An Introduction to SPIKE, the Fuzzer Creation Kit



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Agenda

- Demo and Vulnerability
- Theory
 - . Goals
 - Using the SPIKE API
 - Useful samples included with SPIKE
- Questions throughout and at end

<GOBBLES> i used to laugh at fuzzers, but then you changed my whole outlook on life!

Demo of SPIKE in Action



Theory

- SPIKE is a GPL'd API and set of tools that allows you to quickly create network protocol stress testers
- Most protocols are built around extremely similar data formatting primitives
- Many of these are already supported in SPIKE
- Others soon will be. :>

Fes: "I'm always surprised at how effective fuzzers actually are!

The Goals of SPIKE

- Find new vulnerabilities by
 - Making it easy to quickly reproduce a complex binary protocol
 - Develop a base of knowledge within SPIKE about different kinds of bugclasses affecting similar protocols
 - Test old vulnerabilities on new programs
 - Make it easy to manually mess with protocols

How the SPIKE API works

- Unique SPIKE data structure supports lengths and blocks
 - s_block_start(), s_block_end(),
 s_blocksize_halfword_bigendian();
- SPIKE utility routines make dealing with binary data, network code, and common marshalling routines easy
 - s_xdr_string()
- SPIKE fuzzing framework automates iterating through all potential problem spots
 - s_string("Host: "); s_string_variable("localhost");

The SPIKE Datastructure

- A SPIKE is a kind of First In First Out Queue or "Buffer Class"
- A SPIKE can automatically fill in "length fields"
 - s_size_string("post",5);
 - s_block_start("Post");
 - s_string_variable("user=bob");
 - s_block_end("post");

Length Fields

- Length fields come in many varieties
 - Word/halfword/string
 - Big endian, little endian
- More than one length field can "listen" for a particular block to be closed
- Blocks can be nested or intertwined

A few basic calls

- The main call is s_push(buffer,size) underneath everything
 - Currently, there is no s pop();
- String calls:
 - s_string("hi");
 - s_string_variable("hi");
- s_binary("\x41 4141 0x41 41 00");
 - Can take in all sorts of cut and pasted hexadecimal data without choking
 - Handles white space cleanly

Setting up/destroying a SPIKE

- Global variables you have to deal with:
 - set_current_spike(*struct spike);
 - spike_clear();
- Malloc fun
 - spike_new();
 - spike_free();

Network SPIKE calls

- Basic TCP connectivity
 - spike_tcp_connect(host,port);
 - spike_send();
 - spike_close_tcp();
- Basic UDP Connectivity
 - spike_udp_connect(host,port);
 - spike send();

Fuzzing Framework SPIKE calls

- s_string_variable("");
- s_string_repeat("A",5000);
 - Equivalent to s_push("perl -e 'print "A" x 5000")
- While loop support
 - s_incrementfuzzstring();
 - s_incrementfuzzvariable();

Advantages to using SPIKE's fuzzing framework over a perl script

- Size values will automatically get updated
- Can handle binary data cleanly via s_binary();
- Already knows about many different types of interesting strings to use for fuzzstrings
- Integrates cleanly with libntlm or other GPL'd libraries in C for doing encryption or other things for which you don't already have perl modules

The Process of Using SPIKE on an unknown protocol

- Use Ethereal to cut and paste the packets into s_binary();
- Replace as much of the protocol as possible with deeper level spike calls
 - s_xdr_string(); s_word(); etc
- Find length fields and mark them out with size calls and s_block_start(), s_block_end();
- Make sure protocol still works :>
- Integrate with fuzzing framework (2 while() loops) and let the SPIKE fuzzer do the boring work
- Manually mess with the packets to see if you can cause any aberrant behaviour (attach ollydebug first)
- Write up the exploits

The SPIKE scripting language

- ...is C.
- s_parse("filename.spk");
 - Loads the file line by line and does limited C parsing on it
 - Uses dlopen() and dlsym() and some demarshalling to call any functions found within
 - printf("Hi %s %s\n","dave","what's up?");
 - s_clear();
 - s_binary("41 42 43 44 45");
- Typically a "generic" framework is built, then SPIKE script is used to quickly play with the protocol

Current Demo SPIKEs

- Web Focused
- MSRPC protocol support
- Miscellaneous other demos

SPIKE Programs for non Web Apps

- msrpcfuzz
- Citrixfuzz
- Quake, halflife (UDP demos)

Quickstart: msrpcfuzz

- First use DCEDUMP (basically rpcinfo against Windows)
- Then chose a program and port to fuzz
 - Sends valid, but random data structures to that program
- Watch it crash!

SPIKE Programs for Web Apps

- ntlm2/ntlm_brute
- webmitm
- makewebfuzz.pl
- webfuzz.c
- closed_source_web_server_fuzzer
- generic_web_server_fuzz

ntlm_brute and ntlm2

- Tries to do a dictionary attack on NTLM authenticating web servers
- Somewhat slow but easy to parallelize
- Very simple to use with provided do_ntlm_brute.sh
- Ntlm2 useful for doing "webfuzz" activity on a page that requires NTLM authentication

Webmitm (SPIKE version, not dsniff Version)

- Transparent proxy (originally from dsniff)
- Used to generate http_request files
- Can do SSL
- Rewrites Host: headers
- Cool with "Connection: keep-alive"

Makewebfuzz.pl

- Creates webfuzz.c files from http_request files
- Superceeded by SPIKE Console wizardry and generic .spk scripts, but still useful

Webfuzz

 Sends the valid request, but incrementally goes through each variable in the request and checks it for common vulnerabilities

A Standard Request

GET /login.asp?Username=Dave&Password=Justine

Host: bobsbagoffish.com

Content-Length: 16

Server=whitebait

A webfuzz request

GET /login.asp?Username=../../etc/hosts%00&Password=Justine

Host: bobsbagoffish.com

Content-Length: 16

Server=whitebait

Closed_source_webserver_fuzz

- Uses same set of fuzz strings to locate common web server overflows, format string bugs, etc
- Also useful for rigorous manual testing of one CGI

Automating the process of finding SQL injection bugs

- odbcwebfuzz.sh
 - Make a directory of captured http_requests using webmitm
 - Compile each of these into a webfuzz using makewebfuzz.pl
 - Run each of these against the server
 - Grep through results for interesting errors (such as ODBC)
 - You just saved 20K! :>

When Automation Fails

- This is an exponential problem!
 - Unlike commercial alternatives to SPIKE every part of SPIKE is open
 - SPIKE can be extended with any other GPL code
 - I accept patches

Examples where automation fails

- User Registration that requires a sequence of pages to be hit
 - use SPIKE to automate hitting the first two and then fuzz every variable on a third page
- More complex web applications that use characters other than '&' to split up variables
- Page sequences that require some parsed input from a previous page to be included in a submitted request

The SPIKE Console

- wxPython
 - cross platform
 - pretty
- Wizards enable quick utilization of SPIKE's capabilities
- Currently beta, but useful
- Under heavy development

The Future of SPIKE

- SPIKE Console Improvements
- Additional SPIKE protocol demos and updates

Conclusion

- For most standard web applications SPIKE can quickly help you find SQL injection, overflow, and format string bugs
- SPIKE can be quickly customized for your specific needs
- Use SPIKE to reverse engineer and fuzz binary protocols in less time than you otherwise could
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