

# Kernel Mania

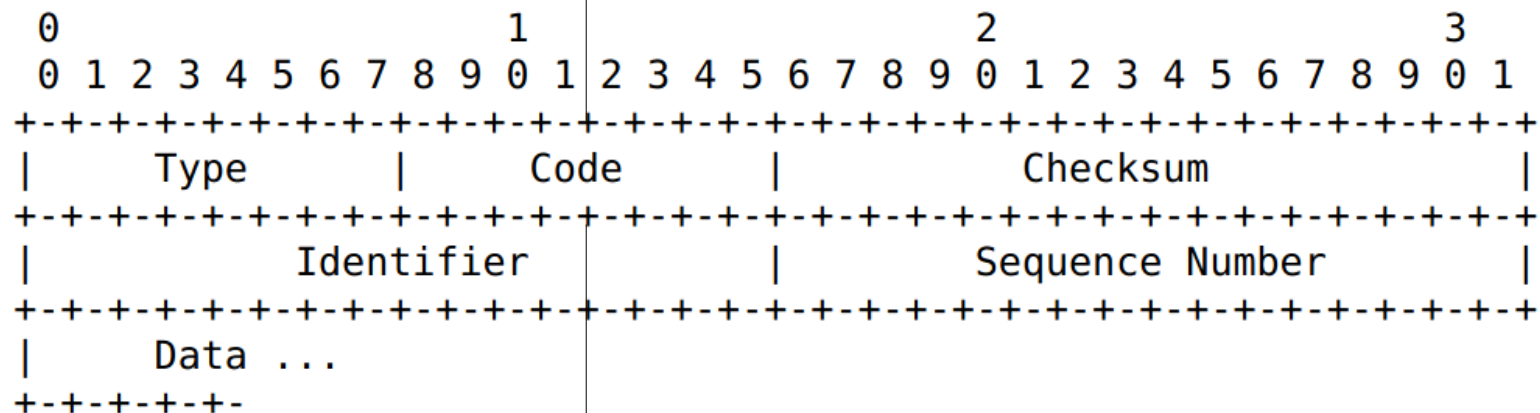
Theme: Embedded System for Medical Device



# Backdoor in ICMP

RFC says this should remain 0...

Echo or Echo Reply Message



I'm using it for a 1 byte checksum.

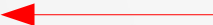
If it matches, the kernel decrypts the data section with XOR

# Remote function

Depending on the first byte it calls the appropriate function

```
#[derive(Debug)]  
#[allow(dead_code)]  
#[repr(u8)]  
enum RemoteFunction {  
    Unknown(u8),  
    AdmnCtrl,  
    GetPassword,  
    SetFlag,  
    GetFlag  
}
```

Exploitable function  
with hardcoded password



Functions for checker



TODO: Needs pub / priv crypto verification

# Kernel responds normally on ICMP

Kernel

```
INFO - Assigned a new IPv4 address: 192.168.178.54/24
INFO - Default gateway: 192.168.178.1
INFO - DNS servers:
INFO - - 192.168.178.1
INFO - Started icmp server
INFO - Bound to icmp identifier 0x22
.INFO0 - sum(0x5e) == checksum(0x0) = false
.INFO0 - sum(0xe7) == checksum(0x0) = false
..INFO0 - sum(0x43) == checksum(0x0) = false
.....
```

Ping

```
lhebendanz@qubasa ~/Projects/rust-kernel-svm/svm_kernel <enowars*>
└─ ping 192.168.178.54
PING 192.168.178.54 (192.168.178.54) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.178.54: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=9.29 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.178.54: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=3.80 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.178.54: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=4.91 ms
^C
--- 192.168.178.54 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2003ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 3.800/6.001/9.292/2.370 ms
```

# But differently if checksum correct

```
INFO - Bound to icmp identifier 0x22
.....INFO - sum(0xd7) == checksum(0xd7) = true
INFO - Received packet from: 192.168.178.250
INFO - Executing admin control...
INFO - ==== Access granted ====
.....

root@qubasa /home/lhebendanz/Projects/rust-kernel-svm/svm_kernel <enowars*>
> ip netns exec scapy python exploit.py
Backdoor password: b'b3ckd00r_eN7Aib5m'
Flag through backdoor: __Enowars__Woot
```

# Network traffic is hidden

```
5 37.560733114 1.1.1.1 192.168.178.54 ICMP 60 Echo (ping) request id=0x0000, seq=0/0, ttl=64 (no response found!)
6 37.584347528 192.168.178.54 1.1.1.1 ICMP 57 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0000, seq=0/0, ttl=63

4
> Frame 5: 60 bytes on wire (480 bits), 60 bytes captured (480 bits) on interface veth-out, id 0
> Ethernet II, Src: f6:31:ea:d4:4b:5f (f6:31:ea:d4:4b:5f), Dst: c2:2a:7f:52:fc:02 (c2:2a:7f:52:fc:02)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 1.1.1.1, Dst: 192.168.178.54
> Internet Control Message Protocol

0000 c2 2a 7f 52 fc 02 f6 31 ea d4 4b 5f 08 00 45 00 .*R..1.K..E.
0010 00 2e 00 01 00 00 40 01 05 ee 01 01 01 01 c0 a8 .,....@.....
0020 b2 36 08 d7 ba 86 00 00 00 00 bb d8 89 d9 d1 de .6.....
0030 8a 8a c8 e5 df f4 8d fb d3 d8 8f d7 .....

```

You do not see cleartext password because of XOR

➔ I will add somekind of “randomness” to foil copy and paste of network traffic

# How to defend?

- Extract bootloader.elf from bootimage-svm\_kernel.iso
- Extract kernel.elf from bootloader.elf section called .kernel to get debug symbols for kernel
- Find hardcoded password and change it
- Repackage everything and reexecute



# Quality of life considerations

- I choose the rtl8139 network driver because it works with qemu emulation without kvm → You can copy the iso and execute it on every OS with qemu

```
entry_point!(kernel_main);  
fn kernel_main(_boot_info: &'static bootinfo::BootInfo) -> ! {  
  
    // Init & set logger level  
    log::set_logger(&LOGGER).unwrap();  
    log::set_max_level(log::LevelFilter::Info);  
}
```

If the player needs more information, he can patch the log level from Info to Debug.  
I placed debug prints at important sections of the code



# Problems I did encounter....

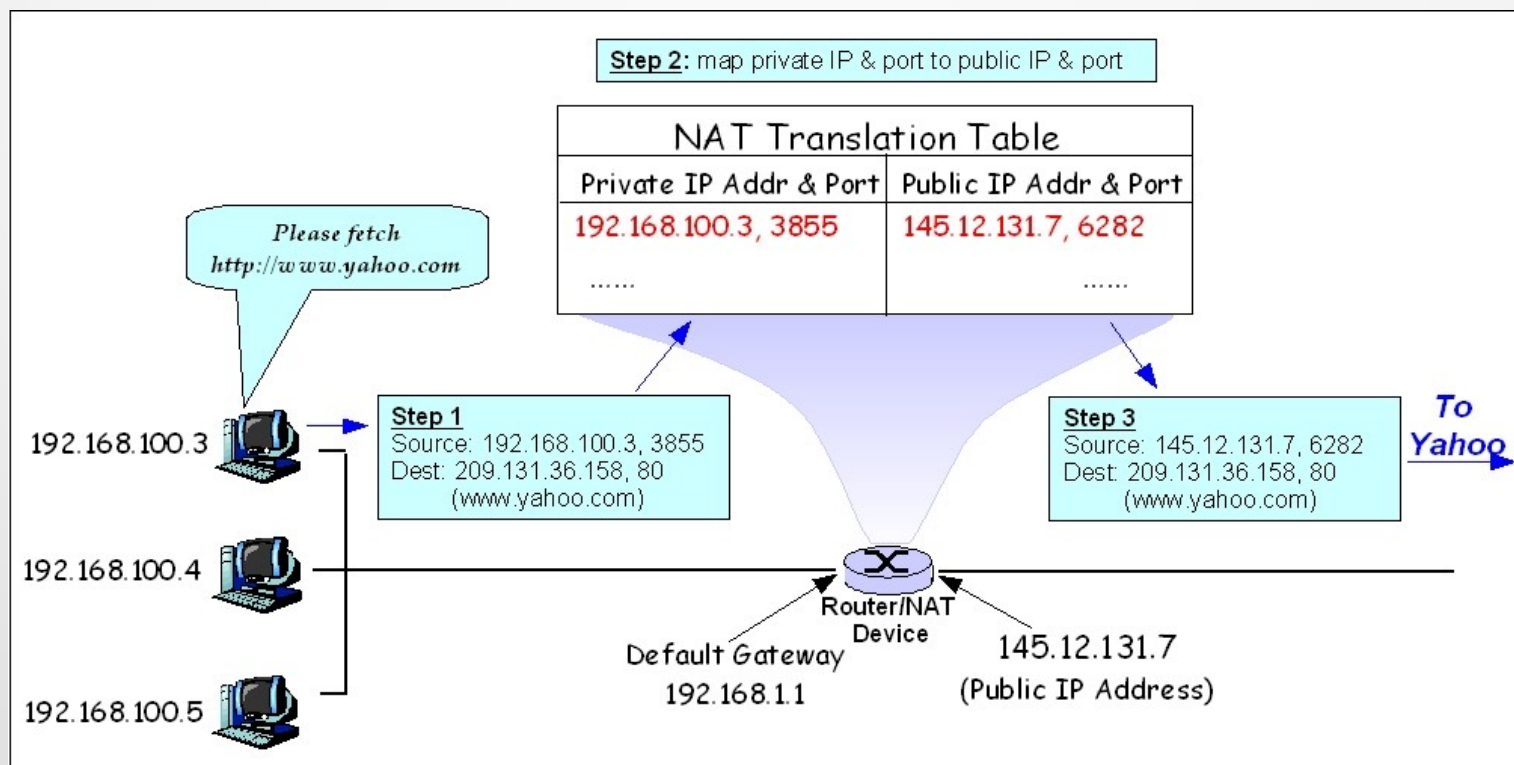
- My network driver crashed... times and times again.
  - Incredibly badly documented and example code is broken. Fixed now
- Creating a NATed environment to check if my protocol works through NAT.
- ...My protocol did not work in NAT...
- Now it does ;)

# Reason it did not work in NAT

Echo or Echo Reply Message

```

0          1          2          3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|  Type   |  Code   |  Checksum  |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Identifier | Sequence Number |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|  Data ...  |
+-----+
  
```



# Current Problems

- Kernel has own IP how does the checker get it?
- How to display the Kernel IP to every other team?
- My checker needs raw socket privileges because of scapy, how do I do this in Docker with python?