

Einladung

zum Informatik-Kolloquium des
AB Programmiersprachen und Übersetzer am
Freitag, den 24. Januar 2014, um 14:00 Uhr c.t.
im Freihaus Hörsaal 7, Wiedner Hauptstr. 8, 2. Stock (gelber Bereich)

Es spricht
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über

The Multicompiler: Software Defenses Using Compiler Techniques

We have been investigating compiler-generated software diversity as a defense mechanism against cyber attacks. This approach is in many ways similar to biodiversity in nature.

Imagine an “App Store” containing a diversification engine (a multicompiler) that automatically generates a unique version of every program for every user. All the different versions of the same program behave in exactly the same way from the perspective of the end-user, but they implement their functionality in subtly different ways. As a result, any specific attack will succeed only on a small fraction of targets and a large number of different attack vectors would be needed to take over a significant percentage of them.

Because an attacker has no way of knowing a priori which specific attack will succeed on which specific target, this method also very significantly increases the cost of attacks directed at specific targets.

We have built such a multicompiler which is now available as a prototype. We can diversify large software distributions such as the Firefox and Chromium web browsers or a complete Linux distribution. I will present some preliminary benchmarks and will also address some practical issues such as the problem of reporting errors when every binary is unique, and updating of diversified software.

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Zu diesem Vortrag lädt der *Arbeitsbereich für Programmiersprachen und Übersetzer am Institut für Computersprachen* herzlich ein.

Tee: 13:30 Uhr in der Bibliothek E185.1, Argentinierstr. 8, 4. Stock (Mitte).