

# ANGRY MODULE EXCAVATION

LET'S PLAY WITH DUCT TAPE.

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# MODULE EXCAVATION ?

Use concolic analysis to explore kernel modules and get informations about their IOCTLs

# WHAT IS AN IOCTL ?

```
long random_ioctl(int fd, unsigned int cmd, unsigned long arg);
```

- A syscall to get custom operations on a resource
- Device specific commands, code or specs needed
- Unavailable for private drivers

**BUT, WHY ?**

# CHECK IF HEADERS AND IOCTLs MATCH

```
// linux/include/uapi/linux/firewire-cdev.h

#define FW_CDEV_IOC_GET_INFO          _IOWR('#', 0x00, struct fw_cdev_get_info)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_SEND_REQUEST     _IOW('#', 0x01, struct fw_cdev_send_request)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_ALLOCATE         _IOWR('#', 0x02, struct fw_cdev_allocate)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_DEALLOCATE       _IOW('#', 0x03, struct fw_cdev_deallocate)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_SEND_RESPONSE    _IOW('#', 0x04, struct fw_cdev_send_response)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_INITIATE_BUS_RESET _IOW('#', 0x05, struct fw_cdev_initiate_bus_reset)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_ADD_DESCRIPTOR   _IOWR('#', 0x06, struct fw_cdev_add_descriptor)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_REMOVE_DESCRIPTOR _IOW('#', 0x07, struct fw_cdev_remove_descriptor)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_CREATE_ISO_CONTEXT _IOWR('#', 0x08, struct fw_cdev_create_iso_context)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_QUEUE_ISO        _IOWR('#', 0x09, struct fw_cdev_queue_iso)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_START_ISO        _IOW('#', 0x0a, struct fw_cdev_start_iso)
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_STOP_ISO         _IOW('#', 0x0b, struct fw_cdev_stop_iso)
```

# IOCTL COMMANDS CONTAIN DATA

```
// linux/include/uapi/linux/firewire-cdev.h
#define FW_CDEV_IOC_GET_INFO          _IOWR('#', 0x00, struct fw_cdev_get_info)

// linux/include/uapi/asm-generic/ioctl.h
#define _IOC(dir,type,nr,size) \
    (((dir) << _IOC_DIRSHIFT) | \
     ((type) << _IOC_TYPERSHIFT) | \
     ((nr) << _IOC_NRSHIFT) | \
     ((size) << _IOC_SIZESHIFT))

#ifndef __KERNEL__
#define _IOC_TYPECHECK(t) (sizeof(t))
#endif

/* used to create numbers */
#define _IO(type,nr)          _IOC(_IOC_NONE,(type),(nr),0)
#define _IOR(type,nr,size)   _IOC(_IOC_READ,(type),(nr),(_IOC_TYPECHECK(size)))
#define _IOW(type,nr,size)   _IOC(_IOC_WRITE,(type),(nr),(_IOC_TYPECHECK(size)))
#define _IOWR(type,nr,size)  _IOC(_IOC_READ|_IOC_WRITE,(type),(nr),(_IOC_TYPECHECK(size)))
```

## STILL DOESN'T TELL US WHY...

- To find bugs
- To find vulnerabilities (Yay)
- To discover IOCTLs from private drivers

## AND, AS A BONUS

Experience and challenge this kind of analysis in a new  
context

A.K.A not in a userland CTF exercise



# THE PEELER: STEPS

- Find the functions accurately
- Find which commands are valid
- Find a way to determine the type of 'arg'

# ANGR



Framework developed by the UC Santa Barbara's Computer Security Lab, and their associated CTF team, Shellphish.

## WHAT IS IT ?

*angr is a framework for analyzing binaries. It focuses on both static and dynamic symbolic ("concolic") analysis, making it applicable to a variety of tasks.*

Participated in the DARPA CGC (Autonomous Hacking) - One of the 7 team qualified for the finals

Submodules: CLE, claripy, simuvex...

# CONCOLIC ?

Concrete execution + Symbolic execution

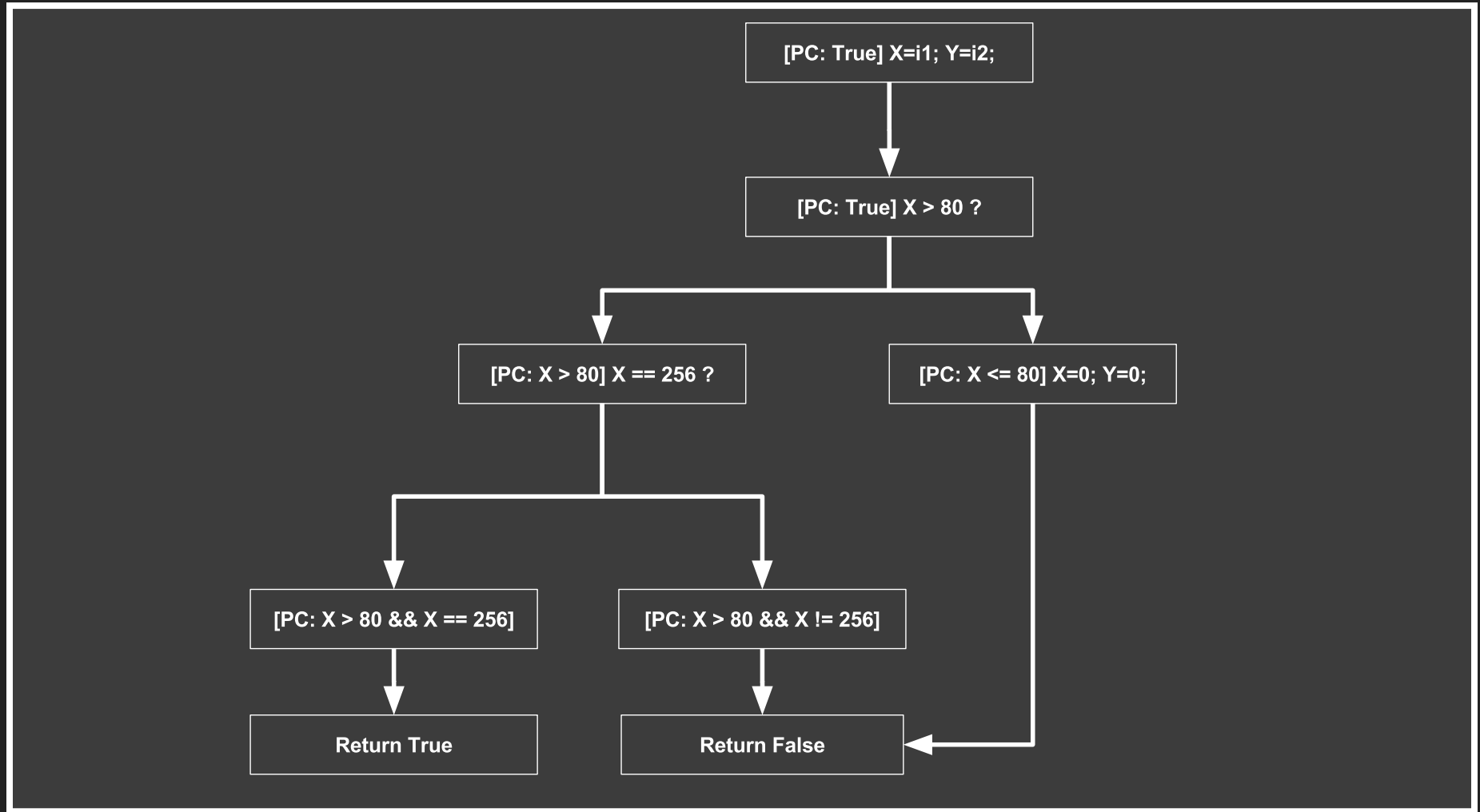
- Concrete execution: Program being executed
- Symbolic execution allows at a time  $T$  to determine for a branch all conditions necessary to take the branch or not

# EXAMPLE

```
int example(int x, int y)
{
    int x = i1;
    int y = i2;

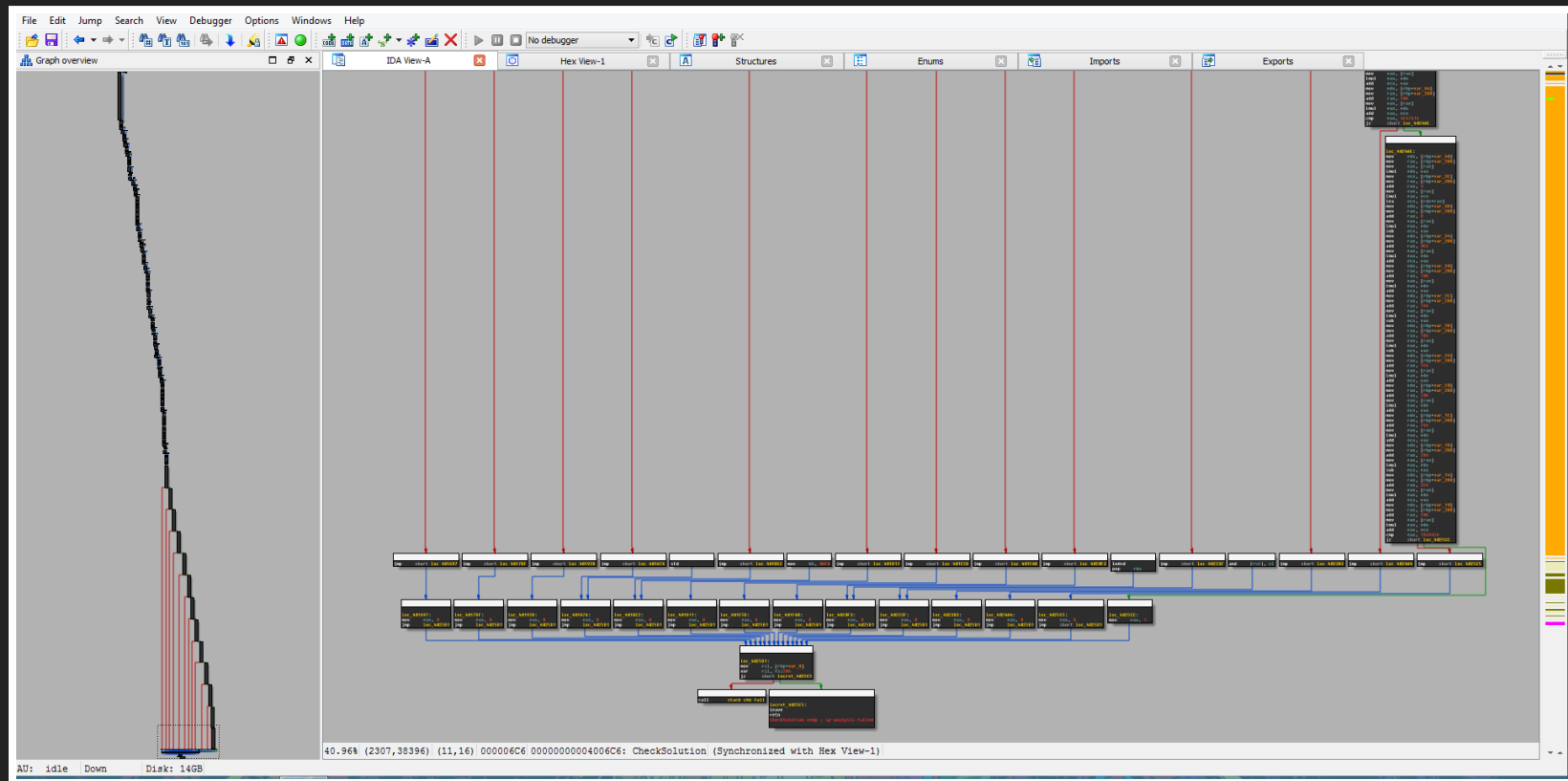
    if (x > 80) {
        if (x == 256)
            return True;
    } else {
        x = 0;
        y = 0;
    }
    return False;
}
```

# GIVES US



# PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

## Defcon Quals 2016 - babyre



# Solved in 5 minutes with angr:

```
main = 0x4025e7

p = angr.Project('baby-re')
init = p.factory.blank_state(addr=main)

# Taken from IDA's xrefs
scanf_off = [0x4d, 0x85, 0xbd, 0xf5, 0x12d, 0x165, 0x19d, 0x1d5,
             0x20d, 0x245, 0x27d, 0x2b5, 0x2ed]

def scanf(state):
    state.mem[state.regs.rsi:] = state.se.BVS('c', 8)

for o in scanf_off:
    p.hook(main + o, func=scanf, length=5)

pgp = p.factory.path_group(init, threads=8)

win = 0x4028e9
fail = 0x402941
ex = pgp.explore(find=(win), avoid=(fail))

s = ex.found[0].state

flag_addr = 0x7fffffffef98 # First rsi from scanf
flag = s.se.any_str(s.memory.load(flag_addr, 50))
print("The flag is '{0}'".format(flag))
```



## SO ?

- It seems to do everything we ask for
- Good results in CTF
- Most of the work has been put in the ELF handling

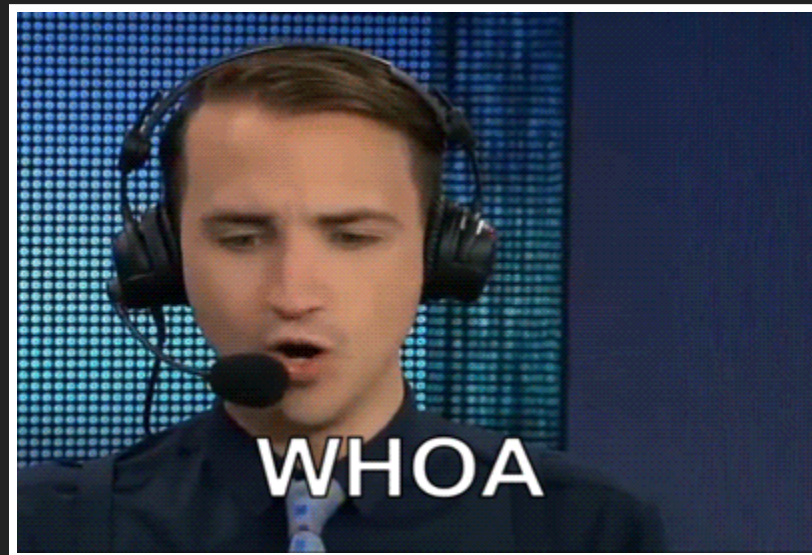
**BUT**

**(YES, THERE IS A BUT...)**

**(AGAIN...)**

*Apparently it doesn't like kernel modules,  
you need to write a custom loader*

*-- Gaby*



# PROBLEMS

- Object files (modules) are different from executables
- Relocations had to be done

# RELOCATIONS

- References to symbols in other sections
- Need to be resolved at link time

# EXAMPLE

```
;; x.o

.text:
    f:
        call external_func      ;; Relocation to external func
        lea eax, inter_section, ;; Inter section relocation
        ret

.data:
    inter_section:
        .long 12

;; y.o

.text:
    main:
        call f                  ;; Inter object relocation
```

**LET'S EXPLORE**

## Peeler behavior overview:

```
ioctls = find_ioctls("peel_me_sensually.bin");
for (ioctl in ioctls)
{
    endpoints = find_endpoints(ioctl);
    ex = explorer();
    for (endpoint in endpoints)
    {
        paths = get_paths(ex, ioctl.entry, endpoint);
        for (path in paths)
        {
            if (get_ret_val(path) > -1)
                do_stuff(path);
        }
    }
}
```



```

int my_false_ioctl(int fd, unsigned long cmd, void* arg) {

    int ret = -1;

    switch (cmd) {
        case 0xcafe:
            ret = 1 * 2 + 98 - 3000;

            if (ret + fd - 23 + cmd == 0xa110c)
                ret = 1;
    }
    return ret;
}

```

gives us

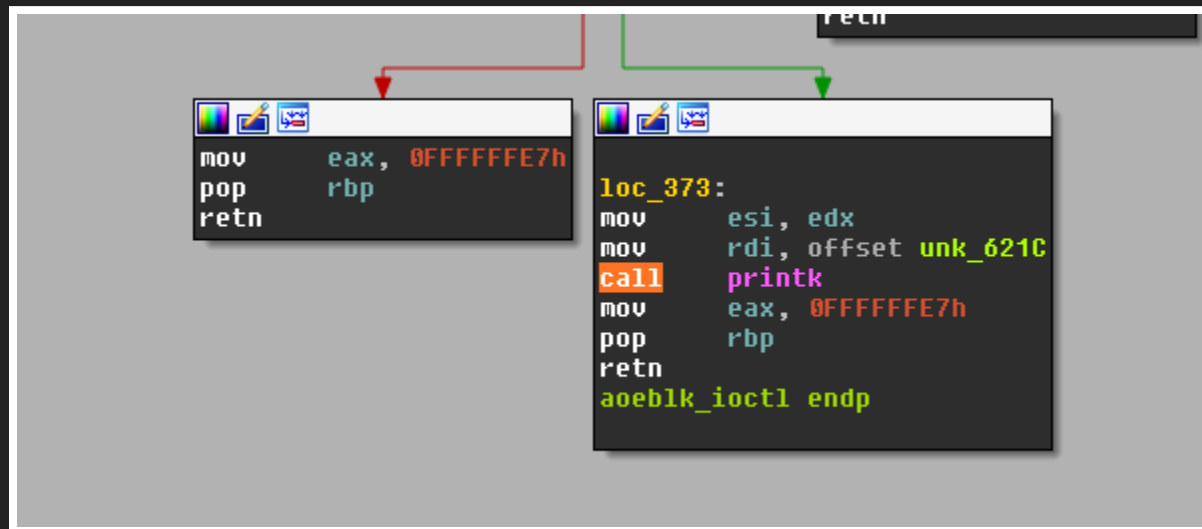
```

Path from 0x4005dc to 4006a7
Required conditions (constraints):
  <Bool reg_40_5_64 == 0xcafe>
  <Bool (reg_40_5_64 + SignExt(32, ((reg_48_4_64 + 0xfffff4ac) - 0x17))) == 0xa110c>
Simplified: <Bool (reg_40_5_64 == 0xcafe) \
              && (reg_48_4_64 == 0x95179) \
              && ((0xfffff495 + reg_48_4_64[31:0])[31:31] == 0))>
return value: 0x1

```

# MINOR FIXES

## The intra-block address patch



# HEY, IT WOR-- ... WAIT A MINUTE.

The image displays the assembly code for the `my_false_ioctl` function and its corresponding control flow graph (CFG). The assembly code is shown in four windows, connected by arrows indicating the flow of execution.

```
; Attributes: bp-based Frame
public my_false_ioctl
my_false_ioctl proc near

arg= qword ptr -28h
cmd= qword ptr -20h
fd= dword ptr -14h
return_value= dword ptr -4

push    rbp
mov     rbp, rsp
mov     [rbp+fd], edi
mov     [rbp+arg], rdx
mov     [rbp+return_value], 0FFFFFFFh
mov     rax, [rbp+cmd]
cmp     rax, 0CAFEBh
jnz     short loc_4004F3

mov     [rbp+return_value], 0FFFFFF4Ch
mov     edx, [rbp+return_value]
mov     eax, [rbp+fd]
add     eax, edx
sub     eax, 17h
movsxd rdx, eax
mov     rax, [rbp+cmd]
add     rax, rdx
cmp     rax, 0A110Ch
jnz     short loc_4004F3

mov     [rbp+return_value], 1

loc_4004F3:
mov     eax, [rbp+return_value]
pop     rbp
retn
my_false_ioctl endp
```

The control flow graph on the right shows the execution paths between these code blocks. It features several loops and branches, with nodes representing instructions and edges representing control flow. The graph is color-coded with green and blue lines, highlighting different paths through the code.

(drm.ko)

# DRM\_MODE\_ATOMIC\_IOCTL

```
p1kachu@GreenLabOfGazon:src$ ./pyfinder.py drm.ko -f drm_mode_atomic_ioctl -q
[ ]   INFOS   Peeling drm's ioctls

[ ]   INFOS   Analyzing function drm_mode_atomic_ioctl at 0x421b30
[ ]   INFOS   Launching path_group explorer
[ ]   INFOS   Explorer: <PathGroup with 1 deadended, 1 found>

[ ]   INFOS   Analyzing 1 found paths
[ ]   INFOS   Path from 0x421b30 to 0x421f12L (1/1)
[ ]   INFOS   Return value would be 0xffffffffL - Skipping

[ ]   INFOS   Analyzing 1 deadended paths
[ ]   INFOS   Path from 0x421b30 to 0x421ba7L (1/1)
[-]   FAIL    Something went wrong in se.min/max: Unsat Error
[ ]   INFOS   End of analysis
```

# DRM\_COMPAT\_IOCTL

```
p1kachu@GreenLabOfGazon:src$ ./pyfinder.py drm.ko -f drm_compat_ioctl -q
[ ]   INFOS   Peeling drm's ioctls

[ ]   INFOS   Analyzing function drm_compat_ioctl at 0x422490
[ ]   INFOS   Launching path_group explorer
[ ]   INFOS   Explorer: <PathGroup with 5 deadended, 2 active, 1 found>

[ ]   INFOS   Analyzing 1 found paths
[ ]   INFOS   Path from 0x422490 to 0x4224bdL (1/1)
[ ]   INFOS   Return value would be 0xffffffffffffffedL - Skipping

[ ]   INFOS   Analyzing 5 deadended paths
[ ]   INFOS   Path from 0x422490 to 0x405b44L (1/5)
[-]   FAIL    Something went wrong in se.min/max: Unsat Error
[ ]   INFOS   Path from 0x422490 to 0x4059f5L (2/5)
[-]   FAIL    Something went wrong in se.min/max: Unsat Error
[ ]   INFOS   Path from 0x422490 to 0x423e4eL (3/5)
[ ]   INFOS   Return value would be 0xfffffffff2L - Skipping
[ ]   INFOS   Path from 0x422490 to 0x405b44L (4/5)
[-]   FAIL    Something went wrong in se.min/max: Unsat Error
[ ]   INFOS   Path from 0x422490 to 0x4059f5L (5/5)
[-]   FAIL    Something went wrong in se.min/max: Unsat Error
[ ]   INFOS   Explorer: <PathGroup with 2 deadended>
```

## \_\_KSTRTAB\_DRM\_IOCTL\_PERMIT

```
[ ]  INFOS  Analyzing function __kstrtab_drm_ioctl_permit at 0x4399ce
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "./pyfinder.py", line 201, in <module>
    recover_function(f, cfg, addr)
  File "/home/p1kachu/peeling-ioctls/src/excavator.py", line 195, in recover_function
    ins = blk.capstone.insns[last_ins]
IndexError: list index out of range
```

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# WHAT NOW ?

- We need to enhance and strengthen the peeler
- angr cannot work without some human pre-work
- How to save resources (time and memory) ?
  - Automate verifications
  - Discard useless stuff
  - Analyze interesting functions only

# FIND IOCTLS SMARTLY

HOW DO WE DO THAT ?



# IOCTL REGISTRATION PROCESSUS

- Create a struct `file_operations`
  - Multiple function pointers
  - Used to register operations on the device
- Load the structure in memory (using a register function)
- Classic operations will now be handled by these functions

```
static const struct file_operations i8k_fops = {  
    .owner          = THIS_MODULE,  
    .open           = i8k_open_fs,  
    .read           = seq_read,  
    .llseek        = seq_lseek,  
    .release        = single_release,  
    .unlocked_ioctl = i8k_ioctl,  
};
```

## LEGEND

For the next slides, please refer to this legend:

- fops : file\_operations struct containing our ioctl
  - register\_ioctl : register function that will load fops
  - call\_me\_addr : address of 'call register\_ioctl'
  - Caller : function containing call\_me\_addr
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# GOAL: FIND FOPS

```
static struct file_operations fops = {  
    .owner = THIS_MODULE,  
    .unlocked_ioctl = (void*)my_ioctl,  
    .compat_ioctl = (void*)my_ioctl  
};
```

Data of interest: Its address in memory.

# LOOK FOR REGISTER\_IOCTL

Iterate over imported symbols to look for one of these:

```
register_chrdev(DRM_MAJOR, "drm", &drm_stub_fops);
```

```
register_functions = [  
    '__register_chrdev',  
    'misc_register',  
    'cdev_init'  
]
```

Data of interest: Exact address of 'call register\_ioctl'  
(call\_me\_addr).

# FIND WHICH FUNCTION CALLS REGISTER\_IOCTL (CALLER)

```
"""  
- The 'call register_ioctl' will always be in the init function.  
- The init function will always be called init_module.  
"""
```

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```

```
EDIT : No, and no.  
"""
```

```
for _, sym in elf.symbols_by_addr.iteritems():  
    bottom = sym.rebased_addr  
    top     = sym.rebased_addr + sym.size  
    if register_ioctl > bottom and register_ioctl <= top:  
        Caller = sym.name
```

Data of interest: Entry point of Caller.

# AND NOW ?

We:

- \* have Caller's entry point
- \* have `register_ioctl`'s call address (`call_me_addr`, in Caller)
- \* know that when `register_ioctl` is called, `fops` is in a register

So we:

- \* Launch a path explorer from Caller's entry point to `call_me_addr`
- \* Break just before the call
- \* Analyze the passed arguments to get `fops` address

# PROBLEMS

- Very long Callers
- Lots of unresolved functions
- Memory and time consuming
- Calling 'conventions'



# LET'S TRY TO BE CLEVER

Assignations and call usually are in the same block

```
public usb_major_init
usb_major_init proc near
call    __fentry__
push    rbp
xor     esi, esi
mov     r8, offset usb_fops
mov     rcx, offset aUsb ; "usb"
mov     edx, 100h
mov     edi, 0B4h ; '!'
mov     rbp, rsp
push    rbx
call    __register_chrdev
test    eax, eax
mov     ebx, eax
jnz     short loc_148C4
```


```
loc_69FFA:
xor     esi, esi
xor     edi, edi
mov     r8, offset apidev_fops
mov     rcx, offset aQ12xapidev ; "q12xapidev"
mov     edx, 100h
call    __register_chrdev
test    eax, eax
mov     cs:apidev_major, eax
jns     short loc_6A03C
```

```
ppdev_init proc near
push    rbp ; Alternative name is 'init_module'
xor     esi, esi
mov     r8, offset pp_fops
mov     rcx, offset aPpdev ; "ppdev"
mov     edx, 100h
mov     edi, 63h ; 'c'
mov     rbp, rsp
push    rbx
call    __register_chrdev
test    eax, eax
jz     short loc_11F9
```



- Create a CFG of Caller
- Find the basic block containing call\_me\_addr
- Path explorer from the beginning of the block only

```
ppdev_init proc near
push    rbp                ; Alternative name is 'init_module'
xor     esi, esi
mov     r8, offset pp_fops
mov     rcx, offset aPpdev ; "ppdev"
mov     edx, 100h
mov     edi, 63h ; 'c'
mov     rbp, rsp
push   rbx
call   __register_chrdev
test   eax, eax
jz     short loc_11F9
```



Right.

It doesn't work.

# TROUBLES WITH INCOMPLETE CFG

```
import angr
p = angr.Project('/home/plkachu/Desktop/modules/chrdev/osst.ko')
for x, y in p.loader.main_bin.symbols_by_addr.iteritems():
    if 'osst_ioctl' in y.name:
        print(hex(y.rebased_addr), y.name)
```

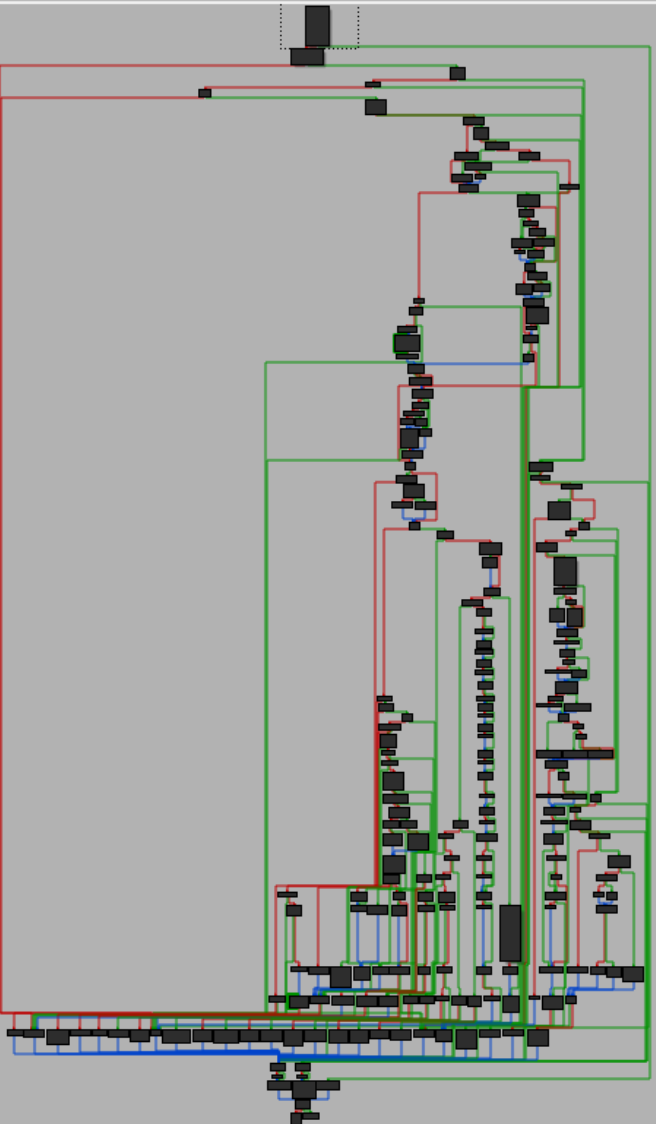
```
('0x408970', u'osst_ioctl')
```

```
f = p.analyses.CFGAccurate(starts=[0x408970]).functions[0x408970]
```

```
print([(hex(x.addr), x.size) for x in f.blocks])
```

```
[('0x408970L', 5), ('0x408975L', 83)]
```

Graph overview



IDA View-A

Hex View-1

Structures

Enums

```
osst_ioctl1 proc near
call    __fentry__
push   rbp
mov    rbp, rsp
push   r15
push   r14
push   r13
push   r12
mov    r14, rdi
push   rbx
mov    ebx, esi
sub    rsp, 58h
mov    r15, [rdi+000h]
mov    rdi, offset osst_int_mutex
mov    rax, gs:28h
mov    [rbp-30h], rax
xor    eax, eax
mov    [rbp-70h], rdx
mov    qword ptr [rbp-68h], 0
mov    rax, [r15+260h]
mov    r12, [r15+18h]
mov    [rbp-78h], rax
call   mutex_lock
mov    rdi, r12
call   mutex_lock_interruptible
test   eax, eax
jnz    loc_8D2F
```

125.00% (3286, -77) (4, 17) 000089B0 00000000000008940: osst\_ioctl1 (Synchronized with Hex View-1)

Problems with relative calls, unresolved symbols, symbolic memory...



# ANOTHER WAY: DWARF DEBUG INFOS

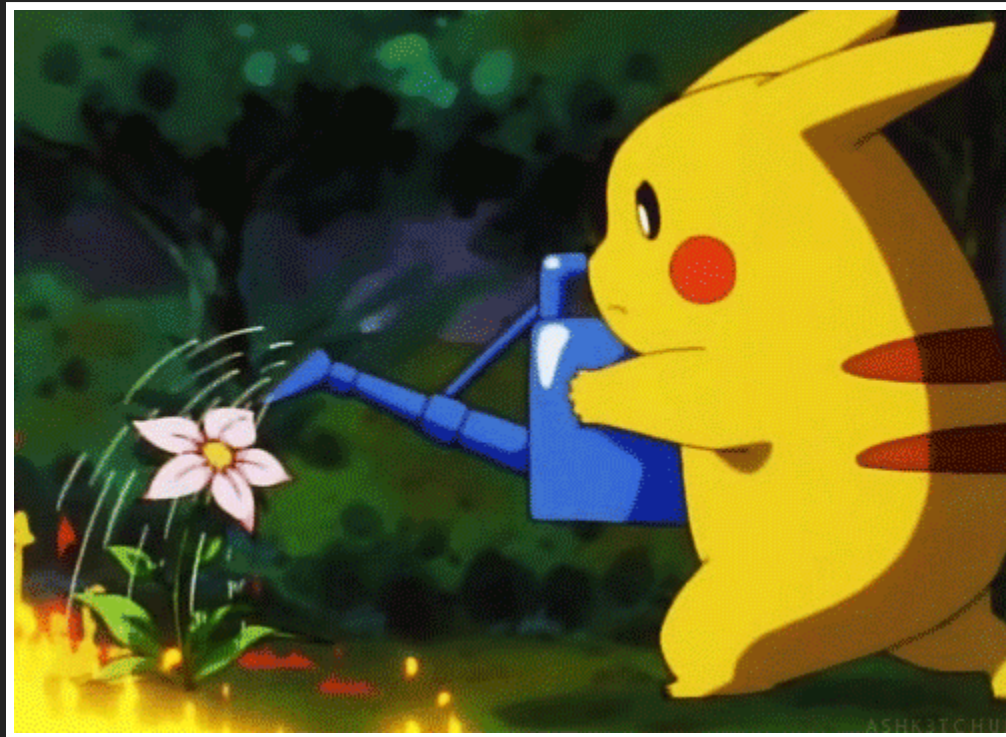
If present, DWARF infos *can not* fail

Iterate over them, find fops in memory, and get the IOCTLS

# BEST EFFORT STRATEGY

1. look in debug infos (DWARF)
  - \* Accurate and fast
  - \* Need to have access to the source code
2. Fallback on the file\_operations structure
  - \* Slow
  - \* Requires an angr explorer and CFG for itself
  - \* Often fails at some point
3. Fallback on symbols names
  - \* Some IOCTLs aren't named like that
  - \* More functions to analyze

# WHAT'S LEFT TO DO ?



- \* Get infos about the `*arg*` parameter
  - \* What's its type ?
  - \* Which operations are applied on it ?



# POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT

- Efficiency boost (merge paths, discard others, ...)
- Allow user input for testing
- Sanity checking by parsing headers

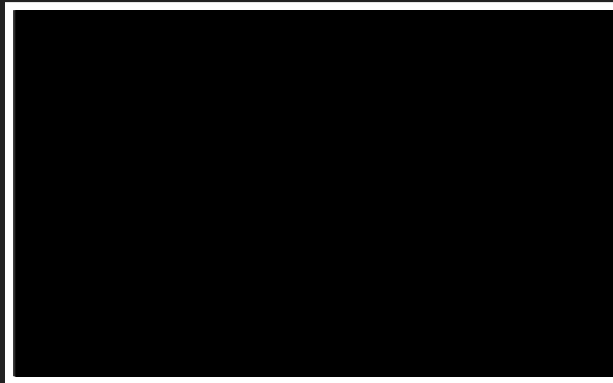
# SUM UP

- Not usable for big/complicated modules
- Would need more layers of fallbacks
- Everything is too unstable to be used at once

However, still interesting to see angr on real life problems

- More details:
  - [Linux Device Drivers - Chapter 6](#)
  - <http://github.com/angr>
  - [SoK: \(State of\) The Art of War: Offensive Techniques in Binary Analysis \(UCSB\)](#)
  - [Binary analysis - Concolic Execution \(Jonathan Salwan\)](#)

Thank you



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