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# FVP-02-005 WP1-3: Authenticationlistener allows disturbance of login #800

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bakulf commented on Apr 7, 2021 · edited by data-sync-user

Collaborator

It was found that Mozilla VPN in desktop environments sets up an HTTP server listening on a port acting as the OAuth callback expecting an Authorization Code to complete the Authentication of Mozilla VPN. This means there is a risk of attackers spamming requests to the local server via JavaScript, potentially disturbing the login process of the apps. This is possible as the local HTTP server is not protected by an additional secret and cannot distinguish between legitimate requests from malicious ones.

Affected File:  
src/tasks/authenticate/desktopauthenticationlistener.cpp  
Affected Code:

```
DesktopAuthenticationListener::DesktopAuthenticationListener(QObject* parent)
: AuthenticationListener(parent) {
    MVPN_COUNT_CTOR(DesktopAuthenticationListener);
    m_server = new QOAuthHttpServerReplyHandler(QHostAddress::LocalHost, this);
    connect(m_server, &QAbstractOAuthReplyHandler::callbackReceived,
    [this](const QMap<QString, QString> values) {
        logger.log() << "DesktopAuthenticationListener data received";
        // Unknown connection.
        if (!values.contains("code")) {
            return;
        }
        QString code = values["code"].toString();
        m_server->close();
    });
}
```

It is recommended to protect the Authenticationlistener by a dynamically generated authentication token. The server should only be closed once authentication is either successfully completed or canceled by the user. By doing so, attackers cannot deny authentication by spamming and closing the listener prematurely. This should be feasible to implement as the Mozilla VPN already passes the local listener port to the HTTP login URL.

Issue is synchronized with this [Jira Task](#)

bakulf added p3 audit-issue labels on Apr 7, 2021

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