Thoth

Cairo/Starknet bytecode analyzer

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  - Fuzzing and vulnerability research
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  - **Rust** Security Audit & Fuzzing
  - **Go** Security Audit & Fuzzing
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  - **Ethereum/Solidity** Security (WIP)
  - **Cairo** Security (WIP)

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  - EthCC speaker (x3), Devcon speaker
  - Creator of **Octopus**
  - Public research about **EVM reversing & Tx analysis**
  - Lead developer of **Beaconfuzz**, eth2 differential fuzzer
  - **Fuzzing and audits** of dozen of L1/L2 implementations

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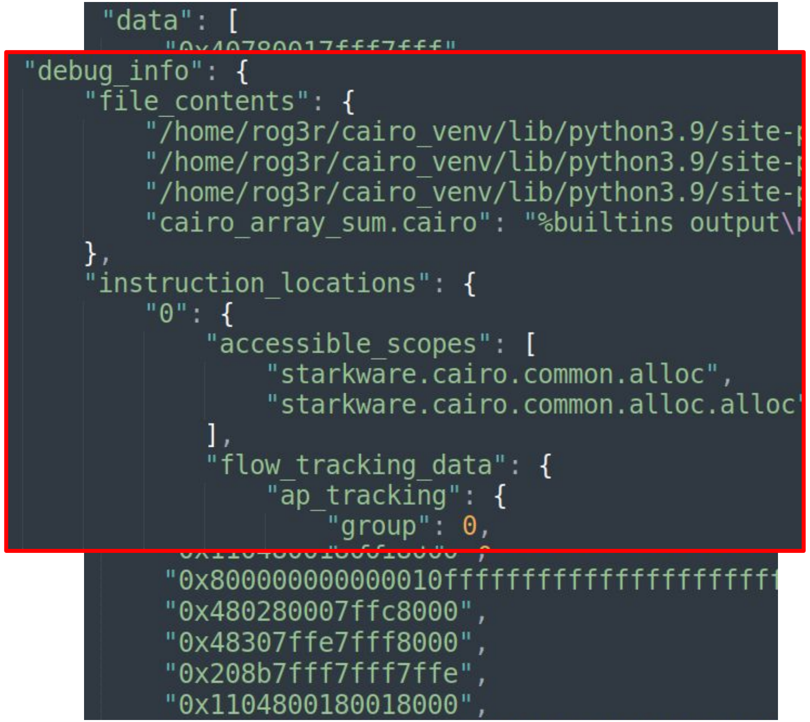

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    },
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        "pc": 7,
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    },
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                "offset": 0
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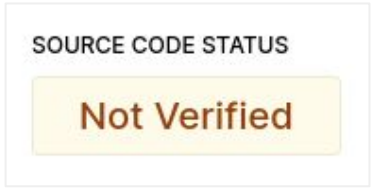
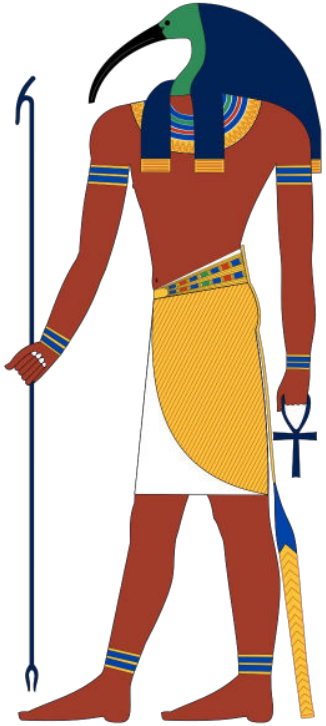
Why Thoth has been created?

- Problematic
  - Most contracts on the mainnet/testnet are **not verified**
  - **Only** the full **JSON artifact** is mandatory and stored online
- Goal
  - Analysis of closed source contract for due diligence
  - Help developers to understand compiler operations
  - Thoth is intended to be a complete tool



- Name: **Thoth**
  - God of the **moon**, **sacred texts**, mathematics, sciences, magic, messenger and recorder of the deities, **master of knowledge**, and patron of scribes.
  - Pronounced **toss** or tot
    - I know the naming pronunciation s*cks a bit…
  - Inspired by other amazing tools
    - Octopus, Slither, Mythril, etc.
- **Only the bytecode is the Truth**



Disassembler

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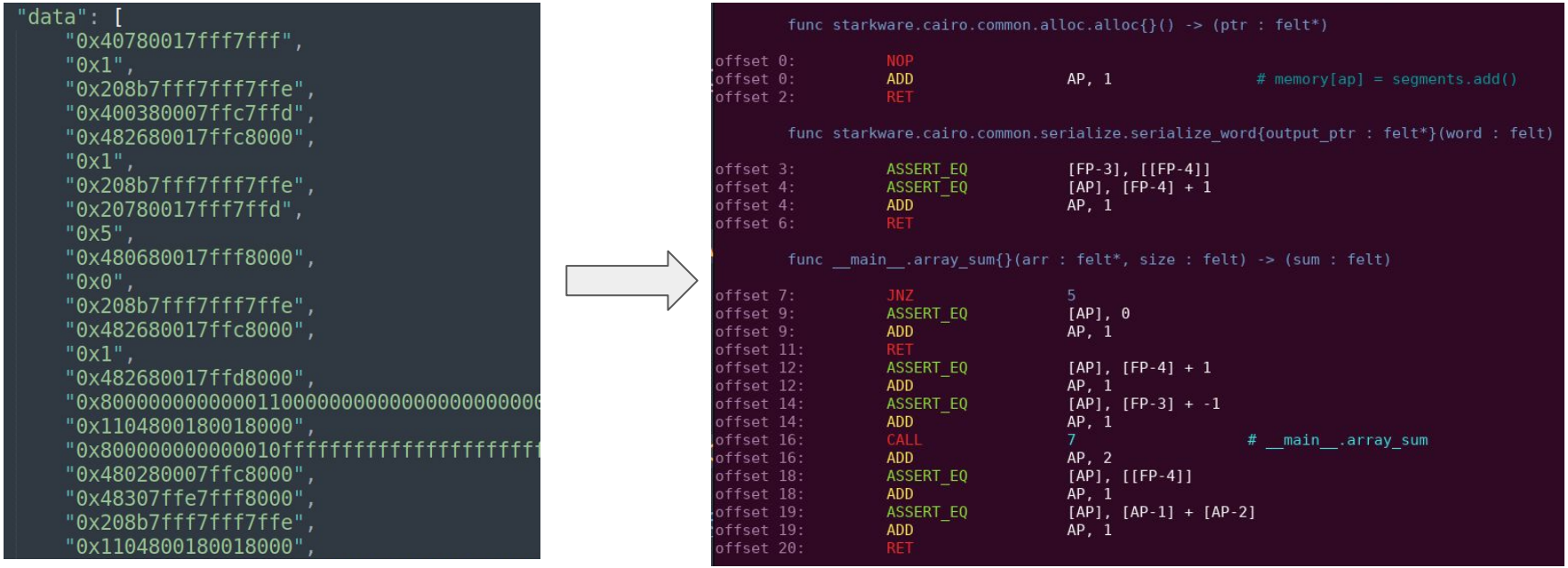

Disassembler

- *"**Visual representation** of the bytecode as a linear **sequence of instructions**."*
- Several data are in the **JSON**.
- **Interesting information**
  - Builtins
  - Structures
  - Events
  - Constants representation
  - Functions ID and names matching
- Example
  - `thoth local cairo_array_sum.json -b`

```
        func starkware.cairo.common.alloc.alloc{}() -> (ptr : felt*)

offset 0:          NOP
offset 0:          ADD                AP, 1                # memory[ap] = segments.add()
offset 2:          RET

        func starkware.cairo.common.serialize.serialize_word{output_ptr : felt*}(word : felt)

offset 3:          ASSERT_EQ          [FP-3], [[FP-4]]
offset 4:          ASSERT_EQ          [AP], [FP-4] + 1
offset 4:          ADD                AP, 1
offset 6:          RET

        func __main__.array_sum{}(arr : felt*, size : felt) -> (sum : felt)

offset 7:          JNZ                5
offset 9:          ASSERT_EQ          [AP], 0
offset 9:          ADD                AP, 1
offset 11:         RET
offset 12:         ASSERT_EQ          [AP], [FP-4] + 1
offset 12:         ADD                AP, 1
offset 14:         ASSERT_EQ          [AP], [FP-3] + -1
offset 14:         ADD                AP, 1
offset 16:         CALL               7                    # __main__.array_sum
offset 16:         ADD                AP, 2
offset 18:         ASSERT_EQ          [AP], [[FP-4]]
offset 18:         ADD                AP, 1
offset 19:         ASSERT_EQ          [AP], [AP-1] + [AP-2]
offset 19:         ADD                AP, 1
offset 20:         RET
```

Decompiler version 0.1.0

Decompiler

- *"A decompiler is a computer program that **takes bytecode** as input, and **attempts to create a high-level source file** that (ideally) can be successfully compiled."*

- Features
  - Recovery of parameters from function calls.
  - Generation of imports.

- The first version of the decompiler
  - Similar to the disassembly output.
  - AP/FP is **complicated** to understand **for beginners.**
  - Limited support of **if/else** blocks.

```
func __main__.array_sum{}(arr : felt*, size : felt) -> (sum : felt)
    if [AP-3] == 0:
        # 0 -> 0x0
        [AP] = 0;         ap ++
        return([ap-1])

    end
    [AP] = [FP-4] + 1;    ap ++
    [AP] = [FP-3] + -1;    ap ++
    array_sum([ap-2], [ap-1])
    [AP] = [[FP-4]];    ap ++
    [AP] =  [AP-1] + [AP-2];    ap ++
    return([ap-1])
end

func __main__.main{output_ptr : felt*}()
    alloc()
    # 9 -> 0x9
    [AP] = 9;    ap ++
    [AP-1] = [[AP-2]]
    # 16 -> 0x10
    [AP] = 16;    ap ++
    [AP-1] = [[AP-3]+1]
    # 25 -> 0x19
    [AP] = 25;    ap ++
    [AP-1] = [[AP-4]+2]
    [AP] = [AP-4];    ap ++
    # 3 -> 0x3
    [AP] = 3;    ap ++
    array_sum([ap-2], [ap-1])
    [AP] = [FP-3];    ap ++
    [AP] = [AP-2];    ap ++
    serialize_word([ap-2], [ap-1])
    ret
end
```

Call Graph

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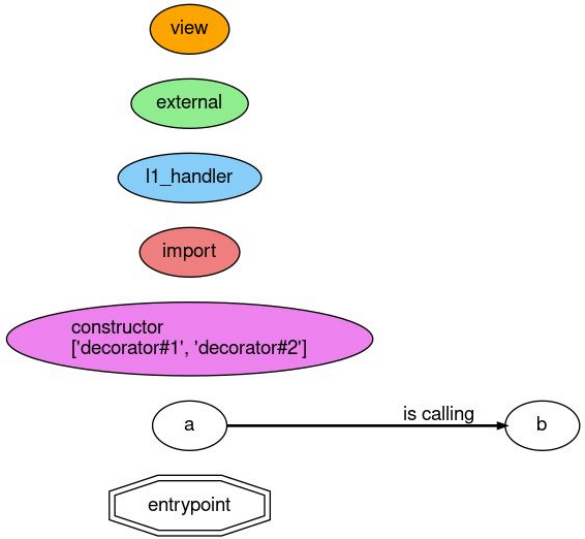
- *"Call graph represents calling **relationships between subroutines** in a computer program."*

- **Node** represents a function.
- **Edge(a, b)** indicates that function **a** calls function **b**.

- Legend:
  - Colors for important functions (import, constructor, etc.)
  - Octagonal shape for **entry-point**.

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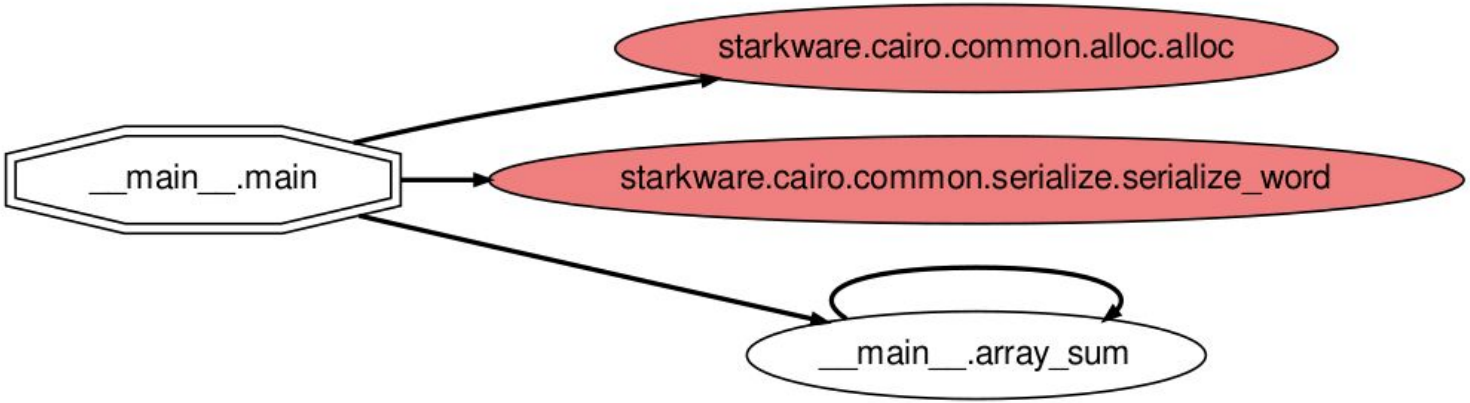
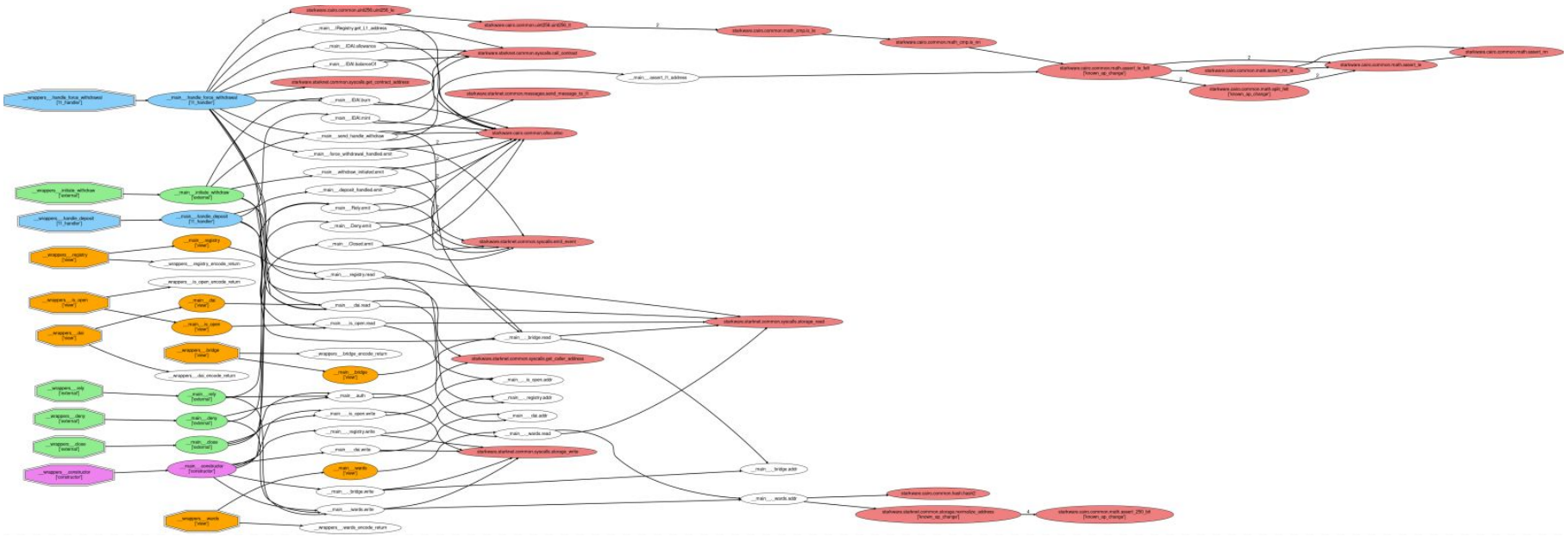
/3 To schematize the architecture of our contracts with their dependencies, we also used Thoth to generate the callgraphs of our functions proposed by @FuzzingLabs :

- Example
  - `thoth local cairo_array_sum.json -call -view=True`

Call Graph - Simple example (array_sum)



Call Graph - Advanced example (dai bridge)



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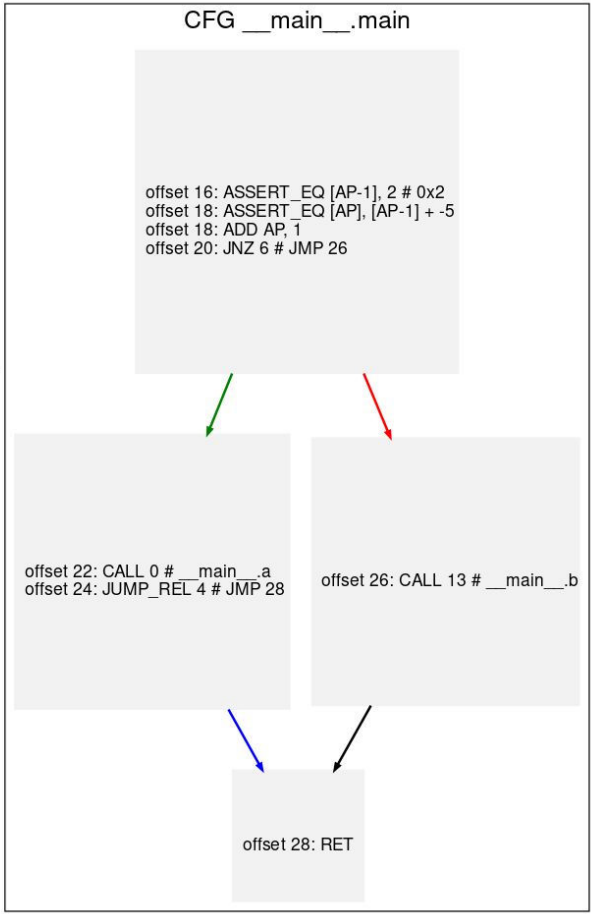
- *"Control-flow graph (CFG) is a **representation**, using graph notation, **of all paths that might be traversed** through a program **during its execution**."*

- Representation
  - Basic block
    - Each node represents a **basic block.**
    - **Straight-line piece of code** without any jumps or jump offsets.
    - Jump offsets **start a block** and jump opcodes **end a block**.
  - Edges
    - Conditional True/False jump, Direct jump, Fallthrough.

- Usage
  - Useless for most Cairo developers.
  - Interesting but situational for auditors.
  - **Critical** for decompiler and analysis tools to get better results.

- Example:
  - `thoth local cairo_array_sum.json -cfg -view=True`



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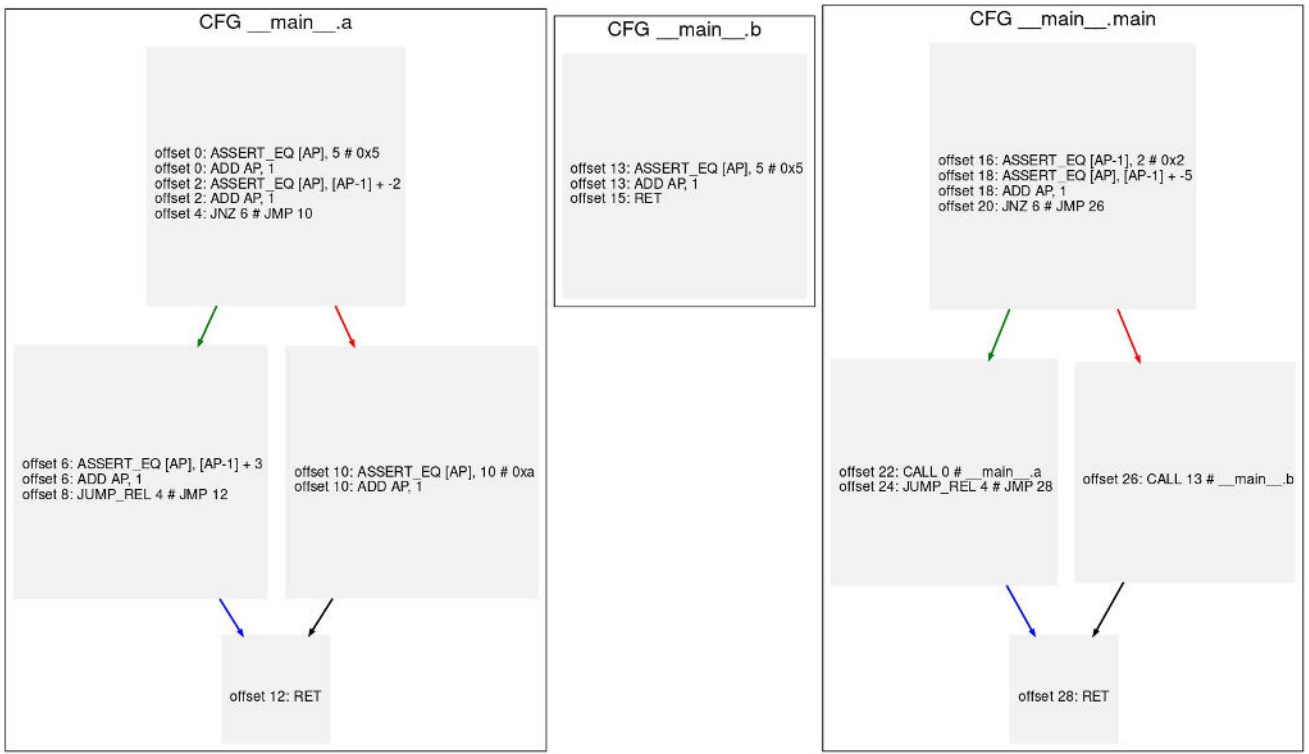

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- Major decompilation improvement
  - By leveraging on the **CFG**.
  - Introduction of **Single Static Assignment (SSA)**.
  - Creation of a **virtual stack of variable** per basic block.

- Single Static Assignment (SSA)
  - *"**Static single assignment** form (abbreviated **SSA** form/SSA) is a property of an intermediate representation (IR), which requires that **each variable is assigned exactly once**, and every variable is defined before it is used."*
  - Each variable is assigned once.
  - Each variable is defined before being used.
  - **phi node (Φ)** represents multiple potential value for a same variable chosen depending on the predecessor of the current block.

- Example
  - `thoth local cairo_nested_if_phi_node.json -d --color`

```
// Function 0
func __main__.main{}(){
    v0 = 3    // 0x3
    assert v1 = 47    // /
    if (v1 == 0) {
        v2 = v1
    else:
        v3 = 2    // 0x2
    }
    v4 = 50    // 2
    v5 = Φ(v2, v3) + 3
    assert v4 = v6 + v5
    if (v6 == 0) {
        v7 = v6
    else:
        v8 = 2    // 0x2
    }
    assert v9 = Φ(v7, v8) - 53
    if (v9 == 0) {
        v10 = 25    // 0x19
    else:
        v11 = 2    // 0x2
    }
    assert v12 = Φ(v10, v11) + 47
    if (v12 == 0) {
        v13 = 25    // 0x19
    else:
        v14 = 2    // 0x2
    }
```

Decompiler evolution

- Original Source code

```
func main{}():
    let a = 1
    let b = 2
    let c = 3
    myfunc(b, a, c)
    myfuncbis(c, a)
    ret
end
```

- Thoth version 0.1.0

```
func __main__.main{}()
    # 2 -> 0x2
    [AP] = 2;    ap ++
    # 1 -> 0x1
    [AP] = 1;    ap ++
    # 3 -> 0x3
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    myfunc([ap-3], [ap-2], [ap-1])
    # 3 -> 0x3
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    # 1 -> 0x1
    [AP] = 1;    ap ++
    myfuncbis([ap-2], [ap-1])
    ret
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```

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// Function 2
func __main__.main{}(){
    v0 = 2     // 0x2
    v1 = 1     // 0x1
    v2 = 3     // 0x3
    myfunc(v0, v1, v2)
    v3 = 3     // 0x3
    v4 = 1     // 0x1
    myfuncbis(v3, v4)
    ret
}
```

Analyzer

Analyzer

- The analyzer allows to detect and analyze particular behaviors in smart contracts.
  - Using the previously extracted information.
- **Analytics**
  - Interesting facts about the contract.
  - ERC detections, strings, etc.
- **Optimization**
  - Detection of potential bytecode optimization.
  - Constants propagation, unused assignment, unused imports, etc.
- **Security**
  - Detection of security vulnerabilities & flaws.
  - Integer overflow, Reentrancy, etc.

Analyzer	Command-Line argument	Description	Impact	Precision	Category
ERC20	`erc20`	Detect if a contract is an ERC20 Token	Informational	High	Analytics
ERC721	`erc721`	Detect if a contract is an ERC721 Token	Informational	High	Analytics
Strings	`strings`	Detect strings inside a contract	Informational	High	Analytics
Functions	`functions`	Retrieve informations about the contract's functions	Informational	High	Analytics
Statistics	`statistics`	General statistics about the contract	Informational	High	Analytics
Assignations	`assignations`	List of variables assignations	Informational	High	Optimization
Integer overflow	`int_overflow`	Detect direct integer overflow/underflow	High	Medium	Security
Function naming	`function_naming`	Detect functions names that are not in snake case	Informational	High	Security
Variable naming	`variable_naming`	Detect variables names that are not in snake case	Informational	High	Security

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Analyzer - example (integer_overflow)

```
~/Documents/thoth/thoth (master) » thoth local ../tests/json_files/cairo_integer_overflow.json -a --color
[Analytics] Functions
  -  (0) vulnerable_function
        - cyclomatic complexity : 1
        - instructions : 6
  -  (1) main (entry point)
        - cyclomatic complexity : 1
        - instructions : 4

[Analytics] Statistics
  -  functions : 3
  -  builtins : 1
  -  structs : 6
  -  calls : 2

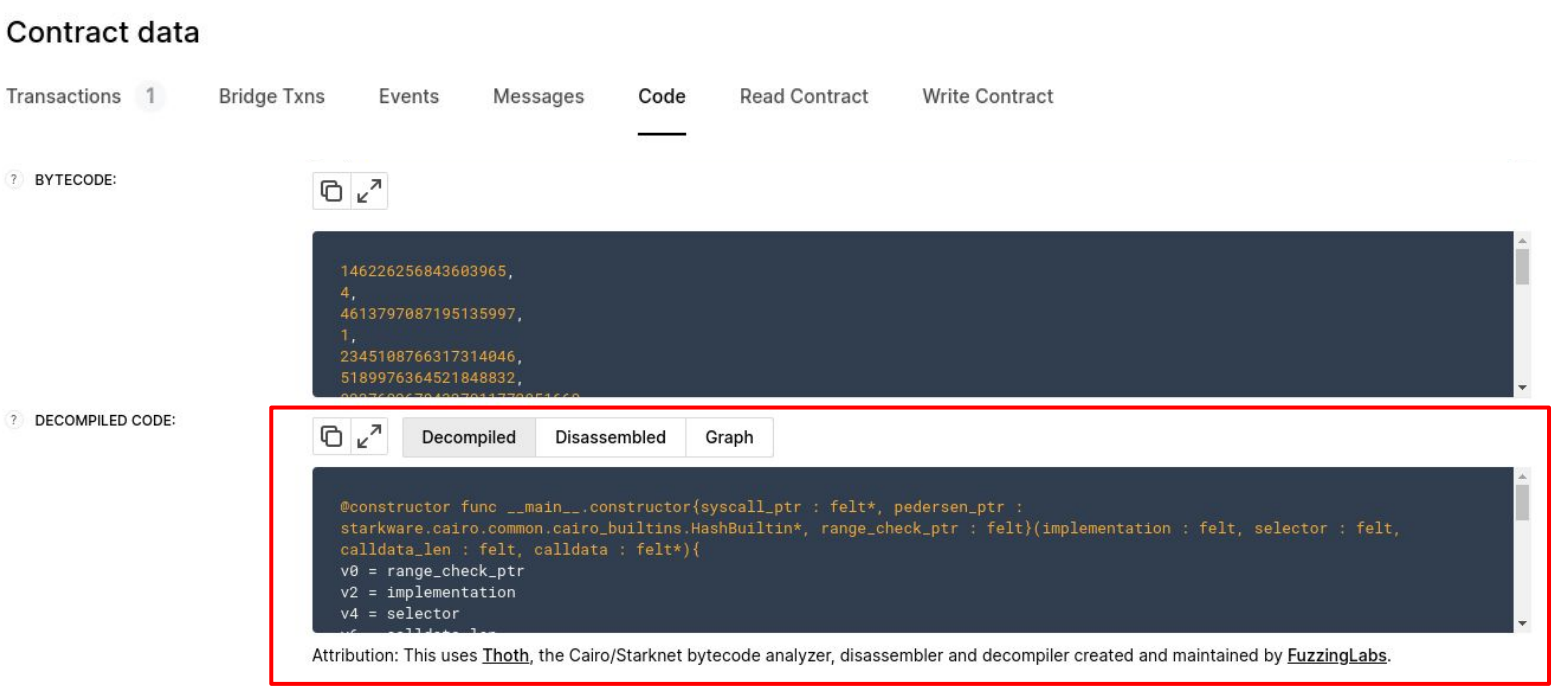
[Optimization] Assignations
  -  v0 = 1809251394333065606848661391547535052811553607665798349986546028067936010240
  -  v1 = v0 * f0_integer
  -  v3 = f0_output_ptr
  -  v5 = v1
  -  v6 = f1_output_ptr
  -  v8 = 1

[Security] Integer overflow (High)
  -  __main__.vulnerable_function : integer

[+] 9 analyzers were run (4 detected)
```

Upcoming features

Integration inside Voyager



Integration inside Voyager

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Contract data

Transactions 1 | Bridge Txns | Events | Messages | Code | Read Contract | Write Contract

BYTECODE:

```
146226256843603965,
4,
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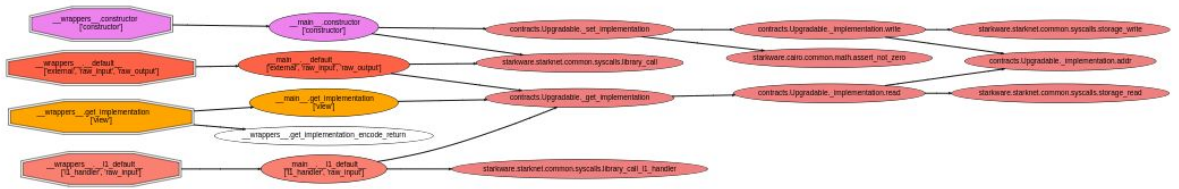
DECOMPILED CODE:

Decompiled | Disassembled | Graph



Attribution: This uses Thoth, the Cairo/Starknet bytecode analyzer, disassembler and decompiler created and maintained by FuzzingLabs.

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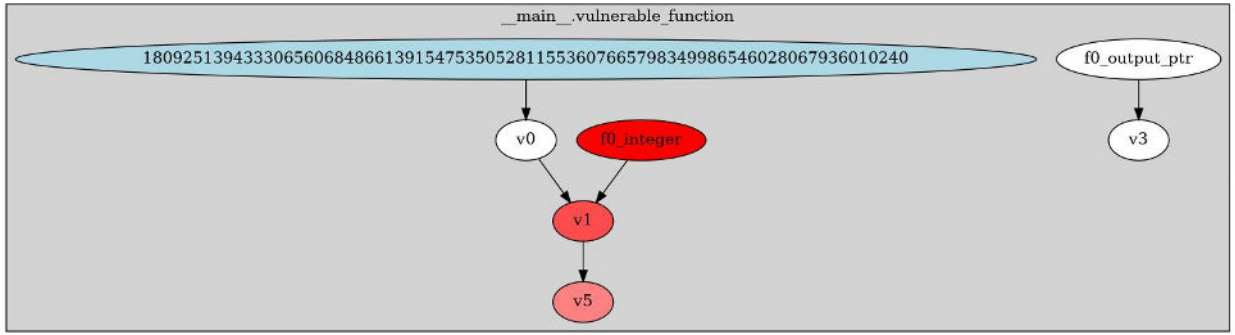
Upcoming features

- Create a representative **logo**
- Create **VS code plugin**
- Improve the **decompiler**
  - Debug info, refs, etc.
- Add more **analysis** scripts
  - Mainly security related.
  - ERC detections.



- Implement **Data Flow Graph (DFG)**
  - For variables and constants dependencies representation.
- Implement **Tainting**
  - Allows identifying supplied arguments propagation impact.
- Implement **Symbolic execution**
  - To mathematically solve the constraints to reach certain paths and detect potential optimizations of the bytecode.

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Thanks for your time! Any questions?

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