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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”。

1. 攻击者向主题“A”发布一条“retained 消息”。
2. 攻击者的权限被管理员或设备所有者撤销。
3. 任何设备、受害者订阅主题“A”时，都会收到攻击者发布的这条有害retained 消息。

• 漏洞危害

攻击者可以在退房前留下一条恶意的retained message，在其退房后，所有重新或新订阅这个主题“A”的设备都会收到这条消息。

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），而无关于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
      subslid: 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. 攻击者随后向主题“A”发布“retained 消息”。

```
$ mosquitto_pub -u user1 -P pass1 -t "test" -m "bad message" --retain
```

2. 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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app = Flask(__name__)
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    return resp
```

3. 任何设备、受害者订阅主题“A”时，都会收到攻击者发布的这条有害retained 消息。

```
$ mosquito_sub -u admin-user -P admin-password -t "test" -c
```

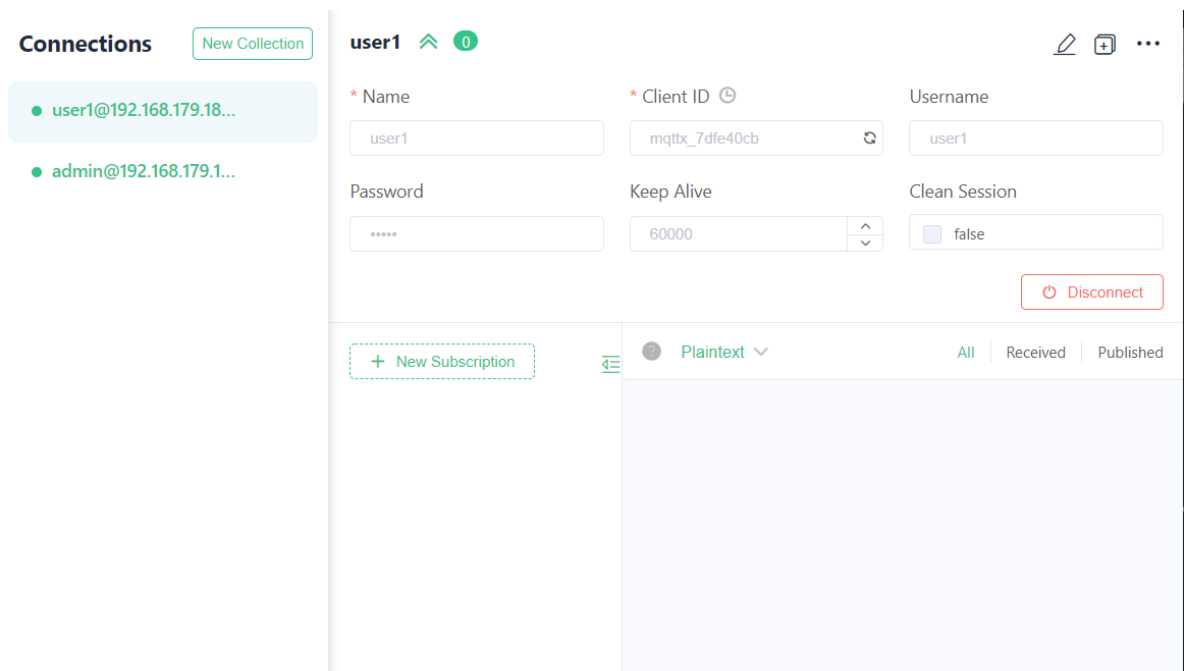
0x03 漏洞效果

测试前配置

测试用的账号：admin和user1

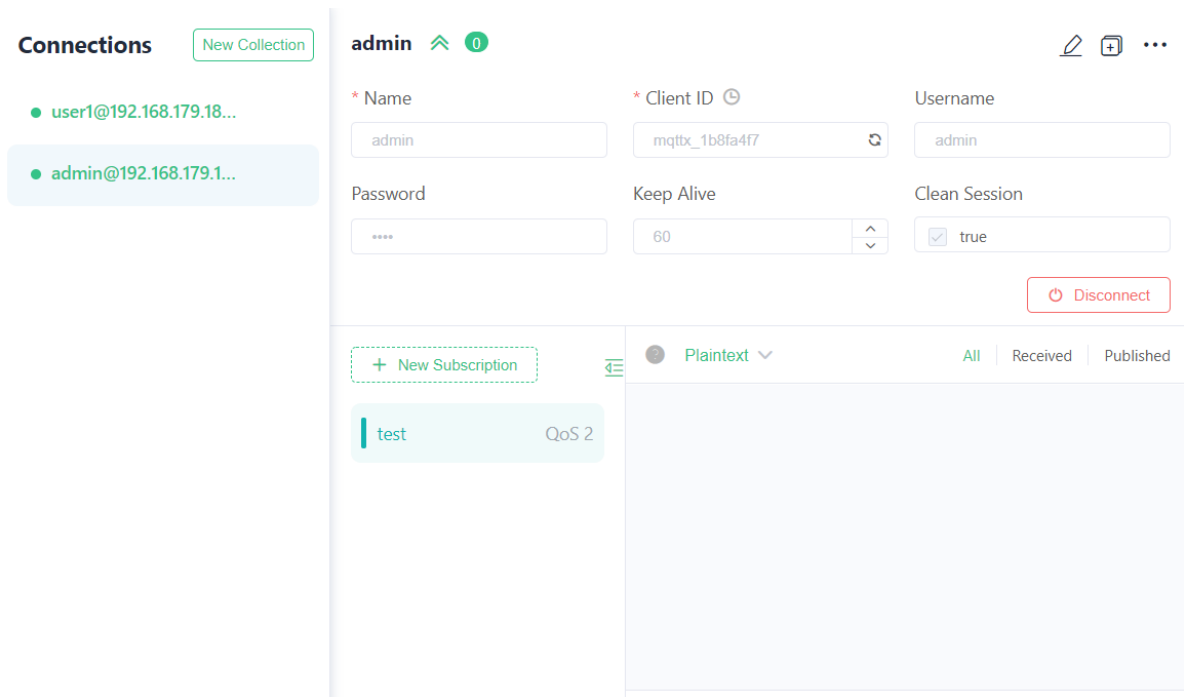
目前user1拥有 test topic的发布权限

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```



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：



```

^Croot@99db718e3c11:~/Documents# python3 app.py
* Serving Flask app 'app' (lazy loading)
* Environment: production
  WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment.
  Use a production WSGI server instead.
* Debug mode: on
* Running on all addresses (0.0.0.0)
  WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment.
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:80
* Running on http://172.17.0.2:80 (Press CTRL+C to quit)
* Restarting with stat
* Debugger is active!
* Debugger PIN: 128-930-756
127.0.0.1 - - [02/Sep/2022 01:43:19] "GET /acl?user=admin HTTP/1.1" 200 -

```

2. 攻击者连接broker，并且攻击者向主题“test”发布“retained 消息”。

The screenshot shows a MQTT client interface. On the left, a connection is established with 'user1@192.168.179.18...'. The main form contains fields for Name (user1), Client ID (mqtbx_4f09b8a1), Username (user1), Password (masked), Keep Alive (60000), and Clean Session (checked). A 'Disconnect' button is present. Below the form, there is a '+ New Subscription' button and a message list. The message list shows a 'Plaintext' message on the 'test' topic, retained, with a timestamp of '2022-09-02 09:59:22:932'.

3. 攻击者的权限被管理员或设备所有者撤销。

```

#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 = "deny"
    return resp

```

4. 任何设备、受害者订阅主题“test”时，都会收到攻击者发布的这条有害retained 消息。

admin  1



* Name

admin

* Client ID 

mqttx_1b8fa4f7



Connected



admin

Password

....

Keep Alive


60



Clean Session



true

 Disconnect

+ New Subscription



 Plaintext 

All

Received

Published

test

QoS 2

Topic: test QoS: 0

Retain

retain message

2022-09-02 10:02:17:959