

Diving into Spooler:

Discovering LPE and RCE Vulnerabilities in
Windows Printer Driver

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Some of My Bugs

CVE-2018-20694,CVE-2018-20746,CVE-2018-20693,CVE-2018-20692,CVE-2018-20696,CVE-2018-20689,CVE-2018-20690,CVE-2018-10812,CVE-2019-6184,CVE-2019-6186,CVE-2019-6487,CVE-2019-1253,CVE-2019-1292,CVE-2019-1317,CVE-2019-1340,CVE-2019-1342,CVE-2019-1374,CVE-2019-8162,CVE-2019-1474,CVE-2019-18371,CVE-2019-18370,CVE-2020-0616,CVE-2020-0635,CVE-2020-0636,CVE-2020-0638,CVE-2020-0641,CVE-2020-0648,CVE-2020-0697,CVE-2020-0730,CVE-2020-3808,CVE-2020-0747,CVE-2020-0753,CVE-2020-0754,CVE-2020-0777,CVE-2020-0780,CVE-2020-0785,CVE-2020-0786,CVE-2020-0789,CVE-2020-0794,CVE-2020-0797,CVE-2020-0800,CVE-2020-0805,CVE-2020-0808,CVE-2020-0819,CVE-2020-0822,CVE-2020-0835,CVE-2020-0841,CVE-2020-0844,CVE-2020-0849,CVE-2020-0854,CVE-2020-0858,CVE-2020-0863,CVE-2020-0864,CVE-2020-0865,CVE-2020-0868,CVE-2020-0871,CVE-2020-0896,CVE-2020-0897,CVE-2020-0899,CVE-2020-0900,CVE-2020-0934,CVE-2020-0935,CVE-2020-0936,CVE-2020-0942,CVE-2020-0944,CVE-2020-0983,CVE-2020-0985,CVE-2020-0989,CVE-2020-1000,CVE-2020-1002,CVE-2020-1010,CVE-2020-1011,CVE-2020-1029,CVE-2020-1068,CVE-2020-1077,CVE-2020-1084,CVE-2020-1086,CVE-2020-1090,CVE-2020-1094,CVE-2020-1109,CVE-2020-1120,CVE-2020-1121,CVE-2020-1123,CVE-2020-1124,CVE-2020-1125,CVE-2020-1131,CVE-2020-1134,CVE-2020-1137,CVE-2020-1139,CVE-2020-1144,CVE-2020-1146,CVE-2020-1151,CVE-2020-1155,CVE-2020-1156,CVE-2020-1157,CVE-2020-1158,CVE-2020-1163,CVE-2020-1164,CVE-2020-1165,CVE-2020-1166,CVE-2020-1184,CVE-2020-1185,CVE-2020-1186,CVE-2020-1187,CVE-2020-1188,CVE-2020-1189,CVE-2020-1190,CVE-2020-1191,CVE-2020-1196,CVE-2020-1199,CVE-2020-1201,CVE-2020-1204,CVE-2020-1209,CVE-2020-1211,CVE-2020-1217,CVE-2020-1222,CVE-2020-1231,CVE-2020-1233,CVE-2020-1235,CVE-2020-1244,CVE-2020-1257,CVE-2020-1264,CVE-2020-1269,CVE-2020-1270,CVE-2020-1273,CVE-2020-1274,CVE-2020-1276,CVE-2020-1277,CVE-2020-1278,CVE-2020-1282,CVE-2020-1283,CVE-2020-1304,CVE-2020-1305,CVE-2020-1306,CVE-2020-1307,CVE-2020-1309,CVE-2020-1312,CVE-2020-1317,CVE-2020-1337,CVE-2020-1344,CVE-2020-1346,CVE-2020-1347,CVE-2020-1352,CVE-2020-1356,CVE-2020-1357,CVE-2020-1360,CVE-2020-1361,CVE-2020-1362,CVE-2020-1364,CVE-2020-5957,CVE-2020-1366,CVE-2020-1372,CVE-2020-1373,CVE-2020-1375,CVE-2020-1385,CVE-2020-1392,CVE-2020-1393,CVE-2020-1394,CVE-2020-1399,CVE-2020-1404,CVE-2020-1405,CVE-2020-1424,CVE-2020-1427,CVE-2020-1441,CVE-2020-0518,CVE-2020-1461,CVE-2020-1465,CVE-2020-1472,CVE-2020-1474,CVE-2020-1475,CVE-2020-1484,CVE-2020-1485,CVE-2020-1511,CVE-2020-1512,CVE-2020-0516,CVE-2020-1516,CVE-2020-1517,CVE-2020-1518,CVE-2020-1519,CVE-2020-1521,CVE-2020-1522,CVE-2020-1524,CVE-2020-1528,CVE-2020-1538,CVE-2020-8741,CVE-2020-1548,CVE-2020-1549,CVE-2020-1550,CVE-2020-1552,CVE-2020-1590,CVE-2020-1130,CVE-2020-16851,CVE-2020-16852,CVE-2020-1122,CVE-2020-1038,CVE-2020-17089,CVE-2020-16853,CVE-2020-16879,CVE-2020-16900,CVE-2020-16980,CVE-2020-17014,CVE-2020-17070,CVE-2020-17073,CVE-2020-17074,CVE-2020-17075,CVE-2020-17076,CVE-2020-17077,CVE-2020-17092,CVE-2020-17097,CVE-2020-17120,CVE-2021-1649,CVE-2021-1650,CVE-2021-1651,CVE-2021-1659,CVE-2021-1680,CVE-2021-1681,CVE-2021-1686,CVE-2021-1687,CVE-2021-1688,CVE-2021-1689,CVE-2021-1690,CVE-2021-1718,CVE-2021-1722,CVE-2021-24072,CVE-2021-24077,CVE-2021-3750,CVE-2021-24088,CVE-2021-26869,CVE-2021-26870,CVE-2021-26871,CVE-2021-26885,CVE-2021-28347,CVE-2021-28351,CVE-2021-28436,CVE-2021-28450,CVE-2021-31966,CVE-2021-34527,CVE-2021-42321,CVE-2021-36970,CVE-2021-38657,CVE-2021-40485,CVE-2021-41366,CVE-2021-42294,CVE-2021-42297,CVE-2021-43216,CVE-2021-43223,CVE-2021-43248,CVE-2022-21835,CVE-2022-21837,CVE-2022-21878,CVE-2022-21881,CVE-2022-21888,CVE-2022-21971,CVE-2022-21974,CVE-2022-21992,CVE-2022-23285,CVE-2022-23290,CVE-2022-24454,CVE-2022-29108,CVE-2022-24547,CVE-2022-23270,CVE-2022-26930,CVE-2022-29103,CVE-2022-29113,CVE-2022-38036,CVE-2022-35793,CVE-2022-35755,CVE-2022-35749,CVE-2022-35746,CVE-2022-34690,CVE-2022-21980,CVE-2022-22050,CVE-2022-22024,CVE-2022-22022,CVE-2022-30226,CVE-2022-30157,CVE-2022-29108,CVE-2022-21999,CVE-2023-21683,CVE-2023-21684,CVE-2023-21693,CVE-2023-21801,CVE-2023-23403,CVE-2023-23406,CVE-2023-23413,CVE-2023-24856,CVE-2023-24857,CVE-2023-24858,CVE-2023-24863,CVE-2023-24865,CVE-2023-24866,CVE-2023-24867,CVE-2023-24907,CVE-2023-24868,CVE-2023-24909,CVE-2023-24870,CVE-2023-24872,CVE-2023-24913,CVE-2023-24876,CVE-2023-24924,CVE-2023-24883,CVE-2023-24925,CVE-2023-24884,CVE-2023-24926,CVE-2023-24885,CVE-2023-24927,CVE-2023-24886,CVE-2023-24928,CVE-2023-24887,CVE-2023-24929,CVE-2023-28243,CVE-2023-28296,CVE-2023-29366,CVE-2023-29367,CVE-2023-32017,CVE-2023-32039,CVE-2023-32040,CVE-2023-32041,CVE-2023-32042,CVE-2023-32085,CVE-2023-35296,CVE-2023-35302,CVE-2023-35306,CVE-2023-35313,CVE-2023-35323,CVE-2023-35324,CVE-2023-36898,CVE-2023-36792,CVE-2023-36704,CVE-2023-36418,CVE-2023-36395,CVE-2023-36393,CVE-2023-35624,CVE-2023-21683,CVE-2023-29366,CVE-2023-46138,CVE-2023-42820,CVE-2023-42819,CVE-2024-21426,CVE-2024-29156,CVE-2024-26198,CVE-2024-21435,CVE-2024-21329,CVE-2024-21384,CVE-2024-20691,CVE-2024-21433,CVE-202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Focus on Fuzzing & Windows Applications

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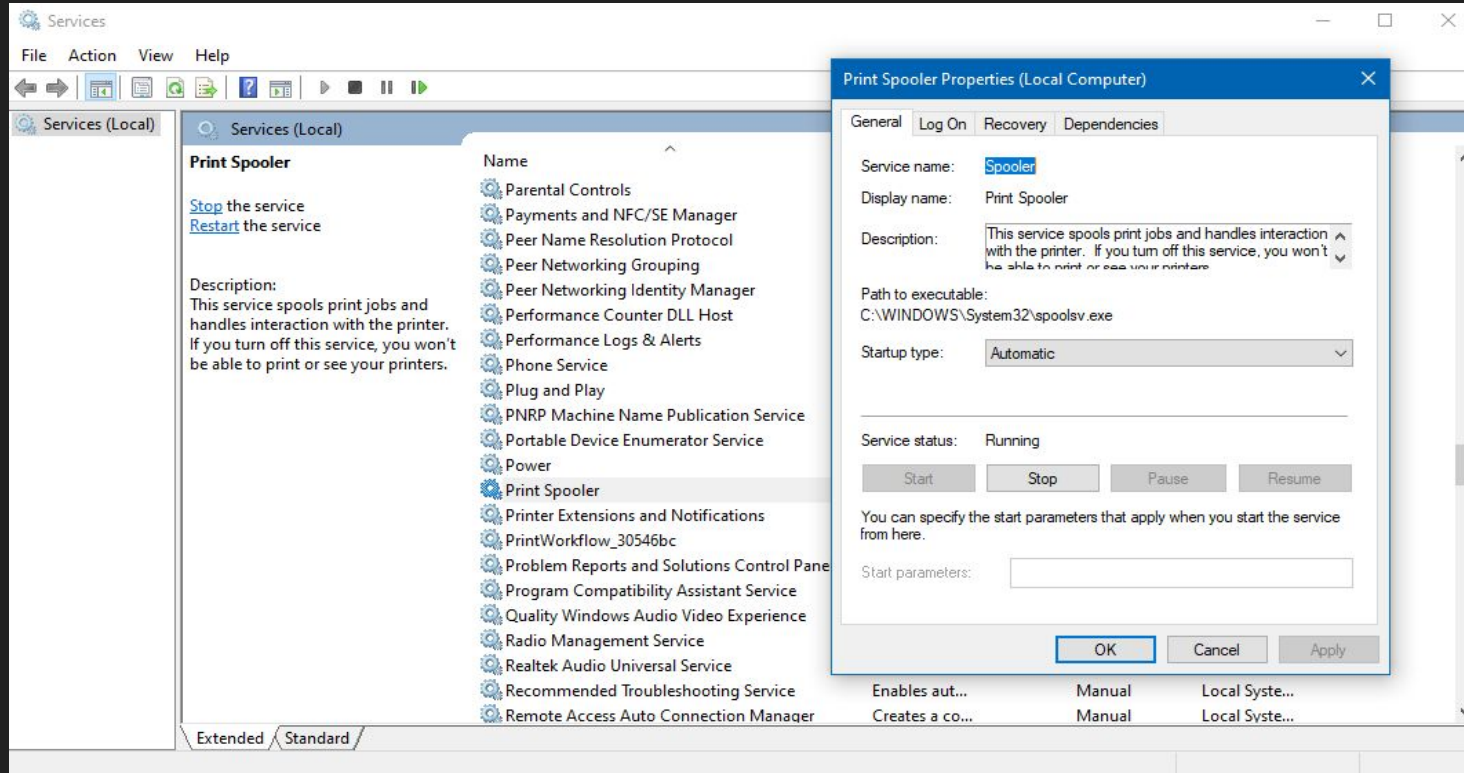
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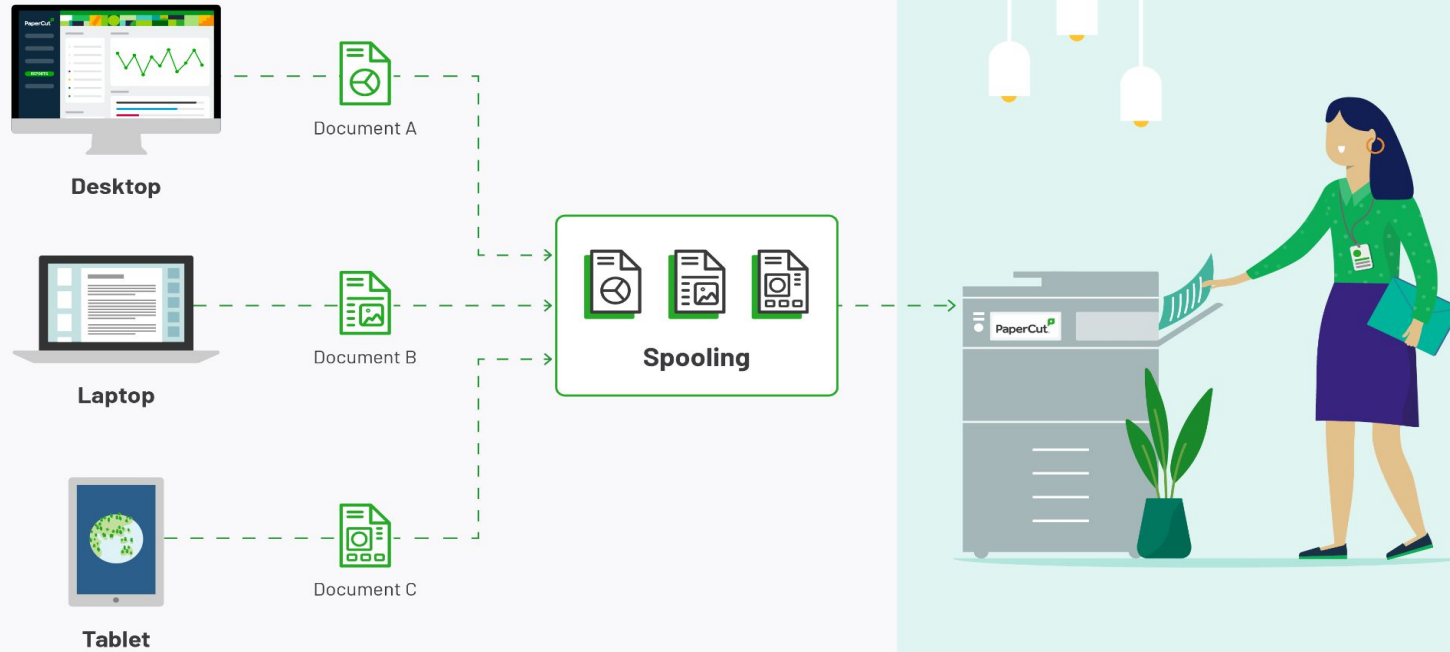
Introduction

Print Spooler

A Windows Service Spools print jobs



Spooling

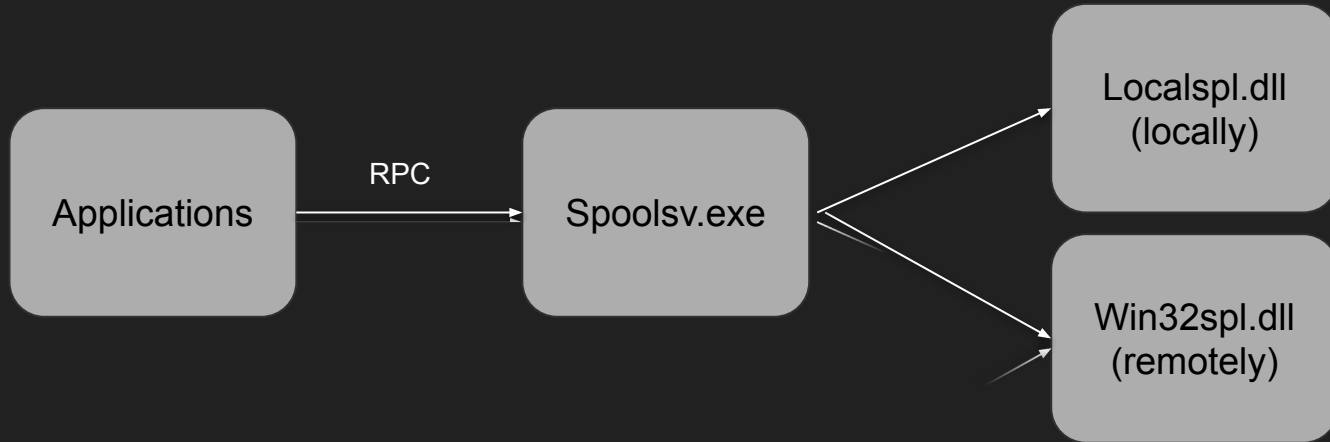


Printer Spooler

Add, remove and configure printer

Spool high-level function calls into printer jobs

Receive and schedule printer jobs for printing



Previous research

Evil Printer: How To Hack Windows Machines With Printing Protocol - Zhipeng Huo and Chuanda Ding

A Decade After Stuxnet's Printer Vulnerability: Printing is Still the Stairway to Heaven - PELEG HADAR and TOMER BAR

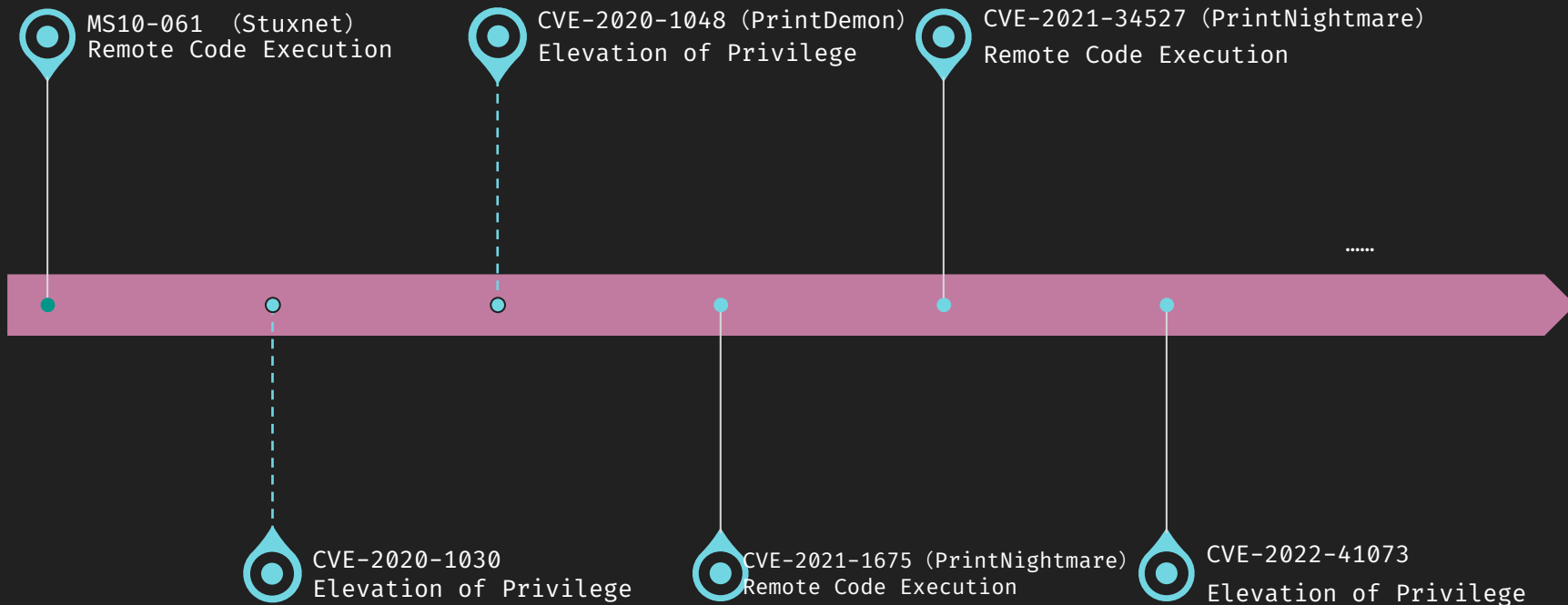
Diving in to Spooler: Discovering LPE and RCE Vulnerabilities in Windows Printer - Zhiniang Peng, Xuefeng Li and Lewis Lee

Windows Security Research: A Practical Guide for Beginners to find 0 days - Oliver Lyak

Print Spooler is hot in Cyber Security

1. The Spooler used to run with high privileges and load code from the network which is prone to security issues
2. Print bugs account for 9% of all Windows cases reported to Microsoft according to [MSRC blog](#).
3. A lot Exploited vuls in Spooler in the pasts years
4. Stuxnet, PrintNightmare

Exploited vuls in the pasts years



Spooler Vulnerability Types

Path Redirection Attacks(Symbol Link):

Exmaple:CVE-2020-1048, ...

Path Traversal:

Exmaple:CVE-2020-1300, ...

Arbitrary Dll Loading:

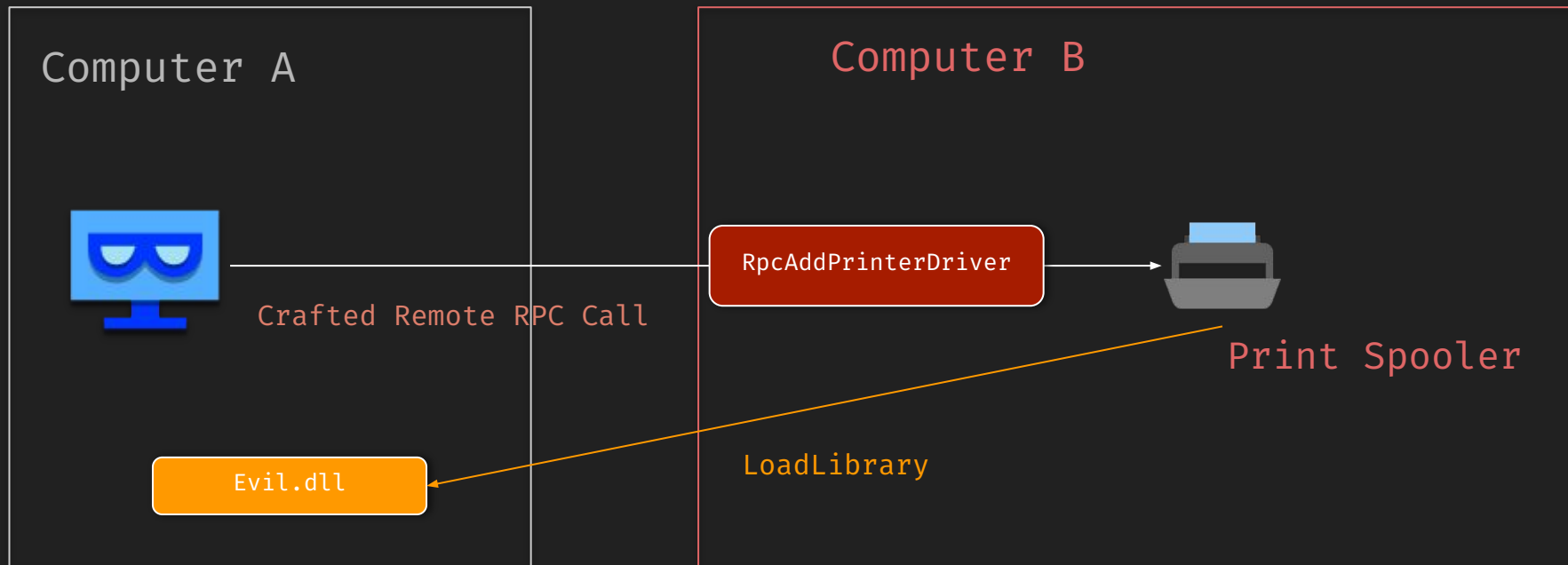
Exmaple:PrintNightmare, ...

Memory Corruption:

Exmaple:CVE-2021-24077, ...

...

PrintNightmare



More story about PrintNightmare:

Diving in to Spooler: Discovering LPE and RCE Vulnerabilities in Windows Printer

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After PrintNightmare

In 2022, Microsoft fixed 36 vulnerabilities for Print Spooler.

Microsoft's fix Broken Print Spooler for many times.

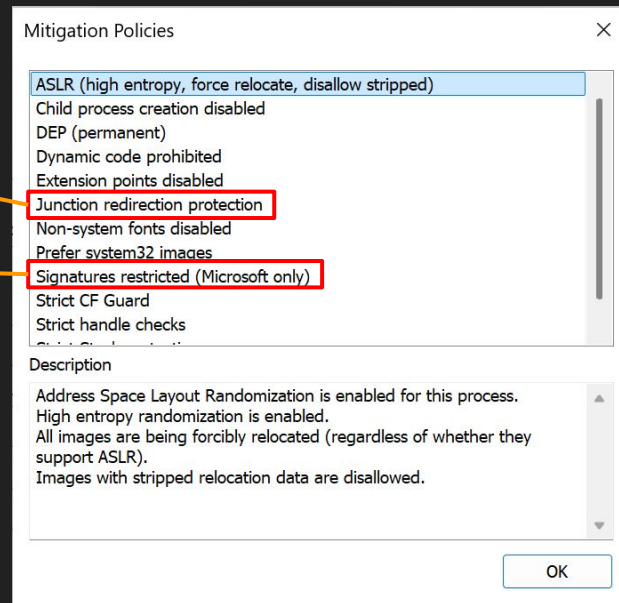
Jul 12, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-30226
Jul 12, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-22022
Jul 12, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-30206
Jul 12, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-22041
Aug 9, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-35755
Aug 9, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-35793
Sep 13, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-38005
Oct 11, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-38028
Nov 8, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-41073
Dec 13, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-44678
Dec 13, 2022	Windows Print Spooler Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	CVE-2022-44681

Loaded all 36 rows

Mitigation after PrintNightmare

Block path redirection attacks

Block arbitrary DLL Loading



Is Spooler secure after all the fix?



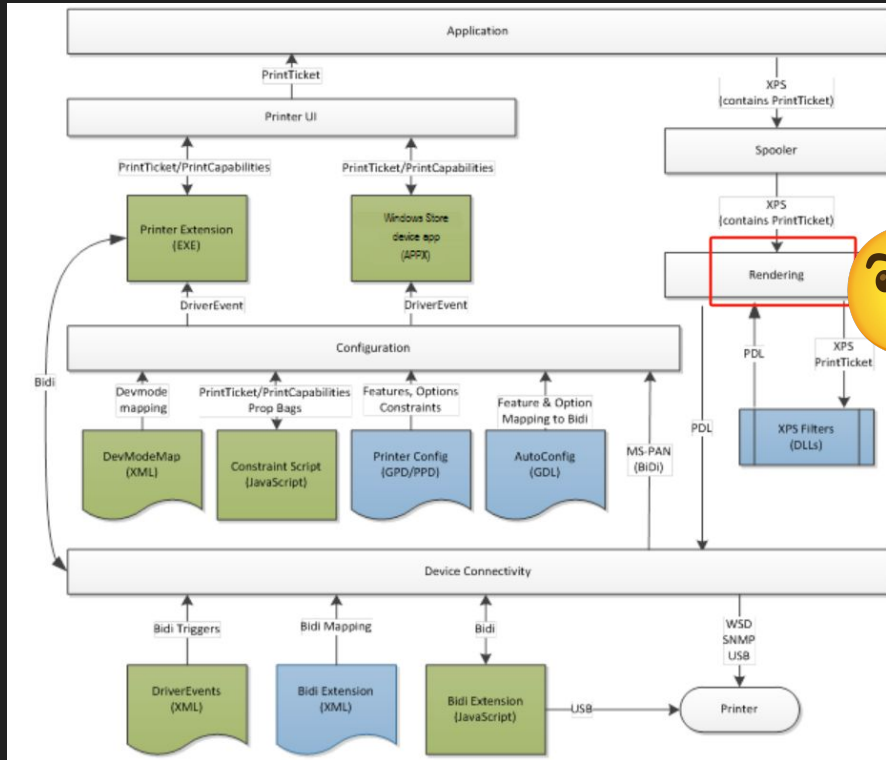
Let's dive into Spooler, Again!

The New Attack Surface

Windows Printer Driver Rendering

New attack surface

Review the Architecture from MSDN

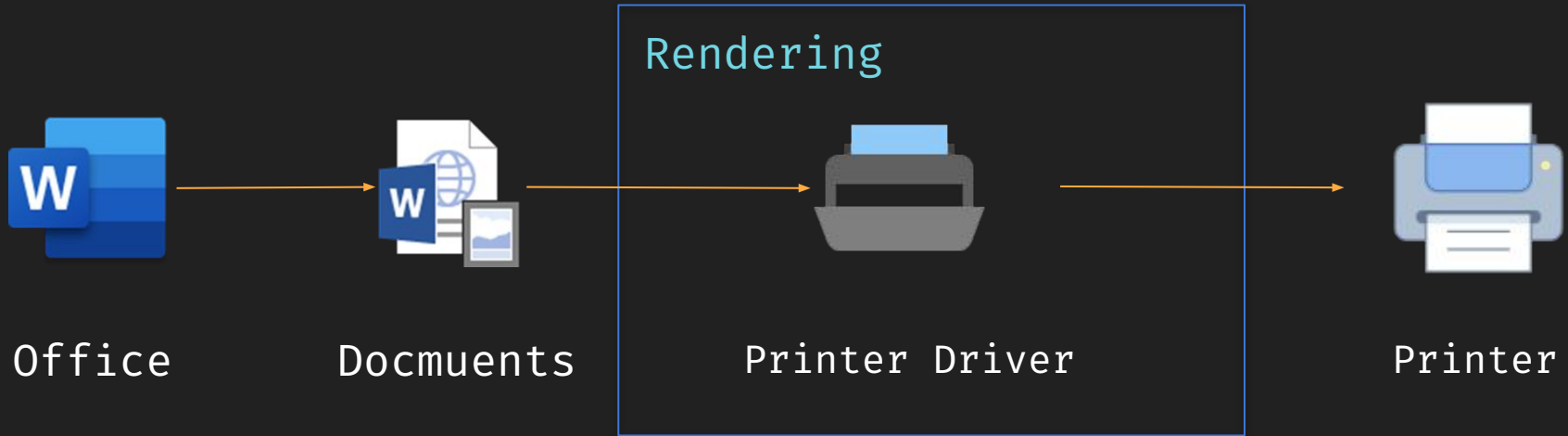


Rendering?

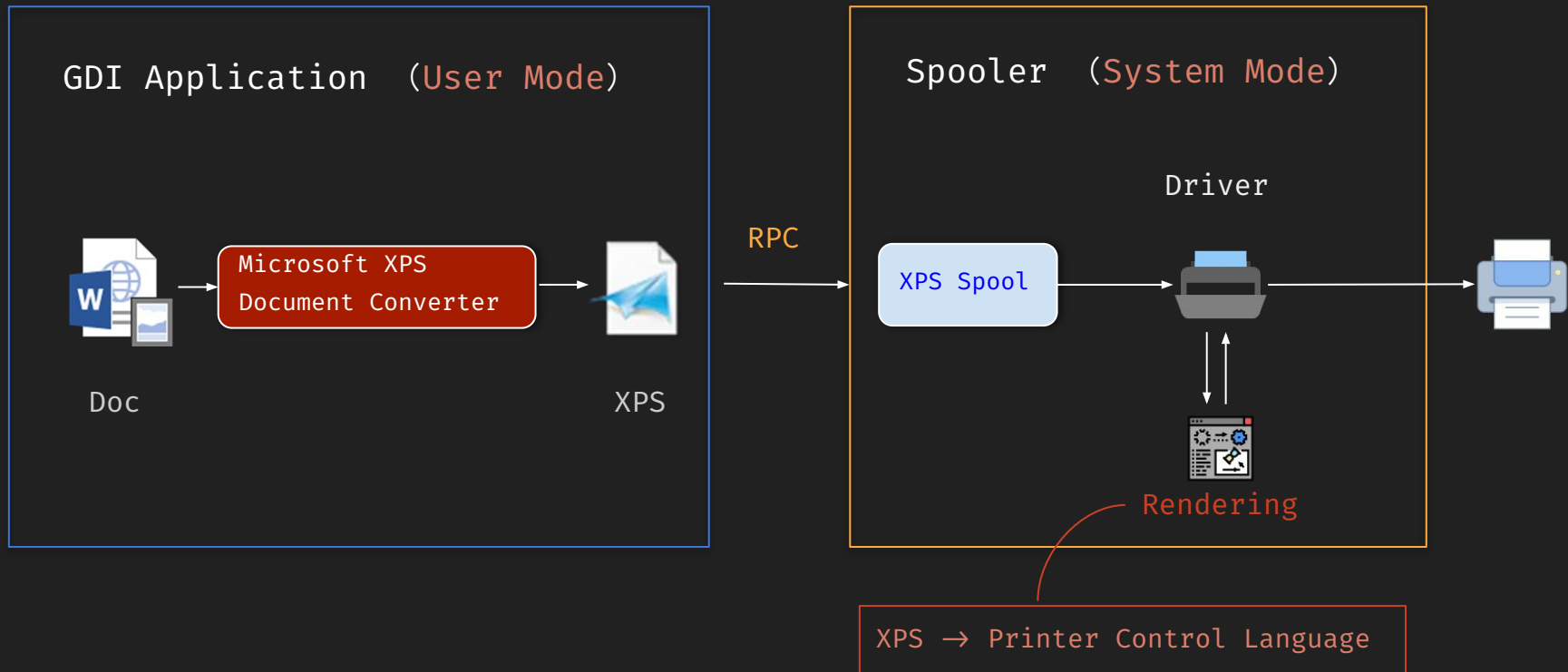
Complex?
Bugs!

Print example

Let's print a document

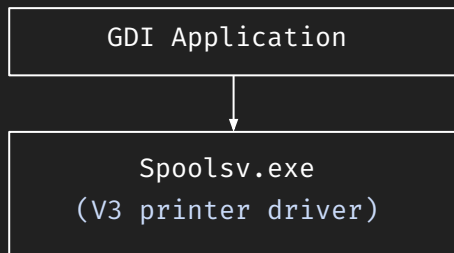


Details

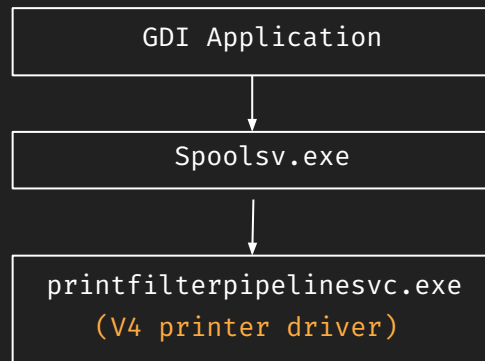


V3 print driver & V4 print driver

V3 mode



V4 mode



V3 mode : a crash in rendering will **DOS entire spooler service.**

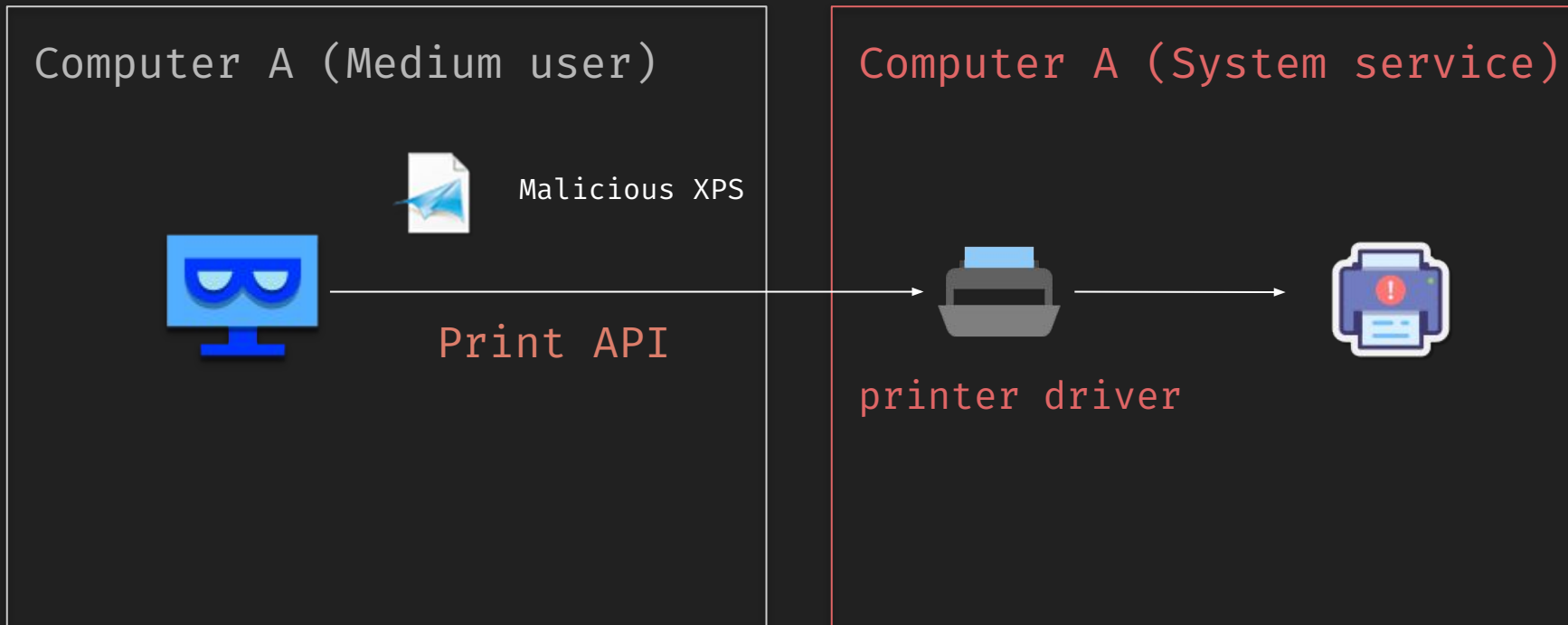
V4 mode : a crash in rendering will **restart printfilterpipelinesvc.exe**

Q: What Rendering Issue Impacts?

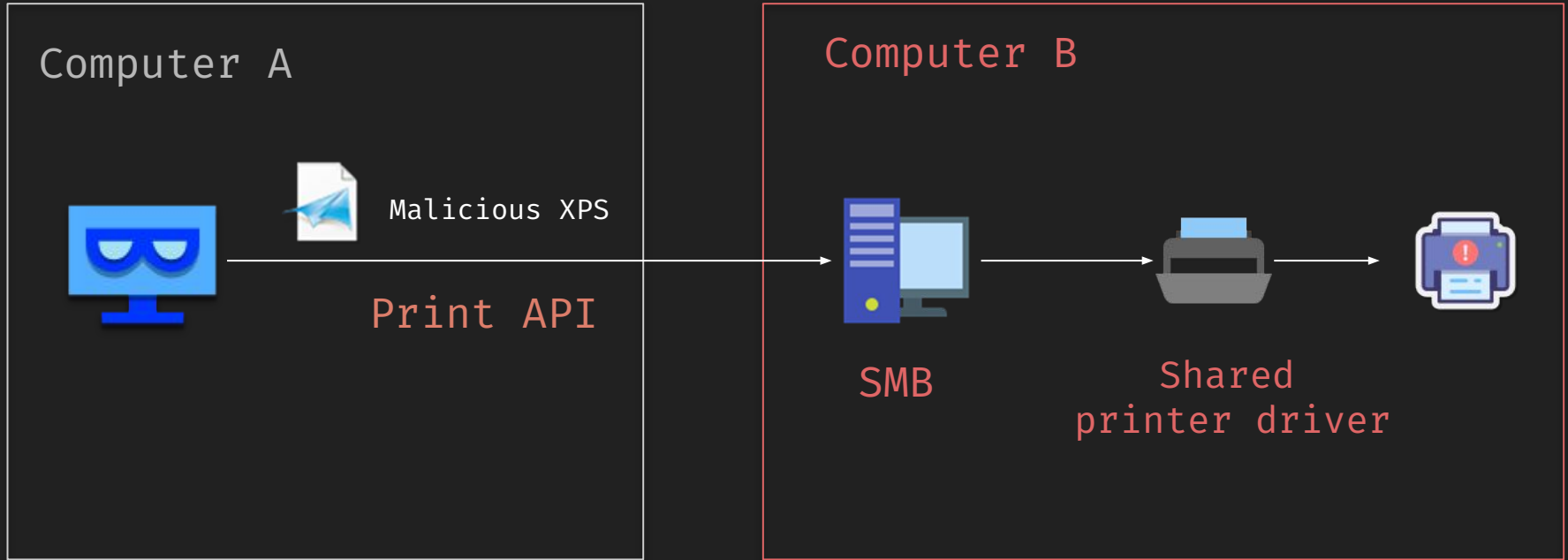


A: LPE & RCE

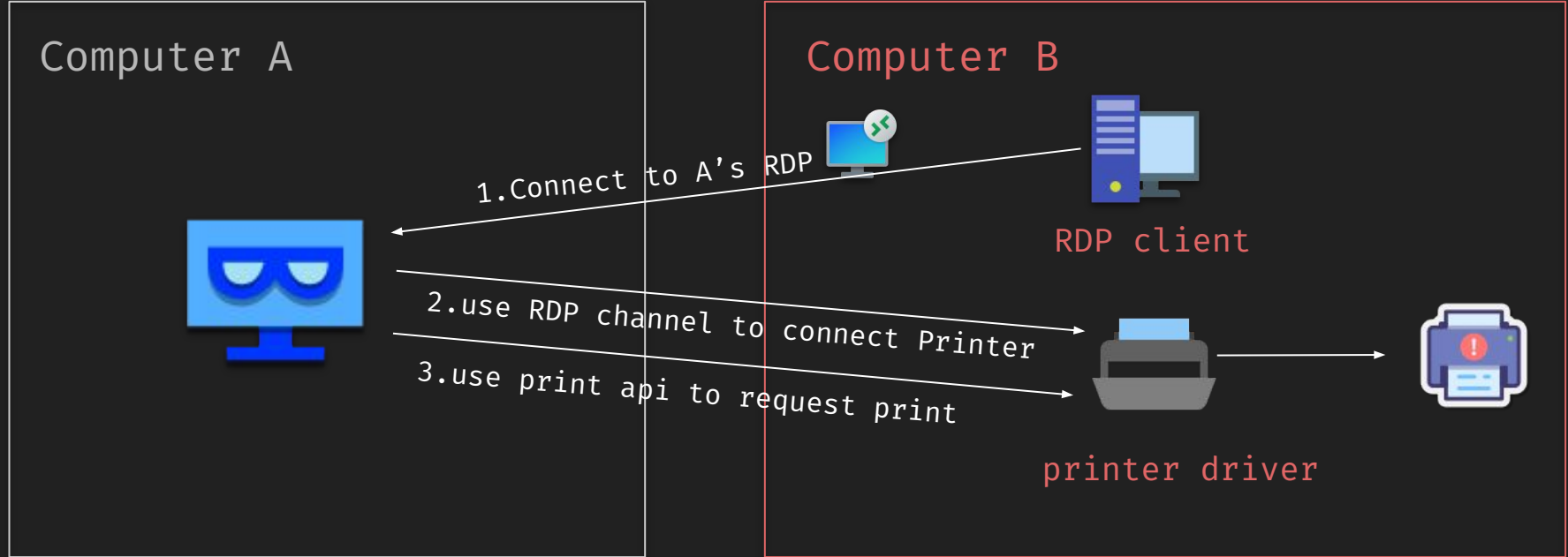
LPE Attack Scenario (Medium2System)



RCE Attack Scenario (RCE over SMB)

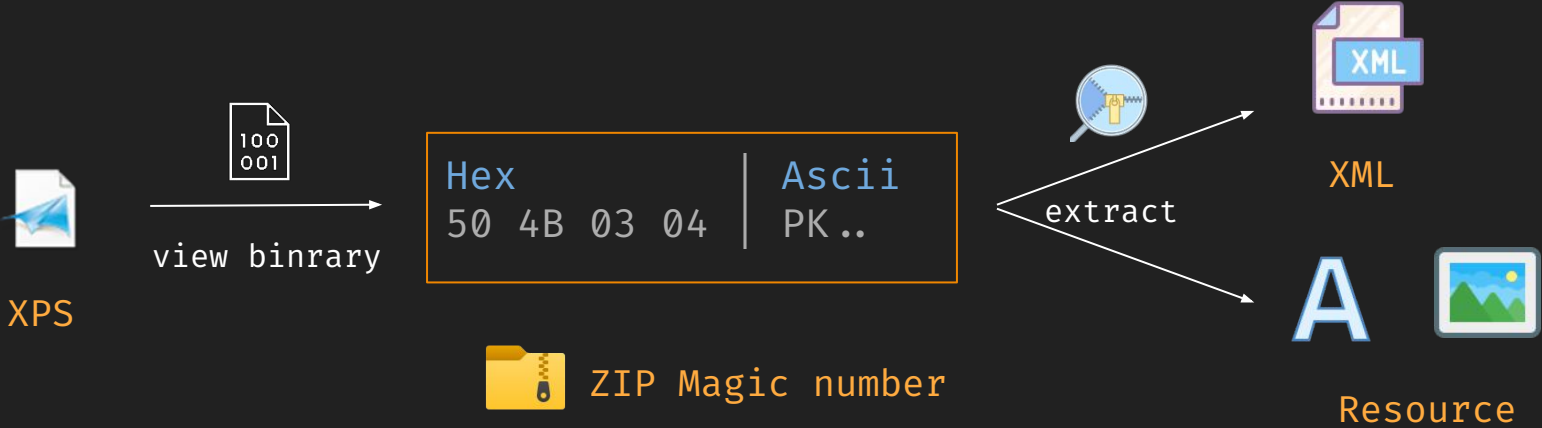


RCE Attack Scenario (RCE over RDP)



Dive into the XPS Format

Open XML Paper Specification



Open XML **Paper** Specification



1.fpage

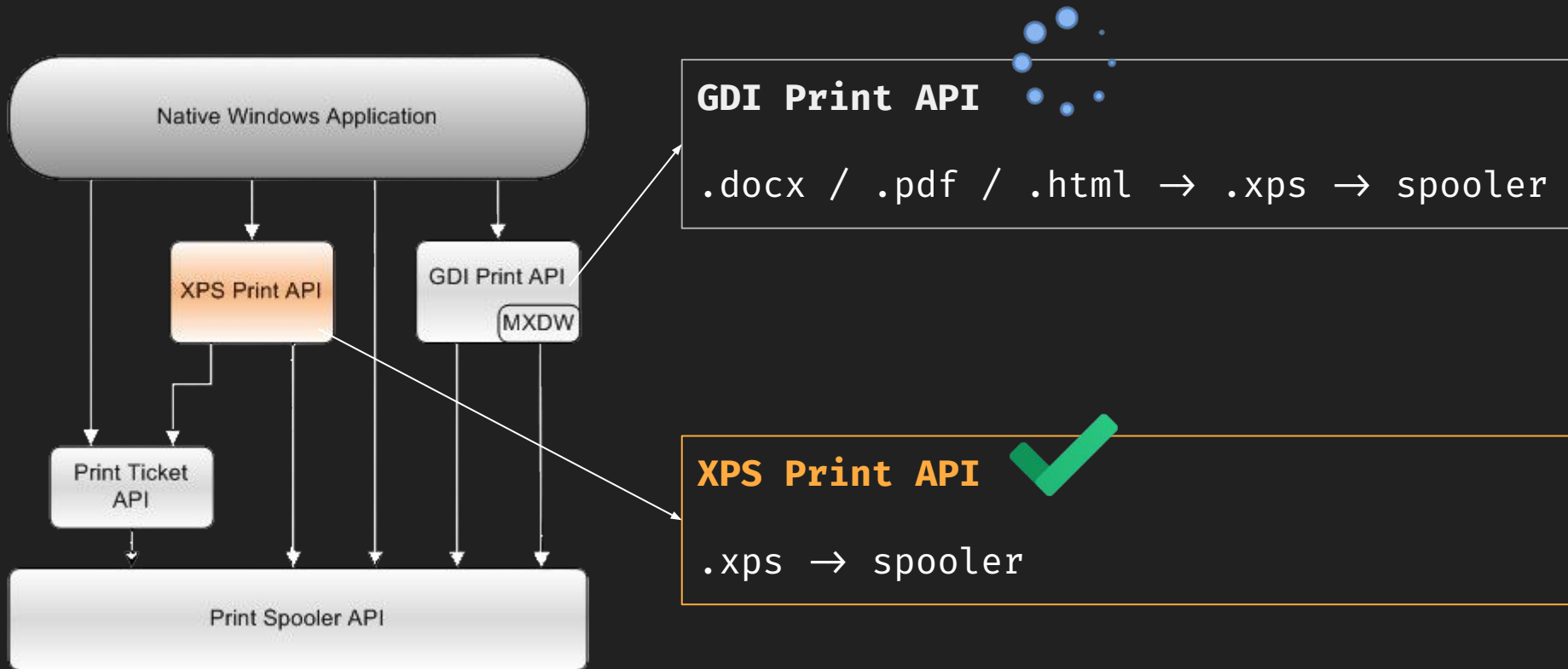
```
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  <Path.Fill>
    <SolidColorBrush Color="#0000FF" />
  </Path.Fill>
  <Path.Data>
    <PathGeometry>
      <PathFigure StartPoint="10,10" IsClosed="true">
        <PolyLineSegment Points="50,200 100,40 150,200
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</Path>
```

content



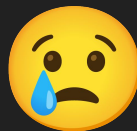
render

How to print



How to use XPS Print API

XPS Viewer, but it was deprecated by Microsoft



XPS Viewer

We're changing the way you get XPS Viewer. In Windows 10, version 1709 and earlier versions, the app is included in the installation image. If you have XPS Viewer and you update to Windows 10, version 1803, there's no action required. You'll still have XPS Viewer.

1803

However, if you install Windows 10, version 1803, on a new device (or as a clean installation), you can install XPS Viewer from **Apps and Features** in the Settings app or through **Features on Demand**. If you had XPS Viewer in Windows 10, version 1709, but manually removed it before updating, you'll need to manually reinstall it.

How to use XPS Print API

Make our Application as the harness:

```
HRESULT StartXpsPrintJob(  
    [in] LPCWSTR printerName,  
    [in] LPCWSTR jobName,  
    [in] LPCWSTR outputFileName,  
    [in] HANDLE progressEvent,  
    [in] HANDLE completionEvent,  
    [in] UINT8 *printablePagesOn,  
    [in] UINT32 printablePagesOnCount,  
    [out] IXpsPrintJob **xpsPrintJob,  
    [out] IXpsPrintJobStream **documentStream,  
    [out] IXpsPrintJobStream **printTicketStream  
);
```

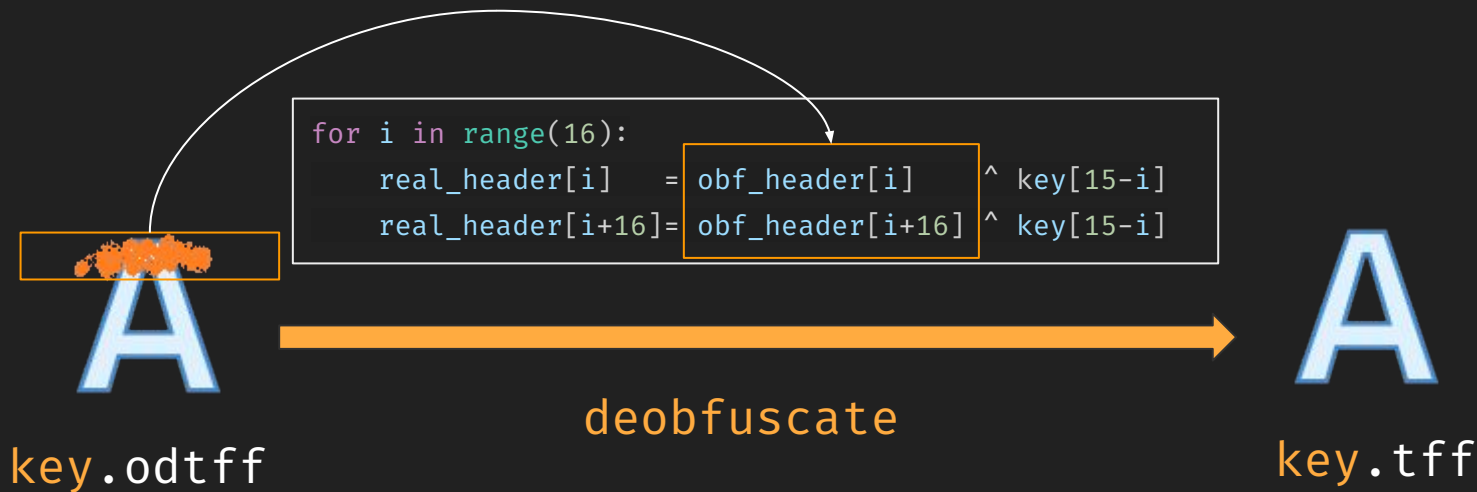
Local: Microsoft PS Class Driver
Remote: \\smb\Microsoft PS Class Driver

IStream::Read(XPS file stream)

Vulnerability in Resource Parsing

ODTTF (Obfuscated OpenType Font)

XPS supports the use of **custom embedded fonts** to promote diversity, but **obfuscation** is required



Font

Many researches on fonts before, so we won't dive into the structure of fonts here

We primarily referred to "One font vulnerability to rule them all #1: Introducing the BLEND vulnerability." Posted by [Mateusz Jurczyk](#) of Google Project Zero

CVEs in Parsing Font

Microsoft Printer Driver Remote Code Execution Vulnerability

CVE-2023-21684 CVE-2023-21801

CVE-2023-23403 CVE-2023-24876

Microsoft Printer Driver Information Disclosure Vulnerability

CVE-2023-21693 CVE-2023-24857 CVE-2023-24858

CVE-2023-24865 CVE-2023-24866

Case 1

CVE-2023-24863 Microsoft PostScript and PCL6 Class Printer Driver **Information Disclosure Vulnerability**

It is an **out-of-bounds-read** vulnerability in TrueType Parsing

The **offset was not checked** during the parsing of the glyf table

The unique point here is the **crash call stack**:

1. msvcrt!memcpy+0x92
2. MSxpsPCL6!cmnStreamBuffered::write+0x85

Case 1

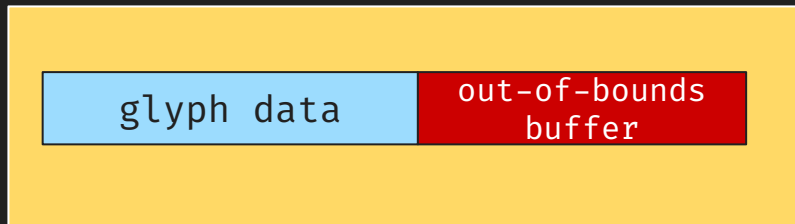


Print to File

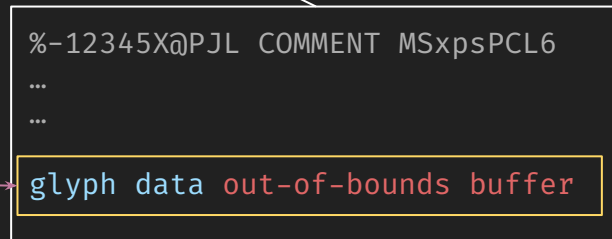


Printer Command Language file

`cmnStreamBuffered::write`



memcpy



Information Leak!

Case 2

CVE-2023-23403 Microsoft PostScript and PCL6 Class Printer Driver
Remote Code Execution Vulnerability

It is an `out-of-bounds-write` vulnerability in OpenType Parsing

The CFF table contains a Compact Font Format (CFF) font representation and is structured according to [Adobe Technical Note #5176: "The Compact Font Format Specification"](#)

Operators and operands may be distinguished by inspection of their first byte: 0–21 specify operators and 28, 29, 30, and 32–254 specify operands (numbers). Byte values 22–27, 31, and 255 are reserved. An operator may be preceded by up to a maximum of 48 operands.



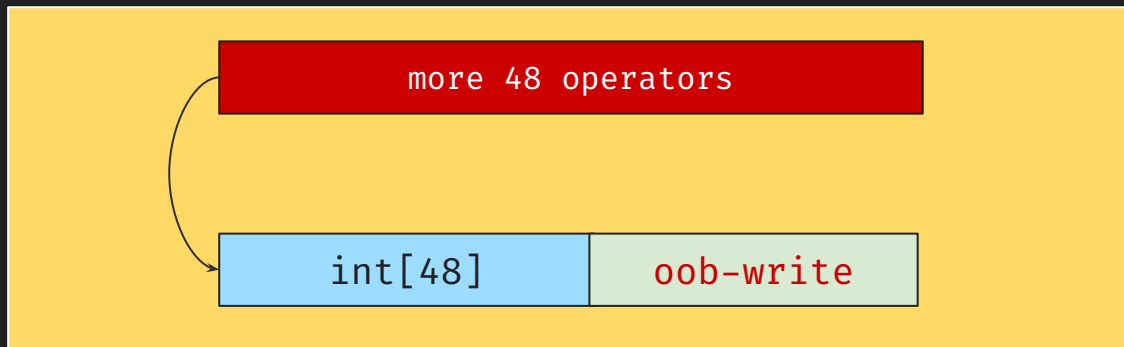
Any check?

Case 2

After testing, we found here had no check



```
MSxpsPCL6!cmnCFF::cmnCFF+0x6da:  
mov     qword ptr [rax+rcx*8],r9 ds:00000282`9383e000=????????????????
```



Color Management



Color management is supported in **v4 print drivers**

Common resources file is **ICC Profile**

International Color Consortium (ICC) color profiles

Provide a cross-platform device profile format

ICC Profile in XPS format



1.fpage

```
<Path>
  <Path.Fill>
    <SolidColorBrush Color="ContextColor /Resources/test.icc
      1.0,1.000,0.000,0.000,0.000" />
  </Path.Fill>
  <Path.Data>
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      <PathFigure StartPoint="10,10" IsClosed="true">
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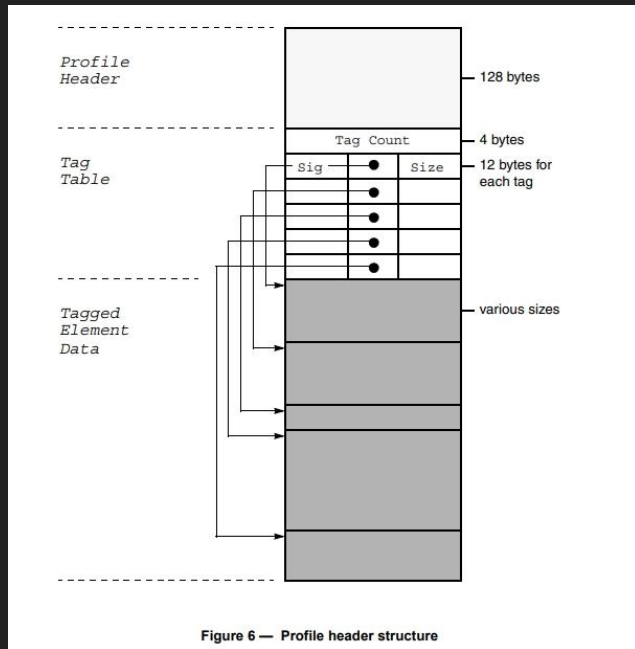
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render

ICC Profile

According to Specification ICC.1:2004-10 (Profile version 4.2.0.0)



Similar as Font



limited public information available

Requires more time for document
reading and reverse engineering

Method to Find Vulnerability

How to find vulnerabilities without reading the document



Fuzzing



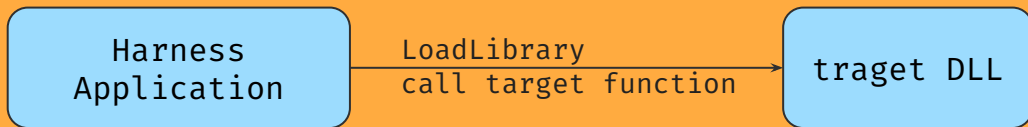
Choose the Suitable Fuzzing Architecture

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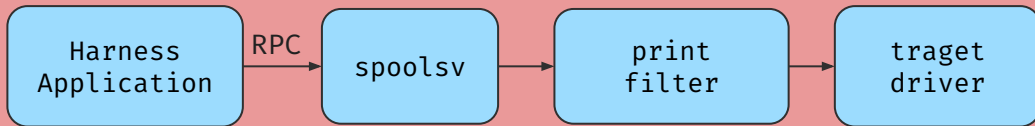
Most Common Windows Platform Fuzzing

Our attempts have not been satisfactory

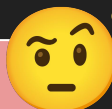
Ideal Scenario for WinAFL



The Scenario of printer drvier rendering



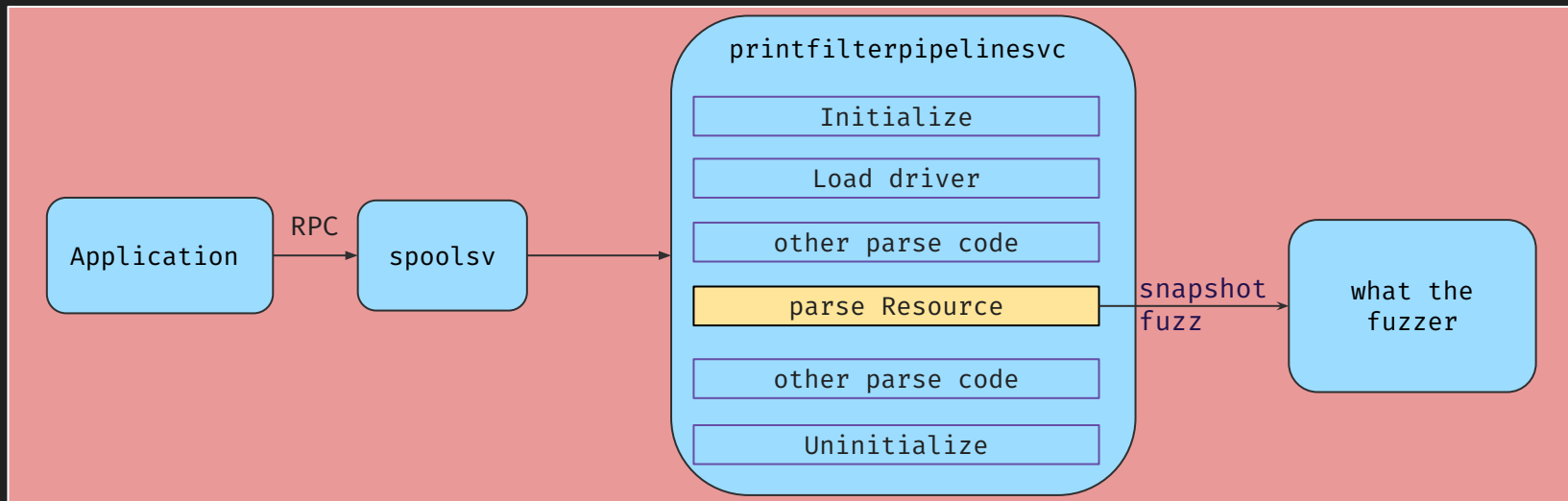
It's challenging to write a harness to load print driver directly.



Choose the Suitable Fuzzing Architecture

What the fuzz @ Overcl0k

A distributed, code-coverage guided, customizable, cross-platform **snapshot-based** fuzzer designed for attacking user and / or kernel-mode targets running on Microsoft Windows



CVEs in ICC Parsing

Microsoft Printer Driver Remote Code Execution Vulnerability

CVE-2023-23413 CVE-2023-23406

CVE-2023-24867 CVE-2023-24868

CVE-2023-24872 CVE-2023-24907

CVE-2023-24909 CVE-2023-24913

Microsoft Printer Driver Information Disclosure Vulnerability

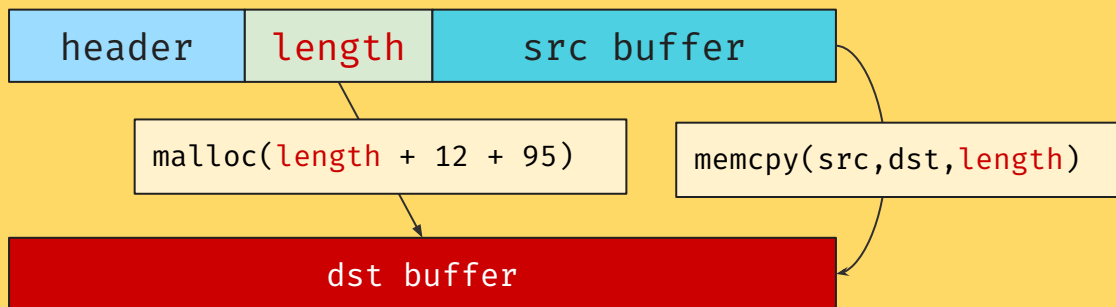
CVE-2023-24870

Case 3

CVE-2023-24909 Microsoft PostScript and PCL6 Class Printer Driver
Remote Code Execution Vulnerability

Weakness: CWE-190: Integer Overflow or Wraparound

profileDescriptionTag



if `length > len(src)`
Out-of-bounds read

if `length = 0xffffffff`
Integer Overflow
Out-of-bounds write

Vulnerability in XML Parsing

What XML do in XPS?



1.fpage

```
<Path>
  <Path.Fill>
    <SolidColorBrush Color="#0000FF" />
  </Path.Fill>
  <Path.Data>
    <PathGeometry>
      <PathFigure StartPoint="10,10" IsClosed="true">
        <PolyLineSegment Points="50,200 100,40 150,200
          200,10 100,105" />
      </PathFigure>
    </PathGeometry>
  </Path.Data>
</Path>
```

content



render

Resources vs XML

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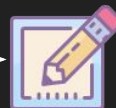
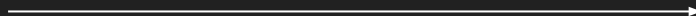
- Binary file
 - hard to read
 - easy to mutate
- Resources file possess high versatility
 - easy to collect corpus



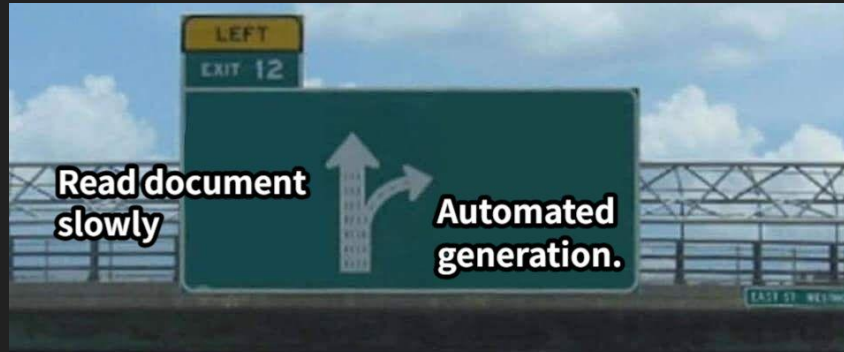
- Text file
 - easy to read
 - hard to mutate
- XML formats are designed specifically for software
- Direct use of XPS files is not widespread.
 - hard to collect corpus

How to generate XML

Read 496-page document and create



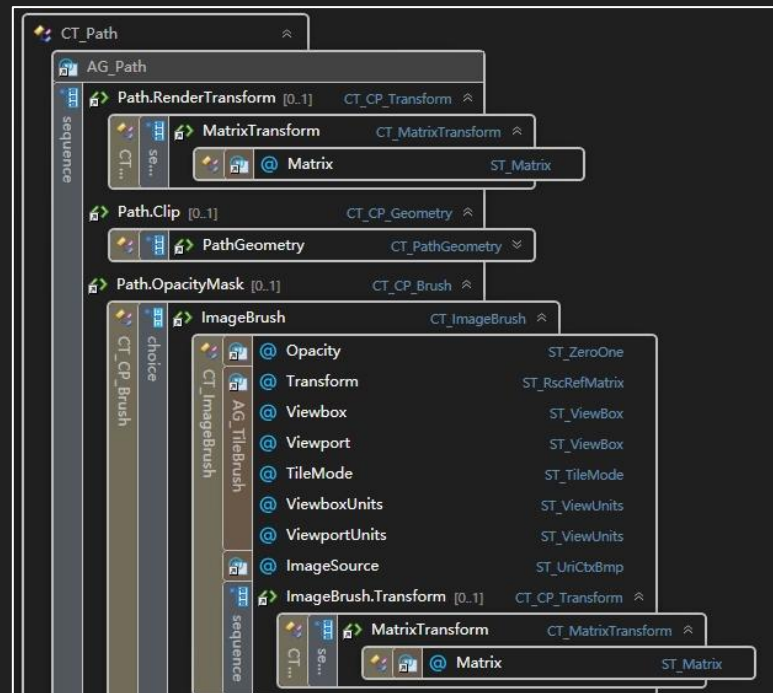
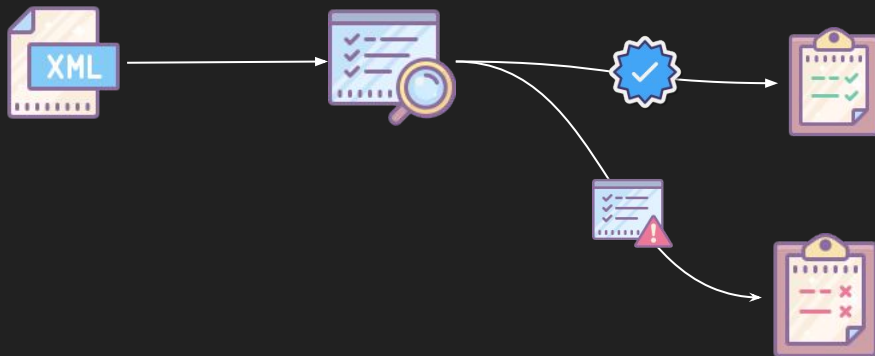
How to generate XML



PrintXPS – Input Generation

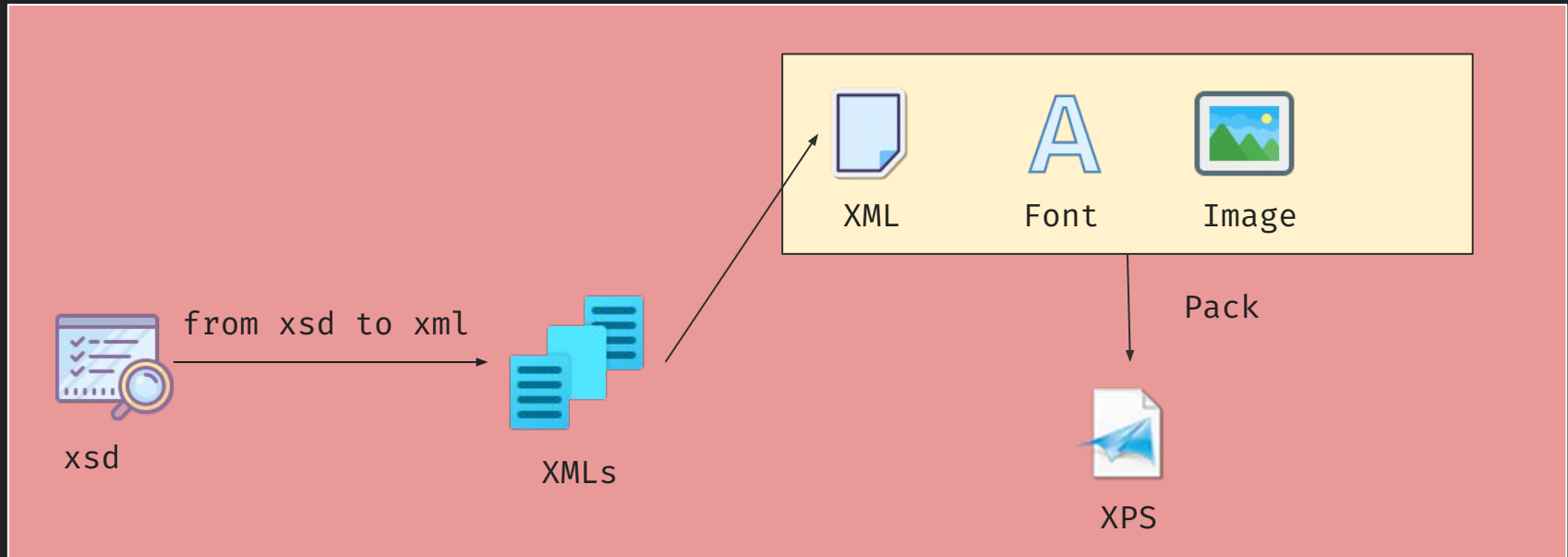
XSD – XML Schema Definition

Commonly used to validate XML formats.



PrintXPS – Input Generation

Use xsd to generate xml



PrintXPS – Document Repair

Samples generated by xsd2xml sometimes do not meet the requirements of printer drivers



why?



XPS



printer driver

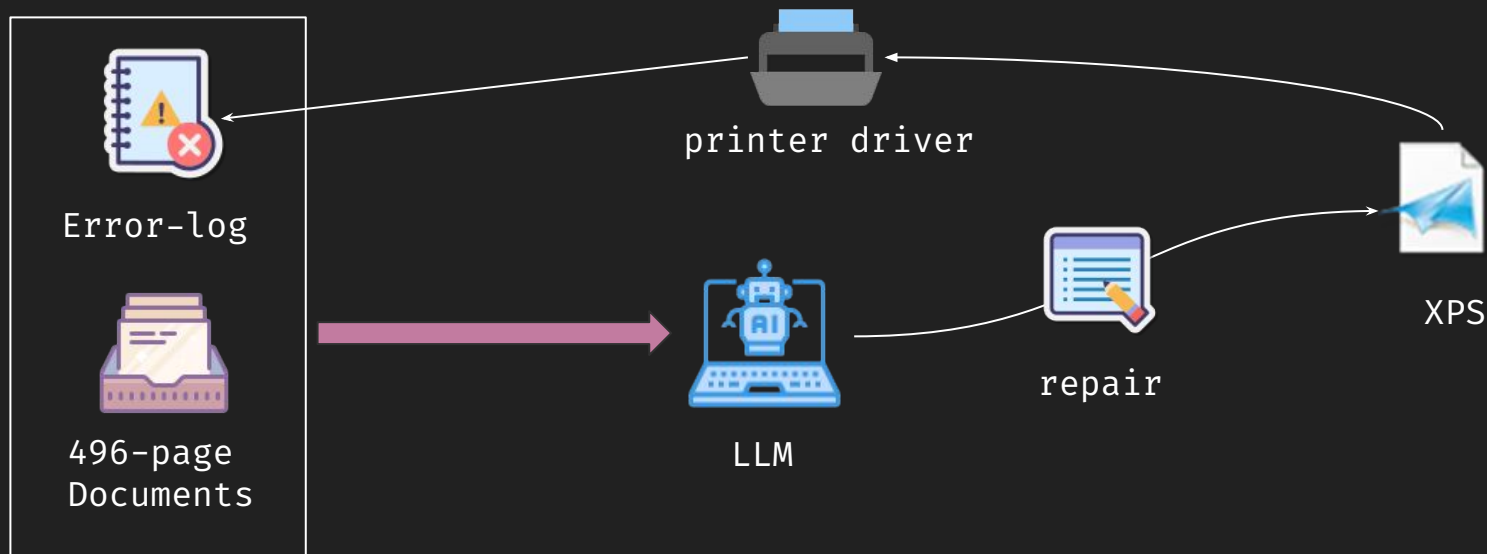


Error-log

```
cmnErrorLog::Add(  
    2i64,  
    1i64,  
    2i64,  
    "xmlPath::ParseDashes",  
    "%ls[%u]: Dash array must have even number  
of entries; cnt: %u",  
    v15,  
    v26,  
    v27);
```


PrintXPS – Document Repair

It can be empowered by LLM



CVEs in parsing XML page

Microsoft Printer Driver Remote Code Execution Vulnerability

CVE-2023-24883 CVE-2023-24884 CVE-2023-24885

CVE-2023-24886 CVE-2023-24887 CVE-2023-24924

CVE-2023-24925 CVE-2023-24926 CVE-2023-24927

CVE-2023-24928 CVE-2023-28243

Microsoft Printer Driver Information Disclosure Vulnerability

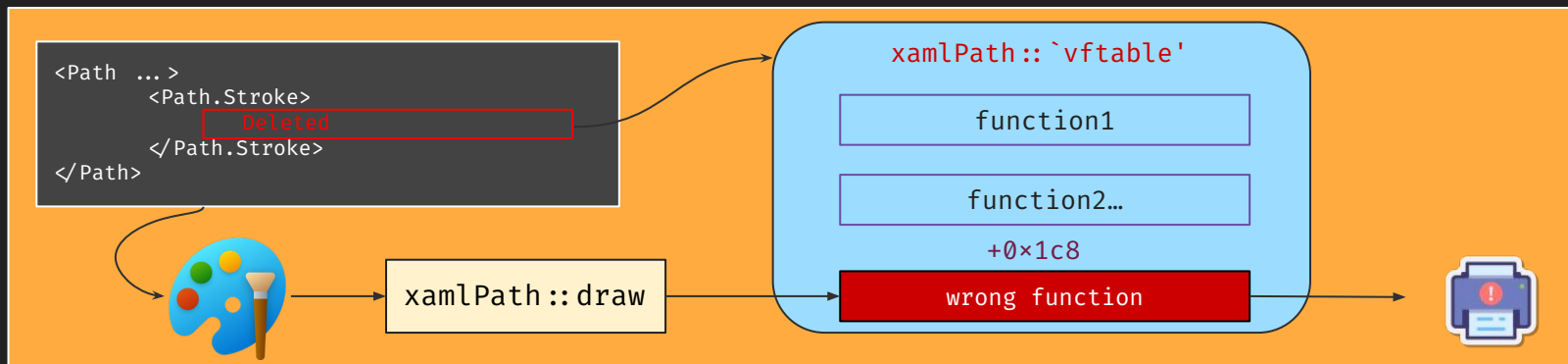
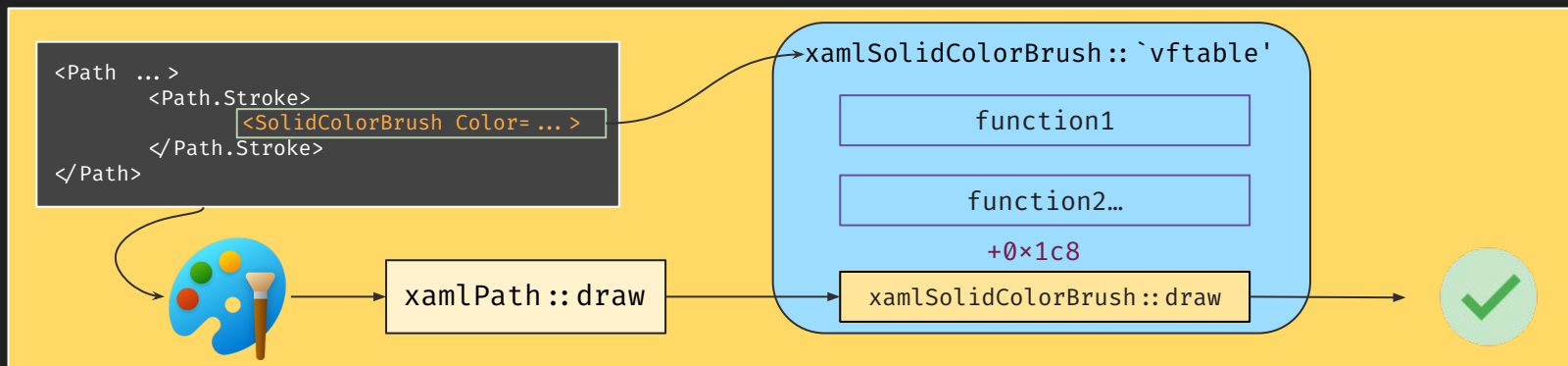
CVE-2023-32085

Case 4

CVE-2023-24927 Microsoft PostScript and PCL6 Class Printer Driver
Remote Code Execution Vulnerability

Weakness: CWE-843: Access of Resource Using Incompatible Type
('Type Confusion')

Case 4



Next

Microsoft fixed their documents

The Manifest file

To use the Windows-provided XPS filters, the v4 driver manifest file must use the RequiredFiles directive under the **DriverConfig** section to specify the filters. These are the names of the filters:

MSxpsPCL6.dll. Provides conversion from XPS to PCL6. *MSxpsPS.dll*. Provides conversion from XPS to PostScript level 3.

No INF updates are required to utilize one of these filters, and redistribution is not supported. We recommend users discontinue use of these XPS Filters.

- Vulnerabilities in features Microsoft recommends against using, such as [XPS Filters](#)

Is that enough?



Vulnerability in Third-Party Driver

Third-Party Printer Drivers

Some manufacturers still **rely on Microsoft's discontinued drivers** to assist with their printing

Others have **adopted their own custom drivers**

Third-Party Printer Drivers

Own custom drivers



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Rely on Microsoft's



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CVE in HP Print Driver

Certain HP Print Products–Potential Remote Code Execution and/or Elevation of Privilege with the HP Smart Universal Printing Driver

Client / Server PCs with the HP Smart Universal Printing Driver installed are potentially vulnerable to Remote Code Execution and/or Elevation of Privilege. A client using the HP Smart Universal Printing Driver that sends a print job comprised of a malicious XPS file could potentially lead to Remote Code Execution and/or Elevation of Privilege on the PC.

[Scroll to Resolution](#)

Severity

High

HP Reference

HPSBPI03975 [Rev. 2](#)

Release date

October 30, 2024

Last updated

October 30, 2024

Category

Print

Potential Security Impact

Potential Remote Code Execution and/or Elevation of Privilege

Relevant Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) List

Reported by Zhiniang Peng (@edwardzpeng), devoke@HUST, wh1tc



LIST OF CVE IDS

CVE ID	CVSS	Severity	Vector
CVE-2024-9419	7.8	High	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H

The new printer

Windows protected print mode (requires manual activation)

- Module blocking
- Per-user XPS rendering
- Lower privileges for common spooler tasks
- Binary mitigations

 spoolsv.exe	4872	18.1 MB	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	Spooler SubSystem Ap
 spoolswworker.exe	5132	6.72 MB	RESTRICTED SERVICES\PrintSpoolerService	Spooler SubSystem Ap



All print jobs will be handled by the new process, no longer running at SYSTEM

Summary

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Review the old Spooler bugs.

Diving into Spooler again and found a new attack surface.

30+ CVEs in resource parsing, XML parsing and third-party driver.

Will the new print spooler secure in the future?

Takeaway

You can always find new attack surfaces if you dive deep enough.

Spooler is a good attack surface even after years of vulnerabilities disclosure.

Disable your Spooler, if you don't need it.



Thanks!