Checkpoint 2

p7zip

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Github Link

https://github.com/atharvakale343/390r-debugging-setup

Dynamic Analysis

Fuzzing

Fuzzing was the main dynamic analysis technique we used against our target p7zip. We mainly fuzzed the extract (e) feature of our binary as the feature uses several decompression algorithms as part of its execution.

We used afl-plus-plus as the primary fuzzing tool.

https://github.com/AFLplusplus/AFLplusplus

Generating a corpus

We took a variety of steps to find a good enough corpus for our fuzzing efforts. The major approach here to was to search online for commonly used corpora. We wanted to find not only .zip format, but also as many different formats possible.

We found a decent corpus at https://github.com/strongcourage/fuzzing-corpus

This included the following formats:

- .zip
- .gzip
- .lrzip
- .jar

We added this as a target to our fuzzing Makefile.

```
1 get-inputs:
      rm -rf in_raw fuzzing-corpus && mkdir in_raw
2
3
      git clone -n --depth=1 --filter=tree:0 git@github.com:strongcourage
          /fuzzing-corpus.git
      cd fuzzing-corpus && git sparse-checkout set --no-cone zip gzip/go-
5
         fuzz lrzip jar && git checkout
      mv fuzzing-corpus/zip/go-fuzz/* in_raw
6
7
      mv fuzzing-corpus/jar/* in_raw
8
      mv fuzzing-corpus/gzip/go-fuzz/* in_raw
      mv fuzzing-corpus/lrzip/* in_raw
```

The next step was to choose only "interesting" inputs from this corpus. This includes small inputs that don't crash that binary immediately.

We used the afl-cmin functionality to minimize the corpus.

```
1 afl-cmin -i in_raw -o in_unique -- $(BIN_AFL) e -y @@
```

Another important minimization step included tmin. This augments each input such that it can be as small as possible without compromising it's ability to mutate and produce coverage in the instrumented target.

Unfortunately, this process takes a long time, and it only completed for us after a day.

```
1 cd in_unique; for i in *; do afl-tmin -i "$$i" -o "../in/$$i" -- ../$(
    BIN_AFL) e -y @@; done
```

The cybersec room servers come in handy here!

Experimenting with fuzzing composition flags

We discovered that it is not enough to fuzz a plain instrumented target with afl-plus-plus. The target binary may not be easily crashed with mutated inputs as p7zip has a robust input error checker. We took to fuzzing with various sanitizers instead to search for harder to find bugs.

We used the following sanitizers on our target:

- ASAN: Address Sanitizer: discovers memory error vulnerabilities such as use-after-free, heap/buffer overflows, initialization order bugs etc.
- MSAN: Memory Sanitizer: mainly used to discover reads to uninitialized memory such as structs etc.
- TSAN: Thread Sanitizer: finds race conditions

```
1 afl:
2
     rm -rf $(BIN_AFL)
      git clone $(GH_URL) $(BIN_AFL)
3
      cp 7zz-makefiles/$(BIN_DEFAULT).mak $(BIN_AFL)/CPP/7zip/7zip_gcc.
      cd $(BIN_AFL)/CPP/7zip/Bundles/Alone2 && CC=$(AFL_CC) CXX=$(AFL_CXX
5
          ) make -f makefile.gcc
7 afl-asan:
      rm -rf $(BIN_AFL_ASAN)
8
9
      git clone $(GH_URL) $(BIN_AFL_ASAN)
      cp 7zz-makefiles/$(BIN_AFL_ASAN).mak $(BIN_AFL_ASAN)/CPP/7zip/7
          zip_gcc.mak
```

```
cd $(BIN_AFL_ASAN)/CPP/7zip/Bundles/Alone2 && AFL_USE_ASAN=1 CC=$(
          AFL_CC) CXX=$(AFL_CXX) make -f makefile.gcc
12
13 afl-msan:
14
       rm -rf $(BIN_AFL_MSAN)
15
       git clone $(GH_URL) $(BIN_AFL_MSAN)
16
       cp 7zz-makefiles/$(BIN_AFL_MSAN).mak $(BIN_AFL_MSAN)/CPP/7zip/7
          zip_gcc.mak
       cd $(BIN_AFL_MSAN)/CPP/7zip/Bundles/Alone2 && AFL_CC_COMPILER=LLVM
17
          AFL_USE_MSAN=1 CC=$(AFL_CC) CXX=$(AFL_CXX) make -f makefile.gcc
18
19 afl-tsan:
      rm -rf $(BIN_AFL_TSAN)
20
       git clone $(GH_URL) $(BIN_AFL_TSAN)
21
22
       cp 7zz-makefiles/$(BIN_AFL_TSAN).mak $(BIN_AFL_TSAN)/CPP/7zip/7
          zip_gcc.mak
23
       cd $(BIN_AFL_TSAN)/CPP/7zip/Bundles/Alone2 && AFL_USE_TSAN=1 CC=$(
          AFL_CC) CXX=$(AFL_CXX) make -f makefile.gcc
```

Parallel Fuzzing

To start with, our approach was to fuzz the extract command of 7zz. So we found an appropriate corpus and fuzzed with the e command-line argument (along with -y to account for same filenames / avoid user input hangs).

With all different sets of compilation flags that we mentioned previously, we compiled the binaries with AFL instrumentation. Then, to more effectively fuzz, we setup a parallel fuzzing environment in one of the **CyberSec club** VMs.

We added the afl-fuzz commands in a Makefile and followed the official guide for using multiple cores. Below are the commands we utilized. All of our fuzzers shared the same input and output directores to keep track of current fuzzing state.

```
1 AFL_SKIP_CPUFREQ=1 AFL_I_DONT_CARE_ABOUT_MISSING_CRASHES=1 $(AFL_FUZZ)
-M main-afl-$(HOSTNAME) -t 2000 -i in -o out -- $(BIN_AFL) e -y @@
```

Our main fuzzer used a regular instrumented AFL binary with no other CFLAGS. We used a timeout of 2 seconds to denote a hang (or infinite loops).

Our variant fuzzers utilized binaries compiled with other flags (such as *asan* and *msan*). These had the same timeout as before of 2 seconds.

To keep track of all fuzzers and run them simultaneouly, we used tmux sessions with a separate window

for each fuzzer.

Results

We ran the fuzzers using multiple cores for around 2.5 days. We noticed no crashes in most of the variants, with msan being the exception. However, some fuzzers encountered hangs.

```
american fuzzy lop ++4.07a {main-afl-} (...Bundles/Alone2/_o/bin/7zz) [fast]
                                                                                          overall results
            run time : 2 days, 13 hrs, 15 min, 48 sec
 last new find : 0 days, 0 hrs, 12 min, 9 sec
last saved crash : none seen yet
last saved hang : 0 days, 0 hrs, 13 min, 43 sec
  cycle progress
                                                                map coverage
  now processing : 7353.33 (80.2%)
runs timed out : 0 (0.00%)
                                                                map density : 0.91% / 5.65% count coverage : 5.25 bits/tuple
   stage progress
 now trying : splice 1
stage execs : 42/43 (97.67%)
total execs : 117M
exec speed : 598.4/sec
                                                                favored items : 773 (8.43%)
                                                                 new edges on : 1488 (16.23%)
                                                                total crashes : 0 (0 saved)
                                                                total tmouts : 298 (0 saved)
   fuzzing strategy yields
                                                                                        item geometry
 bit flips: disabled (default, enable with -D)
byte flips: disabled (default, enable with -D)
arithmetics: disabled (default, enable with -D)
known ints: disabled (default, enable with -D)
                                                                                          pending : 140
                                                                                       pend fav : 0
own finds : 8281
havoc/splice : 5532/44.1M, 2749/73.6M
py/custom/rq : unused, unused, unused
trim/eff : disabled, disabled
                                                                                       stability : 81.95%
```

Figure 1: Main AFL Fuzzer

```
american fuzzy lop ++4.07a {variant-afl-asan} (.../Alone2/_o/bin/7zz) [fast]
   run time : 2 days, 13 hrs, 13 min, 13 sec
last new find : 0 days, 0 hrs, 10 min, 37 sec
last saved crash : none seen yet
                                                                             saved crashes : 0
 last saved hang : 0 days, 1 hrs, 15 min, 58 sec
 cycle progress
 now processing : 5762*0 (85.5%)
runs timed out : 0 (0.00%)
stage progress
                                                        map density : 7.40% / 23.60% count coverage : 5.53 bits/tuple
  stage progress
now trying : trim 512/512
stage execs : 112/290 (38.62%)
total execs : 4.64M
exec speed : 5.56/sec (zzzz...)
                                                        favored items : 667 (9.90%)
new edges on : 1292 (19.18%)
                                                        total crashes : 0 (0 saved)
                                                        total tmouts : 108 (0 saved)
  fuzzing strategy yields
                                                                             item geometry
 bit flips : disabled (default, enable with -D) byte flips : disabled (default, enable with -D) arithmetics : disabled (default, enable with -D)
  known ints : disabled (default, enable with -D)
havoc/splice : 422/552k, 813/2.08M
                                                                             stability : 69.98%
     trim/eff : 8.06%/1.95M, disabled
```

Figure 2: ASAN Variant Fuzzer

```
american fuzzy lop ++4.07a {variant-afl-msan} (.../Alone2/_o/bin/7zz) [fast]
  process timing
                                                                                          overall results
                                                                                          cycles done : 1
last new find : 0 days, 0 hrs, 2 min, 53 sec
last saved crash : 0 days, 1 hrs, 13 min, 31 sec
 last saved hang : 0 days, 0 hrs, 36 min, 4 sec
  cycle progress
  now processing : 4889*0 (65.8%)
runs timed out : 26 (0.35%)
                                                               map density : 1.05% / 5.58% count coverage : 5.37 bits/tuple
stage progress
now trying : trim 8/8
stage execs : 27/90 (30.00%)
total execs : 4.77M
exec speed : 30.83/sec (slow!)

stage or : 1327 (17.87%)
total crashes : 220k (978 save
total tmouts : 206 (0 saved)
item geometry
  stage progress
                                                                findings in depth
                                                               new edges on : 1327 (17.87%)
total crashes : 220k (978 saved)
bit flips: disabled (default, enable with -D)
byte flips: disabled (default, enable with -D)
arithmetics: disabled (default, enable with -D)
known ints: disabled (default, enable with -D)
                                                                                         pending : 2456
                                                                                       own finds : 1268
dictionary : n/a
havoc/splice : 465/343k, 1270/1.46M
                                                                                       stability : 74.96%
py/custom/rq : unused, unused, unused, unused
      trim/eff: 6.55%/2.91M, disabled
```

Figure 3: MSAN Variant Fuzzer

```
american fuzzy lop ++4.07a {variant-afl-tsan} (.../Alone2/_o/bin/7zz) [fast]
                                                                   overall results
                                                                    cycles done : 1
   last new find : 0 days, 0 hrs, 16 min, 36 sec
                                                                   corpus count : 7029
last saved crash : none seen yet
                                                                  saved crashes : 0
 last saved hang : 0 days, 0 hrs, 17 min, 57 sec
                                                                    saved hangs : 91
 cycle progress
 now processing : 1058.242 (15.1%)
runs timed out : 1 (0.01%)
                                                map density : 6.77% / 24.98%
count coverage : 5.52 bits/tuple
  stage progress
                                                 findings in depth
 fuzzing strategy yields
                                                                   item geometry
bit flips: disabled (default, enable with -D)
byte flips: disabled (default, enable with -D)
arithmetics: disabled (default, enable with -D)
known ints: disabled (default, enable with -D)
                                                                    pending : 2705
dictionary : n/a
havoc/splice : 494/775k, 941/2.11M
                                                                   imported: 4907
                                                                  stability : 69.15%
py/custom/rq : unused, unused, unused, unused
    trim/eff : 6.48%/2.46M, disabled
                                                                             [cpu003:150%]
```

Figure 4: TSAN Variant Fuzzer

We tried running an input from in/hangs to check where an infinite loop could occur. But, all inputs eventually terminated while taking longer than 2 seconds. Therefore, we concluded that these executions were incorrectly flagged as hangs due to relatively low timeouts. For our next fuzzing attempts, we plan to increase this and make the timout around 30 seconds to account for larger file inputs.

Analyzing msan crashes

As the msan variant was the only one that produced crashes, we compiled a msan binary with debug flags and analyzed the crash.

Figure 5: crash output from msan

As displayed above, the crash occurs due to a use of uninitialized value in FileDir.cpp.

```
else if (S_ISLNK(st.st_mode))
       1086
       1087
      1088
00:0000 rsp <u>0x7fffffffcf60</u> -- 0x0
01:0008 rdx 0x7ffffffffcf68 -- 0x803
                             <u>0x7ffffffcf70</u> ← 0x275c09 /* "\t\\'" */
02:0010
03:0018
04:0020
05:0028
                                 <u>0x7ffffffffff88</u> ← 0x3e8
06:0030
                                 0x7fffffffffff ← 0x0
                                <u>0x7fffffffcf98</u> ← 0x79 /* 'y' */
07:0038
                                                                                                                                                                                                 -[ BACKTRACE ]
 ▶ f 0 0x55555575229c NWindows::NFile::NDir::SetFileAttrib_PosixHighDetect(char const*, unsigned int)+268
                     0x555555e2362a CArchiveExtractCallback::SetAttrib()+970
      f 2  0x555555e2a609 CArchiveExtractCallback::SetOperationResult(int)+1817
       f 4 0x555555e80530 Extract(CCodecs*, CObjectVector<COpenType> const&, CRecordVector<int> const&, CObjectVector<Ustring>&, CObjectVector<Ustric>cd::CCensorNode const&, CExtractOptions const&, IOpenCallbackUI*, IExtractCallbackUI*, IHashCalc*, UString&, CDecompressStat&)+20704
      f 5 0x55555580530 Extract(CCodecs*, CObjectVector<COpenType> const&, CRecordVector<int> const&, CObjectVector<UString>&, 
  d::CCensorNode const&, CExtractOptions const&, IOpenCallbackUI*, IExtractCallbackUI*, IHashCalc*, UString&, CDecompressStat&)+20704
        f 6  0x555555f3bc69 Main2(int, char**)+26233
      f 7 @x555555f45b75 main+213
             g> p st.st_mode
```

Figure 6: gdb analysis for msan crash

From previous error message, we see that msan has flagged st.st_mode as uninitialized. But, looking into **gdb**, this variable seems to be defined, set to 33204. This is because it was called with lstat(path, &st) at the beginning of the function, which initialized all fields of the struct.

From this, we can conclude that msan had incorrectly flagged this an uninitialized and this is a *false positive*. All other msan crashes refer to the same line, so we determined that **msan** is not a good fit for this project, possibly missing out on initializations.

We looked more into clang documentation, which confirmed this hypothesis:

it may introduce false positives and therefore should be used with care

Static Analysis

Codeql

To analyze the code for common C/C++ bugs, we used **codeql** to scan the source code.

We first created a analysis database by providing the make instructions to codeql.

Then, we download *cpp-queries* and tested the produced database against it.

```
1 codeql pack download codeql/cpp-queries2 codeql database analyze analysis-db.codeql --format CSV --output analysis.csv
```

```
Starting evaluation of codeql/cpp-queries/Security/CWE/CWE-704/WcharCharConversion.ql
[42/47 eval 8ms] Evaluation done; writing results to codeql/cpp-queries/Security/CWE/CWE/GWE/DangerousUseOfCin.bqrs.
Starting\ evaluation\ of\ codeq1/cpp-queries/Security/CWE/CWE-732/OpenCallMissingMode \underline{Argument.ql}.
[43/47 eval 63ms] Evaluation done; writing results to codeql/cpp-queries/Security/CWE/CWE-704/WcharCharConversion.bqrs.
Starting evaluation of codeql/cpp-queries/Security/CWE/CWE-732/UnsafeDaclSecurityDescriptor.ql
[44/47 eval 28ms] Evaluation done; writing results to codeql/cpp-queries/Security/CWE/CWE-732/OpenCallMissingModeArgument.bqrs.
Starting evaluation of codeql/cpp-queries/Summary/LinesOfCode.ql.
[45/47 eval 13ms] Evaluation done; writing results to codeql/cpp-queries/Security/CWE/CWE-732/UnsafeDaclSecurityDescriptor.bqrs.
Starting evaluation of codeql/cpp-queries/Summary/LinesOfUserCode.ql.
[46/47 eval 4ms] Evaluation done; writing results to codeql/cpp-queries/Summary/LinesOfCode.bqrs.
[47/47 eval 2.1s] Evaluation done; writing results to codeql/cpp-queries/Summary/LinesOfUserCode.bqrs.
Shutting down query evaluator.
Interpreting results.
Analysis produced the following diagnostic data:
           Diagnostic
                                   | Summary |
 Successfully extracted files | 44 results |
Analysis produced the following metric data:
  Total lines of user written C/C++ code in the database | 4129 |
                                                                 | 400756 |
  \begin{array}{c} \textbf{codeql-playground} \quad \texttt{git:} (\textbf{main}) \quad \textbf{\textit{X}} \quad \texttt{cat} \quad \texttt{analysis.csv} \\ \textbf{codeql-playground} \quad \texttt{git:} (\textbf{main}) \quad \textbf{\textit{X}} \end{array}
```

Figure 7: Codesql statistics

But, this did not output any glaring errors, executing without any warnings or useful metrics. We concluded that codeql only utilizes simple checks which would have already been accounted for in the source code.

CPPCheck

We ran the codebase through the static analysis tool **cppcheck**, which tagged 1569 warnings and errors. One of the common errors flagged by cppcheck was *shiftTooManyBits*

390r-debugging-setup\p7zip\CPP\7zip\Archive\7z\7zIn.cpp				
<u>261</u>	shiftTooManyBits	<u>758</u>	error	Shifting 32-bit value by 32 bits is undefined behaviour
<u>1546</u>	shiftTooManyBits	<u>758</u>	error	Shifting 32-bit value by 32 bits is undefined behaviour
<u>1547</u>	shiftTooManyBits	<u>758</u>	error	Shifting 32-bit value by 32 bits is undefined behaviour
<u>1598</u>	shiftTooManyBits	<u>758</u>	error	Shifting 32-bit value by 62 bits is undefined behaviour

Figure 8: Occurences of shiftTooManyBits

Unfortunately, when looking at the actual source code, almost all of these errors come from an innocuous macro:

```
#define GetUi64(p) (GetUi32(p) | ((UInt64)GetUi32(((const Byte *)(p)) + 4) \ll 32))
```

Figure 9: First macro

Figure 10: Second macro

The rest, on closer inspection, are also falsely flagged as errors, such as this one:

```
2594 shiftTooManyBits 758 error Shifting 32-bit value by 63 bits is undefined behaviour
```

Figure 11: Another occurence of *shiftTooManyBits*

```
2594 if (node.<u>FileSize</u> ≥ ((UInt64)1 ≪ 63))
2595 return S_FALSE;
```

Figure 12: Looking into source code

A more promising error seems to be a possible null pointer exception:

```
      390r-debugging-setup\p7zip\CPP\7zip\Archive\Zip\Zip\Archive\Zip\ZipHandlerOut.cpp

      41
      nullPointerRedundantCheck
      476/41
      warning
      Either the condition 'password' is redundant or there is possible null pointer dereference: s++.

      41
      nullPointerArithmeticRedundantCheck
      682/2
      warning
      Either the condition 'password' is redundant or there is pointer arithmetic with NULL pointer.
```

Figure 13: Null Pointer occurences

Figure 14: First null Pointer dereference

This function is only called once, in the same file at line 415:

```
CMyComPtr<ICryptoGetTextPassword2> getTextPassword;

{
CMyComPtr<IArchiveUpdateCallback> udateCallBack2(callback);
 udateCallBack2.QueryInterface(IID_ICryptoGetTextPassword2, &getTextPassword);
}

CCompressionMethodMode options;
(CBaseProps &)options = _props;
options._dataSizeReduce = largestSize;
options._dataSizeReduceDefined = largestSizeDefined;

options.PasswordIsDefined = false;
options.Password.Wipe_and_Empty();
if (getTextPassword)

{

CMyComBSTR_Wipe password;
Int32 passwordIsDefined;

RINOK(getTextPassword → CryptoGetTextPassword2(&passwordIsDefined),
if (options.PasswordIsDefined)

{

if (!m_ForceAesMode)
    options.IsAesMode = thereAreAesUpdates;

if (!IsSimpleAsciiString(password))
    return E_INVALIDARG;
```

Figure 15: Second null Pointer dereference

It looks like password gets populated in *CryptoGetTexPassword2*, looking at that function, and the subsequent call to *StringToBstr*, it unfortunately looks like the nullpointer is properly checked for.

Figure 16: Null pointer check in CryptoGetTexPassword2

Figure 17: Null pointer check in StringToBstr

Next Steps

• Fuzzing with higher timeout to increase coverage and avoid false positives

- Fuzzing different features of the target binary
- Investigating how p7zip is fuzzed and tested in OSS-Fuzz