

# DIANE: Identifying Fuzzing Triggers in Apps to Generate Under-constrained Inputs for IoT Devices

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# Motivation

Classic fuzzing approaches are inefficient to uncover bugs in IoT devices

- Gray-box techniques require access to the fuzzed program
- Black-box techniques require knowledge about the data format accepted by the device (**network fuzzers**)
- Emulation is an open problem

# IoTFuzzer's Idea

Use the companion apps to create fuzzing inputs for IoT devices [1]

[1] IOTFUZZER: Discovering Memory Corruptions in IoT Through App-based Fuzzing, NDSS 2018

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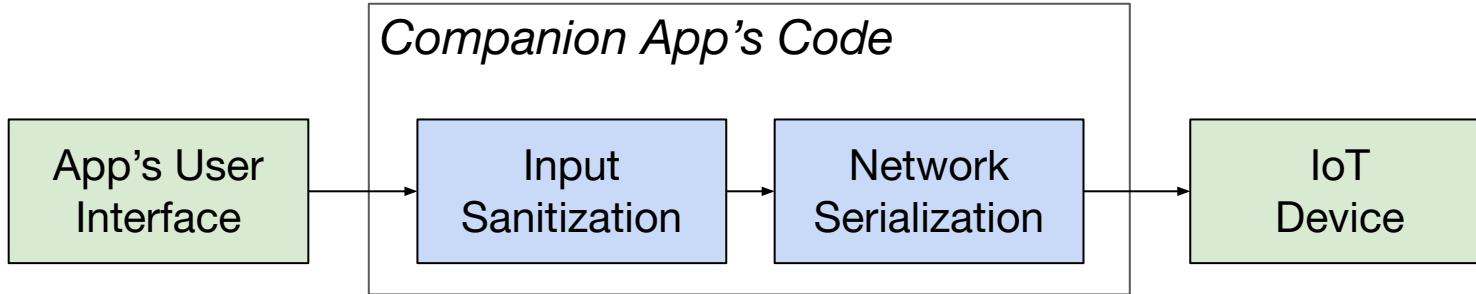
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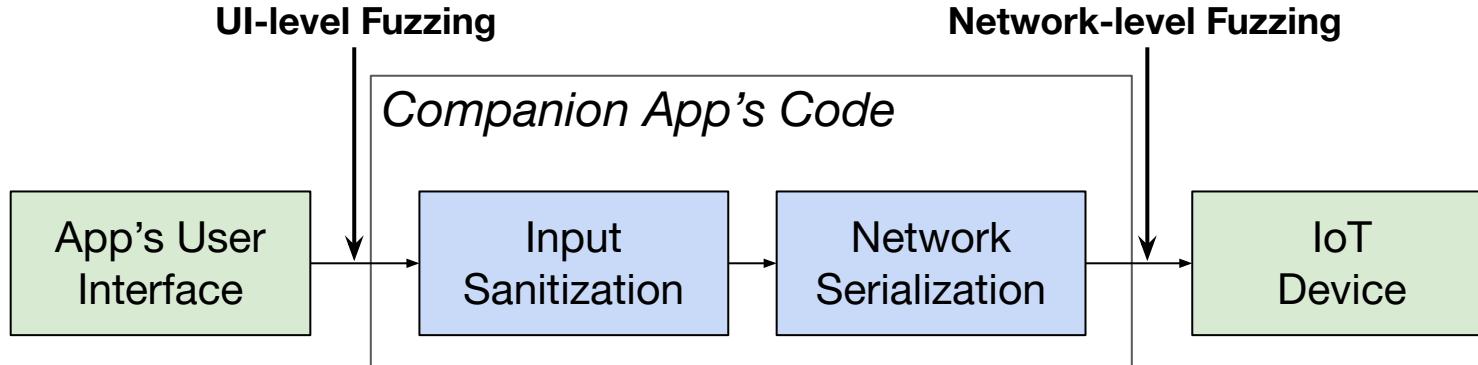
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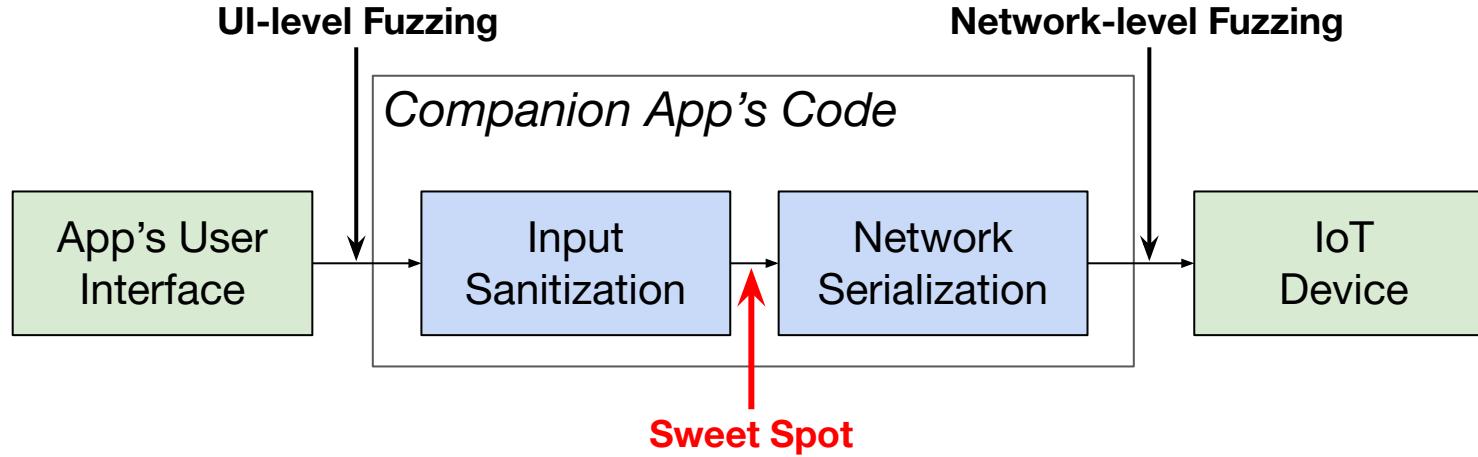
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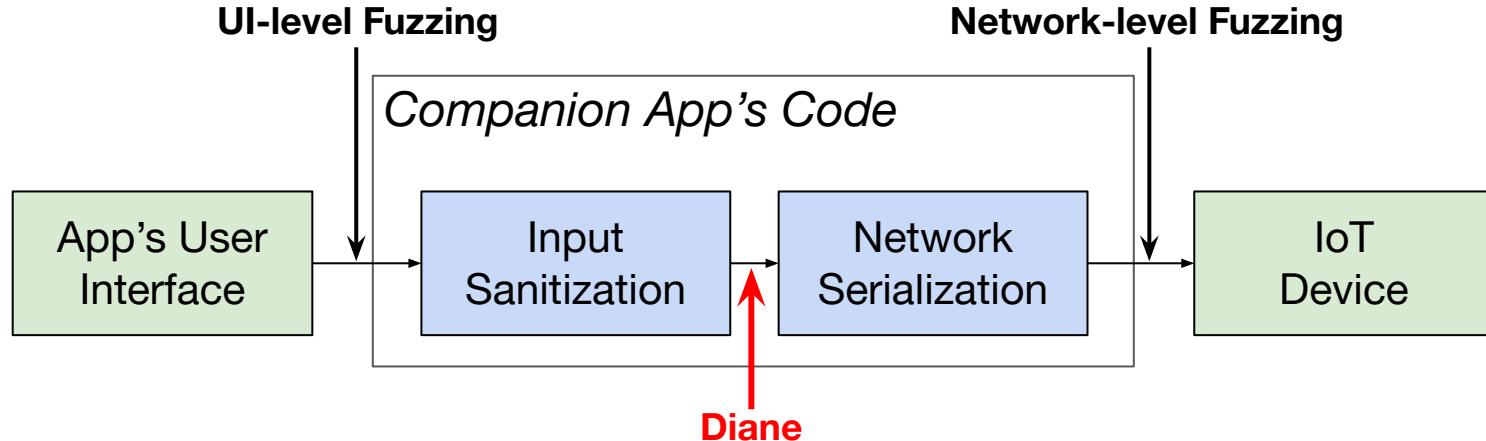
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	<b>UI-level Fuzzing</b>	<b>Network-level Fuzzing</b>	<b>Diane</b>
Well-formatted input	✓	✗	✓
Not constrained by input sanitization	✗	✓	✓

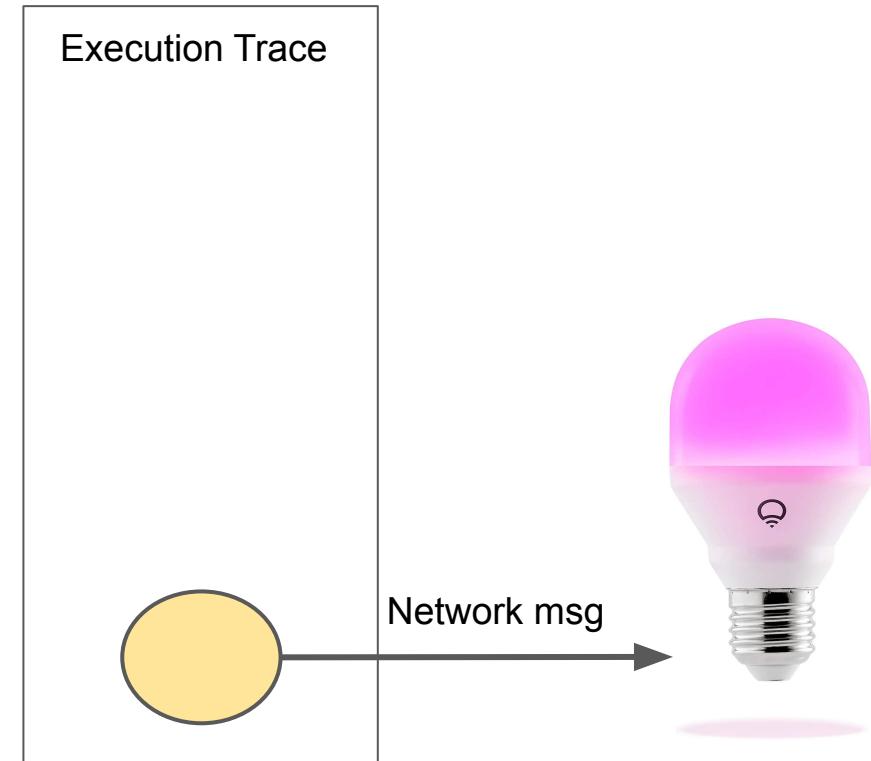
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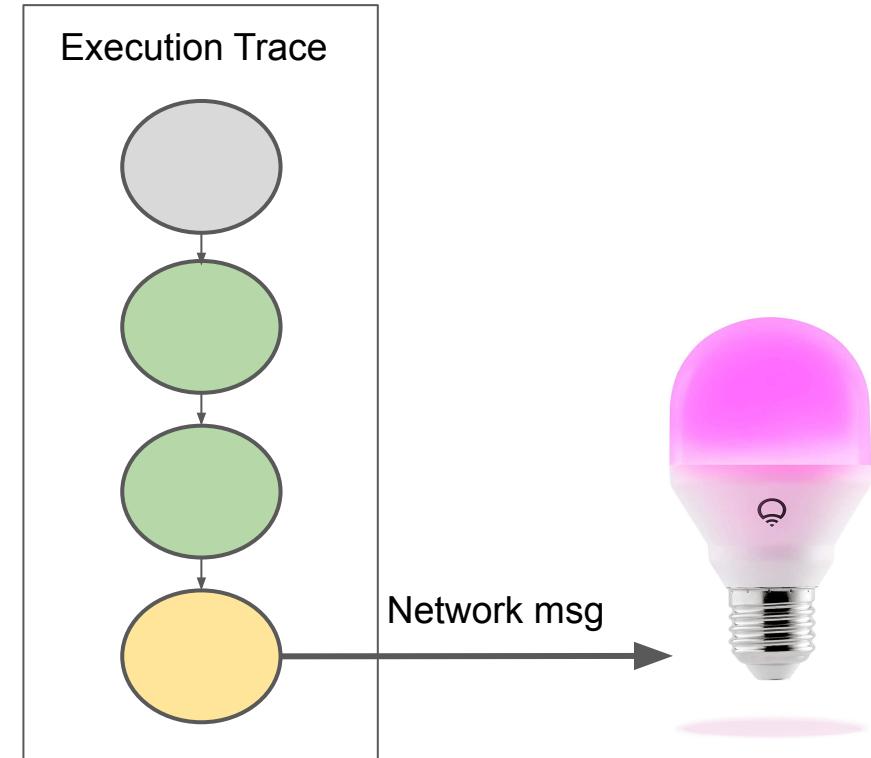
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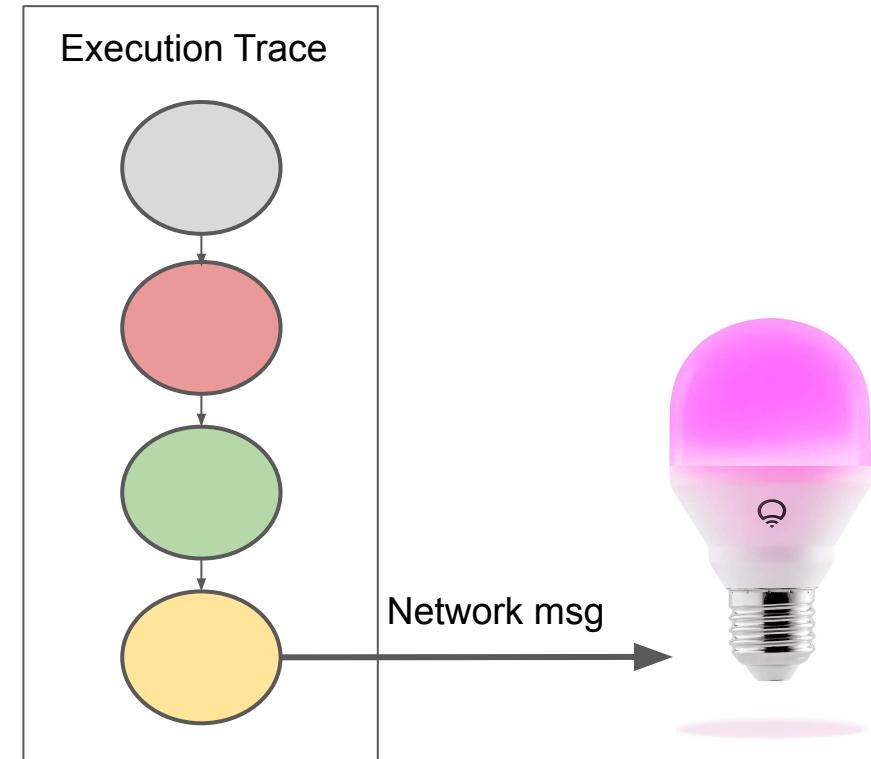
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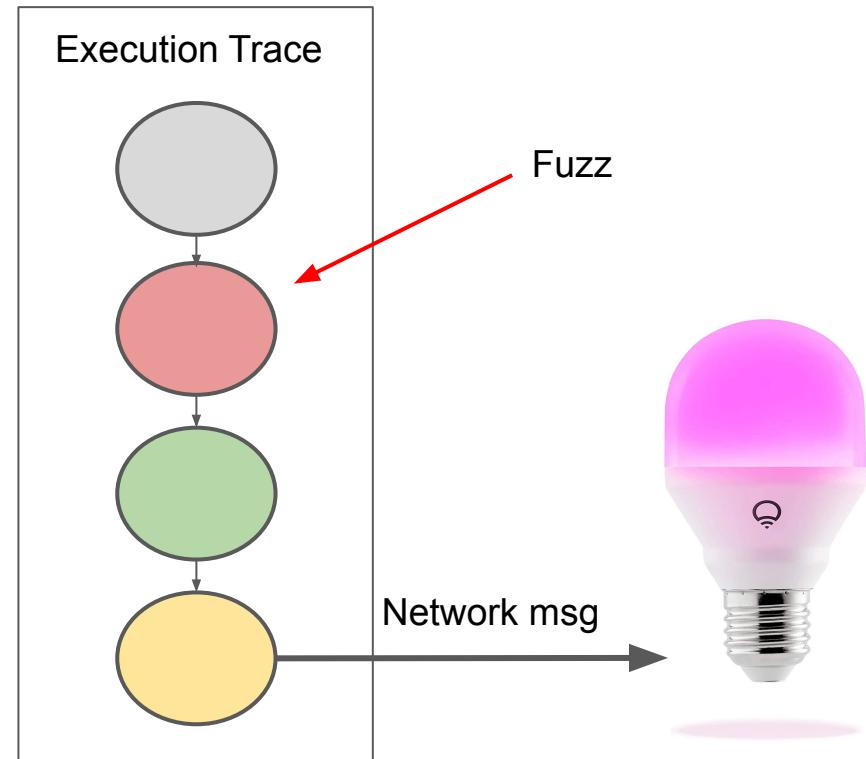
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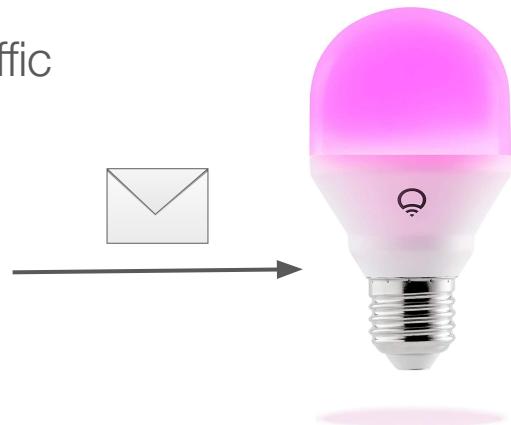
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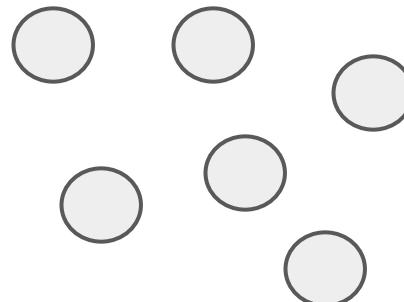
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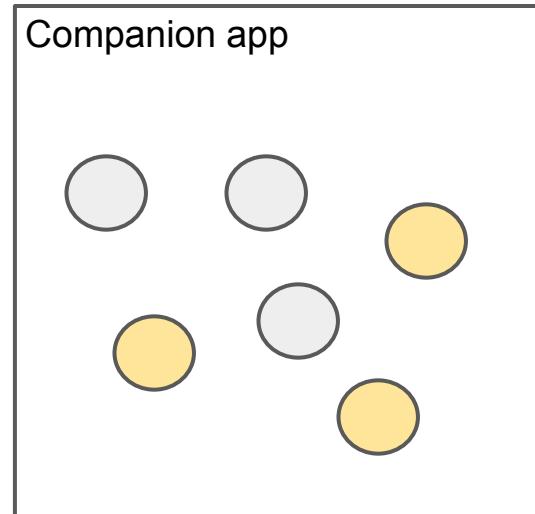
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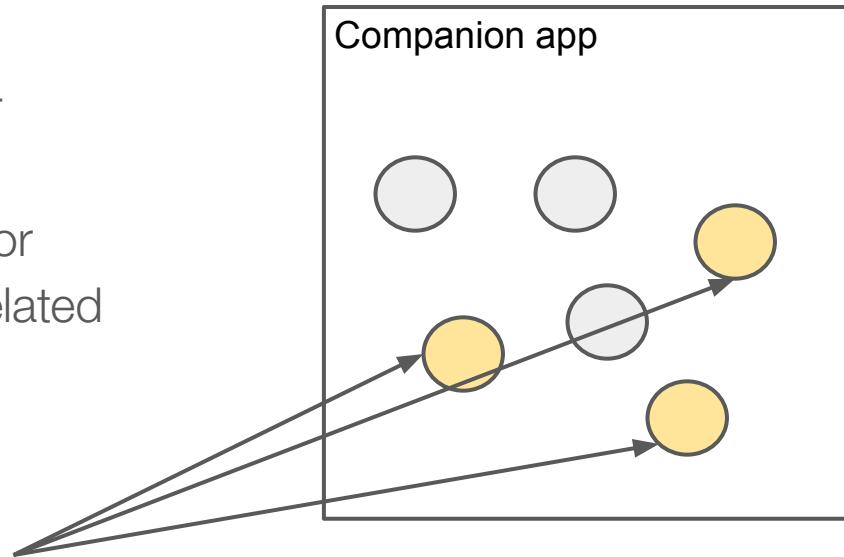


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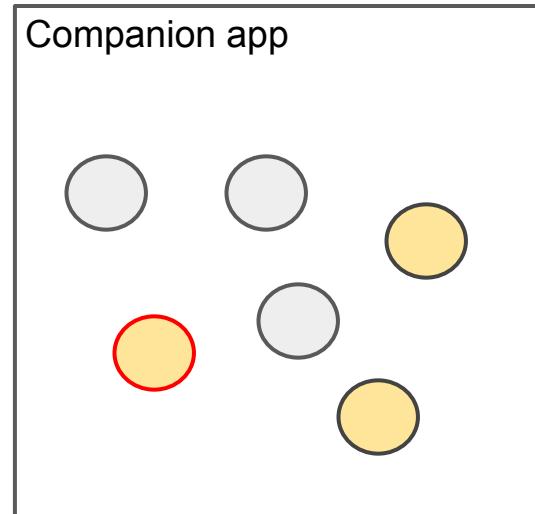
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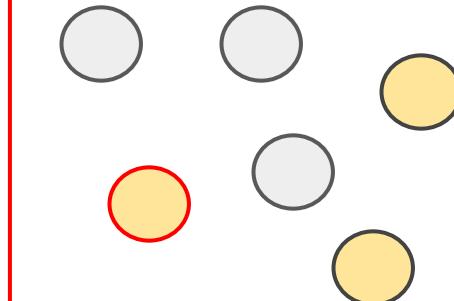


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- Stimulate the app's UI
  - We ask the user to interact with the device and record the interaction

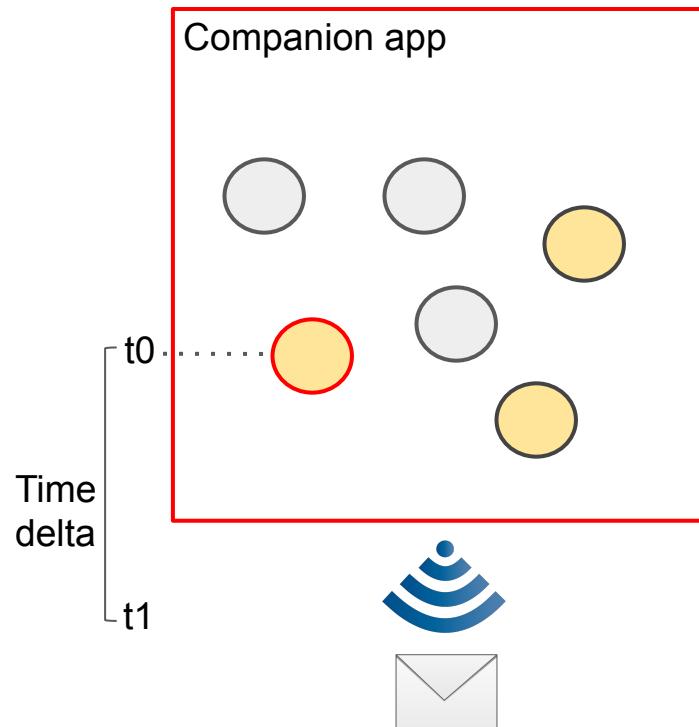
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- Register the delta between function invocation and traffic generated by the app

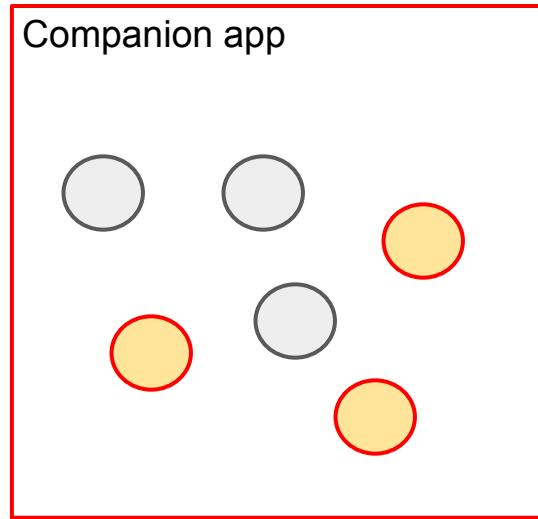


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- Repeat the procedure N times for all border functions, and calculate mean, standard deviation, and mode
  - N sets to 10 in our experiments

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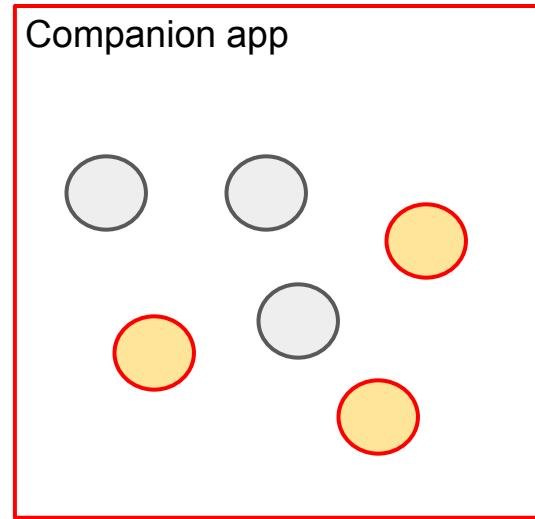


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- Apply machine learning
  - K-mean clustering algorithm

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# Send-Message Functions

Consider the companion app

- Consider send-message functions those in the cluster with smallest means

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Functions that transform user data in the format accepted by the IoT device

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## Observation

- Data-transforming functions increase entropy of data (e.g., base64encode) [1]

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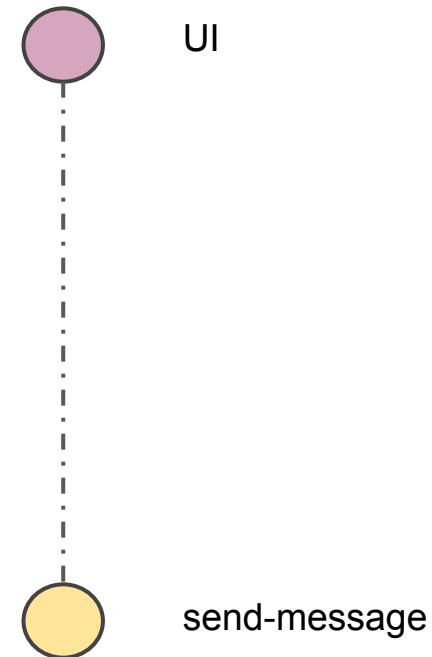


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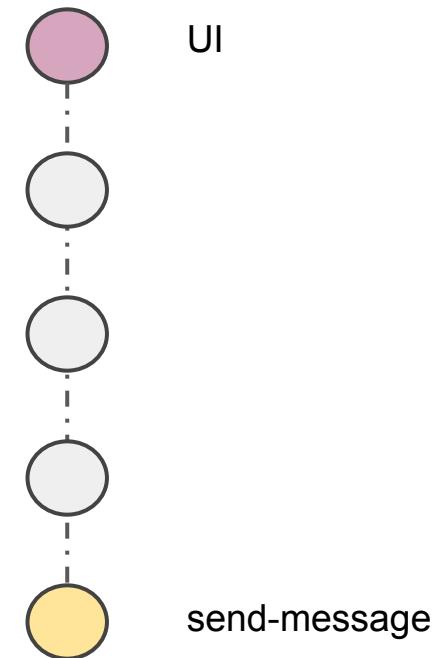
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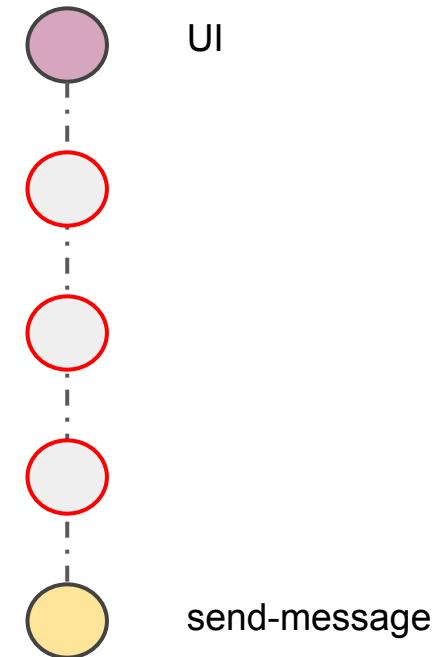
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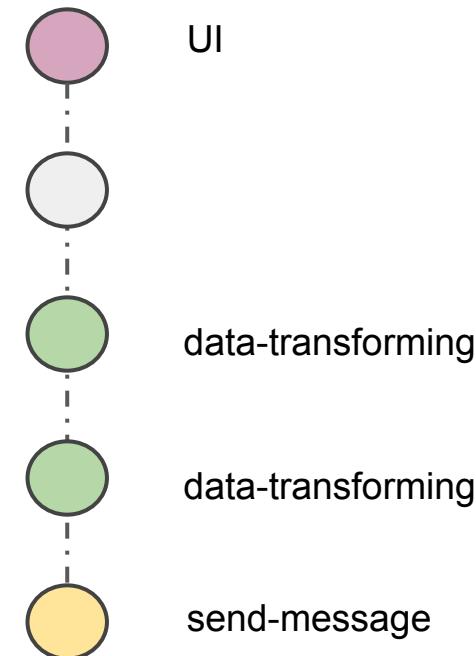
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- Consider data-transforming functions those whose **introduced** entropy  $\geq T$ 
  - $T$  set to 2 [3]



[3] Reformat: Automatic reverse engineering of encrypted messages

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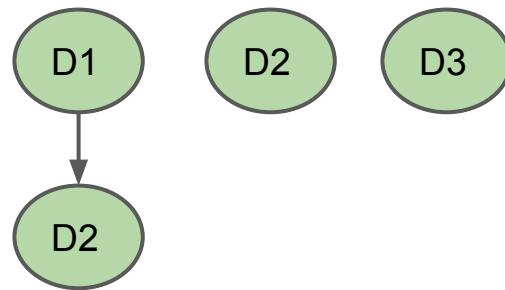
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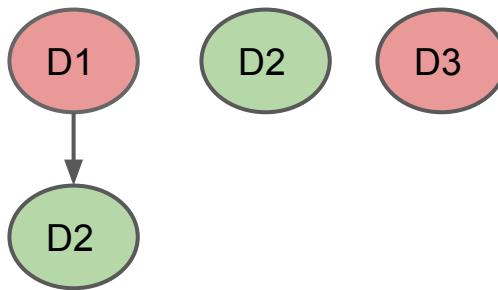
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For each data-transforming function

- Build the dominance tree
- Identify data-transforming functions that are not dominated by other data-transforming functions (**fuzzing triggers**)



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# Fuzzing and Response Monitoring

# Fuzzing

Hook the fuzzing triggers and run the companion app

- When a fuzzing trigger is invoked we mutate the set of its **input** variables
  - Fuzz both primitive variables and objects

# Response Monitoring

Muench et al. showed that detecting bugs in IoT devices is a hard problem [4]

[4] What You Corrupt Is Not What You Crash: Challenges in Fuzzing Embedded Devices, NDSS 2018

# Response Monitoring

Before starting a fuzzing campaign

- We register the amount of traffic generated by a clean run of the app
- Ping the device at regular intervals (**heartbeat monitoring**)

While fuzzing, we monitor the network traffic, and raise an alert if

- The device generated significant less traffic ( $\leq 50\%$ )
- There is a significant delay in the device's responses (10 s)

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We evaluated Diane against 11 IoT devices

- **E1:** Ability of Diane to find fuzzing triggers
- **E2:** Ability of Diane to find bugs
- **E3:** Performance against related work (both UI-level and network-level fuzzers)

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3	Smart Socket	TP-Link	HS110	1.2.5	com.tplink.kasa_android	2.2.0.784	✗	311
4	Camera	FOSCAM	FI9821P	1.5.3.16	com.foscam.foscam	2.1.8	✓	406
5	Camera	FOSCAM	FI9831P	1.5.3.19	com.foscam.foscam	2.1.8	✓	403
6	Smart Socket	Belkin	Wemo Smart Socket	2.0.0	com.belkin.wemoandroid	1.20	✗	211
7	Bulb	iDevices	IDEV0002	1.9.4	com.idevicesllc.connected	1.6.95	✗	274
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10	UDP	✓	?	9 (1 TP, 8 FP)	3 (1 TP, 2 FP)	0	5,646	33,267	457,719
11	Bluetooth	✓	✓	9 (4 TP, 5 FP)	9 (4 TP, 5 FP)	16 (14 TP, 2 FP)	22,406	108,507	1,411,798
<b>Total</b>		10/11	7/11	97 (30 TP, 65 FP, 2 NC)	45 (25 TP, 20 FP)	54 (47 TP, 5 FP, 2 NC)	101,457	617,472	8,431,990

• fuzzing triggers coincide with *sendMessage* functions.

# E1: Fuzzing Triggers Identification

Device ID	Network Protocol	Native Code	Sanity Checks	No. Candidate sendMessage	No. sendMessage	No. Fuzzing Triggers	No. Classes	No. Functions	No. Statements
1	UDP	✓	✓	4 (1 TP, 3 FP)	1 (1 TP)	7 (6 TP, 1 FP)	4,341	31,847	409,760
2	HTTP	✓	✓	12 (8TP, 4FP)	9 (6 TP, 3 FP) *	6 (6 TP)	11,870	76,558	1,180,817
3	TCP + JSON	✗	?	6 (2 TP, 4 FP)	6 (2 TP, 4 FP)	3 (2 TP, 1 FP)	16,461	107,935	1,267,785
4	UDP	✓	✓	10 (2 TP, 7 FP, 1 NC)	2 (2 TP)	2 (2 TP) •	6,859	41,256	615,410
5	TCP	✓	✓	10 (2 TP, 7 FP, 1 NC)	2 (2 TP)	2 (2 TP) •	6,859	41,256	615,410
6	HTTP + SOAP	✓	✗	15 (3 TP, 12 FP)	6 (2 TP, 4 FP)*	9 (8 TP, 1 FP)	4,169	30,462	378,733
7	TCP	✓	✓	8 (2 TP, 6 FP)	3 (2 TP, 1 FP)	4 (3 TP, 1 NC)	8,418	52,013	813,444
8	TCP	✓	✓	8 (2 TP, 6 FP)	3 (2 TP, 1 FP)	4(3 TP, 1 NC)	8,418	52,013	813,444
9	TCP	✓	?	6 (3 TP, 3 FP)	1 (1 TP)*	1 (1 TP)•	6,010	42,358	467,670
10	UDP	✓	?	9 (1 TP, 8 FP)	3 (1 TP, 2 FP)	0	5,646	33,267	457,719
11	Bluetooth	✓	✓	9 (4 TP, 5 FP)	9 (4 TP, 5 FP)	16 (14 TP, 2 FP)	22,406	108,507	1,411,798
<b>Total</b>		10/11	7/11	97 (30 TP, 65 FP, 2 NC)	45 (25 TP, 20 FP)	54 (47 TP, 5 FP, 2 NC)	101,457	617,472	8,431,990

• fuzzing triggers coincide with *sendMessage* functions.

# E2: Vulnerability Detection

DIANE					
Device ID	No. Generated Alerts	No. Bugs	Zero-day	Vuln. Type	Time [hours] (No. Generated Inputs)
1	1	1	✓	Unknown	≤ 0.5 (60,750)
2	3	7	✓	Buff overflow	≤ 0.5 (322)
3	1	1		Unknown	≤ 1.2 (7,344)
4	1	0		N/A	N/A
5	1	0		N/A	N/A
6	4	1		Unknown	≤ 10 (34,680)
7	3	0		N/A	N/A
8	3	0		N/A	N/A
9	0	0		N/A	N/A
10	1	0		N/A	N/A
11	0	1	✓	Unknown	2.2 (3,960)

# E2: Vulnerability Detection

DIANE					
Device ID	No. Generated Alerts	No. Bugs	Zero-day	Vuln. Type	Time [hours] (No. Generated Inputs)
1	1	1	✓	Unknown	$\leq 0.5$ (60,750)
2	3	7	✓	Buff overflow	$\leq 0.5$ (322)
3	1	1		Unknown	$\leq 1.2$ (7,344)
4	1	0		N/A	N/A
5	1	0		N/A	N/A
6	4	1		Unknown	$\leq 10$ (34,680)
7	3	0		N/A	N/A
8	3	0		N/A	N/A
9	0	0		N/A	N/A
10	1	0		N/A	N/A
11	0	1	✓	Unknown	2.2 (3,960)

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4	1	0		N/A	N/A
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6	4	1		Unknown	$\leq 10$ (34,680)
7	3	0		N/A	N/A
8	3	0		N/A	N/A
9	0	0		N/A	N/A
10	1	0		N/A	N/A
11	0	1	✓	Unknown	2.2 (3,960)

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Device ID	No. Generated Alerts	No. Bugs	Zero-day	Vuln. Type	Time [hours] (No. Generated Inputs)
1	1	1	✓	Unknown	$\leq 0.5$ (60,750)
2	3	7	✓	Buff overflow	$\leq 0.5$ (322)
3	1	1		Unknown	$\leq 1.2$ (7,344)
4	1	0		N/A	N/A
5	1	0		N/A	N/A
6	4	1		Unknown	$\leq 10$ (34,680)
7	3	0		N/A	N/A
8	3	0		N/A	N/A
9	0	0		N/A	N/A
10	1	0		N/A	N/A
11	0	1	✓	Unknown	2.2 (3,960)

# E3: Vulnerability Detection

Device ID	DIANE				Time [hours] (No. Generated Inputs)	IoTFuzzer			Other Fuzzers			
	No. Generated Alerts	No. Bugs	Zero-day	Vuln. Type		No. Fuzzed Functions	No. Bugs	Time [hours]	BED	No. Bugs Sulley	uFuzz	bss
1	1	1	✓	Unknown	≤ 0.5 (60,750)	• 1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
2	3	7	✓	Buff overflow	≤ 0.5 (322)	5	2	0.98	0	0	N/A	N/A
3	1	1		Unknown	≤ 1.2 (7,344)	1	1	4	0	0	N/A	N/A
4	1	0		N/A	N/A	• 1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
5	1	0		N/A	N/A	• 1	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
6	4	1		Unknown	≤ 10 (34,680)	1	1	≤ 10	0	0	0	N/A
7	3	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
8	3	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
9	0	0		N/A	N/A	3	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
10	1	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
11	0	1	✓	Unknown	2.2 (3,960)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0

# E3: Vulnerability Detection

Device ID	DIANE				Time [hours] (No. Generated Inputs)	IoTFuzzer			Other Fuzzers			
	No. Generated Alerts	No. Bugs	Zero-day	Vuln. Type		No. Fuzzed Functions	No. Bugs	Time [hours]	BED	No. Bugs Sulley	uFuzz	bss
1	1	1	✓	Unknown	≤ 0.5 (60,750)	• 1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
2	3	7	✓	Buff overflow	≤ 0.5 (322)	5	2	0.98	0	0	N/A	N/A
3	1	1		Unknown	≤ 1.2 (7,344)	1	1	4	0	0	N/A	N/A
4	1	0		N/A	N/A	• 1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
5	1	0		N/A	N/A	• 1	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
6	4	1		Unknown	≤ 10 (34,680)	1	1	≤ 10	0	0	0	N/A
7	3	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
8	3	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
9	0	0		N/A	N/A	3	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
10	1	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
11	0	1	✓	Unknown	2.2 (3,960)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0

# E3: Vulnerability Detection

Device ID	DIANE				IoTFuzzer			Other Fuzzers				
	No. Generated Alerts	No. Bugs	Zero-day	Vuln. Type	Time [hours] (No. Generated Inputs)	No. Fuzzed Functions	No. Bugs	Time [hours]	BED	No. Bugs Sulley	uFuzz	bss
1	1	1	✓	Unknown	≤ 0.5 (60,750)	• 1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
2	3	7	✓	Buff overflow	≤ 0.5 (322)	5	2	0.98	0	0	N/A	N/A
3	1	1		Unknown	≤ 1.2 (7,344)	1	1	4	0	0	N/A	N/A
4	1	0		N/A	N/A	• 1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
5	1	0		N/A	N/A	• 1	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
6	4	1		Unknown	≤ 10 (34,680)	1	1	≤ 10	0	0	0	N/A
7	3	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
8	3	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
9	0	0		N/A	N/A	3	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
10	1	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
11	0	1	✓	Unknown	2.2 (3,960)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0

# Evaluation

We reported our findings to the vendors

- 10 bugs confirmed
- 1 bug is still being investigated (at time of writing)

# Thanks! && Questions?

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