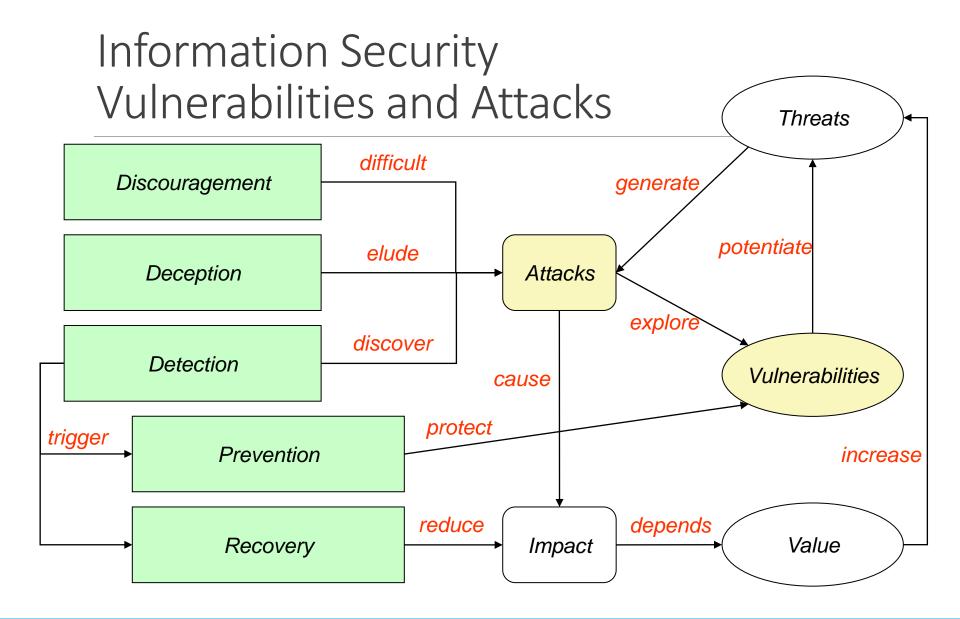
# Vulnerabilities



## Measures (and some tools)

#### **Discouragement**

- Punishment
  - Legal restrictions
  - Forensic evidences
- Security barriers
  - Firewalls
  - Autentication
  - Secure communication
  - Sandboxing

#### **Detection**

- Intrusion detection system
  - e.g. Seek, Bro, Suricata
- Auditing
- Forensic break-in analysis

#### **Deception**

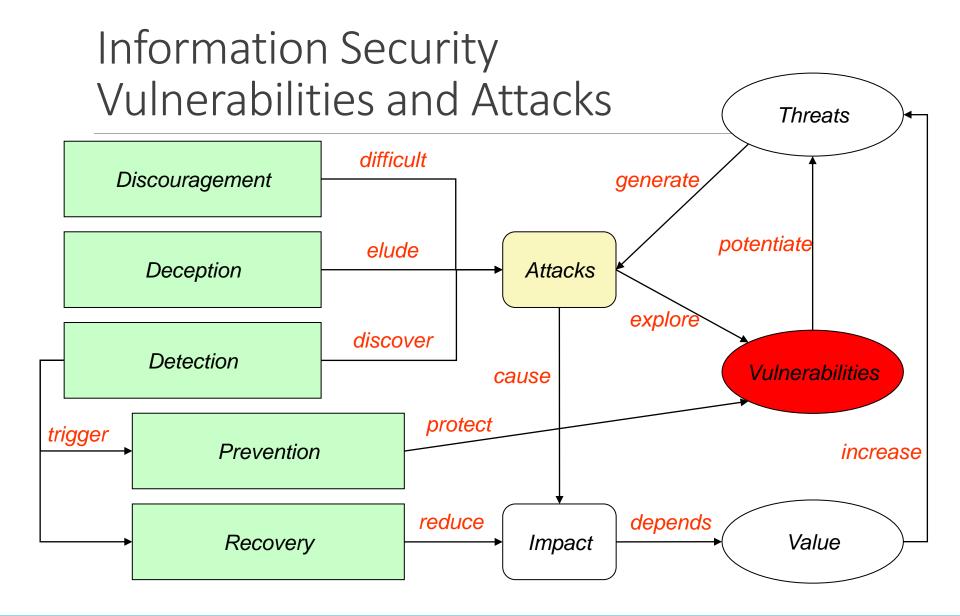
- Honeypots / honeynets
- Forensic follow-up

#### **Prevention**

- Restrictive policies
  - e.g. least privilege principle
- Vulnerability scanning
  - e.g. OpenVAS, metasploit
- Vulnerability patching
  - e.g. regular updates

#### **Recovery**

- Backups
- Redundant systems
- Forensic recovery



# Vulnerability

A mistake in software that can be directly used by an attacker to gain access to a system or network

## A mistake is a vulnerability <u>if it allows an attacker to use it to violate a reasonable security policy for that system</u>

• This excludes entirely "open" security policies in which all users are trusted, or where there is no consideration of risk to the system

### A CVE vulnerability is a state in a computing system (or set of systems) that either:

- Allows an attacker to execute commands as another user
- Allows an attacker to access data that is contrary to the specified access restrictions for that data
- Allows an attacker to pose as another entity
- Allows an attacker to conduct a denial of service

### Exposure

A configuration issue or a mistake in software allowing access to information or capabilities used as a stepping-stone into a system or network

### A configuration issue or a mistake is an exposure if it does not directly allow compromise

 But could be an important component of a successful attack, and is a violation of a reasonable security policy

### An exposure describes a state in a computing system (or set of systems) that is not a vulnerability, but either:

- Allows an attacker to conduct information gathering activities
- Allows an attacker to hide activities
- Includes a capability that behaves as expected, but can be easily compromised
- Is a primary point of entry that an attacker may attempt to use to gain access to the system or data
- Is considered a problem by some reasonable security policy

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# Security readiness (1/3)

# Discouragement, Deception and Detection measures mainly tackle known issues

- Reconnaissance attempts (e.g. port scanning)
- Generic attacks (e.g. network eavesdropping)
- Specific attacks (e.g. buffer overflows)

# Prevention measures tackle <u>well-known</u> and <u>unknown</u> vulnerabilities

- Generic vulnerabilities
  - e.g. reaction to malformed messages (protocol scrubbers)
  - e.g. stealth attacks (normalization to canonical formats)
- Specific vulnerabilities (e.g. a particular software bug)

# Security readiness (2/3)

### Measure enforcement requires specific knowledge

#### **Known vulnerabilities**

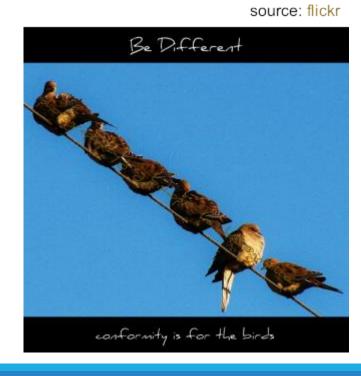
Problem, exploitation mode, impact, etc.

#### **Activity patterns used in attacks**

- Modus operandi
- Attacks' signatures

#### **Abnormal activity patterns**

- Abnormal is the opposite of normal ...
  - ...but what's normal?
- Hard to define in heterogeneous environments



1 DEVICE



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100% GUARANTEE / GARANTIE DE PROTECTION COMPLÈTE

Viruses removed or your money back Éradication des virus garantie ou argent remis

Always updated to the latest version Une protection toujours dotée de la version la plus récente



Internet Connection Required Connexion Internet requise

# Security readiness (3/3)

#### Computer network threats are not like other threats

- They can be launched anytime, anywhere
- They can be easily coordinated, and chain multiple attacks
  - e.g. Distributed Denial of Service attacks (DDoS)
- They are cheap to deploy
- They can be automated
- They are fast

# Thus, they require a permanent, 24x7 capacity to react to attacks:

- Teams of security experts
- Just-in-time attack alerts
- Security measurement and evaluation
- Immediate reaction procedures

### CVE Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

# Dictionary of publicly known information security vulnerabilities and exposures

- For vulnerability management
- For patch management
- For vulnerability alerting
- For intrusion detection

#### Uses common identifiers for the same CVE's

- Enable data exchange between security products
- Provide a baseline index point for evaluating coverage of tools and services.

#### Details about a vulnerability can be kept private

Part of responsible disclosure: Until owner provides a fix

**CVE-ID** 

CVE-2015-1538 Learn more at National Vulnerability Database (NVD)

• CVSS Severity Rating • Fix Information • Vulnerable Software Versions • SCAP Mappings • CPE Information

#### **Description**

Integer overflow in the SampleTable::setSampleToChunkParams function in SampleTable.cpp in libstagefright in Android before 5.1.1 LMY48I allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via crafted atoms in MP4 data that trigger an unchecked multiplication, aka internal bug 20139950, a related issue to CVE-2015-4496.

#### References

Note: References are provided for the convenience of the reader to help distinguish between vulnerabilities. The list is not intended to be complete.

- BID:76052
- URL:http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/76052
- CONFIRM: http://www.huawei.com/en/psirt/security-advisories/hw-448928
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- URL:https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/38124/
- MISC:http://packetstormsecurity.com/files/134131/Libstagefright-Integer-Overflow-Check-Bypass.html
- MLIST:[android-security-updates] 20150812 Nexus Security Bulletin (August 2015)
- URL:https://groups.google.com/forum/message/raw?msg=android-security-updates/Ugvu3fi6RQM/yzJvoTVrIQAJ
- SECTRACK:1033094
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For More Information: CVE Request Web Form (select "Other" from dropdown)					

### CVE identifiers

#### Aka CVE names, CVE numbers, CVE-IDs, CVEs

### Unique, common identifiers for publicly known information security vulnerabilities

- Have "candidate" or "entry" status
- Candidate: under review for inclusion in the list
- Entry: accepted to the CVE List

#### **Format**

- CVE identifier number (CVE-Year-Order)
- Status (Candidate or Entry)
- Brief description of the vulnerability or exposure
- References to extra information

### CVE benefits

#### **Provides common language for referring to problems**

- Facilitates data sharing among
- Intrusion detection systems
- Assessment tools
- Vulnerability databases
- Researchers
- Incident response teams

#### Will lead to improved security tools

- More comprehensive, better comparisons, interoperable
- Indications and warning systems

#### Will spark further innovations

Focal point for discussing critical database content issues



### CVE and Attacks

#### Attacks can be made possible through multiple vulnerabilities

One CVE for each vulnerability

#### **Example: Stagefright (Android, video in MMS messages)**

- CVE-2015-1538, P0006, Google Stagefright 'stsc' MP4 Atom Integer Overflow Remote Code Execution
- CVE-2015-1538, P0004, Google Stagefright 'ctts' MP4 Atom Integer Overflow Remote Code Execution
- CVE-2015-1538, P0004, Google Stagefright 'stts' MP4 Atom Integer Overflow Remote Code Execution
- CVE-2015-1538, P0004, Google Stagefright 'stss' MP4 Atom Integer Overflow Remote Code Execution
- CVE-2015-1539, P0007, Google Stagefright 'esds' MP4 Atom Integer Underflow Remote Code Execution
- CVE-2015-3827, P0008, Google Stagefright 'covr' MP4 Atom Integer Underflow Remote Code Execution
- CVE-2015-3826, P0009, Google Stagefright 3GPP Metadata Buffer Overread
- CVE-2015-3828, P0010, Google Stagefright 3GPP Integer Underflow Remote Code Execution
- CVE-2015-3824, P0011, Google Stagefright 'tx3g' MP4 Atom Integer Overflow Remote Code Execution
- CVE-2015-3829, P0012, Google Stagefright 'covr' MP4 Atom Integer Overflow Remote Code Execution

## Vulnerability detection

#### Specific tools can detect vulnerabilities

- Exploiting known vulnerabilities
- Testing known vulnerability patterns
  - e.g. buffer overflow, SQL injection, XSS, etc.

#### Specific tools can replicate known attacks

- Use known exploits for known vulnerabilities
  - e.g.: MS Samba v1 exploit used by WannaCry
- Can be used to implement countermeasures

# Vital to assert the robustness of production systems and applications

Service often provided by third-party companies

## Vulnerability detection

#### Can be applied to:

- Source code (static analysis)
  - OWASP LAPSE+, RIPS, Veracode, ...
- Running application (dynamic analysis)
  - Valgrind, Rational, AppScan, GCC, ...
- Externally as a remote client:
  - OpenVAS, Metasploit, ...

#### Should not be **blindly** applied to production systems!

- Potential data loss/corruption
- Potential DoS
- Potential ilegal activity

# CWE Common Weakness Enumeration

### Common language of discourse for discussing, finding and dealing with the causes of software security vulnerabilities

- Found in code, design, or system architecture
- Each individual CWE represents a single vulnerability type
- Currently maintained by the MITRE Corporation
  - A detailed CWE list is currently available at the MITRE website
- The list provides a detailed definition for each individual CWE

#### Individual CWEs are held within a hierarchical structure

- CWEs located at higher levels provide a broad overview of a vulnerability type
  - Can have many children CWEs associated with them
- CWEs at deeper levels in the structure provide a finer granularity
  - Usually have fewer or no children CWEs

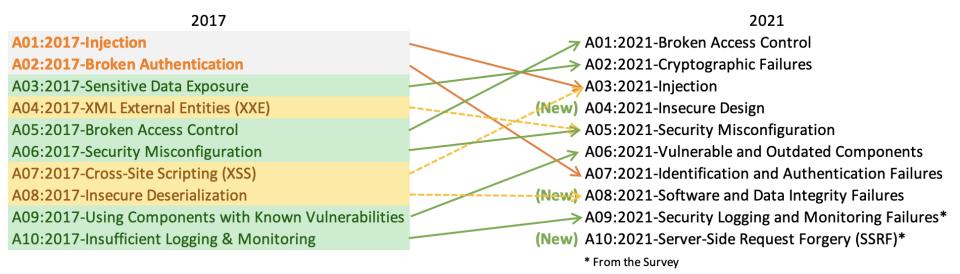
CWE != CVE

# Vulnerability types OWASP Top 10 (Web)

- 1. Injection
- 2. Broken Authentication
- 3. Sensitive Data Exposure
- 4. XML External Entities (XXE)
- Broken Access control

- 6. Security misconfigurations
- 7. Cross Site Scripting (XSS)
- 8. Insecure Deserialization
- 9. Using Components with known vulns.
- 10. Insufficient logging and monitoring

# Vulnerability types OWASP Top 10 (Web)



### CWE-348: Use of Less Trusted Source

The software has two different sources of the same data or information, but it uses the source that has less support for verification, is less trusted, or is less resistant to attack.

#### Details at: <a href="https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/348.html">https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/348.html</a>

Describes pattern, provides examples, provides list of related CVEs

### CWE-348: Use of Less Trusted Source

Set by Web Server or Client

Set by Web Server

### Static Analysis (with Sonarcloud)

#### Reliability Measures



#### Security Measures





#### Maintainability Measures





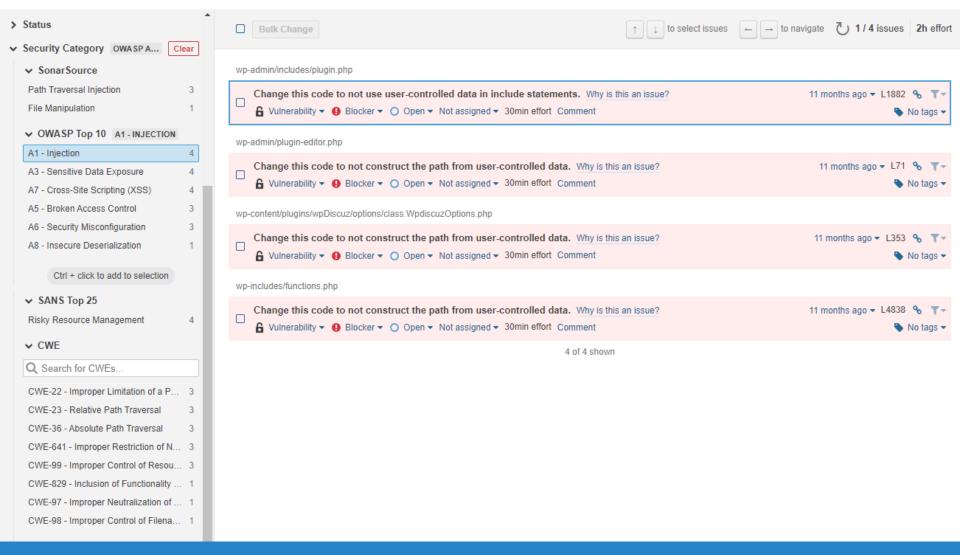
#### Duplications Measures



2.5k

Duplicated Blocks

### Static Analysis (with Sonarcloud)



## Vulnerability Tracking by vendors

#### During the development cycle, vulnerabilities are handled as bugs

May have a dedicated security team or not

#### When software is available, vulnerabilities are also tracked globally

For every system and software publicly available

#### Public tracking helps...

- focusing the discussion around the same issue
  - Ex: a library that is used in multiple applications, distributions
- defenders to easily test their systems, enhancing the security
- attackers to easily know what vulnerability can be used

# Vulnerability Tracking

#### Vulnerabilities are privately tracked

- Constitute an arsenal for future attacks against targets
- Exploits are weapons

#### Knowledge about vulnerabilities and exploits is publicly traded

- From 0 to 2-3M€ (more?) through direct markets, or acquisition programs
- Up to 2.5M€ for bug hunting programs or direct acquisition (Google, Zerodium)
  - 2.5M€: 1 click Android exploit
  - 2M€: 1 click iPhone exploit
  - 1.5M€: WhatsApp or iMessage exploit
  - ~2K for a XSS at HackerOne (although there are records of \$1M payouts)

#### ...and privately traded at unknown prices

Private Companies, Organized Crime, APTs

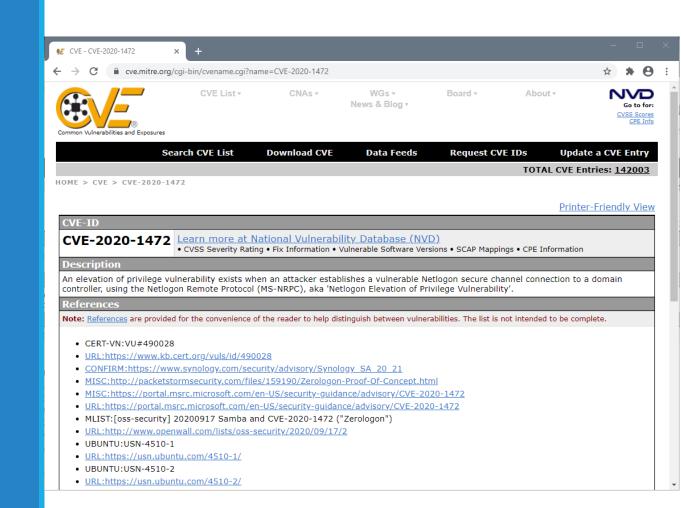
### @MITRE

**Basic information about the CVE** 

References to other trackers (provided for convenience)

**Vendor pages** 

**Mailing lists** 

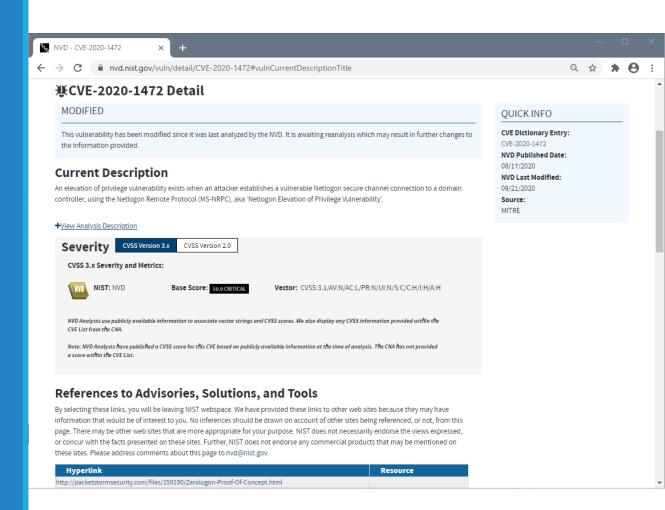


### @NVD

Basic information about the CVE and a small analysis of it

The CVE Severity Score

Links to advisories, solutions



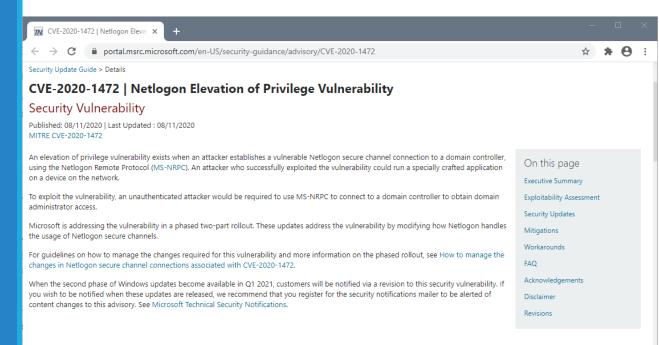
#### @Product Owner

More detail, why it happens, and how it can be mitigated

Information about patches/updates available to help IT staff and users

Information about it's exploitability.

Format is vendor dependent. Each vendor defines what/how to show information



#### **Exploitability Assessment**

The following table provides an exploitability assessment for this vulnerability at the time of original publication.

Publicly Disclosed	Exploited	Latest Software Release	Older Software Release	Denial of Service
No	No	2 - Exploitation Less Likely	2 - Exploitation Less Likely	N/A

Security Updates

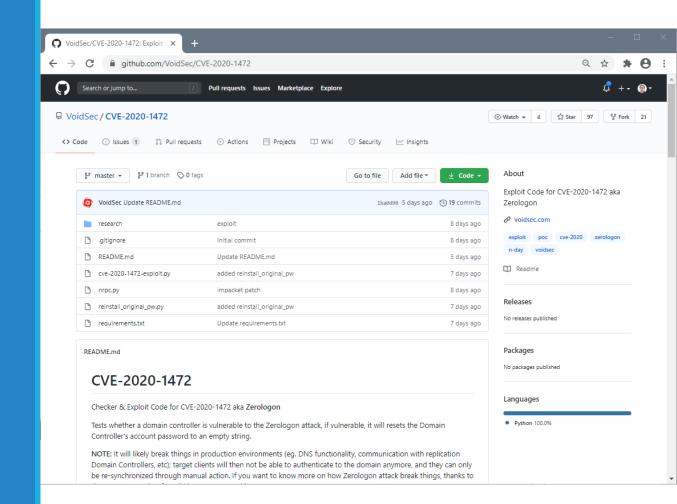
CVSS Score

# @Other places

Independent researchers may publish proof of concepts (PoC)

Very dynamic community with public and private facets

PoC may help both defenders and attackers. Defenders can test Attackers have code to use



Vulnera bility tracking

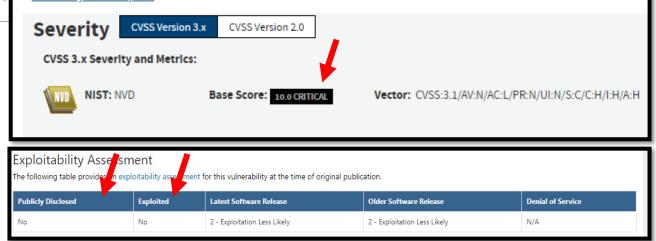
#### Not an easy task

- Exploits are not always known
- Impact and Value may be underestimated

### Old feeds may create a false sense of security

### A highly dynamic community is great...

- <u>To defenders</u> as they can test and implement defenses
- <u>To attackers</u> as they can incorporate exploits



#### CVE-2020-1472

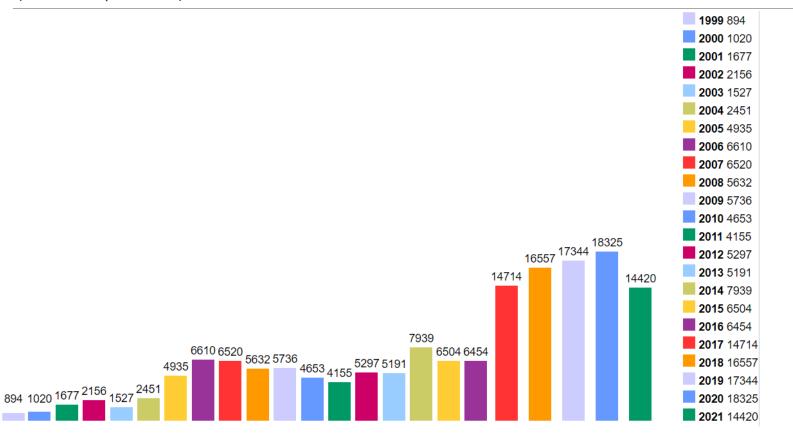
Checker & Exploit Code for CVE-2020-1472 aka Zerologon

Tests whether a domain controller is vulnerable to the Zerologon attack, if vulnerable, it will resets the Domain Controller's account password of an empty string.

NOTE: It will likely break things in production environments (eg. DNS functionality, communication with replication Domain Controllers, etc); target clients will then not be able to authenticate to the domain anymore, and they can only be re-synchronized through manual action. If you want to know more on how Zerologon attack break things, thanks to

# CVE per year – cvedetails.com

(as of Sep 2021)



### Zero Day (or Zero Hour) Attack/Threat

### Attack using vulnerabilities which are:

- Unknown to others
- Undisclosed to the software vendor

# Occurs at the day zero of the knowledge about those vulnerabilities

For which no security fix is available

### A single "day zero" may exist for months/years

- Known to attackers, unknown to others
- Frequently part of attack arsenal
- Traded around in specific markets

# Case Study: ShadowBrokers

#### Background: State actors have exploits to publicly unknown vulnerabilities

For many years, used for state level warfare, and never revealed

#### August 2016: Shadowbrokers publish large stash of tools from state actors

- Use standard <u>public</u> channels: Twitter, Github, PasteBin, Medium
- Then several other stashes, make an auction, black friday sales, etc...
- Objective: sell tools explointing 0 days to the highest bidder

#### March 2017: Microsoft releases patch to most Windows systems

- but not to W7, W8, WXP and Server 2003
- Possibly tipped by state actor or researcher

# Case Study: ShadowBrokers

#### April 2017: ETERNALBLUE leaked by ShadowBrokers to the public

Exploit to MS Windows SMB v1, allowing Remote Code Execution

#### May 2017: WannaCry Ransomware

- Uses 2 exploits from ShadowBrokers leak (ETERNALBLUE as entry point)
- Asks for \$300-600 ransom to obtain the key
- Impact: Files are encrypted in >300.000 devices

#### May 2017: EternalRocks Ransomware

- Uses 7 exploits from ShadowBrokers leak (ETERNALBLUE as entry point)
- Impact: Panic only. Author disables worm

#### June 2017: NotPetya Ransomware

- Variant using ETERNALBLUE and infects the Master Book Record
- Asks for \$300 ransom (but decryption key is never provided)
- Targets mostly Ukraine companies and utilities (Russia and others affected too)
- Impact: Files are lost. >\$10B of damage

If you see this text, then your files are no longer accessible, bechave been encrypted. Perhaps you are busy looking for a way to recfiles, but don't waste your time. Nobody can recover your files widecryption service.

We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. need to do is submit the payment and purchase the decryption key.

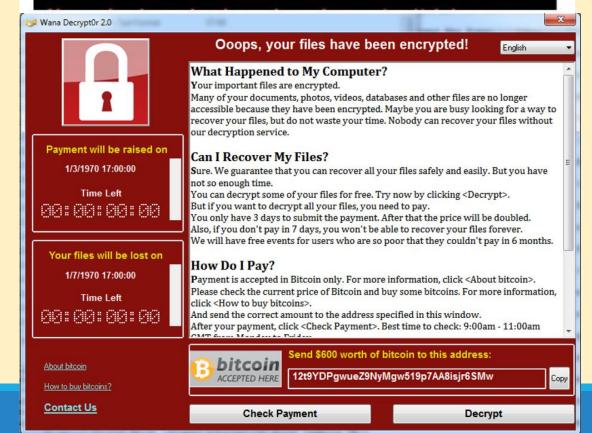
Please follow the instructions:

1. Send \$300 worth of Bitcoin to following address:

1Mz7153HMuxXTuR2R1t78mGSdzaAtNbBWX

2. Send your Bitcoin wallet ID and personal installation key to e-memowsmith123456@posteo.net. Your personal installation key:

X86GcZ-7PRNBE-3mNFMp-z88UnG-uF5nhF-4wzxwZ-XdNrr6-FYG89D-xk4rNz-9



# Survivability

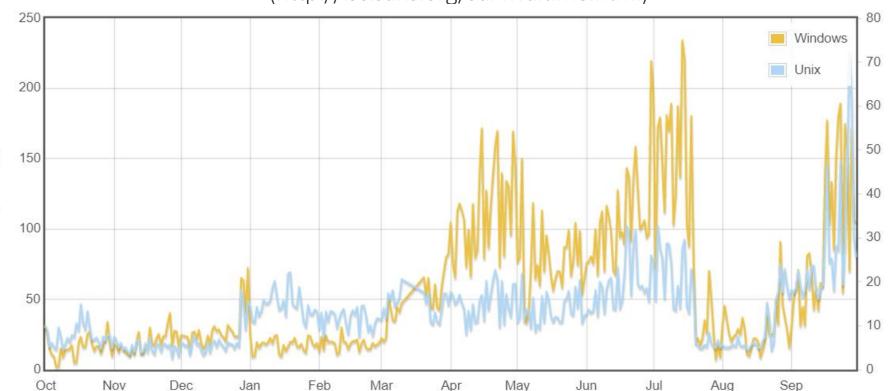
### How can we survive a zero-day attack? How can we react to a massive zero-day attack?

#### Diversity is one answer (as a policy) ...

- but software production, distribution and update goes on the opposite direction!
  - And the same happens with hardware architectures
- Why is MS Windows such an interesting target?
  - And Apple macOS not so much?
- Are you using an Android cell phone?
  - What are the odds of being in the battlefront? (you are)
  - iOS landscape may be worst as it is more homogeneous

### Mean Survival Time Oct 2020 – Oct 2021

(http://isc.sans.org/survivaltime.html)



#### Defender will constantly spend resources in security

#### Attacker only needs to be successful once

Attackers can screen for victims with low effort and in an automated manner

Windows (Minutes)

Unix (Minutes)

# CERT Computer Emergency Readiness Team

# Organization ensuring that appropriate technology and systems' management practices are used to

- Resist attacks on networked systems
- Limit damage, ensure continuity of critical services
  - In spite of successful attacks, accidents, or failures

### **CERT/CC (Coordination Center) @ CMU**

- One component of the larger CERT Program
- A major center for internet security problems
  - Established in November 1988, after the "Morris Worm"
  - It demonstrated the growing Internet exposure to attacks

### **CSIRT**

### Computer Security Incident Response Team

# A service organization responsible for receiving, reviewing, and responding to computer security incident reports and activity

- Provides 24x7 Computer Security Incident Response Services to users, companies, government agencies or organizations
- Provides a reliable and trusted single point of contact for reporting computer security incidents worldwide
- CSIRT provides the means for reporting incidents and for disseminating important incident-related information

#### **Portuguese CSIRTs**

- CERT.PT: https://www.facebook.com/CentroNacionalCibersegurancaPT
- National CSIRT Network : https://www.redecsirt.pt/
- CSIRT @ UA: https://csirt.ua.pt

# Security alerts & activity trends

# Vital to the fast dissemination of knowledge about new vulnerabilities

- US-CERT Technical Cyber Security Alerts
- US-CERT (non-technical) Cyber Security Alerts
- SANS Internet Storm Center
  - Aka DShield (Defense Shield)
- Microsoft Security Response Center
- Cisco Security Center
- And many others ...

### Other sources of information

#### Reddit r/netsec

#### Twitter #infosec #cybersec

#### Discord, Slack and other private and public sources

- https://en.0day.today
- https://www.exploit-db.com/
- https://vuldb.com/