

iOS 8: Containers, Sandboxes and Entitlements

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Who am I?

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- PHP core developer from 2001-20xx
- Months of PHP Bugs and Suhosin
- since 2010 focused on iPhone security (ASLR/jailbreak)
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Disclaimer

- title and abstract did not fully match
- iOS 8 plugins research is work in progress
- this talk will focus on code signing and sandboxes
- plus some extra in the end

Agenda

- iOS Codesigning 101
- Mac Policy Framework / TrustedBSD in iOS
- Sandbox & Sandbox Profiles
- a new mitigation sneaked into iOS 8
- KASLR in iOS 8

iOS Codesigning 101

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iOS Codesigning 101

- every executable file on iOS requires code signing information
- stored as binary blobs in mach-o files
- LC_CODE_SIGNATURE with data usually at the end
- code-signing works on per memory page basis
- SHA1 check of memory pages

iOS Codesigning 101 - Codesigning Blobs

- consist of blob directory followed by blobs
- usually
 - SuperBlob
 - Entitlements
 - **optionally a** signature
 - additional optional elements

iOS Codesigning 101 - SuperBlob

- defines name etc... of signed object
- defines from where to where the file is signed
- contains SHA1 hashes
 - for every memory page inside
 - for the other parts (e.g. entitlements)
- signature only signs the SuperBlob

iOS Codesigning 101 - Entitlements

```
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
  <key>application-identifier</key>
  <string>com.apple.mobileslideshow</string>
  <key>backupd-connection-initiate</key>
  <true/>
  <key>checklessPersistentURLTranslation</key>
  <true/>
  ...
  <key>com.apple.private.MobileGestalt.AllowedProtectedKeys</key>
  <array>
    <string>EthernetMacAddress</string>
    <string>WifiAddressData</string>
    <string>WifiAddress</string>
    <string>UniqueDeviceID</string>
  </array>
  <key>com.apple.private.accounts.allaccounts</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.accounts.bypassguestmoderestrictions</key>
  <true/>
  ...
  <key>keychain-access-groups</key>
  <array>
    <string>com.apple.youtube.credentials</string>
    <string>com.apple.videouploadplugins.credentials</string>
    <string>apple</string>
    <string>com.apple.airplay</string>
  </array>
  <key>platform-application</key>
  <true/>
  <key>seatbelt-profiles</key>
  <array>
    <string>MobileSlideShow</string>
  </array>
</dict>
</plist>
```

- XML snippets that define non default permissions of applications
- some boolean flags
- some more complicated structures
- keychain access groups
- selected sandbox profiles

iOS Codesigning 101 - Optional Signature

- for all built-in applications there is no digital signature attached
- instead AMFI driver contains SHA1 whitelist of SuperBlobs
- other apps contain digital signature
- signature verification actually performed by user space daemon

Mac Policy Framework / TrustedBSD

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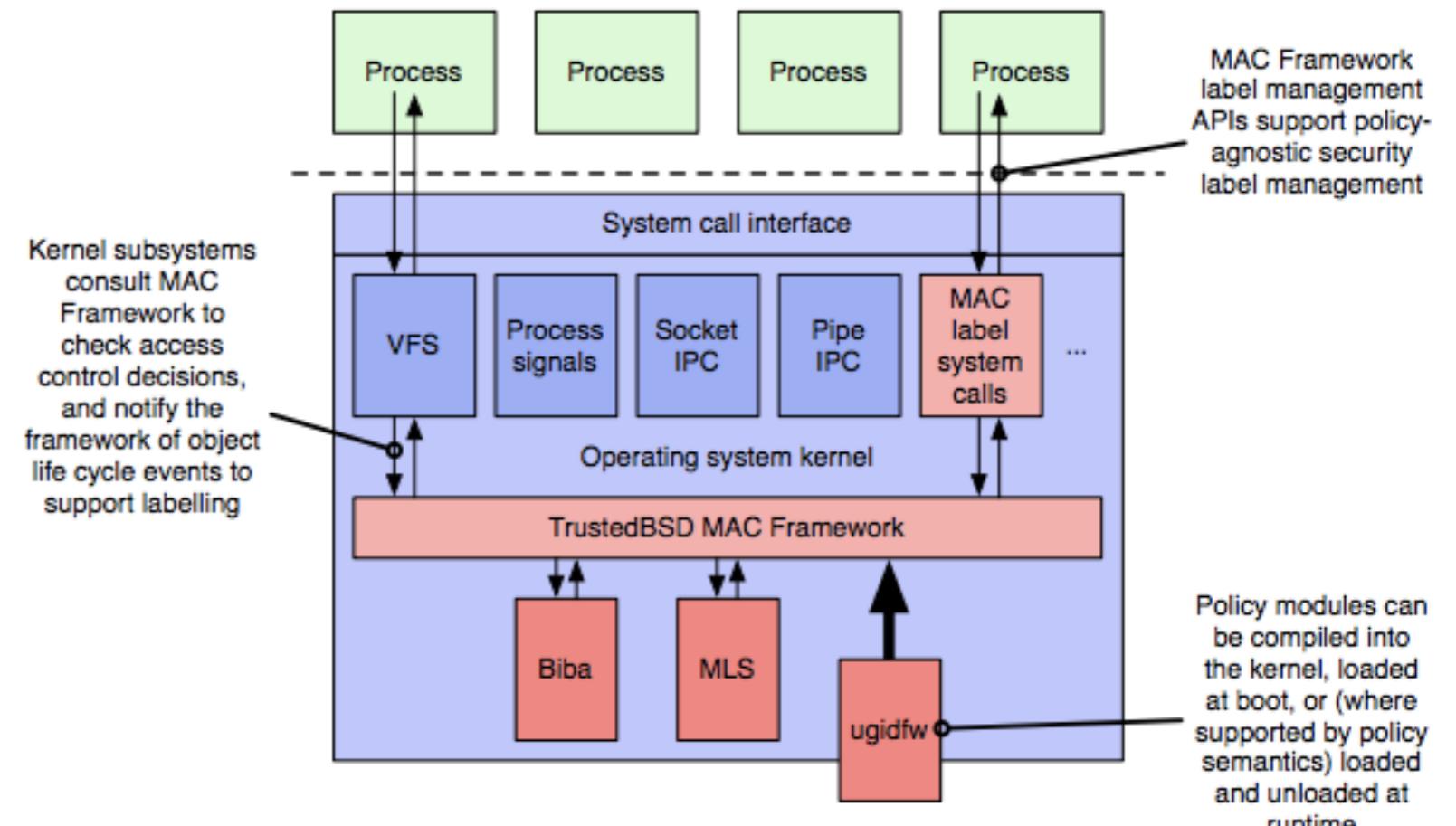
Mandatory Access Control (MAC) Framework

- based on TrustedBSD Mac Framework
- implements mandatory access controls throughout the kernel
- iOS sandbox, entitlement and code-signing security is based on this
- partially documented in

“New approaches to operating system security extensibility”
by Robert N. M. Watson

<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/techreports/UCAM-CL-TR-818.pdf>

Mandatory Access Control (MAC) Framework



- the MAC framework and interfaces are inside the XNU source code
- policies come from policy modules inside kernel extensions
- iOS ships with only two modules
 - sandbox - responsible for the whole sandboxing of iOS apps
 - AppleMobileFileIntegrity (AMFI) - responsible for code signatures and entitlement handling

Integration into the Kernel

- throughout the kernel you will see calls from kernel services to the framework
- here is an example from mmap() for protecting MAP_JIT

```
int
mmap(proc_t p, struct mmap_args *uap, user_addr_t *retval)
{
    ...
    if ((flags & MAP_JIT) && ((flags & MAP_FIXED) || (flags & MAP_SHARED) || !(flags & MAP_ANON))){
        return EINVAL;
    }
    ...
    if (flags & MAP_ANON) {

        maxprot = VM_PROT_ALL;
#if CONFIG_MACF
        /*
         * Entitlement check.
         */
        error = mac_proc_check_map_anon(p, user_addr, user_size, prot, flags, &maxprot);
        if (error) {
            return EINVAL;
        }
#endif /* MAC */
    }
}
```

MAC hooks

- implementation of MAC hooks usually check if policy checking is not disabled
- and then they call the policy modules to check the policy

```
int
mac_proc_check_map_anon(proc_t proc, user_addr_t u_addr,
    user_size_t u_size, int prot, int flags, int *maxprot)
{
    kauth_cred_t cred;
    int error;

    if (!mac_vm_enforce ||
        !mac_proc_check_enforce(proc, MAC_VM_ENFORCE))
        return (0);

    cred = kauth_cred_proc_ref(proc);
    MAC_CHECK(proc_check_map_anon, proc, cred, u_addr, u_size, prot, flags, maxprot);
    kauth_cred_unref(&cred);

    return (error);
}
```

check if
vm policy checks
are globally disabled

check if
vm policy checks
are disabled for
this process only

MAC Policy Operations

```
/*
 * Policy module operations.
 *
 * Please note that this should be kept in sync with the check assumptions
 * policy in bsd/kern/policy_check.c (policy_ops struct).
 */
#define MAC_POLICY_OPS_VERSION 24 /* inc when new reserved slots are taken */
struct mac_policy_ops {
    mpo_audit_check_postselect_t          *mpo_audit_check_postselect;
    mpo_audit_check_preselect_t           *mpo_audit_check_preselect;

    mpo_bpfdesc_label_associate_t        *mpo_bpfdesc_label_associate;
    mpo_bpfdesc_label_destroy_t          *mpo_bpfdesc_label_destroy;
    mpo_bpfdesc_label_init_t             *mpo_bpfdesc_label_init;
    mpo_bpfdesc_check_receive_t          *mpo_bpfdesc_check_receive;

    mpo_cred_check_label_update_execve_t *mpo_cred_check_label_update_execve;
    mpo_cred_check_label_update_t        *mpo_cred_check_label_update;
    mpo_cred_check_visible_t            *mpo_cred_check_visible;
    mpo_cred_label_associate_fork_t     *mpo_cred_label_associate_fork;
    mpo_cred_label_associate_kernel_t   *mpo_cred_label_associate_kernel;
    mpo_cred_label_associate_t          *mpo_cred_label_associate;
    mpo_cred_label_associate_user_t     *mpo_cred_label_associate_user;
    mpo_cred_label_destroy_t            *mpo_cred_label_destroy;
    mpo_cred_label_externalize_audit_t  *mpo_cred_label_externalize_audit;
    mpo_cred_label_externalize_t        *mpo_cred_label_externalize;
    mpo_cred_label_init_t               *mpo_cred_label_init;
    mpo_cred_label_internalize_t        *mpo_cred_label_internalize;
    mpo_cred_label_update_execve_t      *mpo_cred_label_update_execve;
    mpo_cred_label_update_t             *mpo_cred_label_update;

    mpo_devfs_label_associate_device_t  *mpo_devfs_label_associate_device;
    mpo_devfs_label_associate_directory_t *mpo_devfs_label_associate_directory;
    mpo_devfs_label_copy_t              *mpo_devfs_label_copy;
    mpo_devfs_label_destroy_t           *mpo_devfs_label_destroy;
    mpo_devfs_label_init_t              *mpo_devfs_label_init;
    mpo_devfs_label_update_t            *mpo_devfs_label_update;

    mpo_file_check_change_offset_t      *mpo_file_check_change_offset;
    mpo_file_check_create_t             *mpo_file_check_create;
    mpo_file_check_dup_t               *mpo_file_check_dup;
    mpo_file_check_fcntl_t             *mpo_file_check_fcntl;
    ...
}
```

more than 200 defined
MAC policy operations

defined in
`/security/mac_policy.h`

MAC Policy Operations - Documentation

```
/**  
 * @brief Access control check for pipe read  
 * @param cred Subject credential  
 * @param cpipe Object to be accessed  
 * @param pipelabel The label on the pipe
```

Determine whether the subject identified by the credential can perform a read operation on the passed pipe. The cred object holds the credentials of the subject performing the operation.

@return Return 0 if access is granted, otherwise an appropriate value for errno should be returned.

```
*/  
typedef int mpo_pipe_check_read_t(  
    kauth_cred_t cred,  
    struct pipe *cpipe,  
    struct label *pipelabel  
)
```

purpose and parameters
of operations are well
documented in
`/security/mac_policy.h`

MAC Policy Registration

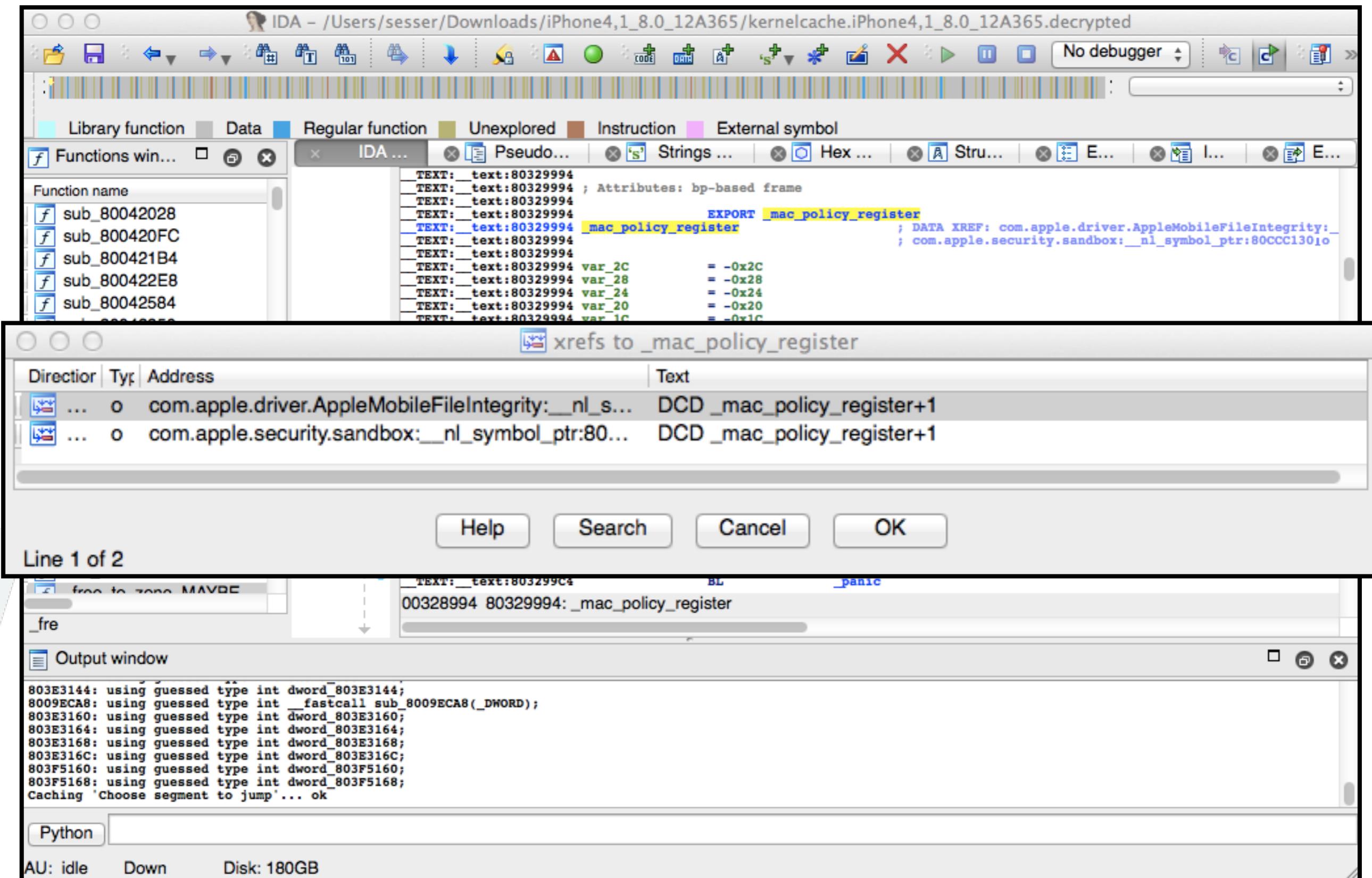
- new policies get added to the kernel by calling **mac_policy_register()**

```
int mac_policy_register(struct mac_policy_conf *mpc, mac_policy_handle_t *handlep, void *xd);
```

- the policies are defined by the struct **mac_policy_conf**

```
struct mac_policy_conf {  
    const char        *mpc_name;          /** policy name */  
    const char        *mpc_fullname;       /** full name */  
    const char        **mpc_labelnames;    /** managed label namespaces */  
    unsigned int      mpc_labelname_count; /** number of managed label namespaces */  
    struct mac_policy_ops *mpc_ops;        /** operation vector */  
    int               mpc_loadtime_flags;   /** load time flags */  
    int               *mpc_field_off;       /** label slot */  
    int               mpc_runtime_flags;    /** run time flags */  
    mpc_t             mpc_list;           /** List reference */  
    void              *mpc_data;           /** module data */  
};
```

Finding iOS Policies



AMFI Policy Register

```
77 dword_80731B44 = 0;
78 dword_80731B50 = sub_807228B4(dword_80731B60);
79 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_vnode_check_signature = (void **)(void)sub_80721A4C;
80 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_vnode_check_exec = (void **)(void)sub_80721D84;
81 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_proc_check_get_task = (void **)(void)sub_80721DBC;
82 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_proc_check_run_cs_invalid = (void **)(void)sub_80721E30;
83 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_cred_label_init = (void **)(void)sub_80721EBC;
84 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_cred_label_associate = (void **)(void)sub_80721EE4;
85 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_cred_check_label_update_execve = (void **)(void)sub_80721F28;
86 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_cred_label_update_execve = (void **)(void)&loc_80721F2C;
87 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_cred_label_destroy = (void **)(void)sub_807223B4;
88 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_r18 = (void **)(void)sub_80722474;
89 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_proc_check_map_anon = (void **)(void)sub_80722434;
90 AMFI_policy_ops.mpo_priv_grant = (void **)(void)sub_807224A8;
91 AMFI_mac_policy_conf.mpc_name = "AMFI";
92 AMFI_mac_policy_conf.mpc_fullname = "Apple Mobile File Integrity";
93 AMFI_mac_policy_conf.mpc_labelnames = (const char **)&off_80731A60;
94 AMFI_mac_policy_conf.mpc_labelname_count = 1;
95 AMFI_mac_policy_conf.mpc_ops = (struct mac_policy_conf::mac_policy_ops *)&AMFI_policy_ops;
96 AMFI_mac_policy_conf.mpc_loadtime_flags = 0;
97 AMFI_mac_policy_conf.mpc_field_off = &dword_80731B64;
98 AMFI_mac_policy_conf.mpc_runtime_flags = 0;
99 if ( mac_policy_register(&AMFI_mac_policy_conf, &AMFI_policy_handle, 0) )
100 {
101     IOLog("ts: mac_policy_register failed: %d\n", "kern_return_t _initializeAppleMobileFileIntegrity()");
102     panic("\\"AMFI mac policy could not be registered!\\"");
103 }
104 v2 = dword_80731B58;
105 }
else
```

AMFI mpo_proc_check_get_task

```
1 signed int __fastcall sub_80721DBC(int a1, int a2)
2 {
3     int v2; // r5@1
4     signed int v3; // r4@1
5     char v5; // [sp+0h] [bp-Ch]@1
6
7     v2 = a1;
8     v3 = 0;
9     v5 = 0;
10    sub_80720E68(a2, "get-task-allow", &v5);
11    if ( !(v5 & 1) )
12    {
13        sub_80720F14(v2, "task_for_pid-allow", &v5);
14        v3 = 0;
15        if ( !(v5 & 1) )
16        {
17            v3 = 0;
18            if ( sub_807225C8() != 1 )
19            {
20                v3 = 1;
21                if ( dword_80731B48 )
22                {
23                    IOLog("AMFI: task_for_pid() not allowed\n");
24                    v3 = 1;
25                }
26            }
27        }
28    }
29    return v3;
30 }
```

checks for
presence of
various
entitlements

get-task-allow
task_for_pid-allow

```
kern_return_t task_for_pid(struct task_for_pid_args *args)
{
    ...
#ifndef CONFIG_MACF
    error = mac_proc_check_get_task(kauth_cred_get(), p);
    if (error) {
        error = KERN_FAILURE;
        goto tfpout;
    }
#endif
```

Sandbox Policy Register

- unlike AMFI the sandbox extension uses a pre-filled structure from the __DATA segment for registering the policy

```
1 int __fastcall sub_8073D600()
2 {
3     int result; // r0@1
4
5     result = sub_8073FF78();
6     if ( !result )
7         result = _mach_policy_register(&sandbox_policy_conf, algn_80742C34, 0);
8     return result;
9 }
```

Sandbox Policy Conf

Sandbox & Sandbox Profiles



Apple Sandbox

- closed source sandboxing
- reversed by Dionysus Blazakis
- great paper “The Apple Sandbox” in January 2011
- later chapter in iOS Hacker’s Handbook
- released demos, scripts and tools
- AFAIK no public research on anything newer than iOS 5

Sandbox Profiles

```
;;
;; syslogd - sandbox profile
;; Copyright (c) 2007 Apple Inc. All Rights reserved.
;;
;; WARNING: The sandbox rules in this file currently constitute
;; Apple System Private Interface and are subject to change at any time and
;; without notice. The contents of this file are also auto-generated and not
;; user editable; it may be overwritten at any time.
;;
;; (version 1)
;; (debug deny)

(import "bsd.sb")

(deny default)

. . .

(allow file-write* file-read-data file-read-metadata
      (regex #"/private)?/var/run/syslog$"
             #"/private)?/var/run/syslog\.\pid$"
             #"/private)?/var/run/asl_input$"))

(allow file-write* file-read-data file-read-metadata
      (regex #"/private)?/dev/console$"
             #"/private)?/var/log/.*\.\log$"
             #"/private)?/var/log/asl\.\db$"))

(allow file-read-data file-read-metadata
      (regex #"/private)?/dev/klog$"
             #"/private)?/etc/asl\.\conf$"
             #"/private)?/etc/syslog\.\conf$"
             #"/usr/lib/asl/.*\.\so$"))

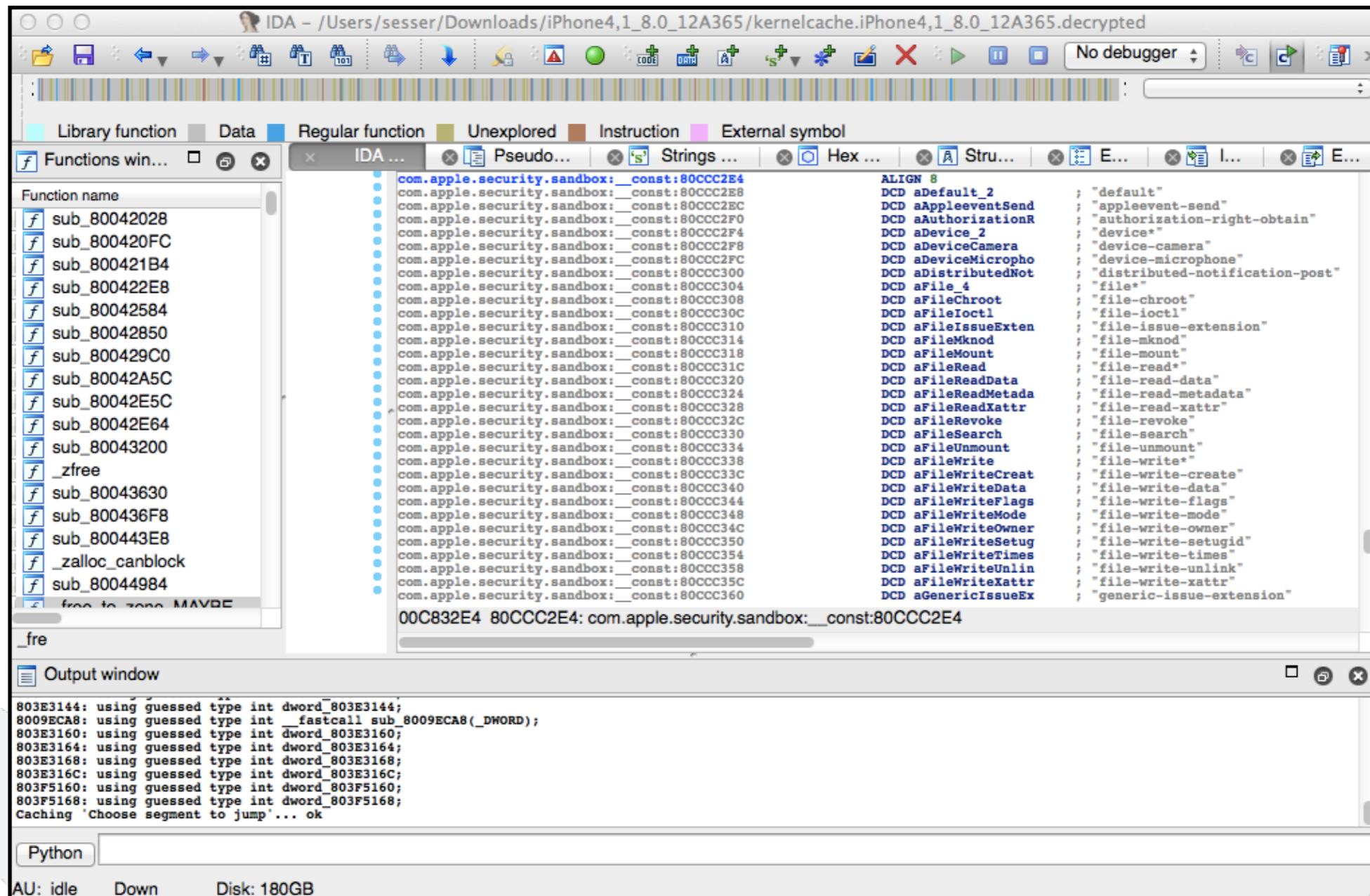
(allow mach-lookup (global-name "com.apple.system.notification_center"))
```

Sandbox operations

Sandbox Profiles

- iOS does not come with plaintext profiles
- profiles are binary blobs without any kind of documentation
- built-in blobs are hidden in Sandbox daemon
- decompilation requires extracting system specific operation names
- current iOS uses different binary format from what Dion reversed

Extracting Sandbox Operations



The screenshot shows the IDA Pro interface with the title bar "IDA - /Users/sesser/Downloads/iPhone4,1_8.0_12A365/kernelcache.iPhone4,1_8.0_12A365.decrypted". The main window displays a list of symbols under the "Functions" tab. The symbols are organized into two columns. The left column contains function names starting with "com.apple.security.sandbox:" followed by a constant value like "80CCC2E4". The right column contains corresponding assembly-like labels such as "aDefault_2", "aAppleeventSend", and descriptive comments like "default", "apple-event-send", and "authorization-right-obtain". Below the main list, there is a section titled "00C832E4 80CCC2E4: com.apple.security.sandbox: __const:80CCC2E4" which lists several memory addresses and their types. At the bottom of the interface, there is an "Output window" containing assembly code and a "Python" tab.

- ▶ sandbox kernel extension contains list of all sandbox operations
- ▶ could be different with every new kernel version

Sandbox Operations in iOS 8.0

default	file-write-xattr	lsopen	process-info-rusage
appleevent-send	generic-issue-extension	mach*	pseudo-tty
authorization-right-obtain	qtn-user	mach-bootstrap	signal
device*	qtn-download	mach-issue-extension	sysctl*
device-camera	qtn-sandbox	mach-lookup	sysctl-read
device-microphone	hid-control	mach-per-user-lookup	sysctl-write
distributed-notification-post	iokit*	mach-priv*	system*
file*	iokit-issue-extension	mach-priv-host-port	system-acct
file-chroot	iokit-open	mach-priv-task-port	system-audit
file-iioctl	iokit-set-properties	mach-register	system-chud
file-issue-extension	iokit-get-properties	mach-task-name	system-debug
file-mknod	ipc*	network*	system-fsctl
file-mount	ipc-posix*	network-inbound	system-info
file-read*	ipc-posix-issue-extension	network-bind	system-kext*
file-read-data	ipc-posix-sem	network-outbound	system-kext-load
file-read-metadata	ipc-posix-shm*	user-preference*	system-kext-unload
file-read-xattr	ipc-posix-shm-read*	user-preference-read	system-lcid
file-revoke	ipc-posix-shm-read-data	user-preference-write	system-mac-label
file-search	ipc-posix-shm-read-metadata	process*	system-nfssvc
file-unmount	ipc-posix-shm-write*	process-exec*	system-privilege
file-write*	ipc-posix-shm-write-create	process-exec-interpreter	system-reboot
file-write-create	ipc-posix-shm-write-data	process-fork	system-sched
file-write-data	ipc-posix-shm-write-unlink	process-info*	system-set-time
file-write-flags	ipc-sysv*	process-info-listpids	system-socket
file-write-mode	ipc-sysv-msg	process-info-pidinfo	system-suspend-resume
file-write-owner	ipc-sysv-sem	process-info-pidfdinfo	system-swap
file-write-setuid	ipc-sysv-shm	process-info-pidfileportinfo	system-write-bootstrap
file-write-times	job-creation	process-info-setcontrol	
file-write-unlink	load-unsigned-code	process-info-dirtycontrol	

114 operations

Extracting Sandbox Profiles

- binary profiles in **/usr/libexec/sandboxd**
- **__const** section contains built in profile names
- table of name followed by pointers to offset + length of profiles
- extracting script by Dion can be adjusted to work on iOS 8

The screenshot shows the IDA Pro interface with the following details:

- Function List:** On the left, there's a list of functions starting with `sub_53C8`, `sub_5510`, `sub_55E0`, `sub_56E8`, `sub_5824`, `sub_5850`, `sub_5AD4`, `sub_5C34`, `sub_5D28`, `sub_5E84`, `sub_5EF8`, and `sub_6074`.
- Symbol Table:** The main workspace displays a table of symbols. It includes entries like `const:0000C607`, `const:0000C608`, `off_C608`, `aAdsheet`, `aApplediags`, `aAquarium`, `aBtserver`, `aBluetool`, `aCfnetworkagent`, `aCvmservice`, `aCommcenter`, `aDataactivation`, `aEscrowsecurity`, `aImdpersistence`, `aLowtide`, `aMtlcompilerser`, `aMailcompositio`, `aMobilecal`, `aMobilemaps`, `aMobilesms`, `aMobileslidesho`, and `aPasteboard`. These are associated with memory addresses such as `00008608 0000C608: __const:off_C608`.
- Output Window:** At the bottom, the IDAPython output window shows:

```
IDA - /Volumes/Okemo12A365.N94OS/usr/libexec/sandboxd
Line 1 of 247
IDAPython v1.7.0 final (serial 0) (c) The IDAPython Team <idapython@googlegroups.com>
Propagating type information...
Function argument information has been propagated
The initial autoanalysis has been finished.
```
- Status Bar:** The bottom status bar indicates "AU: idle", "Down", and "Disk: 163GB".

Builtin Sandbox Profiles in iOS 8.0

AdSheet	com.apple.bird	mDNSResponder
AppleDiags	com.apple.cloudd	mediaserverd
Aquarium	com.apple.datadetectors.AddToRecentsService	mobile-house-arrest
BTServer	com.apple.discoveryd	mobileassetd
BlueTool	com.apple.nehelper	nfcd
CFNetworkAgent	com.apple.nesessionmanager	nlcd
CVMServer	com.apple.quicklook.QLThumbnailsService	nointernet
CommCenter	com.apple.rtcreportingd	nsurlsessiond
DataActivation	com.apple.sandboxd	nsurlstoraged
EscrowSecurityAlert	com.apple.snhelper	passd
IMDPersistenceAgent	com.apple.tccd	pdf
Lowtide	com.apple.tzlinkd	printd
MTLCompilerService	com.apple.ubd	ptpd
MailCompositionService	com.apple.xpcd	quicklookd
MobileCal	container	racoon
MobileMaps	coresymbolicationd	reversetemplated
MobileSMS	cplodg	revisiond
MobileSlideShow	dataaccesssd	routined
PasteBoard	debugserver	seld
Stocks	deleted	sharingd
StreamingUnzipService	fmfd	softwareupdated
WebSheet	ftp-proxy-embedded	streaming_zip_conduit
accessoryd	gamed	suggestd
afcd	geocorrectiond	syncdefaultsd
apsd	geod	transitd
cloudphotod	gputoolsd	userfs_helper
com.apple.AssetCacheLocatorService	healthd	userfsd
com.apple.GSSCred	iapd	vibrationmanagerd
com.apple.WebKit.Databases	keyboard	vpn-plugins
com.apple.WebKit.Networking	librariand	webinspectord
com.apple.WebKit.WebContent	limitadtrackingd	wifiFirmwareLoader
com.apple.assistant.assistantd	lockdownd	

95 builtin profiles

Decompiling Sandbox Profiles

- public tools by Dion will fail on iOS 8 kernels
 - and their output was more a helper than a decompiler
 - Apple made some smaller changes to overall file format
 - regular expressions binary format very different
 - reversed the new format by trial and error
- goal a full profile decompiler

Sandbox Profile Binary Format

file header

- starts with unknown 2 bytes
- regular expression table start offset
- regular expression count
- offset to operation node offset table
- all offsets are file offset divided by 8

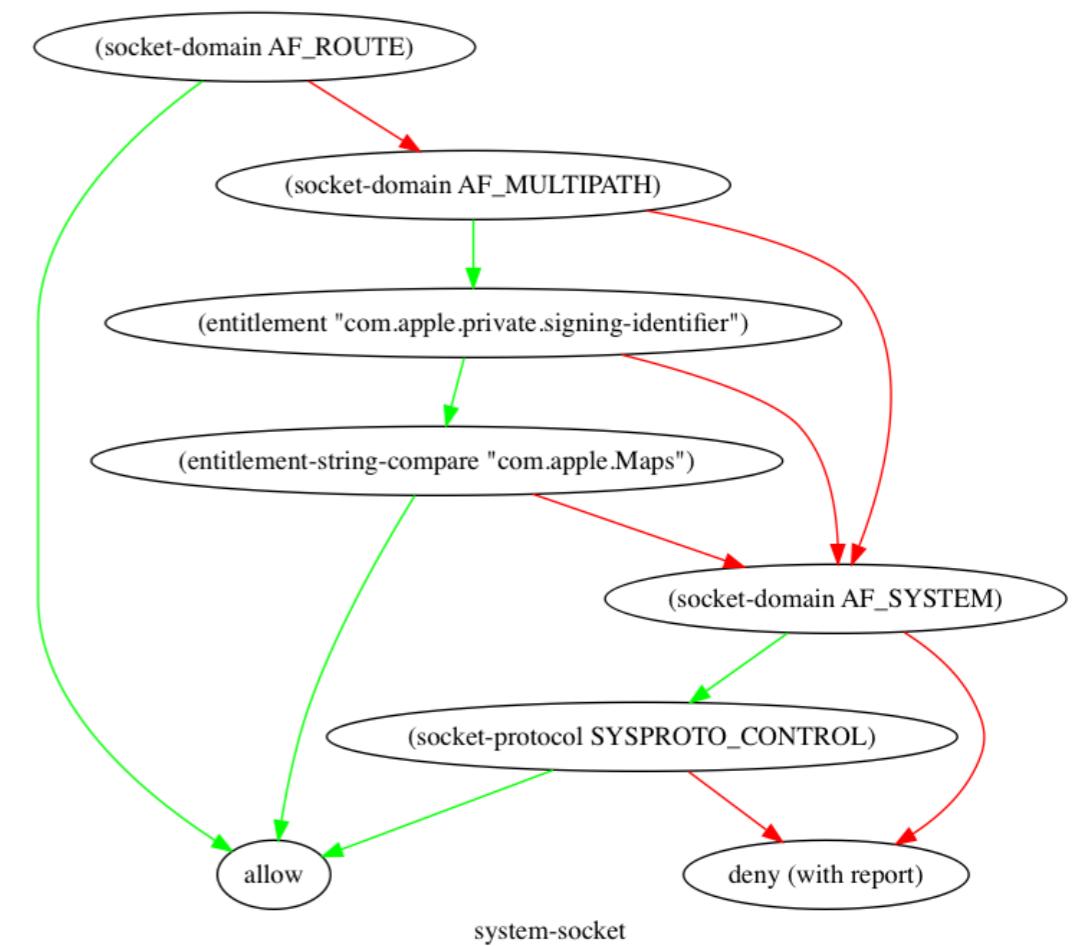
```
struct sb_profile_header {  
    uint16_t unknown; /* seems to be 0 */  
    uint16_t re_table_offset;  
    uint16_t re_table_count;  
    uint16_t op_table[SB_OP_TABLE_COUNT];  
};
```

Sandbox Profile Binary Format

nodes

- are either decision or result nodes (marked by tag)
- result nodes specify allow / deny
- decision nodes specify filter decisions

```
struct node {  
    uint8_t tag;  
    union {  
        struct result terminal;  
        struct decision filter;  
        uint8_t raw[7];  
    } u;  
};
```

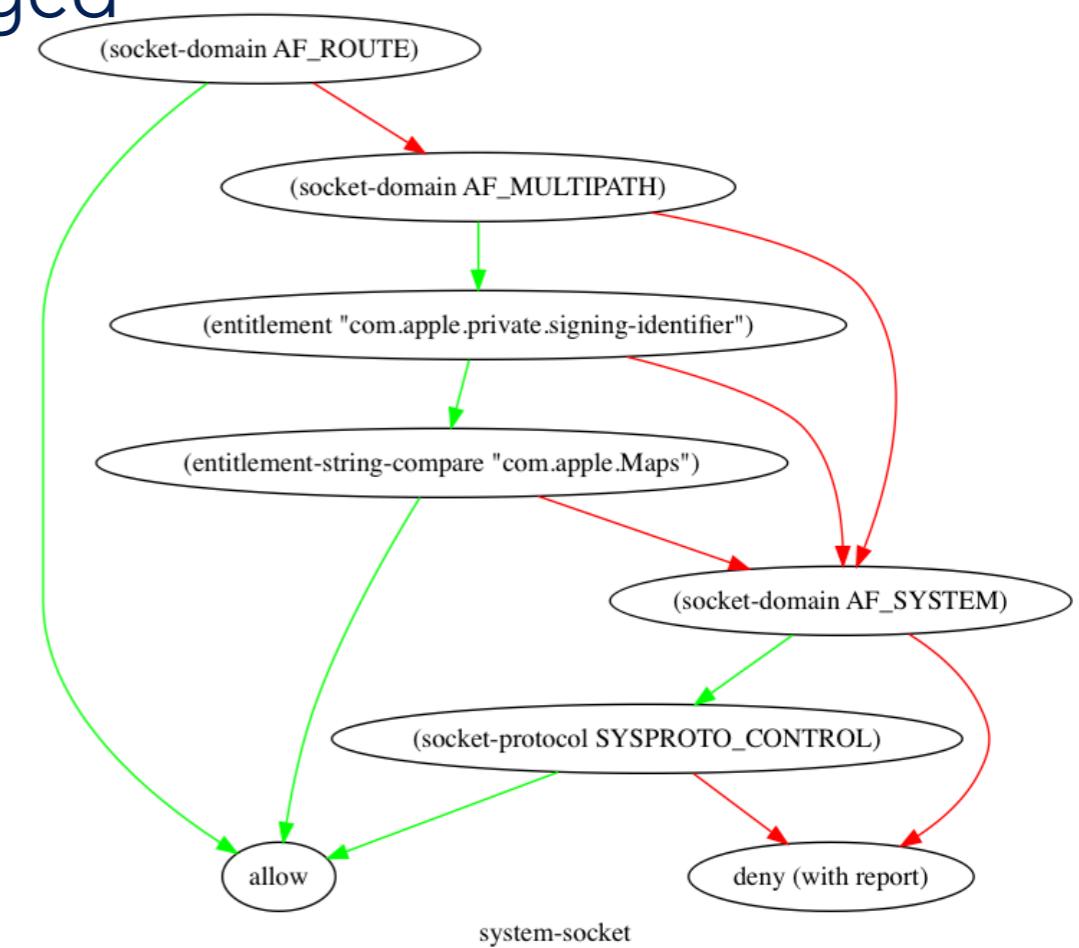


Sandbox Profile Binary Format

result node

- bit 0 decides if allow (1) or deny (0)
- other bits are modifiers
 - if bit 2 is set this result will be logged

```
struct result {  
    uint8_t padding;  
    uint16_t allow_or_deny;  
}
```

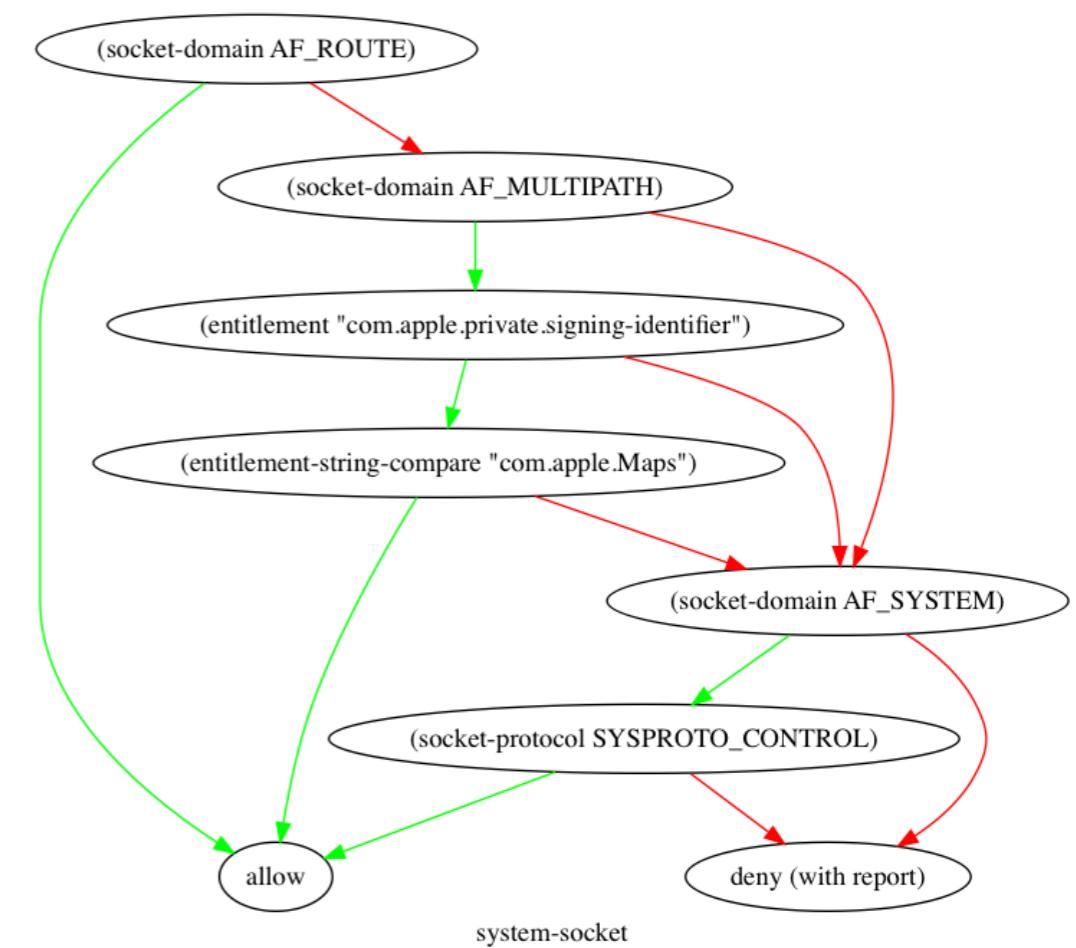


Sandbox Profile Binary Format

decision nodes

- filter type
- filter argument (number, enum, offset to string, number of regex)
- offset of next decision nodes in decision graph if filter matches or not

```
struct decision {  
    uint8_t type;  
    uint16_t arg;  
    uint16_t match_next;  
    uint16_t nomatch_next;  
}
```



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filters (*very incomplete list*)

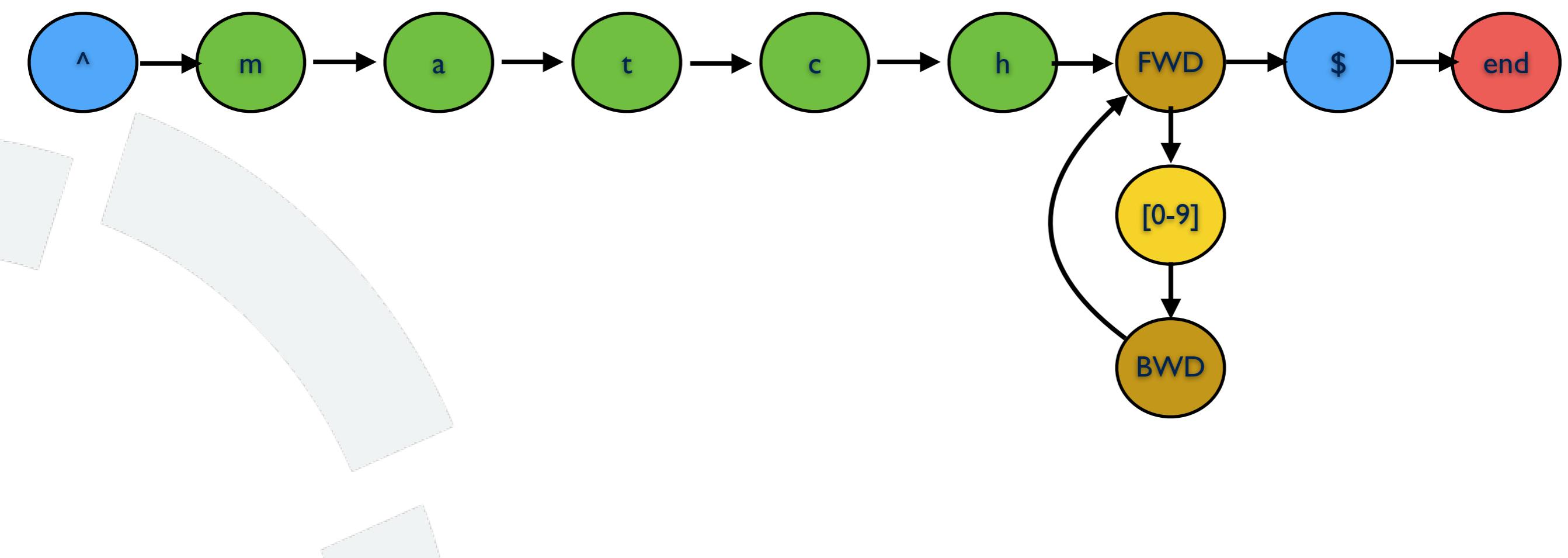
- 0x01 literal
- 0x81 regex
- 0x02 mount-relative
- 0x82 mount-relative-regex
- 0x0e target
- 0x11 iokit-user-client-class
- 0x14 device-major
- 0x1c preference-domain
- 0x1e require-entitlement
- 0x21 kext-bundle-id
- ...

nowadays many more filters
that Dion either did not support in his tools
or that were introduced since then

numbering of filters also changed

Regular Expression Graphs

- example regular expression
 - $^{\text{match}}[0-9]^{*}\$$



Sandbox Profile Binary Format

regular expression encoding
completely different from before

regular expressions (graphs)

- 0x02 uint8_t character to match
- 0x?b uint8_t * 2 * ? character class
- 0x09 any character .
- 0x19 anchor to beginning ^
- 0x29 anchor to end \$
- 0x1f uint8_t end of graph
- 0x?a uint16_t jump backward (offset from start)
- 0x2f uint16_t jump forward (offset from start)

iOS 8 Sandbox Decompilation Quirks

regex parser

- [^...] negative character classes are compiled to character classes with wrap around - decompilation does not show this yet
- parser of graph of regular expression doesn't handle + / ? at the moment

filter parser

- require-all / require-any not fully working, yet
- **Addition: 29. Nov 2014 - most of these quirks fixed**

iOS 8 Sandbox Profile Decompilation Tool

- will be released as open source
- requires some fixes for known problems
- will be released on our company's github in next 2 weeks
- github.com/sektioneins
- **Addition: 29. Nov 2014 - Release will be for Christmas 2014**

queue handling in iOS 8



queue in Mach Kernel

- Mach kernel comes with queue implementation
- defined in `/osfmk/kern/queue.h`
- used in IOKit and Mach part of kernel
- queue implemented as double linked list

```
struct queue_entry {  
    struct queue_entry     *next;           /* next element */  
    struct queue_entry     *prev;           /* previous element */  
};  
  
typedef struct queue_entry *queue_t;  
typedef struct queue_entry queue_head_t;  
typedef struct queue_entry queue_chain_t;  
typedef struct queue_entry *queue_entry_t;
```

queue in Zone Allocator

- with iOS 7 Apple has added zone allocator page meta data
- page meta data is kept in double linked list using four queues
- one queue for each type of page full, empty, intermediate, foreign

```
struct zone_page_metadata {  
    queue_chain_t  
    struct zone_free_element  
    zone_t  
    uint16_t  
    uint16_t  
};  
  
pages;  
*elements;  
zone;  
alloc_count;  
free_count;
```

Unsafe queue Operations

- queue operations not protected in iOS <= 7.1.x
- unlink operation vulnerable to memory corruptions
- iOS zone allocator became a feast for unlink exploits in iOS 7

```
static __inline__ void
remqueue(
    queue_entry_t elt)
{
    elt->next->prev = elt->prev;
    elt->prev->next = elt->next;
    __DEQUEUE_ELT_CLEANUP(elt);
}
```

Safe Unlink for Mach Queues

- with iOS 8 beta 5 Apple sneaked in queue hardening
- added safe unlink check to **remqueue()** operation
- added **NULL** checks against queue head and elements
- violations will trigger **kernel panics**

```
static __inline__ void
remqueue(
    queue_entry_t    elt)
{
    if (!elt) panic("Invalid queue element %p", elt);

    if (!elt->next || !elt->prev)
        panic("Invalid queue element pointers for %p: next %p prev %p", elt->next, elt->prev);

    if (elt->next->prev != elt || elt->prev->next != elt)
        panic("Invalid queue element linkage for %p: next %p next->prev %p prev %p "
               "%p->next %p", elt, elt->next, elt->next->prev, elt->prev, elt->prev->next);

    elt->next->prev = elt->prev;
    elt->prev->next = elt->next;
    _DEQUEUE_ELT_CLEANUP(elt);
}
```

kext_request() in iOS 8



kext_request()

- Mach API call
- allows applications to request information about kernel modules
- active operations are locked down (*load, unload, start, stop, ...*)
- passive operations partially working from even within the sandbox
- Apple unslides load addresses to protect against KASLR leaks

kext_request() - Get Loaded Kext Info

- of special interest is a sub request called
 - *Get Loaded Kext Info*
- returns a serialised dictionary with information about all loaded Kext
- information contained includes the mach-o headers
 - Apple even modifies those headers to protect KASLR

kext_request() - Get Loaded Kext Info

```
mach_msg_type_number_t reqlen, resplen = 0, loglen = 0;
char *request, *response = NULL, *log = NULL;
kern_return_t kr;

request =
    "<dict><key>Kext Request Predicate</key><string>Get Loaded Kext Info</string></dict>";

reqlen = strlen(request) + 1;

kext_request(mach_host_self(), 0, request, reqlen,
             &response, &resplen,
             &log, &loglen, &kr);
```

kext_request() - iPhone 6plus / iOS 8.0.2 Output

```
<dict ID="0"><key>_kernel_</key><dict ID="1"><key>OSBundleMachOHeaders</key><data ID="2">z/rt/gwAAAEEEEAAgAAAA  
8AAABACwAAAQAgAAAAAAZAAAAOAEAAF9fVEVYVAAAAAAIAACgP///wAgSAAAAAAAAAAAAAAIEgAAAAAAUAAAFA  
AAAAwAAAAAAABfx3R1eHQAAAAAAAX19URvhAAAAAAAwAAKA///rCJCAAAAAAAEAAADAAAAAAQAgAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAF9FY29uc3QAAAAAAABfx1RFWFQAAAAAAAwFJCAoD//9oYAIAAAAAMAyQgAFAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAF9fREFUQQAQREgCgP//2h  
+AwAAAAAAKJNEAAAAAAIAAAAAAAZAAAAyAIAAF9fREFUQQAQREgCgP//  
wBACwAAAAAAACBIAAAAAAAwAQAAAAAAMAAAADAAAACAAAAAAABfx21vZF9pbm10X2Z1bmMAX19EQVRBAAAAAAABASAKA///  
CAIAAAAAAAIEgAAwAAAAAAACQAAAAAAAF9fbW9kX3R1cm1fZnVuYwBfx0RBVEEAAAAAAACEJIAoD///  
8AAgAAAAAAAgjSAADAAAAAAKAAAAAAAX19jb25zdAAAAAAAF9fREFUQQAQREgCgP//  
yCWAQAAAAAAECRIAQAAAAAAABfx2RhGEAAAAAAAX19EQVRBAAAAAAASgKA///  
aNICAAAAAAA4EkADgAAAAAAAF9fc2ZpX2NsYXNzX3J1ZwBfx0RBVEEAAAAAAaNJMAoD///  
8AAgAAAAAAAGiyTAADAAAAAAAX19zeXNjdGxfc2V0AAAAAF9fREFUQQAQREgCgP//  
3AcAAAAAAALRMAAMAAAAAAABfx2JzcwAAAAAAAX19EQVRBAAAAAAATQKA///  
kF8GAAAAAAADAAAAAAQAAAAAAAF9fy29tbW9uAAAAAAABfx0RBVEEAAAAAAAGBTaoD///  
8YEQAAAAAAAMAAAAAAABAAAAAAAGQAAACgCAABfx0tMRAAAAAAAIBTAoD///  
8AIAAAAAAAADwTAAAAAAACAAAAAAADAAAwAAAAAYAAAAAAAX190ZXh0AAAAAAAF9fs0xEAAAAAAAGFMCgP//  
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CACAAAAAAABQak0AAAAAAgAAAAAAAF9fy29uc3QAAAAAAABfx0tMRAAAAAAAAWJ1TAoD///  
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CAAAAAAAADICU0AAwAAAAAAACgAAAAAAAF9fYnZAAAAAAABfx0tMRAAAAAAA0J1TAoD///  
8BAAAAAAABAAAAAAAGQAAOgAAABfx0xBU1QAAAAAAAKBTAoD///  
8AEAAAAAAQTQAAAAAAABAAAAAAADAAAwAAAAIAAAAAAAAX19tb2RfaW5pdF9mdW5jAF9fTEFTVAAAAAAoFMCgP//  
wgAAAAAAABNAAMAAAAAAkAAAAAAABfx2xhc3QAAAAAAAX19MQVNAAAig8xKA///  
AAAAAAQAAAAAAQAAAAAAABkAAACYAAAAX19QukVMSU5LX1RFWFQAAAawWQKA///  
AJDTAAAAAAofIAAAAAACQ0wAAAAAAwAAAAMAAAABAAAAAAAF9fdGV4dAAAAAAABfx1BSRUxJTktfVEVYVAAAADBZAoD///  
8AkNMAAAAACgUgAAAAAAABfx2xhc3QAAAAAAAX19rZXJuZWwAAAAAAAF9fUEJFTE1OS19TVEFURQAAsPMSgP//  
wAAAAAAACBNAAAAAAABfx2t1eHRzAAAAAAAX19QukVMSU5LX1NUQVRFAACw8xKA///  
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hAAAAAAQAAAAAAQAAAAAAACBNAPVHAAAbAAAAGAAAAPke8gf2KzpJlbujQoICCjclAAAAEAAAAAA  
...AAAAAAQAAAAAAQAAAAAAWIANAoD//8AAAAAAACYAAAQAAAqF9PAEg+AAA=</data><key>OSBundleCPUType</key>  
<integer size="32" ID="3">0x100000c</integer><key>OSBundleCPUSubtype</key><integer size="32" ID="4">0x0</integer><key>CFBundleIdentifier</key><string ID="5">_kernel_</string><key>CFBundleVersion</key><string ID="6">14.0.0</string><key>OSBundleUUID</key><data ID="7">+R7yB/YrOkmVu6NCggIKNw==</data><key>OSKernelResource</key><true/><key>OSBundleIsInterface</key><false/><key>OSBundlePrelinked</key><false/><key>OSBundleStarted</key><true/><key>OSBundleLoadTag</key><integer size="32" ID="8">0x0</integer><key>OSBundleLoadAddress</key><integer size="64" ID="9">0xfffffff8002002000</integer><key>OSBundleLoadSize</key>
```

kext_request() - Mach-o Headerdump

```
Load command 0
  cmd LC_SEGMENT_64
  cmdsize 312
  segname __TEXT
  vmaddr 0xffffffff8002002000
  vmsize 0x0000000000482000
  fileoff 0
  filesize 4726784 (past end of file)
  maxprot r-x
  initprot r-x
  nsects 3
  flags (none)
Section
  sectname __text
  segname __TEXT
  addr 0xffffffff8002003000
  size 0x00000000004222ac
  offset 4096 (past end of file)
  align 2^12 (4096)
  reloff 0
  nreloc 0
  type S_REGULAR
  attributes PURE_INSTRUCTIONS SOME_INSTRUCTIONS
  reserved1 0
  reserved2 0
Section
  sectname __const
  segname __TEXT
  addr 0xffffffff80024252c0
  size 0x0000000000026068
  offset 4338368 (past end of file)
  align 2^5 (32)
  reloff 0
  nreloc 0
```

- mach-o dump after base64 decode
- addresses have KASLR slide removed
- in **iOS <= 6.0** Apple forgot to unslide section headers (disclosed by **Mark Dowd in October 2012**)
- fixed in **iOS 6.0.1**

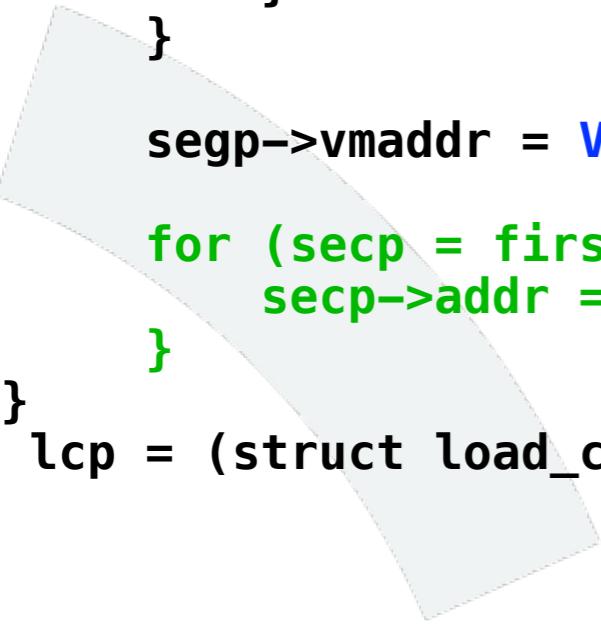
kext_request() - fix for Mark Dowd bug

```
lcp = (struct load_command *) (temp_kext_mach_hdr + 1);
for (i = 0; i < temp_kext_mach_hdr->ncmds; i++) {
    if (lcp->cmd == LC_SEGMENT_KERNEL) {
        kernel_segment_command_t * segp;
        kernel_section_t * secp;

        segp = (kernel_segment_command_t *) lcp;
        // 10543468 - if we jettisoned _LINKEDIT clear size info
        if (flags.jettisonLinkeditSeg) {
            if (strncmp(segp->segname, SEG_LINKEDIT, sizeof(segp->segname)) == 0) {
                segp->vmsize = 0;
                segp->fileoff = 0;
                segp->filesize = 0;
            }
        }
        segp->vmaddr = VM_KERNEL_UNSLIDE(segp->vmaddr);

        for (secp = firstsect(segp); secp != NULL; secp = nextsect(segp, secp)) {
            secp->addr = VM_KERNEL_UNSLIDE(secp->addr);
        }
    }
    lcp = (struct load_command *)((caddr_t)lcp + lcp->cmdsize);
}
```

fix unslides sections



```
    secp->addr = VM_KERNEL_UNSLIDE(secp->addr);

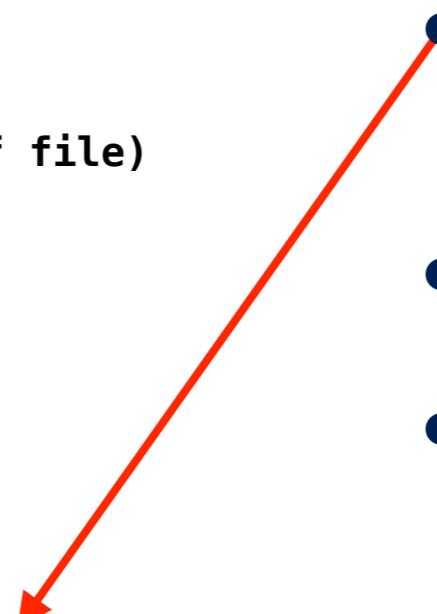
    for (secp = firstsect(segp); secp != NULL; secp = nextsect(segp, secp)) {
        secp->addr = VM_KERNEL_UNSLIDE(secp->addr);
    }
```

```
    lcp = (struct load_command *)((caddr_t)lcp + lcp->cmdsize);
}
```

kext_request() - Fixed? But wait ...

```
Load command 4
    cmd LC_SEGMENT_64
    cmdsize 152
    segname __PRELINK_TEXT
    vmaddr 0xffffffff8002593000
    vmsize 0x0000000000d39000
    fileoff 5414912 (past end of file)
    filesize 13864960 (past end of file)
    maxprot rw-
    initprot rw-
    nsects 1
    flags (none)
Section
    sectname __text
    segname __PRELINK_TEXT
    addr 0xffffffff8002593000
    size 0x0000000000d39000
    offset 5414912 (past end of file)
    align 2^0 (1)
    reloff 0
    nreloc 0
    type S_REGULAR
    attributes (none)
    reserved1 0
    reserved2 0
Load command 5
    cmd LC_SEGMENT_64
    cmdsize 232
    segname __PRELINK_STATE
    vmaddr 0xffffffff8012f3b000
    vmsize 0x0000000000000000
    fileoff 5054464 (past end of file)
    filesize 0 (past end of file)
    maxprot rw-
    initprot rw-
```

- section addresses **now protected**
- but some **segments / sections** are **still showing slid pointers**
- code looked fixed, so **why?**
- because there is **additional hidden bug**



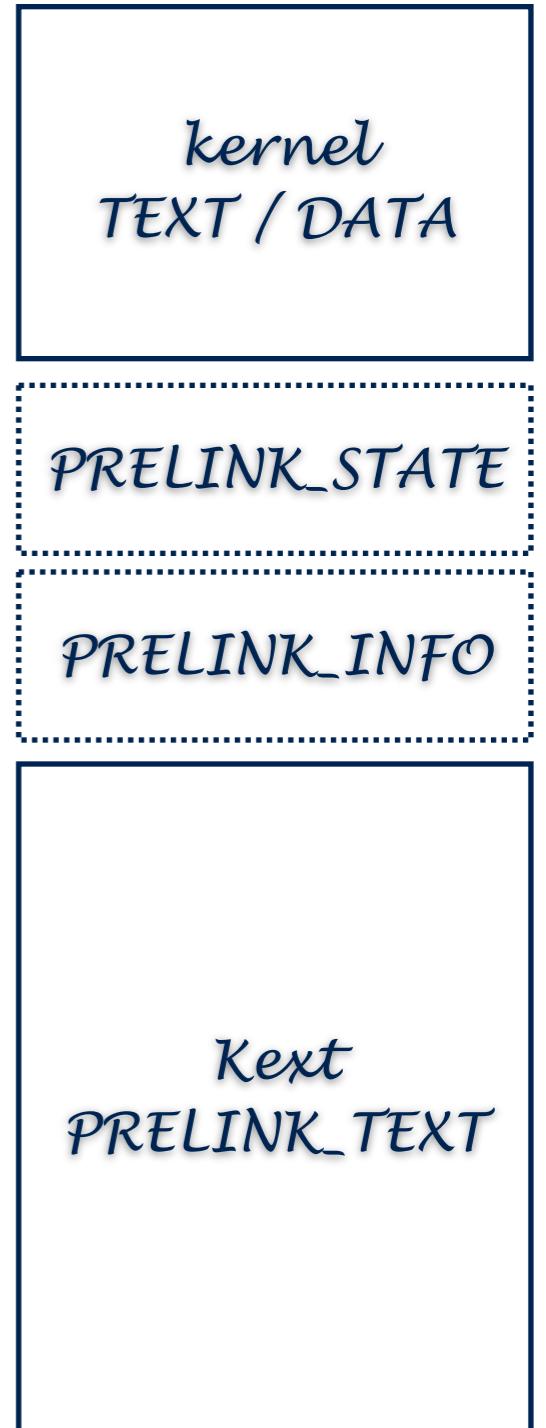
kext_request() - VM_KERNEL_UNSLIDE()

```
#define VM_KERNEL_IS_SLID(_o) (((vm_offset_t)( _o ) >= vm_kernel_base) && \
((vm_offset_t)( _o ) < vm_kernel_top)) \
\\

#define VM_KERNEL_IS_KEXT(_o) (((vm_offset_t)( _o ) >= vm_kext_base) && \
((vm_offset_t)( _o ) < vm_kext_top)) \
\\

#define VM_KERNEL_UNSLIDE(_v) ((VM_KERNEL_IS_SLID(_v) || \
VM_KERNEL_IS_KEXT(_v)) ? \
(vm_offset_t)( _v ) - vm_kernel_slide : \
(vm_offset_t)( _v )) \
\\
```

- **VM_KERNEL_UNSLIDE()** does **only unslide main kernel and pre-loaded kernel extensions**
- but there are **parts** of kernel binary **in between** that are **not unslid**
- leaks **KASLR** slide



`kext_request()` - `VM_KERNEL_UNSLIDE()` Infoleak

- **easily seen** from **mach-o header** dump
- most likely discovered by **multiple parties** after **October 2012**
- **proof** of it being **known in the wild** since **2013**
- also **part of my iOS kernel exploitation training** material
- used in **Pangu** jailbreak by my **chinese trainees**

Unfixed?

- yes you heard right !!!
- bug was **used in public jailbreak in June 2014**
- is **most probably known** to lots of parties **since 2012**
- **Apple choose not to fix it** for new major iOS release
- at the moment **KASLR mitigation in iOS 8 is worthless**
- **Addition: 29. Nov 2014 - TAIG has just released an iOS 8.1.1 jailbreak that uses this bug to break KASLR**

Questions ?

want more?

there will be a free whitepaper later this year

there are still free slots in our November iOS kernel exploitation training

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