

# Permutation Oriented Programming

## ReSearching for alternatives!



# Agenda

- 0000 – A long time ago...
- 0001 – Introduction
- 0010 – Brain at work
- 0011 – Approach
- 0100 – Demonstration
- 0101 – Conclusions
- 0110 – Testimonial
- 0111 – Questions and Answers



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- Home town:
  - Rio de Janeiro
- Public tools:
  - **T50: an Experimental Mixed Packet Injector**
  - **Permutation Oriented Programming**
  - **ENG++ SQL Fingerprint™**
- WEB:
  - <http://about.me/nbrito>



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"...in a galaxy far, far away..."

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# PERMUTATION ORIENTED PROGRAMMING



# 0001 - Introduction

"Because five bytes can make the difference!"  
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# Before starting

## o-Day

- o-day is cool, isn't it? But only if nobody is aware of its existence.
- Once the unknown vulnerability becomes known, the o-day will expire – since a patch or a mitigation is released (which comes first).
- So we can conclude that, once expired (patched or mitigated), o-day has no more value. If you do not believe me, you can try to sell a well-known vulnerability to your vulnerability-broker.
- Some security solutions fight against o-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 did not match, is the correct approach for a protection action? Was the detection really designed to detect the vulnerability?



# 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 **POP** (f.K.a. **ENG<sup>++</sup>**) 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, CWE-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).



# Current evasion techniques (a.k.a. TT)

## Techniques

- Packet fragmentation
- Stream segmentation
- Byte and traffic insertion
- Polymorphic shellcode
- Denial of Service
- URL obfuscation (+ SSL encryption)
- RPC fragmentation
- HTML and JavaScript obfuscation
- Etc...

## Tools

- Fragroute / Fragrouter / Sniffjoke
- ADMutate / ALPHA[2-3] / BETA3 / Others
- Whisker / Nikto / Sandcat
- Shot / Stick / IDS-wakeup / Others
- Sidestep / RPC-evade-poc.pl / Others
- Predator (AET)
- Etc...



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# POP (pronounced /pɒp/) technique

## The truth

- POP technique deals with **vulnerable ecosystem** and **memory manipulation**, rather than **shellcode**.
- POP is neither a new **polymorphic shellcode** technique, nor an **obfuscation** technique:
  - Shellcode is the last thing the **exploitation** and/or **detection** should care about.
  - Obfuscation is not an elegant technique to apply to an **exploitation**.
- POP technique can be applied to work with Rapid7 Metasploit Framework, CORE Impact Pro, Immunity CANVAS Professional, and regular stand-alone **proof-of-concepts (freestyle Coding)**.
- POP technique 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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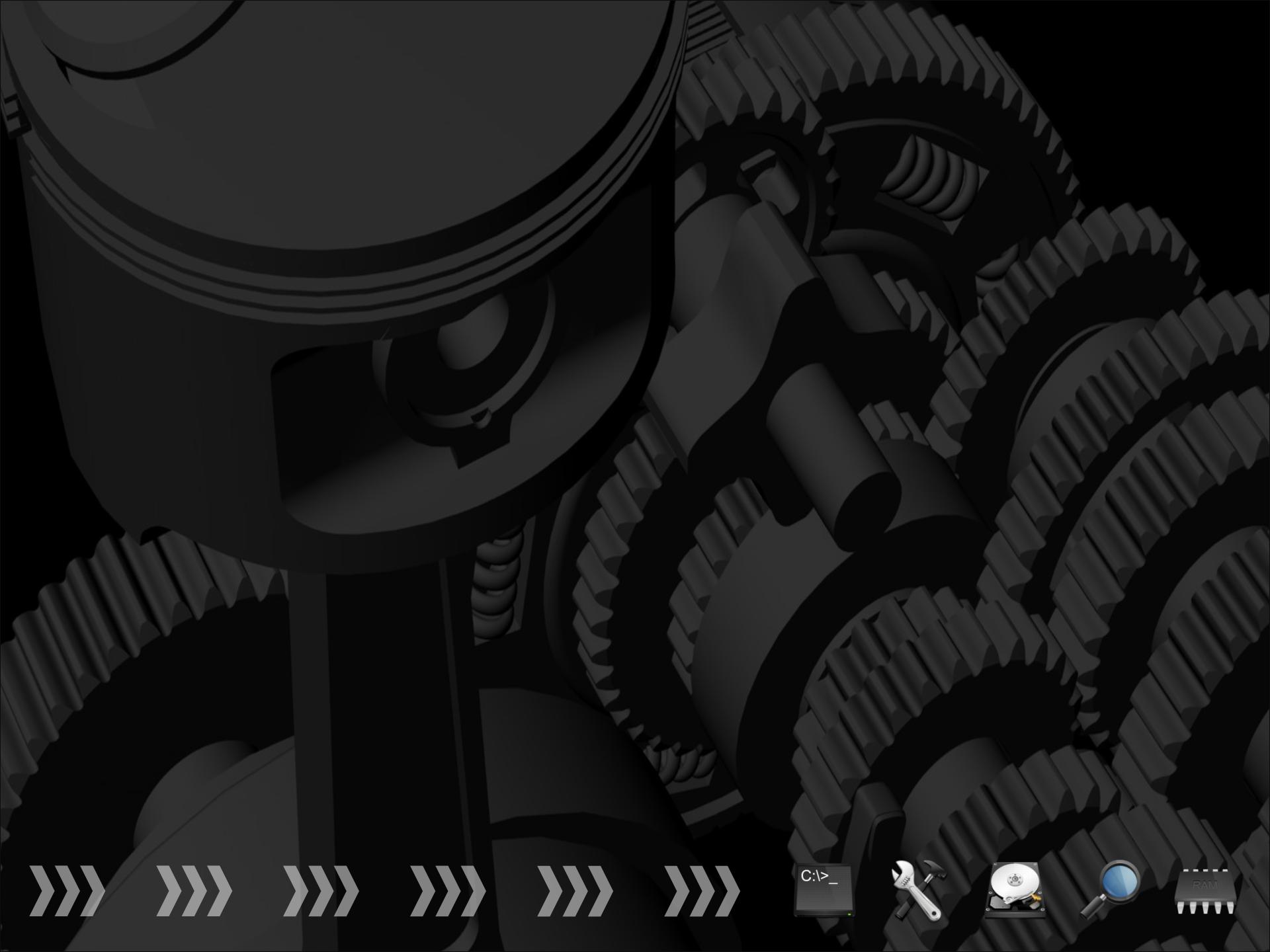
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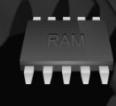
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DATAFLD

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CElement::GetAAdatSrc

```
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CRecordInstance::AddBinding

```
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CImplPtrAry::Append

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XML Data Source Object #01

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XML Data Source Object #01

```
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DATAfld

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XML Data Source Object #01

CElement::GetADataFld

```
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DATAfld

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XML Data Source Object #01

CElement::GetAAdatasrc

```
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XML Data Source Object #01

CRecordInstance::CRecordInstance

```
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XML Data Source Object #01

CCurrentRecordConsumer::Bind

```
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XML Data Source Object #01

CCurrentRecordInstance::GetCurrentRecordInstance

```
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XML Data Source Object #01

CXfer::CreateBinding

```
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XML Data Source Object #01

CElement::GetADataFld

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#xoaoa;4#xoaoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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DATAsrc

DATAfld

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(Binding Agent)

XML Data Source Object #01

CElement::GetAAdatasrc

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#xoaoa;4#xoaoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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DATAsrc

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XML Data Source Object #01

CRecordInstance::AddBinding

```
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XML Data Source Object #01

CImplPtrArry::Append

```
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DATAsrc

DATAfld

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XML Data Source Object #01

XML Data Source Object #02

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#xoaoa;4#xoaoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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Data Consumer #01

DATAsrc

DATAfld

Data Consumer #02

DATAsrc

DATAfld

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(Binding Agent)

CRecordInstance::TransferToDestination

XML Data Source Object #02

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#xoaoa;4#xoaoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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```



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DATAfld

Data Consumer #02

DATAsrc

DATAfld

Microsoft® HTML Viewer – MSHTML.DLL  
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oaoaoaoa.oonooboorooiootoooooo.oonooeoot

XML Data Source Object #02

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#xoaoa;4#xoaoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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DATAFLD

Data Consumer #02

DATA\$RC

DATAFLD

Microsoft® HTML Viewer – MSHTML.DLL  
(Binding Agent)

CXfer::TransferFromSrc

XML Data Source Object #02

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#xoaoa;4#xoaoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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Data Consumer #02

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DATAfld

Microsoft® HTML Viewer – MSHTML.DLL  
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oaoaoaoa.oonooboorooiootoooooo.oonooeoot

XML Data Source Object #02

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#xoaoa;4#xoaoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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DATAsrc

DATAfld

Data Consumer #02

DATAsrc

DATAfld

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(Binding Agent)

CRecordInstance::RemoveBinding

XML Data Source Object #02

```
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DATAfld

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DATAsrc

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(Binding Agent)

\_MemFree

XML Data Source Object #02

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DATAsrc

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(Binding Agent)

HeapFree

XML Data Source Object #02

```
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RtlFreeHeap

XML Data Source Object #02

```
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RtlpLowFragHeapFree

XML Data Source Object #02

```
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(Binding Agent)

CImplAry::Delete

XML Data Source Object #02

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(Binding Agent)

CRecordInstance::Detach

XML Data Source Object #02

```
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XML Data Source Object #02

```
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CXfer::TransferFromSrc

XML Data Source Object #02

```
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XML Data Source Object #02

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Data Consumer #02

oxoaoaoaoa

DATAFLD

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oaoaoaoa.oonooboorooiootooooo.oonooeoot

XML Data Source Object #02

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#x0aoa;4#x0aoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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oaoaoaoa.oonooboorooiootooooo.oonooeoot

XML Data Source Object #02

shellcode  
(sprayed into the heap)

```
<XML ID=1><X><C><![CDATA[<IMG SRC=http://4#x0aoa;4#x0aoa;.nbrito.net>]]></C></X></XML>
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XML Data Source Object #02

shellcode  
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DATAFLD

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shellcode

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DATAFLD

eax

ecx

shellcode

(sprayed into the heap)

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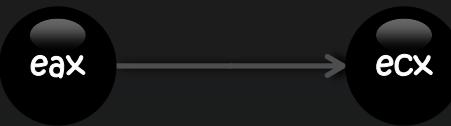
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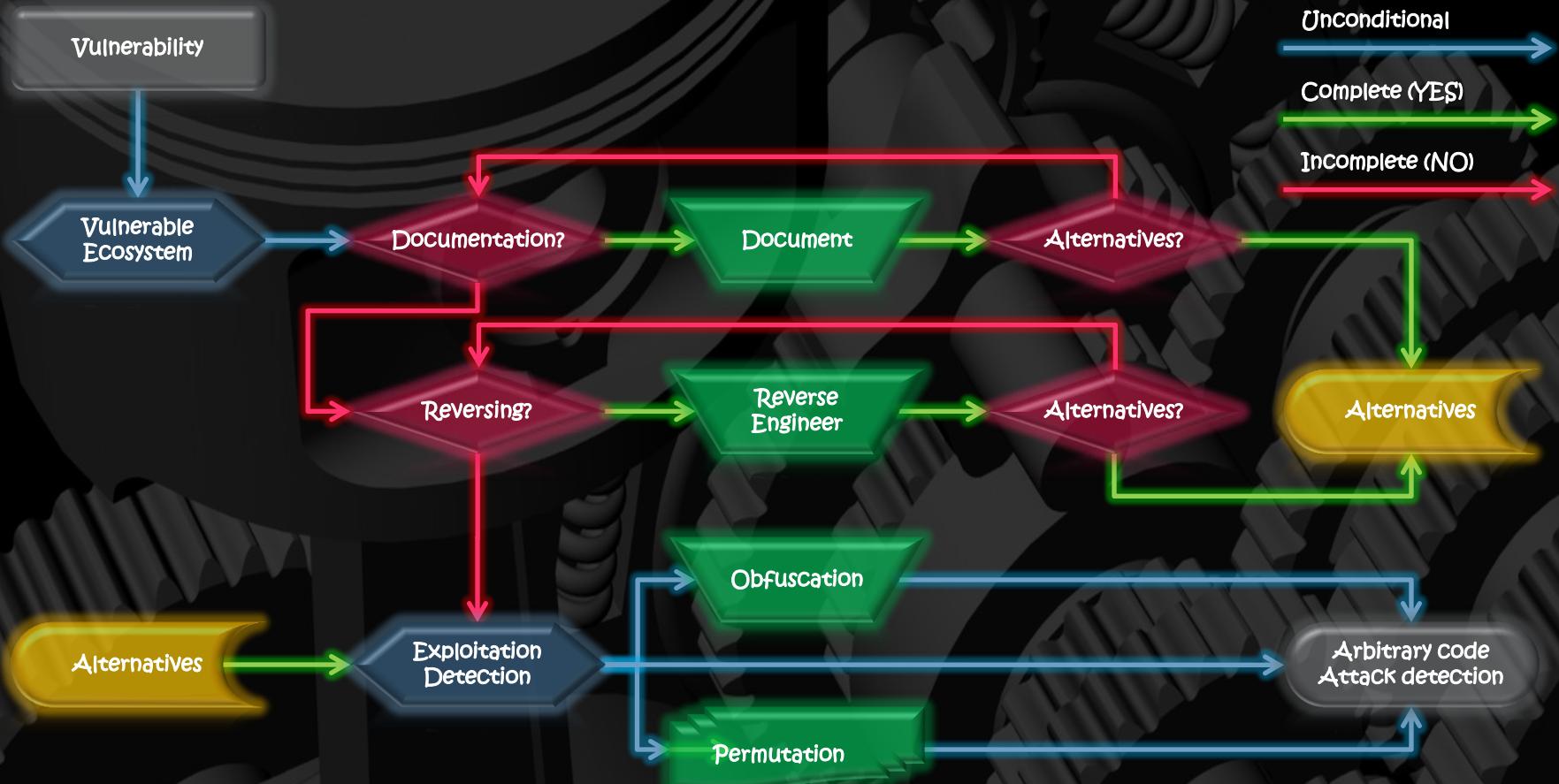
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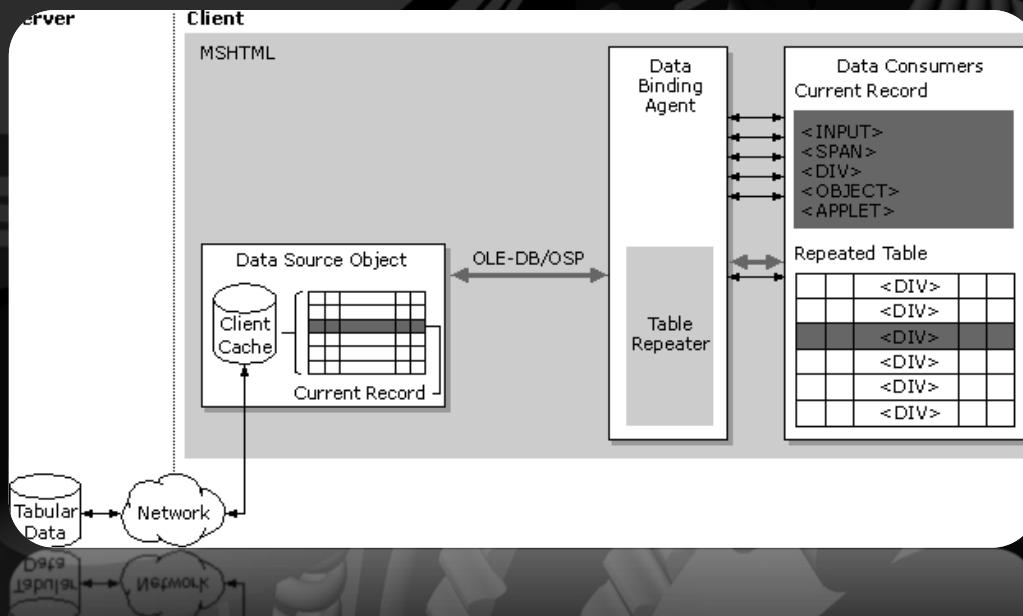


# POPed MS02-039

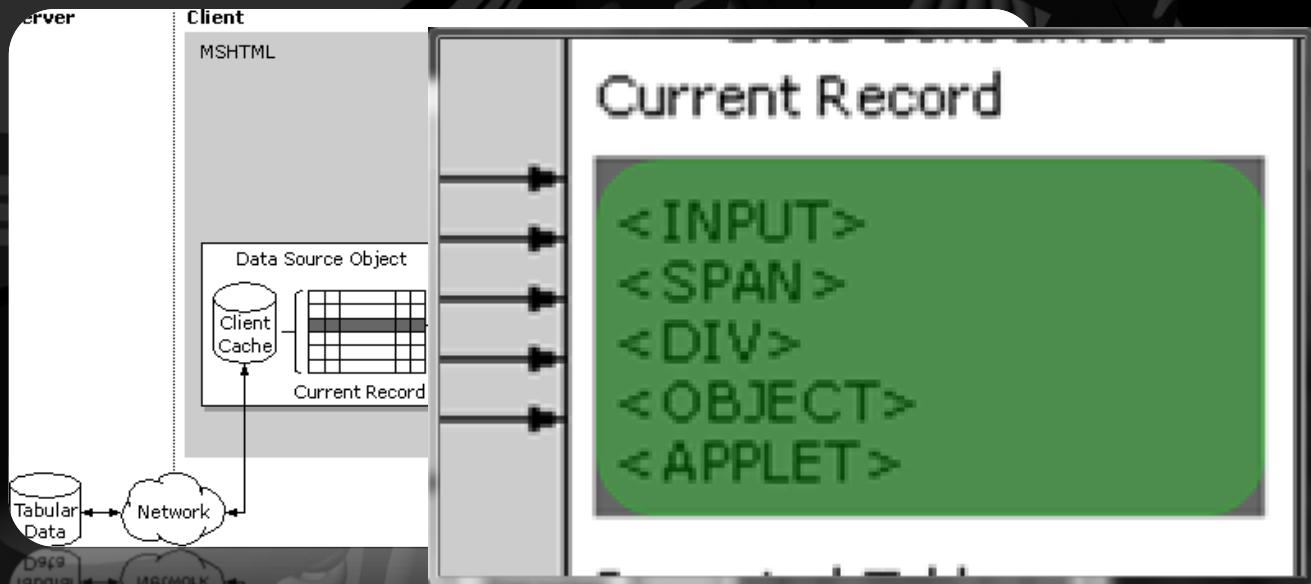
- SQL Request:
  - CLNT\_UCAST\_INST (0x04).
- SQL INSTANCENAME:
  - ASCII hexa values from 0x01 to 0xff, except:  
0x0a, 0x0d, , 0x2f, 0x3a and 0x5c.
  - 24,000 permutations.
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  - Uses the “jump to register” technique, in this case the **ESP** register.
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  - 4 permutations.
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- 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.
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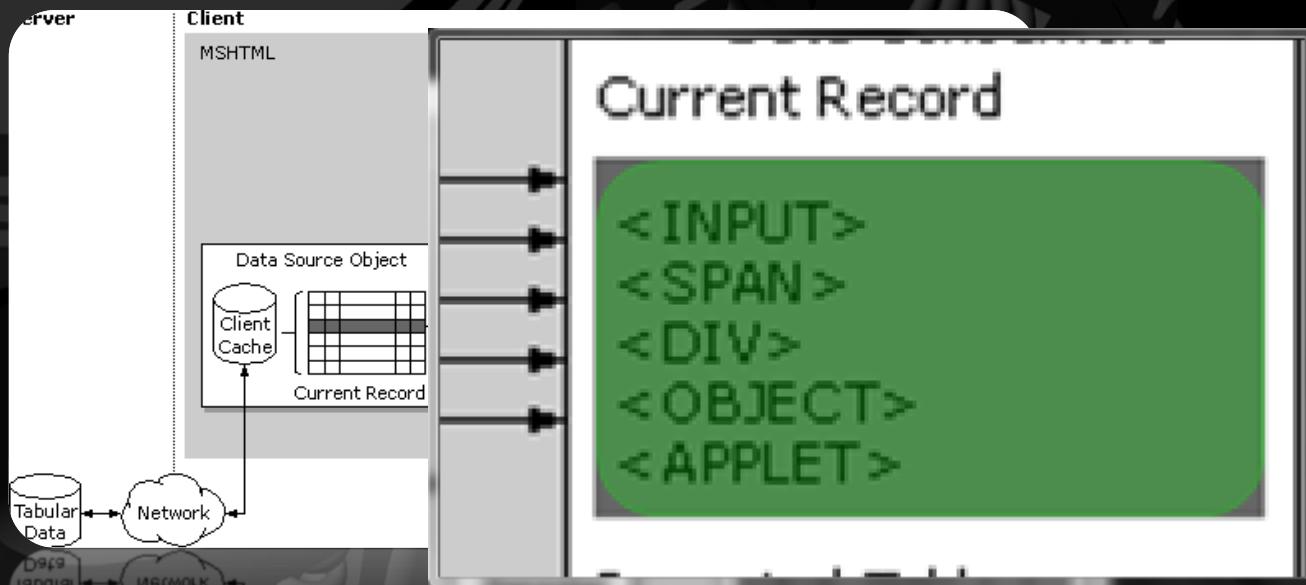
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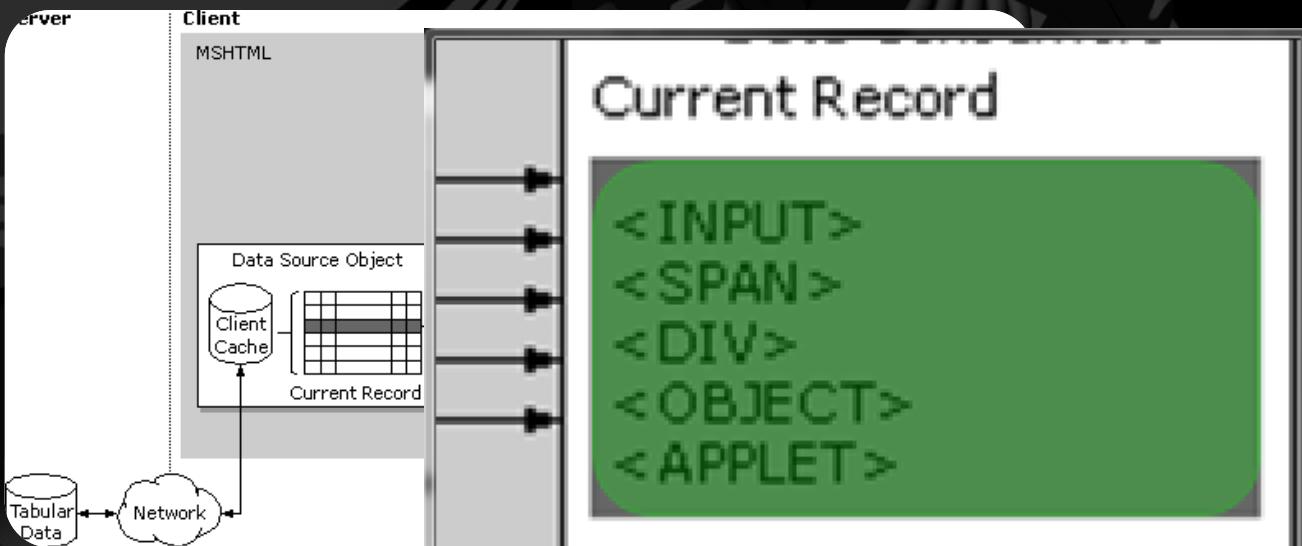


CVE-2008-4844

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- Workarounds for Pointer Reference Memory Corruption Vulnerability - CVE-2008-4844
  - Disable XML Island functionality
    - Create a backup copy of the registry keys by using the following command from an elevated command prompt:  
...  
• Next, save the following to a file with a .REG extension, such as Disable\_XML\_Island.reg:  
Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00  
[-HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\CLSID\{379E501F-B231-11D1-ADC1-00805FC752D8}]  
• Run Disable\_XML\_Island.reg with the following command from an elevated command prompt:  
Regedit.exe /s Disable\_XML\_Island.reg

550DDA30-0541-11D2-9CA9-0060B0EC3D39 (XML Data Source Object 1.0)  
F5078F1F-C551-11D3-89B9-0000F81FE221 (XML Data Source Object 2.6)  
F5078F39-C551-11D3-89B9-0000F81FE221 (XML Data Source Object 3.0)  
F6D90F14-9C73-11D3-B32E-00C04F990BB4 (XML Data Source Object 3.0)  
333C7BC4-460F-11D0-BC04-0080C7055A83 (Tabular Data Control)



0100 - Demonstration  
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"Go for it!"  
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Demonstration

# DEMONSTRATION

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# 0101 - Conclusions

“Are you ready for the rumble?”  
“Are you ready for the rumble?”

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# Conclusions

- Some examples, applying **POP** technique, will be available. For further details, please refer to:
  - <http://about.me/nbrito>
- **POP** examples are licensed under **GNU General Public License version 2**.
- The examples cover pretty old vulnerabilities, such as:
  - **M\$02-039**: 3,328 days since published.
  - **M\$02-056**: 3,258 days since published.
  - **M\$08-078**: 990 days since published.
  - **M\$09-002**: 935 days since published.
- **POP** is also not new:
  - **Encore-NG**: 1,077 days since **BUGTRAQ** and **FULL-DISCLOSURE**.
  - **ENG<sup>++</sup>**: 643 days since **H2HC 6<sup>th</sup> Edition**.

- The **POP** technique 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 infrastructure, security solutions and development approach.
- **POP** technique can be freely applied, there are no restrictions... No other than laziness.
- **POP** technique can help different people, performing different tasks, such as:
  - Penetration-testing.
  - Exploit and proof-of-concept tools development.
  - Security solutions evaluation and tests.
  - Security solution Quality -Assurance .
  - Detection and protection mechanisms development.
  - Etc...



# 0110 - Testimonial

Thanks to Ruben Santamaría (a.k.a. @reversemode)



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# Ruben Santamarta

*“After reversing the patch (for a flaw I published) it turns out that they didn't fix the flaw but instead they were ‘workarounding’ my public exploit by adding a check to the RPC handling routines.*

*This check looks for a hardcoded string that should be present, at a fixed offset, in every RPC request.*

*Obviously, since it is a hardcoded string, you can exploit this flaw again just by adding that string to your RPC request...*

*What's the real problem? Their product is flawed at design level. It's not a patch but an IPS signature... :)*



# 0111 - Questions & Answers

0111 - Questions & Answers

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Any questions?

