iOS and OS X ABI

(Hacking in context)

Mikhail Sosonkin



Security Researcher at SYNACK

Working on low level emulation with QEMU and iPhone automation.

Graduate of Polytechnic University

a.k.a Polytechnic Institute of New York University

a.k.a New York University Polytechnic School of Engineering

a.k.a New York University Tandon School of Engineering



CCCP 1986

Intel 8080 Clone

1.78MHz CPU

32KB RAM

2KB ROM

450 Rubles

Wikipedia-RU





What's a vulnerability What we are used to Logic errors Just crashes Bugs Vulnerabilities



Amazon & Apple

"In short, the very four digits that Amazon considers unimportant enough to display in the clear on the web are precisely the same ones that Apple considers secure enough to perform identity verification."

- http://www.wired.com/2012/08/apple-amazon-mathonan-hacking/all/



It is not enough to just be careful with your interfaces. You must also have have mitigations and continuous analysis that includes "outsiders".

Security considerations and reviews should be part of every step of development lifecycle.



Where are the vulns?!

Memory corruption - just won't go away!

That's what a lot of CTFs seem to be focusing on.

History thereof

Memory Errors

"Special feature"

Backdooring yourself.

Someone will eventually discover it.



Network

man on the side

http://www.wired.com/2015/04/researchers-uncover-method-detect-nsa-quantum-insert-hacks/

web

where did I leave that session key again?

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10_2013-Table_of_Contents



Miscommunications

The root of all bugs.

Don't be too paranoid

It's not healthy, but always ask:

"what do you do if someone compromises
this component?"



Targeting

Classic:

Browser, Remote, Phishing

A little more advanced:

Via AWS - managed services (Exploiting external relationships)

USB - https://srlabs.de/badusb/ i.e. Stuxnet



Beg, borrow and steal

Finding vulnerabilities

Fuzzing (AFL, Many frameworks)

Code reading (SourceInsight, Understand)

Dynamic/Static analysis (Qira, Panda)



Exploit

Control EIP

Doesn't have to be 100%

Gain execution

Binary protections like ASLR and DEP



Infect

Run shell code

Might have some ROPing to do

And, stack pivoting

Find the egg

Bigger shellcode.

Download implant

Gain persistence i.e. launch daemon



No Disclosure

Private Communities

Full disclosure

Responsible Disclosure

Coordinated Disclosure

Private Bug bounties: Google, Microsoft, Facebook

Managed Bug Bounties: Bugcrowd, HackerOne, SYNACK



Black Market Bug Bounties:

Zerodium, Vupen

Cosinc (link)

HackingTeam (Probably defunct)

MitnickSecurity

Lots of secretive companies (link)

A few not so secretive (link)



SYNACK

Private Targets

Think easy targets

Fortune 500 Companies

Several Categories

Host, Web, Mobile

Average payout: \$690

We provide a cyber platform, Hydra!

https://www.synack.com/red-team/



Requires passing an assessment

SYNACK Red Team entry

If unable to pass try

BugCrowd or HackerOne



Let's say you gained execution



Goals

Build shellcode that

Downloads a dylib.

Injects the dylib into process.

Target OS X and iOS



Get initial info - OSX

```
mikhail — bash — 80×6

somemac:~ mikhail$ uname —an

Darwin somemac 14.5.0 Darwin Kernel Version 14.5.0: Wed Jul 29 02:26:53 PDT 2015

; root:xnu-2782.40.9~1/RELEASE_X86_64 x86_64

somemac:~ mikhail$
```

```
mikhail — bash — 80×6

somemac:~ mikhail$ strings /usr/lib/dyld | grep PROJECT
@(#)PROGRAM:dyld PROJECT:dyld-353.2.3
somemac:~ mikhail$ ■
```



Get initial info - iOS

```
iphone-root_5s — ssh — 80×6

iPhone:~ root# uname —an

Darwin iPhone 14.0.0 Darwin Kernel Version 14.0.0: Wed Jun 24 00:50:15 PDT 2015;

root:xnu-2784.30.7~30/RELEASE_ARM64_S5L8960X iPhone6,1 arm64 N51AP Darwin iPhone:~ root#
```

```
iphone-root_5s — bash — 80×6

somemac:iphone-root_5s mikhail$ strings ./usr/lib/dyld | grep PROJECT
@(#)PROGRAM:dyld PROJECT:dyld-324.1
@(#)PROGRAM:dyld PROJECT:dyld-324.1
somemac:iphone-root_5s mikhail$
```



Partial source

XNU kernel

https://opensource.apple.com/tarballs/xnu/

Dyld source

https://opensource.apple.com/tarballs/dyld/

Can be compiled



ARM64 Registers

31 General purpose registers

X0 ... X30 or W0 ... W30

X31 - (zr) The Zero register

X30 - (Ir) Procedure Link Register (RIP)

X29 - (fp) Frame pointer (RBP)

X18 - Reserved on iOS



ARM64 Instructions

Conditional Branches

B.EQ, B.NE, TBNZ (Test bit and Branch if Nonzero), etc.

Unconditional Branches

B, RET, SVC

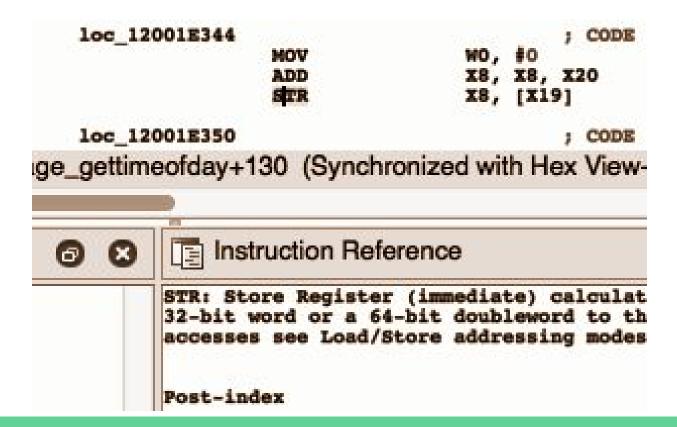
Conditional Select

CSEL W9, W9, W10, EQ

"W9 = EQ?W9:W10"

Introducing: IDARef https://github.com/nologic/idaref





Introducing: HopperRef https://github.com/zbuc/hopperref



1111	000000018dba05f4	ldr	w8, [x	(20,
No.	000000018dba05f8	str	x8, [s	sp]

Manual loaded for architecture: arm

STR: Store Register (immediate) calculates an address from a bas and stores a (C6.6.178)

32-bit word or a 64-bit doubleword to the calculated address, fi memory

accesses see Load/Store addressing modes on page C1-122.



Making system calls



Calling Convention

On ARM64:

X0 ... X8 Contain function parameters

X16 has the system call number

Positive for Posix

Negative for Mach Ports

0x80000000 for thread_set_self

SVC 0x80; jumps to kernel



Let's make a system call

```
kernelrpc mach vm allocate trap ; CODE XREF: mach vm allocate+24 p
                              X16. #OxFFFFFFFFFFFFF6
               MOV
               SVC
               RET
; End of function kernelrpc mach vm allocate trap
  pthread set self
                                       ; CODE XREF: pthread set self+54'j
               MOV
                               X16, #0x80000000
               MOV
               SVC
                               0x80
               RET
: End of function pthread set self
```



```
kill
                                           CODE XREF: pthread abort+28'p
                                           kill+4'j
var 10
                = -0 \times 10
                                 X16, #0x25
                MOV
                SVC
                                 0x80
                B.CC
                                 locret 12001EBD4
                                 X29, X30, [SP, #var_10]!
                STP
                                 X29, SP
                MOV
                BL
                                 cerror nocancel
                                 SP, X29
                MOV
                                 X29, X30, [SP+0x10+var 10], #0x10
                LDP
locret 12001EBD4
                                         ; CODE KREF: kill+8'j
                RET
 End of function
                     kill
```



Syscall numbers

OSX: IOS



Loading Mach-O's



Who does what?

- Kernel:
 - Maps the main executable
 - Maps the loader
 - Passes control to the loader

- DYLD:

- "Maps" itself and the main executable
- Maps and links dependency libraries.



File Structure: Header

/usr/include/mach-o/loader.h

```
* The 64-bit mach header appears at the very beginning of object files for
* 64-bit architectures.
struct mach header 64 {
                        /* mach magic number identifier */
   uint32 t magic;
   cpu type t cputype; /* cpu specifier */
   cpu_subtype_t cpusubtype; /* machine specifier */
   uint32_t filetype; /* type of file */
   uint32_t ncmds; /* number of load commands */
   uint32 t sizeofcmds; /* the size of all the load commands */
   uint32 t flags: /* flags */
   uint32 t reserved; /* reserved */
}:
/* Constant for the magic field of the mach header 64 (64-bit architectures) */
#define MH MAGIC 64 0xfeedfacf /* the 64-bit mach magic number */
#define MH CIGAM 64 0xcffaedfe /* NXSwapInt(MH MAGIC 64) */
```



File Structure: Commands

- Follow the header
- 'cmdsize' is a multiple of 8 bytes.



Mach-O commands

- LC_SEGMENT and LC_SEGMENT_64
 - From file to virtual memory: __DATA, __TEXT, etc.
- LC_UNIXTHREAD
 - Sets up initial registers and stack
 - Entry point
- LC_LOAD_DYLINKER
 - Specifies the loader i.e. /usr/lib/dyld
- LC_MAIN
 - Sets up the stack
- etc

```
. .
                              shellcode - bash - 80x22
    cryptoff 16384
   cryptsize 16384
     cryptid 0
         pad 0
Load command 12
         cmd LC_LOAD_DYLIB
     cmdsize 56
        name /usr/lib/libSystem.B.dylib (offset 24)
  time stamp 2 Wed Dec 31 19:00:02 1969
     current version 1225.0.0
compatibility version 1.0.0
Load command 13
     cmd LC_FUNCTION_STARTS
 cmdsize 16
 dataoff 32816
datasize 8
Load command 14
     cmd LC_DATA_IN_CODE
 cmdsize 16
 dataoff 32824
datasize 0
somemac:shellcode mikhail$ otool -l test_syscall
```



Setting up the stack

OSX

Arguments
Environment variables
Apple variable

Generated by the kernel

(LC_UNIXTHREAD)



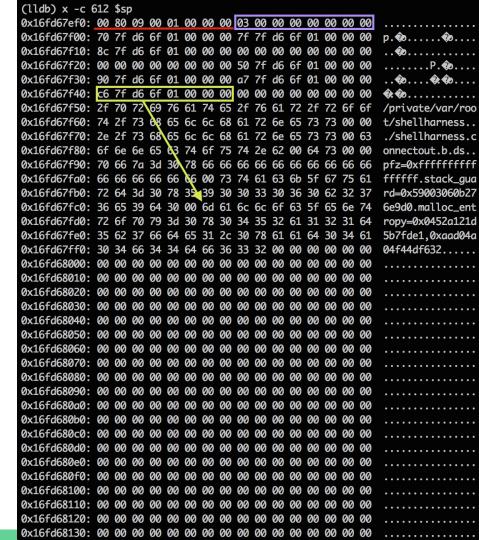
Setting up the stack

iOS

Arguments
Environment variables
Apple variable

Generated by the kernel

(LC_UNIXTHREAD)





Segments

```
/*
 * The 64-bit segment load command indicates that a part of this file is to be
 * mapped into a 64-bit task's address space. If the 64-bit segment has
 * sections then section 64 structures directly follow the 64-bit segment
 * command and their size is reflected in cmdsize.
 */
struct segment_command_64 { /* for 64-bit architectures */
    uint32 t
                           /* LC SEGMENT 64 */
               cmd;
    uint32 t
               cmdsize; /* includes sizeof section 64 structs */
    char
               segname [16];
                               /* segment name */
    uint64 t
              vmaddr: /* memory address of this segment */
    uint64 t
              vmsize:
                          /* memory size of this segment */
    uint64 t
              fileoff;
                           /* file offset of this segment */
               filesize:
                          /* amount to map from the file */
    uint64 t
   vm prot t
               maxprot;
                          /* maximum VM protection */
   vm_prot_t
               initprot;
                          /* initial VM protection */
    uint32 t
               nsects;
                           /* number of sections in segment */
    uint32 t
               flags;
                           /* flags */
};
```



Let's build some shellcode.

(live exercise)

Recorded session

```
#include <stdint.h>
int main() {
    register uint64_t _num asm("x16") = 37; // POSIX Kill
    register wint64_t arg1 asm("x0") = 9; // SIGKILL
    register uint64_t _arg2 asm("x1") = 1337; // PID
    register uint64_t _ret asm("x0");
    asm volatile (
        "svc 0x80:\n"
        "neg x1, x0;\n"
        "csel x0, x0, x1, cc:\n"
        :"=r"(_ret)
        :"r"(_arg1), "r"(_arg2), "r"(_num)
        :"x16", "x17");
    return _ret;
```

`xcrun --sdk iphoneos --find gcc` -Os -fno-stack-protector -fomit-frame-pointer -fno-exceptions -Wimplicit -isysroot `xcrun --sdk iphoneos --show-sdk-path` -F`xcrun --sdk iphoneos --show-sdk-path`/System/Library/Frameworks -F`xcrun --sdk iphoneos --show-sdk-path`/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks -arch arm64 test_syscall.c -o test_syscall



otool -t -v test_syscall

```
0000000100007f9c
                                 w0, #0x9
                         MOVZ
0000000100007fa0
                                 w1, #0x539
                         movz
0000000100007fa4
                                 w16, #0x25
                         MOVZ
0000000100007fa8
                                 #0x80
                         SVC
0000000100007fac
                                  x1, x0
                         neq
0000000100007fb0
                         csel
                                 x0, x0, x1, lo
0000000100007fb4
                         ret
```



Build it using GCC

- Easy to represent complex logic
- Excellent way to learn assembly skills
- Assist with reverse engineering
- Port to different architectures
- Optimization hints
- Does 90% of the work for you



Cons of using GCC

- Can get hard to make GCC avoid outputting certain bytes.
- Give up a level of control
- Can get into dependency hell
 - All the usual problems with C.
- Optimizer could get too aggressive



The Challenge



ShellCC

https://github.com/nologic/shellcc

- shellcode
 - extractshell.py: Gets the bytecodes from the macho as raw shellcode
 - Makefile has build commands for shellcode ARM/x86_64

- shellharness
 - reads a file and executes the buffer.



The challenge

- Understand injectdyld_file.c
- Figure out how to dynamically load a dylib
- Can use *injectdyld_file.c* as a base

Hint: you will need to read the DYLD sourcecode.



Where to learn about security?

- https://seccasts.com/
- http://www.opensecuritytraining.info/
- https://www.corelan.be
- youtube for conference
- Security meetups
- Just practice
 - Read/follow walkthroughs

- follow the reddits:
 - netsec
 - reverseengineering
 - malware
 - lowlevel
 - blackhat
 - securityCTF
 - rootkit
 - vrd



Getting started with iOS

- Get iPhone 5s
 - Swappa
- Apply Jailbreak
 - Install OpenSSH via Cydia
 - Use tcprelay to SSH over USB
- Start exploring
 - debugserver

- https://github.com/iosre/iOSAppReverseEngineering
- https://nabla-c0d3.github.io/blog/2014/12/30/tcprelay-multiple-devices/



Thank you!

Mikhail Sosonkin

mikhail@synack.com

Google+