AN EMPIRICAL STUDY OF A LANGUAGE - BASED SECURITY TESTING TECHNIQUE

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Abstract

Application layer protocols have become sophisticated to the level that they have become languages in their own right. Security testing of network applications is indisputably an essential task that must be carried out prior to the release of software to the market. Since factors such as time-to-market constraints limit the scope or depth of the testing performed, it is difficult to carry out exhaustive testing prior to the release of the software. As a consequence, flaws may be left undiscovered by the software vendor, which may be discovered by those of malicious intent.

We report the results of an empirical study of testing the Distributed Relational Database Architecture (DRDA®) protocol as implemented by the IBM® DB2® Database for Linux®, Unix®, and Windows® product, using a security testing approach, and a framework which implements that approach, that emerged from the joint work of the Royal Military College of Canada and Queen's University of Kingston. The previous version of the framework was used in the past to test the implementations of several network protocols. Compared to DRDA, these protocols are relatively simple, as they possess a much fewer number of structure types, messages and rules.

From our study of the DRDA protocol, several omissions in the framework were uncovered, and were implemented as part of this work. In addition, the framework was automated, a preliminary automated test planner was created and a primitive language was created to provide the ability to describe custom-made test plans. Testing revealed two faults in the DB2 server, one of which was unknown to the vendor, prior to the testing that was carried out as part of this thesis work.
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Glossary

ABNF - Augmented Backus Naur Form, an extension to BNF.

AFP - AppleTalk Filing Protocol, a file-sharing protocol for Apple Macintosh Computers.

ASCII - American Standard Code for Information Interchange. A character encoding based on
the English alphabet.

ASN.1 - Abstract Syntax Notation One, a grammar notation for protocols.

BNF - Backus Naur Form, a metasyntax used to express context-free grammars.

BER - Basic Encoding Rule, a method of encoding PDUs on the network.

CIFS - Common Internet File System, the new version of the SMB protocol.

Codepoint - Object or structure type

DoS - Denial of Service, an attack that denies the use of a service to others.

EBCDIC - Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code

EBNF - Extended Backus Naur Form.

ER model - A way of graphically representing entity sets and the logical relationships
between them.

Factbase - A fact representation of an ER data model.

GNU - GNU's Not Unix; Free Software

GPL - General Public License

Grok - A language and interpreter by Ric Holt of Waterloo University that implements a Tarski
Relational algebra engine.

HTTP - Hyper Text Transfer Protocol, the protocol used to transfer webpages between the
server and the browser.

IUT - Implementation Under Test.

LAN - Local Area Network.
LSA - Link State Advertisements, a method used by routers to exchange information, in
the OSPF protocol.

LU - Logical Unit. Identifies an end user in an SNA network. An end user is either a human being
interacting with the network or an application program that indirectly represents such an end user.

MAC OS - An Operating System developed by Apple Computer Inc.

OSPF - A router protocol used within larger autonomous system networks.

PDU - Protocol Data Unit, the basic unit of data exchange in a protocol.

PKI - Public Key Infrastructure, enables users of an insecure network to securely and privately
exchange data through the use of a cryptographic key pair.

SCL - A protocol description language used as part of the framework.

SMB - Server Message Block protocol, a communication protocol for sharing files.

SNA - Systems Network Architecture, IBM's proprietary networking architecture. A complete
protocol stack for interconnecting computers and their resources.


SNORT - An intrusion detection system. It can also be used as a network traffic listener.

Socket - A network communication endpoint

SQL - Server Query Language. A language used to retrieve and manage data in databases.


TCP/IP - Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol

TXL - A programming language used for software analysis and source transformation.

UAM - User Authentication Methods.

UNICODE - An industry standard set of character encodings.

X.509 - Refer to the series of standards defining the basis for a PKI.
1.1 Introduction and Motivation

In today's world, different software vendors race against time, and compete against each other, to get their products out to the market. This puts developers under time-to-market constraints. Since the developers have to ensure a product which provides a working set of features to the customer, conformance testing is carried out on the product to ensure correct functionality. This leaves little or no time for adequate testing of the product's security.

Network applications use protocols to communicate and exchange data over the network. A formal language is a set of syntactic and semantic rules which describe their structure and meaning respectively [33]. Since a protocol is a set of rules that govern the syntax and semantics of communication, they are formal languages in their own right. Protocols can become complex in nature, and so it is unlikely that developers implementing these protocols, which are subjected to development pressures such as time-to-market constraints, produce software which is free from security vulnerabilities. So therefore, testing is vital in strengthening the security of network applications.

Before launching network applications onto the market, these applications usually go through traditional conformance testing. Traditional conformance testing tends to focus on the correct implementation of the desired functionality, such as producing valid requests from a peer network application, and receiving valid responses, as well as handling obvious errors. Thus this process on its own does not guarantee the security of the network application. As a result, serious flaws in these applications may exist. Someone with malicious intent may find and exploit these
vulnerabilities and launch a wide range of attacks, such as denial-of-service and stealing private information. Thus we need more efficient techniques for testing the implementation of protocols in network applications.

This thesis assesses a security testing approach, previously applied in an academic setting to implementations of the Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) routing protocol [36], the X.509 protocol [34], the Apple Filing Protocol (AFP) [15], the Simple Network Management (SNMP) protocol [35], the Server Message Block (SMB) protocol [17]. All these protocols are relatively simple when compared to the Distributed Relational Database Architecture (DRDA) protocol [20], as they either have fewer message types, fewer structure types, or fewer rules.

1.2 Objective of This Thesis

This work is aimed at applying a testing approach, and a framework which implements that approach, to an industrial application protocol. We evaluate a light-weight testing technique and a framework which implements that technique, previously used in an academic setting to test implementations of relatively smaller protocols with fewer rules and message types, against the implementation of the DRDA protocol in IBM DB2. DRDA describes over 200 message types and rules. The goal of this work is to uncover omissions in the previous version of the framework and implement the extensions necessary for testing DB2. In addition, a preliminary automated test planner is implemented as part of the extensions to the framework. The test planner also allows for customized test plans by means of a custom mutations script.
1.3 Thesis Outline

In chapter 2, we review some of the existing testing techniques in literature, as well as a review of the approach that is evaluated in this thesis. We also review the different components that existed in the previous version of the framework.

In chapter 3, we present the methodology used to test the implementation of the DRDA protocol. We also highlight on the components used from the previous framework. In chapter 4, we present the extensions made to the framework, and how each extension was essential in testing the security of the DB2 server. In chapter 5, we present the results of our study. Finally, we conclude and discuss future work.
Chapter 2 Background

2.1 Introduction

In this chapter we review some of the techniques in software testing. Then we go over the technique used in this research and where it fits into software testing. In addition, we look at different approaches that exist in literature, such as PROTOS [6] and the work that stemmed from Cisco. We also review background on the tools used in this project such as TXL, and standards such as ASN.1.

2.2 Software Testing and Techniques

Software testing is a process in which software is checked and verified to make sure it satisfies its requirements and to detect errors. This section reviews some of the different software testing techniques in the literature.

2.2.1 Black-box Testing

Black-box testing is a method by which a system is tested using valid and invalid data derived from the system's functional (and sometimes non-functional) requirements, without knowing the test system's internal structure. Hence the tester "sees" the system as a "black-box". The tester would then input valid and invalid data into the system, and observes the system's output.

An advantage of black-box testing stems from the fact that the tester does not need to know the implementation details of the System Under Test (SUT), and so the testing team can, to some extent, be independent of the development team. However, the testing team may collaborate
with developers in order to track down the source of defects that were discovered during testing, by taking the implementation details into account.

2.2.2 Model-based Testing

In model-based testing [1], test data is derived from a model that describes the functional requirements of the System Under Test (SUT). A model of a system is the depiction of its behavior. A system’s behavior can be described in terms of the input sequences to the system, the actions and the output of the system [1]. Model-based testing which solely uses functional requirements and does not depend on the internal details of the implementation of the system, can be thought of as a type of black-box testing.

2.2.3 Syntax Testing

Syntax testing, also called grammar-based testing [1], is a static black-box, data-driven testing technique for protocol implementations. To create test cases to be used as input to the System Under Test (SUT), a formal language specification of the protocol is used to represent the input space. From the grammar the test cases are systematically generated, thereby providing an effective method for automatically generating the test data.

The human tester would first study the protocol. Then (s)he will describe the input in a comprehensive descriptive formal language, such as BNF (Backus-Naur Form). Rules can then be applied to the input description, to mutate the syntax of the input, whether by introducing errors in sentences or in fields of a sentence in the protocol language, and generate test input sentences.
2.2.4 Test Case Generation in Syntax Testing

Once the input has been described so that the specification of the protocol is known, we can start building the test plan and generate our test cases. Beizer [2] suggests that we start by creating one error at a time, in order to reveal any mutually independent faults, where a fault can be triggered by just generating a single error for a single field. Then the system can be tested using combinations of two or more errors, for two or more fields. Now we review the several kinds of errors that, according to Beizer, can be produced in syntax testing.

2.2.4.1 Syntax Errors

Syntax errors are violations of the grammar of the target language. These errors are created by adding/removing one or more elements, as well as altering the order of elements. Syntax errors can be generated at different levels in the grammar hierarchy. At the top-level, sentences can be re-ordered. At the intermediate-level, the order of fields within one sentence is altered. At the field-level, mutations of field values can be introduced to generate syntax errors.

2.2.4.2 Delimiter Errors

Delimiters mark the separation of fields in a sentence. For example, delimiters in the English language are white space characters, commas, semi-colons, etc., or their combination. Delimiters can be omitted, repeated or replaced by other characters, which are not considered as delimiters by the language. Unbalanced, paired delimiters can also be introduced (e.g. unbalanced parentheses).

2.2.4.3 Field-value Errors

A field-value error is introduced by setting the value of a field, in a sentence, to an illegal value. An illegal value is one which does not fall into the allowable range(s) of values specified
by the language. These allowable ranges may be fixed in the language, or may vary, depending on the state at which the field-value is read, as well as the values of other fields.

2.2.4.4 Context-dependent and State-dependent Errors

Context-dependent errors violate the contexts in the target language description, by creating invalid combinations of syntactically valid sentences. On the other hand, state-dependent errors are generated by inputting a grammatically correct sentence, during the incorrect state.

Using the above syntax testing principles, one can construct a testing framework, which automatically designs and generates test cases which deliberately violate the language grammar, and inject these test cases into the Implementation Under Test (IUT), and assess the security of the IUT, depending on how it reacts to invalid input.

2.2.5 Mutation Testing

Mutation testing [12] is an approach to test data generation that requires knowledge of code structure. Mutation testing starts with a code component, its associated test cases, and the test results. The original code component is modified in a simple way to provide a set of similar component that are called mutants. Each mutant contains a fault as a result of the modification. Each of the mutants are run using the original test data. If the mutant generates different output for one of the test cases, it is said to be killed. Mutants that are not killed indicate potential weaknesses in the test data. Mutations are simple changes in the original code, for example: constant replacement, arithmetic operator replacement, statement deletion, and logical operator replacement.
2.2.6 Language-based Testing

In the approach used in this thesis [8], which stems from model-based testing, we treat the protocol as a formal language. We derive the test data from a language model [28]. This language model is built from the specification of the protocol. Semantics and syntax rules in the protocol specification are described in the Security and Constraints Language (SCL) [5]. The language model is extracted from the protocol description written in SCL. The testing targets the syntax and semantic rules of the protocol language description.

2.3 TXL

TXL, the Turing eXtender Language [3], is a programming language specifically designed for creating, manipulating and rapidly prototyping language-based descriptions, tools and applications, using source transformation techniques. It is also used in software analysis and re-engineering tasks [3][16].

A TXL program consists of a BNF grammar which describes the structures of the input language, and a set of transformation rules, each of which usually consist of a pattern to match, and a replacement for that pattern.

2.4 ASN.1

Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) is a standard, formal language that is used to describe data structures for encoding, transmitting and decoding data. It provides a set of formal rules for describing the structure of objects that are independent of machine-specific encoding techniques, and is a precise and formal notation that avoids ambiguities [4].
ASN.1 defines a number of primitive or “atomic” types. Among these primitive types are: INTEGER, an arbitrary integer, OCTET STRING, an arbitrary string of octets (eight-bit values), BIT STRING, an arbitrary string of bits (ones and zeros), IA5String, an arbitrary string of IA5 (ASCII) characters, and PrintableString, an arbitrary string of printable characters. For structured types, ASN.1 defines the following four types: SEQUENCE, an ordered collection of one or more types, SEQUENCE OF, an ordered collection of zero or more occurrences of a given type, SET, an unordered collection of one or more types, and SET OF, an unordered collection of zero or more occurrences of a given type. Elements within a structured type can be optional. They can also have default values. Figure 2.1 is an ASN.1 description of a Sample Pseudo Protocol (SPP) [5].

| PDU ::= (net-info | room-loc) | MAC-Address ::= SEQUENCE {  |
| Header ::= SEQUENCE { | subType INTEGER  |
| length INTEGER | macaddress OCTET STRING }  |
| appType INTEGER } | ErrCode ::= SEQUENCE {  |
| net-info ::= SEQUENCE { | subType INTEGER  |
| headerNfo header | code INTEGER }  |
| numOfSubH INTEGER | room-loc ::= SEQUENCE {  |
| subheader SET OF address } | headerNfo header  |
| address ::= (IP-Address | MAC-Address | ErrCode) | subheader SET OF room-info }  |
| IP-Address ::= SEQUENCE { | room-info ::= SEQUENCE {  |
| subType INTEGER | floor INTEGER  |
| ipaddress INTEGER } | officeNumber INTEGER }  |

Figure 2.1 ASN.1 Description of SPP [5]
ASN.1 is used in an extensive range of applications involving the Internet, intelligent network, cellular phones, ground-to-air communications, electronic commerce, secure electronic services, interactive television, intelligent transportation systems, Voice Over IP and others.

2.5 Existing Testing Approaches In Literature

2.5.1 PROTOS

PROTOS [6] is a project at the University of Oulu, Finland, that researches security testing of protocol implementations. Research in the initial 1999-2001 project was done through a partnership between the University of Oulu, Finland, and VTT Electronics. The PROTOS project examined different approaches to testing implementations of protocols using black-box testing methods. The objective is to find faults in the IUT, thereby helping in the process of eliminating faults, some of which may pose security risks.

PROTOS' approach starts by acquiring a formal specification of the target protocol. This is done by writing up a context-free description of the protocol's PDU structures, using ASN.1 or BNF. Semantic rules and complex syntax are implemented as library objects. In order to minimally simulate the system which interacts with the interface of the IUT, the user constructs valid PDUs, and sets the PDUs' fields to valid values, in order to create a set of PDUs which represent valid protocol behavior. The user then creates descriptions of anomalies, which implement Beizer's syntax testing principles [2], and introduces them into the specification, with the valid cases as alternatives, thereby creating a 'master' specification, or can also be described as
a 'master' grammar. Test cases are designed by combining valid cases and anomalies by creating instances of the 'master' grammar tree, with particular selections of valid inputs and/or anomalies for each instance. For stateless protocols, the test case descriptions are encoded and injected directly into the IUT. For stateful protocols, the test case BNF descriptions have to be evaluated, by invoking user-written scripts which use operations to modify the grammar, to mini-simulate the required behavior.

Despite the fact that PROTOS does achieve some level of test execution automation, its approach suffers from several limitations. First of all, there is no systematic approach by which the test cases are designed. This is because the user has to manually create the test cases' descriptions. This implies that the engineering of the test cases depends on the knowledge of the test designer. Therefore, a more experienced test designer may discover more faults than a less experienced test designer. Another issue is that, for stateful protocols, the user has to write scripts to correctly handle the interaction with the IUT. For systems with a large number of states, this can be a burden on the user.

2.5.2 Network Protocol Implementation Testing at Cisco

A team at Cisco has reported a systematic approach for detecting software defects in protocol implementations [7]. The approach that they adopted is similar to that of PROTOS' [6], but extended to overcome some of PROTOS' limitations. Their testing procedure is organized into three stages: protocol preparation (pre-processing), simulation (packet-driving) and output analysis (post-processing).
The protocol preparation stage involves protocol study, where the human tester familiarizes himself/herself with the working mechanism of the target protocol. Once familiarized with the target protocol, message classification is carried out to identify the key PDU components. Then packet flow analysis is carried out in order to prepare us for designing the topologies with largest protocol state space coverage.

The simulation stage constructs the major process in injecting the test cases into the IUT. The test case generation module generates templates for message mutations with the help of a comprehensive descriptive language. A test plan is created, from the information collected from packet flow analysis, and the templates generated from the test case generation module. A simulation engine then drives the tests and implements the test plan. The protocol robustness is evaluated in multiple aspects, including conformance verification, stress analysis and Denial-of-Service (DoS) assessment. The final process is defect reporting and code profiling.

### 2.5.3 Mutation Testing of Protocol Messages Based on Extended TTCN-3

A recently published paper by Jing et. al. [18] studies the application of a test specification language, Testing and Test Control Notation version 3 (TTCN-3), which is generally used in conformance testing, to mutation testing. The authors propose a Non-deterministic Finite State Machine (NFSM) model for mutation testing of protocol messages, as well as an improvement on the verdict mechanism. As reported in the paper, the technique has been applied against an implementation of the OSPF protocol. TTCN-3 includes the ability to model the state transitions that the implementation may undergo, as well as changes that must be made to the test data. Anomalies are described by a 'global template' in TTCN-3. Extension were made to the TTCN-3 language to provide simple means to describe mutations.
The realization stated in this paper is that the transition from an unknown state to a 'reset' state can be used to detect anomalies in the IUT's behavior. The paper proposes the following verification sequence to test for failure, normal-verification-sequence-2_1:

If the IUT has transitioned to an unknown state, then use a forced state transition, a transition that is known to lead to the initial state $s_0$, to test for failure (by checking if the IUT does return to the initial state).

The algorithm for testing (compound anomalous test case - single mutations) is as follows:

1. State Leading Sequence (replay to reach test state).
2. Inject anomaly.
3. IUT might have transitioned to unknown state,
4. Force state transition (e.g. use 'state transition reset' and see if the system resets).

For testing DRDA, this would be similar to sending a DRDA INTERRUPT command (to cancel the unit of work) to the DB2 server after injecting the anomaly, and then replaying the command in order to inject some other anomaly, rather than tearing down the TCP/IP connection.

This approach still requires that the entire state model has to be described. The advantage of the approach used in this thesis work, which is presented in the next section, is that we do not have to describe the entire state model, but rather the data dependencies between the states in the protocol.
2.5.4 Protocol Tester Approach

Protocol Tester [28] is the security testing framework implemented as part of previous research at Queen's and the Royal Military College of Canada. The approach used in this thesis is based on that approach [28]. The Protocol Tester approach is described in the next paragraph.

A valid sequence of PDUs is captured from the interaction that occurs between the source system (client), and the IUT. These captured PDUs are then transformed, using Beizer's syntax testing principles, to generate malformed PDUs. The test plans are automatically generated based on the syntax and semantics of the protocol, without user intervention. The security of a protocol implementation can be assessed by its ability to deal with abnormal input cases, without being lead to an undefined or incorrect state, or an unhandled situation [8].

Our testing framework is a framework for conducting syntax and semantics testing. This static black-box testing method is capable of testing both stateless and stateful protocols. Test cases are generated “offline” (without the IUT) using a captured valid PDU sequence. The main realization here is that we can use a valid PDU sequence, captured from the IUT, to move from one state to the next, without having to construct valid PDUs from scratch. We then test the IUT by simulating the interaction that involved the sequence of PDUs we've captured, and injecting anomalies at the state we want to test. Since we are simulating that same interaction that we've captured, we should receive the same PDUs from the IUT, for the same PDU sequence that we sent.
In this thesis, we have conducted a study of the DRDA protocol, to see how the previous version of the security testing framework [8] should be extended, in order to be capable of testing the security of implementations of the DRDA protocol.

2.6 Protocol Tester

In this section, we take a look at the overall architecture of the previous version of the framework [8], and then describe each component or module in detail. Figure 2.2 gives an overview of the structure of the security testing framework.

![Figure 2.2 General Structure of the security testing framework](image)

2.6.1 Network Listener

This component is used to record the network traffic flowing between the client and the server. SNORT [11] is used to achieve this. SNORT is an open source network intrusion
detection system which can be downloaded freely from the internet. It is capable of performing real-time traffic analysis and PDU logging on IP networks. It can be used to detect a variety of attacks, but it can also be used as a network protocol analyzer.

2.6.2 Decoder and Encoder

The decoder is responsible for decoding the binary PDUs, using the protocol description's grammar, and transforming them into a textual representation. Source transformation techniques are then applied, using TXL, to collect facts and data from the PDUs. The textual representations of the PDUs are also used by the test case generator module, along with the protocol description, for building the test plan and generating the test cases. The encoder transforms the textual representation of a PDU, to a binary PDU. Both the decoder and encoder are java programs.

2.6.3 Protocol Description

The protocol description is a specification of the protocol and its implementation is to be tested. This protocol description is a formal language, which obeys the grammar rules of the Security and Constraints Language (SCL) [5]. SCL is composed of a subset of the industry standard ASN.1, augmented with what is called a constraints block. The constraints block provides information on the semantic rules, or constraints, of the protocol.

2.6.4 Protocol Factbase

The protocol factbase contains the dependency relationship information between the PDUs, as well as the fields involved in the constraints described in the protocol description. A factbase is a representation of an ER data model in which the relationships between the entities in
the data model are described as a set of facts. The protocol factbase (FB) generator, a suite of TXL programs, is responsible for creating the protocol factbase from the protocol description.

2.6.5 PDU Factbase

The PDU factbase is generated by the PDU factbase (FB) generator, which is a suite of TXL programs. The PDU factbase contains information on each field in each PDU that was captured from the IUT. This information represents facts like the starting and ending offset index of each field in each PDU. The factbase also holds information such as which field belongs to which PDU, as well as the equivalent field name of the field, in the protocol factbase.

2.6.6 Data Dependencies Script Generator

The Data Dependencies Script Generator is a suite of TXL and Grok [29] programs that use the facts from the protocol factbase and the PDU factbase, in order to construct a data dependencies script which describes all the dependencies that exist between the PDUs, as described by the protocol description. The script specifies which segments of the PDUs we receive from the IUT, are needed to re-construct the client PDUs used by the PDU injector. It is this script, used by the state dependencies handler in the injector, that enables us to reach the state in the protocol's Finite State Machine (FSM), that we want to test. Figure 2.3 shows the structure of the data dependencies script generator in the framework.

In addition to dependencies on data received from the server, external data dependencies may also exist, such as a username and/or a password. These must be provided by the user during
the script generation process. The following is a sample from the output of the Data Dependencies Script Generator:

```plaintext
password == "mypass";
sendPK.2.47.51 == recPK.1.52.56;
sendPK.2.65.88 == encrpPW(password, recPK.1.73.80)
```

The first line is an assignment of the password string "mypass" to the identifier 'password'. This password string is provided by the user. In the protocol description, an external dependency would be described using the keyword 'EXTERNAL'. During the data dependencies script generation process, the data dependencies script generator finds this keyword and prompts the user for an input, using the identifier associated with the keyword as the variable name. The second line states that bytes 52 to 56 (inclusive) from the first response PDU should be copied onto the PDU segment from byte 47 to 51 (inclusive) in the second request PDU, prior to sending the second request PDU. The third line specifies that the encrpPW function will be invoked with the value of the password variable as the first parameter, and the segment from byte 37 to 80 (inclusive) from the first response PDU, as the second parameter, and the result of that function call will be copied onto the PDU segment from byte 65 to 88 (inclusive) in the second request PDU, prior to sending the second request PDU.
Figure 2.3 The Data Dependencies Script Generator structure in the framework

2.6.7 Injector

The injector is a C++ module used to inject PDUs into the IUT. Upon initiating client emulation, the injector feeds the script which contains the state dependencies, also called the data dependencies script, to a sub-module called the state dependencies handler, to in order to drive the PDU injection sequence. Based on this script, the state dependencies handler copies whatever data is necessary from the PDUs received from the IUT, processing the data using built-in operations, and user-defined modules to handle requirements such as encryption.

The injector connects to the server through the use of a TCP network socket. A network socket is a communication endpoint, used to communicate with another socket over the network.
The network and host address from the internet communication layer, along with the TCP port for the process, form a socket. A pair of sockets uniquely identifies each connection [24].

The server uses a socket to listen for connection requests on a particular port. This is achieved by binding to that port, then starting the listening loop. In order for the client program to connect to the server, the client binds to a port on its end of the connection, then sends a connection request from that port, to the port which the server is listening on.

In order to construct a socket, the following three main parameters have to be specified: the domain parameter, which specifies a communications domain (also known as an address family) within which the communication will take place. This is to inform the system how the address should be interpreted; the type parameter, which specifies the semantics of communication; and the protocol parameter specifies a particular protocol to be used with the socket. These parameters are described in more detail in the Practical Guide [25].

The injector constructs a socket using AF_INET (Address Family InterNET protocols) as the domain parameter, SOCK_STREAM (TCP byte stream; a sequenced, reliable, two-way connection based byte stream) as the type parameter and the protocol parameter is set to 0 for TCP/IP.

The next step is to build a host entity structure which will hold the host and network address of the server, the client wants to connect to, as well as the port number the server is listening for requests on, in order to build the connection. Many network applications use
different application level protocols and provide services by listening on ports, some of which are known standard port numbers. For example, NETBIOS (NET Basic Input/Output System) [30], a service which allows applications on different computers to communicate over a local area network, uses the SMB protocol [17] and listens on port 139. Another example is the AppleTalk service [31] over TCP, which listens on port 548. The framework user specifies the network and host address of the server, as well as the port number.

Once the injector successfully connects to the server, it can open a socket descriptor, a unique identifier, of which it will use to send (write) the client requests and receive (read) the server's responses. By sending the PDUs sent from the actual client to the IUT, from a previously captured interaction, the injector, with minor modifications to the PDUs, can emulate the actual client.

After the connection with the server is established, the injector starts to send the actual client's PDUs, some of which may need modification based on the data dependencies file, as well as the server's responses. After each response is received, the injector evaluates the data dependencies expressions to make sure any data required from the PDU received is processed, and the client's PDU is prepared before it is sent.

This logic is built on the four main functions of the injector: the tree-building function, which is used to parse the data dependencies file into a tree; the lookup function, which searches the dependencies tree for any previously unknown field values which can be known by using the data from the most recent server response; the simplifier function, which re-evaluates expressions
in order to simplify them; and the rewrite function, which rewrites the actual client’s original PDU according to the dependency tree.

As mentioned before, the first step the injector performs is parsing the file that describes the data dependencies between the request PDUs and response PDUs, as well as any external dependencies that exist. In order to transform the file into a tree, all the sentences become subtrees and the elements within these sentences become leaves. For example, the tree-building function takes as input the data dependencies file in figure 2.4, and outputs a tree that can be represented by figure 2.5.

```
password == mypasswd
; sendPK.2.65.88 == encrpPW(password, recPK.1.73.80)
```

Figure 2.4 Sample Data Dependencies Script

![Figure 2.5 Sample Data Dependencies Script Parse Tree](image)

Figure 2.5 Sample Data Dependencies Script Parse Tree
The tree in figure 2.5 is a binary tree and its root is the delimiter (semicolon) of sentences that make up the script. Some data variables, such as the 'password' variable in this tree, may change during the replay and fault injection process, and some subtrees may be substituted by data that was received from the server. For instance, the right-hand-side of the second dependency statement is a function call to encrpPW with a segment from the first server response PDU as a parameter, in addition to the password string that was input by the user during the script generation process.

2.6.7.1 Simplifier Function

The simplifier function is used to simplify the tree. Once one or more references to data segments from a response PDU have been substituted for the referenced data from that PDU, the binary tree which represents the data dependencies, presented in figure 2.5, can be re-evaluated and reduced. In addition, external data such as a username and password are known from the point the script is generated, since the user is prompted for external data during the script generation process. Therefore, the simplifier function can be applied to the initial tree to substitute the password identifier, which exists as a parameter for the encrpPW function, for its value 'mypasswd', thus changing the second sentence to "sendPK.2.65.88 == encrpPW("mypasswd", recPK.1.73.80).

2.6.7.2 Lookup Function

The Lookup function searches for references to segments in the most recently received PDU, and if any exist, copies the referenced data segments from the PDU to the tree. For
example, the value of recPK.1.73.80 becomes available after the first server response is received. The lookup function would search the tree for references to the first PDU received (recPK.1). For every subtree with recPK.1 found, the function will substitute the subtree representing the recPK.1 and the segment starting and ending indices, for the data segment from the received PDU, that corresponds to these indices. For example, when the first response PDU is received, the lookup function will search the tree, and find the reference subtree recPK.1.73.80. Then it will copy bytes 73 to 80 (inclusive) from the received PDU, and replace the subtree with the data bytes.

The simplifier function is called after each call to the Lookup function. Now that all parameters to the encrpPW function call are available, the simplifier function will reduce the tree even further by calling the function encrypPW with its corresponding parameters, and replacing the subtree representing the encrpPW function call, with the function return value.

2.6.7.3 Rewrite Function

The Rewrite function is used to generate the next PDU to be sent. It walks the tree and finds a reference to the next PDU to be sent. If a reference is found, the PDU will be modified according to the data stored in the tree which corresponds to this PDU. Continuing from the above example, after the second call to the simplifier function, the right hand side of the assignment statement in the tree becomes data. The Rewrite function searches the tree and finds a reference to the segment from byte 65 to byte 88 in sendPK2, which should be changed, and so it copies the data onto the segment. After returning from the Rewrite function call, the injector will send the modified PDU to the IUT by writing the PDU to the socket.
2.6.7.4 The injection process

In order to successfully reach the state at which we want to test the server, we have to ensure that the injection process emulates the interaction that runs between the actual client and the server, as much as possible. Before the injector is run, three files should be ready: the file which describes the data dependencies between the PDUs, as well as any external data dependencies, which will be used to drive the injector; the directory that contains the sequence of PDUs captured while being sent from the actual client, in alphanumerical order; and the directory which contains the mutated PDUs for the test state. The injection process is as follows:

1. The injector calls the tree-building function to parse the data dependencies script into a tree.
2. The injector calls the Simplifier function to re-evaluate and attempt to simplify the tree.
3. The injector connects to the server.
4. The injector sends out the first PDU to initiate the replay process.
5. The injector receives the first response from the server.
6. The injector checks if the next state is the state we want to test. If yes, then the injector will send out a mutated PDU from the set of mutated PDUs created by the test case generator, terminate the connection, and go back to step 4.
7. The injector calls the Lookup function to check if there is any data required from the PDU just received. If so, then the subtree which represents the reference to a segment from that PDU, is replaced by the segment of data from the PDU it referenced.
8. The injector calls the Simplifier function again to see if a further reduction of the tree is possible after calling the Lookup function.
9. The injector calls the Rewrite function to see if the PDU about to be sent out requires modification. If modifications are required, then the PDU will be modified according to the information in the tree.

10. The injector sends out either the next original PDU, or the PDU modified by the Rewrite function, depending on whether or not modification was required, and waits for the server response, and then goes back to step 4 to prepare the next PDU to send.

2.6.8 Test Planner

The test planner generates mutations of the valid PDUs which were captured from the IUT. The mutations are generated based on Beizer's syntax testing principles [2], in addition to violating the semantics of the protocol description language. The facts from the protocol factbase, as well as facts from the PDU factbase, are used to determine the test cases that should be generated for each field for each PDU, as well as what type of test cases should be generated for each constraint.

2.6.9 Markup and Execution

The markup and execution engine implements the test plan produced by the test planner. It does this by adding markups, or tags, to the fields of the textual representations of the PDUs which are going to be mutated, according to the test plan. The tags specify the type of mutation to be generated, as well as any value needed in the process of generating the mutation. These marked-up textual representations of the PDUs then go through a markup execution phase, where the mutations are implemented, to construct the textual representation of the mutated PDUs.
Figure 2.6 shows an example of a textual representation of a decoded PDU, with a markup tag on one of the fields of the PDU. In the example, the Rqsdss_lenField, which is the ReQueSt Data Stream Structure's length field, is marked-up with “setASNValue (“0 0”)”. This is an implementation of the field-value-change mutation strategy. In this case we are setting the length field value to zero (“0 0”).

Figure 2.7 shows the implementation of the mutation strategy in Figure 2.6. In figure 2.6, which shows the values of the fields of the PDU when the PDU was captured, we see that the marked-up length field held the byte values 0 and 198. These values were changed according to the markup and were set to the byte values 0 and 0, as shown in figure 2.7.

```
! TestCase > 1 > setASNValue "lenField" > sendPK1_PDU : 0 0 : sendPK1
SEQUENCE {
  sendPK1_PDU_seqOfDss : 0 0 : seqOfDss_PDU_MAIN-MODULE SEQUENCE {
    sendPK1_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_1_seqOfDss : 0 0 :
    Rqsdss_MAIN-MODULE SEQUENCE {
      sendPK1_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_1_seqOfDss_Rqsdss_header : 0 0 :
      DssHeader_MAIN-MODULE SEQUENCE {
        sendPK1___Rqsdss_header_DssHeader_lenField : 0 2 :big_endian : INT
        ErrASN setASNValue ("0 0") 0 198
        ...
```
Table 2.1: Mutation Strategies at the Abstract Syntax Level

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mutation Strategy</th>
<th>ASN.1 Type Applicability</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Removing a field</td>
<td>All types</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replacing a field with a specific data structure</td>
<td>All types</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changing the value of a field</td>
<td>All types</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Padding a field with N repetitions of a decimal octet</td>
<td>INTEGER, BIT STRING, OCTET STRING</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Padding a field with N repetitions of a character or a digit</td>
<td>PrintableString, UTCTIME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changing element order by swapping the positions of elements, one at a time</td>
<td>SET, SEQUENCE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2.7 Previous Vulnerability Testing Results by Protocol Tester

The Protocol Tester has been previously used to test for vulnerabilities in several protocols. In this section we briefly go over the test results for each of these protocols.
2.7.1 Testing SNMP

Earlier versions of the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) [35] were tested with the Protocol Tester framework, and the results obtained were compared with the research results in PROTOS test suites [6]. In order to compare the results, SNMP was re-tested with the PROTOS suites. The Protocol Tester framework produced 2,551 test cases for the SNMP client applications and yielded results similar to those of PROTOS’. The Protocol Tester did discover well-known vulnerabilities [13] in the earlier versions of SNMP. The IUT failed, triggering a Windows General Protection Failure, on several test cases in the FV-10 category; an overflow in the number of arcs in the OBJECT ID (a field value error) [46].

2.7.2 Testing X.509

Even though the security testing framework did not detect any vulnerabilities in the X.509 certificate manager application, testing the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) products yielded some interesting results. The framework produced 29,136 test cases for X.509 certificates. Potential vulnerabilities in the earlier version were discovered. The system failed, triggering a Windows General Protection Failure on several test cases, which fall into the the field-value error and encoding error categories.

2.7.3 Testing Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

The results obtained from testing the implementation of OSPF in three different IUTs further confirmed the effectiveness of the approach used in the testing framework. The IUTs tested were Zebra, Windows 2000 Advanced Server OSPF, and Cisco IOS/OSPF. Fifteen test suites, each containing between 3,000 to 4,000 mutated PDUs, were produced for each IUT by
mutating all five OSPF PDU types. The test cases crashed the systems, which ran the Zebra 0.93 and Windows 2000 Advanced Server, in several situations. Further investigation revealed that some software bugs in the OSPF checksum function and LSA checksum function can lead to a denial of service in both IUTs [14].

2.7.4 Testing SMB protocol

The Server Message Block (SMB) protocol [17], which is known as the Common Internet File System (CIFS) in Microsoft's implementation, is a state-based, command-based protocol. There are currently more than 100 commands available, and each of these commands have their own specific syntax. In a previous study, only three of the most commonly used commands in SMB, were tested to validate the effectiveness of the framework's testing approach. The commands are SMB_COM_CREATE, SMB_COM_READ, and SMB_COM_WRITE.

2.7.5 Testing AppleTalk Filing Protocol

The AppleTalk Filing Protocol (AFP) is the file-sharing protocol of the AppleTalk architecture. The AppleTalk architecture, designed for “plug and play”, is found in Mac OS computers. AFP provides a native mode interface for Apple file system resources [15].

No vulnerabilities were found, however, the framework was capable of emulating the AFP client, thereby confirming that the framework is capable of testing state-based protocols, which was the main focus of the previous work done on the testing framework.
2.8 DRDA

A study of the DRDA protocol was conducted as part of this thesis. A database protocol suite used in industry, DRDA describes over 200 rules, element types and messages, making it relatively much more complex than any of the protocols presented in section 2.7. DRDA stands for Distributed Relational Database Architecture. It is a set of protocols, developed by IBM, that permits multiple database systems, as well as application programs, to work together. DRDA coordinates communication between systems by defining what must be exchanged and how it must be exchanged. DRDA can be thought of as a “universal, distributed data protocol”. DRDA describes the contents of all the data objects that flow on either commands or replies, between the application requester and the application server.

DRDA is built on the Distributed Data Management (DDM) architecture. The DDM architecture describes the architected commands, parameters, objects, and messages of the DDM data stream. This data stream accomplishes the data interchange between various pieces of the DDM model [9].

Influenced by the concepts of object-oriented technology, DDM architecture is designed to be object-oriented. The DDM architecture enables programs to access and manage data stored on remote systems in a client/server relationship [10]. In our study, DB2 server from IBM was used as the IUT, and TCP/IP was used as the transport layer.

In DRDA, there are three types of messages, or data stream structures (DSSs): ReQueSt DSS (RQSDSS), OBJect DSS (OBJDSS), and RePlY DSS (RYPDSS). When operating at the
DDM level, all information is carried in one of these three types of DSSs. A PDU can consist of a single DSS, or a sequence of DSSs. More than one message can be pipelined into a single PDU, and more that one DSS might be used by a single command/reply. The format of a single DSS is shown in figure 2.8.

| Length (2 bytes) | D0 h (1 byte) | Format (1 byte) | Correlation Identifier (2 bytes) | ... data ...
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|

Figure 2.8 A single Data Stream Structure (DSS)

The data carried inside these structures can be one or more commands, objects or replies to commands. The format of a single command/object/reply is shown in figure 2.9.

| Length (2 bytes) | Codepoint (2 bytes) | ... data ...
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|

Figure 2.9 Command/Object/Reply structure

The length fields in the structures shown in Figure 2.8 and Figure 2.9 specify the total length of the structure, including the 2-byte length field. In a DSS, the length field is followed by a 1-byte constant (D0 h). The constant is then followed by a 1-byte integer field, the format field, which specifies whether the message is a command or an object or a reply. Following the format field, is the correlation identifier 2-byte integer field, which is used to identify structures which belong to a certain command/reply. The codepoint field in Figure 2.9 is used to specify the type of command/object/reply message. There are hundreds of message types in DDM.
Chapter 3 Methodology

3.1 Introduction

In this chapter we describe the method by which we test the implementation of the DRDA protocol. The Implementation Under Test (IUT) was DB2 Open Beta Viper [32] from IBM. Initial tests were done on Version 9.1 (with no service patches) of the IUT, then testing was moved to Version 9.5 (with no service patches). The IUT was installed on a dual-core machine with 1 GB of RAM, with the server set up to listen on TCP/IP socket port 50000. The DB2 client, also on the same machine, using another instance, connects to the server via the loopback interface. The server's authentication method was kept on the default settings. Most of the test sequences were obtained from the samples included in the evaluation version of DB2 version 9.5. Others were generated using custom queries to target specific DRDA messages. The initial state of the database for each sequence was backed up, and the injector ran a shell script after each individual sequence of PDU was retransmitted, restoring the database to its original state.

![Methodology Overview Diagram]

Figure 3.1 Methodology Overview
3.2 Describing DRDA in the Security and Constraints Language (SCL)

In this section, the process of describing the Distributed Relational Database Architecture (DRDA) protocol specification in SCL [5] is described. In addition, this section highlights several issues faced when describing the DRDA protocol specification in SCL, as well as how these issues impact the testing carried out as part of this thesis.

The process of adding codepoints (element types) to the protocol description (see section 2.6.3) is simple. A DRDA PDU is a series of DSS, each DSS carrying either a command, and object or a reply message. An attempt to decode the PDU sequence is made, if the decoding process fails, the error logs from the decoding process are checked to find which PDU could not be decoded. From the protocol study, and our knowledge of what a DSS looks like (see DSS structure in Chapter 2), we can manually find any unknown codepoint values with ease. These values are looked up in the DDM reference [20], and the corresponding codepoint structure is described, along with any codepoint structures it uses as elements. Throughout the course of this thesis work, 200 codepoints have been described in SCL. Previous implementations tested used relatively smaller number of codepoints. For example, the Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) routing protocol only uses five different codepoints. The next few paragraphs summarize some issues not handled by the framework.

One issue faced, unknown prior to this thesis work, is describing constraints which apply to elements which may, on some occasions, be ignored by the server. These are referred to as IGNORABLE elements in the DRDA documentation [20]. For example, if two elements A and B are OPTIONAL and IGNORABLE elements, then there may exist a case where if element A is
ignored by the server, then element B is ignored, otherwise element B may not be ignored. This case can be found in the Open Query (OPNQRY) Command DDM Structure described in the DDM reference [20], and applies to the Type of SQL Descriptor (TYPSQLDA) field. This can only be tested for by removing the field and observing how the server reacts to such mutation. Note that removing an IGNORABLE element may not result in any error on the server, rendering the test case useless. This is because the software tester might not know if the element is ignored by the server.

Another issue, previously known, is that it is not possible to describe constraints on fields, which depend on the context the field appears in. For example, a field in a client PDU must have a particular value if a preceding PDU and a proceeding PDU hold particular message types. Such a case is found in the Atomic Chaining (AC) rules described in the DRDA documentation volume 1 [20].

Another issue also known prior to this thesis work is that it is not possible to express constraints which describe data dependencies between client PDUs. This type of data dependency would only be required by the mutation engine. For example, a field value in a client PDU must match another field value in a preceding client PDU. A similar case would be Program Binding (PB) rule 1 specified in the DRDA documentation volume 1 [20].

Since the mutation operations described in section 2.2.4 and Table 2.1 enable the framework to achieve some test coverage of the logic involved in these constraints, testing can be carried out with a guarantee that some program coverage will be achieved. By addressing the
aforementioned issues one can be assured that the framework can more reliably cover the logic paths that implement the types of constraints highlighted in the aforementioned issues.

The protocol description, which is an SCL file, is compiled using the 'compile' command, and the protocol factbase is generated using the 'genprotocolfb' command. The protocol factbase is generated using the protocol fact base generator described in chapter 2.

3.3 Capturing the PDU sequence

Wireshark [19] is a network protocol analyzer that is under the GNU GPL version 2, and is free to download. The console version of Wireshark, tshark [19], that comes bundled with the GUI version, was used. Since Wireshark has the ability to decode DRDA packets to some extent, we have to disable decoding of DRDA packets by Wireshark, in order to use our framework's decoder, which uses a better defined protocol description, with more codepoints. This is done by adding 'drda' to the disabled protocols file 'disabled_protos', in the user's Wireshark directory.

In order to capture the traffic flowing between the DB2 server and the DB2 client, the user invokes the 'capture' command of the framework. Capturing traffic from the network requires superuser privileges. After the user becomes superuser, the script associated with the 'capture' command invokes tshark, a network protocol analyzer, with parameters that specify the traffic that is flowing between the DB2 client and server, as well as the name of the file that will be used to store the captured binary packets. The user then runs the test sequence interaction between the DB2 client and the DB2 server. Once the interaction is over, the user terminates tshark's capture.
Then tshark is instructed to use that packet capture binary file to create both a textual representation of the packets sent from the client, in sequence, as well as a textual representation of the packets sent from the server, in sequence. This textual representation is in the Packet Details Markup Language (PDML), which is based on XML.

![Figure 3.2 PDML file partial output](image)

Then a utility program written in java, the Payload Extractor, is invoked twice, once for the client, and once for the server, taking as command-line arguments, the PDML file, and the partial file path used to create a directory which contains a sequence of DRDA packets. The Payload Extractor extracts the DRDA packet, which is the TCP/IP payload, from the data field, which has a field name 'data', and the 'value' attribute, which contains the data, as shown in Figure 3.2.

### 3.4 Packet Flow Analysis, Test Planning and Execution

The next step is to decode the PDUs, and store them in a textual form. This is done by invoking the 'decode' command. The framework uses the PacketDecoder to decode the PDUs. For PDUs which span multiple packets, the framework's main shell script handles the concatenation of packets (more on that in chapter 4).

After that, the command 'genpdufb' is invoked to extract the PDU facts from the textual representation of the PDUs, and store them in a factbase. This is achieved by invoking the PDU fact base generator component described in chapter 2. Now the 'gentestcases' command can be invoked to create the test plan according to the protocol description and the PDU sequence in...
hand. This command uses the test planner and mutation engine to create the test plan for the test sequence, and implement that plan, in order to generate a set of test cases ready for fault injection. A 'replay' command can be run to verify that the PDU sequence replay can reach every state in the sequence without problems. Finally, the 'run' command can be invoked to start the testing process. For proper set up of the data base prior to running a single test run, the following steps are taken:

- Capture snapshot of current state of database
- Run single test
- Restore previously captured state of database

### 3.5 Database Backup

Capturing a snapshot of the database is done by copying the 'sqllib' directory and the instance directory, which by default has the same name as the user name, that the instance is using. Both of these directories are, by default, in the instance user's home directory. For example, the default path under which an instance of DB2 is installed is '/home/db2instX'. Then the 'sqllib' directory and the instance directory would be '/home/db2instX/sqllib' and '/home/db2instX/db2instX' respectively. These two directories are backed up by copying the directories using the UNIX copy command 'cp', to directories with the paths '/home/db2instX/sqllib_original' and '/home/db2instX/db2instX_original', respectively. The directories are restored by copying the 'sqllib/db2dump' directory into the original 'sqllib' directory, then removing the 'sqllib' and 'db2instX' directory, then copying both 'sqllib_original' and 'db2instX_original' to 'sqllib' and 'db2instX' respectively. Two instances of DB2 were set up. One was used as the DB2 server (IUT), and the other instance as the actual client (DB2 client).
The DB2 server was set up under the instance name of 'db2inst1'. The mechanism used to authenticate the client was kept to its default settings. During the installation phase, DB2 was set to listen for TCP/IP connection requests over the default port number 50000. After installation was complete, the 'sample' database was created, using one of DB2’s tools which creates a database populated with sample data.

The DB2 client was set up under the instance name of 'db2inst2'. The mechanism used for authentication was kept to its default settings. After the installation phase, the server instance was cataloged as a TCP/IP node in the DB2 client instance. This was done by creating a new node with the host name and the port number and the connection mechanism (TCP/IP). The sample database was also cataloged as a database at the server node. This is so that the client uses a TCP/IP socket in order to connect to the DB2 server, which would enable us to use a network listener to capture the packets flowing between the DB2 client and the DB2 server.

### 3.6 Test Sequence Configuration

Each test sequence created has a configuration file associated with it. In this configuration file, parameters such as the target host and port number can be specified for use by the injector. In addition, there is also a 'post_replay_command' parameter which can be set in the script, which provides the injector with the command to run after running a single replay and injecting a test case.
The 'checkreply' parameter can be set to 'Y' (yes) if we want the replay module to compare the server's response with the previously captured response, or 'N' if otherwise. The replay module would print a message after receiving each response, if there is a difference between the response received, and the response stored, indicating whether there is a difference in length between the two PDUs, or a difference in the data between the two PDUs, without a difference in PDU length. From running tests without correctly restoring the data base, we observed that errors in the replay show up as a sequence of reply PDUs with lengths which are different to the lengths of the PDUs captured from the interaction with the DB2 client. Therefore, this diagnostic information can be used to verify if the replay module is capable of reaching the state we want to test.

We have observed that changes between the server's response during test runs, and the response PDUs captured from interaction between the IUT and the DB2 client, only occur in the authentication stage (more on that in chapter 5).

When running the tests, the replay module receives the configuration file name as a command-line parameter. The replay module passes this file name to the injector, and the injector fetches the target server host name and port number from the configuration file.
Chapter 4 Framework Extensions

4.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we go over several omissions in the previous version of the security testing framework (see section 2.6), that were uncovered during our study of the DRDA protocol, and what has been done to address these omissions. We also go over several additions made to the framework to enhance the usability and overall effectiveness of the framework. In the upcoming sections, a preliminary automated test planner, which was created as part of this thesis work, is presented. In addition, the required modifications that were made to the previous versions of the markup engine, Security and Constraints Language (SCL) [5] grammar definition, PDU decoder and injector (see section 2.6) are also covered.

4.2 Test Planning

In the previous version of the framework, the test plan used to create test cases was created manually. Each test case was specified manually. For a large protocol specification like DRDA, with hundreds of message types, creating the test cases manually is infeasible. Figure 4.1 shows the architecture of the test planning component of the framework, which was developed as part of this thesis work.

The test planner takes as input four different fact bases, and a mutation script which describes the test plan. The test planner uses the constraints fact base, constraints.fb, to violate the constraints from the protocol description, and creates a data base used internally by the test planner, which contains values which violate these constraints. In addition, the fieldtypes.fb fact base contains each field in the protocol description with its corresponding type. The lengthfield.fb
fact base contains a series of field identifier pairs. One field identifier identifies a field to which a length constraint is applied, and the other field identifier, which is also known as the length field, identifies the field which holds the value used to calculate the length of the field to which the length constraint is applied. The PDU.fb fact base contains information related to the test PDU sequence, such as protocol-to-PDU field name mapping, which is required to find out to which fields in the PDUs the constraints apply. The mutation script describes the mutation operations to be performed in a high-level SQL-like language. The output of the test planner is a shell script which contains a series of invocations of the markup engine (see section 2.6.9). In the following subsections we discuss each component of the test planner in more detail.

Figure 4.1 Test Planner Architecture

4.2.1 Binding

PDU facts from the PDU fact base are used to match the constraints from the protocol fact base, for the test state's corresponding PDU [30]. This fact base containing the constraints relevant to the PDU, namely constraints.fb, is fed to a TXL program, binding.txl, which generates variable names for each of the fields, and substitutes the field names with their corresponding variable names. This is to keep the naming format separate from the simple variable naming used by the planner. The constraints are transformed into logical expressions, and each expression is
tagged according to its type; either CARDINALITY, LENGTH or VALUE. Both the mapping of field names to variable names, and the tagged logical expressions are concatenated into one fact base, and fed to the second stage. The output of the binding phase is shown in figure 4.2.

```
BoundTo Rqsdss_cmd x4
BoundTo Rqsdss_header_DssHeader_lenField x5
Expr "x4 = ((x5) - 6)" LENGTH
BoundTo RDBCMM_llcp_LLCP_codePoint x6
Expr "x6 == 8206" VALUE
BoundTo RDBCMM_rdbnam x7
BoundTo RDBCMM_llcp_LLCP_lenField x8
Expr "x7 = ((x8) - 4)" LENGTH
```

Figure 4.2 binding.txl output sample

### 4.2.2 Pre-Invalid Range Generation

The binding.fb fact base, which contains the constraint expressions, is reformatted by the TXL program preIRG.txl so that it can be fed into an invalid range generator, a program implemented in the C++ language, which outputs one of possibly many invalid values for each of the logical expressions in the fact base. The same expression parser that is used in the dependency handler in the replay module, is used by the invalid range generator. So the expressions were reformatted such that they resemble a data dependencies script like the one described in chapter 2. The output of this stage is shown in figure 4.3.

```
x1318 >= 4;
x1319 == 8528;
```

Figure 4.3 Sample preIRG.txtl output
4.2.3 Invalid Range Generation

The Invalid Range Generator (IRG) generates values which violate the constraint expressions by building a parse tree out of the constraint expression, as shown in figure 4.4. The parse tree is then traversed bottom-up, violating the sub-expressions that exist in the constraint. For example, if the IRG were to violate the constraint expression entry "x1 > 5 AND x1 != 7", which would be represented as "x1 > 5 & x1 != 7;" in the preIRG.txl output, the IRG would perform the following steps:

![Figure 4.4 Parse tree of preIRG.txl output](image)

Violating "x1 > 5" would yield the invalid domain [0,5] for x1, and violating "x1 != 7" would yield the invalid domain [7,7]. Moving back up the tree, violating the conjunction of the two sub-expressions would yield the disjunction of the two invalid variable-domain pairs. Representing disjunctions as a list, the expression would yield the invalid domain list [0,5], [7,7].

This represents the illegal domain of [0,5] U [7], which would in turn generate a value for the constraint that lies in the illegal range. The first value in the illegal domain list is chosen, which in this case is zero.
4.2.4 Post-Invalid Range Generation

In this stage, postIRG.txl, another TXL program, takes in the output of the invalid range generator, as well as the binding.fb fact base, in order to substitute the variable names for their corresponding field names in the protocol description. Each entry is also reformatted to create a TA of the entry, using the 'setInvalidValue' tag, so that it can be used by the custom mutation script engine. An example is shown in figure 4.5.

```
SetInvalidValue SRVCLSNM_lenfield "0"
SetInvalidValue PKGATHRUL_val "6"
```

Figure 4.5 postIRG.txl sample output

4.2.5 Length Fields Fact Base

The length field fact base contains all the fields which specify the length of fields in the protocol description, as well as the corresponding fields that they apply to. These facts are extracted from the length constraints in the protocol description. For example, the length constraint in figure 4.6, implies that the field 'lenField' holds a value which is required for the calculation of the length of the 'cmd' field in Rqsds. An example of how the fact would be output is shown in figure 4.7. The protocol fields in figure 4.7 are uniquely named according to the protocol description, so that they can be correctly mapped to their corresponding fields in the textual form of the PDUs later on.

```
LENGTH(cmd) = ((header.lenField) - SIZEOF(DssHeader)) BYTES
```

Figure 4.6 Rqsds length constraint

```
Rqsds_header_DssHeader_lenField Rqsds_cmd
Objdss_header_DssHeader_lenField Objdss_obj
```

Figure 4.7 Lengthfield.db sample output
The length field fact base is used by the markup engine to correct the length field values after applying an 'insert' or 'remove' mutation markup. The length field value fixes are also applied as markups, to be implemented by the execution engine.

### 4.2.6 Field Types Fact Base

The field types fact base is composed of all the elements and structures defined in the protocol description, stored as a set of RSF facts, each fact specifying a protocol field and its corresponding ASN type (e.g. SET, SEQUENCE, INTEGER, etc.). The field type fact base is generated during the protocol description compilation stage. A sample fact base is shown in figure 4.8.

```
FieldType EXTNAM "SEQUENCE"
FieldType EXTNAM_lenfield "INTEGER"
FieldType EXTNAM_codepoint "INTEGER"
FieldType EXTNAM_data "OCTET STRING"
```

Figure 4.8 Field Types Fact Base

The field types fact base is used by the custom mutations script engine in order to do type checks on fields when the 'type' switch is used in a mutations statement. The type-check currently checks for ASN types only.

### 4.2.7 Custom Mutations

The framework user now has the capability of writing up a script with the specific mutations he/she desires, or to specify constructed mutation operations, for testing a particular area of functionality of the IUT. Throughout the remainder of this section, the term field will also
be applied to structures. The custom mutations script is a sequence of SQL-like statements, where the user can look up fields, copy fields and insert/remove fields over the entire sequence.

The custom mutation scripter, a TXL program, uses a utility TXL program, find.txl as well as a shell script, find.sh, to perform search operations involving the entire sequence, which is stored as a set of files, each file representing a PDU. This search capability is used to find the required fields used in the mutations operations specified in the user's custom mutations script. The find.txl program allows searching within a PDU by id and/or type.

The search results are returned as a sequence of ASN entity and filename pairs (see figure 4.9). Each ASN entity is quoted, as well as the filename the entity was found in. The output of the custom mutation script engine is a series of invocations of the markup engine. The find.sh shell script uses find.txl to perform the search, over the entire client PDU directory of the test sequence.

```
"/full/path/to/client/PDUs/directory/c01.PK1":
"sendPK1_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_1_seqOfDss_Rqsdss_header_DssHeader_lenField : 0 2 :big_endian : INT 0 198"
```

Figure 4.9 Sample Search Result

Now we go over the mutations that can be described using the mutations scripting language.
4.2.7.1 Insert

The insert command allows us to insert a field in a PDU. The user specifies the search condition for the field, and the field to which it should be inserted.

```
insert CLSQRY before CNTQRY
remove where type like SQLSTT
```

Figure 4.10 Custom Mutations Script sample

4.2.7.2 Remove

The user also has the option to remove a field. A search condition is specified by the user in the statement to determine all the fields for which the remove operation applies, and invocations of the markup engine are generated, which instruct the markup engine to apply 'remove field' markup to all these fields.

4.2.7.3 SetValue

The user can also instruct the mutation engine to set the value of a field. The special value "MAXVAL" can be used to instruct the markup and execution engine to set a field to its maximum value.

4.2.7.4 Permute

The mutation engine can also instruct the markup and execution engine to perform permutations where applicable. It is better to specify a type filter in the mutations script to avoid unnecessary invocations of the markup engine, as permutations are only applicable to a collection of elements, which are represented as a SET (unordered) or a SEQUENCE (ordered) in ASN.1.
The default behavior for the test planner is such that all applicable mutations are done for all fields in the PDU sequence. This is defined in a default mutation script that is generated for each test sequence. The custom mutations script engine generates mutations over the whole sequence. The custom mutations script engine allows for sophisticated mutations to be performed.

```
setInvalidValue all
setValue "MAXVAL" where type like INT
setValue "0" where type like OCTET_STRING
setValue "MAXVAL" where type like OCTET_STRING
remove all
permute "0" where type like SEQUENCE
permute "0" where type like SET
```

Figure 4.11 Default mutation script

### 4.3 Modifications to the Markup Engine

Since some of the mutation operations, namely removing a field/structure from a PDU, or inserting a field/structure into a PDU, affects the validity of the length fields in the PDU, the length value of all ancestors of the removed or inserted field/structure are fixed to account for that field/structure, using the valid length value found in the PDU capture and the length of the removed field/structure. This new length value is set by applying another mutation, generated internally, namely a `setValue`, with the new length. If we do not fix the length, then this will be another mutation, which is not what we want from a single mutation operation.
Since we are using the uniquely named PDUs for markup and execution, we can deduce
the field's ancestors from the field name. In the protocol factbase generation phase, a list of all the
fields that affect the value of the length fields, named lengthfields.db, is generated, with the
corresponding length field that it affects. In other words, all the length constraints are extracted
with the length field and the field/structure to which they apply.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rqsdss_header_DssHeader_lenField Rqsdss_cmd</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CLSQRY_lenfield CLSQRY_clsqryparams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PKGID_lenfield PKGID_name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RDBCOLID_lenfield RDBCOLID_name</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 4.12 Sample lengthfields.db

| sendPK2_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_2_seqOfDss_Rqsdss_cmd_SECCHK_rdbnam |

Figure 4.13 PDU field name of 'rdbnam'

We start by looking at the field to be removed. Then the data base lengthfields.db is
searched for a length field which is affected by this field. If a length field is found, it is added to
the list of affected length fields. We then reiterate this last step with the parent of the field, then
the grandparent, and so on and so forth. For example, if we want to remove the field in Figure
4.13, to generate a mutation of the PDU sendPK2, we would start by looking for
SECCHK_rdbnam in lengthfields.db, to find out if there are any length fields affected by the
presence of this field. Then we look for any length fields that are affected by the presence of
Rqsdss_cmd, which in this case, has an entry in lengthfields.db, as shown in figure 4.12. Note
that any indices found in the field name, which are used to denote elements within an array, are
removed, as they are not required when matching the element's unique name in the textual form of the PDU, with the element's name in the protocol description, which was used to generate the lengthfields.db. Once we construct a list of all the length fields that are affected by the presence of the field to be removed/inserted, we search for all the fields in the PDU which correspond to the length fields in the list, by using the PDU fact base and searching the 'fieldCatch relation in the PDU fact base described in chapter 2, to find the names of the fields in the PDU which correspond to the length field names from the protocol description.

Since there may be more than one matching field for the lengthfield entry, for example when we have a sequence of structures each with similar elements, we have to check that we obtain the correct length field. This is done by finding the closest matching field, using the PDU field's unique name, from the list of possible candidate fields found from the PDU fact base.

Now we present an example to further illustrate how this length fixing process works. Lets assume that we want to remove the field with the name 'sendPK2_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_2_seqOfDss_Rqsdss_cmd_SECCHK_rdbnam' as a mutation. By simply removing a field without accounting for the implications of removing a field would result in generating a second mutation, an invalid length field value, which is not what we intended to do. So we have to fix all the fields which are affected by the presence of this target field. The markup engine starts by taking just the parent and element name, SECCHK_rdbnam, and the length fields fact base is checked to see if there is any length field that is affected by the presence of this field. For this example, none are found. Then the grandparent,
Rqsdss_cmd, is checked against the length field fact base, and the following length field is found: Rqsdss_header_DssHeader_lenField.

Searching the PDU factbase for this length field may yield more than one result, for example see figure 4.14.

We can see from Figure 4.14 that this PDU is a sequence of three Data Stream Structures (DSS - section 2.8), each DSS carries its own command. The 'rdbnam' field that we are checking the affected length fields for, is in the second DSS, and from the scope of the field name in the protocol fact base, the length constraint in which this length field is involved, must also be in the second DSS. We check each search result from the field catch relation lookup, by stripping away the protocol field name from the PDU field name, we are left with the results shown in Table 4.1.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Protocol field name</th>
<th>PDU full grandparent field name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Rqsdss_cmd_SECCHK_rdbnam</td>
<td>sendPK2_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_2_seqOfDss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rqsdss_header_DssHeader_lenField</td>
<td>sendPK2_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_1_seqOfDss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sendPK2_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_2_seqOfDss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sendPK2_PDU_seqOfDss_seqOfDss_PDU_3_seqOfDss</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4.1 PDU grandparent fieldnames corresponding to the protocol field names found from the length field fact base
We can clearly see that the second result is the closest match to the rdbnam PDU field name, and so the length field's PDU field name is selected, and the length field value fixed is applied to it.

### 4.4 Constraints

The SCL syntax used to describe constraints in the protocol was primitive, and not flexible enough to describe all of the constraints in the DRDA protocol. At the most, the previous syntax only allowed value alternatives for a field, or a single range of discrete values for a field, as shown in the example in figure 4.15.

![Figure 4.15 Previous constraint syntax](image)

This puts a limitation on the constraints we can describe, since in the DRDA protocol, there are relatively more complex constraints, which cannot be described with the pre-existing syntax. For example, there may be constraints which involve multiple legal value ranges, as well as multiple fields.

Another issue was that there was no way of specifying optional elements in structured types. An optional element is one which may or may not exist in its structure. The checking-and-model-extraction component [5], which processes the protocol description written in SCL, and the PDU decoder (see section 2.6.2) have been modified to support optional elements.
4.5 PDU Decoding

The previous decoder had no support for a set (an unordered collection of elements) or support for optional elements (elements which may or may not exist in a structure). The new decoder supports these two new types.

Another issue faced was the handling of PDUs which span multiple packets, which need to be assembled into one PDU in order to correctly re-construct the correct PDU sequence. When the 'decode' subcommand in the framework's main shell script is invoked, the following steps take place:

For each file in the binary packets directory, do the following:

1. Decode binary packet file by invoking PacketDecoder.jar with the binary packet file name and the DRDA XML grammar file name.

2. Apply TXL program fixpn.txl to set the name of the textual representation of the packet to represent the source of the packet (‘send’ or ‘recv’ depending on whether it’s a request or response packet), as well as the position of the packet in the sequence of packets sent from the source. The TXL program getTxtPDULen.txl is applied to the textual representation of the packet in order to retrieve the length of the packet. The TXL program finds the length by adding the length of the last element, to its position index in the packet.

3. The size of the binary version of the packet is checked against the length obtained from getTxtPDULen.txl from the previous step.

4. Do the following while the lengths from step 3 don't match:
   - The binary packet is backed up, then it's concatenated with the next packet in the sequence of packets sent from the source.
• If there is no proceeding packet, then this implies that we have reached the end of the sequence and cannot decode the PDU. Report error, restore packets and exit decoding phase.

• Steps 1, 2 and 3 are applied for the concatenated packets.

In addition, an output file is created with a list of the multi-packet PDUs, and their corresponding packets. This file is used by the injector in order to concatenate the response packets received from the IUT, which belong to the same PDU. In figure 4.16, packets 5 and 6 are part of one PDU. Similarly, packets 13 and 14 are part of one PDU.

```
5 6
13 14
```

Figure 4.16 PDU sequence re-construction packet list file

### 4.6 Injector

The injector is now capable of invoking external commands after the injection of a single test case, before executing the next test. In addition, the injector can now handle response PDUs which span multiple packets.

Since the TCP/IP injector functionality has been put in a separate module. The replay module communicates with the injector through the use of the standard set of functions shown in table 4.2.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Function Name</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>INJ_init</td>
<td>Configuration file name</td>
<td>Initializes injector; parameters are fetched from the configuration file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INJ_send</td>
<td>Data buffer, data length</td>
<td>Send data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INJ_recv</td>
<td>Data buffer, data length buffer, number of packets to receive</td>
<td>Receive data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INJ_term</td>
<td>None.</td>
<td>Close socket</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4.2 TCP/IP injector interface functions

When the replay module invokes the injector's receive PDU function, the replay module passes the number of packets the injector should receive for the incoming PDU. The "multipk_list" parameter in the configuration file specifies the file which contains the list of PDUs which span multiple packets, each line representing a PDU with a sequence of indices representing the packets belonging to that PDU.
Chapter 5 Test Results

5.1 Introduction

In this chapter we start by discussing the test coverage of the Distributed Data Management (DDM) messages used by DRDA. The DDM architecture defines the transfer syntax for exchanging command, object and reply messages, in DRDA. Then we go over the details of an in-depth analysis of some of the interactions captured between the DB2 client and server, and the reasons why we were capable of replaying the sequences without handling any of the existing dependencies between the DRDA PDUs. Following that, we go over some of the captured interactions which were used as test sequences, and highlighting the DRDA structures used, as well as potential mutations which may reveal flaws in the IUT. At the end a summary of the test results is presented.

5.2 DDM Messages

As of DRDA version 3, there are 21 DDM Command Objects and 22 DDM Reply Objects and Messages used by DRDA [20]. Of the 21 DDM Command Objects, 18 were described. The remaining three DDM Command Objects SYNCCTL, SYNCRSY and DRPPKG were not described as they were not encountered throughout the testing phase. Of the 22 DDM Reply Objects and Messages, 19 were described. The Sync point control Reply Data (SYNCCRD), the Sync point Log (SYNCLOG), and the Sync point Resynchronization Reply Data (SYNCRRD) codepoints (message types) were not described as they were not encountered throughout the testing.
5.3 DRDA Flows

In this section, we begin by explaining why it is possible to replay the captured PDUs successfully, ignoring state dependencies. We take a look at the PDUs involved in the authentication stage in detail, highlighting any changes in values of the fields, between a first test sequence run and the same sequence run again, under the same setup.

The authentication stage was observed to span two states, as in the first PDU the client sends, a request to connect to the server using encryption is made. This initial request is rejected by the server in the first response PDU. In that response PDU the server specifies the connection mechanisms it supports. The client then sends the second PDU with the correct connection mechanism, and the server replies back, informing the client that authentication has succeeded and access to the data base has been granted.

In tabular form, we present the parameters exchanged between the client and the server during the authentication stage, by presenting the structure of each PDU, expressing the DDM messages it holds, as well as the parameters in those DDM messages. We compare changes that occur in the server response PDUs in the authentication stage, to the server response PDUs captured from the interaction between the DB2 client and the IUT. In addition, we also note changes between client PDUs in the authentication stage, from different PDU test sequences. These differences between the PDUs are represented as either a value change, where there is no overall change in length, or as a length change, where the length of the PDUs differ. Changes in value between the server response PDUs and the response PDUs captured from the interaction between the DB2 client and the IUT, may indicate a state dependency. We also note length
changes in order to find out whether or not the values of these changing fields are of variable length. In addition, it is observed that in a test run, a sequence of PDU length changes in the server responses indicates erroneous behavior, where the server would respond to the client PDUs with error messages. This is usually due to improper restoration of the data base.

Authentication Stage

Client PDU 1:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COMMAND</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Type of change</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Exchange Server</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Attributes (EXCSAT)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extnam</td>
<td>Value</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mgrlvlls</td>
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<td>srvclsnm</td>
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<td>srvrlslv</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sectkn</td>
<td>Value</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The extnam is the name of a job, task or process that the client services. It is used for diagnostic/logging purposes. It does not need to be considered as a data dependency. The Manager-level List (MGRLVLLS) attribute specifies a list of codepoints and support levels for the classes of managers a server supports. The Server Class Name (SRVCLSNM) specifies the name of a class of DDM servers. Server class names are assigned for each product involved in
DRDA. The Server Product Release Level (SRVRLSLV) string attribute specifies the product release level of a DDM server.

The Security Mechanism (SECMEC) specifies the security mechanism combination that the client wants to use. For example the client can specify that it wants to use a user name and a password with no encryption. The Relational Database Name (RDBNAM) specifies the name of a relational database (RDB) of the server. A server can have more than one RDB. The Security Token (SECTKN) is used by various security mechanisms. This also did not cause problems when replaying the sequence of PDUs with that value unchanged.

The client initially requests authentication using the User ID Encryption and Password Encryption Security Mechanism (EUSRIDPWD). This mechanism authenticates the user like the user ID and password mechanism, but the user ID and password are encrypted and decrypted using the encryption algorithm based on the ENCALG parameter, with encryption key length based on the ENCKEYLEN parameter. An encryption algorithm known as the Diffie-Hellman public key distribution is used to generate the connection key contained in the SECTKN parameter, and shared private key [20]. Note that the client uses default values for the ENCALG and ENCKEYLEN parameters and thus does not include them in the ACCSEC command. The data fields are encrypted using Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code (EBCDIC).

Server responses: PDU 1:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>OBJECT / REPLY</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Type of Change</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EXCSATRD</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The `extnam` parameter is the name of a job, task or process that the application server is running under. It is for diagnostic/logging purposes. It had no effect on the interactions that ran between the DB2 client and server, so therefore the replay module did not need to handle it.

The Security Check Code (SECCHKCD) codifies the security information and condition for the Security Check Reply Message (SECCHKRM).

Client PDU 2:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COMMAND</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Type of Change</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Access Security (ACCSEC)</td>
<td>secmec</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>rdbnam</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Security Check (SECHCK)</td>
<td>secmec</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rdbnam</td>
<td>password</td>
<td>usrid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Access RDB (ACCRDB)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>rdbacccl (RDB Access Manager Class)</th>
<th>crrtkn (Correlation Token)</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>rdbnam Relational Database Name</td>
<td>prdid Product-Specific Identifier</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>typdefnam Data Type Definition Name</td>
<td>typedefvr TYPDEF Overrides</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>prddta Product-Specific Data</td>
<td>trgdftrt Target Default Value Return</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Password at the server (PASSWORD) specifies the password associated with the defined end-user name on the server. The User ID at the server (USRID) specifies the user name defined at the server. The server is responsible for any authentication and verification of the user name.

The RDB Access Manager Class (RDBACCCL) string specifies that the SQL application manager accesses the relational database. The Correlation Token (CRRTKN) specifies a token that is conveyed between the client and the server for correlating the processing between the servers. For more information see the SNA (Systems Network Architecture) LU (Logical Unit) 6.2 Reference: Peer Protocols and the DRDA reference [20]. The Product-specific Identifier (PRDID) specifies the product release level (product version) of a DDM server. The Data Type Definition Name (TYPDEFNAM) specifies the name of a data type definition. Examples of a
data type definition are Intel80X86 SQL type definition and Java SQL type definition. This specifies the type of data representation that the server application uses when sending reply data objects. The TYPDEF Overrides (TYPDEFOVR) parameter specifies the Coded Character Set Identifiers (CCSIDs) that are in a named Data Type to Data Representation Definition (TYPDEF). A CCSID is a 16-bit number identifying a set of encoding scheme identifiers, character set identifiers, code page identifiers, and other relevant information that uniquely identifies the coded graphical representation used [20]. Examples of encoding schemes that CCSIDs identify are EBCDIC, UNICODE and ASCII. The Product-specific Data (PRDDTA) specifies product-specific information that is conveyed to the server if the Server Class Name (SRVCLSNM) is not known when the ACCRDB command is issued. In addition, PRDDTA specifies the data that must be conveyed. The Target Default Value Return (TRGDFTRT) parameter controls whether to return the server default values in the Access Relational Database Reply Message (ACCRDBRM) [27].

Server Response PDU 2:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>OBJECT / REPLY</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Type of Change</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ACCSECRD</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sec mec</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>secchkcd</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SECCHKRM</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>svrcod</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>secchkcd</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACCRDBRM</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Severity Code (SVRCOD) is an indication of the severity of a condition detected during the execution of a command. The SVRCOD can, for example, be informational, or can indicate a warning or an error.

The RDB Interrupt Token (RDBINTTKN) is sent from the target server to the client, so that the client can use it to interrupt a DDM command. Since in the interactions recorded between the actual DB2 client and the server involved no interrupts, the replay module does not need to account for any changes that occur to this parameter.

The Package Default Character Subtype (PKGDFTCST) specifies the default SQL character subtype used if a character column is defined by an SQL CREATE or ALTER table statement without an explicit subtype being used.

The DRDA documentation [20] states that the server may optionally return an SQL Communication Area Reply Data (SQLCARD) object containing an SQL warning and/or server-specific connect tokens after the ACCess Relational Data Base Reply Message (ACCRDBRM).
So the SQLCARD reply data object returned by the target server in the second state only gives information on the status of the server. In addition to that, if the server detects any abnormal conditions, such as an invalid user id/password combination, in the case of DB2, the target server will terminate the connection. The validity of our replay can be checked by running the 'replay' command, and comparing the server's responses with the responses that were captured from the interaction between the actual DB2 client and the target server.

5.4 Continue Query (CNTQRY) Command

The Continue Query (CNTQRY) command is invoked as a result of an SQL 'FETCH' command. The CNTQRY command carries parameters such as an identifier which uniquely identifies the source of the query, as well as other parameters which specify which row(s) to fetch. One parameter of particular interest is known as the Query Instance Identifier (qryinsid). The qryinsid parameter specifies the instance of the query in use. Its value must match the value of the qryinsid returned in the Open Query Reply Message (OPNQRYRM), by the server, for this instance of the query. This here is clearly a dependency on the data received from the server, and so if our replay module does not satisfy this dependency, we will not be able to reach the next state, as the server will most likely respond back with an error message and might terminate the connection.

Surprisingly, by decoding and examining the packet sequences captured from the actual client, the qryinsid had the same value, as the value we obtained from the response. As a result of the simple setup of a single client interacting with a server, and the main realization that this work
stemmed from, which is letting the actual client drive the sequencing of the data, we were able to capture the sequence then replay it using our replay module, without worrying about dependencies. In addition to simplicity, this also has the advantage of reducing the overhead of handling dependencies when running the tests.

5.5 In-depth analysis of DRDA Test Sequences

Since the codepoint structures described in the DDM reference are defined as an unordered collection of elements, then using the definition of SET in the the SCL language, we can describe the elements that reside in these codepoint structures. The OPTIONAL keyword to describe optional elements proved essential as there are many codepoint structures which have optional elements.

In this section, we cover 3 of the test sequences used to test the DB2 server, in detail. We started by testing from the first state in the test sequences, then testing the second state, and so on. This is done for each test sequence. The first and second state make up the authentication stage. The client first sends a request to authenticate using encryption, the server informs the client that, according to the settings (which were left to default settings), authentication using encryption is not supported, and includes the list of supported authentication mechanisms in the reply. The client sends out the second PDU with the credentials, using the correct authentication mechanism, which simply encodes data objects using Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code (EBCDIC). EBCDIC is a coded character set consisting of 8-bit coded characters [20].
Testing the authentication stage revealed a software fault which was previously unknown to the vendor (see section 5.6). Since the same authentication sequence is used for all sequences and time was limited, we moved on to other areas of functionality. Most of the testing done was using the sample sequences provided with DB2 Version 9.5 Open Beta from IBM.

Each of the 3 test sequences are described as a sequence of DRDA PDUs. PDUs which are common between the three sequences have been given identifiers, and placed in tabular form below. Each DRDA PDU has been assigned a list of mutations which have the potential to reveal faults. This has been identified by studying the protocol specification, and extracting the cases which are not covered by the specification. For each of these cases, we list the mutation strategies involved in generating the test case(s).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Test Case</th>
<th>Mutation(s) involved</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Case A: One interesting mutation that can be applied is where the EXCSQLSIMM codepoint exists. For example in PDU where the codepoint exists with the following parameters:</td>
<td>Standard: Remove field Set value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXCSQLIMM</td>
<td>PKGNAMCSN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RDBCMTOK</td>
<td>Both PKGNAMCSN and PKGSN are specified as optional elements in the DDM reference. However, one or the other is required if the other element does not exist. What if neither elements exist? What if both elements exist with values that don't correspond to the same section number? The same applies to other structures which contain these elements such as DSCSQLSTT or PRPSQLSTT.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Case B (invalid value mutations): QRYBLKSIZE has a lower and upper limit for accepted values, namely 512 and 10485760 (10M). RDBCMTOK has legal values of either 'F0'h (false) or 'F1'h (true).</td>
<td>Standard: Set value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Case C: For CLSQRY requests with the following parameters:</td>
<td>Standard: Set value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLSQRY</td>
<td>PKGNAMCSN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QRYINSID</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
the query instance identifier, which must match the QRYINSID returned in the reply message to the Open Query Request (OPNQRY), can be changed such that its value doesn't match the value returned.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Case D:</th>
<th>Customized script</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>If RDBNAM is specified, its value must be the same as the value specified on the ACCRDB command for RDBNAM. What if we add a previously non-existing RDBNAM to ACCRDB by copying it from another PDU or sequence, then change the value of RDBNAM such that it doesn't match the value of RDBNAM in ACCRDB.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Case E (remove structure):</th>
<th>Standard: Remove field</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>For PDUs with the following sequence of DSS:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rqsdss</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXCSQLIMM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PKGNAMCSN</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RDBCMTOK</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Objdss</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQLSTT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>what if there was no SQLSTT OBJDSS proceeding EXCSQLIMM RQSDSS?</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PDU Descriptions:

The format of each PDU description entry is as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DRDA MESSAGE IDENTIFIER</th>
<th>DRDA Message Structure</th>
<th>Potential Mutations (cases which have the potential of revealing faults)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Execute Immediate SQL Statement (EXCSQLIMM) Command

Executes the non-cursor SQL statement sent as command data.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</th>
<th>Rqsdss</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EXCSQLIMM A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PKGNAMCSN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>RDBCMTOK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Objdss E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SQLSTT</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
RDB Commit Unit of Work (RDBCMM) Command

Commits all work performed for the unit of work. The current unit of work ends and a new unit of work begins.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>RDB COMMIT</th>
<th>Rqsdss</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RDBCMM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

RDB Rollback Unit of Work (RDBRLLBCK) command

Rolls back all work performed for the current unit of work. The current unit of work ends, and a new unit of work begins.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>RDB ROLLBACK</th>
<th>Rqsdss</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RDBRLLBCK</td>
<td></td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Describe SQL Statement (DSCSQLSTT) command

Returns the definitions of either the select list or the input data variables referenced within the specified package section.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DESCRIBE SQL STATEMENT</th>
<th>Rqsdss</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DSCSQLSTT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PKGNAMCSN</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Prepare SQL Statement (PRPSQLSTT) command

Dynamically binds an SQL statement to a section in an existing relational database (RDB) package.
Open Query (OPNQRY) command

Opens a query to a relational database.

Close Query (CLSQRY) command

Closes a query that an OPNQRY command opened.

Using declared temporary tables (Sample filename: tbtemp.db2)

This sample shows how to use a declared temporary table. "A declared temporary table is a temporary table that is only accessible to SQL statements that are issued by the application which created the temporary table. A declared temporary table does not persist beyond the duration of the connection of the application to the database." [21]

The following SQL statements are used:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mutation Type</th>
<th>Mutation Count</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Set Value</td>
<td>1142</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove Field</td>
<td>1679</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Permutations</td>
<td>1334</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>4155</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PDU 1, PDU 2 Authentication phase.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PDU 3</th>
<th>Rqsdss</th>
<th>EXCSAT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>MGRLVLLS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rqsdss</td>
<td>EXCSQLSET</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>PKGNAMCSN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Objdss</td>
<td>E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQLSTT</td>
<td>SET CURRENT LOCALE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rqsdss</td>
<td>EXCSQLIMM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>PKGNAMCSN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>RDBCMTOK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Objdss</td>
<td>E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQLSTT</td>
<td>CREATE USER TEMPORARY TABLESPACE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### PDU 4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EXCSQLIMM</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PKGNAMCSN</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RDBCMTOK</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Objdss</td>
<td>E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQLSTT</td>
<td>DECLARE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PDU No.</th>
<th>DRDA Message</th>
<th>SQL Statement (if any)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
<td>SQL 'INSERT'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>PREPARE SQL STATEMENT</td>
<td>SQL 'SELECT'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>OPEN QUERY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>DESCRIBE SQL STATEMENT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>CLOSE QUERY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>RDB COMMIT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>PREPARE SQL STATEMENT</td>
<td>SQL 'SELECT'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>OPEN QUERY</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>DESCRIBE SQL STATEMENT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>CLOSE QUERY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
<td>SQL 'DECLARE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
<td>SQL 'INSERT'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>PREPARE SQL STATEMENT</td>
<td>SQL 'SELECT'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>OPEN QUERY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>DESCRIBE SQL STATEMENT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>CLOSE QUERY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
<td>SQL 'CREATE INDEX'</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table Level Automatic Summary Table sample (Sample filename: tbast.db2)

How to use staging table for updating deferred Automatic Summary Table (AST)

This sample:

1. Creates a refresh-deferred summary table

2. Creates a staging table for this summary table

3. Applies contents of staging table to AST
4. Restores the data in a summary table

"A staging table allows incremental maintenance support for deferred materialized query table. The staging table collects changes that need to be applied to the materialized query table to synchronize it with the contents of underlying tables." [22]

The following SQL statements are used:

| CREATE TABLE | REFRESH |
| DROP          | SET INTEGRITY |
| INSERT        | TERMINATE |

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mutation Type</th>
<th>Mutation Count</th>
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<td>1400</td>
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<td>Remove Field</td>
<td>1679</td>
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<td>4413</td>
</tr>
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</table>

PDU 1, PDU 2 Authentication phase.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PDU 3</th>
<th>Potential mutations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Rqsds EXCSAT MGRLVLLS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rqsds EXCSQLSET PKGNAMCSN</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Objdss SQLSTTT S</td>
<td>E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rqsds EXCSQLIMM PKGNAMCSN RDBCMTOK</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Objdss SQLSTTT CREATE TABLE</td>
<td>E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PDU No.</td>
<td>DRDA Message</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------</td>
<td>---------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>RDB COMMIT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>RDB COMMIT</td>
</tr>
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<td>7</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>RDB COMMIT</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>RDB COMMIT</td>
</tr>
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<td>11</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>COMMIT</td>
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<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
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<td>PREPARE SQL STATEMENT</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>RDB COMMIT</td>
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<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>EXECUTE SQL IMMEDIATE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>RDB COMMIT</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PDUs 22 to 44 (inclusive), which make up the rest of the sequence, use the same DRDA message types used from PDU 3 to PDU 21, and therefore are not presented.

Creating a Table with a Check Constraint (Sample filename: const.db2)

This sample demonstrates how to create a table with a check constraint. A table check constraint specifies a search condition that is enforced for each row of the table on which the table check constraint is defined. Once table check constraints are defined to the database
manager, an insert or update to the data within the tables is checked against the defined constraint. Completion of the requested action depends on the result of the constraint checking [23].

The following SQL statements are used:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CREATE TABLE</th>
<th>INSERT</th>
<th>DROP</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<table>
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PDU 1, PDU 2 Authentication phase.

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<th>EXCSQLSET</th>
<th>PKGNAMCSN</th>
<th>Objdss</th>
<th>E</th>
<th>SQLSTT</th>
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5.6 DRDA Test Sequence Results

One critical software fault [26], previously unknown to the vendor, was found by setting the length field value of the ACCSEC to an unsigned integer which is less than 4 (0 to 3), which is the size of the length field plus the size of the codepoint field. This type of error usually occurs because of the absence of a sanity check on the length field. In this case the sanity check would be checking if the length is greater than or equal to the total size of both the length field and the codepoint field. This caused the DB2 server to crash, leading to a denial of service. The problem was first fixed in Version 9.1 FixPak 3 [26].

A second software fault, which was already known to the vendor, was revealed by the framework. This fault showed up as a side-effect of the testing and did not pertain to a specific mutation. The vendor informed us that the fault was already fixed.

In table 5.1 we present statistics from testing 26 different sequences, throughout different stages of the project. Since most of the test sequences used were obtained by capturing interactions from sample sequences included in the DB2 package, the names of those sequences in the table match the name of the sample. The test sequence 'complex' was obtained from the
IBM website and the tests with the name prefix 'lob' were obtained from the IBM DB2 Release Management Team.

For some of the test sequences, the database is set up by the sample sequence set up script, prior to executing the sample script. The test sequence names suffixed with '_binding_stage' are sequences captured while setting up the database for the sequence. Test sequence names suffixed with '_execution_stage' are sequences captured during the execution of the SQL queries in the sample script.
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Table 5.1 Test Results Summary
Chapter 6 Conclusions and Future Work

6.1 Introduction

Throughout the course of this thesis work, we have studied the DRDA protocol specification, and discussed the limitations of the previous version of the framework when testing the implementation of DRDA, and how these limitations were overcome.

The language-based lightweight testing approach, has previously been shown effective in an academic setting, with relatively smaller protocols (fewer message types), such as X.509, OSPF, AFP and SMB. This thesis work has shown that this technique is effective when testing the DRDA protocol which is composed of hundreds of message types, in an industrial setting.

One important observation made is that even though there are dependencies between the PDUs in an interaction between the DB2 client and DB2 server, these dependency data field values did not change, provided that we restored the data base to a known state, i.e., the same state the data base was in, prior to the execution of the interaction between the DB2 client and the DB2 server.

A number of interactions between the DB2 client and the DB2 server were captured, analyzed, and test cases were generated and prepared for injection, prior to the test run. Most of the test sequences were obtained from sample interactions provided along with the DB2 software package.
Two software faults, one of which was unknown to the vendor, were revealed during the testing phase, thus demonstrating the effectiveness of the testing approach and the framework. This shows that rules described in the DRDA specification can be covered by the mutation strategies that this framework uses.

6.2 Contributions

Previous work has shown the ability of the testing approach and the framework, to reveal faults in frame-based protocol implementations, as well as state-based protocols, using conformance testing data, without having to specify state dependencies as an automata or as a grammar.

This thesis work has uncovered and addressed the following omissions in the previous framework:

- The test plan was created manually, which has been addressed by creating a preliminary automated test planner, in which the test planning and test case generation process have been automated, and no user interference is required. Having said that, the new mutation engine allows for customized mutation strategies by means of a custom mutations script, written in an SQL-like language.

- Modifications to the markup engine were required in order to support mutations which have an impact on length fields.

- The SCL grammar [5], SCL checking-and-model-extraction component [5] and PDU decoder (see section 2.6.2) were modified in order to support optional elements in structures, as well as supporting a more flexible constraints syntax used to describe the constraints found in DRDA.
This set of modifications provides software testers in industry with a framework that can be used to test implementations of protocols with minimal effort, and at the same time, achieve significant protocol coverage.

### 6.3 Future Work

As part of this work, the author of this thesis has introduced an SQL-like language with primitive syntax and keywords, used to describe mutations to be performed over the whole sequence. Currently the mutation engine and the scripting language allow only for pre-fetched values to be used in setting field values. The syntax of this language can be expanded to support many more features such as setting the field to a value which is relative to the existing value which was obtained from the packet capture. In addition, the framework user can also write custom mutation scripts which perform more sophisticated mutations, once the language is expanded.

Also as part of this work, what was simply known as the 'injector' in the previous version of the framework, has been refactored and the logic for the TCP/IP socket-handling and connection-handling has been put in a separate module. This module is controlled by the replay module, which handles the replay, including the dependencies.

Modules for other connection mechanisms can be added to the framework, such as Inter-Process Communication (IPC), or Systems Network Architecture (SNA) from IBM. Both of these connection mechanisms are supported by DB2, in addition to TCP/IP.
6.4 Conclusions

In today's world, there is an ever-increasing dependency on Information and Communication Technology (ICT). ICT is now being used by governments, hospitals, banks, businesses, etc. These information systems utilize database software to handle the databases which hold records of employers, employees, customers, etc. This put these systems under an increasing risk of being compromised, and as a result, money or sensitive data may be stolen. Vandalism may also occur, tarnishing the reputation of a company.

From our study of the protocol specification, the protocol description of DRDA was written in SCL. By describing only 200 of the 580 codepoints in the DDM reference [20], we were able to describe 18 of 21 DDM Command Objects used by DRDA, and 19 of 22 DDM Reply Objects and Messages used by DRDA. Thus we were able to achieve significant test coverage of the protocol. Using this protocol description, the test planner automatically implements the test plan, and generates the test cases.

By overcoming the limitations of the previous framework, we were capable of exercising the DRDA protocol as implemented by the DB2 product from IBM. The testing approach and the framework, which were shown effective in an academic setting, in previous work, has shown effective in an industrial setting.
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[26] "DB2 engine traps if DRDA flow of the connection request is hacked". Available at: http://www-1.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg11Z00188, last accessed, August 2008


Part of the DRDA Protocol Description in SCL

PDU ::= SEQUENCE {
    seqOfDss SEQUENCE OF Dss
}
<size>
    seqOfDss IS CONSTRAINED
</size>

Dss ::= (Rqsdss | Objdss | Rpydss)

DssHeader ::= SEQUENCE {
    lenField INTEGER,
    constant INTEGER,
    format INTEGER,
    correlationIdentifier INTEGER
}
<size>
    lenField IS 2 BYTES
    ddmid IS 1 BYTES
    format IS 1 BYTES
    correlationIdentifier IS 2 BYTES
</size>
<transfer>
    MATCHES { ddmid == 'D0'H }
</transfer>
<constraints>
</constraints>

--------ReQueSt Data Stream Structure--------

Rqsdss ::= SEQUENCE {
    header DssHeader,
    cmd Command
}
<size>
    header IS SELFDEFINED
    cmd IS SELFDEFINED
</size>
<transfer>
    MATCHES { (header.format == '01'H |
        (header.format == '41'H) |

(header.format == '51'H) |
(header.format == '61'H) |
(header.format == '71'H) |
(header.format == '05'H) |
(header.format == '45'H) |
(header.format == '55'H) |
(header.format == '65'H) |
(header.format == '75'H) }

LENGTH(cmd) = ((header.lenField) - SIZEOF(DssHeader)) BYTES

</transfer>

<constraints>
</constraints>

Command ::= (EXCSAT    |
   BNDSQLSTT |
   EXCSQLSTT |
   ACCRDB    |
   ACCSEC    |
   BGNATMCHN |
   BGNBND    |
   SECCHECK  |
   EXCSQLIMM |
   EXCSQLSET |
   ENDATMCHN |
   PRPSQLSTT |
   OPNQRY    |
   CLSQRY    |
   RDBCMM    |
   RDBRLBCK  |
   UNDOCCMD  |
   DSCSQLSTT |
   CNTQRY    |
   DRPPKG    |
)

--------Object Data Stream Structure--------

ObjDss ::= SEQUENCE { 
   header DssHeader, 
   obj Object 
}

<size>
   header IS SELFDEFINED 
   obj IS SELFDEFINED 
</size>

<transfer>
MATCHES {
    (header.format == '03'H) |
    (header.format == '43'H) |
    (header.format == '53'H) |
    (header.format == '04'H) |
    (header.format == '44'H) |
    (header.format == '54'H) |
}

LENGTH(obj) = ((header.lenField) - SIZEOF(DssHeader))BYTES

</transfer>

<constraints>
</constraints>

Object ::= ( SQLSTT | PKGNAMECSN | SQLCARD | PKGDFTCST | RDBINTTKN | SVRCOD | SQLDTRD | SQLDARD | TRGDFTRT | PRDDTA | TYPDEFOVR | TYPDEFNAM | SECCHKCD | SECTKN | SQLRSLRD | RDBNAM | SECMEC | PRDID | SQLDTA | CRRTKN | RDBACCCL | USRID | PASSWORD | SRVRLSLV | SRVNAME | SRVLSNAM | SQLATTR | MGRLVLLS | EXTNAM | EXTDTA | EXCSATRD | ACCSECRD | QRYDSC | SQLCINRD |
---Reply Data Stream Structure---

Rpydss ::= SEQUENCE {
   header DssHeader,
   rpymsg ReplyMessage
}

<transfer>
   MATCHES { (header.format == '02'H) |
              (header.format == '42'H) |
              (header.format == '52'H) }
   LENGTH(ReplyMessage) = ((header.lenField) - SIZEOF(DssHeader)) BYTES
</transfer>

ReplyMessage ::= ( ABNUOWRM | ACCRDBRM | BGNBNDRM | SECCHKRM | OPNQRYRM | ENDUOWRM | ENDQRYRM | RSLSETRM | RDBUPDRM | SQLERRRM )

---Prepare SQL Statement---
PRPSQLSTT ::= SEQUENCE {
   lenfield INTEGER,
   codepoint INTEGER,
   prpsqlsttparams PRPSQLSTTparams
}

<transfer>
   lenfield IS 2 BYTES
   codepoint IS 2 BYTES
   prpsqlsttparams IS SELFDEFINED
</transfer>
MATCHES { (codepoint == '200D'H) }
LENGTH(prpsqlsttparams) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES
</transfer>

PRPSQLSTTparams ::= SET {
  bufinsind BUFINSIND OPTIONAL,
  cmdsrcid CMDSRCID OPTIONAL,
  monitor MONITOR OPTIONAL,
  pkgnamcsn PKGNAMCSN OPTIONAL,
  rdbnam RDBNAM OPTIONAL,
  rtnsqlda RTNSQLDA OPTIONAL,
  typsqlda TYPSQLDA OPTIONAL,
  pkgsn PKGSN OPTIONAL
}
</size>
  bufinsind IS SELFDEFINED
  cmdsrcid IS SELFDEFINED
  monitor IS SELFDEFINED
  pkgnamcsn IS SELFDEFINED
  pkgsn IS SELFDEFINED
  rdbnam IS SELFDEFINED
  rtnsqlda IS SELFDEFINED
  typsqlda IS SELFDEFINED
</size>
<constraints>
  VALUE(typsqlda) == 0 | VALUE(typsqlda) == 2 | VALUE(typsqlda) == 4
</constraints>

SQL Statement Attributes
SQLATTR ::= SEQUENCE {
  lenfield INTEGER,
  codepoint INTEGER,
  sqlattr OCTET STRING OPTIONAL
}
</size>
  lenfield IS 2 BYTES
  codepoint IS 2 BYTES
  sqlattr IS CONSTRAINED
</size>
<transfer>
MATCHES { codepoint == '2450'H }
LENGTH(sqlattr) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES
</transfer>
--Query Block Size--
QRYBLKSZ ::= SEQUENCE {
  lenfield INTEGER,
  codepoint INTEGER,
  val INTEGER
}
<size>
  lenfield IS 2 BYTES
  codepoint IS 2 BYTES
  val IS 4 BYTES
</size>
<transfer>
  MATCHES { (codepoint == '2114'H) }
</transfer>
<constraints>
  VALUE(val) >= 512 & VALUE(val) <= 10485760
</constraints>

--Maximum Number of Extra Blocks--
MAXBLKEXT ::= SEQUENCE {
  lenfield INTEGER,
  codepoint INTEGER,
  data OCTET STRING
}
<size>
  lenfield IS 2 BYTES
  codepoint IS 2 BYTES
  data IS CONSTRAINED
</size>
<transfer>
  MATCHES { (codepoint == '2141'H) }
  LENGTH(data) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES
</transfer>

--Query Close Implicit--
QRYCLSIMP ::= SEQUENCE {
  lenfield INTEGER,
  codepoint INTEGER,
  val INTEGER
}
<size>
  lenfield IS 2 BYTES
  codepoint IS 2 BYTES
  val IS 1 BYTES
</size>
<transfer>
MATCHES { codepoint == '215D'H }
LENGTH(val) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES
</transfer>
<constraints>
  VALUE(val) == INCLUDED 0..2
</constraints>

OPNQRY ::= SEQUENCE {
  lenfield INTEGER,
  codepoint INTEGER,
  opnqryparams OPNQRYparams
}
<size>
  lenfield IS 2 BYTES
  codepoint IS 2 BYTES
  opnqryparams IS CONSTRAINED
</size>
<transfer>
  MATCHES { codepoint == '200C'H }
  LENGTH(opnqryparams) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES
</transfer>

OPNQRYparams ::= SET {
  cmdsrcid CMDSRCID OPTIONAL,
  dupqryok DUPQRYOK OPTIONAL,
  maxblkext MAXBLKEXT OPTIONAL,
  monitor MONITOR OPTIONAL,
  outovropt OUTOVROPT OPTIONAL,
  pkgnamcsn PKGNAMCSN OPTIONAL,
  qryblkctl QRYBLKCTL OPTIONAL,
  qryblkisz QRYBLKKSZ,
  qryclsimp QRYCLSIMP OPTIONAL,
  qryclsrts QRYCLSRSLS OPTIONAL,
  qryrowset QRYROWSET OPTIONAL,
  rdbnam RDBNAM OPTIONAL,
  rtssqlda RTNSQLDA OPTIONAL,
  tipsqlda TYPSQLDA OPTIONAL,
  cp214b CP214B OPTIONAL,
  cp2137 CP2137 OPTIONAL,
  pkgsn PKGSN OPTIONAL
}
<size>
  cmdsrcid IS SELFDEFINED
  dupqryok IS SELFDEFINED
  maxblkext IS SELFDEFINED
  monitor IS SELFDEFINED
DUPQRYOK ::= SEQUENCE {
  lenfield INTEGER,
  codepoint INTEGER,
  val INTEGER
}
<size>
  lenfield IS 2 BYTES
  codepoint IS 2 BYTES
  val IS 1 BYTES
</size>
<transfer>
  MATCHES { codepoint == '210B'H }
  LENGTH(val) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES
</transfer>
<constraints>
  VALUE(val) == 'F1'H | VALUE(val) == 'F0'H
</constraints>

QRYBLKCTL ::= SEQUENCE {
  lenfield INTEGER,
  codepoint INTEGER,
  val INTEGER
}
<size>
  lenfield IS 2 BYTES
  codepoint IS 2 BYTES
  val IS 1 BYTES
</size>
MATCHES { codepoint == '2132'H }
LENGTH(val) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES

VALUE(val) == '2418'H | VALUE(val) == '2417'H | VALUE(val) == '2410'H

--Continue Query--

CNTQRY ::= SEQUENCE {
    lenfield INTEGER,
    codepoint INTEGER,
    cntqryparams CNTQRYparams
}

lenfield IS 2 BYTES
codepoint IS 2 BYTES
cntqryparams IS CONSTRAINED

MATCHES { (codepoint == '2006'H) }
LENGTH(cntqryparams) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES

VALUE(qryinsid) == OPNQRYRM.qryinsid

CNTQRYparams ::= SET {
    cmdsrcid CMDSRCID OPTIONAL,
    maxblkext MAXBLKEXT OPTIONAL,
    monitor MONITOR OPTIONAL,
    pkgnamcsn PKGNAMCSN OPTIONAL,
    qryblkrst QRYBLKRSN OPTIONAL,
    qryblksz QRYBLKSZ,
    qryinsid QRYINSID,
    qryrownbr QRYROWNBR OPTIONAL,
    qryrowset QRYROWSET OPTIONAL,
    qryrowsns QRYROWSNS OPTIONAL,
    qryrtndta QRYRTNDTA OPTIONAL,
    qryscrn QRYSCRORN OPTIONAL,
    rdbnam RDBNAM OPTIONAL,
    rtndta RTNDTA OPTIONAL,
    freprvref FREPRVREF OPTIONAL,
    pkgsn INTEGER OPTIONAL
}

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cmdsrcid IS SELFDEFINED
maxblkext IS SELFDEFINED
monitor IS SELFDEFINED
pkgnamcsn IS SELFDEFINED
qryblkrst IS SELFDEFINED
qryblksz IS SELFDEFINED
qryinsid IS SELFDEFINED
qryrownbr IS SELFDEFINED
qryrowset IS SELFDEFINED
qryrowsns IS SELFDEFINED
qryrtnlta IS SELFDEFINED
qrysclrn IS SELFDEFINED
rdbnam IS SELFDEFINED
rtnextdta IS SELFDEFINED
freprvref IS SELFDEFINED
pkgsn IS 2 BYTES

</size>

--Close Query--
CLSQRY ::= SEQUENCE {
  lenfield INTEGER,
  codepoint INTEGER,
  clsqryparams CLSQRYparams
}
</size>

lenfield IS 2 BYTES
codepoint IS 2 BYTES
llcp IS SELFDEFINED
clsqyrparams IS SELFDEFINED

</size>

<transfer>
  MATCHES { codepoint == '2005'H }
  LENGTH(clsqyrparams) = ((lenfield) - 4) BYTES
</transfer>

CLSQRYparams ::= SET {
  cmdsrcid CMDSRCID OPTIONAL,
  monitor MONITOR OPTIONAL,
  pkgnamcsn PKGNAMCSN OPTIONAL,
  qryclsrls QRYCLSRLS OPTIONAL,
  qryinsid QRYINSID,
  rdbnam RDBNAM OPTIONAL,
  pkgsn INTEGER OPTIONAL
}
</size>

cmdsrcid IS SELFDEFINED
monitor IS SELFDEFINED
pkgnamcsn IS SELFDEFINED
pkgsn IS 2 BYTES
qryclsrls IS SELFDEFINED
qryinsid IS SELFDEFINED
rdbnam IS SELFDEFINED
</size>
</transfer>
</transfer>
</constraints>

--Package Name and Consistency Token--
PKGNAMCT ::= SEQUENCE {
    lenfield INTEGER,
    codepoint INTEGER,
    pkgnamctparams PKGNAMCTparams
}
</size>
lenfield IS 2 BYTES
codepoint IS 2 BYTES
pkgnamctparams IS SELFDEFINED
</size>
</transfer>
MATCHES { codepoint == '2112'H }
</transfer>

PKGNAMCTparams ::= SET {
    pkgenstkn OCTET STRING,
    scldtalen1 SCLDTALEN OPTIONAL,
    pkgid OCTET STRING,
    scldtalen2 SCLDTALEN OPTIONAL,
    rdbcolid OCTET STRING,
    scldtalen3 SCLDTALEN OPTIONAL,
    rdbnam OCTET STRING
}
</size>
pkgenstkn IS 8 BYTES
scldtalen1 IS SELFDEFINED
pkgid IS CONSTRAINED
scldtalen2 IS SELFDEFINED
rdbcolid IS SELFDEFINED
scldtalen3 IS SELFDEFINED
rdbnam IS CONSTRAINED
</size>
</transfer>
LENGTH(pkgid) = ((18*(PKGNAMCT.lenfield) == 66)) l
((scldtalen1)*((PKGNAMCT.lenfield) != 66))) BYTES
LENGTH(rdbcolid) = ((18*(PKGNAMCT.lenfield) == 66)) l
((scldtalen2)*((PKGNAMCT.lenfield) != 66))) BYTES
LENGTH(rdbnam) = ((18*(PKGNAMCT.lenfield) == 66)) l
((scldtalen3)*((PKGNAMCT.lenfield) != 66))) BYTES
</transfer>
<constraints>
  VALUE(LENGTH(pkgid)) >= 18
  VALUE(LENGTH(pkgid)) <= 255
</constraints>