Breaking Theoretical Limits: The Gap Between Virtual NICs and Physical Network Cards

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Hyper-V Network Module Research



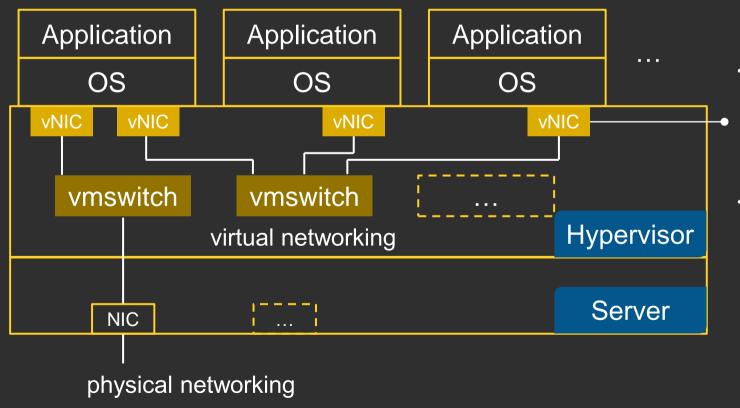
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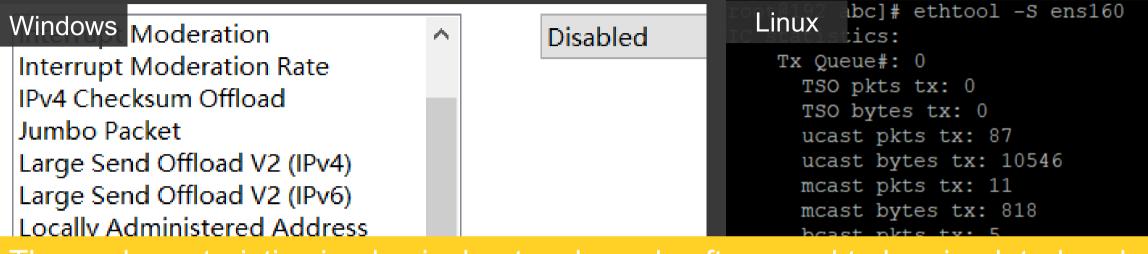
Virtualization Technology

 Provide the foundational technology for creating and managing virtual resources like virtual servers and virtual networks



- provide functionalities like Open vSwitch (SDN) and communication between adjacent virtual machines
- serve as a fundamental and lowlevel infrastructure, which is an appealing target for virtual machine escape

Network Interface Card (NIC) Characteristics

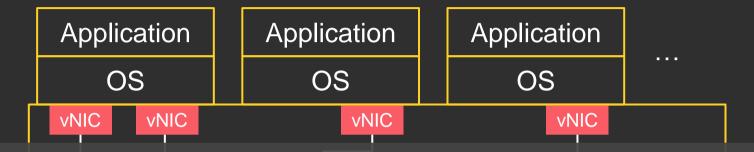


These characteristics in physical network cards often need to be simulated and implemented through software in virtual environments.

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Maximum RSS Processor Number
Packet Priority & VLAN
Preferred NUMA node
Receive Buffers
Receive Side Scaling
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drv dropped tx total: 0
     too many frags: 0
     giant hdr: 0
     hdr err: 0
     tso: 0
ring full: 0
pkts linearized: 0
hdr cloned: 0
giant hdr: 0
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Virtual NIC



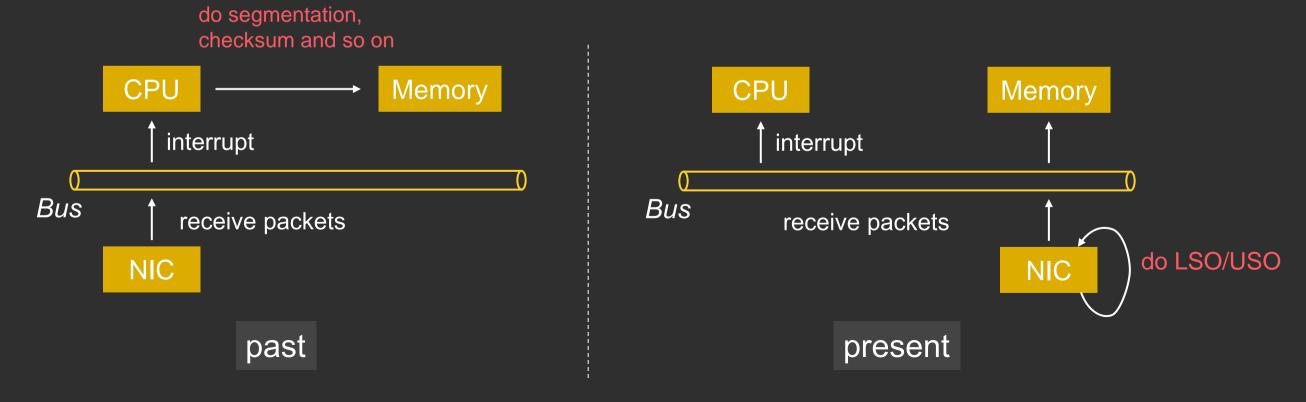
- UDP Segmentation Offload (USO): offload the task of segmenting large UDP packets into small fragments from CPU to NIC
- Large Send Offload (LSO): offload the task of segmenting large TCP packets into small fragments from CPU to NIC

implementation in software

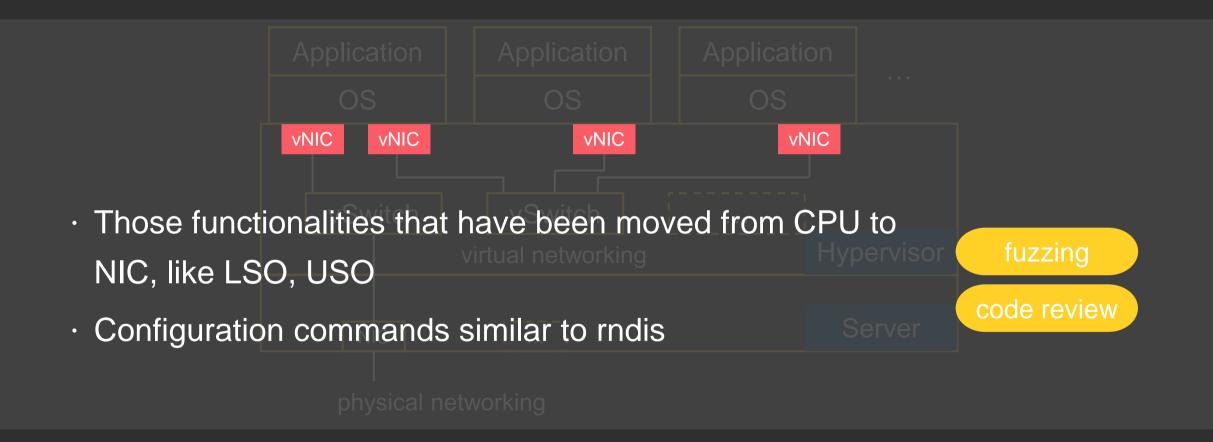
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Virtual NIC

- · Category: E1000, E1000e, VMXNET, VMXNET2, VMXNET3, ...
- Primary feature: provide functionalities that have been migrated from CPU to NIC



Past Research Focus



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Choose code review when fuzzing yields no promising results

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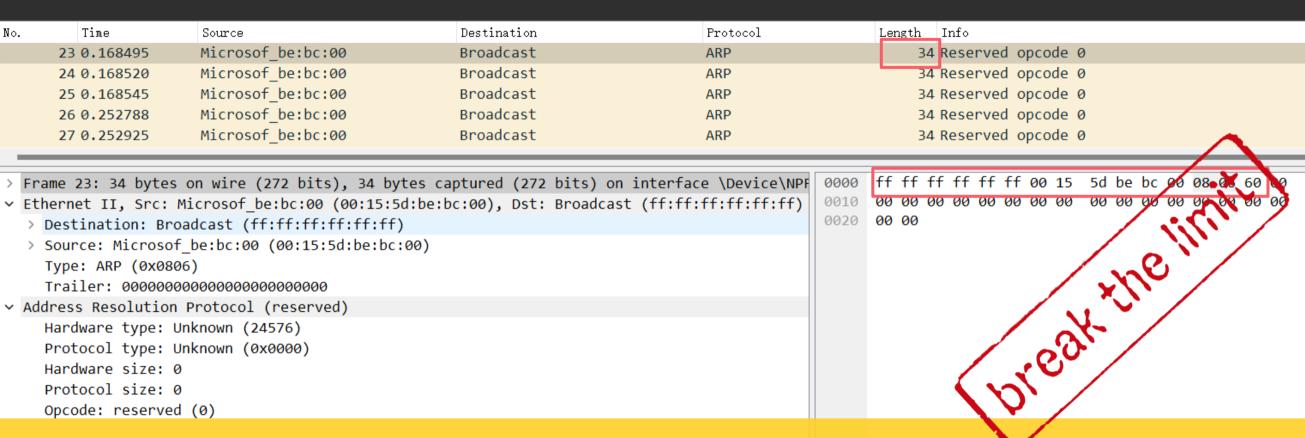
Length Info

Destination

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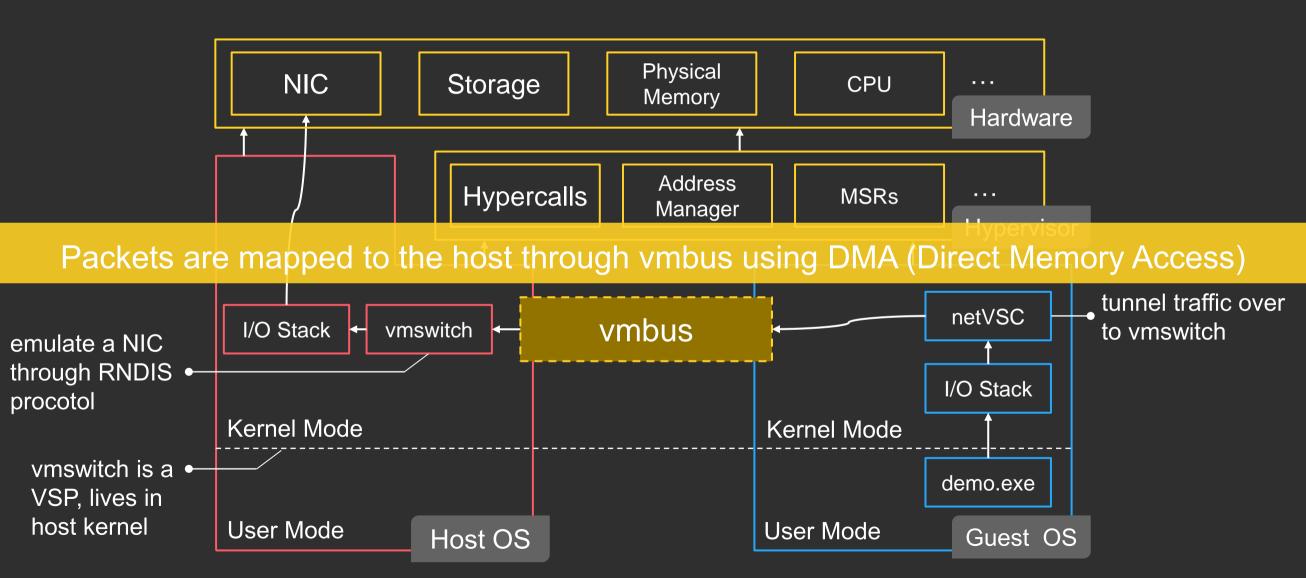
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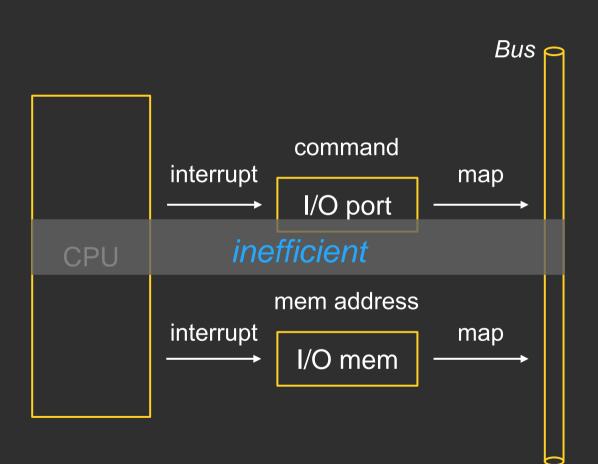


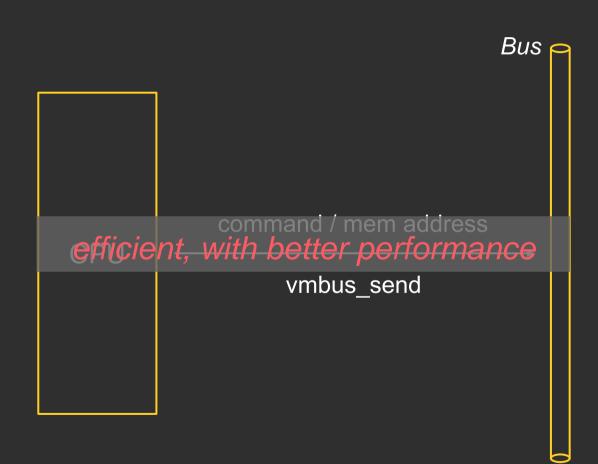
A single ARP packet whose length is only 15 (extra padding added by OS)

Packet Transmission in Hyper-V

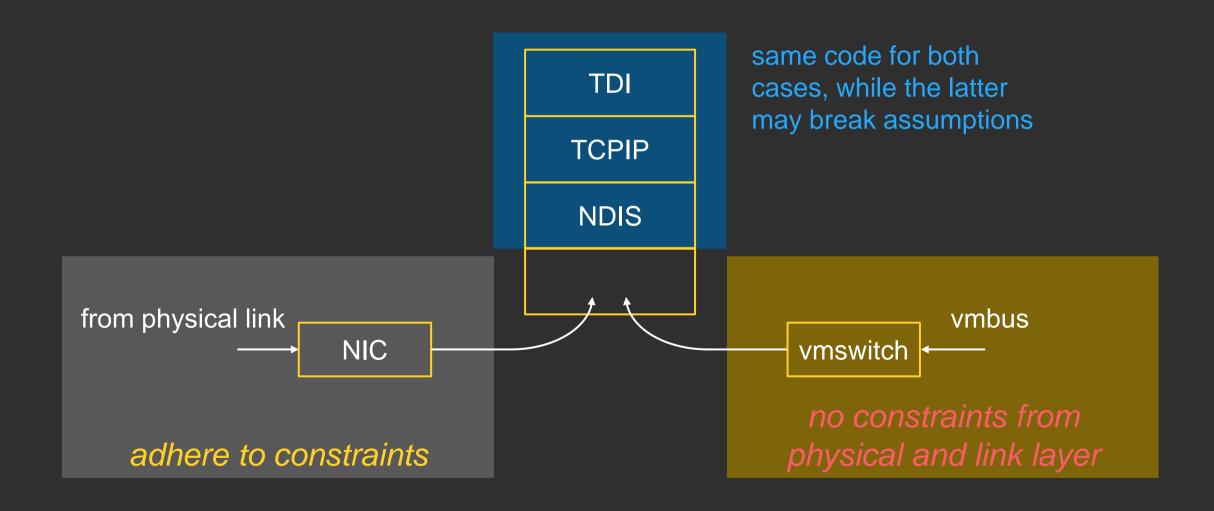


I/O Port vs vmbus

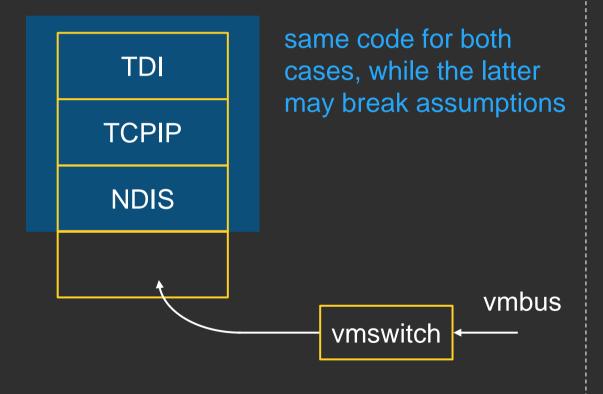




How Packets Reaching Network I/O Stack



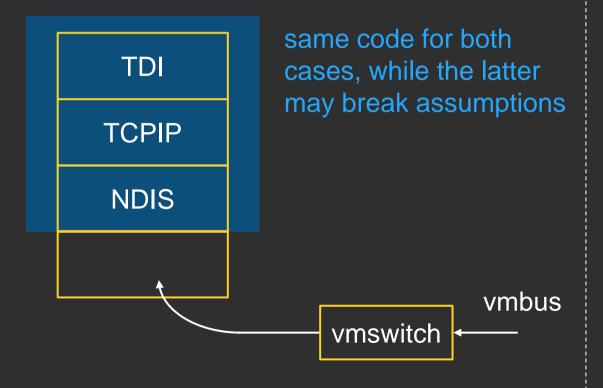
Call Stack for Packets in vmswitch



vmswitch!VmsVmNicPvtRndisDeviceSendPackets
vmswitch!RndisDevHostHandlePacketMessages+0x212
vmswitch!VmsVmNicPvtKmclProcessingComplete+0x1e3
vmbkmclr!InpFillAndProcessQueue+0x2d0
vmbkmclr!KmclpVmbusIsr+0x126
vmbusr!ParentRingInterruptDpc+0x62
nt!KiExecuteAllDpcs+0x335
nt!KiRetireDpcList+0x910
nt!KyRetireDpcList+0x5
nt!KiDispatchInterruptContinue
call stack

- 1. transform from a message to packet
- 2. enter the protocol processing function (protocol handler) registered in vmswitch for NDIS

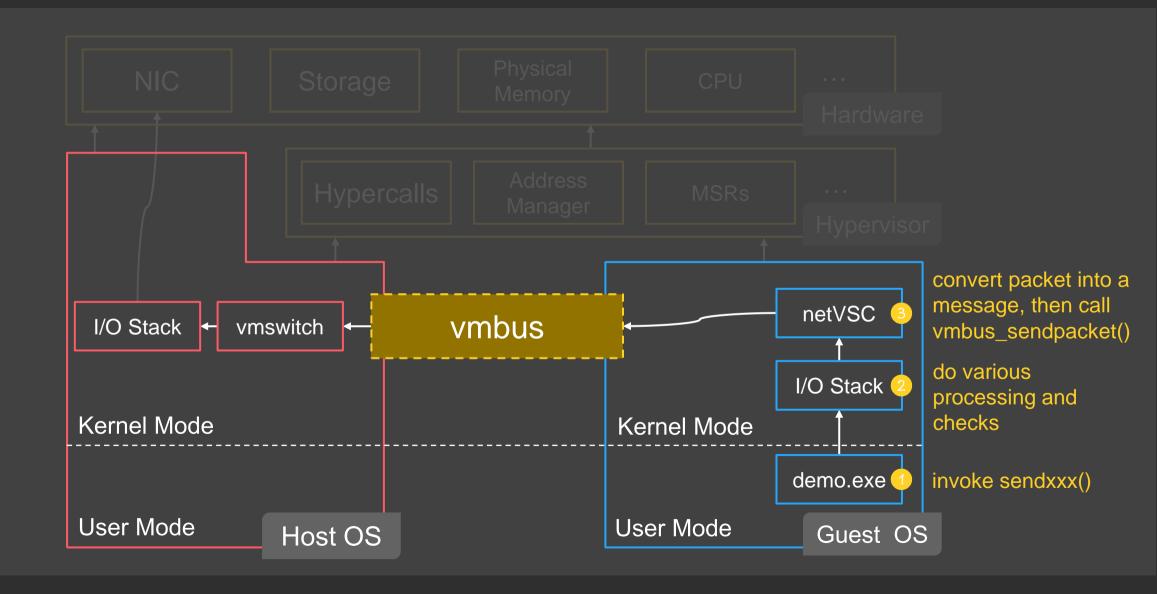
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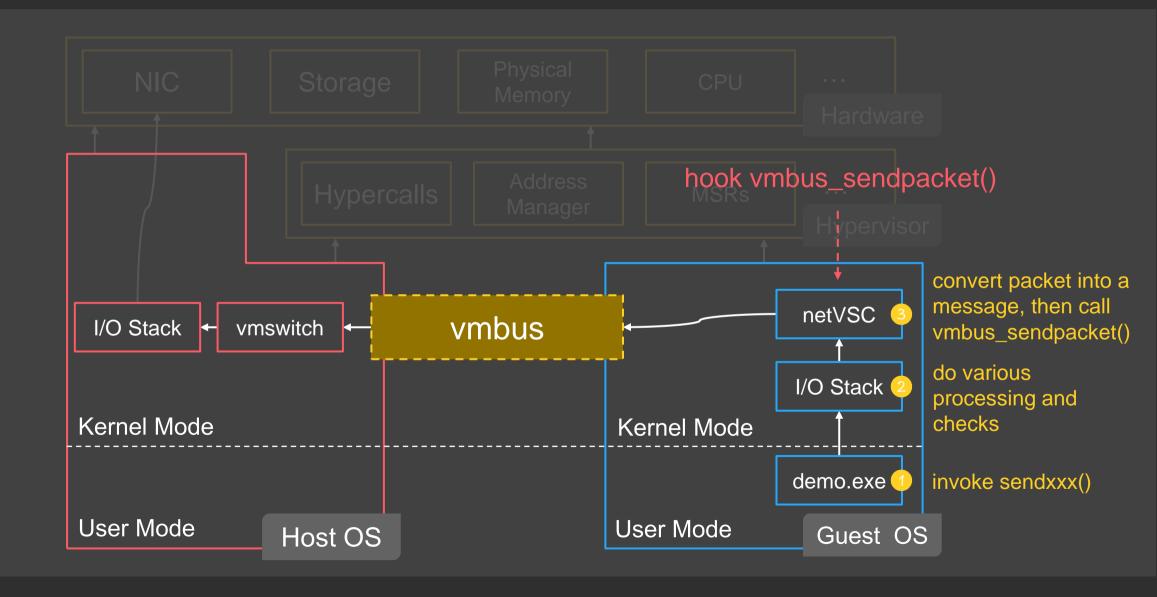
vmswitch!RndisDevHostDeviceIndicatePackets
vmswitch!RndisDevDeviceIndicatePackets+0x4a
vmswitch!VmsVmNicPvtPacketForward+0x496
vmswitch!VmsRouterDeliverNetBufferLists+0x81a
vmswitch!VmsExtPtReceiveNetBufferLists+0x193
NDIS!ndisMIndicateNetBufferListsToOpen+0x11e
NDIS!ndisMTopReceiveNetBufferLists+0x267bc
NDIS!ndisCallReceiveHandler+0x47
NDIS!NdisMIndicateReceiveNetBufferLists+0x735
vmswitch!VmsExtMpIndicatePackets+0xa55
vmswitch!VmsExtMpSendNetBufferLists+0x267bc

- 1. reach VmsVmNicPvtPacketForward() after a series of filtering, verification, addressing
- 2. invoke the corresponding handler on the protocol stack to send the packet

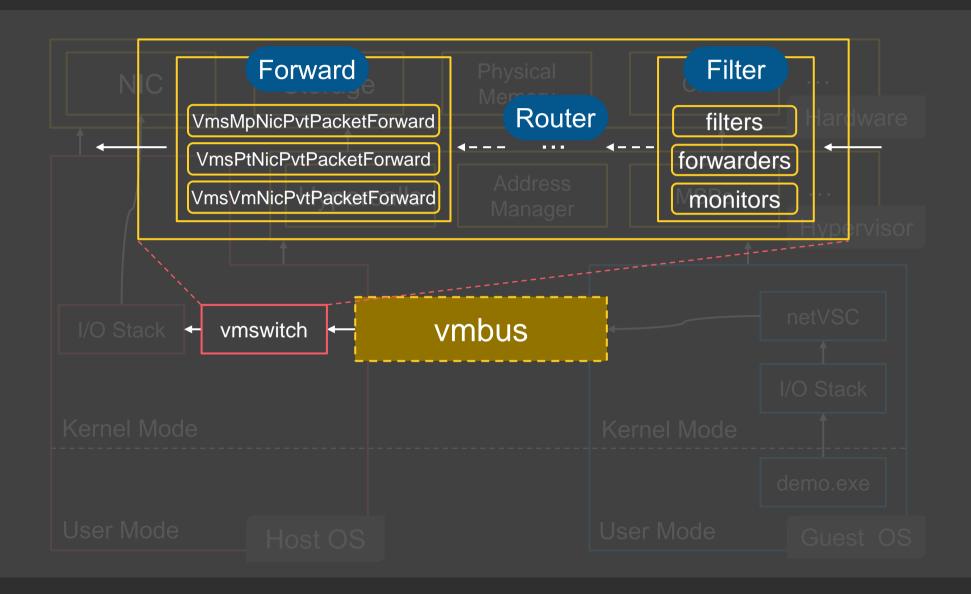
How to Send Normal Packets



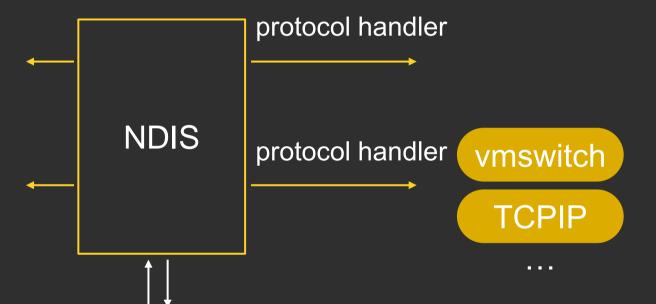
How to Send "Anormal" Packets



Packet Process Flow in vmswitch



NDIS Network Interface Architecture



NIC

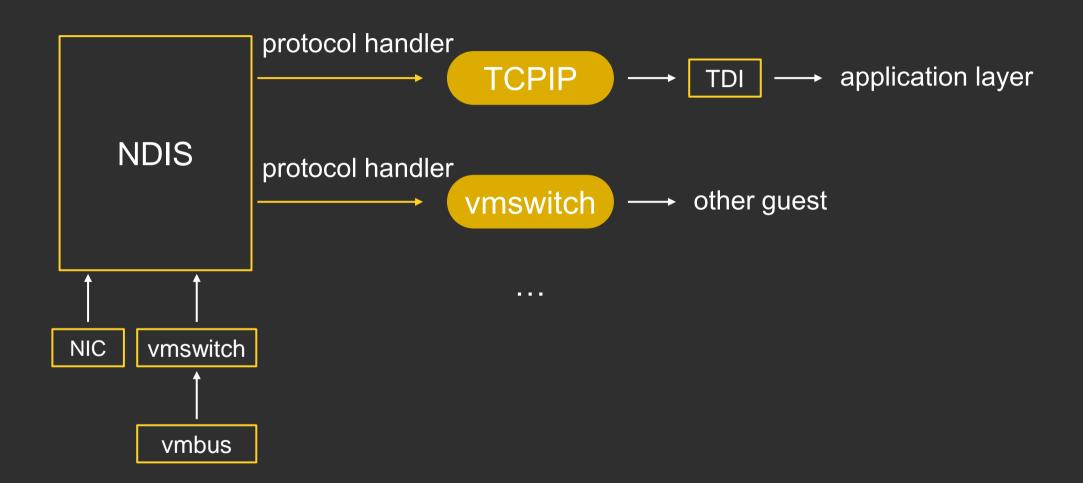
- vmswitch can be considered as a filtering driver stacked on top of NDIS
- Many of the function pointers in vmswitch are treated as dispatch function pointers for NDIS

vmswitch Stacking Behavior

&VmsVswitchFilterHandle);

```
RtlInitUnicodeString(&DestinationString, L"VMSP");
  ProtocolCharacteristics.Header = 8389269;
  ProtocolCharacteristics.OpenAdapterCompleteHandlerEx = VmsPtNicOpenAdapterCompleteEx;
  ProtocolCharacteristics.CloseAdapterCompleteHandlerEx = VmsPtNicCloseAdapterCompleteEx;
  ProtocolCharacteristics.UninstallHandler = VmsPtNicUninstall;
v12 = NdisRegisterProtocolDriver(0i64, &ProtocolCharacteristics, &VmsProtocolHandle);
  RtlInitUnicodeString(&v35, L"Hyper-V Virtual Switch Extension Filter");
  RtlInitUnicodeString(&v36, L"{529B8983-9625-49A5-8284-CE944FD8E242}");
  RtlInitUnicodeString(&v37, L"VMSVSF");
  FilterDriverCharacteristics.SetOptionsHandler = VmsExtFilterSetFilterModuleOptions;
  FilterDriverCharacteristics.SetFilterModuleOptionsHandler = VmsExtFilterSetFilterModuleOptions;
  FilterDriverCharacteristics.SendNetBufferListsHandler = VmsExtFilterSendNetBufferLists;
v18 = NdisFRegisterFilterDriver(DriverObject, 0i64, &FilterDriverCharacteristics,
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Processing Routine



Our Findings

- · Data from vmbus is written to the network layer directly, without going through the physical and link layer, thus not subject to constraints
- The same implementation is applied to diverse sources of incoming packets, while the hidden preconditions within the implementation may be broken

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CVE-2021-24074

Integer Overflow

Windows TCP/IP Remote Code Execution Vulnerability

CVE-2021-24074

Security Vulnerability

Released: Feb 9, 2021

Assigning CNA: Microsoft

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CVSS:3.1 9.8 / 8.5 ①

Exploitability

The following table provides an exploitability assessment for this vulnerability at the time of original publication.

Publicly disclosed

Exploited

Exploitability assessment

Caused by a single ICMPv6 packet whose length is bigger than 65535

CVE-2021-24074

Integer Overflow

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~ :	Internet Protocol Ve	ersion 6, Src: fe80::98c3:5e9d	d:e2db:9090, Dst: fe80::20c:	:29ff:fef8:8df3		5e 9d e								
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	> 0000 0000	= Traf	fic Class: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0,	ECN: Not-ECT)	0040	00 00 0			c3 5	e 9d	e2 d	b 90	90 0	2 01
	0000 0000 00	00 0000 0000 = Flow Label: 0x	00000		0050	00 0c 2	9 86 75	30						
	Payload Length: 3	2												
	Next Header: ICMP	v6 (58)												
	Hop Limit: 255													
	Source Address: f	e80::98c3:5e9d:e2db:9090												
	Destination Addre	ss: fe80::20c:29ff:fef8:8df3												
	[Destination SLAA	C MAC: VMware_f8:8d:f3 (00:0c	:29:f8:8d:f3)]											
v :	Internet Control Mes	9												
	Type: Neighbor Ad	vertisement (136)												
	Code: 0													
	Checksum: 0xecc0													
	[Checksum Status:	-												
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CVE-2021-24074

Integer Overflow

tcpip!Ipv6pHandleRouterAdvertisement

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tcpip!Icmpv6ReceiveDatagrams+0x32b
tcpip!IppDeliverListToProtocol+0xf0
tcpip!IppProcessDeliverList+0x62
tcpip!IppReceiveHeaderBatch+0x214
tcpip!IppFlcReceivePacketsCore+0x315
tcpip!FlpReceiveNonPreValidatedNetBufferListChain+0x271
tcpip!FlReceiveNetBufferListChainCalloutRoutine+0xc2
nt!KeExpandKernelStackAndCalloutInternal+0x85
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The control flow, originating from the vmswitch module, eventually enters the tcpip module

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NDIS!NdisMIndicateReceiveNetBufferLists+0x31c
vmswitch!VmsMpNicPvtPacketForward+0x238
vmswitch!VmsRouterDeliverNetBufferLists+0x390
vmswitch!VmsExtPtReceiveNetBufferLists+0x193
NDIS!ndisMIndicateNetBufferListsToOpen+0x11e
NDIS!ndisMTopReceiveNetBufferLists+0x267bc
NDIS!ndisCallReceiveHandler+0x47
NDIS!NdisMIndicateReceiveNetBufferLists+0x735
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call stack

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VOID Ipv6pHandleRouterAdvertisement(ICMPV6_MESSAGE *Icmpv6, IP_REQUEST_CONTROL_DATA *Args) {
   USHORT ParsedLength; // (1)
   /* ... Validate the Router Advertisement ... */
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   Advertisement = NetioGetDataBuffer(NetBuffer, sizeof(ND ROUTER ADVERT HEADER), &AdvertisementBuffer, 1, 0);
   ParsedLength = sizeof(ND ROUTER ADVERT HEADER);
   while (Ipv6pParseTlvOption(NetBuffer, &Type, &Length)) { // (2) sanity-check the options
       switch (Type) {
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           case ND OPT MTU: // ...
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       // Move forward to the next option.
       // Keep track of the parsed length, so we can use it below to back up.
       NetioAdvanceNetBuffer(NetBuffer, Length); // (3)
       ParsedLength += Length; // (4)
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Out-of-bounds Read

Windows Hyper-V Information Disclosure Vulnerability

CVE-2022-30223

Security Vulnerability

Released: Jul 12, 2022

Assigning CNA: Microsoft

CVE-2022-30223 [2]

Impact: Information Disclosure Max Severity: Important

CVSS:3.1 5.7 / 5.0 ①

Exploitability

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Caused by a single ARP packet whose length is only 15

Out-of-bounds Read

N∘.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Lengtl	n Info					
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>	Source: VMware_86	5:75:3b (00:0c:29:86:75	3:3b)								
	Type: ARP (0x0806	5)									
v Ac	ldress Resolution	Protocol (request)									
	Hardware type: Et	thernet (1)									
	Protocol type: IF	Pv4 (0x0800)									
Hardware size: 6											
Protocol size: 4											
	Opcode: request	(1)									
Sender MAC address: VMware_86:75:3b (00:0c:29:86:75:3b)											
		s: 192.168.63.129	•								
		ss: 00:00:00 00:00:00 (00:00:00:00:00:00)								
	Target IP address										
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Out-of-bounds Read

vmswitch!VmsNblHelperCreateCloneNbl

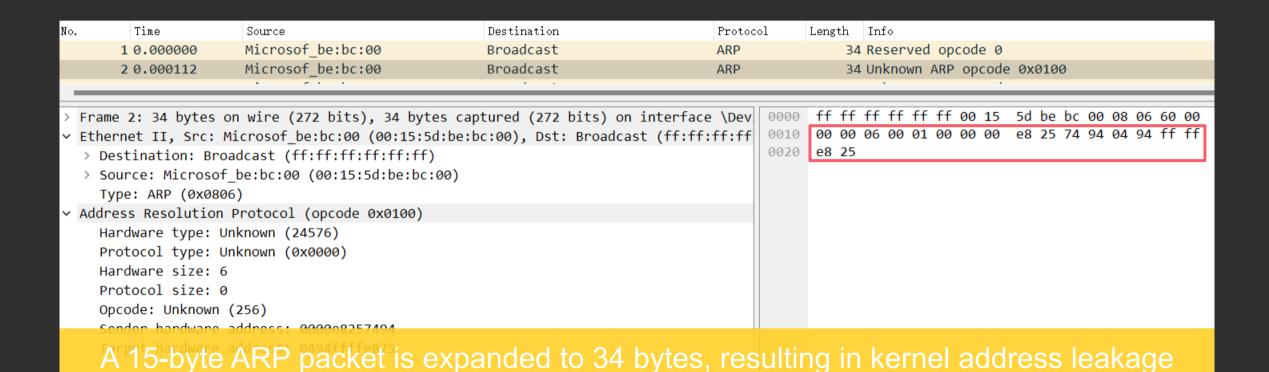
vmswitch!VmsMpNicPvtPacketForward+0x308
vmswitch!VmsRouterDeliverNetBufferLists+0x81a
vmswitch!VmsExtPtReceiveNetBufferLists+0x193
NDIS!ndisMIndicateNetBufferListsToOpen+0x11e
NDIS!ndisMTopReceiveNetBufferLists+0x267bc
NDIS!ndisCallReceiveHandler+0x47
NDIS!NdisMIndicateReceiveNetBufferLists+0x735
vmswitch!VmsExtMpIndicatePackets+0xa55
vmswitch!VmsExtMpSendNetBufferLists+0x5a8

call stack

```
int64 VmsNblHelperCreateCloneNbl(PNET BUFFER LIST SrcNetBufferList, NDIS HANDLE NetBufferListPoolHandle, NDIS HANDLE
NetBufferPoolHandle, char a4, char a5, char a6, int a7, int64 a8) {
  v11 = v10 SrcNetBufferList->NetBufferListInfo[0];
  if ( v11 && ((unsigned int8)v11 & 0x1C) != 0 ) {
    if ( ((unsigned int8)v11 & 4) != 0 ) {
LABEL 14:
      v57 = v12;
      NdisAdvanceNetBufferListDataStart(v10 SrcNetBufferList, v12, 0, 0i64);
      v56 = 1:
      goto LABEL 16;
    if ( ((unsigned int8)v11 & 8) == 0 ) {
    v12 = 34; // (1)
      goto LABEL 14;
                                                                           C++
                                                                           NDIS EXPORTED ROUTINE NDIS STATUS NdisCopyFromNetBufferToNetBuffer(
                                                                             [in] NET BUFFER
                                                                                               *Destination,
                                                                                               DestinationOffset,
                                                                             [in] ULONG
LABEL 16:
                                                                             [in] ULONG
                                                                                               BytesToCopy,
                                                                             [in] NET BUFFER const *Source,
  v21 = v12; // (2)
                                                                             [in] ULONG
                                                                                               SourceOffset,
                                                                             [out] ULONG
                                                                                          *BytesCopied
                                                                           );
  while (1) {
```

v19_dstNetBufferList = NdisCopyFromNetBufferToNetBuffer(v26, 0, v21, v24, 0, &BytesCopied); // (3)
// ...

Out-of-bounds Read



CVE-XXXXX-XXXX (not fixed yet)

NULL pointer deference

caused by a packet with only 8-byte IP header

RE: Re: Microsoft Bounty Program: Out-of-Scope Notification Case 71449 CRM:0022001410

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Hello Quan,

I'm sorry for the frustration in MSRC's outcome of this case. Since your test environment is using VMWare and ours is using Hyper-V, might we suggest we align our testing environments? To that end might we suggest that you create a new POC using only Microsoft Hyper-V and submit that POC as a new case submission. That would allow us to rotate the assessment engineer to a fresh set of eyes.

Thank you again for working with MSRC.

Regards,

Duncan

Microsoft Security	2	RE: Re: Microsoft Bounty Program: Out-of-Scope Notification Case 7144	2022-09-24
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Demo

Agenda



Introduction



Hyper-V Network Module Research



Vulnerability
Analysis



Summary

What We Have Talked

- Virtual NIC is not total identical to physical network card. And the gap between them may break the protocol stack implementations, resulting in severe vulnerabilities
- An in-depth analysis of multiple vulnerabilities discovered by breaking the theoretical limits outlined by RFC
- A new point to guide the code review or fuzzing routine when targeting virtual NICs

Thanks!

