



Arachne: A Dynamic Weaver for legacy C Applications

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Arachne

Dynamic Adaptation of Applications

Target Applications :

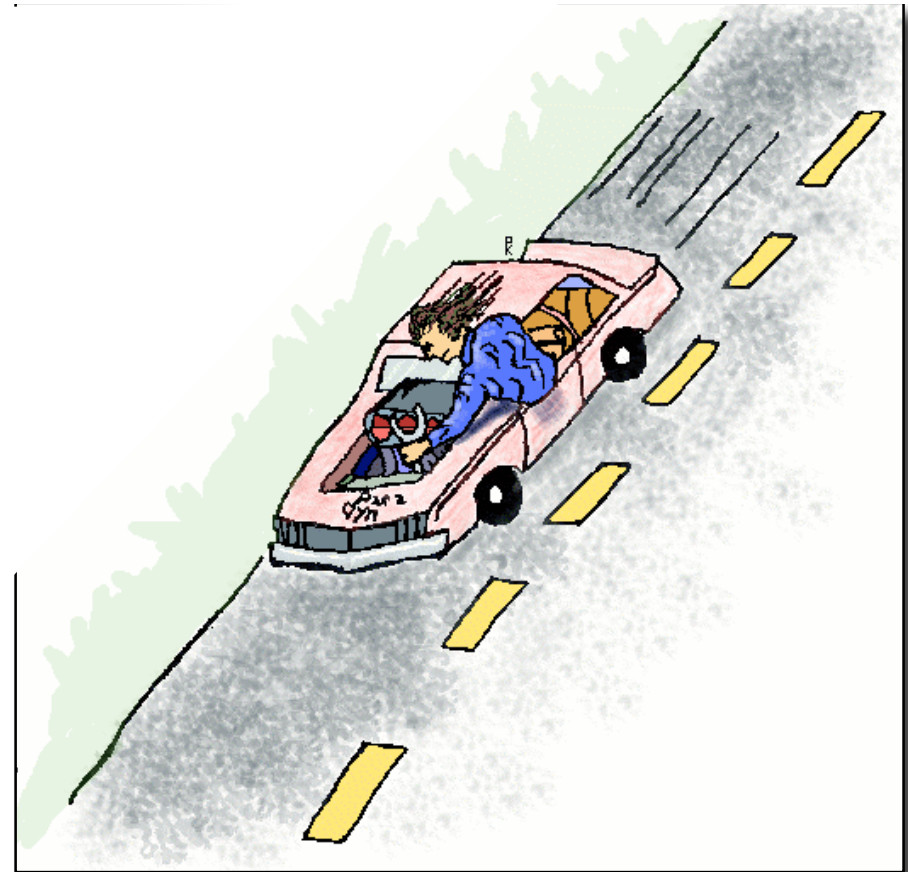
- Linux Kernel, Server web,
- Server ftp, demon, web cache...

Our constraints :

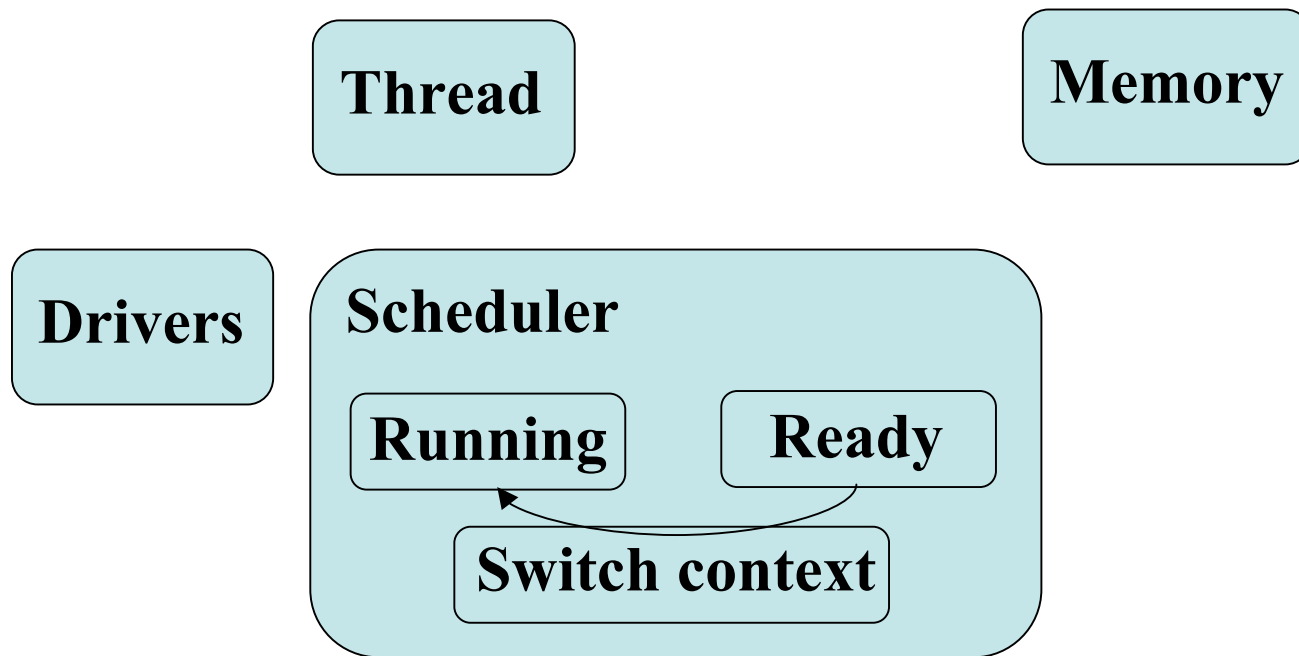
- C legacy code,
- Critical Performances,
- Uninterruptible

A Dynamic AOSD system for legacy applications written in C.

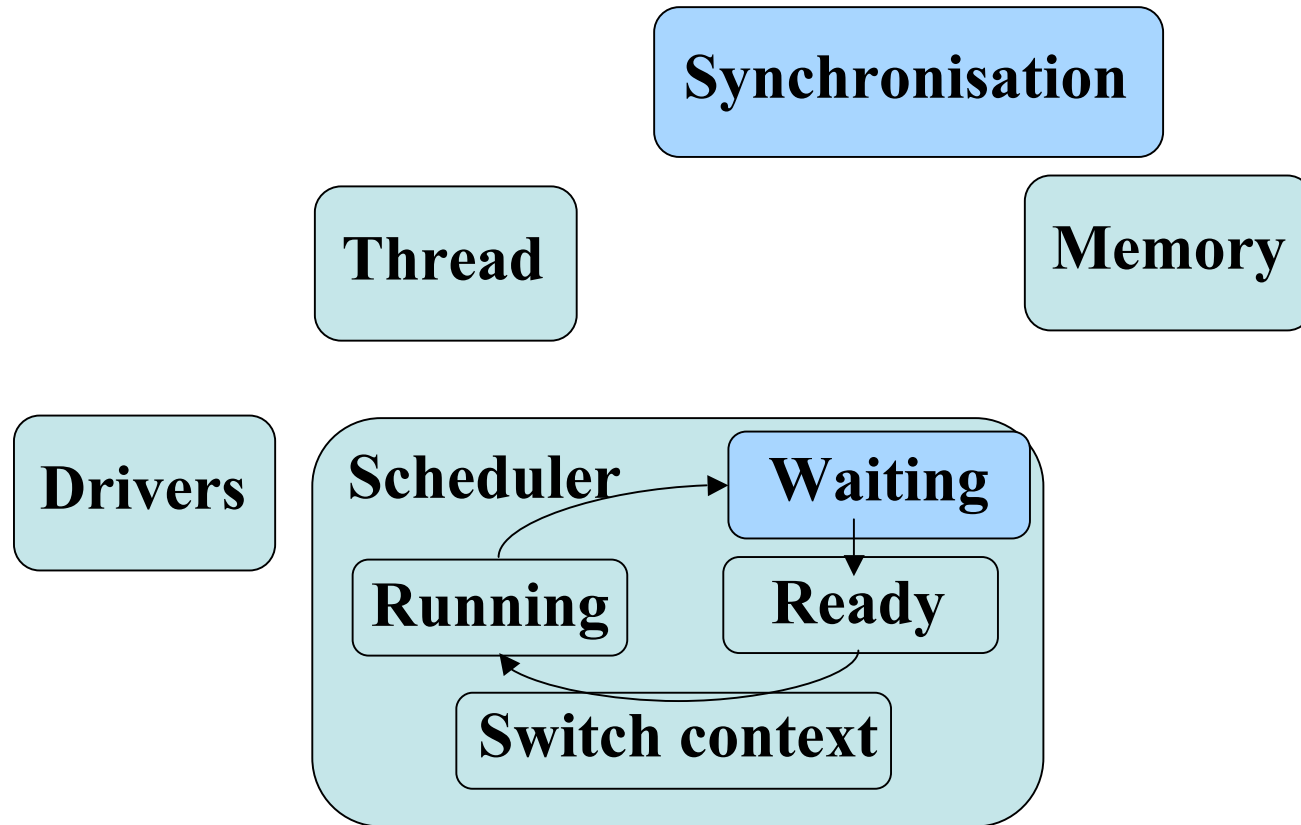
- Without source or binary code preparation
- Without service interruption
- Without performance loss
- By binary code rewriting



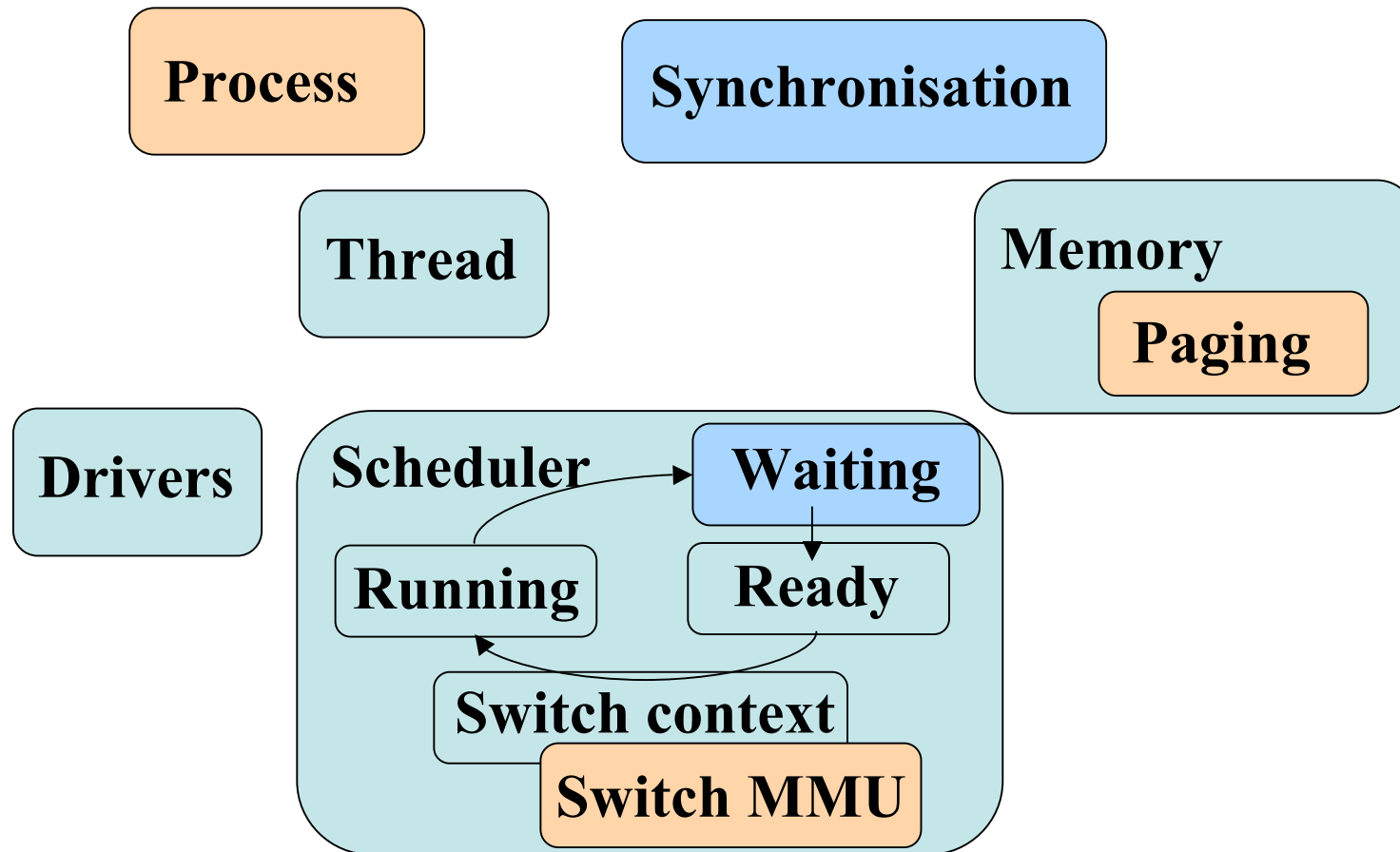
Os Construction



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Memory Manager in Embedded System

| Type | Persistente | Réinscriptible | Vitesse d'accès | Granularité | Durée de vie | Coût | Point |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ROM | Oui | Non | | Octet | Durée de vie | Très faible | <i>base</i> |
| PROM | Oui | Non | n/a | Octet | Illimitée | Faible | x 1-4 |
| EPROM | Oui | Oui (spécial) | n/a | Octet | Millions of write/erase | Faible | x 1-4 |
| EEPROM | Oui | Oui | Lecture : 100ns, écriture : 4 ms | Lecture : octet, Écriture : 1→4 octets | Millions of write/erase | Élevé | x 4 |
| SRAM | Non | Oui | few ns | Octet | Illimitée | Élevé | x 50 |
| DRAM | Non | Oui | 10-60 ns | Octet | Illimitée | Moyen | x 20 |
| Flash NOR (x16) | Oui | Oui | Lecture : 50 μ s/page (103 Mo/s), Écriture : 900ms (0.5 Mo/s) | Lecture : octet, Écriture : page (512→2048 octets) | Hundreds of thousands of Write/Erase | Moyen | x 2-3 |
| Flash NAND (x8) | Oui | Oui | Lecture : 100ns/page (20 Mo/s), écriture : 2ms/page (8 Mo/s) | Page (512→2048 octets) | Hundreds of thousands of Write/Erase | Moyen | x 2-3 |

AOP in few words

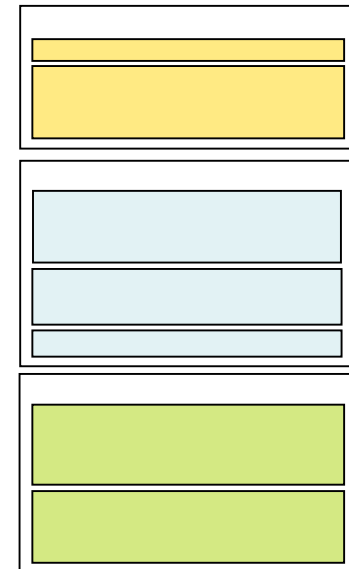
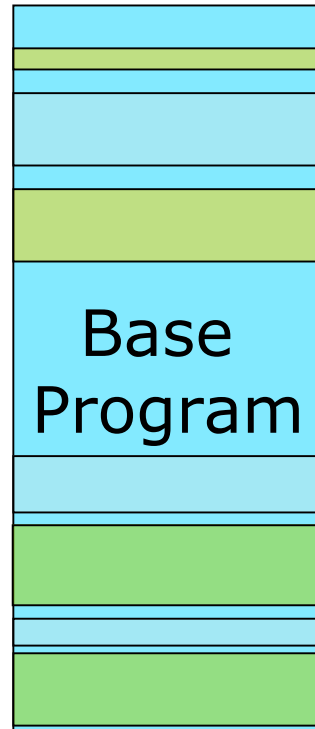
Base
Program



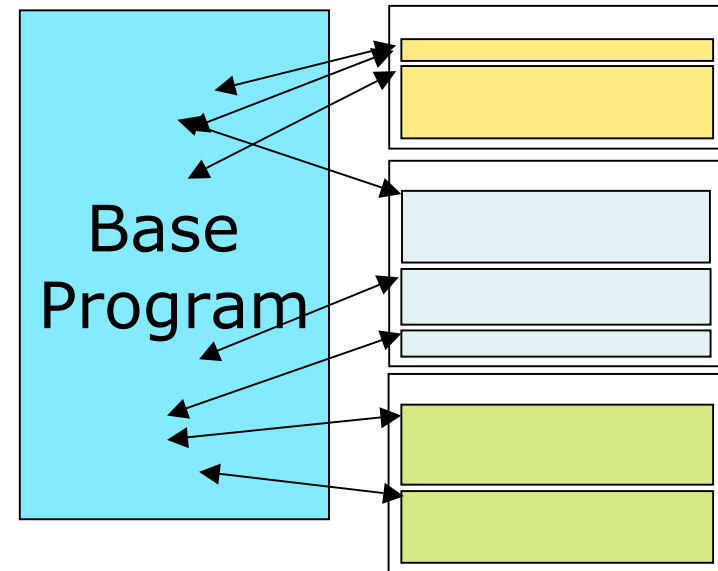
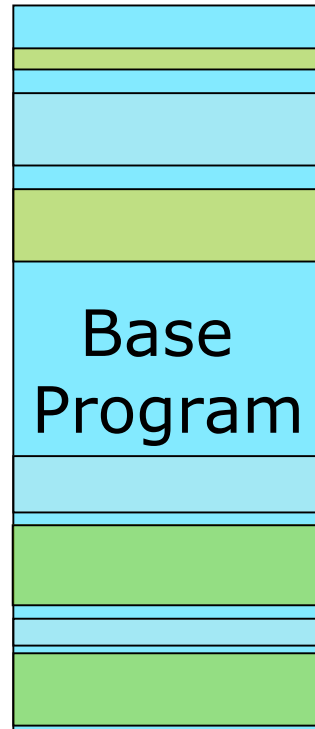
AOP in few words



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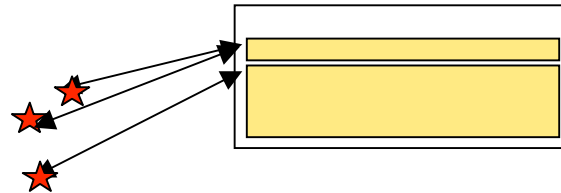


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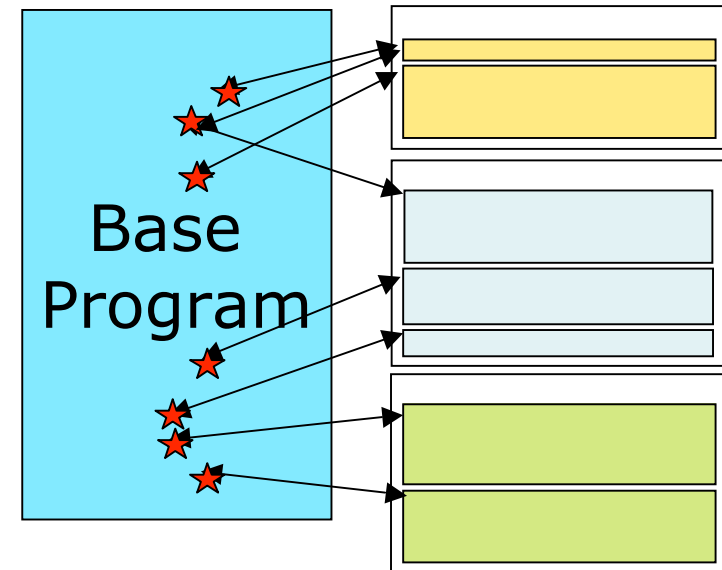
Arachne : EAOP Transposition for C

An Aspect



An Aspect with Arachne

- Joinpoint ★
 - Global variable read/write access
 - Function call
- Pointcut ↔
 - Logical operator
 - cflow à la AspectJ and seq
- Advice 
 - C and proceed



A concret exemple

```
...  
int *x ;  
x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int) * 4);  
if (x == NULL) {  
    /* routine to handle the case */  
    /* when memory allocation failed */  
}  
  
    /* routine for handling the normal case */  
...  

```

AOP Solution

```
after(void *s):call($ malloc(...)) && result(s) {  
    if ((char *)(s) == NULL) {  
        /* routine to handle the case */  
        /* when memory allocation failed */  
    }  
}
```

```
...  
int *x ;  
x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int) * 4);  
/* routine for handling the normal case */  
...
```

Arachne : Dynamic weaving

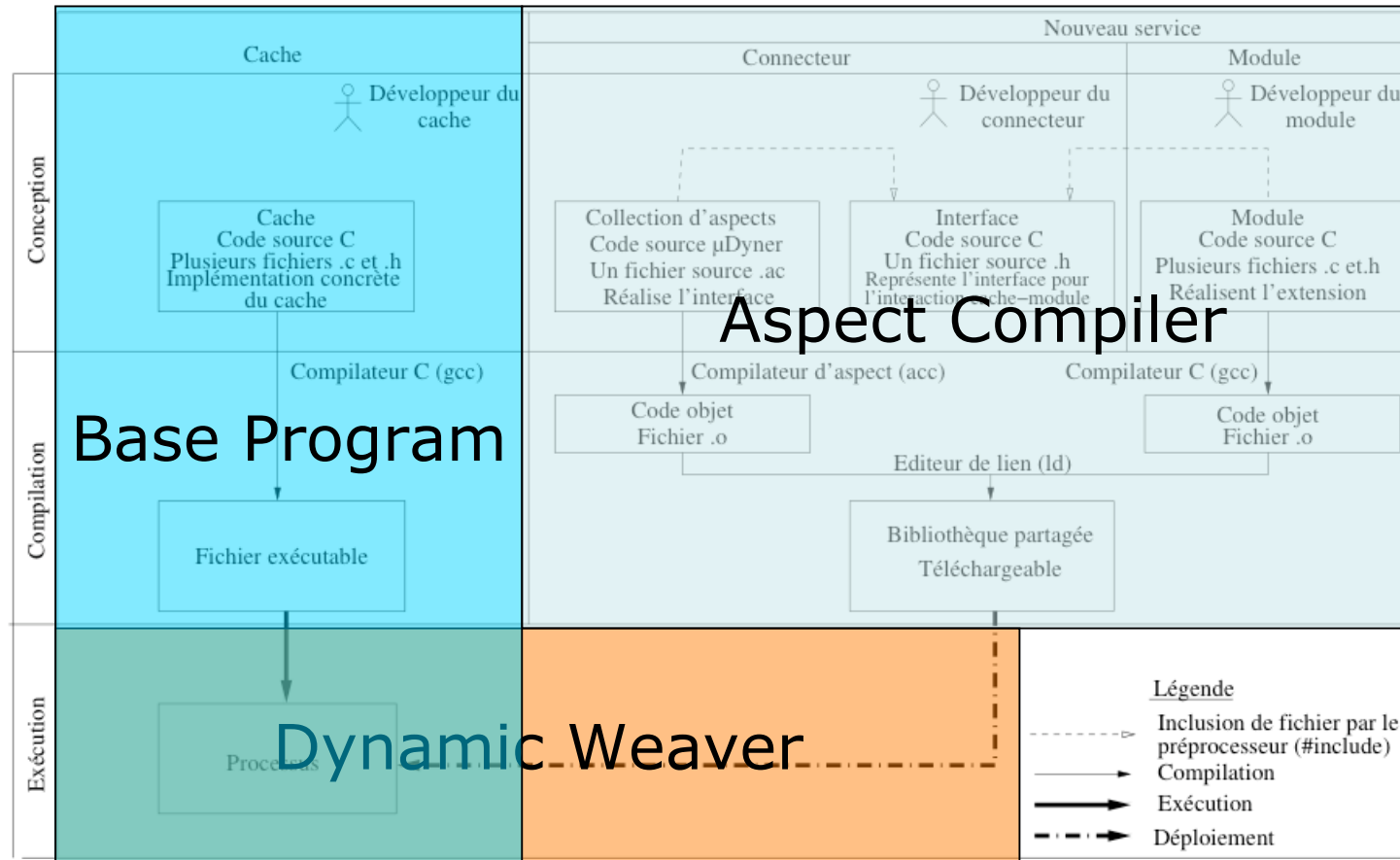
Pro

- Rebooting the kernel, which results in downtime and loss of state (e.g., all network connections)
- Can be activated and deactivated without the need to recompile
- Small amount of memory will be expended to store the replacement code

Cons

- Does not make semantic changes to the software persistent data structures

Aspect Life cycle



- Conception / Deployment / Execution
- Aspect Development
- Aspect weaving

BankAccount.c

```
int activity;
```

```
int deposit(char *name, int val) {  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");  
    fprintf (my_stream, "+%d\n",val);  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    activity += val;  
}
```

```
int withdraw(char *name,int val){  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");  
    fprintf (my_stream, "-%d\n",val);  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    activity += val;  
}
```

```
int transfert(char *from, char *to, int val) {  
    withdraw(from,val);  
    deposit(to,val);  
}
```

```
int balance(char *name){  
    int temp=0;  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "r");  
  
    while ( fscanf(my_stream,"%s\n",buf)>0) {  
        temp+=atoi(buf);  
    }  
  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    return temp;  
}
```


First Aspect : From Francs to Euros with tax

```
int activity;
```

```
iint deposit(char *name, int val) {  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");  
    fprintf (my_stream, "+%d\n",val);  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    activity += val;  
}
```

```
int withdraw(char *name,int val){  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");  
    fprintf (my_stream, "-%d\n",val);  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    activity += val;  
}
```

```
int transfert(char *from, char *to, int val) {  
    withdraw(from,val);  
    deposit(to,val);  
}
```

```
int balance(char *name){  
    int temp=0;  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "r");  
  
    while ( fscanf(my_stream,"%s\n",buf)>0) {  
        temp+=atoi(buf);  
    }  
  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    return temp;  
}
```

```
#include <arachne/aspect.h>
```

```
#define tax 10
```

```
aspect Activity ::  
    writeglobal (activity) && value(k)  
    then {  
        activity = k*6.56;  
    }
```

```
aspect Activity:::  
    readglobal (activite)  
    then {  
        return activity/6.56;  
    }
```

```
aspect tax_deposit ::  
    call (int deposit(char *name, int val))  
    )  
    then {  
        proceed( "TAX", tax);  
        proceed(name, val - tax);  
        return 0;  
    }
```

BankAccount

Relation between source code and binary code

```
iint deposit(char *name, int val) {  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");  
    fprintf (my_stream, "+%d\n",val);  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    activity += val;  
}
```

```
int withdraw(char *name,int val){  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");  
    fprintf (my_stream, "-%d\n",val);  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    activity += val;  
}
```

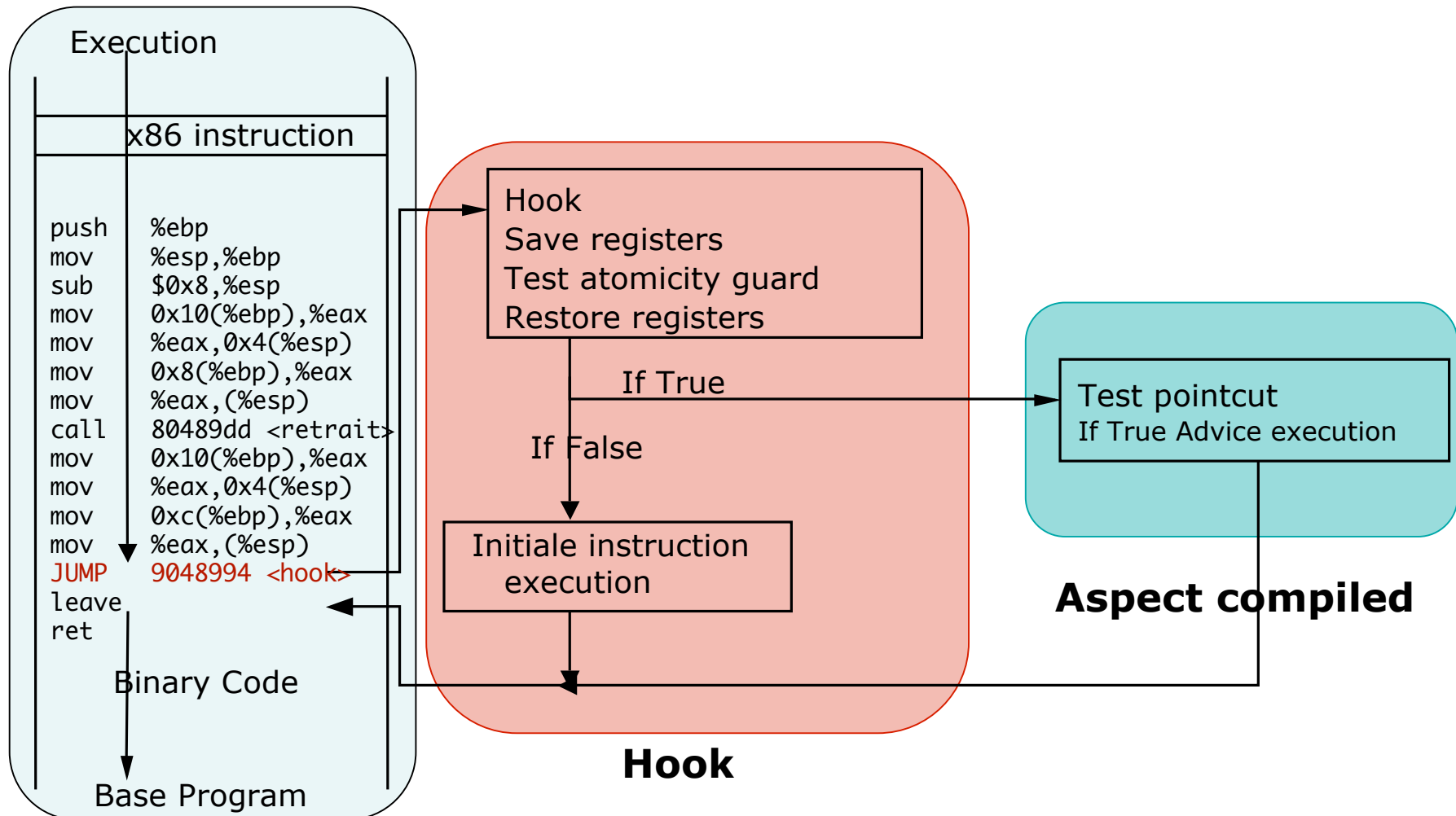
```
int transfert(char *from, char *to, int val) {  
    withdraw(from,val);  
    deposit(to,val);  
}
```

```
int balance(char *name){  
    int temp=0;  
    my_stream = fopen (name, "r");  
  
    while ( fscanff(my_stream,"%s\n",buf)>0) {  
        temp+=atoi(buf);  
    }  
  
    fclose (my_stream);  
    return temp;  
}
```

08048a95 <transfert>:

| | | | |
|----------|----------------|-------|--------------------|
| 8048a95: | 55 | push | %ebp |
| 8048a96: | 89 e5 | mov | %esp,%ebp |
| 8048a98: | 83 ec 08 | sub | \$0x8,%esp |
| 8048a9b: | 8b 45 10 | mov | 0x10(%ebp),%eax |
| 8048a9e: | 89 44 24 04 | mov | %eax,0x4(%esp) |
| 8048aa2: | 8b 45 08 | mov | 0x8(%ebp),%eax |
| 8048aa5: | 89 04 24 | mov | %eax,(%esp) |
| 8048aa8: | e8 30 ff ff ff | call | 80489dd <withdraw> |
| 8048aad: | 8b 45 10 | mov | 0x10(%ebp),%eax |
| 8048ab0: | 89 44 24 04 | mov | %eax,0x4(%esp) |
| 8048ab4: | 8b 45 0c | mov | 0xc(%ebp),%eax |
| 8048ab7: | 89 04 24 | mov | %eax,(%esp) |
| 8048aba: | e8 d5 fe ff ff | call | 8048994 <deposit> |
| 8048abf: | c9 | leave | |
| 8048ac0: | c3 | ret | |

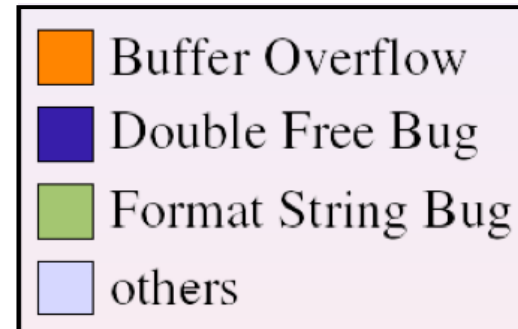
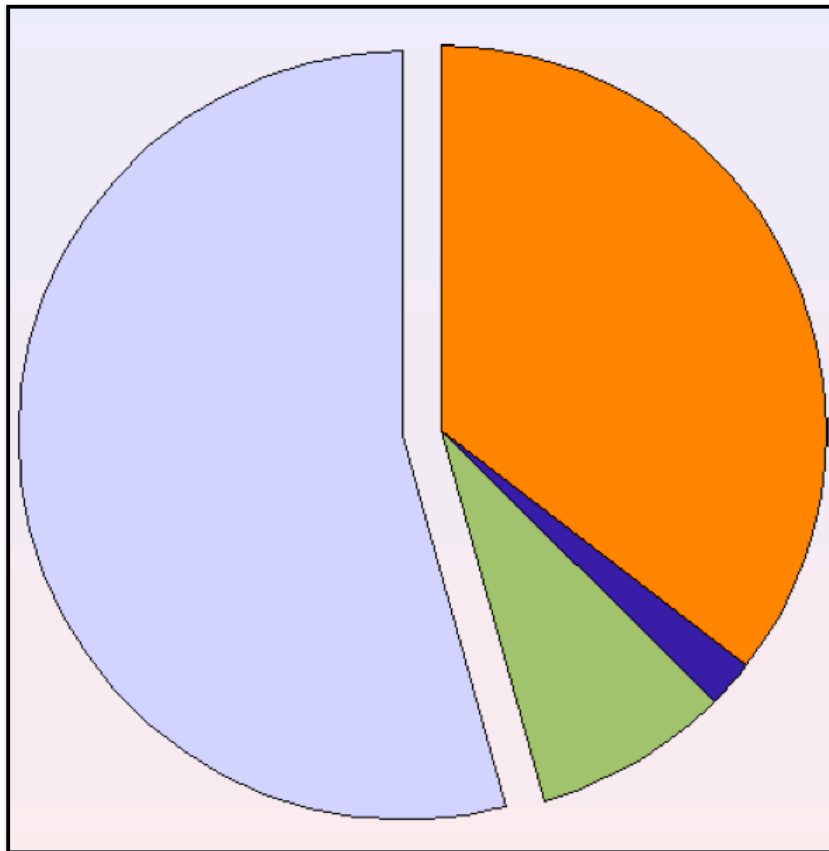
Weaving



Running Base program

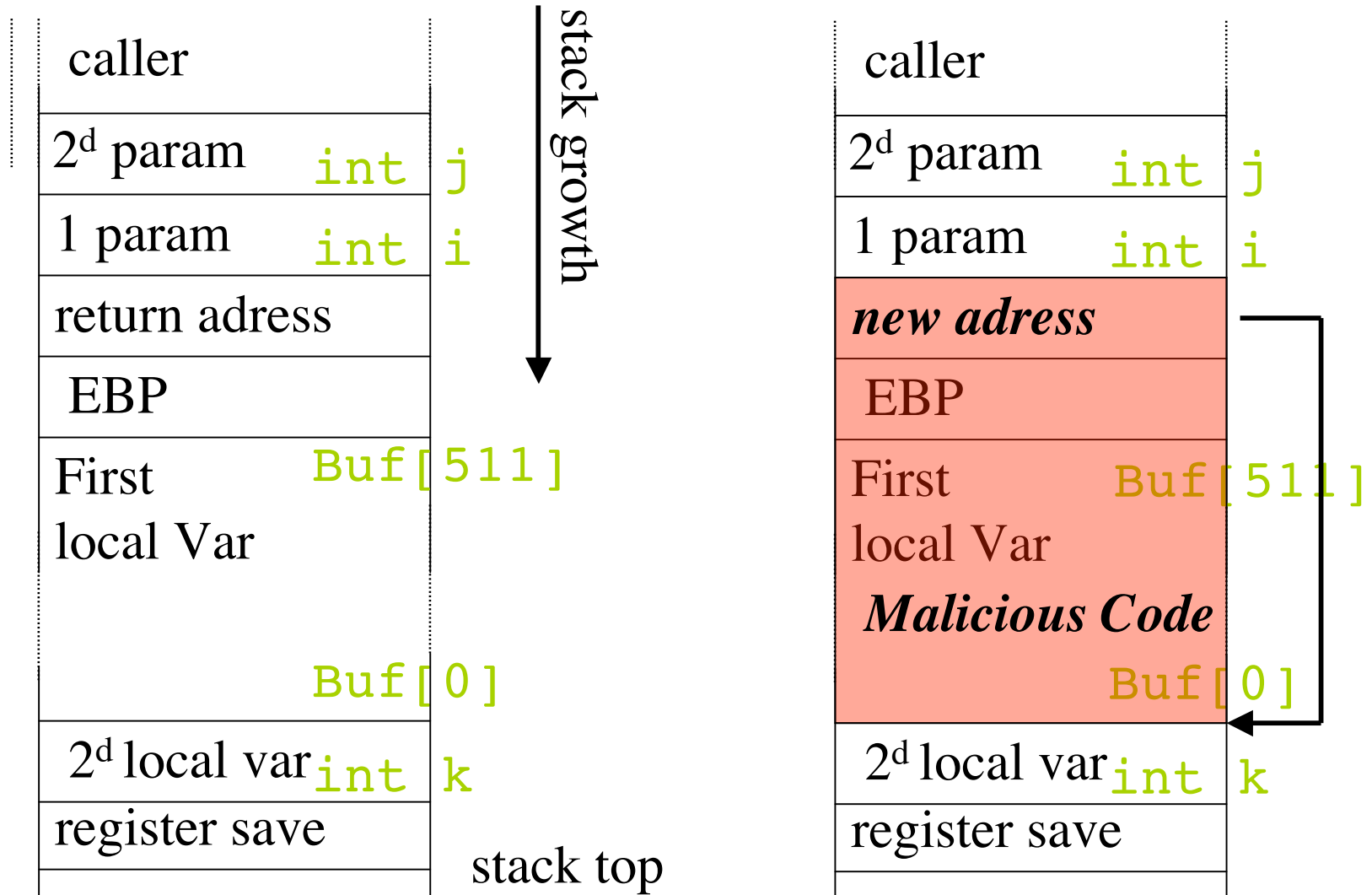
Application ?

C-related Bugs



Buffer overflow forensic

```
void func(int i, int j) {  
char buf[512];  
int k;
```



```

static void
ftpStateFree(int fdnotused, void *data)
{
    FtpStateData *ftpState = data;
    if (ftpState == NULL)
        return;
    debug(9, 3) ("ftpStateFree: %s\n", storeUrl(ftpState->entry));
    storeUnregisterAbort(ftpState->entry);
    storeUnlockObject(ftpState->entry);
    if (ftpState->reply_hdr) {
        memFree(ftpState->reply_hdr, MEM_8K_BUF);
        /* this seems unnecessary, but people report SEGV's
        * when freeing memory in this function */
        ftpState->reply_hdr = NULL;
    }
    requestUnlink(ftpState->request);
    if (ftpState->ctrl.buf) {
        ftpState->ctrl.freefunc(ftpState->ctrl.buf);
        /* this seems unnecessary, but people report SEGV's
        * when freeing memory in this function */
        ftpState->ctrl.buf = NULL;
    }
    if (ftpState->data.buf) {
        ftpState->data.freefunc(ftpState->data.buf);
        /* this seems unnecessary, but people report SEGV's
        * when freeing memory in this function */
        ftpState->data.buf = NULL;
    }
    if (ftpState->pathcomps)
        wordlistDestroy(&ftpState->pathcomps);
    if (ftpState->ctrl.message)
        wordlistDestroy(&ftpState->ctrl.message);
    if (ftpState->cwd_message)
        wordlistDestroy(&ftpState->cwd_message);
    safe_free(ftpState->ctrl.last_reply);
    safe_free(ftpState->ctrl.last_command);
    safe_free(ftpState->old_request);
    safe_free(ftpState->old_reply);
    safe_free(ftpState->old_filepath);
    stringClean(&ftpState->title_url);
    stringClean(&ftpState->base_href);
    safe_free(ftpState->filepath);
    safe_free(ftpState->data.host);
    if (ftpState->data.fd > -1) {
        comm_close(ftpState->data.fd);
        ftpState->data.fd = -1;
    }
    cbdataFree(ftpState);
}

```

```

static void
ftpListingStart(FtpStateData * ftpState)
{
    StoreEntry *e = ftpState->entry;
    wordlist *w;
    char *dirup;
    int i, j, k;
    char *title;
    storeBuffer(e);
    storeAppendPrintf(e, "<!-- HTML listing generated by Squid %s -->\n",
        version_string);
    storeAppendPrintf(e, "<!-- %s -->\n", mkrfc1123(squid_curtime));
    storeAppendPrintf(e, "<HTML><HEAD><TITLE>\n");
    storeAppendPrintf(e, "FTP Directory: %s\n",
        html_quote(strBuf(ftpState->title_url));
    storeAppendPrintf(e, "</TITLE>\n");
    if (ftpState->flags.use_base)
        storeAppendPrintf(e, "<BASE HREF=\"%s\">\n",
            html_quote(strBuf(ftpState->base_href));
    storeAppendPrintf(e, "</HEAD><BODY>\n");
    if (ftpState->cwd_message) {
        storeAppendPrintf(e, "<PRE>\n");
        for (w = ftpState->cwd_message; w; w = w->next)
            storeAppendPrintf(e, "%s\n", html_quote(w->key));
        storeAppendPrintf(e, "</PRE>\n");
        storeAppendPrintf(e, "<HR>\n");
        wordlistDestroy(&ftpState->cwd_message);
    }
    storeAppendPrintf(e, "<H2>\n");
    storeAppendPrintf(e, "FTP Directory: ");
    /* "ftp://" == 6 characters */
    assert(strLen(ftpState->title_url) >= 6);
    title = html_quote(strBuf(ftpState->title_url));
    for (i = 6, j = 0; title[i]; j = i) {
        storeAppendPrintf(e, "<A HREF=\"");
        i += strcspn(&title[i], "/");
        if (title[i] == '/')
            i++;
        for (k = 0; k < i; k++)
            storeAppendPrintf(e, "%c", title[k]);
        storeAppendPrintf(e, "\">");
        for (k = j; k < i - 1; k++)
            storeAppendPrintf(e, "%c", title[k]);
        if (strBuf(ftpState->title_url)[k] != '/')
            storeAppendPrintf(e, "%c", title[k+1]);
        storeAppendPrintf(e, "</A>");
        if (k < i)
            storeAppendPrintf(e, "%c", title[k+1]);
        if (i == j) {
            /* Error guard, or "assert" */
            storeAppendPrintf(e, "ERROR: Failed to parse URL: %s\n",
                html_quote(strBuf(ftpState->title_url));
            debug(9, 0) ("Failed to parse URL: %s\n", strBuf(ftpState->title_url));
            break;
        }
    }
}

```

Security Aspect

```
int depot(char *nom, int val) {...}
```

```
int retrait(char *nom,int val){...}
```

```
int solde(char *nom){...}
```

```
int transfert(char *de, char *vers, int val) {...}
```

```
int parserRequete(char *req){
```

```
// Analyse de la requête
// appel aux fonctions appropriées
}
```

```
int sauvegarderRequete(char *t) {
```

```
char in[256], *p=in,i;
```

```
do { read(0,p,1); p++ ;}
while( (*(p-1)) != '\n');
*(p-1)='\0';
```

```
memcpy(t,in,256);
return 1;
```

```
}
```

```
void traiterRequetes(){
```

```
while (sauvegarderRequete(tampon)==1)
    parserRequete(tampon);}
```

```
int main (int argc, char** argv ) { }
```

```
...
```

```
while(true){ /* gere les connexions clients*/
    client = accept(serveur,NULL, 0);
    traiterRequetes();
    close(client);
```

```
}
}
```

aspect secure ::

```
call (int sauvegarderRequete(char *t) ) then {
char in[256], *p=in,i;
```

```
do { read(0,p,1); p++ ;}
```

```
while( ((*(p-1)) != '\n') && (p<(in+254)) );
*(p-1)='\0';
```

```
if(p==(in+254)) do { read(0,&c,1) ; }
while (( c!='\0') && (c!= '\n'));
```

```
memcpy(t,in,256);
```

```
return 1;
```


An aspect « Transfert tax »

The control flow

```

iint deposit(char *name, int val) {
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");
    fprintf (my_stream, "+%d\n",val);
    fclose (my_stream);
    activity += val;
}

```

```

int withdraw(char *name,int val){
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");
    fprintf (my_stream, "-%d\n",val);
    fclose (my_stream);
    activity += val;
}

```

```

int transfert(char *from, char *to, int val) {
    withdraw(from,val);
    deposit(to,val);
}

```

```

int balance(char *name){
    int temp=0;
    my_stream = fopen (name, "r");

    while ( fscanf(my_stream,"%s\n",buf)>0) {
        temp+=atoi(buf);
    }

    fclose (my_stream);
    return temp;
}

```

```
#include <arachne/aspect.h>
```

```
#define tax 10
```

```

aspect tax_borloo ::
    controlflow (
        int transfert(char*, char*, int),
        call (int deposit(char *name, int val)) )
    then {
        proceed("borloo", tax);
        proceed(name, val - tax);
        return 0;
    }

```

An aspect « fidelisation » *the sequence*

```

iint deposit(char *name, int val) {
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");
    fprintf (my_stream, "+%d\n",val);
    fclose (my_stream);
    activity += val;
}

int withdraw(char *name,int val){
    my_stream = fopen (name, "a");
    fprintf (my_stream, "-%d\n",val);
    fclose (my_stream);
    activity += val;
}

int transfert(char *from, char *to, int val) {
    withdraw(from,val);
    deposit(to,val);
}

int balance(char *name){
    int temp=0;
    my_stream = fopen (name, "r");

    while ( fscanf(my_stream,"%s\n",buf)>0) {
        temp+=atoi(buf);
    }

    fclose (my_stream);
    return temp;
}

```

```

#include <arachne/aspect.h>

#define tax 10

aspect fidelisation ::
    seq (
        (call (int deposit(char *name1, int val))) * )
        then {
            }
        call (int withdraw(char *name2, int val)) )
        then {
            if (name1 == name2)
                proceed(nom, val-tax);
            return 0;
        }

```

Conclusion and future work

Related Work

- Gilk, Toskana, Dyninst ...

Arachne

- First Dynamic AOSD system for C
- Without service interruption

Validation

- Squid Web Cache [IEEE Soft 2006, AOSD 2003]
- Security [AOSD 2005, PRDC 2005]
- Medical scanner Siemens (flow execution modification) [ETFA 05]
- Linux Kernel (Energy consumption) [AC 2007]

Future work

- Arachne in Hypervisor
- New abstraction for managing the program state during aspect insertion
- Operating system conception from scratch with AOSD approach
- Extension to distributed system (Grid)

Question ?