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Reward-1000

Security\_Severity-Low

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CVE\_description-submitted

external\_security\_report

FoundIn-96

Security\_Impact-Extended

Release-0-M100

CVE-2022-1146

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## Issue 1290150: Security: redirect detection via Performance API

Reported by [datta...@gmail.com](#) on Sun, Jan 23, 2022, 10:59 AM EST

Project Member

 Code

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### VULNERABILITY DETAILS

`performance.getEntriesByName(...)[0].duration` allows detection of redirects cross-origin.

### VERSION

Chrome Version: 97.0.4692.99 + stable

Chrome Version: 98.0.4758.66 + beta

Operating System: Manjaro Linux, 5.15 kernel

### REPRODUCTION CASE

- 1) Download the attached `index.html` file.
- 2) Run a python HTTP server by running ``python -m http.server`` in the same directory as the `index.html` file.
- 3) Open <http://localhost:8000/index.html> in Chrome
- 4) Open DevTools Console
- 5) <https://google.com> should be correctly identified as a redirect, whereas, <https://www.google.com> should be identified as a URL without a redirect.

Probable Explanation:

When we are measuring the time using `performance.now()` across the `await fetch()` call, we are measuring the total amount of time it has taken for the browser to fetch the page including the time spent retrieving redirects.

`performance.getEntriesByName(...)[0].duration` on the other hand, appears to only report the amount of time taken for the browser to complete the last request. We can use this discrepancy to detect if a URL is a redirect or not.

Security implications:

Identifying whether or not a URL is a redirect could allow websites to fingerprint and detect whether or not a user has an

account on a different site. To demonstrate this attack, I've attached a `poc.html`, which will try to detect if the user is logged into a Gmail account in the current browsing session using this bug (by checking if <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/> is a redirect or not).

redirect or not).

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Reporter credit: Sohom Datta

**index.html**

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**poc.html**

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[Comment 1](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Sun, Jan 23, 2022, 11:02 AM EST

**Labels:** external\_security\_report

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[Comment 3](#) Deleted

[Comment 4](#) by [datta...@gmail.com](#) on Mon, Jan 24, 2022, 3:44 AM EST Project Member

Some notes about stuff I found while doing some more digging around:

- This (redirect detection) seems reproducible even in Android
- The threshold (of the difference) seems to vary a bit from machine, tho based on my available hardware, 5ms works for most computers, on Android I had to increase the threshold to 10ms
- We can also use the difference between the first performance.now() call and the performance.getEntriesByName(...)[0].startTime or performance.getEntriesByName(...)[0].fetchStart to check if the url is a redirect.
- Firefox does not appear to have this specific issue since it appears to report the total amount of time taken.
- However, a variant of this bug can be used on Firefox (provided advanced tracking protection is disabled), where performance.getEntriesByName(...)[0].fetchStart - performance.getEntriesByName(...)[0].startTime can be used to detect if a URL is a redirect (the difference will be high for a redirect).

P.S: Sorry for the deleted comment spam, I didn't realize, Monorail would consider Ctrl + Enter to be a Submit action :)

[Comment 5](#) by [ajgo@google.com](#) on Mon, Jan 24, 2022, 1:52 PM EST

**Status:** Available (was: Unconfirmed)

**Labels:** Security\_Severity-Low FoundIn-96

**Components:** Internals>Network Blink>PerformanceAPIs>NavigationTiming Blink>PerformanceAPIs>ServerTiming

This repros very smoothly on Canary and I'm assuming it exists in earlier version.

Sev=Low as while this leaks some information it is fairly limited in scope.

CC'd folks could you take a look and perhaps help to route to the right person?

[Comment 6](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Mon, Jan 24, 2022, 2:02 PM EST

**Labels:** Security\_Impact-Extended

[Comment 7](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Wed, Jan 26, 2022, 1:24 PM EST

**Labels:** -Pri-3 Pri-2

Setting Pri-2 to match security severity Low. If this is incorrect, please reset the priority. Sheriffbot won't make this change

again.

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[Comment 9](#) by [kenrb@chromium.org](mailto:kenrb@chromium.org) on Tue, Feb 8, 2022, 11:47 AM EST

**Status:** Assigned (was: Available)

**Owner:** [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org)

**Labels:** OS-Android OS-Chrome OS-Fuchsia OS-Linux OS-Mac OS-Windows OS-Lacros

[yoavweiss@](mailto:yoavweiss@): Can you please take a look at this for triage?

[Comment 10](#) by [datta...@gmail.com](mailto:datta...@gmail.com) on Tue, Feb 8, 2022, 1:38 PM EST Project Member

Few updates (kinda) wrt to this bug:

- Reported the above mentioned bug in Firefox to Bugzilla at [https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=1751678](https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show_bug.cgi?id=1751678) (the bug is security restricted)
- The difference of performance.now() v/s recorded startTime does not seem confined to fetch(), but rather occurs for any kind of connection that is logged by the performance API (i.e. it could be implemented using something like <iframe>, <object>, <style>, <script>, <link>, or even <img> tags)
- Based on some digging around I did on my own, I think the bug appears to be caused by the startTime being explicitly set to the request time of the final response in the Performance::GenerateResourceTiming() function in `third_party/blinking/renderer/core/timing/performance.cc` ([https://source.chromium.org/chromium/chromium/src/+main:third\\_party/blinking/renderer/core/timing/performance.cc;l=565-574;bpv=1;bpt=1?q=GenerateResourceTiming&ss=chromium%2Fchromium%2Fsrc](https://source.chromium.org/chromium/chromium/src/+/main:third_party/blinking/renderer/core/timing/performance.cc;l=565-574;bpv=1;bpt=1?q=GenerateResourceTiming&ss=chromium%2Fchromium%2Fsrc)). Removing/commenting out the block appears to/should prevent this particular kind of redirect detection since the startTime is then set to the request time of the first request and the duration is set to the difference between the start of the first request and the end of last.

P.S: I have added a PoC to this comment demonstrating how a img tag could be used to detect redirects using this bug.

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[Comment 11](#) by [datta...@gmail.com](mailto:datta...@gmail.com) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 12:15 AM EST Project Member

Attaching the PoC for the img tags, since I seemed to have sent a different version that doesn't work in the last comment.

[img\\_test.html](#)

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

[Comment 12](#) by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 1:34 AM EST

Apologies for my delay here, this fell off my radar.. Looking into this, but this seems legit :/

[Comment 13](#) by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 1:46 AM EST

**Cc:** [noam....@gmail.com](mailto:noam....@gmail.com)

Adding [noam@](mailto:noam@), who's working on this spec.

[Comment 14](#) by [noam....@gmail.com](mailto:noam....@gmail.com) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 1:57 AM EST

Could this be related to <https://bugs.chromium.org/p/chromium/issues/detail?id=1192641>?

[Comment 15](#) by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 2:04 AM EST

Turns out, this is already reported in <https://bugs.chromium.org/p/chromium/issues/detail?id=1192641>

Comment 16 by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 2:40 AM EST

<https://chromium-review.googlesource.com/c/chromium/src/+3448777>

Comment 17 by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 2:51 AM EST

Cc: [npm@chromium.org](mailto:npm@chromium.org)

+npm@ who's reviewing the fix

Comment 18 by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 10:06 AM EST

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~~Issue 1295227~~ has been merged into this issue.

Comment 19 by [datta...@gmail.com](mailto:datta...@gmail.com) on Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 10:32 AM EST Project Member

yoavweiss@ wrt to the patch/commit that you linked (in [comment 16](#)), you guys should probably also change/update the GenerateResourceTiming() method at content/browser/loader/object\_navigation\_fallback\_body\_loader.cc since that also appears to be explicitly setting the start\_time to the start of the last request in the redirect chain. (It can be triggered by loading a redirect to a error page (404/500 etc) in a <object> element)

Comment 20 by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Thu, Feb 10, 2022, 4:58 PM EST

Cc: [toyoshim@chromium.org](mailto:toyoshim@chromium.org)

dattasohom1@ - thanks for pointing that out!! Should be good now.

Comment 21 by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Fri, Feb 11, 2022, 2:18 AM EST

Cc: [altimin@chromium.org](mailto:altimin@chromium.org)

Comment 22 by [Git Watcher](#) on Fri, Feb 11, 2022, 9:12 AM EST

The following revision refers to this bug:

<https://chromium.googlesource.com/chromium/src/+e96b9f57d8d9e32bf9cb748524735d7903271755>

commit [e96b9f57d8d9e32bf9cb748524735d7903271755](#)

Author: Yoav Weiss <[yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org)>

Date: Fri Feb 11 14:11:29 2022

[resource-timing] Fix failing WPT test

Bug: [1192641](#), ~~[4290450](#)~~

Change-Id: I70f5c662dbc7edfb52d2f9c9f2c36cc382b8210f

Reviewed-on: <https://chromium-review.googlesource.com/c/chromium/src/+3448777>

Reviewed-by: Nicolás Peña <[npm@chromium.org](mailto:npm@chromium.org)>

Reviewed-by: Alexander Timin <[altimin@chromium.org](mailto:altimin@chromium.org)>

Commit-Queue: Yoav Weiss <[yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org)>

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Comment 23 by [yoavweiss@chromium.org](mailto:yoavweiss@chromium.org) on Fri, Feb 11, 2022, 10:38 AM EST

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

Comment 24 by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, Feb 11, 2022, 12:42 PM EST

**Labels:** reward-topanel

Comment 25 by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, Feb 11, 2022, 1:41 PM EST

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

Comment 26 by [datta...@gmail.com](mailto:datta...@gmail.com) on Sat, Mar 5, 2022, 5:39 AM EST Project Member

This bug seems to have been fixed in Chrome 100 (Beta). Thanks for fixing the issue :)

Comment 27 by [amyressler@chromium.org](mailto:amyressler@chromium.org) on Mon, Mar 28, 2022, 5:59 PM EDT

**Labels:** Release-0-M100

Comment 28 by [amyressler@google.com](mailto:amyressler@google.com) on Tue, Mar 29, 2022, 1:15 PM EDT

**Labels:** CVE-2022-1146 CVE\_description-missing

Comment 29 by [amyressler@google.com](mailto:amyressler@google.com) on Thu, Mar 31, 2022, 5:15 PM EDT

**Labels:** -reward-topanel reward-unpaid reward-1000

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

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Comment 30 by [amyressler@chromium.org](mailto:amyressler@chromium.org) on Thu, Mar 31, 2022, 5:54 PM EDT

Congratulations! The VRP Panel has decided to award you \$1,000 for this report. A member of our finance team will be in touch to arrange payment. Thank you for your efforts and reporting this issue to us!

Comment 31 by [amyressler@google.com](mailto:amyressler@google.com) on Fri, Apr 1, 2022, 4:15 PM EDT

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

[Comment 32](#) by [sheriffbot](#) on Fri, May 20, 2022, 1:32 PM EDT

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

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[Comment 33](#) by [amyressler@google.com](#) on Fri, Jul 22, 2022, 7:36 PM EDT

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

[Comment 34](#) by [amyressler@chromium.org](#) on Fri, Jul 29, 2022, 5:26 PM EDT

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