Toward "Continuous SAGE"

How to Interrupt and Migrate Dynamic Test Generation

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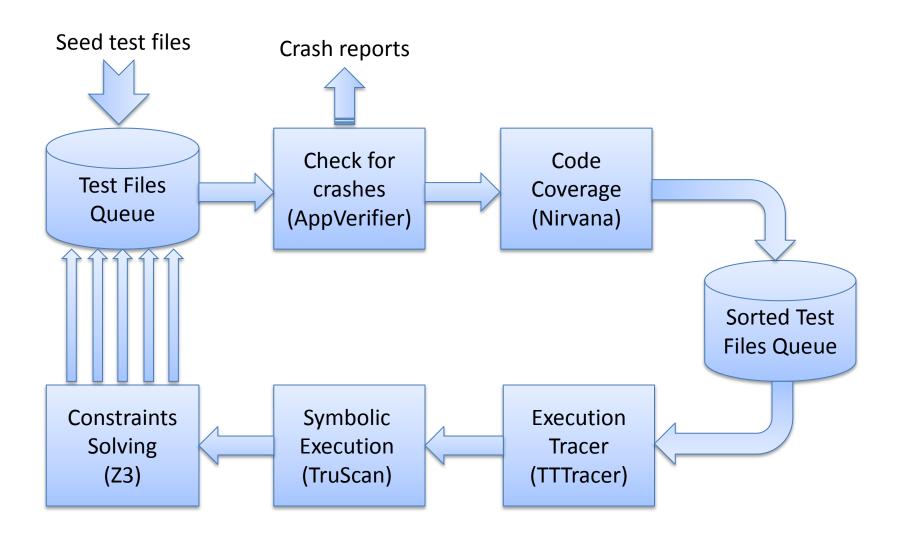
Security is Critical to Microsoft

- Software security bugs can be very expensive:
 - Cost of each MS Security Bulletin: \$Millions [MS Treasury Group]
 - Cost due to worms: \$Billions
 - Impact a billion computers worldwide
- Many security exploits are initiated via files or packets
 - Windows and Office include parsers for hundreds of file formats
- Security testing: hunting for million-dollar bugs
 - Write A/V (always exploitable), Read A/V (sometimes exploitable), NULL-pointer dereference, division-by-zero (harder to exploit but still DOS attacks), etc.

Whitebox Fuzzing

- Blackbox fuzzing and static analysis miss security bugs
- Idea: mix fuzz testing with dynamic test generation:
 - Symbolic execution to collect constraints on inputs
 - Negate constraints, solve new constraints to generate new test files
 - Repeat → "systematic dynamic test generation"

SAGE Architecture



SAGE Results on Windows

- Run on hundreds of applications.
- Dedicated fuzzing lab with 100s machines (unique organization in Microsoft)
- Running several weeks 24/7 for each Windows 7 and 8 milestone
- A third of all Windows 7 bugs discovered by file-fuzzing (mostly missed by blackbox fuzzing and static analysis)

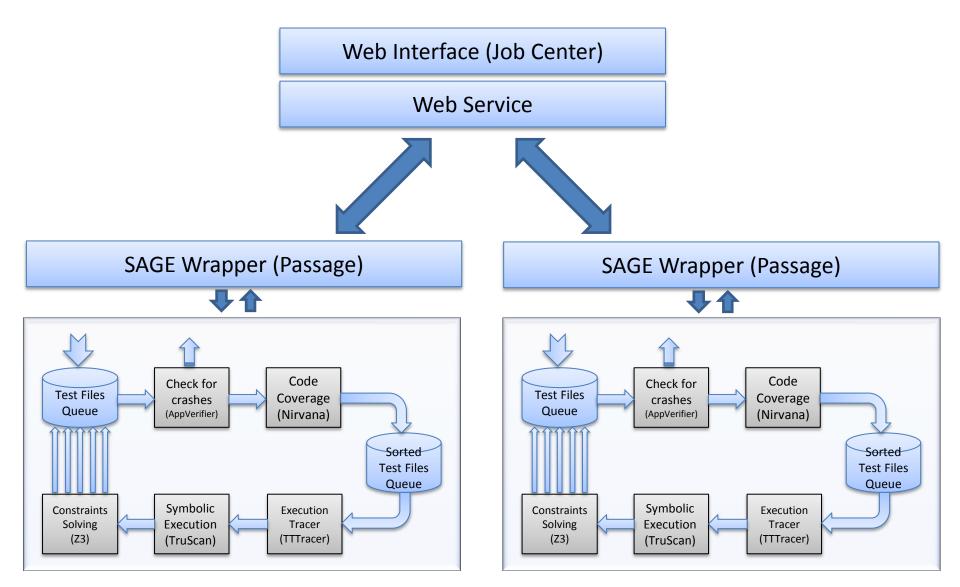
Fuzzing Office with SAGE

- Tens of parsers
- 3 different security testing architectures:
 - 30 dedicated VMs on 2 servers
 - Big Button Lab (hundreds of machines for 6-hour time slots every week)
 - Distributed File Fuzzing (DFF)

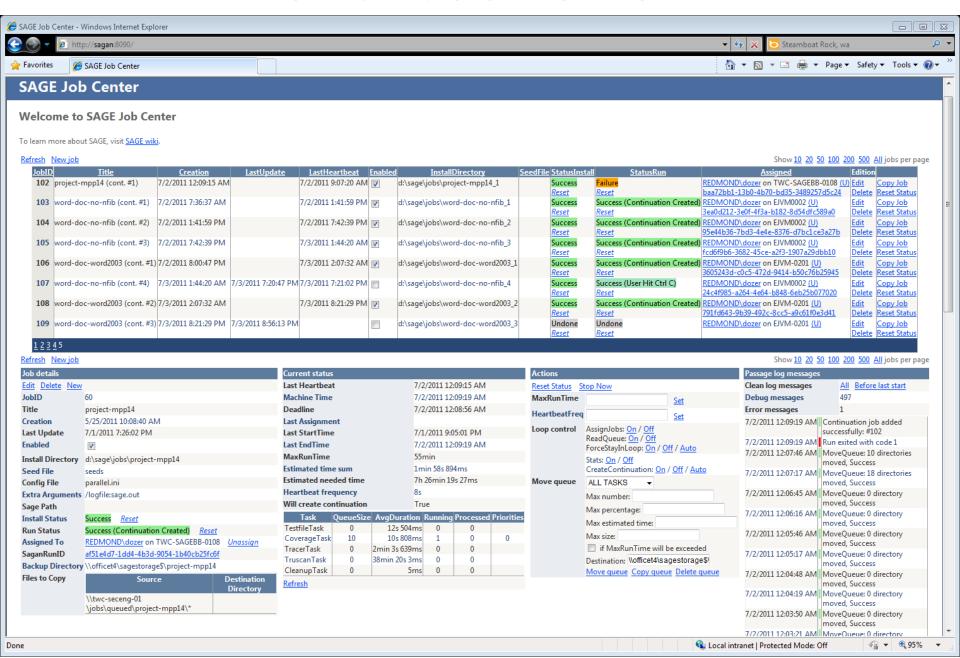
Why do we need to redesign SAGE?

- SAGE couldn't tolerate interruption
 - Machine failure
 - Power outages
 - Security patches
- SAGE couldn't be migrated from machine to machine
- SAGE couldn't use multiple machines on a single test job
- SAGE runs out of disk space often
- Too much manual effort to control and deploy SAGE for Office

Redesigned SAGE



SAGE Job Center



SAGE must not fail with "low on disk"

| Windows Milestone | Failed with low on disk | % of all runs |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| M1 | 7 | 1.7% |
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SAGE is very disk-consuming (hundreds of GB per week)

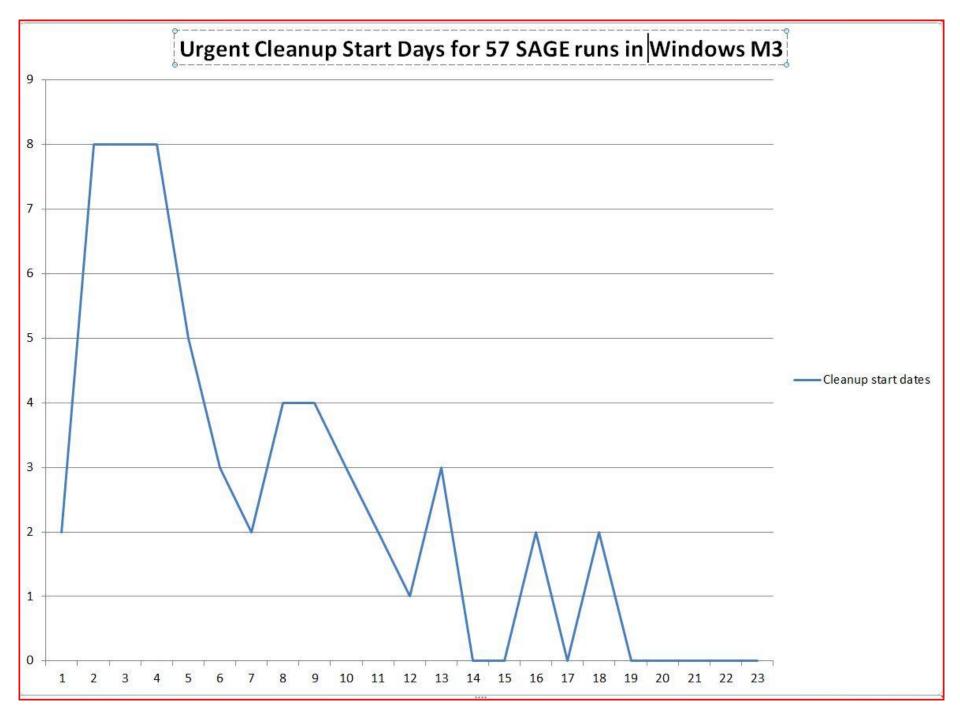
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| M3 | 0 | 0% |

| Windows Milestone | Number of runs with Urgent Cleanup triggered | % |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| M3 | 57 | 16% of all runs |
| M3 (runs that found crashes) | 37 | 40% of the runs with crashes |

- 2.1 million files were cleaned during M3
- UrgentCleanup was triggered on 40% of the crashfinding runs (1.5 million files cleaned)



What if someone "unplugs" the machine?

- The current state is lost, the runs cannot be resumed
- It happens! (Power cut, Security patches)
- DFF machines has to be given back quickly to

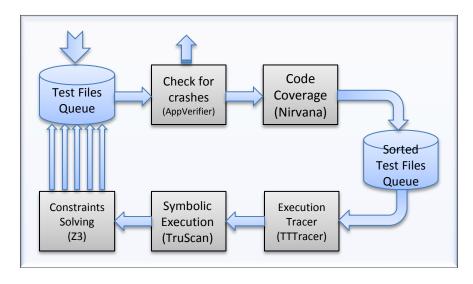
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→ Solution:
Persistent Queue
Option

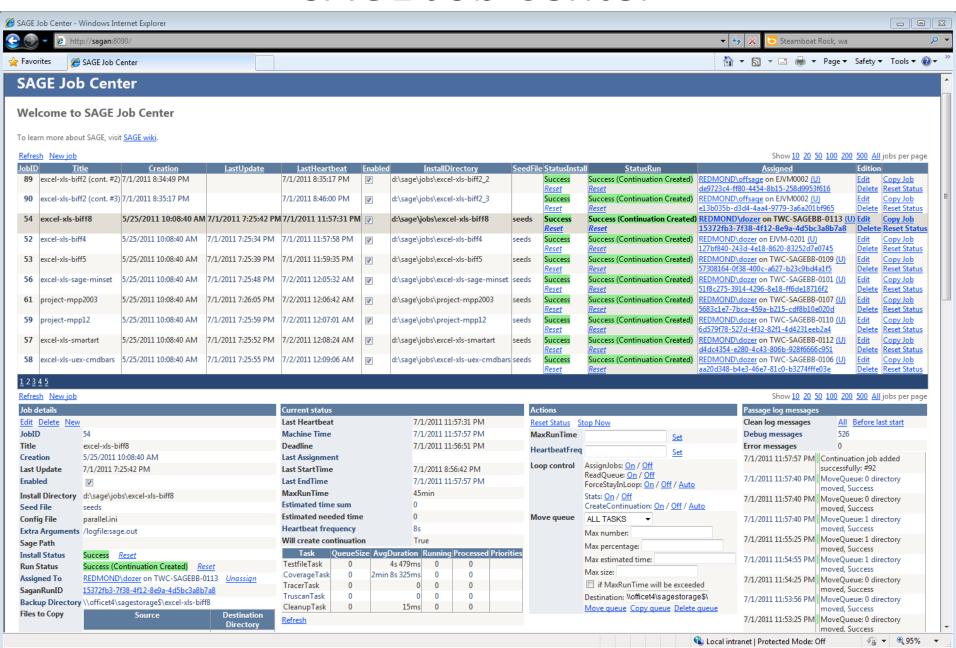


Jobs Migration

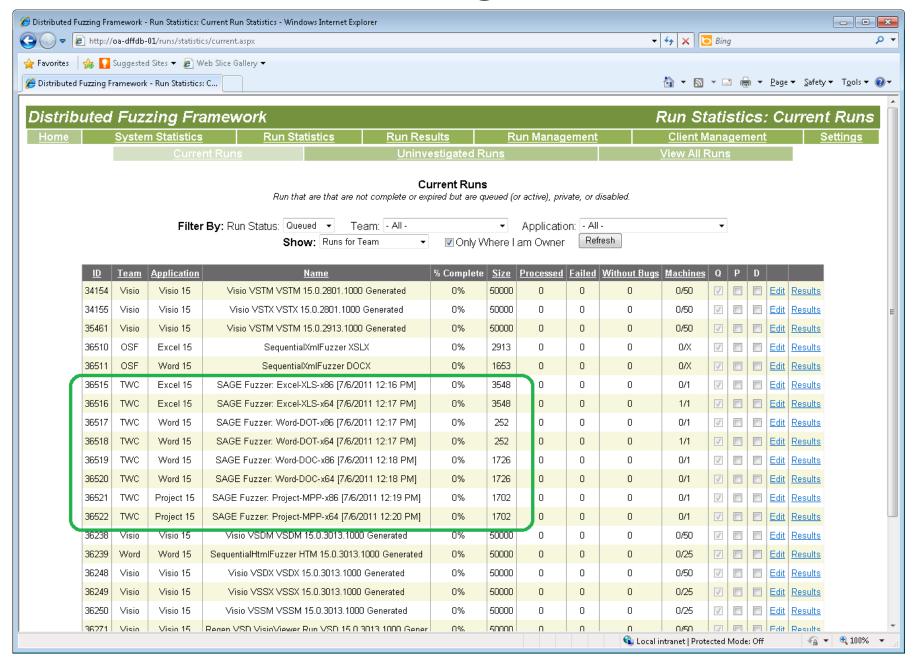
- Machines can be reclaimed (and they will)
 Solution: migrate runs throughout the run from machine to machine
- Migrate low-priority tasks first
- Use statistics on the run to move only what is needed



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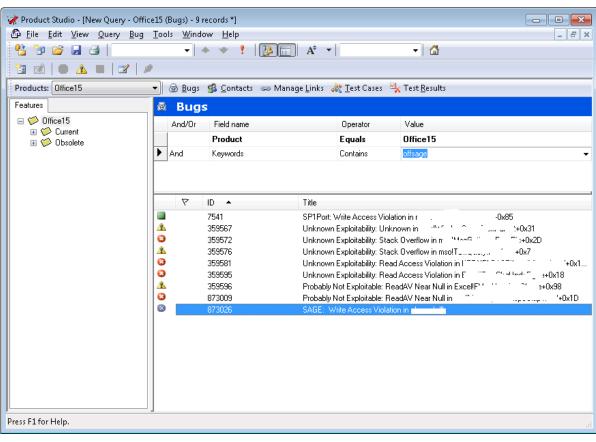


DFF Integration



Results

- No failed run due to low disk space on M3
- 9 found bugs on Office
- + more on the pipeline (200,000 files sent to DFF)



Future work: Towards SAGE Fuzzing anywhere

- Formulate finding bugs problem as an optimization problem
- SAGE will auto-adapt to changes in its environments: new machines, new jobs, configuration changes at runtime, ...
- Benefits Windows, Office and all other parserbased Microsoft software

Summary

- Solved low disk space issues
- Made the state persistent
- Made the migration of jobs possible
- Implemented one solution for the three scenarios (dedicated machines, Big Button Lab, DFF)
- Easy-to-use Job Center
- Found bugs!



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