



Time and Order: Towards Automatically Identifying Side-Channel Vulnerabilities in Enclave Binaries

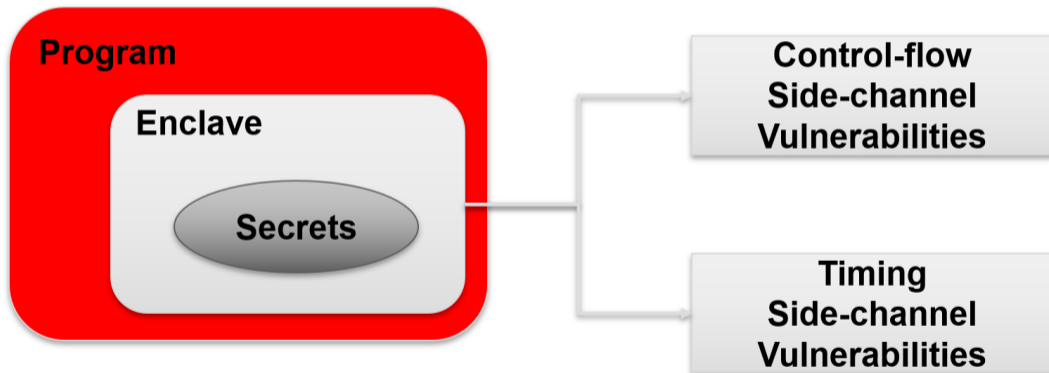
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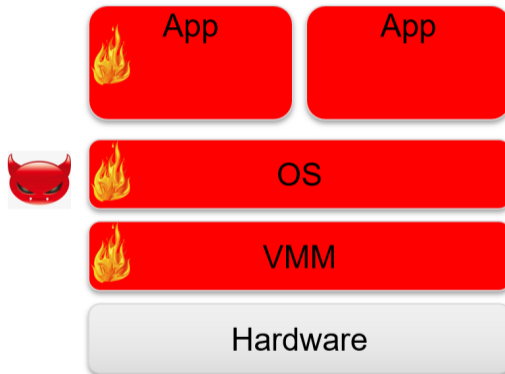
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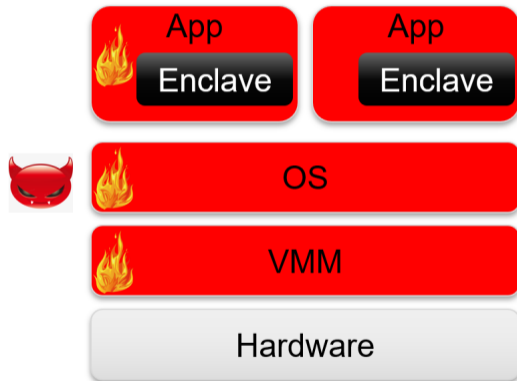
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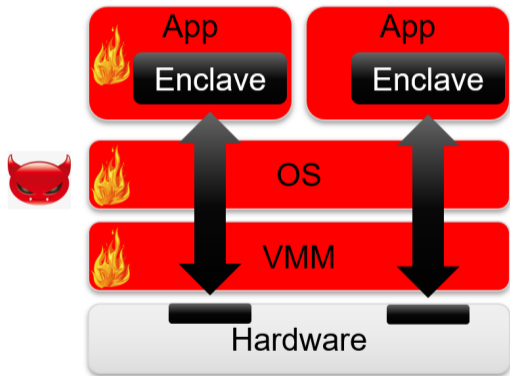
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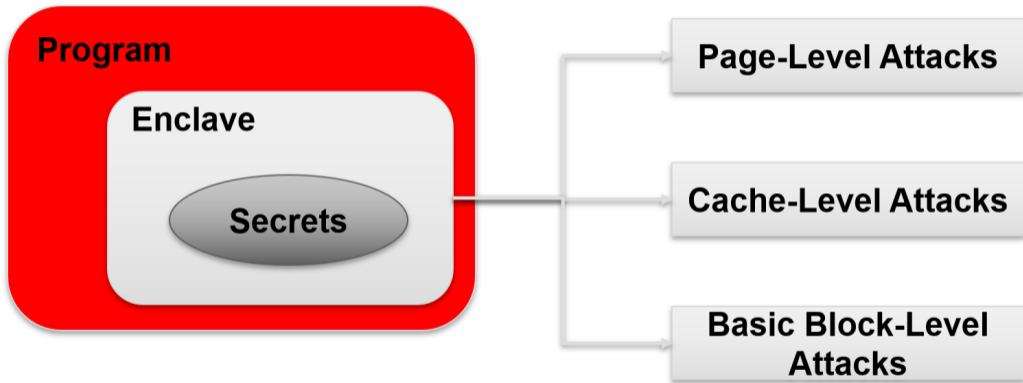
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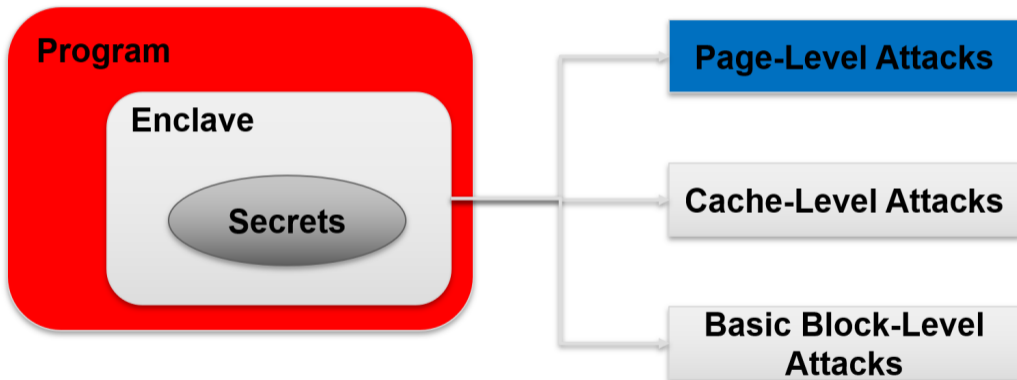
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- ① Different Granularities
- ② Different Targets

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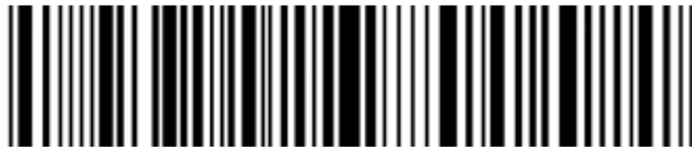
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Page-Level Attacks

White line:



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2   for (i=0; i<barcode_size; i++){  
3     if (x[i] == 0){  
4       render_whiteline();  
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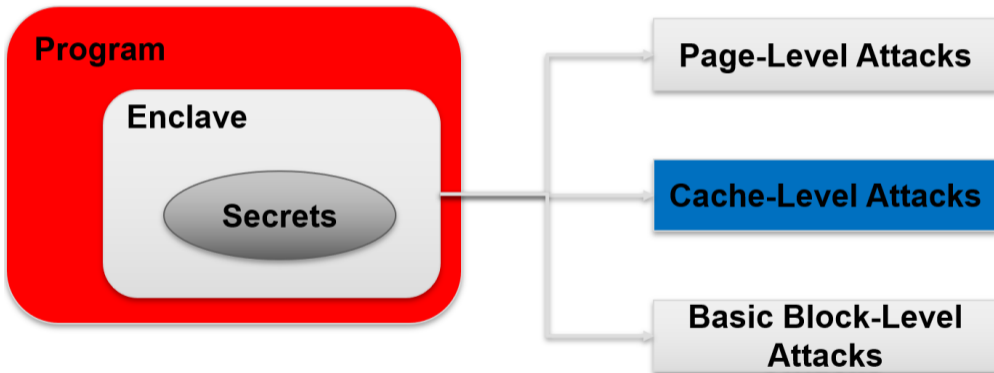


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Prime + Probe

- 1 Occupy specific cache set
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- 3 Check which cache sets are still occupied

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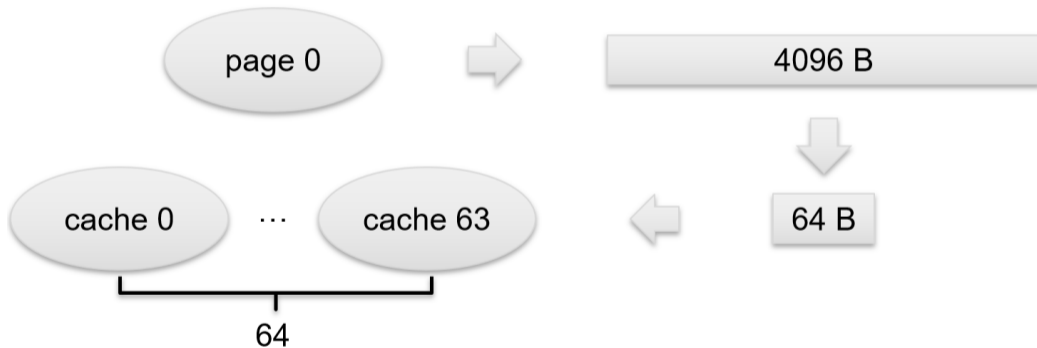
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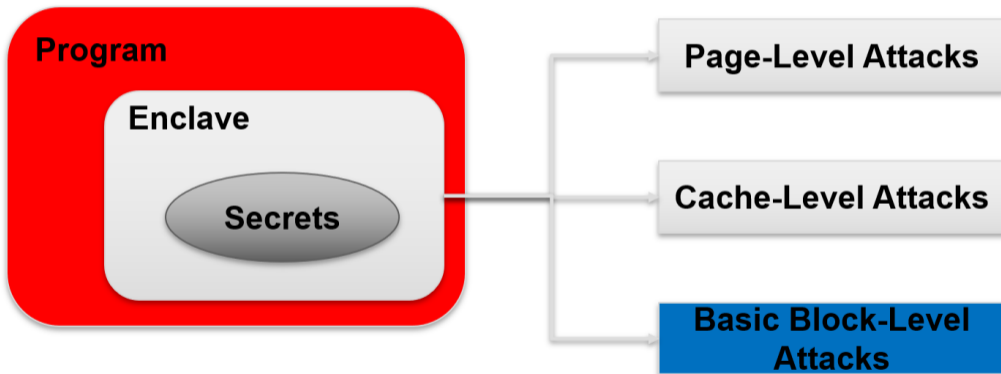
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Not applicable: SGX do not share memory with external !

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Attack Targets

Program Inputs (e.g., Hunspell, Libjpeg, Freetype, Apache)

Controlled-channel (S&P'15), Branch Shadowing (USENIX'17)

Encrypted Data (e.g., Padding Oracle attack & Bleichenbacher attack)

Stacco (CCS'17)

Cryptography Key [e.g., RSA, DSA, AES]

DATA (USENIX'18), MicroWalk (ACSAC'18), CacheD (USENIX'17)

Genomic sequences

Software Grand Exposure(WOOT'17)

Motivations

- ① The timing information is not thoroughly used
- ② No automatic tool to detect the side-channel attack in general

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“An analysis of covert timing channels” John C. Wray 1992:

*Both **storage nature (order)** and **timing nature** are attributes of the channel, and a given channel may possess either or both.*

Motivations

Storage nature (order):

Input 1: page 0, **page 1**, page 0, **page 2**

Input 2 page 0, **page 2**, page 0, **page 1**

Motivations

Timing nature:

Input 1: page 0, **page 1**, page 0, page 2



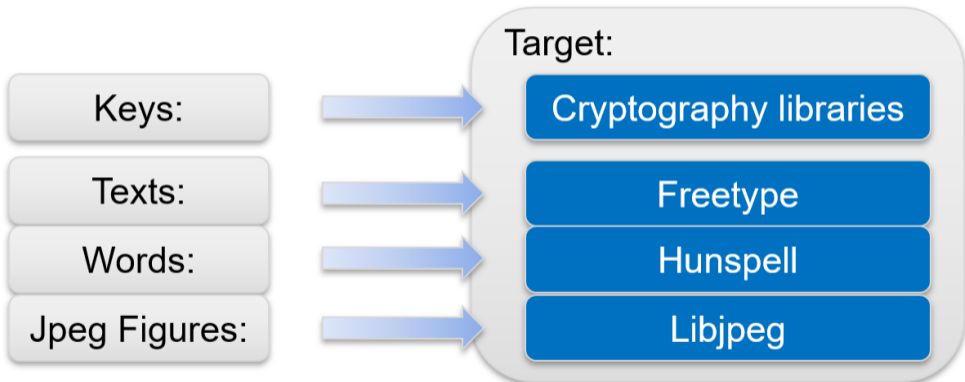
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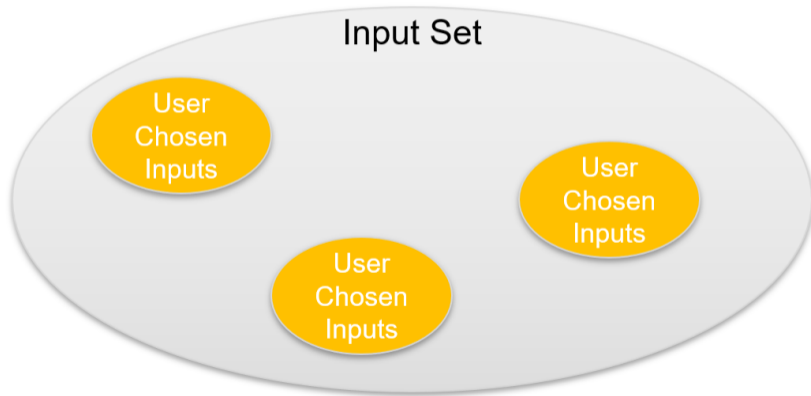
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Input - execution mapping

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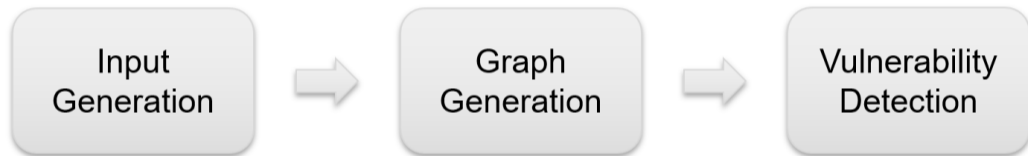
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Challenges

- ① How to accurately measure the timing information
- ② What is the relationship between each input with the whole input set and other inputs

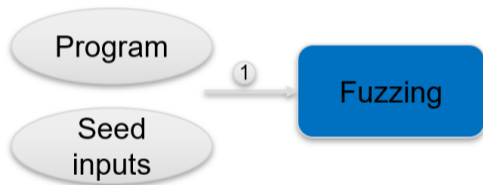
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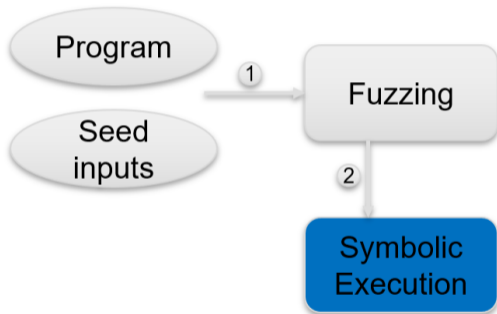
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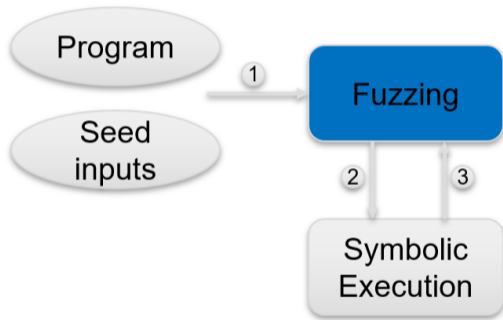
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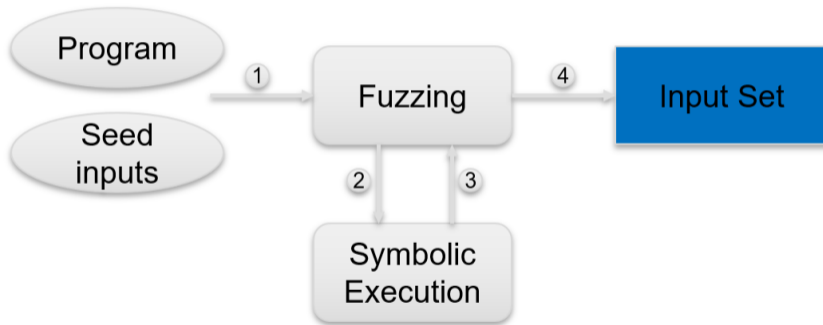
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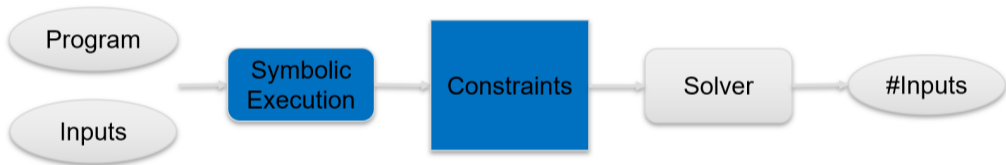
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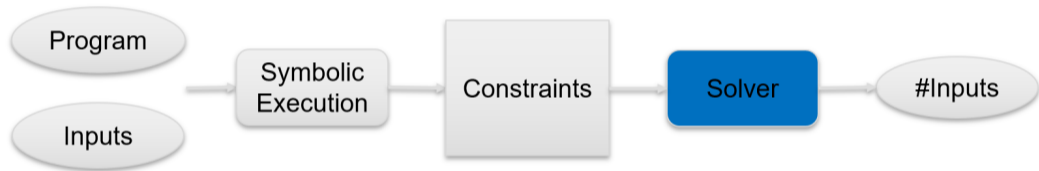
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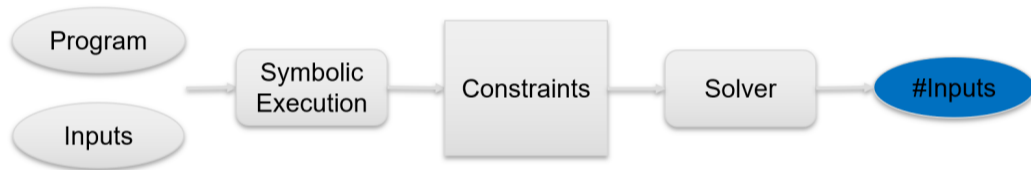
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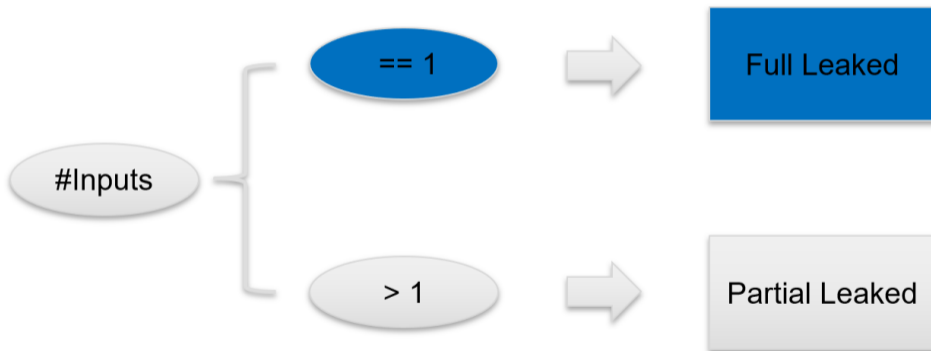
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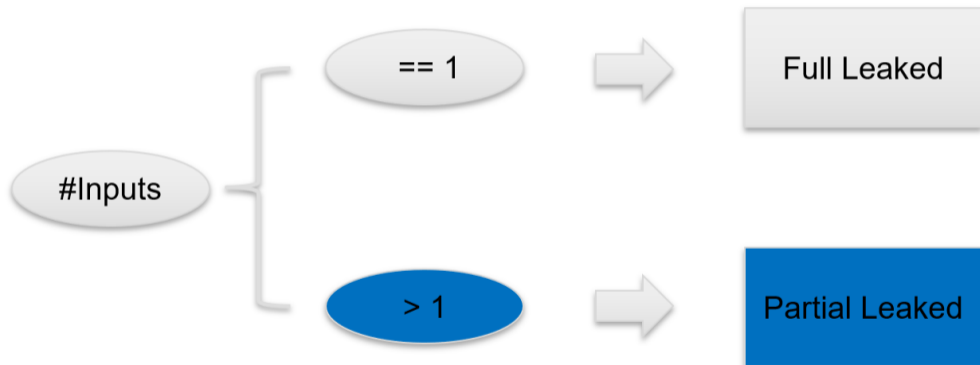
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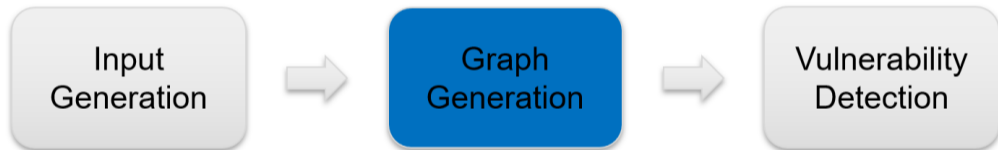
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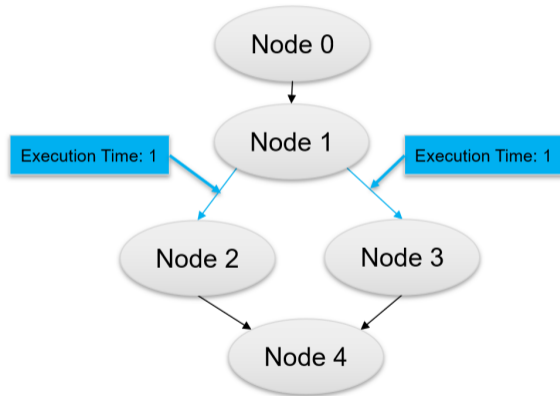
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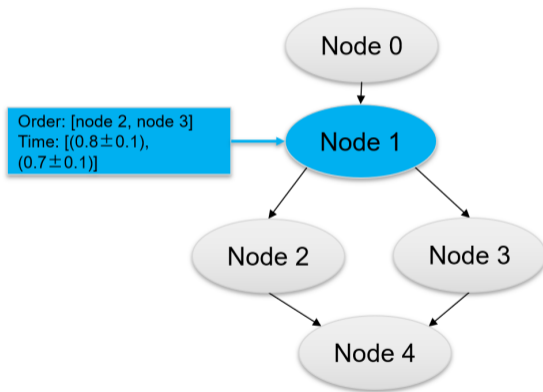
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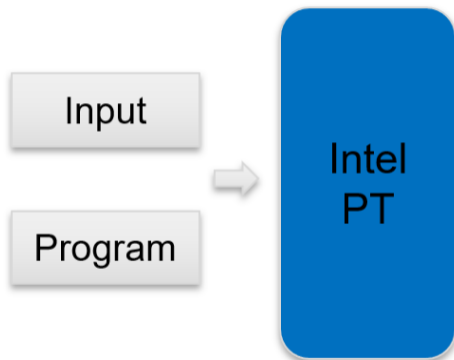
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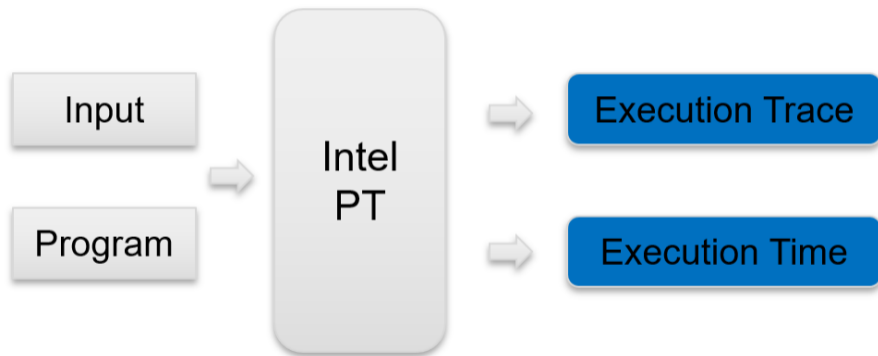
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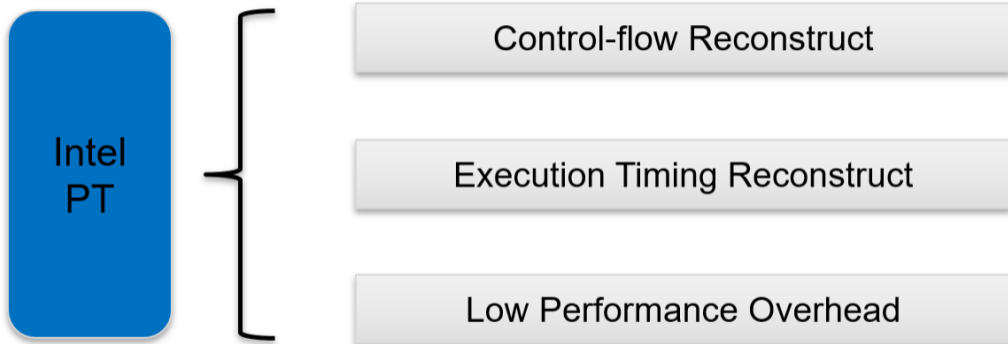
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Execution Trace

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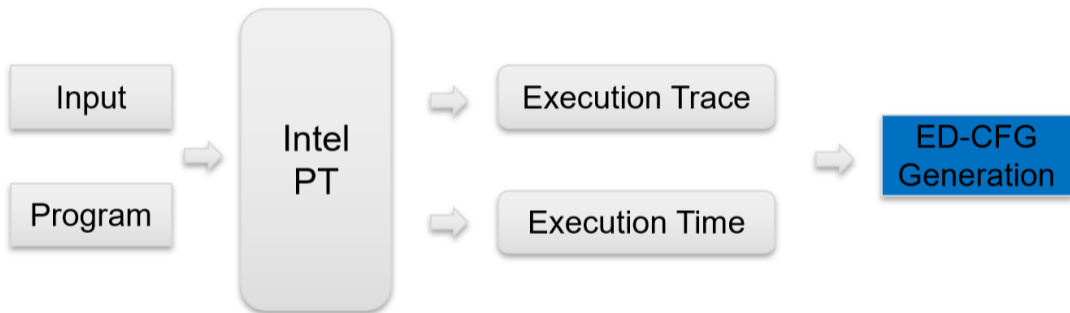
Execution Time

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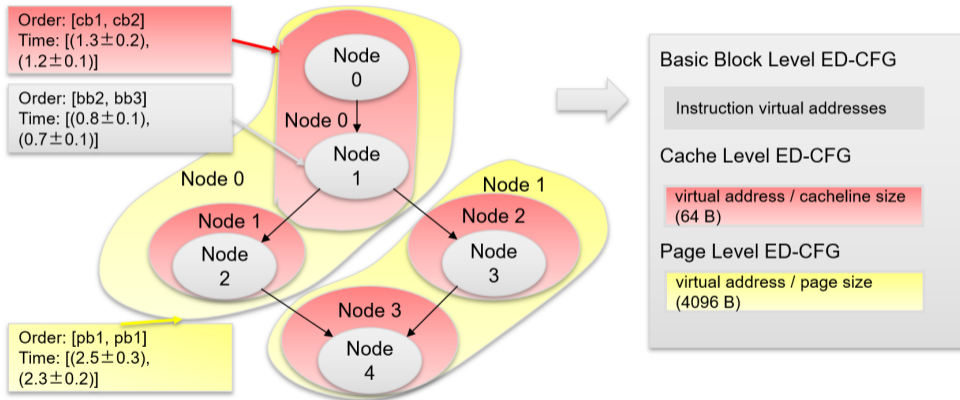
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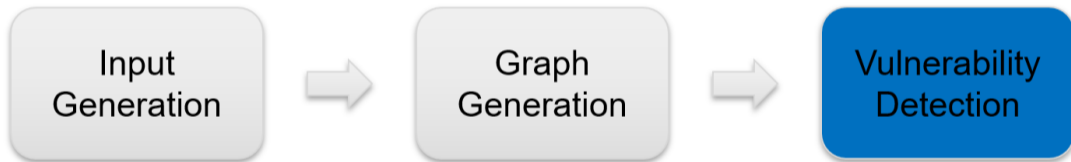
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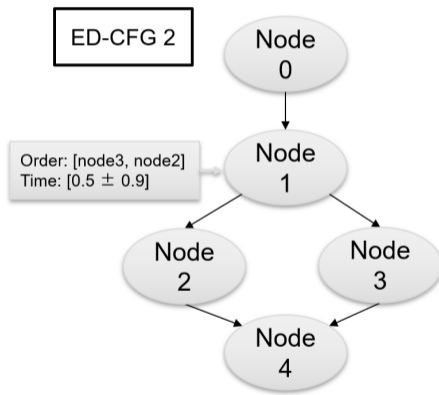
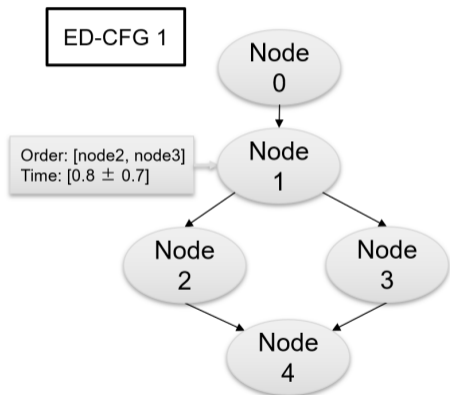
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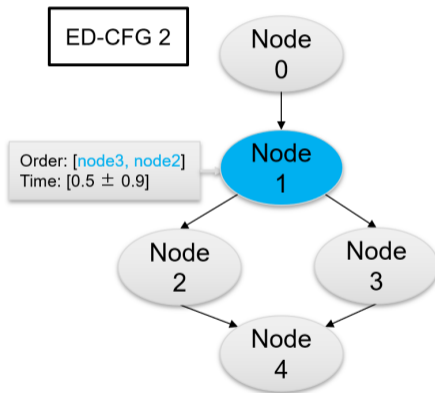
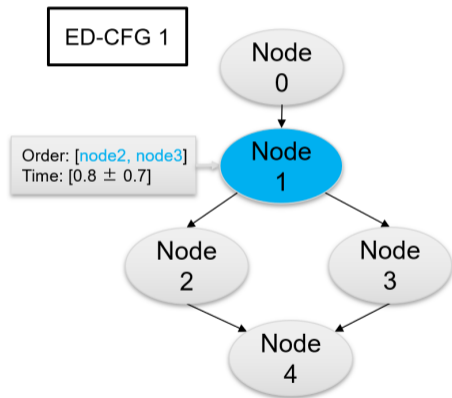
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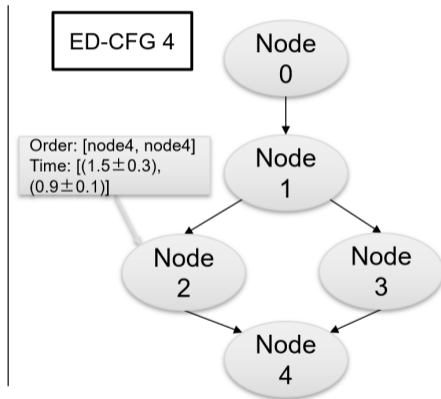
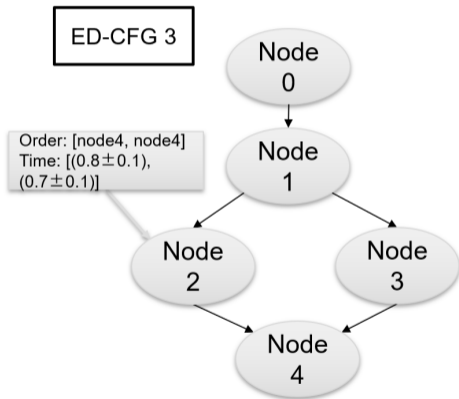
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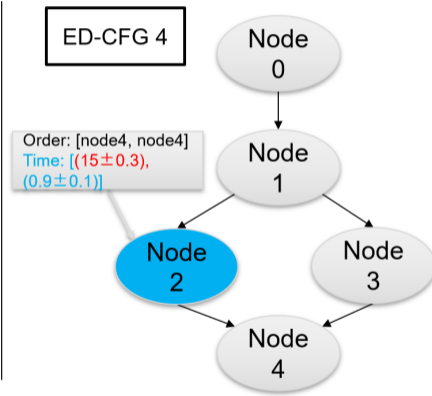
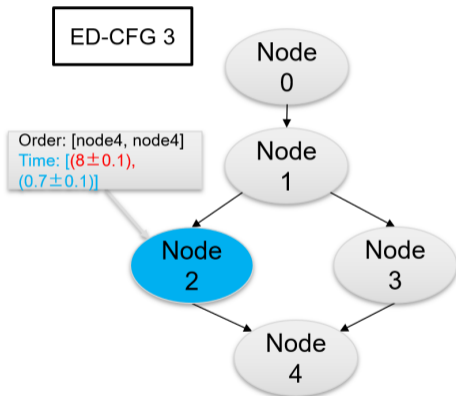
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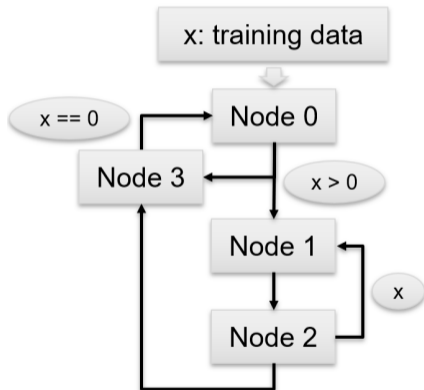
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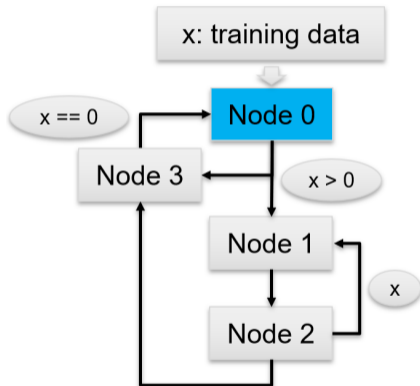
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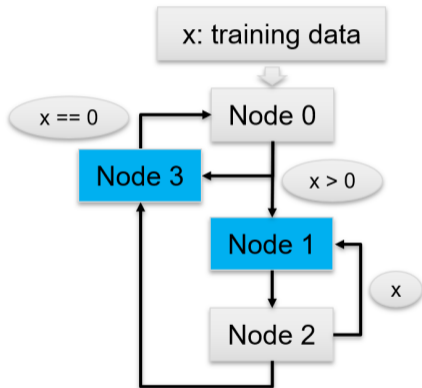
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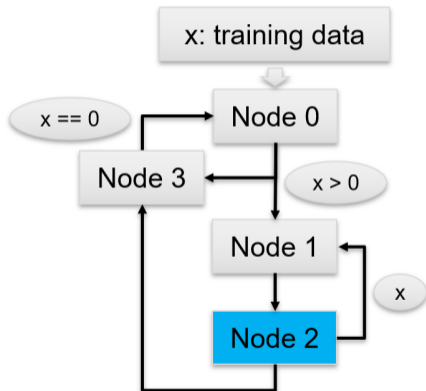
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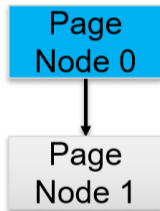
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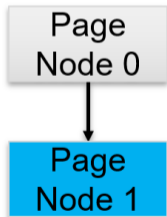
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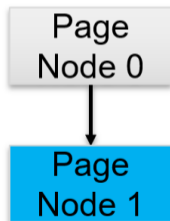
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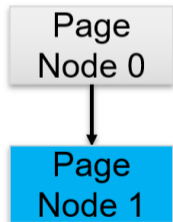
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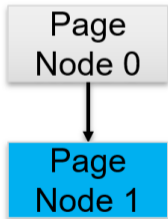
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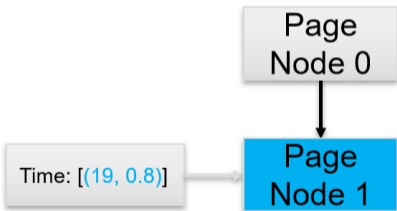
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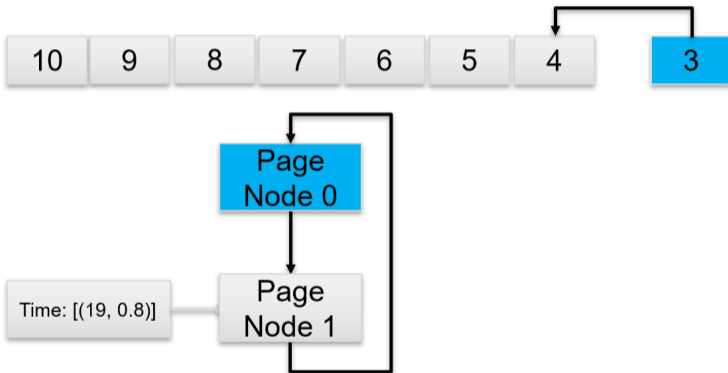
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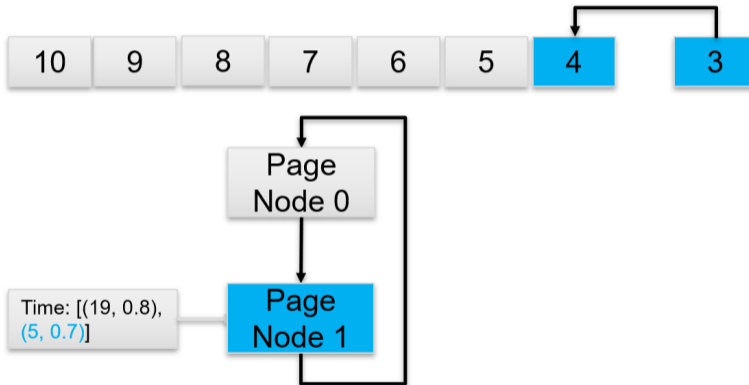
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Related Work

① **Stacco: Differentially Analyzing Side-Channel Traces for Detecting SSL/TLS Vulnerabilities in Secure Enclaves.**

Yuan Xiao, Mengyuan Li, Sanchuan Cheng, and Yinqian Zhang

② **MicroWalk: A Framework for Finding Side Channels in Binaries.**

Jan Wichelmann, Ahmad Moghimi, Thomas Eisenbarth, and Berk Sunar

③ **DATA Differential Address Trace Analysis: Finding Address-based Side-Channels in Binaries.**

Samuel Weiser, Andreas Zankl, Raphael Spreitzer, Katja Miller, Stefan Mangard, and Georg Sigl

④ **CacheD: Identifying Cache-Based Timing Channels in Production Software.**

Shuai Wang, Pei Wang, Xiao Liu, Danfeng Zhang, and Dinghao Wu

Conclusion

- ① **New insights:** With the time information, attacker could get more secret data than only order information.
- ② **New methods:** Use the fuzzing and symbolic execution to generate inputs and quantify the leakage is a new attempt.
- ③ **New tools:** ANABLEPS is an automatically program analysis tool, and will be released to the community. github.com/OSUSecLab/ANABLEPS

Thank You

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