

# One bite and all your dreams will come true: Analyzing and Attacking Apple Kernel Drivers

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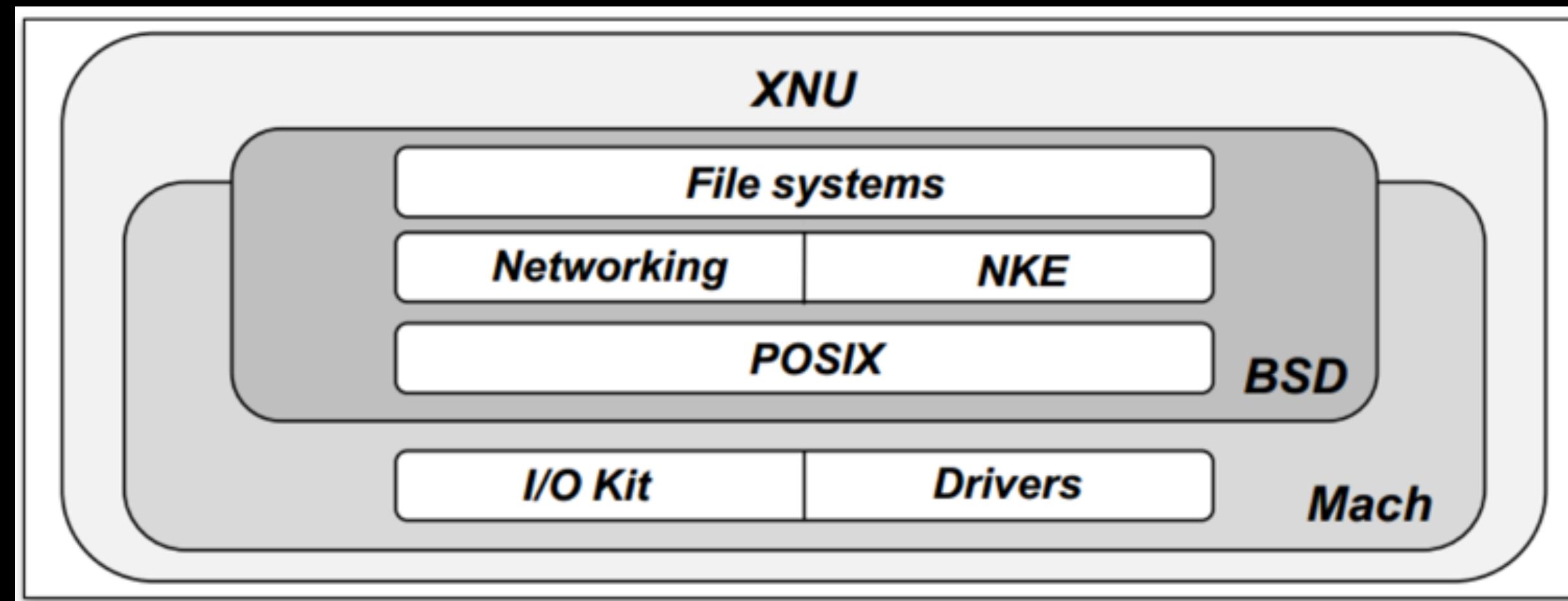
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# Overview

Every driver is a kernel extension (.kext) sharing the same space with the kernel

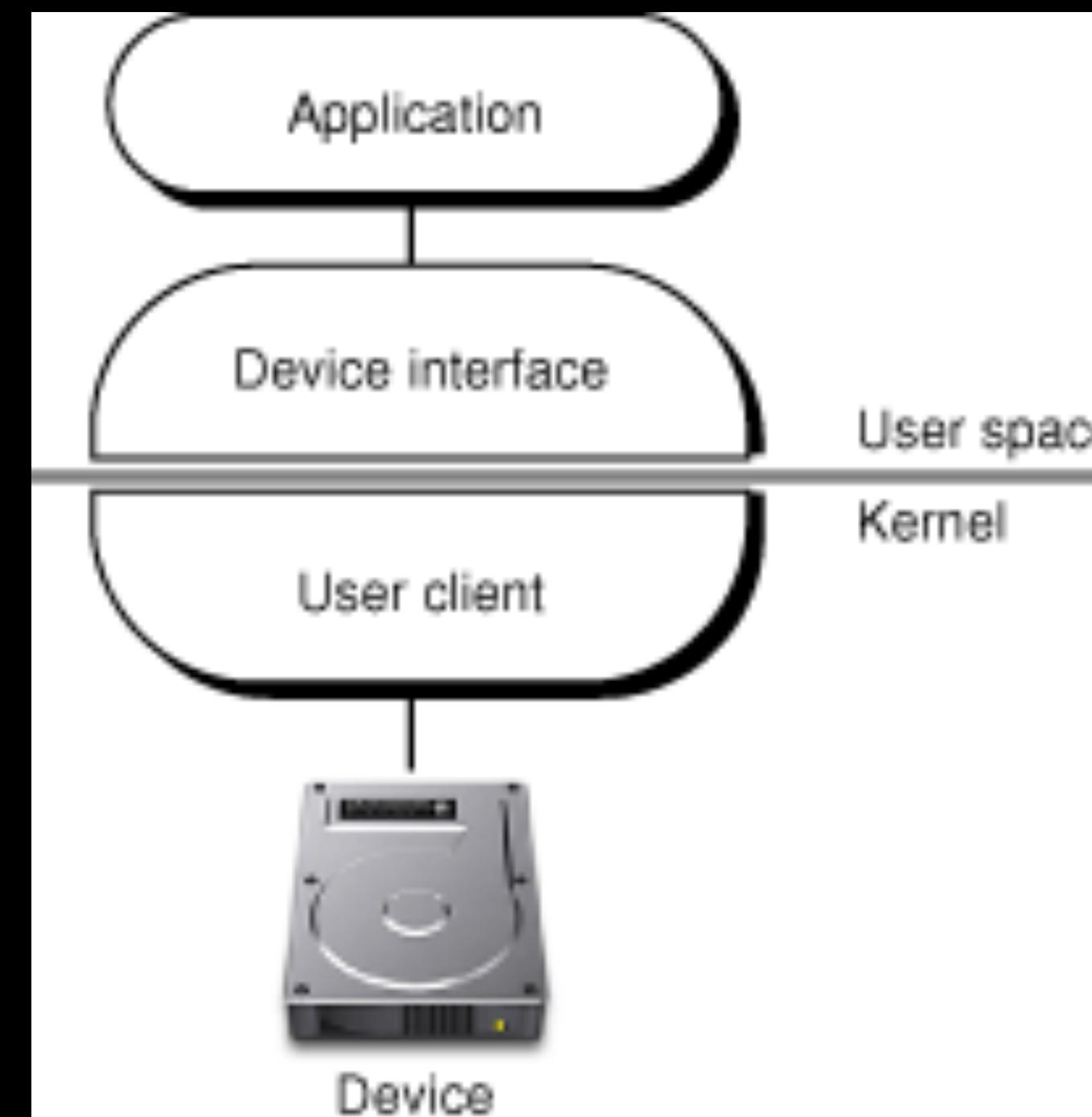
Location of driver binaries:

- On macOS: /System/Library/Extensions
- On iOS: integrated with kernel in kernelcache



Userclient: kernel objects for drivers to provide service to programs in userspace

Userclient is the interface between user-space applications and devices



In order to provide services, userclients need to implement several callback methods:

- `externalMethod`: Provide methods that can be called in user-space
- `clientMemoryForType`: Share memory with apps in user-space
- `registerNotificationPort`: Allow user-space app to register for notifications
- `clientClose`: Close connection with user-space app
- ...

```
externalMethod(uint32_t selector,  
    IOExternalMethodArguments *arguments,  
    IOExternalMethodDispatch *dispatch,  
    OSObject *target, void *reference);
```

- Callback to provide methods to userspace program
- selector: to select method in userclient
- arguments: arguments passed to the selected method
- dispatch: a struct representing the method to be called
- target: the target userclient for the method to be called on
- reference: reference to send results back to userspace program

Despite of strict sandbox restriction, some userclients are still be accessible to sandboxed apps on iOS:

- IOHIDLibUserClient
- IOMobileFramebufferUserClient
- IOSurfaceAcceleratorClient
- AppleJPEGDriverUserClient
- IOAccelDevice2, IOAccelSharedUserClient2,  
IOAccelCommandQueue2
- AppleKeyStoreUserClient
- IOSurfaceSendRight, IOSurfaceRootUserClient

# New vulns in Apple drivers

Drivers are good targets for exploiting the kernel

- Share the same space with the kernel
- Have kernel privileges
- Some programmed by third-party vendors, not kernel developer
- Code quality is not guaranteed

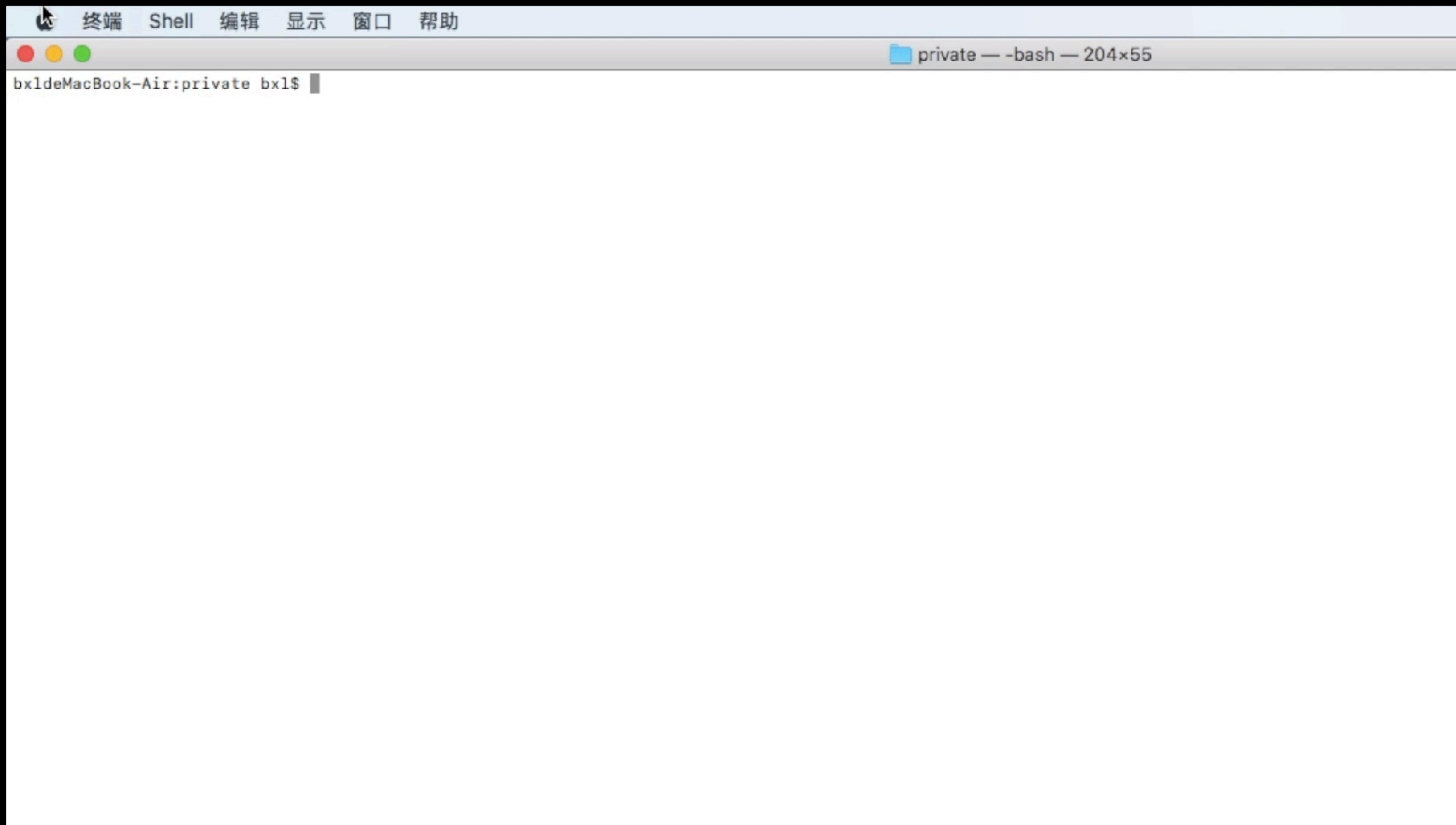
Drivers are frequently exploited in attacks against the kernel, including jailbreaks

Previous vulns in drivers used in jailbreaks:

- 11 (v0rtex/electra): IOSurfaceRoot (CVE-2017-13861)
- 9 (pangu): IOMobileFrameBuffer (CVE-2016-4654)
- 8 (TaiG): IOHIDFamily (CVE-2015-5774)
- 7 (pangu): AppleKeyStore (CVE-2014-4407)

Next, let's have a look at some new vulns we recently discovered in Apple drivers!

# Privilege escalation on macOS 10.13.3



A screenshot of a macOS Terminal window titled "private — bash — 204x55". The window has a standard OS X title bar with icons for close, minimize, and zoom. The menu bar at the top includes "终端" (Terminal), "Shell", "编辑" (Edit), "显示" (View), "窗口" (Window), and "帮助" (Help). The main pane of the terminal shows the command prompt "bx1deMacBook-Air:private bx1\$". The background of the window is white, and the overall interface is clean and modern.

This privilege escalation leverages a new Use-After-Free vulnerability in the driver IOAcceleratorFamily2

- IOAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2::s\_transaction\_end

```
__int64 __cdecl IOAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2::s_transaction_end()
{
    IOAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2 *v3; // rax@1
    void *v4; // rdx@2
    IOAccelDisplayPipe2 *v5; // rdi@2
    __int64 result; // rax@3

    v3 = a1;
    if ( BYTE1(a1->member50) )
    {
        v4 = (void *)a3->structureInput;
        BYTE1(a1->member50) = 0;
        v5 = (IOAccelDisplayPipe2 *)a1->member29;
        if ( v5 )
            result = IOAccelDisplayPipe2::transaction_end(v5, v3, v4);
        else
            result = 3758097113LL; ↑
    }
    else
    {
        result = 3758097122LL;
    }
    return result;
}
```

All IOAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2  
share the same IOAccelDisplayPipe2

This privilege escalation leverages a new Use-After-Free vulnerability in the driver IOAcceleratorFamily2

- IOAccelDisplayPipe2::transaction\_end

IOAccelDisplayPipe2 contains a link list of IOAccelDisplayPipe2Transaction2.  
IOAccelDisplayPipe2::transaction\_end traverse the link list to find a transaction

```
v12 = (char *)&this->mAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2_Head; ← A link list of transactions in this IOAccelDisplayPipe2
do
{
    foundTransaction = *(IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2 **)v12;
    if ( !*(QWORD *)v12 )
    {
        v7 = 0xE00002F0;
        goto LABEL_35;
    }
    v12 = (char *)&foundTransaction->nextTransaction;
}
while ( HIDWORD(foundTransaction->mTransactionIndexInPipe) != LODWORD(transactionArgs_userInput->transactionIndex) );
```

And further call IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2::set\_transaction\_args using the found transaction

```
v7 = IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2::set_transaction_args(foundTransaction, transactionArgs_userInput);
```

This privilege escalation leverages a new Use-After-Free vulnerability in the driver IOAcceleratorFamily2

- IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2::set\_transaction\_args

mAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2 is a member of IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2,  
whose type is IOAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2,  
representing which userclient the transaction belongs to

```
userclient = this->mAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2; ← The userclient that this transaction belongs to
eventSourceInUserClient = userclient->mInterruptEventSource;
if ( !eventSourceInUserClient )
{
    _this->mInterruptEventSource = 0LL;
LABEL_6:
    transactionArgs = (IOAccelDisplayPipeTransactionArgs *)_os_log_default_0;
    _os_log_internal(
        &dword_0,
        _os_log_default_0,
        17LL,
        IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2::set_transaction_args(IOAccelDisplayPipeTransactionArgs * )::__os_log_fmt,
        "IOReturn IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2::set_transaction_args(sIOAccelDisplayPipeTransactionArgs * )");
    _this->member40 = 0LL;
    goto LABEL_7;
}
((void (*)(void))eventSourceInUserClient->vtable->__ZNK80SObject6retainEv)();
```

# This privilege escalation leverages a new Use-After-Free vulnerability in the driver IOAcceleratorFamily2

- But, mAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2 can be released by calling IOServiceClose from user space, causing use-after-free

```
userclient = this->mAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2; ← Userclient can be released from user space
eventSourceInUserClient = userclient->mInterruptEventSource;
if ( !eventSourceInUserClient )
{
    _this->mInterruptEventSource = 0LL;
LABEL_6:
    transactionArgs = (IOAccelDisplayPipeTransactionArgs *)_os_log_default_0;
    _os_log_internal(
        &dword_0,
        _os_log_default_0,
        17LL,
        IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2::set_transaction_args(IOAccelDisplayPipeTransactionArgs * )::__os_log_fmt,
        "IOReturn IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2::set_transaction_args(sIOAccelDisplayPipeTransactionArgs * )");
    _this->member40 = 0LL;
    goto LABEL_7;
}
((void (*)(void))eventSourceInUserClient->vtable->__ZNK80SObject6retainEv)(); ← Cause use-after-free
```

## Exploitation of the bug

- Create 2 IOAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2
- Begin a IOAccelDisplayPipeTransaction2 by userclient1
- Release userclient1
- End the transaction from userclient2 → use-after-free

The bug is not exploitable now!

- Reason: different IOAccelDisplayPipeUserClient2 do not share the same IOAccelDisplayPipe2 now !

Besides the above vuln, we also discovered some other new vulns in Apple drivers

- CVE-2017-7119
- CVE-2018-4135

Next, we will show details of these vulns

# CVE-2017-7119

- Information leakage in IOFirewireFamily
- Caused by uninitialized stack variable
- In IOFireWireUserClient::externalMethod

```
case kIsochChannel_Allocate:  
{  
    IOFireWireUserClient * fw_uc = OSDynamicCast( IOFireWireUserClient, targetObject );  
    if( fw_uc )  
    {  
        UserObjectHandle outChannelHandle;  
        result = fw_uc->isochnChannel_Create((bool)arguments->scalarInput[0],  
                                              (UInt32)arguments->scalarInput[1],  
                                              (IOFWSpeed)arguments->scalarInput[2],  
                                              &outChannelHandle);  
        arguments->scalarOutput[0] = (uint64_t) outChannelHandle;  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        result = kIOReturnBadArgument;  
    }  
    break;  
}
```

# CVE-2017-7119

- In `IOFireWireUserClient::isochChannel_Create`

```
IOReturn
IOFireWireUserClient::isochChannel_Create (
    bool                  inDoIRM,
    UInt32                inPacketSize,
    IOFWSpeed              inPrefSpeed,
    UserObjectHandle *    outChannelHandle )
{
    // this code the same as IOFireWireController::createIsochChannel
    // must update this code when controller changes. We do this because
    // we are making IOFWUserIsochChannel objects, not IOFWIsochChannel
    // objects

    IOReturn error = kIOReturnSuccess ;
    IOFWUserIsochChannel * channel = OSTypeAlloc( IOFWUserIsochChannel );
    if ( channel )
    {
        if ( channel->init( getOwner()->getController(), inDoIRM, inPacketSize, inPrefSpeed ) )
        {
            fExporter->addObject( channel,
                (IOFWUserObjectExporter::CleanupFunction) & IOFWUserIsochChannel::s_exporterCleanup,
                outChannelHandle ) ;
        }
    }
}
```

# CVE-2017-7119

- In IOFWUserObjectExporter::addObject

```
IOReturn
IOFWUserObjectExporter::addObject ( OSObject * obj, CleanupFunction cleanupFunction, IOFireWireLib::UserObjectHandle *
    outHandle )
{
    IOReturn error = kIOReturnSuccess ;
    lock () ;
    // if at capacity, expand pool
    if ( fObjectCount == fCapacity )
    {
        unsigned newCapacity = fCapacity + ( fCapacity >> 1 ) ;
        if ( newCapacity > 0xFFFF )
            newCapacity = 0xFFFF ;
        if ( newCapacity == fCapacity ) // can't grow!
        {
            DebugLog( "Can't grow object exporter\n" ) ;
            error = kIOReturnNoMemory ;
        }
    }
}
```

- outHandle should be set with the index of new-added object
- But, when newCapacity reaches 0xFFFF, new object will not be added and outHandle will not be set

# CVE-2017-7119

```
case kIsochChannel_Allocate:  
{  
    IOFireWireUserClient * fw_uc = OSDynamicCast( IOFireWireUserClient, targetObject );  
    if( fw_uc )  
    {  
        UserObjectHandle outChannelHandle;  
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                                              (UInt32)arguments->scalarInput[1],  
                                              (IOFWSpeed)arguments->scalarInput[2],  
                                              &outChannelHandle);  
        arguments->scalarOutput[0] = (uint64_t) outChannelHandle;  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        result = kIOReturnBadArgument;  
    }  
    break;  
}
```

- Recall in IOFireWireUserClient::externalMethod
- outHandle is uninitialized and returned to userspace
- Information leak!

# CVE-2017-7119

- Can be exploited to get kernel slide, defeat kaslr, e.g.

```
* thread #1, stop reason = breakpoint 2.1
  frame #0: 0xffffffff7f856947ac IOFireWireFamily`IOFireWireUserClient::isoChChannel_Create(this=0xffffffff80177a2a00, inDoIRM=false, inPacketSize=0, inPrefSpeed=kFWSpeed100MBit, outChannelHandle=0xffffffff91340b3b48) at IOFireWireUserClient.cpp:4504 [opt]
(lldb) x/5g $r8
0xffffffff91340b3b48: 0xfffffff8004ebc0b6 0xffffffff8016a8d000
0xffffffff91340b3b58: 0xffffffff80177a2a00 0x0000000000000039
0xffffffff91340b3b68: 0xfffffff80218791f4
```

```
(lldb) dis -a 0xfffffff8004ebc0b6
kernel`IOEventSource::closeGate:
0xffffffff8004ebc0a0 <+0>: pushq %rbp
0xffffffff8004ebc0a1 <+1>: movq %rsp, %rbp
0xffffffff8004ebc0a4 <+4>: pushq %rbx
0xffffffff8004ebc0a5 <+5>: pushq %rax
0xffffffff8004ebc0a6 <+6>: movq %rdi, %rbx
0xffffffff8004ebc0a9 <+9>: movq 0x30(%rbx), %rdi
0xffffffff8004ebc0ad <+13>: movq (%rdi), %rax
0xffffffff8004ebc0b0 <+16>: callq *0x180(%rax)
0xffffffff8004ebc0b6 <+22>: movq 0x40(%rbx), %rax
0xffffffff8004ebc0ba <+26>: movq (%rax), %rbx
0xffffffff8004ebc0bd <+29>: testq %rbx, %rbx
0xffffffff8004ebc0c0 <+32>: je 0xfffffff8004ebc0d5
0xffffffff8004ebc0c2 <+34>: leaq 0x14cd57(%rip), %rdi
0xffffffff8004ebc0c9 <+41>: callq 0xfffffff8004897880
0xffffffff8004ebc0ce <+46>: movq %rax, 0x18(%rbx)
0xffffffff8004ebc0d2 <+50>: incl 0x28(%rbx)
0xffffffff8004ebc0d5 <+53>: addq $0x8, %rsp
0xffffffff8004ebc0d9 <+57>: popq %rbx
0xffffffff8004ebc0da <+58>: popq %rbp
0xffffffff8004ebc0db <+59>: retq
```

```
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A0 ; __int64 __fastcall IOEventSource::closeGate(IOEventSource&)
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A0 public __ZN13IOEventSource9closeGateEv
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A0 __ZN13IOEventSource9closeGateEv proc near
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A0 push rbp
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A1 mov rbp, rsp
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A4 push rbx
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A5 push rax
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A6 mov rbx, rdi
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0A9 mov rdi, [rbx+30h]
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0AD mov rax, [rdi]
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0B0 call qword ptr [rax+180h]
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0B6 mov rax, [rbx+40h]
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0BA mov rbx, [rax]
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0BD test rbx, rbx
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0C0 jz short loc_FFFFFF80008BC0D5
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0C2 lea rdi, _pal_rtc_nanotime_info
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0C9 call _rtc_nanotime_read
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0CE mov [rbx+18h], rax
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0D2 inc dword ptr [rbx+28h]
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0D5 loc_FFFFFF80008BC0D5: ; CODE XREF: IO
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0D5 add rsp, 8
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0D9 pop rbx
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0DA pop rbp
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0DB retn
FFFFFFFFFF80008BC0DB __ZN13IOEventSource9closeGateEv endp
```

Kernel slide = 0x4ebc0b6-0x8bc0b6 = 0x4600000  
Though outChannelHandle is only 32bit, but enough  
since the high 32bit is always 0xfffffff80 here

## CVE-2018-4135

- Use-After-Free in IOFirewireFamily driver
- Lack of locking or serialization when using and releasing a member variable
- Can be exploited to control PC in kernel

# CVE-2018-4135

- Use-After-Free in IOFirewireFamily driver
- Lack of locking or serialization when using and releasing a member variable
- In IOFireWireUserClient::externalMethod

```
case kCommand_Submit:  
{  
    IOFireWireUserClient * fw_uc = OSDynamicCast( IOFireWireUserClient, targetObject );  
    if( fw_uc )  
    {  
        result = fw_uc->userAsyncCommand_Submit(arguments->asyncReference,  
                                         (CommandSubmitParams*)arguments->structureInput,  
                                         (CommandSubmitResult*)arguments->structureOutput,  
                                         (IOByteCount) arguments->structureInputSize,  
                                         (IOByteCount*) &arguments->structureOutputSize);  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        result = kIOReturnBadArgument;  
    }  
    break;  
}
```

# CVE-2018-4135

- `IOFireWireUserClient::userAsyncCommand_Submit` looks up for a `IOWUserReadCommand` and calls its “submit” method

```
IOReturn
IOFireWireUserClient::userAsyncCommand_Submit(
    OSAsyncReference64           asyncRef,
    CommandSubmitParams *        params,
    CommandSubmitResult *        outResult,
    IOByteCount                  paramsSize,
    IOByteCount *                outResultSize) {
    IOWUserCommand * cmd = NULL ;
    ...
    if ( params->kernCommandRef ) {
        const OSObject * object = fExporter->lookupObject( params->kernCommandRef ) ;
        ...
    }
    ...
    if ( cmd ) {
        ...
        error = cmd->submit( params, outResult ) ;
        ...
    }
}
```

# CVE-2018-4135

- In IOFWUserReadCommand::submit

```
IOReturn
IOFWUserReadCommand::submit(
    CommandSubmitParams*    params,
    CommandSubmitResult*   outResult)
{
    IOReturn    error      = kIOReturnSuccess ;
    Boolean     syncFlag   = ( params->flags & kFWCommandInterfaceSyncExecute ) != 0 ;
    Boolean     copyFlag   = ( params->flags & kFireWireCommandUseCopy ) != 0;
    Boolean     absFlag    = ( params->flags & kFireWireCommandAbsolute ) != 0 ;
    bool        forceBlockFlag = (params->flags & kFWCommandInterfaceForceBlockRequest) != 0;

    if ( params->staleFlags & kFireWireCommandStale_Buffer )
    {
        if ( fMem ) // whatever happens, we're going to need a new memory descriptor
        {
            fMem->complete() ;
            fMem->release() ;    <-- (a)
            fMem = NULL;
        }
        ...
    }

    if ( not error )
    {
        ...
        fCommand = fUserClient->getOwner()->createReadCommand( target_address,
            fMem, syncFlag ? NULL : & IOFWUserCommand::asyncReadWriteCommandCompletion,
            this, params->newFailOnReset ) ;      <-- (b)
        ...
    }
    ...
}
```

# CVE-2018-4135

- (a) release fMem, (b) uses fMem (fMem is a member)

```
IOReturn
IOFWUserReadCommand::submit(
    CommandSubmitParams*    params,
    CommandSubmitResult*   outResult)
{
    IOReturn    error      = kIOReturnSuccess ;
    Boolean     syncFlag   = ( params->flags & kFWCommandInterfaceSyncExecute ) != 0 ;
    Boolean     copyFlag   = ( params->flags & kFireWireCommandUseCopy ) != 0;
    Boolean     absFlag    = ( params->flags & kFireWireCommandAbsolute ) != 0 ;
    bool        forceBlockFlag = (params->flags & kFWCommandInterfaceForceBlockRequest) != 0;

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        {
            fMem->complete() ;
            fMem->release();    <-- (a)
            fMem = NULL;
        }
        ...
    }

    if ( not error )
    {
        ...
        fCommand = fUserClient->getOwner()->createReadCommand( target_address,
            fMem, syncFlag ? NULL : & IOFWUserCommand::asyncReadWriteCommandCompletion,
            this, params->newFailOnReset ) ;      <-- (b)
        ...
    }
    ...
}
```

# CVE-2018-4135

## Exploit:

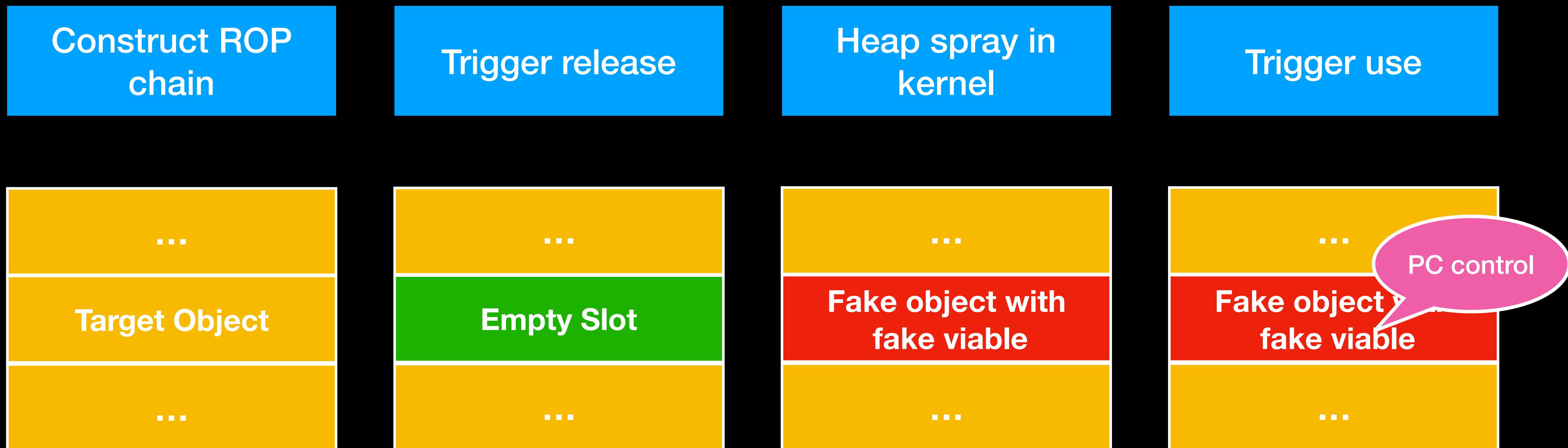
- Create two threads to invoke method on the same userclient
- One thread release fMem, the other uses it

```
0xffffffff7f94c8be50 <+160>: testq  %r13, %r13  
0xffffffff7f94c8be53 <+163>: je      0xffffffff7f94c8be68  
0xffffffff7f94c8be55 <+165>: movq    (%r13), %rax  
0xffffffff7f94c8be59 <+169>: movq    %r13, %rdi  
-> 0xffffffff7f94c8be5c <+172>: callq   *0x1c8(%rax)
```

```
(lldb) re r  
General Purpose Registers:  
        rax = 0x4141414141414141
```

# How to exploit Use-After-Free bug in the kernel for privilege escalation?

Basic flow:



# A new heap spray method on macOS

- Utilize OSUnserializeXML
- Set properties of a device

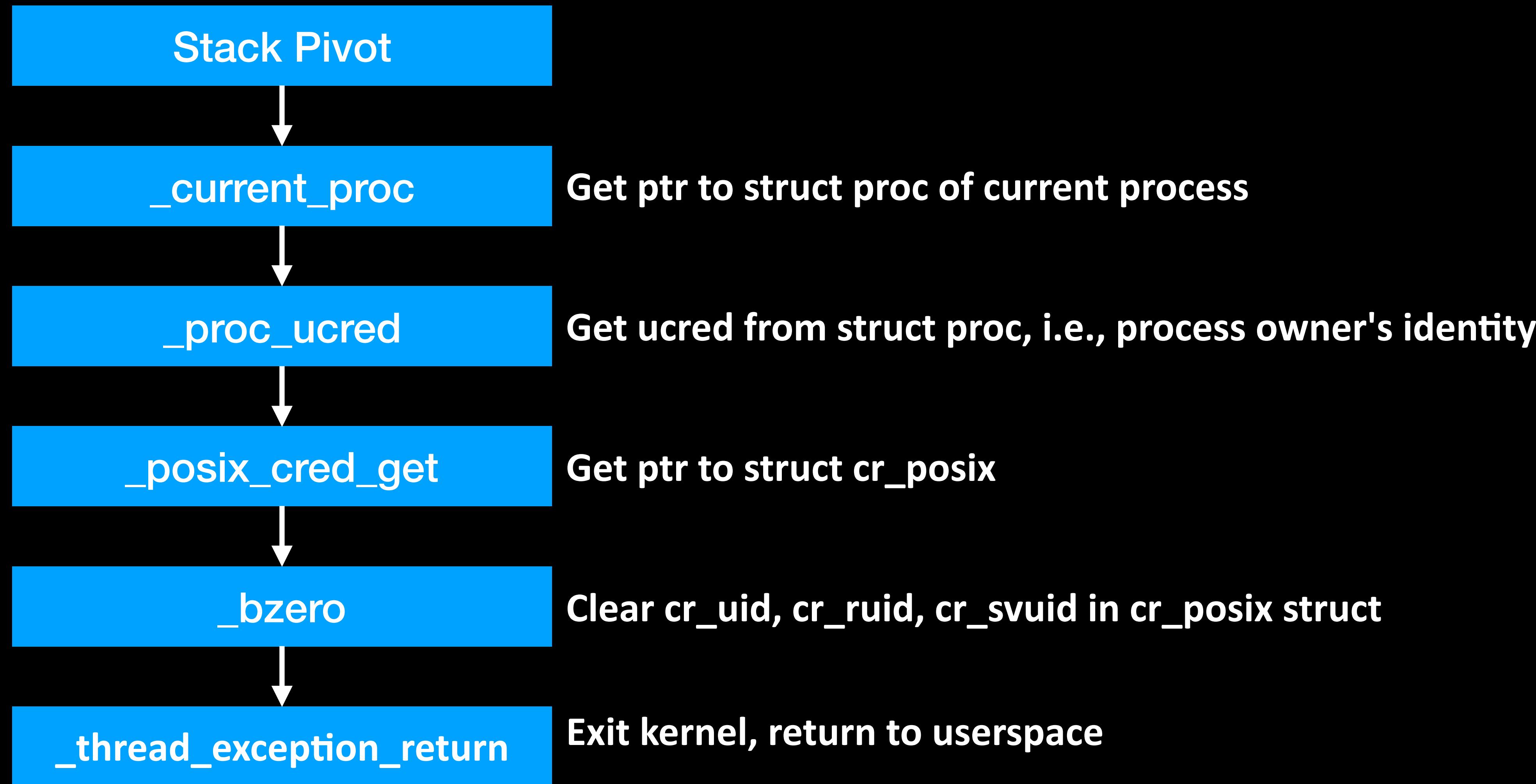
```
/* Routine io_registry_entry_set_properties */
kern_return_t is_io_registry_entry_set_properties(
    io_object_t registry_entry,
    io_buf_ptr_t properties,
    mach_msg_type_number_t propertiesCnt,
    kern_return_t * result) {
    ...
    obj = OSUnserializeXML( (const char *) data, propertiesCnt );
    ...
    res = entry->setProperties( obj );
}
```

# A new heap spray method on macOS

- Some drivers keep any properties set by userspace, e.g., IOHIDEEventService
- Pros: the sprayed data can be read; the head of sprayed data is controllable

```
/* Routine io_registry_entry_set_properties */
kern_return_t is_io_registry_entry_set_properties(
    io_object_t registry_entry,
    io_buf_ptr_t properties,
    mach_msg_type_number_t propertiesCnt,
    kern_return_t * result) {
    ...
    obj = OSUnserializeXML( (const char *) data, propertiesCnt );
    ...
    res = entry->setProperties( obj );
}
```

# ROP chain for privilege escalation

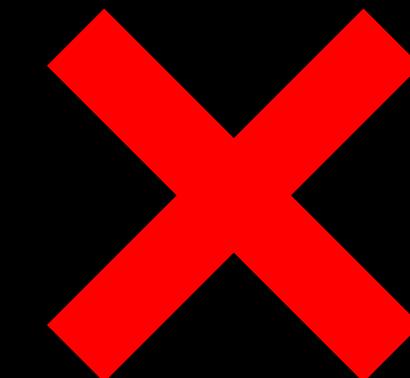


# Stack Pivot: Change current stack, for performing ROP in an elegant way

- Previous Methods (Unavailable Now)

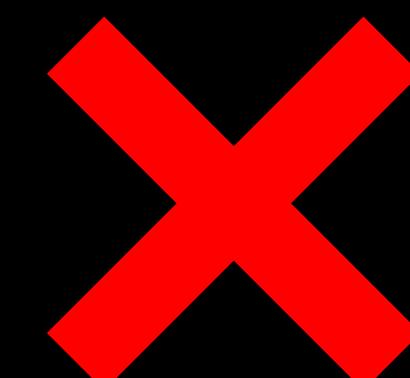
In tpwn (on 10.10)

```
50          push rax
0100        add DWORD PTR [rax],eax
005b41      add BYTE PTR [rbx+0x41],bl
5c          pop rsp
415e        pop r14
415f        pop r15
5d          pop rbp
c3          ret
```



In rootsh (on 10.11)

```
static const uint8_t xchg_esp_eax_pop_rsp_ins[] = {
    0x94, /* xchg esp, eax */
    0x5c, /* pop rsp */
    0xc3, /* ret */
};
```



# Stack Pivot: Change current stack, for performing ROP in an elegant way

- New Method

**Step 1: Control RAX and affect RCX  
(Gadget P1)**

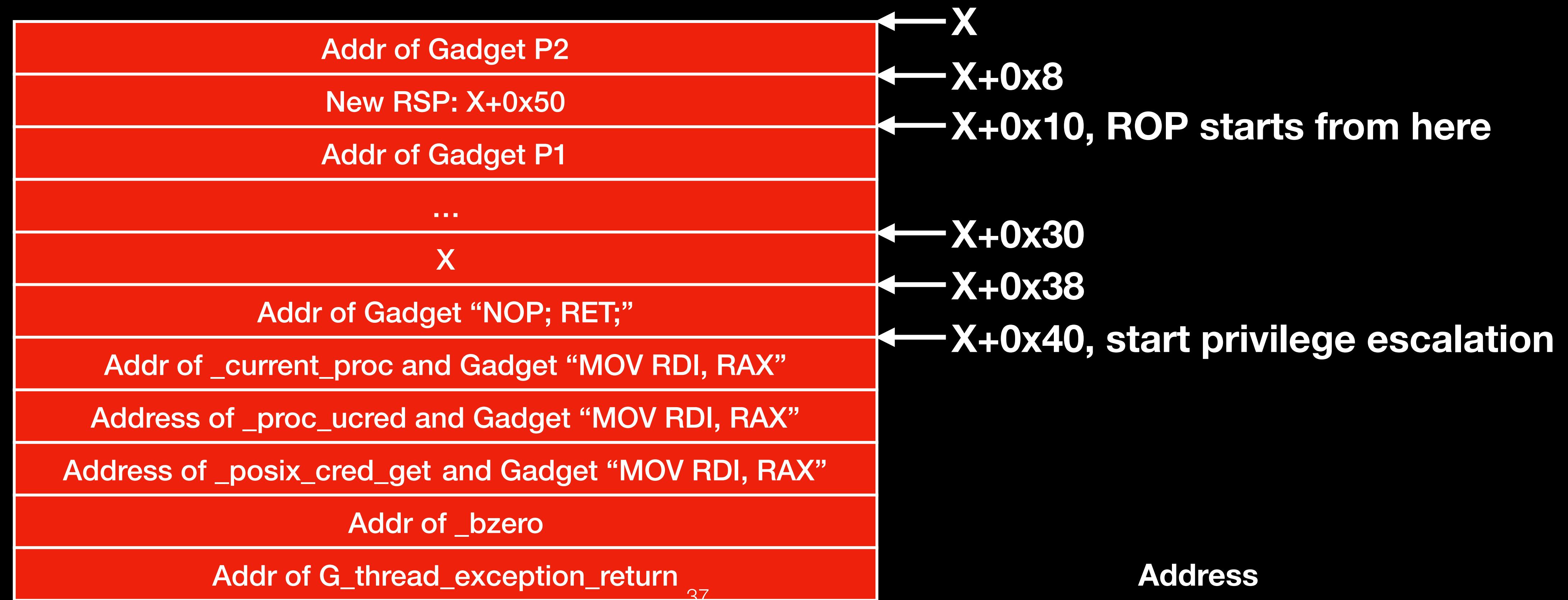
```
mov    rcx, [rax+30h]
mov    [rbp+var_50], rcx
call   qword ptr [rax]
```

**Step 2: Modify RSP by controlled RCX  
(Gadget P2)**

```
mov    rsp, [rcx+8]
mov    rbx, [rcx]
mov    rbp, [rcx+10h]
mov    r12, [rcx+18h]
mov    r13, [rcx+20h]
mov    r14, [rcx+28h]
mov    r15, [rcx+30h]
jmp   qword ptr [rcx+38h]
```

# Layout of gadgets in a ROP chain

- Assume: RAX is controlled and [RAX+0x10] is to be called
- Store address X in RAX, X contains a ROP chain



# Privilege escalation on the macOS 10.13 and 10.13.2

```
[sh-3.2# uname -a
Darwin bx1deMacBook-Air.local 17.0.0 Darwin Kernel Version 17.0.0: Thu Aug 24 21
:48:20 PDT 2017; root:xnu-4570.1.46~2/DEVELOPMENT_X86_64 x86_64
[sh-3.2# whoami
root
sh-3.2# ]
```

```
[sh-3.2# uname -a
Darwin bx1deMacBook-Air.local 17.3.0 Darwin Kernel Version 17.3.0: Thu Nov  9 18:09:22 PST 2017; root:xnu-4570.31.3~1/DEVELOPMENT_X86_64 x86_64
[sh-3.2# whoami
root
sh-3.2# ]
```

# Obstacles in analyzing Apple drivers

# Analyzing macOS and iOS kernel drivers is not easy!

- Drivers are closed-source: binaries lack high-level semantics and variable types are lost
- Drivers are programmed in C++: virtual functions are widely used but object types are unknown → the real function called is unknown
- Symbols are lost in iOS drivers: iOS kernelcache strips all symbols in drivers

# What does a driver's binary look like in IDA pro?

- macOS driver: some symbols are kept

```
char __fastcall IOSurfaceRootUserClient::taskHasEntitlement(IOSurfaceRootUserClient *this, task *a2,
{
    IOUserClient *v3; // rax@1
    const char *v4; // rdx@1
    __int64 v5; // rbx@1
    __int64 v6; // rsi@2
    __int64 v7; // rax@2
    char v8; // r14@3

    LODWORD(v3) = current_task(this, a2, a3);
    v5 = IOUserClient::copyClientEntitlement(v3, (task *)&"com.apple.private.iosurfaceinfo", v4);
    if ( v5 )
    {
        v6 = *off_C048;
        LODWORD(v7) = OSMetaClassBase::safeMetaCast(v5, *off_C048);
        if ( v7 )
            v8 = (*(int (__fastcall **)(__int64, __int64))(*(_QWORD *)v7 + 280LL))(v7, v6);
        else
            v8 = 0;
        (*(void (__fastcall **)(__int64))(*(_QWORD *)v5 + 40LL))(v5);
    }
    else
    {
        v8 = 0;
    }
    return v8;
}
```

# What does a driver's binary look like in IDA pro?

- macOS driver: But! Wrong parameter inference, lack of variable types, unrecognizable virtual function calls

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        if ( v7 )
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        (*(void (__fastcall **)(__int64))(*(_QWORD *)v5 + 40LL))(v5);
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    }
    return v8;
}
```

Wrong parameter inference

Variable types are lost

Virtual function calls are unrecognizable

# What does a driver's binary look like in IDA pro?

- iOS driver: symbols are totally lost

[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A0BC	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A0BC
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A19C	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A19C
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A3D0	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A3D0
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A498	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A498
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A51C	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A51C
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A52C	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A52C
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A53C	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A53C
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A574	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A574
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A678	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A678
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A730	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A730
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A7E8	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A7E8
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A820	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A820
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615A858	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615A858
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615AB20	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615AB20
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615AC00	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615AC00
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615AC0C	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615AC0C
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615AC34	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615AC34
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615AC3C	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615AC3C
[f] sub_FFFFFFFF00615AC44	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text	FFFFFFFFFF00615AC44

# What does a driver's binary look like in IDA pro?

- iOS driver: data structure is gone, e.g. this figure should be the location of a virtual table

com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047A8	DCQ unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0C8
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047B0	DCQ unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC248
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047B8	unk_FFFFFFFF006E047B8 DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047B8	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047B9	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047BA	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047BB	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047BC	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047BD	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047BE	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047BF	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C0	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C1	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C2	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C3	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C4	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C5	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C6	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C7	DCB 0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C8	DCB 0x64 ; d
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047C9	DCB 0x40 ; @
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047CA	DCB 0x15
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047CB	DCB 6
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047CC	DCB 0xF0
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047CD	DCB 0xFF
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047CE	DCB 0xFF
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047CF	DCB 0xFF
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047D0	DCB 0x68 ; h
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E047D1	DCB 0x40 ; @

# What does a driver's binary look like in IDA pro?

- iOS driver: meaningless function names, totally lost variable types, unrecognized virtual function calls

```
int64 __fastcall sub_FFFFFFFF00615A3D0(__int64 a1, __int64 a2, int a3)
{
    int v3; // w20
    __int64 v4; // x19
    __int64 v5; // x21
    __int64 result; // x0
    __int64 v7; // x0
    __int64 v8; // x21
    void (__fastcall *v9)(__int64, __int64); // x22
    __int64 v10; // x0
    signed __int64 v11; // x1

    v3 = a3;
    v4 = a2;
    v5 = (*(__int64 (**) (void))(*(_QWORD *)a1 + 1536LL))();
    result = sub_FFFFFFFF006166F10(v4, off_FFFFFFFF006E07190);
    if ( result )
    {
        if ( v5 )
        {
            v7 = (*(__int64 (__fastcall **) (__int64))(*(_QWORD *)v5 + 208LL))(v5);
            v8 = v7;
            if ( v7 )
            {
                (*(void (**) (void))(*(_QWORD *)v7 + 152LL))();
                v9 = *(void (__fastcall **)(__int64, __int64))(*(_QWORD *)v4 + 1488LL);
                v10 = (*(__int64 (__fastcall **)(__int64))(*(_QWORD *)v8 + 208LL))(v8);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

*Wrong decompile result  
everywhere !*

## What exactly do we want for a binary to be?

- Function (including virtual func) calls are recognizable, the called functions are known
- Missing symbols are recovered, decompiled code is understandable...

## Why?

- Knowing the real call target is a prerequisite for inter-procedure analysis and further analysis
- Manual review needs meaningful decompiled code

# What exactly do we want for a binary to be?

- Just like we have the source code

```
void __cdecl IOAVControllerUserClient::start(IOAVControllerUserClient *this, IOAVController *provider)
{
    const void *v2; // x2
    IOAVControllerUserClient *v3; // x20
    IOAVController *v4; // x0
    unsigned __int64 v5; // x1
    IOWorkLoop *v6; // x21
    IOEventSource *v7; // x8

    v3 = this;
    v4 = (IOAVController *)OSMetaClassBase::safeMetaCast((OSMetaClassBase *)provider, off_FFFFFFFF006EED5E0, v2);
    v3->member27 = (__int64)v4;
    if ( v4 )
    {
        v4->vtable->_ZNK8OSObject6retainEv((OSObject *)v4);
        if ( IOUserClient_vtableRef32->vtable._ZN9IOService5startEPS_((IOService *)v3) )
        {
            v6 = v3->vtable->_ZNK9IOService11getWorkLoopEv((IOService *)v3);
            if ( !v6
                || (v7 = (IOEventSource *)sub_FFFFFFFF00653ED58((OSObject *)v3, v5), (v3->member28 = (__int64)v7) == 0)
                || (unsigned int)v6->vtable->_ZN10IOWorkLoop14addEventSourceEP13IOEventSource(v6, v7) )
            {
                v3->vtable->_ZN24IOAVControllerUserClient4stopEPS_(v3);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

# Ryuk: a new static analysis tool to analyze Apple drivers

# Ryuk: a new static analysis tool aiming at solving uncertainties in Apple drivers, for further analyzing drivers' security

- Implemented as an IDA pro python script



\*Ryuk: a character in the comics series Death Note, who loves eating apples.

## Ryuk's features (functionalities):

- Class recognition: identify classes' information
- VTable recognition: identify classes' virtual functions
- Recover function names: only for iOS drivers
- Resolve variable types: resolve and mark variable types
- Add cross references: for members and virtual funcs
- UI support: better UI support for manual review
- Call graph generation: for inter-procedure analysis

# Class recognition

- Purpose: for variable type inference and further analysis
- Method: depend on RTTI information left in binaries
- Apple drivers are programmed in C++ and support a limited RTTI feature
- `__mod_init_func`: a section containing initialization functions to support RTTI
- Analyzing functions in `__mod_init_func` section, we can get information of classes (name, size...)

# Class recognition

- `__mod_init_func`

macOS

```
mod_init_func:000000000000E090 ; Segment type: Pure data
mod_init_func:000000000000E090 ; Segment alignment 'qword' can not be represented in assembly
mod_init_func:000000000000E090 __mod_init_func segment para public 'DATA' use64
mod_init_func:000000000000E090 assume cs:__mod_init_func
mod_init_func:000000000000E090 ;org 0E090h
mod_init_func:000000000000E090 dq offset __GLOBAL_sub_I_IOSurface_cpp
mod_init_func:000000000000E098 dq offset __GLOBAL_sub_I_IOSurfaceClient_cpp
mod_init_func:000000000000E0A0 dq offset __GLOBAL_sub_I_IOSurfaceDeviceCache_cpp
mod_init_func:000000000000E0A8 dq offset __GLOBAL_sub_I_IOSurfaceRoot_cpp
mod_init_func:000000000000E0B0 dq offset __GLOBAL_sub_I_IOSurfaceRootUserClient_cpp
mod_init_func:000000000000E0B8 dq offset __GLOBAL_sub_I_IOSurfaceSendRight_cpp
mod_init_func:000000000000E0B8 __mod_init_func ends
```

iOS

```
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED75D8 ; Segment type: Pure data
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED75D8
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED75D8
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED75D8
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED75E0
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED75E8
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED75F0
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED75F8
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED7600
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED7608
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED7610
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED7618
com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func:FFFFFFF006ED7618 ; com.apple.iokit.IOSurface__mod_init_func ends

AREA com.apple.iokit.IOSurface:__mod_init_func,
; ORG 0xFFFFFFF006ED75D8
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_0
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_1
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_2
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_3
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_4
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_5
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_6
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_7
DCQ IOSurface_InitFunc_8
```

# Class recognition

- Functions in `__mod_init_func`: register class information

macOS

```
public __GLOBAL__sub_I_IOSurfaceRootUserClient_cpp
__GLOBAL__sub_I_IOSurfaceRootUserClient_cpp proc near
    ; DATA XREF: __mod_init_func:000000000000E0B0 o
    push    rbp
    mov     rbp,  rsp
    lea     rdi,  __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient10gMetaClassE ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::gMetaClass
    lea     rsi,  aIosurfaceroottu ; "IOSurfaceRootUserClient"
    mov     rdx, cs:__ZN12IOUserClient10gMetaClassE_0 ; IOUserClient::gMetaClass
    mov     ecx, 150h
    call    __ZN11OSMetaClassC2EPKcrKS_j : OSMetaClass::OSMetaClass(char const*,OSMetaClass const*,uint)
    lea     rax, off_10110
    mov     cs:__ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient10gMetaClassE, rax ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::gMetaClass
    pop    rbp
    retn
__GLOBAL__sub_I_IOSurfaceRootUserClient_cpp endp
```

iOS

```
EXPORT IOSurface_InitFunc_6
IOSurface_InitFunc_6           ; DATA XREF: com.apple.iokit.IOSurface: mod init func
var_s0 = 0
    STP    X29, [SP,-0x10+var_s0]!
    MOV    X29, SP
    ADRP   X0, #qword_FFFFFFFF0076EBC30@PAGE
    ADD    X0, X0, #qword_FFFFFFFF0076EBC30@PAGEOFF
    ADRP   X1, #aIosurfaceroottu@PAGE ; "IOSurfaceRootUserClient"
    ADD    X1, X1, #aIosurfaceroottu@PAGEOFF ; "IOSurfaceRootUserClient"
    ADRP   X2, #qword_FFFFFFFF006ED7350@PAGE
    LDR    X2, [X2,#qword_FFFFFFFF006ED7350@PAGEOFF]
    MOV    W3, #0x150
    BL    sub_FFFFFFFF0064CC910
    ADRP   X8, #unk_FFFFFFFF006ED8F20@PAGE
    ADD    X8, X8, #unk_FFFFFFFF006ED8F20@PAGEOFF
    ADD    X8, X8, #0x10
    STR    X8, [X0]
    LDP    X29, X30, [SP+var_s0],#0x10
RET
```

Class Name

Class Size

# Class recognition

- Decompiled code of functions in \_\_mod\_init\_func

macOS

```
_int64 (__fastcall **__GLOBAL__sub_I_IOSurfaceRootUserClient_cpp())(IOSurfaceRootUserClient * __thiscall this)
{
    _int64 (*__fastcall **result)(IOSurfaceRootUserClient::MetaClass * __hidden);

    OSMetaClass::OSMetaClass(
        &IOSurfaceRootUserClient::gMetaClass,
        "IOSurfaceRootUserClient",
        IOUserClient::gMetaClass,
        336LL);
    result = off_10110;
    IOSurfaceRootUserClient::gMetaClass = off_10110;
    return result;
}
```

iOS

```
_QWORD *IOSurface_InitFunc_6()
{
    _QWORD *result; // x0

    result = (_QWORD *)sub_FFFFFFFF0064CC910(&qword_FFFFFFFF0076EBC30, aIosurfacerootu, qword_FFFFFFFF006ED7350, 336LL);
    *result = &unk_FFFFFFFF006ED8F30;
    return result;
}
```

# Class recognition

- With identified class names and sizes, we can create structures to represent these classes in IDA pro

```
[00000090 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IODMAEventSource. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000078 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOFilterInterruptEventSource. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000060 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOTimerEventSource. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000E8 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOBufferMemoryDescriptor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000078 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IODMACmd. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000090 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOInterleavedMemoryDescriptor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000D0 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOMapper. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000030 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOMemoryCursor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000030 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IONaturalMemoryCursor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000030 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOBigMemoryCursor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000030 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOLittleMemoryCursor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000060 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOMemoryDescriptor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000B0 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOGeneralMemoryDescriptor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000188 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOMemoryMap. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000070 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOMultiMemoryDescriptor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000030 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IORangeAllocator. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000070 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOSubMemoryDescriptor. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000E0 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOPlatformExpert. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000F0 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IODTPlatformExpert. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000098 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOPlatformExpertDevice. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000090 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOPlatformDevice. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000E0 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOPanicPlatform. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000B8 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOCPU. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000B8 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOCPUInterruptController. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000118 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IODTNVRAM. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[00000098 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IODMACController. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000A0 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOInterruptController. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
[000000C8 BYTES. COLLAPSED STRUCT IOSharedInterruptController. PRESS CTRL-NUMPAD+ TO EXPAND]
```

# VTable recognition

- In C++, virtual functions of a class are organized in a structure called VTable, which is in `__const` section
- In every C++ class, the first member is always a pointer to this VTable.

Source code

```
class A {  
public:  
    virtual void foo1();  
    virtual void foo2();  
  
};  
void A::foo1(){}
void A::foo2(){}
int main(){
    A *a = new A();
    a->foo2();
}
```

```
const:0000000100001020 ; `vtable for 'A' public __ZTV1A  
const:0000000100001020 __ZTV1A dq 0  
const:0000000100001020 dq offset __ZTI1A  
const:0000000100001028 dq offset __ZN1A4foo1Ev  
const:0000000100001030 dq offset __ZN1A4foo2Ev  
const:0000000100001038
```

VTable

```
int __cdecl main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
{
    void *v3; // ST10_8@1
    v3 = (void *)operator new(8uLL);
    memset(v3, 0, 8uLL);
    A::A(v3, 0LL);
    (*(_fastcall **)(void *))(*(_QWORD *)v3 + 8LL))(v3);
    return 0;
}
```

Decompiled  
code

# VTable recognition

- Purpose: resolve the real targets of virtual function calls
- Method: on macOS, there are symbols for VTables

D	`vtable for'IOSurface	000000000000C290	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurface::MetaClass	000000000000C5C0	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceClient	000000000000C8E0	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceClient::MetaClass	000000000000CA18	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceDeviceCache	000000000000CB10	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceDeviceCache::MetaCl...	000000000000CC80	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceRoot	000000000000CD78	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceRoot::MetaClass	000000000000D620	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceRootUserClient	000000000000D720	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceRootUserClient::Meta...	000000000000E0A0	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceSendRight	000000000000E400	P
D	`vtable for'IOSurfaceSendRight::MetaClass	000000000000ED80	P

Symbols of VTables

```
const:000000000000D720 ; `vtable for'IOSurfaceRootUserClient
const:000000000000D720 __ZTV23IOSurfaceRootUserClient db 0
const:000000000000D721 db 0
const:000000000000D722 db 0
const:000000000000D723 db 0
const:000000000000D724 db 0
const:000000000000D725 db 0
const:000000000000D726 db 0
const:000000000000D727 db 0
const:000000000000D728 db 0
const:000000000000D729 db 0
const:000000000000D72A db 0
const:000000000000D72B db 0
const:000000000000D72C db 0
const:000000000000D72D db 0
const:000000000000D72E db 0
const:000000000000D72F db 0
const:000000000000D730 off_D730 dq offset __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClientD1Ev
const:000000000000D730 ; DATA XREF: IOSurfaceRootUserClient:
const:000000000000D730 ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::IOSurfaceR
const:000000000000D730 ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::~IOSurface
const:000000000000D738 dq offset __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClientD0Ev ; IOSurfaceRootUs
const:000000000000D740 dq offset __ZNK80SObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::release(int)
const:000000000000D748 dq offset __ZNK80SObject14getRetainCountEv ; OSObject::getRet
const:000000000000D750 dq offset __ZNK80SObject6retainEv ; OSObject::retain(void)
const:000000000000D758 dq offset __ZNK80SObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::release(void)
```

VTable structure

# VTable recognition

- Method: on iOS, several steps depending on the vtable's specific structure
- Hint: find class's global metaclass object and further find VTable

The screenshot shows assembly code with annotations. A red arrow points from the text "Class's global metaclass object" to the line "public \_\_ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient9metaClassE". Another red arrow points from the text "VTable start" to the line "dq 0" under the label "ZTV23IOSurfaceRootUserClient".

```
const:000000000000D710      public __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient9metaClassE
const:000000000000D710 ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::metaClass
const:000000000000D710 __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient9metaClassE dq offset __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient10gMetaClassE
const:000000000000D710 ; DATA XREF: IOSurfaceRoot::newUserClient(task *,void
const:000000000000D710 ; IOSurfaceRoot::userClientForTask(task *)+3A`o ...
const:000000000000D710 ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::gMetaClass
const:000000000000D718      public __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient10superClassE
const:000000000000D718 ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::superClass
const:000000000000D718 __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient10superClassE dq offset __ZN12IOUserClient10gMetaClassE ; IOUserC
const:000000000000D720      public __ZTV23IOSurfaceRootUserClient
const:000000000000D720 ; `vtable for' IOSurfaceRootUserClient
const:000000000000D720 __ZTV23IOSurfaceRootUserClient dq 0 ← VTable start
const:000000000000D728      dq 0
const:000000000000D730      dq offset __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClientD1Ev
const:000000000000D730 ; DATA XREF: IOSurfaceRootUserClient::IOSurfaceRootUser
const:000000000000D730 ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::IOSurfaceRootUserClient(OSM
const:000000000000D730 ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::~IOSurfaceRootUserClient()
const:000000000000D738      dq offset __ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClientD0Ev ; IOSurfaceRootUserClient::~IOSurf
const:000000000000D740      dq offset __ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::release(int)
const:000000000000D748      dq offset __ZNK8OSObject14getRetainCountEv ; OSObject::getRetainCount(void)
```

# VTable recognition

- iOS Step 1: adjust \_\_const section in IDA pro
  - In \_\_const, mark each 8 bytes as a pointer



```
const:FFFFFFF006E04FCF      DCB 0xFF
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD0      DCB 0xB8
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD1      DCB 0xC2
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD2      DCB 0x6D
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD3      DCB 7
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD4      DCB 0xF0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD5      DCB 0xFF
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD6      DCB 0xFF
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD7      DCB 0xFF
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD8      DCB unk_FFFFFFF006E04FD8 DCB
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD8      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD9      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FDA      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FDB      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FDC      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FDD      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FDE      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FDF      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE0      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE1      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE2      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE3      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE4      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE5      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE6      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE7      DCB 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE8      DCB 0x18
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE9      DCB 0x47
const:FFFFFFF006E04FEA      DCB 0x15
const:FFFFFFF006E04FEB      DCB 6
const:FFFFFFF006E04FEC      DCB 0xF0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FED      DCB 0xFF

const:FFFFFFF006E04FC8      DCQ unk_FFFFFFF0076DC0F0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD0      DCQ unk_FFFFFFF0076DC2B8
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD8      off_FFFFFFF006E04FD8 DCQ 0 ; DATA XREF: com.apple.iokit.IOC
const:FFFFFFF006E04FD8      DCQ 0 ; com.apple.iokit.IOC
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE0      DCQ 0
const:FFFFFFF006E04FE8      DCQ sub_FFFFFFF006154718
const:FFFFFFF006E04FF0      DCQ sub_FFFFFFF00615471C
const:FFFFFFF006E04FF8      DCQ ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::rel
const:FFFFFFF006E05000      DCQ ZNK8OSObject14getRetainCountEv ; OSObj
const:FFFFFFF006E05008      DCQ ZNK8OSObject6retainEv ; OSObject::retai
const:FFFFFFF006E05010      DCQ ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::rel
const:FFFFFFF006E05018      DCQ ZNK8OSObject9serializeEP11OSSerialize
const:FFFFFFF006E05020      DCQ sub_FFFFFFF006154734
const:FFFFFFF006E05028      DCQ ZNK15OSMetaClassBase9isEqualToEPKS_ ;
const:FFFFFFF006E05030      DCQ ZNK8OSObject12taggedRetainEPKv ; OSObj
const:FFFFFFF006E05038      DCQ ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKv ; OSOB
const:FFFFFFF006E05040      DCQ ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKvi ; OSC
const:FFFFFFF006E05048      DCQ ZN8OSObject4initEv ; OSObject::init(vc
const:FFFFFFF006E05050      DCQ sub_FFFFFFF006154E68
```

# VTable recognition

- iOS Step 2: find address of class's global metaclass object in initialization function of `__mod_init_func`
- In Apple driver, most C++ classes have a global metaclass object describing the class's basic information

**Address of class's global metaclass object**

```
_QWORD *IONetworkingFamily_InitFunc_1()
{
    _QWORD *result; // x0
    result = (_QWORD *)sub_FFFFFFFF006166E44(&unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0, &unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC2B8, 328LL);
    *result = &unk_FFFFFFFF006E056E0;
    return result;
}
```

**Initialization function of `__mod_init_func`**

# VTable recognition

- iOS Step 3: check cross references of the global metaclass object, find the one in const section and near the VTable

Direction	Type	Address	Text
Up	o	sub_FFFFFFFF006154734	ADRP X0, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	sub_FFFFFFFF006154734+4	ADD X0, X0, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text:FFFFFFF006154790	ADRP X20, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text:FFFFFFF006154794	ADD X20, X20, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	sub_FFFFFFFF0061547C8+10	ADRP X20, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	sub_FFFFFFFF0061547C8+14	ADD X20, X20, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text:FFFFFFF006154820	ADRP X20, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_text:FFFFFFF006154824	ADD X20, X20, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	IONetworkingFamily_InitFunc_1+8	ADRP X0, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	IONetworkingFamily_InitFunc_1+C	ADD X0, X0, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	IONetworkingFamily_TermFunc_1	ADRP X0, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	IONetworkingFamily_TermFunc_1+4	ADD X0, X0, #unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0
Up	o	com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:_const:FFFFFFF006E04FC8	DCQ unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0F0

In const section  
and near VTable



Line 1 of 13

# VTable recognition

- iOS Step 4: found VTable

The address of global metaclass object

```
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E04FC8  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E04FD0  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E04FD8  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E04FD8  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E04FE0  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E04FE8  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E04FF0  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E04FF8  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05000  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05008  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05010  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05018  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05020  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05028  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05030  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05038  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05040  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05048  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05050  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05058  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05060  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05068  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05070  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05078  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05080  
com.apple.iokit.IONetworkingFamily:__const:FFFFFFF006E05088
```

```
DCQ unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC0FO  
DCQ unk_FFFFFFFF0076DC2B8  
off_FFFFFFFF006E04FD8 DCQ 0 ← The address of global metaclass object  
DCQ 0  
DCQ sub_FFFFFFFF006154718  
DCQ sub_FFFFFFFF00615471C  
DCQ __ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject  
DCQ __ZNK8OSObject14getRetainCountEv  
DCQ __ZNK8OSObject6retainEv ; OSObject  
DCQ __ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject  
DCQ __ZNK8OSObject9serializeEP11OSSE  
DCQ sub_FFFFFFFF006154734  
DCQ __ZNK15OSMetaClassBase9isEqualToEv  
DCQ __ZNK8OSObject12taggedRetainEPKv  
DCQ __ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKv  
DCQ __ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKv  
DCQ __ZN8OSObject4initEv ; OSObject  
DCQ sub_FFFFFFFF006154E68  
DCQ __ZNK15IORegistryEntry12copyProp  
DCQ __ZNK15IORegistryEntry12copyProp  
DCQ __ZNK15IORegistryEntry12copyProp  
DCQ __ZNK15IORegistryEntry15copyPare  
DCQ __ZNK15IORegistryEntry14copyChil  
DCQ __ZN15IORegistryEntry17runProper  
DCQ __ZN9IOService4initEP12OSDiction
```

VTable start found!

# VTable recognition

- After recognition, create structure in IDA pro standing for the VTable, each member is pointer to a virtual func
- Set the first member of class structure as a pointer to this VTable structure

```
vtable_IOEthernetInterface struc ; (sizeof=0x6E0, mappedto_5666)
    ; XREF: whole_vtable_IOEthernet
    ; com.apple.iodkit.IONetworkingP
    ; ZN19IOEthernetInterfaceD1Ev DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff006154718L
    ; ZN19IOEthernetInterfaceD0Ev DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff00615471cL
    ; ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f8644L
    ; ZNK8OSObject14getRetainCountEv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f8658L
    ; ZNK8OSObject6retainEv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f8660L
    ; ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f8670L
    ; ZNK8OSObject9serializeEP11OSSerialize DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f8680L
    ; ZNK19IOEthernetInterface12getMetaClassEv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff006154734L
    ; ZNK15OSMetaClassBase9isEqualToEPKS_ DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f63e0L
    ; ZNK8OSObject12taggedRetainEPKv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f8768L
    ; ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f87fcL
    ; ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKvi DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f880cL
    ; ZN8OSObject4initEv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff0074f88f4L
    ; ZN19IOEthernetInterface4freeEv DCQ ? ; 0xffffffff006154e68L
```

VTable structure

```
IOEthernetInterface struc
    vtable DCQ ?
    member1 DCQ ?
    member2 DCQ ?
    member3 DCQ ?
    member4 DCQ ?
    member5 DCQ ?
    member6 DCQ ?
    member7 DCQ ?
    member8 DCQ ?
    member9 DCQ ?
    member10 DCQ ?
    member11 DCQ ?
    member12 DCQ ?
    member13 DCQ ?
    member14 DCQ ?
```

Class structure

## Recover function names (only for iOS)

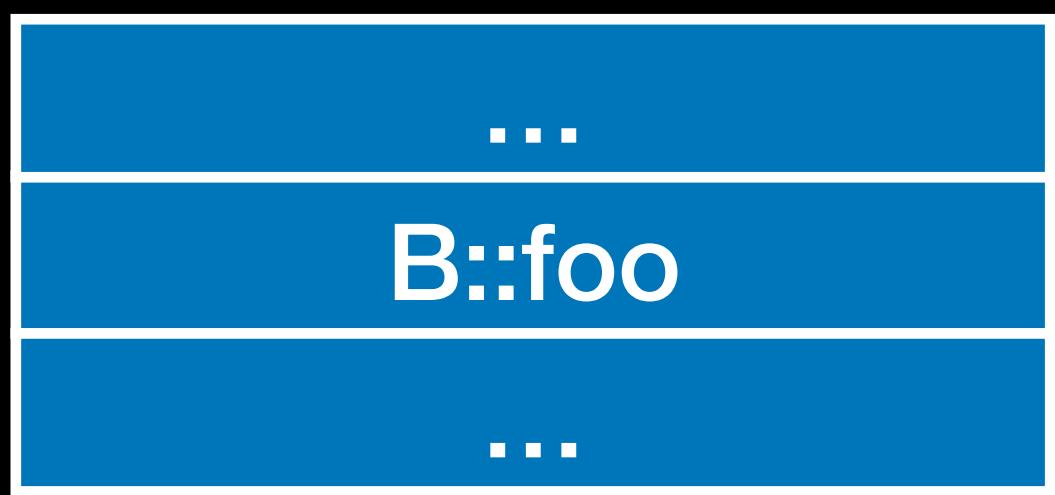
- In drivers, most classes inherit from classes in the kernel, e.g., IOService, OSObject
- Most classes in the kernel still keep symbols
- In C++, when a child class inherits from a parent class and overrides a virtual function, the overridden function has same name and offset in VTable

```
class A {  
public:  
virtual void foo();  
}
```

```
class B: public A {  
public:  
virtual void foo();  
}
```



A's VTable



B's VTable

# Recover function names (only for iOS)

- Only recover the overridden virtual functions in classes inherited from classes in the kernel
- Not a complete solution, but cover plenty of critical functions

overidden  
functions

The diagram shows the vtable of `IOSurfaceRoot`. It consists of several memory addresses followed by their corresponding function names. Three red arrows point from the text "overidden functions" to the first three entries in the list, indicating they are overrides.

```
sub_FFFFFFFF0064C62F4
_ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::release
_ZNK8OSObject14getretainCountEv ; OSObject::getretainCount
_ZNK8OSObject6retainEv ; OSObject::retain
_ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::release
_ZNK8OSObject9serializeEP11OSSerialize
sub_FFFFFFFF0064C630C
_ZNK15OSMetaClassBase9isEqualToEPKS_
_ZNK8OSObject12taggedRetainEPKv ; OSObject::taggedRetain
_ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKv ; OSObject::taggedRelease
_ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKvi ; OSObject::taggedRelease
_ZN8OSObject4initEv ; OSObject::init(void)
sub_FFFFFFFF0064C6464
```

`IOSurfaceRoot`'s VTable

(`IOSurfaceRoot` is inherited from `IOService`)

`IOSurfaceRoot::`  
`~IOSurfaceRoot`

`IOSurfaceRoot::`  
`getMetaClass`

`IOSurfaceRoot::`  
`free`

The diagram shows the vtable of `IOService`. It consists of several memory addresses followed by their corresponding function names. Three red arrows point from the text "overidden functions" to the first three entries in the list, indicating they are overrides.

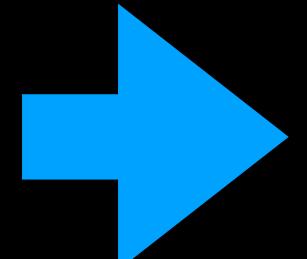
```
_ZN9IOServiceD0Ev ; IOService::-IOService
_ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::release
_ZNK8OSObject14getretainCountEv ; OSObject::getretainCount
_ZNK8OSObject6retainEv ; OSObject::retain
_ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv ; OSObject::release
_ZNK8OSObject9serializeEP11OSSerialize
_ZNK9IOService12getMetaClassEv ; IOService::getMetaClass
_ZNK15OSMetaClassBase9isEqualToEPKS_
_ZNK8OSObject12taggedRetainEPKv ; OSObject::taggedRetain
_ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKv ; OSObject::taggedRelease
_ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKvi ; OSObject::taggedRelease
_ZN8OSObject4initEv ; OSObject::init(void)
_ZN9IOService4freeEv ; IOService::free
```

`IOService`'s VTable

# Recover function names (only for iOS)

- Many function names can be recovered in this way

<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF00616803C</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF006168084</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF0061681C8</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF006168298</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF0061682DC</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF006168404</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF006168414</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF006168480</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF0061684EC</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF006168558</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF0061685C4</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF006168644</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF0061686F4</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF006168734</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF00616877C</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>
<code>f sub_FFFFFFFF0061687B4</code>	<code>com.apple.iokit.IOTimeSyncFamily:_text</code>



<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::MetaClass::MetaClass(void)</code>
<code>f OSMetaClass::~OSMetaClass()</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::IOTimeSyncFilteredService...</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::IOTimeSyncFilteredService...</code>
<code>f j_IOService::~IOService()</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::~IOTimeSyncFilteredSe...</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::~IOTimeSyncFilteredServic...</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::getMetaClass(void)</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::MetaClass::MetaClass(void)</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::MetaClass::alloc(void)</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::IOTimeSyncFilteredService...</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::IOTimeSyncFilteredService...</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::init(OSDictionary *)</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::free(void)</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::start(IOTimeSyncFilter...</code>
<code>f IOTimeSyncFilteredService::stop(IOTimeSyncFilter...</code>

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Now

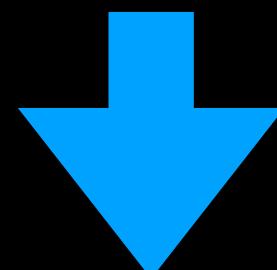
## Resolve variable types (in IDA pro's decompiled code)

- For local, global and member variables
- Method: identify variable types and perform type propagation
- How to identify variable types: two ways
  - 1. Depend on features of function names in C++
  - 2. Figure out the creation and initialization of variables

# Resolve variable types (in IDA pro's decompiled code)

- Identify variable types method 1:
  - After compilation, names of functions in C++ classes will be encoded with the function name and argument types
  - Decode (demangle) the C++ function names to get the type of function arguments, e.g.

`_ZN23IOSurfaceRootUserClient4initEP13IOSurfaceRootP4taskP12OSDictionary`



Decode (Demangle)

`IOSurfaceRootUserClient::init (IOSurfaceRoot *, task *, OSDictionary *)`



Variable Types

# Resolve variable types (in IDA pro's decompiled code)

- Identify variable types method 2:
  - Figure out the creation and initialization of variables
  - Find invocation of variable allocation, initialization and type casting functions, e.g.

**Allocation Func:** OSMetaClass::allocClassWithName (const char \*name)

**Allocatoin Func:** IOSurfaceRootUserClient::MetaClass::alloc ()

**Init Func:** IOCommandGate::IOCommandGate (IOCommandGate \*)

**Type Cast:** OSMetaClassBase::safeMetaCast (OSMetaClassBase \*, OSMetaClass \*)

# Resolve variable types (in IDA pro's decompiled code)

- After identifying variable types, we can perform type propagation along function's control flow

```
IOAccelShared2 * __cdecl IOGraphicsAccelerator2::newShared(IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *this)
{
    unsigned __int64 v1; // rsi@0
    IOAccelShared2 *v2; // rbx@1      Type of v2 is IOAccelShared2 *
    v2 = (IOAccelShared2 *)OSObject::operator new(&stru_108, v1);
    IOAccelShared2::IOAccelShared2(v2);
```

```
__int64 __cdecl IOAccelDevice2::start(IOAccelDevice2 *this, IOService *a2)
{
    IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *v2; // rax@2
    IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *v3; // rbx@2
    IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *v4; // rbx@3
    __int64 result; // rax@3

    if ( (unsigned __int8)((int (*)(void))`vtable for 'IOUserClient->_ZN9IOService4openEPS_jPv')()
        && (v2 = (IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *)OSMetaClassBase::safeMetaCast(
            Type of v2 is IOGraphicsAccelerator2 * (OSMetaClassBase *)a2,
            (const OSMetaClassBase *)IOGraphicsAccelerator2::metaClass),
```

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{
    unsigned __int64 v1; // rsi@0
    IOAccelShared2 *v2; // rbx@1

    v2 = (IOAccelShared2 *)OSObject::operator new(&stru_108, v1);
    IOAccelShared2::IOAccelShared2(v2);
    return v2; ← Propagate v2's type and affect the return type of function
}
```

```
int64 __cdecl IOAccelDevice2::start(IOAccelDevice2 *this, IOService *a2)
{
    IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *v2; // rax@2
    IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *v3; // rbx@2
    IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *v4; // rbx@3
    __int64 result; // rax@3

    if ( (unsigned __int8)((int (*)(void))`vtable for 'IOUserClient->__ZN9IOService4openEPS_jPv')()
        && (v2 = (IOGraphicsAccelerator2 *)OSMetaClassBase::safeMetaCast(
            (OSMetaClassBase *)a2,
            (const OSMetaClassBase *)IOGraphicsAccelerator2::metaClass),
        v3 = v2,
        (this->member33_IOGraphicsAccelerator2 = v2) != 0LL) )
        ← Propagate v2's type and modify member variable's type
```

## Add cross references:

- Purpose: add cross references for member variables and virtual functions
- Method: examine every sentence in the decompiled code of all functions, check whether member variable or virtual function is used, e.g.

```
int64 __cdecl IOSurface::setTiled(IOSurface *this, bool a2)
{
    int64 result; // rax@1
    result = 3758097095LL;
    if ( a2 )
    {
        if ( BYTE2(this->member60) )
        {
            LOBYTE(this->member59) = a2;
            result = 0LL;
        }
    }
    return result;
}
```

```
int64 __cdecl IOSurface::getValue(IOSurface *this, char *a2, unsigned int *a3)
{
    unsigned int *v3; // r14@1
    OSSymbol *v4; // rbx@2
    int64 v5; // r14@4

    v3 = a3;
    if ( a2 )
        v4 = OSSymbol::withCString(a2);
    else
        v4 = 0LL;
    v5 = this->vtable->__ZN9IOSurface8getValueEPK8OSSymbolPj(this, v4, v3);
    if ( v4 )
        v4->vtable->__ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv((OSObject *)v4);
    return v5;
}
```

## Add cross references:

- References are added from the usage to members in the class structures and to virtual function's implementation

The image shows two windows from a debugger, likely Immunity Debugger, illustrating the process of adding cross-references.

**Left Window (xrefs to IOSurface.member60):**

Shows references to the `IOSurface::init` method. The list includes:

- Up o `IOSurface::init(IOSur...` mov [r15+1E2h], bl
- Up o `IOSurface::init(IOSur...` mov [r15+1E1h], bl
- Up o `IOSurface::init(IOSur...` mov [r15+1E0h], bl
- Up o `IOSurface::parse_pr...` mov [r14+1E1h], al
- Up o `IOSurface::parse_pr...` mov [r14+1E4h], eax
- Up o `IOSurface::free(void)...` cmp byte ptr [rbx+1E0h], 0
- Up o `IOSurface::getMapC...` mov eax, [rdi+1E4h]
- Up o `IOSurface::prepare(v...` cmp byte ptr [rbx+1E0h], 0
- Up o `IOSurface::prepare(v...` mov byte ptr [rbx+1E0h], 0
- Up o `IOSurface::complete...` mov byte ptr [rbx+1E0h], 1
- Up o `IOSurface::writeDeb...` mov eax, [r13+1E4h]
- o `IOSurface::setTiled(...` cmp byte ptr [rdi+1E2h], 0
- ... o `IOSurfaceRoot::creat...` cmp byte ptr [r14+1E1h], 0

**Right Window (xrefs to IOSurface::getValue(OSSymbol const\*, uint \*)):**

Shows references to the `IOSurface::getValue` method. The list includes:

- 1 int64 \_\_cdecl `IOSurface::getValue(IOSurface *this, OSSymbol *a2, unsigned int *a3)`
- ... o `IOSurface::getValue(OSString const*, uint *)+30` call qword ptr [rax+1F0h]; `IOSurface::getVa`
- ... o `IOSurface::getValue(char const*, uint *)+30` call qword ptr [rax+1F0h]; `IOSurface::getVa`
- ... o `__const:0000000000000000E4E0` dq offset `__ZN9IOSurface8getValueEPK8OS`
- m `vtable_IOSurface` `__ZN9IOSurface8getValueEPK8OSSymbolF`

Both windows have standard OS X-style window controls (red, green, blue buttons) and buttons at the bottom: Help, Search, Cancel, OK. The left window also displays "Line 1 of 13".

Now, driver's decompiled code in IDA pro looks like

- Looks more like source code, right?

```
int64 __cdecl IOSurface::getValue(IOSurface *this, char *a2, unsigned int *a3)
{
    unsigned int *v3; // r14@1
    OSSymbol *v4; // rbx@2
    _int64 v5; // r14@4

    v3 = a3;
    if ( a2 )
        v4 = OSSymbol::withCString(a2);
    else
        v4 = 0LL;
    v5 = this->vtable->_ZN9IOSurface8getValueEPK8OSSymbolPj(this, v4, v3);
    if ( v4 )
        v4->vtable->_ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv((OSObject *)v4);
    return v5;
}
```

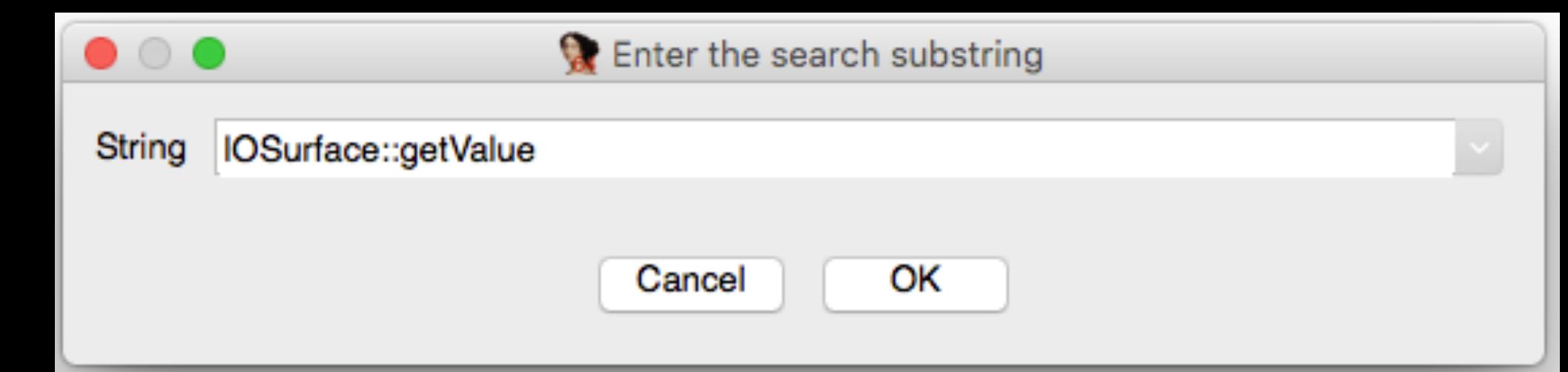
But, for manual review in IDA pro's decompiled code, though virtual function calls are recognized and identified with the help of above features, researchers still need more manual operation to examine the function's implementation. e.g.

Manual operation:

```
int64 __cdecl IOSurface::getValue(IOSurface *this, char *a2, unsigned int *a3)
{
    unsigned int *v3; // r14@1
    OSSymbol *v4; // rbx@2
    __int64 v5; // r14@4

    v3 = a3;
    if ( a2 )
        v4 = OSSymbol::withCString(a2);
    else
        v4 = OLL;
    v5 = this->vtable->_ZN9IOSurface8getValueEPK8OSSymbolPj(this, v4, v3);
    if ( v4 )
        v4->vtable->_ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv((OSObject *)v4);
    return v5;
}
```

Step 1: Copy name of the called function



Step 2: Search the function name

## UI support

- Extend UI operation that can be performed in IDA pro's decompiled code
- Method:
  - Register action to double-click events
  - Register action to key events
  - Register action to name change events
  - Register action to type change events

## UI support

- Extend UI operation that can be performed in IDA pro's decompiled code, e.g. jump to virtual function's implementation by just a double click
- Method:
  - Register action to double-click events
  - Register action to key events
  - Register action to name change events
  - Register action to type change events

# UI support

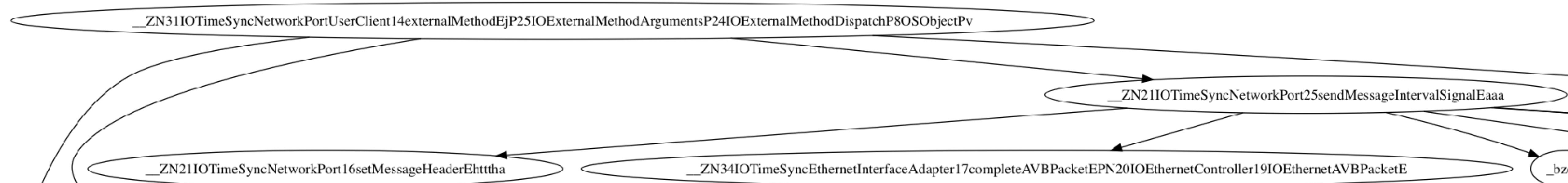
The screenshot shows the IDA Pro interface with the assembly view selected. The assembly code for the function `IOMobileFramebufferUserClient::sMethod56` is displayed. The code uses `__fastcall` convention and declares local variables `v3` and `v4`. It checks the `structureInputSize` and if it's not 136, returns a specific value. If it is, it retrieves `structureInput` from `arguments`, initializes `v4` to 0, and then calls the `virtualFunc251_ImpByChild` method from the vtable of `IOMobileFramebuffer`. The assembly code is as follows:

```
int64 __fastcall IOMobileFramebufferUserClient::sMethod56(IOMobileFramebufferUserClient *target)
{
    char *v3; // x8
    uint64_t v4; // xl

    if ( arguments->structureInputSize != 136 )
        return 3758097090LL;
    v3 = (char *)arguments->structureInput;
    if ( *v3 )
        v4 = 0LL;
    else
        v4 = (uint64_t)(v3 + 8);
    return target->mProvider->vtable->IOMobileFramebuffer::virtualFunc251_ImpByChild(
        target->mProvider,
        v4,
        *((unsigned int *)v3 + 32),
        *((unsigned int *)v3 + 33));
}
```

# Generate call graph

- For further inter-procedure analysis, call graph is the prerequisite
- After variable types are resolved, targets of virtual function calls can be recognized
- Then we can build call graph for all functions



Now, everything is ready, you can do your own manual analysis and static analysis

```
_int64 __cdecl IOSurface::getValue(IOSurface *this, OSSymbol *a2, unsigned int *a3)
{
    unsigned int *v3; // rbx@1
    OSDictionary *v4; // rbx@1
    OSDictionary *v5; // rax@4

    v3 = a3;
    IOResursiveLockLock(this->member16_IOResursiveLock);
    *v3 = *(_DWORD *) (this->member24 + 24);
    v4 = this->member26_OSDictionary;
    if ( !v4 )
    {
        IOSurface::init_values(this);
        v4 = this->member26_OSDictionary;
    }
    if ( a2 )
    {
        LODWORD(v5) = ((int (__fastcall *)(OSDictionary *))v4->vtable->__ZNK12OSDictionary9getObjectEPK8OSSymbol)(v4);
        v4 = v5;
    }
    IOResursiveLockUnlock(this->member16_IOResursiveLock);
    return (_int64)v4;
}
```

# Ryuk-Fuzz: combine fuzzing with static analysis

## One use case of Ryuk: Ryuk-Fuzz

- Idea: Guide fuzzing of drivers with Ryuk's static analysis
- Implementation: Integrate Ryuk with the state-of-art Apple kernel driver fuzzer, PassiveFuzzFrameworkOSX
- Method:
  - Step 1: Perform data flow analysis in Ryuk to infer drivers' required user input formats
  - Step 2: During fuzzing, use the inferred input formats to guide input generation and improve fuzzing efficiency

# Ryuk-Fuzz Step 1: Static data flow analysis to infer user input formats

```
Offset:0  Size: whole ← v7 = userInputBuffer;
          this = this;
          v9 = -536870206;
          if ( a4 < 0x50 )
              return (unsigned int)v9;
          v10 = this->member31_IOPGraphicsAccelerator2;
          if ( *a5 < (unsigned __int64)LODWORD(v10->member410) + 72 )
              return (unsigned int)v9;
Offset:24  Size: 1 ← v11 = *((_BYTE *)userInputBuffer + 24);
          if ( v11 != 6 && v11 != 1 )
              return (unsigned int)v9;
Offset:0  Size: 4 ← v12 = *((_DWORD *)userInputBuffer;
          if ( !(*(_DWORD *)userInputBuffer & 0xF) )
          {
              v60 = a3;
              v19 = *((_DWORD *)userInputBuffer + 17);
```

# Ryuk-Fuzz Step 1: Static data flow analysis to infer user input formats

Condition: offset 24, size: 1  
should not be equal to 6 or 1

Condition: offset 0, size: 4  
last 4 bits should not  
be equal to 0

```
v7 = userInputBuffer;
this = this;
v9 = -536870206;
if ( a4 < 0x50 )
    return (unsigned int)v9;
v10 = this->member31_IOPGraphicsAccelerator2;
if ( *a5 < (unsigned __int64)LODWORD(v10->member410) + 72 )
    return (unsigned int)v9;
v11 = *((_BYTE *)userInputBuffer + 24);
if ( v11 != 6 && v11 != 1 )
    return (unsigned int)v9;
v12 = *((_DWORD *)userInputBuffer;
if ( !(*(_DWORD *)userInputBuffer & 0xF) )
{
    v60 = a3;
    v19 = *((_DWORD *)userInputBuffer + 17);
```

## Ryuk-Fuzz Step 2: Guide fuzzing

- BUT ! PassiveFuzzFrameworkOSX has implementation errors
- Error 1: Wrong buffer size for reading the kernel header (affect macOS 10.12 and later)

### 5.1 MacOS 10.12 MachO format parse error

```
process_kernel_mach_header(void *kernel_header, struct kernel_info *kinfo)
```

could not analyze the machO file format in 10.12 which may be different with 10.11 or before so as to cause kext load fail.

## Error in PassiveFuzzFrameworkOSX

## Ryuk-Fuzz Step 2: Guide fuzzing

- Error 1: Wrong buffer size for reading the kernel header  
(affect macOS 10.12 and later)

```
error = vnode_lookup(MACH_KERNEL, 0, &kernel_vnode, vfs);
if (error)
{
    return KERN_FAILURE;      PassiveFuzzFrameworkOSX assumes
}                                kernel header is smaller than a page
void *kernel_header = _MALLOC(PAGE_SIZE_64, M_TEMP, M_ZERO);
if (kernel_header == NULL) return KERN_FAILURE;

// read and process kernel header from filesystem
error = get_kernel_mach_header(kernel_header, kernel_vnode, vfs);
if (error) goto failure;
error = process_kernel_mach_header(kernel_header, kinfo);
if (error) goto failure;
```

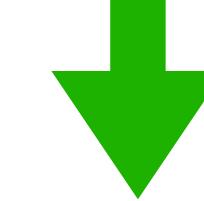
## Ryuk-Fuzz Step 2: Guide fuzzing

- Cause of Error 1: Wrong buffer size for reading the kernel header (affect macOS 10.12 and later)

	Offset	Data	Description	Value
<b>Before 10.12 Header size is smaller than 1 page</b>	00000E30	00000019	Command	LC_SEGMENT_64
	00000E34	00000048	Command Size	72
	00000E38	5F5F4C494E4B45444954000...	Segment Name	_LINKEDIT
<b>After 10.12 Header size is larger than 1 page</b>	00001128	00000019	Command	LC_SEGMENT_64
	0000112C	00000048	Command Size	72
	00001130	5F5F4C494E4B45444954000...	Segment Name	_LINKEDIT

## Ryuk-Fuzz Step 2: Guide fuzzing

- Solution to Error 1: enlarge the allocation size

```
error = vnode_lookup(MACH_KERNEL, 0, &kernel_vnode, vfs);
if (error)
{
    return KERN_FAILURE;
}
void *kernel_header = _MALLOC(PAGE_SIZE_64, M_TEMP, M_ZERO);
2 * PAGE_SIZE_64

if (kernel_header == NULL) return KERN_FAILURE;

// read and process kernel header from filesystem
error = get_kernel_mach_header(kernel_header, kernel_vnode, vfs);
if (error) goto failure;
error = process_kernel_mach_header(kernel_header, kinfo);
if (error) goto failure;
```

## Ryuk-Fuzz Step 2: Guide fuzzing

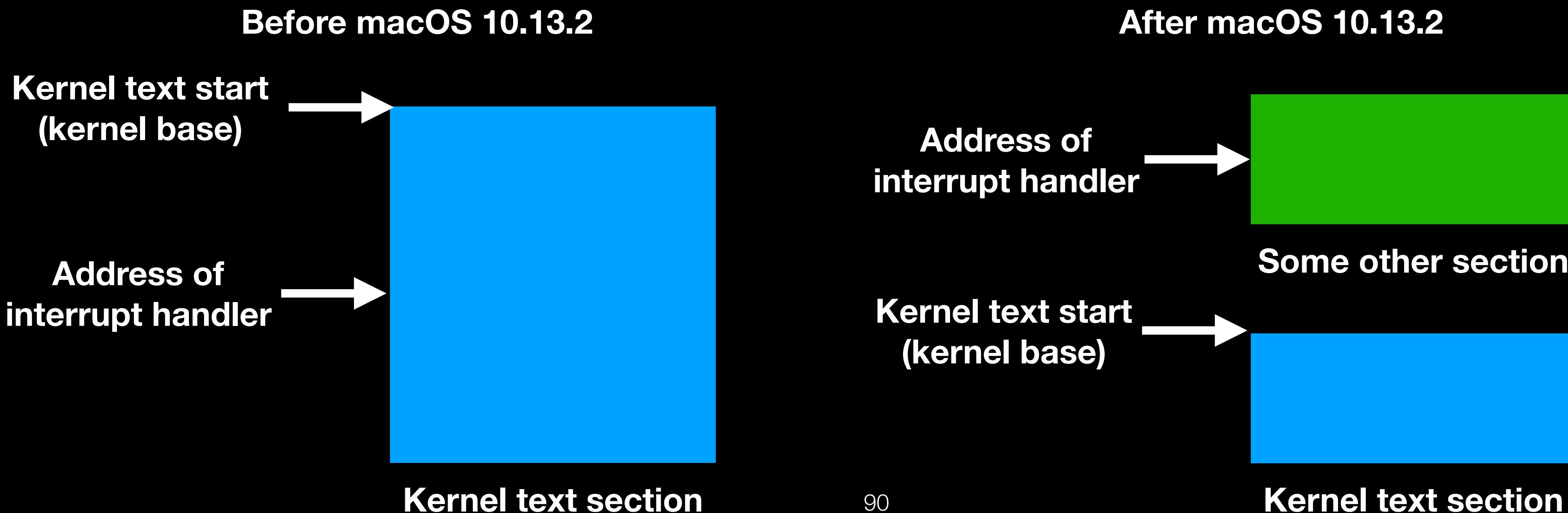
- Error still exists in PassiveFuzzFrameworkOSX
- Error 2: Wrong way to infer kernel base at runtime  
(affect 10.13.2 and after)

```
static void
get_running_text_address(struct kernel_info *kinfo)
{
    // retrieves the address of the IDT
    mach_vm_address_t idt_address = 0;
    get_addr_idt(&idt_address);
    // calculate the address of the int80 handler
    mach_vm_address_t int80_address = calculate_int80address(idt_address);
    // search backwards for the kernel base address (mach-o header)
    mach_vm_address_t kernel_base = find_kernel_base(int80_address);
```

**PassiveFuzzFrameworkOSX calcuate the address of interrupt handler and search backwards for mach-o header ( i.e. the kernel base address )**

## Ryuk-Fuzz Step 2: Guide fuzzing

- Cause of Error 2: In current macOS, interrupt handler is not in kernel text section now. As a result, we can not find the kernel base by searching backwards from the interrupt handler



## Ryuk-Fuzz Step 2: Guide fuzzing

- Why the interrupt handler is not in kernel text now?
  - The side effect of Apple's patch to mitigate Meltdown vulnerability
  - Apple splits user and kernel space, in which interrupt handler entries are not in kernel text space now
  - As a result, kernel text base can not be inferred by the interrupt handler



## Ryuk-Fuzz Step 2: Guide fuzzing

- Solution to Error 2: Search backwards from the address of some other address, e.g. address of \_lck\_mtx\_lock

```
static void
get_running_text_address(struct kernel_info *kinfo)
{
    // retrieves the address of the IDT
    mach_vm_address_t idt_address = 0;
    get_addr_idt(&idt_address);
    // calculate the address of the int80 handler Get the address of _lck_mtx_lock
    mach_vm_address_t int80_address = calculate_int80address(idt_address);
    // search backwards for the kernel base address (mach-o header)
    mach_vm_address_t kernel_base = find_kernel_base(int80_address);
```

# Conclusions

Vulnerabilities that can be exploited for privilege escalation on macOS

Technique of exploiting use-after-free vulnerability in the kernel

Ryuk: a new static analysis tool assisting manually reverse engineering and static analysis

Ryuk-Fuzz: guide fuzzing of drivers with static analysis results

# Q&A