

Design Your Analysis!

A Case Study on Implementation Reusability of Data-Flow Functions



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Concerns of Analyses

Cast Expressions

Exceptions

Native Code

(Un-)boxing of Types

Assignments

Return Values

Reflection

Method Invocation

Static Fields

Type Conversion

Library Code

Sanitization

Instance Fields

Method Arguments

Taint Sinks

Collections

Callbacks

Taint Sources

Arrays

Analysis Frameworks

Examples: Soot, WALA, OPAL

- Intermediate Representations
- Abstractions over Instructions

- Algorithms/Frameworks
 - IFDS/IDE
 - Abstract Interpretation

IFDS/IDE Framework

```
public interface FlowFunctions<N, D, M> {  
    FlowFunction<D> getNormalFlowFunction(N curr, N succ);  
  
    FlowFunction<D> getCallFlowFunction(N callStmt,  
        M destinationMethod);  
  
    FlowFunction<D> getReturnFlowFunction(N callSite,  
        M calleeMethod, N exitStmt, N returnSite);  
  
    FlowFunction<D> getCallToReturnFlowFunction(N callSite,  
        N returnSite);  
}  
  
public interface FlowFunction<D> {  
    Set<D> computeTargets(D source);  
}
```

Large Clients of the IFDS Framework

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361	362	
364	364+	
749		
751	749	
872		
874	751+	
1082		
1084	872	
1278		
1278	874+	
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FlowFunction<Abstraction> getReturnFlowFunction(final Unit callSite, final  
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```

How to maintain this?

How to test this?

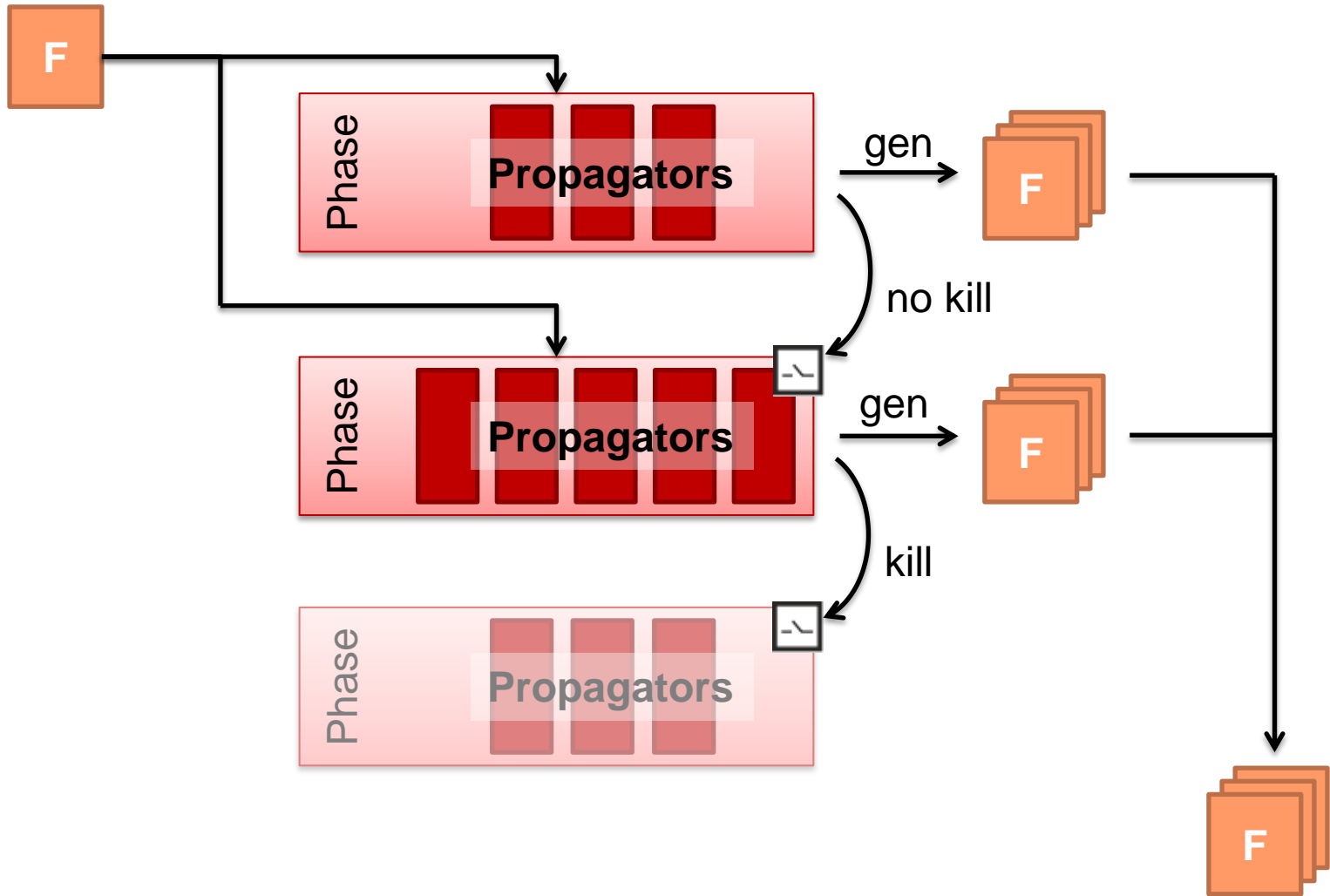
How to reuse this?

Propagator Interface

```
public interface Propagator<N, D, M> {  
    boolean canHandle(D fact);  
  
    KillGenInfo<D> propagateNormalFlow(D source, N curr,  
        N succ);  
  
    KillGenInfo<D> propagateNormalFlow(D source, N curr, N succ,  
        M destination);  
  
    KillGenInfo<D> propagateNormalFlow(D source, N curr, N succ,  
        M calleeMethod);  
  
    KillGenInfo<D> propagateCallToReturnFlow(D source,  
        N callSite);  
}
```

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    N curr, N succ);  
  
public interface FlowFunction<D> {  
    Set<D> computeTargets(D source);  
}
```

Phase Processing



Implementation

```
Set<D> computeTargets(D source) {
    boolean killed = false;
    Set<D> gens = new HashSet<>();
    phases = new Propagator[][] {
        for(Propagator<D>[] pha {
            for(Propagator<D> pr {
                new PrimitiveTypesKiller(),
                if(propagator.canPropagate()) {
                    new PermissionCheckPropagator(),
                    KillGenInfo kgi = propagator.computeTargets(source);
                    /* ... */
                    killed |= kgi.isKilled();
                }
                gens.addAll(kgi.getGens());
            }
        }
        new AssignmentPropagator(),
        new FieldAccessPropagator(),
        new StringBuilderPropagator(),
        /* ... */
    },
    {
        new SinkHandler(),
        /* ... */
    }
};
    if(killed)
        break;
    return gens;
}
```

Discussion

- Separation of concerns
 - Easier to **maintain**
 - Easier to **test**
 - Easier to **reuse**
- Case Study
 - Implemented SQL-Injection, Path Traversal, Unchecked Redirect, ... vulnerability detection
 - **Reused** FlowTwists implementations, only source, sink, and sanitization specific Propagators implemented