

# Symbolic PathFinder, Pex, RoadRunner

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# JPF extensions

- JPF-core
- **JPF-symbc**
  - Symbolic Pathfinder
- Other
  - JPF-abstraction
  - JPF-statechart
  - JPF-awt
  - JPF-inspector
  - JPF-trace-server
  - ... and much more

# Symbolic PathFinder

- Performs symbolic execution of Java bytecode
  - Symbolic values stored in attributes associated with program variables (tracked during state space traversal)
- Supported data types
  - int, long, boolean, float, double, arrays, strings (limited)
- Uses the JPF-core to handle multi-threading
- Third-party decision procedures (SMT) are used to check satisfiability of path conditions (PaC)
  
- Web site
  - <http://babelfish.arc.nasa.gov/trac/jpf/wiki/projects/jpf-symbc>
- Documentation
  - <http://babelfish.arc.nasa.gov/trac/jpf/wiki/projects/jpf-symbc/doc>

# Using Symbolic PathFinder

- Download and unpack
  - [http://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/teaching/program\\_analysis\\_verification/files/JPF-SE.zip](http://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/teaching/program_analysis_verification/files/JPF-SE.zip)
- Example 1
  - `run-spf.bat jpf-symbc\src\examples\summerschool\SwapSimple.jpf`
  - Output: error report, input values causing the error (-99, -100)
- Example 2
  - `run-spf.bat jpf-symbc\src\examples\summerschool\Loop.jpf`
  - Kill after few seconds (its runs for a very long time)
  - Output: path conditions over integer constants (“CONST\_xx”) and symbolic values (“n\_1\_SYMINT”)

# Mixed concrete and symbolic execution

- Symbolic execution can start at any point
  - program state, code location (method boundary)
- Mixed concrete and symbolic values
  - every local variable in a given procedure has either symbolic value or concrete value

# Symbolic PathFinder: more examples

- Example 3: floating point numbers
  - `src\examples\NumberExample.jpj`
- Example 4: large path conditions
  - `src\examples\rjc\RJCSymbConfig.jpj`
- Example 5: heap and threads
  - `src\examples\symbolicheap\HeapAndThreads.jpj`

# RoadRunner

- Dynamic analysis framework for concurrent Java programs
- Important characteristics
  - Written purely in Java, lightweight, modular, easy composition of dynamic analyses (tool chains)
- Web site
  - <http://dept.cs.williams.edu/~freund/rr/>

# Features

- Adds instrumentation code at the bytecode load time using a special class loader
- API for implementing custom dynamic analyses
  - Filters over the stream of events generated by a target program → composition
- Events: field access, lock acquire, lock release, thread start, method call, return, ...
- Shadow state (analysis data)
  - memory locations (fields, variables), threads, locks

# Usage

- Download
  - [http://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/teaching/program\\_analysis\\_verification/files/RoadRunner.zip](http://d3s.mff.cuni.cz/teaching/program_analysis_verification/files/RoadRunner.zip)
- Basic test
  - Command: `build\bin\rrrun.bat test.Test`
- Lock-set analysis
  - `build\bin\rrrun.bat "-tool=TL:RS:LS" test.Test`
  - reports many data races on the field `Test.y`
- Shortcuts (TL, RS, LS, ...)
  - Look into the files `classes/**/rrtools.properties`

# Designing custom analyses

- Abstract superclass: `Tool`
- Define handlers for interesting events
- Manage shadow state properly
- Be careful about thread synchronization
  
- Examples
  - `src/rr/simple/CountTool.java`
  - `src/rr/simple/ThreadLocal.java`