



CoBaSSA 2005

First International Workshop on Code Based Software Security Assessments

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Why this workshop?

- We're increasingly dependent on software
 - automation of everyday (business) processes
 - but also PDAs, phones, TV, PVR, cars, ...
- Threats from malware and exploits increase
 - products made extensible and adaptable by software
- Need measures to detect and prevent (potential) security issues
- 20 participants (50/50 industry/academia)

Topics

- *Best Practices for Secure Coding*
- *Pattern Matching Security Properties*
- *Hardware-based Control Flow Monitoring*
- *Use Diskdrive CPU for Malware Detection*
- *Adversarial Software Analysis*
 - *“Reverse engineering unfriendly code”*
- **Identified Top 10 of Open Issues**
 - from 60 issues collected by participants

Identified Top 10 of Open Issues

1. Tools that support software security certification (e.g. CC)
2. Mitigate attacks that make use of physical environment
3. Adopt/adapt existing approaches for source code analysis to the binary/assembly level
4. Maintaining performance when applying security measures
5. Transforming legacy code into safe code
6. Severity based ranking detected security issues
7. Metrics for vulnerability assessment
8. Improve C/C++ compilers so they flag or fix unsafe code
9. Take advantage of “reuse” in malware (“fingerprinting”)
10. Detect&prevent invalid memory read and write operations



Likely to
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