# Crypto Code The 9 circles of testing

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## Why it's hard

You need to know crypto and software

Methodologies aren't documented

Tools aren't always available

### Street cred

Wrote and reviewed some crypto code

Like code for millions unpatchable devices

Made many mistakes

Tested many tests

## What do we want?

Functional testing & security testing



## Functional testing

Valid inputs give valid output

Invalid inputs trigger appropriate errors

Goal: test all execution paths

## Security testing

Program can't be abused

Doesn't leak secrets

Overlaps with functional testing

## What we're testing

Code against code or against specs

Usually C code, which doesn't help

## Code against code

Easiest case

When porting to a new language/platform

You'll assume that the ref code is correct (Though it's probably not)

Can generate all test vectors you want

## Code against specs

Often occurs with standards (ex: SHA-3)

Only a handful of test vectors, if any

Specs can be incomplete or incorrect

Try to have 2 independent implementers

### The 9 circles

From most basic to most sophisticated

You may not need all of those

The "what" more than the "how"

I probably missed important points

#### 1. Test vectors

Unit-test ciphers, hashes, parsers, etc.

Maximize code coverage by varying inputs lengths and values

Make coherence tests, as in BRUTUS <a href="https://github.com/mjosaarinen/brutus">https://github.com/mjosaarinen/brutus</a>

To avoid storing thousands values, record only a checksum (as in SUPERCOP)

#### 1. Test vectors

Against specs, test vectors less useful

Bug in BLAKE ref code unnoticed for 7 years

```
/* compress remaining data filled with new bits */
- if( left && ( ((databitlen >> 3) & 0x3F) >= fill ) ) {
+ if( left && ( ((databitlen >> 3) ) >= fill ) ) {
    memcpy( (void *) (state->data32 + left),
    (void *) data, fill );
```

Found by a careful user (thanks!)

```
/* kev schedule */
if ( block key( e1, k1 ) ) return "block key returns nonzero";
for ( j = 0; j < klen + 16; ++j )
 if ( k1[j] != k2[j] ) return "block key writes to input";
for ( j = elen; j < elen + 16; ++j )
 if ( e1[j] != e2[j] ) return "block_key writes after output";
if ( block_key( e2, k2 ) ) return "block_key returns nonzero";
for ( j = 0; j < elen; ++j ) if ( e2[j] != e1[j] ) return "block_key produces different keys";
/* encrypt and check for errors */
if ( block_enc( c1, m1, e1 ) ) return "block_enc returns nonzero";
for (j = 0; j < mlen + 16; ++j) if (m2[j] != m1[j]) return "block_enc writes to input";
for ( j = mlen; j < mlen + 16; ++j ) if ( c2[j] != c1[j] ) return "block_enc writes after output";
for ( j = 0; j < elen + 16; ++j ) if ( e2[j] != e1[j] ) return "block_enc writes to key";
if ( block_enc( c2, m2, e2 ) ) return "block_enc returns nonzero";
for (j = 0; j < mlen; ++j) if (c2[j] != c1[j]) return "block enc produces different ciphertexts";
/* check enc overlap support */
if ( block_enc( m2, m2, e2 ) ) return "block_enc returns nonzero";
for (j = 0; j < mlen; ++j) if (m2[j] != c1[j]) return "block enc does not handle overlap";
/* check dec soundness and overlap support */
if ( block_dec( m2, c1, e1 ) ) return "block_dec returns nonzero";
for ( j = 0; j < mlen; ++j ) if ( m2[j] != m1[j] ) return "block dec decrypts incorrectly";
for (j = 0; j < mlen + 16; ++j) if (c2[j] != c1[j]) return "block_dec writes to input";
```

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NIST's Cryptographic Algorithm Validation Program <a href="http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cavp/">http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cavp/</a>

#### 2. Basic software tests

Against memory corruption, leaks, etc.

Secure coding very basics

Static analyzers (Coverity, PREfast, etc.)

Valgrind, Clang sanitizers, etc.

Dumb fuzzing (afl-fuzz, etc.)

## 2. Basic software tests

Most frequent, can find high impact bugs (Heartbleed, gotofail)

http://www.openwall.com/lists/oss-security/2015/10/16/1

#### libotr-4.1.1 - scan-build results

| User:              | jp@tuscany                                   |
|--------------------|--|
| Working Directory: | /Users/jp/Documents/sandbox/libotr-4.1.1     |
| Command Line:      | make   |
| Clang Version:     | clang version 3.5 (tags/checker/checker-276) |
| Date:              | Thu Mar 17 12:41:03 2016                     |
| Version:           | checker-276 (2014-02-18 22:53:01)            |

#### **Bug Summary**

Results in this analysis run are based on analyzer build checker-276.

| Bug Type                          | Quantity | Display? |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| All Bugs                          | 38       | •        |
| Dead store                        |          |          |
| Dead assignment                   | 6        |          |
| Dead increment                    | 13       | •        |
| Dead initialization               | 12       | •        |
| Memory Error                      |          |          |
| Use-after-free                    | 6        | •        |
| Unix API                          |          |          |
| Allocator sizeof operand mismatch | 1        | •        |

| Dead store   | Dead initialization | src/dh.c      | 132  | 1  | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------|------|----|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Dead store   | Dead initialization | src/auth.c    | 438  | 1  | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |
| Dead store   | Dead initialization | src/auth.c    | 727  | 1  | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |
| Dead store   | Dead initialization | src/auth.c    | 1193 | 1  | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |
| Memory Error | Use-after-free      | src/context.c | 507  | 14 | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |
| Memory Error | Use-after-free      | src/context.c | 491  | 21 | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |
| Memory Error | Use-after-free      | src/privkey.c | 854  | 7  | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |
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| Memory Error | Use-after-free      | src/context.c | 545  | 12 | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |
| Memory Error | Use-after-free      | src/instag.c  | 51   | 10 | View Report | Report Bug | Open File |

```
500
501
          /* Just to be safe, force to plaintext. This also frees any
           * extraneous data lying around. */
502
          otrl context force plaintext(context);
503
504
          /* First free all the Fingerprints */
505
          while(context->fingerprint root.next) {
506
              ← Loop condition is true. Entering loop body →
               ← Loop condition is true. Entering loop body →
              otrl context forget fingerprint(context->fingerprint root.next, 0);
507
                 ← Calling 'otrl_context_forget_fingerprint' →
              12 ← Returning; memory was released via 1st parameter →
              14 ← Use of memory after it is freed
508
          /* Now free all the dynamic info here */
509
          free(context->username);
510
```

#### 3. Invalid use

Test that it triggers the expected error

Invalid values, malformed input, etc.

For length parameters, parsers

#### 3. Invalid use

Argon2 omitted a parameter range check:

```
/* Validate memory cost */
   if (ARGON2_MIN_MEMORY > context->m_cost) {
      return ARGON2_MEMORY_TOO_LITTLE;
   }

+   if (context->m_cost < 8*context->lanes) {
      return ARGON2_MEMORY_TOO_LITTLE;
   }
+   }
+
```

## 4. Optional features

Don't forget features buried under #ifdefs

In OpenSSL's DES optional weak key check

```
Last Thursday it was reported to the openssl-dev mailing list by Ben Kaduk that there was a defect in this optional code: it had a syntax error and didn't even compile. It had a typo of "!!" instead of "||":
    if (DES_set_key_checked(&deskey[0], &data(ctx)->ks1)
        !! DES_set_key_checked(&deskey[1], &data(ctx)->ks2))

The LibreSSL response? The #ifdefs and code in them have been deleted.

The OpenSSL response? The code... that in 11 years had never been used... for a deprecated cipher... was *fixed* on Saturday, retaining the #ifdefs
```

http://marc.info/?l=openbsd-tech&m=144472550016118



#### Yesterday

#### 5. Randomness

Hard to catch bugs

Statistical tests are a bare minimum

Ensure distinct outputs across reboots

And across devices (see mining p's & q's)

### 5. Randomness

A classic: Debian's PRNG bug (2008)

```
/* DO NOT REMOVE THE FOLLOWING CALL TO MD_Update()! */
if (!MD_Update(m, buf, j))
    goto err;
/*
    * We know that line may cause programs such as purify and valgrind
    * to complain about use of uninitialized data. The problem is not,
    * it's with the caller. Removing that line will make sure you get
    * really bad randomness and thereby other problems such as very
    * insecure keys.
    */
```

OpenSSH keys ended up with 15-bit entropy

- → ent dd if=/dev/urandom of=dump bs=1024 count=1024
  1024+0 records in
  1024+0 records out
  1048576 bytes transferred in 0.085206 secs (12306359 bytes/sec)
  → ent ./ent dump
  Entropy = 7.999815 bits per byte.
- Optimum compression would reduce the size of this 1048576 byte file by 0 percent.
- Chi square distribution for 1048576 samples is 268.67, and randomly would exceed this value 26.62 percent of the times.
- Arithmetic mean value of data bytes is 127.4024 (127.5 = random).

  Monte Carlo value for Pi is 3.143864227 (error 0.07 percent).

  Serial correlation coefficient is 0.001130 (totally uncorrelated = 0.0).

## 6. Timing leaks

When execution time depends on secrets

Avoid branchings, beware memcmp, etc.

Check the assembly, not just C source

Langley's ctgrind <a href="https://github.com/agl/ctgrind">https://github.com/agl/ctgrind</a>

https://github.com/veorq/misc/blob/master/ctgrind\_valgrind-3.11.0.patch

See also openssl/include/internal/constant\_time\_locl.h

## 7. Fuzzing

Dumb fuzzing for exploring parameters' space, parsed formats, bignum arithmetic

CVE-2015-3193 in OpenSSL's BN\_mod\_exp

CVE-2016-1938 in NSS' mp\_div/\_exptmod

Integer overflow in Argon2 <a href="https://github.com/P-H-C/phc-winner-argon2/issues/5">https://github.com/P-H-C/phc-winner-argon2/issues/5</a>

## 7. Fuzzing

Smart fuzzing, designed for specific APIs

What Cryptosense is doing for PKCS#11

More for high-level protocols than algorithms

### 8. Verification

Mathematically proven correctness

Cryptol language <a href="http://cryptol.net/">http://galois.com/</a>

+ SAW to extract models from LLVM, Java

INRIA's verified TLS <a href="https://mitls.org/">https://mitls.org/</a>

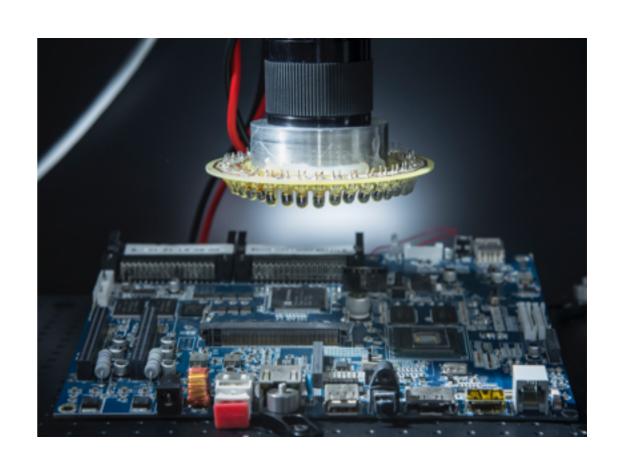
Verified security: LangSec?

## 9. Physical testing

Test for side channels, fault resilience

As applied to smart cards or game consoles





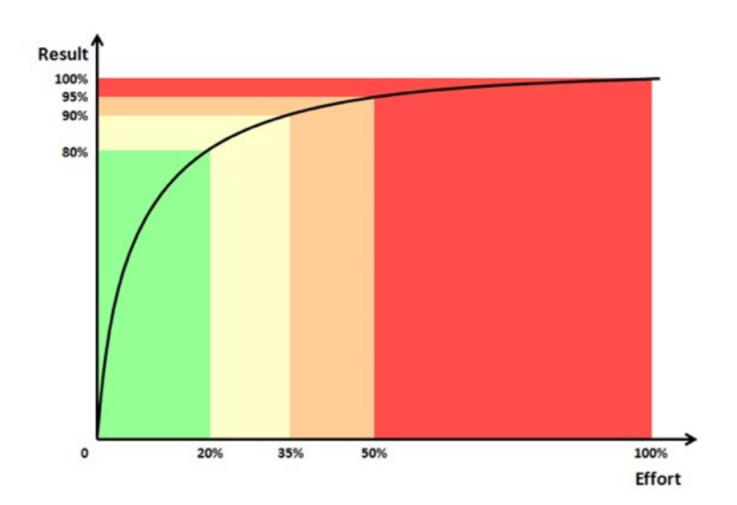






Pareto: test vectors will spot most bugs

But bugs on the (fat) tail can be critical



I wrote a vulnerability scanner that abstracts all the predicates in a binary, traverses the callgraph and generates phormulaes to run then with a SMT solver.

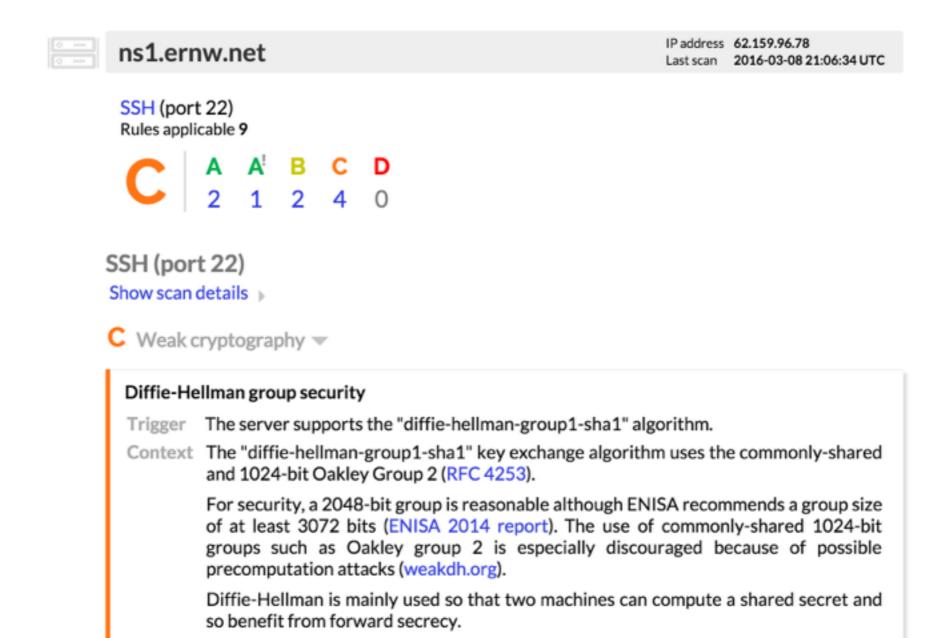
I found 1 vuln in 3 days with this tool.

He wrote a dumb ass fuzzer and found 5 vulns in 1 day.

Good thing I'm not a n00b like that guy.







https://discovery.cryptosense.com/analyze/troopers.de/d4c7579

First do basic automated tests

Machine don't replace human review though

Few capable people/companies for crypto

Make your code/APIs test/review-friendly

See coding rules on <a href="https://cryptocoding.net">https://cryptocoding.net</a>

## Thanks!

