

Pwing Apple Watch

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About me

- Security researcher at Lookout
- Pegasus malware lead researcher
- Software and hardware exploitation
- Fried Apple team co-founder
- Made a various jailbreaks for iOS

What is Apple Watch ?

- Released in 2015
- Apple S1/S2 processor
- ARMv7k 32 bit architecture
- 512 MB RAM
- WatchOS

Apple Watch security

- Secure boot chain
- Mandatory Code Signing
- Sandbox
- Exploit Mitigations
- Secure Enclave Processor (S2)
- Data Protection

Possible attack vectors

- Malformed USB decriptor (special cable)
- Malformed email, Message, Photo, etc
- Application extension based

Attack plan

- Leak kernel base
- Dump whole kernel
- Find gadgets and setup primitives
- Disable security restrictions
- Run ssh client on a watch

Bugs of interest

- CVE-2016-4656 - osunserialize bug
- CVE-2016-4669 - mach_port register
- CVE-2016-7644 - set_dp_control_port
- CVE-2016-2370 - voucher extract recipe

Leaking kernel slide

- CVE-2016-4655
- CVE-2016-4680
- OSNumber with high number of bits
- bcopy with attacker controlled length
- kernel stack memory leaked

CVE-2016-4656

- UAF in OSUnserializeBinary
- OSString object deallocated
- retain() called on deallocated object
- Fake object with fake vtable -> code exec
- kernel dump required
- Bonus:we can deref any address via vtable

Dumping kernel as OSString

- No WatchOS kernel dumps in public
- No keys for WatchOS 2.x kernels
- Idea: read kernel as OSString chunks
- vtable offset required to fake OSString
- vtable stored in `__DATA.__const` in kernel

Getting vtable - `__Data.__const`

- `__DATA.__const` address is in Mach-O header
- `kernel base + 0x224 == __DATA.__const`
- Deref and branch via fake table

Getting vtable - next code trick

- vtable ptr is first 8 bytes of a on object
- OSString size is 0x20 (64 bit)
- retain() off is vtable start + 0x20 (64 bit)
- Next node ptr as deallocated object vtable
- retain() - out of bounds to next code
- If next node is OSString - branch vtable

Getting vtable - next code trick

- OSString vtable reference is OSUnserialize 😊
- We can deref any address as fake vtable ptr

Getting vtable - dump over panic

- Crash in OSUnserializeBinaryXML
- Get LR register value from panic
- Use fake vtable to deref LR value
- Get panic from a watch
- We just dump 4 bytes of a kernel 😊

Getting vtable - dump kernel

- Use address to leak as `vtable_addr - 0x10`
- We need to tune by `retain()` offset in vtable
- Crash and get panic log
- Copy panic from Watch to iPhone and Mac
- Parse panic log, grab 4 bytes of a kernel
- Update address with ± 4 bytes delta

Next step - full kernel dump

- Now use fake OSString obj to read kernel
- Read data back to userland
- Leak kernel header, calculate kernel size
- Dump full kernel to userland by chunks

Next step - kernel symbolication

- Find and list all kexts
- Find sysent and resolve syscalls
- Find and resolve mach traps
- Resolve IOKit objects vtable

Next step - setting up primitives

- Scan kernel dump for gadgets
- Set up exec primitive
- Set up kernel read & write primitives

Next step - kernel structs layout

- Look for `proc_*` functions
- Restore `proc` structure layout
- Dump memory, check for known values

Getting root and sandbox bypass

- Patch setreuid (no KPP 😊)
- Patch ucred in proc structure in kernel
- Patch sandbox label value in ucred

Getting kernel task

- Patch `task_for_pid()`
- Or save kernel self in our task bootstrap port
- Read it back via `task_get_special_port()`
- Restore original bootstrap port value

Disable codesign checks

- Patch `_debug` to 1
- Patch `_nl_symbol_ptr(got)` entries
- Patch amfi variables
 - `cs_enforcement_disable`
 - `allow_invalid_signatures`

Remount rootfs

- Patch `__mac_mount`
- Patch `v_flags` for rootfs vnode and mount
- Patch `lwvm is_write_protected` check
- Patch `PE_i_can_has_debugger` in `lwvm`

Spawning ssh client

- Compile dropbear for ARMv7k
- Compile basic tools package
- Problem: WatchOS has more sandbox restrictions than iOS
- Kill watch specific sandbox operations (bind, connect,...)

Spyware on a watch

- Watch have access to SMS, Calls, Health
- Photos and emails synced to Watch
- Fetch GPS location from a phone
- Microphone usage
- Apple pay 😊

Messages, Contacts, Emails ...

- Just dump from DB or de-serialize data
 - private/var/mobile/Library/AddressBook/*
 - private/var/mobile/Library/NanoMailKit/*
 - private/var/mobile/Library/SMS/*
- Hook on fly on device sync\nnotification

Health, Caches, App Data

- Just dump from DB or de-serialize data
 - private/var/mobile/Library/Health/*
 - private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/*
 - private/var/mobile/Library/Application Data/*
- Hook on fly on device sync\nnotification

Call recorder, Caches, App Data

- `AudioToolbox.framework` exists
- Add Observer on `CTTelephonyCenter`
- Catch `kCTCallStatusChange` in a callback
- Hook `AudioUnitProess` function
- Create file via `ExtAudioFileCreateWithURL`
- Use `ExtAudioFileWrite` to dump call data

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