Session 0x0E

Advanced Topics: Intro to Symbolic Execution

Security Summer School

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Motivation

```
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v8);
  printf("Var[4]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v9);
  printf("Var[5]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v10);
  printf("Var[6]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v11);
  printf("Var[7]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v12);
  printf("Var[8]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v13);
  printf("Var[9]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v14);
  printf("Var[10]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v15);
  printf("Var[11]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v16);
  printf("Var[12]: ");
  fflush(_bss_start);
  __isoc99_scanf("%d", &v17);
  if ( (unsigned __int8)CheckSolution(&v5) )
    printf("The flag is: %c%c%c%c%c%c%c%c%c%c%c%c\n", v5, v6, v7, v8, v9, v10, v11, v12, v13, v14, v15, v16, v1
  else
    puts("Wrong");
  result = 0;
  v4 = *MK_FP(__FS__, 40LL) ^ v18;
  return result;
}
```

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jmp short loc_401E5D
jmp short loc_401FAB
jmp short loc_4020F3
lodsd
pop rbx
jmp sho
0223F:
eax, 0
loc_4025D1
loc_402383:
mov eax, 0
jmp loc_4025D1
loc_4024A4:
mov eax, 0
jmp loc_4025D1
loc_4025C5:
mov eax, 0
jmp short loc_4025D1
loc_4025CC:
mov eax, 1

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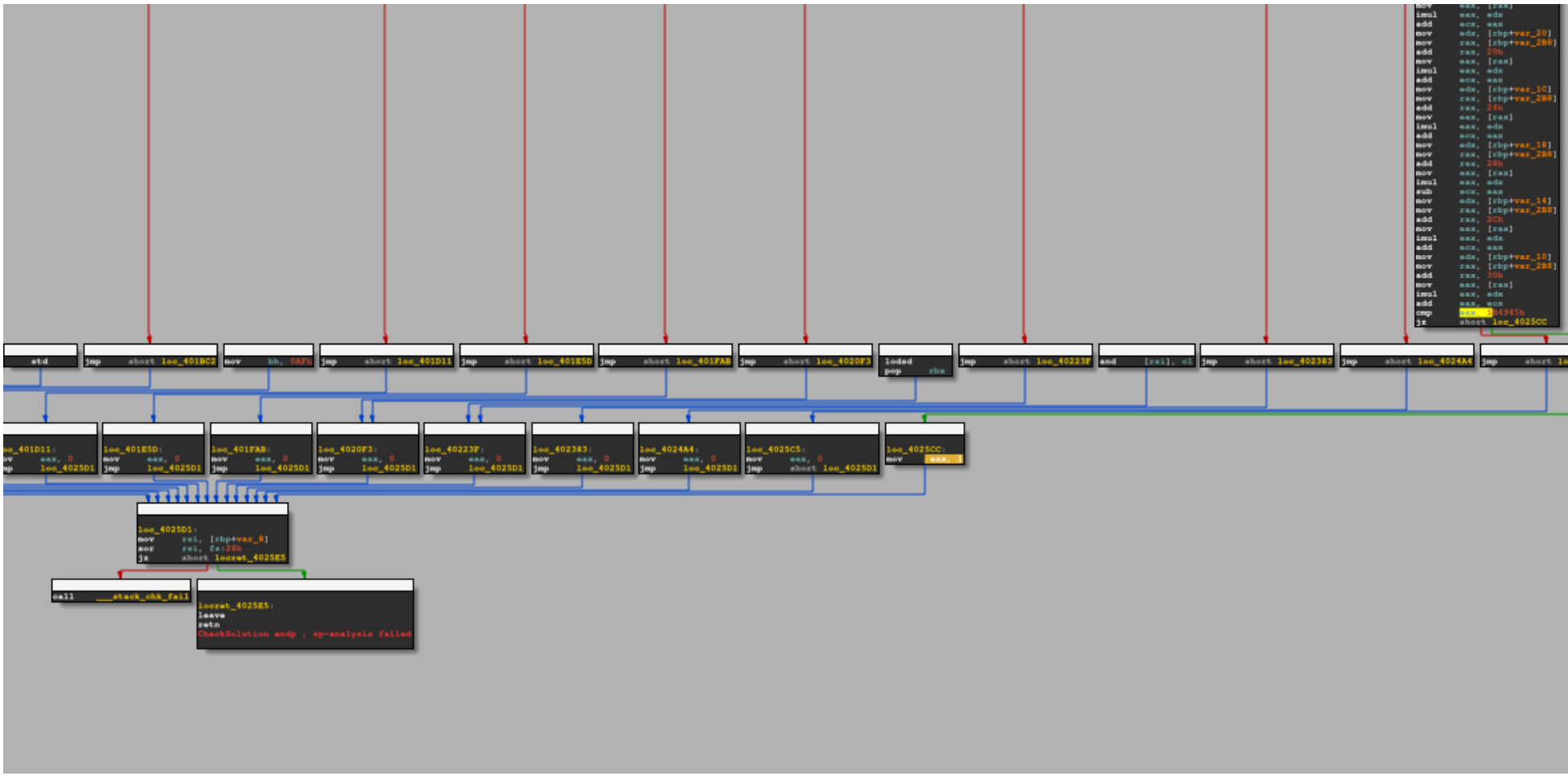

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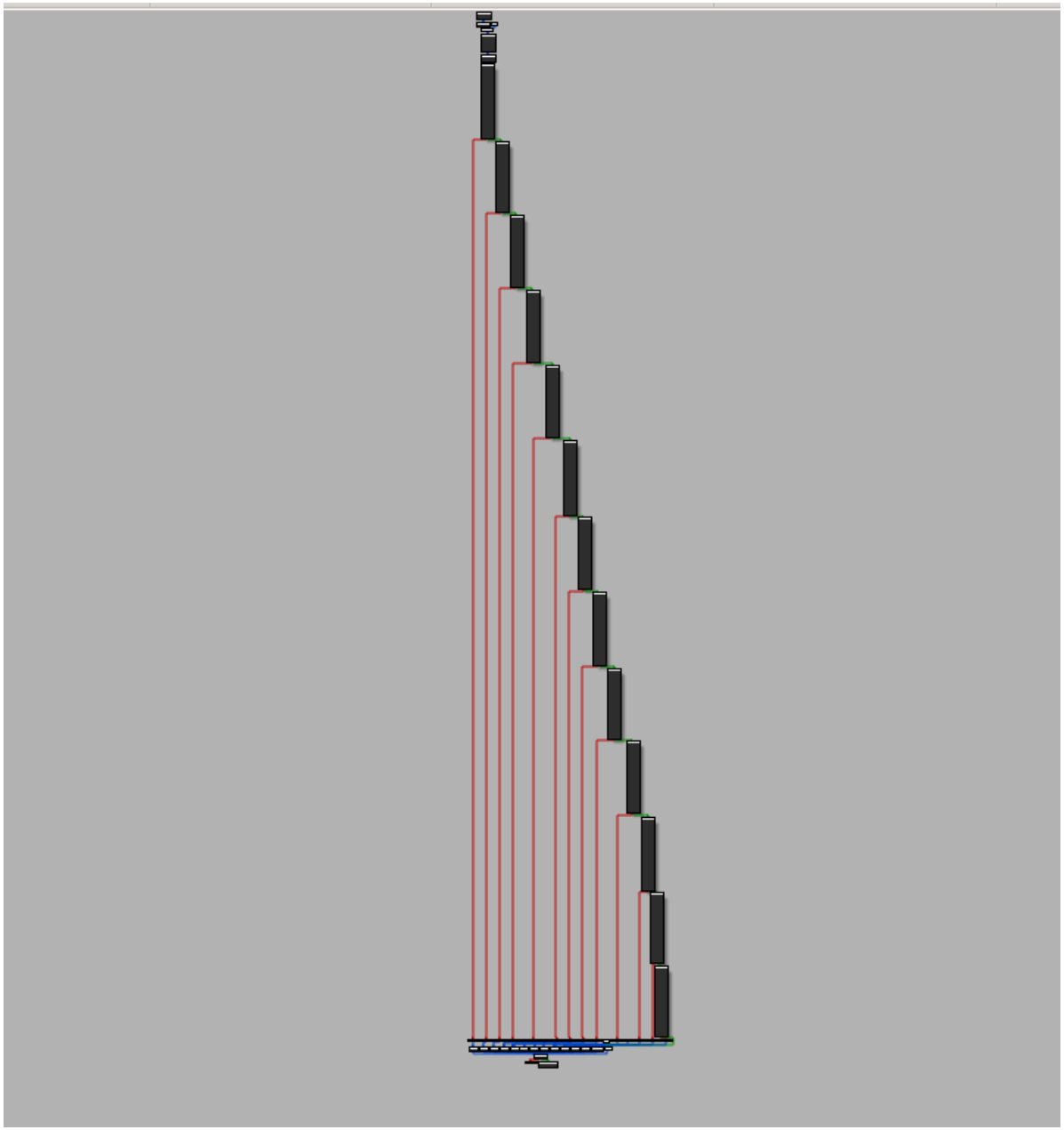

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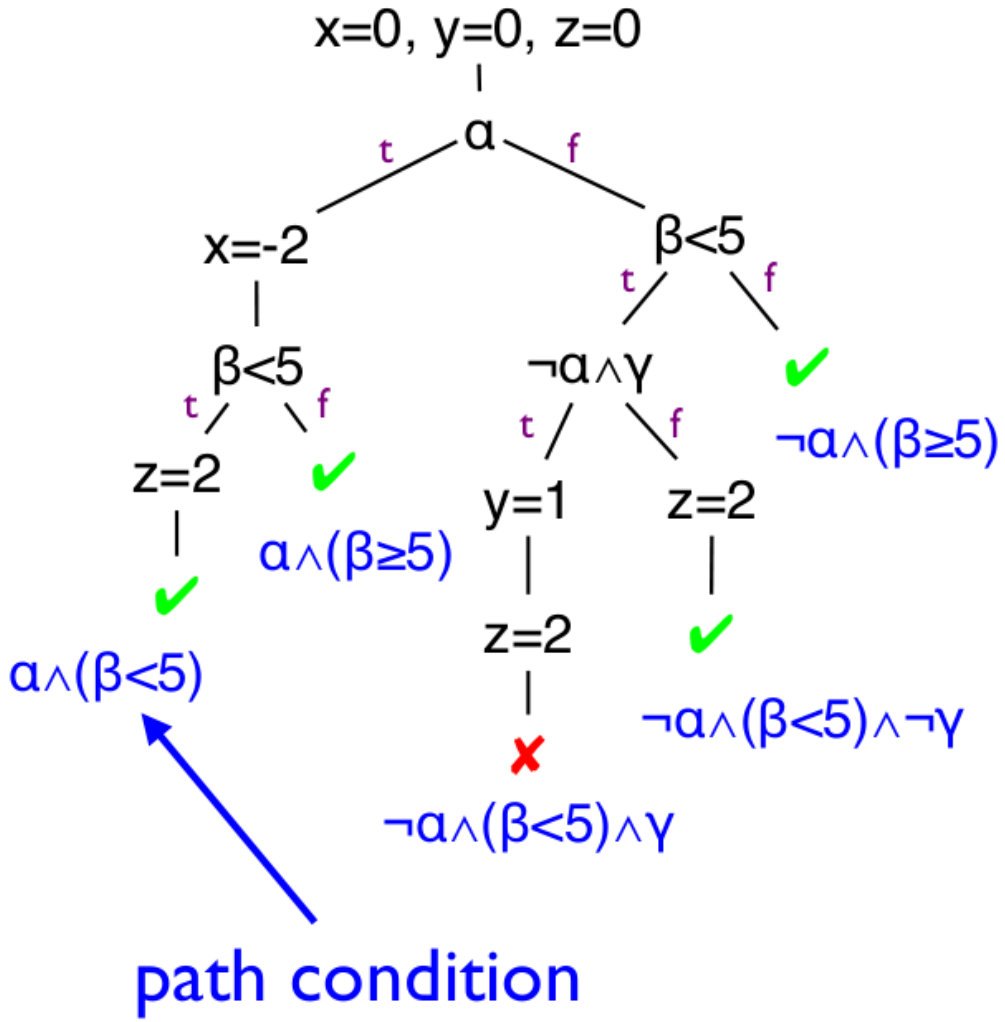
- How about throwing some CPU power at it?
- Objective: creating input to reach deep inside CFGs

Intro

- In practice, vulnerability triggering requires chains of input
- Targetting long code paths and corner cases
- Manually crafting input becomes tedious
- What can be automated and what cannot?

Main idea

```
1. int a = α, b = β, c = γ;
2.                    // symbolic
3. int x = 0, y = 0, z = 0;
4. if (a) {
5.   x = -2;
6. }
7. if (b < 5) {
8.   if (!a && c)  { y = 1; }
9.   z = 2;
10.}
11.assert(x+y+z!=3)
```



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Main idea

- Execution is split into multiple code runs (for each code branching)
- This may lead to path explosion
- It's better if you know exactly where you want the execution to go
- Behind the scenes, it uses Constraint Solvers (SAT-SMT solvers)

References

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