Enhanced Vulnerability Hunting in WDM Drivers Using Symbolic Execution and Taint Analysis

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Overview





- Design of IOCTLance (02)
- Vulnerability types and real-world cases (03)
- (04)
- Enhancement made to get better performance



Evaluation with both known and unknown drivers



Conclusion



Introduction

introduction to WDM driver and IOCTLance

 Since Windows 2000, Microsoft has recommended using WDM (Windows Driver Model) drivers to provide support for devices.



- WDM drivers account for most of the Windows kernel drivers in the market.
- Many vulnerabilities have been discovered in
 WDM drivers that could be exploited by attackers.



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MajorFunction
IRP_MJ_CREATE
IRP_MJ_CLOSE
IRP_MJ_READ
IRP_MJ_WRITE
IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL



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- 3. Define dispatch routines for each IRP.
- 4. Implement IOCTL handler.







BYOVD

Bring Your Own Vulnerable Driver

	Abuse Driver	Vulnerability	Reason	Motivation
BlackByte	RTCore.sys	read/write controllable address	bypass antivirus	execute ransomware
Candiru	HW.sys	map physical memory	install rootkit	execute spyware

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Symbolic Execution & Taint Analysis

techniques used in software security

Symbolic Execution

- Analyze code without running it on a real system.
- Explore all possible paths through the program.
- Create a mathematical model and assign symbolic variables..

Taint Analysis

- Track potentially unsafe inputs.
- Mark data originated from an untrusted source.
- Identify where the tainted data may be used in an unintended way.

IOCTLance



Enhancement

ability to detect various vulnerability types in WDM drivers



Efficiency

IOCTLance efficiently identify vulnerabilities without the environment.



Detect 117 vulnerabilities across 26 distinct drivers

Related Work



- **Fuzzing**: ioctlfuzzer, ioctlbf, iofuzz, loAttack, etc.
 - Hard to analyze code in-depth.
- **Fuzzing + Symbolic Execution**: CAB-FUZZ, SmartFuzz, Dowser, DIODE, etc.
 - Require the environment to analyze.
- Symbolic Execution + Taint Analysis: Screwed-Drivers, POPKORN, etc.
 - Suffer path explosion and currently few vulnerability types.



Design

design of IOCTLance





Report



IoCreateDevice in the

import table.



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Report







- Detect vulnerabilities.
- Improve performance.
- Customize options.
- Bypass checks.



Report





- vulnerability type
- vulnerability address
- parameters
- return address
- constraints



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Vulnerability

vulnerability types and real-world cases

Vulnerability

- map physical memory
- controllable process handle
- buffer overflow
- null pointer dereference
- read/write controllable address

- arbitrary shellcode execution
- arbitrary wrmsr
- arbitrary out
- dangerous file operation

Map Physical Memory

MmMaploSpace, MmMaploSpaceEx



controllable PhysicalAddress

controllable NumberOfBytes

Lead to elevation of privilege.

Map Physical Memory

ZwMapViewOfSection



CVE-2023-1679

DriverGenius, mydrivers64.sys

113	case 0x9C40	A108: Find loControlCode 0x9C40A1	08
114	v10 = Art	pitraryWritePA(00
115		<pre>int *)&pIrp->AssociatedIrp.MasterIrp->Type,</pre>	
116]]	OStack->Parameters.Create.Options,	
117	(int64)pirp->AssociatedIrp.MasterIrp,	
118	1	oStack->Parameters.Read.Length,	
119	F	oInfo);	
120	break;		

19	if (InputLength < 0x10)
20	return 0xC00000Di64;
21	<pre>NumberOfBytes = (unsigned int)(inbuf[2] * inbuf[3]); tainted NumberOfBytes</pre>
22	if (InputLength < NumberOfBytes + 16)
23	return 0xC00000Di64;
24	<pre>MappedPA = (int *)MmMapIoSpace(*(PHYSICAL_ADDRESS *)inbuf, NumberOfBytes, MmNonCached);</pre>
25	v9 = 0;
26	switch (inbuf[2]) Controllable PhysicalAddress
27	{
28	case 1:
29	<pre>qmemcpy(MappedPA, inbuf + 4, (unsigned int)inbuf[3]); grbitrgru write</pre>
30	break;

<pre>VOID Vuln_ZwOpenProcess(PVOID inbuf) { OBJECT_ATTRIBUTES objAttr; CLIENT_ID clientId; HANDLE processHandle; InitializeObjectAttributes(</pre>	Controllable Process Handle ZwOpenProcess
&objAttr, NULL, OBJ_KERNEL_HANDLE, NULL, NULL	→ not OBJ_FORCE_ACCESS_CHECK
); clientId.UniqueProcess = *(HANDLE *)inbuf; ZwOpenProcess(&processHandle,	→ controllable pid
PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, &objAttr, clientId	→ tainted CLIENT_ID
}	Lead to broken access control.



CVE-2023-1445

Twister Antivirus, fildds.sys



Buffer Overflow

memcpy



Lead to denial of service or elevation of privilege.

CVE-2023-1646

IObit Malware Fighter, IMFCameraProtect.sys



Null Pointer Dereference

Tainted Buffer



Lead to denial of service.

VOID Vuln NullPointerDereference AllocatedMemory() memory = MmAllocateNonCachedMemory(0x1000); *(CHAR *)memory = 0;

Null Pointer Dereference

ExAllocatePool, ExAllocatePool2, ExAllocatePool3, MmAllocateNonCachedMemory, ExAllocatePoolWithTag, MmAllocateContiguousMemorySpecifyCache

Write into allocated memory without checking return value.

Lead to denial of service.

CVE-2023-1638

IObit Malware Fighter, ImfRegistryFilter.sys



Read/Write Controllable Address

Tainted Buffer



Lead to denial of service or elevation of privilege.

Read/Write Controllable Address

memcpy



Lead to denial of service or elevation of privilege.

CVE-2023-20562

AMD µProf, AMDCpuProfiler.sys

469	case 0x222058u: Find IoControlCode 0x222058
470	<pre>DbgPrint("[CpuProf] Processing %s (Function: 0x%03X)\n", "IOCTL", (IoControlCode >> 2) & 0xFFF);</pre>
471	<pre>IoStack = pIrp->Tail.Overlay.CurrentStackLocation;</pre>
472	<pre>plrp->IoStatus.Information = 0i64;</pre>
473	if (IoStack->Parameters.Create.Options != 0x28)
474	goto LABEL_24;
475	OutputLength = IoStack->Parameters.Read.Length;
476	v11 = OutputLength < 0x28;
477	if (OutputLength < 0x28)
478	goto LABEL_23;
479	<pre>inbuf = (DWORD *)pIrp->AssociatedIrp.MasterIrp;</pre>
480	<pre>status = OutputLength < 0x28 ? 0xC0000023 : 0;</pre>
481	<pre>inbuf_0 = *inbuf;</pre>
482	if ((unsigned int)inbuf_0 < 8
483	&& (item = (int64)&DeviceExtension_v5[2376 * inbuf_0 + 32]) != 0
484	&& *(_QWORD *)(item + 136))
485	
486	<pre>inbuf_32 = inbuf[8];</pre>
487	<pre>inbuf_24 = (_IRP *)*((_QWORD *)inbuf + 3);</pre>
488	if (!*(_QWORD *)item Call IOCTL GET OUTPUT FILE with input butter
489	!*(_QWORD *)(item + 104)
490	<pre> !(unsigned int IOCTL_GET_OUTPUT_FILE((void **)item, *((_OWORD **)inbuf + 1), inbuf[4])</pre>

CVE-2023-20562

AMD µProf, AMDCpuProfiler.sys



Arbitrary Shellcode Execution

Breakpoint: Call



Lead to arbitrary kernel code execution.

CVE-2023-36759

Visual Studio 2022, pgodriver.sys





Arbitrary Wrmsr

__writemsr



Lead to arbitrary kernel code execution.

CVE-2023-1489

Wise System Monitor, WiseHDInfo64.dll



Arbitrary Out

__outbyte, __outword, __outdword



CVE-2023-2870

EnTech Taiwan, Se64a.sys



Dangerous File Operation

ZwDeleteFile, ZwOpenFile, ZwCreateFile, IoCreateFile, IoCreateFileEx, IoCreateFileSpecifyDeviceObjectHint



CVE-2023-1453



Watchdog Anti-Virus, wsdk-driver.sys



CVE-2023-1453



Watchdog Anti-Virus, wsdk-driver.sys

```
NTSTATUS fastcall DeleteFile( UNICODE STRING *inbuf unicode string)
 2
 3
    NTSTATUS result; // eax
    struct _OBJECT_ATTRIBUTES ObjectAttributes; // [rsp+20h] [rbp-38h] BYREF
 4
 5
 6
    result = 0xC0000001;
    if ( inbuf unicode string->Length )
 8
      ObjectAttributes.ObjectName = inbuf_unicode_string; tainted ObjectName
 9
      ObjectAttributes.Length = 48;
10
      *( OWORD *)&ObjectAttributes.SecurityDescriptor = 0i64;
11
12
      ObjectAttributes.RootDirectory = 0i64;
                                            not OBJ FORCE ACCESS CHECK
      ObjectAttributes.Attributes = 576;
13
      result = ZwDeleteFile(&ObjectAttributes);
14
15
      if ( result >= 0 )
                           Dangerous File Operation
        return 1;
16
17
18
    return result;
19
```



Enhancement

enhancement made to get better performance

Enhancement

- Improve Opcodes
- Improve Functions
- Constraints
- Bypass Checks
- Customization

Improve Opcodes



rep

Evaluate the **size** for rep and set **thresholds**.





indirect jump

Evaluate the **target address** of indirect jumps.



call

Evaluate the **symbolic function address**.

Improve Functions

memset & memcpy



Contraints

Restricted Address: Tag the restricted tainted buffer.





MmIsAddressValid

Check if a given virtual address will cause a **page fault** during a **read** or **write** operation.

ProbeForRead

Check if a buffer is located in **user mode** and is **readable**.

ProbeForWrite

Check if a buffer is located in **user mode** and is **writable**.







PsGetVersion & RtlGetVersion

Set symbolic variable to the output value to **bypass conditions** of the **version**.



MmGetSystemRoutineAddress & FltGetRoutineAddress Resolve the routine name and return a **SimProcedure**.

Customization

Length Limit

stop old states

Loop Bound

neglect concrete loops

Total Timeout

longer for complex program

Optional

IoControlCode Timeout

longer for complex IOCTL

Recursion

neglect complicated recursion

Symbolize Data Section

bypass checks e.g. global var



Evaluation

evaluation with both known and unknown drivers

Known Drivers



Obtain vulnerable WDM drivers from **namazso/physmem_drivers** and **CaledoniaProject/drivers-binaries**.



Known Drivers: Performance





30 minutes Total Timeout

40 seconds IoControlCode Timeout



Known Drivers: Vulnerabilities



Vulnerability Types	Ground Truth	Experiment
map physical memory	221	217
controllable process handle	12	12
read/write controllable address	104	103
buffer overflow	65	65
null pointer dereference	818	813
arbitrary shellcode execution	8	8
arbitrary wrmsr	49	49
arbitrary out	179	172
dangerous file operation	6	4

Unknown Drivers



Obtain drivers by manually downloading various software.



Unknown Drivers: Performance





30 minutes Total Timeout

40 seconds IoControlCode Timeout



Unknown Drivers: Vulnerabilities

Vulnerability Types	Result
map physical memory	19
controllable process handle	1
read/write controllable address	18
buffer overflow	5
null pointer dereference	55
arbitrary shellcode execution	1
arbitrary wrmsr	2
arbitrary out	12
dangerous file operation	4



- 117 unknown vulnerabilities
- 26 unique drivers

■ 41 CVEs

Few Vulns Found by IOCTLance



CVE-2023-1186, CVE-2023-1188, CVE-2023-1189, CVE-2023-1453, CVE-2023-1486, CVE-2023-1487, CVE-2023-1488, CVE-2023-1489, CVE-2023-1490, CVE-2023-1491, CVE-2023-1492, CVE-2023-1493, CVE-2023-1629, CVE-2023-1630, CVE-2023-20556, CVE-2023-20561, CVE-2023-20562, CVE-2023-20560, CVE-2023-20564, CVE-2023-1638, CVE-2023-1640, CVE-2023-1641, CVE-2023-1643, CVE-2023-1644, CVE-2023-1645, CVE-2023-1646, CVE-2023-1676, CVE-2023-1677, CVE-2023-1678, CVE-2023-1679, CVE-2023-28262, CVE-2023-28263, CVE-2023-2870, CVE-2023-2871, CVE-2023-2872, CVE-2023-1445, CVE-2023-2873, CVE-2023-2874, CVE-2023-2875, CVE-2023-36758, CVE-2023-36759

Manual Investigation





```
void fp2(PVOID inbuf)
{
    DestStr = NULL;
    RtlInitUnicodeString(&DestStr, inbuf);
    if (DestStr)
    {
        // false positive: NPD
        *inbuf = 0;
    }
}
```

```
indirect check
```

Manual Investigation









administrator-only

kernel-only

hard to trigger



Conclusion

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- WDM drivers can pose a significant security risk to a system because of their kernel-level privileges.
- IOCTLance targets several vulnerability types and makes various enhancement to get better performance.
- IOCTLance has uncovered 117 vulnerabilities that were previously unknown in 26 unique drivers, resulting in the assignment of 41 CVEs.

THANKS

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