CVE-2020-0609 & CVE-2020-0610

Bug Overview

For Windows RDP service based on UDP, the application(service) has to handle the incoming packets and re-assemble them in the correct order as well as ensure that no parts are missing.

This information is obtained from the packet headers which have the following fields: - fragment id: Denotes the fragment's position in the sequence - num_fragments: Denotes the total number of fragment in the sequence - fragment_length: Denotes the length of the fragment's data

The implementation of the packet handler in the Windows RDP service introduces some bugs. The below mentioned code snippets are parts of this handler function being used to demonstrate the bugs.

1. CVE-2020-0609

```
if ((this->bytes_written + packet->fragment_len) > this->buffer_size)
    return error;

/*
    some more code
*/
memcpy_s(&this->buffer[1000 * packet->fragment_id], 1000, &packet->fragment, packet->fragment
```

this->bytes_written += packet->fragment_len;

The first line of the above code snippet is a **bounds check** on the (re-assembly) buffer. memcpy_s copies each fragment to an offset in the buffer which is calculated using the fragment_id, while the third line notes the update of the bytes_written variable being used in the bounds check.

Noting that the offset is not being used in the bounds check, we realize that this is a simple buffer overflow in which we control both the offset and the length of the data being written.

2. CVE-2020-0610

```
if (this->frag_received[fragment_id])
    return ok;

/*
    some more code
*/
this->frag_received[fragment_id] = TRUE;
```

This code snippet shows that whenever any packet is verified, it's marked as received so as

Environment

A local VM running Windows Server 2019 () has been set up, and UDP mode of Remote Desktop Gateway has been enabled on the same. No additional configurations needs to be set up.

Our code to exploit the vulnerability is as follows: > insert exploit code latest

Report

We have managed to attack the vulnerability in the following two ways -

1. Scanning for the vulnerability

CVE-2020-0610 has been scanned for, using a crafted packet whose fragment_id has been (maliciously) chosen to be 65(along with num_fragments being 66 since it has to be > fragment_id).

Such a packet is not acceptable on the patched version and returns an error(patched version has a check saying packet->fragment_id > 64 returns error); while the unpatched version returns no error but goes on executing further. Thus, no error received demonstrates that the vulnerability exists.

Scanning for solely CVE-2020-0609 seems quite difficult since the buffer is supposed to be able to accommodate at least the maximum number of fragments truly possible (which is 64 actually) and therefore, the buffer size would be at least 64*1000 bytes and in such a case, a buffer overflow in this->buffer is impossible to happen with fragment_id < 64. (The buffer is long enough to prevent from overwriting neighbouring data with just CVE-2020-0609).

2. DoSing the host

The host can be DoSed by exploiting CVE-2020-0610 using crafted packets having fragment_id >= 64. Our exploit connects to the server multiple times and sends such malicious packets over and over again, causing the service to eventually be shut down.

In our exploit, we've tried to not trigger the other vulnerability by choosing the fragments to have fragment_size of 1000 bytes and sending the fragments with increasing fragment_id; such as to ensure that this->bytes_written gets incremented by exactly 1000(which is also the number of bytes being copied into the buffer). However, since the underlying protocol is UDP, we cannot be definitely sure that this is the case.

Once again, exploiting solely CVE-2020-0609 to DoS the host is impossible due to the exact same reason as mentioned above.

Note that both the exploits could be exploited simultaneously but that doesn't add to anything.