

CVE-2020-7248

Description: libubox in OpenWrt before 18.06.7 and 19.x before 19.07.1 has a **tagged binary data JSON serialization** vulnerability that may cause a **stack based buffer overflow**.

References:

<https://github.com/openwrt/openwrt/commits/master>
<https://openwrt.org/advisory/2020-01-31-2>

Related CWE:

CWE-787: Out-of-bounds Write

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Codes: Entry points: "..."; **Targets:** "stack memory", "memory manipulation statement"; **Mechanisms:** "Serialization/Deserialization".

CWE-787

Description: The software writes data past the end, or before the beginning, of the **intended buffer**.

Example:

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In the following example, it is possible to request that **memcpy** move a much larger segment of memory than assumed:

(bad code)

Example Language: C

```
int returnChunkSize(void *) {  
    /* if chunk info is valid, return the size of usable  
    memory, * else, return -1 to indicate an error */  
    ...  
}
```

```
int main() {...
```

```
    memcpy(destBuf, srcBuf, (returnChunk-  
Size(destBuf)-1));
```

```
    ...  
}
```

.....

Codes: Entry points: "..."; **Targets:** "memory copy statement", "memcpy() function"; **Mechanisms:** "Serialization/Deserialization".

Security Advisory 2020-01-31-2

Description: Possibly exploitable vulnerability exists in the libubox library of OpenWrt, specifically in the parts related to **JSON conversion of tagged binary data, so called blobs**. An attacker could possibly exploit this behavior by providing specially **crafted binary blob or JSON** which would then be translated into blob internally. This malicious **blobmsg input** blobmsg input would contain blob attribute holding large enough numeric value of type double which then processed by **blobmsg_format_json** would **overflow the buffer array designated for JSON output allocated on the stack**. The libubox library is a core component in the OpenWrt project and utilized in other parts of the project. Those interdependencies are visible by looking up of the above mentioned vulnerable **blobmsg_format_json function** in the project's LXR[1], which reveals references in netifd, procd, ubus, rpcd, uhttpd. libubox in OpenWrt before 18.06.7 and 19.x before 19.07.1 has a **tagged binary data JSON serialization** vulnerability that may cause a **stack based buffer overflow**.

Exploit Info:

In order to exploit this vulnerability, a malicious attacker would need to provide specially **crafted binary blobs or JSON input** to blobmsg_format_json, thus creating **stack based overflow** condition during **serialization of the double value into the JSON buffer**. It was verified, that its possible to crash rpcd by following shell command: **ubus call luci getFeatures { "banik": 00192200197600198000198100200400.1922 }**

References:

https://lxr.openwrt.org/ident?i=blobmsg_format_json
<https://github.com/openwrt/packages/blob/master/ubus/ucb/ucb.c>

Codes: Entry points: "service request", "ubus command", "binary blob/json (input data)", "procedure call", "message handler"; **Targets:** "stack memory", "buffer array"; **Mechanisms:** "JSON Serialization".

Openwrt Github

packages/ubus/ucb/ucb.c:

```
...  
39 #include <libubox/vlist.h>  
40 #include <libubox/blobmsg_json.h>  
41 #include <libuboxavl-cmp.h>  
...  
679 DPRINTF("status code: %d\n", cl - > status_code);  
680 DPRINTF("headers: %n%s\n", blobmsg_format_json_indent  
(cl - > meta, true, 0));  
681 blobmsg_parse(header_policy, __H_MAX, tb,  
blob_data(cl - > meta), blob_len(cl - > meta)); ...
```

OpenWrt.org Cross Reference

libuboxblobmsg_json.h

```
...  
40 static inline char *blobmsg_format_json_indent(struct blob_attr *attr,  
bool list, int indent)  
41 {  
42 return blobmsg_format_json_with_cb(attr, list, NULL, NULL, indent);  
43 }  
libuboxblobmsg_json.c  
322 char *blobmsg_format_json_with_cb(struct blob_attr *attr, bool list,  
blobmsg_json_format_t cb, void *priv, int indent)  
323 { ...  
336 blobmsg_format_json_list(&s, blobmsg_data(attr),  
blobmsg_data_len(attr), array);  
354 ...}  
static bool blobmsg_puts(struct strbuf *s, const char *c, int len)  
130 {  
131 size_t new_len; 132 char *new_buf;  
133  
134 if (len <= 0)  
135 return true;  
136  
137 if (s - > pos + len >= s - > len) {  
138 new_len = s - > len + 16 + len;  
139 new_buf = realloc(s - > buf, new_len);  
140 if (!new_buf)  
141 return false;  
142  
143 ...  
144 memcpy(s - > buf + s - > pos, c, len);  
145 s - > pos += len;  
146 return true;  
150 }
```

Codes: Entry points: "binary blob(input data)"; **Targets:** "stack memory", "memory copy statement"; **Mechanisms:** "Serialization/Deserialization".