Validating JIT Compilers via Compilation Space Exploration

```
1 class T {
2 long a = 0;
   int b() {
     int d = 2, e = 10;
4
      for (int m = 7; m < 149; ++m)</pre>
5
        for (int c = 1; c < 4; c++)
6
          for (int n = 1; n < 2; ++n)
           d += e;
8
9
      return d;
10
   }
    void f() {
11
      for (int w = 0; w < 6361; w++)
        a = b();
14
   }
    public static void main(String[] g) {
15
     T t = new T();
16
17
      for (int h = 1; h < 212; h++)</pre>
18
        t.f();
      System.out.println(t.a);
19
20
   }
21 }
```

Figure 4. Issue-15306: Mis-compilation. The highlighted neutral loop is inserted by Artemis. Code shown in this example is a cleaned-up version from a very large test program.

A More Examples

Artemis is fruitful in finding diverse bugs such as segmentation faults (SIGSEGV), fatal arithmetic error (SIGFPE), emergency abort (SIGABRT), assertion failures, mis-compilations, and performance issues. We discuss a small selection to highlight the diversity. All tests shown in this section originate from JavaFuzzer [18] and are mutated by Artemis; they are reduced from much larger mutants with a combination of Perses, C-Reduce, and further manual cleanup if needed.

A.1 Illustrative OpenJ9 Example

Figure 4 triggers a mis-compilation in OpenJ9. Artemis found the bug in OpenJ9 0.32 (revision 3d06b2f9c, based on OpenJDK 1.8.0_342). However, it can be reproduced at least as far back as 0.24 with JDK 11 and immediately marked as blocker, the most severe, release-blocking type of bug.

The seed program assigns T.a by a value returned by T.b() repeatedly (Line 13). Because T.b() is pure, it should always return a fixed integer 4262 and the program output should be 4262 as well. For the seed program, the method counter of T.b() reaches the warm-level compilation threshold and T.b() is JIT-compiled at the warm level; all other methods are barely interpreted until the program exits. Artemis alters the JIT compilation by inserting the highlighted loop into Line 12, which leads to an additional JIT compilation of T.f() at warm level and two additional OSR compilations of the inserted loop at veryHot and scorching levels, respectively. Considering T.b() constantly returns 4262, the inserted loop is neutral and the insertion does not affect the seed's semantics. Therefore, the mutant should output 4262 as the seed. Yet, OpenJ9's JIT compiler mis-compiles the mutant and outputs 1422.

```
1 class T {
2 public static void main(String[] g) {
3 for (int i=0; i<10; i+=1)</pre>
    for (int j=1; j<197; j+=1)</pre>
4
      for (int k=-4910; k<314; k+=1)</pre>
       trv {
6
7
        boolean b = false;
        byte[] a = new byte[1 << 14];</pre>
8
        try (ByteArrayOutputStream o =
9
                 new ByteArrayOutputStream();
10
             ZipOutputStream z =
11
                new ZipOutputStream(o)) {
         final byte[] x = { 'x' };
         z.putNextEntry(new ZipEntry("a.gz"));
14
         GZIPOutputStream g = new GZIPOutputStream(z);
15
         g.write(x); g.finish();
16
17
         if (b) z.write(x);
18
         z.closeEntry();
         z.putNextEntry(new ZipEntry("b.gz"));
19
20
         GZIPOutputStream k = new GZIPOutputStream(z);
21
         k.write(x); k.finish();
         z.closeEntrv(): z.flush():
22
23
         a = o.toByteArray();
24
        }
25
       } catch (Throwable x) {}
26 }
27 }
```

Figure 5. JDK-8290360: Performance Issue. When executing the C2 compiled code, the HotSpot process running this test is directly killed on Ubuntu while becomes much slower on Windows. Code shown in this example is a cleaned-up version from a very large test program.

The root cause is that the Expressions Simplification pass is buggy when considering whether an expression is an invariant that should be hoisted out of its residing loop. This causes the JIT compiler to calculate an incorrect number of iterations (142 instead of 426) when hoisting the expression at Line 8 out of the loop at Line 5. To fix this, the developers updated the invariant-check policy.

It should be noted that this bug manifests merely when T.b() is JIT-compiled and T.f() is hot enough such that the inserted loop is OSR-compiled at the scorching level. That said, JIT-compiling T.b() and scorchingly JIT-compiling T.f() of the seed program⁵ cannot trigger the bug as it does not involve OSR. Although it is theoretically possible for a test generator to generate such a bug-triggering program without Artemis, the time budget is generally unpredictable. As a comparison, Artemis can trigger this bug within 8 mutations of the seed program.

A.2 More Examples

Figure 6a. When HotSpot C1 compiles the given code, it tries to inline the method invokeExact() but requires the receiver to be non-null (Line 14). HotSpot developers forgot the null-check, and it thus triggers an assertion failure.

⁵-Xjit:{T.b()I}(count=0),{T.f()V}(count=0,optLevel=scorching)

Figure 6b. The DLT (Dynamic Loop Transfer which facilitates OSR) optimization pass in OpenJ9 fails to preserve the type information of the byte array e (Line 7), leading to an unexpected byte-bit truncation.

Figure 6c. OpenJ9 crashes with a segmentation fault when the method T.e() is compiled at the scorching level. This is because OpenJ9's JIT compiler accesses a removed or invalid block when traversing predecessor blocks to compute and extend the live ranges of some variables.

Figure 6d. When compiling the loop in T.f(), the HotSpot C2 generates incorrect code, making HotSpot crash with a fatal arithmetic error when running the compiled code.

Figure 6e. OpenJ9 fails to vectorize the loop in T.p() and as a result, crashes as a segmentation fault because of a null pointer dereference when checking for loop independence.

Figure 6f. When array access is out-of-bound in the compiled code, ART should de-optimize along a bounds-check slow path where the exception should be caught if there is an exception handler. However, ART's bounds-check slow path generator fails to compute the correct array index and length, which causes the exception to be caught at an incorrect index.

Figure 5. This presents the only performance issue found by Artemis. When running the code OSR-compiled by HotSpot C2, the native memory keeps increasing unexpectedly. This finally drains the machine of its memory and the process running this test is thereby killed by the underlying Ubuntu system (16 GiB RAM). In contrast, despite not being killed on Windows (16 GiB RAM), the process becomes far slower even than interpreting the bytecode. This issue was confirmed as a potential memory leak bug immediately after we reported, but it was marked as "Won't Fix" after several weeks because the developers hypothesized that "the app is simply allocating memory faster than the GC can reclaim it." However, we believe this issue should be a real bug that affects end users because (1) GC should be opaque to the end users, and (2) it should not be necessary for end users to concern how fast the GC is when developing Java code.

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```
1 class T {
2 boolean b:
4 void a() {
5 int c, v;
  double d = 2.61331;
6
   for (int z=830; z>51; --z)
7
8
   b = b;
9 v = 1;
10 while (++v < 908)
    for (c=-3230; c<9840; c+=2)</pre>
11
12
    try {
    MethodHandle m = null;
13
     m.invokeExact():
14
     } catch (Throwable t) {
15
    } finally {}
16
17 System.out.println(d);
18 }
19
20 public static void main(...) {
21
   T t = new T();
   for (;;)
22
23
     t.a();
24 }
```

25 }

1 class T { 2 void 1() { 3 **int** m, d; 4 byte[] e = new byte[6]; for (int j=2; j<222; ++j) {</pre> 5 6 for (m=d=1; d<4; d+=2)</pre> 7 e[m] -= d; for (int z=5; z<948; z++) {</pre> 8 9 boolean[] x = new boolean[576]; 10 } 11 } 12 System.out.println(f(e)); 13 } 14 long f(byte[] a) {
15 long k = 0; int i = 0;
16 while (i < a.length) {</pre> 17 k += a[i]; i++; 18 } 19 return k: 20 } 21 public static void main(...) { 22 T t = new T(); t.l(); 23 } 24

(b) Issue-15369: Mis-compilation

25 }

1 class T {

2 long i;

```
1 class T {
2 long c; int x;
3 void f() {
4 int i, p, q = 42252;
   int j, g, k = 5;
5
   double m;
6
6 double m,
7 long[] 1 = new long[256];
8 for (int o=2; o<87;) {</pre>
     boolean z = false;
9
    for (j=737; j<16822; j+=3)</pre>
10
11
     if (!z) {
12
      z = true:
      for (p=1; p<6; ++p) {
13
      for (m=1; m<2; m++) {</pre>
14
        l[(int) m] -= 16;
15
16
        c >>>= o;
17
       }
18
       for (g=1; 2>g; g+=3) {
        l[g] -= k; i = (int) c;
19
        try { k = q / i; }
20
21
        catch (ArithExcp w) {}
22
       }
       switch (o) {
23
        case 73: x = p;
24
25
       }
26
      }
27
     }
   }
28
29 }
30 void h() { f(); }
31 public static void main(...) {
32
   T t = new T(); t.h();
33 }
34 }
```

(a) JDK-8287223: Assertion Failure

```
3
  4 void p(long l) {
   5 int f = 0;
    6 int g[] = new int[0];
   7 long[] h = new long[0];
  8 for (int j=7; j<84;)</pre>
9 try {
10 long[] a = {1};
11 for (int z=1; z<=f; z++)</pre>
   12
         l += a[z - 1]:
  13 } catch (Throwable r) {
15 } Catch (111
14 } finally {
   15
         1 = 7;
   16
        }
  17 i = l + y(g) + w(h);
 18 }
   19
  20 void k() { p(01); }
 21
   22 long w(long[] a) { return 0; }
   23
  24 long y(int[] a) { return 0; }
   25
   26 public static void main(...) {
   27 T t = new T();
   28 t.k();
   29 }
   30
   31
    32
   33
   34 }
```

2 **void** e() { 3 for (int i=-4605; i<2; i++)</pre> 4 try { double[] d = new double[1]; 5 6 d[0] = 0;7 } catch (Throwable x) { 8 } 9 } 10 11 public static void main(...) { 12 T s = new T(); 13 for (;;) 14 s.e(); 15 } 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 } (c) Issue-15305: Segmentation Fault 1 class T { 2 int r; 3 4 **void** f() { 5 **int** i, j, o = 5788, t = 127; 6 byte[] a = new byte[400]; 7 for (i=14; 297>i; ++i) 8 for (j=151430; j<235417; j+=2);</pre> 9 try { 10 **for** (**int** d=4; 179>d; ++d) { 11 o *= o; for (int k=1; k<58; k++)
for (int z=k; 1+400>z; 12 13 z++) { 14 15 a[z] -= t; 16 o += z; **switch** (d % 5) { 17 18 **case** 107: d >>= r: 19 } 20 }

(d) JDK-8288190: Fatal Arithmetic Error

(e) Issue-15335: Segmentation Fault

(f) Issue-227365246: Mis-compilation

} catch (AIOOBExcp x) {}

26 public static void main(...) {

27 T t = new T(); t.f();

System.out.println(i + "," + o);

21 }

22

23

25

24 }

28 }

29

30

31

32

33

34 }

Figure 6. A small selection of example tests finding various JVM bugs. For simplicity, we omit the required imports and the parameter of T.main(String[] args) method. Acronym ArithExcp represents ArithmeticException. Acronym AI00BExcp stands for ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException. Code shown in these examples are cleaned-up versions from very large test programs generated with a combination of JavaFuzzer and Artemis.

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1 class T {