



grep is fun

run grep for **vulnerable** ()'s

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Before we get started.

- I don't know much code review in C,C++
- This might be basic for someone, but a good kick start for someone else



My blind roadmap

when i initially started

- Find list of vulnerable C,C++ ()'s from CWE pages
 - i.e. CWE 120,20 etc.
- Use grep recursive search to find that vulnerable ()'s in open source projects
- Submit that bug to the repo maintainer



Don't like grep ?

Flawfinder - A static analysis tool for C,C++

Reference: <https://www.dwheeler.com/flawfinder/>



Running grep on what ?

- Open source projects on github.com or gitlab.com
- OSS projects

Specific to C,C++ codes, because we will be targeting vulnerable functions which affect C,C++ binaries.

Reference: <https://opensource.com/article/16/12/yearbook-top-10-open-source-projects>



Best way

- <https://github.com/trending/c>
- <https://github.com/trending/c++>



Quick look on vulnerable ()'s in C,C++ ?

- realpath()
- strncat()
- access()
- SetSecurityDescriptorDacl()

But, there are many more...



realpath() - Resolves a path name

According to POSIX standard this function is vulnerable by design it self.

- The output buffer needs to be at least of size `PATH_MAX`
- Set `NULL` for `resolved_path`

Reference: <http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man3/realpath.3.html>



Actual implementation of realpath()

```
static int
    path_check(ARCHD *arcn, int level)
{
    char buf[MAXPATHLEN];
    char *p;
    if ((p = strrchr(arcn->name, '/')) == NULL)
        return 0;
    *p = '\0';
    if (realpath(arcn->name, buf) == NULL) {
```



Usage of realpath() may cause overflow

If `resolved_path` is not set to NULL or output buffer is not at least size of `PATH_MAX` then a buffer overflow will occur.

Case study for realpath()

This issue was observed in Facebook open source project name **osquery**, so we simply use grep recursive search over here to find **realpath()** in entire repository.

```
input0@zero:~/Desktop/osquery-3.2.6$ grep -iRn 'realpath' .
./external/CMakeLists.txt:15:    get_filename_component(full_child "${PWD}/${child}" REALPATH)
./tools/codegen/gentable.py:23:SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/codegen/gentable.py:477:      SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/codegen/gentargets.py:12:SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/codegen/gentargets.py:13:REPO_ROOT_DIR = os.path.realpath(os.path.join(SCRIPT_DIR, "../.."))
./tools/codegen/genapi.py:28:SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/codegen/genapi.py:307:      SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/tests/test_osqueryd.py:196:          rpath = os.path.realpath(pth)
./tools/tests/test_release.py:78:      SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/tests/test_base.py:88:SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/tests/test_http_server.py:32:SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/tests/test_example_queries.py:46:      SCRIPT_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
./tools/analysis/fuzz.py:29:sys.path.append(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)) + "/../tests/")
./tools/analysis/fuzz.py:30:sys.path.append(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)) + "/../codegen/")
./tools/analysis/profile.py:29:sys.path.append(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)) + "/../tests/")
./tools/provision/ubuntu.sh:27: package realpath
./tools/provision/formula/python.rb:257:     if os.path.realpath(sys.executable).startswith('#{rack}'):
./osquery/tables/system/freebsd/mounts.cpp:37:     r["device_alias"] = std::string(realpath(mnt[i].f_mntfromname, real_path)
./osquery/tables/system/linux/processes.cpp:60:     char* link_path = realpath(attr_path.c_str(), full_path);
./osquery/tables/system/linux/mounts.cpp:36:             realpath(ent->mnt_fsname, real_path) ? real_path : ent->mnt_fsname);
./osquery/tables/system/darwin/mounts.cpp:37:     r["device_alias"] = std::string(realpath(mnt[i].f_mntfromname, real_path)
input0@zero:~/Desktop/osquery-3.2.6$
```



Case study for realpath()

I found multiple file in `osquery` using `realpath()`, moving further I manually put efforts to read those codes.

So the file: `/system/darwin/mounts.cpp`

```
r["path"] = TEXT(mnt[i].f_mntonname);
r["device"] = TEXT(mnt[i].f_mntfromname);
r["device_alias"] = std::string(realpath(mnt[i].f_mntfromname, real_path)
    ? real_path
    : mnt[i].f_mntfromname);
```

I simply compared this code from the code which is on slide number 9, and two things were confirmed that output buffer is not at least size of `PATH_MAX` and nowhere `NULL` is passed for `resloved_path`

Case study for realpath()

Moving forward i simply reported this Facebook, and the bug was accepted, and Facebook team responded back saying yes this may cause an overflow and a patch was also pushed.

Reference: <https://github.com/facebook/osquery/issues/4408>

Hi Team,

<https://github.com/facebook/osquery/blob/master/osquery/tables/system/darwin/mounts.cpp#L37>

i.e

```
r["device_alias"] = std::string.realpath(mnt[i].f_mntfromname, real_path)
```

This function does not protect against buffer overflows, and some implementations can overflow internally references (CWE-120/CWE-785!).

Ensure that the destination buffer is at least of size `MAXPATHLEN`, and to protect against implementation problems, the input argument should be checked to ensure it is no larger than `MAXPATHLEN`.

Request team to please have a look and advise.

Thank you
Team w00t

muffins added **bug** **macOS** labels on May 21

muffins commented on May 21

Contributor + 😊

@teamwoot thanks for reporting! We'll get a fix up for this asap!



Case study for realpath()

But, I still don't know how this can be exploited in **osquery**, but it general realpath could cause a shell execution or a privilege escalation.

Example:

https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/linux/local/glibc_realpath_priv_esc



Case study for realpath() - 2 (CVE-2018-14939)

I replicated the same thing in LibreOffice source code, but again there was no fully working PoC that causes buffer overflow in LibreOffice.

Reference:

https://bugzilla.redhat.com/show_bug.cgi?id=1614165

<https://access.redhat.com/security/cve/cve-2018-14939>

In general I was just capable of finding bugs by doing code review and understanding how the code is working if realpath is used for multiple open source projects.

Case Study for realpath() - 3 Apache

Found same thing in **httpd - apache** but most of the time developers are aware of such issues that it may cause an overflow, but they document it.

William A Rowe Jr <wrowe@rowe-clan.net>
to Apache,me ▾
Hello Dhiraj,

thank you for your report. Note the direct cc: to the httpd team's security list for future correspondence.

It is our assessment, per your notes, that once it happens that "If an attacker can change anything along the path" indicates that there is already an underlying flaw in the security model for deployment of httpd and a suexec application. Parent-path ownership needs to be locked down against malicious actors; in this example, it is not.

This is a fundamental shortcoming of performing kernel-level tasks in userspace, but one we don't consider a vulnerability given that the exploitation requires the admin to ignore best practices. There are many caveats identified in <https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/suexec.html> for safe handling of suexec; if you believe the documentation comes up short, edits are welcome, and we are happy to review any further thoughts you have on this example.

Cheers,

Bill

...



strncat() - appends char from strings

Improper use of the `strncpy()` and `strncat()` functions can result in buffer overflow vulnerabilities.



strncat() - appends char from strings

The last argument to `strncat()` should not be the total buffer length.

Vulnerable code:

```
strncpy(record, user, MAX_STRING_LEN - 1);
strncat(record, cpw, MAX_STRING_LEN - 1);
```

Actual Code:

```
strncat(dest, source, dest_size - strlen(dest) - 1);
```

Case study for strncat() - TOR browser

<https://github.com/torproject/tor/commit/d0525c38d607504aee4ab8451d4651c2668997c0>

9 src/lib/err/backtrace.c View ▾

00 -35,6 +35,7 00

```
35 #include <errno.h>
36 #include <stdlib.h>
37 #include <string.h>
38
39 #ifdef HAVE_CYGWIN_SIGNAL_H
40 #include <cygwin	signal.h>
```

00 -264,16 +265,12 00 dump_stack_symbols_to_error_fds(void)

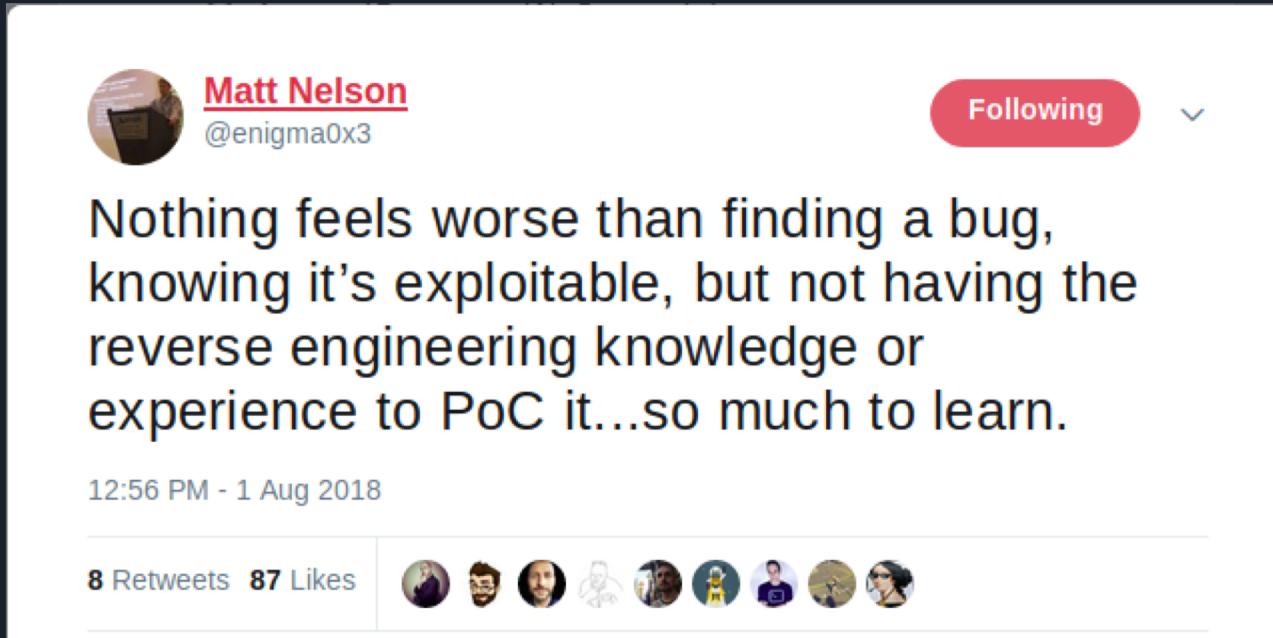
```
264 int
265 configure_backtrace_handler(const char *tor_version)
266 {
267 - char version[128];
268 - strncpy(version, "Tor", sizeof(version)-1);
269
270 if (tor_version) {
271 - strncat(version, " ", sizeof(version)-1);
272 - strncat(version, tor_version, sizeof(version)-1);
273 }
274
275 - version[sizeof(version) - 1] = 0;
276 -
277 return install_bt_handler(version);
278 }
```

35 #include <errno.h>
36 + #include <stdlib.h>
37 #include <string.h>
38 + #include <stdio.h>
39
40 #ifdef HAVE_CYGWIN_SIGNAL_H
41 #include <cygwin signal.h>

265 int
266 configure_backtrace_handler(const char *tor_version)
267 {
268 + char version[128] = "Tor\0";
269
270 if (tor_version) {
271 + sprintf(version, sizeof(version), "Tor %s", tor_version);
272 }
273
274 return install_bt_handler(version);
275 }

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I was feeling something like this...



Matt Nelson
@enigma0x3

Following

Nothing feels worse than finding a bug,
knowing it's exploitable, but not having the
reverse engineering knowledge or
experience to PoC it...so much to learn.

12:56 PM - 1 Aug 2018

8 Retweets 87 Likes



But, I started trying harder...

This bug is about `access()` function. In general `access()` can lead `racecondition()` which may cause privilege escalation.

RootUp commented on Jul 26

Team,

File: /osquery/filesystem posix/fileops.cpp#L305

```
}
```

```
int platformAccess(const std::string& path, mode_t mode) {
    return ::access(path.c_str(), mode);
}
```

I believe this indicates a security flaw, If an attacker can change anything along the path between the call `access()` and the files actually used, attacker may exploit the race condition or a time-of-check, time-of-use race condition, request team to please have a look and validate.

Reference: <https://linux.die.net/man/2/access>

muffins added `triage` `Linux` labels on Jul 26

muffins changed the title from `racecondition()` to `racecondition in posix platformAccess code path` on Jul 26

But, I started trying harder...

muffins commented on Jul 26

Contributor + 58 ...

Hey there, thanks for reporting! I re-titled the issue, hope you don't mind :), to be a bit more descriptive. I think you might be right that there's a TOCTOU bug here, have you been able to trigger it?

RootUp commented on Jul 26

+ 58 ...

Thank you for taking look into this,

This was identified while code review, however I think it 'might' be possible via hardlink case if so then.

exploit.c

```
#include <unistd.h>
int main()
{
    if (geteuid() != 0) exit(1);
    setuid(geteuid());
    char *args[] = { "/bin/sh", 0 };
    return execve(args[0], args, 0);
}
```

Trigger an race condition by creating a hardlink to the vulnerable program.

```
while :; do ln -f ./vulnpoc; ln -f ./exploit; done
```



SetSecurityDescriptorDacl()

Never create NULL ACLs, an attacker can set it to Everyone (Deny All Access), which would even forbid administrator access which may lead to privilege escalation.



Case study of SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() - MariaDB

File: /server/blob/10.3/sql/mysql.cc#L2761

```
}
```

```
if (!SetSecurityDescriptorDacl(&sdPipeDescriptor, TRUE, NULL, FALSE))
```

```
{
```

Never create NULL ACLs, an attacker can set it to Everyone (Deny All Access), which would even forbid administrator access which may lead to privilege escalation.

Source code: <https://github.com/MariaDB/server>

Case study of SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() - MariaDB

 Vladislav Vaintroub <wlad@mariadb.com>Mon, Aug 13, 8:12 PM   

to me, security@mariadb.org ▾

Thanks Dhiraj. I agree we have a bug there. We will take a look, and fix it in the next version.

Details			
Type:	 Bug	Status:	CLOSED
Priority:	 Major		(View Workflow)
Affects Version/s:	5.5, 10.0, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 ...	Resolution:	Fixed
Component/s:	Platform Windows, Server	Fix Version/s:	5.5.62, 10.0.37, ... (3)

Bug thread : <https://jira.mariadb.org/browse/MDEV-16963>



Case study of SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() - MariaDB (Try exploiting it)

<https://www.blackhat.com/presentations/bh-dc-07/Cerrudo/Paper/bh-dc-07-Cerrudo-WP.pdf>
- page -7- to -13-

This has been really hard:

- Open IDA
- Open oracle.exe binary
- Locate SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() and press Ctrl+X (Jump to cross reference)
- Look at SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() parameters and security descriptor usage.
- Total time spent: 5 minutes (being lazy)



Case study of SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() - MariaDB (Try exploiting it)

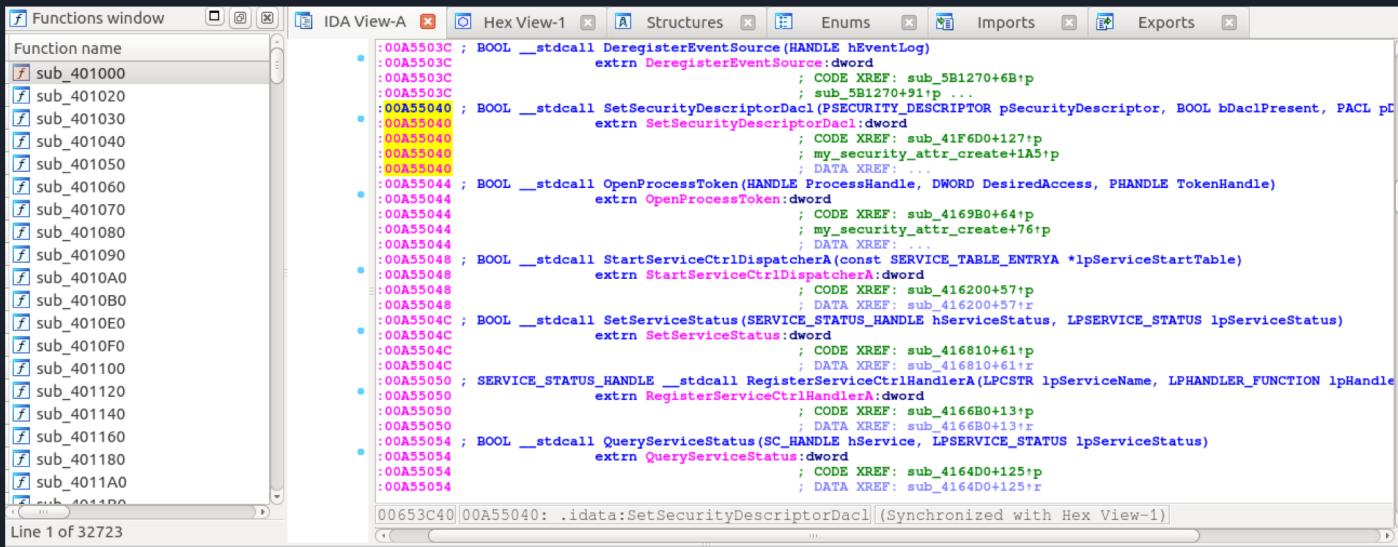
File: /server/blob/10.3/sql/mysqld.cc

Download <https://downloads.mariadb.org/interstitial/mariadb-10.3.8/win32-packages/mariadb-10.3.8-win32.zip> from <http://mirror.truenetwork.ru/mariadb/>

Search for **mysqld.exe**, I am was using 32 bit system and IDA for this.

Open **mysqld.exe** in IDA and repeat the steps which is done by Cesar Cerrudo in above slide.

Case study of SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() - MariaDB (Try exploiting it)



```
1 SetSecurityDescriptorDacl(PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR pSecurityDescriptor, BOOL bDaclPresent, PACL pDacl, BOOL bDaclDefaulted)
extrn SetSecurityDescriptorDacl:dword
    ; CODE XREF: sub_41F6D0+127↑p
    ; my_security_attr_create+1A5↑p
    ; DATA XREF: ...
```



Case study of SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() - MariaDB (Try exploiting it)

Exploit PoC by Cesar: <https://pastebin.com/Nh6nF3Yt>

However, I still need to understand the exploit PoC and create something like it, so this could lead to successful local privilege escalation bug.



Case study of SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() - MariaDB

Moving further MITRE told this issue exists in Oracle

""

The issues occurs in sql/mysqld.cc in MySQL version 5.1.30 from the <https://downloads.mysql.com/archives/community/> web site. Version 5.1.30 is from 2008, and MariaDB was first released in 2009.

""

PS: The working of cesar's exploit might also work in this case.

Case study of SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() - MariaDB



Oracle Security Alerts (Feng)

to me ▾

Hi Dhiraj,

The issue is confirmed by us. CVE-2018-3123 is assigned to it.

We'll announce the fix in CPU Oct 2018. Can you wait until Oct 16, 2018
for your announcement too?

Thanks,

Feng Cao
Oracle Security Alerts

12:12 AM (12 hours ago)





Hmmmm.....

So that was my entire journey, of finding bugs using grep and contributing to open source projects.

But now...

CVE-2019-6498 Detail

Current Description

GattLib 0.2 has a stack-based buffer over-read in gattlib_connect in dbus/gattlib.c because strncpy is misused.

Source: MITRE

Description Last Modified: 01/21/2019

+View Analysis Description

Impact

CVSS v3.0 Severity and Metrics:

Base Score: 8.8 HIGH

Vector: AV:A/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H (V3 legend)

Impact Score: 5.9

Exploitability Score: 2.8

Attack Vector (AV): Adjacent

Attack Complexity (AC): Low

Privileges Required (PR): None

User Interaction (UI): None

Scope (S): Unchanged

Confidentiality (C): High

Integrity (I): High

Availability (A): High

CVSS v2.0 Severity and Metrics:

Base Score: 5.8 MEDIUM

Vector: (AV:A/AC:L/Au:N/C:P/I:P/A:P) (V2 legend)

Impact Subscore: 6.4

Exploitability Subscore: 6.5

Access Vector (AV): Local_Network

Access Complexity (AC): Low

Authentication (AU): None

Confidentiality (C): Partial

Integrity (I): Partial

Availability (A): Partial

Additional Information:

Allows unauthorized disclosure of information

Allows unauthorized modification

stack-based bufferoverflow #81

 Open RootUp opened this issue 4 days ago · 0 comments



RootUp commented 4 days ago · edited

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Hi Team,

Summary

While fuzzing gattlib using clang 6.0 with ASAN a stack-based buffer-overflow was observed in [gattlib.c](#) and [discover.c](#)

Vulnerable code from gattlib.c

```
// Transform string from 'DA:94:40:95:E0:87' to 'dev_DA_94_40_95_E0_87'
strncpy(device_address_str, dst, sizeof(device_address_str));
for (i = 0; i < strlen(device_address_str); i++) {
    if (device_address_str[i] == ':') {
        device_address_str[i] = '_';
    }
}
```

Vulnerable code from discover.c

```
if (argc != 2) {
    printf("%s <device_address>\n", argv[0]);
    return 1;
}

connection = gattlib_connect(NULL, argv[1], BDADDR_LE_PUBLIC, BT_SEC_LOW, 0, 0);
if (connection == NULL) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Fail to connect to the bluetooth device.\n");
    return 1;
}
```

Also, I have figured a simple way to reproduce this rather than using AFL poc in this case.



Future ToDo's

Understand multiple vulnerable C,C++ functions more correctly and look around on ways to exploit them.

Happy to collab with any one to work on this and contribute to open source projects.



QnA - Feedback ?

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