

Fuzzing Kamailio

Security testing the Kamailio SIP server with fuzzing

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About me

- ▶ Henning Westerholt
- ▶ With Kamailio project since 2007
- ▶ Core developer of the Kamailio project
 - ▶ Core, database work and different other modules
 - ▶ Administration, code quality, quality assurance
- ▶ Senior IT Manager with a broad experience in product IT and internal IT
- ▶ Works on different side projects
 - ▶ some are payed
 - ▶ some are to “give back” to the community

Motivation

- ▶ Generally interested in security topics
- ▶ Wanted to learn about fuzzing with different tools
- ▶ Heard in the past that fuzzing can yield to great results with structured protocols, where brute-force testing is not feasible

Fuzzing

- ▶ “Fuzzing is an automated software testing technique that involves providing invalid, unexpected, or random data as inputs to a computer program. The program is then monitored for exceptions such as crashes, or failing built-in code assertions or for finding potential memory leaks.”
- ▶ “Typically, fuzzers are used to test programs that take structured inputs. This structure is specified, e.g. in a [...] protocol and distinguishes valid from invalid input. An effective fuzzer generates semi-valid inputs that are "valid enough" in that they are not directly rejected by the parser, but do create unexpected behaviors deeper in the program and are "invalid enough" to expose corner cases that have not been properly dealt with.
- ▶ From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fuzzing>

About afl - „american fuzzy lop“

- ▶ „afl employs a novel type of compile-time instrumentation and genetic algorithms to automatically discover clean, interesting test cases that trigger new internal states in the targeted binary. This substantially improves the functional coverage for the fuzzed code.“
- ▶ So afl “learn” about the program and tries to exploit it “intelligently” - an example follows later
- ▶ Impressive number of bugs found in many core infrastructure code
- ▶ White box testing approach, comparing to yesterday black box testing talk
- ▶ Used version 2.52b from <http://lcamtuf.coredump.cx/afl/>

Sample output from afl

```
process timing
  run time : 52 days, 8 hrs, 6 min, 59 sec
  last new path : 0 days, 0 hrs, 8 min, 28 sec
  last uniq crash : 40 days, 16 hrs, 53 min, 55 sec
  last uniq hang : 11 days, 9 hrs, 1 min, 15 sec
cycle progress
  now processing : 10.5k (99.79%)
  paths timed out : 1 (0.01%)
stage progress
  now trying : bitflip 4/1
  stage execs : 4048/5693 (71.10%)
  total execs : 114M
  exec speed : 28.88/sec (slow!)
fuzzing strategy yields
  bit flips : 292/3.10M, 82/3.10M, 46/3.09M
  byte flips : 0/386k, 0/289k, 2/295k
  arithmetics : 396/15.9M, 0/852k, 1/39.4k
  known ints : 39/1.64M, 21/8.03M, 11/13.0M
  dictionary : 66/21.5M, 186/26.3M, 59/15.0M
  havoc : 372/1.01M, 0/0
  trim : 1.12%/365k, 25.78%
map coverage
  map density : 12.99% / 30.35%
  count coverage : 2.40 bits/tuple
findings in depth
  favored paths : 2008 (19.11%)
  new edges on : 3317 (31.57%)
  total crashes : 38 (7 unique)
  total tmouts : 134k (500+ unique)
path geometry
  levels : 22
  pending : 8088
  pend fav : 9
  own finds : 1566
  imported : n/a
  stability : 99.92%
[cpu000: 57%]
```

Necessary changes to the core

- ▶ Changes not trivial, but also not excessive complex work
 - ▶ Not contributed so far, not suitable right now for a commit
- ▶ Process message from file system and not from network
 - ▶ Investigated networking approach, but not chosen
 - ▶ Connect to stdin socket instead of network socket
 - ▶ Hack: use a „magic delimiter“ to signal end of message
- ▶ Efficiency improvements
 - ▶ Remove any unnecessary forking during start-up
 - ▶ Don't start RPC, TIMER, TCP master and other processes
 - ▶ Other small optimization on the host machine, explained later

Changes to default configuration

- ▶ Target compiler for instrumentation: `CC="afl-gcc"; CXX="afl-g++"; make;`
- ▶ Goal to use a stock default configuration without big changes
- ▶ Still some changes done:
 - ▶ No accounting, no NAT handling
 - ▶ Only one process, restrict memory usage
 - ▶ No forking mode
- ▶ Actual command to run afl:

```
./afl-fuzz -m 200 -t 5000+ -x ../dict_dir/sip.dict -i- -o  
../findings_dir/ -- ../.../kamailio/src/kamailio -f  
../cfg_dir/kamailio-basic.cfg -L ../.../kamailio/src/modules -Y  
../tmp_dir -T -S -n 1 -D -m 16 -M 4
```

Testing setup

- ▶ Private (old) workstation
- ▶ Kamailio master branch from November, compiled with afl and gcc
- ▶ Estimated run-time of four month
- ▶ No fancy parallelisation or similar things
- ▶ Kernel parameter for run:

```
echo "core" >/proc/sys/kernel/core_pattern  
echo "2000" > /proc/sys/vm/dirty_writeback_centisecs  
cd /sys/devices/system/cpu  
echo "performance" | tee cpu*/cpufreq/scaling_governor
```

Test corpus

- ▶ Four SIP messages
 - ▶ One INVITE with invalid content length
 - ▶ One INVITE that should result in a „404 not found“
 - ▶ One INVITE that should result in a „100 trying“
 - ▶ One REGISTER with a new contact
- ▶ A SIP dictionary with about 50 entries
 - ▶ SIP method names
 - ▶ „magic“ strings like z9hG4bKydcnjlpe or IP addresses
 - ▶ Other SIP keywords from RFC 3261
- ▶ Ok, enough theory - show me some SIP messages!

id_000003,orig_register

A valid SIP message from SIPp

```
REGISTER sip:192.168.1.1 SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 172.17.13.240:5061;rport;branch=z9hG4bKydcnjlpe
Max-Forwards: 70
To: <sip:user@127.0.0.1>
From: <sip:user@127.0.0.1>;tag=dyggg
Call-ID: ccgdnpeqtepegxu@172.17.13.240
CSeq: 479 REGISTER
Contact: <sip:user@172.17.13.240:5061>;expires=3600
Allow:
INVITE,ACK,BYE,CANCEL,OPTIONS,PRACK,REFER,NOTIFY,SUBSCRIBE,INFO
User-Agent: SIPp/Linux
Content-Length: 1
```

id_001441,src_000003,op_flip4,pos_14,+ COV

```
REGISTER sip:1A2.168.1.1 SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 172.17.13.240:5061;rport;branch=z9hG4bKydcnjlpe
Max-Forwards: 70
To: <sip:user@127.0.0.1>
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Allow:
INVITE,ACK,BYE,CANCEL,OPTIONS,PRACK,REFER,NOTIFY,SUBSCRIBE,INFO
User-Agent: SIPp/Linux
Content-Length: 1
```

id_003535,src_001441,op_arith8,pos_22, val_+12

```
REGISTER sip:1A2.168.1:1 SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 172.17.13.240:5061;rport;branch=z9hG4bKydcnjlpe
Max-Forwards: 70
To: <sip:user@127.0.0.1>
From: <sip:user@127.0.0.1>;tag=dyggg
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Contact: <sip:user@172.17.13.240:5061>;expires=3600
Allow:
INVITE,ACK,BYE,CANCEL,OPTIONS,PRACK,REFER,NOTIFY,SUBSCRIBE,INFO
User-Agent: SIPp/Linux
Content-Length: 1
```

id_004778,src_003535,op_flip1,pos_23,+ COV

```
REGISTER sip:1A2.168.1:0 SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 172.17.13.240:5061;rport;branch=z9hG4bKydcnjlpe
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Call-ID: ccgdnpeqtepegxu@172.17.13.240
CSeq: 479 REGISTER
Contact: <sip:user@172.17.13.240:5061>;expires=3600
Allow:
INVITE,ACK,BYE,CANCEL,OPTIONS,PRACK,REFER,NOTIFY,SUBSCRIBE,INFO
User-Agent: SIPp/Linux
Content-Length: 1
```

id_005518,src_004778,op_ext_A0,pos_1 3,+COV

Found different cfg processing
for localhost REGISTER!

```
REGISTER sip:127.0.0.1:0 SIP/2.0
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User-Agent: SIPp/Linux
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```


id_006317,src_005518,op_havoc,rep_8,+ COV

Testing permutations of the
transaction cookie

```
REGISTER sip:127.0.0.1:0 SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 172.17.13.240:5061;ypport;branch=9hG4bKydcnjlpe
Max-Forwards: 70
To: <sip:user@127.0.0.1>
From: <sip:user127.0.0.1>;tag=dyggg
Call-ID: ccgdnpeqtepegu@172.17.13.240
CSeq: 479 REGISTER
Contact: <sip:user@172.17.13.440:5061>, BYE, CANCEL, OPT
Accept: CK, REFER, NOTIFY, SUBSCRIBE, INFO
User-Agent: ???p/Linux
Content-Length: 1
```

id_010335,src_006317,op_havoc,rep_2,+ COV

After a long time the havoc permutation find a new path

```
REGISTER
sip:127.0.0.1:0
SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 172.17.13.240:5061;ypport;branch=9hG4bKydcijlpe
Max-Forwards: 70
To: <sip:user@127.0.0.1>
From: <sip:user127.0.0.1>;tag=dyggg
Call-ID: ccgdnpeqtepegEu@172.17.13.240
CSeq: 479 REGISTER
Contact: <sip:user@172.17.13.440:5061>,BYE,CANCEL,OPT
Accept:CK,REFER,NOTIFY,SUBSCRIBE,INFO
User-Agent:??p/Linux
Content-Length: 1
```


id_010441,src_010398,op_havoc,rep_4

Random permutations with the request URI

```
REGISTER
sip:#####;;;;;;
#####Z#####
#####=27#####
#####Hu#####?è#####
#####.0.0.1:0 SIP/2.0
```

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 172.17.13.240:5061;ypport;branch=9hG4bKydclpe

Max-Forwards: 70

To: <sip:user@127.0.0.1>

From: <sip:user127.0.0.1>;tag=dyggg

Call-ID: ccgdnpqtepegEu@172.17.13.240

CSeq: 479 REGISTER

Contact: <sip:user@172.17.13.440:5061>,BYE,CANCEL,OPT

Accept:CK,REFER,NOTIFY,SUBSCRIBE,INFO

User-Agent:???p/Linux

Content-Length: 1

Results

- ▶ All found issues are nicely summarized from afl
- ▶ Big picture
 - ▶ Kamailio is really stable, over 310 million completed tests!
 - ▶ error rate smaller than 1 in 44 millions messages
 - ▶ 7 major crashes found (all one identical cause)
- ▶ Statistics
 - ▶ a complete test exhaustive cycle finished
 - ▶ „level 22“ finding depths reached
 - ▶ Over 10.700 code path tested
 - ▶ Over 500 individual hangs found - failure to respond with a proper error message

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overall results
  cycles done : 1
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  uniq hangs : 500+
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Crashes

- ▶ One crash found in the core message parser!
- ▶ Stable and immediate crash with just one UDP message
- ▶ Occurs with different modules (sanity, registrar..) and on different versions
- ▶ Disclosure:
 - ▶ No details published today
 - ▶ will be later be available after the next releases
- ▶ How to protect
 - ▶ Fix for this issue available in master branch and maintained stable branches
 - ▶ Will be included in the next minor releases as usual

Summary and further work

- ▶ Summary
 - ▶ Fuzzing with afl is effective, it can find really rare and critical bugs
 - ▶ Setup is nothing for a „script kiddie“, but doable for a motivated hacker
 - ▶ Further work in this area important to protect our all critical infrastructure
- ▶ Further (possible) work
 - ▶ Let afl run continuously on a dedicated machine (spare machines are available)
 - ▶ Import code and test suite into the Kamailio git repository
 - ▶ Extend afl setup to cover more modules or also RPC interfaces
 - ▶ Anybody interested in support (sponsor) this work, please contact me!

Thank you for your attention

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