

BRIEFINGS

Deep into Android Bluetooth Bug Hunting: New Attack Surfaces and Weak Code Patterns

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- Introduction to Android Bluetooth
- Attack surfaces analysis
- Finding vulnerabilities
- Summary

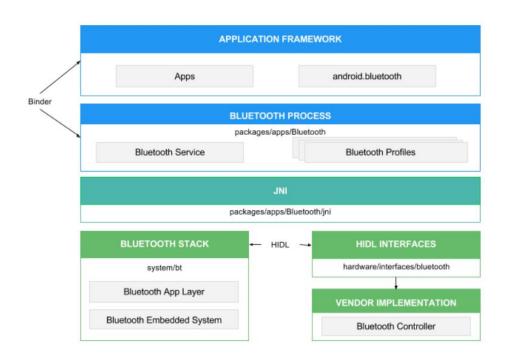


Android default Bluetooth stack implementation

- Bluez(2.2 4.2), Bluedroid(4.2 6.0), Fluoride(6.0 13), Gabeldorsche(13)
 - Architecture changing constantly
- Different scenarios
 - Mobile phone, Android TV, Android Car, etc
- Support multiple protocols and profiles
 - SDP, BNEP, GATT, SMP, AVRCP, AVCTP, HID, RFCOMM, etc.
 - · Headset, OPP, PBAP, LEAudio, etc



Android Bluetooth architecture



- Application framework
 - User Bluetooth Applications, calls the Bluetooth process through the Binder IPC mechanism
- Bluetooth system service
 - Implements the Bluetooth services and profiles at the Android framework layer, calls into the native Bluetooth stack via JNI
- JNI
 - Implements the Bluetooth services and profiles at the JNI layer, calls into the Bluetooth stack via callbacks
- Bluetooth stack
 - Implements the generic Bluetooth core stack
- Vendor
 - Implements Hardware independent code, interact with the Bluetooth stack using the Hardware Interface Design Language (HIDL)



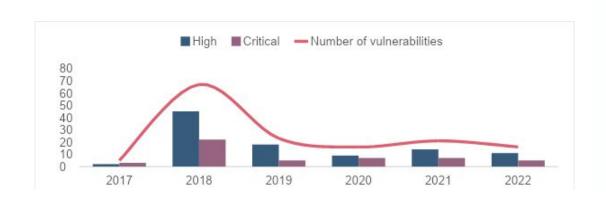
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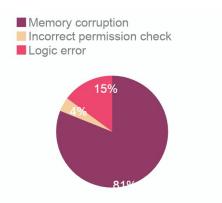
- BlueBorne a series of Bluetooth vulnerabilities endangering multiple operating systems including Android, IOS, Windows and Linux, leading security researchers to pay attention to Bluetooth security
- BadBluetooth published by Fenghao Xu of the Chinese University of Hong Kong on NDSS, introduced the logic vulnerability in Bluetooth pairing
- BlueFrag an attacker can use an out of bounds write vulnerability in ACL packet processing to remotely execute code



Historical vulnerability analysis

- From January 2017 to October 2022, at least 148 vulnerabilities have been disclosed, including 99 high vulnerabilities and 49 critical vulnerabilities
- Most are memory corruption types







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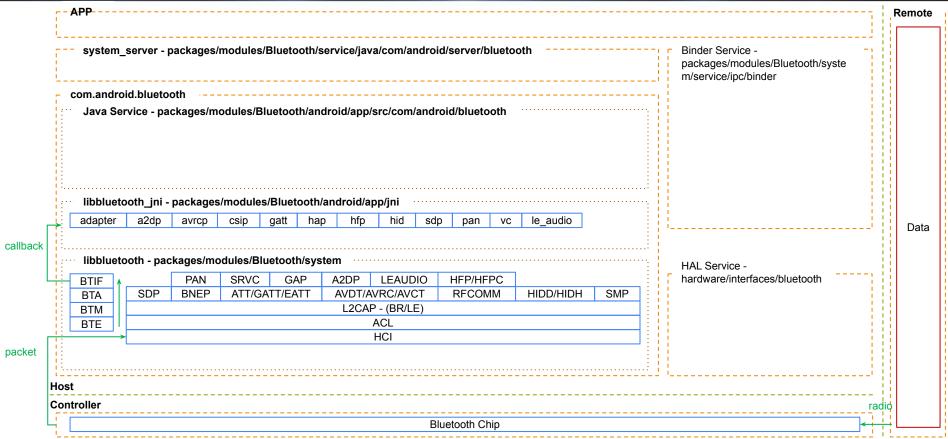


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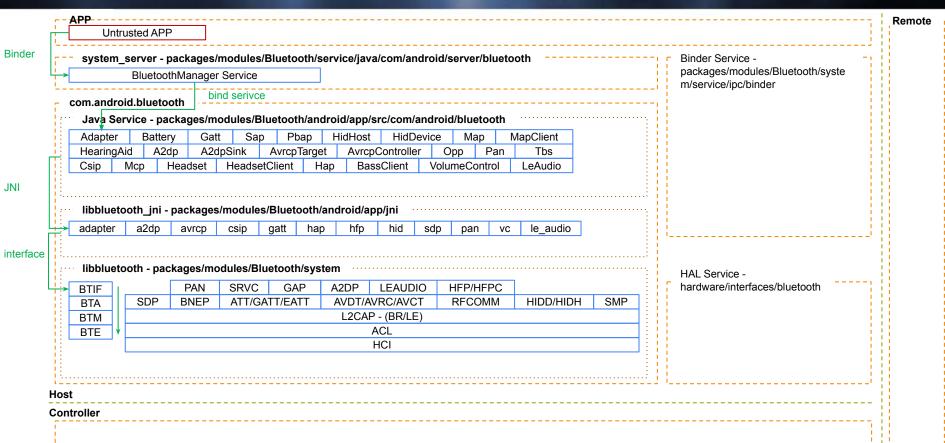






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Attack scenario 4 - malicious Bluetooth chip



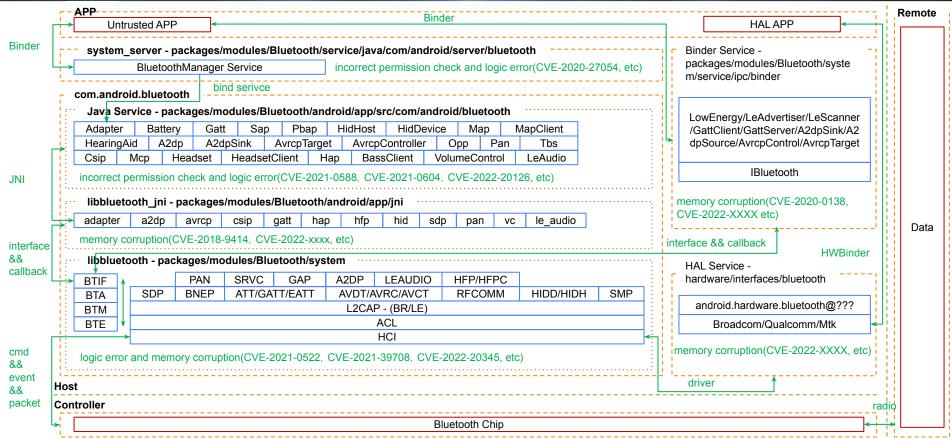
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Full attack scenarios







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How to discover the bugs

- Code audit
 - Goal focus on full life cycle of data event/commands/packets in different scenarios, including receiving, subcontracting, packaging, parsing, handling, circulation, storage, recycling, etc
 - Disadvantage take significant investment
 - Solution combine with CodeQL

• Fuzz

- Goal focus on some complex code fragments, avoid missing some ignored issues
- Disadvantage remote fuzzing can handle various complex state machines, but inefficient and costly
- Solution local fuzzing with simulated state machine



Basic knowledge

- BT HDR
 - define the header of each buffer used in the Bluetooth stack

```
typedef struct {
    uint16_t event;
    uint16_t len; // packet length
    uint16_t offset;
    uint16_t layer_specific;
    uint8_t data[]; // packet data
} BT_HDR;

BT_HDR* p_msg;
uint8_t* p_req = (uint8_t*) (p_msg + 1) + p_msg->offset;
uint8_t* p_req_end = p_req + p_msg->len;
```

- *_STREAM_TO*
 - Used to read values from input packet data

```
#define BE_STREAM_TO_UINT8(u8, p) \
    {
       (u8) = (uint8_t)(*(p));
       (p) += 1;
    }
#define BE_STREAM_TO_UINT16(u16, p)
#define BE_STREAM_TO_UINT24(u32, p)
#define BE_STREAM_TO_UINT32(u32, p)
#define BE_STREAM_TO_UINT64(u64, p)
#define BE_STREAM_TO_ARRAY(p, a, len)
```



A simple example

```
int xxx_data_ind(uint8_t* data, size_t len) {
    uint16_t num;
    BE_STREAM_TO_UINT16(num, data); // source - num is read via BE_STREAM_TO_UINT16
    uint16_t size = num * sizeof(int); // sink - num is used in arithmetic operation, and result maybe larger
than the maximum value of the storage variable
    int* dst = (int*) malloc(size); // allocated memory size is smaller than expected
    for (uint16_t i = 0; i < num; ++i) BE_STREAM_TO_UINT32(dst[i], data); // out of bounds write
}</pre>
```

 Code is possible vulnerable if tainted data flows from theses macros source to a sink in the arithmetic expression



Step 1 - find all calls of BE_STREAM_TO* or STREAM_TO*

```
// CodeOL code
class BTStreamMacroInvocationExpr extends AssignExpr {
    BTStreamMacroInvocationExpr() {
        // BE STREAM TO UINT8 or STREAM TO UINT8
        this.getRValue()
            .(PointerDereferenceExpr)
            .getOperand()
            .(VariableAccess)
            .getTarget()
            .getName()
.regexpMatch("p|pp|p data|p req|p reply|p buf|p stream|value|stream|data")
        or
        // BE STREAM TO UINT16 or STREAM TO UINT16
```

```
// c++ code
BE STREAM TO UINT8(id, p);
BE STREAM TO UINT32(u32, value);
STREAM TO UINT16(num, p req);
STREAM TO UINT24(u24, data);
```



• Step 2 - check the source corresponds to this expression

```
// CodeQL code
override predicate isSource(DataFlow::Node source) {
    exists(AssignExpr ae |
        ae instanceof BTStreamMacroInvocationExpr and
        source.asExpr() = ae
    )
}
```



 Step 3 - check the sink corresponds to an arithmetic expression, and the maximum value of the result is greater than the maximum value of the Ivalue

```
// CodeQL code
override predicate isSink(DataFlow::Node sink) {
    exists(AssignAddExpr aae |
        aae.getRValue() = sink.asExpr() and
        aae.getLValue().getType().getSize() <=
        aae.getRValue().getExplicitlyConverted().getType().getSize()
    ) or
    exists(AddExpr ae |
    ) or
    exists(MulExpr me |
    ) or
    // ...
}</pre>
```

```
// c++ code
uint16_t len, size;
BE_STREAM_TO_UINT16(len, p);
// possible integer overflow
size += len;
```

```
// c++ code
uint16_t len, size;
BE_STREAM_TO_UINT8(len, p);
// ingore this
size += len;
```



- Step 4 run query, analysis results and report issue
 - 100+ results in 5 seconds
 - Most are false positives

```
// calculation logic of the right value is complex, the ql script can't properly handle
min_len += MIN(p_result->get_caps.count, AVRC_CAP_MAX_NUM_COMP_ID) * 3;
```

After analysis, discovered 4 security bugs



- CVE-2022-20445
 - Triple integer overflow causes heap buffer overflow read bug

```
static void process_service_search_rsp(tCONN_CB* p_ccb, uint8_t* p_reply, uint8_t* p_reply_end) {
    uint16_t cur_handles, orig;

    // cur_handles can take on any value from 0 to UINT16_MAX
    BE_STREAM_TO_UINT16(cur_handles, p_reply);
    orig = p_ccb->num_handles;
    // p_ccb->num_handles is uint16_t type, thus if cur_handles is sufficiently large, can result in an integer
    overflow causing p_ccb->num_handles to be less than orig
    p_ccb->num_handles += cur_handles;
    // double integer overflow in "p_ccb->num_handles - orig" and "p_reply + ((p_ccb->num_handles - orig) * 4) +
1", causing this check to be bypassed
    if (p_reply + ((p_ccb->num_handles - orig) * 4) + 1 > p_reply_end) return;
    for (uint16_t xx = orig; xx < p_ccb->num_handles; xx++) BE_STREAM_TO_UINT32(p_ccb->handles[xx], p_reply);
}
```



- CVE-2022-20410
 - Bypass length check due to integer overflow, leading to heap buffer overflow read

```
uint16_t min_len = 0;
min_len += 8;
// "p_attrs[i].name.str_len" can take any value form 0 to UINT16_MAX
BE_STREAM_TO_UINT16(attr_entry->name.str_len, p);
// possible integer overflow, "min_len" may less than expected
min_len += attr_entry->name.str_len;
// bypass this length check
if (pkt_len < min_len) goto browse_length_error;
attr_entry->name.p_str = (uint8_t*) osi_malloc(attr_entry->name.str_len * sizeof(uint8_t));
// oob read due to "attr_entry->name.str_len" could be larger than real size of input data
BE_STREAM_TO_ARRAY(p, attr_entry->name.p_str, attr_entry->name.str_len);
```



A simple example

```
int some_function(BT_HDR* p_msg) {
   if (/*...*/) {
      osi_free(p_msg); // free p_msg
      return -1;
   }
   return 0;
}
BT_HDR* p_msg = (BT_HDR*) osi_malloc(sizeof(BT_HDR) + 4096);
some_function(p_msg); // missing check the return value
uint8_t* p = (uint8_t*) (p_msg + 1) + p_msg->len; // uaf
```

 Code is possible vulnerable if there is reachability flow between deallocation function call source and dereference sink



Step 1 - define osi_free function

```
// C++ code
void osi_free(void* ptr);
```



Step 2 - find all calls that direct or possible call to deallocation function

```
// CodeQL code
predicate deallocCallOrIndirect(FunctionCall fc, VariableAccess va) {
    // direct free call
    fc.(DeallocationExpr).getFreedExpr() = va or
    // direct free call with assigned value
    fc.(DeallocationExpr).getFreedExpr()
    .(VariableAccess).getTarget().getInitializer().getExpr() = va or
    // // indirect free call
    exists(FunctionCall midcall, Function mid, int arg |
        fc.(Call).getArgument(arg) = va and
        mayCallFunction(fc, mid) and
        midcall.getEnclosingFunction() = mid and
        deallocCallOrIndirect(midcall, mid.getParameter(arg).(Variable).getAnAccess())
    )
}
```

```
// C++ code
// direct free call
osi_free(p_msg);

// direct free call with assigned value
void* p_buf = p_msg;
osi_free(p_buf);

// indirect free call
do_some_work(p_buf);
void do_some_work(BT_HDR* p_buf) {
    osi_free(p_buf);
}
```



• Step 3 - check an expression that may dereference variable

```
// CodeOL code
predicate isDerefByCallExpr(Call c, int i, VariableAccess va,
StackVariable v) {
   v.getAnAccess() = va and
   va = c.getAnArgumentSubExpr(i) and
    not c.passesByReference(i, va) and
    (c.getTarget().hasEntryPoint() implies
    isDerefExpr( , c.getTarget().getParameter(i)))
predicate isDerefExpr(Expr e, StackVariable v) {
    v.getAnAccess() = e and dereferenced(e) or
    isDerefByCallExpr( , , e, v)
```

```
// C++ code
// example 1
uint16_t len = p_msg->len;

// example 2
p_msg->offset += 4;

// example 3
uint8_t* p_start =
    (uint8_t*) (p_msg + 1) + p_msg->offset;
```



Step 4 - do reachability analysis

```
// CodeOL code
class UseAfterFreeReachability extends StackVariableReachability {
    UseAfterFreeReachability() {
        this = "UseAfterFreeDueToIgnoringErrorStatusInAospBluetooth"
    override predicate isSource(ControlFlowNode node, StackVariable v) {
        deallocCallOrIndirect(node, v.getAnAccess())
    override predicate isSink(ControlFlowNode node, StackVariable v) {
        isDerefExpr(node, v) and not deallocCallOrIndirect( , node)
    override predicate isBarrier(ControlFlowNode node, StackVariable v) {
        definitionBarrier(v, node) or deallocCallOrIndirect(node, v.getAnAccess())
```



- Step 5 run query, analysis results and report issue
 - 30+ results in 5 seconds
 - Some are false positives due to complex condition judgment between edges
 - After analysis, discovered 3 security bugs



Weak code patterns - use after free due to ignoring error status

- CVE-2022-20447
 - Use after free due to the code ignores the possibility that the bnepu_check_send_packet function
 may release the p_buf object

```
// in special case, p_buf will be freed bu result is still BNEP_SUCCESS
result = BNEP_WriteBuf(pcb->handle, dst, p_buf, protocol, &src, ext);
if (result == BNEP_IGNORE_CMD) {
    PAN_TRACE_DEBUG("PAN ignored data buf write to PANU");
    pcb->write.errors++;
    return PAN_IGNORE_CMD;
} else if (result != BNEP_SUCCESS) {
    PAN_TRACE_ERROR("PAN failed to send data buf to the PANU");
    pcb->write.errors++;
    return (tPAN_RESULT)result;
}
pcb->write.octets += p_buf->len;
pcb->write.packets++;
```

```
tBNEP_RESULT BNEP_WriteBuf(uint16_t handle, const RawAddress& p_dest_addr,
BT_HDR* p_buf,
    uint16_t protocol, const RawAddress* p_src_addr, bool fw_ext_present) {
    // no return value
    bnepu_check_send_packet(p_bcb, p_buf);
    return (BNEP_SUCCESS);
}
```

```
void bnepu_check_send_packet(tBNEP_CONN* p_bcb, BT_HDR* p_buf) {
  if (p_bcb->con_flags & BNEP_FLAGS_L2CAP_CONGESTED) {
    if (fixed_queue_length(p_bcb->xmit_q) >= BNEP_MAX_XMITQ_DEPTH) {
        // in this case, p_buf will be freed
        osi_free(p_buf);
    }
}
```



Weak code patterns - others

- Double free due to ignoring error status
- Out of bounds read due to missing length check in *STREAM_TO_*
- Out of bounds write due to ignoring check of return value
- Deadloop due to index integer underflow
- And more...



Fuzzing - find the target function

- L2CA_Register(), L2CA_Register2(), L2CA_RegisterLECoc()
 - Used to register all L2CAP based profile data callback functions



Fuzzing - find the target function

pL2CA_DataInd_Cb

```
typedef struct {
tL2CA CONNECT IND CB* pL2CA ConnectInd Cb;
tL2CA CONNECT CFM CB* pL2CA ConnectCfm Cb;
tL2CA CONFIG IND CB* pL2CA ConfigInd Cb;
tL2CA CONFIG CFM CB* pL2CA ConfigCfm Cb;
tL2CA DISCONNECT IND CB* pL2CA DisconnectInd Cb;
tL2CA DISCONNECT CFM CB* pL2CA DisconnectCfm Cb;
tL2CA_DATA_IND_CB* pL2CA_DataInd_Cb;
tL2CA CONGESTION STATUS CB* pL2CA CongestionStatus Cb;
tL2CA TX COMPLETE CB* pL2CA TxComplete Cb;
tL2CA ERROR CB* pL2CA Error Cb;
tL2CA CREDIT BASED_CONNECT_IND_CB* pL2CA_CreditBasedConnectInd_Cb;
tL2CA CREDIT BASED CONNECT CFM CB* pL2CA CreditBasedConnectCfm Cb;
tL2CA CREDIT BASED RECONFIG COMPLETED CB*
     pL2CA CreditBasedReconfigCompleted Cb;
tL2CA CREDIT BASED COLLISION IND CB* pL2CA CreditBasedCollisionInd Cb;
} tL2CAP APPL INFO;
```

https://cs.android.com/

- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/avct/avct_l2c_br.cc (1 occurrence)
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- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/avct/avct_l2c.cc (1 occurrence)
 57: avct_l2c_data_ind_cback,
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/avdt/avdt_l2c.cc (1 occurrence)
 59: avdt_l2c_data_ind_cback,
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/bnep/bnep_main.cc (1 occurrence)
 85: bnep_cb.reg_info.pL2CA_DataInd_Cb = bnep_data_ind;
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/eatt/eatt.cc (1 occurrence)
 47: reg_info_.pL2CA_DataInd_Cb = eatt_data_ind;
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/gap/gap_conn.cc (1 occurrence)
 123: conn.reg_info.pl2CA_DataInd_Cb = gap_data_ind;
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/gatt/gatt_main.cc (1 occurrence)
 81: gatt 12cif data ind cback,
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/hid/hidd_conn.cc (1 occurrence)
 57; hidd 12cif data ind.
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/hid/hidh_conn.cc (1 occurrence)
 76: .pL2CA DataInd Cb = hidh 12cif data ind.
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/include/l2c_api.h (1 occurrence)
 326: typedef struct {
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/rfcomm/rfc_l2cap_if.cc (1 occurrence)
 71: p 12c->pL2CA DataInd Cb = RFCOWN BufDataInd:
- packages/modules/Bluetooth/system/stack/sdp/sdp_main.cc (1 occurrence)
 91: sdp_cb.reg_info.pL2CA_DataInd_Cb = sdp_data_ind;



Fuzzing - SDP

- sdp_data_ind
 - Handle SDP data received from L2CAP
- sdp_disc_server_rsp
 - Handle response data from server
- sdp_server_handle_client_req
 - Handle request data from client

```
static void sdp data ind(uint16 t l2cap cid, BT HDR* p msg) {
tCONN_CB* p_ccb;
 /* Find CCB based on CID */
 p ccb = sdpu find ccb by cid(l2cap cid);
if (p_ccb != NULL) {
  if (p ccb->con_state == SDP_STATE_CONNECTED) {
    if (p ccb->con flags & SDP FLAGS IS ORIG)
       sdp disc server rsp(p ccb, p msg);
     else
       sdp server handle client req(p ccb, p msg);
  } else {
    SDP_TRACE_WARNING(
         "SDP - Ignored L2CAP data while in state: %d, CID: 0x%x",
         p ccb->con state, 12cap cid);
} else {
  SDP_TRACE_WARNING("SDP - Rcvd L2CAP data, unknown CID: 0x%x", 12cap_cid);
osi_free(p_msg);
```



Fuzzing - SDP

- Write a test harness
 - Init sdp stack
 - Init sdp connection control block to simulate a real sdp connection
 - Generate some sdp databases
 - Generate some states
 - Generate sdp packet data
 - Continuously fuzz sdp server and client interfaces

```
extern "C" int LLVMFuzzerTestOneInput(const uint8_t* data, size_t size)
  FuzzedDataProvider fdp(data, size);
  sdp_init();
  init ccb();
  init sdp db(fdp);
  size t count = fdp.ConsumeIntegralInRange<int>(1, 20);
   while (count-- && sdp_db_vect.size() && fdp.remaining_bytes()) {
       if (fdp.ConsumeBool()) {
           sdp_disc_server_rsp_fuzzer(fdp);
       } else {
           sdp server handle client req fuzzer(fdp);
  SDP_DeleteRecord(0);
   sdp_db_vect.clear();
   sdpu_release_ccb(p_ccb);
   sdp_free();
   return 0;
```



Results

- Since 2022, total 33 vulnerabilities have been found
 - 3 are duplicate
 - 8 have been fixed
 - others are still in process
- Found with CodeQL
 - 15 vuls, including CVE-2022-20445, CVE-2022-20222, CVE-2022-20362, CVE-2022-20283,
 CVE-2022-20447, CVE-2022-20410
- Found with fuzzing
 - 9 vuls, including CVE-2022-20224, CVE-2022-20229, CVE-2022-20140



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Conclusion

- Some basic information about Android Bluetooth
- Historical vulnerability analysis
- Full attack surfaces and vectors
- How to find the bugs
 - Weak code patterns
 - Fuzzing tricks
- CVE cases



Future work

- Write more CodeQL scripts to catch more vulnerable patterns
 - Dangling pointers nullification in C++ smart pointers
 - Race condition in JNI/main/hci threads
 - Type confusion in message queue
- Focus on new protocols and profiles implemented on Android 13
 - LeAudio
- Other vendors Bluetooth stack implementation
 - Qualcomm
 - Mediatek



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