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About Me





罗元琮 (Edward)

- Director of Vulnerability Research at PeckShield
- Has extensive experiences in OS kernel layer with deep knowledge in advanced vulnerability discovery and exploitation
- Before joining PeckShield, I worked for Qihoo 360 as the team lead of CORE Team, which was recognized by Google as the top research team in 2017. I am now focusing on the security of blockchain infrastructure
- Submitted several vulnerabilities to the Ethereum Foundation





Blockchain Status Quo





ETHEREUM IN 2017

1,090 Dapps & 700+ Tokens

100,000 New Users Per Day

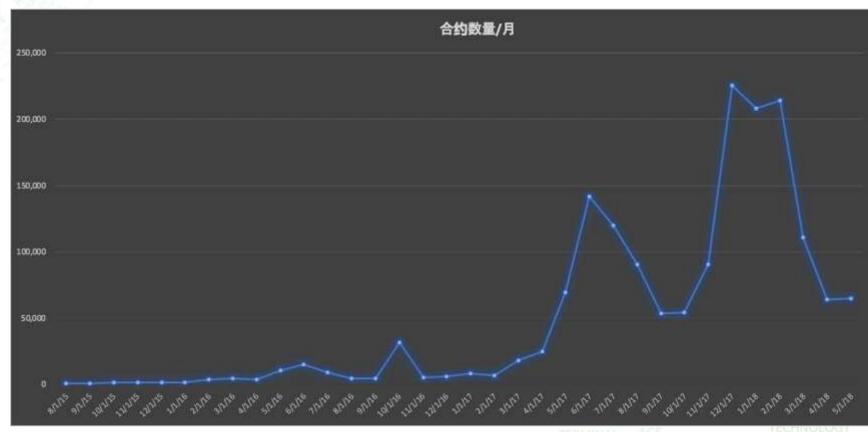
Daily Trading > 1,000,000

MARKET CAP IN 2018

1,845 Cryptocurrencies

Market Cap > 200 Billion

Global GDP Rank: ~50th



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Security Incidents





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2017/12

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2016/08

2016/01

2015/01

2014/03

2014/02

Bithumb Hacks with \$31 Million Dollars Stolen

EDU, BAIC Smart Contracts Bugs

BEC, SMT Smart Contracts Bugs

Myetherwallet Suffer from DNS Hijacking

BitGrail Hacks with Stolen Nano Tokens of 170 Million Dollars

Coincheck Hacks with 530 Million Dollars Stolen

Nicehash Hacks with 4700 BTC Missing with 62 Million Dollars

Bithumb Hacks with 1 Billion Korean Yuan Loss and 30 Thousand User Info. Leaked

Bitfinex Hacks with 120,000 BTC Stolen of 75Million Dollars

Cryptsy Hacks with 13,000 BTC and 300,000 LTC Stolen

Bitstamp Hacks with 19,000 BTC Stolen

Poloniex Hacks with 12.3% BTC Lost

Mt.Gox Hacks with Followed Bankruptcy

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Security of Smart Contracts





Disclosed by PeckShield		
codename	CVE-ID	
batchOverflow	CVE-2018-10299	
proxyOverflow	CVE-2018-10376	
transferFlaw	CVE-2018-10468	
ownerAnyone	CVE-2018-10705	
multiOverflow	CVE-2018-10706	
burnOverflow	CVE-2018-11239	
ceoAnyone	CVE-2018-11329	
allowAnyone1	CVE-2018-11397	
allowAnyone2	CVE-2018-11398	
tradeTrap1	CVE-2018-12017	
tradeTrap2	CVE-2018-12062	
tradeTrap3	CVE-2018-12079	





Security of Smart Contracts







- CVE-2018-12105 New transferFlaw Bug Identified in an ERC20-Based Smart Contract
- CVE-2018-12084 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in BitAsean (BAS) Smart Contract
- . CVE-2018-12083 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in GOAL Bonanza (GOAL) Smart Contract
- CVE-2018-12082 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in Fujinto (NTO) Smart Contract
- . CVE-2018-12081 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in Target Coin (TGT) Smart Contract
- CVE-2018-12080 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in Internet Node Token (INT) Smart Contract
- . CVE-2018-12079 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in Substratum (SUB) Smart Contract
- CVE-2018-12078 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in PolyAl (Al) Smart Contract
- . CVE-2018-12063 New tradeTrap (Overflow) Bug Identified in Internet Node Token (INT) Smart Contract
- CVE-2018-12062 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in SwftCoin (SWFTC) Smart Contract
- . CVE-2018-12018 New Out-of-Bound Access Bug Identified in an Ethereum Client
- CVE-2018-12017 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in hotchain.io (HCH) Smart Contract
- . CVE-2018-11673 New Memory Leak Bug Identified in an Ethereum Client
- . CVE-2018-11585 New ctorMismatch Bug Identified in MORPH (MORPH) Smart Contract
- CVE-2018-11582 New balanceAnyone Bug Identified in an ERC20-Based Smart Contract
- . CVE-2018-11561 New distributeFlaw Bug Identified in Multiple ERC20-Based Smart Contracts
- CVE-2018-11446 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in an ERC20-Based Smart Contract
- CVE-2018-11441 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in an ERC20-Based Smart Contract

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Ethereum Clients





ETHEREUM CLIENTS

geth (golang)

aleth (c++)

Parity (Rust) – by Parity Technologies

MARKET SHARE

geth $\sim 2/3$

parity ~1/3

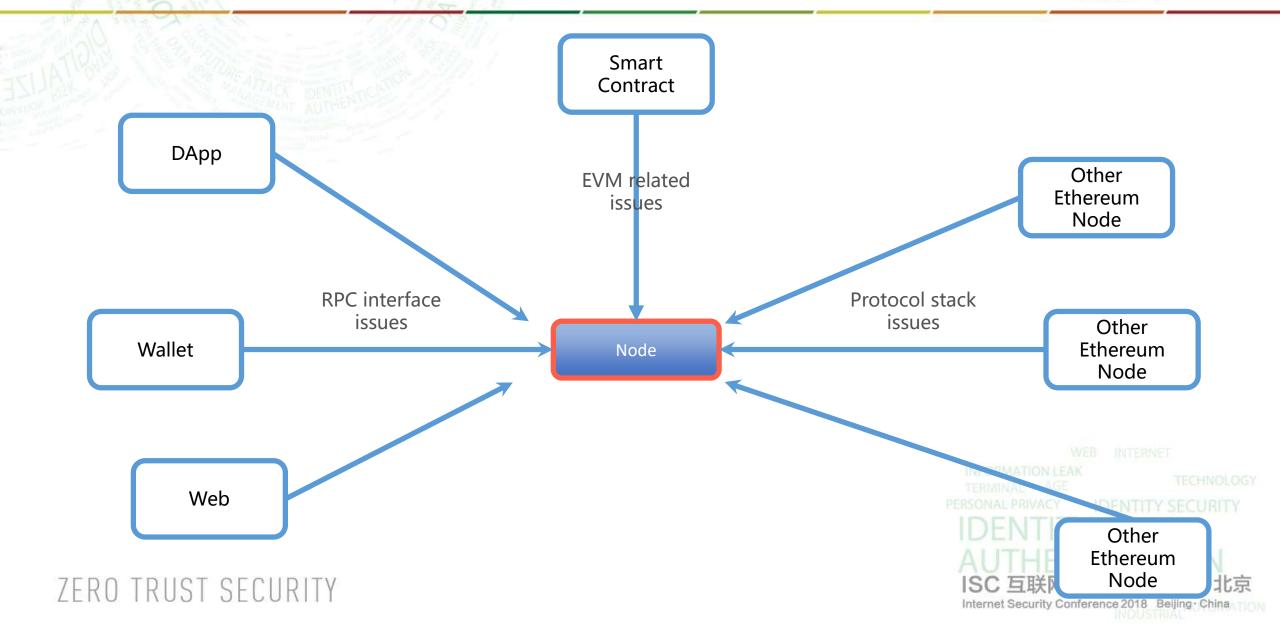




Attack Surfaces of a Node









Ethereum Protocol Stack





ETH LES Whisper ...

ĐΞVp2p

RLPx

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- Support arbitrary sub-protocols (aka capabilities) over the basic wire protocol
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LIGHT ETHEREUM SUBPROTOCOL

- used by "light" clients, which only download block headers as they appear and fetch other parts of the on-demand
- do not mine and therefore do not take part in the consensus process
- Several message handlers for different types of messages
 - StatusMsg, AnnounceMsg, GetBlockBodiesMsg, GetBlockHeadersMsg

```
// getBlockHeadersData represents a block header query.
type getBlockHeadersData struct {
         Origin hashOrNumber // Block from which to retrieve headers
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```

```
getBlockHeadersData {
Origin = some hash
Amount = 1
Skip = -1 (0xffff...f)
Reverse = false
}

Victim
```

- 1. Allocate array for max # of blocks
 - allocate (Skip+1):
 Zero-Size Array Allocated
- Query from returned array[Skip]
 - Access array[-1]: Out-of-Bound Read









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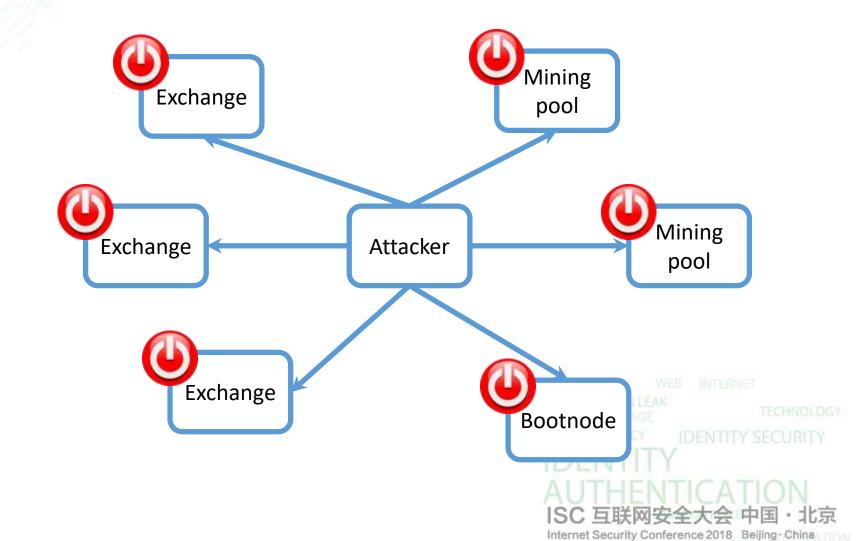
Possible Impacts





POSSIBLE VICTIMS

- Cryptocurrency exchanges
- Mining pools
- Bootnodes





EPoD Patch





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```
func (f *lightFetcher) announce(p *peer, head *announceData) {
        fp := f.peers[p]
        n := fp.lastAnnounced
        if n != nil {
                // n is now the reorg common ancestor, add a new branch of nodes
                // check if the node count is too high to add new nodes
                locked := false
                for uint64(fp.nodeCnt)+head.Number-n.number > maxNodeCount && fp.root != nil {
                         . . .
                if n != nil {
                         for n.number < head.Number {</pre>
                                 nn := &fetcherTreeNode{number: n.number + 1, parent: n}
                                 n.children = append(n.children, nn)
                                 n = nn
                                 fp.nodeCnt++
                         n.hash = head.Hash
                         n.td = head.Td
                         fp.nodeByHash[n.hash] = n
```







```
// announceData is the network packet for the block announcements.
type announceData struct {
    Hash common.Hash // Hash of one particular block being announced
    Number uint64 // Number of one particular block being announced
    Td *big.Int // Total difficulty of one particular block being announced
    ReorgDepth uint64
    Update keyValueList
}
```

```
announceData {
    Hash = some hash
    Number = -1 (0xffff...f)
    Td = -1 (0xffff...f)
    ...
} Victim
```

- for n < head.Number
 - Allocate fetcherTreeNode
 - Append to n.children
 - Out-of-memory INFORMATION LEAK









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EPoD2 Patch





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NODE DISCOVERY PROTOCOL

- Aimed at discovering RLPx nodes to connect to
- UDP-based RPC protocol (kademlia-like)
- Defines 4 packet types: ping, pong, findnode and neighbors

```
func (t *udp) handlePacket(from *net.UDPAddr, buf []byte) error {
    packet, fromID, hash, err := decodePacket(buf)
    if err != nil {
        log.Debug("Bad discv4 packet", "addr", from, "err", err)
        return err
    }
    err = packet.handle(t, from, fromID, hash)
    log.Trace("<< "+packet.name(), "addr", from, "err", err)
    return err
}</pre>
```

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```
func (req *ping) handle(t *udp, from *net.UDPAddr, fromID NodeID, mac []byte) error {
        if expired(req.Expiration) {
                return errExpired
        t.send(from, pongPacket, &pong{
                            makeEndpoint(from, req.From.TCP),
                To:
                ReplyTok:
                            mac,
                Expiration: uint64(time.Now().Add(expiration).Unix()),
        if !t.handleReply(fromID, pingPacket, req) {
                // Note: we're ignoring the provided IP address right now
                go t.bond(true, fromID, from, req.From.TCP)
        return nil
```



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```
node, fails := tab.db.node(id), tab.db.findFails(id)
age := time.Since(tab.db.bondTime(id))
var result error
if fails > 0 || age > nodeDBNodeExpiration {
        tab.bondmu.Lock()
        w := tab.bonding[id]
        if w != nil {
                // Wait for an existing bonding process to complete.
                tab.bondmu.Unlock()
                <-w.done
        } else {
                // Register a new bonding process.
                w = &bondproc{done: make(chan struct{})}
                tab.bonding[id] = w
                tab.bondmu.Unlock()
                // Do the ping/pong. The result goes into w.
                tab.pingpong(w, pinged, id, addr, tcpPort)
                // Unregister the process after it's done.
                tab.bondmu.Lock()
                delete(tab.bonding, id)
                tab.bondmu.Unlock()
        // Retrieve the bonding results
        result = w.err
        if result == nil {
                node = w.n
```



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```
// Request a bonding slot to limit network usage
<-tab.bondslots
defer func() { tab.bondslots <- struct{}{} }()</pre>
```

```
ping {
Version = 4
From = your addr
To = target addr
Expiration = -1 (0xffff...f)
}
Victim
```

- 1. Generate many key pairs
- 2. Sign the ping packets with each private key
- 3. Flood the victim with many ping packets
- 4. Each ping will consume a goroutine resource after 16 pending ping requests







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Conclusion





- Blockchian can't function without the fundamental components
 - Infrastructure (nodes)
 - Mining pool
 - ...
- Vulnerability could exist in any aspects of the blockchain ecosystem
 - EPoD / EPoD2
 - Freether
- Some suggestions
 - Smart contract audit before going online
 - Security response after going online
 - Community / Bounty Program







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