

Predicting Vulnerable Software Components

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Security Advisory 2006-76

Title: XSS using outer window's Function object

Impact: High

Products: Firefox 2.0

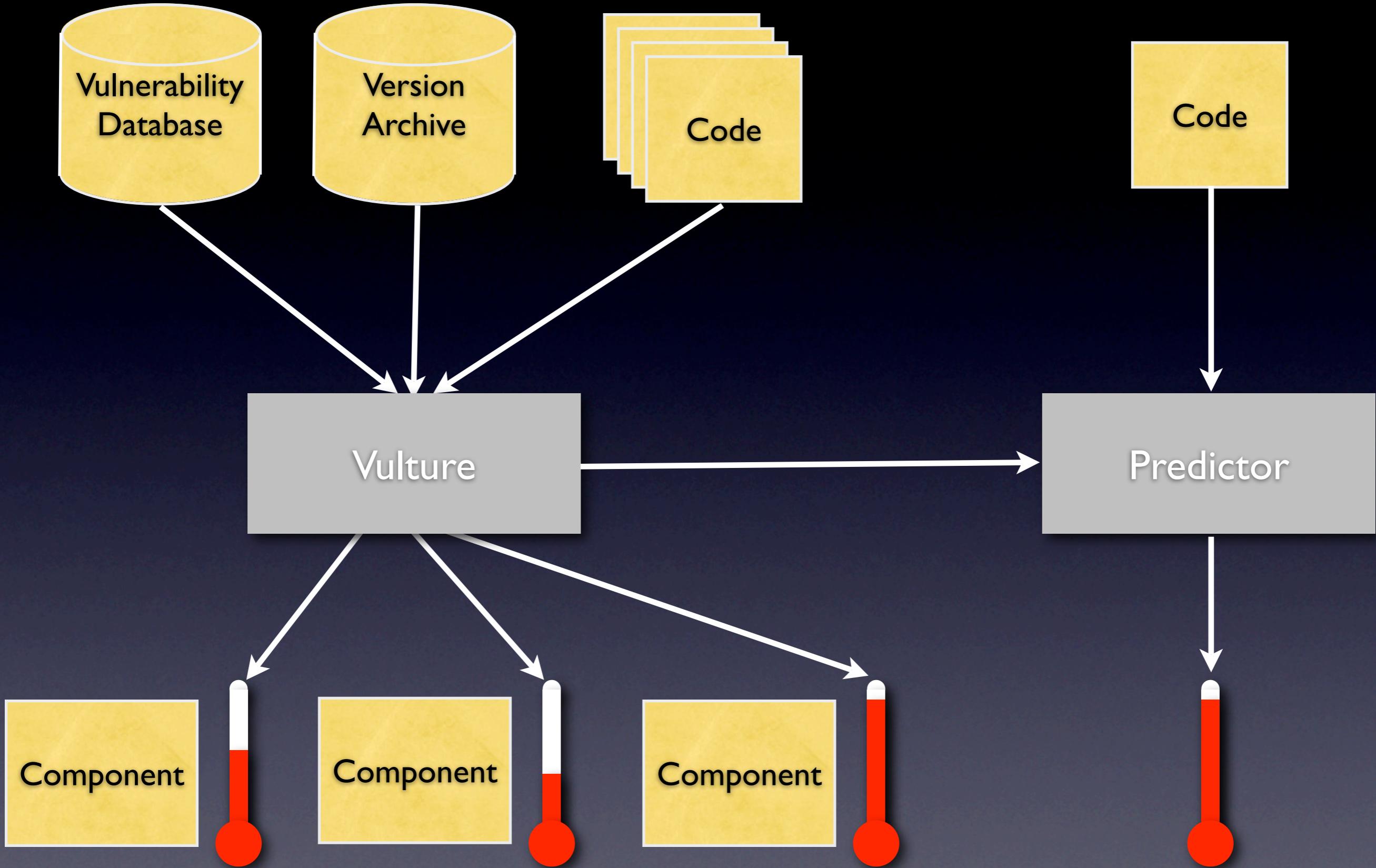
Description: moz_bug_r_a4 demonstrated that the Function prototype regression described in bug 355161 could be exploited to bypass the protections against cross site script (XSS) injection, which could be used to steal credentials or sensitive data from arbitrary sites or perform destructive actions on behalf of a logged-in user.

Is this new component likely to be vulnerable?



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Vulnerabilities



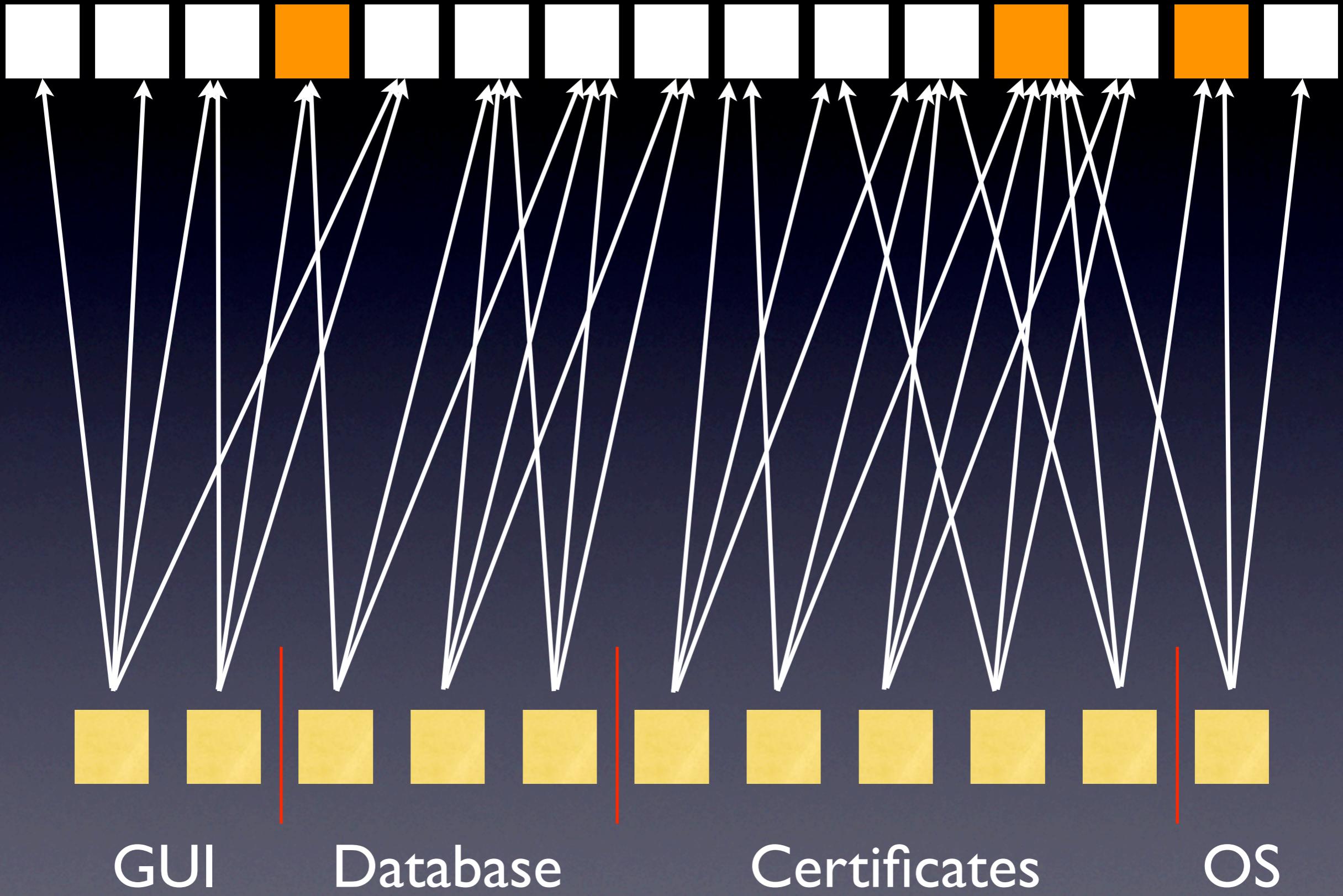
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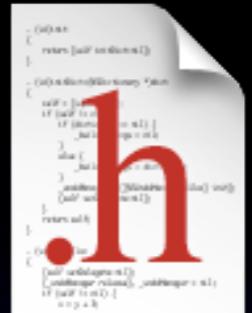
Code Complexity

Look for features that are
invariant under evolution

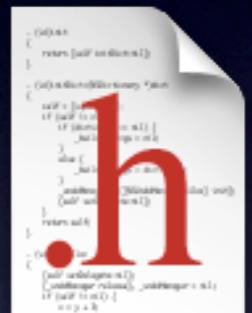
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Imports

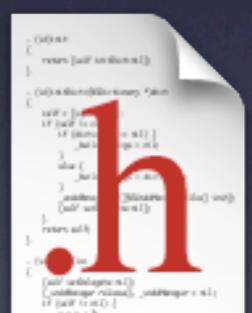




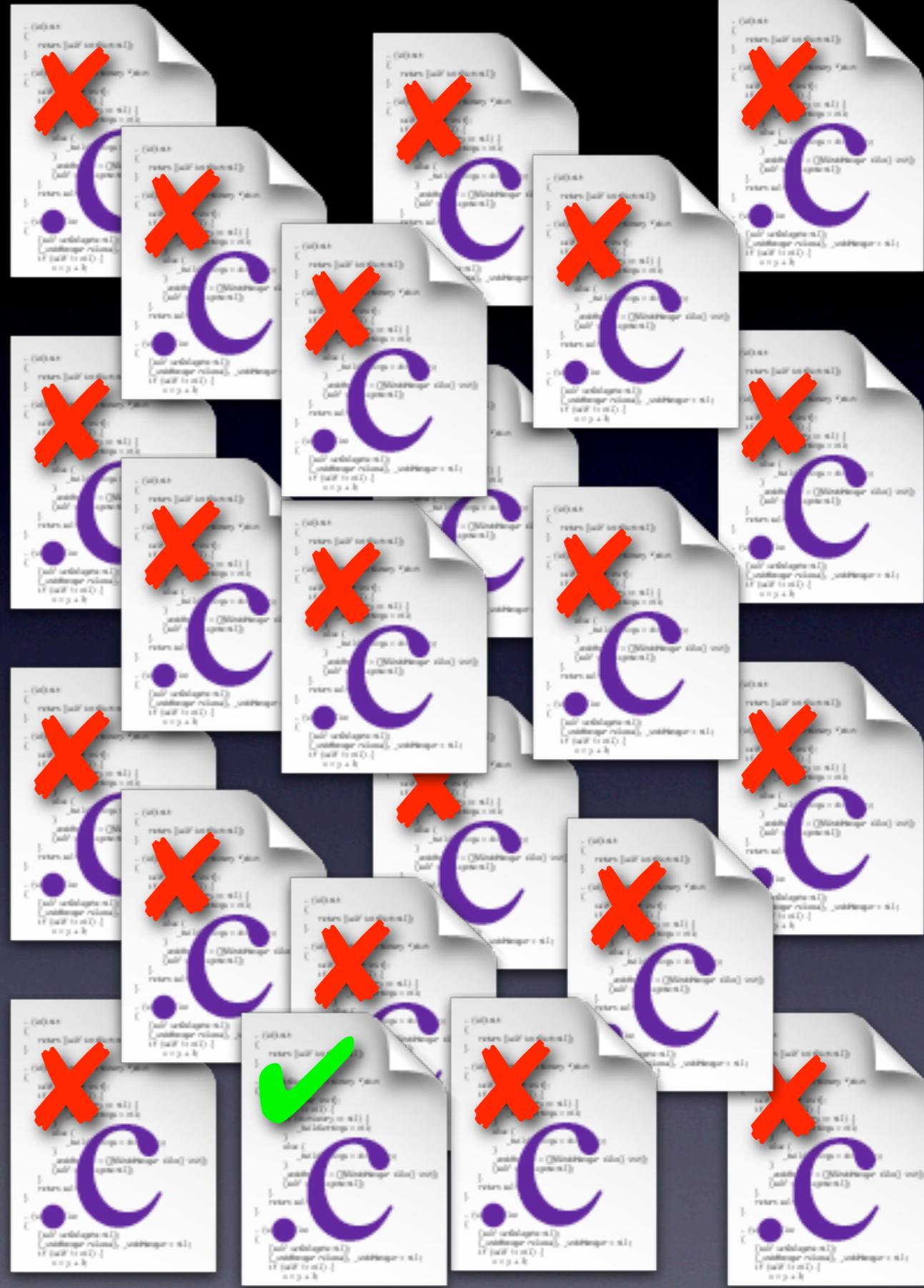
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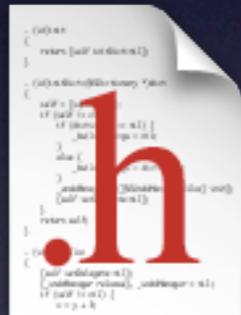
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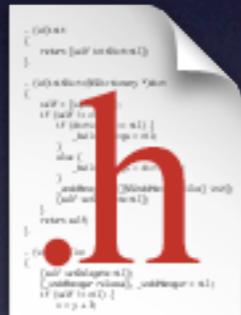
nsIScriptSecurityManager.h



nsIPrivateDOMEvent.h



nsReadableUtils.h



Research Questions

- How well do imports predict vulnerabilities?
- Can imports be used for classification (vulnerable or not) and for regression (number of vulnerabilities)?

Case Study: Mozilla

- CVS from January 4, 2007
- 14,368 C/C++ files
- 134 Security Advisories since January 2005
- Only 424 vulnerable components (4.05%)

⇒ *Prediction is challenging*

MFSA 2006-74: Mail header processing heap overflows

<http://www.mozilla.org/security/announce/2006/mfsa2006-74.html>

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Workaround
None, upgrade to a fixed version.

References
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fix 362512 issues

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#include "nsCOMPtr.h"
#include "nsIURL.h"
#include "mimeebod.h"
#include "prmem.h"
#include "nsCRT.h"
#include "plstr.h"
#include "prlog.h"
#include "mimeobj.h"
#include "nsFileSpec.h"
#include "nsEscape.h"
#include "msgCore.h"
#include "nsMimeStringResources.h"
#include "mimemoz2.h"
*/
#define MIME_SUPERCLASS mimeObjectClass
typedef struct MimeDefClass(MimeExternalBody, MimeExternalBodyClass,
                           mimeExternalBodyClass, &MIME_SUPERCLASS);

struct MimeExternalBody;
#ifdef XP_MACOSX
MimeObjectClass *extern MimeObjectClass mimeMultipartAppleDoubleClass;
#endif

extern MimeExternalBody static int MimeExternalBody_initialize (MimeObject *);
struct MimeExternalBody static int MimeExternalBody_finalize (MimeObject *);
MimeObject object; static int MimeExternalBody_parse_line (const char *, PRInt32, MimeObject *);
MimeHeaders *hdrs; static PRBool MimeExternalBody_displayable_inline_p (MimeObjectClass *clazz,
                           MimeHeaders *hdrs);

char *body;
#endif /* _MIMEEBOD_H_ */
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#include "msgCore.h"
#ifndef KMIME_ENCODED
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#endif
#endif
#ifndef KMAX_CNAME
#define KMAX_CNAME 64
#endif
class nsIUnicodeDecoder;
class nsIUnicodeEncoder;
class nsIStringCharSet;
#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C" {
#endif /* __cplusplus */
/*
 * Decode MIME header
 * Uses MIME_ConvertC
 *
 * @param header
 * @param default_charset
 * 8 bit data
 * @param override_charset
 * any charset labeling or
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static const char hexdigits[] = "0123456789ABCDEF";
static PRInt32
intlmime_encode_q(const unsigned char *src, PRInt32 srcsize, char *out)
{
    const unsigned char *in = (unsigned char *) src;
    const unsigned char *end = in + srcsize;
    char *head = out;

    for (; in < end; in++) {
        if (NO_Q_ENCODING_NEEDED(*in)) {
            *out++ = *in;
        } else if (*in == '_') {
            *out++ = '_';
        } else {
            *out++ = '=';
            *out++ = hexdigits[*in >> 4];
            *out++ = hexdigits[*in & 0xF];
        }
    }
    *out = '\0';
    return (out - head);
}

static void
encodeChunk(const unsigned char* chunk, char* output)
{
    register PRInt32 offset;
    offset = *chunk >> 2;
    *output++ = basis_64[offset];
    offset = ((*chunk << 4) & 0x30) + ((*chunk+1) >> 4);
    *output++ = basis_64[offset];
}
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1.26 josh%Author 2006-11-15 16:Date remove XP_Log from mailnews. b=281889 r=bienvenu
1.25 timeless%bienvenu%venture.com 2006-12-01 11:24 fix 362512 issues with rfc2047 encoding, sr=mscott
1.124 smontagu%smontagu.org 2006-10-18 00:49 Bug 147697: assertion every time I send mail: generate_encodedwords(), output_carryoverlen
1.24 gerv%gerv.net 2004-04-18 06:54 Bug 236613 must be >0, r=ducarroz, sr=bienvenu
1.23 gerv%123.cbiesinger%web.de 2004-12-11 2006-02-03 06:18 bug 183156 remove *UCS2* functions, replacing them with *UTF16* ones
1.22 cavin%netscape.com 2003-04-25 14:18 Fix for 20353: fix on apple single/double code for Mac OSX. r=ccarlen, sr=sfraser
1.21 timeless%mac.com 2002-07-04 04:51 Bug 155446 R=ducarroz, sr=darin
1.121 darin%meer.net 2004-11-01 10:50 eliminating uses of deprecated nsComponentManager methods (bug 267040), r=bsmedberg
1.20 cathleen%netscape.com 2002-02-19 00:42 eliminate nsCRT::strlcpy for char strings (part 5), bug 124530 R=bsmedberg
1.19 cathleen%netscape.com 2004-05-07 11:13 Bug #242065 --> "My Name" from account is ignored when email contains "special chars", full name extracted from email address
1.18 gerv%gerv.net 2001-09-28 13:07 Relicensing Round 1, Take 2. Most C-like NPL files -> NPL/GPL/LGPL. Bug 98089.
1.17 timeless%mac.com 2001-04-17 22:59 fix Bugzilla Patch by chay@gmox.net for naked ifdefs
r=dveditz, sr=scc
1.16 jgmyers%netscape.com 2001-01-09 22:11 cleanup, fix PR_TRUE/PR_FALSE refs; bug 63834 r=bryner sr=brendan@mozilla.org
1.19 gerv%gerv.net 2004-04-17 11:33 Bug 236613: change to MPL/LGPL/GPL tri-license.
1.15 warren%netscape.com 2000-10-28 15:15 Bug 47207: Backing out logging changes until we can fix stopwatch.h, introduce double landing patch for bug 234864 string branch landing resulted in large spike in heap allocations
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1.14 warren%netscape.com 2000-10-27 15:40 Bug 47207: (brad:A metric) r+sr=dbaron
1.13 rhp%netscape.com 2000-10-12 19:55 Bug 194139 #250147: bug 167265 add to necko Content-Disposition header handling per RFC 2231 (with
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                                     mimeExternalBodyClass, &MIME_SUPERCLASS);

struct MimeExternalBody {
#ifdef XP_MACOSX
    MimeObjectClass object;
    extern MimeObjectClass mimeMultipartAppleDoubleClass;
#endif
    extern MimeExternalBodyClass;
    static int MimeExternalBody_initialize (MimeObject *);
    static void MimeExternalBody_finalize (MimeObject *);
    static int MimeExternalBody_parse_line (const char *, PRInt32, MimeObject *);
    static int MimeExternalBody_parse_eof (MimeObject *, PRBool);
    MimeHeaders *hdrs;
    static PRBool MimeExternalBody_displayable_inline_p (MimeObjectClass *clazz,
                                                       MimeHeaders *hdrs);

    char *body;
};

#endif /* _MIMEEBOD_H_ */
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#include "msgCore.h"
#endif

#ifndef KMAX_CSNAME
#define KMAX_CSNAME 64
#endif

class nsIUnicodeDecoder;
class nsIUnicodeEncoder;
class nsIStringCharSet;

#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C" {
#endif /* __cplusplus */

/*
 * Decode MIME header
 * Uses MIME_ConvertC
 *
 * @param header
 * @param default_charset
 * @param 8bit data
 * @param override_charset
 * @param charset labeling of header
 */
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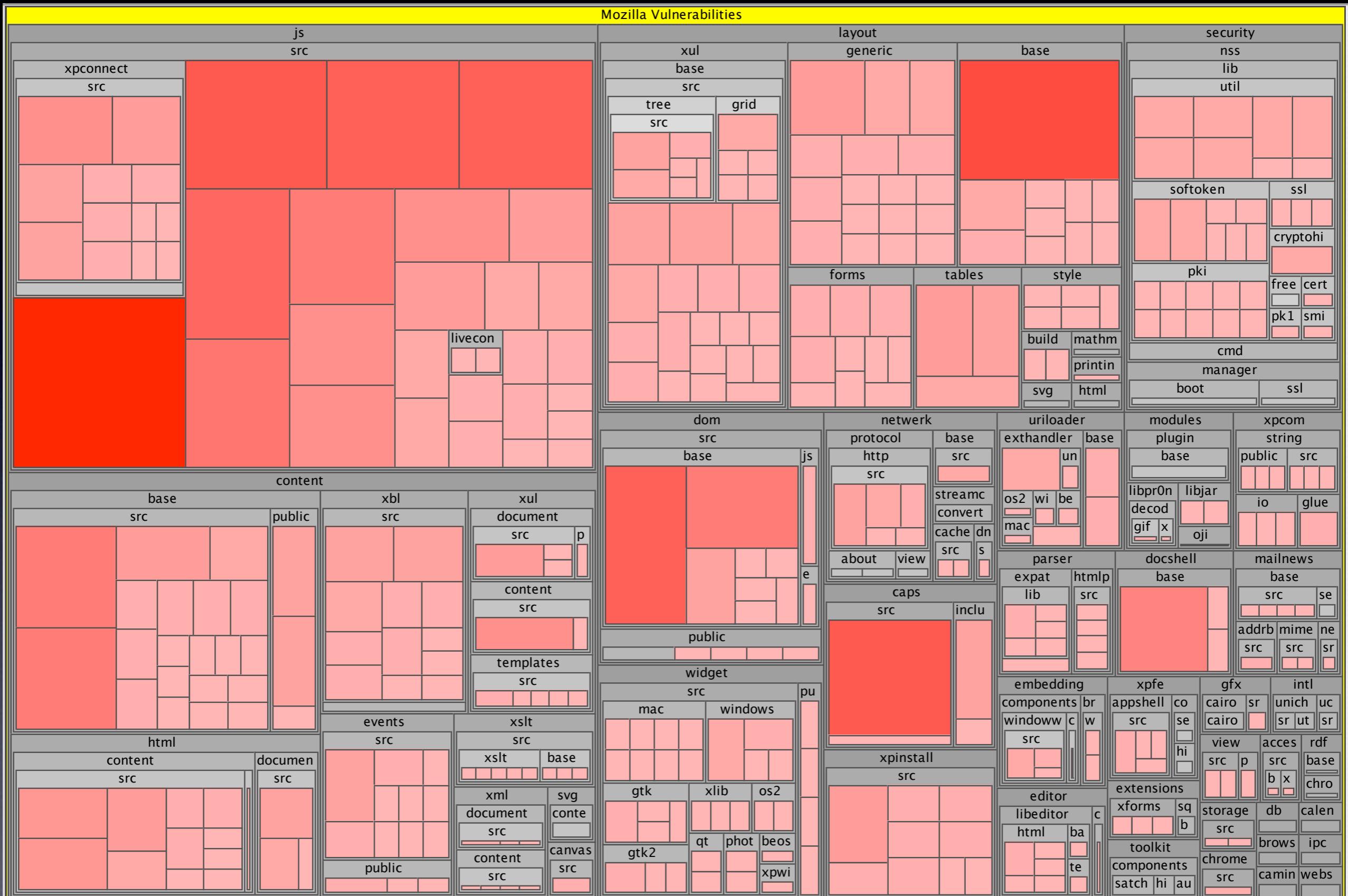
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10,452 components in Mozilla

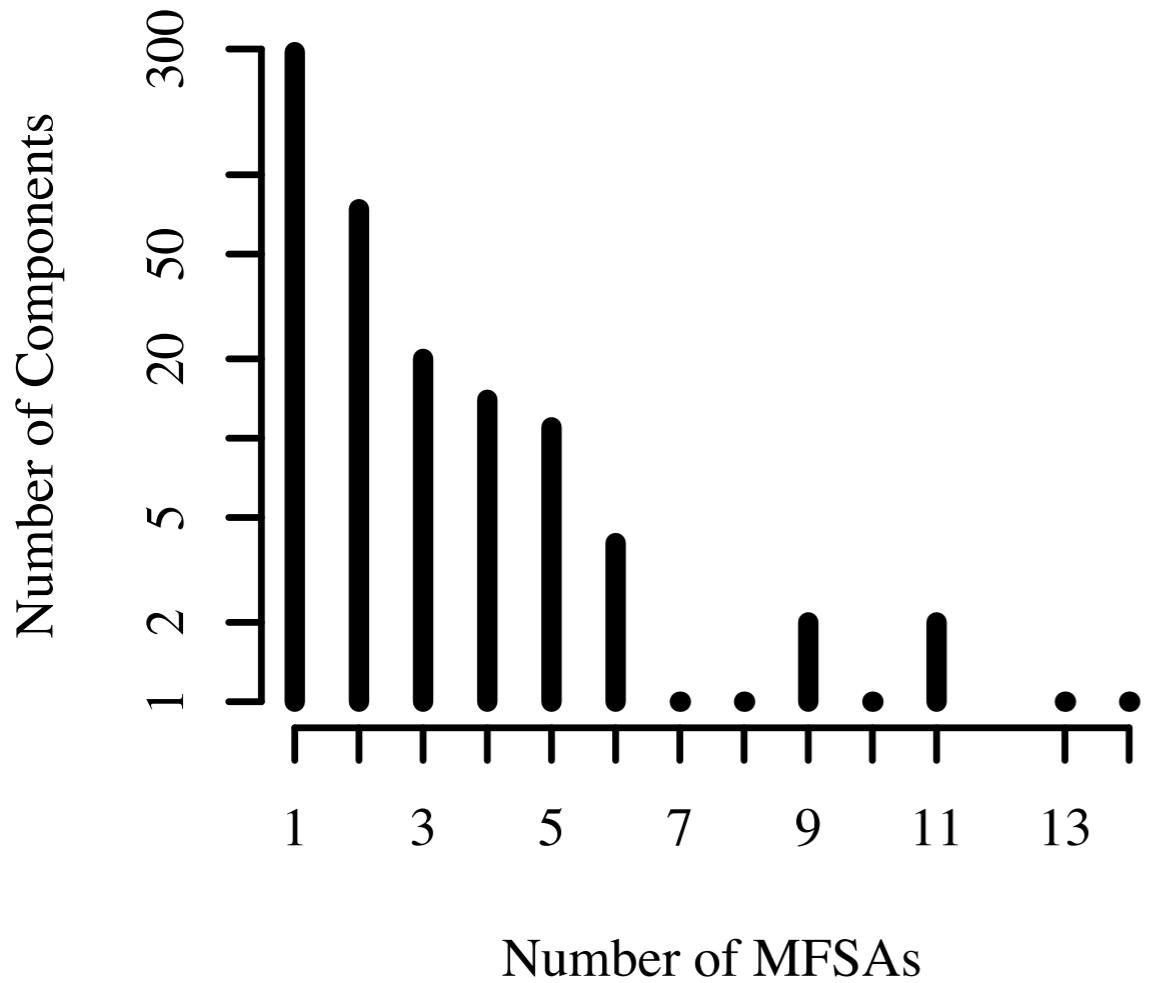
424 vulnerable components

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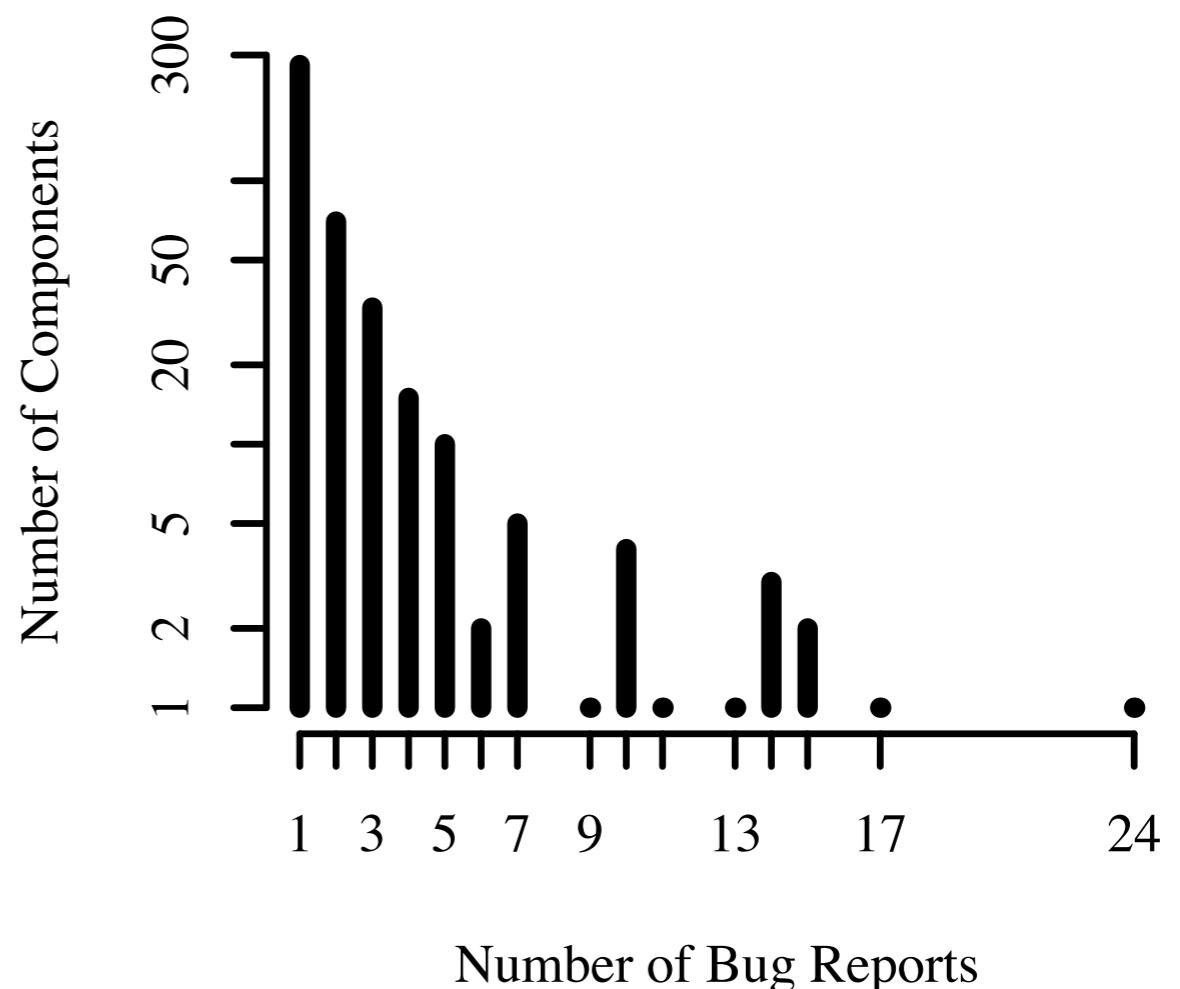




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Distribution of Bug Reports

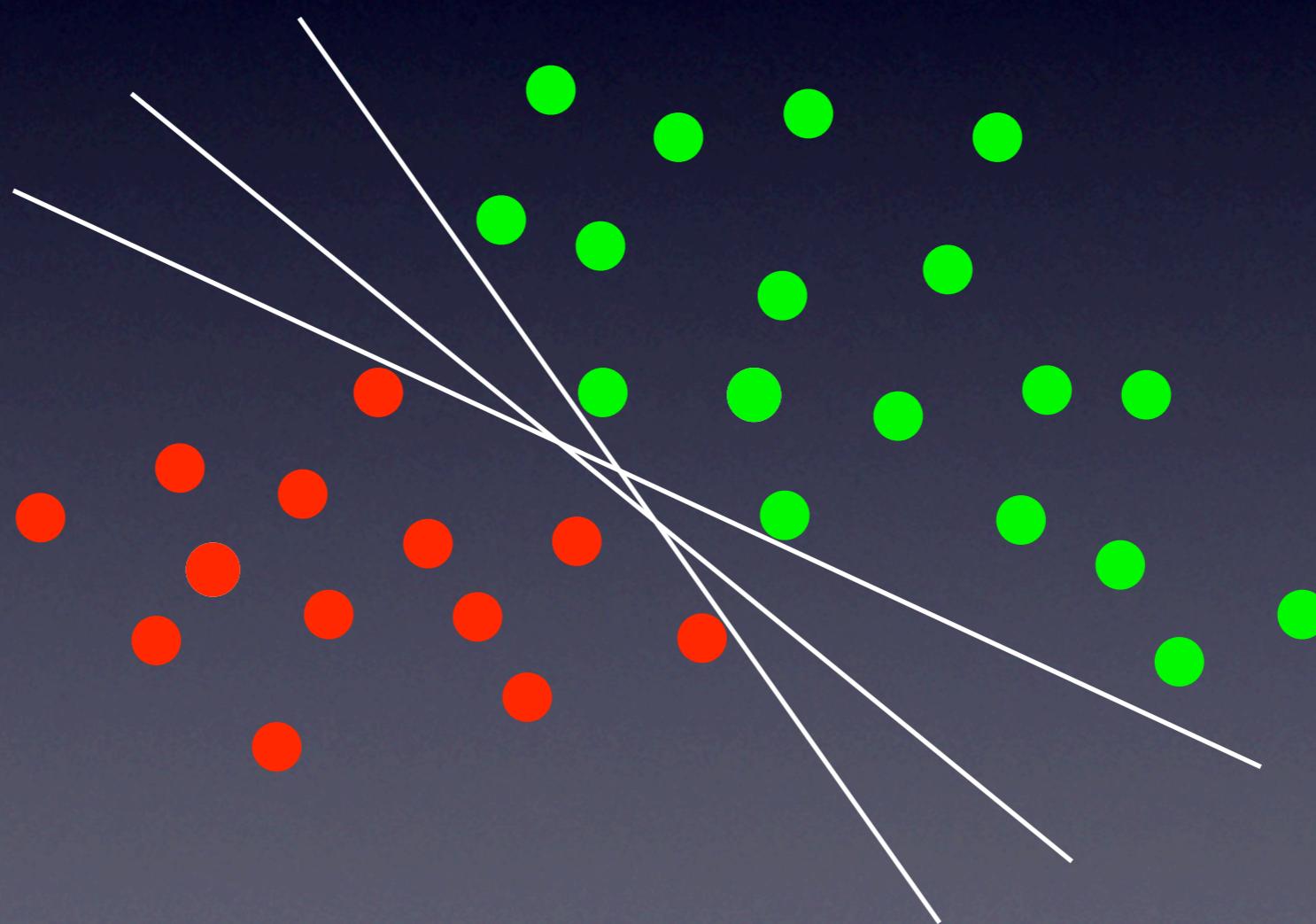


Imports

- 9,066 imports
- 79,541 import relations (x imports y)
- Takes about five minutes to compute

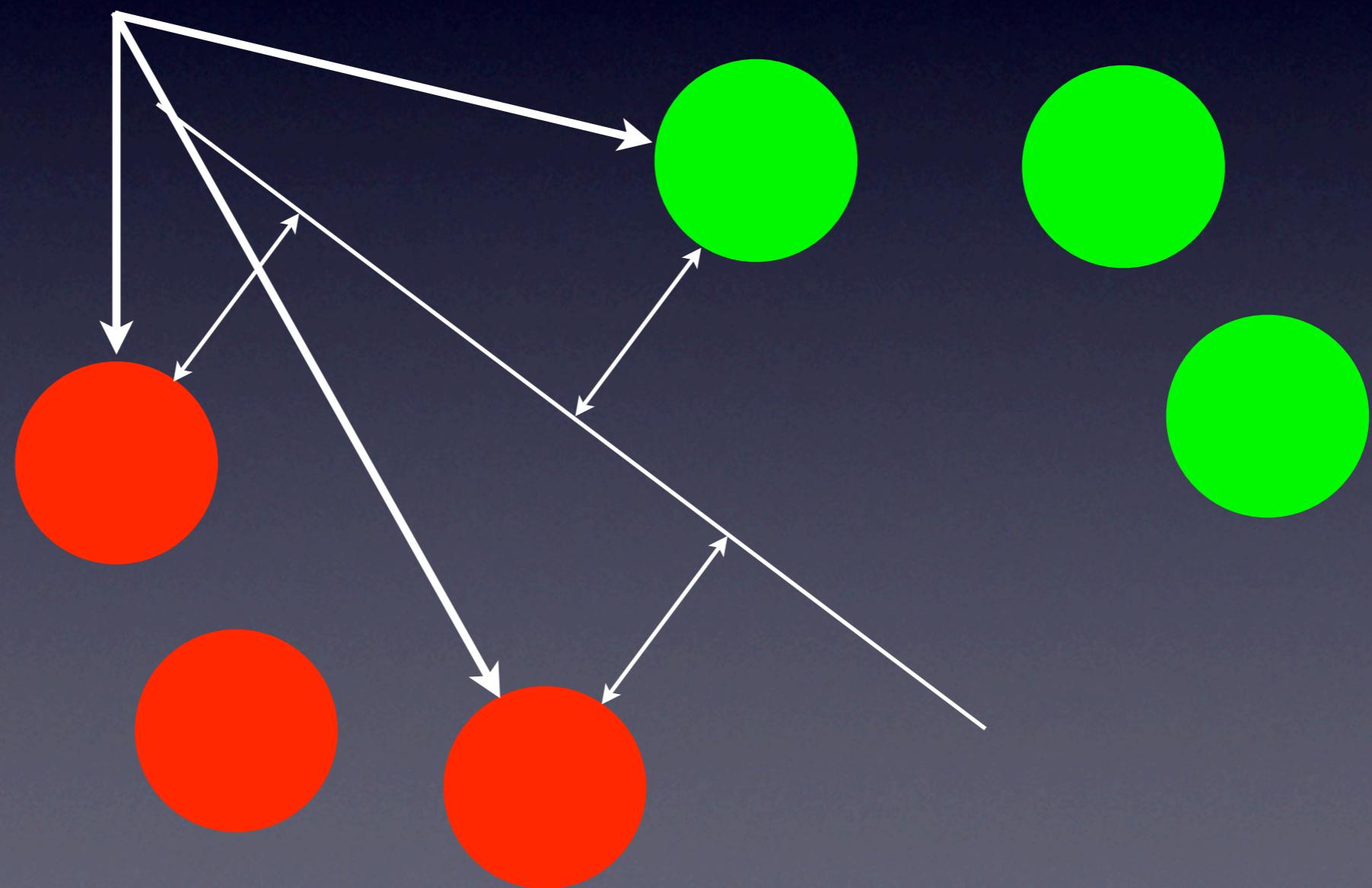
Results
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Support Vector Machines

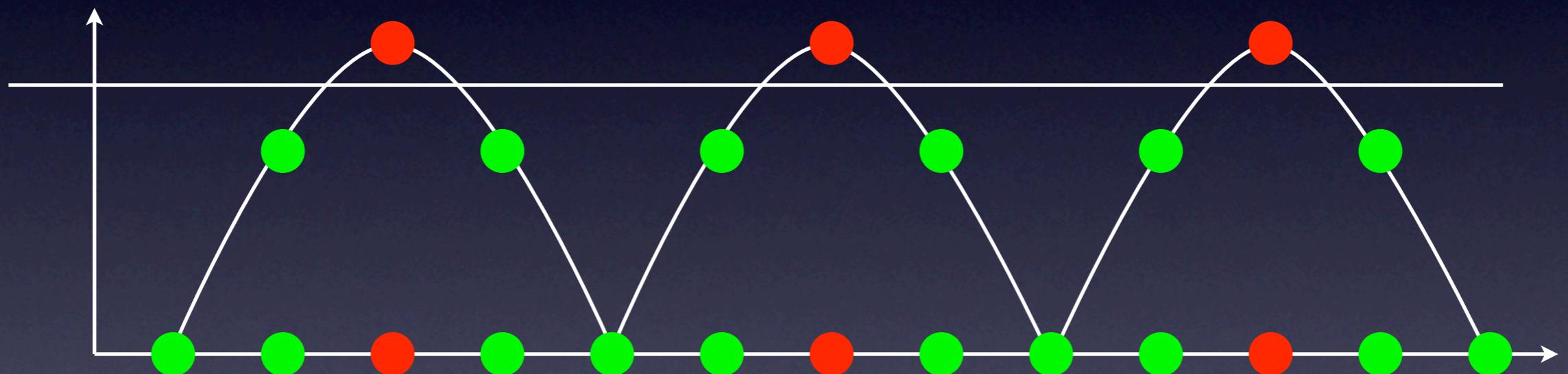


Support Vector Machines

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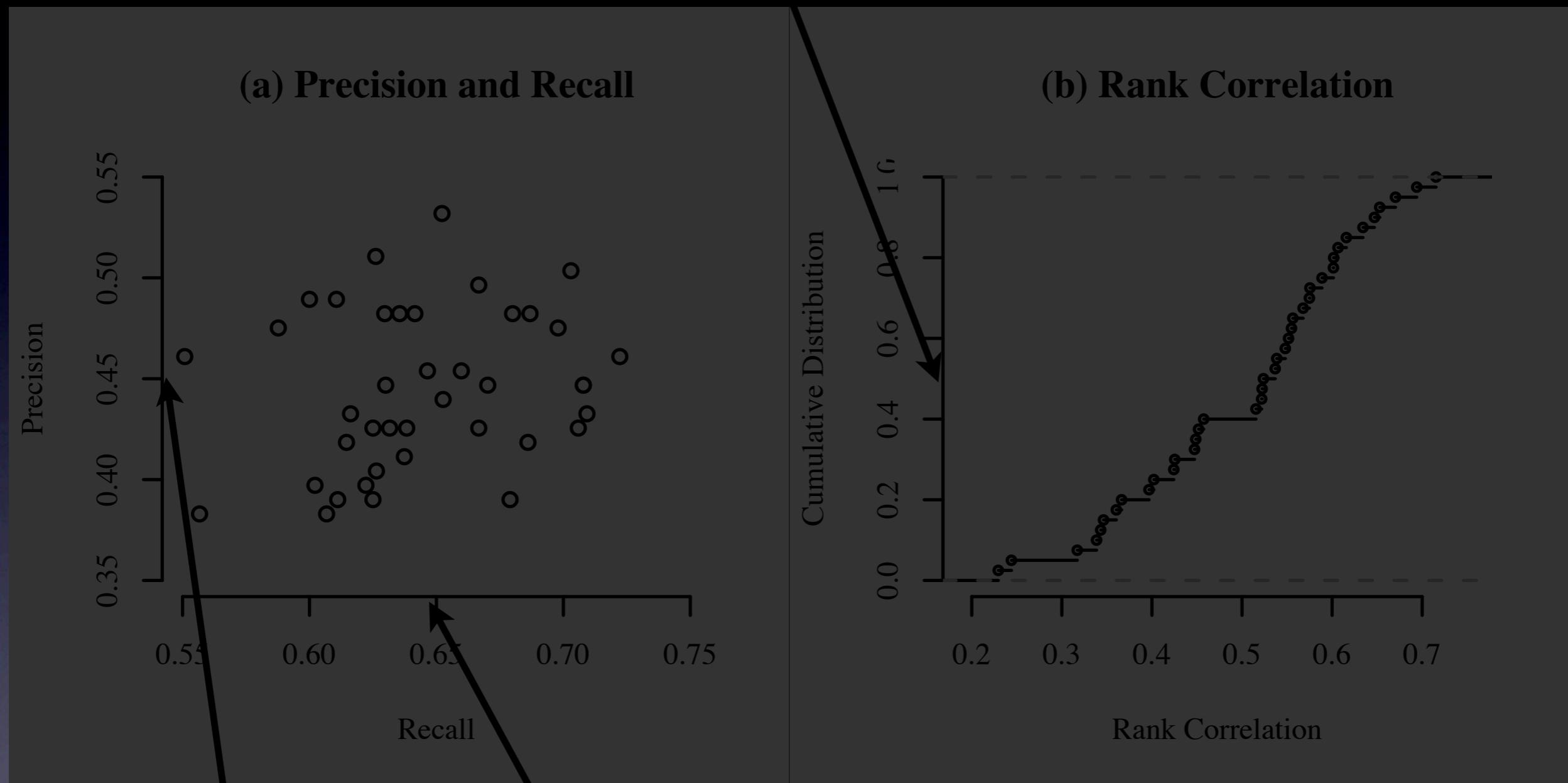


Results
Now!

Experiments

- 40 random splits
6,968 rows in training set, 3,484 rows in validation set
- Classification
Train SVM, compute recall and precision
- Regression
Train SVM, compute rank correlation on top 1%
- SVM: linear kernel with default parameters
R implementation (up to 10GB of main memory)

moderately strong correlation (mostly significant at $p < 0.01$)



2/3 of all vulnerable components detected

45% (about 1/2) of predictions correct

Similar Results for Bugs



Packages + Import relationships
(Schröter et al, ISESE 2006)

Precision: 66.7% Recall: 69.4%



Binaries + Dependencies
(Zimmermann/Nagappan @ Microsoft Research, 2006)

Precision: 64.4% Recall: 75.3%

Predicted Rank	Component	Actual Rank
1	nsDOMClassInfo	3
2	SGridLayout	95
3	xpcprivate	6
4	jsxml	2
5	nsGenericHTMLElement	8
6	jsgc	3
7	nsISEnvironment	12
8	jsfun	1
9	nsHTMLLabelElement	18
10	nsHttpTransaction	35