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# **CubeFS Security Audit**

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# **Executive summary**

In the fall of 2023, Ada Logics conducted a security audit of CubeFS in a coordinated collaboration between Ada Logics, CubeFS, OSTIF and the CNCF. The CNCF funded the work. The security audit was a holistic security audit with the following goals:

- 1. Assess and formalize a threat model for CubeFS highlighting entrypoints, risks and at-risk components.
- 2. Review the CubeFS codebase for security vulnerabilities of any severity.
- 3. Review CubeFS's supply-chain maturity against SLSA.

To formalize the threat model, Ada Logics relied on three sources of information: 1) CubeFS's official documentation, 2) the CubeFS source tree and 3) feedback from the CubeFS maintainers. The manual review was performed against the threat model to allow the auditors to consider trust levels and threat actors as they were reviewing the code.

The report contains all issues found from both the threat modelling and manual code audit exercises. Five of these issues were exploitable by threat actors identified during the threat modelling, and these issues were assigned the following CVE's:

Issue	CVE	CVE severitiy
Authenticated users can crash the CubeFS servers with maliciously crafted requests	CVE-2023- 46738	Moderate
Timing attack can leak user passwords	CVE-2023- 46739	Moderate
Insecure random string generator used for sensitive data	CVE-2023- 46740	Moderate
CubeFS leaks magic secret key when starting Blobstore access service	CVE-2023- 46741	Moderate
CubeFS leaks users key in logs	CVE-2023- 46742	Moderate

Ada Logics disclosed these findings responsibly to CubeFS through CubeFS's public Github Security Advisory disclosure channels. The CubeFS security response team responded to the disclosures with fixes in a timely manner and before the audit had been completed.

The SLSA review found that CubeFS scores low because it does not include provenance for releases. Ada Logics included practical steps for achieving SLSA Level 3 compliance.

# Strategic recommendations

In this section, we include our strategic recommendations for CubeFS to maintain a secure project moving forward. Several points in this section are reflected in "Found Issues" or other parts of the report, whereas some are only included here.

## **Supply-Chain Security**

CubeFS has undoubtedly included supply-chain security in its ongoing work. For example, CubeFS has adopted Scorecard, which considers several different aspects of supply-chain security risks in an automated manner. Nonetheless, Supply-chain Security is an area where CubeFS can improve its ongoing work. The audit found that releases are not signed and do not include provenance, which makes consumers vulnerable to known supply-chain risks. We have included practical steps to take to add this to releases. While CubeFS has integrated the Scorecard Github Action, CubeFS currently scores a 6,5 Scorecard score, which leaves room for improvement. Open and closed-sourced software ecosystems are seeing an increase in supply-chain attacks and their sophistication, with major recent attacks having had their first compromise in the software development lifecycle rather than after deployment.

#### Static analysis

CubeFS uses automated SAST in its development pipeline however limited to only CodeQL for security tooling. During the audit, Ada Logics tested CubeFS with other SAST tools, which found true positives in the CubeFS code base. We recommend adding the GoSec and Semgrep tools as wellm and add ignore directives for false positives.

# Security-relevant documentation

CubeFS has good documentation but lacks a dedicated security-best-practices section to help users deploy a security-hardened CubeFS instance. We recommend adding and maintaining this to ensure users can consume CubeFS in a secure manner and avoid security issues arising from misconfiguration.

# **Project Scope**

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# Threat model

In this part, we look at CubeFS's threat model. We have used open-source materials to formalize the threat model including mainly from documentation produced by the CubeFS ecosystem, recorded talks, presentations and third-party documentation.

CubeFS is a cloud-native data storage infrastructure often used on top of databases, machine-learning platforms and applications deployed on top of Kubernetes. It supports multiple access protocols like S3, POSIX and HDFS with flexibility for consumers using multiple protocols in the same deployment.

CubeFS has four main components: 1) A metadata subsystem, 2) a data subsystem, 3) a resource management node also called "Master" and 4) an Object Subsystem. Below, we enumerate the components.

#### Metadata subsystem

The Metadata subsystem runs the MetaNode which stores all file metadata in the cluster. In Kubernetes, this is deployed as a DaemonSet K8s resource.

## Data subsystem

The data subsystem is known internally in CubeFS as DataNode and handles the actual storing of file data. It mounts a large amount of disk space to store file data. When using CubeFS with Kubernetes, DataNode is deployed as a DaemonSet.

#### Resource management

The resource management component is called Master and is responsible for managing resources and maintaining the metadata of the whole cluster. When deploying CubeFS on Kubernetes, the Master Node is deployed as a StatefulSet K8s resource.

#### **Object Subsystem**

This component runs ObjectNodes and acts as an interface between different protocols - HDFS, POSIX and S3 - such that CubeFS works as the underlying data store, and the user can operate CubeFS by way of either or several of these protocols. The Object Subsystem is also called the Object Gateway internally in the CubeFS ecosystem.

In addition to the four core components, CubeFS implements an AuthNode which handles authentication and authorization in a CubeFS deployment.

CubeFS is meant to be deployed in such a manner that it is available to users of varying permission levels. This means that at a high level, CubeFS must be resistant to malicious cluster users who have been granted access. For example, if an organization grants access to an employee who gets convinced by a competitor to steal or corrupt data, the CubeFS devops team must know the impact this employee has for risk mitigation and impact remediation purposes. User permissions in CubeFS should start at the lowest and increase with the permissions that CubeFS admins intend to add to the user.

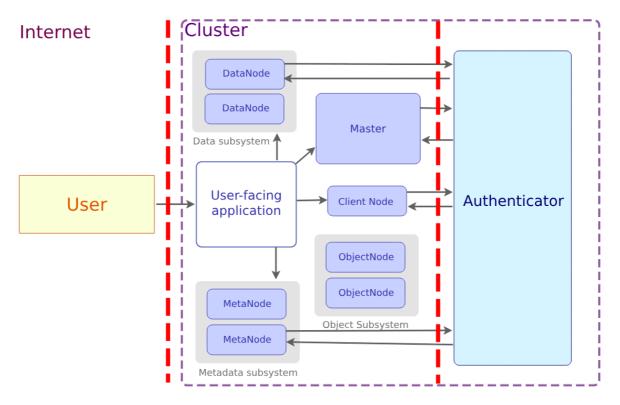
There are at least two security-relevant implications for CubeFS's architectural and permission design:

- 1. Users should not be able to achieve permissions they have not been granted. A permission should not imply another permission, whether intended or not. At this level, we are considering defined permissions that are not assigned to a user. This part of CubeFS's security model distinguishes between privileges at a granular level.
- 2. The second implication is the distinction between root and non-root permissions. CubeFS should accept a full cluster deletion by the cluster admin; it is not a security breach if the cluster admin or CubeFS admin can take down the entire cluster or cause any other harm to any part of CubeFS. There is an implied list of non-permitted actions that users should not be allowed to perform. These are general security risks that pertain to other software applications, such as Denial-of-Service attacks, stealing data, remote code execution, corruption of data and other general threats.

Most commonly, CubeFS is not exposed directly to the internet but will be available to services inside the cluster to which it is deployed. A CubeFS deployment will have multiple client nodes that include a client container, which is intended to communicate with the remaining CubeFS components. Communication between components happens via HTTP(S); Each component exposes a web server to the cluster. As such, threats are likely to come from users who already have a position in the cluster. This position can be through a legitimate use cage - a user that should have access and has been granted so by the CubeFS admin, or it could be through a threat actor who has already escalated privileges and who seeks to further advance their position inside the cluster. In the former scenario, we have covered the expectations above, which we can sum up as such: If a legitimate user turns malicious, the CubeFS admin should know what their impact is and should be in control of reducing any permissions that the user has. In other words, what the CubeFS admin expects the user can do represents the user's privileges pricisely. For the latter, CubeFS should reduce the ease with which an attacker can further escalate privileges inside the cluster.

# **Trust boundaries**

In this section, we identify the trust boundaries of a CubeFS deployment. Below, we include a trust-flow diagram of an out-of-the-box CubeFS deployment:



Typically, a CubeFS deployment will be deployed alongside an internet-facing application in the cluster with which users communicate. When traffic enters the cluster, it crosses a trust boundary and flows low to high in the direction from the internet to the cluster. This trust boundary could also exist between the user-facing application and the CubeFS client nodes, depending on the specific use case. The reason for this is that the user-facing application could do its own validation and sanitization. From the user-facing application, traffic flows to the CubeFS client nodes. These authenticate the request before processing it, and the traffic crosses another trust boundary when being authenticated. At this point, trust flows low to high in the direction from the CubeFS client nodes to the authenticator. Trust remains high until CubeFS responds to the user external to the cluster.

# **Threat actors**

A threat actor is an individual or group that intentionally attempts to exploit vulnerabilities, deploy malicious code, or compromise or disrupt a CubeFS deployment, often for financial gain, espionage, or sabotage. A threat actor is the personification of a possible attacker of security issues. Each threat actor has a level of trust tied to them, and matching one or several threat actors with CubeFS's threat model helps identify the high-level security risk. We identify the following threat actors for CubeFS. A threat actor can assume multiple profiles from the table below; for example, a fully untrusted user can also be a contributor to a 3rd-party library used by CubeFS.

Threat Actor	Description	Level of trust
Code contributor to CubeFS	Person or group of people that contribute code to CubeFS's upstream repository	None
Code contributor to CubeFS's 3rd-party dependencies	Person or group of people that contribute code to CubeFS's 3rd-party dependencies	None
External users of ingress cluster entrypoints	Users that interact with internet-facing applications in the cluster. The purpose of these entrypoints will for the most part be to enable use of CubeFS.	None
Outside actor with position in cluster	A person or group of people with no granted privileges that have escalated privileges by using a weakness in CubeFS, its underlying platform or a 3rd-party dependency.	None
Cluster user	Cluster users with non-root privileges. These are users of the CubeFS deployment.	Low to high
Infrastructure contributors	These are users that maintain applications and infrastructure running on the cluster. This threat actor is not a user of CubeFS themselves, but they facilitate access for other users.	Low
Cluster admin	Users with sudo permissions over the cluster and CubeFS.	Full

# **SLSA review**

ADA Logics carried out a SLSA review of CubeFS. SLSA (<a href="https://github.com/slsa.dev">https://github.com/slsa.dev</a>) is a framework for assessing the security practices of a given software project with a focus on mitigating supply-chain risk. SLSA emphasises tamper resistance of artifacts as well as ephemerality of the build and release cycle.

SLSA mitigates a series of attack vectors in the software development life cycle (SDLC), all of which have seen real-world examples of successful attacks against open-source and proprietary software.

Below, we include a diagram made by the SLSA illustrating the attack surface of the SDLC.

Each of the red markers demonstrate different areas of possible compromise that could allow attackers to tamper with the artifact that the consumer invokes at the end of the SDLC.

SLSA splits its assessment criteria into 4 increasingly demanding levels. The higher the level of compliance, the higher tamper-resistance the project ensures its consumers.

An essential part of ensuring tamper resistance is to include a verifiable provenance statement with releases. SLSA provides a framework for creating this automatically when building release artifacts (https://github.com/slsa-framework/slsa-github-generator) which we recommend CubeFS adopts. Building artifacts by way of the slsa-github-generator will produce SLSA level 3 compliant provenance. CubeFS can adopt the slsa-github-generator by adding a Github workflow that invokes the SLSA builder.

Complying with SLSA level 3 reflects a high standard of supply-chain mitigation, and CubeFS consumers should not be discouraged from a low level of compliance. We recommend that the CubeFS community tracks ongoing work for adopting the slsa-github-generator project and working on this in the open. It is far from all open-source projects that have achieved level 3 compliance at this part of SLSA open-source lifetime.

CubeFS currently is at Level 0 by the SLSA specification.

# **Issues found**

Ada Logics found 12 issues during the audit. The list includes all issues found by way of manual auditing and fuzzing. Ada Logics uses a scoring system that considers impact and ease of exploitation. This is different from the CVSS scoring system, and there may be discrepancies between the severity assigned by Ada Logics and the severity resulting from a CVSS calculation.

#	Title	Status	Severity
1	Authenticated users can crash the CubeFS servers with maliciously crafted requests	Fixed	Moderate
2	CubeFS leaks magic secret key when starting Blobstore access service	Fixed	Moderate
3	CubeFS leaks users key in logs	Fixed	Moderate
4	Insecure cryptographic primitive used for sensitive data	Fixed	Moderate
5	Insecure random string generator used for sensitive data	Fixed	Moderate
6	Lack of security-best-practices documentation	Fixed	Moderate
7	Possible deadlocks	Fixed	Moderate
8	Possible nil-dereference from unmarshalling double pointer	Fixed	Low
9	Potential Slowloris attacks	Fixed	Low
10	Releases are not signed	Fixed	Moderate
11	Security Disclosure Email Does Not Work	Fixed	Low
12	Timing attack can leak user passwords	Fixed	Moderate

# Authenticated users can crash the CubeFS servers with maliciously crafted requests

Severity: Moderate

Fixed Id: ADA-CUBEFS-NKbh4NJK

**Component:** ObjectNode

The root cause is that when CubeFS reads the body of incoming requests, it reads it entirely into memory and without an upper boundary. As such, an attacker can craft an HTTP that contains a large body and exhausts memory of the machine, which results in crashing the server.

#### **Details**

Status:

The issue exists across multiple CubeFS components. We have not made an exhaustive list and will follow up with that. For now, we exemplify the issue with the deleteobjectshandler of the objectnode component. This handler reads the body of the incoming request entirely into memory on line 561 below:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/45442918591d25e7ab555469df384df468df5dbc/objectnode/api_handler_object.go#L5
32C22-L567
532 func (o *ObjectNode) deleteObjectsHandler(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request) {
533
            var (
534
                    err
                               error
535
                    errorCode *ErrorCode
536
            defer func() {
537
                    o.errorResponse(w, r, err, errorCode)
538
539
            }()
540
            var param = ParseRequestParam(r)
541
            if param.Bucket() == ""
542
543
                    errorCode = InvalidBucketName
544
545
            }
546
            var vol *Volume
547
            548
549
    volume(%v) err(%v)",
550
                             GetRequestID(r), param.Bucket(), err)
551
                    return
552
            }
553
            requestMD5 := r.Header.Get(ContentMD5)
if requestMD5 == "" {
554
555
556
                    errorCode = MissingContentMD5
557
                    return
558
            }
559
            var bytes []byte
560
            bytes, err = ioutil.ReadAll(r.Body)
if err != nil {
561
562
                    log.LogErrorf("deleteObjectsHandler: read request body fail:
    requestID(%v) volume(%v) err(%v)",
564
                             GetRequestID(r), param.Bucket(), err)
                    errorCode = UnexpectedContent
565
566
                    return
            }
567
```

In this case, a user does not require permission to delete objects since the ACL check is done after reading the request body.

PoC

We include two programs to reproduce this issue. Warning: save all work before running this PoC, including work in browser tabs.

The first program is a server that represents the deleteobjectsHandler. We have stripped unrelated parts of the function body that the HTTP request can easily pass legitimately. Start up this server by creating the following go module and run it with go run main.go:

```
1 package main
 import (
    "fmt"
3
4
          "io/ioutil"
5
          "net/http"
6
7
  )
9 func main() {
           http.HandleFunc("/deleteObjects", func(w http.ResponseWriter, r
   *http.Request) {
                   // Here CubeFS gets the params. We skip that since an authenticated
11
   user can get past that.
12
13
                    // Here CubeFS gets the volume. The user can pass a Bucket identifier
   that will not return an error to get past that.
14
                   // Here CubeFS gets the requestMD5. The user can include any value in
15
   the header to get past that.
16
                    // At this point, the handler invokes the vulnerable line
17
                   fmt.Println("Got request")
18
                      err := ioutil.ReadAll(r.Body)
19
                    if err != nil {
20
21
                            return
22
23
                    fmt.Println("Finished reading body")
24
           })
           fmt.Printf("Starting server at port 8080\n")
26
           if err := http.ListenAndServe(":8080", nil); err != nil {
27
28
                    panic(err)
29
30 }
```

You should see Starting server at port 8080 in the terminal when starting this program.

The next program is the client. This program represents the malicious user who crafts a request with a large body and sends it to the server. Depending on the system used when running this program, it may be necessary to reduce or increase the size of the body. Create the following main.go in another module and run it with go run main.go

```
1 package main
 import (
5
           "strings"
           "net/http"
6
7)
8
9 func main() {
            req := maliciousRequest()
10
11
              err := http.DefaultClient.Do(req)
12
            if err != nil{
13
14
                    panic(err)
15
16 }
17
18 func maliciousRequest() *http.Request {
           s := strings.Repeat("malicious string", 100000000)
r1 := strings.NewReader(s)
19
20
21
           r2 := strings.NewReader(s)
22
           r3 := strings.NewReader(s)
           r4 := strings.NewReader(s)
24
           r5 := strings.NewReader(s)
25
           r6 := strings.NewReader(s)
           r7 := strings.NewReader(s)
26
           r8 := strings.NewReader(s)
27
28
            r := io.MultiReader(r1, r2, r3, r4, r5, r6, r7, r8)
```

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```
req, err := http.NewRequest("POST", "http://localhost:8080/deleteObjects", r)
if err != nil {
    panic(err)
}
return req
}
```

This request should exhaust memory temporarily and then crash the server.

# **Impact**

All CubeFS users are impacted by this issue.

# CubeFS leaks magic secret key when starting Blobstore access service

Severity: Moderate

Status:

Id: ADA-CUBEFS-MNJHBrv3

Fixed

**Component:** BlobStore

CubeFS leaks secret configuration keys during initialization of the blobstore access service controller, more specifically here:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/26da9925a3db98ff9a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L76-L86b831/blobstore/acces
76 func initWithRegionMagic(regionMagic string) {
                                                                  if regionMagic == ""
                                                                                                                    log.Warn("no region magic setting, using default secret keys for
78
                   checksum")
79
80
82
                                                                   log.Info("using magic secret keys for checksum with:", regionMagic)
83
                                                                   b := sha1.Sum([]byte(regionMagic))
                                                                   initTokenSecret(b[:8])
84
85
                                                                   initLocationSecret(b[:8])
86 }
```

Users with access to the logs can retrieve the secret key and escalate privileges to carry out operations on blobs that they otherwise don't have the necessary permissions for. For example, a threat actor who has successfully retrieved a magic secret key from the logs can delete blobs from the blob store by validating their requests in this step:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/26da9925a3db98ff9a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L546-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/blobstore/access/server.go\#L566-L569a1e9a12cc
546 func (s *Service) DeleteBlob(c *rpc.Context) {
                                              args := new(access.DeleteBlobArgs)
                                              if err := c.ParseArgs(args); err != nil {
548
                                                                            c.RespondError(err)
549
550
                                                                            return
551
552
                                               ctx := c.Request.Context()
                                              span := trace.SpanFromContextSafe(ctx)
554
555
                                               span.Debugf("accept /deleteblob request args:%+v", args)
556
                                              if !args.IsValid() {
557
558
                                                                             c.RespondError(errcode.ErrIllegalArguments)
559
                                                                             return
560
                                              }
561
                                               valid := false
562
                                              for _, secretKey := range tokenSecretKeys {
563
                                                                            token := uptoken.DecodeToken(args.Token)
564
                                                                            if token.IsValid(args.ClusterID, args.Vid, args.BlobID,
565
                uint32(args.Size), secretKey[:]) {
566
                                                                                                           valid = true
567
                                                                                                           break
568
                                                                            }
                                              }
569
```

To exploit this security issue, the attacker needs to have privileges to read the logs. They could have obtained these privileges legitimately, or they could have obtained them by already having escalated privileges.

# CubeFS leaks users key in logs

Severity: Moderate

Status: Fixed

Id: ADA-CUBEFS-vc34CGVVJB

**Component:** Master

CubeFS leaks secret user keys and access keys in the logs in multiple components. When CubeCS creates new users, it leaks the user's secret key. This could allow a lower-privileged user with access to the logs to retrieve sensitive information and impersonate other users with higher privileges than themselves.

#### **Details**

The vulnerable API that leaks secret keys is createkey:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/26da9925a3db98ff9a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/master/user.go#L43-L111
43 func (u *User) createKey(param *proto.UserCreateParam) (userInfo *proto.UserInfo, err
   error) {
45
                                *proto.AKUser
                    AKUser
                    userPolicy *proto.UserPolicy
46
47
                    exist
                               bool
48
            if param.ID == "" {
50
                    err = proto.ErrInvalidUserID
                    return
51
52
           if !param.Type.Valid() {
53
54
                    err = proto.ErrInvalidUserType
55
                    return
           }
           var userID = param.ID
58
           var password = param.Password
if password == "" {
59
60
61
                    password = DefaultUserPassword
62
           64
65
   util.Numeric|util.LowerLetter|util.UpperLetter)
66
           } else {
67
                    if !proto.IsValidAK(accessKey) {
68
                            err = proto.ErrInvalidAccessKey
69
                            return
70
                    }
71
           var secretKey = param.SecretKey
if secretKey == "" {
72
73
                    secretKey = util.RandomString(secretKeyLength,
   util.Numeric|util.LowerLetter|util.UpperLetter)
           } else {
76
                    if !proto.IsValidSK(secretKey) {
77
                            err = proto.ErrInvalidSecretKey
78
                            return
79
80
            var userType = param.Type
           var description = param.Description
           u.userStoreMutex.Lock()
83
           defer u.userStoreMutex.Unlock()
84
           u.AKStoreMutex.Lock()
85
86
           defer u.AKStoreMutex.Unlock()
87
            //check duplicate
           if _, exist = u.userStore.Load(userID); exist {
88
                    err = proto.ErrDuplicateUserID
90
                    return
91
           }
              exist = u.AKStore.Load(accessKey)
92
93
           for exist {
```

```
94
                   accessKey = util.RandomString(accessKeyLength,
   util.Numeric|util.LowerLetter|util.UpperLetter)
95
                   _, exist = u.AKStore.Load(accessKey)
96
           userPolicy = proto.NewUserPolicy()
97
           userInfo = &proto.UserInfo{UserID: userID, AccessKey: accessKey, SecretKey:
98
   secretKey, Policy: userPolicy,
                   UserType: userType, CreateTime: time.Unix(time.Now().Unix(),
99
   0).Format(proto.TimeFormat), Description: description}
            AKUser = &proto.AKUser{AccessKey: accessKey, UserID: userID, Password:
100
    encodingPassword(password)}
101
            if err = u.syncAddUserInfo(userInfo); err != nil {
102
103
            if err = u.syncAddAKUser(AKUser); err != nil {
104
105
                    return
106
107
            u.userStore.Store(userID, userInfo)
            u.AKStore.Store(accessKey, AKUser)
108
109
            log.LogInfof("action[createUser], userID: %v, accesskey[%v], secretkey[%v]",
   userID, accessKey, secretKey)
110
            return
111 }
```

createkey creates a userInfo, an access key and a secret key and stores it in the respective stores. If createkey successfully creates all three pieces of information and successfully stores them, it will log the created pieces of information on this line:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/26da9925a3db98ff9a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/master/user.go#L109

log.LogInfof("action[createUser], userID: %v, accesskey[%v], secretkey[%v]", userID, accessKey, secretKey)
```

#### **Impact**

An attacker who has access to the logs can see the secret key in plain text and impersonate the user. The attacker can either be an internal user with limited privileges to read the log, or it can be an external user who has escalated privileges sufficiently to access the logs.

To find the places where CubeFS logs the users accesskey, we refer to the following grep call: grep -r "log\." . --exclude=\*test.go | grep accesskey. Not all occurrences of this constitute a vulnerability: Only cases of logging after authorization represent a security issue.

# Insecure cryptographic primitive used for sensitive data

Severity: Moderate

Status: Fixed

Id: ADA-CUBEFS-VGvgh234hb2

**Component:** Master

Cubefs Master uses an insecure cryptographic primitive for encoding user passwords. Cubefs uses SHA1 to encode the password. Researchers have identified theoretical collision attacks of SHA1 for the first time in 2004 but have only demonstrated it in practice in 2017 (Marc Stevens, Elie Bursztein, Pierre Karpman, Ange Albertini, and Yarik Markov. "The first collision for full SHA-1"). NIST recommends that existing usage of SHA1 for security-sensitve information should be upgraded to SHA2 or SHA3 (https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2022/12/nist-retires-sha-1-cryptographic-algorithm). The issue exists in the encodingPassword helper:

Cubefs uses this helper when creating a user below on line 100:

```
43 func (u *User) createKey(param *proto.UserCreateParam) (userInfo *proto.UserInfo, err
   error) {
45
                              *proto.AKUser
                   AKUser
                   userPolicy *proto.UserPolicy
46
                              hoo1
47
                   exist
48
           if param.ID == "" {
49
                   err = proto.ErrInvalidUserID
50
                   return
51
52
           if !param.Type.Valid() {
53
54
                   err = proto.ErrInvalidUserType
55
                   return
56
57
           var userID = param.ID
58
           var password = param.Password
if password == "" {
59
60
                   password = DefaultUserPassword
61
62
63
           var accessKey = param.AccessKey
           if accessKey == ""
                   accessKey = util.RandomString(accessKeyLength,
65
   util.Numeric|util.LowerLetter|util.UpperLetter)
66
           } else {
67
                   if !proto.IsValidAK(accessKey) {
                           err = proto.ErrInvalidAccessKey
68
                           return
69
70
                   }
           }
71
           var secretKey = param.SecretKey
if secretKey == "" {
72
73
                   secretKey = util.RandomString(secretKeyLength,
74
   util.Numeric|util.LowerLetter|util.UpperLetter)
75
76
                   if !proto.IsValidSK(secretKey) {
77
                           err = proto.ErrInvalidSecretKey
                           return
78
                   }
79
80
           }
```

```
81
            var userTvpe = param.Tvpe
82
           var description = param.Description
            u.userStoreMutex.Lock()
83
           defer u.userStoreMutex.Unlock()
84
85
            u.AKStoreMutex.Lock()
           defer u.AKStoreMutex.Unlock()
86
87
            //check duplicate
           if _, exist = u.userStore.Load(userID); exist {
88
                    err = proto.ErrDuplicateUserID
89
90
                    return
91
            }
92
              exist = u.AKStore.Load(accessKey)
93
                    accessKey = util.RandomString(accessKeyLength,
   util.Numeric|util.LowerLetter|util.UpperLetter)
95
                    _, exist = u.AKStore.Load(accessKey)
96
            userPolicy = proto.NewUserPolicy()
97
98
            userInfo = &proto.UserInfo{UserID: userID, AccessKey: accessKey, SecretKey:
   secretKey, Policy: userPolicy,
                   UserType: userType, CreateTime: time.Unix(time.Now().Unix(),
99
   0).Format(proto.TimeFormat), Description: description}

AKUser = &proto.AKUser{AccessKey: accessKey, UserID: userID, Password:
100
    encodingPassword(password)}
101
            if err = u.syncAddUserInfo(userInfo); err != nil {
102
103
104
             if err = u.syncAddAKUser(AKUser); err != nil {
105
                     return
106
107
             u.userStore.Store(userID, userInfo)
108
             u.AKStore.Store(accessKey, AKUser)
             log.LogInfof("action[createUser], userID: %v, accesskey[%v], secretkey[%v]",
   userID, accessKey, secretKey)
110
             return
111 }
```

An attacker who can retrieve the database records of users has a lower barrier for getting the actual passwords of users than if Cubefs used a secure primitive such as SHA2 or SHA3. To exploit this weakness, an attacker would already need to escalate privileges or gain access to database records from misconfiguration of a Cubefs deployment. Even so, an attacker has the potential for further escalating privileges by exploiting this weakness depending on the user credentials they can steal.

#### Mitigation

We recommend using a secure primitive for user passwords. This would mitigate risk even if an attacker has access to the encrypted user passwords.

# Insecure random string generator used for sensitive data

Severity: Moderate

Status: Fixed

**Id:** ADA-CUBEFS-BH£Rj2432jk

**Component:** Master

CubeFS uses an insecure random string generator to generate user-specific, sensitive keys used to authenticate users in a CubeFS deployment. This could allow an attacker to predict and/or guess the generated string and impersonate a user, thereby obtaining higher privileges.

When CubeFS creates new users, it creates a piece of sensitive information for the user called the "accessKey". To create the accessKey , CubeFS uses an insecure string generator which makes it easy to guess and thereby impersonate the created user. The API that generates access keys is RandomString:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/26da9925a3db98ff9a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/util/string.go#L58-L67
58 func RandomString(length int, seed RandomSeed) string {
            runs := seed.Runes()
            result := ""
60
            for i := 0; i < length; i++ {</pre>
61
                     rand.Seed(time.Now().UnixNano())
62
                     randNumber := rand.Intn(len(runs))
63
64
                     result += string(runs[randNumber])
65
            return result
67 }
```

Randomstring uses math/rand seeded with UnixNano() to generate the string, which is predictable. math/rand is not suited for sensitive information, as stated in the documentation: https://pkg.go.dev/math/rand#pkg-overview.

CubeFS uses RandomString() to generate user access keys in the following places:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/26da9925a3db98ff9a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/master/user.go#L63-L66

var accessKey = param.AccessKey
f accessKey = "" {
 accessKey = util.RandomString(accessKeyLength, util.Numeric|util.LowerLetter|util.UpperLetter)
} else {
```

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/26da9925a3db98ff9a1e9a12cca2c457f736b831/master/user.go#L92-L96

92     __, exist = u.AKStore.Load(accessKey)
93     for exist {
94         accessKey = util.RandomString(accessKeyLength,
         util.Numeric|util.LowerLetter|util.UpperLetter)
95         __, exist = u.AKStore.Load(accessKey)
96     }
```

# **Impact**

An attacker could exploit the predictable random string generator and guess a users access key to impersonate the user and obtain higher privileges.

# Lack of security-best-practices documentation

Severity: Moderate

Status: Fixed

Id: ADA-CUBEFS-vc34CGVVJB

**Component:** CubeFS

CubeFS maintain documentation on how to easily get started with CubeFS, which is positive; however, CubeFS lacks a section or dedicated page on deploying and using CubeFS in a secure, production-ready manner.

We recommend setting up a dedicated page to accommodate this. See the Istio security-best-practices page for reference: https://istio.io/latest/docs/ops/best-practices/security/.

Without an officially maintained security-best-practices page, users may deploy CubeFS in ways that are known by the community to be insecure and obviously necessary for secure but also easy to overlook. Users should not be expected to read through the entire documentation to dissect the critical parts for deployment. Instead, we recommend a dedicated page for this purpose.

The work to maintain secure-best-practices documentation should be considered an ongoing process. Adding this to the documentation, maintaining it and developing it over time is good practice.

# Possible deadlocks

Severity: Moderate

Status: Fixed

ld: ADA-CUBEFS-LK432hu

**Component:** Multiple

Cubefs is susceptible to a number of deadlocks across multiple components. This is an umbrella issue for all identified possible deadlocks. Deadlocks happen when two threads or programs are waiting for each other to finish, where one of them does not finish. This has security implications if an attacker is able to cause the deadlock. The attacker will steer the execution of the program into a path where the program invokes a lock but does not unlock it.

Below we enumerate the places across the Cubefs source tree where this can happen.

#### Rate limiter

Below, Cubefs locks the mutex on line 60 and unlocks it on line 72. Between the mutex lock and unlock, the method can exit in two places: line 63 and line 67.

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/46cb4d149c45f1ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/util/ratelimit/keyratelimit.go\#L58-L73-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-lineary-linear
58 func (k *KeyRateLimit) Release(key string) {
59
60
                                                                k.mutex.Lock()
61
                                                                 limit, ok := k.current[key]
62
                                                               if !ok {
                                                                                                            panic("key not in map. Possible reason: Release without Acquire.")
63
64
65
                                                                 limit.refCount--
66
                                                               if limit.refCount < 0 {</pre>
67
                                                                                                            panic("internal error: refs < 0")</pre>
69
                                                               if limit.refCount == 0 {
                                                                                                            delete(k.current, key)
70
71
72
                                                                k.mutex.Unlock()
73 }
```

## flowctrl

A similar case to the Rate limiter exists in the flowctrl package:

```
55 func (k *KeyFlowCtrl) Release(key string) {
56
57
         k.mutex.Lock()
58
         ctrl, ok := k.current[key]
59
         if !ok {
60
                panic("key not in map. Possible reason: Release without Acquire.")
61
         ctrl.refCount--
62
         if ctrl.refCount < 0 {</pre>
63
                panic("internal error: refs < 0")</pre>
64
65
          if ctrl.refCount == 0 {
66
                ctrl.c.Close() // avoid goroutine leak
67
                delete(k.current, key)
68
69
          k.mutex.Unlock()
70
71 }
```

Cubefs locks the mutex on line 57 and unlocks it on line 70. The method can exit on lines 60 and 64 without unlocking.

#### Metanode

Metanodes method for marshalling a value to bytes has a potential deadlock if the call to binary.write fails with an error, which will cause the method to panic without releasing the lock.

Below, Marshalvalue() locks on line 703 and unlocks on line 719. On line 709, the method panics without releasing the lock:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/46cb4d149c45f1ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go\#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode.go#L698-L721ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/metanode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/inode/
698 func (i *Inode) MarshalValue() (val []byte) {
                                                   var err error
                                                  buff := bytes.NewBuffer(make([]byte, 0, 128))
700
                                                  buff.Grow(64)
701
702
703
                                                  i.RLock()
704
                                                  i.MarshalInodeValue(buff)
                                                 if i.getLayerLen() > 0 && i.getVer() == 0 {
 705
                 log.LogFatalf("action[MarshalValue] inode %v current verseq %v, hist
len (%v) stack(%v)", i.Inode, i.getVer(), i.getLayerLen(), string(debug.Stack()))
706
707
                                                  if err = binary.Write(buff, binary.BigEndian, int32(i.getLayerLen())); err
708
                  != nil {
709
                                                                                  panic(err)
 710
                                                  }
711
                                                  if i.multiSnap != nil {
712
                                                                                  for _, ino := range i.multiSnap.multiVersions {
713
714
                                                                                                                  ino.MarshalInodeValue(buff)
715
716
717
                                                 val = buff.Bytes()
718
                                                  i.RUnlock()
719
                                                  return
720
721 }
```

An attacker who can trigger the panic in a controlled manner has the potential to exploit this by locking a lot or all resources on the machine and thereby cause denial of service.

# QosCtrlManager

The Cubefs QoS manager's method for assigning QoS to clients, assignClientsNewQos is susceptible to a deadlock in case the manager has not enabled QoS. Below, the manager locks on line 692 and unlocks on line 722. On line 694, the manager will return if the QoS is not enabled:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/46cb4d149c45f1ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/master/limiter.go#L691-L735
691 \hspace{0.1in} \textbf{func} \hspace{0.1in} \textbf{(qosManager *QosCtrlManager)} \hspace{0.1in} \textbf{assignClientsNewQos(factorType uint32)} \hspace{0.1in} \textbf{\{} \\
692
              qosManager.RLock()
693
              if !qosManager.qosEnable {
694
695
              serverLimit := gosManager.serverFactorLimitMap[factorType]
696
              var bufferAllocated uint64
697
698
699
              // recalculate client Assign limit and buffer
700
              for _, cliInfoMgr := range qosManager.cliInfoMgrMap {
701
                        cliInfo := cliInfoMgr.Cli.FactorMap[factorType]
702
                        assignInfo := cliInfoMgr.Assign.FactorMap[factorType]
703
                        if cliInfo.Used+cliInfoMgr.Cli.FactorMap[factorType].Need == 0 {
704
705
                                 assignInfo.UsedLimit = 0
706
                                 assignInfo.UsedBuffer = 0
707
                        } else {
708
                                 assignInfo.UsedLimit =
     uint64(float64(cliInfo.Used+cliInfo.Need) * float64(1-serverLimit.LimitRate))
                                 if serverLimit.Allocated != 0 {
709
                                          assignInfo.UsedBuffer =
710
     \verb|uint64(float64(serverLimit.Buffer)| * \texttt{(float64(assignInfo.UsedLimit))} / \\
     float64(serverLimit.Allocated)) * 0.5)
711
712
```

```
713
                             // buffer left may be quit large and we should not use up
    and doesn't mean if buffer large than used limit line
                             if assignInfo.UsedBuffer > assignInfo.UsedLimit {
714
715
                                     assignInfo.UsedBuffer = assignInfo.UsedLimit
716
717
                     }
718
                     bufferAllocated += assignInfo.UsedBuffer
719
720
721
722
            qosManager.RUnlock()
723
            if serverLimit.Buffer > bufferAllocated {
724
                    serverLimit.Buffer -= bufferAllocated
725
726
            } else {
                     serverLimit.Buffer = 0
727
728
                     log.LogWarnf("action[assignClientsNewQos] vol [%v] type [%v] clients
    buffer [%v] and server buffer used up trigger flow limit overall"
729
                             qosManager.vol.Name, proto.QosTypeString(factorType),
    bufferAllocated)
730
            }
731
            \label{log.QosWriteDebugf("action[assignClientsNewQos] vol [\%v] type [\%v]} \\
732
    serverLimit buffer:[%v] used:[%v] need:[%v] total:[%v]",
733
                     qosManager.vol.Name, proto.QosTypeString(factorType),
734
                     serverLimit.Buffer, serverLimit.Allocated,
    serverLimit.NeedAfterAlloc, serverLimit.Total)
735 }
```

An attacker cannot control whether Cubefs should proceed into this branch and return:

```
1     if !qosManager.qosEnable {
2         return
3     }
```

For an attacker to return on line 694 and thereby prevent Cubefs from unlocking the manager, they would need to know that the victims Cubefs deployment has disabled QoS and thereby cause Cubefs to invoke assignClientsNewQos.

#### Block cache

The Block cache manager has a method for removing item keys from the cache to free up space, freespace. This method invokes a loop that ends when a counter, cnt reaches 500000. Each loop iteration performs the following steps: 1) The Block cache manager locks, 2) an item is deleted from the store, 3) the Block cache manager unlocks. This process is susceptible to a deadlock because the freespace method can exist between step 1 and 3, i.e. it is possible for freespace to lock the Block cache manager and return without unlocking it.

On line 390 the manager enters the for loop. Inside the loop, the manager locks on line 399 and unlocks on line 415. On line 403, freespace can return without unlocking the manager.

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/46cb4d149c45f1ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/blockcache/bcache/manage.go#L379-
L419
379 func (bm *bcacheManager) freeSpace(store *DiskStore, free float32, files int64) {
380
             var decreaseSpace int64
381
              var decreaseCnt int
382
383
             if free < store.freeLimit {</pre>
384
                      decreaseSpace = int64((store.freeLimit - free) *
     (float32(store.capacity)))
385
386
              if files > int64(store.limit) {
                      decreaseCnt = int(files - int64(store.limit))
387
             }
388
389
             cnt := 0
390
391
              for {
392
                      if decreaseCnt <= 0 && decreaseSpace <= 0 {</pre>
393
                               break
394
                       //avoid dead loop
395
                      if cnt > 500000 {
396
397
                               break
                      }
398
```

```
399
                     bm.Lock()
400
                     element := bm.lrulist.Front()
401
                     if element == nil {
402
403
                              return
404
405
                     item := element.Value.(*cacheItem)
406
407
                     if err := store.remove(item.key); err == nil {
                              bm.lrulist.Remove(element)
408
409
                              delete(bm.bcacheKeys, item.key)
410
                              decreaseSpace -= int64(item.size)
411
                              decreaseCnt - -
412
                              cnt++
                     }
413
414
415
                     bm.Unlock()
                     log.LogDebugf("remove %v from cache", item.key)
416
417
418
             }
419 }
```

# Volume manager

When Cubefs's Volume Manager applies an update to a volume unit, it does so with applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit gets the disk info with a call to the disk managers GetDiskInfo. If this call fails, applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit returns the error. Before getting the disk info, applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit puts a lock on the volume that is being modified, and applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit will not release that lock if the call to GetDiskInfo fails. In other words, if the call to GetDiskInfo fails, the lock will not be released. The parameter to GetDiskInfo is passed directly from a parameter to applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit.

applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit locks the volume on line 691 and unlocks it again on line 710. On line 701, applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit returns without unlocking the volume.

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/46cb4d149c45f1ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/blobstore/clustermgr/volumemgr/vol
umemgr.go#L675-L711
 675 \quad \textbf{func} \  \, (\textbf{v} \  \, \textbf{*VolumeMgr}) \  \, \textbf{applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit} (\textbf{ctx} \  \, \textbf{context}. \textbf{Context}, \  \, \textbf{unitInfo} ) 
      676
              span := trace.SpanFromContextSafe(ctx)
677
              vol := v.all.getVol(unitInfo.Vuid.Vid())
678
              if vol == nil {
                      span.Errorf("apply admin update volume unit, vid %d not exist",
679
     unitInfo.Vuid.Vid())
680
                      return ErrVolumeNotExist
681
              index := unitInfo.Vuid.Index()
682
683
              vol.lock.RLock()
              if int(index) >= len(vol.vUnits) {
684
                      span.Errorf("apply admin update volume unit,index:%d over vuids
685
     length ", index)
686
                      vol.lock.RUnlock()
687
                      return ErrVolumeUnitNotExist
688
689
              vol.lock.RUnlock()
690
691
              vol.lock.Lock()
              if proto.IsValidEpoch(unitInfo.Epoch) {
692
693
                      vol.vUnits[index].epoch = unitInfo.Epoch
694
                      vol.vUnits[index].vuInfo.Vuid =
     proto.EncodeVuid(vol.vUnits[index].vuidPrefix, unitInfo.Epoch)
695
              if proto.IsValidEpoch(unitInfo.NextEpoch) {
696
                      vol.vUnits[index].nextEpoch = unitInfo.NextEpoch
697
698
699
              diskInfo, err := v.diskMgr.GetDiskInfo(ctx, unitInfo.DiskID)
700
              if err != nil {
701
                      return err
702
              vol.vUnits[index].vuInfo.DiskID = diskInfo.DiskID
703
              vol.vUnits[index].vuInfo.Host = diskInfo.Host
704
705
              vol.vUnits[index].vuInfo.Compacting = unitInfo.Compacting
706
707
              unitRecord := vol.vUnits[index].ToVolumeUnitRecord()
              err = v.volumeTbl.PutVolumeUnit(unitInfo.Vuid.VuidPrefix(), unitRecord)
708
709
              vol.lock.Unlock()
710
              return err
```

This deadlock can be triggered in two ways. One way is to pass a parameter to applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit, which the user knows will result in returning on line 701. The second way is to modify the disk manager such that when another user invokes GetDiskInfo() on line 699, it will fail. GetDiskInfo returns an error if the diskInfo of the passed DiskID does not exist:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/5ab518b3598ee99a74b333d0d2abc80739bbae4d/blobstore/clustermgr/diskmgr/diskm
gr.go#L274-L285
274 func (d *DiskMgr) GetDiskInfo(ctx context.Context, id proto.DiskID)
    (*blobnode.DiskInfo, error) {
             diskInfo, ok := d.getDisk(id)
276
             if !ok {
277
                     return nil, apierrors.ErrCMDiskNotFound
278
279
280
             diskInfo.lock.RLock()
281
             defer diskInfo.lock.RUnlock()
282
            newDiskInfo := *(diskInfo.info)
             // need to copy before return, or the higher level may change the disk info
283
    by the disk info pointer
284
            return &(newDiskInfo), nil
285 }
```

An attacker could trigger the deadlock by removing disks that the caller of applyAdminUpdateVolumeUnit expects to exist.

#### Blobnode

The Putshard method of the shardsBuf type is susceptible to a deadlock from a missing lock release in case of a wrong size comparison.

Putshard performs a size comparison as part of a sanity check and returns an error if the data size does not match the expected size. When doing so, Putshard does not unlock the ShardsBuf.

On line 293 below, Putshard locks the ShardsBuf and unlocks it on line 312. On line 309, Putshard performs the Sanity check if int64(len(shards.shards[bid].data)) != size { and returns errshardsizeNotMatch on line 310 if it fails. Before returning errshardsizeNotMatch, Putshard does not unlock the ShardsBuf, and it remains locked after returning:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/46cb4d149c45f1ad7b40381b5a2a20bd6d599e25/blobstore/blobnode/work_shard_rec
over.go#L292-L324
292 func (shards *ShardsBuf) PutShard(bid proto.BlobID, input io.Reader) error {
293
             shards.mu.Lock()
294
295
             if _, ok := shards.shards[bid]; !ok {
296
                     shards.mu.Unlock()
297
                      return errBidNotFoundInBuf
298
             if shards.shards[bid].size == 0 {
299
300
                     shards.mu.Unlock()
301
                      return nil
302
303
             if shards.shards[bid].ok {
304
                     shards.mu.Unlock()
                     return errBufHasData
305
             }
306
307
308
             size := shards.shards[bid].size
309
             if int64(len(shards.shards[bid].data)) != size {
310
                     return errShardSizeNotMatch
311
             shards.mu.Unlock()
312
313
314
             // read data from remote is slow, so optimize use of lock
              _, err := io.ReadFull(input, shards.shards[bid].data)
315
             if err != nil {
316
317
                     return err
             }
318
```

# CubeFS 2023 Security Audit

# Possible nil-dereference from unmarshalling double pointer

Severity: Low
Status: Fixed

Id: ADA-CUBEFS-ASBDVGA

**Component:** ObjectNode

Unmarshalling into a double-pointer can result in nil-pointer dereference if the raw bytes are

CubeFS has a case that would trigger a nil-pointer dereference and crash the CubeFS ObjectNode:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/45442918591d25e7ab555469df384df468df5dbc/objectnode/acl_api.go#L186-L201
186 func getObjectACL(vol *Volume, path string, needDefault bool) (*AccessControlPolicy,
    error) {
             xAttr, err := vol.<mark>GetXAttr</mark>(path, XAttrKeyOSSACL)
             if err != nil || xAttr == nil {
188
                      return nil, err
189
190
191
              var acp *AccessControlPolicy
             data := xAttr.Get(XAttrKeyOSSACL)
192
             if len(data) > 0 {
    if err = json.Unmarshal(data, &acp); err != nil {
193
194
                               err = xml.Unmarshal(data, &acp)
195
196
197
             } else if needDefault {
198
                      acp = CreateDefaultACL(vol.owner)
199
200
             return acp, err
201 }
```

On line 194, <code>getobjectACL</code> unmarshals into a double pointer. <code>acp</code> is declared on line 191 as a pointer and is referenced with a pointer on line 194. If <code>data</code> on line 194 is the byte sequence equal to <code>NULL</code>, <code>acp</code> will be <code>nil</code> on line 194 and return <code>nil</code>, <code>nil</code>.

This behaviour will trigger a nil-pointer dereference on 145 in the below code snippet: https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/6a0d5fa45a77ff20c752fa9e44738bf5d86c84bd/objectn ode/acl\_handler.go#L110-L153

```
func (o *ObjectNode) getObjectACLHandler(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request) {
3
                    err error
                   erc *ErrorCode
4
           defer func() {
                    o.errorResponse(w, r, err, erc)
           }()
9
            param := ParseRequestParam(r)
if param.Bucket() == "" {
10
11
12
                    erc = InvalidBucketName
                    return
            if param.Object() == "" {
15
                    erc = InvalidKey
16
                     return
17
            }
18
19
20
            var vol *Volume
            if vol, err = o.getVol(param.bucket); err != nil {
21
                     log.LogErrorf("getObjectACLHandler: load volume fail: requestID(%v)
   volume(%v) err(%v)",
23
                             GetRequestID(r), param.bucket, err)
```

```
24
                        return
25
              }
              var acl *AccessControlPolicy
26
             if acl, err = getObjectACL(vol, param.object, true); err != nil {
          log.LogErrorf("getObjectACLHandler: get acl fail: requestID(%v)
27
28
    volume(%v) path(%v) err(%v)",
                       GetRequestID(r), param.bucket, param.object, err)
if err == syscall.ENOENT {
29
30
31
                                 erc = NoSuchKey
32
33
                        return
34
35
              var data []byte
36
              if data, err = acl.XmlMarshal(); err != nil {
    log.LogErrorf("getObjectACLHandler: xml marshal fail: requestID(%v) volume(%v) path(%v) acl(%+v) err(%v)",
37
38
                                  GetRequestID(r), param.bucket, param.object, acl, err)
39
                        return
40
              }
41
              writeSuccessResponseXML(w, data)
42
43
              return
44 }
```

On line 136 getobjectACLHandler invokes getobjectACL. If this returns nil, nil, then a nilpointer dereference will be triggered on line 145.

# Mitigation

Unmarshal into a single pointer instead of a double pointer.

# **Potential Slowloris attacks**

Severity: Low
Status: Fixed

Id: ADA-CUBEFS-AMK23ghJVHJ

**Component:** AuthNode

Slowloris is a type of attack where an attacker opens a connection between their controlled machine and the victim's server. Once the attacker has opened the connection, they keep it open for as long as possible. They will do the same with a large number of controlled machines to hog the available connections and prevent other users from accessing the service. As such, the victim's server stays up but remains busy from processing the attacker's requests and becomes unavailable to legitimate users.

An attacker can exploit a Slowloris issue by identifying execution paths in their target application that cause it to take longer time to return from, and the attacker can then send requests that force the application into these. The fact that Cubefs's Master server is susceptible to a Slowloris attack does not mean that it is easily exploitable.

#### **AuthNode**

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/9c9f0bad65fc4a904160ff22cdaba2d9d6becd7c/authnode/http_server.go#L37-L44
                 srv := &http.Server{
37
38
                     Addr:
                                 colonSplit + m.port,
39
                     TLSConfig: cfg,
40
41
                 if err := srv.ListenAndServeTLS("/app/server.crt", "/app/server.key");
   err != nil {
42
                     log.LogErrorf("action[startHTTPService] failed,err[%v]", err)
43
                     panic(err)
44
                 }
```

#### Master

The root cause of the Master server Slowloris issue is that is does not declare a timeout. On line 50 below, starthttpservice declares the HTTP Server with address and handler but does not declare a timeout.

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/5ab518b3598ee99a74b333d0d2abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc80739bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc8073bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc8073bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc8073bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc8073bbae4d/master/http\_server.go\#L37-L64abc8
37 func (m *Server) startHTTPService(modulename string, cfg *config.Config) {
                          router := mux.NewRouter().SkipClean(true)
38
                           m.registerAPIRoutes(router)
39
                           m.registerAPIMiddleware(router)
40
41
                          if m.cluster.authenticate {
42
                                          m.registerAuthenticationMiddleware(router)
43
                           exporter.InitWithRouter(modulename, cfg, router, m.port)
                           addr := fmt.Sprintf(":%s", m.port)
45
                          if m.bindIp {
46
                                          addr = fmt.Sprintf("%s:%s", m.ip, m.port)
47
48
                          }
49
50
                          var server = &http.Server{
                                          Addr:
                                                                      addr,
51
                                          Handler: router,
52
                          }
53
54
                           var serveAPI = func() {
55
                                         if err := server.ListenAndServe(); err != nil {
                                                         log.LogErrorf("serveAPI: serve http server failed: err(%v)", err)
57
58
                                                         return
59
                                          }
60
61
                           go serveAPI()
```

```
62 m.apiServer = server
63 return
64 }
```

The server does not have a timeout at all because the server has specified neither ReadTimeout nor ReadHeaderTimeout. This grants an attacker ample flexibility and possibilities for getting the server to hang. Note that the server also does not have write timeouts, which adds to an attacker's possibilities of triggering this.

Below, we enumerate all other HTTP servers that do not specify timeouts. We do not include tests and examples.

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/5ab518b3598ee99a74b333d0d2abc80739bbae4d/blobstore/cmd/cmd.go#L135-L144
        if mod.graceful {
135
             programEntry := func(state *graceful.State) {
136
137
                 router, handlers := mod.SetUp()
138
139
                 httpServer := &http.Server{
140
                     Addr:
                              cfg.BindAddr,
                      Handler: reorderMiddleWareHandlers(router, lh, cfg.BindAddr,
141
    cfg.Auth, handlers),
142
                 }
143
144
                 log.Info("server is running at:", cfg.BindAddr)
```

https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/5ab518b3598ee99a74b333d0d2abc80739bbae4d/blobstore/common/consul/consul.go#I 216-I 227 srv = &http.Server{} 216 srv.Addr = ln.Addr().String()
port = ln.Addr().(\*net.TCPAddr).Port 217 218 log.Info("start health check server on: ", srv.Addr) 219 220 http.HandleFunc(patten, healthCheck) 221 go func() { 222 httpError := srv.Serve(ln.(\*net.TCPListener)) 223 if httpError != nil && httpError != http.ErrServerClosed { log.Fatalf("health server HTTP error: ", httpError) 224 225

log.Info("health check server exit")

226

227

}()

```
463
      var server = &http.Server{
               ":" + o.listen,
464
         Addr:
465
         Handler: router,
466
      }
467
      go func() {
468
         if err = server.ListenAndServe(); err != nil {
469
470
            log.LogErrorf("startMuxRestAPI: start http server fail, err(%v)", err)
471
            return
472
473
      }()
```

**Mitigation**Add timeouts when declaring the servers.

# Releases are not signed

Severity: Moderate

Status: Fixed

Id: ADA-CUBEFS-NJb32hjJBN

**Component:** CubeFS

CubeFS releases are not signed, with keys available alongside releases. Signing releases and allowing consumers to verify them mitigates supply-chain risks.

A tool like Cosign makes the signing process easy and low-effort and keeps the overhead for consumers low to verify signatures. These signatures should be available with releases.

# Mitigation

Release signing by way of Cosign can be adopted by way of the official Cosign Github Action: https://github.com/marketplace/actions/cosign-installer.

# **Security Disclosure Email Does Not Work**

Severity: Low
Status: Fixed

Id: ADA-CUBEFS-vc34CGVVJB

**Component:** Security Policy

During the audit, Ada Logics attempted to disclose a finding to the email address listed in CubeFS's security disclosure guidelines:

https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/master/SECURITY.md. The email bounced, and the CubeFS team did not receive the security finding.

This could prevent or discourage community members from contributing to CubeFS's security posture. We recommend regularly ensuring that communication channels for responsible security disclosures are tested.

During the security audit, the CubeFS maintainers enable disclosures through the Github interface.

# Timing attack can leak user passwords

Severity: Moderate

Status: Fixed

ld: ADA-CUBEFS-Jh2iu3423b

**Component:** Master

#### Summary

CubeFS uses a string comparison for user passwords that is prone to timing attacks. A timing attack is a side-channel attack whereby an attacker observes the response time from an application and can deduce the number of matching characters in their payload against the control string.

## **Details**

CubeFS password validation routine:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/fdfa176a97e0fbb57c953e2b4a3aebe329e2a631/master/gapi\_user.go\#L337-L356apt.
337 func (s *UserService) validatePassword(ctx context.Context, args struct {
             UserID string
             Password string
339
340 }) (*proto.UserInfo, error) {
             ui, err := s.user.getUserInfo(args.UserID)
341
             if err != nil {
342
343
                      return nil, err
344
             }
345
346
             ak, err := s.user.getAKUser(ui.AccessKey)
             if err != nil {
347
                      return nil, err
348
             }
349
350
             if ak.Password != args.Password {
    log.LogWarnf("user:[%s] login pass word has err", args.UserID)
351
352
                      return nil, fmt.Errorf("user or password has err")
353
354
355
             return ui, nil
356 }
```

... is prone to a timing/side channel attack due to the way CubeFS compares the two passwords on this line:

```
https://github.com/cubefs/cubefs/blob/fdfa176a97e0fbb57c953e2b4a3aebe329e2a631/master/gapi_user.go#L351

if ak.Password != args.Password {
```

For similar issues in the Go ecosystem, which include technical discussions about timing attacks and mitigation, see:

- https://github.com/advisories/GHSA-mq6f-5xh5-hgcf
- https://github.com/gin-gonic/gin/issues/3168

#### Impact

This vulnerability allows unauthenticated users to escalate privileges to the level corresponding to the highest privileged user in the UserService. If there are users with root permissions being authenticated by validatePassword, this is the possible level of privilege escalation.

All CubeFS users using the Master userservice s validatePassword to validate user passwords are impacted by this.