

# Remote Denial of Service of ecobee3 lite



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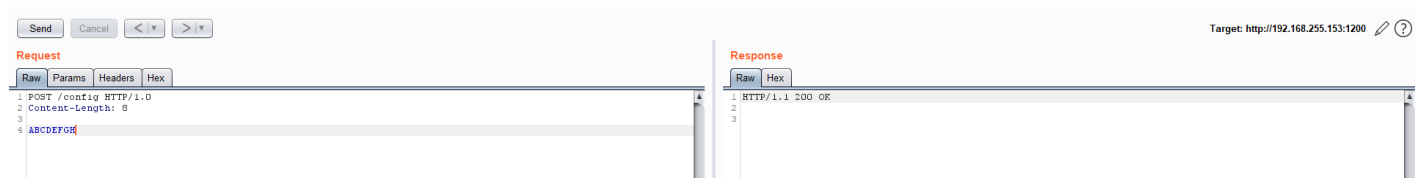
## Risk Summary

A threat actor sharing the same network as the Ecobee3 can craft a malicious HTTP request which will cause the device to crash and reboot.

## Technical Details

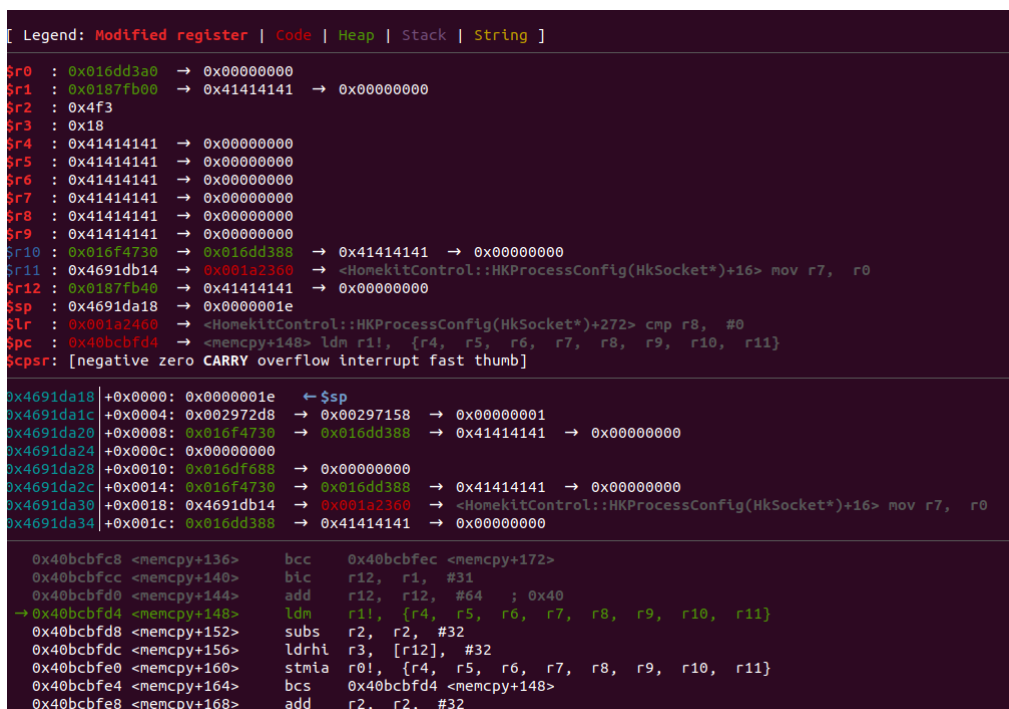
The Wireless Access Configuration (WAC) server used to connect the ecobee3 device to the WiFi networking using an Apple device crashes when a specially crafted web request is received.

## POST request



A threat actor can send a POST request to the endpoint `http://<thermostat_ip>:1200/config` and omit the 'Content-Type' header which causes the 'HKProcessConfig==>memcpy' function to read from the address space `0x00000000` causing the main application (idtm) to crash. Once a crash has occurred the 'watchdog' will cause the device to reset.

## Normal operations



## Crash dump

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[ Legend: Modified register | Code | Heap | Stack | String ]

$R0 : 0x016deb40 → 0x00000000
$R1 : 0x0
$R2 : 0x39c
$R3 : 0x0
$R4 : 0x016f3c20 → 0x00000000
$R5 : 0x1f
$R6 : 0x002972d8 → 0x00297158 → 0x00000001
$R7 : 0x015f4e28 → 0x016deb40 → 0x00000000
$R8 : 0x0
$R9 : 0x016f50c8 → 0x00000000
$R10 : 0x015f4e28 → 0x016deb40 → 0x00000000
$R11 : 0x4691db14 → 0x001a2360 → <HomekitControl::HKProcessConfig(HkSocket*)+16> mov r7,
$R12 : 0x40
$Sp : 0x4691da18 → 0x0000001f
$Pc : 0x001a2460 → <HomekitControl::HKProcessConfig(HkSocket*)+272> cmp r8, #0
$Cpsr: 0x40bcbfd4 → <memcpy+148> ldm r11, {r4, r5, r6, r7, r8, r9, r10, r11}
$Cpsr: [negative zero CARRY overflow interrupt fast thumb]

0x4691da18 +0x0000: 0x0000001f ← $Sp
0x4691da1c +0x0004: 0x002972d8 → 0x00297158 → 0x00000001
0x4691da20 +0x0008: 0x015f4e28 → 0x016deb40 → 0x00000000
0x4691da24 +0x000c: 0x00000000
0x4691da28 +0x0010: 0x016f50c8 → 0x00000000
0x4691da2c +0x0014: 0x015f4e28 → 0x016deb40 → 0x00000000
0x4691da30 +0x0018: 0x4691db14 → 0x001a2360 → <HomekitControl::HKProcessConfig(HkSocket*)+
0x4691da34 +0x001c: 0x016deb40 → 0x00000000

0x40bcbfc8 <memcpy+136> bcc 0x40bcbfec <memcpy+172>
0x40bcbfcc <memcpy+140> bic r12, r1, #31
0x40bcbfd0 <memcpy+144> add r12, r12, #64 ; 0x40
→ 0x40bcbfd4 <memcpy+148> ldm r11, {r4, r5, r6, r7, r8, r9, r10, r11}
0x40bcbfd8 <memcpy+152> subs r2, r2, #32
0x40bcbfdc <memcpy+156> ldrhi r3, [r12], #32
0x40bcbfe0 <memcpy+160> stmia r0!, {r4, r5, r6, r7, r8, r9, r10, r11}
0x40bcbfe4 <memcpy+164> bcs 0x40bcbfd4 <memcpy+148>
0x40bcbfe8 <memcpy+168> add r2, r2, #32
```

## Device crash

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[Info]HomeKit QR Code URI: X-HM:
[Info]Connecting 32 numConnections=1
[Info]Handling /config
signal caught: 11
IfaceThreadLine=8 InterfaceThreadLineNum=-1 InterfaceDeleteAllRoutesLine=-1 IfaceUpDownThreadLine=-1 LightControlLine=0
InterfaceSetAddrLine=112 WifiScanThreadLine=-1 WifiScanListLine=-1 WifiConfigDeviceLine=7 HKControlThreadLine=3 WatchdogLine=2
ExperimentRunnerThreadMainLoop=1 ExperimentRunnerThreadRefresh=1 ExperimentRunnerThreadBinaryDownload=1 ExperimentRunnerThreadWatchdog=1 ExperimentRunnerThreadCurl=-1
Animation=10001 -10 CurrentScreen=10001 CreateScreenSaver
Process Crashed!! ThreadID=1177547872 Threadname=Unknown
>> 4 : build:4.5.81.200 crash at 2020-06-24 17:02:23
idbtrace dump of 6 Return Addresses
0x462fe660: 0x00070ac4 (0x000703dc = signalHandler(int) + 0x000006e8)
0x462fe718: 0x40b75e50 (0x4060ffec = _fini + 0x00565e64)
0x462feb08: 0x001ac664 (0x001aa038 = HomekitControl::threadProcess(void*) + 0x0000262c)
0x462fed40: 0x001ada78 (0x001ada64 = HomekitControl::runThread(void*) + 0x00000014)
0x462fedb0: 0x401e8224 (0x401e8204 = ecobee::Threading::IDTThread::threadEntry(void*) + 0x00000020)
0x462fedc8: 0x40b2c038 (0x4060ffec = _fini + 0x0051c04c)
libc dump of 9 Return Addresses
0x00070840 (0x000703dc = signalHandler(int) + 0x00000464)
0x40b75e50 (0x4060ffec = _fini + 0x00565e64)
0x40bcbfa8 (0x4060ffec = _fini + 0x005bbfb0)
0x001a2460 (0x001a2350 = HomekitControl::HKProcessConfig(HkSocket*) + 0x00000110)
0x001ac664 (0x001aa038 = HomekitControl::threadProcess(void*) + 0x0000262c)
0x001ada78 (0x001ada64 = HomekitControl::runThread(void*) + 0x00000014)
0x401e8224 (0x401e8204 = ecobee::Threading::IDTThread::threadEntry(void*) + 0x00000020)
0x40b2c038 (0x4060ffec = _fini + 0x0051c04c)
0x40c207a8 (0x4060ffec = _fini + 0x006107bc)
libc dump of 9 backtrace symbols
/config/ldtm(_Z13signalHandleri+0x464) [0x70840]
/lib/libc.so.6(__default_sa_restorer_v2+0) [0x40b75e50]
/lib/libc.so.6(memcpy+0x68) [0x40bcbfa8]
/config/ldtm(_ZN14HomekitControl15HKProcessConfigEP8HkSocket+0x110) [0x1a2460]
/config/ldtm(_ZN14HomekitControl13threadProcessEPv+0x262c) [0x1ac664]
/config/ldtm(_ZN14HomekitControl9runThreadEPv+0x14) [0x1ada78]
libcore.so(_ZN6ecobee9Threading9IDTThread11threadEntryEPv+0x20) [0x401e8224]
/lib/libpthread.so.0(+0x7038) [0x40b2c038]
/lib/libc.so.6(clone+0x88) [0x40c207a8]
top_frame: 0x0x462fe660, top_stack: 0x0x462fe63f stack_end: 0x0x462feff0
WatchdogLine=2
Animation=10001 -10 CurrentScreen=10001 CreateScreenSaver
Animation=10001 -10 CurrentScreen=10001 CreateScreenSaver
dump crashdebug
00: 24-16:49:08 newscreen 10001 CreateScreenSaver
<< Process Crashed!! ProcessID=562 Threadname=Unknown
Wrote LastOnInfo to NAND
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