Software Engineering Seminar (WiSe 2016/17)

Efficient Symbolic Execution

Description

Symbolic execution [1] was introduced by James C. King more than 40 years ago and it succeeded in several recent applications [2], most influenced by the dramatic increase in the computational power of modern computers and, thereby connected, the improved capabilities of decision procedures. We still see great advancement for this technique like the handling of complex and recursive data structures, as well as multi-threading and a hybrid approach called dynamic symbolic execution to handle native code [3]. Nevertheless, there are remaining key challenges like constraint solving and the path explosion. One of the latest approaches for more efficient application of symbolic execution is the work by Yang et al. Memoized Symbolic Execution [4].

The student is supposed to focus on Memoized Symbolic Execution and investigate the state of the art.

Prerequisites

A basic knowledge of software verification techniques is preferable, otherwise it needs some more effort to get into the topic.

References


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