## Talos Vulnerability Report

TALOS-2021-1248

## Accusoft ImageGear JPG format SOF marker processing out-of-bounds write vulnerability

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CVE NUMBER

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Summary

An out-of-bounds write vulnerability exists in the JPG format SOF marker processing of Accusoft ImageGear 19.8. A specially crafted malformed file can lead to memory corruption. An attacker can provide a malicious file to trigger this vulnerability.

Tested Versions

Accusoft ImageGear 19.8

Product URLs

https://www.accusoft.com/products/imagegear-collection/

CVSSv3 Score

9.8 - CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

CWE

CWE-119 - Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Details

The ImageGear library is a document-imaging developer toolkit that offers image conversion, creation, editing, annotation and more. It supports more than 100 formats such as DICOM, PDF, Microsoft Office and others.

A write access violation can happen in the handle\_color\_channel\_with\_high\_precision function, due to a buffer overflow caused by a missing size check for a buffer memory. A specially crafted JPG file can lead to an out-of-bounds write which can result in memory corruption.

Trying to load a malformed JPG file, we end up in the following situation:

```
(f4c4.216c): Access violation - code c0000005 (first chance)

First chance exceptions are reported before any exception handling.

This exception may be expected and handled.
eax=effffba4e obx=00000000 exceffffba76 edx=00353004 esi=00000fff edi=ffffddd5
eip=5bfe5549 esp=0019f728 ebp=0019f740 iopl=0 nv up ei pl zr na pe nc
cs=0023 ss=002b ds=002b es=002b fs=0053 gs=002b efl=00010246
igCore10411G_mpi_paage_set+0xc97f9:

5bfe5549 66895afc mov word ptr [edx-4],bx ds:002b:0b353000=????
```

 $This \ crash \ happens \ at \ LINE 42 \ in \ the \ following \ pseudo-code \ of \ the \ function \ handle \ \_color\_channel \ \_with \ \_high\_precision: \ handle \ \_color\_channel \ \_with \ \_with \ \_high\_precision: \ handle \ \_color\_channel \ \_with \ \_wi$ 

```
I TNF1
LINE3
                                   short *raster_buffer,int param_7,int param_8)
I TNF4
LINE5
              if (0 < width) {
  raster_buffer = raster_buffer + 2;
  do {</pre>
LTNE6
LINE7
LINE8
                     short_3 = *param_3 + 0x800;
iVar1 = *param_5 * 0x166e;
iVar2 = *param_4 * 0x1c5a;
I TNF9
LINE11
                      short_1 = *param_4 * 0x582 + *param_5 * 0xb6d;
short_2 = short_3 - ((int)(short_1 + (short_1 >> 0x1f & 0xfffU)) >> 0xc);
short_1 = ((int)(iVar2 + (iVar2 >> 0x1f & 0xfffU)) >> 0xc) + short_3;
LTNF12
LINE13
LINE14
LINE15
LINE16
LINE17
                      short_3 = ((int)((iVar1 >> 0x1f & 0xfffU) + iVar1) >> 0xc) + short_3;
if (short_3 < 0) {
    short_3 = 0;</pre>
LINE18
LINE19
                      else {
  if (0xfff < short_3) {
LINE20
LINE21
LINE22
                            short_3 = 0xfff;
                        }
LINE23
                      raster_buffer[-2] = (short)short_3;
if (short_2 < 0) {
   short_2 = 0;</pre>
LINE24
LINE25
LINE26
LINE27
                      else {
LINE28
LINE29
                        if (0xfff < short_2) {
                           short_2 = 0xfff;
LINE30
                        }
LINE31
LTNF32
                      raster_buffer[-1] = (short)short_2;
if (short_1 < 0) {
   short_1 = 0;</pre>
LINE33
LINE34
LTNE35
LINE36
                      else {
  if (0xfff < short_1) {
    short_1 = 0xfff;
}</pre>
LTNE37
LINE38
LINE39
                        }
LTNF40
LINE41
LINE42
                      *raster_buffer = (short)short_1;
                     local_8 = local_8 + *(int *)(param_7 + 0x34);
if (local_8 == param_8) {
   param_3 = param_3 + 1;
   local_8 = 0;
LINE43
LINE44
LINE45
I TNF46
LINE47
LINE48
                      local_c = local_c + *(int *)(param_7 + 0x84);
                      if (local_c == param_8) {
    param_4 = param_4 + 1;
    local_c = 0;
I TNF49
LINE51
LINE52
LINE53
LINE54
                     }
local_10 = local_10 + *(int *)(param_7 + 0xd4);
if (local_10 == param_8) {
    local_10 = 0;
    param_5 = param_5 + 1;
LINE55
LINE56
LINE57
                  raster_buffer = raster_buffer + 3;
width = width + -1;
} while (width != 0);
LINE58
LINE59
LTNF60
LINE61
LINE62 return;
LINE63 }
```

From the pseudo code we can easily see the write into raster\_buffer is performed by a do-while loop from LINE8 to LINE60, which is controlled by a variable named width. When the size of the allocated buffer raster\_buffer is smaller than the width multiplied by 3 (used to store the three short), an out-of-bounds write can occur.

In our case the buffer's size is 0x408 bytes, as we can see below:

```
0:000> !heap -p -a edx
          address 0b353004 found in
_DPH_HEAP_ROOT @ 4d91000
in busy allocation ( DPH_HEAP_BLOCK:
                                                                                                                                        UserAddr
                                                                                                                                                                                       UserSize -
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            VirtAddr
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          VirtSize)
                                                                                       h2f0820:
                                                                                                                                           b352bf8
                                                                                                                                                                                                    408 -
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              b352000
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    2000
           5c20a8b0 verifier!AVrfDebugPageHeapAllocate+0x00000240
           7765ef8e ntdll!RtlDebugAllocateHeap+0x00000039
775c6150 ntdll!RtlpAllocateHeap+0x000000f0
           775c57fe ntdl!!RtlpAllocateHeapInternal+0x0000003ee
775c53fe ntdl!!RtlpAllocateHeap+0x0000003e
5bdddcff MSVCR110!malloc+0x00000049
         Sbdddcff MSVCRI10!malloc+0x00000049

5bf161de igCore19d!AF_memm_alloc+0x0000001e
5bfe334d igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x000c75fd

5bfd6152 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x000ba402

5bfd055 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x000b4305

5bfe7025 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x000bc12d5

5bfe66f5 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x000cb1a5

5bfe4f91 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x000c9241
          | Sbref66a | gCore19d11G_mpi_page_set+0x000602491
| Sbref66a | gCore19d11G_mpi_page_set+0x0000004993
| Sbef10d9 | gCore19d11G_image_savelist_get+0x000000059
| Sbr30557 | gCore19d11G_mpi_page_set+0x000144807
| Sbr2f6b9 | gCore19d11G_mpi_page_set+0x00014169
| Sbec5777 | gCore19d11G_load_file+0x000000047
           004021f9 Fuzzme!fuzzme+0x00000019
           00402504 Fuzzme!fuzzme+0x00000324
0040666d Fuzzme!fuzzme+0x0000448d
           75c8fa29 KERNEL32!BaseThreadInitThunk+0x00000019
775e75f4 ntdll!__RtlUserThreadStart+0x0000002f
775e75c4 ntdll!_RtlUserThreadStart+0x0000001b
```

In this case the width variable which is controlling the loop in LINE60 is taken directly from the width value of a SOF marker and the value was 0x150. Let's see how information is carried with a SOF marker:

```
2 bytes Marker Identifier (0xFFCx)
2 bytes corresponding to the 'length' of data for the marker
1 byte corresponding to the 'precision' aka bits/sample and value can be 8, 12 or 16 (depending of each type of SOFx)
2 bytes corresponding to the Image 'height'
2 bytes corresponding to the Image 'width'
1 byte corresponding to the number of components like 1 for grayscale, 3 for color YCbCr, 4 for color CMYK
data left for each component.
```

The values in SOF marker are used to compute the size of the raster buffer with a formula like:

```
((((precision * component * width) + 0x1f) / 8) & 0xFFFFFFC) + 24
```

So effectively in function handle\_color\_channel\_with\_high\_precision we can see the loop is going to overwrite the buffer as the buffer should have been sized at least 0x150 \* 6 = 0x7e0 instead of 0x408.

The SOFx marker values are read from the file with the function parse\_SOF with pseudo code below:

```
LINE64
LINE65
         int parse_SOF(jpeg_dec *jpeg_dec,read_buffer *read_buffer,SOF_object *SOF_object)
        [...]
LINE73
LINE74
           kind_of_heap = jpeg_dec->kind_of_heap;
data_from_file = (byte *)read_buffer->read_buffer_data;
index = 0;
if (SOF_object == NULL) {
LINE75
LINE76
LINE77
LINE78
LINE79
            _index = AF_err_record_set("..\\..\\Common\\Formats\\jpeg_dec.c",0x476,-0xd02,0,0,0,NULL
LINE80
             return index;
LINE81
LINE82
           }
wrapper_memset(SOF_object,0,0x14);
(SOF_object->SOF).precision = (uint)*data_from_file;
(SOF_object->SOF).height =
    (uint)(ushort)(*(ushort *)(data_from_file + 1) << 8 | *(ushort *)(data_from_file + 1) >> 8);
LINE83
LINE84
LINE85
           (SOF_object->SOF).width =
LINE86
           LINE87
LINE88
LINE89
LINE90
LINE91
LINE92
LINE93
             (SOF_object->SOF).precision = 8;
LINE94
LINE95
           LINE96
LTNF97
LINE98
LINE99
LINE100
LINE139
           return _index;
LINE140
```

We can see the storage of precision, height, width and component are read from the file respectively in LINE83, LINE84, LINE86 and LINE88.

While this is a very long process we can summarize it by saying that the size for the buffer allocation is taken from an HDIB object. This object is created while parsing the SOF marker in function create HDIB from SOF through the call to CreateLPHDIB in LINE335.

The precision, derived from precision\_bit\_depth, is read from the file at LINE135. The width and component are respectively read from the file at LINE149 and LINE151.

```
I TNF64
LINE66
                [...]
LINE100
               I TNF101
LINE102
LINE103
I TNF104
LINE106
LTNF107
LINE108
LINE109
               local_30 = uVar8;
if (__num_component != NULL) {
   FUN_10042420(__num_component);
LINE110
LINE111
LINE112
LINE113
LINE114
                switch(jpeg_marker & 0xffff) {
LINE115
               case 0xffc0:
                  _SOF_Marker_type = "SOF0";
table_fields_name->SOF_TYPE = 0;
SOF_DATASIZE = "SOF0_DATASIZE";
LINE116
LINE117
LINE118
               break;
case 0xffc1:
LINE119
LINE120
                   _SOF_Marker_type = "SOF1";
LINE121
                  table_fields_name->SOF_TYPE = 0
SOF_DATASIZE = "SOF1_DATASIZE";
LINE122
LINE123
LTNF124
                  break:
                case 0xffc2:
LINE125
                  dse dxffc2:

_SOF_Marker_type = "SOF2";

table_fields_name->SOF_TYPE = 2;

SOF_DATASIZE = "SOF2_DATASIZE";
LINE126
LTNF127
LINE128
               break;
case 0xffc3:
_SOF_Marker_type = "SOF3";
table_fields_name->SOF_TYPE = 1;
SOF_DATASIZE = "SOF3_DATASIZE";
LINE129
LTNF130
LINE131
LTNF132
LTNF133
LINE134
               precision_bit_depth = (byte *)(uint)*buffer_data_from_file;
if (___buffer_data_from_file != NULL) {
   precision_bit_depth = (byte *)((uint)___buffer_data_from_file & 0xff);
LTNF135
LINE136
LINE137
LINE138
               I TNF139
LINE140
I TNF141
LINE142
LINE143
I TNF144
                  AF_error_check();
LINE145
LINE146
                  return;
LINE147
LINE148
LINE149
               heigth = (uint)(ushort)(*(ushort *)(buffer_data_from_file + 1) << 8 |
*(ushort *)(buffer_data_from_file + 1) >> 8);
width = (uint)(ushort)(*(short *)(buffer_data_from_file + 3) << 8 |
LINE150
LINE151
               (ushort)buffer_data_from_file[4]);
component = buffer_data_from_file[5];
LINE332
LINE333
                  LPHDIB = (LPHIGDIBINFO)&table_fields_name->HDIB;
/* Will create color table related data
LTNF334
                  CreateLPHDIB(LPHDIB,(uint)(ushort)width,heigth & 0xffff,uVar8,(uint)component,(uint)precision);
copy_resolution_to_dib((HDIB)*LPHDIB,&table_fields_name->at_resolution);
iVar1 = DIB_colorspace_get((HDIB)*LPHDIB);
if ((char)iVar1 == '\N03') {
    call_IGDIB::AllocatePaletteForDib((HDIB)*LPHDIB);
LINE335
LINE336
LINE337
LINE338
LINE339
                  }
LINE340
LINE341
               AF error check():
LINE342
LTNE343
               return;
LINE344 }
```

Please notice in this function in LINE140 that if the precision read from a SOF marker is not corresponding to the value of '8', '12' or '16', the function ends here without creating the HDIB object. The need to create an HDIB object is from my understanding to support multiple file formats, so this a common structure that is reused for several purposes, in this specific case it's used for the allocating raster\_buffer.

To understand why we land in the handle\_color\_channel\_with\_high\_precision function, we need to get into another function named jpeg\_raster\_set. We can see in LINE623 the function handle\_color\_channel\_with\_high\_precision is called passing width and raster\_buffer as parameters, that in turn were passed as parameters to jpeg\_raster\_set (LINE344). Note that the function handle\_color\_channel\_with\_high\_precision is only called if precision is not 8 (LINE568).

```
void jpeg_raster_set(jpeg_dec *jpeg_dec,SOF_object *SOF_Object,jpeg_related *jpeg_related,
undefined4 param_4,int width,int height,byte *min_height,short *raster_buffer,
I TNF344
LINE345
LINE346
                                        uint size_raster_buffer,int SOF_type,int param_11,int value_to_8,void *param_13,
LTNF347
                                        int param_14,int param_15)
LINE348
               [...]
if (SOF_type == 2) {
   _nr_comp = *(byte *)&(SOF_Object->SOF).component;
I TNF393
LINE394
LTNE395
LINE396
LINE397
                  _nr_comp = *(byte *)6SOF_Object->possible_num_component_or_color_channel;
LTNF398
LINE399
LINE400
                pbVar4 = (byte *)SOF_Object->nr_component_buffer_data;
if (SOF_type == 0) {
LINE401
LINE402
LINE403
             SOF_type_2:
    __num_component = (uint)_nr_comp;
    if (_num_component != 0) {
LINE404
LINE405
                     puVar15 = (undefined4 *)(pbVar4 + 0x20);
                     uVar8 = _num_component;
piVar14 = local_18;
LINE406
                     while (uVar12 = _num_component, uVar8 != 0) {
  uVar8 = uVar8 - 1;
  *piVar14 = 0;
LINE407
LINE408
LINE409
LINE410
LINE411
                        piVar14 = piVar14 + 1;
                     do {
LINE412
                        *puVar15 = puVar15[-7];
puVar15 = puVar15 + 0x14;
uVar12 = uVar12 - 1;
LINE413
LINE414
I TNF415
LINE416
                     } while (uVar12 != 0);
LINE417
I TNF418
LINE419
                                             Num of component = 1 e.g grayscale
LINE420
LINE421
                  if (_num_component == 1) {
    [...]
LTNF480
                   else {
   if (_num_component == 3) {
LINE481
LINE482
             YCbCr:
LTNF483
LINE484
LINE485
                                           3 components e.g YCbCr
LINE486
                           [...]
index = 0;
LINE560
                          /* max_loop is 16 */
if (0 < max_loop) {
LTNE561
LINE562
LINE563
                             do {
                               _some_buffer = *(short **)(pbVar4 + 0x20);
_some_buffer_2 = *(short **)(pbVar4 + 0x70);
_some_buffer_3 = *(short **)(pbVar4 + 0xc0);
LTNE564
LINE566
LINE567
LINE568
                                /* if precision is 8 but data is read from 2nd SOF not first one */ if ((SOF_Object->SOF).precision == 8) {
                                [...]
LINE620
LINE621
                                else {
    /* precision is not 8 */
LINE622
                                   LINE623
LINE624
LTNF625
LINE1040
LINE1041
               return;
```

To invoke the described functions in the order that we described, you need to have a file containing two SOF markers, one totally valid to compute size and raster buffer and another SOF marker with some invalid precision value (like 'OxD', for example) to hit LINE140 in create\_HDIB\_from\_SOF.

First, the first SOF marker is parsed and a valid HDIB object will be created (together with the raster\_buffer), based on the SOF marker values (width, precision, number of components). Next, the second SOF marker is parsed, but the HDIB object will fail to be allocated because of the invalid precision value in the second SOF marker, hence the raster\_buffer is not getting updated. Because the second SOF marker has a precision higher than 8, the function handle\_color\_channel\_with\_high\_precision will be called via jpeg\_raster\_set, where the values from the first SOF marker (width, precision, number of components) will be used, however this function is not supposed to be called with a precision value of 8. This makes the code run under wrong sizes assumptions for the raster\_buffer and the do-while loop will run past the end of the buffer, triggering the out-of-bounds write condition in the heap, which can lead to arbitrary code execution.

```
0:000> !analvze -v
                                               Exception Analysis
*************************
KEY VALUES STRING: 1
        Key : AV.Fault
       Value: Write
       Key : Analysis.CPU.mSec
        Value: 1280
        Key : Analysis.DebugAnalysisProvider.CPP
        Value: Create: 8007007e on DESKTOP-4DAOCFH
        Kev : Analysis.DebugData
        Value: CreateObject
        Kev : Analysis.DebugModel
        Value: CreateObject
        Kev : Analysis.Elapsed.mSec
        Value: 10671
        Key : Analysis.Memory.CommitPeak.Mb
        Key : Analysis.System
Value: CreateObject
        Key : Timeline.OS.Boot.DeltaSec
Value: 172399
       Key : Timeline.Process.Start.DeltaSec
Value: 149
        Key : WER.OS.Branch
Value: vb_release
       Key : WER.OS.Timestamp
Value: 2019-12-06T14:06:00Z
       Key : WER.OS.Version
Value: 10.0.19041.1
       Key : WER.Process.Version Value: 1.0.1.1
ADDITIONAL_XML: 1
OS_BUILD_LAYERS: 1
NTGLOBALFLAG: 2100000
APPLICATION VERIFIER FLAGS: 0
APPLICATION_VERIFIER_LOADED: 1
EXCEPTION_RECORD: (.exr -1)
ExceptionAddress: 5bfe5549 (igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x000c97f9)
ExceptionCode: c0000005 (Access violation)
    ExceptionFlags: 00000000
NumberParameters: 2
Parameter[0]: 00000001
Parameter[1]: 00353000
Attempt to write to address 0b353000
FAULTING_THREAD: 0000216c
PROCESS_NAME: Fuzzme.exe
WRITE_ADDRESS: 0b353000
ERROR CODE: (NTSTATUS) 0xc0000005 - The instruction at 0x%p referenced memory at 0x%p. The memory could not be %s.
EXCEPTION_CODE_STR: c0000005
EXCEPTION PARAMETER1: 00000001
EXCEPTION PARAMETER2: 0b353000
STACK_TEXT:
WARNING: Stack unwind information not available. Following frames may be wrong. 0019f740 5bfe7c6b 5c120680 00000004 0b344b50 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xc97f9 0119f7f8 5bfe3471 0ad41f60 0019fab4 0ad3f720 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xcbf1b 0019f87c 5bfd6438 000001e6 0ad3f720 0ad41f60 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xc721
                                         00000106 0ad3f720 0ad41f60 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xc721
0ad41f60 0019fab4 5bfe2fa0 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xc721
0ad41f60 0019fab4 5bfe2fa0 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xc721
0ad41f60 0019fab4 5bfe2fa0 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xb430b
0ad3f720 0ad41f60 0000ffda igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xcb2d5
0ad3f720 0ad41f60 0019fb7c igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xcb1a5
0019ffc2 10000010 0ad3df70 0000001 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xcb2d5
00000000 0ad3df70 0019fc3c igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xca99a
00000000 0s325f90 00000001 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xca99a
00000000 05325f90 00000001 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x14807
00000000 05325f90 00000001 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x14807
00000000 05325f90 00000001 igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0x140f9
05325f90 05323fc0 05273f28 Fuzzme!fuzzme+0x19
00000005 0526ae8 05273f28 Fuzzme!fuzzme+0x324
00201000 75c8fa10 0019ffdc Fuzzme!fuzzme+0x48d
00201000 3dbd1269 00000000 ftdl!_gRtlUserThreadStart+0x2f
004066f5 00201000 00000000 ntdl!_gRtlUserThreadStart+0x1b
0019fa94 5bfd005b
0019fb14 5bfe7025
0019fb30 5bfe6ef5
0019fb54 5bfe4f91
0019fb74 5bfe66ea
0019fbb4 5bef10d9
0019fbec 5bf30557
0019fe68 5bf2feb9
0019fe88 5bec5777
0019fea8 004021f9
0019fec0 00402504
0019ff28 0040666d
0019ff70 75c8fa29
0019ff80 775e75f4
0019ffdc 775e75c4
0019ffec 00000000
STACK_COMMAND: ~0s; .cxr; kb
SYMBOL_NAME: igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+c97f9
```

MODULE\_NAME: igCore19d IMAGE\_NAME: igCore19d.dll

FAILURE\_BUCKET\_ID: INVALID\_POINTER\_WRITE\_AVRF\_c0000005\_igCore19d.dll!IG\_mpi\_page\_set

OS\_VERSION: 10.0.19041.1 BUILDLAB\_STR: vb\_release OSPLATFORM\_TYPE: x86 OSNAME: Windows 10 IMAGE\_VERSION: 19.8.0.0

FAILURE\_ID\_HASH: {39ff52ad-9054-81fd-3e4d-ef5d82e4b2c1}

Followup: MachineOwner

Timeline

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