

Motivation? Ethereum loves Go



Ethereum has a significant dependance on Go projects

- Client Diversity Stats (clientdiversity.org - Oct, 4th 22)
 - Geth accounts for 82% of execution clients
 - Prysm accounts for 42% of consensus clients
 - Mev-boost accounts for 48% of blocks (mevboost.org - Oct, 6th 22)
 - is the currently the only production ready open source MEV subscription client

These projects are systemically important for the ethereum network

- Important stuff is worth manual review - let's just have them audited :)
- We do!
- The projects are “moving targets” with regular updates (~6 months between hard forks)
- Some of the projects are very large
 - **Must run:** beacon chain, execution chain, both layers have their own peer-to-peer networks, large optimized databases for both of the EL and CL clients, support all validator duties, the mempool... etc.
 - Don't forget the entire EVM

```
davidthodore@Davids-MBP:~/repos/go_targets
→ go_targets ls -lah
total 0
drwxr-xr-x  7 davidthodore  staff   224B Oct  4 14:16 .
drwxr-xr-x  9 davidthodore  staff   288B Oct  4 14:13 ..
drwxr-xr-x 19 davidthodore  staff   608B Oct  4 14:15 go-boost-utils
drwxr-xr-x 57 davidthodore  staff   1.8K Oct  4 14:16 go-ethereum
drwxr-xr-x 29 davidthodore  staff   928B Oct  4 14:16 mev-boost
drwxr-xr-x 26 davidthodore  staff   832B Oct  4 14:16 mev-boost-relay
drwxr-xr-x 60 davidthodore  staff   1.9K Oct  4 14:04 prysm
→ go_targets gocloc .
-----
Language          files      blank      comment      code
Go                 3191       74263      82551       583252
JSON              191         11         0          287370
Markdown          102        2161         0           8382
JavaScript         35        1900       4748       8209
C Header           54        1052       2102       7746
C                  14         665        506       5849
Protocol Buffers   45        1315       2444       4472
Assembly           7          708        722       2852
BASH               32         405        321       2479
YAML               22         101        164       1824
Plain Text         21          43         0           830
M4                 4           79         99         649
HTML               2           59         10         457
NSIS               5           86        154         446
Java               4          143        187         438
Solidity           4          127        197         373
Makefile           5           78         6          321
Python             2           56         54         228
Batch              1           19         7          164
Bourne Shell       7           30        41          157
PowerShell         1           21         8           98
TOML               1           6          0           20
-----
TOTAL              3750      83328     94321     916616
-----
→ go_targets
```

Just how large is the “Pure Go Ethereum Stack”?

- 3,191 Go files
- Excluding blank lines and comments:

583K lines of code

How can we harden Ethereum against its significant dependance on very large Go projects?

Go thread sanitizer

- Compile with “go build -race ./...”
- Run it **Nosy Neighbor**, gosec
- ++ ASAN, MSAN
- Running on Ropsten, Sepolia, Prater/Goerli

Understand Go's Security Implications

- Memory Safety (for the most part)
- Common mistakes in Go
 - Infinite Recursive Calls
 - Assignment to a nil map
 - Methods that modify receivers
 - “Shadow variables”
- Race Conditions
- Many more

-Queryable
-Testable
-Nosy Neighbor

```
davidtheodore@Davids-MBP:~/repos/nosy-v2
→ nosy-v2 git:(go-types-rewrite) go run . --init target_configs/prysm.yaml
Initializing target repo...
Name: prysm
URL: https://github.com/prysmaticlabs/prysm.git
Branch: develop

Creating docker container for target...

BUILDKIT=1 docker build -t nosy-neighbor -f nosy-fuzzer.Dockerfile .
Cannot connect to the Docker daemon at unix:///var/run/docker.sock. Is the docker daemon running?

Creating target asset directory @ /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/prysm
mkdir -p /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/prysm
```


We have everything we need to automate fuzz harness generation!

- AST is exposed via go/parser, go/ast
- Fuzzing is natively supported and very easy!
- Strong type attributes are exposed via go/types
- Test Corpora is seeable, saveable, automatically supported
- Easy to fix up imports when editing Go
- Crashes automatically save off offending cases
- What can we do?
 - No need for healthchecker routines or worrying about fuzzer destroying itself
 - Errors are descriptive
 - Automatically coverage guided

Fuzz
test

Fuzz
target

```
user@desktop: ~/temp

1: *ast.IfStmt {
  If: 9:2
  Cond: *ast.BinaryExpr {
    X: *ast.BinaryExpr {
      X: *ast.Ident {
        NamePos: 9:5
        Name: "x"
        Obj: *(obj @ 72)
      }
      OpPos: 9:7
      Op: >
      Y: *ast.BasicLit {
        ValuePos: 9:9
        Kind: INT
        Value: "2"
      }
    }
  }
}

func FuzzFoo(*testing.F) {
  f.Add(1, "hello")
}

f.Fuzz(func(t *testing.T, i int, s string) {
  out, err := Foo(i, s)
  if err != nil || out != "" {
    t.Errorf("%v", out, err)
  }
})

Body: *ast.BlockStmt {
  Lbrace: 9:21
  List: []ast.Stmt (len = 1) {
    0: *ast.ReturnStmt {
      Return: 10:3
      Results: []ast.Expr (len = 1) {
        0: *ast.BasicLit {
          ValuePos: 10:10
          Kind: INT
          Value: "5"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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Fuzzing
arguments



Introducing Nosy Neighbor

Nosy has three main steps to go from a repo URL to fuzzing

1. Initialization
2. Harness Generation
3. Fuzzing

```
davidtheodore@Davids-MBP:~/repos/nosy-v2
→ nosy-v2 git:(go-types-rewrite) go run .
Please provide an action and a target YAML file
Actions:
    --init                initialize a target environmnet
    --generate-harness    generate fuzz harnesses for the target
    --fuzz                fuzz the target

Example usage:
# This will download the target repo
go run . --init target_configs/prysm.yaml

# This will parse the target source and gerenate
# the fuzz harnesses
go run . --generate-harness target_configs/prysm.yaml

# This will build the fuzzers and begin fuzzing the target
# in a docker container
go run . --fuzz target_configs/prysm.yaml
```

Nosy's Input: Target Config File

Input required for each step is a
YAML file that contains:

- Target repo github URL
- Granch
- Go version
- "Ignore" declarations
- Package substitutions - why?
 - NOP'ing signature check
 - Neutering caches
 - Supporting CGO, native crypto

```
vim target_configs/example_source.yaml

---
target_repo_name: nosy-v2-example
target_repo_url: https://github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example.git
target_repo_import_prefix: github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example
# this is what is declared in the first line of the target's go.mode file
target_mod_self_declaration: github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example
target_repo_branch: main
# use "go" for latest
go_version: go
harness_gen_deps:
  - go get golang.org/x/tools
  - go get golang.org/x/tools/internal/imports
  - go get golang.org/x/tools/internal/gocommand
  - go get gopkg.in/yaml.v2
ignore_packages:
ignore_functions:
ignore_types:
substitute_packages:
seconds_per_target_function: 10

-- INSERT --
```

Nosy In Action - Init

- Builds a docker container with
 - A valid \$GOROOT
 - Target repo & dependencies
 - Nosy dependencies
- Maps to target asset *fuzzing_directory* on host which holds
 - Entire go root that this container produces
 - Fuzzing scripts, corresponding outputs
 - Test corpora that finds new coverage
 - Test cases that cause crashes

```

davidthodore@Davids-MBP:~/repos/nosy-v2
→ nosy-v2 git:(go-types-rewrite) x go run . --init target_configs/example_source.yaml
Initializing target repo...
Name: nosy-v2-example
URL: https://github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example.git
Branch: main

Creating docker container for target...

BUILDKIT=1 docker build -t nosy-neighbor -f nosy-fuzzer.Dockerfile .
[+] Building 0.7s (11/11) FINISHED
=> [internal] load build definition from nosy-fuzzer.Dockerfile 0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 49B 0.0s
=> [internal] load .dockerignore 0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B 0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/golang:buster 0.7s
=> [1/7] FROM docker.io/library/golang:buster@sha256:403f38941d7643bc91f 0.0s
=> CACHED [2/7] RUN apt-get update 0.0s
=> CACHED [3/7] RUN apt-get install -y vim 0.0s
=> CACHED [4/7] RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y ca-certificates 0.0s
=> CACHED [5/7] RUN go install golang.org/dl/go1.18.6@latest 0.0s
=> CACHED [6/7] RUN go1.18.6 download 0.0s
=> CACHED [7/7] RUN mkdir /staging 0.0s
=> exporting to image 0.0s
=> => exporting layers 0.0s
=> => writing image sha256:90f8bcbcb3c212ac5326cedbd4bb877359299cebd86b 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/nosy-neighbor 0.0s

Use 'docker scan' to run Snyk tests against images to find vulnerabilities and learn how to
fix them

Creating target asset directory @ /Users/davidthodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-
v2-example

mkdir -p /Users/davidthodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example

Generating target's initialization script:

REPO_URL="https://github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example.git"
BRANCH="main"
REPO_PREFIX="github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example"
rm /go/src/github/* -rf
```

Nosy In Action - Generate Harness

- Copies various scripts into target's asset directory
- Spits out a one-liner that runs inside the fuzzing environment container
- Generates fuzz harnesses for all packages in the target repo

```
davidtheodore@Davids-MBP:~/repos/nosy-v2
→ nosy-v2 git:(go-types-rewrite) ✕ go run . --generate-harness target_configs/example_source.yaml

Copying parsing routines and config to target's assets directory
cp -r /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/src /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example
cp target_configs/example_source.yaml /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example/src/config.yaml

Source parsing dependencies have been added to the targets asset directory.
Please run the following command:

docker run -it --workdir /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/ -v /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example/go:/go -v /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example/src:/src nosy-neighbor /src/gen_harness.sh

→ nosy-v2 git:(go-types-rewrite) ✕ docker run -it --workdir /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/ -v /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example/go:/go -v /Users/davidtheodore/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example/src:/src nosy-neighbor /src/gen_harness.sh
main
/go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example

go-fuzz-fill-utils: created Fuzz_Nosy_test.go
secondary
/go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/includes

go-fuzz-fill-utils: created includes/Fuzz_Nosy_test.go
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davidtheodore@Davids-MacBook-Pro: ~/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example/go/src/github.com/infosecual/nos...
→ nosy_fuzz_dir git:(go-types-rewrite) x cat fuzz_target.sh
echo "Fuzzing function Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_DecodeHex__ for 10 seconds"
cd /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example
go test -fuzz=Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_DecodeHex__ -fuzztime=10s
if [ -d "./testdata/fuzz" ]; then
    mv ./testdata/fuzz/* /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/nosy_fuzz_dir/
    rm -rf ./testdata/fuzz/*
    echo "cd /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example && go test -run=/go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/nosy_fuzz_dir/Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_DecodeHex__/"
fi
echo "Fuzzing function Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_DivideXByteByY__ for 10 seconds"
cd /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example
go test -fuzz=Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_DivideXByteByY__ -fuzztime=10s
if [ -d "./testdata/fuzz" ]; then
    mv ./testdata/fuzz/* /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/nosy_fuzz_dir/
    rm -rf ./testdata/fuzz/*
    echo "cd /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example && go test -run=/go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/nosy_fuzz_dir/Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_DivideXByteByY__/"
fi
echo "Fuzzing function Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_Print5thByte__ for 10 seconds"
cd /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example
go test -fuzz=Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_Print5thByte__ -fuzztime=10s
if [ -d "./testdata/fuzz" ]; then
    mv ./testdata/fuzz/* /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/nosy_fuzz_dir/
    rm -rf ./testdata/fuzz/*
    echo "cd /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example && go test -run=/go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/nosy_fuzz_dir/Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_Print5thByte__/"
fi
```

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sting: 16 (total: 16)
Ludes3      10.121s
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ing: 1 (total: 1)
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ing: 1 (total: 1)
sting: 1 (total: 1)
Ludes3      10.109s
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tal: 0)
g: 16 (total: 16)
5 (total: 16)
5 (total: 16)
16 (total: 16)
Ludes3      11.040s
```

Nosy In Action - Example Findings

- When crashes/panics/signals happen the offending test cases are copied to the target's asset directory
- The root cause of all of these crashes are copied from real bugs that Nosy found



```
● ● ● 1 davidtheodore@Davids-MacBook-Pro:~/repos/nosy-v2/fuzzing_directory/nosy-v2-example/go/src/github.com/infosecual...  
→ nosy_fuzz_dir git:(go-types-rewrite) x cat fuzzing.out | grep testing | grep panic  
testing.go:1356: panic: hex string without 0x prefix  
testing.go:1356: panic: runtime error: index out of range [-6148914691236517206]  
testing.go:1356: panic: runtime error: index out of range [5] with length 4  
testing.go:1356: panic: strings: Repeat count causes overflow  
→ nosy_fuzz_dir git:(go-types-rewrite) x  
-rwxr-xr-x  1 davidtheodore  staff    12K Oct 12 03:28 fuzz_target.sh  
-rw-r--r--  1 davidtheodore  staff    21K Oct 12 03:33 fuzzing.out  
→ nosy_fuzz_dir git:(go-types-rewrite) x
```


Nosy In Action - Example Findings

```
vim fuzzing.out

fuzz: elapsed: 0s, execs: 0 (0/sec), new interesting: 0 (total: 0)
fuzz: minimizing 3679-byte failing input file
fuzz: elapsed: 3s, minimizing
fuzz: elapsed: 5s, minimizing
--- FAIL: Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_RepeatNameXTimes__ (4.68s)
    --- FAIL: Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_RepeatNameXTimes__ (0.00s)
        testing.go:1356: panic: strings: Repeat count causes overflow
        goroutine 88715 [running]:
        runtime/debug.Stack()
            /usr/local/go/src/runtime/debug/stack.go:24 +0x124
        testing.tRunner.func1()
            /usr/local/go/src/testing/testing.go:1356 +0x254
        panic({0x261ce0, 0x2d4e00})
            /usr/local/go/src/runtime/panic.go:884 +0x20c
        strings.Repeat({0x400b368af0, 0x6b}, 0x6060606060606060)
            /usr/local/go/src/strings/strings.go:540 +0xdf0
        github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example.ComplexStruct.RepeatNameXTimes({{0x400b368af0, 0x6b}, {0x400b39ad80, 0xbd}, {0x400010ed30, 0x5c, 0x2d0}}, 0x3030303030303030)
            /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/target.go:81 +0xb4
        github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example.Fuzz_Nosy_ComplexStruct_RepeatNameXTimes__.func1(0x4007e517187, {0x400010ec00, 0x194, 0x400})
            /go/src/github.com/infosecual/nosy-v2-example/Fuzz_Nosy_test.go:108 +0x348
        reflect.Value.call({0x263880?, 0x2a20e0?, 0x13?}, {0x292eb5, 0x4}, {0x400b309ec0, 0x2, 0x2?})
            /usr/local/go/src/reflect/value.go:584 +0x688
        reflect.Value.Call({0x263880?, 0x2a20e0?, 0x400b3f64e0?}, {0x400b309ec0?, 0x0?, 0x400aff7ee0?})
            /usr/local/go/src/reflect/value.go:368 +0x90
        testing.(*F).Fuzz.func1.1(0x0?)
            /usr/local/go/src/testing/fuzz.go:337 +0x1d4
```

```
target.go — nosy-v2-example

target.go x
target.go > ...

77
78 func (c ComplexStruct) RepeatNameXTimes(x int) {
79
80     output := bytes.Buffer{}
81     output.WriteString(strings.Repeat(c.Name, x*2))
82     fmt.Println("Repeating struct name", x-1, "times")
83     fmt.Println(output.String())
84 }
85
86 // Decode decodes a hex string with 0x prefix.
87 func (c ComplexStruct) DecodeHex() {
88     dec, err := hexutil.Decode(c.HexRepresentation)
89     if err != nil {
90         panic(err)
91     }
92     fmt.Println("Decoded:", dec)
93 }
94
95 func (c ComplexStruct) Print5thByte() {
96     fmt.Println(c.RandomByteData[5])
97 }
98
99 func (c ComplexStruct) DivideXByteByY(x int, y int) {
100     fmt.Println(int(c.RandomByteData[x]) / y)
101 }
102
```

Example Fuzz Harnesses - Simple Function Function

go/testing already knows how to provide us with a good number of valid built-in types



The screenshot shows a vim editor window titled "vim Fuzz_Nosy_test.go". The code defines a fuzz harness function `Fuzz_Nosy_logValidatorWebAuth__` that takes a `*testing.F` object and calls `f.Fuzz` with a function that takes `validatorWebAddr string`, `token string`, and `tokenPath string` as arguments. The `f.Fuzz` call is on a single line. The editor status bar at the bottom indicates "-- INSERT --".

```
vim Fuzz_Nosy_test.go

func Fuzz_Nosy_logValidatorWebAuth__(f *testing.F) {
    f.Fuzz(func(t *testing.T, validatorWebAddr string, token string, tokenPath string) {
        logValidatorWebAuth(validatorWebAddr, token, tokenPath)
    })
}

-- INSERT --
```

Example Fuzz Harnesses - Method (and Receiver)

- go/testing does not support complex structures
- Public Nosy defaults to using Trail of Bit's go-fuzz-utils for filling complex types
 - github.com/trailofbits/go-fuzz-utils
 - Complex struct filling is recursive
 - Other fill methods are supported and configurable (fzgen, custom fill routines, nosy proprietary- not open source yet)

```
vim Fuzz_Nosy_test.go

func Fuzz_Nosy_AccountsCLIManager_Import__(f *testing.F) {
    f.Fuzz(func(t *testing.T, data []byte) {

        tp, fill_err := GetTypeProvider(data)
        if fill_err != nil {
            return
        }
        var acm *AccountsCLIManager
        fill_err = tp.Fill(&acm)
        if fill_err != nil {
            return
        }
        var ctx context.Context
        fill_err = tp.Fill(&ctx)
        if fill_err != nil {
            return
        }
        if acm == nil {
            return
        }

        acm.Import(ctx)

    })
}
```

-- INSERT --

Example Fuzz Harnesses - Custom Constructor

- Nosy supports custom constructors
- Shout out to fzgen for the idea (and a lot of the code)
 - <https://github.com/thepudds/fzgen>
- How does it know what can be used as an object's constructor?
 - Takes subfields as args, returns:
 - The target object
 - The target object, err
- Notice that Nosal generates valid typed args to the constructor and its method :)

```
vim Fuzz_Nosy_test.go
func Fuzz_Nosy_Keymanager_FetchValidatingPrivateKeys__(f *testing
.F) {
    f.Fuzz(func(t *testing.T, data []byte) {

        tp, fill_err := GetTypeProvider(data)
        if fill_err != nil {
            return
        }
        var c1 context.Context
        fill_err = tp.Fill(&c1)
        if fill_err != nil {
            return
        }
        var cfg *SetupConfig
        fill_err = tp.Fill(&cfg)
        if fill_err != nil {
            return
        }
        var c3 context.Context
        fill_err = tp.Fill(&c3)
        if fill_err != nil {
            return
        }
        if cfg == nil {
            return
        }

        km, err := NewKeymanager(c1, cfg)
        if err != nil {
            return
        }
        km.FetchValidatingPrivateKeys(c3)
    })
}
```

-- INSERT --

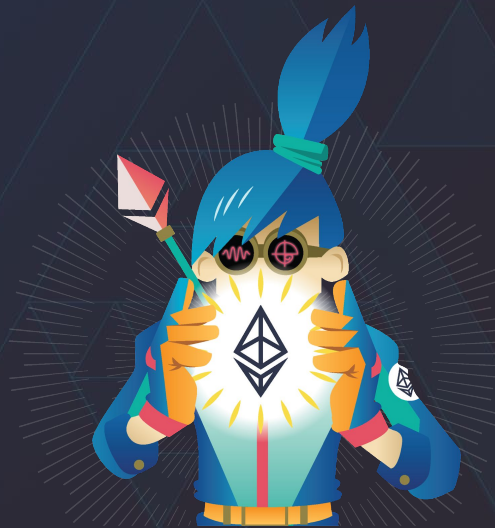
```

1: *ast.IfStmt {
  If: 9:2
  Cond: *ast.BinaryExpr {
    X: *ast.BinaryExpr {
      X: *ast.Ident {
        NamePos: 9:5
        Name: "x"
        Obj: *(obj @ 72)
      }
      OpPos: 9:7
      Op: >
      Y: *ast.BasicLit {
        ValuePos: 9:9
        Kind: INT
        Value: "2"
      }
    }
    OpPos: 9:11
    Op: &&
    Y: *ast.CallExpr {
      Fun: *ast.Ident {
        NamePos: 9:14
        Name: "pred"
        Obj: *(obj @ 11)
      }
      Lparen: 9:18
      Ellipsis: -
      Rparen: 9:19
    }
  }
  Body: *ast.BlockStmt {
    Lbrace: 9:21
    List: []ast.Stmt (len = 1) {
      0: *ast.ReturnStmt {
        Return: 10:3
        Results: []ast.Expr (len = 1) {
          0: *ast.BasicLit {
            ValuePos: 10:10
            Kind: INT
            Value: "5"
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```


Nosy's Evolution - Future Features

- Auto corpora bootstrap
 - Instrument all supported functions in regular use of the target
 - Fuzz functions as they are used in real time, mutating real calls
- Support Go Channel Objects
 - Would support significantly more functions
- Auto object fuzzing
 - Roundrobin all methods of an object
 - Detect race conditions easily
- Lock down container networking
- AST walk to
 - Pre-filter/neuter filesystem writes
 - Find chan objects, spoof their use
 - Conduct reachability analysis
- Add final task - test case minimization, coverage analysis



Nosy Neighbor - Open Source Soon™

Blame the snake - Broadbanded Copperhead



- Soon for real though - will open source within 24 hours
- Follow @infosecual github/twitter for repo links





Questions?

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