

Details

Mozilla Firefox is one of the most popular web browsers on the world available for a variety of the different platforms: Windows, Linux, OSX, Android and more. Its active development ensure support for the newest web technologies like HTML5 or CSS3.

The vulnerability is related with the SharedWorker component and objects internaly related with it. A malicious web page can lead to a race condition situation which can cause a use-after-free vulnerability and remote code execution.

Tracking an SharedWorkerService object life cycle we can notice that there is an allocation made:

previously allocated by thread T46 (IPDL Background) here:

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#0 0x55b699485b0d in malloc /builds/worker/fetches/llvm-project/llvm/projects/compiler-rt/lib/
{\tt \#1~0x55b6994bb4fd~in~moz\_xmalloc~/builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/memory/mozalloc/mozalloc.cpp: {\tt 1.0x55b6994bb4fd~in~moz\_xmalloc~/builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/memory/mozalloc/mozalloc/mozalloc.cpp: {\tt 1.0x55b6994bb4fd~in~moz\_xmalloc~/builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/memory/mozalloc/mozalloc/mozalloc.cpp: {\tt 1.0x55b6994bb4fd~in~moz\_xmalloc~/builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/memory/mozalloc/mozalloc/mozalloc/mozalloc
#2 0x7fa306effc46 in operator new /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/cxxx
#3 0x7fa306effc46 in mozilla::dom::SharedWorkerService::GetOrCreate() /builds/worker/checkouts
#4 0x7fa306effa77 in mozilla::dom::SharedWorkerParent::Initialize(mozilla::dom::RemoteWorkerDate)
#5 0x7fa3014c45aa in mozilla::ipc::BackgroundParentImpl::RecvPSharedWorkerConstructor(mozilla:
#6 0x7fa301c6538f in mozilla::ipc::PBackgroundParent::OnMessageReceived(IPC::Message const&) /
#7 0x7fa30153813c in mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::DispatchAsyncMessage(mozilla::ipc::ActorLit
#8 0x7fa301535255 in mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::DispatchMessage(IPC::Message&&) /builds/wor
#9 0x7fa3015366cf in mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::RunMessage(mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::Me
#10 0x7fa301536ede in mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::MessageTask::Run() /builds/worker/checkout
#11 0x7fa3004c58ce in nsThread::ProcessNextEvent(bool, bool*) /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/>
#12 0x7fa3004d035c in NS_ProcessNextEvent(nsIThread*, bool) /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/xpc
#13 0x7fa301540ec9 in mozilla::ipc::MessagePumpForNonMainThreads::Run(base::MessagePump::Dele
#14 0x7fa30146cfe7 in RunInternal /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/ipc/chromium/src/base/message
#15 0x7fa30146cfe7 in RunHandler /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/ipc/chromium/src/base/message_
#16 0x7fa30146cfe7 in MessageLoop::Run() /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/ipc/chromium/src/base/
#17 0x7fa3004bf245 in nsThread::ThreadFunc(void*) /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/xpcom/threads
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Further, in a consequence of handling the next event inside another thread, the SharedWorkerService object gets deallocated:

0x606000315770 is located 48 bytes inside of 64-byte region [0x606000315740,0x606000315780) freed by thread TO here:

#0 0x55b69948588d in free /builds/worker/fetches/llvm-project/llvm/projects/compiler-r #1 0x7fa306eff34c in operator delete /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/m #2 0x7fa306eff34c in Release /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/dom/workers/sharedworkers/ #3 0x7fa306eff34c in Release /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/R #4 0x7fa306eff34c in Release /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/R #5 0x7fa306eff34c in ~RefPtr /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/R #6 0x7fa306eff34c in mozilla::dom::SharedWorkerManagerHolder::~SharedWorkerManagerHold #7 0x7fa306f04611 in mozilla::dom::SharedWorkerManagerHolder::Release() /builds/worker #8 0x7fa306f0853a in detail::ProxyReleaseEvent<mozilla::dom::SharedWorkerManagerHolder #9 0x7fa3004c58ce in nsThread::ProcessNextEvent(bool, bool*) /builds/worker/checkouts/ #10 0x7fa3004d035c in NS_ProcessNextEvent(nsIThread*, bool) /builds/worker/checkouts/g #11 0x7fa30153fe6a in mozilla::ipc::MessagePump::Run(base::MessagePump::Delegate*) /bu #12 0x7fa30146cfe7 in RunInternal /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/ipc/chromium/src/base #13 0x7fa30146cfe7 in RunHandler /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/ipc/chromium/src/base/ #14 0x7fa30146cfe7 in MessageLoop::Run() /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/inc/chromium/s #15 0x7fa307562ff8 in nsBaseAppShell::Run() /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/widget/nsBa #16 0x7fa30aafa5bb in nsAppStartup::Run() /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/toolkit/compo #17 0x7fa30ad00546 in XREMain::XRE_mainRun() /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/toolkit/xr #18 0x7fa30ad023b1 in XREMain::XRE_main(int, char**, mozilla::BootstrapConfig const&) #19 0x7fa30ad030f3 in XRE_main(int, char**, mozilla::BootstrapConfig const&) /builds/w #20 0x55b6994b8726 in do_main /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/browser/app/nsBrowserApp.

#21 0x55b6994b8726 in main /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/browser/app/nsBrowserApp.cpp





"Simultaneously" execution of thread T46 continues which in the final result leads to a use-after-free of the SharedWorkerService object:

==12981==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-use-after-free on address 0x606000315770 at pc 0x7fa306f0022f b WRITE of size 8 at 0x606000315770 thread T46 (IPDL Background)



#0 0x7fa306f0022e in fetch_add /builds/worker/fetches/clang/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-unknown-linux-gn #1 0x7fa306f0022e in operator++ /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/nsISupportsImpl.h: #2 0x7fa306f0022e in AddRef /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedWorkerS #3 0x7fa306f0022e in AddRef /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/RefPtr.h:49:39 #4 0x7fa306f0022e in AddRef /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/RefPtr.h:380:3 #5 0x7fa306f0022e in RefPtr /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/RefPtr.h:109:7 #6~0x7fa306f0022e~in~Get0rCreateWorkerManagerRunnable~/builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/dom/workers/signal-fit for the following the following properties of the following#7 0x7fa306f0022e in mozilla::dom::SharedWorkerService::GetOrCreateWorkerManager(mozilla::dom::Sha #8 0x7fa306effaa7 in mozilla::dom::SharedWorkerParent::Initialize(mozilla::dom::RemoteWorkerData c #9 0x7fa3014c45aa in mozilla::ipc::BackgroundParentImpl::RecvPSharedWorkerConstructor(mozilla::dom #10 0x7fa301c6538f in mozilla::ipc::PBackgroundParent::OnMessageReceived(IPC::Message const&) /bui #11 0x7fa30153813c in mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::DispatchAsyncMessage(mozilla::ipc::ActorLifecy #12 0x7fa301535255 in mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::DispatchMessage(IPC::Message&&) /builds/worker #13 0x7fa3015366cf in mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::RunMessage(mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::Messa #14 0x7fa301536ede in mozilla::ipc::MessageChannel::MessageTask::Run() /builds/worker/checkouts/ge #15 0x7fa3004c58ce in nsThread::ProcessNextEvent(bool, bool*) /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/xpcom #16 0x7fa3004d035c in NS_ProcessNextEvent(nsIThread*, bool) /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/xpcom/t #17 0x7fa301540ed4 in mozilla::ipc::MessagePumpForNonMainThreads::Run(base::MessagePump::Delegate* #18 0x7fa30146cfe7 in RunInternal /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/ipc/chromium/src/base/message_loo #19 0x7fa30146cfe7 in RunHandler /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/ipc/chromium/src/base/message_loop #20 0x7fa30146cfe7 in MessageLoop::Run() /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/ipc/chromium/src/base/mess #21 0x7fa3004bf245 in nsThread::ThreadFunc(void*) /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/xpcom/threads/nsT





Further analysis revealed that the root cause of that vulnerability seems to be a lack of Mutex object in the GetOrCreateWorkerManager method:

https://github.com/mozilla/gecko-

dev/blob/5a52cec97c41ae1eda9412dfe6f4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedWorkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedWorkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedWorkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedWorkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedWorkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedWorkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedworkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedworkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedworkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedworkerService.cpp#L152af4cfef4099a9af4c7dd/dom/workers/sharedworkers/sharedworkers/

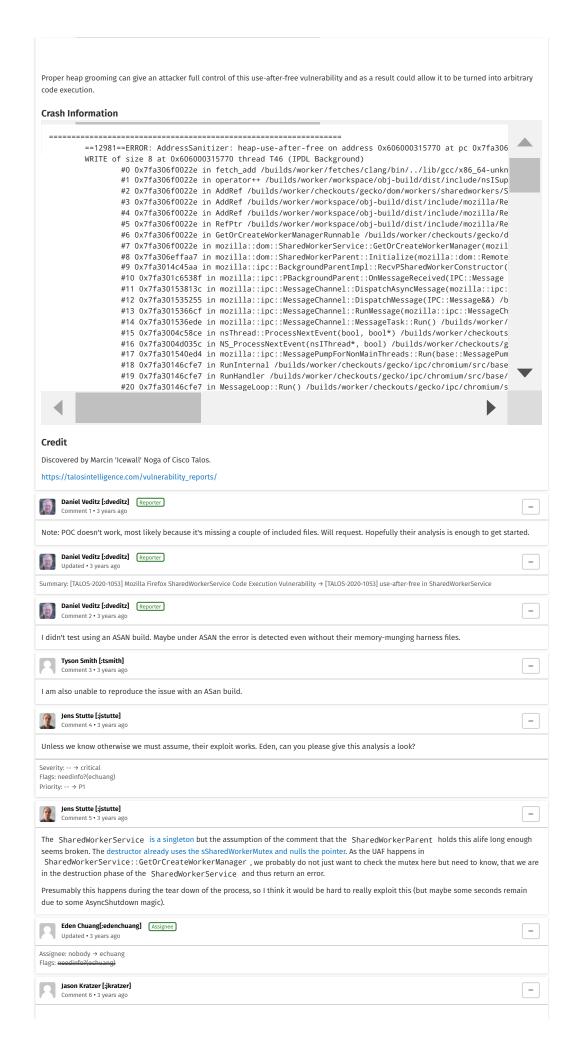
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Line 152
            void SharedWorkerService::GetOrCreateWorkerManager(
Line 153
                SharedWorkerParent* aActor, const RemoteWorkerData& aData,
               uint64_t aWindowID, const MessagePortIdentifier& aPortIdentifier) {
Line 154
Line 155
              AssertIsOnBackgroundThread();
Line 156
Line 157
              // The real check happens on main-thread.
              RefPtr<GetOrCreateWorkerManagerRunnable> r =
Line 158
Line 159
                  new GetOrCreateWorkerManagerRunnable(this, aActor, aData, aWindowID,
Line 160
                                                       aPortIdentifier):
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In line 159 the SharedWorkerService object, represented by this , is passed as an argument to the GetOrCreateWorkerManagerRunnable method.

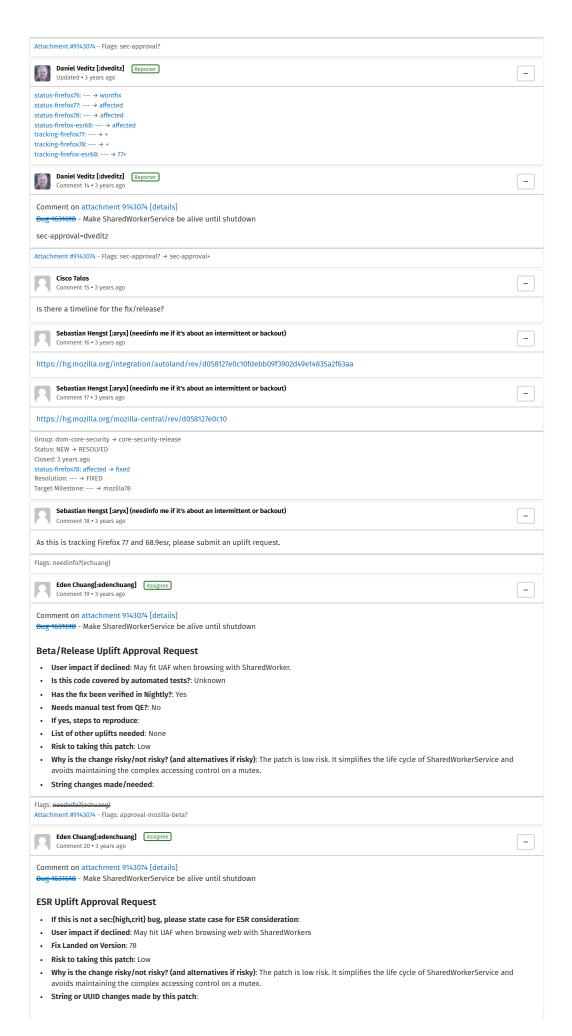
 $\label{lem:meanwhile} \textit{Meanwhile} it is destroyed via the ~SharedWorkerManagerHolder() destructor.$

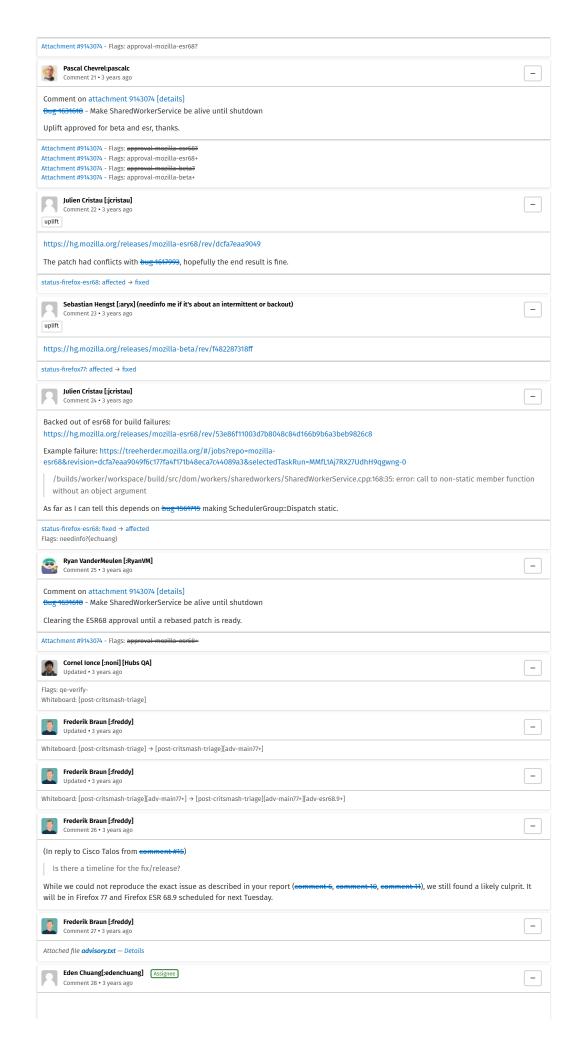
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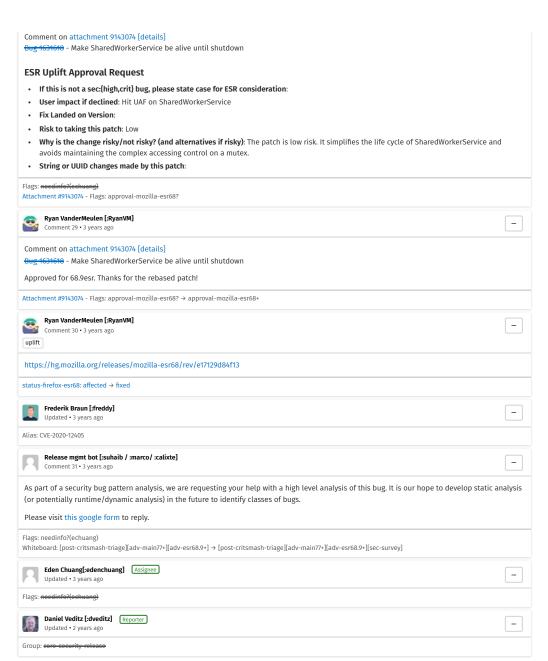
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#0 0x55b69948588d in free /builds/worker/fetches/llvm-project/llvm/projects/compiler-rt/lib/as
#1 0x7fa306eff34c in operator delete /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/c
#2 0x7fa306eff34c in Release /builds/worker/checkouts/gecko/dom/workers/sharedworkers/Sharedworkers/sharedworkers/sharedworkers/sharedworkers/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/RefPtr.h:
#4 0x7fa306eff34c in Release /builds/worker/workspace/obj-build/dist/include/mozilla/RefPtr.h:
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I tried to reproduce this by substituting the missing files with those from the web platform tests but was unable to do so. Dan, can you reach or Marcin and see if he can provide us with any more details on how we might reproduce this?	ut to
Flags: needinfo?(dveditz)	
Daniel Veditz [:dveditz] Reporter Updated • 3 years ago	_
Flags: needinfo?(dvedits)	
Daniel Veditz [:dveditz] Comment 7 - 3 years ago Reporter	<u> </u>
Marcin: the testcase is missing test harness files and we cannot reproduce this crash. Can you share those with us please?	
Flags: needinfo?(manoga)	
Comment 8 • 3 years ago	3
Attached file testharnessreport.js — Details	
Flags: noodinfo?(manoga)	
Comment 9 • 3 years ago	3
Attached file testharness-helpers.js — Details	
Comment 10 • 3 years ago	3
Hi guys, Files attached but basically these files have not been modified anyhow and come from: https://github.com/web-platform-tests/wpt/blob/master/resources/testharness.js ,etc.	
Unfortunately I was not able to reproduce this bug later on after I have caught it, so its hard for me to tell anything more about it. Information in an advisory are just my assumptions but I hope that ASAN log will tell you something more.	
Eden Chuang[:edenchuang]	3
After analyzing from the stack and the codebase, the root cause might be the -SharedWorkerService() is blocked by the lock here.	
https://searchfox.org/mozilla- central/rev/41c3ea3ee8eab9ce7b82932257cb80b703cbba67/dom/workers/sharedworkers/SharedWorkerService.cpp#146	
It means there is another SharedWorkerSerivce::GetOrCreate() or SharedWorkerSerivce::Get() at the same time, then -SharedWorkerService() rel the memory after these methods finishes. Then UAF happens when accessing the pointer from these methods.	lease
The possible solution is making -SharedWorkerService() be an atomic operation by getting the lock before entering into -SharedWorkerService(().
However, I could not reproduce the bug, could not give a proof for my guessing. But we can still apply the solution for investigation.	
Daniel Veditz [:dveditz] Reporter Updated • 3 years ago	_
Keywords: sec-high	
Eden Chuangledenchuang Assignee Comment 12 • 3 years ago	_
Attached file Bug 1631618 - Make SharedWorkerService be alive until shutdown — Details	
Jens Stutte [:jstutte] Updated • 3 years ago	Ξ
Severity: critical → S2	
Phabricator Automation Updated • 3 years ago	_
Attachment #9143074 - Attachment description: Bug 1631618 - Customize the AddRef() and Release() of SharedWorkerService with sSharedWorkerMutex. → Bug 1631618 Make SharedWorkerService be alive until shutdown	
Eden Chuang[:edenchuang]	_
Comment on attachment 9143074 [details] Bug 1631610 - Make SharedWorkerService be alive until shutdown	
Security Approval Request	
• How easily could an exploit be constructed based on the patch?: Not easy, since it is not easy to contorl os thread execution in to a specific sequence.	С
• Do comments in the patch, the check-in comment, or tests included in the patch paint a bulls-eye on the security problem?: No	
 Which older supported branches are affected by this flaw?: If not all supported branches, which bug introduced the flaw?: None 	
Do you have backports for the affected branches?: Yes	
If not, how different, hard to create, and risky will they be?: Compared to the compar	
 How likely is this patch to cause regressions; how much testing does it need?: In basic, it should not cause any regression. All the tests sho be passed with the patch. 	Julu







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