

Lasaris Process Mining Research

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Process mining

- Discipline proposed to give a better understanding of the processes by extracting knowledge from event logs.
- Process: a series of related activities that are performed in a specific sequence to achieve a particular goal within an organization.
- **Event log:** a structured collection of data that captures all the relevant events that occur during the execution of a process.

Why is process mining important?

- We assume how the process is performed.
- However, how the real process looks like?



Process model

- A visual representation of a process.
- UML Activity diagram, BPMN, Petri net, ...



Event log

- Case ID: a unique identifier associated with a single process instance.
- Activity: a specific step in the process.
- Timestamp



Trace

- **Trace** is a representation containing only ordered activities of a given case.
- A collection of traces is called workflow log.



Process mining types



Declarative paradigm



Declarative paradigm



Declarative paradigm - Rules example

- 1. If C occurs, then A occurs.
- 2. Each time F occurs, then D occurs immediately after F.
- 3. B occurs only if preceded by C.
- 4. Each time E occurs, then G occurs afterward before E recurs.
- 5. I and J never occur together.



ProcessM.NET

 For implementation of process mining algorithms, you can check our .NET process mining library: https://github.com/lasaris/ProcessM.NET.

Checkpoint



Where we use process mining in Lasaris?

- 1. Cybersecurity
- 2. Software engineering

Cybersecurity

- 1. Insider Attack Detection
- 2. Cybersecurity Training Session Analysis
- 3. Internet of Secure Things

Insider Attack Detection

- Audit logs
- Manufacturing
- Windows Processes
- Information Systems

Audit logs

• The goal was to explore the potential of process mining analysis types.

- User application activity.
- Data flow.
- File log.
- Collaboration with Safetica.

Manufacturing

- The goal was to identify the scenarios where process mining can help with the detection of insider attacks.
- Collaboration with a manufacturing company.



Windows Processes

- We proposed the technique for masquerader traitor detection.
- We performed a case study where we evaluated the process models.



Information Systems

We proposed the framework for insider attack detection using process mining.We performed a case study where we evaluated the framework.



Information Systems

ID	Туре	Attack	
A1	Fraud	Student reads other student's homework	
A2	Fraud	Student submits ROPOT too quickly	
A3	Fraud	Student opens ROPOT from home	
A4	Fraud	Student reads study materials after opening ROPOT	

A5	Fraud	Teacher gives mark without scans
A6	Theft	Teacher mines personal data of students
A7	Sabotage	Teacher deletes student's home- work
A8	Sabotage	Teacher deletes student's ROPOT session

Information Systems

Attack ID	Found	Missed	Success (%)	Confidence
A1	14	10	58.33	8.07
A2	0	24	0	0
A3	10	14	41.67	9
A4	13	11	54.17	8.46
A5	6	18	25	8.84
A6	1	23	4.17	7
A7	12	12	50	6.38
A8	12	12	50	5.38
Total	68	124	-	-
Average	-	-	35.41	7.59

Cybersecurity Training Session Analysis

- Goal is to identify the issues with the training design.
- Collaboration with KYPO.



Cybersecurity Training Session Analysis

Input CSV file Discovered process model userId:timestamp:event 1;2.08.2020 10:31:43;use webmin backdoor 1:2.08.2020 10:32:44:set RHOST use webmin backdoor (3) 1:2.08.2020 10:33:19:set LHOST 1;2.08.2020 10:34:27;set SSL 1:2.08.2020 10:34:35:set TARGET 2:2.08.2020 10:52:55:use webmin backdoor set RHOST (2) exploit (2) 2:2.08.2020 10:53:22:exploit 2:2.08.2020 10:56:24:set RPORT Process discovery 2;2.08.2020 10:56:57;exploit 2:2.08.2020 10:59:51:set LHOST 2:2.08.2020 11:00:02:set SSL set LHOST (3) set RPORT (1) 2;2.08.2020 11:00:14;set TARGET 3:2.08.2020 12:21:13:use webmin backdoor 3:2.08.2020 12:22:14:set RHOST set SSL (3) 3 ► set TARGET (3) 3:2.08.2020 12:23:02:set LHOST 3:2.08.2020 12:24:17:set SSL 3:2.08.2020 12:24:41:set TARGET

Figure 1. Process discovery example of the hacking process using Metasploit command line history

Internet of Secure Things

- Topics connected to Smart Cities.
 - Smart parking.
 - Vehicle sharing.
- Collaboration with University of Tartu.

Software engineering

- 1. Git Logs
- 2. Application Usage: Steam Achievements
- 3. Software Development and Maintainability
- 4. Gen Al Usage in Programming
- 5. Software Testing

Git Logs

Goal is to explore the usage of Git in team projects.



Git Logs



Git Logs



Application Usage: Steam Achievements

Goal was to explore the usability of Steam data for a game playthrough analysis.

	Game	Game	Achievement	Rating
		Linearity	Types	
G1	Gris (Nomada Studio, 2018)	\mathbf{L}	P(5), O(12)	OP
G2	Hades (Supergiant Games, 2018)	\mathbf{SL}	P(5), O(44)	OP
$\mathbf{G3}$	TIS-100 (Zachtronics, 2015)	NL	O(10)	OP
$\mathbf{G4}$	Per Aspera (Tlön Industries, 2020)	\mathbf{SL}	P(5), O(27)	Μ
G5	Oxygen Not Included (Klei Entertainment, 2017)	NL	O(35)	OP
$\mathbf{G6}$	Friday the 13th: The Game (IllFonic, 2017)	NL	O(53)	\mathbf{MP}
$\mathbf{G7}$	Witcher 3: The Wild Hunt (CD Projekt, 2015)	SL	P(8), O(70)	OP
$\mathbf{G8}$	Black Mirror (King Art Games, 2017)	\mathbf{L}	P(16), O(5)	Μ

 $\rm L$ — linear, $\rm SL$ — slightly linear, $\rm NL$ — non-linear

P — progress achievements (count), O — optional achievements (count)

OP — overwhelmingly positive, MP — mostly positive, M — mixed

Application Usage: Steam Achievements



Other research

Software Development and Maintainability

- Process mining of Jira issues.
- Collaboration with SAP Signavio.
- Gen Al Usage in Programming
 - Process mining of text prompts.
 - Collaboration with NLP lab.
- Software Testing
 - Process mining of application testing.

Checkpoint



SAP Signavio



- Core in Berlin.
- Acquired by SAP 3 years ago.
- 2 years in Brno (30 people).

SAP Signavio – Process Mining



Blue Sky Team

The initiative started a year ago.

In 2023 they had:

- 15+ Scientific papers,
- 10+ BA/MA students,
- **5** PhD students, 8 visiting researchers,
- **5** university partners,
- 25+ academic co-authors.
- The team consists of:
 - Thesis/Working students,
 - PhD students,
 - Visiting researchers.

Focus topics

- BPI & Generative AI
- Advanced Conformance Checking
- Foundations of Process Querying
- Recommender Systems

Research in Brno

- I was the first researcher located in Czech republic.
- My topic was the Concept drift detection using process metrics.
 - Applied for software development and maintainability process using Jira dataset.
- Located with the local Brno team focused on the development.
- Very enjoyable cooperation and support for 6 months.
- Open for further collaboration in teaching and research with our university.

Checkpoint



Conclusion

- 1. Process Mining
- 2. Process Mining in Lasaris
 - Audit logs
 - Manufacturing
 - Windows Processes
 - Information Systems
 - Cybersecurity Training Sessions
 - Internet of Secure Things
 - Git Logs
 - Steam Achievements
 - Jira
 - GenAl
 - Testing
- 3. Process Mining in SAP Signavio

Call to action!

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- Let's go to lunch