

A ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

As is common in the computer security landscape, there is an intricate dance between defensive and offensive research. We have shared our results with AMD regarding the power of inference attacks, and have incorporated some of the feedback into the paper. This new class of attacks is a direct outcome of not having the ability to inspect main memory.

B INTROSPECTION ALGORITHM

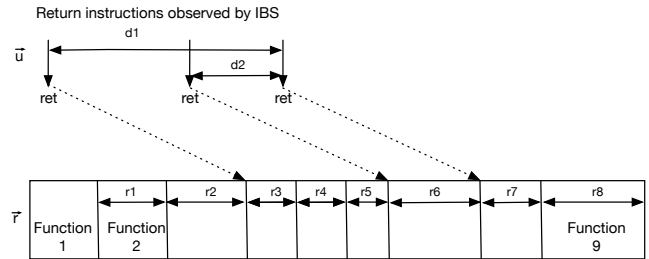
The procedure we use to selectively hyper-step is presented in Algorithm 3.

Algorithm 3 Introspection using Trigger Points

- 1: Off-line: identify critical code section, generate profile, set candidate trigger Δ
 - 2: **loop Introspection**
 - 3: Identify target (§4.1) using profile
 - 4: **if** trigger point Δ reached **then**
 - 5: **repeat**
 - 6: Hyper-step (§4.2) the target
 - 7: Unveil likely instructions (§4.2.1)
 - 8: Locate fine-grained trigger Δ'
 - 9: **if** Δ' found **then**
 - 10: Set $\Delta = \Delta'$
 - 11: **end if**
 - 12: Exfiltrate data
 - 13: **until** system call invocation
 - 14: **end if**
 - 15: **end loop**
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D IBS BASED FINGERPRINT

In the example presented in Figure 6, the reference consists of eight distances for the nine functions in the application binary image.



Layout of an application obtained via disassembly. Each vertical line represents a return instruction.

Figure 6: Application reference and IBS based fingerprints

C NGINX PROCESS CONTROL

The procedure involved in spawning processes in Nginx is shown in Figure 5. The sequence of system calls spanning init, master, and workers processes (observable in the context of the SEV register inference attack) uniquely identify the target.

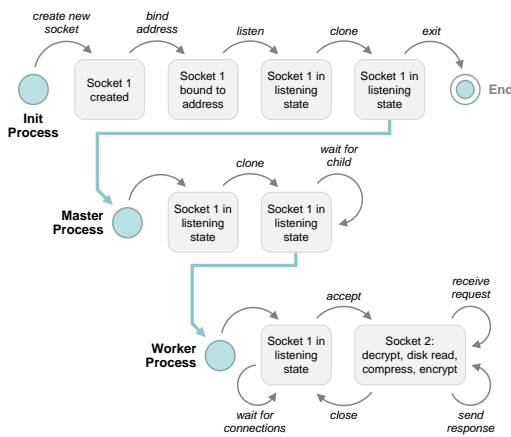


Figure 5: Process control in Nginx.