

NOTE: SCENARIO IS WHAT THE PUZZLE TAKER SEES.

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You are developing a secure library for compression/decompression operations. All methods in the library require that the size of the original file (uncompressed) is at most 100MB, otherwise they throw an exception. The decompress method takes a String value as the path of a zip file, and a String value as the path of destination directory, and decompresses the zip file into the given directory. Consider the snippet of code below and answer the following questions, assuming that the code has all required permissions to execute and there is no IOException.

```
01  // OMITTED: Import whatever is needed.
02  public final class ZipUtils {
03      private static final int BUFFER = 0x1000; // 4KB
04      private static final int MAX_FILE_SIZE = 0x6400000; // 100MB
05
06      public static void decompress (String path, String directory)
07          throws IOException {
08          FileInputStream fis = new FileInputStream(path);
09          ZipInputStream zis = new ZipInputStream(fis);
10          try {
11              ZipEntry entry;
12              while ((entry = zis.getNextEntry()) != null) {
13                  if (entry.getSize() > MAX_FILE_SIZE)
14                      throw new IllegalStateException("File is too large.");
15
16                      // OMITTED: Store the "entry" in the "directory"
17              }
18          }
19          finally {
20              //OMITTED: close the streams
21          }
22      }
23  }
```

Questions:

1. What does the decompress method do when executed?
2. What will happen if the decompress method is called given a zip file containing an entry (named big.txt) larger than 100MB?
 - a. big.txt won't be decompressed and the method will throw an exception.
 - b. big.txt may or may not be decompressed.
 - c. big.txt will definitely be decompressed.
 - d. The program will crash after the invocation of the decompress method.
 - e. None of the above

[Other statistical questions will be imported here while creating survey.]

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ANSWER:

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The file (big.txt) still might be decompressed, since we are assigning the next file entry to zipEntry, we cannot rely on the getSize method. The getSize method may return -1 if the size of the entry (file) is unknown, so the above code is highly vulnerable as the attacker can modify the file size.

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TAGS:

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CATEGORIES:

Blindspot - YES

Type - Compression

Number of distinct functions - 5

Number of total functions - 5

Blindspot function - ZipEntry.getSize()

Function call omitted - NO

Blindspot type - Return type incorrectly checked

Number of Parameters in the blindspot function - 0 parameters

Cyclomatic complexity - 4

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ZipEntry class, getSize method - Returns the uncompressed size of the entry data, or -1 if not known.

DESCRIPTION:

Java provides the java.util.zip package for zip-compatible data compression. It provides classes that enable you to read, create, and modify ZIP and GZIP files formats.

ZipInputStream functions the same as InputStream, and ZipEntry is basically used to represent a Zip file entry.

BLINDSPOT:

The `getSize` method of the `ZipEntry` class is not dependable because it returns `-1` when the size of the entry (file) is unknown. It is also possible that an attacker forges the field in the zip entry. This could lead to DoS attack or data corruption.

CORRECT USE EXAMPLE:

#N/A

MORE INFORMATION:

#N/A

REFERENCES:

1. [ZipEntry#getSize](#)
2. <https://goo.gl/hi29lb>