



# **Beer Fondué!**

**Or how you can find vulnerabilities  
thanks to SonarQube**

# Ego boost

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# The elevator pitch



# RIPS Technologies: Overview

Founded: August 2016

Location: Bochum, Germany

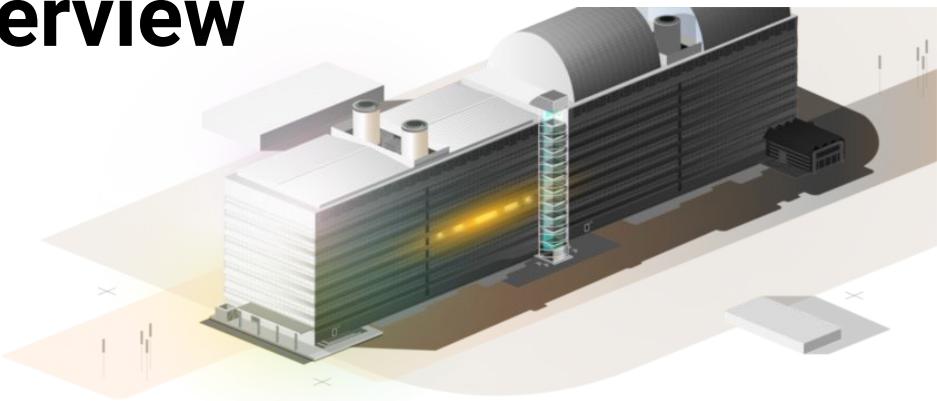
Market: SAST, B2B

Product: RIPS Code Analysis

## Start of 2020 (prior to acquisition):

Employees: 25 full-time + students

Customers: 130 throughout the world

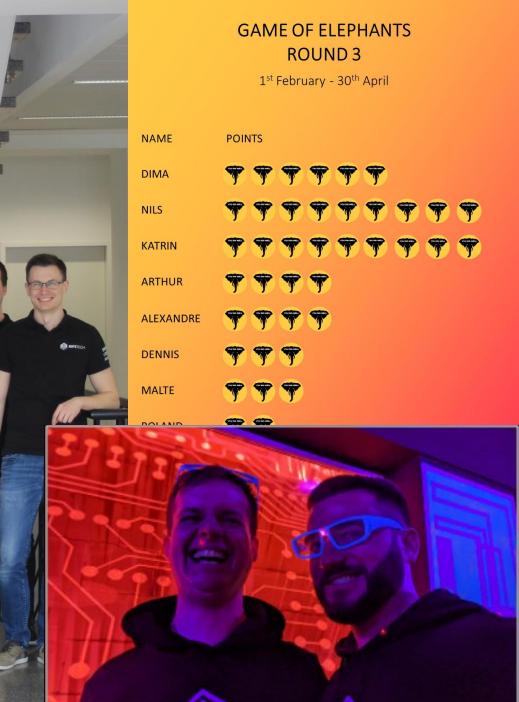
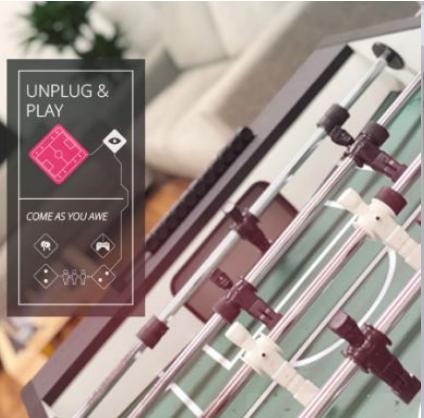


RIPS **detects** and **patches** critical security bugs in source code.

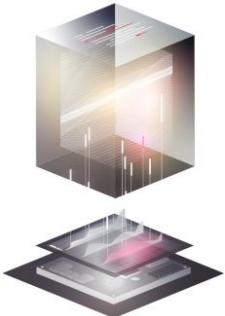
# RIPS Technologies: 12 years of research



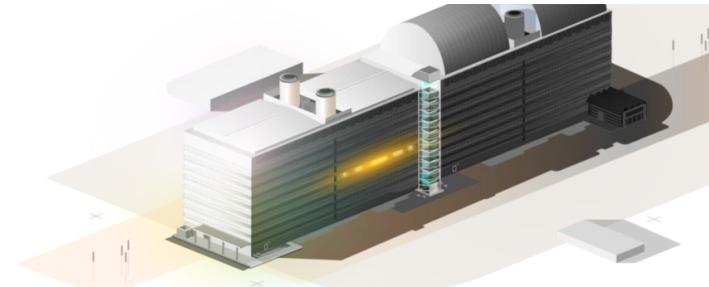
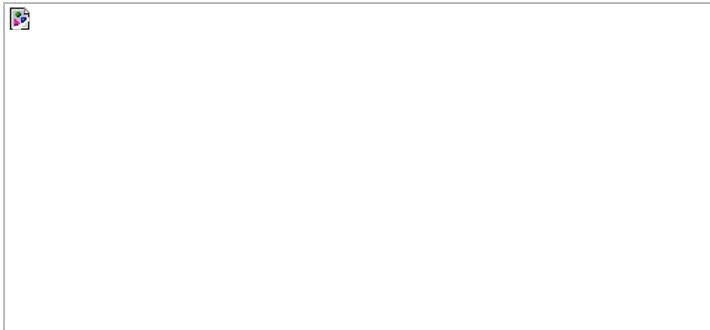
# RIPS Technologies: Culture



# RIPS Technologies: A unique know-how



Particularly in  
the PHP world!



# RIPS detects complex security bugs

Pimcore	6.2.0	Remote Command Execution	
SuiteCRM	7.11.5	Remote Code Execution	CVE-2019-12601
OXID eShop	6.1.3	SQL Injection to RCE	CVE-2019-13026
TYPO3	9.5.7	Stored XSS to RCE	CVE-2019-12747
Magento	2.3.1	Stored XSS to RCE	
dotCMS	5.1.5	SQL Injection to RCE	CVE-2019-12872
MyBB	1.8.20	Stored XSS to RCE	CVE-2019-12830
BitBucket	6.1.0	Path Traversal to RCE	CVE-2019-3397
LogicalDoc	8.2	File Disclosure	CVE-2019-9723
WordPress	5.1	Remote Code Execution	CVE-2019-9787
WordPress	5.0.0	Remote Code Execution	CVE-2019-8943
WordPress	5.0.0	Privilege Escalation	CVE-2018-20152
phpBB	3.2.3	Phar Deserialization to RCE	CVE-2018-19274
Pydio	8.2.1	Remote Code Execution	CVE-2018-20718
WooCommerce	3.4.5	File Delete to RCE	CVE-2018-20714
WooCommerce	3.4.5	Phar Deserialization to RCE	
TikiWiki	17.1	SQL Injection	CVE-2018-20719
WordPress	4.9.6	File Delete to RCE	CVE-2018-12895

Moodle	3.4.2	Remote Code Execution	CVE-2018-1133
PrestaShop	1.7.2.4	Remote Code Execution	CVE-2018-20717
Shopware	5.4.2	SQL Injection	CVE-2018-20713
LimeSurvey	2.7.2.3	Remote Code Execution	CVE-2017-18358
Joomla!	3.8.3	SQL Injection	CVE-2018-6376
CubeCart	6.1.12	Auth Bypass, SQL Injection	CVE-2018-20716
OXID eSales	4.10.6	SQL Injection	CVE-2018-20715
Shopware	5.3.3	SQL Injection, XXE Injection	CVE-2017-18357
flatCore CMS	1.4.6	Remote Code Execution	CVE-2017-1000428
Joomla!	3.7.5	LDAP Injection	CVE-2017-14596
SugarCRM	7.7, 7.8, 7.9	SQL Injection, File Disclosure	CVE-2017-14508
Ampache	3.8.2	Object Instantiation	
e107	2.1.2	PHP Object Injection	
AbanteCart	1.2.8	SQL Injection	
Kliqqi	3.0.0.5	Remote Code Execution	
osClass	3.6.1	Remote Code Execution	
Redaxo	5.2.0	Remote Code Execution	
Vtiger	6.5.0	SQL Injection	

# SonarSource: Since 2008

- Offices in Geneva, Austin, Bochum, Annecy
- ~200 persons
- Strong culture



# SonarSource: Since 2008

- For Developers and Development Teams
- Simple and Transparent
- Part of your development process
- Accurate, and helpful. Always.

# SonarSource: 3 Products



# SonarSource: Since 2018

- Same principles applied to Security



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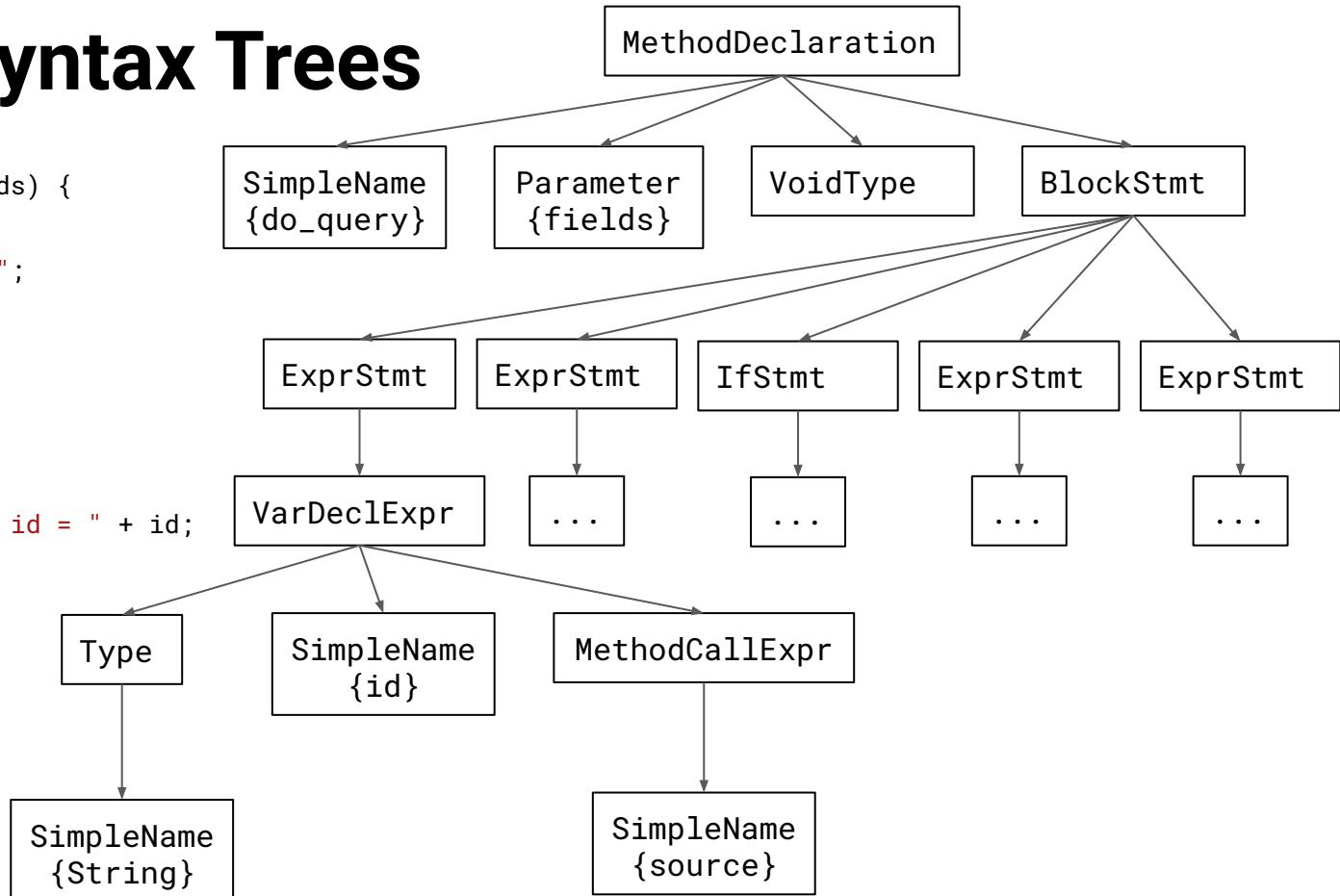
**SonarSource ❤ RIPSTech**



**Static analysis  
in 5 minutes !**

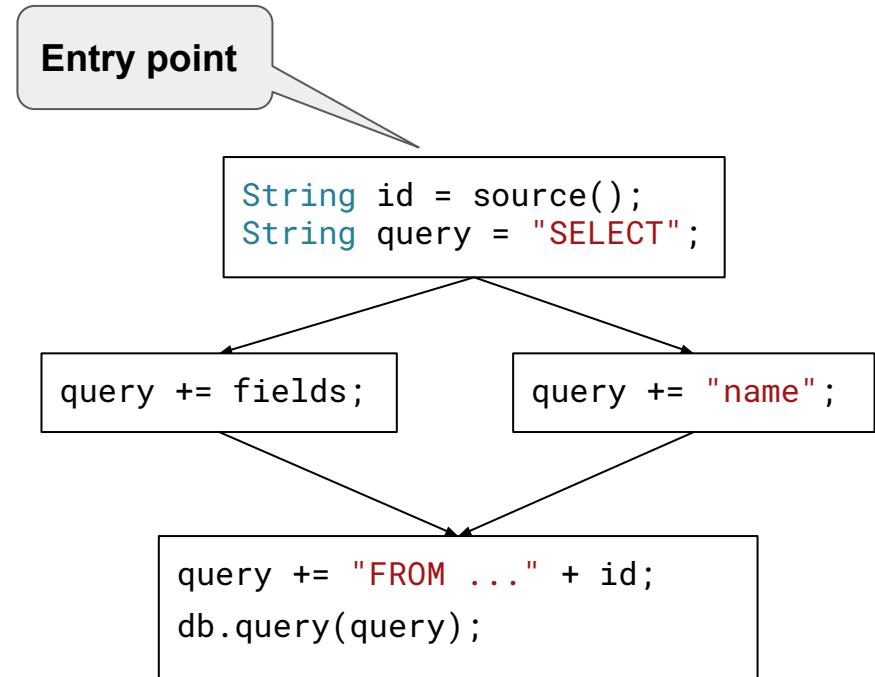
# Abstract Syntax Trees

```
void do_query(String fields) {  
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    String query = "SELECT ";  
    if (!fields.empty()) {  
        query += fields;  
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    db.query(query);  
}
```



# Control Flow Graphs

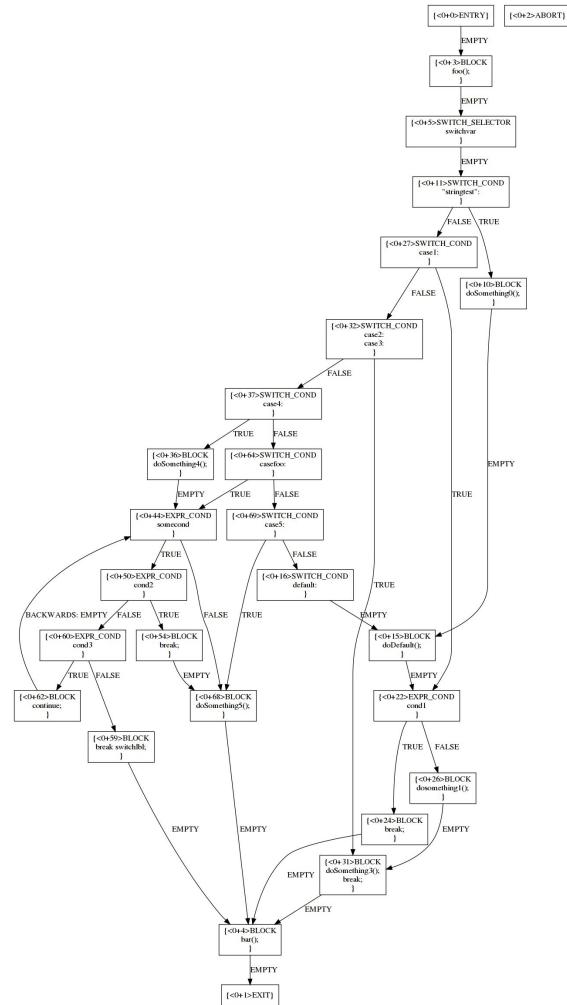
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    }  
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    db.query(query);  
}
```



# ...and it quickly gets complex!

```
foo();  
switchlbl:  
switch (switchvar) {  
    case "stringtest":  
        doSomething0();  
    default:  
    case case1:  
        if (cond1) break;  
        else doSomething1();  
    case case2:  
    case case3:  
        doSomething3();  
        break;  
    case case4:  
        doSomething4();
```

```
case casefoo:  
    while (somecond) {  
        if (cond2) {  
            break;  
        } else {  
            if (cond3) continue;  
            break switchlbl;  
        }  
    }  
    case case5:  
        doSomething5();  
    }  
    bar();
```



# Taint analysis: A simple example

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}
```

**Source:** possibly malicious input



**Vulnerability!**  
The taint reaches the sink

**Sink:** sensitive operation

# Taint analysis: Inter-procedural example

```
void do_query(String fields) {  
    String id = "123";  
    String query = "SELECT ";  
    if (!fields.empty()) {  
        query += fields;  
    } else {  
        query += "name";  
    }  
    query += " FROM u WHERE id = " + id;  
    db.query(query);  
}
```

```
void foo() {  
    String fields = source();  
    do_query(fields);  
}
```

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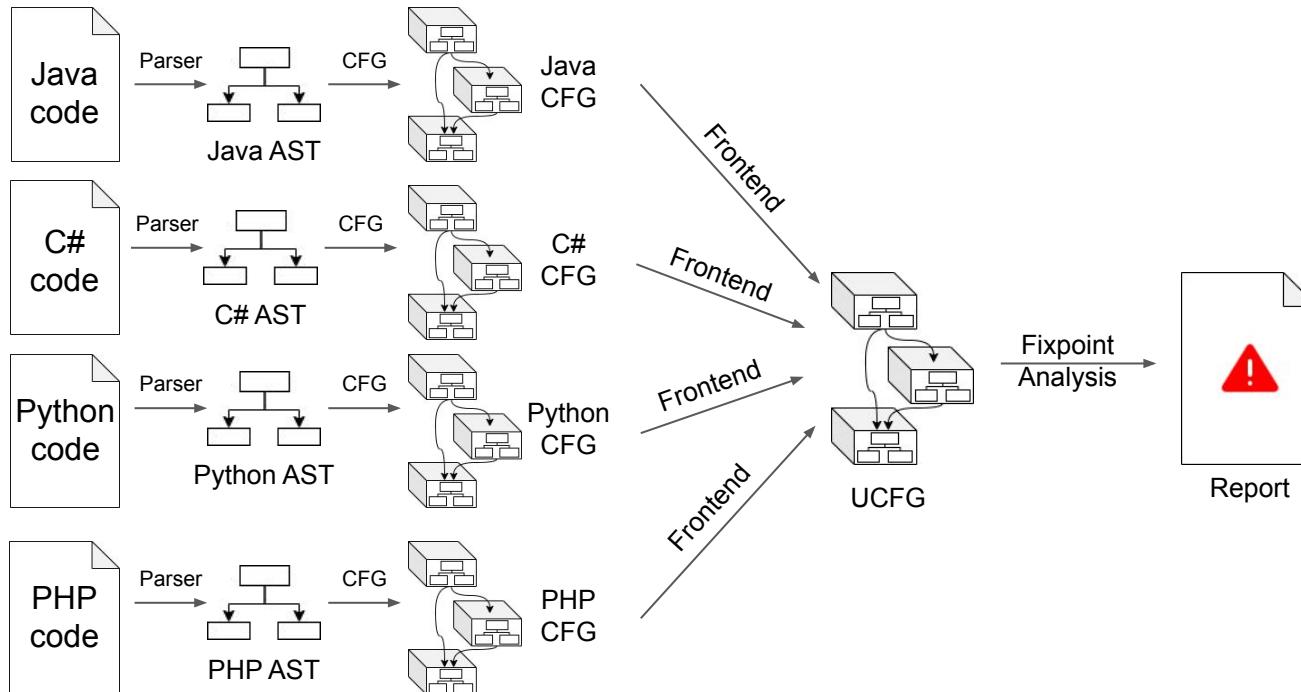
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# Beer Fondue



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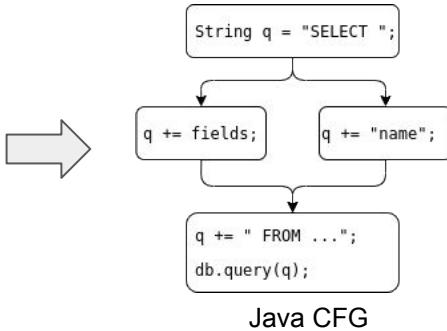
The  
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# CFGs are language dependent

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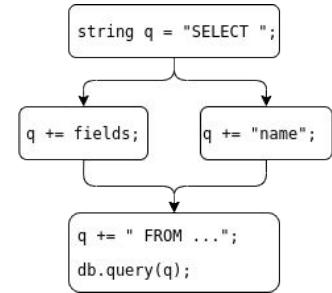
Java code



Java CFG

```
string q = "SELECT ";
if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(fields)) {
    q += fields;
} else {
    q += "name";
}
q += " FROM ...";
db.query(q);
```

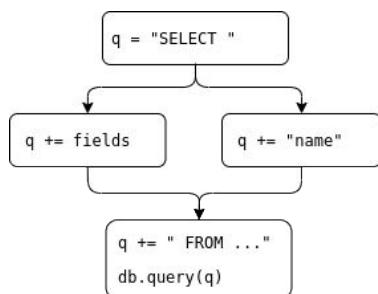
C# code



C# CFG

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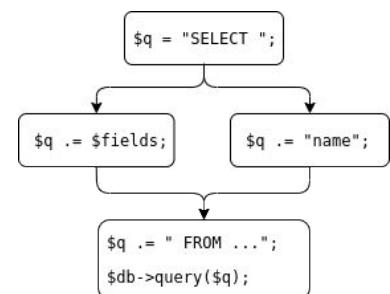
Python code



Python CFG

```
$q = "SELECT ";
if (!empty($fields)) {
    $q .= $fields;
} else {
    $q .= "name";
}
$q .= " FROM ...";
$db->query($q);
```

PHP code



PHP CFG

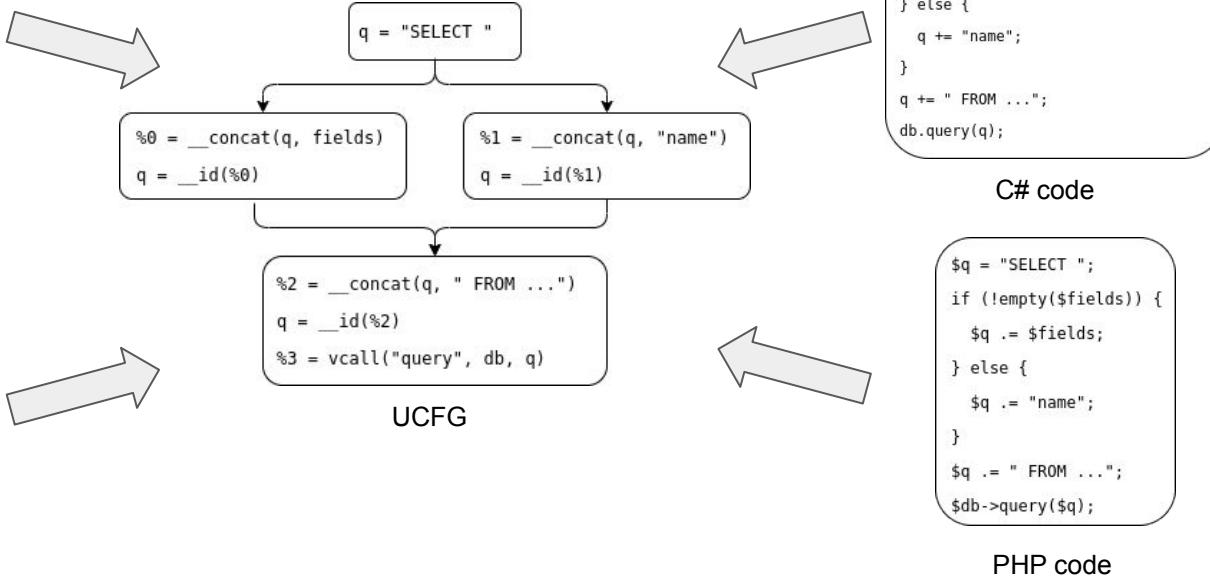
# Universal CFGs - language independent

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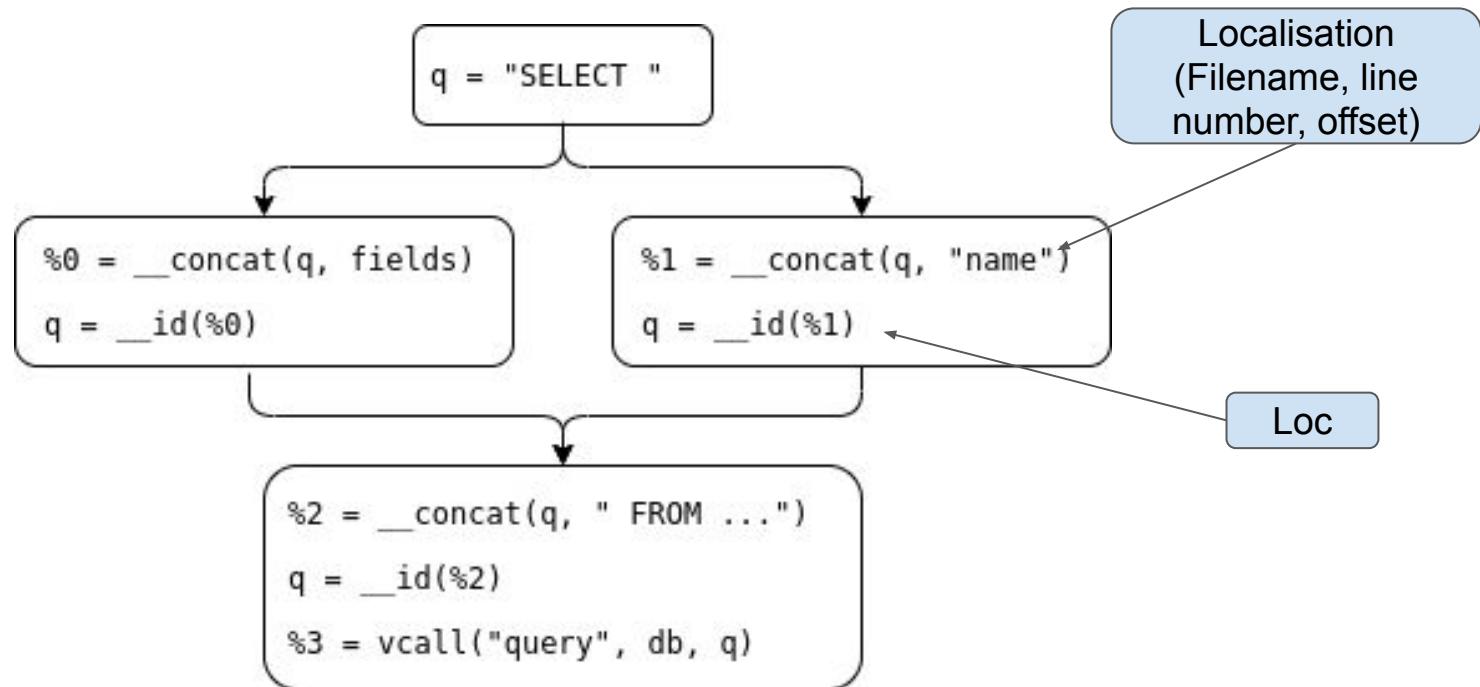
Java code

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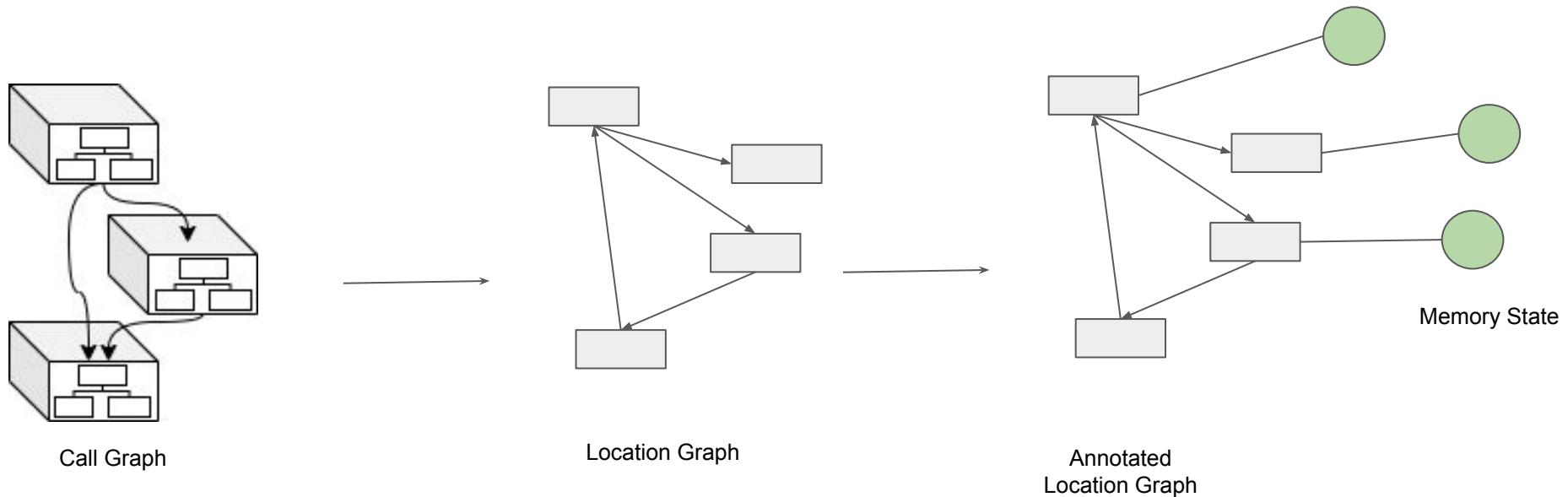
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# UCFGs



# Fixpoint Analysis

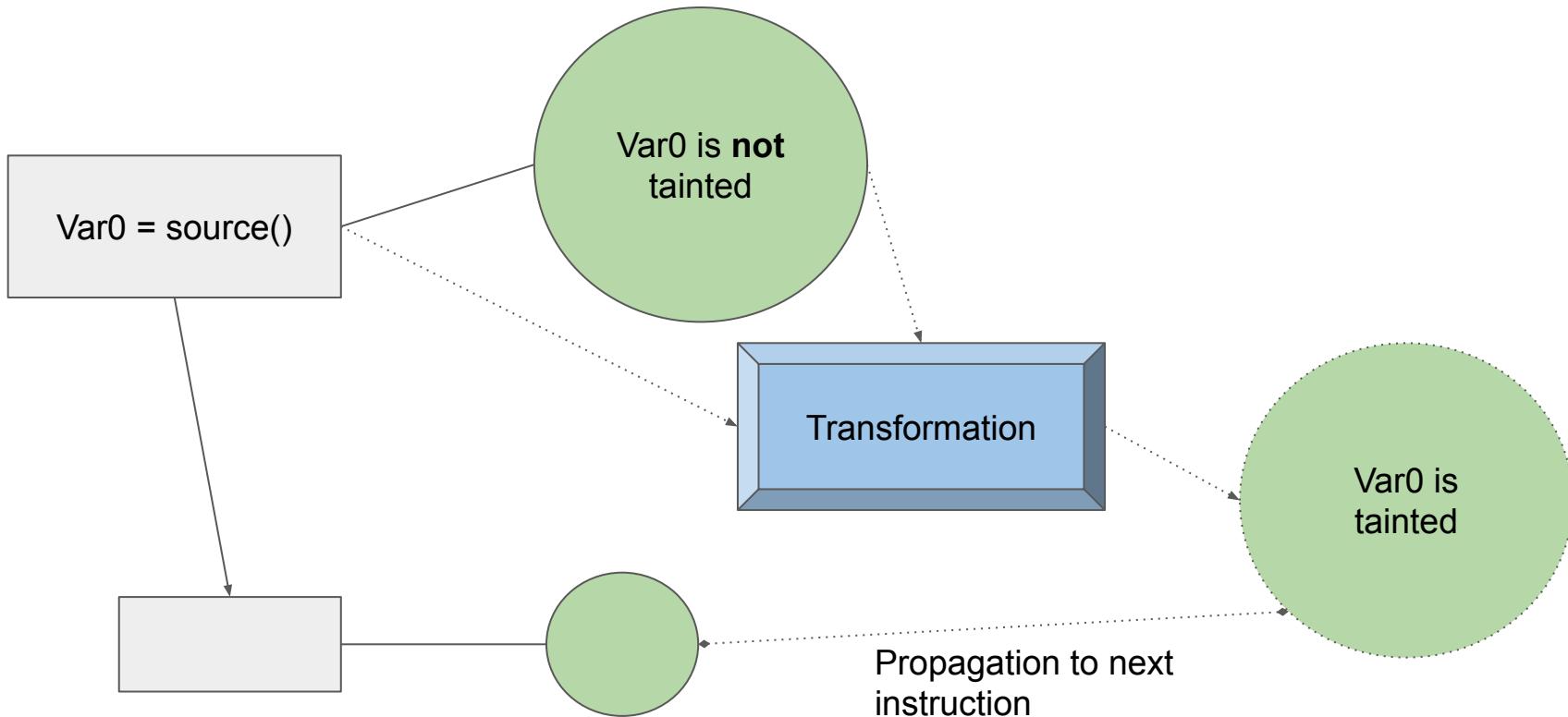


# Memory State

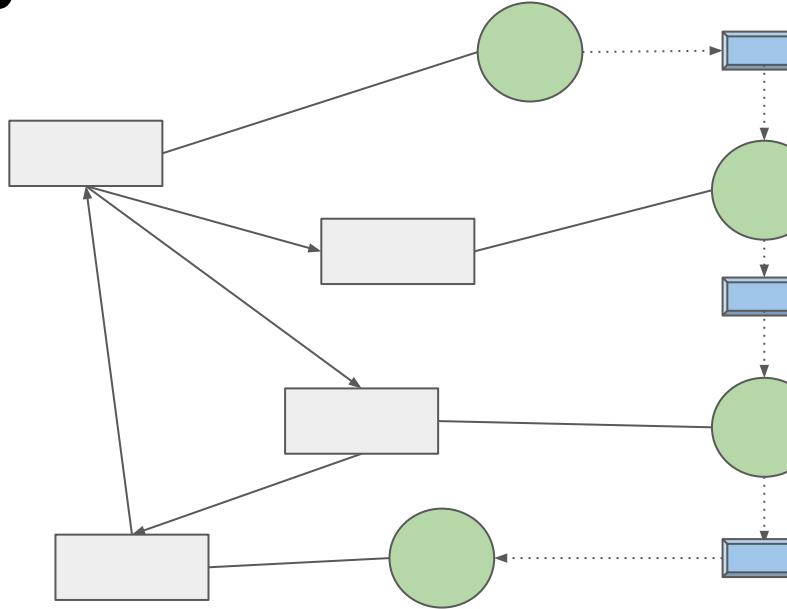


var0: is tainted  
var1: is not tainted  
var2: tainted & not tainted  
var3: we don't know

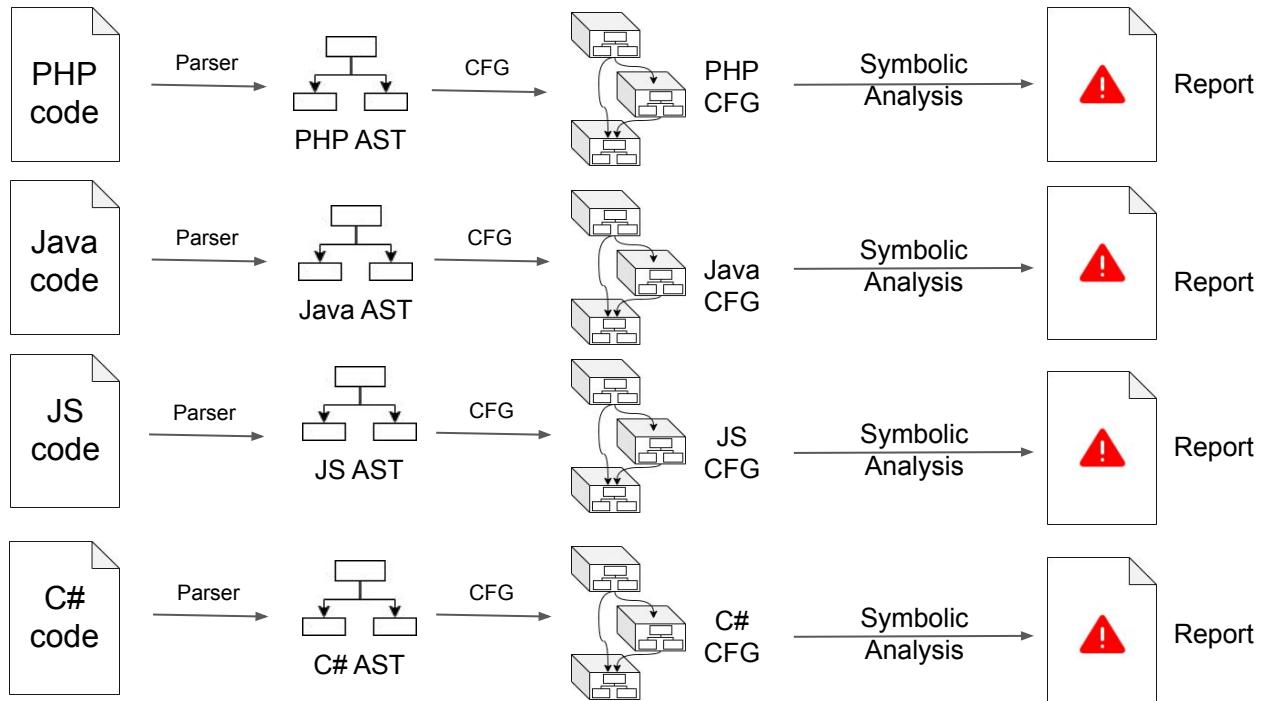
# Instruction Transformation



# Fixpoint Analysis



# The beer



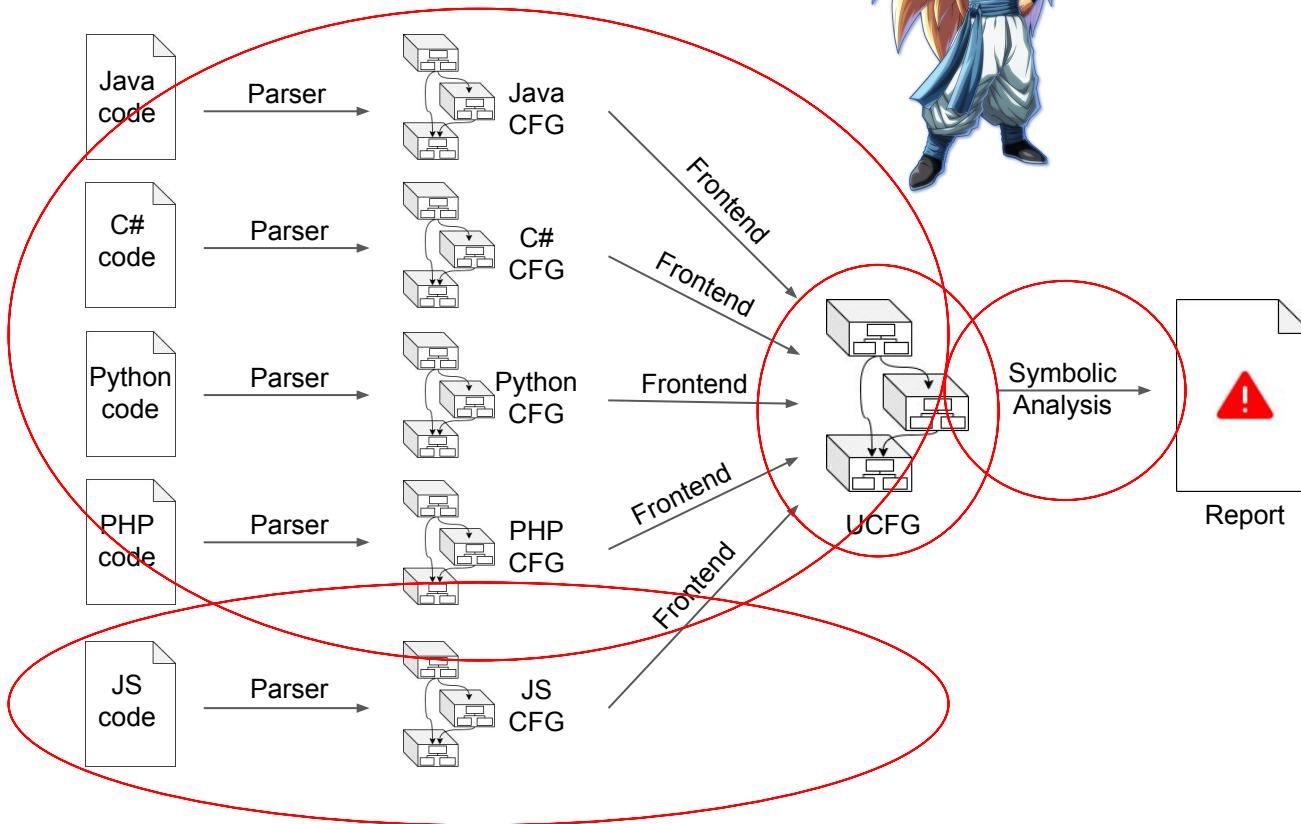
The  
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way



Fuuu...



# ...sion!



The (new and shiny)  
**sonarsource**  
way



# **UCFGs: Live Variable Analysis**

# Live Variable Analysis

```
void someFunction() {  
    int x = 7;  
    int y = 12;  
    println(y);  
    if(...) {  
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    println(x);  
} // all variables are dead 
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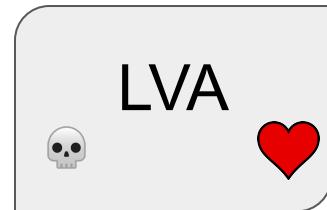
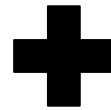
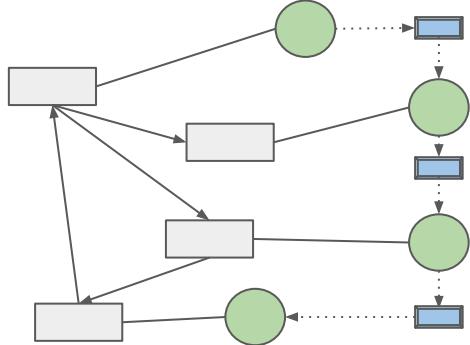
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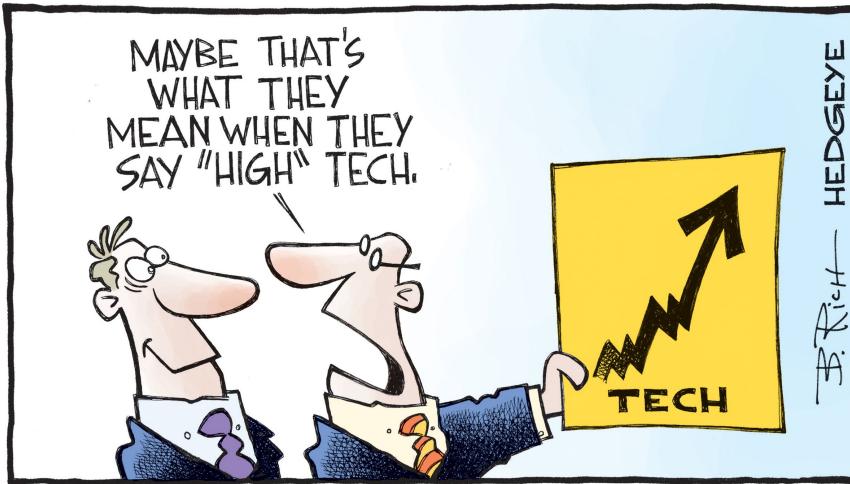


Fixpoint Analysis

# Best of both world once again...



# Symbolic Analysis



# Symbols

- Representation of *all* states a value may take

```
void do_query(String fields) {  
    String id = source();  
    String query = "SELECT ";  
    if (!fields.empty()) {  
        query += fields;  
    } else {  
        query += "name";  
    }  
    query += " FROM users WHERE id = " + id;  
    db.query(query);  
}
```

How to propagate  
this information to  
variables?

What happens at  
merging points?

**Parameter:** comes from the outside,  
we do not know much about it

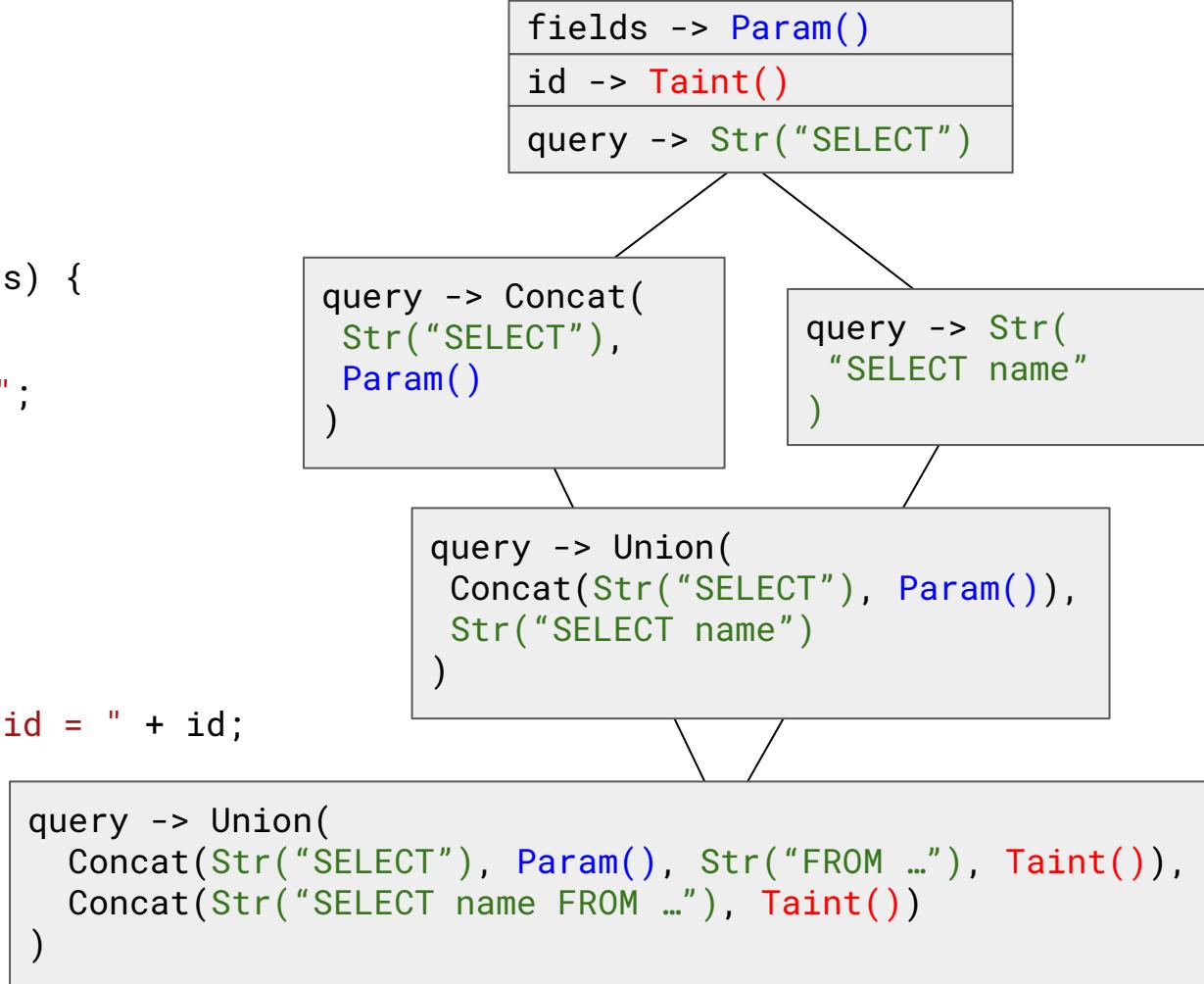
**Taint source:** comes from a source,  
potentially malicious data

**String literal:** can only take one value

**String concatenation:** concatenation  
of two symbols

# Simulation

```
▶ void do_query(String fields) {  
▶   String id = source();  
▶   String query = "SELECT ";  
▶   if (!fields.empty()) {  
▶     query += fields;  
▶   } else {  
▶     query += "name";  
▶   }  
▶   query += " FROM u WHERE id = " + id;  
▶   db.query(query);  
}
```



# Simulation

```
query -> Union(
    Concat(Str("SELECT"), Param(), Str("FROM ..."), Taint()),
    Concat(Str("SELECT name FROM ..."), Taint())
)
```

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void do_query(String fields) {
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    }
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    db.query(query);
}
```



Change this code to not construct SQL queries directly from user-controlled data.  
Why is this an issue?

2 years ago ▾ L59 🔍

Vulnerability ▾ Blocker ▾ Open ▾ Not assigned ▾ 30min effort Comment

No tags ▾

# Method summaries

```
int foo(MyClass p) {  
    p.x = "Hello World";  
    if (p.y) {  
        return 42;  
    } else {  
        return 123;  
    }  
}
```

## Summary of foo(MyClass p)

Parameters: Param(p)

### Side effects:

FieldAccess(Param(p), "x") -> Str("Hello World")

### Return value:

Union(  
 Primitive(42),  
 Primitive(123)  
)

Each summary is computed only once!  
=> Running time linear in number of methods

# Inter-procedural simulation

```
void do_query(String fields) {  
    String id = source();  
    Builder query = new Builder(id, fields);  
    db.query(query.sql);  
    db.query(query.safe_sql);  
}  
  
Builder(String id, String fields) {  
    this.safe_sql = "SELECT * FROM u";  
    if (!fields.empty()) {  
        this.sql += "SELECT " + fields;  
    } else {  
        this.sql += "SELECT name";  
    }  
    this.sql += " FROM u WHERE id = " + id;  
}
```

**Summary of Builder(Builder this, String fields, String id)**

*Parameters:* Param(this), Param(fields), Param(id)

*Side effects:*

FieldAccess(Param(this), "safe\_sql") -> Str("SELECT \*")  
FieldAccess(Param(this), "sql") -> Union(  
 Concat(Str("SELECT"), Param(fields), Str("FROM ..."),  
 Param(id)),  
 Concat(Str("SELECT name FROM ..."), Param(id))  
)

*Return value:* none

Side effects are applied to query object  
in caller context

# Inter-procedural simulation

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Builder(String id, String fields) {  
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    if (!fields.empty()) {  
        this.sql += "SELECT " + fields;  
    } else {  
        this.sql += "SELECT name";  
    }  
    this.sql += " FROM u WHERE id = " + id;  
}
```

## Simulation state (do\_query)

query -> Object(

“safe\_sql” -> Str(...)

“sql” -> Union(

Concat(Str(...), Param(fields), Str(...), Taint()),

Concat(Str(...), Taint())

)

)

id -> Taint()

fields -> Param(fields)

# Vulnérabilités partielles

```
class Db {  
    void query(String sql) {  
        conn = new Connection();  
        conn.execute(sql);  
    }  
}
```

Sink configuré

**Sommaire de Db#query**

Paramètres: **Param(sql)**

Effets secondaires: aucun

Valeur de retour: aucune

Vulnérabilités partielles: **Param(sql)**

# Field sensitivity

```
void do_query(String fields) {  
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    query = new Builder(id, fields);  
    db.query(query.sql);  
    db.query(query.safe_sql);  
}  
  
Builder(String fields, String id) {  
    this.safe_sql = "SELECT * FROM u";  
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    }  
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}
```

Analyse “field *insensitive*”:

Query object

“sql” -> **tainted**

query.sql -> valeur taintée

query.safe\_sql -> valeur taintée

query.foo -> valeur taintée

Analyse “field *sensitive*”:

Query object

“sql” -> Union(..., **Taint()**, ...)

“safe\_sql” -> Str()

query.sql -> symbole union tainté

query.safe\_sql -> string non tainté

query.foo -> symbol indéfini

# Taint analysis

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void do_query(String fields) {  
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## Simulation state (`do_query`)

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No vulnerability!

# Awesome, but what is it good for?

To detect this kind of stuff !

CVE-2019-0221

# Soon...



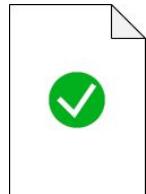
# Markup sensitivity: Safe code

```
void do_query(String fields) {  
    id = source();  
    id = escape_quotes(id);  
    query = "SELECT name FROM u " +  
            "WHERE id = \\" + id + "\\";  
    db.query(query);  
}
```

**Source:** possibly malicious input

**Sanitizer:** allow the input to be safely embedded into a sensitive operation

**Sink:** sensitive operation



**No vulnerability!**

# Markup sensitivity: Unsafe code

```
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    id = escape_quotes(id);  
    query = "SELECT name FROM u " +  
            "WHERE id = " + id;  
    db.query(query);  
}
```

Sanitizer: insufficient  
in this context!

Example of malicious input:

foo; DROP TABLE u;



**Vulnerability!**

# Analysis (unsafe code)

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**Required:**  
Sanitization for SQLI\_NQ

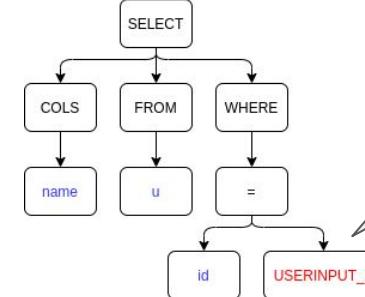
**Provided:** SQLI\_SQL & SQLI\_DQ

```
query -> Concat(  
    Str("SELECT name FROM u WHERE id = "),  
    Taint()  
)
```

String representation

```
T name FROM u WHERE id = USERINPUT_1
```

Compute abstract  
syntax tree



Identifier without  
quotes

# Analysis (safe code)

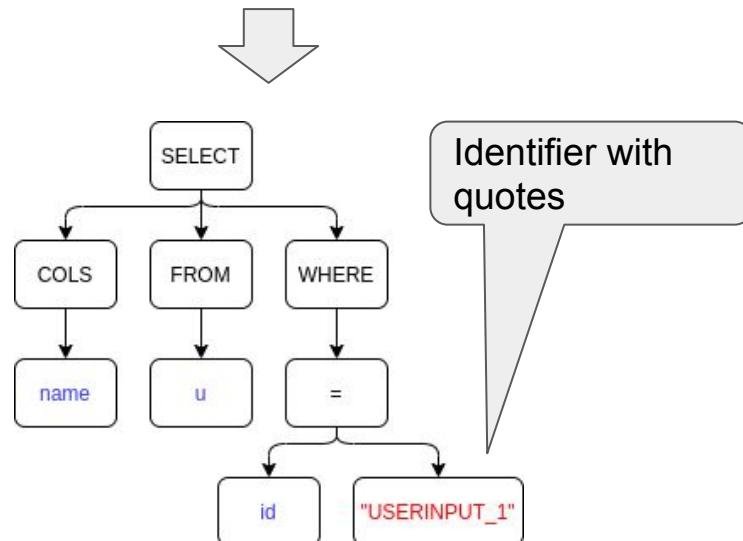
```
void do_query(String fields) {  
    id = source();  
    id = escape_quotes(id);  
    query = "SELECT name FROM u " +  
            "WHERE id = \\" + id + "\";  
    db.query(query);  
}
```



**Required:**  
Sanitization for SQLI\_DQ

**Provided:** Sanitization for  
SQLI\_SQ & SQLI\_DQ

```
query -> Concat(  
    Str("SELECT name FROM u WHERE id = \""),  
    Taint(),  
    Str("\""))
```





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