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The RSA-PSS implementation does not detect signature modification (prepending "0" bytes) to the signature

#438



adelapie opened this issue on Jun 6, 2020 · 3 comments

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adelapie commented on Jun 6, 2020

The jsrsasign 8.0.16 RSASSA-PSS (RSA-PSS) implementation does not detect prepending 0s to the signature and accepts modifies signatures with prepended 0's as valid.

You can verify this using the following test vectors from Google Wycheproof:

```
{
  "algorithm": "RSASSA-PSS",
  "generatorVersion": "0.8r12",
  "numberOfTests": 103,
  "header": [
    "Test vectors of class RsassaPssVerify are intended for checking the",
    "verification of RSASSA-PSS signatures."
  ],
  "notes": {
  },
  "schema": "rsassa_pss_verify_schema.json",
  "testGroups": [
    {
      "e": "010001",
      "keyAsn":
"3082010a0282010100a2b451a07d0aa5f96e455671513550514a8a5b462ebef717094fa1fee82224e637f9746d3f7cafcd31878d80325b6ef5a1700f65903b469429e89d6eac8845097b5ab393189db92512ed8a7711a1253facd20",
      "keyDer":
"30820122300d06092a864886f70d01010105000382010f003082010a0282010100a2b451a07d0aa5f96e455671513550514a8a5b462ebef717094fa1fee82224e637f9746d3f7cafcd31878d80325b6ef5a1700f65903b469429e89",
      "keyPem": "-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
\nMIIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEArRRoH0Kpf1uRVZkUTVQ\nnUUqKwYuvvcXCX+uh/ug1JOY3+XrtP3yv0xh42AM1tu9aFwD2MQ00aUKeidbyIRQ\n\nl7WrOTGJ25JRLtincRoSU/rNIPECfegkfz0+QuRuSMmOJUov6
----END PUBLIC KEY-----",
      "keysize": 2048,
      "mgf": "MGF1",
      "mgfSha": "SHA-256",
      "n":
"00a2b451a07d0aa5f96e455671513550514a8a5b462ebef717094fa1fee82224e637f9746d3f7cafcd31878d80325b6ef5a1700f65903b469429e89d6eac8845097b5ab393189db92512ed8a7711a1253facd20f79c15e8247f3d3e",
      "sLen": 32,
      "sha": "SHA-256",
      "type": "RsassaPssVerify",
      "tests": [
        {
          "tcId": 99,
          "comment": "prepending 0's to signature",
          "msg": "313233343030",
          "sig":
"000068caf07e71ee654ffabf07d342fc4059deb4f7e5970746c423b1e8f668d5332275cc35eb61270aebd27855b1e80d59def47fe8882867fd33c2308c91976baa0b1df952caa78db4828ab81e79949bf145cbdf1c4987ed036f8",
          "result": "invalid",
          "flags": []
        },
        {
          "tcId": 100,
          "comment": "correct signature",
          "msg": "313233343030",
          "sig":
"68caf07e71ee654ffabf07d342fc4059deb4f7e5970746c423b1e8f668d5332275cc35eb61270aebd27855b1e80d59def47fe8882867fd33c2308c91976baa0b1df952caa78db4828ab81e79949bf145cbdf1c4987ed036f81e84",
          "result": "valid",
          "flags": []
        },
        {
          "tcId": 101,
          "comment": "appending 0's to signature",
          "msg": "313233343030",
          "sig":
"68caf07e71ee654ffabf07d342fc4059deb4f7e5970746c423b1e8f668d5332275cc35eb61270aebd27855b1e80d59def47fe8882867fd33c2308c91976baa0b1df952caa78db4828ab81e79949bf145cbdf1c4987ed036f81e84",
          "result": "invalid",
          "flags": []
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

in the following proof of concept:

```
var rs = require('jsrsasign');
var obj = require('./rsa_pss.json');

for (let testGroup of obj.testGroups) {

  var keyPem = testGroup.keyPem;

  for(let test of testGroup.tests) {
    console.log("[*] Test " + test.tcId + " result: " + test.result)

    try {
      var sig = new rs.Signature({alg: 'SHA256withRSAandMGF1'});
      sig.init(keyPem);
```

```
sig.updateHex(test.msg);
var result = sig.verify(test.sig);

if (result == true) {
  if (test.result == "valid" || test.result == "acceptable")
    console.log("Result: PASS");
  else
    console.log("Result: FAIL")
}

if (result == false) {
  if (test.result == "valid" || test.result == "acceptable")
    console.log("Result: FAIL");
  else
    console.log("Result: PASS")
}

} catch (e) {
  console.log("ERROR - VERIFY: " + e)

  if (test.result == "valid" || test.result == "acceptable")
    console.log("Result: FAIL");
  else
    console.log("Result: PASS")

}
}
```

with result:

```
[*] Test 99 result: invalid
Result: FAIL
[*] Test 100 result: valid
Result: PASS
[*] Test 101 result: invalid
Result: PASS
```

Best regards,
Antonio

kjur commented on Jun 19, 2020

Owner

Thank you for your report. The issue was fixed in 8.0.17 release today.

 kjur closed this as completed on Jun 19, 2020

adelapie commented on Jun 22, 2020

Author

[CVE-2020-14968](#) is assigned to this issue with the following description: An issue was discovered in the jsrsasn package before 8.0.17 for Node.js. Its RSASSA-PSS (RSA-PSS) implementation does not detect signature manipulation/modification by prepending '\0' bytes to a signature (it accepts these modified signatures as valid). An attacker can abuse this behavior in an application by creating multiple valid signatures where only one signature should exist. Also, an attacker might prepend these bytes with the goal of triggering memory corruption issues.

kjur commented on Jun 23, 2020

Owner

jsrsasn security advisory (2020-Jun-24):
[CVE-2020-14968](#)
RSA-PSS signature validation vulnerability by prepending zeros
[GHSA-q3gh-5r98-j4h3](#)

 kjur added the `bug` label on Aug 18, 2020

 This was referenced on Mar 13, 2021

Bump jsrsasn from 8.0.12 to 8.0.19 m0rphail/Teleport#6

 Closed

Bump jsrsasn from 8.0.12 to 8.0.19 Cyper77/CyberChef#1

 Closed

  fhirfly mentioned this issue on Apr 22, 2021

NPM still reports Vulnerabilities in Utils even though issues closed #481

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Assignees

No one assigned

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Projects

None yet
Milestone
No milestone
Development
No branches or pull requests
2 participants
