

# Sanitize, Fuzz, and Harden Your C++ Code

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# Agenda

1. Sanitize your code.
2. Fuzz your code.
3. Harden your code.

Sanitize your code,

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vs.

10,000,000+ lines  
C++ code

Based on **binary** instrumentation.

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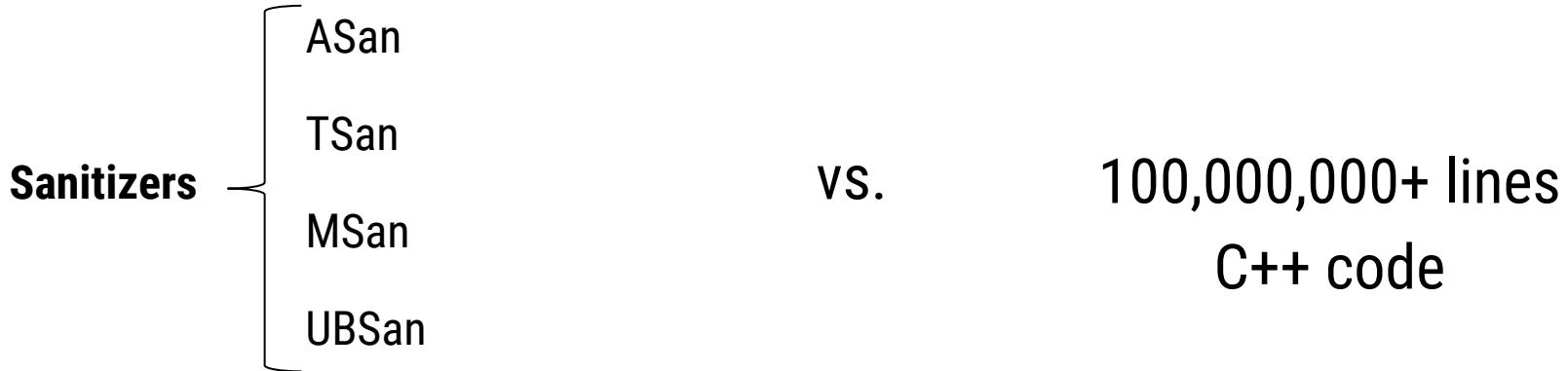
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Large CPU overhead

20x slow down

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Available in LLVM and GCC (both open-source)

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## Sanitizers

- { ASan: Address Sanitizer detects use-after-free, buffer-overflow, and leaks.
- TSAN: Thread Sanitizer detects data races, deadlocks.
- MSAN: Memory Sanitizer detects uses of uninitialized memory.
- UBSan: Undefined Behavior Sanitizer detects... that.

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```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
    int *array = new int[100];  
  
    delete [] array;  
  
    return array[argc]; } // BOOM
```

```
% clang++ -O1 -fsanitize=address a.cc && ./a.out  
==30226== ERROR: AddressSanitizer heap-use-after-free  
READ of size 4 at 0x7faa07fce084 thread T0  
#0 0x40433c in main a.cc:4  
0x7faa07fce084 is located 4 bytes inside of 400-byte region  
freed by thread T0 here:  
#0 0x4058fd in operator delete[](void*) _asan_rtl_  
#1 0x404303 in main a.cc:3  
previously allocated by thread T0 here:  
#0 0x405579 in operator new[](unsigned long) _asan_rtl_  
#1 0x4042f3 in main a.cc:2
```

# Sanitizers are *fast*!

- Valgrind introduced 20x slowdown; \*San is ~2x slowdown
- We were able to use Sanitizers on 99% of unit tests
- Running all Chromium unit tests on nearly every new code commit, so bugs can be reverted quickly.
- Found hundreds of bugs, old ones and regressions ([\[1\]](#), [\[2\]](#), [\[3\]](#))

But...

Test coverage is never perfect.  
Bugs still creep into production.

Fuzz your code,

# Fuzzing (or Fuzz Testing)

- Generate a huge number of test inputs
  - increase code coverage and make the code misbehave
- At Google:
  - Several teams, several frameworks, hundreds of fuzzers
  - 5000+ CPU cores doing fuzz testing 24/7
  - 10x more bugs found compared to unit tests
  - 5000+ bugs in Chromium, 1200+ bugs in ffmpeg

# libFuzzer: guided fuzzing for APIs

- Start with some test corpus (may be empty)
- Provide your own target function:
  - `(const uint8_t *Data, size_t Size)`
- Build it with special compiler instrumentation (LLVM)
  - Add one of the sanitizers for better results
- Run on many CPUs
  - The test corpus will grow
  - Bugs will be reported, reproducers will be recorded

# FreeType Example

```
int LLVMFuzzerTestOneInput(const uint8_t * data, size_t size) {
    FT_Face face;
    if (size < 1) return 0;
    if (!FT_New_Memory_Face(library, data, size, 0, &face)) {
        FT_Done_Face(face);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

#45999 **left shift of negative value -4592**  
#45989 **leak** in t42\_parse\_charstrings  
#45987 512 byte input **consumes 1.7Gb** / 2 sec to process  
#45986 **leak** in ps\_parser\_load\_field  
#45985 **signed integer overflow**: -35475362522895417 \* -8256 cannot be represented in t  
#45984 **signed integer overflow**: 2 \* 1279919630 cannot be represented in type 'int'  
#45983 runtime error: **left shift of negative value -9616**  
#45966 **leaks** in parse\_encoding, parse\_blend\_design\_map, t42\_parse\_encoding  
#45965 left shift of 184 by 24 places cannot be represented in type 'int'  
#45964 **signed integer overflow**: 6764195537992704 \* 7200 cannot be represented in type  
#45961 FT\_New\_Memory\_Face consumes 6Gb+  
#45955 **buffer overflow** in T1\_Get\_Private\_Dict/strcmp  
#45938 **shift exponent 2816 is too large** for 64-bit type 'FT\_ULong'  
#45937 **memory leak** in FT\_New\_Memory\_Face/FT\_Stream\_OpenGzip  
#45923 **buffer overflow** in T1\_Get\_Private\_Dict while doing FT\_New\_Memory\_Face  
#45922 **buffer overflow** in skip\_comment while doing FT\_New\_Memory\_Face  
#45920 FT\_New\_Memory\_Face **takes infinite time** (in PS\_Conv\_Strtol)  
#45919 FT\_New\_Memory\_Face **consumes 17Gb** on a small input

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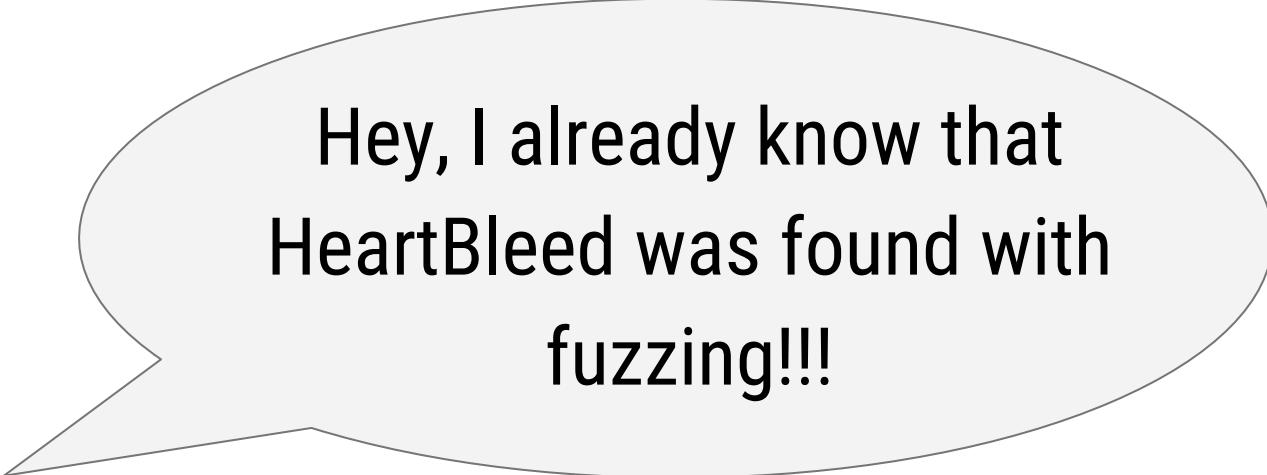
# OpenSSL Example

```
SSL_CTX *sctx = Init();

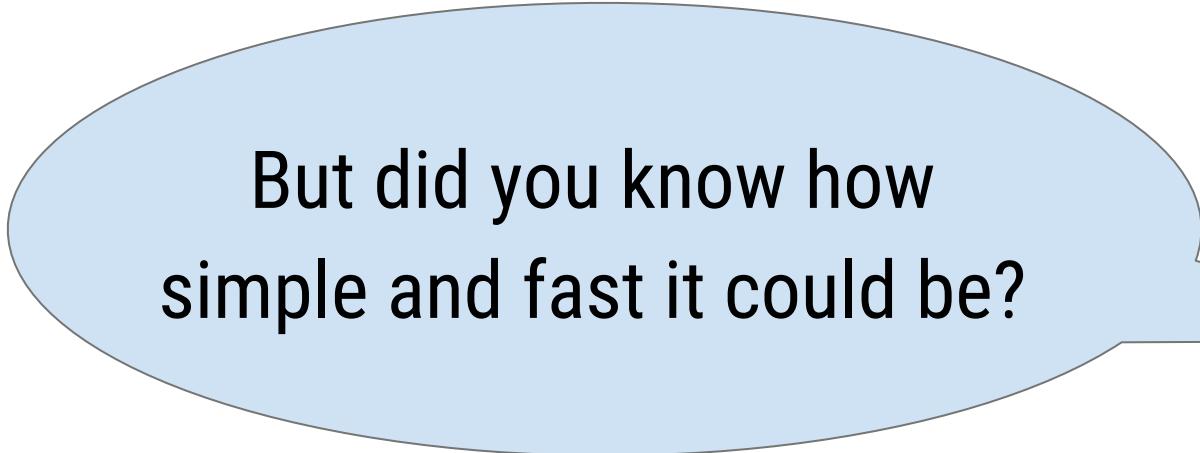
extern "C" int LLVMFuzzerTestOneInput(unsigned char * Data, size_t Size) {
    SSL *server = SSL_new(sctx);
    BIO *sinbio = BIO_new(BIO_s_mem());
    BIO *soutbio = BIO_new(BIO_s_mem());
    SSL_set_bio(server, sinbio, soutbio);
    SSL_set_accept_state(server);
    BIO_write(sinbio, Data, Size);
    SSL_do_handshake(server);
    SSL_free(server);
    return 0;
}
```



Exact commands: [llvm.org/docs/LibFuzzer.html](https://llvm.org/docs/LibFuzzer.html)



Hey, I already know that  
HeartBleed was found with  
fuzzing!!!



But did you know how  
simple and fast it could be?



Search Code

[chromium] // src / testing / libfuzzer / fuzzers / libxml\_xml\_read\_memory\_fuzzer.cc

Files | Outline

- brotli\_tuzzer.cc
- courgette\_fuzzer.cc
- dns\_record\_fuzzer.cc
- empty\_fuzzer.cc
- es\_parser\_adts\_fuzzer.cc
- es\_parser\_h264\_fuzzer.cc
- es\_parser\_mpeg1audio\_fuzzer.cc
- ftp\_ctrl\_response\_fuzzer.cc
- ftp\_directory\_listing\_fuzzer.cc
- gfx\_png\_image\_fuzzer.cc
- http\_chunked\_decoder\_fuzzer.cc
- icu\_uregex\_open\_fuzzer.cc
- language\_detection\_fuzzer.cc
- libexif\_parser\_fuzzer.cc
- libpng\_read\_fuzzer.cc
- libxml\_xml\_read\_memory\_fuzzer.cc
- mp4\_box\_reader\_fuzzer.cc
- pdfium\_fuzzer.cc
- quic\_crypto\_framer\_parse\_message\_fuzzer.cc
- snappy\_fuzzer.cc
- sqlite3\_prepare\_v2\_fuzzer.cc

libxml\_xml\_read\_memory\_fuzzer.cc

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```
1 // Copyright (c) 2015 The Chromium Authors. All rights reserved.
2 // Use of this source code is governed by a BSD-style license that can be
3 // found in the LICENSE file.
4
5 #include "libxml/parser.h"
6
7 void ignore (void * ctx, const char * msg, ...) {
8     // Error handler to avoid spam of error messages from libxml parser.
9 }
10
11 extern "C" int LLVMFuzzerTestOneInput(const unsigned char *data, size_t size) {
12     xmlSetGenericErrorFunc(NULL, &ignore);
13
14     if (auto doc = xmlReadMemory(reinterpret_cast<const char *>(data),
15                                   size, "noname.xml", NULL, 0)) {
16         xmlFreeDoc(doc);
17     }
18
19     return 0;
20 }
```

Fuzzing is the next best thing  
(after unit testing).

But...

Some bugs still evade us!

# Harden your code.

# Threat #1: Buffer-overflow/use-after-free overwrites a function pointer (or vptr) by an attacker-controlled value.

Example: Hijacked VPTR in Chromium, Pwn2Own 2013 (CVE-2013-0912)

# Control Flow Integrity (CFI)

```
void Bad() { puts("BOOO"); }
struct Expr {
    long a[2];
    long (*Op)(long *);
};
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    Expr e;
    e.a[2 * argc] = (long)&Bad;
    e.Op(e.a);
}
```

```
% clang a.c && ./a.out
BOOO
```

```
% clang -fno -fsanitize=cfi a.c && ./a.out
Illegal instruction (core dumped)
```

# Control Flow Integrity (CFI)

- Statically compute the exact set of allowed function pointers for every indirect (or virtual) call
  - Today, require LTO (link-time optimization)
- Insert a constant-time check before every call site.
  - At most one memory load per check

# Threat #2: Stack-buffer-overflow overwrites return address by an attacker- controlled value.

Example: One of the “libstagefright” bugs (CVE-2015-3869)

# SafeStack

```
void Bad() { puts("BOOO") ; exit(0) ; }
```

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    long array[10];
    array[argc * 13] = (long)&Bad;
}
```

```
% clang a.c && ./a.out
```

```
BOOO
```

```
% clang -fsanitize=safe-stack a.c && ./a.out
```

```
%
```

# SafeStack

- For every thread create a “shadow stack”
  - a separate memory region the size of the original stack
- Place all local variables on the shadow stack
- If a buffer overflow happens, the return address can not be overwritten
- May combine with stack cookies

# CFI & SafeStack Overhead

- 1-2% CPU (each)
- 3-8% code size (each)

*Security is either in-depth or none...*

Sanitize, Fuzz, and Harden  
Your C++ code.

# Linux Kernel too!

[GPF in keyring\\_destroy CVE-2015-7872](#)

[Uninterruptable hang in sendfile](#)

[Infinite loop in ip6\\_fragment](#)

[GPF in rt6\\_uncached\\_list\\_flush\\_dev](#)

[GPF in shm\\_lock](#)

[Use-after-free in ep\\_remove\\_wait\\_queue](#)

[Unkillable processes due to PTRACE\\_TRACEME](#)

[Paging fault with hard IRQs disabled in getsockopt](#)

[Resource leak in unshare](#)

[WARNING in task\\_participate\\_group\\_stop](#)

[lockdep warning in ip\\_mc\\_msgetattr](#)

[GPF in tcp\\_sk\\_init/icmp\\_sk\\_init](#)

[Use-after-free in unshare](#)

[Use-after-free in selinux\\_ip\\_postroute\\_compat](#)

[Use-after-free in ipv4\\_conntrack\\_defrag](#)

[Deadlock between bind and splice](#)

[Deadlock between setsockopt/getsockopt](#)

[WARNING in shmem\\_evict\\_inode](#)

[deadlock between tty\\_write and tty\\_send\\_xchar](#)

[tty,net: use-after-free in x25\\_asy\\_open\\_tty](#)

[deadlock during fuseblk shutdown](#)

[another uninterruptable hang in sendfile](#)

[GPF in add\\_key](#)

[yet another uninterruptable hang in sendfile](#)

[use-after-free in sctp\\_do\\_sm](#)

[WARNING in gsm\\_cleanup\\_mux](#)

[WARNING in handle\\_mm\\_fault](#)

[use-after-free in sock\\_wake\\_async](#)

[use-after-free in irtty\\_open](#)

[WARNING in tcp\\_recvmsg](#)

[use-after-free in tty\\_check\\_change](#)

[GPF in process\\_one\\_work \(flush\\_to\\_ldisc\)](#)

[Freeing active kobject in pps\\_device\\_destruct](#)

[gigaset: freeing an active object](#)

[use-after-free in ip6\\_setup\\_cork](#)

[user-controllable kmalloc size in  
sctp\\_getsockopt\\_local\\_addrs](#)

[net: use after free in ip6\\_make\\_skb](#)

[user-controllable kmalloc size in bpf syscall](#)

[deadlock in perf\\_ioctl](#)

[heap out-of-bounds access in](#)

[array\\_map\\_update\\_elem](#)

[memory leak in do\\_ipv6\\_setsockopt](#)

[memory leak in alloc\\_huge\\_page](#)

[jump label: negative count!](#)

[signed integer overflow in ktime\\_add\\_safe](#)

[undefined shift in \\_\\_bpf\\_prog\\_run](#)

[use-after-free in \\_\\_perf\\_install\\_in\\_context](#)

[use-after-free in ip6\\_xmit](#)

[int overflow in io\\_getevents](#)

[WARNING in crypto\\_wait\\_for\\_test](#)

[use-after-free in inet6\\_destroy\\_sock](#)

[another use-after-free in sctp\\_do\\_sm](#)

[GPF in keyctl](#)

[use-after-free in pptp\\_connect](#)

[Information leak in pptp\\_bind](#)

[Information leak in](#)

[llcp\\_sock\\_bind/llcp\\_raw\\_sock\\_bind](#)

[Information leak in sco\\_sock\\_bind](#)

[perf: stalls in perf\\_install\\_in\\_context](#)

[BUG\\_ON\(!PageLocked\(page\)\) in](#)

[munlock\\_vma\\_page](#)

[net: heap-out-of-bounds in sock\\_setsockopt](#)

[use-after-free in sixpack\\_close](#)

[use-after-free in skcipher\\_sock\\_destruct](#)

[bad page state due to PF\\_ALG socket](#)

[GPF in lrw\\_crypt](#)

[use-after-free in hash\\_sock\\_destruct](#)

[GPF in gf128mul\\_64k\\_bbe](#)

[net: user-controllable kmalloc size in  
sctp\\_setsockopt\\_connectx](#)

[fs: WARNING in locks\\_free\\_lock\\_context](#)

[9p: sleeping function called from invalid](#)

[context in v9fs\\_vfs\\_atomic\\_open\\_dotl](#)

[use-after-free in skcipher\\_bind](#)

[crypto: use-after-free in rng\\_recvmsg](#)

[crypto: deadlock in alg\\_setsockopt](#)

[crypto: use-after-free in alg\\_bind](#)

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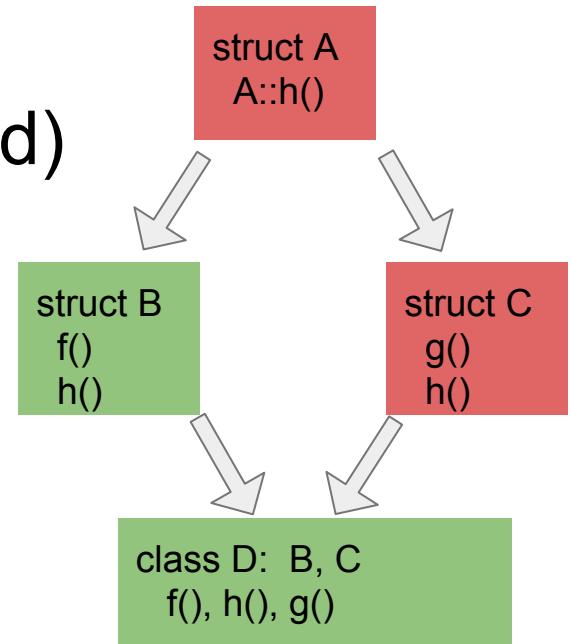
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# Backup

# CFI: VPTR Layout example (simplified)

```
B *b = ...
b->f(); // Check VPTR
```



Rejected by bitset lookup ↘



Rejected by alignment check ↗ ↘

Rejected by range check ↗ ↘