

3rd International KLEE Workshop on Symbolic Execution

Workshop Introduction

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Symbolic Execution

A Bit of History: 1975-76

Programming
Languages

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Symbolic Execution and Program Testing

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Symbolic execution of PL/I programs

A PROGRAM TESTING SYSTEM*

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Symbolic execution of Fortran programs

SELECT--A FORMAL SYSTEM FOR TESTING AND DEBUGGING PROGRAMS BY SYMBOLIC EXECUTION*

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Symbolic execution of LISP programs

Symbolic Execution

A Bit of History: 2005

**Symbolic
Execution
for Software
Testing: Three
Decades Later**

Mixed concrete-symbolic execution /
(dynamic symbolic execution, concolic
execution, whitebox fuzzing...)

Concurrent with a revolution in
SAT & SMT solving

DART: Directed Automated Random Testing

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Execution Generated Test Cases: How to Make Systems Code Crash Itself

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A Bit of History

**The challenges—and great promise—
of modern symbolic execution techniques,
and the tools to help implement them.**

BY CRISTIAN CADAR AND KOUSHIK SEN

Symbolic Execution for Software Testing: ~~Three~~ Decades Later

Five

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE ACM

KLEE

CREST

 BINSEC

SymCC

PyExZ3

SymDroid

PathGrind

Miasm

CUTE

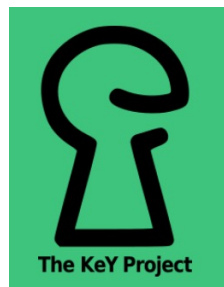
SAGE

Otter

TRILON

jCUTE

Jalangi2



Symbolic
PathFinder

Savior

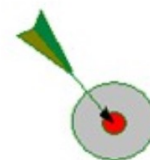
SymJS

Manticore

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BinSE



DART

Kite



Pex

Rubyx

LDSE

JDart



S²E

CATG

CiVL



Mayhem

KLOVER



Webpage: <https://klee.github.io/>

Code: <https://github.com/klee/>

Web version: <http://klee.doc.ic.ac.uk/>

Active project

13+ years since open-sourced

9 releases

2400+ commits

Active community

100+ contributors to codebase incl. subprojects

400+ subscribers to mailing list

580+ public forks of KLEE repository

2000+ stars on GitHub



Academic Impact & Interest

- SIGOPS Hall of Fame Award (KLEE paper)
- CCS Test of Time Award (EXE paper)
- 3700+ citations to original KLEE paper
- 250+ publications and systems building upon KLEE
 - <https://klee.github.io/publications/>
 - From many different research communities: testing, verification, systems, software engineering, programming languages, security, etc.



Industry Impact & Interest

- Companies sponsoring 1st & 2nd & 3rd KLEE workshops:
Baidu, Bloomberg, Fujitsu, Google, Huawei, Qualcomm, Samsung, Trail of Bits
- Two industry keynotes to the first KLEE Workshop (and two more now!):
 - Fujitsu: *Utilization and Evolution of KLEE-based Technologies for Embedded Software Testing at Fujitsu*
 - Baidu: *ConcFuzzer: A Sanitizer Guided Hybrid Fuzzing Framework Leveraging Greybox Fuzzing and Concolic Execution*
- Many different companies reporting on using/experimenting with KLEE:
 - **Baidu**: [KLEE 2018], [IEEE S&P 2020]
 - **Fujitsu**: [PPoPP 2012], [CAV 2013], [ICST 2015], [IEEE Software 2017], [KLEE 2018]
 - **Google**: [2x KLEE 2021]
 - **Hitachi**: [CPSNA 2014], [ISPA 2015], [EUC 2016], [KLEE 2021]
 - **Intel**: [WOOT 2015]
 - **NASA Ames**: [NFM 2014]
 - **Samsung**: [2x KLEE 2018]
 - **Trail of Bits**: <https://blog.trailofbits.com/>
 - **etc..**
- High percentage of industry participants at KLEE workshops!

KLEE and SymEx: *Beyond* Bug Finding

- Bug finding is *extremely* important
- But symbolic execution is applicable to *many other* problems!
 - Program repair
 - Verification
 - Refactoring
 - Education
 - Equivalence checking
 - Test case generation and augmentation
 - Debugging and fault localization
 - Model learning
 - Document repair
 - Reverse engineering
 - Side-channel analysis
 - Test-case reduction
 - Liveness analysis
 - Binary lifting and recompilation
 - Detecting cheating in online games

etc. etc.



- 80+ participants from academia, industry and government
- 12 different countries across three continents
- Sponsored by EPSRC, Baidu, Bloomberg, Fujitsu, Huawei, Imperial College London
- Three academic keynotes (Khurshid, Orso, Roychoudhury)
- Two industry keynotes (Ghosh – Fujitsu, Li – Baidu)
- 17 regular talks and 5 posters
- Lunches, coffee breaks, and pub
- Fantastic feedback post-workshop



1st International KLEE Workshop on Symbolic Execution

19-20 April, 2018 • London, United Kingdom

Tweets by [@kleesymex](#)



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Save the date! 1st International KLEE





- 200+ participants from academia and industry
- 34 different countries across **six continents**
- Sponsored by Bloomberg, Samsung, Google and Imperial College London
- Keynote from Chao Wang
- 24 regular talks
- Great feedback post-workshop
- Huge support for a future in-person event



2nd International KLEE Workshop on Symbolic Execution

10-11 June, 2021 • Online

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3rd International KLEE Workshop on Symbolic Execution

15–16 September 2022 • London, UK and Online

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Participants

- 125+ participants, with ~65 onsite and ~60 online
- 29 different countries across 5 continents
- Good mix of industry and academia:
 - Around 58% academia, 36% industry, 6% other
- More registrations than participants:
 - Several participants could unfortunately not get a visa on time
 - Others had their flights/trained cancelled
 - Some will join late, this afternoon



Participants'
interests
(online only)



Program

- 4 keynotes: 2 from academia, 2 from industry
 - Jan Strejček, Masaryk University
 - Peter Goodman, Trail of Bits
 - Sébastien Bardin, CEA LIST, Université Paris-Saclay
 - Vitaly Chipounov, Cyberhaven

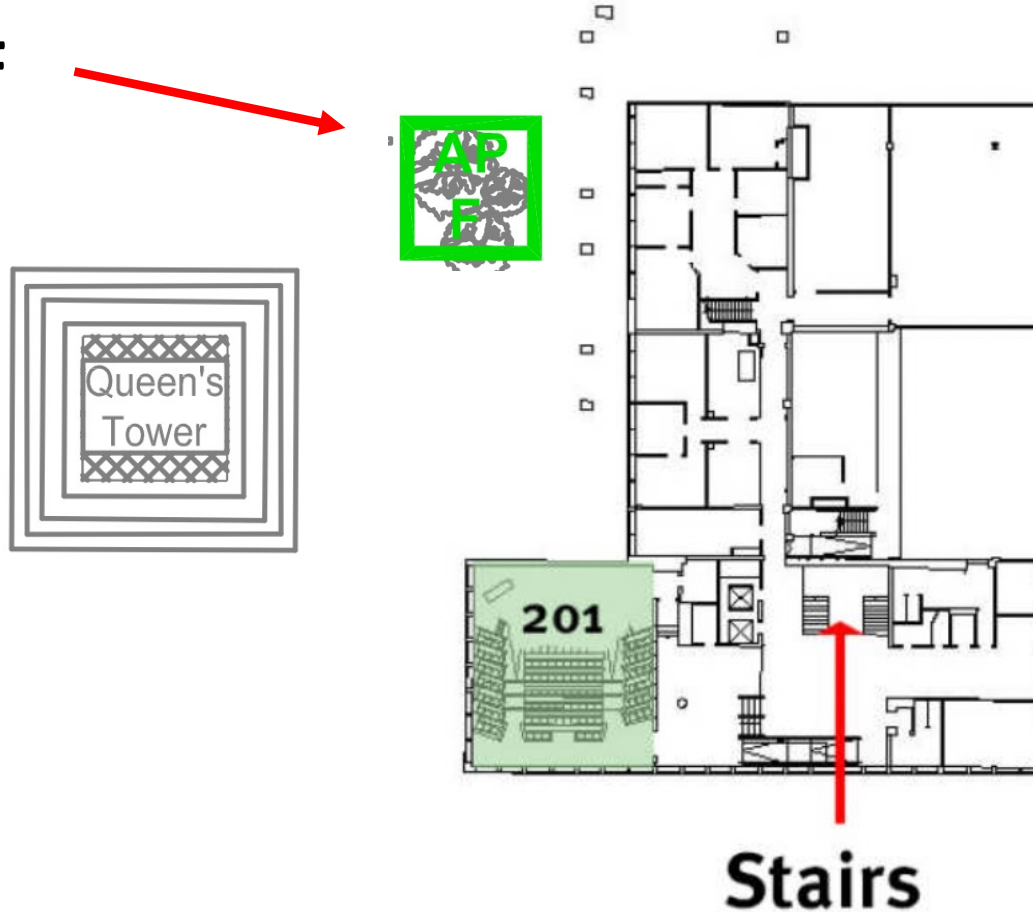
Program (cont.)

- 20 regular presentations, grouped into 7 sessions
- 10 posters, presented in two poster sessions and outside the lecture hall, with additional questions on Discord: #posters
- **A big thank you to all contributors and participants!**

Fire Alarm

In case of a fire alarm, follow exit signs and gather at assembly point

Assembly point F



Streaming and Recording

The workshop is streamed to online participants

- Speakers: please stand to the left of the podium to be seen
- We will use the podium computer for regular talks

The workshop is also recorded BUT:

- The Q&A sessions will NOT be made available to encourage participation
- Individual talks will be made available with speaker consent via the YouTube KLEE channel

Q&A

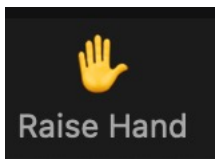
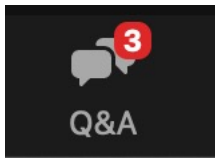
**Ask lots of questions during the workshop!
That's one of the main reasons for having the workshop in the first place!**

In-person participants:

- You can raise your hand and ask your question
- Session chair or speaker should repeat it to make sure online participants hear it properly

Online participants:

- Please use Zoom's Q&A feature to ask and upvote questions
- Can also press the "Raise Hand" button to ask questions with voice
 - But with a large audience size, session chairs might prioritize written questions
- After each session, any unanswered questions are dismissed
- More permanent conversations should move to Discord



You can use Discord for more questions and to chat about other topics

Session Chairs

- Session: Chair (online chair):
 1. Memory Modelling: **Peter O'Hearn** (Martin)
 2. Floating Point and Incorrectness Logic: **Tomasz Kuchta** (Daniel)
 3. Debug Info, Reverse Engineering and Program Repair: **Martin Nowack** (Frank)
 4. Symbolic Execution and Greybox Fuzzing: **Frank Busse** (Martin)
 5. Path Exploration: **Alessandro Orso** (Daniel)
 6. Precondition Inference and Driver Generation: **Jonathan Bell** (Martin)
 7. Models, Synthesis, Specs and New Architectures: **Daniel Schemmel** (Frank)
- Session chairs will be assisted by an online chair (Daniel, Frank or Martin) who will point out questions from online participants

Workshop Co-chairs



Frank
Busse



Martin
Nowack



Daniel
Schemmel

Finances and admin:

- Hassan Patel
- Jamie Perrins

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KLEE Community

- Martin Nowack for co-maintaining KLEE for the last many years
- Frank Busse for recently joining the maintainers team and maintaining the list of publications building up on KLEE (now at 250+)
- Prior co-maintainers Daniel Liew, Andrea Mattavelli and Daniel Dunbar
- Daniel Dunbar for starting the project back in 2007!
- Our 100+ contributors
- The entire awesome KLEE community



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