A Bug Hunter's Perspective on Linux Drivers



A walk through the land of I/O Control

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- I. Introduction
- II. Device Drivers
 - I/O Control
 - Talking to a driver
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 - Discovery & Debugging
 - II. Tooling
- IV. Conclusion

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 - RE patches

What I won't teach you

- Comprehensive driver fundamentals
 - You need lots of time and a few different books
- How to become a driver security expert
 - Only a few of them around– djrbliss, spender, j00ru, etc
- Probably how to earn a living from these bugs
 - It's OK to do research you enjoy, not just for \$\$\$

What I hope to teach you

- What you "need to know" to get started
 - Determining attack surface
 - Finding and reviewing IOCTL handlers
 - Some primitive fuzzing techniques
- Knowledge applicable to *nix device drivers
 - Some of which translates to other OSes
- Take you from knowing nothing to something

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Device drivers

- Plug-in for the OS
 - Code that simply talks to a device
 - Commonly physical or virtual devices
 - Lives in kernel or user space
 - Natively or through abstraction layers
 - eg. wrappers or libraries

Frameworks

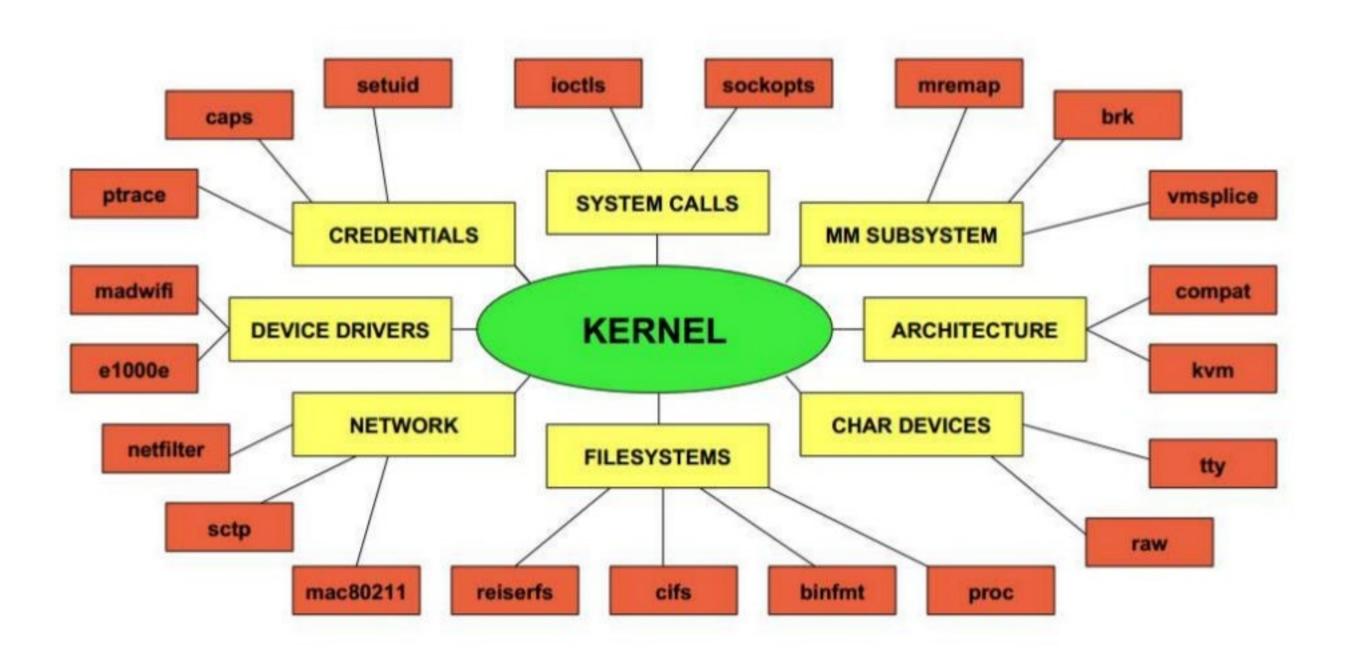
- Traditional Drivers
 - Live in kernel space, eg. HID.ko
 - Cons are kernel panics, debugging & overhead
- Userspace Drivers
 - Live in user space, eg. native frameworks like UIO
 - Interesting con it can't register interrupt handler
 - Must either poll or use some other driver (kernel)
 - Pro is that network libraries are mature

Where are these drivers?

- Ismod shows you which ones are loaded
 - Parses /proc/modules

```
Module
                     Size Used by
                    12549 1
xt CHECKSUM
ipt MASQUERADE 12678 3
nf nat masquerade ipv4 13203 1 ipt MASQUERADE
                    27106 1
nf conntrack netbios ns 12665 0
nf conntrack broadcast 12527 1 nf conntrack netbios ns
ip6t rpfilter 12546 1
ip6t_REJECT 12625 2
nf reject_ipv6
                13301 1 ip6t_REJECT
xt conntrack
                   12760 32
ebtable nat
ebtable broute
                    12731 0
                   108443 1 ebtable broute
bridge
stp
                   12868 1 bridge
11c
                    13941 2 stp,bridge
ebtable filter
                    12827 0
ebtables
                    30758 3 ebtable broute, ebtable nat, ebtable filter
```

Linux Kernel Attack Surface



Credit: Jon Oberheide, SOURCE Boston 2010, "Linux Kernel Exploitation"
Reference: https://jon.oberheide.org/files/source10-linuxkernel-jonoberheide.pdf

- Common way to operate a device other than simply read/write
 - "We need a way to format floppies and war dial!"
- Implemented by a special type of system call
 - Most *nix use ioctl()
 - On Windows it's DeviceIoControl()

- What do kernel devs say about I/O Control?
 - "The ioctl() system call has long been out of favor among the kernel developers, who see it as a completely uncontrolled entry point into the kernel[...]"

Continued

 "Given the vast number of applications which expect ioctl() to be present, however, it will not go away anytime soon"



A worthy target

- Drivers provide kernel entry points
 - Find bugs in drivers, execute codes in kernel mode
- Various Impacts
 - Privilege escalation
 - Info Leaks
 - Sandbox escapes

Previous Work

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<u>Debian -- Security Information -- DSA-2769-1 kfreebsd-9</u>

Debian Security Advisory DSA-2769-1 kfreebsd-9 — privilege escalation/denial of service Date Reported: 08 Oct 2013 Affected Package FreeBSD kernel that may lead to a denial of service or privilege escalation. The Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures project identifie 94% relevant, matching: ioctl

Debian -- Security Information -- DSA-2389-1 linux-2.6

Debian Security Advisory DSA-2389-1 linux-2.6 -- privilege escalation/denial of service/information leak Date Reported: 15 Jan 2012 At 4110, CVE-2011-4127, CVE-2011-4611, CVE-2011-4622, CVE-2011-4914. More information: Several vulnerabilities have been discovered and several vulnerabilities of the second second several vulnerabilities.

Debian -- Security Information -- DSA-2126-1 linux-2.6

Debian Security Advisory DSA-2126-1 linux-2.6 — privilege escalation/denial of service/information leak Date Reported: 26 Nov 2010 A 3432, CVE-2010-3437, CVE-2010-3442, CVE-2010-3448, CVE-2010-3477, CVE-2010-3705, CVE-2010-3848, CVE-2010-3849, CVE-83% relevant, matching: ioct/

Previous Work

Date *	D	A	٧	Title
2014-05-26	4	*	0	Linux kernel 3.14-rc1 <= 3.15-rc4 - Raw Mode PTY Local Echo Race Condition (x64) Local
2014-02-11	4	-	0	Linux Kernel - Local Root Exploit (ARM)
2011-09-05		2	V	Linux Kernel < 2.6.36.2 - Econet Privilege Escalation Exploit
2011-09-01	-	7	0	Linux Kernel 'perf_count_sw_cpu_clock' event Denial of Service
2011-03-14	0	-	0	Linux <= 2.6.37-rc1 serial_core TIOCGICOUNT Leak Exploit
2011-01-10	-	-	0	Linux Kernel - Solaris < 5.10 138888-01 - Local Root Exploit
2011-01-08		-	0	Linux Kernel < 2.6.34 - CAP_SYS_ADMIN x86 & x64 - Local Privilege Escalation Exploit (2)
2011-01-05		-	V	Linux Kernel 2.6.34 - CAP_SYS_ADMIN x86 - Local Privilege Escalation Exploit
2010-12-07	8	-	V	Linux Kernel <= 2.6.37 - Local Privilege Escalation
2010-10-28	-	4	V	Linux Kernel - VIDIOCSMICROCODE IOCTL Local Memory Overwrite Vulnerability
2010-09-29	0	-	4	Linux Kernel < 2.6.36-rc6 pktcdvd Kernel Memory Disclosure
2010-08-27		-	4	Linux Kernel < 2.6.36-rc1 CAN BCM - Privilege Escalation Exploit

Android Privilege Escalation

Recent blog detailing CVE-2014-4323

The "mdp" driver is extremely complex, supporting a wide range of commands; from IOCTLs, to memory mapping the device, etc.

```
static struct fb_ops mdss_fb_ops = {
    .owner = THIS_MODULE,
    .fb_open2 = mdss_fb_open,
    .fb_release2 = mdss_fb_release,
    .fb_check_var = mdss_fb_check_var, /* vinfo check */
    .fb_set_par = mdss_fb_set_par, /* set the video mode */
    .fb_blank = mdss_fb_blank, /* blank display */
    .fb_pan_display = mdss_fb_pan_display, /* pan display */
    .fb_ioctl = mdss_fb_ioctl, /* perform fb specific ioctl */
    .fb_mmap = mdss_fb_fbmem_ion_mmap,
};
```

This means we need a good strategy for mapping out the weak spots within the driver. Skimming over the code, going by the sheer amount of IOCTL commands supported (at least twenty different commands), it seems as though looking at the IOCTL commands in depth might be a lucrative venture.

Funnily, though, there was no need to go too deeply, since the second IOCTL command turned out to be vulnerable:)

Android Privilege Escalation

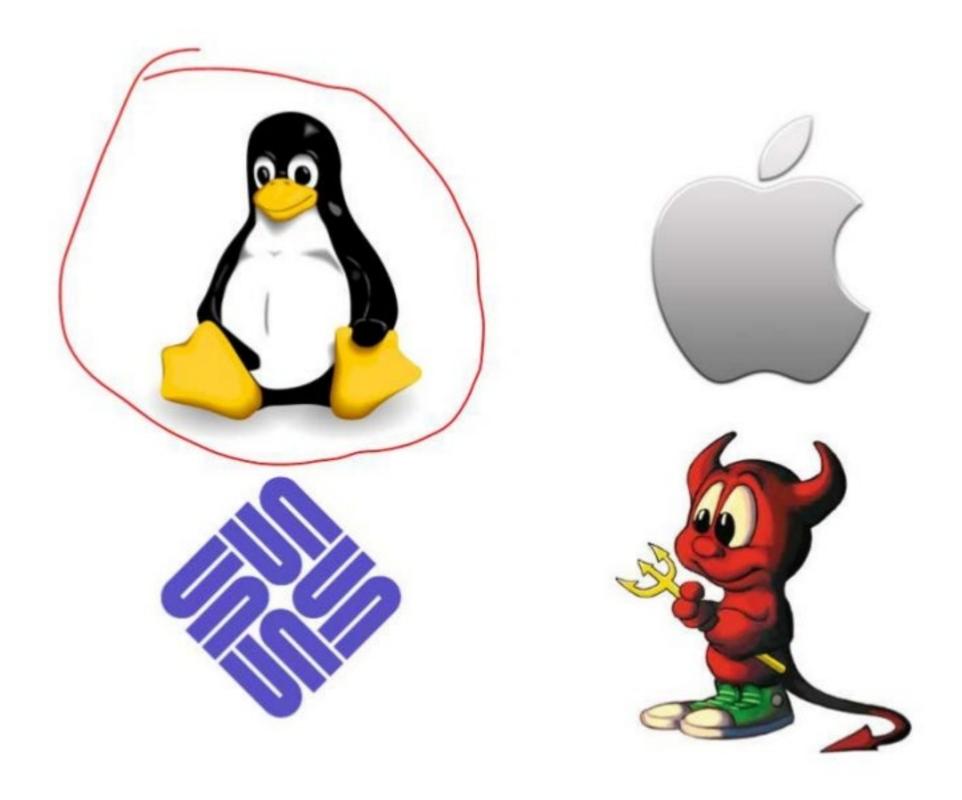
Vulnerabilities in the Samsung S4

One year ago, we found some security issues in the Samsung S4 (GT-I9500) version I9500XXUEMK8. After several emails with the Samsung security team, these issues are still unpatched. This blog post details these issues and provides a potential patch. The affected driver is the samsung_extdisp and CVEs assigned are:

- 1 Kernel memory disclosure (CVE-2015-1800)
- 4 Kernel memory corruption (CVE-2015-1801)

memcpy() doesn't check user/kernel access!

Time to Learn



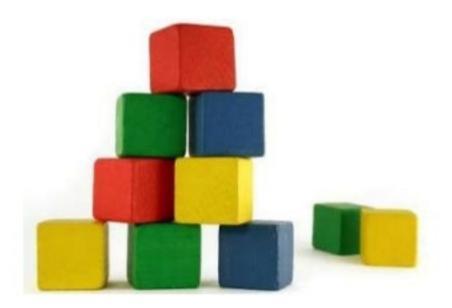
Device types

- Char
 - Character Device
 - Think of it as a "stream of bytes"
 - Mapped to file system nodes, eg. /dev/XXXXX
- Char device vs regular file
 - Sequential and arbitrary access, respectively



Device types

- Block
 - Usually hosts a filesystem
 - Also accessible by filesystem nodes
 - But through a different interface than char devices

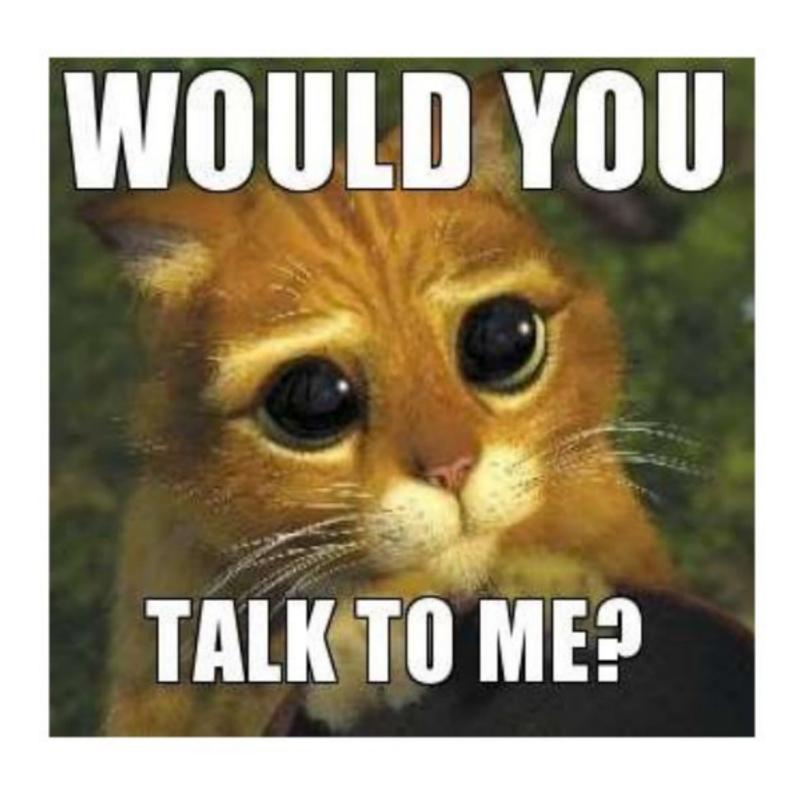


Device types

- Network
 - Device that exchanges data with hosts
 - Eg. Loopback, eth0
 - No traditional read/write
 - Special packet transmission functions are called



Talking to a driver



Example driver.c

```
#ifndef QUERY_IOCTL_H
#define QUERY IOCTL H
#include ux/ioctl.h>
typedef struct
    int status, dignity, ego;
} query_arg_t;
#define QUERY_GET_VARIABLES _IOR('q', 1, query_arg_t *)
#define QUERY_CLR_VARIABLES _IO('q', 2)
#define QUERY_SET_VARIABLES_IOW('q', 3, query_arg t *)
#endif
```

Example driver.c

```
switch (cmd)
   case QUERY_GET_VARIABLES:
       q.status = status;
        q.dignity = dignity;
       q.ego = ego;
        if (copy_to_user((query_arg_t *)arg, &q, sizeof(query_arg_t)))
           return -EACCES;
        break;
   case QUERY_CLR_VARIABLES:
        status = 0;
        dignity = 0;
        ego = 0;
       break:
   case QUERY_SET_VARIABLES:
        if (copy_from_user(&q, (query_arg_t *)arg, sizeof(query_arg_t)))
            return -EACCES;
        status = q.status;
        dignity = q.dignity;
        ego = q.ego;
       break;
    default:
       return -EINVAL;
```

copy_to_user()

- Does some overflow checks and then calls
 - _copy_to_user()

access_ok ensures userspace pointer is valid

copy_from_user()

Calls <u>copy_from_user()</u>

- Same idea, but checks what the user specified for from instead of to
- Also VERIFY_READ instead of VERIFY_WRITE

Example client.c

```
char *file_name = "/dev/query";
int fd;
enum
   e get,
   e_clr,
   e_set
} option;
                                                 fd = open(file_name, O_RDWR);
                                                 if (fd == -1)
                                                      perror("query_apps open");
                                                      return 2;
                                                 switch (option)
                                                      case e_get:
                                                          get_vars(fd);
                                                          break;
                                                      case e_clr:
                                                          clr_vars(fd);
                                                          break;
```

Example client.c

```
void get_vars(int fd)
{
    query_arg_t q;
    if (ioctl(fd, QUERY_GET_VARIABLES, &q) == -1)
        perror("query_apps ioctl get");
    else
        printf("Status : %d\n", q.status);
        printf("Dignity: %d\n", q.dignity);
        printf("Ego : %d\n", q.ego);
void clr_vars(int fd)
{
    if (ioctl(fd, QUERY_CLR_VARIABLES) == -1)
```

ioctl()

```
#include <sys/ioctl.h>
int ioctl(int fd, unsigned long request, ...);
```

- 1st arg
 - an opened file descriptor for the device
- 2nd arg
 - control code, specific to each operation
- 3rd arg (optional)
 - Buffer to send or receive data

IOCTL Macros

- IO
 - No data transfer
- IOR
 - Read by kernel, write to user
- IOW
 - Read from user, write by kernel
- IORW
 - Bi-directional data transfer

IOCTL Macros

- Four bitfields
 - Type (magic number)
 - Number
 - Direction
 - Size

This table lists ioctls visible from user land for Linux/x86. It contains most drivers up to 2.6.31, but I know I am missing some. There has been no attempt to list non-X86 architectures or ioctls from drivers/staging/.

Code	Seq# (hex)	Include File	Comments				
0x00	00-1F	linux/fs.h conflict!					
0x00	00-1F	scsi/scsi ioctl.h	conflict!				
0x00	00-1F	linux/fb.h	conflict!				
0x00	00-1F	linux/wavefront.h conflict!					
0x02	all	linux/fd.h					
0x03	all	linux/hdreg.h					
0x04	D2-DC	linux/umsdos fs.h	Dead since 2.6.11, but don't reuse these.				
0x06	all	linux/lp.h					
0x09	all	linux/raid/md u.h					
0x10	00-0F	drivers/char/s390/vmcp.h					
0x10	10-1F	arch/s390/include/uapi/sclp ctl.h					
0x10	20-2F	arch/s390/include/uapi/asm/hypfs.h					
0x12	all	linux/fs.h					
		linux/blkpg.h					
0x1b	all	InfiniBand Subsystem	<pre><http: infiniband.sourceforge.net=""></http:></pre>				
0x20	all	drivers/cdrom/cm206.h					
0x22	all	scsi/sg.h					
* # *	00-3F	IEEE 1394 Subsystem	Block for the entire subsystem				

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Determining Access

- /dev/random is open to everyone
- ppp though, not so much

```
Jul 18
                                         09:36 null
                             1,
           1 root root
crw-rw-rw-
                             1, 12 Jul 18 09:36 oldmem
         1 root root
crw-r---T 1 root kmem
                             1, 4 Jul 18 09:36 port
crw----T 1 root root
                           108,
                                 0 Jul 18 09:36 ppp
        - 1 root root 10, 1 Jul 18 09:36 psaux
crw-rw-rw- 1 root root
                             5,
                                 2 Jul 24 14:22 ptmx
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
                                  0 Jul 18 09:36
                                  8 Jul 18 09:36 random
crw-rw-rw- 1 root root
                             1,
                                 59 Jul 18 09:36 rfkill
                            10,
crw-rw-r-T+ 1 root root
```

Capabilities

- Intended to split root into different privileges
 - No more all-or-nothing
- ~40 different caps can be applied to binaries
 - Eg. Want to sniff packets with Wireshark?
 - setcap CAP_NET_RAW+ep /usr/bin/dumpcap

Finding IOCTLs

VirtualBox's SUPDrvIOC.h

```
/** Fast path IOCtl: VMMR0_DO_RAW_RUN */
#define SUP_IOCTL_FAST_DO_RAW_RUN SUP_CTL_CODE_FAST(64)
/** Fast path IOCtl: VMMR0_DO_HM_RUN */
#define SUP_IOCTL_FAST_DO_HM_RUN SUP_CTL_CODE_FAST(65)
/** Just a NOP call for profiling the latency of a fast ioctl call to VMMR0. */
#define SUP_IOCTL_FAST_DO_NOP SUP_CTL_CODE_FAST(66)
```

Finding the IOCTL Handler

VirtualBox's SUPDrv-linux.c

ioctl() vs unlocked_ioctl()

- unlocked_ioctl() was added to kernel 2.6.11
 - IOCTLs no longer use the old BKL (Big Kernel Lock)
 - One less parameter (inode)
 - Not important for bug hunting, but now you know

compat_ioctl()

- Handles 32-bit processes calling ioctl() on 64bit platforms
- Added in same kernel as unlocked_ioctl()

Identify buffer types

VirtualBox's SUPDrv-linux.c

Identify buffer types

Vbox's SUPDrvIOC.h

```
* Common In/Out header.
typedef struct SUPREQHDR
   /** Cookie. */
   uint32 t
                  u32Cookie;
   /** Session cookie. */
    uint32 t u32SessionCookie;
   /** The size of the input. */
                  cbIn;
    uint32 t
    /** The size of the output. */
    uint32 t
                  cbOut;
    /** Flags. See SUPREQHDR_FLAGS_* for details and values. */
                  fFlags;
    uint32 t
    /** The VBox status code of the operation, out direction only. */
    int32 t
                   rc;
} SUPREQHDR;
/** Pointer to a IOC header. */
typedef SUPREQHDR *PSUPREQHDR;
```



- Host
 - Mac OS X (Yosemite)
 - VMware Fusion
- Guest
 - Ubuntu 14.04 (x86)

- Configure the host
 - Copy the ISO, create a new VM, install guest OS
 - Edit the VMX config
 - (right-click and show package contents on Mac)
 - Add this line to the end of the file

debugStub.listen.guest32 = 1

Boot up guest VM

Configure the guest

```
codename=$(lsb_release -c | awk '{print $2}')
sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ddebs.list << EOF
deb http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ ${codename} main restricted univer
se multiverse
deb http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ ${codename}-security main restrict
ed universe multiverse
deb http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ ${codename}-updates main restricte
d universe multiverse
deb http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ ${codename}-proposed main restrict
ed universe multiverse
EOF
sudo apt-key adv --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-keys
ECDCAD72428D7C01
sudo apt-get install linux-image-`uname -r`-dbgsym
```

- Configure the guest
 - Copy the debug kernel to the host
 - /usr/lib/debug/boot/vmlinux-<kernel version>-generic

GDB

```
wget http://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/gdb/gdb-7.8.tar.gz

tar xf gdb-7.8.tar.gz

cd gdb-7.8

./configure --build=x86_64-apple-darwin14.0.0 --target=x86_64-v
fs-linux --with-python && make
make install
```

GDB

```
(gdb) target remote :8832

Remote debugging using :8832

(gdb) symbol-file vmlinux-<kernel version>-generic

Reading symbols... done
```

```
^C
Program received signal SIGINT, Interrupt.
0xc1147b1c in copy_page (from=<optimized out>, to=0xfffb9000)
    at /build/buildd/linux-3.13.0/arch/x86/include/asm/page 32.
h:47
47
      /build/buildd/linux-3.13.0/arch/x86/include/asm/page_32.h
: No such file or directory.
(gdb) i r
               0xfffb9000
                             -290816
eax
               0x400
                        1024
ecx
               0x1000
                        4096
edx
               0x1e8
                        488
ebx
               0xedb4be48
                             0xedb4be48
esp
               0xedb4be68
                             0xedb4be68
ebp.
               0xecbe8000
                             -323059712
esi
               0xfffb9000
                             -290816
edi
                             0xc1147b1c <copy user huge page+76
               0xc1147b1c
eip
                           [ PF ZF IF RF ID ]
eflags
               0x210246
               0x60
                       96
CS
               0x68
                       104
55
               0x7b
                      123
ds
               0x7b
                       123
es
fs
               0xd8
                       216
                       224
               0xe0
gs
(gdb) c
Continuing.
```

- Intentionally trigger a kernel panic
 - echo c > /proc/sysrq-trigger



port·man·teau

/ pôrt man(t)ō/

noun

a large trunk or suitcase, typically made of stiff leather and opening into two equal parts.

consisting of or combining two or more separable aspects or qualities.



- Experimental *nix tooling
 - Runs on Linux, but easily ported to other unix
- Highlights
 - Static code-based discovery and import of IOCTLs
 - SQLite database support
 - Generational fuzzing
 - Auto-generates PoCs

```
[Portmanteau] v1.0
General>
[-D device] - Set device path
                Eg. -D /dev/net/tun
[-N n]

    Set number of iterations

                Eg. -N 100000
              - Start a fuzzing run (typed-based random generation)
[-z]
Database>
[-i file]
           - Import IOCTL definitions from a single file
                Eg. -i /path/to/driver ioctls.h
[-a signature] - Add a new device signature to the database (manual)
                Eg. -L -a "/dev/net/nsa:SNIFF ENTIRE INTERNET:0xdeadb33f:unsigned int"
[-d signature] - Delete a device signature from the database
                Eg. -d "/dev/net/boring:IOCTL EAT CAKE"
```

Driver Signatures			
device_name	ioctl_name	ioctl_macro	ioctl_buftype
/dev/net/tun	TUNSETNOCSUM	IOW(T, 200, int)	unsignedshort
/dev/net/tun	TUNSETDEBUG	IOW(T,201,int)	unsignedshort
/dev/net/tun	TUNSETIFF	IOW(T, 202, int)	unsignedshort
/dev/net/tun	TUNSETPERSIST	IOW(T, 203, int)	unsignedshort
/dev/net/tun	TUNSETOWNER	_IOW(T,204,int)	unsignedshort

- Will make it available after the talk
 - Ping me if you'd like it sooner

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Conclusion

- Drivers are a growing area for vuln research
 - Kernel code is becoming a more attractive target
 - Impact grows larger per app dependencies
- Fundamentals and tooling can help
- There's going to be bugs here for a long time
 - Think "forgotten syscalls"

Future Work

- Targeting abstraction layers
 - Eg. LibUSB
- Binary Analysis
 - IDA scripts that find & document IOCTL calls
- Other platforms
 - Diversity of bugs can vary based on how the kernel works

Thank you!

Questions?