A 3-Years Tale of Hacking a Pwn2Own Target

The Attacks, Vendor Evolution, and Lesson Learned





About This Talk

- Side story while doing Vulnerability Research
 - 1. Not just about how to reverse, how to exploit or 0day show-off
 - 2. More focused on thoughts, attempts and self-introspections while researching the target
- Push myself to sort out my workspace...

```
orange@work:~$ ls -hv sonos* | merge -to talk.pptx
```

sonos-2020:

```
dump_key.py
a.out
                                                   test.c
                                      parse.py
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a.tgz
                          gpl/
                                      parse2.py
                                                   test.pcap
           exp.py
                          log.txt
crash.py
                                      run.sh
                                                   test.txt
           exp-v2.py
           extract/
                          log2.txt
data
                                      run2.sh
                                                   test.xml
                          note.txt
data2/
           ff
                                      tcpdump
                                                   test2.py
data3/
           file.crt
                                      smb.py
                          out/
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debug.txt
           file2.crt
                          out.bin
                                                   tmp.txt
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```

sonos-2021:

dump/ trigger.py note.txt x .

sonos-2022:

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- Specialize in Web and Application Vulnerability Research
 - Principal Security Researcher of DEVCORE
 - Speaker at Numerous Top Hacker Conferences
- Selected Awards and Honors:
 - 2022 Champion and "Master of Pwn" of Pwn2Own
 - 2021 Winner of Pwnie Awards "Best Server-Side Bug"
 - 2021 Champion and "Master of Pwn" of Pwn2Own
 - 2019 Winner of Pwnie Awards "Best Server-Side Bug"
 - 2018 1st place of Top 10 Web Hacking Techniques
 - 2017 1st place of Top 10 Web Hacking Techniques

Before the Journey

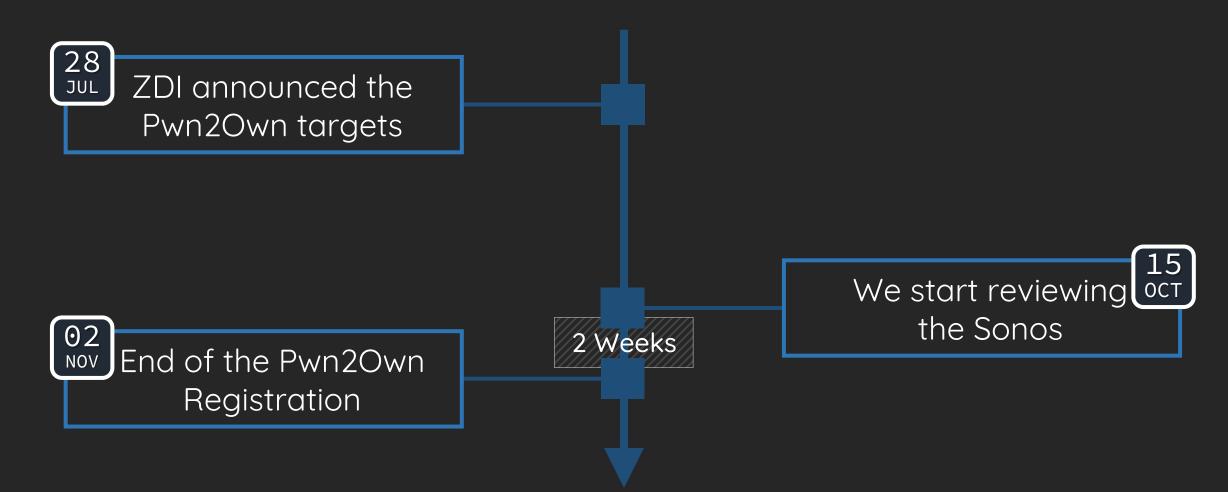
- We are more focusing on the application security. As for low-level views, you can check:
 - Hardware Attacks:
 - Dumping the Sonos One Smart Speaker by @_p0ly_
 - Gaining root access on Sonos Play Speakers by @Nicocha30
 - Trust-Zone Attacks:
 - Smart Speaker Shenanigans by @bl4sty

Why I am Targeting Sonos?

- 1. Would like to try something different
- 2. High rewards and no one has pwned it before

Name	Target	Award	Pwned
Pwn2Own Tokyo 2020	Sonos One Speaker	40,000 USD	0
Pwn2Own Austin 2021	Sonos One Speaker	60,000 USD	2
Pwn2Own Toronto 2022	Sonos One Speaker	60,000 USD	3
Pwn2Own Toronto 2023	Sonos Era 100	60,000 USD	?

Pwn2Own Tokyo 2020



2020 - Our First Year

- We don't have any physical device :(
- Our attempts:
 - X Fuzzing all web inputs
 - X Searching for firmwares
 - X Exploiting the Firmware OTA

Web Interface of Sonos

- Most of the info was collected through fuzzing and the Internet
 - Web pages: mainly for showing status and debugging
 - /status

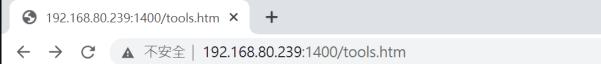
3. /devmode

/tools.htm

- /unlock
- UPnP: Contains hundreds of SOAP actions
 - AVTransport.play(...)

- 3. AVTransport.AddURIToQueue(...)
- 2. AlarmClock.CreateAlarm(...) 4. RenderingControl.SetVolume(...)





Tools for debugging network issues

Ping

- Most of the
 - Debug pa
 - 1. /statu
 - 2. /tools
 - UPnP: AP
 - 1. AVTr
 - 2. Alarm

Ping6

Traceroute

Traceroute6

Nslookup

mDNS Announce

the Internet

&IToQueue(...)



1.2.3.4; sleep 5 | \$(sleep 5) & `sleep 5`

It's not very
effective...

SoCo: Sonos Controller

```
from soco import SoCo
zone = SoCo('192.168.12.34')
zone.volume += 10
zone.play_uri('http://t.co/music.mp3')
zone.get_current_track_info()['title']
```



BeginSoftwareUpdate?

```
from soco import SoCo
zone = SoCo('192.168.12.34')
zone.zoneGroupTopology.BeginSoftwareUpdate(()
    ['UpdateURL', 'https://<my-server>/'],
    ['Flags', 1],
    ['ExtraOptions', '']
```

```
orange@work:~$ sudo ncat -lp 80
```

```
GET /?cmaj=71&cmin=1&cbld=... HTTP/1.1
```

Host: 10.26.0.34

User-Agent: Wget

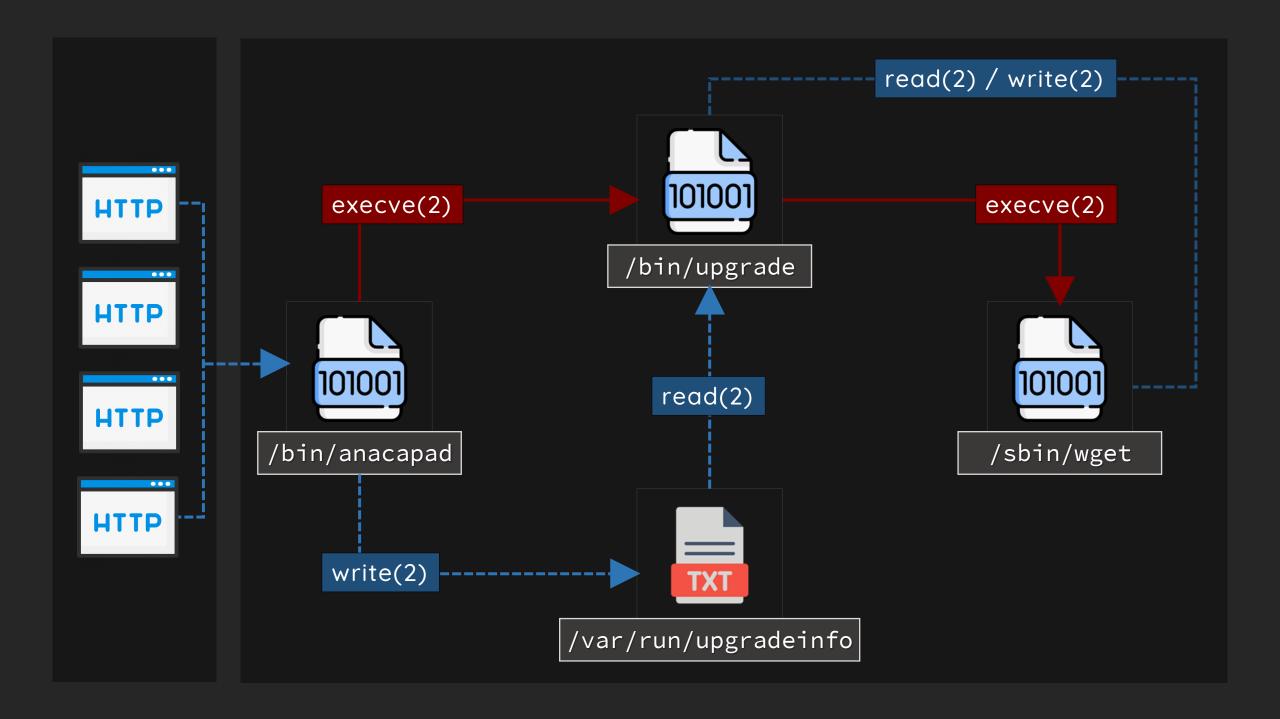
Connection: close



Collecting Firmwares

- Few firmwares are available on the Internet
 - Newer firmwares are not binwalk-able :(
 - Brute-forcing download URLs (but we failed)
 - The newest and binwalk-able firmware version is 45.1-56150, which is released on 2018-08-15

```
http://update-firmware.sonos.com/firmware/Prod/57.16-41110-v11.9-wzhipjet-GA-1/^57.16-41110
```



Attacking Firmware OTA

- Our attempts:
 - X SSRF!
 - L Can't locate a good local service to exploit :(
 - X Wget (bundled in BusyBox) CVEs / Vulnerabilities
 - X Firmware encapsulating attacks
 - L Backdooring Signed with an RSA key stored in the Secure Storage
 - L Downgrading- Protected with a SHA-256 Crypt hash
 - **?** Firmware parser

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Exploiting Firmware Parser

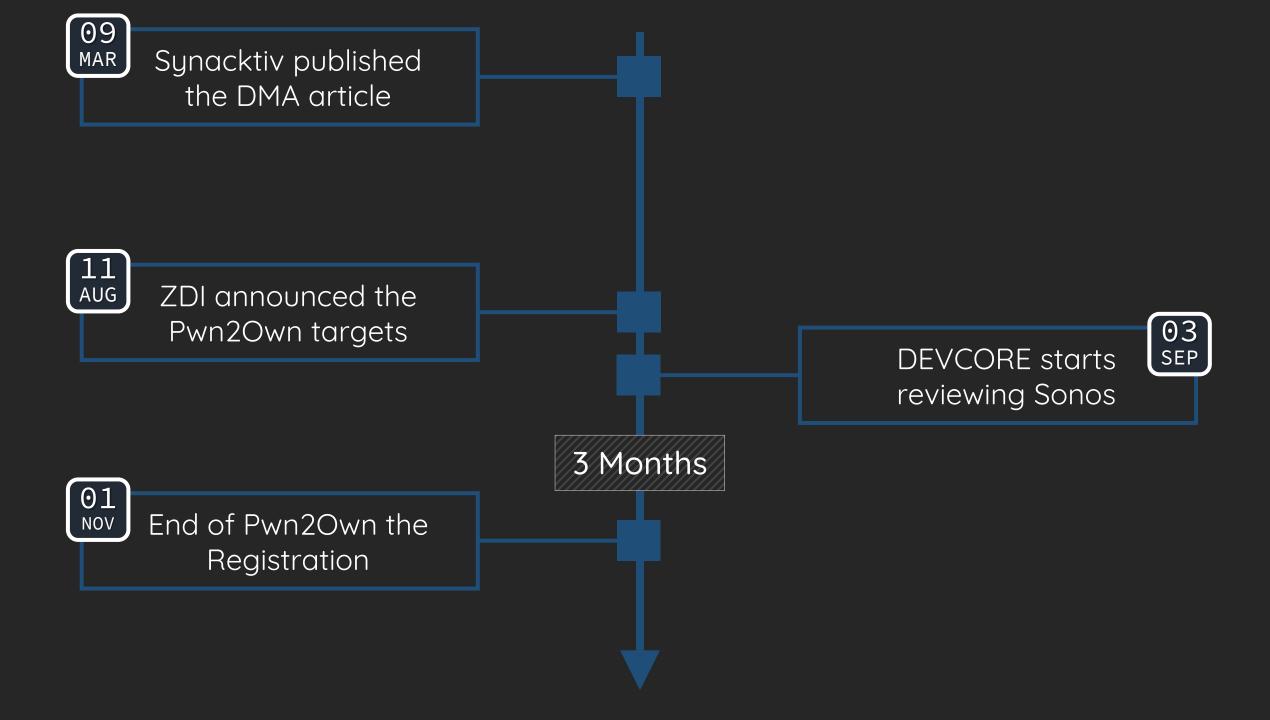
- Just like traditional CTF challenge
 - L Standalone binary parsing customized formats...
- Buffer Overflow never die... 😉
 - L The exploit works on my local QEMU environment but failed with the latest firmware
 - L Adjust the offsets/gadgets blindly until the competition end :(

Summarize Our First Year

- 1. Got an exploit which works on old firmware (2018 ver.)
- 2. Self-reflections:
 - L Fine, it's fair given the two-weeks time frame
 - L My reverse skill is still too slow, especially in C++:(

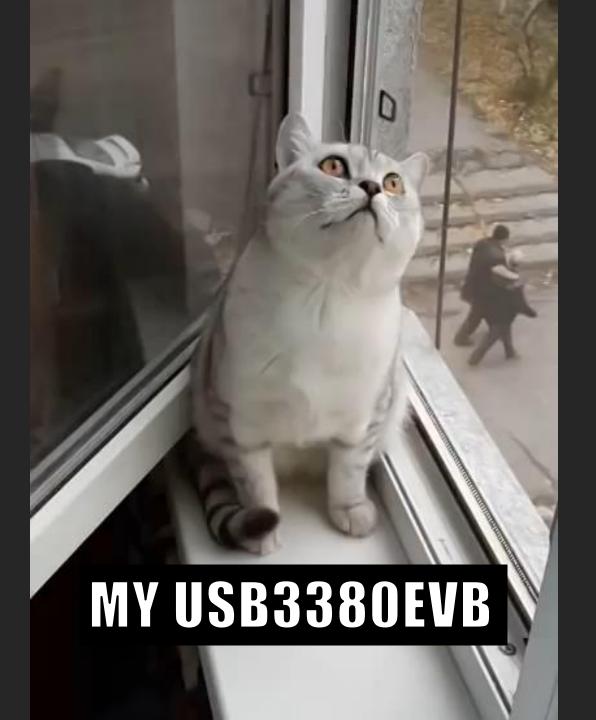
Pwn2Own Austin 2021

- Why are you targeting Sonos again?
 - L I dislike the feeling of defeat
 - L Synacktiv published a detailed article for dumping Sonos memory by DMA attack
 - L Can learn a new skill and understand last year's failure. WAKU WAKU!



Dumping the Firmware

- Hardware: Purchased the USB3380 Evaluation Board
 - L Mostly sold out, but luckily one of the reseller is based in Taiwan
 - L Got within 24 hours
- Software: Perform the DMA Attack by @ufrisk/PCILeech
 - L Stuck for an entire week



"The USB interface of the USB3380 is however disabled by default and the device would need to be flashed before it's enabled"

Struggling with USB3380EVB

- Flashing USB3380EVB:
 - L Hard to find mini PCIe to Micro USB adaptor
 - L Personal Computer only has PCIe x1, x4, x8, and x16 slots
 - L Modern Laptop only has M.2 slots
- Mini PCIe was only used in laptops during the 2010s
 - L Borrowed a Lenovo ThinkPad T430s from my friend



Removing Wireless WIFI Card to Flash EVB

BIOS Mini PCIe Whitelist...



1802: Unauthorized network card is plugged in - Power off and remove the network card (8086/7360/0000/0000).

System is halted

Mini PCI-E Whitelist.....

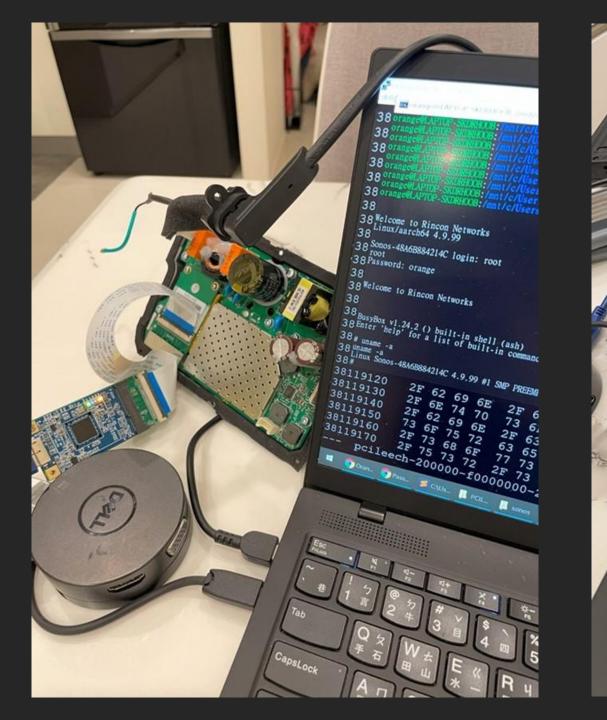
Bypass BIOS whitelist check

L Downgrade the BIOS

L Jailbreak the BIOS

L Flash the custom BIOS image







2021 - Our Second Year

- No-Brainer attempts:
 - X Reviewed all web debug routes implementations
 - \times Reviewed all system(3) / exec*(3) calls
 - X Reviewed all recv(3) / recvfrom(3) / recvmsg(3) on network services
 - X Reviewed all unsafe string operations
 - L Still overlooked an information leak (my fault <a>\bigsiz), which played an important role during the third year's competition

2021 - Our Second Year

- Use the brain to think:
 - 1. Sonos supports lots of audio formats
 - 2. Audio parser are all based on open-source projects
 - L Fuzzing seems promising, but I prefer discovering bugs with my own eyes
 - 3. Extracting music metadata (such as song title/album/author) could present a more attractive attack surface 😕
 - L Because all the metadata parsers are handcrafted

2021 - My First Bug

```
size t read_size = 1;
my_tsclient_read(ctx, &dlen, &read_size, timeval);
dlen = (unsigned __int8) dlen;
if (dlen) {
    my_tsclient_read(ctx, &buffer, &dlen, timeval);
```

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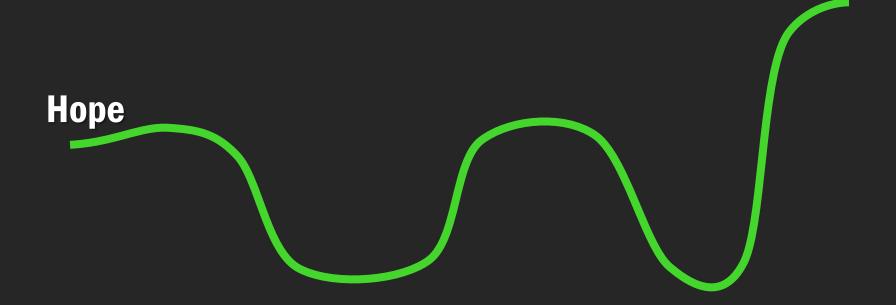
2021 - My First Bug

```
size_t read_size = 1;
                                           timeval);
my_tsclient_r
               MOV
                         X0, $ctx
                         SP, SP, $dlen
               SUB
dlen = (unsig
               MOV
                        X1, SP
               MOV
                         X2, SP
if (dlen) {
                         X3, $timeval
               MOV
    my_tsclient_read(ctx, &buffer, &dlen, timeval);
```

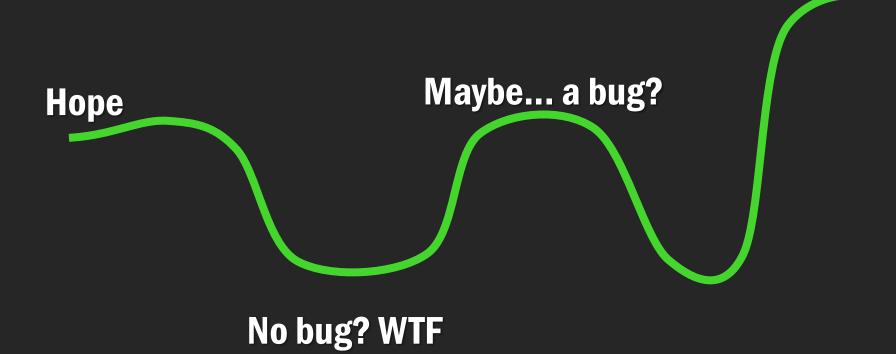
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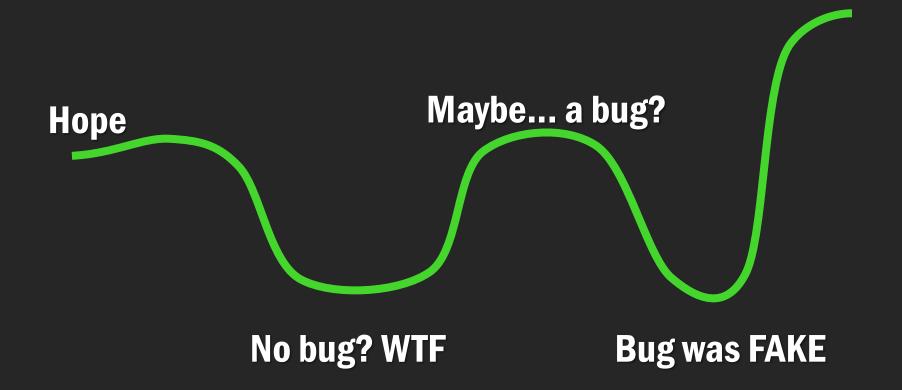
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size_t read_size = 1;
my_tsclient_read(ctx, &dlen, &read_size, timeval);
dlen = (unsigned __int8) dlen;
if (dlen) {
    char *buffer = alloca(dlen);
    my_tsclient_read(ctx, &buffer, &dlen, timeval);
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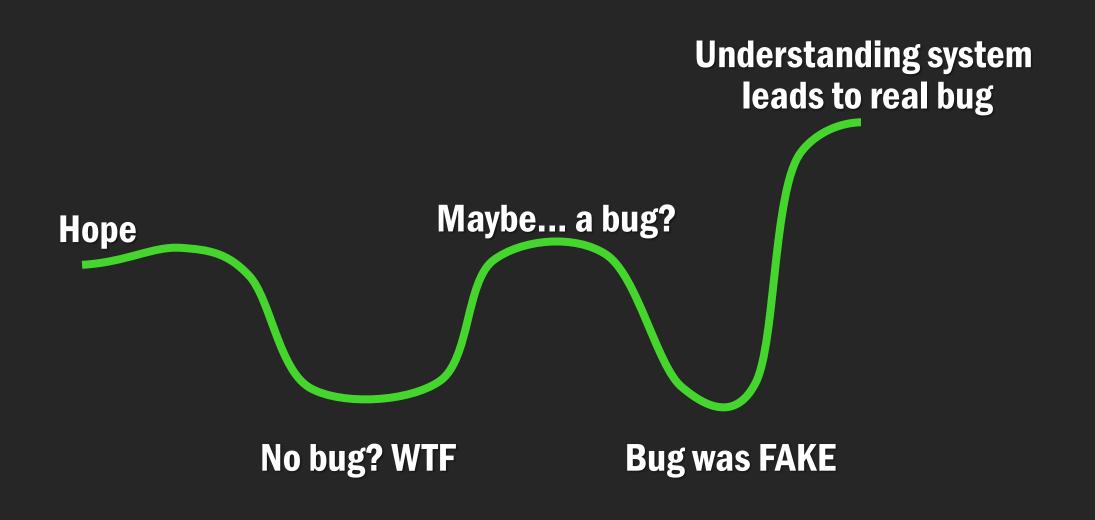
2021 - My First Fake Bug











2021 - My Real Bug

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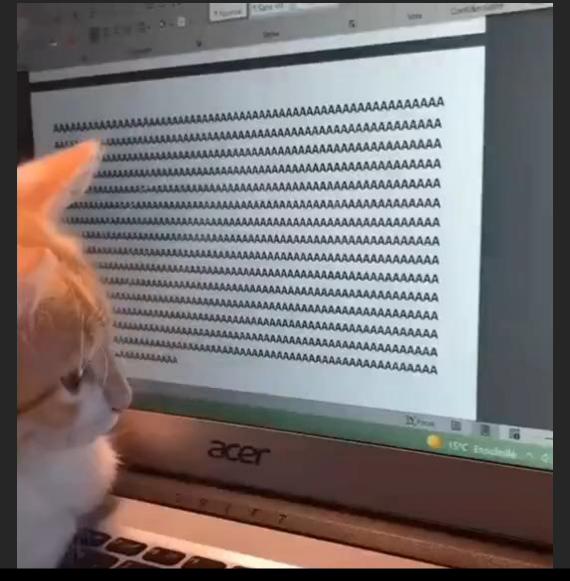
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frame name				frame size				frame flags	
frame data									

2021 - My Real Bug

- A bug triggered while parsing a malformed ID3v2 tag
 - L An ID3v2 tag consists of multiple frames such as TPE1/COMM
 - L Integer Underflow due to the calculation of `sizeof(string) 1`

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	"ID3"		03	00	BF	00 00 1234			
"TPE1"				00 00 00				03 03	
"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA									

```
size_t string_len = frame->size - 1; // underflow
if (obj->unsynchronised_flag) {
    if (string_len > obj->id3_size) goto fail;
    ret = obj->mp3_read(obj, buffer, string_len);
} else {
    while (obj->id3_size && string_len) {
        if (!obj->mp3_read(obj, buffer, 1))
            goto fail;
        *buffer++;
        obj->id3_size--; string_len--;
```



WHEN YOUR CAT IS PLAYING OVERFLOW



2021 - My Real Bug

Replaced the GOT of `strcasecmp` to `system` to execute commands

L Really Easy!

```
Arch: aarch64-64-little
RELRO: Partial RELRO
Stack: No canary found
NX: NX enabled
PIE: No PIE (0x400000)
FORTIFY: Enabled
```

Summarize Our Second Year

- A good attack surface achieves twice results with half the effort
- 2. Self-reflections:
 - L Spent too much time blindly trying on the wrong path :(
 - L Perhaps I should give fuzzing a try?
 - L Always read the manual carefully...

Pwn2Own Toronto 2022

- Why are you targeting Sonos again and again?
 - Low cost, high return! This year must be the same 😌
 - L 2020: 2 weeks black-boxing
 - L 2021: 1 week for hardware + 2 weeks for reversing/exploiting = 60K USD

Pwn20wn Toronto 2022

 Before the competition, I am chatting with @FidgetingBits at HITCON CMT 2022:

@FidgetingBits: "Sonos has already enabled all binary protections"

@orange_8361: "??????"

Arch: aarch64-64-little

RELRO: Full RELRO

Stack: Canary found

NX: NX enabled

PIE: PIE enabled

FORTIFY: Enabled

WTF?

2022 - Our Third Year

Continue to explore our last year's good attack surface

2022 - Our Third Year

• Arbitrary size alloca(3) while parsing MP4 FTYP box

```
bool mp4_parse_ftyp(void *ctx, void *s, size_t box_size)
 if ( box_size > 7 ) {
    rsize = s->read_mp4(stream, tmp, 8);
    if ( rsize == 8 ) {
      box_size = box_size - 8;
      char *buffer = alloca(box_size);
      rsize = s->read_mp4(stream, buffer, box_size);
```

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Unused

Local Variable

Return Address

Local Variable

Return Address

Current Stack Frame

Caller's Stack Frame

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AAAAAA Unused size_t rzie char tmp[8] **Stack Canary** Return Address Local Variable

Return Address

Stack Pointer

Current Stack Frame

Caller's Stack Frame

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Guard Page Thread Stack Other Thread Stack Guard Page Thread Stack Guard Page **Current Thread Stack** Thread Stack Guard Page

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- Turned this arbitrary size alloca(3) into a Stack Clash bug
 - L How to convert this Stack Clash into Read/Write primitives
- Overcame lots of exploitation obstacles:
 - L Unstable memory layout
 - L The write primitive has side effects...
 - L Determining the right moment to overwrite while all other threads continually spin

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Tools for debugging network issues

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Ping

Traceroute

Traceroute6

Nslookup

mDNS Announce



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Exploiting the Stack Clash Stably

- The `/nslookup` is implemented by calling gethostbyname_r(3)
 - L We run a customized DNS server and delay the response
 - L This allows us to control the timing of the write!
 - Leak the stack pointer to bypass PIE & ASLR
 - Write the return address to control the PC

Completed All Tasks on 9/19



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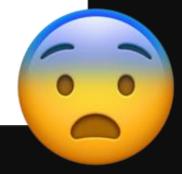
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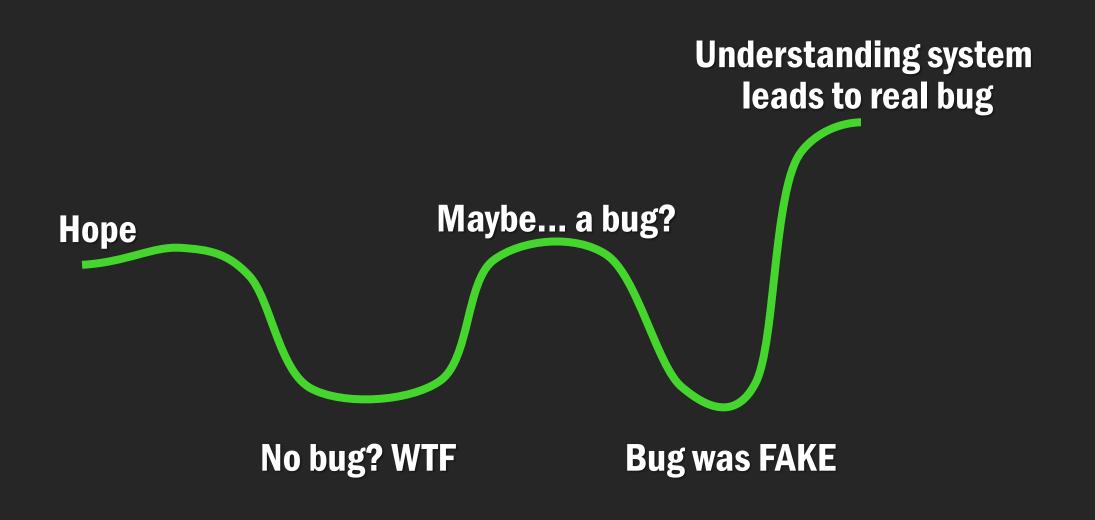
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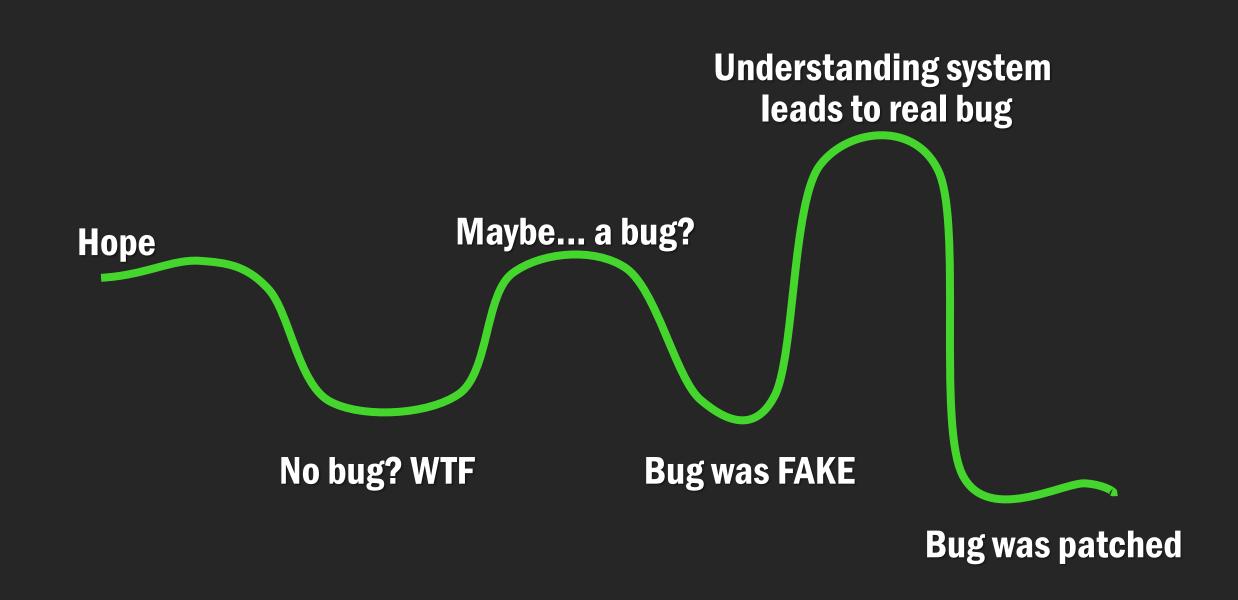
In this update:

 When connected to WiFi, Roam and Roam SL stereo pairs can now play stereo audio from Bluetooth sources. These stereo pairs will no longer separate when switching to Bluetooth mode.

• Bug fixes and performance enhancements.







2022 - Our Third Year

- Continue to explore our last year's good attack surface
- Have to discover new attack surfaces:
 - L The product integration part with Open-Source sounds good!

Insecure Callbacks

- XML Parser libexpat
 - L Assume it's safe because it's used worldwide
 - But is its usage also?

```
void start(void *userData, char *tag_name, char **attrs) {
   if (!strcmp(tag_name, "block")) {
       userData->block_index += 1;
        if (userData->block index > 10)
            return;
       else
            userData->blocks[block_index] = (Block *)malloc(0x4070);
   } else if (!strcmp(tag_name, "param")) {
        block = userData->blocks[userData->block_index];
        strlcpy(block->names[userData->param_count], name, name_len);
        strlcpy(block->values[userData->param_count], val, val_len);
void end(void *userData, char *tag_name) {
   // handle close tag...
```

Insecure Callbacks

```
<root>
    <blook>
        <param AAA="BBB">F00</param>
        <param CCC="DDD">BAR</param>
    </block>
    <block>
        <param EEE="FFF">BAZ</param>
    </block>
</root>
```

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```

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- 1. Arbitrary size alloca(3) leads to Stack Clash (silent fixed)
 - Transform to Read/Write primitive by delaying the DNS response
- 2. Insecure callback leads to OOB-Write
 - L Payloads can't consist of any non UTF-8 characters due to the XML spec
 - L Have to bypass PIE/ASLR/Stack-Cookie first

```
soapaction = get_header(request, "soapaction");
useragent = get_header(request, "user-agent");
size = __snprintf_chk(buffer, 4096, 1, 4096,
        "POST %s HTTP/1.1\r\n"
        "CONNECTION: close\r\n"
        "HOST: %s:%d\r\n"
        "USER-AGENT: %s\r\n"
        "CONTENT-LENGTH: %zu\r\n"
        "CONTENT-TYPE: text/xml; charset=\"utf-8\"\r\n"
        "SOAPACTION: %s\r\n"
        "\r\n",
        path,
        host,
        port,
        useragent,
        body_size,
        soapaction);
str.data = buffer;
str.size = size;
send_request(&client, &str, 1, NULL, NULL, ...)
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Chained All Together Around 10/18



SONOS



14.18

Release date: 10/18/2022

In this update:

• Bug fixes and performance enhancements, including a fix for an audio quality issue that reduced Sub output for Arc, Beam, or Ray when paired with a Sub or Sub Mini while Trueplay was enabled.

System requirements

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RCrashdumpUploader?

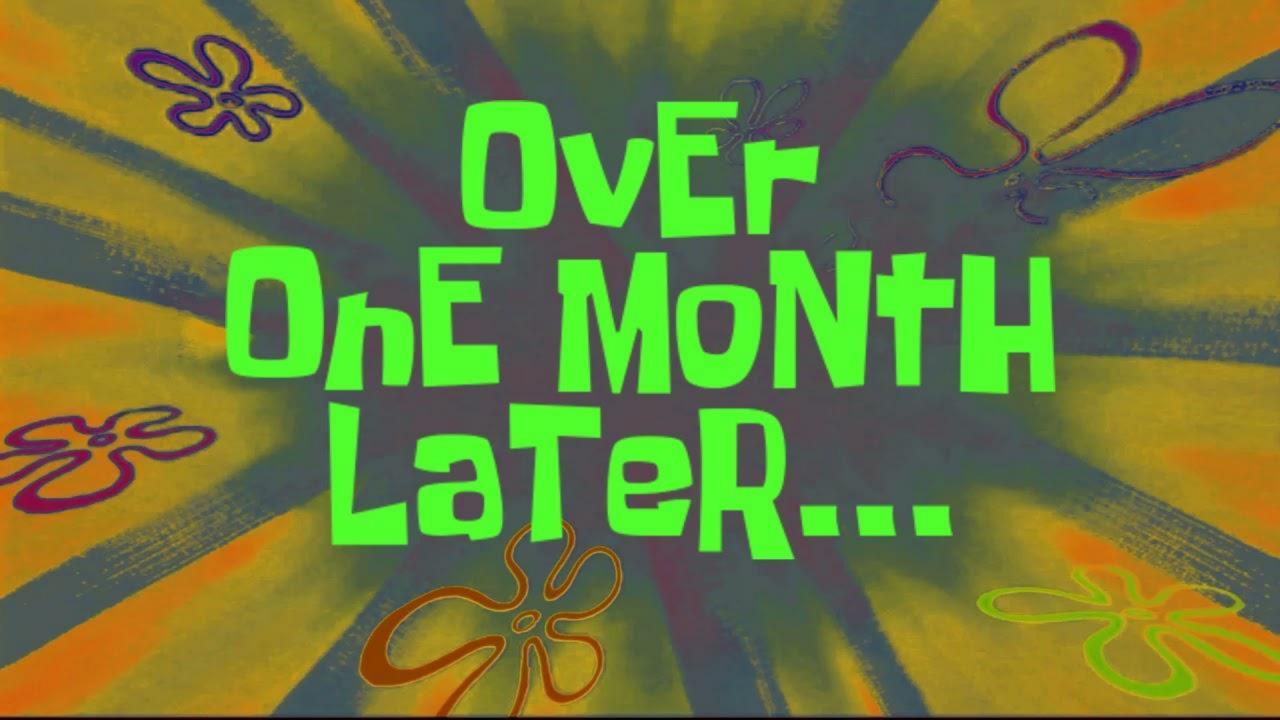
- We have been aware since 2020
 - 1. POST to `crash-upload.ws.sonos.com` every 5 minutes
 - 2. Did the Sonos review the crashdump?

 - L But that's the most reasonable explanation at that time



• Accept it, we still have time (~1.5 months)... (Sigh)





RUN OUT OF ALL IDEAS...



Unsuccessful Attempts

- Audio Codec:
 - L Fuzz OSS libraries
 - Review the integration parts
- SOAP Implementations:
 - L Review SOAP Parser
 - L Review all SOAP actions
 - □ Review the deserialization process
 - L Review URL clients (HTTP/CIFS/WS/SSDP/RTSP/...)

- Server/Service:

 - L SNTP/mDNS/UPnP/... services
 - L Communication between services
 - L ..



Review Bugs We Have So Far

- 1. What's the root cause?
- 2. Why it happened during the development process?
- 3. How to discover the variant?

2021 - My First Fake Bug

```
size t read_size = 1;
my_tsclient_read(ctx, &dlen, &read_size, timeval);
dlen = (unsigned __int8) dlen;
if (dlen) {
    char *buffer = alloca(dlen);
    my_tsclient_read(ctx, &buffer, &dlen, timeval);
```

After the Patch of October 2022

```
size_t read_size = 1;
my_tsclient_read(ctx, &dlen, &read_size, timeval);
dlen = (unsigned __int8) dlen;
if (dlen) {
    char buffer[184] = \{0\};
    my_tsclient_read(ctx, &buffer, &dlen, timeval);
```





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Summarize Our Third Year

- 1. Glad that I didn't give up until the last moment
- 2. Self-reflections:
 - L Coverage should be more comprehensive, such as:
 - Lifetime-style bugs / my overlooked unsafe string operation bug last year
 - L Didn't review the `libsmb2` because the name "SMB" scared me
 - L All other teams are targeting it
 - L Remember to cut off the Internet (set-up a good LAB environment)

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 - L Reversing day and night for 3 months

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- 2. On the right path is even more important
 - L A good idea or good attack surface

Chose a Good Attack Surface

• Bugs:

- 1. Size-checking error in firmware parser leads to Stack Overflow
- 2. Integer Underflow in MP3-ID3v2 tag parser leads to Stack Overflow
- 3. Arbitrary size `alloca(3)` in MP4-Box parser leads to Stack Clash
- 4. Insecure 'libexpat' callback leads to OOB-Write
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Persist! Persist! Persist!

Until You found the right path



Celeste - "Games for Impact" of The Game Awards 2018



Thanks!





