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Overwolf 1-Click Remote Code Execution

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1. Advisory Information

Title: Overwolf 1-Click Remote Code Execution

Date published: 2021-05-31

Vendor: Overwolf Ltd

Release mode: Coordinated Release

Credits: This vulnerability was discovered and researched by Joel Noguera.

2. Vulnerability Information

Class: CWE-94 - Improper Control of Generation of Code ('Code Injection')

Severity: Critical - 9.6 (CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H)

Remotely exploitable: Yes

Locally exploitable: Yes

Affected version(s): Overwolf Client 0.169.0.22 (prior versions might also be affected)

CVE ID: CVE-2021-33501

3. Vulnerability Description

SwordBytes researchers have identified an Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution (RCE) vulnerability in Overwolf's Client Application by abusing a Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



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issue present in the *"overwolfstore://"* URL handler. This vulnerability allows remote unauthenticated attackers to execute arbitrary commands on the underlying operating system that hosts Overwolf's Client Application. By combining the XSS issue with a Chromium Embedded Framework (CEF) sandbox escape, it is possible for attackers to achieve Remote Code Execution on the victim's computer.

SwordBytes used the following Proof of Concept to achieve Remote Code Execution:

Proof of Concept:

```
overwolfstore://app/apps/<img+src=x+onerror=%22overwolf.io.writeFileContents('C:\\windo
ws\\temp\\d.bat','start%20cmd%20%252fk%20whoami','false,console.log)%2526overwolf.util
s.openUrlInDefaultBrowser('C:\\windows\\temp\\d.bat')%22>/CCCCC
```

4. Technical Description

Windows applications can register custom URL schemes to the operating system, which allow them to run a particular installed application when invoked. A common example is to make use of this scheme directly from the browser by navigating to an URL using the custom scheme (e.g.,

The “*overwolfstore://*” custom scheme is registered by one of the built-in extensions called “Overwolf AppStore” (`IID_c90fbcbckbfacgfhphbehonakhgagihnnnnoafack`), which is part of the core.