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Cutting Edge

Microsoft Browser Security — From People Who Owned It

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Who Are We?

- Tencent
 - Largest social media and entertainment company in China
- Tencent Security Xuanwu Lab
 - Applied and real world security research
- Pwn2Own 2017 Microsoft Edge Category Winner

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This Talk is Based on

Windows 10 1607 (OS build 14393)

- *Pwn2Own 2017*

Windows 10 Insider Preview Build 17074

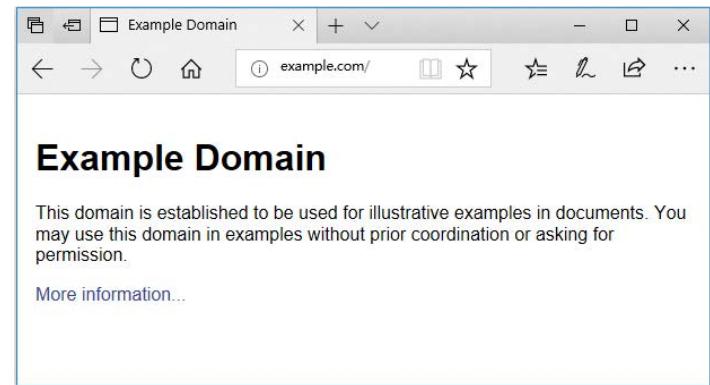
- Vulnerabilities reported to MSRC

- Introduction
- Edge Startup and Privilege Separation
- Edge Inter-Process Communication
- Edge Vulnerabilities
 - 1 Real bug used in Pwn2Own 2017
 - 2 New bugs prepared for Pwn2Own 2018



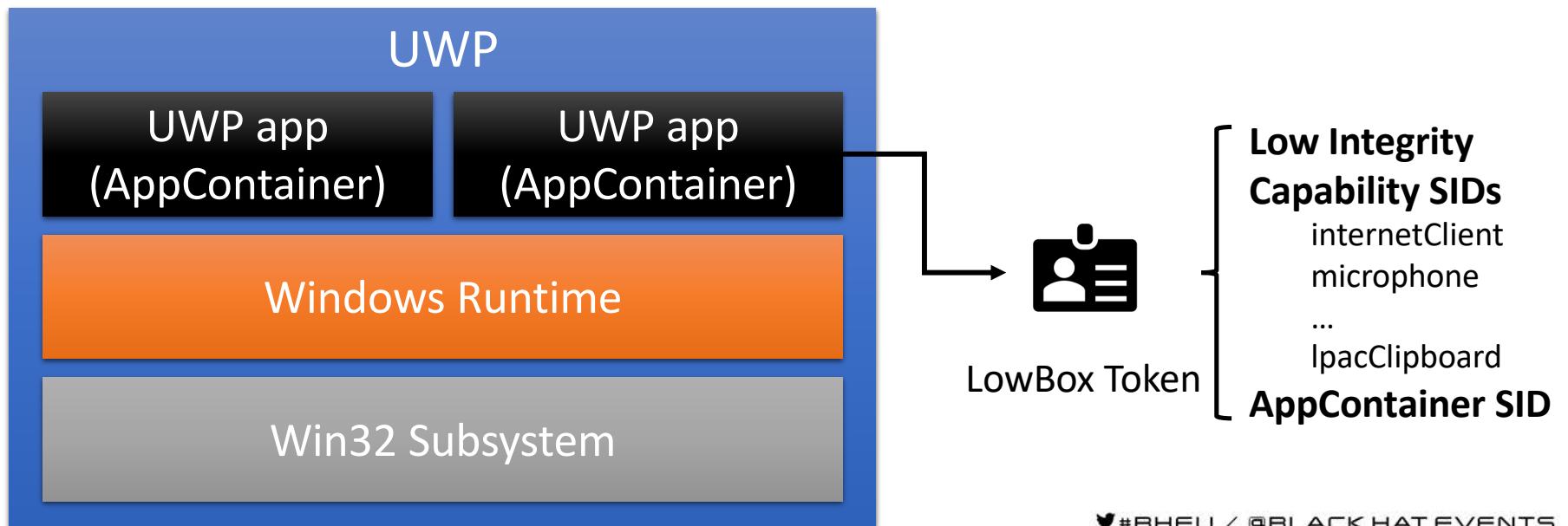
Microsoft Edge

- The default web browser on *Windows 10*
- “The faster, safer way to get things done on the web”
- An *Universal Windows Platform* app
- Target of *Pwn2Own* since 2016



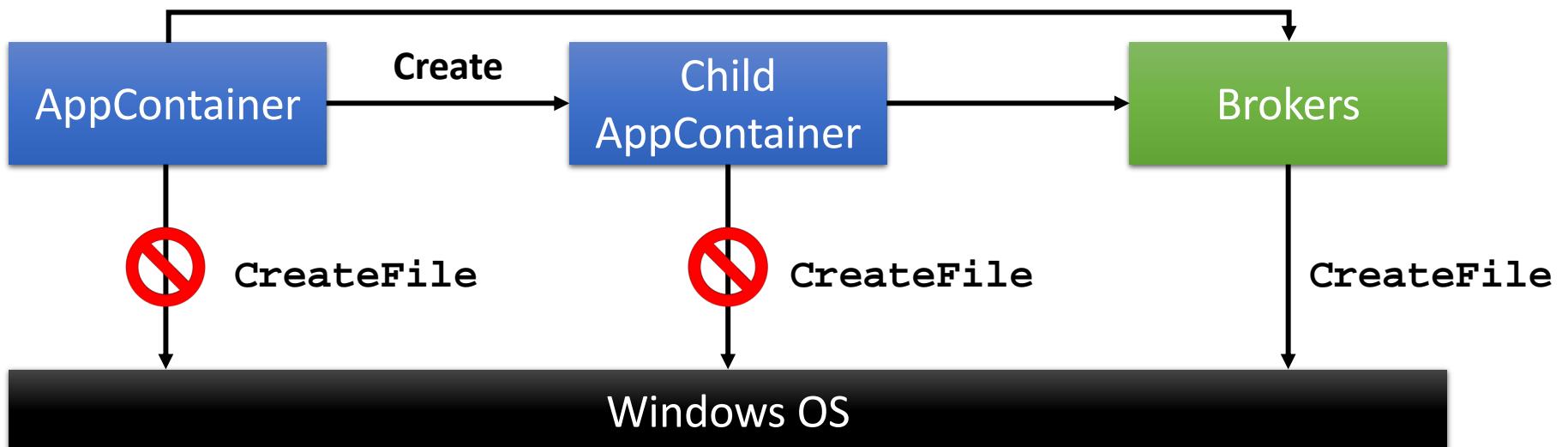
Universal Windows Platform

- UWP apps run in a new type of sandbox called AppContainer
- AppContainer supports several isolation technologies



Child AppContainer and Broker

- Child AppContainer is a restricted AppContainer
- AppContainer needs brokers to perform privileged operations



Microsoft Edge Architecture

Microsoft Edge app

Manager AC

#!001
Internet
Child AC

#!002
NTP
Child AC

#!003
Ext.
Child AC

#!004
Settings
Child AC

#!005
BCHost
Child AC

#!006
JIT
Child AC

#!121
Local
Child AC

Browser Broker

Runtime Broker

Shell Infra. Host



Process Startup and Privilege Separation

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Manager Process Startup

explorer.exe

- Activate Edge app



sihost.exe

- Launch
`Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe!MicrosoftEdge`

RPCSS

- Get activation information
- Create AppContainer process

MicrosoftEdge

WinRT Runtime Class

Kernelbase!GetSystemMetaDataPathForPackage

%ProgramData%\Microsoft\Windows\AppRepository\Packages



Package Full Name

Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_42.17074.1000.0_neutral__8wekyb3d8bbwe



Per-App Runtime Classes

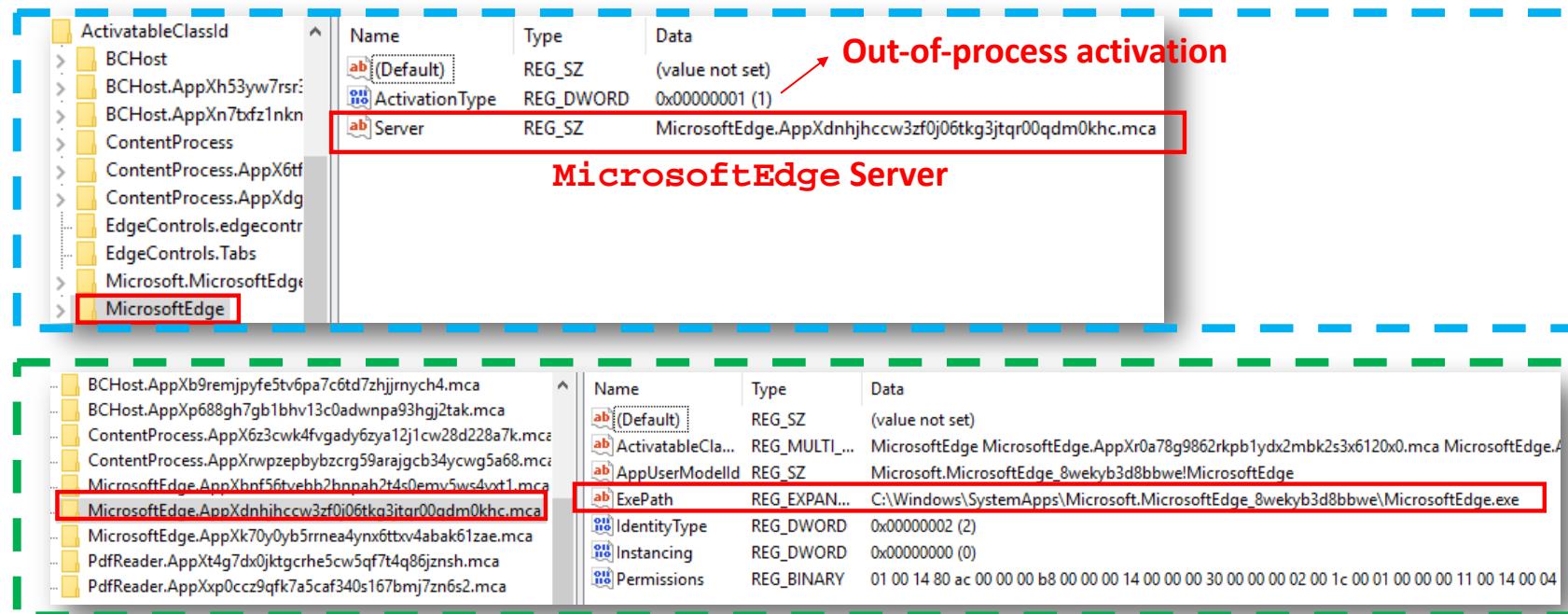
ActivationStore.dat



NtLoadKeyEx AppKey

Activation Information

Microsoft Edge activation data



Out-of-process activation

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
ActivationType	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
Server	REG_SZ	MicrosoftEdge.AppXdnjhccw3zf0j06tkg3jtqr00qdm0khc.mca

MicrosoftEdge Server

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
ActivatableCla...	REG_MULTI...	MicrosoftEdge MicrosoftEdge.AppXr0a78g9862rkpb1ydx2mbk2s3x6120x0.mca MicrosoftEdge.A...
AppUserModelId	REG_SZ	Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe!MicrosoftEdge
ExePath	REG_EXPAN...	C:\Windows\SystemApps\Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe\MicrosoftEdge.exe
IdentityType	REG_DWORD	0x00000002 (2)
Instancing	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
Permissions	REG_BINARY	01 00 14 80 ac 00 00 00 b8 00 00 00 14 00 00 00 30 00 00 00 02 00 1c 00 01 00 00 11 00 14 00 04



Create AppContainer Process

Get Package SID from Package Family Name



Get Capability SIDs



Create LowBox Token



Create **MicrosoftEdge.exe** Process



Manager Process Capabilities

Source of Capability SIDs

- **AppxManifest.xml**
- **PackageSidToPackageCapabilitySid**
- **cellularData**

Content Process Startup

MicrosoftEdge.exe

- Create Child Process
- Restricted Name 001, 002, ..., 121

RuntimeBroker

- Get Package SID
- Get Capability SIDs
- Create LowBox Token

sihost.exe

- Register RAC activation token

RPCSS

- Lookup RAC token
- Get activation information
- Create AppContainer Process



Child Process Token and Capabilities

Package SID

- Token of **MicrosoftEdge.exe**
- RestrictedName 001, 002, ..., 121
- **DeriveRestrictedAppContainerSidFromAppContainerSidAndRestrictedName**

Capability SIDs

- Get Capability SIDs from **MicrosoftEdge.exe**

Create new RAC Token in **RuntimeBroker**



Child AppContainer SID

S-1-15-2-3624051433-2125758914-1423191267-1740899205-1073925389-
3782572162-737981194

- SHA-256 of "**Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe**"

S-1-15-2-1912002900-2594761559-4142726862-**4256926629-1688279915-2739229046-3928706915**

- SHA-256 of "**001**"

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3782572162-737981194-**4256926629-1688279915-2739229046-3928706915**

- Child AC SID for **Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe/001**

Child Process Capability SIDs

- `edgeIso!GetRACEnumerationFlags`
- Capability SIDs hardcoded in *Edge*
- `RestrictedName > 071`
 - `privateNetworkClientServer`
 - `enterpriseAuthentication`

<code>internetClient</code>
<code>sharedUserCertificates</code>
<code>location</code>
<code>microphone</code>
<code>webcam</code>
<code>registryRead</code>
<code>lpacWebPlatform</code>
<code>lpacCom</code>
<code>lpacAppExperience</code>
<code>lpacCryptoServices</code>
<code>lpacIdentityServices</code>
<code>lpacInstrumentation</code>
<code>lpacEnterprisePolicyChangeNotifications</code>
<code>lpacMedia</code>
<code>lpacPnPNotifications</code>
<code>lpacServicesManagement</code>
<code>lpacSessionManagement</code>
<code>lpacPrinting</code>
<code>lpacPayments</code>
<code>lpacClipboard</code>
<code>childWebContent</code>



Inter-Process Communications

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Used by renderer, manager and broker

Three types of IPC mechanisms used

- RPC
- COM
- LCIE IPC

Remote Procedure Call

- ALPC ports, Named pipes, TCP, Hyper-V socket, etc.

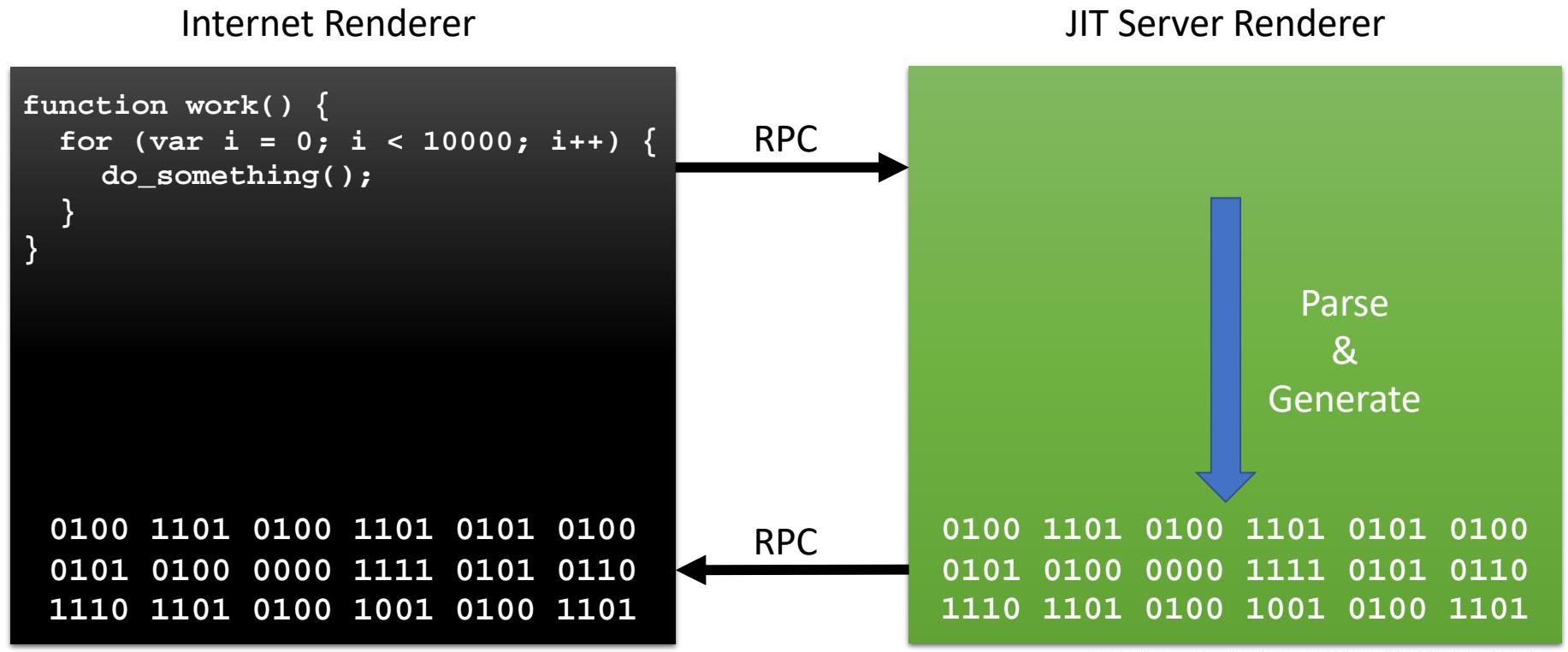
RPC Server

- Listen on endpoints with specified protocol
- Interfaces (Identified by UUID) bind on an endpoint

Security

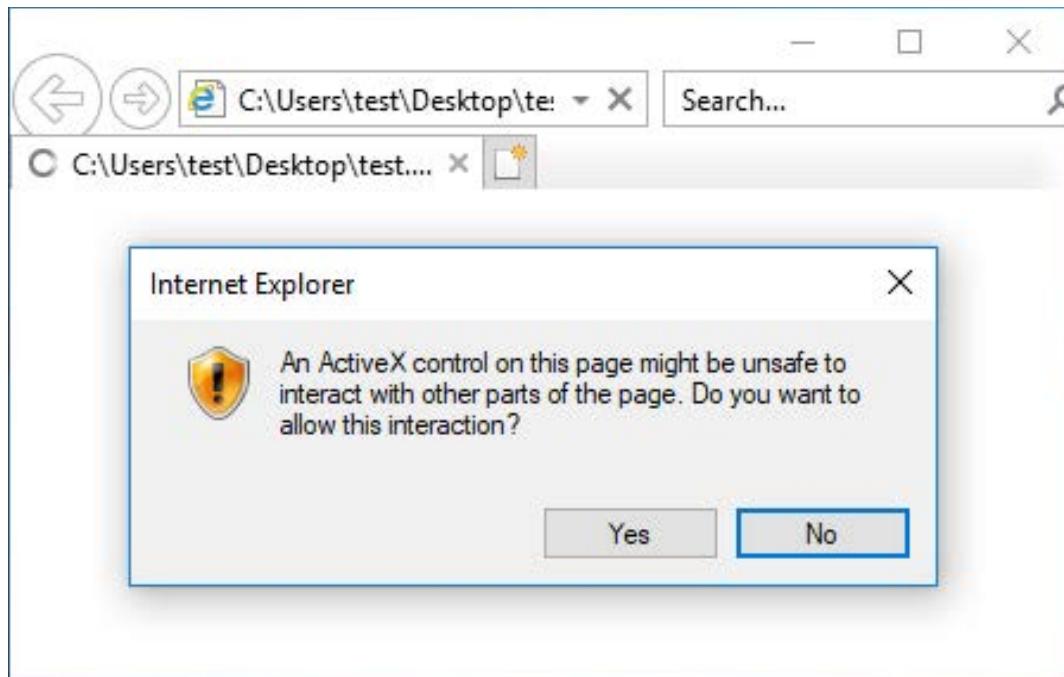
- Security Descriptor
- Security-callback function

JIT Engine RPC



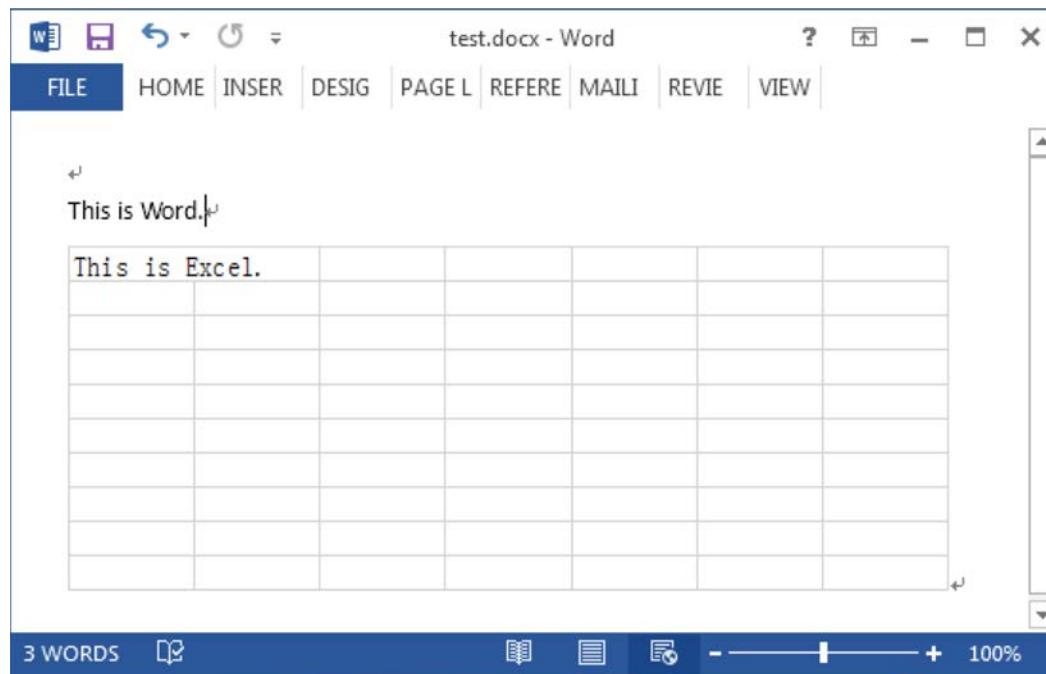
What is COM?

- ActiveX is a COM technology



What is COM?

- OLE is also a COM technology



Component Object Model

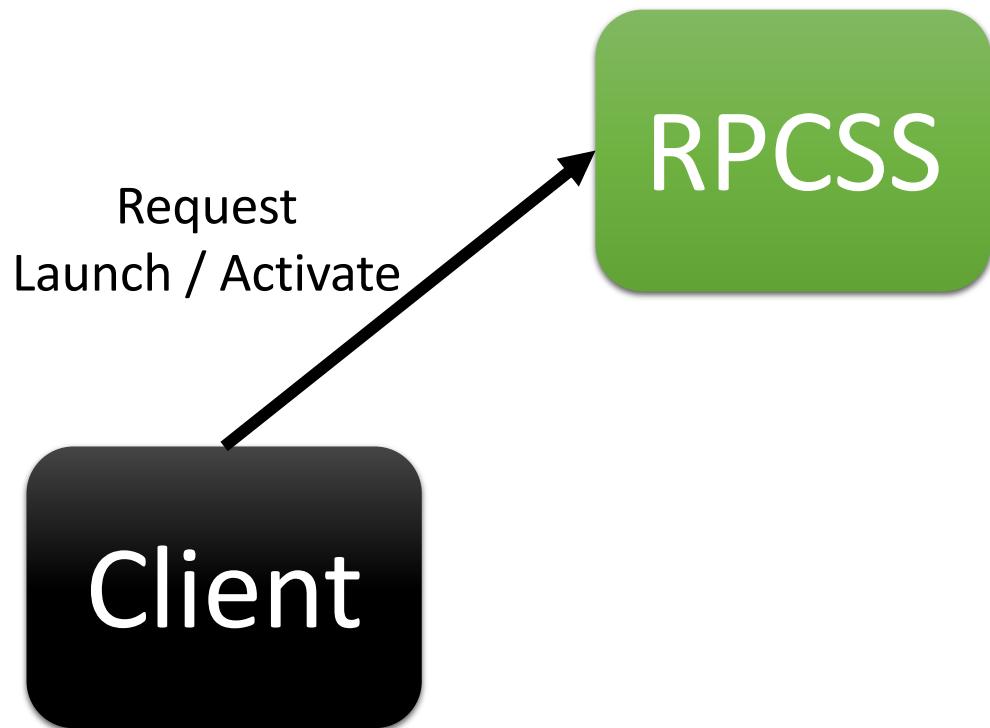
Two Types of COM server

- In-process COM
- Out-of-process COM

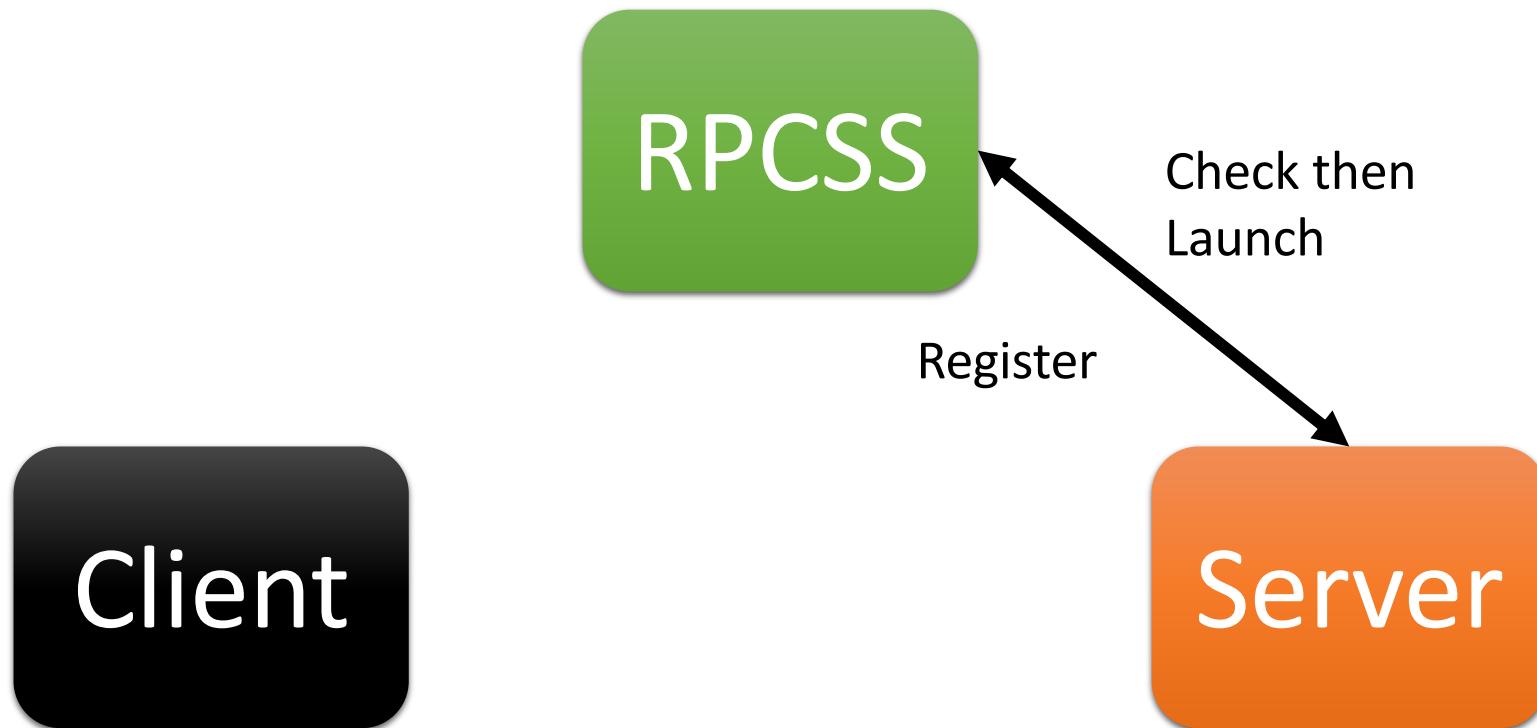
Out-of-process COM

- Runs in a separate process
- Permissions configured by regedit or itself
- Interact through RPC
- Opened up a large attack surface for low-privilege process

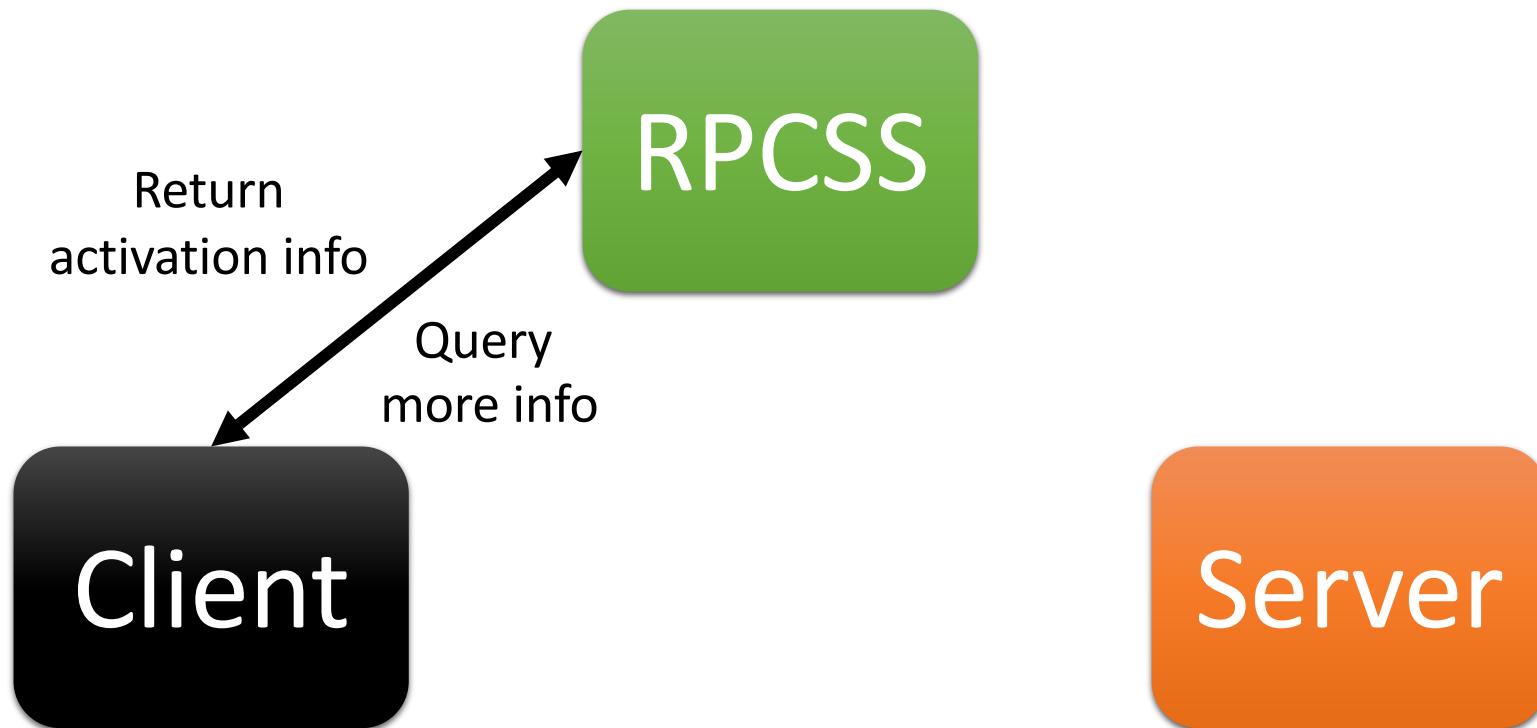
Out-of-Process COM Activation



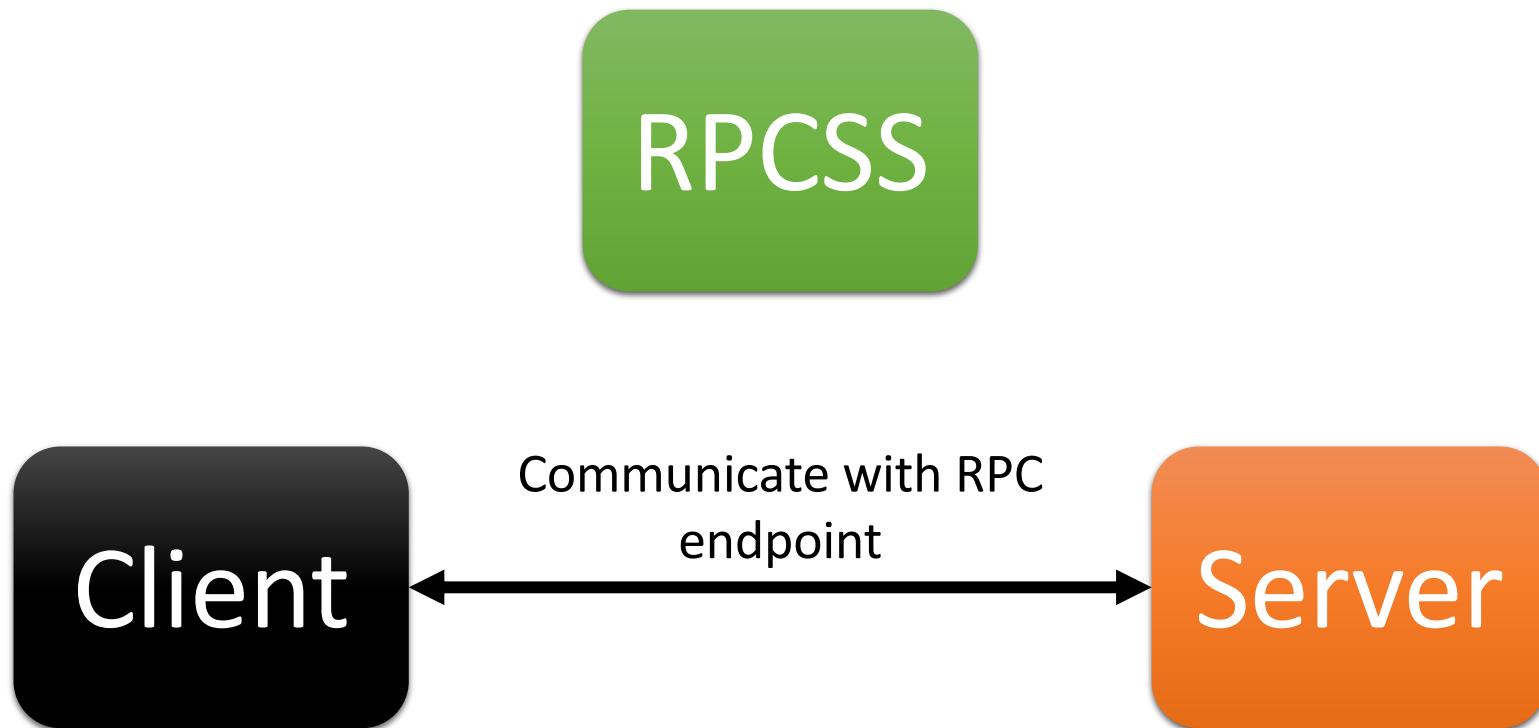
Out-of-Process COM Activation



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Out-of-Process COM Activation



System-Wide Security

- Defined in HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Ole
 - **DefaultLaunchPermission**
 - **DefaultAccessPermission**

Process-Wide Security

- Defined in HKLM\SOFTWARE\Classes\{AppID}\{AppID_GUID}
 - **LaunchPermission**
 - **AccessPermission**
- **CoInitializeSecurity**
 - COM Server can call it explicitly to override default permission

Launch / Activate Permission

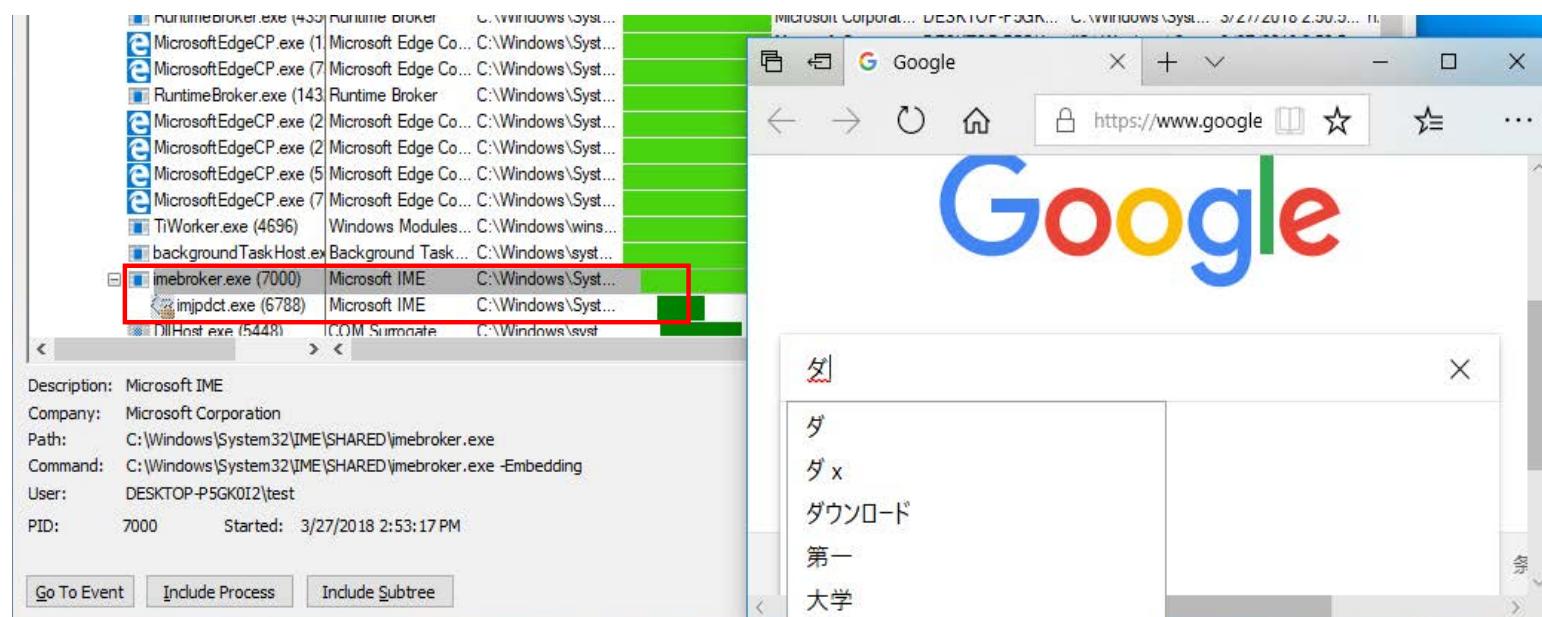
- Checked in **RPCSS Server**
- **rpcss!CClassData::LaunchOrActivationAllowed**
 - **Launch:** Create a new server instance
 - **Activate:** Create a new object on an existing server

Access Permission

- Checked in COM runtime at server side
- **combase!ORPCInterfaceSecCallback**

Dictionary Operation through Out-of-Process COM

- Edge uses COM server **ImeBroker** to create dictionaries, learn words etc.



Loosely-Coupled IE introduced in *Internet Explorer 8*

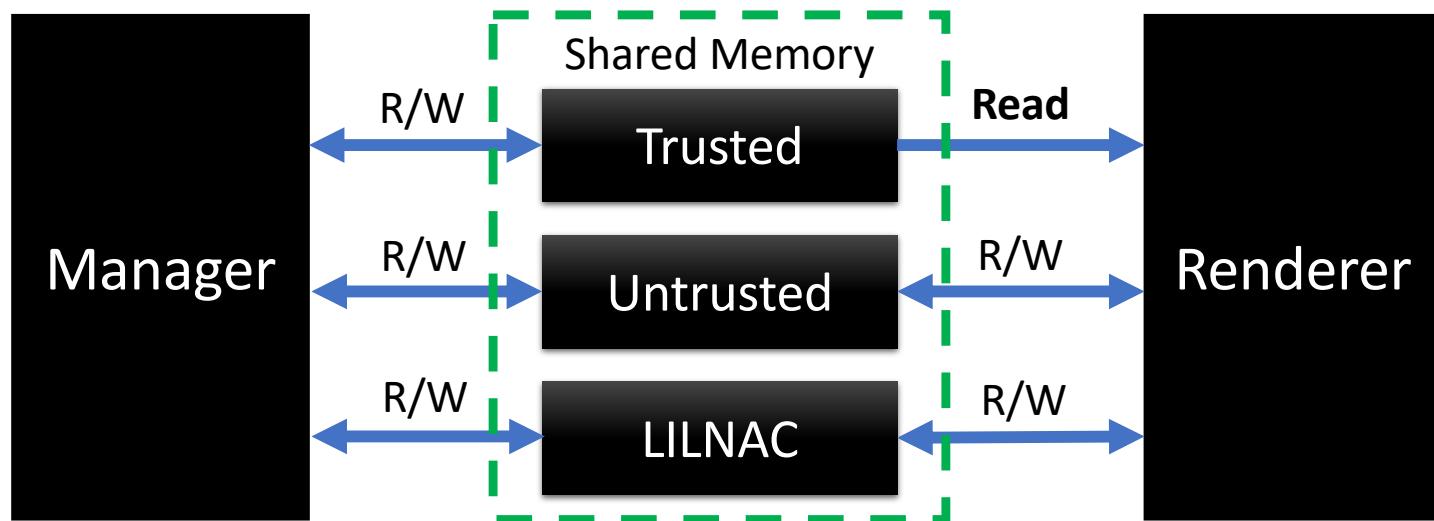
- Isolate tabs (renderers) from the UI frame (manager)

LCIE IPC (Shared Memory IPC)

- Use Section to share data
 - **CreateFileMapping** in manager
 - **OpenFileMapping** in renderer or broker
 - Three types of sections: **Trusted**, **LILNAC**, **Untrusted**
- **SetEvent** to notify target to handle messages in section

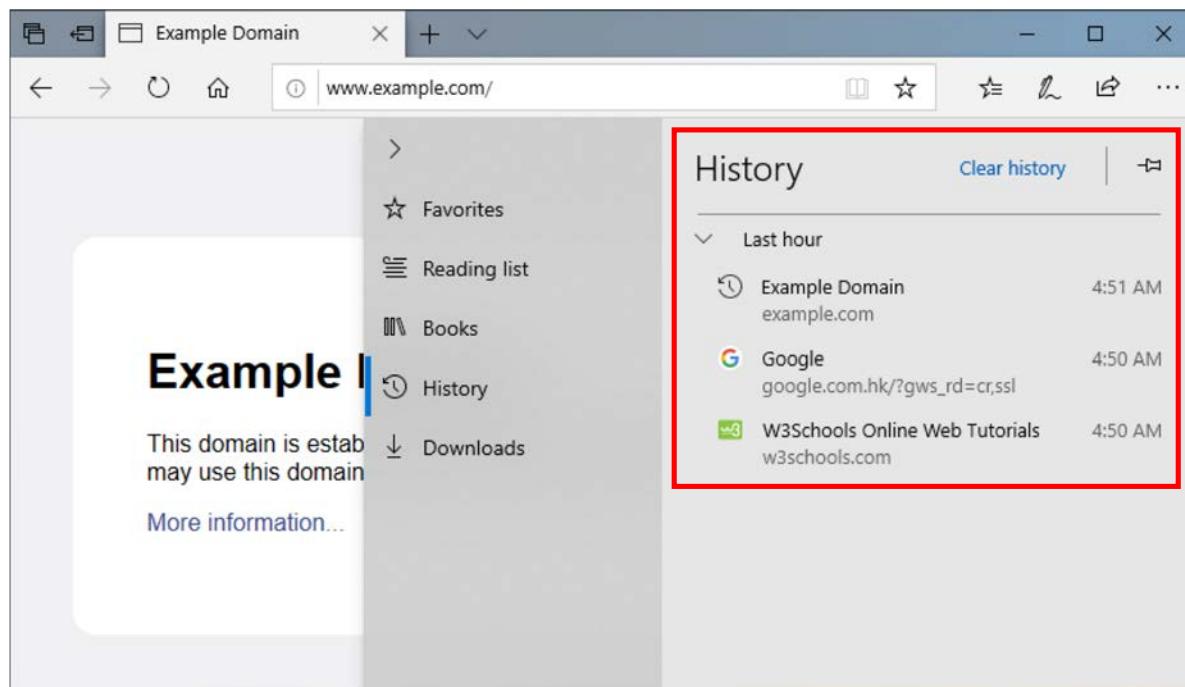
LCIE IPC Message Security

- Message in **Trusted Scope** is trusted
- Manager or Broker may only handle trusted message



Add URL / Favicon to History through LCIE IPC

- Renderer add URL / Favicon to manager's history through LCIE IPC





Edge Vulnerabilities

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Edge Sandbox Escapes in Pwn2Own History

- *Pwn2Own 2016*
 - 1 memory corruption bug and 1 logic bug
- *Pwn2Own 2017*
 - 4 memory corruption bugs and 1 logic bug
- *Pwn2Own 2018*
 - 1 memory corruption bug

Logic bugs are more stable, more generic and lack of attention



Our Sandbox Escape in Pwn2Own 2017

A screenshot of a Twitter post from the account @thezd1. The profile picture is a blue 'Z' icon. The post reads: "Another #P2O win! Tencent Security – Team Ether used an arbitrary write in Chakra & escape the sandbox w/ a logic bug in #Edge and earn \$80K". Below the tweet is the timestamp "1:52 PM - 15 Mar 2017". To the right of the tweet is a "Follow" button and a dropdown menu icon.

CVE-2017-0233 | Microsoft Edge Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability Security Vulnerability

Published: 05/09/2017
MITRE CVE-2017-0233

An elevation of privilege vulnerability exists in Microsoft Edge that could allow an attacker to escape from the AppContainer sandbox in the browser. An attacker who successfully exploited this vulnerability could gain elevated privileges and break out of the Edge AppContainer sandbox.

The vulnerability by itself does not allow arbitrary code to run. However, this vulnerability could be used in conjunction with one or more vulnerabilities (for example a remote code execution vulnerability and another elevation of privilege vulnerability) to take advantage of the elevated privileges when running.

The security update addresses the vulnerability by modifying how Microsoft Edge handles sandboxing.

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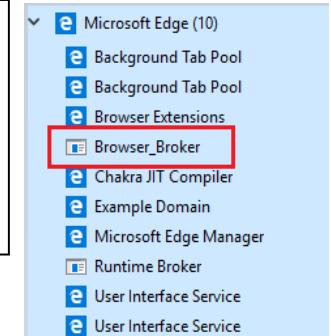
Browser Broker

Browser Broker

- Out-of-process COM Server
- Medium integrity level

Functionalities

- Methods execute at **Medium Integrity Level**
- e.g. **LaunchIE**, **LaunchInHVI**,
OpenFolder, ...





Launch Browser Broker in Manager

Microsoft Edge Manager AC

- Out-of-Process COM Activation
- [CLSID_BrowserBroker](#)



Browser Broker



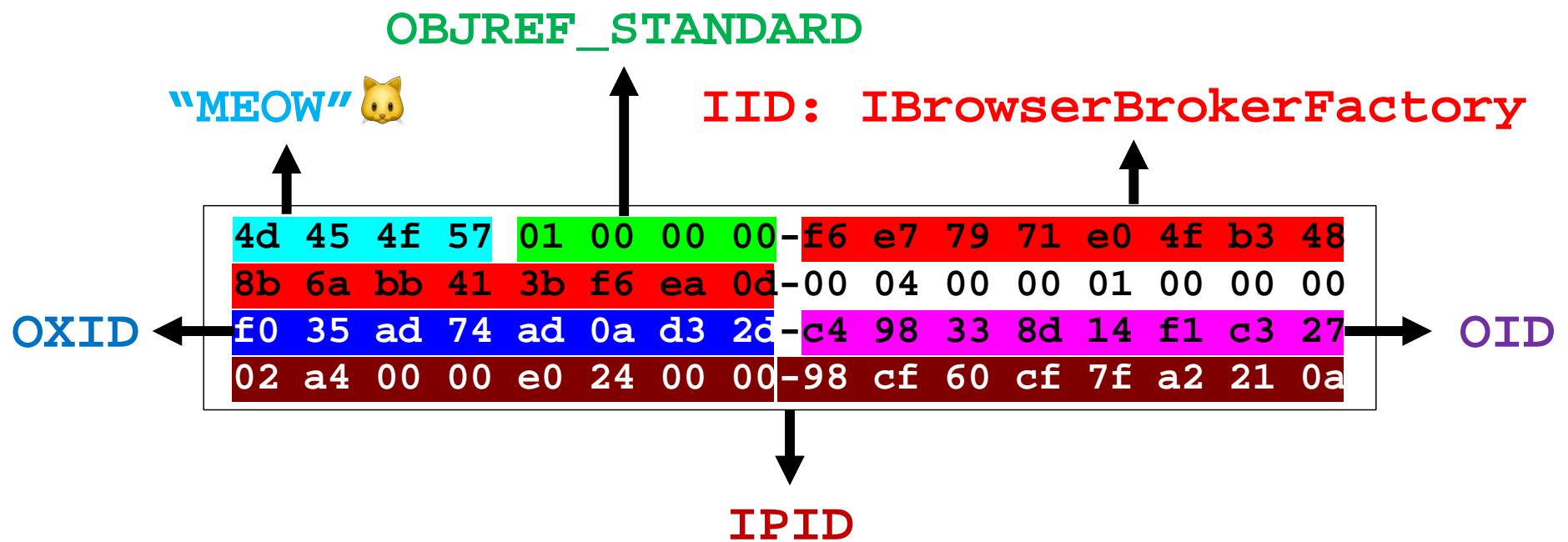
Marshal Interface

Get BrowserBroker Interface

Marshal Interface

OBJREF

Send Message with LCIE IPC

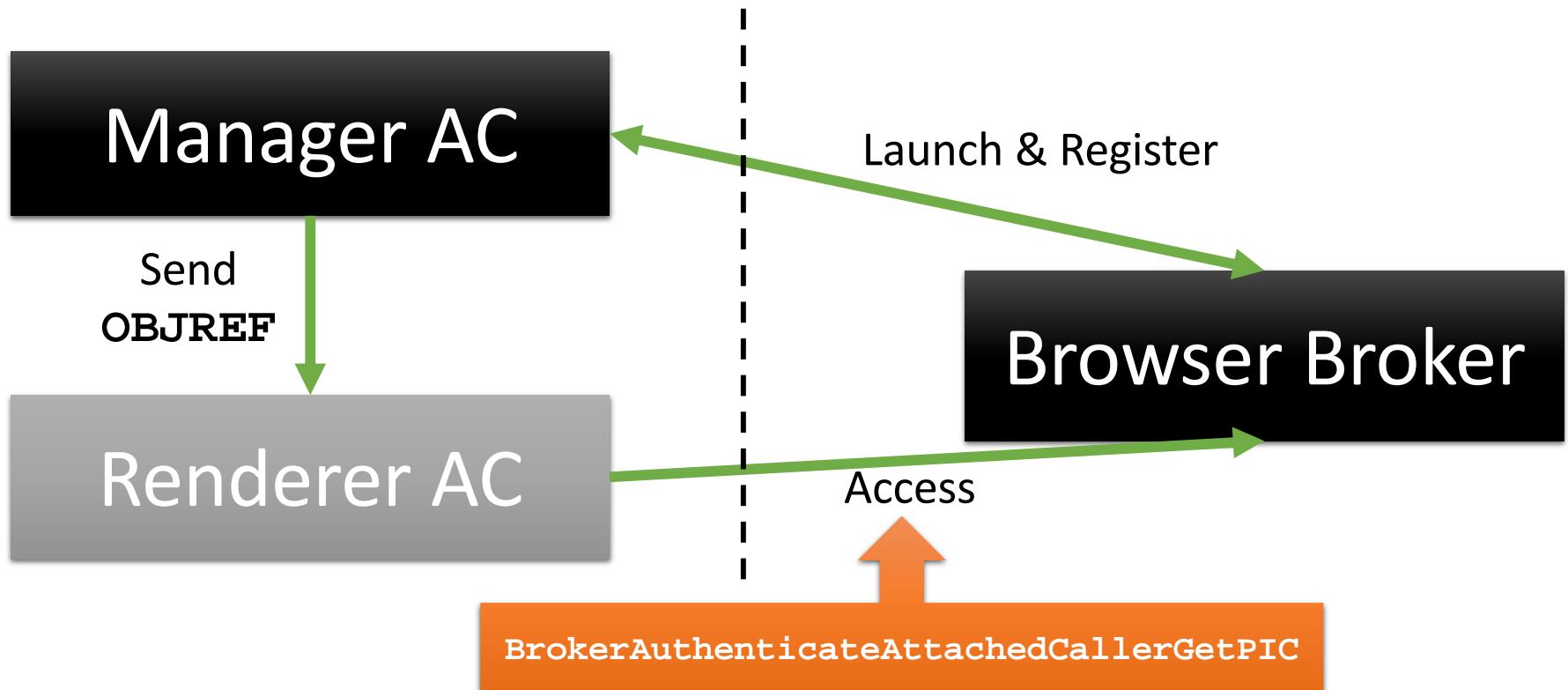


Unmarshal Interface



We have a **BrowserBroker** interface in content process!

Browser Broker Structure



Process Integrity Level

IsoIntegrity_PIC_MRAC	1
IsoIntegrity_PIC_Dynamic_Low	7
IsoIntegrity_PIC_Dynamic_High	119
IsoIntegrity_PIC_Intranet_AC	121
IsoIntegrity_PIC_Trusted_AC	122
IsoIntegrity_PIC_System	126

Access Check

1

Trusted AC only

e.g.

LaunchIE

2

Everyone

e.g.

CreateBrokerObject

5

AC except 002

e.g.

AddCredential



Trusted AC

Trusted AC is trusted by Browser Broker

Privileged methods check for Trusted AC

SID registered through RequestBroker

Designed to be called by *Edge Manager AC*

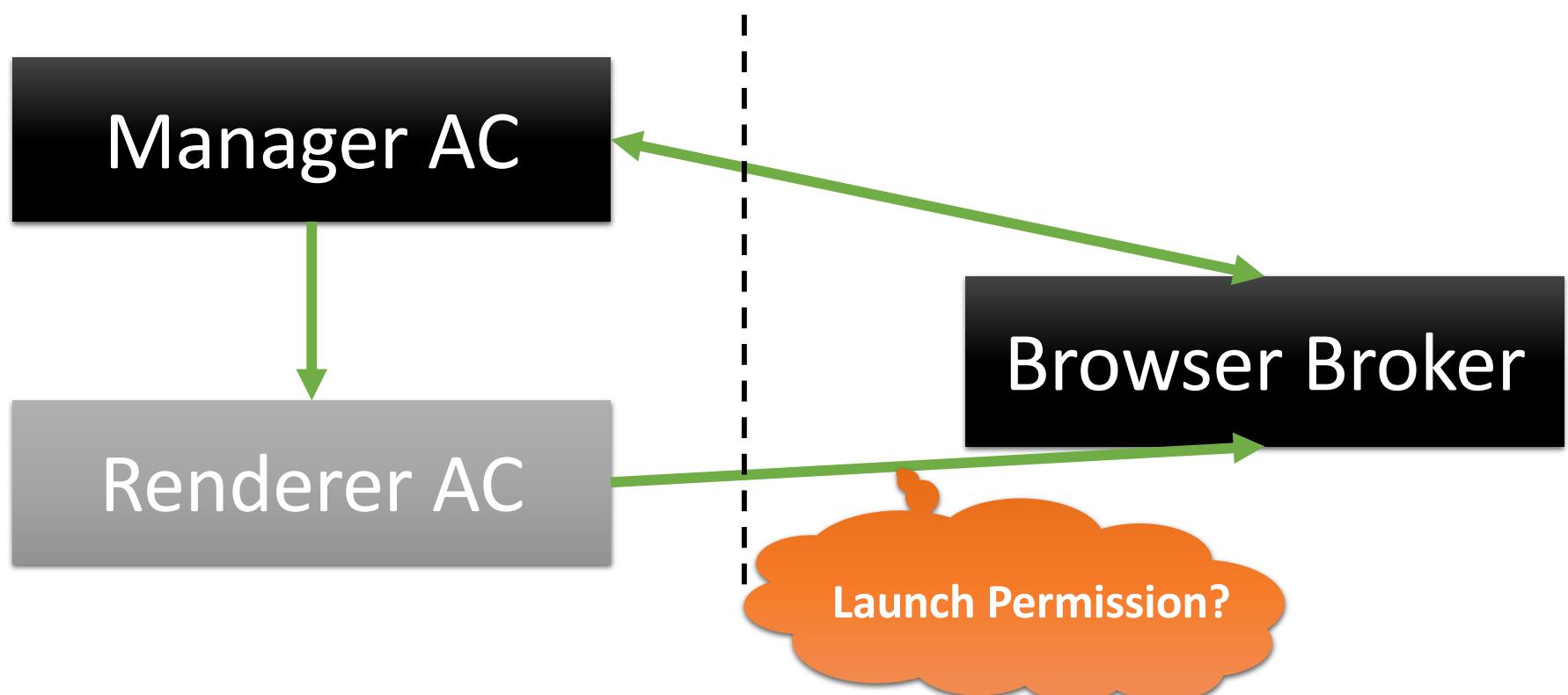
Designed to be called only once

- Cannot call **RequestBroker** in child process

Register app identity information

- Application AppContainer SID
- Application Name
- Application Location

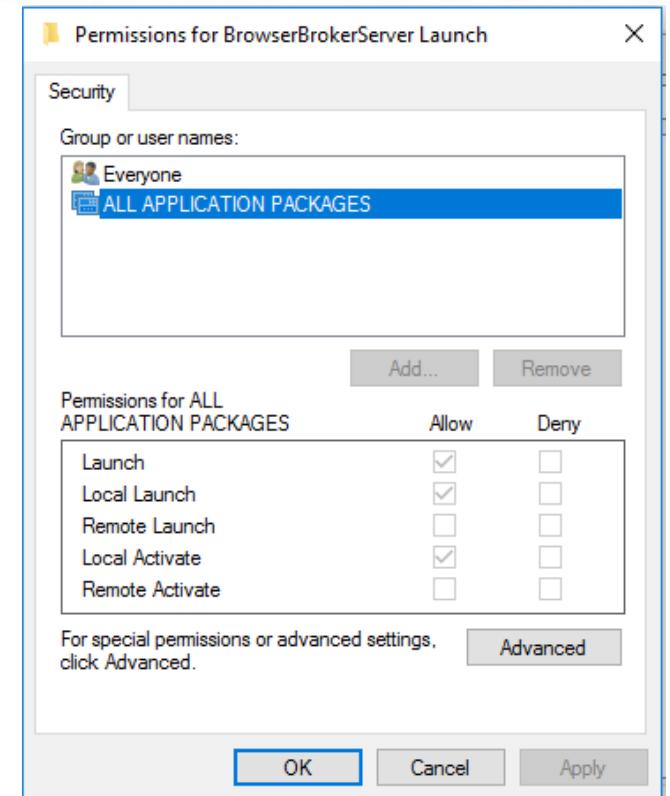
Useful, but not accessible in Internet renderer



ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES

To allow all AppContainers to access a resource, add the **ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES** SID to the ACL for that resource. This acts like a wildcard.

Implementing an AppContainer





CVE-2017-0233

Internet AC launches a new **BrowserBroker**

RequestBroker with Internet AC SID

Internet AC now becomes a Trusted AC

Full access to all **BrowserBroker** methods



Sandbox Escape

CBrowserBrokerInstance::WriteClassesOfCategory

LoadTheSinglePossibleSPFrameDllForThisProcess

```
wcsncpy(dst, 0x104, AppDir);
wcsncpy(dst, 0x104, L"\\" eModel.dll" );
LoadLibraryEx(dst, 0, 0x1010);
```

- Register **AppDir** through **RequestBroker**
- Load our custom **eModel.dll** into **browser_broker.exe**



Sandbox Escape

Drop custom `eModel.dll` to a writable directory



Activate new Browser Broker



`RequestBroker` with package SID and directory path



`WriteClassesOfCategory`



LaunchPermission

Owner: Administrators (DESKTOP-71C392S\Administrators) [Change](#)

Integrity level: Low Mandatory Level

Permissions

For additional information, double-click a permission entry. To modify a permission entry, select the entry and click Edit (if available).

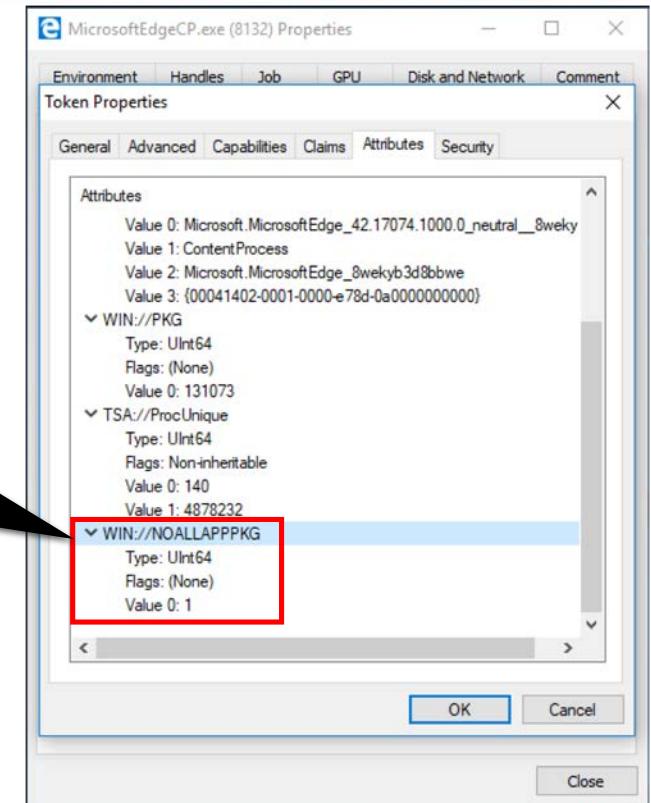
Permission entries:

Type	Principal	Access	Inherited from
Allow	Everyone	Special	None
Allow	S-1-15-2-3624051433-2125758914-1423191267-1740899205-1073925389-3782572162-737981194	Special	None

BrowserBroker LaunchPermission is limited to Manager process

One Step Forward

Starting from *Windows 10 RS2*,
renderer cannot access or launch
securable objects with **ALL**
APPLICATION PACKAGES
allowed **ACE**





Is This the End?

Insert a dramatic pause here.

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Adobe Flash

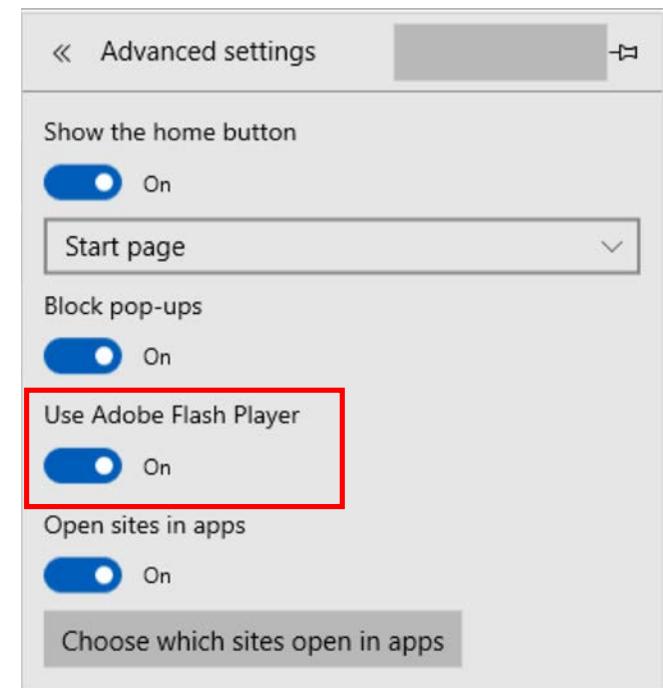
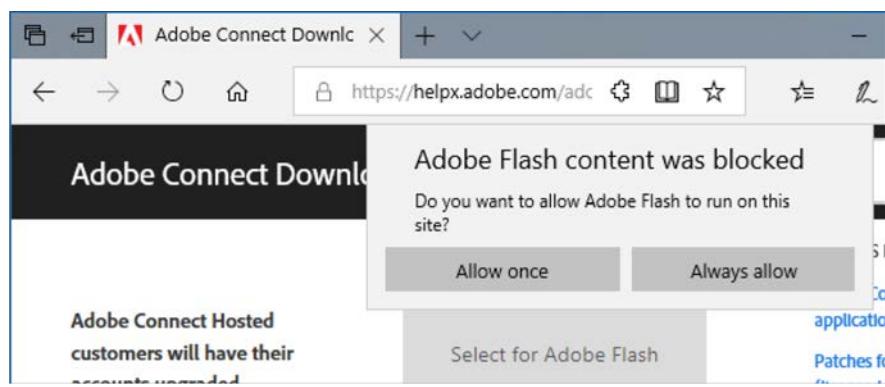
- Led the way for rich content, animations, games, etc.
- Pre-installed starting from *Windows 8*
- No longer supported after 2020



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Microsoft Edge Adobe Flash Integration

- Preloaded auto-run whitelist or Click-to-Run
- By default, *Adobe Flash Player* runs in a special renderer called **BCHost**





Flash Broker

- Manage *Adobe Flash Player*
- Manage some *Flash* based add-ins
 - *Adobe Connect* Add-in
 - *Microsoft Outlook* Add-in
 - *Cisco Unified Presenter* Add-in
 - etc.
- Opened up another attack surface for *Edge* sandbox

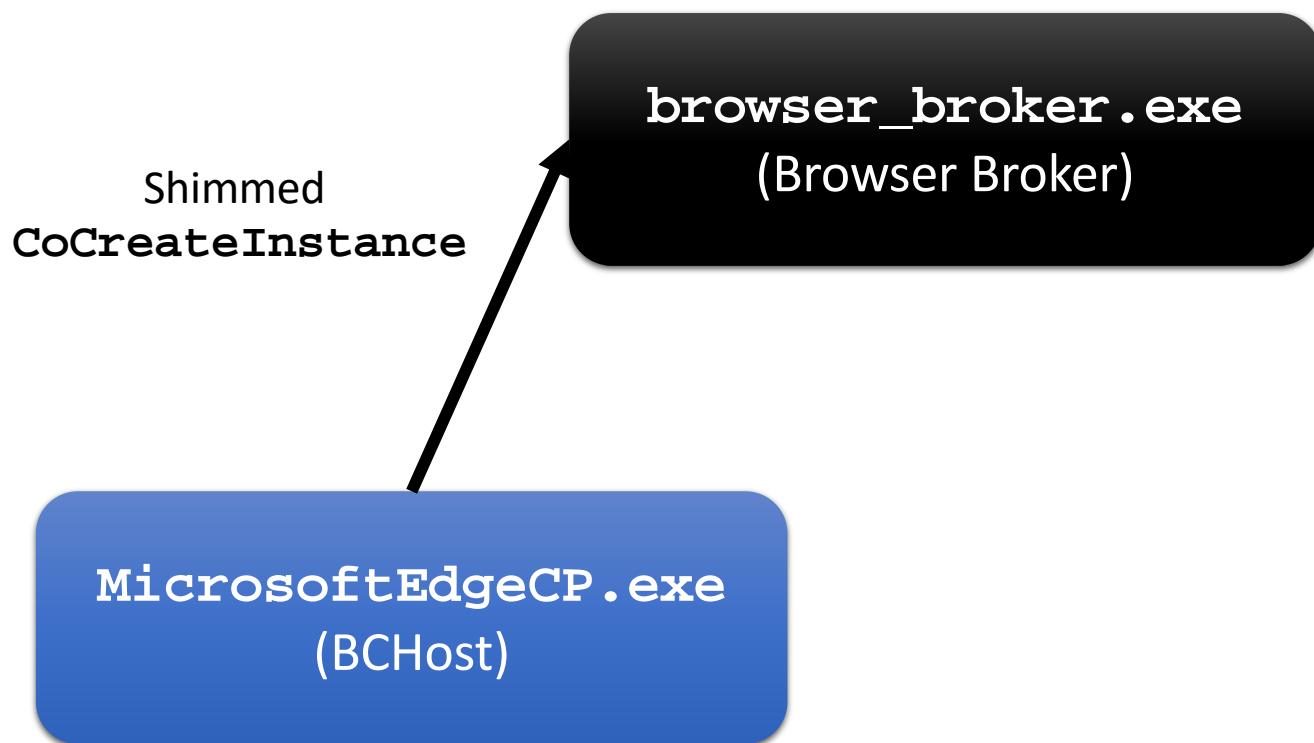


Flash Broker Permissions

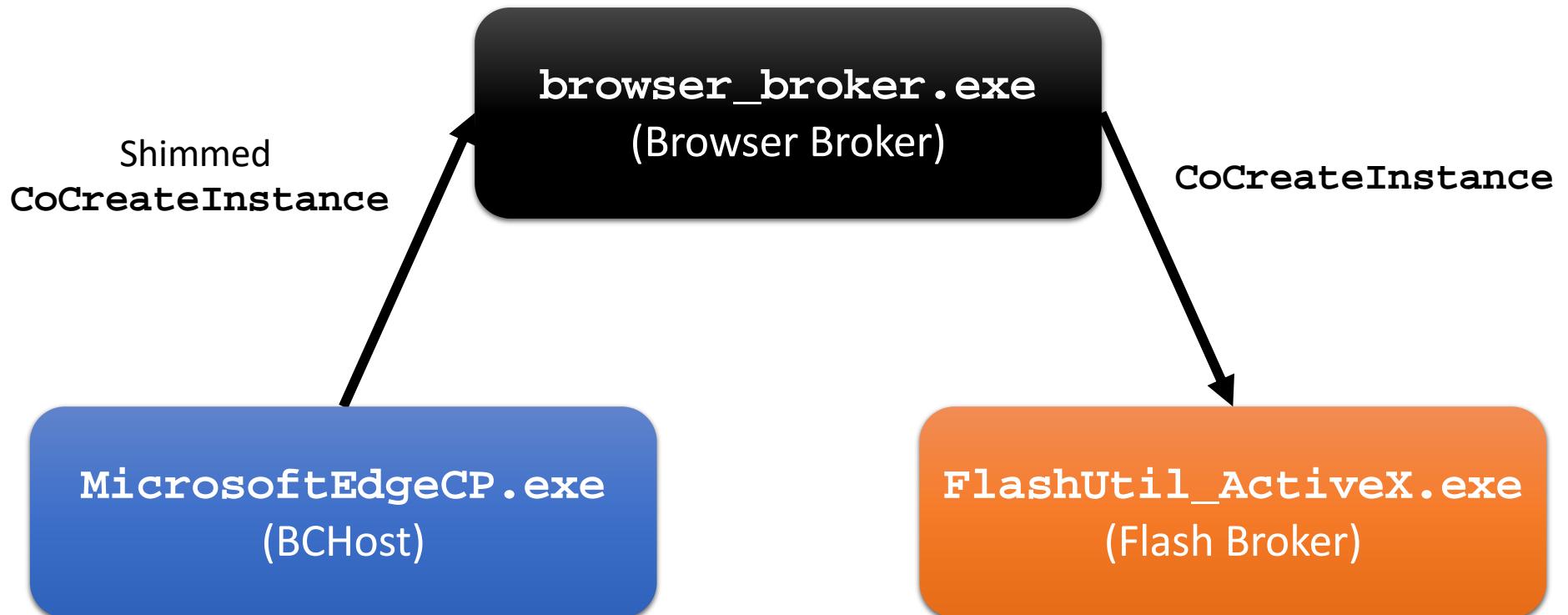
- Launch / Activate
 - Renderer does not have permission to launch / activate *Flash* broker
- Access
 - Only **BCHost** and local zone renderer have access to *Flash* broker
- How can renderer launch or activate *Flash* broker?



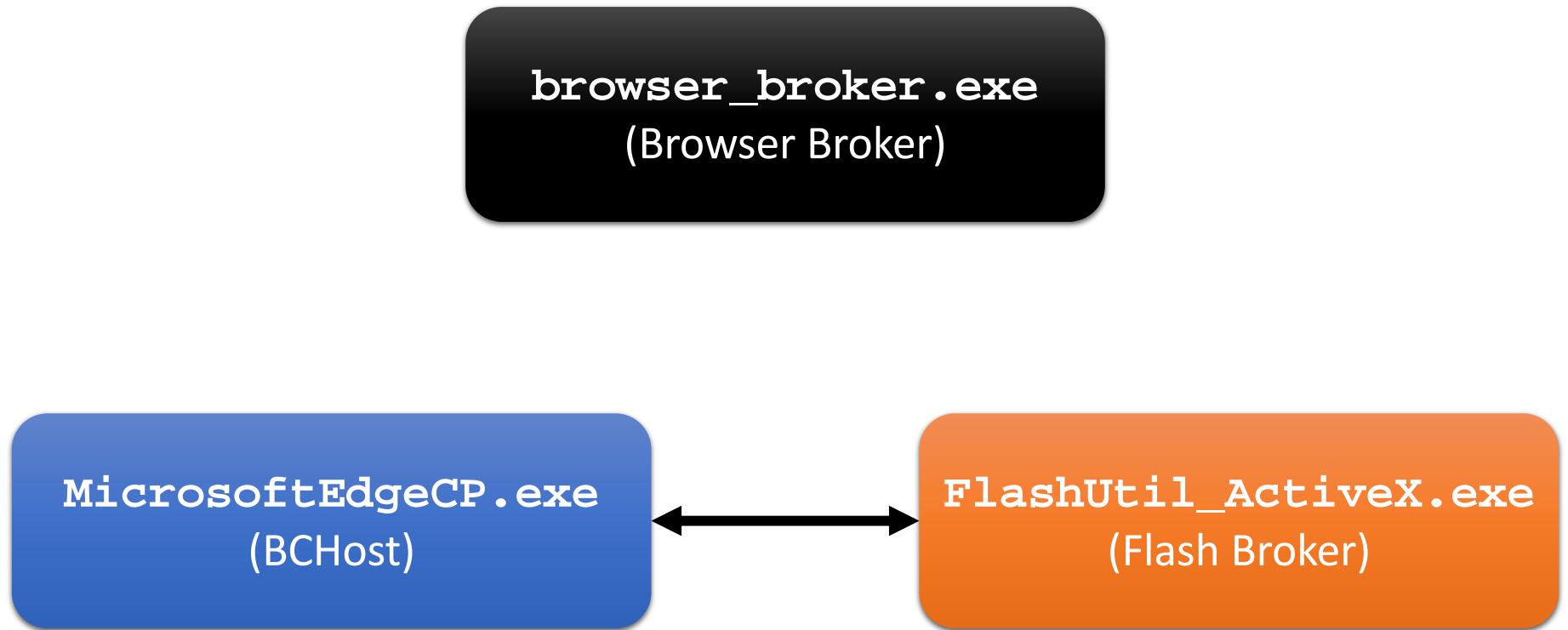
Flash Broker Activation



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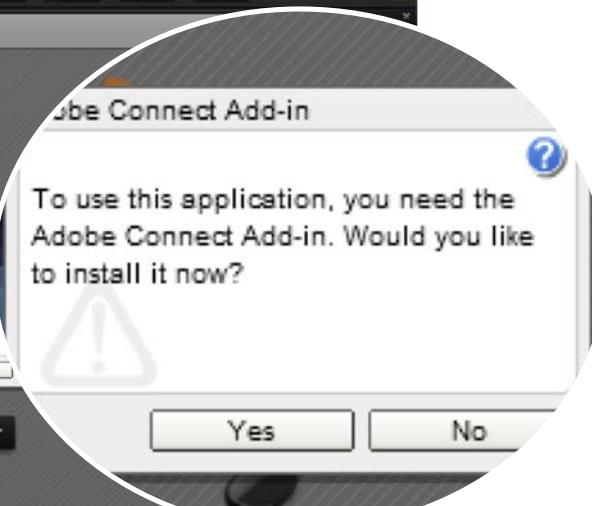


Flash Broker Features

- *Flash* broker exports 6 interfaces with 124 methods
 - **IFlashBroker** : file, LCD accessor, register profile, add-in operations
 - **IFlashBroker2**: register profile operations
 - **IFlashBroker3**: popup and GDI device operations
 - **IFlashBroker4**: utility functionalities
 - **IFlashBroker5**: utility functionalities
 - **IFlashBroker6**: file operations, add-in operations
- Runs at **Medium Integrity Level**
- Multiple vulnerabilities in last few years
- Is it still insecure?



Adobe Connect Add-in



A screenshot of a Microsoft Edge browser window showing the Adobe Connect interface. On the left, the "Meeting Information" panel displays details for a meeting named "NewMeeting" starting at 03/15/2018 7:45 PM. On the right, the main "Share" screen shows a "Share My Screen" button and a small thumbnail of a video feed. A circular callout highlights a modal dialog box titled "Adobe Connect Add-in" with the message: "To use this application, you need the Adobe Connect Add-in. Would you like to install it now?". The dialog has "Yes" and "No" buttons. The background of the browser window shows a dark, cloudy sky with a large planet.

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Launch Macromedia Add-in

FlashUtil_ActiveX.exe (6304)	Adobe® Flash® Pl... C:\Windows\Syst...
adobeconnectaddin.exe (4020)	Adobe Connect C:\Users\test\Ap...
conhost.exe (1004)	Console Window ... C:\Windows\syst...
connect.exe (2968)	Adobe Connect C:\Users\test\Ap...

LM Functions in IFlashBroker6

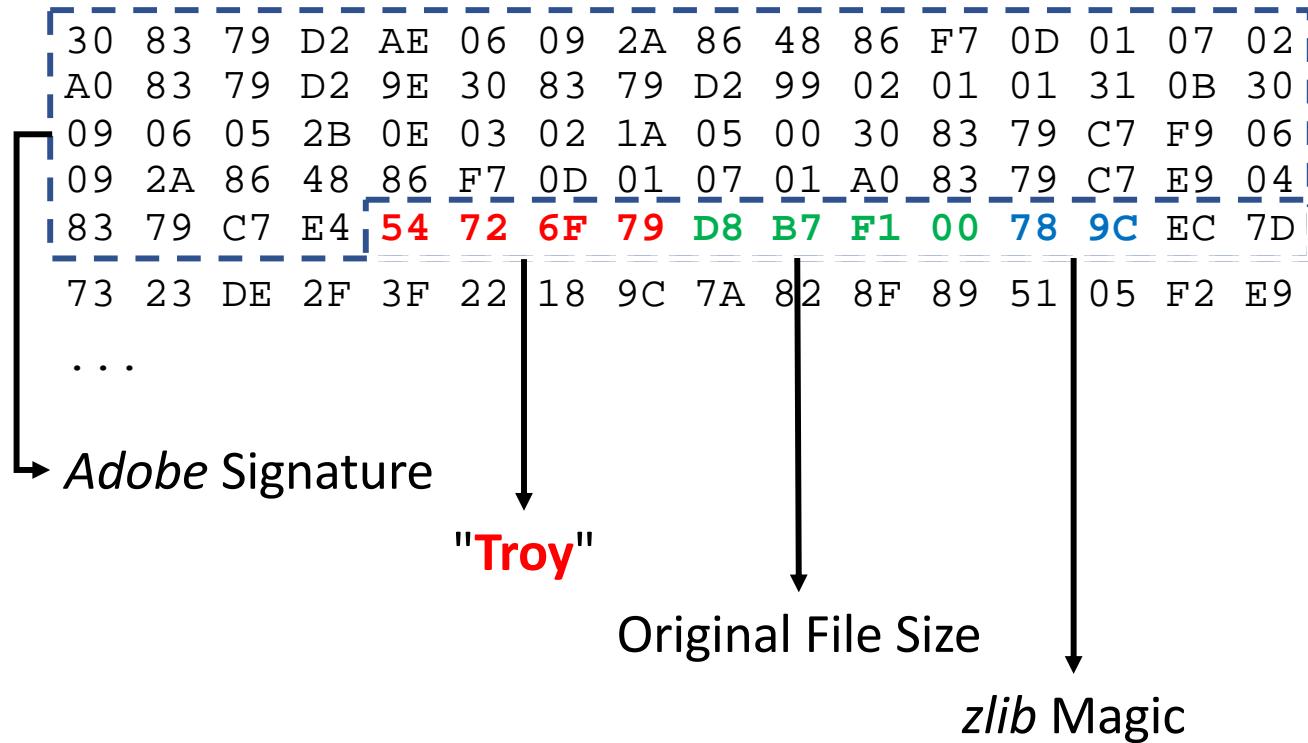
- Used for add-in installation
- Check and download files
- Launch the verified add-in
- A pair of files (dot z & dot s file) are downloaded
- The signatures of downloaded files must be valid

BrokerLMOpenDownload

BrokerLMUpdateDownload

BrokerLMCloseDownload

BrokerLMLaunch



- Signed by *Adobe*
- Contains a SHA-256 digest used to verify the uncompressed file
- All digital signatures are verified with a built-in certificate
- The certificate chain

Macromedia Flash Certificate Authority

Flash Player Express Install Certificate

Adobe Connect Addin 11.9.985.57

Flash Add-in Download and Launch

Download and verify the dot z file

- URL must be located in “macromedia.com”
- The digital signature of dot z file must be valid

Download the dot s file

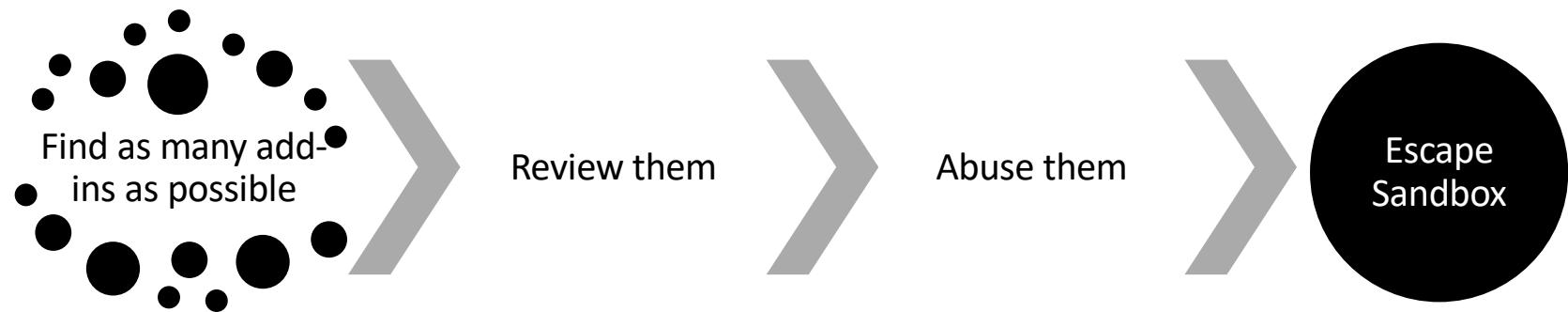
- URL must located in “macromedia.com”

Launch add-in with controllable arguments

- The digital signature of dot s file must be valid
- Add-in must match the digest contained in dot s file



Abusing Flash Broker

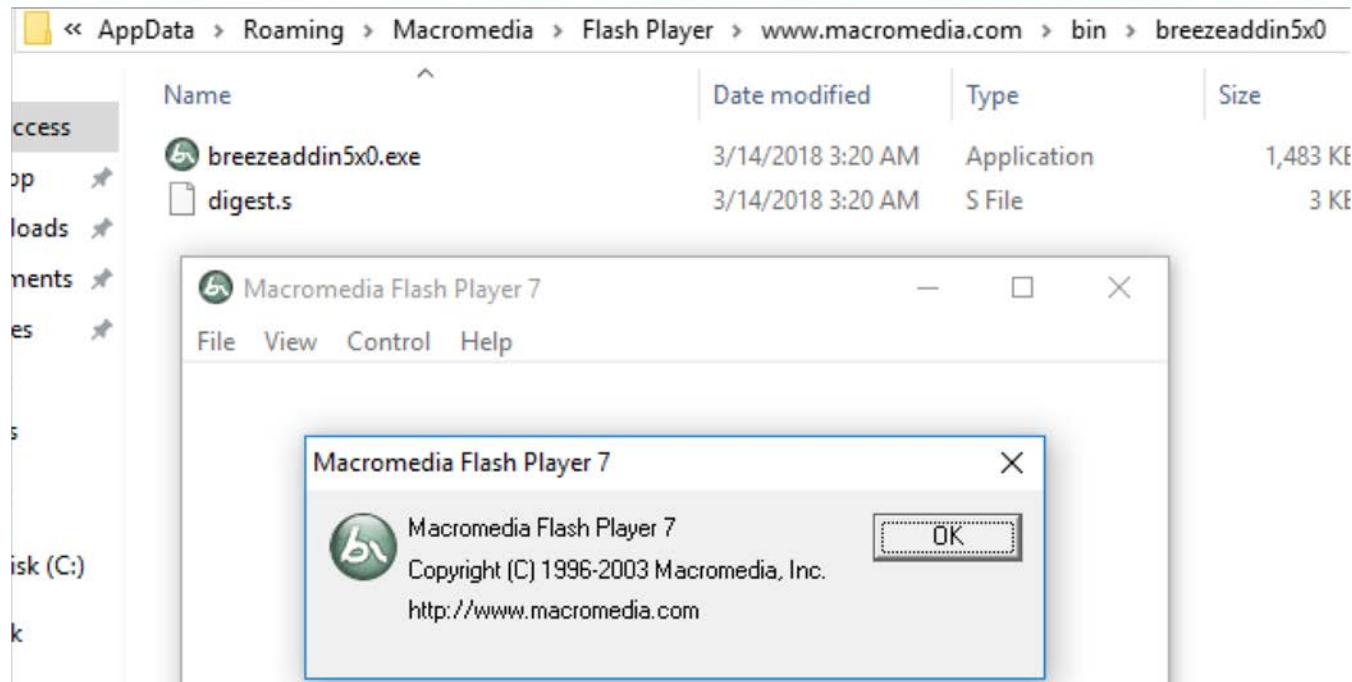


Vulnerable Add-ins

- Several vulnerable add-ins on the *Macromedia* web server
 - *Macromedia Breeze* 5.0
 - *Cisco Unified MeetingPlace* 6.0
 - *Cisco Unified Presenter* 6.0
 - *Adobe Acrobat Connect* 6.0
 - ...
- Add-ins built with an ancient *Adobe Flash Player*
- Add-ins can open a specified SWF file via command line arguments
- We can use known vulnerabilities of *Flash* to escape sandbox



A Bug in *Macromedia Breeze*



A built-in Flash Player released in the year of **2003**



Now What?

How to escape from Internet renderer?

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From Attackers' Perspective

- What do we have?
 - Code execution in internet renderer process
 - Sandbox escape in **BCHost** or local zone renderer process



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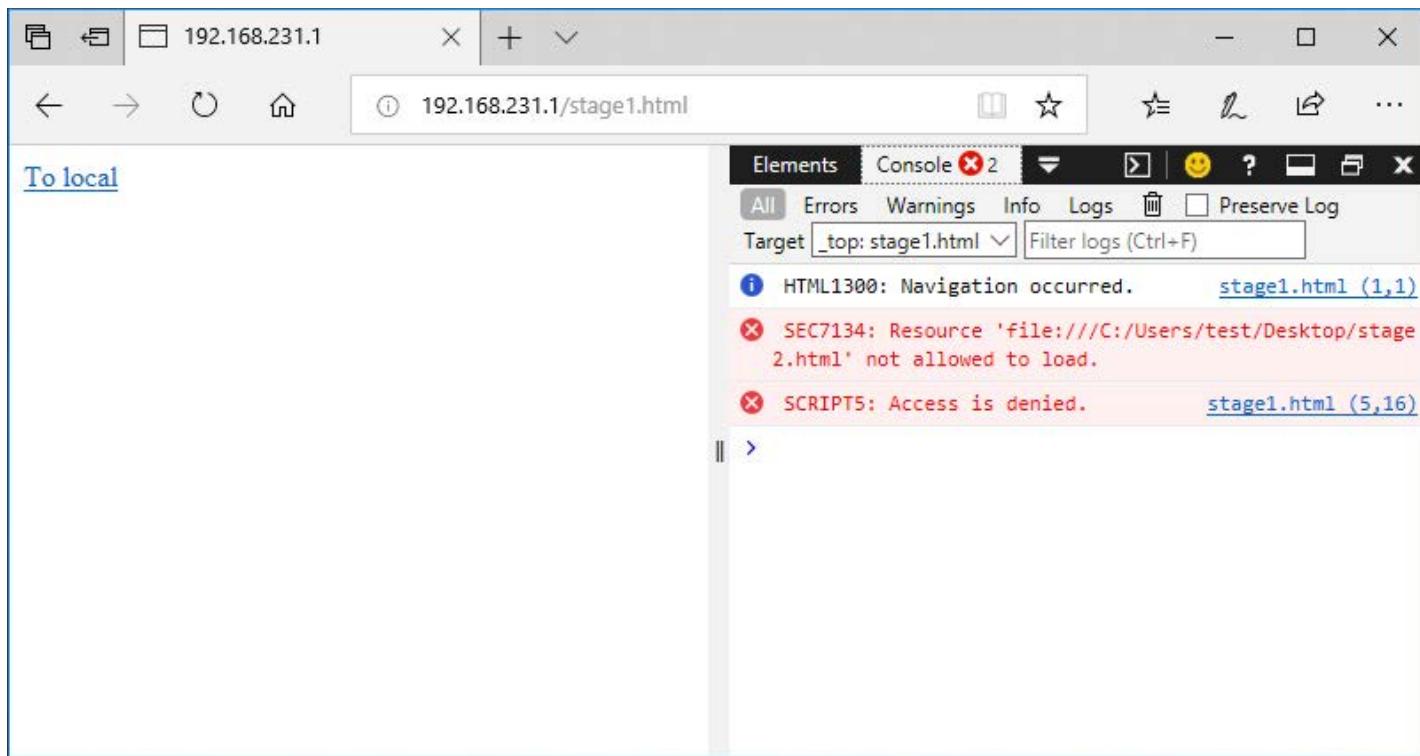
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 - Run JavaScript in **BCHost** renderer process
 - Or cross origin from internet to local



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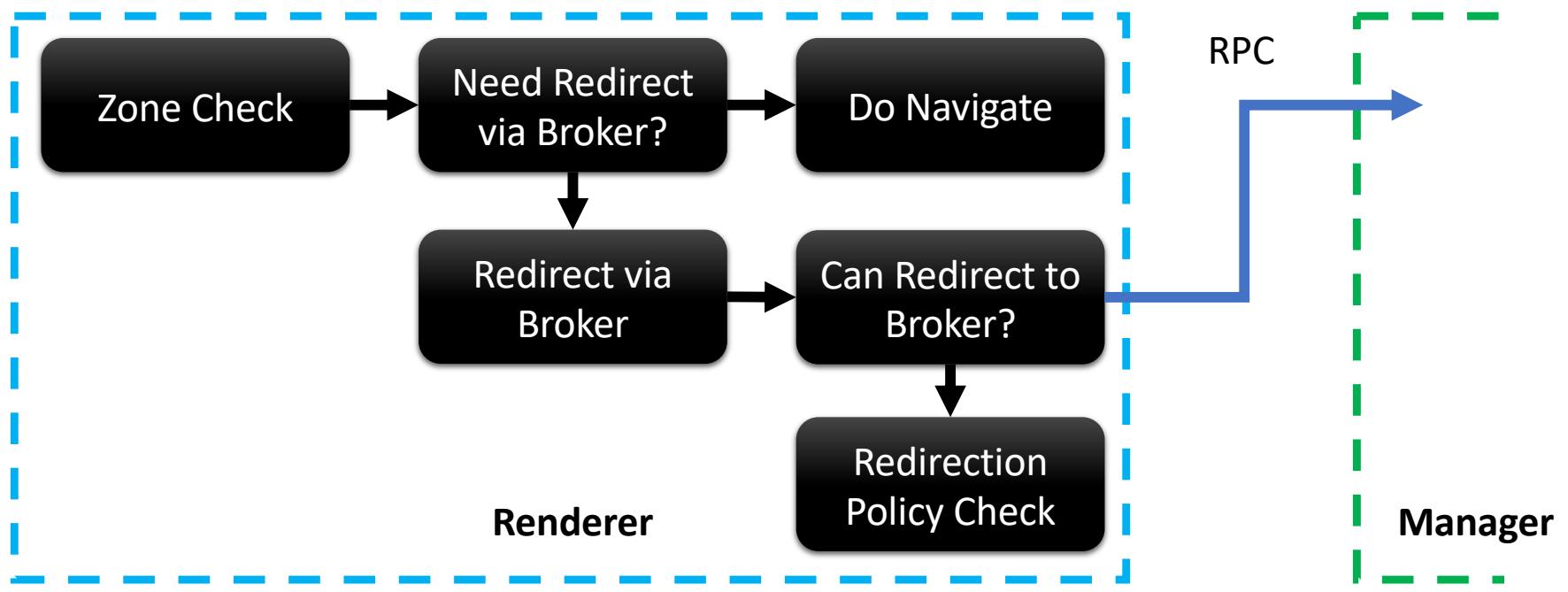
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- What do we need?
 - Run JavaScript in **BCHost** renderer process
 - Or cross origin from internet to local
- Running JavaScript in **BCHost** renderer needs user confirmation
- UXSS bugs are rare
- What can we do with code execution in renderer?

Navigate from Internet Zone to Local Zone Renderer



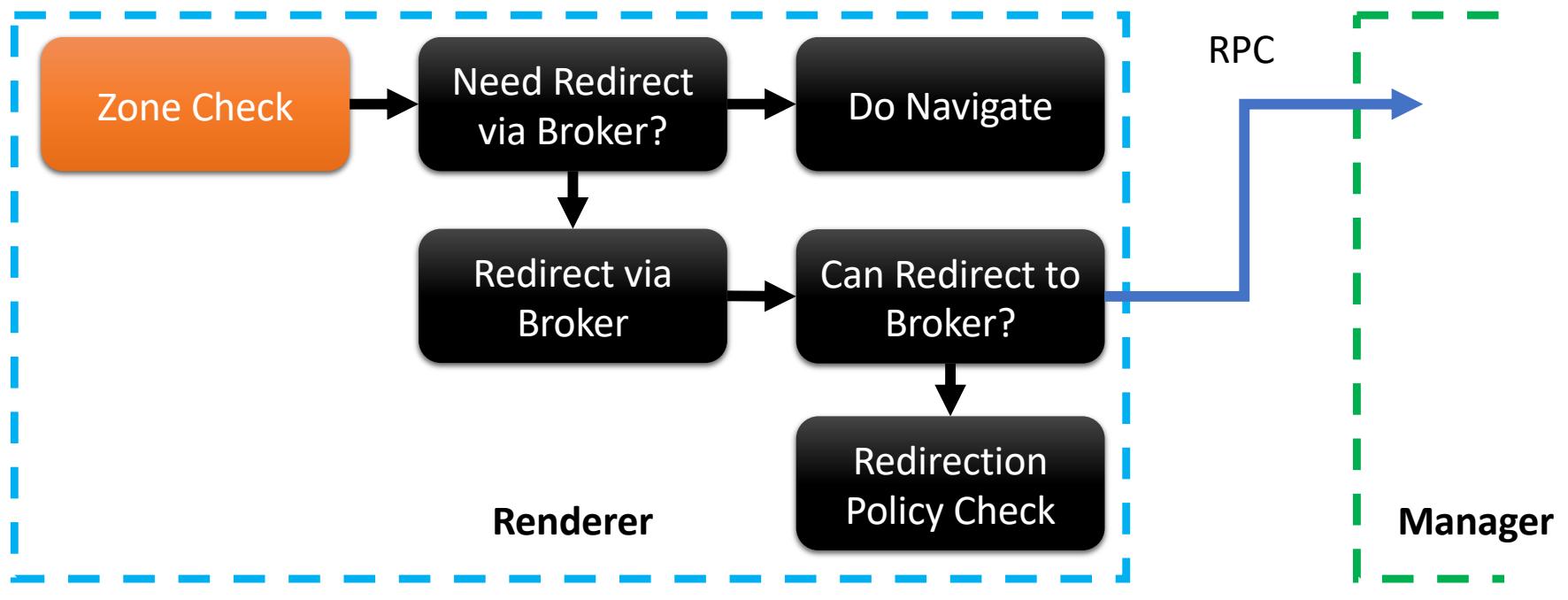
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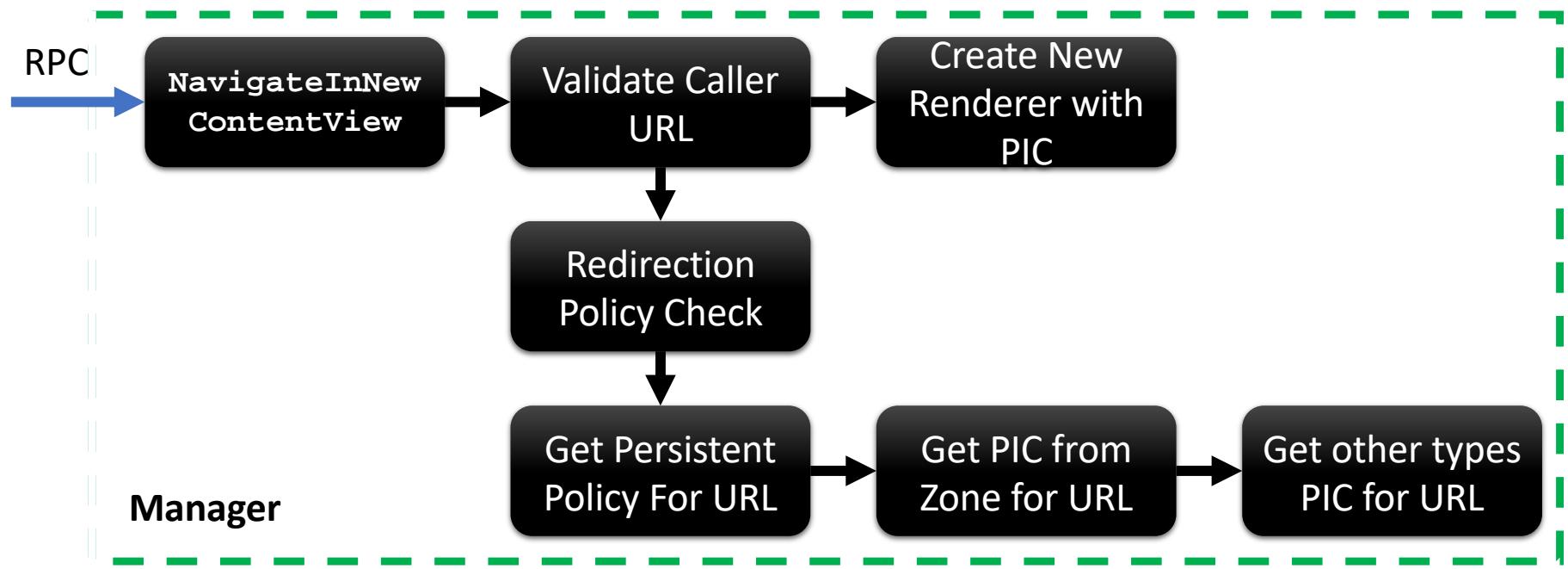
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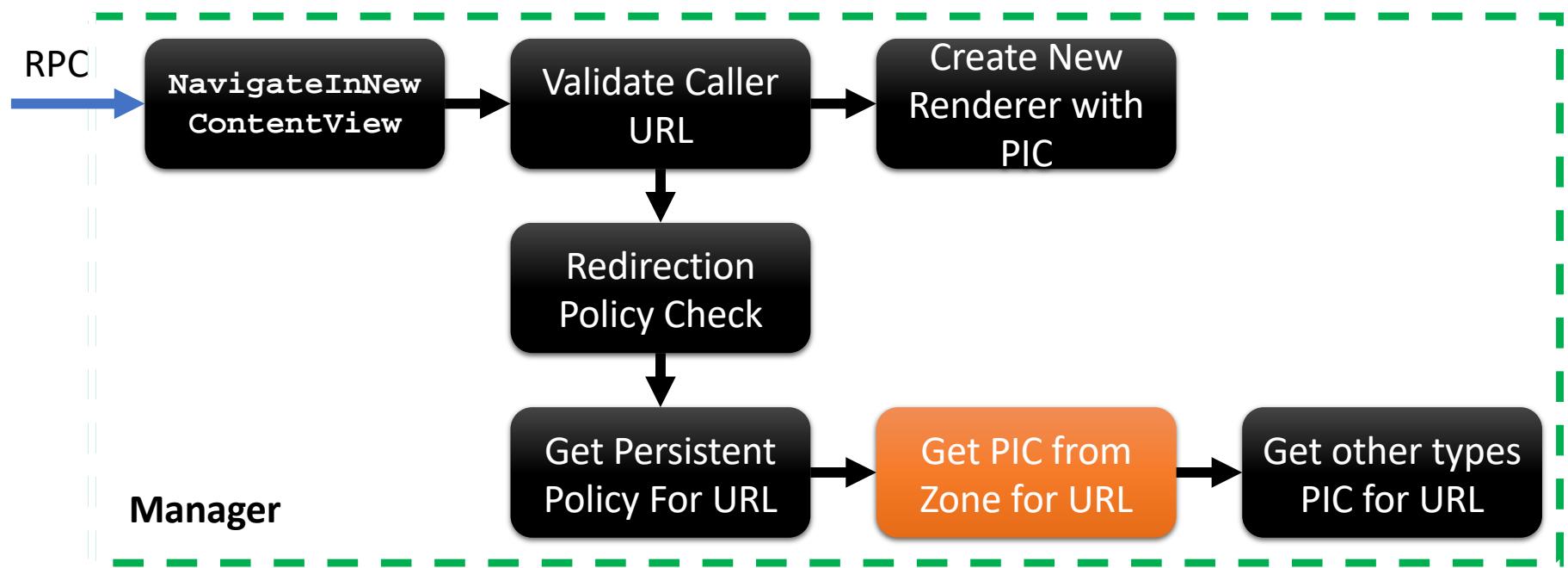
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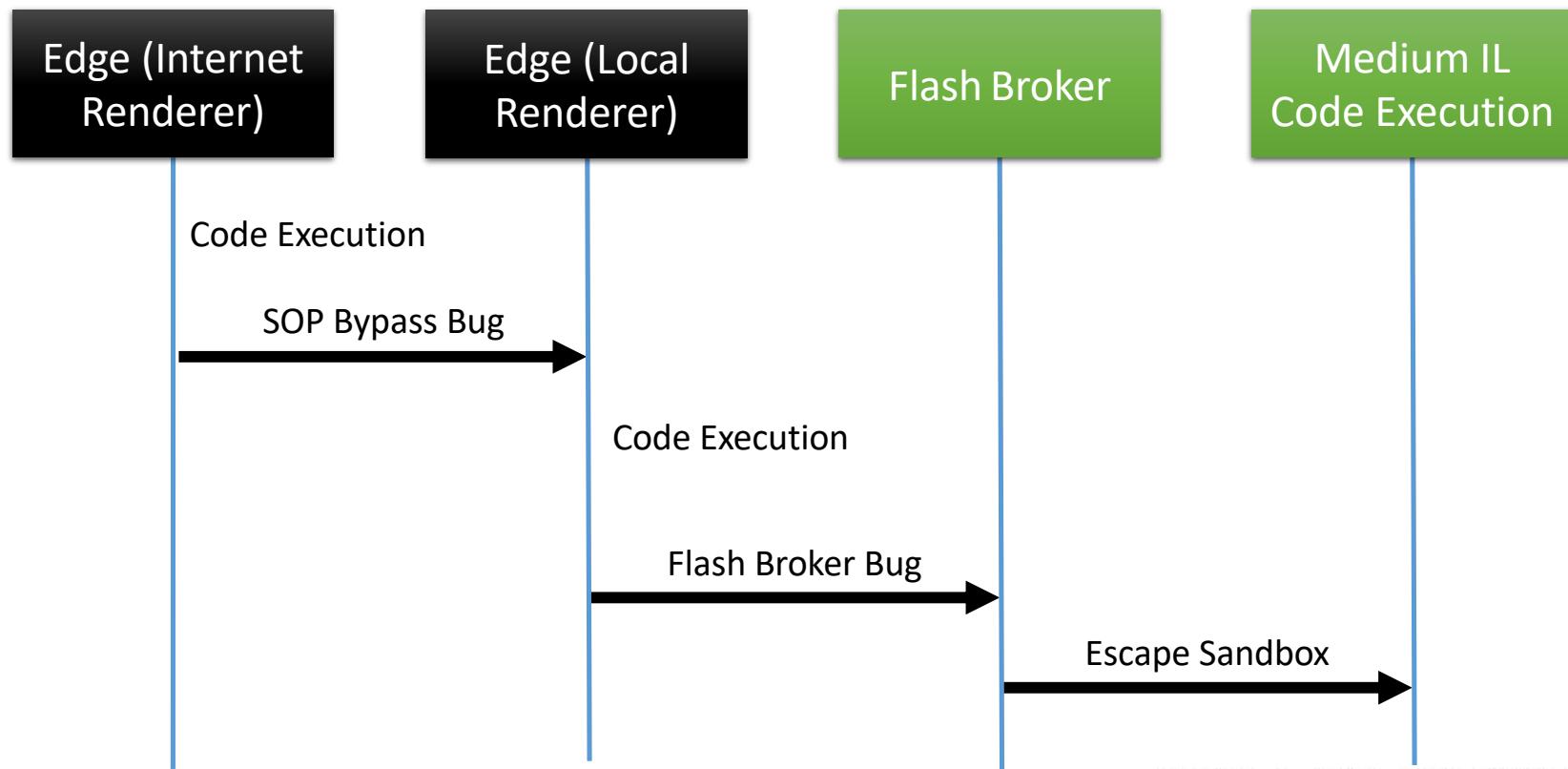
- Zone Check
 - Within renderer
 - Can navigate to a local page when host URL's protocol is file
 - It can be bypassed with crafted data or request manager directly
- Get PIC from Zone ID for URL
 - Within manager
 - Zone ID is calculated from target URL
 - No additional check for local file URL
- We can render a local HTML file dropped by internet renderer in local zone renderer



Exploit the SOP Bypass

- Write a local HTML file to temporary folder
- Create an **AnchorElement** with local HTML file as source
- Locate **HostUrl** via the **AnchorElement**
- Modify **HostUrl** to "file:///..." to bypass the zone check
- Trigger navigation via **onclick** event
- The local HTML file opened in local zone renderer

Put It All Together





Demo

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Patches

- For the *Flash broker* bug
 - Removed vulnerable add-ins from macromedia.com
- For the SOP bypass
 - Check file integrity level in `urlmon!IEGetZoneIUri`
 - Render local HTML files with low integrity level in internet renderer



Recap

- *Microsoft Edge* security architecture Internals
 - How *Microsoft* mitigated a class of bugs by reducing attack surface
- *Microsoft Edge* Inter-process communication mechanisms
- 3 sandbox escape chains used in *Pwn2Own*
 - Browser Broker bug
 - Flash Broker bug
 - SOP bypass



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Logical bugs comes from bad design decisions

Finding logical bugs requires deep knowledge of internals, even deeper than developers

Logical bugs are beautiful, useful and fun



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 - *Adobe Flash Player* icon
 - Trojan horse
- Diving into IE10's Enhanced Protected Mode Sandbox
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