Talos Vulnerability Report

TALOS-2021-1375

Accusoft ImageGear JPEG-JFIF lossless Huffman parser heap-based buffer overflow vulnerabilities

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CVE NUMBER

CVE-2021-21947,CVE-2021-21946

Summary

Two heap-based buffer overflow vulnerabilities exists in the JPEG-JFIF lossless Huffman image parser functionality of Accusoft ImageGear 19.10. A specially-crafted file can lead to a heap buffer overflow. An attacker can provide a malicious file to trigger these vulnerabilities.

Tested Versions

Accusoft ImageGear 19.10

Product URLs

ImageGear - 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-122 - Heap-based Buffer Overflow

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.

When a JPEG-JFIF with specific markers is loaded, its data is parsed by the process_jpeg_lossless function.

The process_jpeg_lossless function:

```
AT FRRCOUNT
 process_jpeg_lossless
                          (jpeg_dec *jpeg_dec,SOF_object *SOF_object,short restart_interval,int max_X_sampling,
int max_Y_sampling,lpfn_allocation_jpeg_buffer lpfn_allocation_jpeg_buffer)
{
[...]
     local_8 = DAT_102bcea8 ^ (uint)&stack0xfffffffc;
image_width = (SOF_object->SOF_header).width;
image_height = (SOF_object->SOF_header).height;
precision = (SOF_object->SOF_header).precision;
uVar1 = SOF_object->Field_ex1c;
dVar2 = jpeg_dec->old_lossless_read;
dVar3 = SOF_object->field_ex28;
number_of_components = (uint)*(byte *)6SOF_object->possible_num_component_or_color_channel;
dVar4 = jpeg_dec->additional_huffman_logic;
      component_index = 0;
      single_byte = 0;
_source_LOW = 0;
     _source_LOW = 0;
jpeg_io_buff.size_buffer = 0;
if (number_of_components != 0) {
   component_entry = 0(*50F_object->nr_component_buffer_data)[0].component_values.subsampling_X;
   parsed_component_data = horiz_component + 4;
   for (component_index_ = number_of_components; component_index_ != 0;
        component_index_ = component_index_ - 1) {
        *parsed_component_data = 0;
        parsed_component_data = parsed_component_data + 1;
}
           do {
          do {
    X_component = *component_entry;
    horiz_component[component_index + 8] = X_component;
    horiz_component[component_index] = X_component + 1;
    component_index = component_index + 1;
    component_entry = component_entry + 0x14;
} while (component_index < (int)number_of_components);</pre>
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    [1]
      [\dots \text{ input related operations } \dots]
      image_height_done = 0;
if (0 < (int)image_height) {</pre>
           do {
                if (io_buff != 0) break;
if (number_of_components != 0) {
                     component_index = 0;
component_index_ = number_of_components;
                     do {
                         jpeg_component_table_ =
    (jpeg_component_table *)
    ((int)&(*SOF_object->nr_component_buffer_data)[0].field_0x0 + component_index);
                          component_index = component_index + 0x56;
(jpeg_component_table_->component_values).buffer_working_ptr =
    (dword)jpeg_component_table_->buffer_1;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    [2]
                     (dword)jpeg_component_table_->burfer_1;
component_index_ = component_index_ - 1;
} while (component_index_ != 0);
if (number_of_components != 0) {
    pivario = local_18;
    for (component_index_ = number_of_components; component_index_ != 0;
        component_index_ = component_index_ - 1) {
        *nivario = 0:
                              *piVar10 = 0;
piVar10 = piVar10 + 1;
                         }
                     }
                width_done = 0;
 if (0 < (int)image_width) {
continue_ROW:</pre>
                     if (restart_interval != 0) {
                         [...]
                     goto LAB_10122beb;
 go_to_next_ROW_or_finish:
                image_height_done_ = image_height_done;
component_index = 0;
if (number_of_components != 0) {
   y_comp_ptr = δ(*SOF_object->nr_component_buffer_data)[0].component_values.subsampling_Y;
                      piVar10 = local 28;
                     for (component_index_ = number_of_components; component_index_ != 0;
    component_index_ = component_index_ - 1) {
                         *piVar10 = 1;
piVar10 = piVar10 + 1;
                     do {
                          Y_component = *y_comp_ptr;
next_component_idx = component_index + 1;
                         next_component_indx = Component_index + 1;
horiz_component[component_index + 4] = (int)(horiz_component[component_index + 4] + Y_component) %
   (int)horiz_component[component_index];
horiz_component[component_index + 8] =
   (int)(horiz_component[component_index + 8] + Y_component) %
   (int)horiz_component[component_index];
                     y_comp_ptr = y_comp_ptr + 0x14;
component_index = next_component_idx;
} while (next_component_idx < (int)number_of_components);</pre>
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    [3]

}
SOF_object->image_height_done = image_height_done;
io_buff = (*\pfn_allocation_jpeg_buffer)(2,jpeg_dec->jpeg_related,jpeg_dec,SOF_object);
image_height_done = image_height_done + max_Y_sampling;
} while ((int)image_height_done < (int)image_height);
</pre>
      J
IOb_done(&jpeg_io_buff);
AVar6 = kind_of_fastfail(local_8 ^ (uint)&stack0xfffffffc);
return AVar6;
 joined_r0x10122a81:
      JINEQ_rexlbit2adi:
if (single_byte != 0xff) goto LAB_10122aef;
IOb_byte_read(6jpeg_io_buff,@single_byte);
if (single_byte == 0);
single_byte == 0xff;
           goto LAB_10122aef;
      if (7 < (byte)(single_byte + 0x30)) goto LAB_10122aef;
IOb_byte_read(&jpeg_io_buff,&single_byte);
component_index_ = 0;</pre>
      if (number_of_components != 0) {
           uVar8 = 0:
```

```
O {
component_index_ = component_index_ + 1;
local_28[uVar8] = 0;
local_18[uVar8] = 0;
uVar8 = component_index_ & 0xffff;
      } while (uVar8 < number_of_components);</pre>
   jpeg_io_buff.size_buffer = 0;
goto joined_r0x10122a81;
LAB_10122aef:
component_index_ = (uint)single_byte;
   component_index = read_n_bytes(&jpeg_io_buff,6,&real_read_size);
temp_var = 8;
local_68 = 8;
   if (component_index != 0) {
  [... input related operations ...]
  focal_60 = component_index_ << (0x20U - (char)local_68 & 0x1f);
component_index = 0;
if (number_of_components != 0) {
    source_HIGH = 1 << (cVar5 - 1U & 0x1f);
    X_done = X_done & 0xffff | (uint)source_HIGH << 0x10;
    temp_var = 0;</pre>
     *piVar10 = 0;
piVar10 = piVar10 + 1;
      piVar10 = local_28;
      parairo - Lucal_co;
for (component_index_ = number_of_components; component_index_ != 0;
component_index_ = component_index_ - 1) {
        *piVar10 = 0;
piVar10 = piVar10 + 1;
        Y_done_plus_X = component_index + 8;
component_index = component_index + 1;
*(ushort *)
         (*(int *)((int) \& (*SOF\_object->nr\_component\_buffer\_data)[0].component\_values.
         buffer_working_ptr + temp_var) +
horiz_component[Y_done_plus_X] *
        *(int *)(6(*50F_object->nr_component_buffer_data)[0].standardized_width + temp_var) * 2) = source_HIGH; temp_var + 0x50;
      } while (component_index < (int)number_of_components);</pre>
jpeg_io_buff.size_buffer = jpeg_io_buff.size_buffer + 1;
LAB_10122beb:
y_comp_ptr = (dword *)θxθ;
   if (number_of_components != 0) {
  component_index = 0;
  do {
        mod_comp_8 = horiz_component[component_index + 8];
mod_comp_4 = horiz_component[component_index + 4];
           do {
              Y_done_plus_X = Y_done + mod_comp_8;
temp_var = *(int *)&(*SOF_object->nr_component_buffer_data)[component_index].
              standardized_width;

pjVar17 = *SOF_object->nr_component_buffer_data + component_index;

dst_buff = (ushort *)(pjVar17->component_values).buffer_working_ptr;

component_buffer = dst_buff + ((mod_comp_4 - mod_comp_8) + Y_done_plus_X) * temp_var;

component_buff_2 = dst_buff + temp_var * Y_done_plus_X;
                                                                                                                                                   [4]
              X_done = 0;
if (0 < (int)(pjVar17->component_values).subsampling_X) {
                 local_74 = component_buffer + -1;
                 do {
                   [.. read data and compute source_HIGH and _source_LOW ..]
                   c...cau wata anu compute source_HIGH and _source_|
shift_bit_n = (byte)dVar3;
if ((int)(SoF_object->SOF_header).precision < 9) {
    component_buffer[X_done] =</pre>
                             (ushort)(byte)(((char)source_HIGH << (shift_bit_n & 0x1f)) + (char)_source_LOW); [5]
                    else {
                      [6]
                   subsampling_X);
               ,
Y done = Y done +
           } while (Y_done < (int)(*SOF_object->nr_component_buffer_data)[component_index].
component_values.subsampling_Y);
        y_comp_ptr = (dword *)((int)y_comp_ptr + 1);
component_entry =
         Gotopponent_entry =
Gotopponent_object->nr_component_buffer_data)[component_index].component_values.
buffer_working_ptr;
*component_entry =
                *component entry +
                (*SOF_object->nr_component_buffer_data)[component_index].component_values.subsampling_X *
         component_index = (int)(short)y_comp_ptr;
      } while (component_index < (int)number_of_components);</pre>
   width_done = width_done + max_X_sampling;
  mass__oune - medx_A_sempting;
if ((int)image_width <= width_done) goto go_to_next_ROW_or_finish;
goto continue_ROW;</pre>
```

This function parses the JPEG data when a S0F3 segment is present. When the data is lossless, Huffman code parses the components specified in the S0S segment. This function uses, for each compent, a buffer. Each component buffer's size is calculated in the allocate_buffer_for_jpeg_decoding function, in which the buffers are also allocated:

```
AT_ERRCOUNT __cdecl allocate_buffer_for_jpeg_decoding
             (jpeg_dec *jpeg_dec,SOF_object *jpeg_object,enum_SOF_type type_of_sof,
jpeg_component_table *jpeg_component_table)
{
    [...]
  [8]
      ((jpeg_object->SOF_header).precision == 8)) {
     [...]
  else {
    Lse {
    subsampling_X = (jpeg_component_table->component_values).subsampling_X;
    subsampling_Y = (jpeg_component_table->component_values).subsampling_Y;
    *(dword *)&jpeg_component_table->field_0x34 = subsampling_X;
    *(dword *)&jpeg_component_table->field_0x38 = subsampling_Y;
    jpeg_component_table->field_0x38 = subsampling_Y;
    jpeg_component_table->maybe_per_component_bits = 8;
  if (type_of_sof != Lossy) {
    [9]
        goto LAB_101269a7;
     [...]
LAB_101269a7:
  [...]
  L...J
pbVar2 = (byte *)AF_memm_alloc(jpeg_dec->kind_of_heap,size_malloc);
jpeg_component_table->buffer_1 = pbVar2;
pbVar2 = (byte *)AF_memm_alloc(jpeg_dec->kind_of_heap,size_malloc);
jpeg_component_table->buffer2 = pbVar2;
if ((jpeg_component_table->buffer1 == (byte *)0x0) || (pbVar2 == (byte *)0x0) {
                                                                                                                                         [10]
    1 << ((char)(jpeg_object->SOF_header).precision - 1U δ 0x1f);
  (jpeg component table->component values).buffer working ptr =
  (dword)jpeg_component_table->buffer_1;
jpeg_component_table->field_0x0 = 0;
   return local 10;
```

The function allocate_buffer_for_jpeg_decoding is called for each component. It calculates the required size and allocates two buffers using that size. At [9], the component's subsampling values are used in combination with values calculated at [8] to calculate the size of a single component buffer. The values at [8] are identical for every component. Indeed they are the maximum Vert and Horiz subsampling values among all the components. The size formula is summarized as:

```
standardized_width = (X_image * subsampling_X -1 + x_MAX_sampling_factor)/x_MAX_sampling_factor
size_malloc = (subsampling_X + subsampling_Y) * standardized_width * 2
```

This size is then used to allocate at [10] the buffer that will be later used in process_jpeg_lossless to process, allegedly, one "row" at the time.

In order to explain the essential points of process_jpeg_lossless we will first introduce a schematization of the loop structures used in process_jpeg_lossless. The process_jpeg_lossless function can be schematized as:

```
def process_jpeg_lossless_easy(X_image, Y_image, image_comps, comp_idx):
    x_comp = image_comps[comp_idx].x
    y_comp = image_comps[comp_idx].y
    component_buffer = image_comps[comp_idx].buffer
     num comp = len(image comps)
     for x in range(num_comp):
         x_MAX = max(image_comps[x].x, x_MAX)
     y_MAX = 0
     for x in range(num_comp):
    y_MAX = max(image_comps[x].y, y_MAX)
     standardized_width = (X_{image} * x_{comp} -1 + x_{MAX}) // x_{MAX} # as integer
     mod\ comp\ 4 = 0
    mod_comp_0 = x_comp + 1
mod_comp_8 = x_comp
                                                                                                                          [11]
     y_MAX_extra_idx = 0
while y_MAX_extra_idx < Y_image:</pre>
          x_MAX_extra_idx = 0
         number of it = 0
          while x_MAX_extra_idx < X_image:
              for v idx in range(v comp):
                  [12]
                  for x idx in range(x comp):
                       # CALCULATE the required data for sum_of_short_data or sum_of_byte_data if SOF.precision < 9
                            (component_buffer + buffer_offset)[x_idx] = sum_of_byte_data
                       else:

(component_buffer + buffer_offset)[x_idx] = sum_of_short_data
                       # here \hat{} is accessing the element at position x_idx, of a word array (16bit)
              number_of_it += 1
              x_{MAX}extra_idx += x_{MAX}
         mod\_comp\_4 = (mod\_comp\_4 + y\_comp) % mod\_comp\_0
                                                                                                                          [13]
         mod\_comp\_8 = (mod\_comp\_8 + y\_comp) % mod\_comp\_0
                                                                                                                          [14]
         y_MAX_extra_idx += y_MAX
```

This function does not reflect the original process_jpeg_lossless function. This only summarizes the loop structure for a single component. In reality there would be another loop, iterating for each component, before the one for y_comp. Furthermore the majority of the variables in process_jpeg_lossless_easy exist for each component in process_jpeg_lossless. This schematization is useful to understand the structure used to iterate and fill each component buffer.

The overall process repeats until y_MAX_extra_idx < Y_image, where y_MAX_extra_idx starts from 0 and increses by y_MAX. Nested there is another loop performed while x_MAX_extra_idx < X_image. The variables x_MAX_extra_idx start at 0, at the begining of the Y_image loop, and are incremented by x_MAX for each loop. In these loops, for each component, there is a for loop iterated Vert times, and for each of the Vert iterations, another for loop performed Horiz times.

At [12] can be seen that, for each iteration of y_comp a buffer_offset is calculated. This variable is used in order to "seek" the proper component's buffer position in which to write; this is performed instead of adapting the accessing index. The buffer_offset varies based on the various already completed iterations. The corresponding instruction in process_jpeg_lossless is related to [4]. The three variables initialized at [11] correspond to the loop at [1] that is performed for each component. The instruction at [13] and [14] correspond to the loop at [3] that is performed every time the X_image loop is completed. The variable number_of_it that is used to contribute in the buffer_offset with (number_of_it * x_comp * 2) corresponds to [7] when incressed by one, performed each time the y_comp loop completes. Instead, number_of_it resets to 0 corresponding to [2], performed each time the X_image loop completes.

CVE-2021-21946 - Precision lower than 9

A specially-crafted JPEG file can lead to a heap-based buffer overflow in the JPEG lossless Huffman image parser, due to a missing boundary check.

Trying to load a malicious JPEG file, we end up in the following situation:

The access violation takes place at [5] in the process_jpeg_lossless function, when filling a word in a component's buffer when the S0F3's precision is lower than 9.

From the "seeking" of the component's buffer at [4] to [5] there is no boundary check on accesing the element at position x_{id}

For example with:

```
Y_image = 0x22
X_image = 0x4
precision = 0x8
nr_comp = 2
COMP = {
    Horiz, Vert = 2, 2;
    Horiz, Vert = 3, 9;
}
```

```
standardized_width = (X_image * subsampling_X -1 + x_MAX_sampling_factor) / x_MAX_sampling_factor
malloc_size = (subsampling_X + subsampling_Y) * standardized_width * 2
= (2 + 2) * ((4 * 2 -1 + 3) / 3) * 2 = 0x18 The result is `0x18` because it is firstly calcualted `((4 * 2 -1 + 3)/3)` as
an integer before the value is plugged into the formula. So the buffer size, in this case, is `0x18` bytes
```

At the second iteration of Y_image, second of X_image, with y_idx and x_idx at 1, we have: -mod_comp_4 = 2 and mod_comp_8 = 1 because their values have been updated after the X_image loop completed once - number_of_it = 1 because the X_image is at the second iteration - standardized_width = (X_image * x_comp -1 * x_MAX) / x_MAX = (4 * 2 -1 + 3) / 3 = 3 - Y_done_comp_8 = y_idx + mod_comp_8 = 1 + 1 = 2

So the buffer offset is equal to:

```
buffer_offset = (mod_comp_4 - mod_comp_8 + Y_done_comp_8)

* standardized_width * 2 + (number_of_it * x_comp * 2)

= (2 - 1 + 2) * 3 * 2 * (1 * 2 * 2) = 0x16 So we have that buffer's size at `0x18` bytes long and the offset at `0x16` bytes.

The buffer, after applying the offset, has only two bytes of space left. Since the buffer is accessed at `[5]` as a buffer of `short`, it means that the buffer, after applying the offset, can only contains one element. Because we are accessing, after applying the offset, the element at position `1` (`x_idx = 1`) in a buffer of `short`, we have, at `[5]`, a heap-based buffer overflow.
```

CVE-2021-21947 - Precision greater or equal than 9

A specially-crafted JPEG file can lead to a heap-based buffer overflow in the JPEG lossless Huffman image parser, due to a missing boundary check.

Trying to load a malicious JPEG file, we end up in the following situation:

```
(730.9ec): Access violation - code c0000005 (first chance)
First chance exceptions are reported before any exception handling.
This exception may be expected and handled.
eax=0bc9cffe ebx=000000000 ecx=000000000 edx=000000000 edi=00000001 edi=0bc9cffe
eip=707130eb esp=00197040 ebp=0019fa08 iopl=0 nv up ei pl zr na pe nc
cs=0023 ss=002b ds=002b ds=002b fs=0053 gs=002b efl=00010246
igCore19d!IG_mpi_page_set+0xb70bb:
707130eb 66891c70 mov word ptr [eax+esi*2],bx ds:002b:0bc9d000=????
```

The access violation takes place at [6] in the process_jpeg_lossless function, when filling a word in a component's buffer when the SOF3's precision is greater than or equal to 9.

From the "seeking" of the component's buffer at [4] to [6] there is no boundary check on accessing the element at position x_idx.

For example with:

```
Y_image = 0x22
X_image = 0x4
precision = 0xA
nr_comp = 2
COMP = {
    Horiz, Vert = 2, 2;
    Horiz, Vert = 3, 9;
}
```

The first component would have as size:

```
standardized_width = (X_image * subsampling_X -1 * x_MAX_sampling_factor) / x_MAX_sampling_factor
malloc_size = (subsampling_X * subsampling_Y) * standardized_width * 2
= (2 * 2) * ((4 * 2 -1 * 3) / 3) * 2 = 0x18 The result is '0x18' because it is first calcualted '((4 * 2 -1 * 3)/3)' as
an integer before the value is plugged into the formula.
```

At the second iteration of Y_image, second of X_image, with y_idx and x_idx at 1, we have: -mod_comp_4 = 2 and mod_comp_8 = 1 because their values have been updated after the X_image loop completed once - number_of_it = 1 because the X_image is at the second iteration - standardized_width = (X_image * x_comp -1 + x_MAX) / x_MAX = (4 * 2 -1 + 3) / 3 = 3 - Y_done_comp_8 = y_idx + mod_comp_8 = 1 + 1 = 2

So the buffer_offset is equal to:

```
buffer_offset = (mod_comp_4 - mod_comp_8 + Y_done_comp_8)

* standardized_width * 2 + (number_of_it * x_comp * 2)

= (2 - 1 * 2) * 3 * 2 * (1 * 2 * 2) = 0x16 So we have that buffer's size at `0x18` bytes long and the offset at `0x16` bytes.

The buffer, after applying the offset, has only two bytes of space left. Since the buffer is accessed at `[6]` as a buffer of `short`, the buffer, after applying the offset, can only contain one element. Because we are accessing, after applying the offset, the element at position '1' (`x_idx = 1') in a buffer of `short`, we have, at `[6]`, an heap-based buffer overflow.
```

Timeline

2021-09-23 - Initial contact

2021-09-24 - Vendor acknowledged and nd confirmed under review with engineering team

2021-11-30 - 60 day follow up

2021-12-07 - Vendor advised release planned for Q1 2022

2021-12-07 - 30 day disclosure extension granted

2022-01-06 - Final disclosure notification

2022-02-23 - Public disclosure

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