Hacking from iOS 8 to iOS 9



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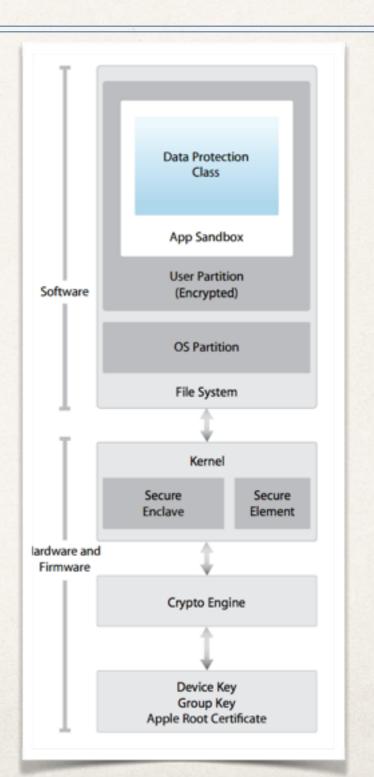
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Who We Are

- Team Pangu is known for releasing jailbreak tools for iOS 7.1, iOS 8, and iOS 9
- We have broad security research interests
- Our research was present at BlackHat, CanSecWest, POC, RuxCon, etc.
- We also co-organize a mobile security conference named MOSEC (<u>mosec.org</u>) with POC

iOS Security Overview

- Apple usually releases a white paper to introduce iOS security architecture
 - Isolations
 - Restricted Sandbox
 - Mandatary Code Signing
 - Exploit Mitigation (ASLR, DEP)
 - Data Protection
 - Hypervisor



Timeline of Major Security Features

0 Prot	tection	Code Signing	ASLR	KASLR	TouchID	TeamID	KPP	
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iPhone	OS 1.x	iPhonOS 2.x	iOS 4.3	iOS 6	iOS 7	iOS 8	iOS 9	

Many security features are undocumented



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Improved Team ID Validation

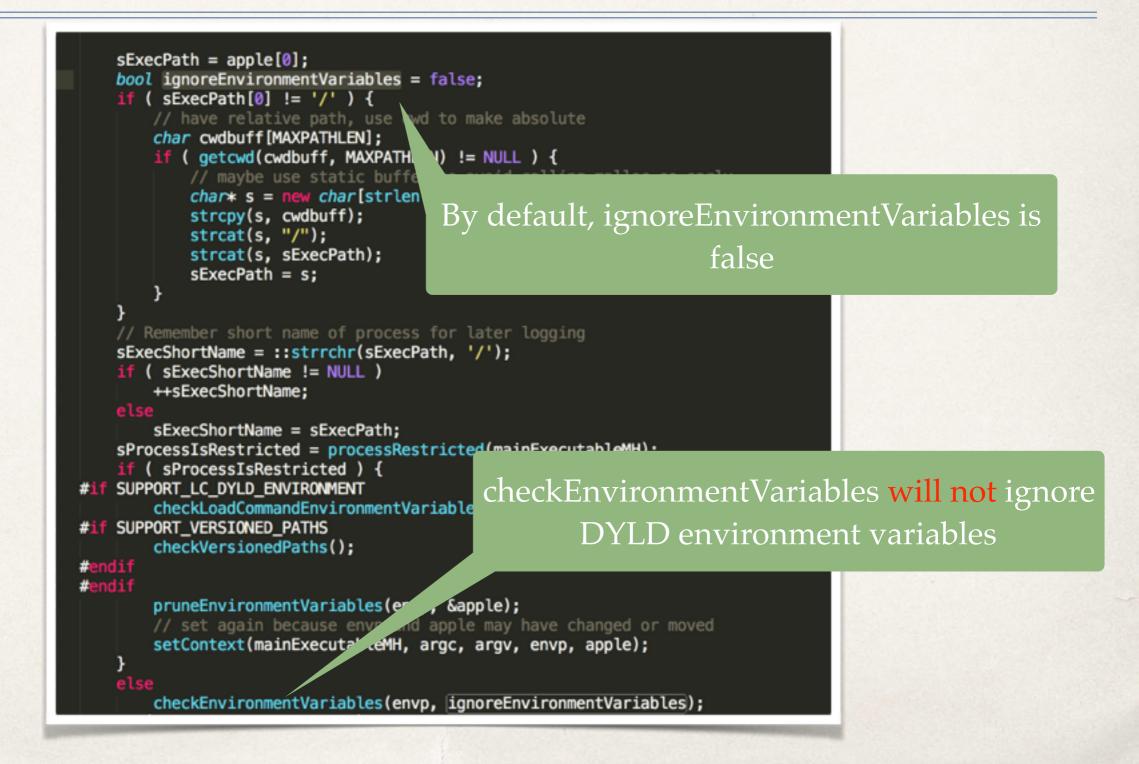
- Team ID was introduced in iOS 8
 - Prevent platform binaries from loading third-party code
- iOS 9 enforces that a process either is a platform binary or has a team identifier

```
prog_teamID = csproc_get_teamid_16(v11);
prog_platform = csproc_get_platform_binary_16();
v23 = prog_teamID == 0;
if ( !prog_teamID )
v23 = prog_platform == 0;
if ( v23 )
{
  v17 = "[deny-mmap] main process has no team identifier in its signature";
  goto LABEL_17;
}
```

DYLD Environment Variables

- DYLD environment variables affect the dynamic linker dyld in many ways
 - Output debug info (e.g., through DYLD_PRINT_*)
 - Dylib injection (e.g., through DYLD_INSERT_LIBRARIES)
- iOS 8.3 starts to ignore DYLD environment variables unless the main executable has certain entitlements

Released Source Code of dyld



dyld on iOS 8.3

ignoreEnvironmentVariables is set True according to v108

```
ignoreEnvironmentVariables = 0;
v26 = &v115;
LOBYTE(dyld::sProcessIsRestricted) = 0;
v129 = -1;
if ( (v108 & 0x1004) == 4096 )
ignoreEnvironmentVariables = 1;
dyld::checkEnvironmentVariables(envp, ignoreEnvironmentVariables);
```

Where is v108 from?

dyld on iOS 8.3

v108 indicates the code signing status of the program

CSOPS is used to query the code signing attributes

```
if ( csops(0, 0, &csStatus, (void *)4) )
{
    v129 = -1;
    dyld::throwf((dyld *)"failed to get code signing flags", (const char *)0xFFFFFFF);
}
v15 = (char *)dword_1FE26464;
v108 = *(_DWORD *)&csStatus;
```

dyld on iOS 8.3

- ✤ v108 & 0x1004 == 4096
- 0x0004 means that the program has get-task-allow entitlement

/* code signing attributes of a process */
#define CS_VALID 0x000001 /* dynamically valid */
#define CS_ADHOC 0x0000002 /* ad hoc signed */
#define CS_GET_TASK_ALLOW 0x0000004 /* has get-task-allow entitlement */
#define CS_INSTALLER 0x000008 /* has installer entitlement */

#define CS_HARD 0x0000100 /* don't load invalid pages */
#define CS_KILL 0x000200 /* kill process if it becomes invalid */
#define CS_CHECK_EXPIRATION 0x0000400 /* force expiration checking */
#define CS_RESTRICT 0x000800 /* tell dyld to treat restricted */
#define CS_ENFORCEMENT 0x0001000 /* require enforcement */
#define CS_REQUIRE_LV 0x0002000 /* require library validation */
#define CS_ENTITLEMENTS_VALIDATED 0x000400

 In other words, DYLD environment variables only work for binaries that have the get-task-allow entitlement

DYLD Environment Variables

Consequence:

- neagent is the only program on iOS that is allowed to load third party signed libraries (ignoring the TeamID validation because of the com.apple.private.skiplibrary-validation entitlement)
- The trick to force neagent load an enterprise license signed library through the DYLD_INSERT_LIBRARIES no longer works

enable-dylibs-to-override-cache

- The present of this file was used to force loading of dynamic libraries from filesystem instead of the shared cache
- It was widely used by previous jailbreak tools to override the libmis library
- dyld in iOS 8.3 starts to ignore this flag

enable-dylibs-to-override-cache

The kernel disallows to check the present of the flag

```
if ( vFFFF4084 & 1 )
 v96 = dyld::my_stat(
         (dyld *) "/System/Library/Caches/com.apple.dyld/enable-dylibs-to-override-cache",
         (struct stat *)v127,
         (stat t)v82);
 v97 = 0;
 if ( !v96 )
   v98 = 0;
   if ( v134 < 0x400
     v98 = 1;
   if ( (signed int)v135
                           0)
     v97 = 1;
   if ( !v135 )
     v97 = v98;
                                   = 197.
 LOBYTE(dyld::sDylibsOverrideCad
                                  This value is read from 0xFFFF4084, an address
                                      in the kernel and read only in userspace
```

Reduced TOCTOU Time Window in iOS 9

 dyld is responsible for loading dynamic libraries and probing to test if the libraries are signed correctly

Bind code signature with the vnode of the dylib file ImageLoaderMach0Compressed* ImageLoaderMach0Compressed::instantiateFrom uint64 t segCount, unsigned int libCount, unsia struct linkedit data command* codeSigCmd, const LinkContext& context) ł Map segments of the dylib into ImageLoaderMach0Compressed* image = ImageLoaderMac pressed::inst try -7/ record info about file memory image->setFileInfo(info.st_dev, info.st_ino, info.st_mtime); // if this image is code signed, let kernel vali cure before mapping any pages from image image->loadCodeSignature(codeSigCmd, fdrat, context); Trigger page faults to test code image->mapSegments(fd, offsetInFat, lenInFat, info.st_size, cont // probe to see if code signed correctly signatures image->crashIfInvalidCodeSignature();

Reduced TOCTOU Time Window in iOS 9

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image->loadCodeSignature(codeSigCmd, fd ______attrat, context);
// mmap_sogments

image->mapSegments(fd, offsetInFat, lenInFat, info.st_size, context);

// probe to see if code signed correctly
image->crashIfInvalidCodeSignature();

Reduced TOCTOU Time Window in iOS 9

dyld on iOS 9 now validates the mach-o header (first pages) before mapping segments into the memory

```
ImageLoader::setFileInfo(v46, v24, v23, v25);
v48 = 2;
ImageLoaderMachO::loadCodeSignature((int)v46, a12, v45, a5, a6, a14);
v48 = 3;
v37 = v43;
v38 = a5;
v39 = a6;
ImageLoaderMachO::validateFirstPages(v46, a12, v45, v42);
V20 = *(QWORD *)(a9 + 00);
v48 = 4;
v37 = a7;
v38 = a8;
*(_QWORD *)&v39 = v26;
v41 = a14;
ImageLoaderMachO::mapSegments(v46, v45, a5, a6);
v48 = 5;
ImageLoaderMachOCompressed::registerEncryption(v46, a13, a14);
v48 = 6;
ImageLoaderMachO::crashIfInvalidCodeSignature(v46);
```

- xpcd_cache.dylib is used to store plist files of launchd daemons
 - All plist files are encoded in the dylib and thus protected by signatures
- Before iOS 9, by using a fake xpcd_cache.dylib (e.g., masking the __xpcd_cache segment as readonly), jailbreak tools can easily customize the launchd daemons

For example, launchd on iOS 8.4 loads the bplist in following way. Masking the __xpcd_cache segment readonly does not cause any problem

```
if ( lstat("/System/Library/Caches/com.apple.xpcd/xpcd_cache.dylib", &v27) )
{
    v26 = 0;
    v3 = dlopen("/System/Library/Caches/com.apple.xpcd/xpcd_cache.dylib", 2);
    if ( v3 )
    {
        v4 = dlsym(v3, "__xpcd_cache");
        if ( v4 )
        {
            if ( dladdr(v4, &v25) )
            {
            v5 = getsectiondata(v25.dli_fbase, "__TEXT", "__xpcd_cache", &v26);
            if ( v5 )
            v7 = xpc_create_from_plist(v5, v26, v6);
            else
            v7 = xpc_dictionary_create(0, 0, 0);
            dword_36C54 = v7;
        }
    }
}
```

 Launchd on iOS 9 will first invoke a trivial API in xpcd_cache.dylib to ensure the present of executable permission

```
if ( lstat("/System/Library/Caches/com.apple.xpcd/xpcd_cache.dylib", &v29) )
   v28 = 0;
   v3 = dlopen("/System/Library/Caches/com.apple.xpcd/xpcd cache.dylib", 2);
   if ( v3 )
     v4 = dlsym(v3, "__xpcd_cache");
     v5 = v4;
     if ( v4 )
       if ( ((int (__cdecl *)(void *, int *, int))v4)(v4, v1, v2) != 1 )
ABEL 38:
         v26 = _os_assert_log(0, 0);
         os crash(v26);
           debugbreak();
       if ( dladdr(v5, &v27) )
         v6 = getsectiondata(v27.dli_fbase, "__TEXT", "__xpcd_cache", &v28);
         if ( v6 )
           v8 = xpc_create_from_plist(v6, v28, v7);
         else
           v8 = xpc_dictionary_create(0, 0, 0);
```

- Launchd on iOS 9 only loads platform binaries
- Launchd uses csops to query the status of code signing attributes of the process

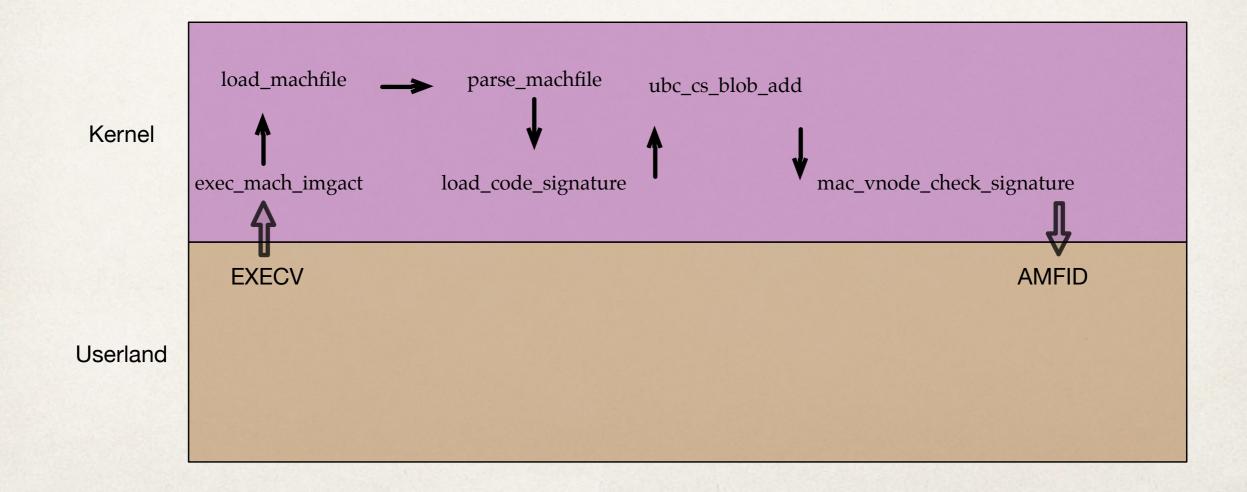
Changes in loading launchd daemons

Non-platform binary cannot be launched

```
if ( csops(v26, 0, &v45, 4) )
{
    result = (int *)*_error();
    if ( result != (int *)3 )
    {
        if ( *_error() )
            {
            v30 = _os_assumes_log();
            _os_avoid_tail_call(v30);
        }
        goto LABEL_83;
    }
}
else
{
    result = v45;
    if ( !((unsigned int)v45 & 0x4000000) )
    {
        EL_83:
        sub_223C4((int)"unexpected exec of non-platform binary");
        goto LABEL_84;
        }
        |
        /
    }
```

Changes in Loading Main Executable

 The iOS kernel is responsible for parsing and loading the main executable while creating a new process



Changes in Loading Main Executable

- Before iOS 8.3, the kernel does not directly validate the signature of the Mach-O header of the main executable
 - Kernel only ensures that the main executable has a correct code signature segment (i.e., the segment is signed correctly)
- Instead, the kernel leaves the validation to dyld
 - dyld will access the Mach-O header of the main executable and thus trigger page faults, leading to final SHA1 comparison

A Persistent Vector for Code signing Bypass before iOS 8.3

Modify the Mach-O header of a platform binary

- Change the LC_LOAD_DYLINKER of main executable to trick the kernel to load our fake dyld
- Modify LC_UNIXTHREAD of our fake dyld which enables us to control all register values and point the PC value to a ROP gadget

Changes in Loading Main Executable

In iOS 8.3, the kernel proactively compares the SHA1 of the Mach-O header with the SHA1 in corresponding cs_blob

```
if (got code signatures) {
    unsigned tainted = CS VALIDATE TAINTED;
    boolean t valid = FALSE;
    struct cs blob *blobs;
    vm size t off = 0;
    if (cs \ debug > 10)
        printf("validating initial pages of %s\n", vp->v name);
    blobs = ubc_get_cs_blobs(vp);
    while (off < size && ret == LOAD SUCCESS) {
         tainted = CS_VALIDATE_TAINTED;
         valid = cs validate page(blobs,
                      NULL
                       file offset + off,
                       addr + off,
                       &tainted);
         if (!valid || (tainted & CS VALIDATE TAINTED)) {
             if (cs debug)
                 printf("CODE SIGNING: %s[%d]: invalid initial page at offset %lld validated:%d tainted:%d csflags:0x%x\n",
                    vp->v_name, p->p_pid, (long long)(file offset + off), valid, tainted, result->csflags);
             if (cs enforcement(NULL) ||
             (result->csflags & (CS HARD|CS KILL|CS ENFORCEMENT))) {
                 ret = LOAD_FAILURE;
             result->csflags &= ~CS VALID;
         off += PAGE SIZE;
    } ? end while off<size&&ret==LOAD_S... ?</pre>
} ? end if got_code_signatures ?
```

More Changes in Loading Main Executable

 Actually in iOS 9, Apple adds more check for picking up an already registered cs_blob

Kernel Patch Protection (KPP)

- Apple introduced KPP in iOS 9 for 64bit devices
- Implementation details are unclear
 - It's believed that it is related to the Secure Enclave Processor (SEP), an alternative of TrustZone on iOS devices
 - Unfortunately, the SEP firmware is encrypted

KPP Observations

- * KPP randomly checks the integrity of RX pages of the kernel-cache and page table
 - Persistent code patch is not feasible, because it would trigger random kernel panic
- Panic when RX page is modified

panic(cpu 1 caller 0xffffff80098fde28): SError esr: 0xbf575401 far: 0xffffff8009898000

Panic when Page table is modified

panic(cpu 0 caller 0xffffff80214fde28): SError esr: 0xbf575407 far: 0xffffff8021498000



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- We found it by auditing IOHIDFamily source code
- The bug was also independently discovered by other researchers
 - @qwertyoruiop, Cererdlong, etc
- The interesting thing is this bug also affects Mac OS, but is only triggerable with root on Mac OS
 - We almost missed the bug
 - Thanks @qwertyoruiop for pointing out that it is triggerable with mobile on iOS

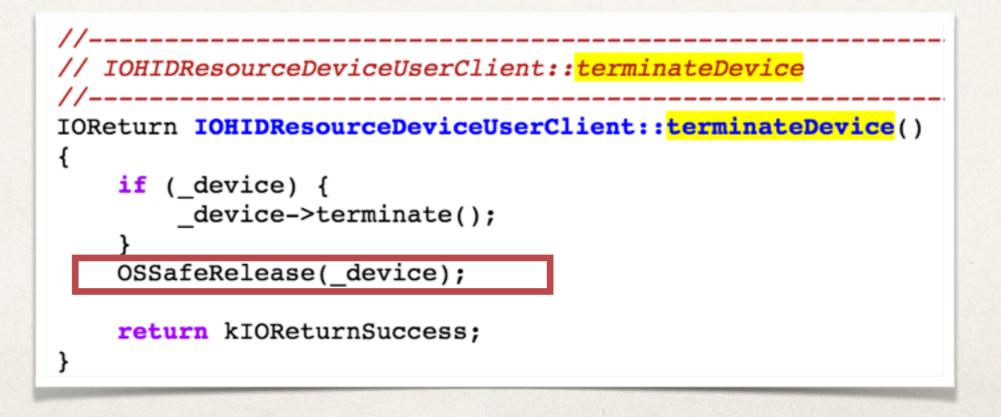
device is allocated in method 0

createDevice -> createAndStartDevice

```
//----
// IOHIDResourceDeviceUserClient::createAndStartDevice
//-----
IOReturn IOHIDResourceDeviceUserClient::createAndStartDevice()
{
    IOReturn result;
    OSNumber * number = NULL;
    number = OSDynamicCast(OSNumber, _properties->getObject(kIOHIDRequestTimeoutKey));
    if ( number )
        _maxClientTimeoutUS = number->unsigned32BitValue();
    // If after all the unwrapping we have a dictionary, let's create the device
        _device = IOHIDUserDevice::withProperties(_properties);
        require_action(_device, exit, result=KIOReturnNoResources);
    }
}
```

device is released in method 1

terminateDevice -> OSSafeRelease



OSSafeRelease is NOT safe

#define OSSafeRelease(inst) do { if (inst) (inst) >release(); } while (0)

It does not nullify the pointer after releasing it!

Use-after-free in IOHIDResourceUserClient

- device is used again in many functions
 - E.g. method 2 takes 1 input scalar and an input struct, also the the return value is directly passed to user space
 - IOHIDResourceDeviceUserClient::_handleReport

```
if ( arguments->scalarInput[0] )
   AbsoluteTime_to_scalar(&timestamp) = arguments->scalarInput[0];
else
   clock_get_uptime( &timestamp );
if ( !arguments->asyncWakePort ) {
   ret = _device->handleReportWithTime(timestamp, report);
   report->release();
} else {
```



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Context of the UAF

* 32bit

- The UAF object is in the kalloc.192 zone
- Both R1 and R2 are under control when the UAF is triggered

LDR.W RO	, [R4,#0x80] ; R0=_device
LDR R1	, $[SP, #0x60+var_40]$
LDR R2	<pre>, [SP,#0x60+var_3C] ; R1,R2=scalar[0]</pre>
LDR R3	, [R0]
LDR.W R6	<pre>, [R3,#0x3B4] ; vtable+0x3B4</pre>
MOVS R3	, #0
STR R3	, $[SP, #0x60+var 60]$
STR R3	$, [SP, #0x60+var_5C]$
MOV R3	, R5
BLX R6	; trigger

Context of the UAF

✤ 64bit

The UAF object is in the kalloc.256 zone

Only X1 is under control when the UAF is triggered

LDR	XO, [X19,#0xE8]] ; XO=_device
LDR	(8, [X0]	
LDR	<pre>(8, [X8, #0x630)</pre>] ; vtable+0x630
LDR	(1, [SP, #0x28])	; X1=scalar[0]
MOV	13, #0	
MOV	14, #0	
MOV	15, #0	
ADD	6, SP, #0x10	
MOV	2, X20	
BLR	8 ; trig	ger

Transfer UAF to Type Confusion

- The UAF object zone can be easily filled with variety IOUserClient objects via calling IOServiceOpen
- Check vtable offsets of all possible IOUserClient classes to see what functions we may call
 - OSMetaClass::serialize(OSSerialize *)
 - OSMetaClass::getMetaClass(void)
 - OSMetaClass::release(void)
 - OSMetaClassBase::isEqualTo(OSMetaClassBase const*)

Exploit Type Confusion to Leak Kernel Slide

- OSMetaClass::getMetaClass(void)
 - Return a static object inside kernel -> leak kernel base
 - 32bit return value is enough for arm64 also
 - High 32bit value is always 0xffffff80

	etaClass12getMetaClassEv
MOV	RO, #(<mark>unk_8045FF20</mark> - 0x8030BD34)
ADD	R0, PC ; unk_8045FF20
ADDS	RO, #0x30
BX	LR
ZNK110SMeta	Class12getMetaClassEv
ADRP	X8, #unk FFFFF800BDA0040@PAGE
ADD	X8, X8, #unk FFFFFF800BDA0040@PAGEOF
ADD	x0, x8, #0x340

Exploit Type Confusion to Leak Heap Address

OSMetaClass::release(void)

 R0/X0=self pointer -> leak low 32bit of the object address

Not enough for arm64

High 32bit value is 0xffffff80 or 0xffffff81

BX LR

_____ZNK11OSMetaClass7releaseEv RET

Exploit Type Confusion to Leak Heap Address for ARM64

- SMetaClassBase::isEqualTo(OSMetaClassBase const*)
 - X1 is under control
 - Calling the function twice can decide the high 32bit value of the heap address

ZNK150SMetaClassBase9isEqualToEPKS					
CMP	x0,	X1			
CSET	wO,	EQ			
RET					

Heap Spray with OSData

- What we have now Kernel base / object address
- io_service_open_extended -> OSUnserializeXML -> spray OSData with controlled size and content
 - Set [object address] = vtable = object address call offset + 8
 - When triggering the bug, function pointer at [object address +8] will be picked up
 - Set [object address+8] = gadget to call

The Read Gadget

✤ 32bit

- LDR R0, [R1]; BX LR;
- ✤ 64bit
 - LDR X0, [X1,#0x20]; RET;

The Write Gadget

32bit - R1 and R2 are under control

STR R1, [R2]; BX LR;

64bit - X1 and contents of X0 are controlled

LDR X8, [X0,#0x60]; STR X1, [X8,#8]; RET;



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Pangu 9 Released

Pangu 9 for iOS 9 was released at Oct 14, 2015

 Also we noticed that some people discussed whether Pangu 9 met the Zerodium bounty requirements

> Team Pangu, if it'd developed its exploits further, could have made as much as \$1 million if it'd submitted its findings to Zerodium, an exploit dealer that had offered that amount to anyone who found and submitted an iOS 9 jailbreak. But as security expert Francisco Alonso told me over Twitter, Pangu would likely not have met Zerodium's requirements, which asked for exploits to be fully remote. The iOS 9 jailbreak requires the phone to be connected to a PC via USB.

Pangu 9 vs. Bounty Requirement

- We never consider the bounty
- We release the jailbreak tool for
 - Full control of iOS devices for end users
 - Security research and jailbroken iOS development
- * We think Mobile Safari is **NOT** a good landing point for jailbreak tools
 - It's too dangerous if the exploits are abused, which violates our purpose of releasing a jailbreak tool
 - It will also shorten the lifetime of a jailbreak tool, because Apple will (very likely) release a fix asap



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Conclusion

- Apple puts more efforts on improving the whole security mechanisms rather than fixing individual bugs
- A lot of security features in iOS were undocumented, which make jailbreaking more and more difficult
- KPP introduced in iOS 9 makes people believe that there may be no jailbreak anymore, what we did proves that hackers will always find their way in

Thanks for Your Attention

Q&A

