



ALIBABA SECURITY AGENCY

# OPTIMIZED FUZZING IOKIT IN IOS

LEI LONG

# WHO AM I?

- LEI LONG
- Security Expert in Mobile Security of Alibaba Group
- Focus on Security Research of iOS
- Twitter: @cererdlong

# Outlines

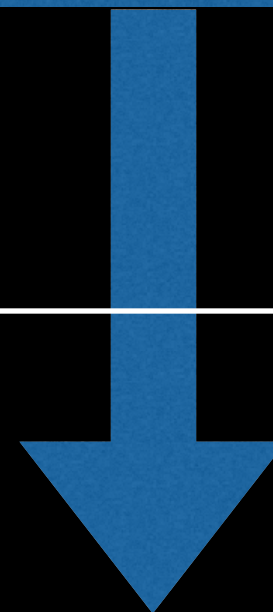
- Introduction
- Information Extraction
- Fuzzing
- Results

# Part I

## Introduction



## IOKit



Userspace

Kernel





# Previous Research

- Focused on IOExternalMethodDispatch
- Base on IDA static analysis
- Disadvantages
  - sMethod symbols required
  - Decrypted kernelcache required
  - Unresolved instructions of some KEXTs
  - Insufficient information



# Our Work

- Not only IOExternalMethodDispatch
- Base on dynamically kernel read/write
- Advantages
  - Independent of sMethod symbols
  - A decrypted kernelcache not required
  - More sufficient information



# Prerequisite

- Jailbroken device
- tfp0 kernel patch



# Part II

## Information Extraction



# Information Extraction

- Basic Information
- IOUserClients' Access Info
- IOExternalMethodDispatch
- IOExternalMethod



# Basic Information



# Basic Information

- All OSObject subclasses
- Information Types
  - Class name
  - Vtable start address
  - Virtual method address and its vtable offset
  - Symbol of overwritten virtual method
  - Instance size
  - Inheritance relationships



## Basic Information

Class:AppleARMPMUPowerSource

BundleID:com.apple.driver.AppleARMPlatform

vtableaddr:0x804c71a8

instance size:0x184

SuperClassNames:

IOPMPowerSource

IOService

IORegistryEntry

OSObject

Method Virtuals:

[vtable,0x0] overwrite at 0x804b4804

[vtable,0x4] overwrite \_\_ZN15IOPMPowerSourceD0Ev at 0x804b4808

[vtable,0x1c] overwrite \_\_ZNK15IOPMPowerSource12getMetaClassEv at 0x804b481c

[vtable,0x50] overwrite \_\_ZN9IOService4initEP12OSDictionary at 0x804b4858

[vtable,0xac] overwrite \_\_ZN15IORegistryEntry13setPropertiesEP8OSObject at 0x804b5c08

[vtable,0x168] overwrite \_\_ZN9IOService5startEPS\_ at 0x804b4888

[vtable,0x1d0] overwrite \_\_ZNK9IOService11getWorkLoopEv at 0x804b5458

[vtable,0x1e8] overwrite \_\_ZN9IOService20callPlatformFunctionEPK8OSSymbolbPvS3\_S3\_S3\_ at 0x804b5518

[vtable,0x300] overwrite \_\_ZN9IOService13setPowerStateEmPS\_ at 0x804b54e8

[vtable,0x344] at 0x804b5454

[vtable,0x348] at 0x804b6070





# Motivation Of Basic Information Extraction

.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0x440510C4,	0x4608680A,	0x47906C52,	0x28014428,	0x6820D11F		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0xF06F2108,	0xF8D00210,	0x4620336C,	0x6820E016,	0xF06F2108		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0xF8D00208,	0x4620336C,	0x6820E00E,	0xF06F2108,	0xF8D00204		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0x4620336C,	0x6820E006,	0xF06F2108,	0xF8D00220,	0x4620336C		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0x26004798,	0x22006820,	0x10ACF8D4,	0x3350F8D0,	0x47984620		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0xF0006DA0,	0x4630F9EF,	0x8B04F85D,	0xBF00BDF0,	0xE00002C2		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0x9C3,	0x9F9,	0x979,	0x98D,	0xAF03B5F0,	0x8D04F84D	
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0x48244604,	0x46154698,	0x460E4478,	0x68006800,	0xD12A42B0		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8AF18	DCD	0x68F84920,	0x68094479					
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718 dword_80C8B718	DCD	0xF0006809,	0x4601FA0B,	0xB1E94818,	0x6E826808,	0x47904608		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x68404916,	0xD1184288,	0xF0002018,	0x4D17FA4D,	0x447D4604		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xF0004629,	0x4815FA1F,	0x30084478,	0x46286020,	0xFA48F000		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x2C00480D,	0x6938BF1E,	0x20006004,	0x8B04F85D,	0x480EBDF0		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x462A4631,	0x44784643,	0xF8D06800,	0x4620C1F0,	0x8B04F85D		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x40F0E8BD,	0xBF004760,	0xE00002C2,	0x444D4F4E,	0xE00002BD		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x96C,	0x950,	0xE92,	0xD24,	0x8FA,	0x4D08B5B0,	0xAF024604
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x4629447D,	0xF9E8F000,	0x44784805,	0x60203008,	0xF0004628		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x4620FA11,	0xBF00BDB0,	0xE24,	0xCB6,	0xAF03B5F0,	0x8D04F84E	
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x4606B081,	0x46152030,	0xF0004688,	0x4604F9F7,	0xF9BCF000		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x6820B184,	0x4A0A4643,	0x402A6E31,	0xF4426B85,	0x90003080		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x46324620,	0xB92047A8,	0x69416820,	0x47884620,	0x46202400		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xF85DB001,	0xBDF08B04,	0x60070,	0x4A07B580,	0x49072318		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x447A466F,	0x68124479,	0xF970F000,	0x44794904,	0x60013108		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xBF00BD80,	0x836,	0x7B0,	0xC96,	0xB96AF000,	0x466FB580	
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xF996F000,	0x44794902,	0x60013108,	0xBF00BD80,	0xC12		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x466FB580,	0xF98AF000,	0x44794902,	0x60013108,	0xBF00BD80		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xBFA,	0xB988F000,	0xB986F000,	0x466FB580,	0xF982F000		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xE8BD2118,	0xF0004080,	0xBF00B995,	0x44784801,	0xBF004770		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xD32,	0x4A07B580,	0x49072318,	0x447A466F,	0x68124479		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xF92CF000,	0x44794904,	0x60013108,	0xBF00BD80,	0x7AE		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0x728,	0xC0E,	0x2018B5B0,	0xF000AF02,	0x4D07F97B,	0x447D4604	
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xF0004629,	0x4805F94D,	0x30084478,	0x46286020,	0xF976F000		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xBDB04620,	0xCEE,	0xB80,	0x4D08B5B0,	0xAF024604,	0x4629447E	
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xF938F000,	0x44784805,	0x60203008,	0xF0004628,	0x4620F961		
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:80C8B718	DCD	0xBF00BDB0,	0xCC4,	0xB56,	0x4606B5F0,	0x460D480A,	0x4478AF03	
.AppleS5L8930XUSBPhy:	text:								





# Pick Out Vtable

- Locating kernel mach-o's `__DATA,__const`
  - Kernel
  - Kernel extensions
- Vtable filter
  - Vtable layout
  - Vtable characteristic



## Vtable Layout

0( $\geq 4$ Byte)
virtual method 0
virtual method 1
virtual method 2
virtual method 3
....
virtual method N-3
virtual method N-2
virtual method N-1

- Thumb virtual method addresses  
 $x \in (\text{TEXT\_StartAddrss}, \text{TEXT\_EndAddress})$   
or  $x \in (\text{PERLINKTEXT\_StartAddrss}, \text{PERLINKTEXT\_EndAddress})$
- $N \in [14, \infty)$
- Starting after at least four all-0 bytes





## Vtable Characteristic

virtual method 0
....
...
...
virtual method 7:getMetaClass
...
...
...
virtual method N-1

→ key to get runtime information



# getMetaClass Definition

- OSDefineMetaClassAndStructors

```
Define OSDefineMetaClassAndStructors \  
....  
    const OSMetaClass * className ::getMetaClass() const \  
        { return &gMetaClass; }  
....
```

- gMetaClass is the key to get runtime information.



## gMetaClass address

- KERNEL**

```
addr_a1:MOV R0,#imm1  
addr_a2:ADD R0,PC  
addr_a3:BX LR
```



$gMetaClass2 = addr\_b2 + imm1 + 4$

- KEXT**

```
addr_b1:LDR R0,=#imm2  
addr_b2:ADD R0,PC  
addr_b3:BX LR
```



$gMetaClass2 = addr\_b2 + \text{KernelRead4Byte}(addr\_b1 + (4 - (addr\_b1 + imm2) \% 4)) + 4$



# gMetaClass Layout

gMetaClass Layout	
...	
offset-0x8:	superClassLink
offset-0xC:	className
offset-0x10:	classSize
...	



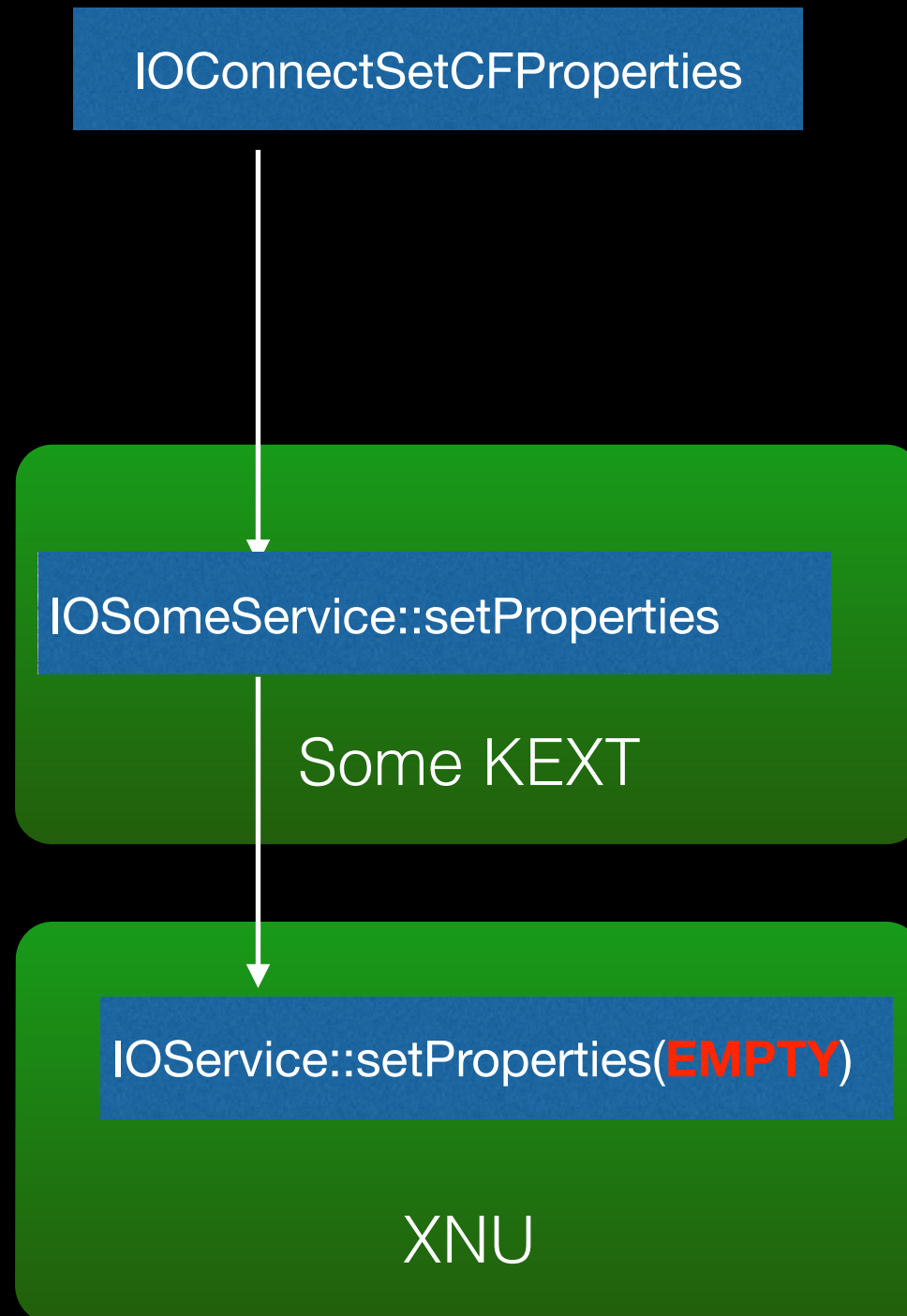
OSSymbol Layout	
...	
offset-0xC:	length, type: unsigned int
offset-0x10:	string, type: char ptr
...	

- classSize - unsigned int
- superClassLink - OSMetaClass ptr
  - Backwards to OSObject
  - All inheritance relationships



# Functionality Provided by KEXT

Example





## virtual methods' “overwritten”

virtual method 0
virtual method 1
virtual method 2
virtual method 3
....
virtual method N-3
virtual method N-2
virtual method N-1
virtual method N

```
if( address∈(KERNEL_TEXT_StartAddress,  
                                KERNEL_TEXT_EndAddress) {  
    //implementation in XNU without overwriting  
    .....  
} else {  
    //overwritten implementation  
    .....  
}
```



# Overwritten virtual methods symbolization

- Assumption
  - The same names and sequences in the same iOS version in different devices
- Obtaining names and sequences from kernelcaches with leaked decrypting-keys

[http://theiphonewiki.com/wiki/Firmware\\_Keys:](http://theiphonewiki.com/wiki/Firmware_Keys)

kernelcache.release.n94

IV: ae291ecd536ab102e6975a730f065f2f

Key: c45aac2036dea7bf564bd99399e6ff35b241b580afd323a7aee1b6e9162b1d4f

*TextBlock 10*

- deducing the symbolization in those encrypted kernelcaches without keys



### Obtaining names and sequences from decrypted kernelcache

- Command “nm kernelcache”
- Vtable information export
- Name-Address pair matching





# IOUserClients' Access Info



## Example

Client:IOPKEAcceleratorUserClient

Service:AppleSamsungPKE:0

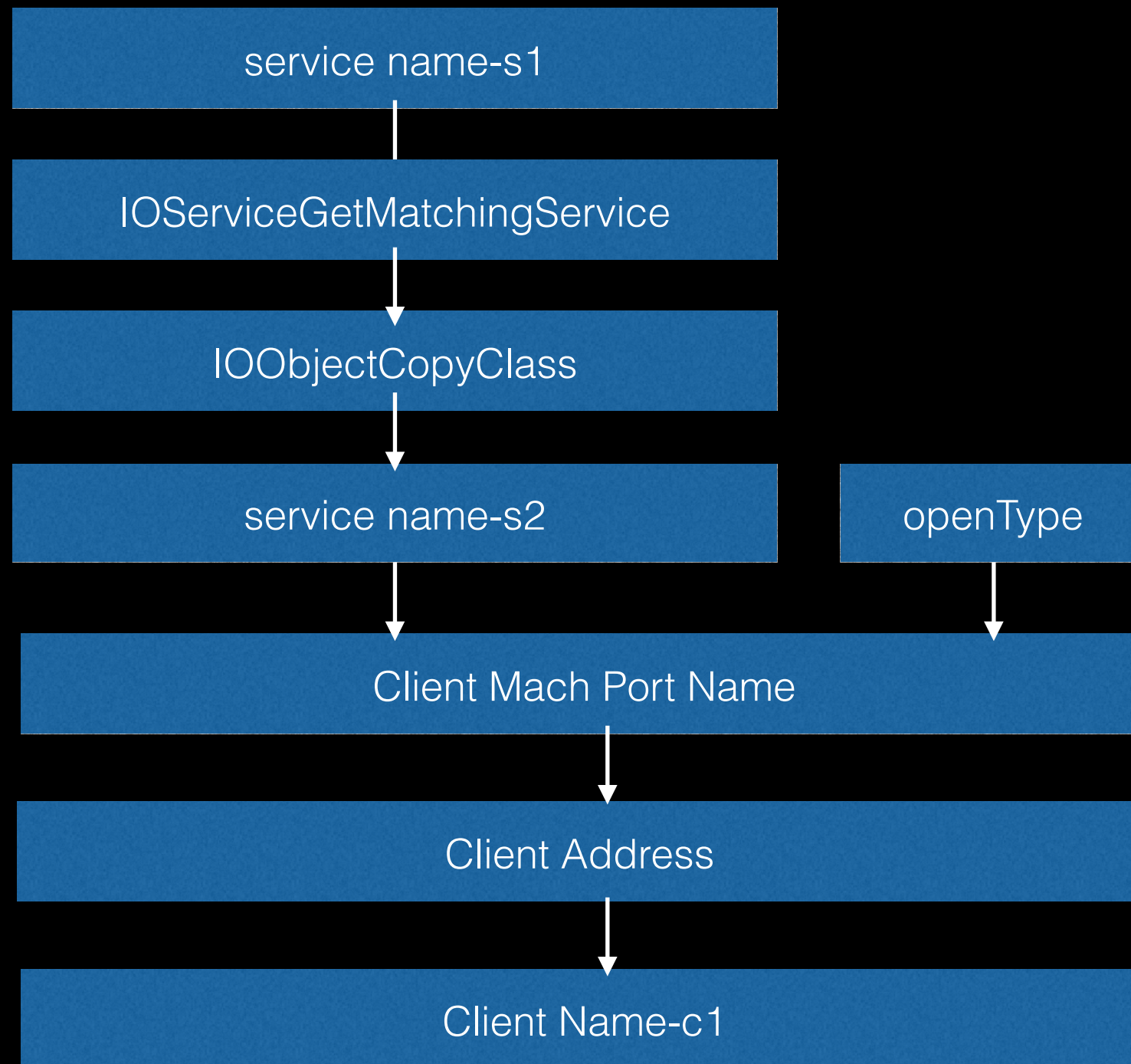
vtableaddr:0x807341f8

canOpen:1

instance size:0x80



# Access Info Export



(c1, s2, openType)



## Detail Steps

- s1: obtain all subclasses of IOService
  - ~~OSKextCopyLoadedKextInfo~~
  - Basic Information Extraction
- openType: try all openTypes
  - 0x00~0xff
  - magicCodes: locating newUserClient
- c1: retrieve Client Name
  - ~~mach\_port\_kobject~~
  - mach\_port\_space\_info



## ipc\_port ptr via mach\_port\_space\_info

```
vm_address_t cr_mach_port_kobject(vm_address_t portname) {
    ipc_info_space_t info;
    ipc_info_name_array_t table = 0;
    mach_msg_type_number_t tableCount = 0;
    ipc_info_tree_name_array_t tree = 0;
    mach_msg_type_number_t treeCount = 0;
    vm_address_t obaddress = 0;
    mach_port_space_info(mach_task_self(), &info, &table,
    &tableCount, &tree, &treeCount);
    for( int index = 0 ; index < tableCount ; index++ ) {
        ipc_info_name_t info = table[index];
        if(portname == info.iin_name) {
            obaddress = info.iin_object;
        }
    }
    obaddress -= vm_kernel_addrperm;
    //obaddress is the address of structure ipc_port. By adding
    offset
    //0x44, we can get ipc_kobject_t kobject in 32-bit devices.
    return CRReadAtAddress(obaddress+0x44);
}
```

*TextBlock 13*

- ipc\_info\_name\_t->iin\_name  
==  
client port name
- ipc\_info\_name\_t->iin\_object  
=  
obfuscated ipc\_port ptr
- ipc\_port ptr  
=  
obfuscated -  
vm\_kernel\_addrperm



## vm\_kernel\_addrperm

- By locating a kernel function with
  - VM\_KERNEL\_ADDRPERM
  - A unique characteristics string
- Luckily, IOGeneralMemoryDescriptor::wireVirtual

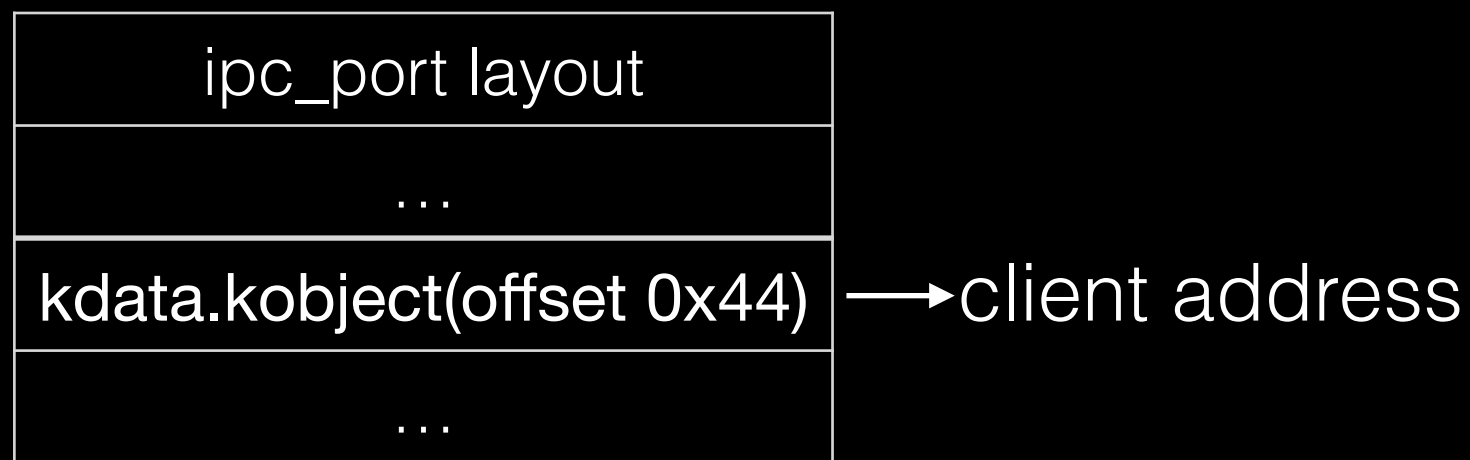
```
IOReturn IOGeneralMemoryDescriptor::wireVirtual(IODirection forDirection)
{
    .....
    OSReportWithBacktrace("IOMemoryDescriptor 0x%lx prepared read
only", VM_KERNEL_ADDRPERM(this));
    .....
}
```

- **ipc\_port ptr = obfuscated - KernelRead(vm\_kernel\_addrperm's address)**



# Retrieve Client Name

- Client address in struct ipc\_port



- Retrieve Client Name Via Client Address
  - Get vtable address
  - Locate getMetaClass()
  - Get gMetaClass ptr
  - Get client name



# IOExternalMethodDispatch





# IOExternalMethodDispatch

## IOUserClient::externalMethod

- Be overwritten to provide IO services
- Use IOExternalMethodDispatch for input/output check
  - type
  - length
- 0xe00002c2 error if check failed



# Extracting IOExternalMethodDispatch

1. Narrow and determine the searching scope.
2. Match IOExternalMethodDispatch Table characteristics.
3. Locate IOExternalMethodDispatch Table address.
4. Dump all.



## IOExternalMethodDispatch Table characteristics

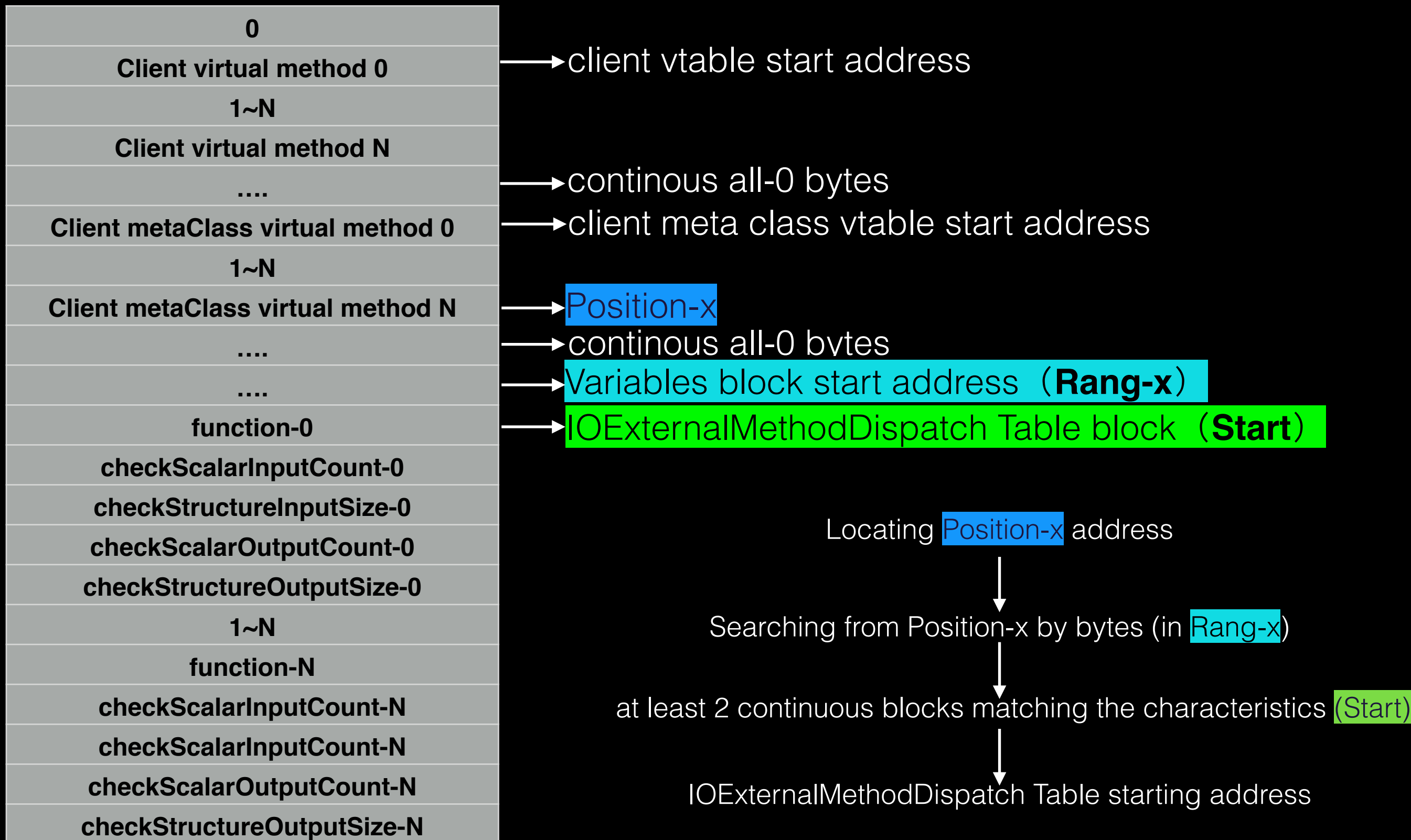
- IOExternalMethodDispatch fields

Function	
checkScalarInputCount	Function $\in$ (TEXT_START, TEXT_END) Function $\in$ (PRELINK_TEXT_START, PRELINK_TEXT_END)
checkScalarInputCount	checkScalarInputCount=0xffffffff or checkScalarInputCount $\in$ [0,0xffff)
checkScalarOutputCount	checkScalarInputCount=0xffffffff or checkScalarInputCount $\in$ [0,0xffff)
checkStructureOutputSize	checkScalarOutputCount=0xffffffff or checkScalarOutputCount $\in$ [0,0xffff)
	checkStructureOutputSize=0xffffffff or checkStructureOutputSize $\in$ [0,0xffff)

- Table length  $\geq 2$



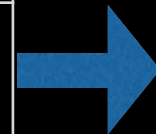
# IOExternalMethodDispatch Table Dump





## Complemental Mechanism

virtual method 0
....
...
...
overwrite externalMethod
...
...
...
virtual method N-1



externalMethod START

...  
LDR Rn0,#imm0 → check address-0 with the characteristic

...  
ADD Rn0,PC

...  
LDR Rn1,#imm1 → check address-1 with the characteristic

...  
ADD Rn1,PC

...  
LDR Rnn,#immn → check address-n with the characteristic

...  
ADD Rnn,PC

...  
externalMethod END



# IOExternalMethod



# IOExternalMethod

## IOUserClient::getTargetAndMethodForIndex

- be overwritten to provide IO services
- use IOExternalMethod for input/output check
  - type
  - length
- 0xe00002c2 error if check failed



# Extract IOExternalMethod

- IOExternalMethod Export

by directly invoking `getTargetAndMethodForIndex`

- Arbitrary kernel code execution

Stefan Esser, "Tales from iOS 6 Exploitation and iOS 7", HITB 2013





## Carrier

- Mach Msg OOL Data
- locating OOL Data address

`mach_port_space_info->`

`struct ipc_mqueue->`

`struct ipc_kmsg_queue messages->`

`struct ipc_kmsg *ikmq_base->`

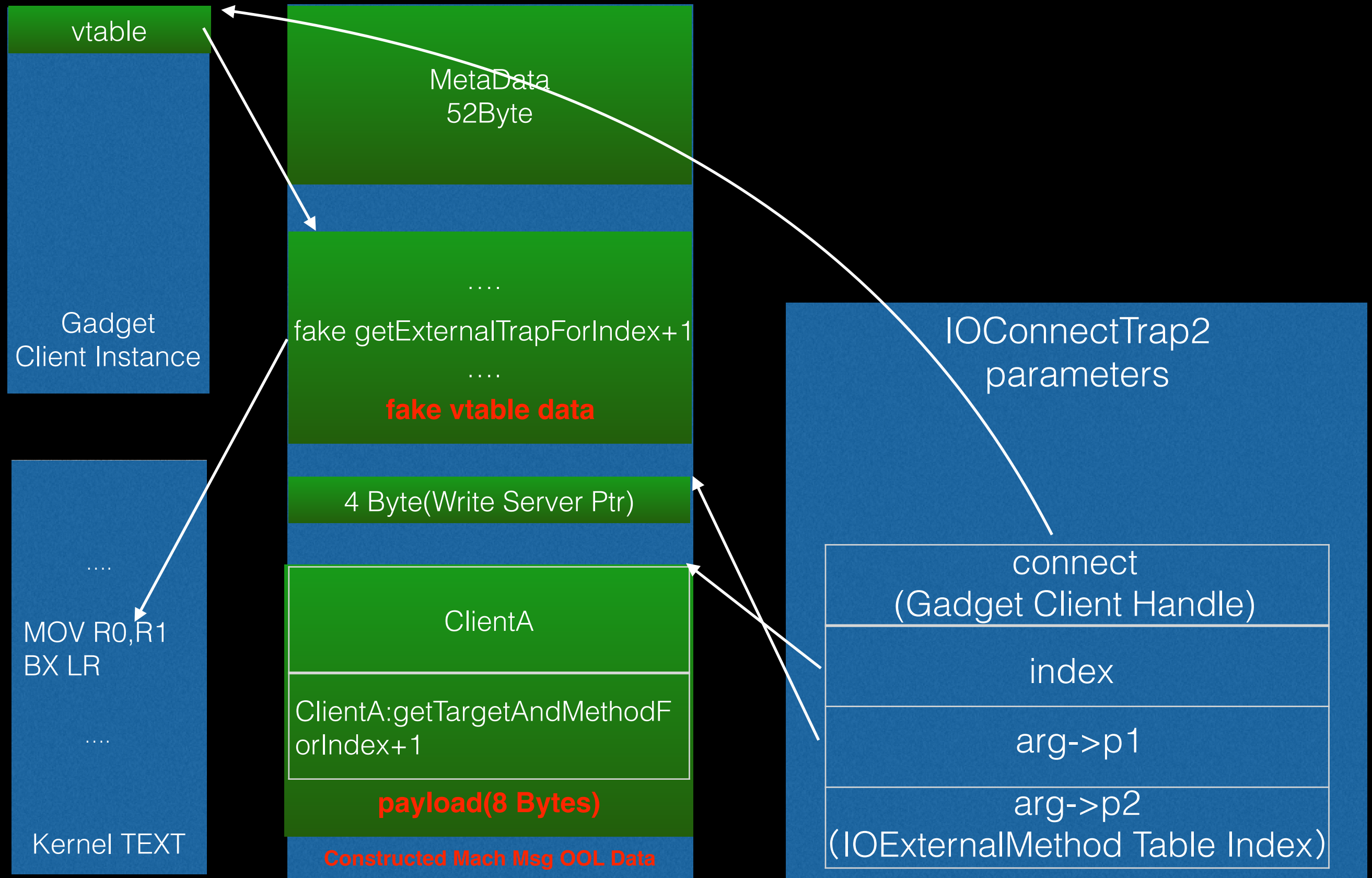
`mach_msg_header_t *ikm_header->`

`msgh_remote_port (ool address)->`

`msgh_remote_port + 52`



# Information Extraction(II): IOExternalMethod



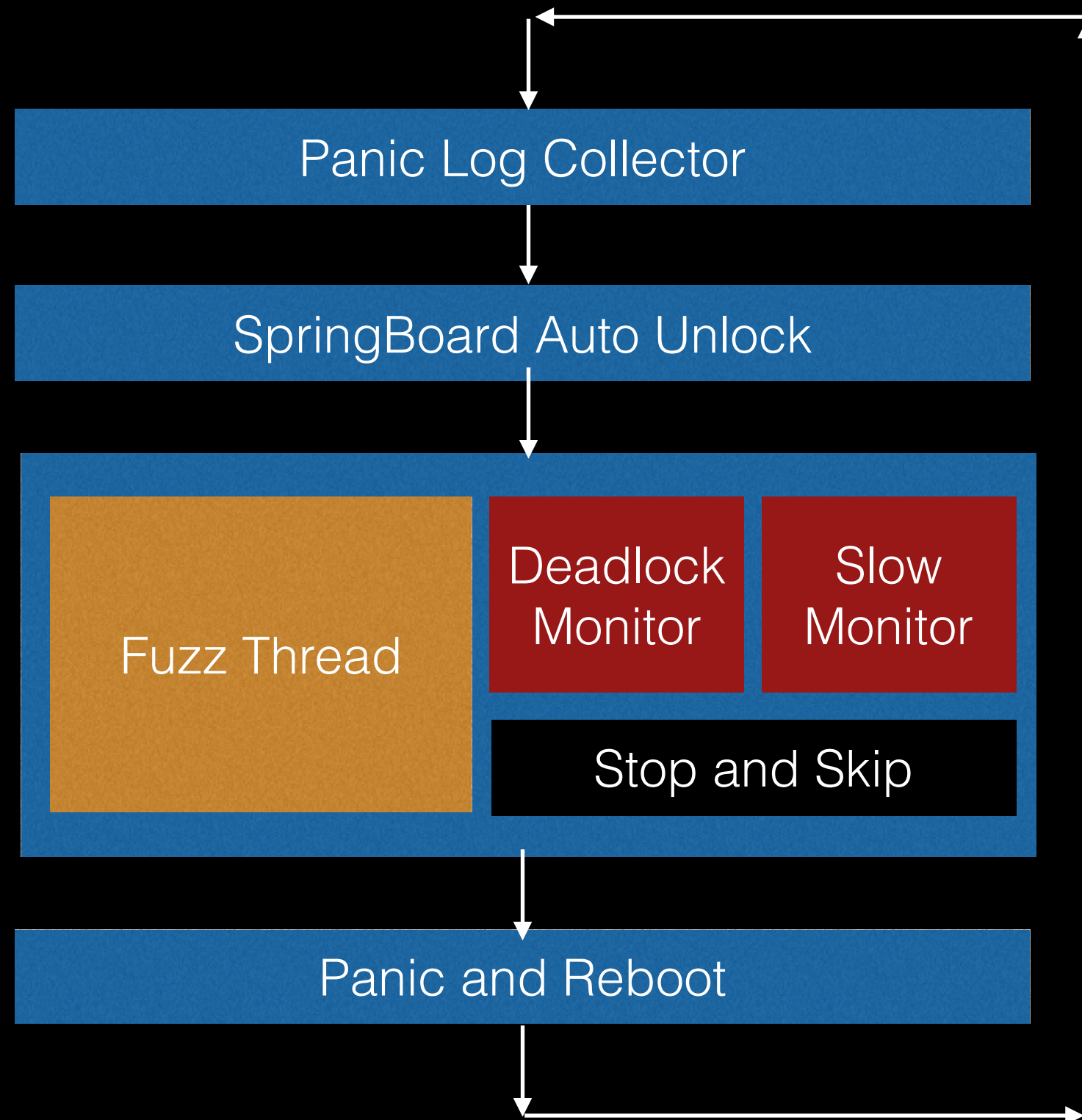


# Part III

## Fuzzing



# Fuzzing Application's Architecture





# Fuzzing Elements

- Fuzzing IOConnectMapMemory
  - If overwriting clientMemoryForType?
- Fuzzing IOConnectCallMethod
  - If overwriting externalMethod?
  - If overwriting getTargetAndMethodForIndex?
  - If overwriting getExternalMethodForIndex?

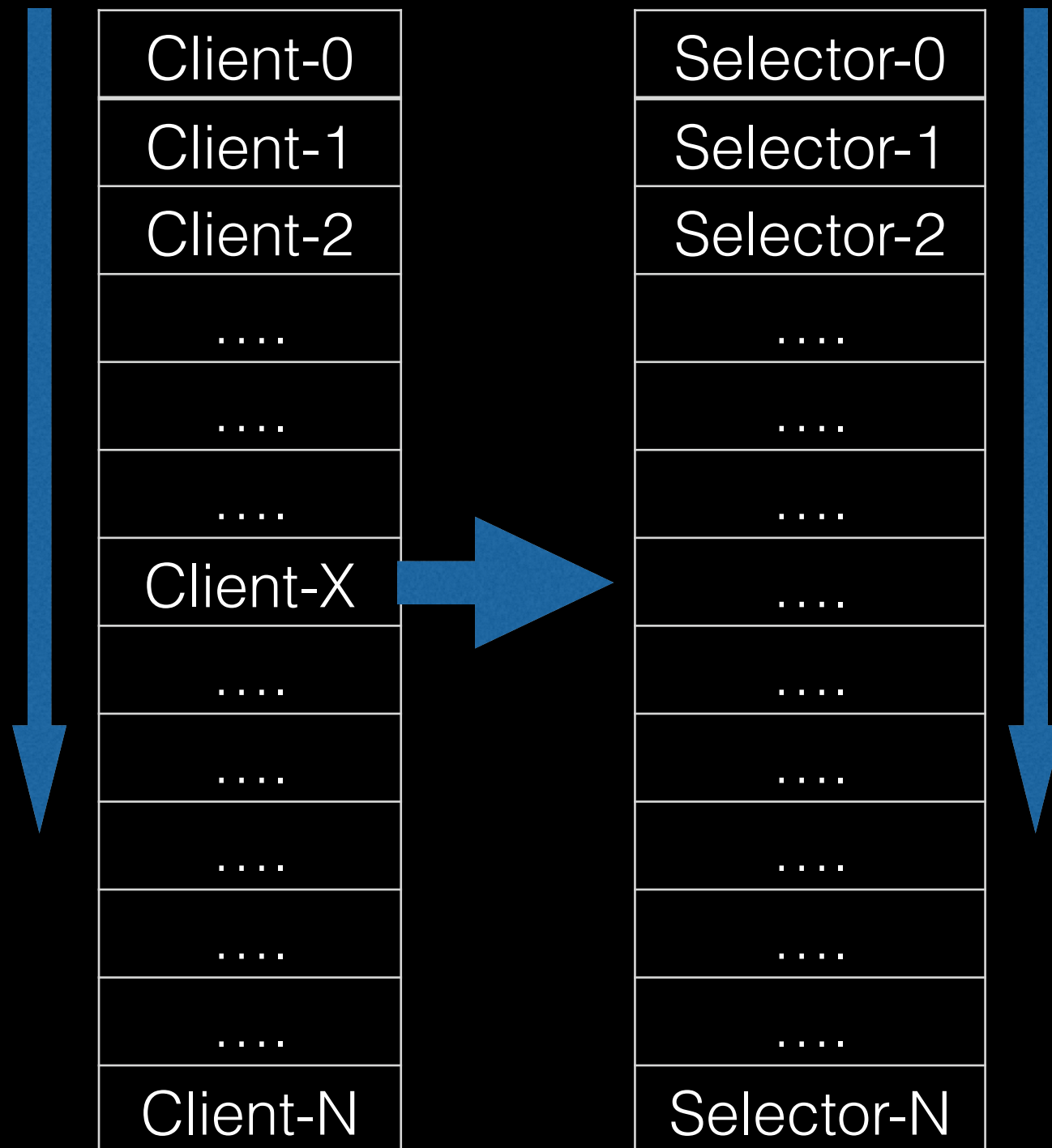


# Fuzzing Elements

- Fuzzing IOConnectSetCFProperties
  - Client/Service
  - If overwriting setProperties?
- Fuzzing IOConnectTrap
  - If overwriting getTargetAndTrapForIndex?
  - If overwriting getExternalTrapForIndex?



# Unavailable Interfaces Identification



- inevitable panic interfaces
- deadlock interfaces
- slowly processing interfaces

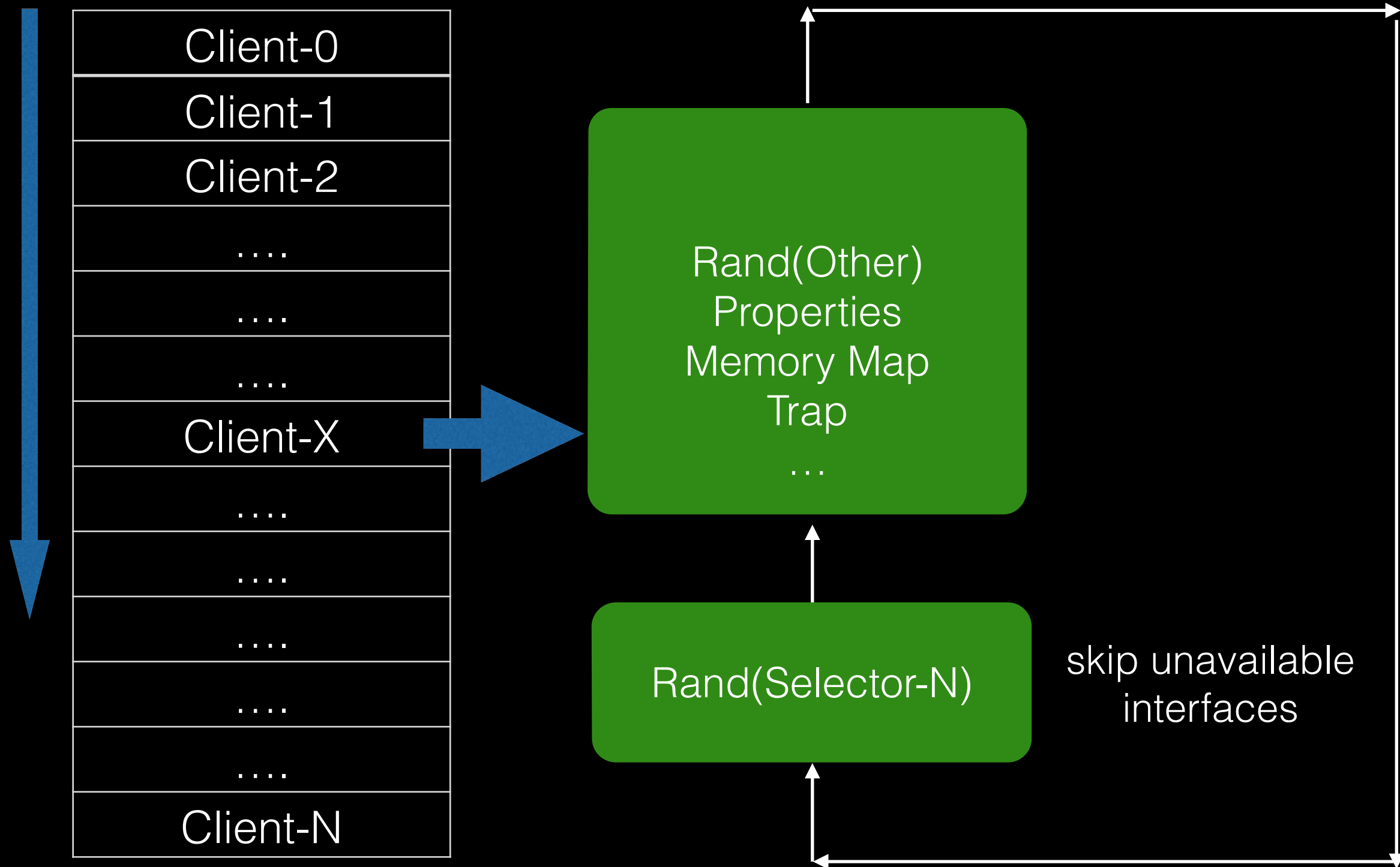


# Fuzz Thread





# Fuzzing(III): Fuzz Thread





- MobileSubstrate: inject fuzzing into system process
- Implement clients' initialization in system process
- Use mach\_port\_space\_info to get the client mach port



# Part IV

## Experimental Results



# Setup

- Hardware
  - iPhone 4S
  - MacBook
- Software
  - iOS 8.1.2
  - Open-source XNU 2782.1.97



# Vulnerability Case 1

## IODataQueue

```
void IODataQueue::free()
{
    if (dataQueue) {
        IOFreeAligned(dataQueue, round_page(dataQueue->queueSize +
        DATA_QUEUE_MEMORY_HEADER_SIZE));
        dataQueue = NULL;

        if (notifyMsg) {
            IOFree(notifyMsg, sizeof(mach_msg_header_t));
            notifyMsg = NULL;
        }
    }

    super::free();

    return;
}
```



# Vulnerability Case 1

- Details
  - HighlandParkAudioDeviceUserClient-clientMemoryForType-44
  - Use IODataQueue to share memories
  - Buffers in kalloc.4096 can be released into bigger kalloc zone
- Panic Logs
  - Unavailable address to read and write
  - A freed zone element has been modified...



# Vulnerability Case 2

- IOResources's setProperties

```
IOReturn IOResources::setProperties( OSObject * properties )
{
    ...
    while( (key = OSDynamicCast(OSSymbol, iter->getNextObject()))
    {
        ...
        publishResource( key, dict->getObject(key) );
    }

    ...
    return( kIOReturnSuccess );
}
```

- IOResources is inherited from IOService



# Vulnerability Case 2

- IOService::newUserClient

```
IOReturn IOService::newUserClient( task_t owningTask, void * securityID,  
                                   UInt32 type, OSDictionary * properties,  
                                   IOUserClient ** handler )  
{  
    ...  
    temp = getProperty(gIOUserClientClassKey);  
    if (temp) {  
        if (OSDynamicCast(OSSymbol, temp))  
            userClientClass = (const OSSymbol *) temp;  
        ....  
    }  
    ....  
    temp = OSMetaClass::allocClassWithName(userClientClass);  
    if (!temp)  
        return kIOReturnNoMemory;  
  
    if (OSDynamicCast(IOUserClient, temp))  
        client = (IOUserClient *) temp;  
    ....  
}  
....  
}
```





# Vulnerability Case 2

## Exploiting

- IOResources can be bounded to any client as a service
- A new attack surface
- Fuzzing it

END

Last

Black Hat Sound Bytes

- An information export approach to dump all OSObject subclasses' information.
- An effective fuzzing framework to fuzz IOKit in iOS
- Several vulnerabilities sharing