

RAVAGE

*Runtime Analysis of Vulnerabilities
And Generation of Exploits*



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... AGENDA

- Background
- RAVAGE
- Demo
- Integrations
- Takeaways

BACKGROUND

EXISTING TOOLS

➤ Static Analysis:

- AppScan Source (Ounce-IBM), Fortify SCA, Coverity Security Advisor, Checkmarx CxSuite, Veracode SAST, FindBugs, Brakeman

➤ Blackbox:

- AppScan, Burp, WebInspect, Hailstorm, ZAP

➤ Scalable

*“Scales well -- can be run on lots of software, and
can be run repeatedly (as with nightly builds)”*

OWASP - Source Code Analysis Tools

SCA
CLAIMS

- Scalable
- Accurate



*“tools can automatically find with high confidence
[...] buffer overflows, SQL Injection Flaws, and so
forth”*



OWASP - Source Code Analysis Tools

SCA

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- Scalable
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- Easy to use

“Output is good for developers -- highlights the precise source files and line numbers that are affected”

OWASP - Source Code Analysis Tools

➤ **Not Scalable**

- **Very slow for complex code bases**
- **Trims dataflows to make it manageable**

➤ **Not Accurate**

- **Does not take into account runtime information**
- **Prone to issues with interface/implementation/reflection**

➤ **Not Easy to use**

- **Most UIs are not easy to use**
- **For complex dataflows an example URL would be simpler**

●● BLACKBOX

REALITY

- No knowledge of the app:
 - Struggles with wizard-like pages
 - Misses unlinked pages
- Relies on response data/metadata:
 - Misses vulns when nothing changes in output
 - Causes FPs when some changes are detected
- No code coverage
- No dataflows
- Potentially disruptive

“These tools can also be seductive, since they do find lots of potential issues. While running the tools doesn't take much time, each one of the potential problems takes time to investigate and verify.”

OWASP Testing Guide v3

●●● RUNTIME ANALYSIS (RTA)

WHAT IS IT?

- **Monitors the program at runtime**
- **Detects when data flows from untrusted sources to sinks**
- **Can detect:**
 - **XSS**
 - **SQLi**
 - **Static encryption keys**
 - **Sensitive data leaking via logs**
 - **App misconfigurations**

RTA

ADVANTAGES

- Low false positive rate
- No exploit data needed
 - Detects vulnerabilities during standard usage
- No source code needed
 - Though useful when reviewing the results
- Can leverage existing testing
- Complete dataflow

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COMPARISON

- Existing runtime analysis tools
 - No dataflow
 - Incorrect dataflow
 - Limited dataflow only on String objects

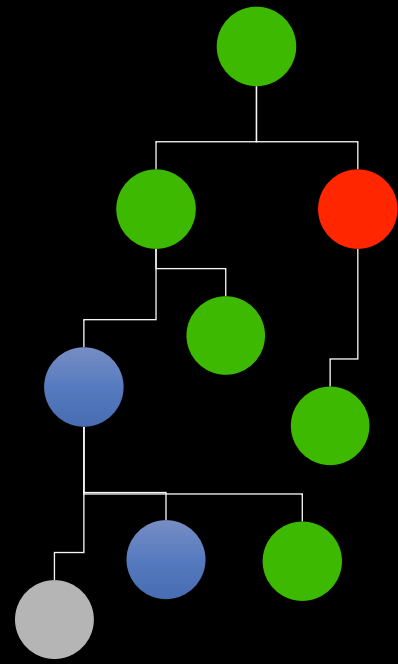
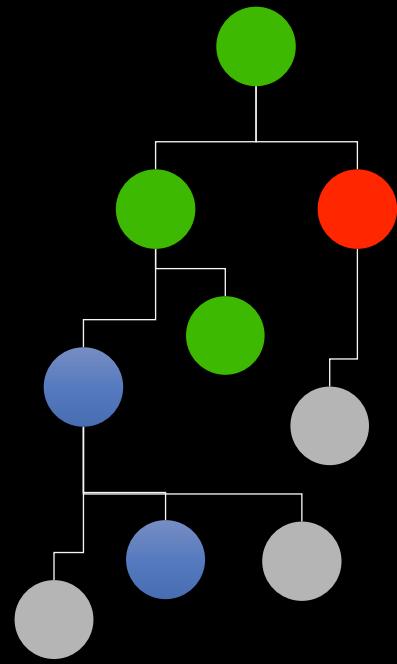
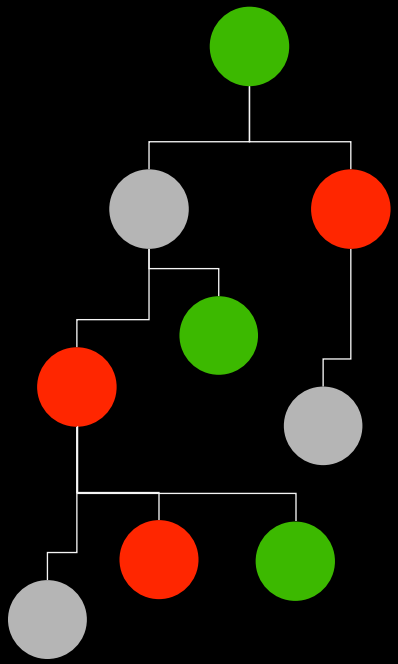
TOOLS COMPARISON

Static Analysis

Blackbox

Runtime Analysis

- True positive
- False positive
- True negative
- False negative



TOOLS

STATISTICS

- We experimented with 3 open source web applications
- Limit the scope of vulnerabilities to be
 - XSS(stored, reflected)
 - Arbitrary Redirection
 - Injections (SQL, XML, CMD)

	Reported Issues #	Real Vulns #	False Positive	False Negative
SCA	150	14	90%	8%
BlackBox	32	4	87%	70%
RAVAGE	13	11	15%	27%

RAVAGE



••• RAVAGE

Runtime Analysis of Vulnerabilities And Generation of Exploits

- RAVAGE is our implementation of RTA for Java
- Open source
- ~5k LOC
- Written in Java/C++/Assembly

... DESIGN

IN THEORY

- Hook relevant operations
 - function invocations e.g. `String s =foo(a);`
 - field accesses e.g. `String s = obj.value;`
 - assignments e.g. `String s = a;`
 - array accesses e.g. `String s = args[1];`
- Track operations as data points

●● DESIGN

IN THEORY

- Store each data point as a *Node*
 - File name
 - Line number
 - Context
 - Flags/Info
- Store *Node* in original object
- Split objects at each data point
- Chain Nodes to create a complete dataflow graph

●● DESIGN
OBJECTIVE

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} R : V \times L \longrightarrow \{\text{true, false}\} \\ v_1 R l_1 \wedge p \vdash v_1 \rightsquigarrow v_2 \wedge p \vdash l_1 \triangleright l_2 \Rightarrow v_2 R l_2 \\ v R l_1 \wedge l_1 \sqsubseteq l_2 \Rightarrow v R l_2 \end{array} \right]$$

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EXTRACTION OF DRYNESS

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mean

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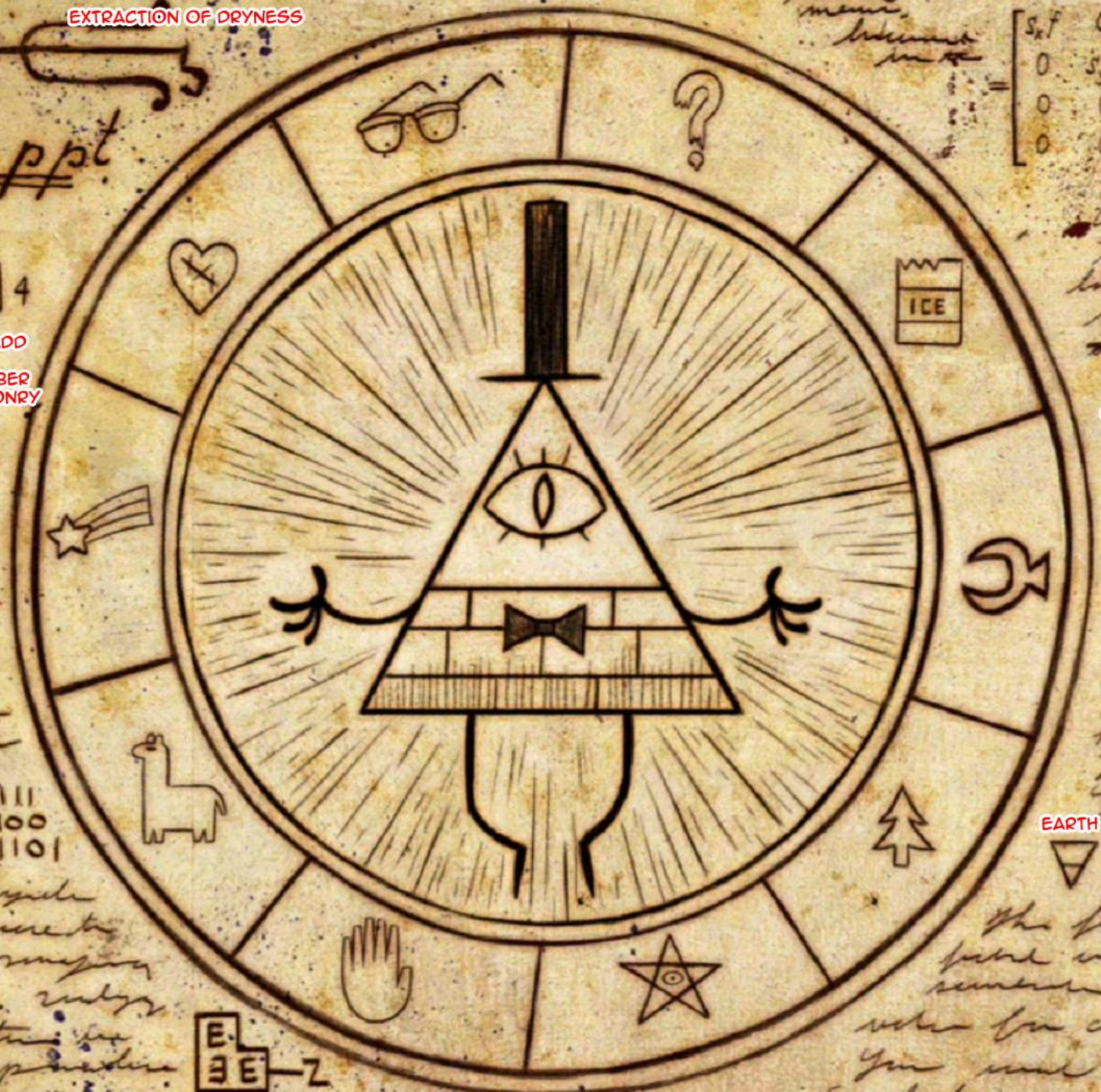
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IN BINARY AFAIK

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7W5M

ppt

DIVIDED HEXAGRAM
TRIANGLES
"AS ABOVE
SO BELOW"

NUMBERS ADD
TO 33
MAGIC NUMBER
IN FREEMASONRY



Unrecognized phenomena
this does not seem to
be a... in the...
number...

CESAR CODE: "STAN IS
NOT WHAT
HE SEEMS"

???
(MAYBE V+W = 33)

VWDQ LV
QRW ZKDW
KH VHHPV



KONAMI CODE

↑↑↓↓
←→←→
B A
SELECT
START

EARTH AIR SOAP ARSENIC MATTER
▽ △ ◇ ⊗ ! ○ □

UNITY
OF
ELEMENTS
(AS ABOVE,
SO BELOW)
OR
KABBALISTIC
RUNE

WITH MEANING I DONT KNOW

REVERBERATION

Some message
the message hole
the... with
numbers

010111
12100
201101

You have...
have been...
intention...
revelation...
stability...
the last...
E.E-Z

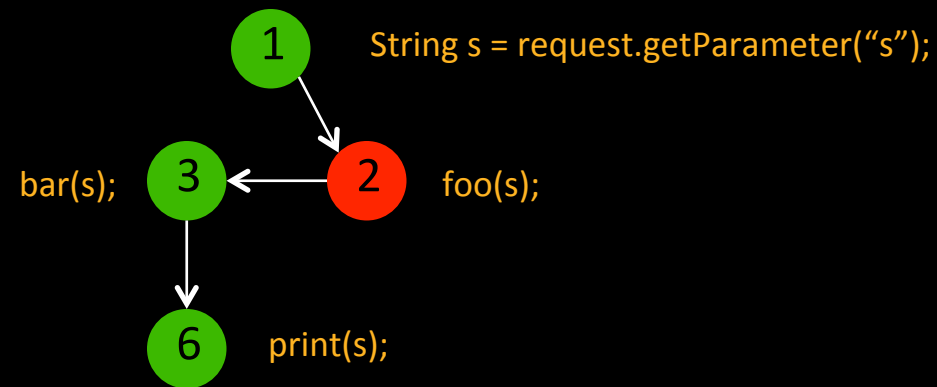
“... a.k.a. track all relevant nodes, but no extra ones”

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DESIGN

EXAMPLE #1

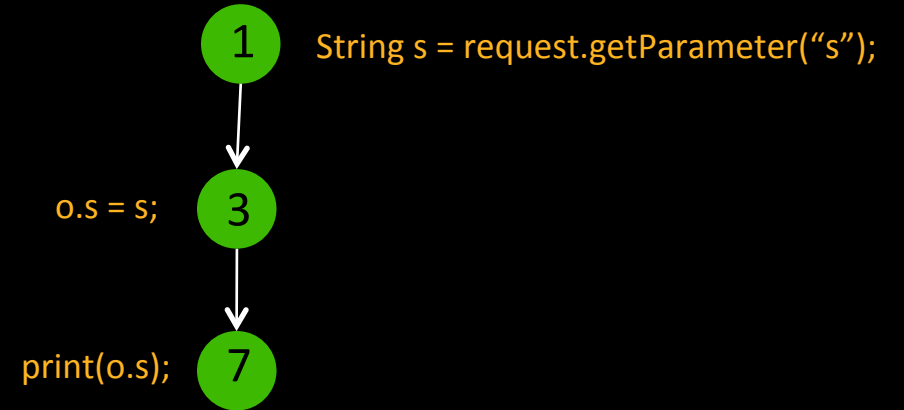
```
1: String s = request.getParameter("s");  
2: foo(s);  
3: bar(s);  
  
4: void foo(String s) {print("Welcome");}  
5: void bar(String s) {  
6:     print(s);  
7: }
```



DESIGN

EXAMPLE #2

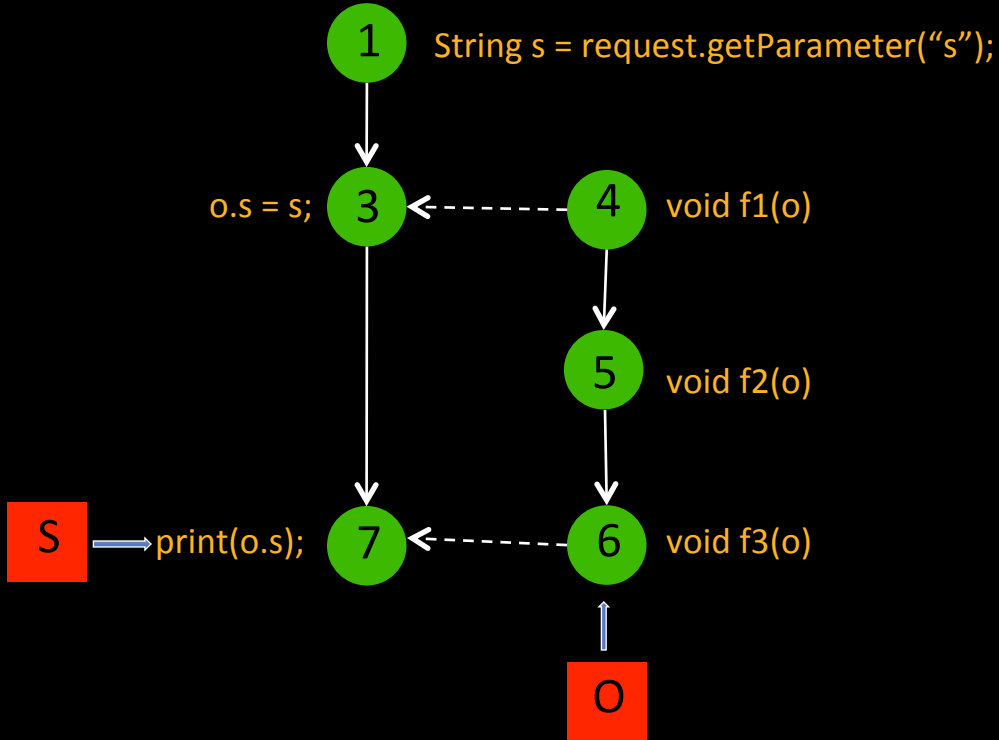
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2: Object o = new Object();
3: o.s = s;
4: void f1(o)
5: void f2(o)
6: void f3(o)
7: print(o.s);
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DESIGN

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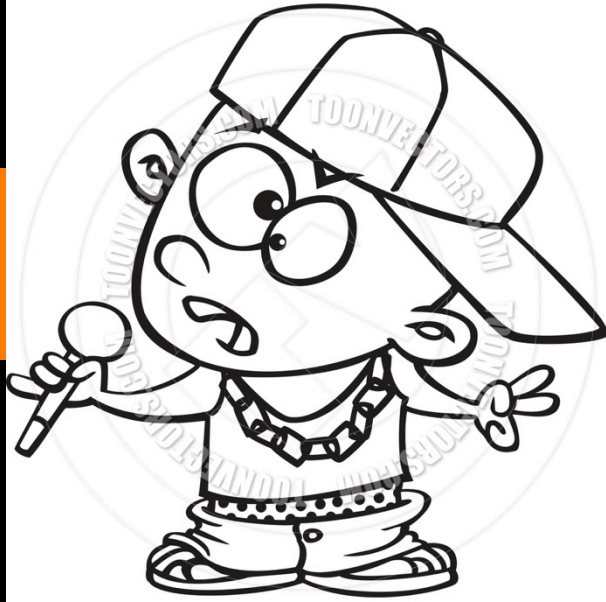


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CAN IT BE DONE?

- **Storing stack traces is easy**
 - Complete and correct dataflows are not
- **Tracking some events is trivial**
 - Assignments and control flow are not
 - Performance impact on CPU?
- **Splitting Immutable objects (e.g. String) is easy**
 - Other objects are not
 - Singleton, Mutable, Resource-bound objects
 - Performance impact on memory?
- **Invisible to the program**

INTRODUCING ...



RAPPER





WRAPPER



... DESIGN

STILL IN THEORY

- Wrap each object with a “Wrapper” object
- Record Node info in Wrapper (e.g. file, line, taint)
- Split the Wrapper instead of the object

DEMO

Attempt #1

●● IMPLEMENTATION

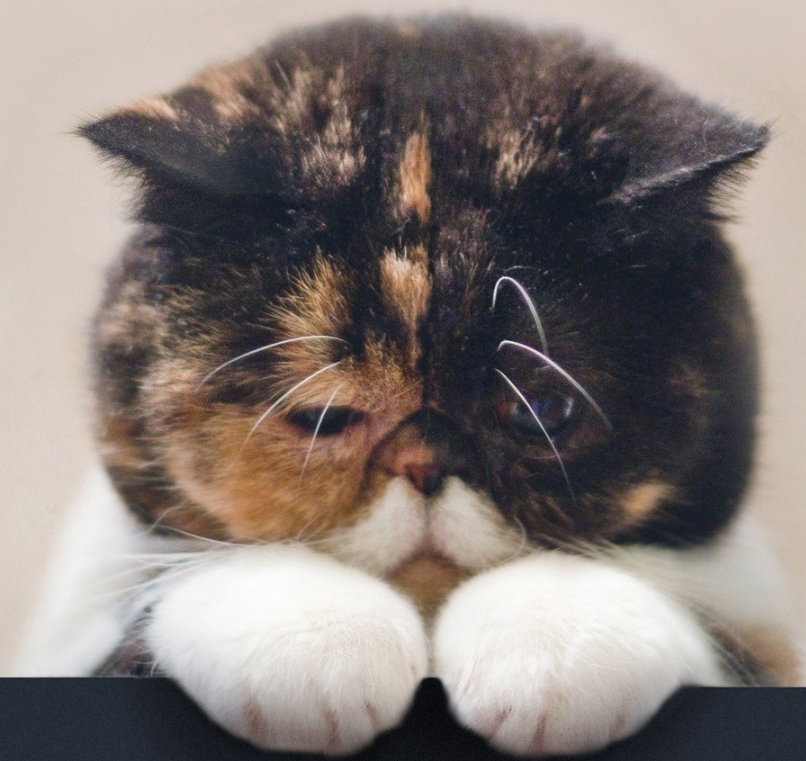
BYTECODE - DESIGN

- Inject RAVAGE hooks into java class files
- Create rules to detect sources/sinks
- At runtime in hooks:
 - On objection creation, create wrapper/nodes
 - Tracks dataflows by chaining nodes
 - Detect vulnerabilities according to rules

●● IMPLEMENTATION

BYTECODE - FAIL

- **Cannot change types of synthetic fields**
 - The `this$0` object for inner classes
- **Cannot change some method signatures**
 - Checked by reflection
- **Annotations do not always work**
- **Dynamically defined classes can't be instrumented**



Attempt #2

IMPLEMENTATION

JVM - BACKGROUND

- The JVM interprets the bytecode in class files
- OpenJDK HotSpot JVM has two interpreters
 - C++ Interpreter
 - Old, obsolete
 - big switch table
 - Template Interpreter
 - Written in assembly code
 - Dynamically generated at runtime
- We modified the Template Interpreter in JDK 8

IMPLEMENTATION

JVM - DESIGN

- **Modify JVM interpreter to add RAVAGE hooks**
- **Create rules to detect sources/sinks**
- **At runtime in hooks:**
 - **On object creation, create wrapper/nodes**
 - **Wrappers invisible to rest of system**
 - **e.g. unwrap before comparing two string objects**
 - **Tracks dataflows by chaining nodes**
 - **Detect vulnerabilities according to rules**

IMPLEMENTATION

JVM - CHALLENGES

- **HotSpot JVM is complicated**
 - 250,000 LOC
 - Many optimizations and tweaks to:
 - GC, Cache, context switches, stub codes
 - Painful to debug assembly code
 - No source code mapping, no context
 - Using GDB to debug a Java program is challenging



IMPLEMENTATION

PERFORMANCE

➤ At what layer to implement RAVAGE?



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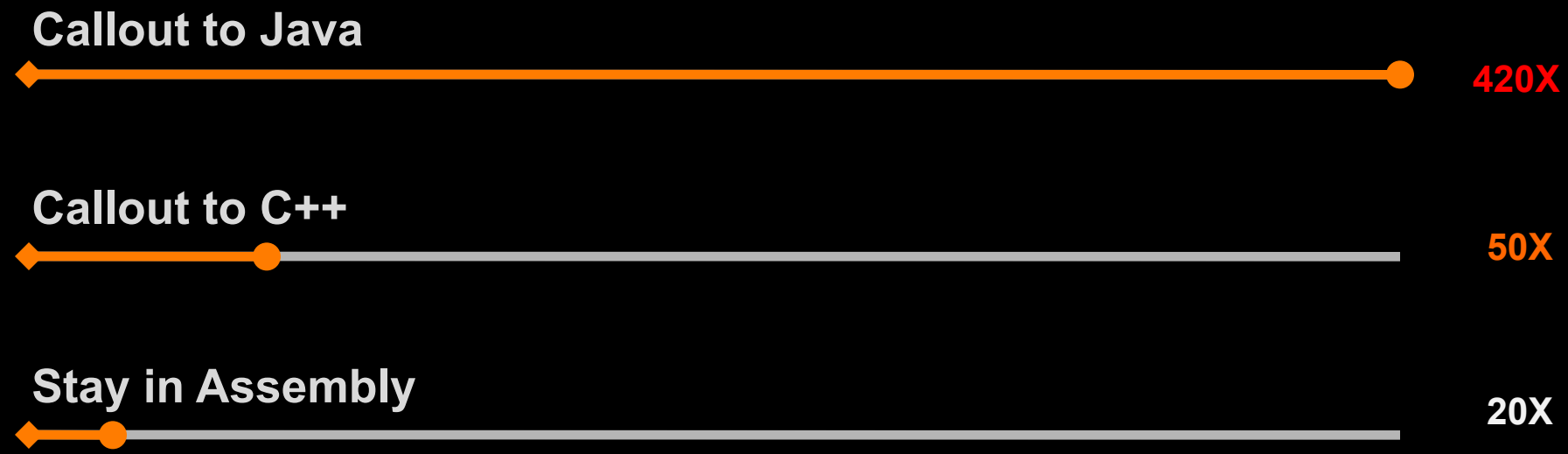
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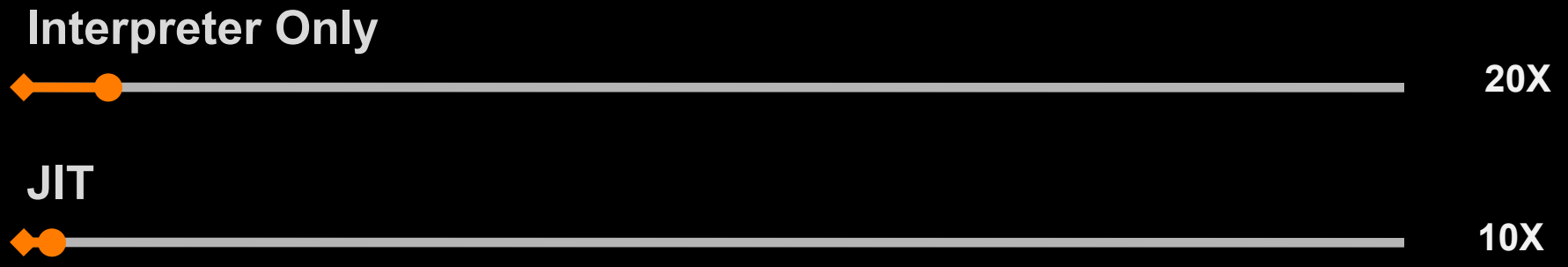
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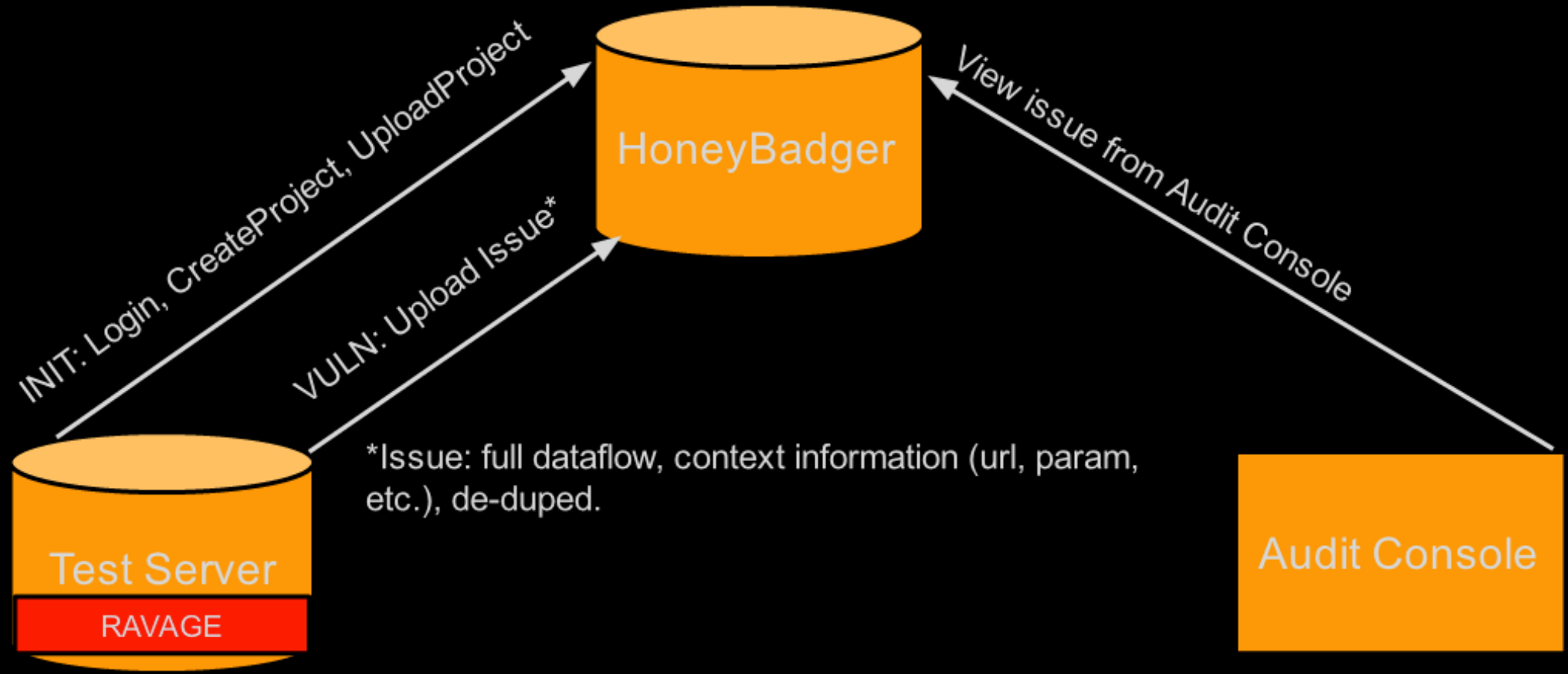
PERFORMANCE

- Still significant slow down
 - Target 10X slowdown after JIT modifications



IMPLEMENTATION

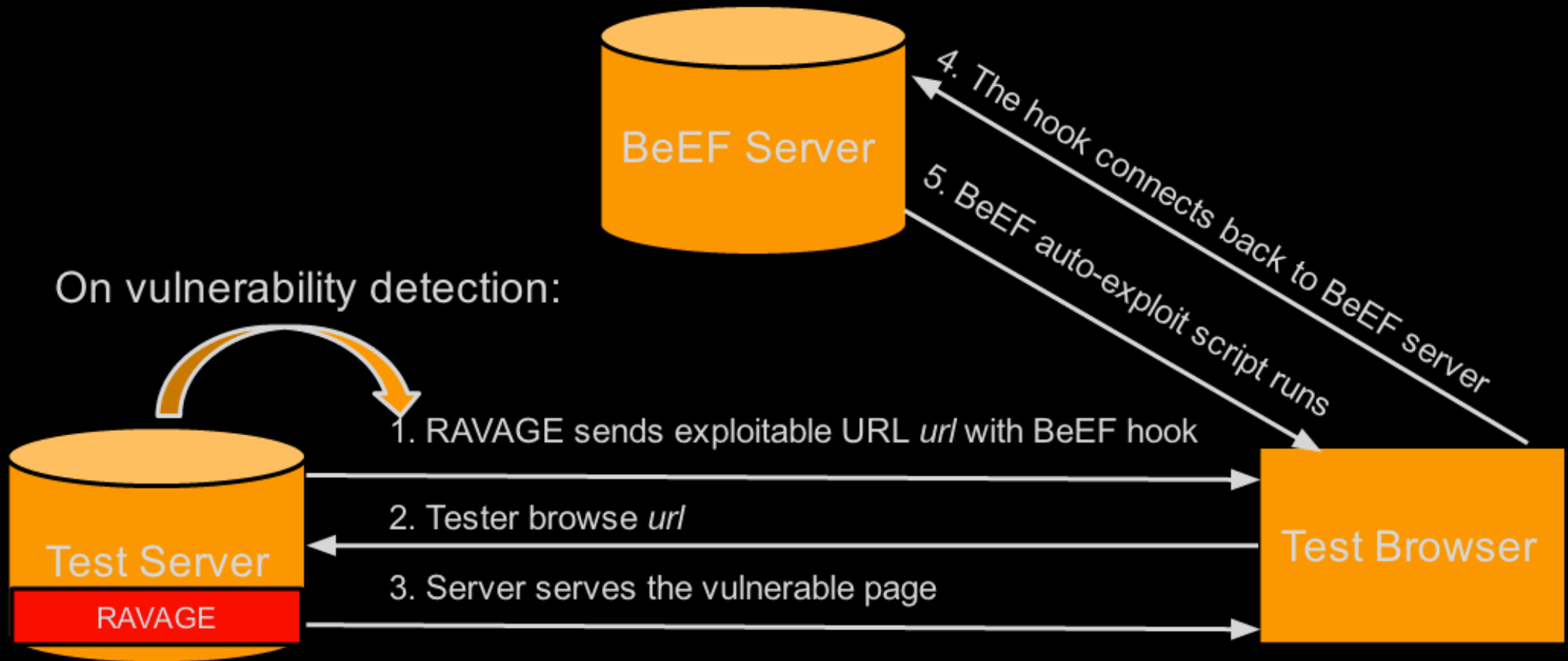
PLUGINS - HoneyBadger



*Issue: full dataflow, context information (url, param, etc.), de-duped.

IMPLEMENTATION

PLUGINS – BeEF



DEMO

INTEGRATIONS

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TOOLS / ENVIRONMENTS

➤ Static analysis

- Run RAVAGE and SCA, then cross verify the results
- Run SCA, verify the results with RAVAGE

➤ Blackbox testing

- Gather dataflows of vulnerabilities detected by Blackbox

•• INTEGRATIONS

TOOLS / ENVIRONMENTS

➤ Testing framework

- Use Unit testing, Selenium testing, and other automation frameworks to drive RAVAGE

➤ Testing environment

- Leverage RAVAGE to detect vulnerabilities

➤ Production

- Block attacks in real-time

TAKEAWAYS

●● TAKEAWAYS

AND FUTURE WORK

- **RAVAGE is a Java Runtime Analysis tool to automatically**
 - **Detect vulnerabilities**
 - **Report vulnerabilities**
 - **Generate exploits for vulnerabilities**
- **We need your help improving its performance**
- **Contribute back to Java as a developer option**
- **We need your help building a rich rule set**
- **We encourage you to implement RAVAGE for other languages**

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