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It seems like a major point of the paper is "s2e is incredibly hard to use, so we have done something to make it easier". But easier is not easy, and presumably the s2e paper did not go into gory detail about how hard it is to use either. So it could be useful to have a small user study, ie a student in your group who has not worked on symdrive but who knows the kernel and perhaps even knows the driver he wants to test should download the tool and test his code. You do have the case of yourselves not knowing the driver under test, but I'm not sure that is the most realistic use case. I would imagine that symdrive would be useful for a maintainer who wants to check that each patch he accepts is OK. The people who write the patches in the first place might not know the code well, but they don't have the same burden of producing something that is absolutely correct either.

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