

# Qiling Framework: #HITB2021AMS

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# About xwings



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- > IoT Research
- > Blockchain Research
- > Fun Security Research



Qiling Framework

Cross platform and multi architecture advanced binary emulation framework

- > <https://qiling.io>
- > Lead Developer
- > Founder



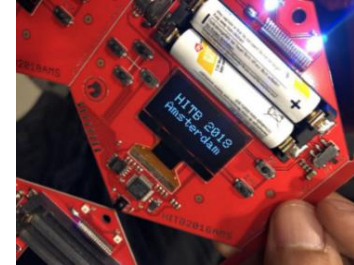
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Badge Maker

Electronic fan boy, making toys from hacker to hacker

- > Reversing Binary
- > Reversing IoT Devices
- > Part Time CTF player

## Badge Designer for Hacking Conferences



## Some Recent Talk (Partial)

- > 2016, Qcon, Beijing, Speaker, nRF24L01 Hijacking
- > 2016, Kcon, Beijing, Speaker, Capstone Unicorn Keystone
- > 2017, Kcon, Beijing, IoT Hacking Trainer
- > 2018, Kcon, Beijing, IoT Hacking Trainer
- > 2018, Brucon, Brussel, Speaker, IoT Virtualization
- > 2018, H2HC, San Paolo, Speaker, IoT Virtualization
- > 2018, HITB, Beijing/Dubai, Speaker, IoT Virtualization
- > 2018, beVX, Hong Kong, Speaker, HackCUBE - Hardware Hacking

- > 2019, DEFCON USA, Qiling Framework Preview
- > 2019, Zeronights, Qiling Framework to Public
- > 2020, Nullcon GOA, Building Reversing Tools with Qiling
- > 2020, HITB AMS, Building Reversing Tools with Qiling
- > 2020, HITB Singapore, Training, How to Hack IoT with Qiling
- > 2020, HITB UAE, Training, Lightweight Binary Analyzer
- > 2020, Blackhat USA, Building IoT Fuzzer with Qiing
- > 2020, Blackhat Singapore, Lightweight Binary Analyzer
- > 2020, Blackhat Europe, Deep Dive Into Obfuscated Binary

## Qiling Framework

- > Cross platform and cross architecture binary instrumentation framework
- > Emulate and instrument ARM, ARM64, MIPS, X86 and X8664
- > Emulate and instrument Linux, MacOS, Windows and FreeBSD
- > High-level Python API access to register, CPU and memory
- > 2,200+ Github star, more than 13,000+ pypi download, 70+ contributors worldwide

# About lazymio & kabeor

~ \$ whoami  
Lazymio



~ \$ file [Lazymio](#)  
The sheperd lab, JD security, Security Engineer.  
CTF player, member of Lancet.  
GeekPwn 2019 Hall of Fame.

~ \$ ls -l [Lazymio](#)  
Reverse engineering.  
Binary analysis.  
Writing code for fun.

~ \$ which [Lazymio](#)  
Github: <https://github.com/wtdcode>  
Blog: <https://blog.lazym.io/>  
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/pwnedmio>

Name: kabeor



Security Engineer at The Shepherd Lab, JD Security.

Core developer of Qiling.

BlackHat Asia & Europe 2020 - Speaker

China kanxue SDC 2020 - Speaker

HITB Training 2020 - Speaker

Github: <https://github.com/kabeor>

Blog: <https://kabeor.cn>

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Angrz3\\_K](https://twitter.com/Angrz3_K)

Make IoT Reverse Engineering Great

# It All Started With IoT

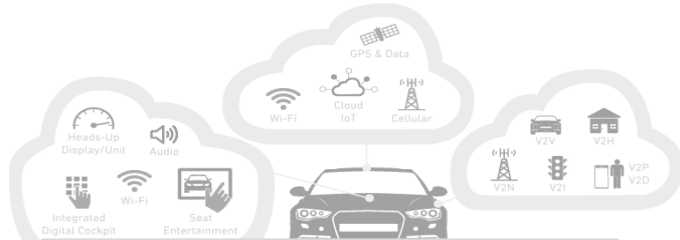
Debugger

Emulation

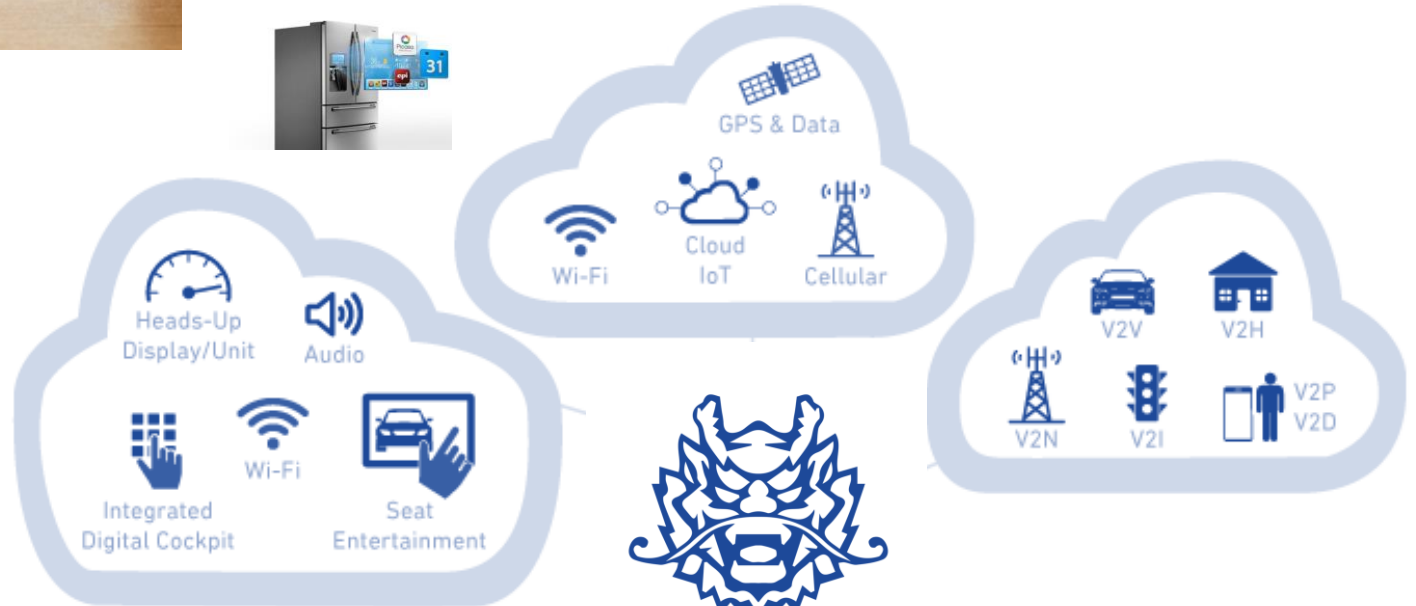
Instrumentation

Hot Patch

APIs



No Actual Hardware Needed



Qiling Framework

and the list goes on

Wait, There are Virtual Machines

# Current Virtual Machine Limitation

You became victim of the PETYA RANSOMWARE!

The haddisks of your computer have been encrypted with an military grade encryption algorithm. There is no way to restore your data without a special key. You can purchase this key on the darknet page shown in step 2.

To purchase your key and restore your data, please follow these three easy steps:

1. Download the Tor Browser at "https://www.torproject.org/". If you need help, please google for "access onion page".
2. Visit one of the following pages with the Tor Browser:

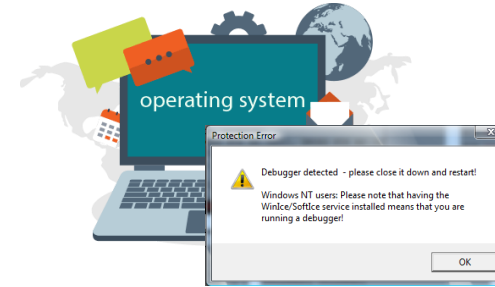
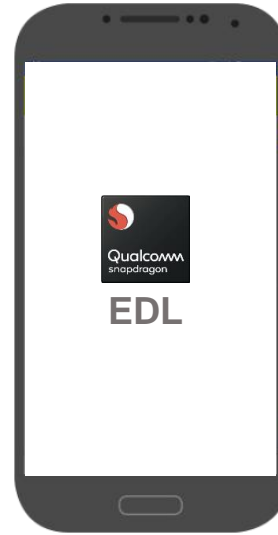
<http://petya37h5tbhyvki.onion/MvnHqz>  
<http://petya5koahsf7sv.onion/MvnHqz>

3. Enter your personal decryption code there:

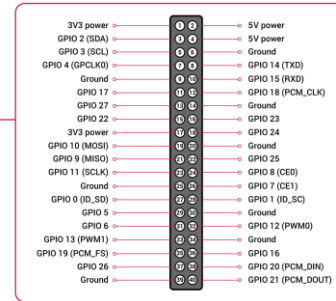
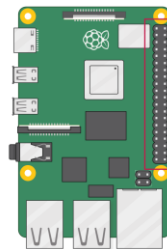
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If you already purchased your key, please enter it below.

Key:



- MBR
- UEFI
- Smart Contract
- GPIO
- Anti-Anti Debug
- Qualcomm EDL

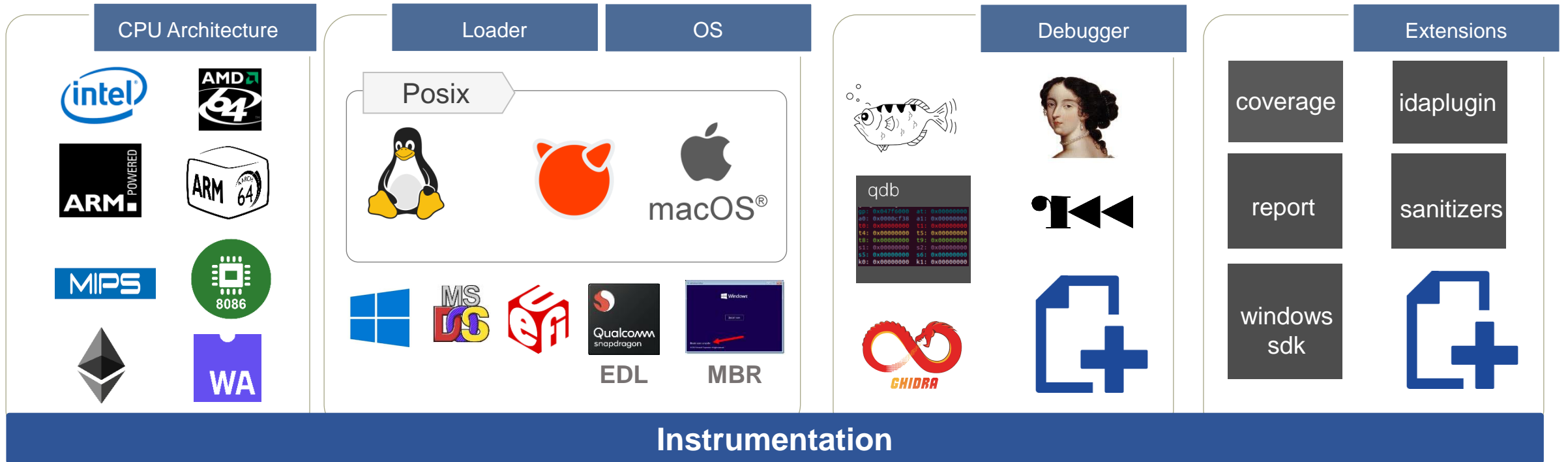


emulator is not for reverse engineers

# Qiling Framework



# Overview



## External Hardware Emulation

## Qiling Framework

# Features

- › Cross platform: Windows, MacOS, Linux, BSD, UEFI, MBR
- › Cross architecture: X86, X86\_64, Arm, Arm64, MIPS, 8086
- › Multiple file formats: PE, UEFI(PE), MachO, ELF, EDL (ELF), COM
- › Emulate & sandbox machine code in a isolated environment
- › Provide high level API to setup & configure the sandbox
- › Fine-grain instrumentation: allow hooks at various levels (instruction/basic-block/memory-access/exception/syscall/IO/etc)
- › Allow dynamic hotpatch on-the-fly running code, including the loaded library
- › True Python framework, making it easy to build customized analysis tools on top
- › GDBServer support - GDB/IDA/r2
- › IDA Plugin
- › OS profiling support



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# Similarity

# User Mode Emulation



## qemu-usermode

- › The TOOL
- › Limited OS Support, Very Limited
- › No Multi OS Support
- › No Instrumentation
- › **Syscall Forwarding**



## usercorn

- › Very good project !
- › It's a Framework !
- › Mostly \*nix based only
- › Limited OS Support (No Windows)
- › Go and Lua is not hacker's friendly
- › **Syscall Forwarding**



## Binee

- › Very good project too
- › Only X86 (32 and 64)
- › Limited OS Support
- › Only PE Files
- › Just a tool, we don't need a tool
- › Again, is GO



## WINE

- › Limited ARCH Support
- › Limited OS Support, only Windows
- › Not Sandbox Designed
- › No Instrumentation



## Speakeasy

- › Very good project too
- › X86 32 and 64
- › PE files and Driver
- › Limited OS Support
- › Only Windows



## Zelos

- › Very good project !
- › It's a Framework !
- › Linux based only (No Windows)
- › Incomplete support for Linux multi arch

# Framework

# Framework, NOT Tools

## EFI Fuzzer

File	Commit Message	Time Ago
liba2k	Adding docker support. (#5)	24 days ago
NotMyUefiFault	Add STACK_UNINITIALIZED_MEMORY_LEAK case to generate stack info...	27 days ago
images	Initial public commit	last month
samples	Initial public commit	last month
scripts	Adding docker support. (#5)	24 days ago
taint	Add taint propagation for uninitialized memory	27 days ago
tests	Adding docker support. (#5)	24 days ago
.gitignore	Update .gitignore	27 days ago
Dockerfile	Adding docker support. (#5)	24 days ago
README.md	Adding docker support. (#5)	24 days ago
efi_fuzz.py	Use funtools.partial for auto_int	27 days ago
requirements.txt	Update requirements.txt	27 days ago
sanitizer.py	Add taint propagation for uninitialized memory	27 days ago

**efi\_fuzz**

A simple, coverage-guided fuzzer for UEFI NVRAM variables. Based on [Qiling](#) and [AFL++](#).  
Written by Itai Liba (@liba2k) and Assaf Carlsbad (@assaf\_carlsbad).

## Decoder

File	Commit Message	Time Ago
docs	- Add description of the "Parse file structure" plugin.	2 months ago

**FileInsight-plugins: a decoding toolbox of McAfee FileInsight hex editor for malware analysis**

FileInsight-plugins is a collection of plugins for McAfee FileInsight hex editor. It adds many capabilities such as decryption, decompression, searching XOR-ed text strings, scanning with a YARA rule, and more! It is useful for various kind of decoding tasks in malware analysis (e.g. extracting malware executables and decoy documents from malicious document files).

## VAC3 Emulator

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images	added images and readme	last month
.gitignore	init	last month
README.md	added link	last month
emu.py	init	last month
typedefs.h	init	last month

**vacation3**

An emulator powered by [Qiling](#) to deobfuscate/decrypt VAC3 modules.

Binary Fuzzer

IoT Fuzzer

Malware Sandbox

CTF Solver

IoT Emulator

MacOS Emulator

IOS Emulator

Binary Decrypt

## Qiling Framework

CPU Architecture

Loader

OS

Debugger

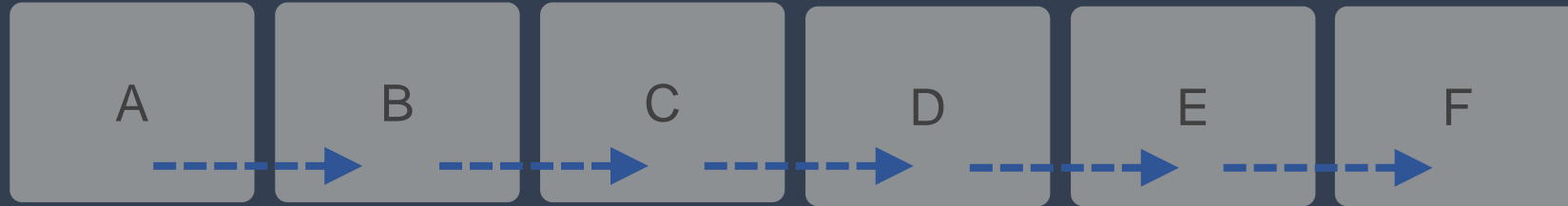
Extensions

Instrumentation (Qiling's API)

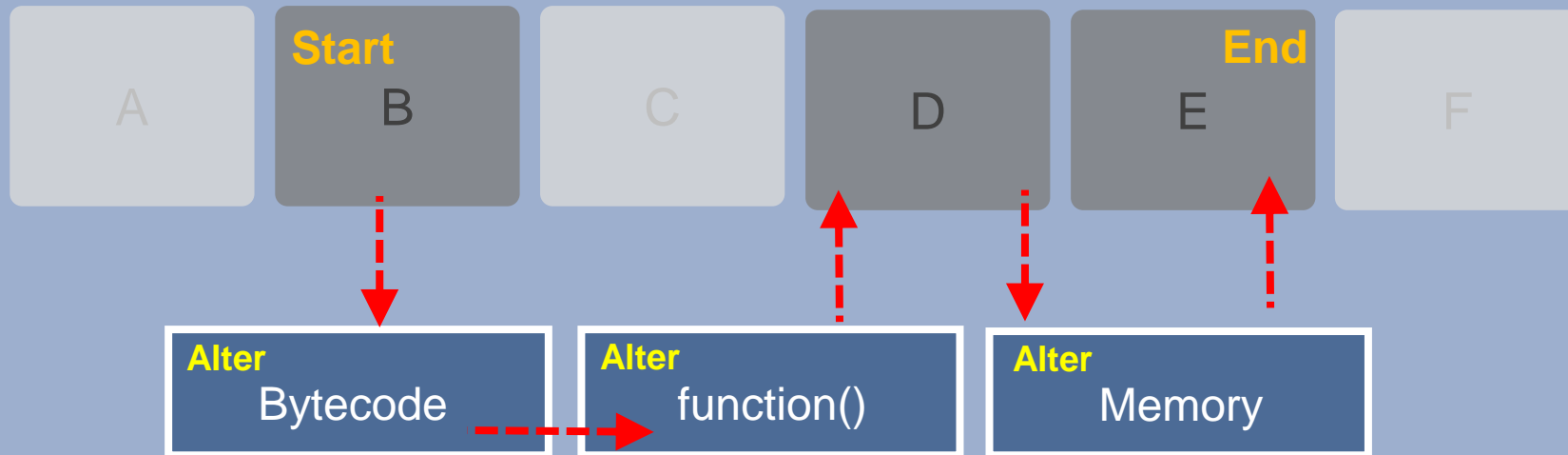
# Instrumentation

# What Is Instrumentation

## Smart Contract / Binary Execution Flow



## Qiling's Instrumentation





# When Qiling Meets Radare2

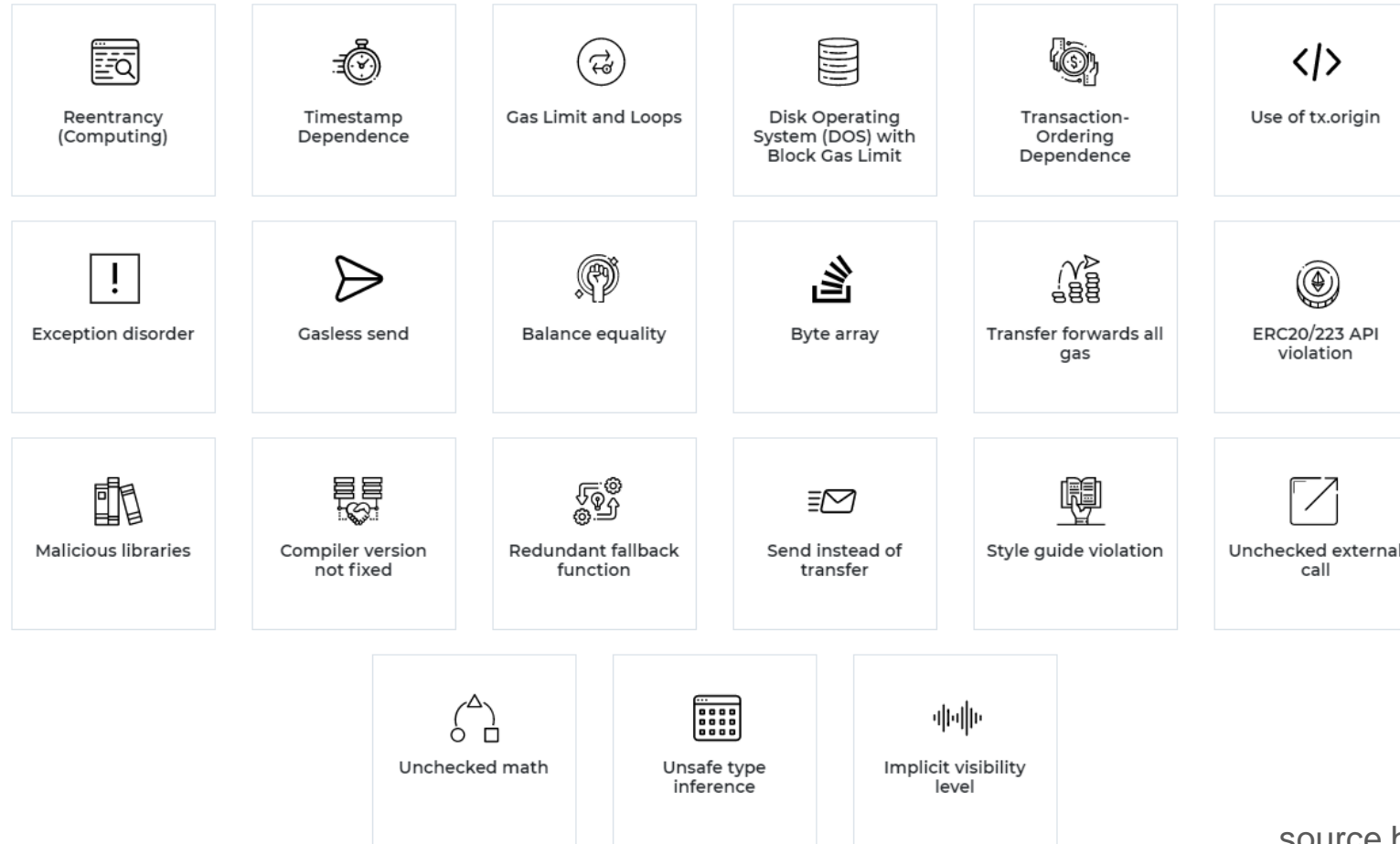


Next Speaker ZiQiao, Kong

DEMO

Make Smart Contract Analysis Smarter

# Greater Functions Comes With Greater Bugs



source <https://www.developcoins.com/>

- > Various types of vulnerabilities
- > More complicated after DeFi

- > 109B DeFi Market Cap, as of April 2021
- > 22B USD thief in 2019/2020

# Today's Smart Contract Analysis Problems

Binary Only Contracts

Complex Symbolic Execution

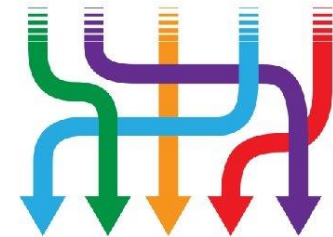
High False Positive

Require Human Analysis



## Dynamic Symbolic Execution

- Dynamic symbolic execution is a technique for *automatically exploring paths* through a program

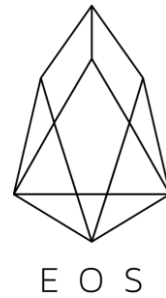


Dynamic cross contract emulation and debug is almost impossible

Not to mention close source smart contract

Wait, There are Official Emulator

# Current Emulator, Symbolic Execution Limitation



## What Is Missing

Dynamic Execution Hook

Conditional Execution

Contract Only Fuzzing

Pattern Execution

Live Debugging

Real Instrumentation

Not a Framework

99% of the smart contract enabled block chain are EVM/WASM

## Special Appearance: EVM Demo



Next Speaker ChenXu, Wu

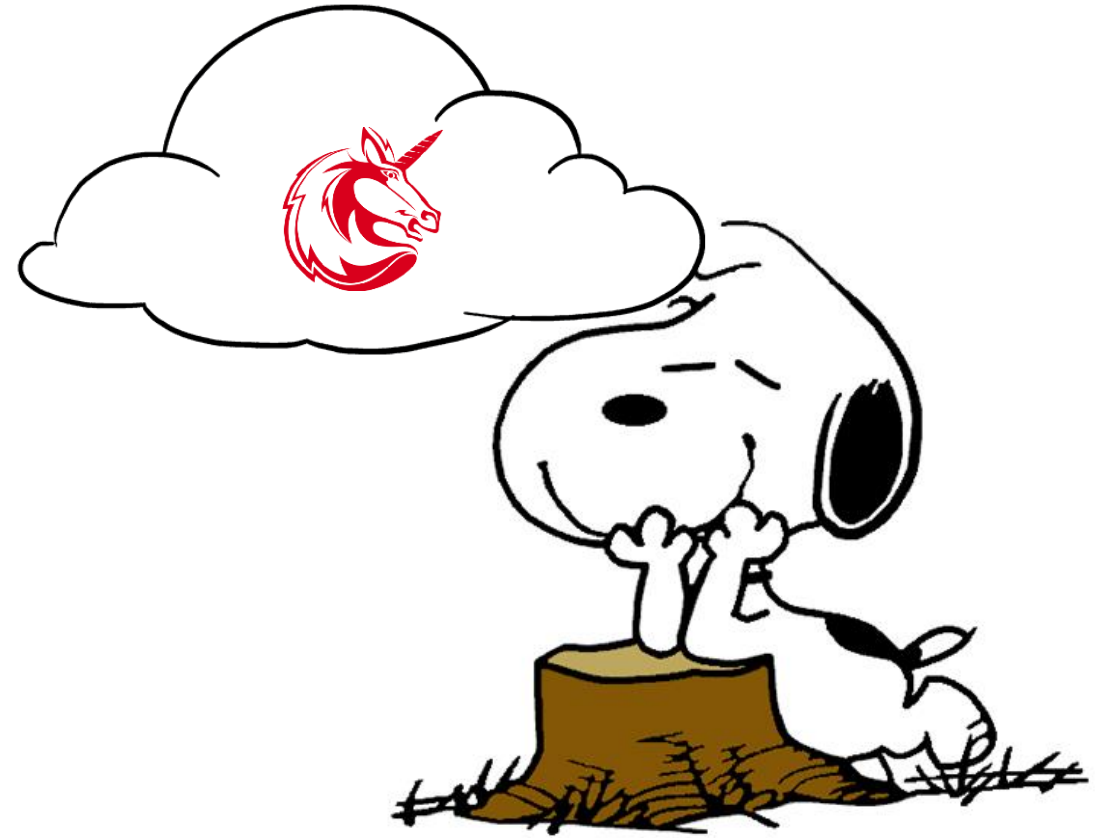
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Next Step

# Roadmap

- › Force Unicorn Engine sync with QEMU 5, Code name **Unicorn 2**
  - › More architectures, more CPU instructions set
  - › Almost Done
  - › **Looking for Release \*Sponsor\***
- › Android Java bytecode layer instrumentation
- › **Forward to host implementation**
- › iPhoneOS/MacOS/M1 emulation support
- › More robust Windows emulation
  - › Introduce wine && Cygwin or something
- › **ETA: Smart Contract emulation (EVM, soon WASM)**
- › MCU emulation



Join Us and Make Pull Request !!!

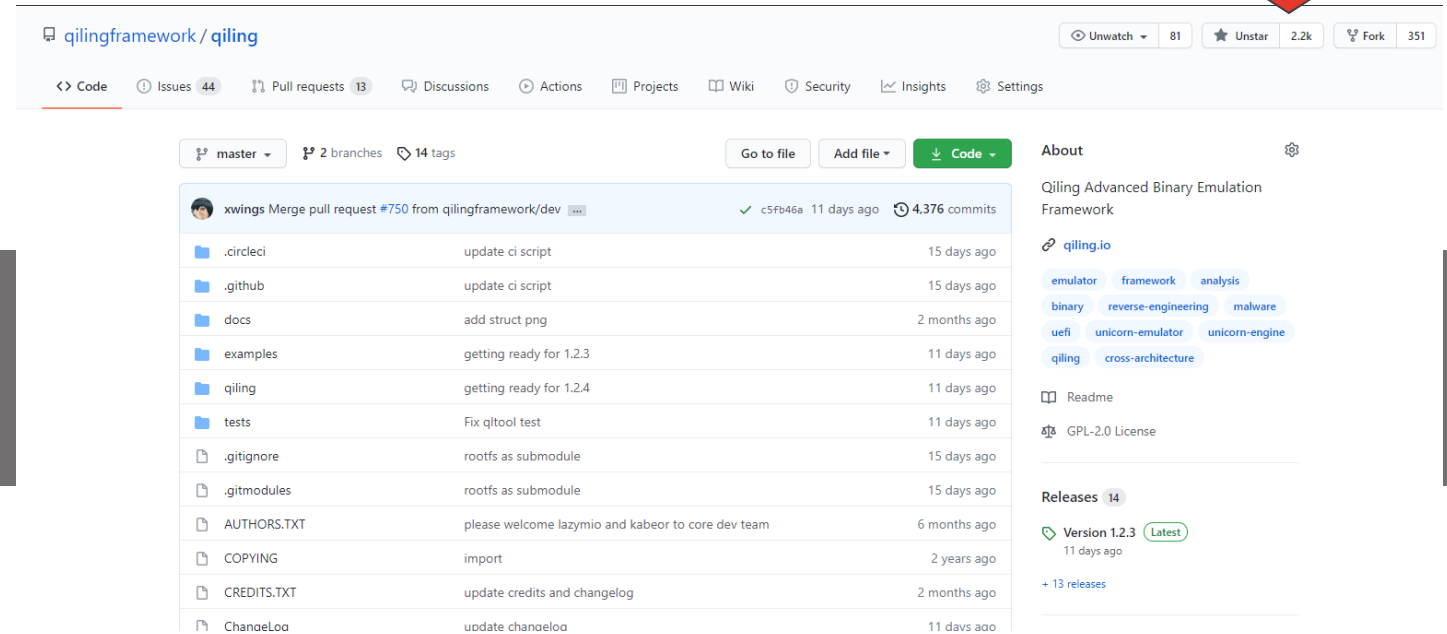
# Everything Else

## ➤ About Qiling Framework

- <https://qiling.io>
- <https://github.com/qilingframework/qiling>
- <https://docs.qiling.io>
- <http://t.me/qilingframework>
- [@qiling\\_io](#)



Questions



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `qilingframework/qiling`. At the top, there are navigation links for Code, Issues (44), Pull requests (13), Discussions, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, Insights, and Settings. On the right, there are buttons for Unwatch, 81 stars, Unstar, 2.2k forks, and 351 forks. Below the navigation, there are buttons for Go to file, Add file, and Code. The main content area shows a merge pull request #750 from `qilingframework/dev` by user `xwings`, with a commit hash `c5fb46a` and 4,376 commits. Below this, there is a list of files and folders with their respective commit messages and dates. The right sidebar contains the 'About' section, which describes the project as 'Qiling Advanced Binary Emulation Framework' and lists tags such as `emulator`, `framework`, `analysis`, `binary`, `reverse-engineering`, `malware`, `uefi`, `unicorn-emulator`, `unicorn-engine`, `qiling`, and `cross-architecture`. There is also a 'Releases' section showing the latest version, `Version 1.2.3`, released 11 days ago.

File/Folder	Commit Message	Time Ago
<code>.circleci</code>	update ci script	15 days ago
<code>.github</code>	update ci script	15 days ago
<code>docs</code>	add struct png	2 months ago
<code>examples</code>	getting ready for 1.2.3	11 days ago
<code>qiling</code>	getting ready for 1.2.4	11 days ago
<code>tests</code>	Fix qltool test	11 days ago
<code>.gitignore</code>	rootfs as submodule	15 days ago
<code>.gitmodules</code>	rootfs as submodule	15 days ago
<code>AUTHORS.TXT</code>	please welcome lazymio and kabeor to core dev team	6 months ago
<code>COPYING</code>	import	2 years ago
<code>CREDITS.TXT</code>	update credits and changelog	2 months ago
<code>ChanaeLoa</code>	update chanaeloa	11 days ago