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Once upon a time...

2011

ENG++ examples published @ Web Security Forum

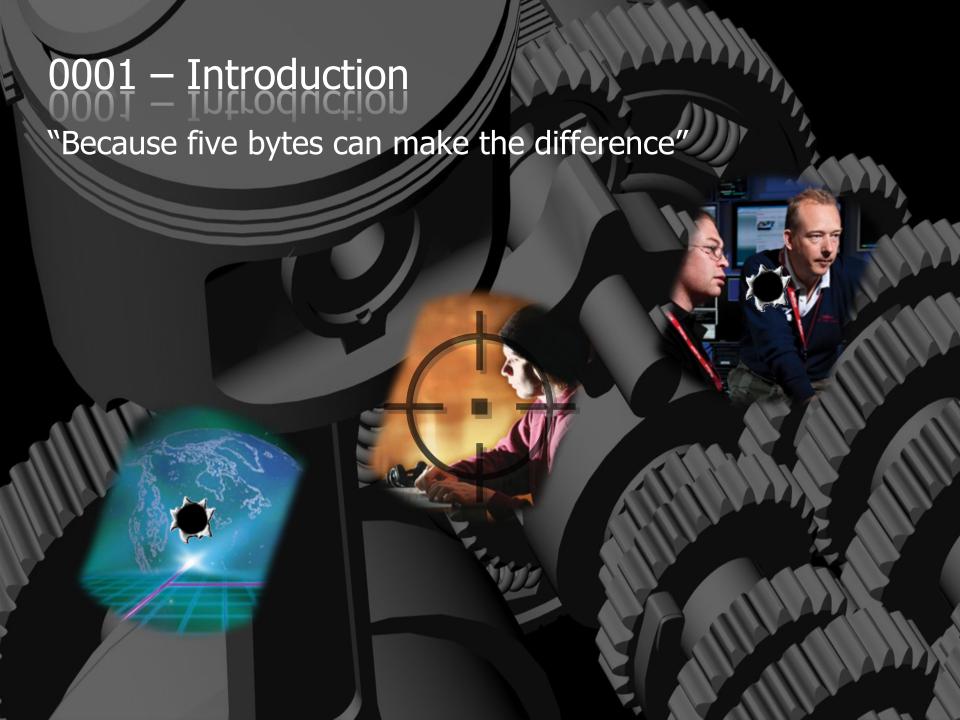












Before starting

0-Day

- **0-day** is cool, isn't it? But only if nobody is aware of its existence.
- Once the unknown vulnerability becomes known, the 0-day will expire – since a patch or a mitigation is released (which comes first).
- So we can conclude that, once expired (patched or mitigated), 0-day has no more value. If you do not believe me, you can try to sell a wellknown vulnerability to your vulnerability-broker.
- Some security solutions fight against **0-day** faster than the affected vendor.

Pattern-matching

- This technology is as need today as it was in the past, but the security solution cannot rely only on this.
- No matter how fast is the **pattern-matching** algorithm, if a **pattern** does not **match**, it means that there is no vulnerability **exploitation**.
- No vulnerability exploitation, no protection action... But what if the pattern is wrong?
- How can we guarantee that the pattern, which was not matched, is the correct approach for a protection action?











Some concepts

Exploitation

- There are lots of good papers and books describing the **exploitation** techniques. Thus, I do recommend you to look for them for a better understanding.
- This lecture has no pretension of being a complete reference for this topic.
- The exploitation path described here is something that I decided to follow, and it helped me to understand and apply ENG++ to the vulnerabilities.
- All the definitions are in compliance with:
 - Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures.
 - Common Vulnerability Scoring System.
 - Common Weakness Enumeration.

Vulnerability

- Any vulnerability has a trigger, which leads the vulnerability to a possible and reasonable exploitation.
- For some weakness types the vulnerability allows to control the flow of software's execution, executing an arbitrary code (shellcode), such as: CWE-119, CWE-120, CWV-134, CWE-190, CWE-196, CWE-367, etc.
- Before executing a shellcode, the exploitation must deal with the vulnerable ecosystem (trigger, return address, etc...), performing memory manipulation on additional entities (such as: offset, register, JUMP/CALL, stack, heap, memory alignment, memory padding, etc).







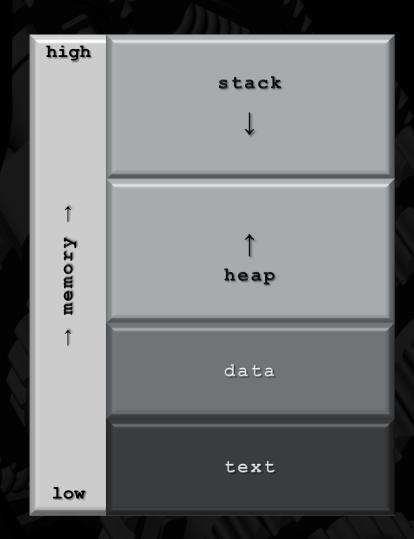




Remembering

Memory mapping

- Process **stack** grows DOWN:
 - LOW memory address.
 - BOTTOM of memory.
 - You name it.
- Stack-based buffer overflow:
 - Occurs in the stack data area.
- Process heap grows UP:
 - HIGH memory address
 - TOP of memory.
 - You name it.
- Heap-based buffer overflow:
 - Occurs in the heap data area.
- That is just to make sure we are all set before going ahead!















What is Exploit Next Generation®?

The scenario

- Remember: "Some security solutions fight against **O-day** faster than the affected vendor".
- This protection (**mitigation**) has a long life, and sometimes the correct protection (**patch**) is not applied.
- People's hope, consequently their security strategy, resides on this security model: vulnerability mitigated, no patch...
- But what if an old and well-known vulnerability could be exploited, even on this security approach model?
- According to pattern-matching, any new variant of an old vulnerability exploitation is considered a new vulnerability, because there is no pattern to be matched yet!

The methodology

- To circumvent or avoid a pattern-matching detection, there are two options:
 - Easier: know how the vulnerability is detected (access to signature/vaccine).
 - Harder: know deeply how to trigger the vulnerability and how to exploit it (access to vulnerable ecosystem).
- **ENG**⁺⁺ is the hardest option:
 - Deep **analysis** of a vulnerability.
 - Use all the acquired knowledge to offer a variety of decision points (variants).
 - Interact with the trigger and the additional entities, preparing the vulnerable ecosystem and performing some memory manipulation.
 - Use randomness to provide unpredictable payloads, i.e., permutation.











ENG++ (pronounced /ěn'jĭn/ incremented)

The truth

- ENG⁺⁺ methodology deals with vulnerable ecosystem and memory manipulation, rather than shellcode – it is neither a polymorphic shellcode, nor an obfuscation. However, ENG⁺⁺ is also able to deal with shellcode.
- ENG++ methodology can be applied to work with: Rapid7 Metasploit Framework, CORE Impact Pro, Immunity CANVAS Professional, and stand-alone proof-of-concepts.
- ENG⁺⁺ methodology is neither an additional entropy for tools mentioned above, nor an Advanced Evasion Technique (AET). Instead, ENG⁺⁺ methodology can empower both of them.
- ENG⁺⁺ methodology maintains the exploitation reliability, even using random decisions, it is able to achieve all exploitation requirements.

The examples

- Server-side vulnerabilities:
 - **MS02-039**: CVE-2002-0649/CWE-120.
 - **MS02-056**: CVE-2002-1123/CWE-120.
- Client-side vulnerabilities:
 - **MS08-078**: CVE-2008-4844/CWE-367.
 - **MS09-002**: CVE-2009-0075/CWE-367.
- Windows 32-bit **shellcodes**:
 - 波動拳: "CMD /k".
 - 昇龍拳: "CMD /k set DIRCMD=/b".
- All example modules were ported to work with Rapid7 Metasploit Framework, but there are also examples for client-side in HTML and JavaScript.















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shared zone













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Vulnerabilities

MS02-039

- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures:
 - CVE-2002-0649.
- Common Weakness Enumeration:
 - CWE-120.
- CVSS Severity: 7.5 (HIGH).
- Target:
 - Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SP0-2.
- Vulnerable ecosystem:
 - Protocol UDP.
 - Communication Port 1434.
 - SQL Request CLNT_UCAST_INST.

- INSTANCENAME >= 96 bytes.
- INSTANCENAME != NULL.

MS08-078

- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures:
 - CVE-2008-4844.
- Common Weakness Enumeration:
 - CWE-367.
- CVSS Severity: 9.3 (HIGH).
- Target:
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.01 SP4, 6 SP0-1, 7 and 8 Beta 2.
- Vulnerable ecosystem:
 - XML Data Island feature enabled (default).
 - DHTML with embedded Data binding.
 - XML Data Source Object (DSO).
 - Data Consumer (HTML element) pointing to a dereferenced XML DSO.











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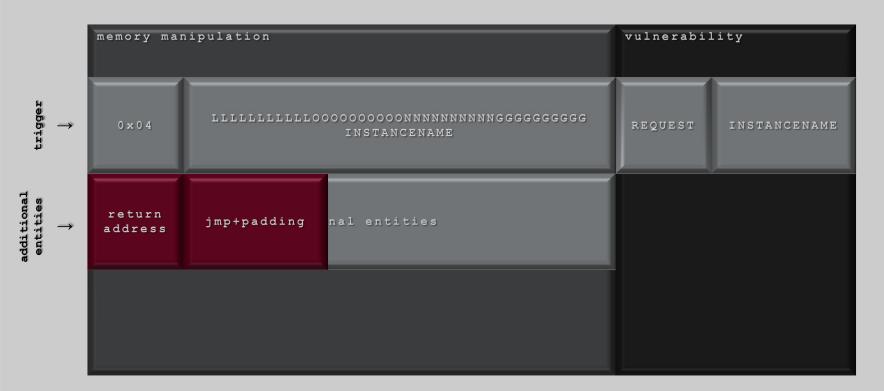








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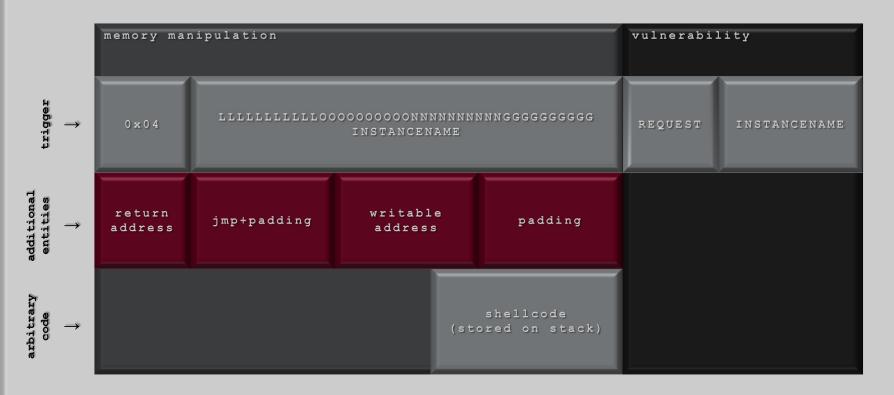








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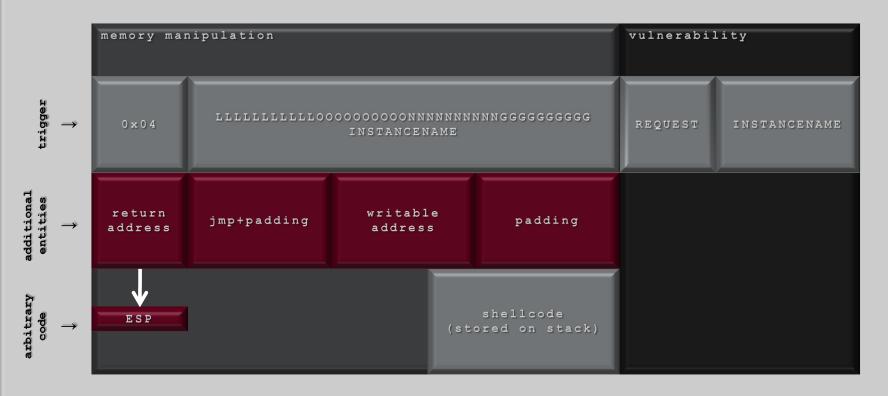








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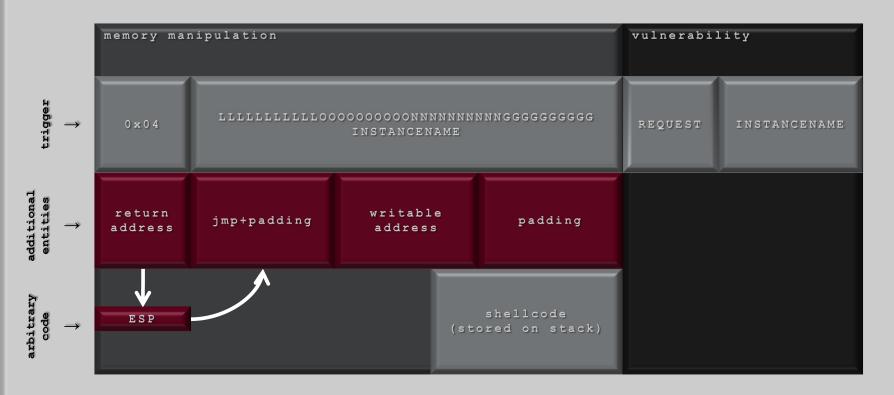








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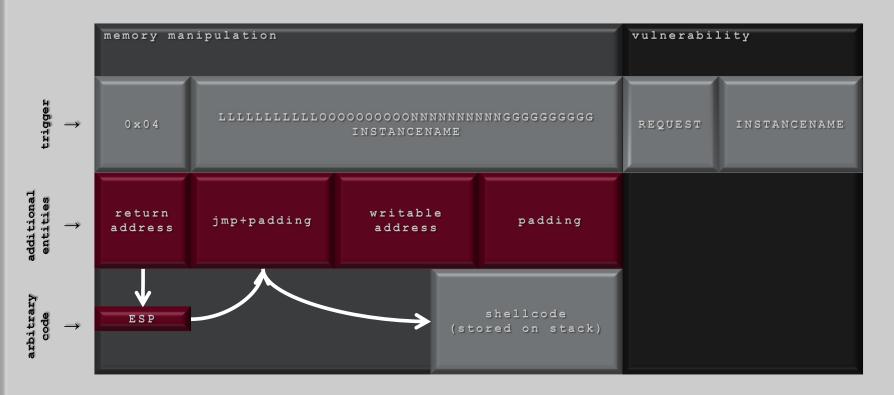








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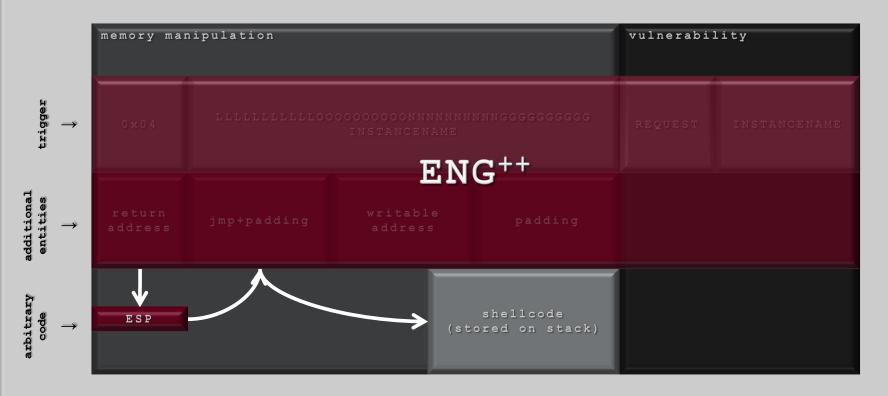








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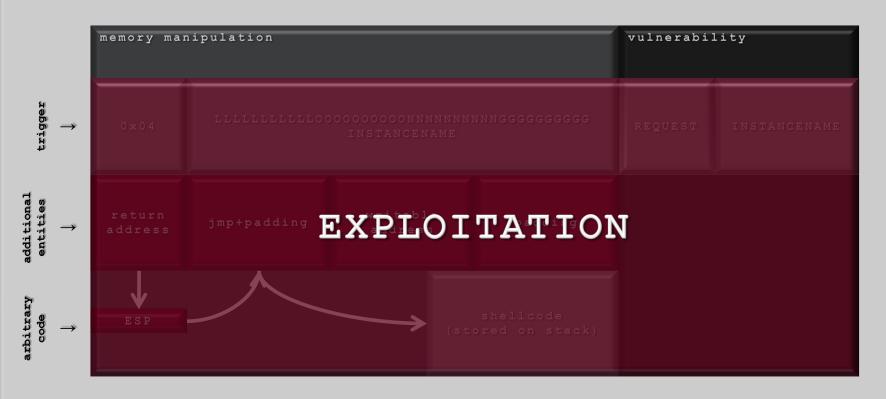








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memory manipulation		vulnerability
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DATASRC	DATAFLD	CRecordInstance::CRecordInstance











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memory manipulation vulnerability DATABINDING CRecordInstance:: CRecordInstance DATASRC DATAFLD DATABINDING #01 DATASRC #01 DATAFLD #01















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memory manipulation	vulnerability
DATABINDING	
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DATABINDING #01	
DATASRC #01 DATAFLD #01	CXfer::CreateBinding











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memory manipulation	vulnerability
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DATASRC DATAFLD	CRecordInstance::CRecordInstance
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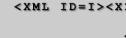






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		memory manipulation		vulnerability
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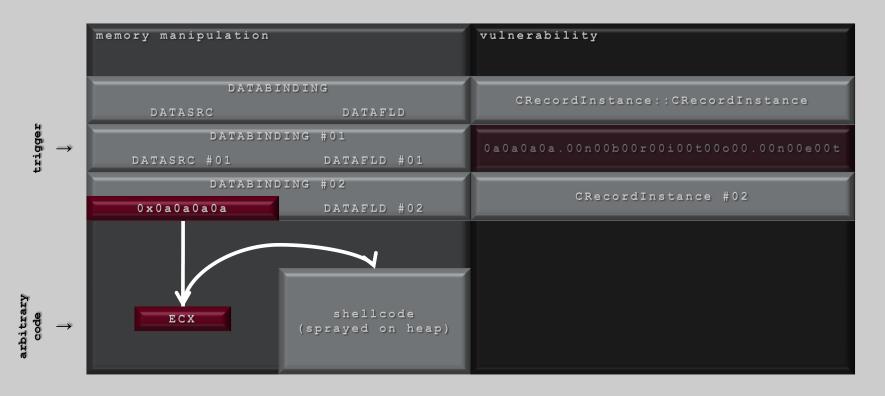








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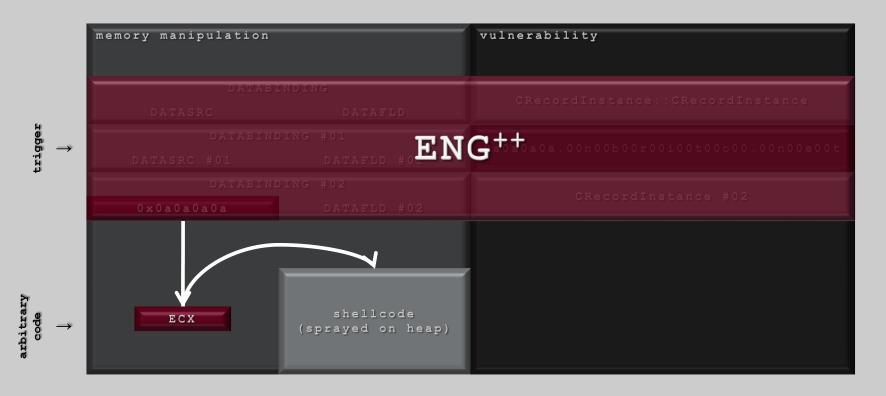








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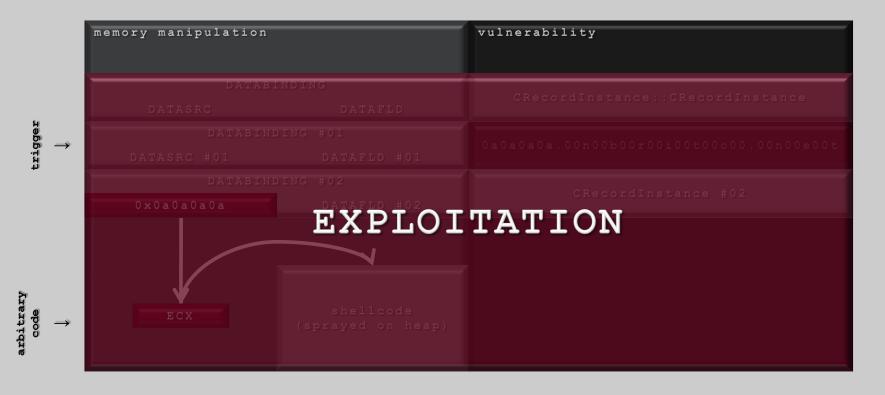






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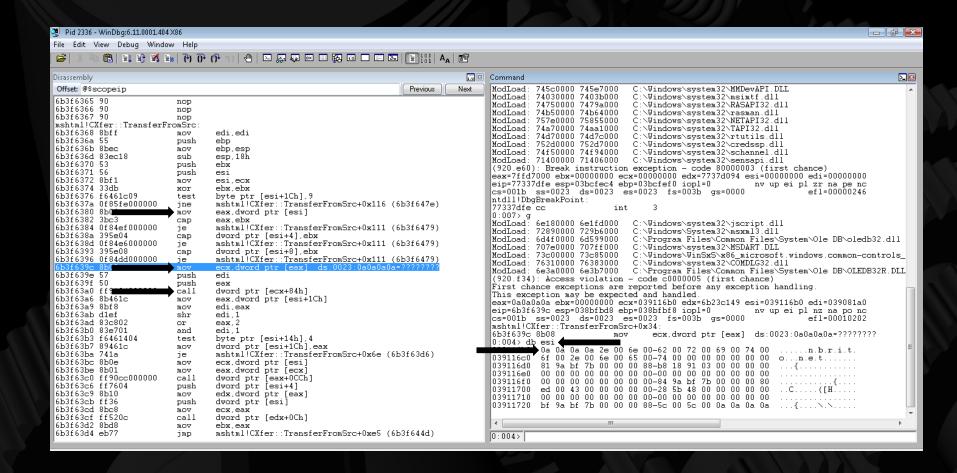
























MS02-039 (CVE-2002-0649/CWE-120)

• SQL Request:

- CLNT_UCAST_INST (0x04).

• SQL INSTANCENAME:

- ASCII hexa values from 0x01 to 0xff, except: 0x0a, 0x0d, , 0x2f, 0x3a and 0x5c.
- 24,000 permutations.

Return address:

- Uses the "jump to register" technique, in this case the ESP register.
- There are four (4) new possible return addresses within SQLSORT.DLL (Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SP0-2). There are much more return addresses if do not mind making it hardcoded.
- Tools: "Findjmp.c" by Ryan Permeh, ("Hacking Proof your Network – Second Edition", 2002), and "DumpOp.c" by Koskya Kortchinsky ("Macro reliability in Win32 Exploits" – Black Hat Europe, 2007).
- 4 permutations.

JUMP:

- Unconditional JUMP short, relative, and forward to REL8.
- There are 115 possible values to **REL8**.
- 115 permutations.

• Writable address and memory alignment:

- There are 26,758 new writable addresses within sqlsort.pll (Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SP0-2). There are much more writable addresses if do not mind making it hardcoded.
- Tools: "IDA Pro 5.0 Freeware" by Hex-Rays, and "OlyDBG 2.01 alpha 2" by Oleh Yuschuk.
- 26,758 permutations.

• Padding and memory alignment:

- ASCII hexa values from 0x01 to 0xff.
- The length may vary, depending on **JUMP**, from 3,048 to 29,210 possibilities.
- 29,210 permutations.











• CVE-2008-4844: "...crafted XML document containing nested elements"? I do not think so...

• XML Data Island:

- There are two (2) options: using the Dynamic HTML (DHTML) <xml> element within the HTML document or overloading the HTML <script> element. Unfortunately, the HTML <script> element is useless.
- The <xml> element accepts a combination of different types of elements, i.e., they can be anything.

XML Data Source Object (DSO):

- Characters like "<" and "&" are illegal in <mml> element. To avoid errors <mml> element can be defined as CDATA (Unparsed Character Data). But the <mml> element can be also defined as "&1t;" instead of "<".
- Both and <image src= > elements are useful as a XML DSO.

4 permutations.

• Data Consumer (HTML elements):

- According to MSDN ("Binding HTML Elements to Data") there are, at least, fifteen (15) bindable HTML elements available, but only five (5) elements are useful.
- The HTML element is a key trigger, because it points to a dereferenced XML DSO, but it does not have to be the same HTML element to do so – it can be any mixed HTML element.
- 25 permutations.

Return address:

- Uses "Heap Spray" technique, in this case the **XML DSO** handles the **return address**, and can use ".**NET DLL**" technique by Mark Dowd and Alexander Sotirov ("How to Impress Girls with Browser Memory Protection Bypasses" Black Hat USA, 2008).
- There are, at least, four (4) new possible return addresses.
- 4 permutations.













Shellcode

Regular

```
shell:

push 0x00646D63

mov ebx, esp

push edi

push edi

push edi

xor esi, esi

push byte 18

pop ecx
```

Code by Stephen Fewer (Harmony Security) and part of Metasploit Framework.

Hadoken (波動拳)

```
shell:
    call shell_set_cmd
    db "CMD /k", 0
shell_set_cmd:
    pop ebx
    push edi
    push edi
    push edi
    xor esi, esi
    push byte 18
    pop ecx
```

Ideas by sk (SCAN Associates Berhad), and published on Phrack Magazine (issue 62, file 7).

Demonstrated on H2HC 6th Edition (2009).











Shellcode

Shoryuken (昇龍拳)

```
shell:
  call shell set cmd
   db "CMD /k set DIRCMD=/b", 0
shell set cmd:
  pop ebx
  push edi
  push edi
  push edi
  xor esi, esi
  push byte 18
  pop ecx
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FPU GetPC

```
fnstenv getpc PROC
; Could be fld1, fld12t, fld12e,
; fldz, fldlq2 or fldln2.
      fldpi
      fnstenv [esp - 0Ch]
      pop eax
      add byte ptr [eax], OAh
   assembly:
fnstenv getpc ENDP
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Ideas by Aaron Adams, and published on VULN-DEV (November 18th, 2003).

Demonstrated on H2HC 6th Edition (2009).



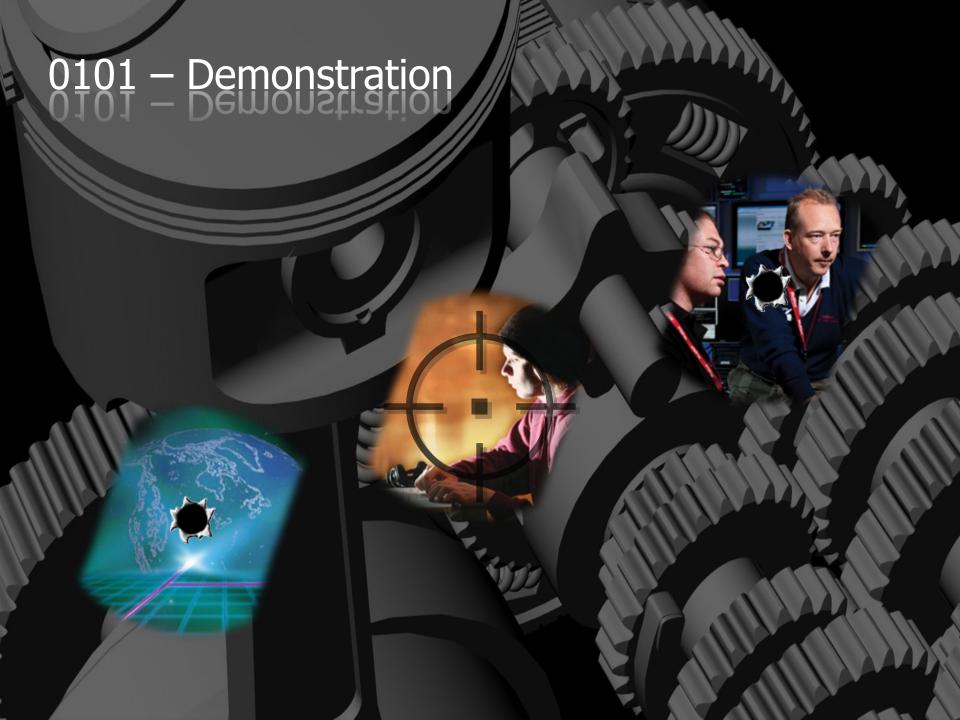












What demo?

The examples applying ENG++ methodology will be available on "Hebdomas Sancta" (Holy Week) -Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Thus you will be able to test by yourselves!!!

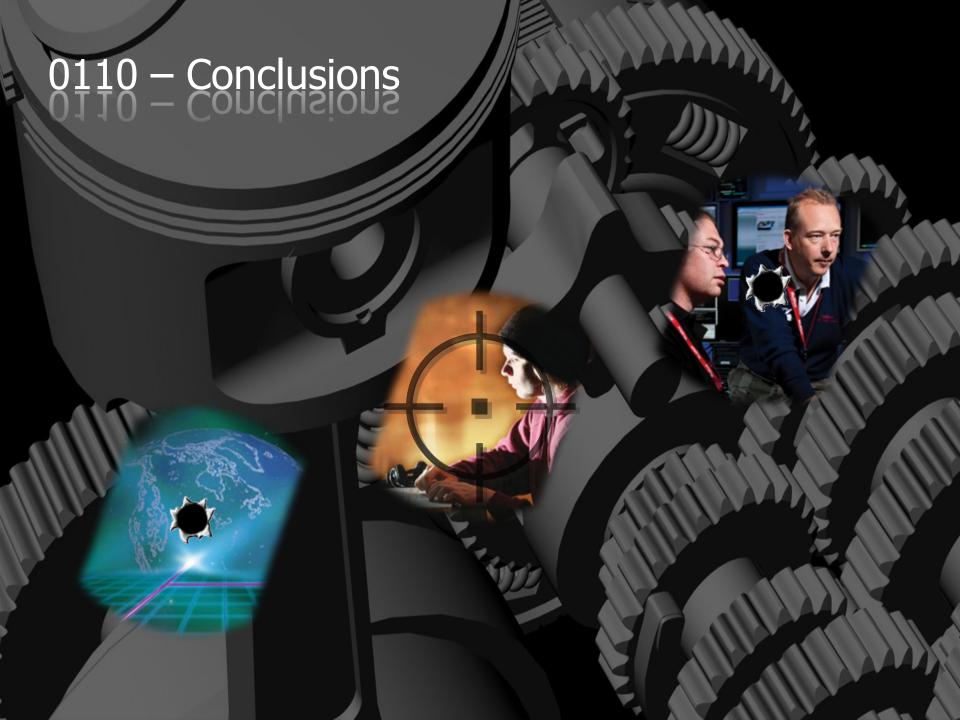












Conclusions

- Some examples, applying ENG++ methodology, will be available. For further details, please refer to:
 - http://fnstenv.blogspot.com/
- ENG++ examples are licensed under GNU General Public License version 2.
- The examples cover pretty old vulnerabilities, such as:
 - **MS02-039**: **3,182** days since published.
 - **MS02-056**: **3,112** days since published.
 - **MS08-078**: **844** days since published.
 - MS09-002: 789 days since published.
- **ENG**⁺⁺ is also not new:
 - Encore-NG: 931 days since BUGTRAQ and FULL-DISCLOSURE.
 - ENG++: 497 days since H2HC 6th Edition.

- The ENG++ methodology is not part of any commercial or public tool and is freely available, although the examples were ported to work with Rapid7 Metasploit Framework – this is to show how flexible its approach and deployment is – hoping it can help people to understand the threat, improving their infra-structure, security solutions and development approach.
- **ENG**⁺⁺ methodology can be freely applied, there are no restrictions... No other than laziness.
- **ENG**⁺⁺ methodology can help different people, performing different tasks, such as:
 - Penetration-testing.
 - Development of exploit and proof-of-concept tools.
 - Evaluation and analysis of security solutions.
 - Quality assurance for security solution.
 - Development of detection and protection mechanisms.
 - Etc...















