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#### Common Desktop Environment 2.3.1 Buffer Overflow

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A buffer overflow in the CheckMonitor() function in the Common Desktop Environment 2.3.1 and earlier and 1.6 and earlier, as distributed with Oracle Solaris 10 1/13 (Update 11) and earlier, allows local users to gain root privileges via a long palette name passed to dtsession in a malicious .Xdefaults file. Note that Oracle Solaris CDE is based on the original CDE 1.x train, which is different from the CDE 2.x codebase that was later open sourced. Most notably, the vulnerable buffer in the Oracle Solaris CDE is stack-based, while in the open source version it is heap-based.

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Title: Local privilege escalation via CDE dtsession
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Platforms are potentially affected (see below)
Description: A local attacker can gain root privileges by exploiting a button of the property . Abstract A buffer overflow in the CheckMonitor() function in the Common Desktop Environment 2.3.1 and earlier and 1.6 and earlier, as distributed with Oracle Solaris 10 1/13 (Update 11) and earlier, allows local users to gain root privileges via a long palette name passed to diseasion in a malicious X.Wdefaults file. Note that Oracle Solaris CDE is based on the original CDE 1.x train, which is different from the CDE 2.x codebase that was later open sourced. Most notably the vulnerable buffer in the Oracle Solaris CDE is stack-based, while in the open source version it is heap-based. 2. Example Attack Session. Z. Example .....
bash-3.25 cat /etc/release
Oracle Solaris 10 1/13 s10x\_ullwos\_24s X86
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Assembled 17 January 2013 pash-3.25 uname -a SunOS nostalgia 5.10 Generic\_147148-26 i86pc i386 i86pc bash-3.25 uname -a SunOS mostalgia 5.10 Generic 147148-26 i86pc i386 i86pc bash-3.25 id uid=54322/craptor) gid=1(other) bash-1.26 gcc raptor dtsession ipa.c -o raptor dtsession ipa -Wall bash-3.25 greptor dtsession ipa i92.168.1.10 raptor dtsession ipa.c - CDE dtsession LPE for Solaris/Intel Copyright (c) 2019-2020 Marco Ivaldi <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/j.com/doi.org/10.1001/j.co Using SI\_PLATFORM : i86pc (5.10)
Using stack base : 0x8047fff
Using rwx\_mem address : 0xfeffa004
Using payload address : 0x8047dff
Using strcpy() address : 0xfefe26a0 3. Affected Platforms. All platforms shipping the Common Desktop Environment are potentially affected. This includes: \* Oracle Solaris 10 1/13 (Update 11) and earlier [default installation] According to the CDE Wiki, the following platforms are officially supported: All Official Ubuntu variants 12.04 - 18.04 Debian 6, 7, 8, 9 Fedora 17 at least Archlinut Red Hat Slackware 14.0 OpenBSD NetBSD NetBSD FreeBSD 9.2, 10.x, 11.x openSUSE Tumbleweed (gcc7) openSUSE Leap 4.2 (gcc4) SUSE 12 SP3 (gcc4) Solaris, OpenIndiana The maintainers of the open source CDE 2.x version have issued the following patches for this vulnerability: https://sourceforge.net/p/cdesktopenv/mailman/message/35900154/ https://sourceforge.net/p/cdesktopenv/code/ci/6b32266d06ab16fd7897dc344db69d0957f3ae08/ Oracle, which maintains a different CDE codebase based on the 1.x train, has assigned the tracking\* S1231688 and has released a fix for all affected and supported versions of Solaris in their Critical Patch Update (CPU) of January 2020. orkaround, it is also possible to remove the setuid bit from the able executable as follows (note that this might prevent it from working bash-3.2# chmod -s /usr/dt/bin/dtsession Please note that during the audit many other potentially exploitable bugs have surfaced in diseasion and in the Common Desktop Environment in general. Therefore, removing the setuid bit from all CDE binaries is recommended, regardless of patches released by vendors. An exploit for Oracle Solaris 10 1/13 (Update 11) Intel has been developed as a proof of concept. It can be downloaded from: https://github.com/Oxdea/exploits/blob/master/solaris/raptor dtsession ipa.c

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