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Threats in macOS Systems: Understanding Vulnerabilities and Risks



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0x01 macOS Security (Default)

Version

Release Date

Cheetah	2001	
Puma	2001	
Jaguar	2002	
Panther	2003	
Tiger	2005	
Leopard	2007	
Snow Leopard	2009	The first version of macOS I started using
Lion	2011	
Mountain Lion	2012	
Mavericks	2013	
Yosemite	2014	
El Capitan	2015	
Sierra	2016	
High Sierra	2017	
Mojave	2018	
Catalina	2019	
Big Sur	2020	ARM/Intel
Monterey	2021	(Supported) + ARM/Intel
Ventura	2022	(Supported) + ARM/Intel
Sonoma	2023	(Supported) + ARM/Intel
Sequoia	2024	Is coming...

SIP

FileVault

Secure Boot

Gatekeeper

Xprotect

SSV

TCC



0x02 macOS TCC Bypass

TCC(Transparency, Consent and Control) – Included in macOS since version 10.11 El Capitan

A bypass in macOS TCC is dangerous because it can compromise privacy, security, and system integrity by allowing apps or process to access sensitive resources without consent.

```
### TCC (Privacy Protections)
```

```
~/Desktop  
~/Documents  
~/Downloads  
iCloud Drive  
etc...
```

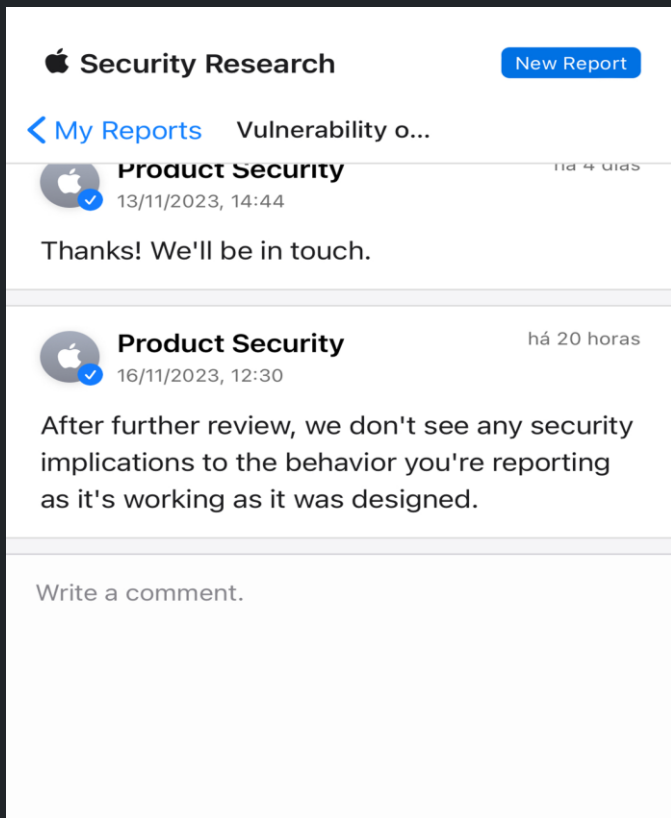
```
### TCC (Not Protected)
```

```
/tmp  
~/.ssh
```

```
ls  
Last login: Sat Oct 28 17:47:09 on ttys003  
l0gan@HELL ~ % ls -l  
total 0  
drwx-----+ 3 l0gan  staff   96 Oct 25 22:54 Desktop  
drwx-----+ 3 l0gan  staff   96 Oct 25 22:54 Documents  
drwx-----+ 4 l0gan  staff  128 Oct 28 17:46 Downloads  
drwx-----@ 65 l0gan  staff 2080 Oct 28 17:53 Library  
drwx----- 3 l0gan  staff   96 Oct 25 22:54 Movies  
drwx-----+ 3 l0gan  staff   96 Oct 25 22:54 Music  
drwx-----+ 4 l0gan  staff  128 Oct 28 17:41 Pictures  
drwxr-xr-x+ 4 l0gan  staff  128 Oct 25 22:54 Public  
l0gan@HELL ~ % cd Desktop  
l0gan@HELL Desktop % ls -l
```



0x02 macOS TCC Bypass



Vulnerability found on TCC (Transparency Consent and Control)

- Access and modify of files protected by the system (TCC+ SSV+SIP).
- Bypass TCC component in macOS does not validate the use of the "open ." the command must block the access to the folder from the terminal to the finder.

Risk:

- Drop file with new TCC.db with a malicious entry to disable some security protections that could be explored by another binary (like malware).

Resolution:

- In my opinion, TCC.db should have a flag created in the operating system based on the hardware and the operating system to ensure that it should not be possible to rewrite TCC.db by an installation generated by another machine.

0x02 macOS TCC Bypass

DB Browser for SQLite - /home/10gan/TCC.db

File Edit View Tools Help

New Database Open Database Write Changes Revert Changes Open Project

Database Structure Browse Data Edit Pragma Execute SQL

Create Table Create Index Modify Table Delete Table Print

Name Type Schema

Tables (6)

- access
CREATE TABLE access (service TEXT NOT NULL, client TEXT NOT NULL, client_type INTEGER NOT NULL, auth_value INTEGER NOT NULL, auth_reason INTEGER NOT NULL, auth_version INTEGER NOT NULL, csreq BLOB, policy_id INTEGER, indirect_object_identifier_type INTEGER, indirect_object_identifier TEXT NOT NULL DEFAULT 'UNUSED', indirect_object_code_identifier BLOB, flags INTEGER, last_modified INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT (CAST(strftime('%s', 'now') AS INTEGER), 'pid' INTEGER, pid_version INTEGER, boot_uid TEXT NOT NULL DEFAULT 'UNUSED', last_reminded INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT 0)
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- active_policy
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- admin
CREATE TABLE admin (key TEXT PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL, value INTEGER NOT NULL)
- expired
CREATE TABLE expired (service TEXT NOT NULL, client TEXT NOT NULL, client_type INTEGER NOT NULL, csreq BLOB, last_modified INTEGER NOT NULL, expired_at INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT (CAST(strftime('%s', 'now') AS INTEGER))
- policies
CREATE TABLE policies (id INTEGER NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, bundle_id TEXT NOT NULL, uuid TEXT NOT NULL, display TEXT NOT NULL)

Indices (1)

- active_policy_id
CREATE INDEX active_policy_id ON active_policy(policy_id)

Views (0)

Triggers (0)

Type of data

Size of data:

Remote

Identity

DBHub.

Name

SQL Log

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Type of data currently in cell

Size of data currently in table

Remote

Apply

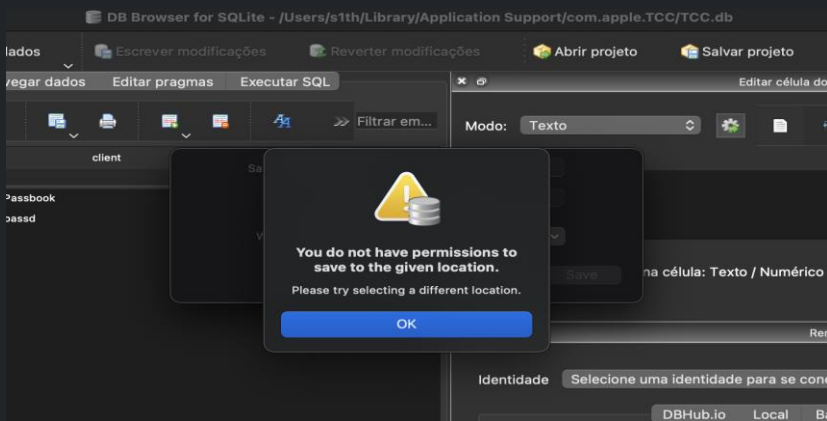
Database Structure Browse Data Edit Pragma Execute SQL

Table: access

	service	client	client_type	auth_value	auth_reason	auth_version	csreq	policy_id	indirect_object_identifier_type	indirect_object_identifier	indirect_object_code_identifier	flags	last_modified	expired_at	id	bundle_id	uuid	display
Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.accessibility.heard	0	2														
2	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.imagent	0	2														
3	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.bird	0	2														
4	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.CloudDocs.CloudDriveFileProv...	0	2														
5	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.securityd	0	2														
6	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.Safari	0	2														
7	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.upload-request...	0	2														
8	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.security.cutsfish	0	2														
9	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.Pasbook	0	2														
10	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.shortcuts	0	2														
11	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.findmy.findmylocateagent	0	2														
12	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.biomesyncd	0	2														
13	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.amsengagementd	0	2														
14	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.weather.widget	0	2														
15	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.stocks	0	2														
16	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.stocks.widget	0	2														
17	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.weather	0	2														
18	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.StatusKitAgent	0	2														
19	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.voicebankingd	0	2														
20	KTCCServiceLiverpool	com.apple.Maps	0	2														

0x02 macOS TCC Bypass

```
s1th@Koriban ~ %  
s1th@Koriban ~ % cd Library/Application\ Support/com.apple.TCC  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC % ls -l  
total 0  
ls: ..: Operation not permitted  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC %  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC % csrutil status  
System Integrity Protection status: enabled.  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC %
```



Last login: Thu May 9 15:09:53 on console

```
s1th@Koriban ~ % cd Library/Application\ Support/com.apple.TCC  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC %  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC % ls -l  
total 160  
drwxr-xr-x  6 s1th  staff   192 24 Abr 02:52 AdhocSignatureCache  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 s1th  staff  81920  4 Mai 22:35 TCC.db  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC % csrutil status  
System Integrity Protection status: disabled.  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC %  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC %
```

Last login: Thu May 9 20:54:54 on ttys000

```
s1th@Koriban ~ % cd /Library/Application\ Support/com.apple.TCC  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC %  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC % ls -l  
total 168  
drwxr-xr-x  25 root  wheel   800 24 Abr 02:52 AdhocSignatureCache  
-rw-r--r--   1 root  wheel  20480  9 Mai 15:09 REG.db  
-rw-r--r--   1 root  wheel  65536  2 Mai 22:25 TCC.db  
s1th@Koriban com.apple.TCC %
```

0x02 macOS TCC Bypass

Bypass

Replace the TCC.db file located in a protected folder: `~/Library/Application Support/com.apple.TCC` with a new modified TCC.db.

POC ->



Automator is an application developed by Apple Inc. for macOS, which can be used to automate repetitive tasks through point-and-click or drag and drop. Automator enables the repetition of tasks across a wide variety of programs, including Finder, Safari, Calendar, Contacts and others.

0x03 Electron Framework

Cross-platform framework used to create desktop applications using web technologies like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Allowing developers to build applications for macOS, Windows, and Linux with a single codebase.



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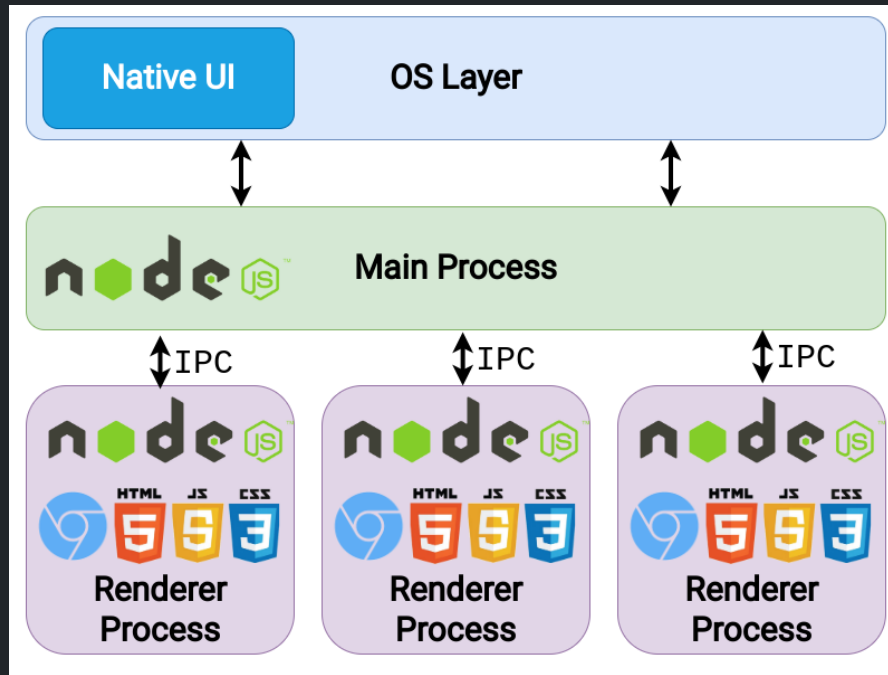
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<https://www.electronjs.org/apps>



0x03 Electron Framework



https://miro.medium.com/v2/resize:fit:1400/1*5G9BFD2ItXo6lv2pinEJrA.png

0x03 Electron Framework

How do I find out if I have an application written in Electron installed?

Take a look at the Frameworks directory if it contains the Electron directory:

```
/Applications/<app name>/Contents/Frameworks/
```

Or, use the npx tool:

```
npx @electron/fuses read --app /Applications/app_name.app
```

0x03 Electron Framework

They are "magic bits" in the Electron binary that can be flipped when packaging your Electron app.

RunAsNode

EnableCookieEncryption

EnableNodeOptionsEnvironmentVariable

EnableNodeCliInspectArguments

EnableEmbeddedAsarIntegrityValidation

OnlyLoadAppFromAsar

LoadBrowserProcessSpecificV8Snapshot

GrantFileProtocolsExtraPrivileges

0x03 Electron Framework

Pass the --inspect parameter to the application executable

A debugger will be started on port 9229 (default)

Use websocket to communicate with the application

You can use Chrome to inspect

0x03 Electron Framework

Check the Entitlements

An entitlement is a right or privilege that grants an executable particular capabilities

Tool

```
codesign -dvv --entitlement - /Applications/<app>/Contents/MacOS/executable
```

```
[Bool] true
[Key] com.apple.security.device.audio-input
[Value]
[Bool] true
[Key] com.apple.security.device.bluetooth
[Value]
[Bool] true
[Key] com.apple.security.device.camera
[Value]
[Bool] true
```

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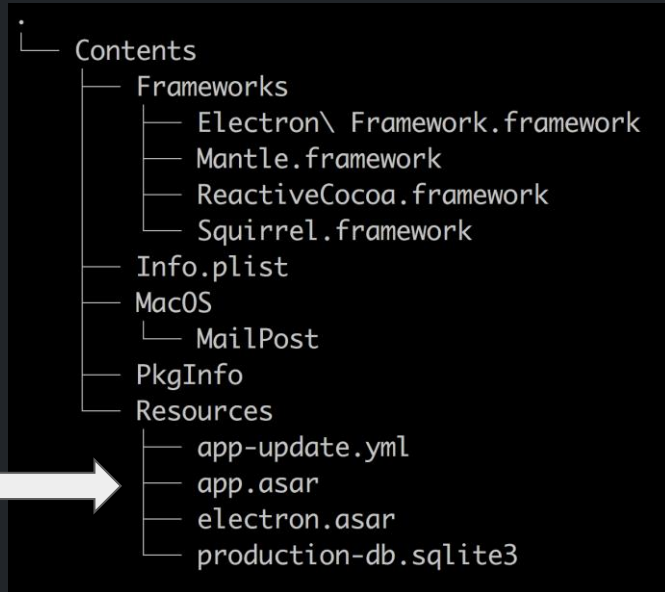
Persistence refers to the technique used by attackers to maintain their access to a system across reboots and other disruptions.

The application's code, including all JavaScript, HTML, and CSS files, is often packaged into an **app.asar** archive.

The **app.asar** archive is typically not protected, making it an easy target for modification.

Path:

`/Applications/App.app/Contents/Resources/app.asar`



0x03 Electron Framework

6 CVE's (not published yet)
\$ 4.800~ in bug bounties

The tools will be released on github: <https://github.com/espreto/>

0x03 Electron Framework

```
const { flipFuses, FuseVersion, FuseV1Options } = require('@electron/fuses')

flipFuses(
  // Path to electron
  require('electron'),
  // Fuses to flip
  {
    version: FuseVersion.V1,
    [FuseV1Options.RunAsNode]: false
  }
)
```

<https://github.com/electron/electron/blob/main/docs/tutorial/security.md>

→|← Conclusion

- Are your SOC and Blue Team monitoring and protecting the company from attacks?
- Are the controls really effective and well implemented?
- Are your systems updated and with last security patches?
- Do you make security tests (Pentest) recurrent in your macOS endpoints?
- Do you have a well oriented team or update service with the last published vulnerabilities?

"A motivated attacker achieves his goal regardless of time"



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