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Security\_Severity-Medium

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CVE\_description-submitted

external\_security\_report

Target-94

M-94

FoundIn-93

Security\_Impact-Extended

Release-0-M97

CVE-2022-0108

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## Issue 1248444: Guessing the URL a cross-origin iframe was redirected to by listening to the load event

Reported by [herre...@gmail.com](#) on Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 12:06 PM EDT

 [Code](#)

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### VULNERABILITY DETAILS

It is possible to try to guess the URL that a cross-origin iframe was redirected to by listening to the load event of the iframe and then redirecting it to the URL you are trying to guess appended by a random hash.

After that, there are two possible outcomes:

1. If you redirect the iframe to the correct URL the iframe was redirected to, no load event will be triggered.
2. If you redirect the iframe to a different URL the iframe was redirected to, the load event will be triggered.

An attacker then would be able to infer the URL of a cross-origin iframe and thus leak sensitive information that shouldn't be available to the attacker.

This likely happens because a navigation to the current URL is treated as a soft reload and it doesn't trigger the load event (unlike a normal navigation).

This issue is similar to bug 1208614 but instead, it leverages and exploits the load event rather than the changes in `history.length`.

### VERSION

Chrome Version: 93.0.4577.63 (Official Build) (64-bit)

Chrome Version: 95.0.4638.0 (Official Build) (64-bit)

Operating System: Windows 10

### REPRODUCTION CASE

1. Download both "me.php" and "victimName.php" and host the files in a PHP server (this is needed to simulate the server a victim is accessing).
2. Download "attack.html" (you don't need to host it on a server).
3. In the "attack.html" file you will need to change the domains in the URLs located in the "tryToGuessURL" function calls so that they match the correct domain of your server. By default, the attack is assuming the files can be found on "<http://localhost/victimName.php>" and "<http://localhost/me.php>".
4. Open the "attack.html" file and after a few seconds two alert dialogs will show up saying whether you correctly guessed the URL that the iframe was redirected to or not.

### CREDIT INFORMATION

Reporter credit: Luan Herrera (@lbherrera\_)

#### me.php

224 bytes [View](#) [Download](#)

#### victimName.php

66 bytes [View](#) [Download](#)

#### attack.html

1.0 KB [View](#) [Download](#)

**Comment 1** by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 12:10 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** external\_security\_report

**Comment 2** by [adetaylor@google.com](#) on Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 2:44 PM EDT Project Member

**Owner:** lukasza@chromium.org

**Labels:** FoundIn-93 Security\_Severity-High

**Components:** Internals>Sandbox>SiteIsolation

This reproduction case works for me on Ubuntu (Redshell). Packages I needed to install (some of which probably weren't necessary)

```
sudo apt-get install php7.2-mysql php-db php7.2-mbstring php7.2-curl php7.2-zip php7.2-gd php7.2-intl apache2 php-libapache2-mod-php
```

then put the two files in /var/www/html, chmod a+r and it works just as described. I used ASAN 902206, which is ~M93.

So I think this is a valid cross-origin leak. Cross-origin data leaks are high severity. I think this may well be mitigated down to Medium severity by the need for the attacker to guess specific URIs, but I'll leave the site isolation team to modify the severity if they think so. (Medium would also better match <https://bugs.chromium.org/p/chromium/issues/detail?id=1208614#c36>).

lukasza@, would you mind taking a look here and trying to route this to the right person?

**Comment 3** by [adetaylor@google.com](#) on Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 2:45 PM EDT Project Member

**Status:** Assigned (was: Unconfirmed)

**Labels:** OS-Android OS-Chrome OS-Linux OS-Mac OS-Windows OS-Lacros Pri-1

**Comment 4** by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 2:46 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** Security\_Impact-Extended

**Comment 5** by [lukasza@chromium.org](#) on Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 3:29 PM EDT Project Member

**Cc:** domenic@chromium.org

**Components:** UI>Browser>Navigation

+domenic@ since it seems that this aspect of navigation behavior is web visible and therefore changes here should probably affect specs and/or other browsers

**Comment 6** by [lukasza@chromium.org](#) on Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 3:31 PM EDT Project Member

**Owner:** japhet@chromium.org

**Cc:** lukasza@chromium.org

Let me tentatively assign to japhet@ who has kindly worked on fixing the earlier issue 1208614. I wonder if a similar fix (never treating cross-origin-initiated navigations as same-doc or soft reload) might be possible here.

**Comment 7** by [creis@chromium.org](#) on Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 3:52 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** -Security\_Severity-High Security\_Severity-Medium

**Comment 2:** I think I agree this sounds like Medium severity, based on your note and issue <https://bugs.chromium.org/p/chromium/issues/detail?id=1208614#c36>. Happy to correct it if it turns out to be worse than that.

**Comment 8** by [sheriffbot](#) on Sat, Sep 11, 2021, 12:56 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** Target-94 M-94

Setting milestone and target because of medium severity.

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**Comment 9** by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, Sep 24, 2021, 12:21 PM EDT Project Member

japhet: Uh oh! This issue still open and hasn't been updated in the last 14 days. This is a serious vulnerability, and we want to ensure that there's progress. Could you please leave an update with the current status and any potential blockers?

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**Comment 10** by [japhet@chromium.org](#) on Wed, Sep 29, 2021, 7:04 PM EDT Project Member

If I'm reading the repro correctly and observing existing behavior, what's happening is that we don't fire onload for cross-origin \*same-document\* navigations. If the cross-origin initiator provides the exact url of its victim, a soft-reload happens, and because that counts as a cross-document navigation (i.e., there is a new document object), we fire onload. But when only the fragment changes, we reuse the same document, and we don't fire onload in that case (for either inner window or the iframe element).

I'll see what breaks if we always fire iframe onload for cross-origin-initiated same-document navigations.

**Comment 11** by [japhet@chromium.org](#) on Thu, Sep 30, 2021, 6:47 PM EDT Project Member

**Cc:** [rakina@chromium.org](#)

**Comment 12** by [rakina@chromium.org](#) on Thu, Oct 7, 2021, 12:35 AM EDT Project Member

Interesting! I think we should go by "is direct parent cross-origin or not" instead of "is initiator cross origin or not", which is a bit different than the history.length bug ([crbug.com/1208614](https://crbug.com/1208614)). With the history.length bug, it's possible for any frame to observe history.length, so it makes sense to use initiator. With the iframe load event, I think only the direct parent (the one who actually embeds the iframe) can observe the event, and a same-origin parent might have more assumptions about the timing of the load events of its same-origin child frame (so firing load events in more occasions might break some of those assumptions).

**Comment 13** by [Git Watcher](#) on Thu, Oct 14, 2021, 4:25 PM EDT Project Member

The following revision refers to this bug:

<https://chromium.googlesource.com/chromium/src/+5f8ddef5a678553c9bb1491cd5710788e6d571b3>

commit [5f8ddef5a678553c9bb1491cd5710788e6d571b3](#)

Author: Nate Chapin <[japhet@chromium.org](#)>

Date: Thu Oct 14 20:24:32 2021

Fire iframe onload for cross-origin-initiated same-document navigations

A cross-origin initiator can check whether or not onload fired to  
success the url of a target frame. Always firing onload makes it

guess the uri or a target frame. Always timing onload makes it appear to be a cross-document navigation, even when it wasn't.

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Change-Id: I79249cb441f61ac6cab65ab9e5dd4a44b291bc4a

Reviewed-on: <https://chromium-review.googlesource.com/c/chromium/src/+3193885>

Commit-Queue: Nate Chapin <[japhet@chromium.org](mailto:japhet@chromium.org)>

Reviewed-by: Rakina Zata Amni <[rakina@chromium.org](mailto:rakina@chromium.org)>

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[https://crrev.com/5f8ddef5a678553c9bb1491cd5710788e6d571b3/third\\_party/blink/web\\_tests/http/tests/navigation/same-origin-fragment-navigation-is-sync-expected.txt](https://crrev.com/5f8ddef5a678553c9bb1491cd5710788e6d571b3/third_party/blink/web_tests/http/tests/navigation/same-origin-fragment-navigation-is-sync-expected.txt)

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[Comment 14](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, Oct 15, 2021, 12:21 PM EDT Project Member

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[Comment 15](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Tue, Oct 26, 2021, 11:15 AM EDT Project Member

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[Comment 16](#) by [japhet@chromium.org](mailto:japhet@chromium.org) on Wed, Oct 27, 2021, 1:45 PM EDT Project Member

**Status:** Fixed (was: Assigned)

[Comment 17](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, Oct 29, 2021, 12:41 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** reward-topanel

[Comment 18](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, Oct 29, 2021, 1:40 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** -Restrict-View-SecurityTeam Restrict-View-SecurityNotify

[Comment 19](#) by [amyressler@google.com](#) on Wed, Nov 3, 2021, 1:53 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** -reward-topanel reward-unpaid reward-5000

\*\*\* Boilerplate reminders! \*\*\*

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Please contact [security-vrp@chromium.org](mailto:security-vrp@chromium.org) with any questions.

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[Comment 20](#) by [amyressler@chromium.org](#) on Wed, Nov 3, 2021, 2:22 PM EDT Project Member

Congratulations, Luan! The VRP panel has decided to award you \$5000 for this report! Thanks for this report and nice work!

[Comment 21](#) by [amyressler@google.com](#) on Thu, Nov 4, 2021, 4:29 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** -reward-unpaid reward-inprocess

[Comment 22](#) by [amyressler@chromium.org](#) on Tue, Jan 4, 2022, 12:29 PM EST Project Member

**Labels:** Release-0-M97

[Comment 23](#) by [amyressler@google.com](#) on Tue, Jan 4, 2022, 1:34 PM EST Project Member

**Labels:** CVE-2022-0108 CVE\_description-missing

[Comment 24](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Wed, Feb 2, 2022, 1:34 PM EST Project Member

**Labels:** -Restrict-View-SecurityNotify allpublic

This bug has been closed for more than 14 weeks. Removing security view restrictions.

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[Comment 25](#) by [amyressler@chromium.org](#) on Fri, Jul 29, 2022, 5:36 PM EDT Project Member

**Labels:** -CVE\_description-missing CVE\_description-submitted