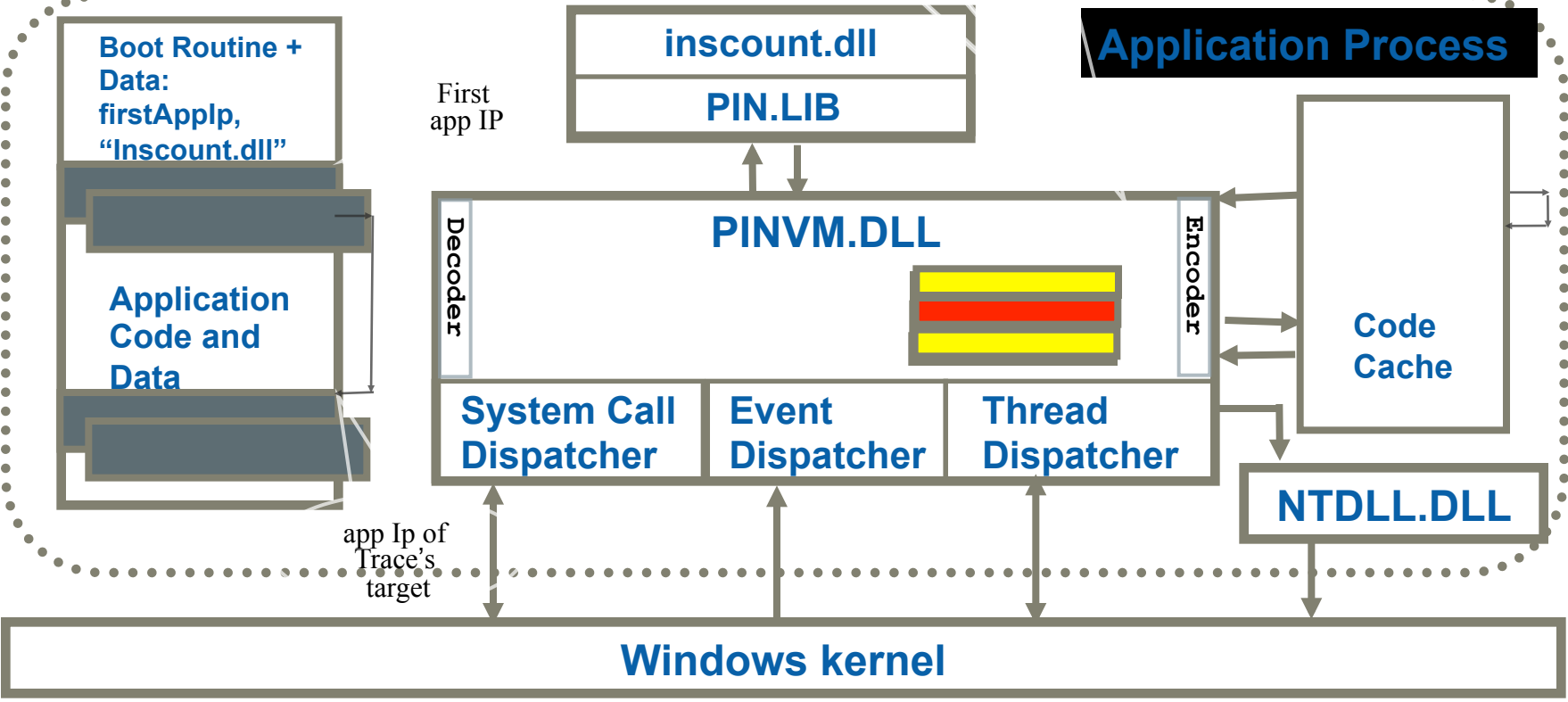
- Read a Trace from Application Code
- Starting at first application IP: Read a Trace from its address instrumentation code from Executable File Cache
- Pin count dll: instrumentation is from in: Call into the NtDll.Dispatch() next trace (firstAppIp, inscount.dll)
- Pass in app IP of trace's target
- Encode the trace into the Code Cache

Pin Tool that counts application instructions executed, prints Count at end

Execute lifted code

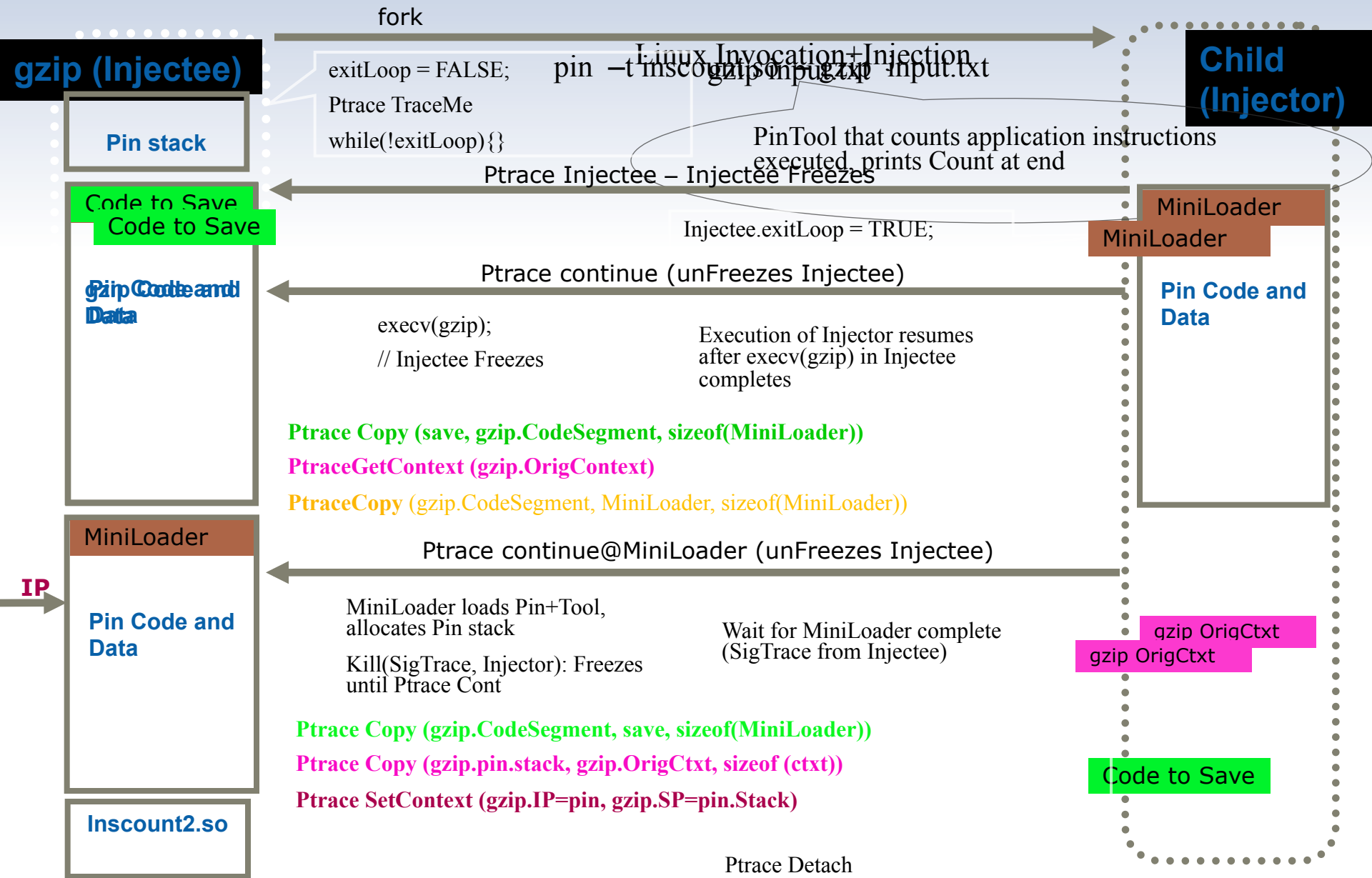


# Application Process



# PIN INJECTION

- » Also known as “Early Injection”
- » Allows you to instrument every instruction in the process starting from the very first loader instruction





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