TabFuzz: High-level mutations for tabular data

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1 Research question

How can we provide users to enter input specifications and implement mutations in a generic way for all kinds of tabular data?

2 Background

Fuzz testing is discovering faults in software by automatically providing unexpected inputs

Data-Intensive Scalable Computing (DISC) programs are used for parallel computing of large volumes of data

BigFuzz

- Transforms DISC programs into Java programs
- Applies fuzz testing to the transformed program
- Uses high-level mutations
- TabFuzz replicates and improves the BigFuzz solution

3 Method

Input specification
The programmer can specify the following five properties:

- Datatype
- Range
- Special values
- Column Name
- Repeat

Input generation
A valid input file is generated based on the given input specification

Input mutation
One mutation per fuzzing cycle

High level mutations:

- Data Distribution Mutation
- Data Type Mutation
- Data Column Mutation
- Null Data Mutation
- Empty Data Mutation
- Special Value Mutation

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Columnname: Zipcode
Datatype: String
Range: 900[0-9]{2}
Special: 90042

Columnname: Number
Datatype: int
Range: >0

Datatype: char
Repeat: 5-10
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4 Evaluation

- 12 Benchmarks
- Seed generation vs provided seed
- BigFuzz replica vs TabFuzz

5 Conclusion

- Seed generation is just as effective as using a provided seed
- TabFuzz outperforms the BigFuzz replica

Results