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Exposing Vulnerabilities in Media Software

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Hello

- I'm a consultant and researcher with iSEC Partners
- Focus on application security
- Audio hobbyist (definitely no expert)
- What's this all about?
 - The attack surface and potential of media codecs, players and related devices
 - Focus here is slightly on audio, but that doesn't matter
 - Video works the same way, and uses the same container formats

Takeaways

- Understand attack surface and implications
- Understand how to fuzz and design fuzzers for media
- Help developers understand how to improve code
- Plant ideas for future research



Why this matters

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Omnipresent and always on

- Promiscuously shared, played, streamed
- Comes from extremely untrusted, often anonymous sources
- Most don't think to refrain from playing "untrusted" media
- And most browsers will play automatically anyhow

It's political

- There are people out there who don't like you stealing music: the RIAA, and companies like Sony
- Exploits here are ripe for corporate abuse—it's happened before
- It's "rich"
 - Media playback/parsing software is almost by definition "excessively functional"
 - Does tons of parsing



Why media security is under-explored

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- Modern codecs are designed to be resistant to corruption
 - Bit-flipping an Ogg file, for example, will usually not work
 - Example: zzuf, a popular bit-flipping fuzzer, noted VLC as being "robust" against fuzzing of Vorbis, Theora, FLAC
 - As zzuf notes, this does not mean there are no bugs; we just need a targeted fuzzer
- Deep research not historically necessary
 - Most media software exploits thus far have been simple: long playlists, URL names, etc.
 - Few attacks using media files themselves
 - Even fewer targeting things on the codec level
 - But this is changing as of late



SEC Terminology: Containers and Codecs

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- Container formats organize multiple types of media streams and metadata
 - "tags"—content describing end-user relevant data
 - subtitles
 - sync data, frame ordering
 - management of separate bitstreams
- Codec data describes and contains the actual video/audio
 - sample rate
 - bitrate
 - channels
 - compressed or raw media data



SEC Examples: Containers and Codecs

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Examples of media containers:

- AVI
- Ogg
- MPEG-2
- MP4
- ASF

Examples of media codecs:

- DivX
- Vorbis
- Theora
- WMV
- Xvid
- Sorenson



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Two main areas are important here

- Content metadata
 - ID3, APEv2, Vorbis comments, album art, etc.
 - Because many types allow arbitrarily large content, this is a great place to store shellcode with plenty of NOP cushion—even if the bug isn't in metadata parsing
- Frame data
 - Mostly interested in the frame header
 - Contains structural data describing overall file layout: sample rate, number of frames, frame size, channels
 - Can be multiple types of frame headers in a file



What to fuzz it with

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Traditional random strings

- Repeating one random ASCII char to help us spot stack pointer overwrites
- Random unicode, encoded in funny ways
- Random signed ints
- Bunch of "%n" format strings to give us some memory corruption
- Fencepost numbers
- HTML, more on this later
- URLs—for catching URL pingbacks
- Perhaps other injection types—SQL, XML

How to fuzz it

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Three possible approaches

- Reach in and just mangle
 - Might work, might not
 - Works a sad amount of the time
 - But, misses a lot of attack classes
- Use existing parsing libraries
 - Works well, but usually requires patching the libs
 - Built-in error handling will trip us up
 - Metadata editing libraries don't always allow changing of data we want
 - Use this for basic stuff like ID3 tags and Vorbis comments
- Make your own frame parser
 - Sometimes quick and easy, sometimes painful
 - But turns up some great bugs



The fuzzer's toolbox

A few tools to make fuzzing and parsing easier

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- hachoir: Dissects many file types visually
- mutagen: Help in mangling audio tags and understanding file layout
- vbindiff: Shows differences between fuzzed and non-fuzzed files
- bvi: A hex editor with keybindings similar to a certain one true editor
- bbe: sed for binary streams
- gdb: Love it or hate it, it's all you get

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- A multi-codec audio/video stream fuzzer, written in Python
- Targets specific stream formats, no general file fuzzing
- Uses third party libs like py-vorbis and mutagen for metadata fuzzing
- Uses built-in frame parsing for frame fuzzing
- Not another fuzzing framework
- Just a real-world fuzzer used in pen-testing: quick, dirty and targeted
- Available at https://www.isecpartners.com/tools.html



SEC Fuzzbox Supported filetypes

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- Ogg
- FLAC.
- ASF (i.e., WMV, WMA)
- MP3
- Quicktime/MP4
- Speex
- WAV
- AIFF



Case study: Ogg-Vorbis

Ogg frame structure

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Well documented

Not just for hippies

Excellent free codec

- Unencumbered status gets it into many things
- Consists of an Ogg container...

Bit 0-7	8-15	16-23	24-31	Byte
	Capture	Pattern		0-3
Version	Header Type			4-7
Granule Position				8-11
		Bitstream Serial Number		12-15
		Page Sequence Number		16-19
		Checksum		20-23
		Page Segments		24-27
Segment Table				28-

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- ...and a Vorbis center
- Also "Vorbis comments"
 - Simple name/value pairs—can be any length or content, but some have special meaning
 - Easiest to use existing libs for this—in this case, py-vorbis



Case study: Ogg-Vorbis Vorbis comment structure

Typical tags used in Vorbis comments:

```
comments = {}
 these are the most commonly used tags by vorbis apps.
comments['COMMENT'] = 'leetleet'
comments['TITLE'] = 'safety short'
comments['ARTIST'] = 'Various'
comments['ALBUM'] = 'Comp'
comments['TRACKNUMBER'] = '1'
comments['DISCNUMBER'] = '1'
comments['GENRE'] = 'Experimental'
comments['DATE'] = '2006'
comments['REPLAYGAIN TRACK GAIN'] = 'trackgain'
comments['REPLAYGAIN ALBUM GAIN'] = 'albumgain'
comments['REPLAYGAIN TRACK PEAK'] = 'trackpeak'
comments['REPLAYGAIN ALBUM PEAK'] = 'albumpeak'
comments['LICENSE'] = 'Free as in beer'
comments['ORGANIZATION'] = 'iSEC'
comments['DESCRIPTION'] = 'A test file'
comments['LOCATION'] = 'SF'
comments['CONTACT'] = 'david@isecpartners.com'
comments['ISRC'] = '12345'
vcomments = ogg.vorbis.VorbisComment(comments)
                                                               76.1
```

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Case study: Ogg-Vorbis Ogg and Vorbis frame data in Python

Mercifully 8-bit aligned—Vorbis portion starts at "12version"

```
y = \{\}
v['01magic'] = f.read(4)
v['02version'] = f.read(1)
y['03headertype'] = f.read(1)
y['04granulepos'] = f.read(8)
v['05serial'] = f.read(4)
v['06pageseg'] = f.read(4)
v['07crc'] = f.read(4)
y['08numseqments'] = f.read(1)
v['09segtable'] = f.read(1)
y['10packettype'] = f.read(1)
y['llstreamtype'] = f.read(6)
v['12version'] = f.read(4)
v['13channels'] = f.read(1)
y['14samplerate'] = f.read(4)
y['15maxbitrate'] = f.read(4)
v['16nominalbitrate'] = f.read(4)
v['17minbitrate'] = f.read(4)
v['18blocksize'] = f.read(1)
# should be 58 bytes
headerlength = f.tell()
                                                           155.0-1
```

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Comments and frame data loaded, feed to fuzzer

Transforms are defined in randjunk.py:

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```
mport random
def randstring():
       thestring = ""
       chance = random.randint(0.8)
       print "using method " + str(chance)
       if chance == 0:
               # try a random length of one random char
               char = chr(random.randint(0,255))
                length = random.randint(0,3000)
                thestring = char * length
       elif chance == 1:
                thestring = "%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%ก%
       elif chance == 2:
               # some garbage ascii
                for i in range(random.randint(0,3000)):
                        char = ' n'
                        while char == '\n':
                                char = chr(random.randint(0,127))
                        thestring += char
       elif chance == 3:
                # build up a random string of alphanumerics
                                                              24.14-35
```



Case study: Ogg-Vorbis Data fuzzed, writing back out

Comments just write back in. Frame data needs to be packed:

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```
thestring = ""
letsfuzz = random.choice(y.keys())
print "fuzzing %s"%letsfuzz
thestring = randstring()
stringtype = type(thestring)
length = len(v[letsfuzz])
if str(stringtype) == "<type 'str'>":
    y[letsfuzz] = struct.pack('s', thestring[:length])
elif str(stringtype) == "<type 'int'>":
    v[letsfuzz] = struct.pack('i', thestring)
else:
    thestring = ""
    for i in range(len(y[letsfuzz])):
        thestring += "%X" % random.randint(0,15)
return y, restoffile
                                                           206.0-1
```

Case study: Ogg-Vorbis Fixing the CRC

Every Ogg frame has a CRC to prevent corruption. Also hides bugs, but easy enough to fix:

```
rom optparse import OptionParser
vcomments = ogg.vorbis.VorbisComment(comments)
totaltags = len(vcomments)
def ogg page checksum set(page):
   crc_reg = 0
   # This excludes the CRC from being part of the new CRC.
   page = page[0:22] + "\x00\x00\x00\x00" + page[26:]
   for i in range(len(page)):
     crc reg = ((crc reg<<8) & 0xfffffffff) ^ crc lookup[((crc reg >> 24) & 0xff
   ord(page[i])]
   # Install the CRC.
   page = page[0:22] + struct.pack('I', crc reg) + page[26:]
   return page
                                                               36.0-1
                                                                             Bot
```

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FLAC

 Lossless audio—uses Vorbis comments for metadata, can use Ogg as a container (and usually does)

MP3

- Metadata with ID3
- ID3v1
 - Length limited
 - Stored at end of file
 - Great for rewriting, awful for streaming
- ID3v2
 - Massively structured and complex
 - Incompletely supported
 - Obsessively detailed
 - Better for streaming, otherwise uniformly awful



Example: ID3v2's OCD

"APIC" picture attachment tag

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```
<Header for 'Attached picture', ID: "APIC">
 Text encoding
                    $xx
 MIME type
                    <text string> $00
 Picture type
                    $xx
 Description
                    <text string according to encoding> $00 (00)
 Picture data
                    <br/>data>
Picture type: $00 Other
              $01 32x32 pixels 'file icon' (PNG only)
              $02 Other file icon
              $03 Cover (front)
              $04 Cover (back)
              $05 Leaflet page
              $06 Media (e.g. label side of CD)
              $07 Lead artist/lead performer/soloist
              $08 Artist/performer
              $09 Conductor
              $0A Band/Orchestra
              $0B Composer
              $OC Lyricist/text writer
              $0D Recording Location
              $0E During recording
              $OF During performance
              $10 Movie/video screen capture
              $11 A bright coloured fish
              $12 Illustration
              $13 Band/artist logotype
              $14 Publisher/Studio logotype
```



Even more supported formats

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WAV and AIFF

- What's to attack in "raw" audio?
- Not a lot, but it still works
- Sample width, framerate, frame number; all things that can expose integer bugs
- WAV and AIFF parsing libraries are included with Python (but need patched)

Speex

- Optimized for speech
- Used in several high-profile third-party products
- Uses Vorbis comments for metadata
- Often stored in an Ogg container



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MP4

- Often used for AAC, but can also contain many other video and audio types
- Comprised of a series of FOURCC "atoms"
- Combines functionality of tags/comments and lower level descriptions like sample rate, positional info
- In true Apple fashion, not officially documented

ASF

- Container format for MS WMA and WMV files
- WMA used on portable devices, WMVs distributed widely online



Setting up a fuzzer run

Basic usage of Fuzzbox

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```
[lx@dt apps/fuzzers/fuzzbox 669 ] python ./fuzzbox.py
ERROR: You need to define at least the source file.
usage: fuzzbox.pv [options]
options:
  --version
                        show program's version number and exit
  -h. --help
                        show this help message and exit
  -r REPS, --reps=REPS Number of files to generate/play
  -p PROGNAME, --program=PROGNAME
                        Path to the player you'd like to test
  -l LOGFILE. --loafile=LOGFILE
                        Path to the logfile to record results

    s SOURCEFILE, --source=SOURCEFILE

                        Path to a source file to fuzz
  -t TIMEOUT, --timeout=TIMEOUT
                        How long to wait for the player to crash
                        Work around iTunes anti-debugging
  --itunes
  --filetype=FILETYPE Type of file to fuzz: wav, aiff, mp3 or ogg
[lx@dt apps/fuzzers/fuzzbox 669 ]
```

Demo Fuzzbox usage

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- Autoplay mode—spawns a player of your choice under gdb
- Gathers backtraces, registers and resource usage
- Kills off runaway apps (excessive CPU/memory consumption, mangled play rate)
- iTunes anti-anti-debugging
- iTunes automation with AppleScript



iTunes-specific functionality

Avoiding iTunes anti-debugging

Simply jump around PT_DENY_ATTACH with gdb¹:

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```
def playit(filename, timeout):
        log = open(logfile, "a")
        gdbfile = open("/tmp/gdbparams", "w")[
gdbfile.write("set args %s\n"%filename)
        if itunes == True:
            qdbfile.write("break ptrace if $r3 = 31\n")
        gdbfile.write("run\n")
        qdbfile.write("bt\n")
        if itunes == True:
            qdbfile.write("return\n")
            adbfile.write("cont\n")
            qdbfile.write("bt\n")
        qdbfile.write("info reg\n")
        gdbfile.write("quit\n")
        adbfile.close()
        # this is stupid. stdin=None causes the program to suspend
        # when qdb is killed.
        devnull = open("/dev/null", "r")
        log.write(" >> Playing %s\n"%filename)
        gdb = Popen(["gdb", "-batch", "-x", "/tmp/gdbparams", progname], stdin=d
evnull, stdout=log, stderr=log)
        if itunes == True:
            os.system("""osascript -e 'tell application "iTunes" to play'""")
                                                                  327.39-46
```

¹http://www.steike.com/code/debugging-itunes-with-gdb/ - 900



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Results: VLC

Format string issues in Vorbis comments (CVE-2007-3316)

Also CDDA, SAP/SDP—broadcast exploitation!

```
Breakpoint 2, 0x28469625 in vasprintf () from /lib/libc.so.6
(adb) where
#0 0x28469625 in vasprintf () from /lib/libc.so.6
#1 0x080d1d93 in input vaControl (p input=0x87d4000, i querv=142491908,
   at input/control.c:192
#2 0x080d3aab in input Control (p input=0x87e4104, i query=142491908)
   at input/control.c:50
#3 0x294d6825 in DecodeBlock (p dec=0x87b1800, pp block=0xbf1f6f84)
   at vorbis.c:625
#4 0x080d4eaa in DecoderDecode (p_dec=0x87b1800, p_block=0x87db300)
   at input/decoder.c:662
#5 0x080d5d85 in DecoderThread (p dec=0x87b1800) at input/decoder.c:494
#6 0x28428168 in pthread create () from /lib/libpthread.so.2
#7 0x284f1983 in ctx start () from /lib/libc.so.6
(adb) delete 2
(qdb) cont
Continuing.
[New Thread 0x9418000 (LWP 100189)]
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
[Switching to Thread 0x9418000 (LWP 100189)]
0x28502243 in vfprintf () from /lib/libc.so.6
```



Results: libvorbis

Bug in invalid mapping type handling (CVE-2007-4029)

Function pointer to an invalid memory address offset by an attacker-controlled value

```
Program received signal SIGSEGV. Segmentation fault.
[Switching to Thread 0x8063000 (LWP 100138)]
0x280a6c14 in vorbis info clear (vi=0x805a260) at info.c:165
              mapping P[ci->map type[i]]->free info(ci->map param[i]);
(adb) bt
#0 0x280a6c14 in vorbis info clear (vi=0x805a260) at info.c:165
#1 0x280a758c in vorbis unpack books (vi=0x805a260, opb=0xbfbfe710)
   at info.c:327
#2 0x280a770f in vorbis synthesis headerin (vi=0x805a260, vc=0x805c440,
   op=0xbfbfe770) at info.c:380
#3 0x2808dlef in fetch headers (vf=0x806f000, vi=0x805a260, vc=0x805c440,
   serialno=0x806f05c, og ptr=0xbfbfe790) at vorbisfile.c:262
#4 0x2808dfab in ov openl (f=0x8066180, vf=0x806f000, initial=0x0, ibytes=0,
   callbacks=
     {read func = 0x805058c <vorbisfile cb read>. seek func = 0x80505b8
<vorbisfile cb seek>, close func = 0x80505e4 <vorbisfile cb close>, tell func =
0x80505f0 <vorbisfile cb tell>}) at vorbisfile.c:666
#5 0x2808e206 in ov open callbacks (f=0x8066180, vf=0x806f000, initial=0x0,
   ibvtes=0. callbacks=
     {read func = 0x805058c <vorbisfile_cb_read>, seek_func = 0x80505b8
<vorbisfile cb seek>, close func = 0x80505e4 <vorbisfile cb close>, tell func =
0x80505f0 <vorbisfile cb tell>}) at vorbisfile.c:731
#6 0x080501d4 in ovf init (source=0x805c430, ogg123 opts=0x8059840,
   audio fmt=0xbfbfe8b0, callbacks=0xbfbfe8d8, callback arg=0x8096000)
```

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Overflow in metadata parsing, flac123 (CVE-2007-3507)

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```
Starting program: /crypt/usr/local/bin/flac123 27272727flac123.flac
flac123 version 0.0.9 'flac123 --help' for more info
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x27272727 in ?? ()
(adb) bt
#0 0x27272727 in ?? ()
#1 0x0804a811 in local vcentry matches (field name=0x804afaf "artist",
   entry=0x8268038) at vorbiscomment.c:32
#2 0x0804a9ac in get vorbis comments (
   filename=0xbfbfeb31 "27272727flac123.flac") at vorbiscomment.c:69
#3 0x08049564 in print file info (filename=0xbfbfeb31 "27272727flac123.flac")
   at flac123.c:121
#4 0x08049a97 in decoder_constructor (
   filename=0xbfbfeb31 "27272727flac123.flac") at flac123.c:245
#5 0x08049b2d in play file (filename=0xbfbfeb31 "27272727flac123.flac")
   at flac123.c:269
#6 0x08049520 in main (argc=2, argv=0xbfbfe9fc) at flac123.c:108
(adb) up
   0x0804a811 in local vcentry matches (field name=0x804afaf "artist",
   entry=0x8268038) at vorbiscomment.c:32
           const FLAC byte *ea = memchr(entry->entry, '=', entry->lenath);
```

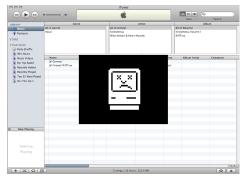


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- Heap overflow in "COVR" MP4 atom parsing (CVE-2007-3752)
- Normally to store album art, can store evil too





Note about static analysis

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- At least one of these vendors was actually using a commercial static analysis tool
- It missed all of the bugs found with Fuzzbox
- These tools are useful, but not a complete solution
- Fuzzing is necessary too—and cheaper



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Checking diffs between source file and crasher, We can see the difference in CRC and one other byte:

08 safety short.ogg 0000 0000: 4F 67 67 53 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FA 80 0qqS.... 44 AC 00 00 00 00 00 00 3000 0030: 00 EE 02 00 00 00 00 00 0000 0040: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FA 80 Fl 1B 01 00 00 00a.vo rbis.... Xiph.Org libVorb is T 200 50304... ogg4.ogg 0000 0000: 4F 67 67 53 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FA 80 0aaS.... 0000 0010: E1 1B 00 00 00 00 **A2 B2 20 10** 01 1E 01 76 6F 72 9000 0020: 62 69 73 00 00 00 00 **42** 44 AC 00 00 00 00 00 00 9000 0030: 00 EE 02 00 00 00 00 00g.vo rbis.... 20 6C 69 62 56 6F 72 62 Xiph.Org libVorb 0000 0080: 69 73 20 49 20 32 30 30 35 30 33 30 34 02 00 00 is I 200 50304... Arrow keys move F find RET next difference ESC quit T move top C ASCII/EBCDIC E edit file G goto position O quit B move bottom

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Located just after the Vorbis version—a silly number of audio channels

```
0) file:./ogg4.ogg: Ogg multimedia container (305.3 KB)
+ 0) page[0] (58 bytes)
      0) capture pattern= "OggS" (4 bytes)
      4) stream structure version= 0 (1 byte)
      5.0) continued packet= False (1 bit)
      5.1) first page= True (1 bit)
      5.2) last_page= False (1 bit)
      5.3) unused= <null> (5 bits)
      6) abs granule pos= 0 (8 bytes)
      14) serial= 0xlbel80fa (4 bytes)
      18) page= 0 (4 bytes)
      22) checksum= 0x102db2a2 (4 bytes)
      26) lacing size= 1 (1 byte)
   + 27) lacing (1 byte)

    28) segments (30 bytes)

         -> next= /page[1]/segments
       - 0) vorbis hdr (30 bytes)
            type= 1 (1 byte)
            1) codec= "vorbis" (6 bytes)
            7) vorbis version= 0 (4 bytes)
            11) audio channels= 66 (1 byte)
            12) audio sample rate= 44100 (4 bytes)
            16) bitrate maximum= 0 (4 bytes)
 0 root
                                                        log: 0/0/0 | Fl: help
```

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- With the cause identified, you can start manipulating rather than fuzzing
- Play with values in a hex editor or with bbe
 - bbe -e 's:ZZZZ:\xdd\xc5\x04\x08:' < crashy.flac > evil.flac
- In the case of Ogg-contained formats, the included oggcrc.py will recalculate CRC after editing



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- Non-player apps, or "nobody uses Vorbis!"
- As mentioned before, some of these codecs get around
- Used in games—custom sounds downloaded with maps, etc.
- The Asterisk PBX does
 - Also supports Speex, which is structurally very similar...
 - In other words, any DoS or code execution in Ogg/Vorbis or Speex can mean the same for Asterisk



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- Also potential for VOIP-related attacks in WAV/PCM modules
 - Good potential for active network attacks; see RTPInject (Lackey, Garbutt)
- "Embedded" devices
 - Phones and other portables play lots of audio and video formats.
 - So do home multimedia devices, game consoles, in-car systems...but no one will let me test their car



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- Total speculation: indexing services and other parsers
 - Some software relies on existing media libraries to index
 - Exploits in these libraries affect the indexer
 - Can also be a venue for finding bugs in the indexer itself
 - Or its web interface
- Web Applications
 - Some apps aren't real careful about data parsed from media
 - Good for CSRF, XSS or JavaScript intranet scanning, etc.



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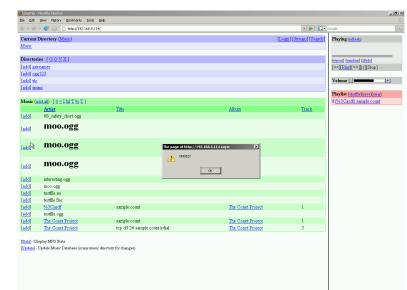
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Cheesy example: phpMp, front-end for MPD



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- Write paranoid—for every specification, test for violation.
- Vendors should fuzz their own software.
- Media parsing should be done sandboxed when possible.
- Use, but don't rely on, source analysis.
- Users should treat media streams as potentially malicious content.

Questions?

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