## Talos Vulnerability Report

TALOS-2022-1648

# Callback technologies CBFS Filter handle\_ioctl\_8314C null pointer dereference vulnerability

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CVE NUMBER

CVE-2022-43589

#### SUMMARY

A null pointer dereference vulnerability exists in the handle\_ioctl\_8314C functionality of Callback technologies CBFS Filter 20.0.8317. A specially-crafted I/O request packet (IRP) can lead to denial of service. An attacker can issue an ioctl to trigger this vulnerability.

### CONFIRMED VULNERABLE VERSIONS

The versions below were either tested or verified to be vulnerable by Talos or confirmed to be vulnerable by the vendor.

Callback technologies CBFS Filter 20.0.8317

PRODUCT URLS

CBFS Filter - https://www.callback.com/cbfsfilter/

CVSSV3 SCORE

6.2 - CVSS:3.0/AV:L/AC:L/PR:N/LII:N/S:LI/C:N/I:N/A:H

CWE

CWE-476 - NULL Pointer Dereference

#### DETAILS

A windows device driver is almost like a kernel DLL that, once loaded, provides additional features. In order to communicate with these device drivers, Windows has a major component named Windows I/O Manager. The Windows IO Manager is responsible for the interface between user applications and device drivers. It implements I/O Request Packets (IRP) to enable the communication with the devices drivers, answering to all I/O requests. For more information see the Microsoft website.

The driver is responsible for creating a device interface with different functions to answer to specific codes, named major code function. If the designer wants to implement customized functions into a driver, there is one major function code named IRP\_MJ\_DEVICE\_CONTROL. By handling such major code function, device drivers will support specific I/O Control Code (IOCTL) through a dispatch routine.

The Windows I/O Manager provides three different methods to enable the shared memory: Buffered I/O, Direct I/O, Neither I/O.

Without getting into the details of the IO Manager mechanisms, the method Buffered I/O is often the easiest one for handling memory user buffers from a device perspective. The I/O Manager is providing all features to enable device drivers sharing buffers between userspace and kernelspace. It will be responsible for copying data back and forth.

Let's see some examples of routines (which you should not copy as is) that explain how things work.

When creating a driver, you'll have several functions to implement, and you'll find some dispatcher routines to handle different IRP as follows:

```
extern "C"
NTSTATUS DriverEntry(_In_ PDRIVER_OBJECT pDriverObject, _In_ PUNICODE_STRING RegistryPath)
{
[...]
    pDriverObject->DriverUnload = DriverUnload;
    pDriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL] = DriverIOctl;
    pDriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_CREATE] = DriverCreate;
    pDriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_CLOSE] = DriverClose;
[...]
}
```

The DriverEntry is the function main for a driver. This is the place where initializations start.

We can see for example the pDriverObject which is a PDRIVER\_OBJECT object given by the system to associate different routines, to be called against specific codes, into the Majorfunction table IRP\_MJ\_DEVICE\_CONTROL for DriverIOctl etc.

Then later inside the driver you'll see the implementation of the DriverIoctl routine responsible for handling the IOCTL code. It can be something like below:

First we can see the pIrp pointer to an IRP structure (the description would be out of the scope of this document). Keep in mind this pointer will be useful for accessing data.

So here for example we can observe some switch-case implementation depending on the IoControlCode IOCTL. When the device driver gets an IRP with code value

IO\_CREATE\_EXAMPLE, it performs the operations below the case. To get into the buffer data exchanged between userspace and kernelspace and vice-versa, we'll look into SystemBuffer passed as an argument through the pIrp pointer.

On the device side, the pointer inside an IRP represents the user buffer, usually a field named Irp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer, when the buffered I/O mechanism is chosen. The specification of the method is indicated by the code itself.

On the userspace side, an application would need to gain access to the device driver symbolic link if it exists, then send some ioctl requests as follows:

Such a call will result in an IRP with a major code IRP\_MJ\_DEVICE\_CONTROL and a control code to IO\_CREATE\_EXAMPLE. The buffer passed from userspace here as input gploctl, and output will be accessible from the device driver in the kernelspace via plrp->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer. The lengths specified on the DeviceIoControl parameters will be used to build the IRP, and the device would be able to get them into the InputBufferLength and the OutputBufferLength respectively.

Now below we'll see one example of sending a correct output buffer length directly without providing the driver some previous context which can lead to different behaviors and more frequently a local denial of service and blue screen of death through the usage of the device driver cbfilter20.

After the system has normally booted and the driver is running, sending an IOCTL 0x8314C with a valid buffer output size lead to the following situation

While looking at analysis output we can see an access violation while attempting to dereference a null pointer

When looking at pseudo code corresponding to the culprit function we can see the following:

```
I TNF1
          MACRO_STATUS __fastcall handle_ioctl_8314C(struct _DEVICE_0BJECT *a1, PIRP a2)
LINE2
             _IO_STACK_LOCATION *CurrentStackLocation; // rax struct _LIST_ENTRY **v5; // rax
LINE3
I TNF4
LINE5
LTNE6
             CurrentStackLocation = a2->Tail.Overlay.CurrentStackLocations
LINE7
LINE8
             if ( CurrentStackLocation->Parameters.DeviceIoControl.OutputBufferLength != 4 )
return STATUS_INVALID_PARAMETER;
             **S = sub_0_FFFFF8006F656E90(*((struct _FILE_0BJECT **)CurrentStackLocation->FileObject->FsContext2 + 1));
**(_DWORD *)a2->AssociatedIrp.SystemBuffer = (*((_DWORD *)v5 + 58) >> 7) & 1;
a2->IoStatus.Information = 4i64;
I TNF9
LINE11
LTNF12
             sub_0_FFFFF8006F656E08((__int64)v5);
return 0i64;
LINE13
LINE14 }
```

The ioctl handler handle\_ioctl\_8314C is directly calling and relying over a FileContext provided through the CurrentStackLocation of the IRP. The null pointer dereference is at LINE9 while processing the CurrentStackLocation structure which is derived from an PIRP passed as parameter a2 LINE6.

Parsing the call stack below permit us to easily identify the IRP value as the second value in the callstack to the function IofCallDriver

```
STACK_TEXT:
ffff8406`c39d2100 fffff804`83afc60d
                                                    00000000`00000010 00000000`00050246 ffff8406`c39d2158 00000000`00000018 : cbfilter20+0x25a39
    ffff8406`c39d2130 fffff804`83ae57f3
ffff8406`c39d2160 fffff804`7fe917d5
ffff8406`c39d21c0 fffff804`80277a08
                                                  : 958db774 '00000000 ffff958d'b28f1510 00000000'00000001 ffff958d'b20b7cd0 : cbfilter20+0x1c60d
: 00000000'00000000 00000000'000000000 ffff958d'b28f1510 00000000'00000001 : cbfilter20+0x57f3
: ffff8406'c39d2540 ffff958d'b28f1510 00000000'00000001 ffff958d'b6bf0080 :
nt!IofCallDriver+0x55
ffff8406`c39d2200 fffff804`802772d5
nt!IopSynchronousServiceTail+0x1a8
                                                  : 00000000`0008314c ffff8406`c39d2540 00000000`0000005 ffff8406`c39d2540 :
ffff8406`c39d22a0 fffff804`80276cd6
nt!IopXxxControlFile+0x5e5
ffff8406`c39d23e0 fffff804`8000aab5
                                                  nt!NtDeviceIoControlFile+0x56
ffff8406`c39d2450 00000000`77b41cfc
                                                  : 00000000`77b41933 00000023`77bc385c 00007ff8`7a4e0023 00000000`09895000 :
nt!KiSystemServiceCopyEnd+0x25
00000000 0037e718 00000000 77b41933
wow64cpu!CpupSyscallStub+0xc
00000000 0037e720 00000000 77b411b9
                                                  : 00000023`77bc385c 00007ff8`7a4e0023 00000000`09895000 00000000`006fea60 :
                                                  : 00000000`006ff764 00007ff8`7a4e39b4 00000000`0037e7f0 00007ff8`7a4e3aaf :
wow64cpu!DeviceIoctlFileFault+0x31
00000000`0037e7d0 00007ff8`7a4e38c9
                                                  : 00000000`00569000 00000000`002a0080 00000000`0000000 00000000`0037f040 :
wow64cpu!BTCpuSimulate+0x9
00000000 0037e810 00007ff% 7a4e32bd
wow64!RunCpuSimulation+0xd
00000000 0037e840 00007ff% 7c343592
                                                  : 00000000`0000000 00000000`007c2418 00000000`0000000 00000000`00000000 :
                                                  · 00000000`00000010 00000000`00000010 00007ff8`7c3a1a90 00000000`00568000 ·
wow64!Wow64LdrpInitialize+0x12d
00000000`0037eaf0 00007ff8`7c2e4cdb
                                                  ntdll!LdrpInitializeProcess+0x1932
00000000`0037ef20 00007ff8`7c2e4b63
                                                  : 00000000`00000000 00007ff8`7c270000 00000000`00000000 00000000`0056a000 :
ntdll!LdrpInitialize+0x15f
    00000000`0037efc0 00007ff8`7c2e4b0e
                                                  ntdll!LdrpInitialize+0x3b
    00000000`0037eff0 00000000`00000000
                                                  ntdll!LdrInitializeThunk+0xe
```

Looking into the IRP from analysis give us the following :

```
1: kd> dt nt! IRP ffff958d`b28f1510
    +0x000 Type
+0x002 Size
                                        0x118
    +0x004 AllocationProcessorNumber : 1
    +0x006 Reserved
+0x008 MdlAddress
                                        (null)
    +0x010 Flags : 0x60070
+0x018 AssociatedIrp : <anonymous-tag>
+0x020 ThreadListEntry : _LIST_ENTRY [ 0xffff958d`b60f9530 - 0xffff958d`b60f9530 ]
    +0x030 IoStatus :
+0x040 RequestorMode :
+0x041 PendingReturned :
                                       _IO_STATUS_BLOCK
                                       1 ''
1 ''
0 ''
    +0x042 StackCount
+0x043 CurrentLocation
+0x044 Cancel
    +0x045 Cancel Trol
                                         0 ''
    +0x046 ApcEnvironment
+0x047 AllocationFlags
                                        0x6 ''
    +0x048 UserIosb
+0x050 UserEvent
                                        0x00000000`0037e770 _IO_STATUS_BLOCK
                                        (null)
    +0x058 Overlav
                                        <anonymous-tag>
    +0x068 Cancel Routine
                                        (null)
    +0x070 UserBuffer
                                        0x00000000`029d041c Void
    +0x078 Tail
                                        <anonymous-tag>
```

Windbg gives us more information on the stack location

```
1: kd> dx -id 0,0,ffff958db6bf0080 -r1 (*((ntkrnlmp!_IRP *)0xffff958db28f1510)).Tail
(*((ntkrnlmp!_IRP *)0xffff958db28f1510)).Tail [Type: <anonymous-tag>]
[+0x000] Overlay [Type: AAPC]
[+0x000] Apc [Type: void *]
1: kd> dx -r1 (*((ntkrnlmp!_IRP *)0xffff958db28f1510)).Tail.Overlay
(*(*(ntkrnlmp!_IRP *)0xffff958db28f1510)).Tail.Overlay
(*((ntkrnlmp!_IRP *)0xffff958db28f1510)).Tail.Overlay
[+0x000] DeviceQueueeIntry [Type: _KDEVICE_QUEUE_ENTRY]
[+0x000] DriverContext [Type: void * [4]]
[+0x020] Thread : 0xffff958db60f9080 [Type: _ETHREAD *]
[+0x020] Thread : 0xffff958db60f9080 [Type: _ETHREAD *]
[+0x020] AuxiliaryBuffer : 0x0 [Type: char *]
[+0x020] ListIntry [Type: _LIST_ENTRY]
[+0x040] CurrentStackLocation : 0xffff958db28f15e0 : IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL / 0x0 for Device for "\FileSystem\cbfilter20" [Type: _IO_STACK_LOCATION *]
[+0x040] PacketType : 0xb28f15e0 [Type: unsigned long]
[+0x040] OriginalFileObject : 0xffff958db7744630 [Type: _FILE_OBJECT *]
[+0x040] IrpExtension : 0x0 [Type: void *]
```

Now we got the CurrentStackLocationat offset [+0x040] from the Overlay, we can look into it:

Then we can look into the FileObject offset +0x030 of the  $_{\rm IO\_STACK\_LOCATION}$ 

And we finally can see here the null pointer FsContext2 at +0x020 of the FILE0BJECT structure. The vulnerability exists as there is no checking for a null pointer into the code which lead to an access violation when there is no file context initialized which then leads to a denial of service.

Crash Information

```
*************************
                         Bugcheck Analysis
SYSTEM_SERVICE_EXCEPTION (3b)
An exception happened while executing a system service routine.
Arguments:
Arguments:
Argi: 00000000000000005, Exception code that caused the bugcheck
Arg2: fffff80483b05a39, Address of the instruction which caused the bugcheck
Arg3: ffff8406c39d1700, Address of the context record for the exception that caused the bugcheck
Arg4: 00000000000000000, zero.
Debugging Details:
*** WARNING: Unable to verify checksum for System.Windows.Forms.ni.dll
"C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNELBASE.dll" was not found in the image list.
Debugger will attempt to load "C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNELBASE.dll" at given base 00000000`00000000.
Please provide the full image name, including the extension (i.e. kernel32.dll)
for more reliable results.Base address and size overrides can be given as .reload <image.ext>=<br/>chase>,<size>.
KEY_VALUES_STRING: 1
    Kev · Δnalvsis CPII mSec
    Value: 2796
    Key : Analysis.DebugAnalysisManager
    Value: Create
    Key : Analysis.Elapsed.mSec
Value: 5375
    Key : Analysis.Init.CPU.mSec
Value: 79359
    Key : Analysis.Init.Elapsed.mSec
Value: 8247024
    Key : Analysis.Memory.CommitPeak.Mb
Value: 82
    Key : WER.OS.Branch
Value: vb_release
        : WER.OS.Timestamp
    Value: 2019-12-06T14:06:00Z
    Key : WER.OS.Version
Value: 10.0.19041.1
BUGCHECK CODE: 3b
BUGCHECK_P1: c0000005
BUGCHECK_P2: fffff80483b05a39
BUGCHECK P3: ffff8406c39d1700
BUGCHECK P4: 0
efl=00050246
cbfilter20+0x25a39:
fffff804`83b05a39 488b4908
                                  mov rcx,qword ptr [rcx+8] ds:002b:000000000000008=?????????????
Resetting default scope
PROCESS NAME: ioctlpus.exe
STACK TEXT:
SIAUR_IEX1:
ffff8406`c39d2100 fffff804`83afc60d
ffff8406`c39d2130 fffff804`83ae57f3
ffff8406`c39d2160 fffff804`7Fe917d5
ffff8406`c39d21c0 fffff804`80277a08
ffff8406`c39d2200 fffff804`802772d5
                                        nt!IopSvnchronousServiceTail+0x1a8
ffff8406`c39d22a0 fffff804`80276cd6
nt!IopXxxControlFile+0x5e5
                                        ffff8406`c39d23e0 fffff804`8000aah5
                                        nt!NtDeviceIoControlFile+0x56
ffff8406`c39d2450 00000000`77b41cfc
                                        : 00000000`77b41933 00000023`77bc385c 00007ff8`7a4e0023 00000000`09895000 :
nt!KiSystemServiceCopyEnd+0x25
00000000`0037e718 00000000`77b41933
wow64cpu!CpupSyscallStub+0xc
                                         : 00000023`77bc385c 00007ff8`7a4e0023 00000000`09895000 00000000`006fea60 :
00000000 0037e720 00000000 77b411b9
wow64cpu!DeviceIoctlFileFault+0x31
0000000 0037e7d0 00007ff8 7a4e38c9
                                        : 00000000`006ff764 00007ff8`7a4e39b4 00000000`0037e7f0 00007ff8`7a4e3aaf :
                                        : 00000000`00569000 00000000`002a0080 00000000`00000000 00000000`0037f040 :
wow64cpu!BTCpuSimulate+0x9
00000000`0037e810 00007ff8`7a4e32bd
                                        wow64!RunCpuSimulation+0xd
00000000`0037e840 00007ff8`7c343592
wow64!Wow664LdrpInitialize+0x12d
00000000`0037eaf0 00007ff8`7c2e4cdb
                                        : 00000000`0000010 00000000`00000010 00007ff8`7c3a1a90 00000000`00568000 :
                                        ntdll!LdrpInitializeProcess+0x1932
00000000`0037ef20 00007ff8`7c2e4b63
                                         : 00000000`00000000 00007ff8`7c270000 00000000`00000000 00000000`0056a000
ntdll!LdrpInitialize+0x15f
00000000`0037efc0 00007ff8`7c2e4b0e
                                        ntdll!LdrpInitialize+0x3b
00000000'0037eff0 00000000'00000000
                                        ntdll!LdrInitializeThunk+0xe
SYMBOL NAME: cbfilter20+25a39
```

MODULE NAME: cbfilter20

IMAGE\_NAME: cbfilter20.sys

STACK\_COMMAND: .cxr 0xffff8406c39d1700 ; kb

BUCKET\_ID\_FUNC\_OFFSET: 25a39

FAILURE\_BUCKET\_ID: 0x3B\_c0000005\_cbfilter20!unknown\_function

OS\_VERSION: 10.0.19041.1
BUILDLAB\_STR: vb\_release
OSPLATFORM\_TYPE: x64
OSNAME: Windows 10

FAILURE\_ID\_HASH: {d9988c79-0351-22ce-dca4-df9fb9185d5b}

Followup: MachineOwner

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TIMELINE

2022-11-04 - Vendor Disclosure 2022-11-04 - Initial Vendor Contact 2022-11-22 - Public Release

CREDIT

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