SELF-DEFENSELESS

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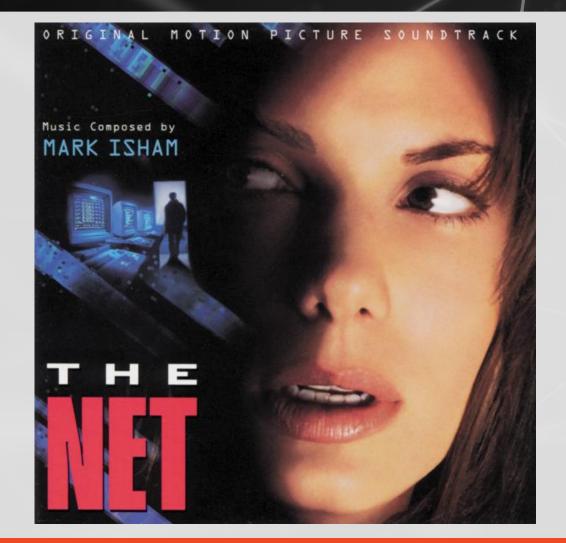
WHOAMI



- Silent Signal co-founder
 - Penetration testing
 - Custom training
 - Consulting
- @buherator
 - Top Hungarian IT-sec resource for some time...
 - Moved to polluting the tubes via Twitter

BACKGROUND





Some hits

- Aruba wIPS
- Panda cloud infrastructure
- Bitdefender
- Symantec Critical System Protection
- Trend Micro Office Scan
- McAfee crapware
- All logic bugs
- Tried fuzzing too
 - Not really my game...

PREVIOUS RESEARCH



ABUSING PRIVILEGED FILE ACCESS IN ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE

- Parallel research with Florian Bogner and Clement Lavoillotte
 - <u>AVGater</u>
 - <u>Abusing Privileged File Manipulation</u>
- LPE in multiple endpoint security products
 - Bitdefender, Kaspersky, Symantec, ...
- My approach: Self-defense bypass
 - Bare-Knuckled Anti-Virus Breaking
 - Primary idea: <u>COM hijacking</u>

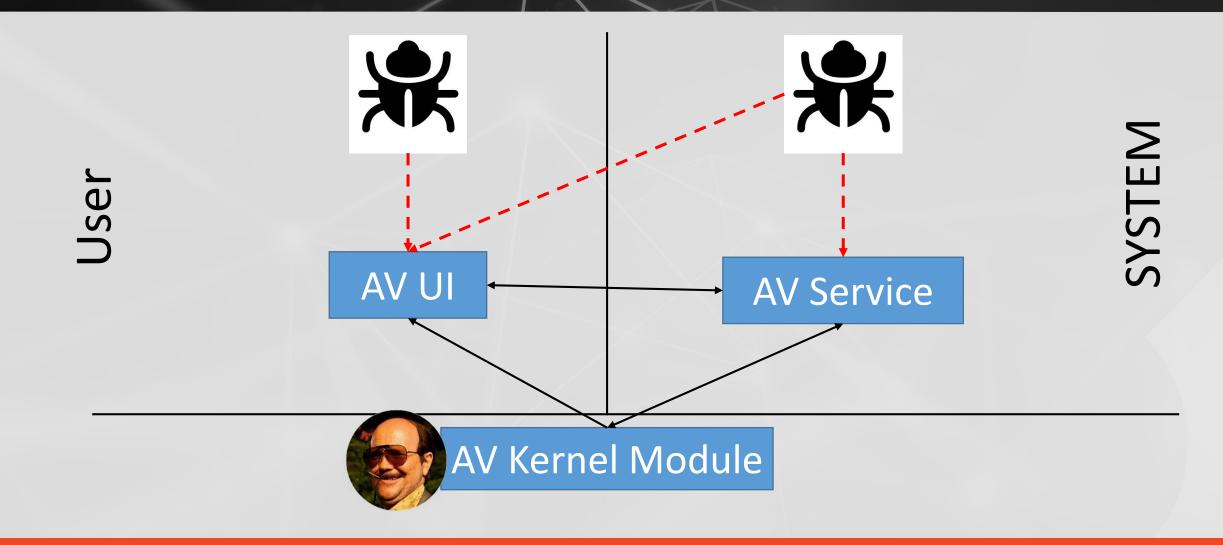
HYPOTHESIS



Self-defense hides exploitable attack surface.

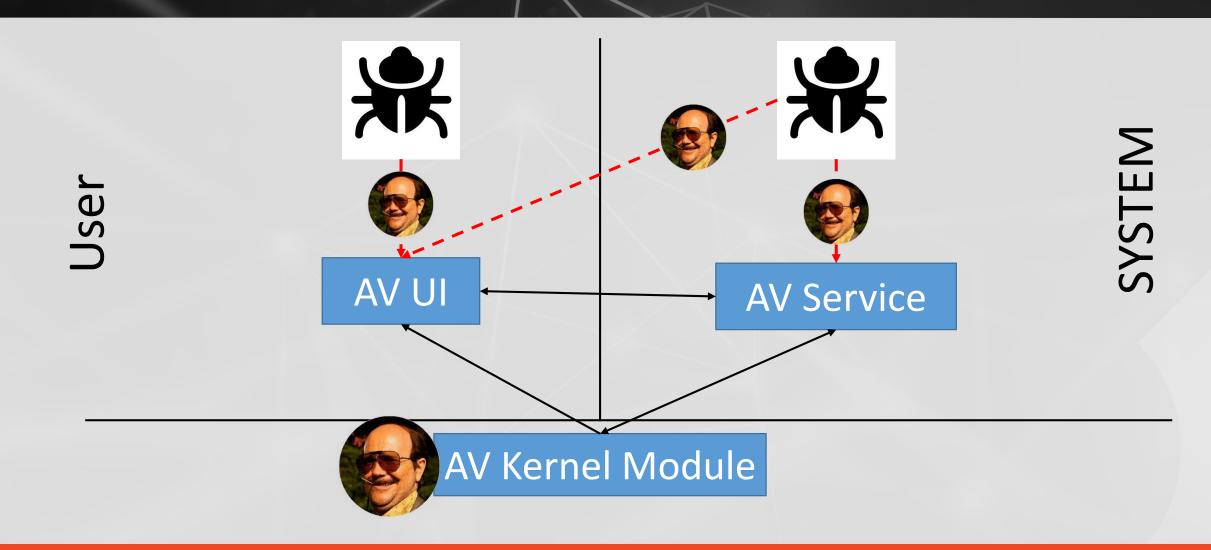
ARCHITECTURE





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SELF-DEFENSE



IS SELF-DEFENSE A SECURITY BOUNDARY?

- Symantec
 - CVE-2017-6331
- Avast
 - CVE-2017-8307
 - CVE-2017-8308
- Kaspersky
 - Bypass from 2007:

"Kaspersky Lab does not consider this to be a vulnerability: it is not an error in our code, but an obscure method for manipulating standard Windows routines to circumvent our self-defense mechanisms."

KASPERSKY



- No political agenda here...
- Self-defense bypass != vulnerability
 - My original bypass still works
- Some experience from previous research
 - Well-known components
 - Configurability
- Only AV that caught my previous exploits while they were 0-day :P
 - I found bypasses ofc. ;)
- Research target: KFA
 - Was released around the time my research began
 - Reusable components (KIS, KES, Secure Connection...)

PRIOR WORK



2008 SOURCE LEAK

- Kaspersky source code appeared on the Internet in 2011
 - Leaked by former employee
 - KASPERSKY.AV.2008.SRCS.ELCRABE.RAR
- Source code was from 2008
- I did not use it of course
 - That would be **illegal**...
 - "It also contains fragments of an obsolete version of the Kaspersky anti-virus engine, which has been radically redesigned and updated since the source code was stolen"

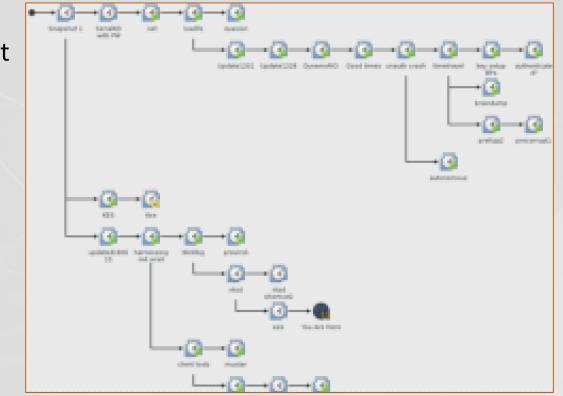
ANTIVIRUS DEBUGGING



- Use VM's
 - Preferably with a good API for snapshot-revert
- Airgap
 - Unwanted updates
 - Unwanted leaks
 - More deterministic

Script everything

- Everything is slow, speed up where we can
- pykd rocks!



ANTIVIRUS DEBUGGING

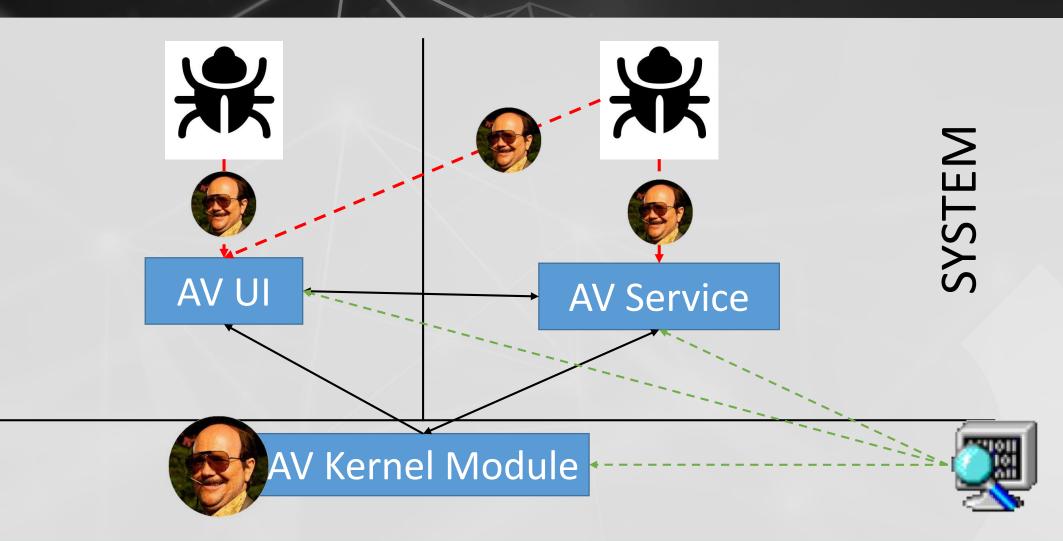


- You may be allowed to disable selfdefense
 - Kaspersky has an option for this
- User-mode sometimes works
 - Snapshot!
- Use a Kernel Debugger like proper adults!
 - Need to switch to user process context slow!
 - <u>Control the user debugger from KD (thx guys</u>!)
 - Much faster (over COM port!)

avp_info=pykd.dbgCommand("!process 0 0 avp.exe")
avp_eprocess=avp_info.split(" ")[1]
pykd.dbgCommand(".process -r -i -p %s; " % avp_eprocess)

ntsd -d -p <PID>

ANTIVIRUS DEBUGGING



silent

signal

User

REVERSE ENGINEERING

KASPERSKY



• 32-bit application

- WOW64 is hard, use a 32-bit OS for testing
- fastcall calling convention
 - First two params in ECX and EDX, rest on stack
 - Many RE tools can't handle this...
- "Real-life" complexity
 - Module sizes in order of MBs
 - Structures/exports imitating OO design
 - Wide set of x86 instructions (killing RE tools)

KASPERSKY



TARGET: IPC COMPONENT

- PRRemote.DLL
 - + PRCore.DLL
 - "Prague"
- Common IPC interface among multiple products
 - KFA, KES, Secure Connection, etc.
- Today's agenda: High level message processing (~ OSI Layer 5)
 - Needed for upper layer analysis
 - Tip of the iceberg

COMMUNICATION



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dpoints		8×	Procedur	es		
Pid Protocol Nar	ne		Index	Name	Address	Format
816 ncalrpc PRR	NameService:816					
816 ncalrpc PRR	emote:816					
816 ncalrpc OLE	6650FA6437E59F5D10194B10DB16					

Interfaces

F	Pid	Uuid	Ver	Туре	Procs	Stub	Callback	Name	Base	Location
8	16	18a27bed-c75c-28ad-4b50-52524f424a53	28387.816	RPC	0				0x00000006ee30000	C:\Program Files\Kaspersky Lab\Kaspersky Free 18.0.0\prremote.dll
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8	16	18f70770-8e64-11cf-9af1-0020af6e72f4	0.0	RPC	5	Interpreted			0x000000075ab0000	C:\Windows\System32\combase.dll
8	16	806411e0-2ed2-194f-bb8c-e27194948ac1	1.0	RPC	5		0x00000007fffffff		0x00000006ee30000	C:\Program Files\Kaspersky Lab\Kaspersky Free 18.0.0\prremote.dll

PRREMOTE.DLI



- Implements RPC functionality
- Functionality for both client and server
- Debug strings
 - ... the reverser's best friends
- Non-trivial debug print mechanism ->

"Hijacking debug output:

- 1) allocate new memory buffer (\$dump)
- 3) [\$dump]+0x10 Size of data DWORD, data starts at 0x18
- 4) err_logger expects dst buffer in ECX, so put \$dump
 there when the function starts
- 5) Log information put inside \$dummy when err_logger exits. Size of data is at \$dump+8
- 6) Enable err_logger by placing \$dummy to the stack of is_Debug every time it's called

Still crashes sometimes (on DB update attempts?)..."

- My notes, verbatim

(I definitely should write better notes)

PRREMOTE.DLL



\$ string	gs prremote.dll fgrep rpc_
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive_server exception</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive_server failed,</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive_server2 called, connection</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive_server2 exception during method call</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive_server3: failed to parse packet (size=</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive_server3 unknown call type:</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_invoke3 unknown call type:</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_invoke3 not enough memory to store returned data:</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_init_context_handle failed, RpcStatus is</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive2 failed, RpcStatus is</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive2: not enough memory to store received data:</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive2 call failed, RpcStatus is</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive3 failed, RpcStatus is</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive3: not enough memory to store received data:</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_send_receive3 call failed, RpcStatus is</pre>
rmt	<pre>rpc_disconnect_from_server exit</pre>

PRREMOTE.DLI



- 3 versions of rpc_send_receive_server*()
 - Older versions still present
- Regular breaks on rpc_send_receive_server3()
- Call stack shows one previous call in the module
 - I called it my_rpc_message_handler()
 - Deeper frames are from RPCRT4: built-in Windows RPC

PRREMOTE.DL



my_rpc_message_handler()

- Called from RPCRT4
- Single argument, correctly identified as RPC_MESSAGE* by IDA
 - Windows RPC is merely a transport layer
 - Internal structure: "The RPC_MESSAGE structure contains information shared between NDR and the rest of the RPC or OLE runtime."
- Basic sanity check
- rpc_message->Buffer passed as argument to rpc_send_receive_server3()

SENDING MESSAGES



<u>PythonForWindows</u>

- Endpoint: PRRemote: <AVP PID>
- Interface: 806411e0-2ed2-194f-bb8c-e27194948ac1
- Method: 4
 - What are the others for?

```
client = windows.rpc.RPCClient(r"\RPC Control\PRRemote:%d" % int(avp_pid) )
iid = client.bind("806411e0-2ed2-194f-bb8c-e27194948ac1")
ndr_params = ndr.make_parameters([ndr.NdrLong]*len(pkt))
resp = client.call(iid, 4, ndr_params.pack(pkt))
```

PRREMOTE.DL



MESSAGE BUFFER

- Recognizable header
- Readable strings
 - UTF-16

rpc_send_receive_server3()

- Top-level message dispatcher
- Interesting strings:
 - "rmt\tReceived message has wrong integrity code"
 - "rmt\tNo session found for ID"

00000000 0000000 0000000 0000000 01013200 SMALLINT

my_rpc_header_size_check()

- len_in: WORD @ 0x12
- len_out: DWORD @ 0x14
- len_in + len_out < rpc_msg->Size
- LangSec ppl love this ;)





struct	KASPY_IPC_REVERSED {
DWORD	zero0
DWORD	zero4
DWORD	zero8
DWORD	zeroC
WORD	doubleOne
WORD	len_out
DWORD	len_in
};	



•	Trace	with	x64dbg	and	Lighth	ouse
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- Debug: "No session found for ID"
- Need a correct 64-bit value for parsing to happen
 - QWORD @ 0x18
 - You don't brute-force 64-bits, even locally
- Except on first connect
 - SID = 0
 - Authorization2() runs
- In practice:
 - sess0 = 0xFFFA783B (slowly grows on service respawn)
 - sess1 < 0x10000 (random DWORD on respawn)
 - Brute-force is totally practical!
 - Lack of boot-time entropy?

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	DWORD	session1
	};	



- Debug: "Received message has wrong integrity code"
- Based on Flower-Noll-Vo (FNV) hash
 - <u>Widely used</u> algorithm, e.g. in spam filters
 - Not a cryptographic hash
 - FNV offset basis constant is present
 - Modified version, but primitives can be identified
- Created standalone implementation with <u>ripr</u>
 - Static code from Binary Ninja + Unicorn Engine
- 64-bits random looking prefix makes this a MAC ⊗
 - Set by the client in payload upon first connect (SID=0, key=0)

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DWORD	len_in
DWORD	session0
DWORD	session1
WORD	unk
DWORD	hash0
DWORD	hash1
};	



DWORD

DWORD

};

time0

time1

•	0x101 -> protocol	ver	sion		struct	KASPY_IPC_REVERSED {
				de on this value	DWORD	zero0
	Header parser beh		-		DWORD	zero4
	• 0x100 - 0x101	Set ve	MOV	<pre>' length in one instr. dword ptr [EBP + msg.version],0x320101</pre>	DWORD	zero8
•	Timestamp		MOV	dword ptr [EBP + msg.lenIn],EAX	DWORD	zeroC
	micstamp	ff	CALL LEA	set_kaspy_session EAX=>systemtime,[OxfffffedO + EBP]	WORD	version
•	Length == 0x32		PUSH	EAX	WORD	len_out
			CALL	dword ptr [GetSystemTimeAsFileTime]	DWORD	len_in
			PUSH	<pre>dword ptr [systemtime.dwHighDateTime + EBP]</pre>	DWORD	session0
			LEA	ECX=>msg,[EBP + -0x60]	DWORD	session1
			PUSH	<pre>dword ptr [systemtime.dwLowDateTime + EBP]</pre>	WORD	unk
		ff	CALL	set_msgtime	DWORD	hash0
	voidthiscall :	set_msg	time(kaspy_m	<pre>sg_obj *this,dword time_low,dword time_high)</pre>	DWORD	hash1

{
 if (0x100 < this->version) {
 this->systime_low = time_low;
 this->systime_high = time_high;
 }
 return;

MESSAGE CHECKS



- Four DWORD's are needed to accept the message for further parsing
 - 2 DWORD's as "session"
 - 2 DWORD's as "integrity key"
- Current IDs/keys are stored in global structures in both the high priv. (avp.exe) and low priv. (avpui.exe) processes
 - With self-defense bypass the secrets can be obtained
 - Other options:
 - Brute-force
 - Pre-auth messages
 - ???

BUGS

CODE REVIEW



- Remember that length check?
- It goes like this:

```
my_rpc_header_size_check()
```

- len_in: WORD @ 0x12
- len_out: DWORD @ 0x14
- len_in + len_out < rpc_msg->Size
- Pre-auth integer overflow
- I don't think it's exploitable (nor I am a pro exploit dev)
- Still quite telling...

MOVZX EDX,word ptr [ECX + 0x16] ; len_out
MOV EAX,dword ptr [ECX + 0x18] ; len_in
ADD EAX,EDX
CMP dword ptr [EBP + size],EAX

FUZZING



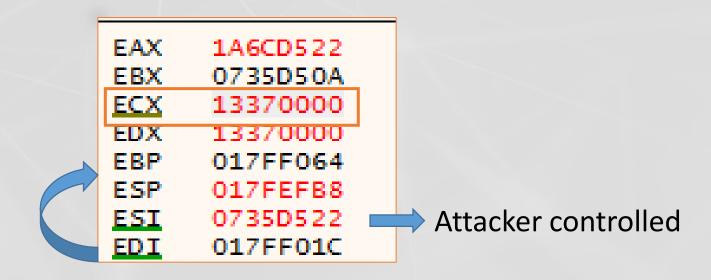
"Any fuzzer at all, no matter how primitive, has a better chance of finding a bug than an idle CPU core." – Ben Nagy

- <20 LoC fuzzer in Python</p>
- Replay mutated packets captured at rpc_send_receive_server3()
- Patched out session/integrity checks with debugger
- Pre+post auth crashes in minutes

FUZZING



F3 A4	repe movsb
8B 44 24 0C 5E	<pre>mov eax,dword ptr ss:[esp+C] pop esi</pre>
SF	pop edi
C3	ret



FUZZING



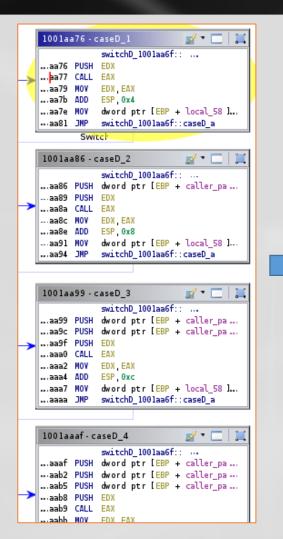
CONTROLLED MEMCPY

- The memcpy() in use wasn't identified as a library function
- memcpy() doesn't open a stack frame
- Caller has stack canary
 - Leak through arbitrary sized FNV preimage?
- Destination is a stack array right before the canary
- Can we do anything interesting with full control over the array?

PROCEDURE CALLS

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my_buffer:	
	ack - (int)&caller_vtable) >> 2) {
case 1:	
local_58 = (*(code	*)func_addr)(<mark>caller_vtable</mark>);
break;	
case 2:	
local 58 = (*(code	<pre>*)func_addr)(caller_vtable,caller_params[0]);</pre>
break;	
case 3:	
	<pre>*)func_addr)(caller_vtable,caller_params[0],caller_params[1]);</pre>
break;	- / func_audi / (cartel_vtable, cartel_params[0], cartel_params[1]),
case 4:	
local_58 = (*(code	*)func_addr)
	<pre>(caller_vtable,caller_params[0],caller_params[1],caller_params[2])</pre>
break;	
case 5:	
local 58 - (*(code)	*)func_addr)

PROCEDURE CALLS



- We are in the old rpc_send_receive_server() now!
 - Called from rpc_send_receive_server3()
 - So much for *"radical redesign"*...
- func_addr is chosen from different function pointer tables
- User chooses the table
- User chooses the offset
- Offset is bounds checked

FUNCTION TABLES



Typical function in the table:

- Can we control param1?
- Unlikely: Not present in the input stream
 - First parameter is stored early in EDX in rpc_send_receive_server()
 - Our memcpy() doesn't affect is
 - Neither does any subsequent memory corruption

FUNCTION TABLES



```
undefined4 __cdecl call_param2(undefined4 param_1,int param_2)
{
    int iVar1;
    iVar1 = (**(code **)(*(int *)(DWORD_10077ad4 + 4) + 0x58))(DWORD_10077ad4,param_2);
    if (-1 < iVar1) {
        (**(code **)(*(int *)(param_2 + 4) + 0x5c))(param_2);
     }
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

Are we happy, Vincent?

EXPLOITATION

EXPLOITATION



THE GOOD

- We are local...
 - ASLR ineffective
 - Arbitrary computation (dynamic shellcode, ROP, etc.)
- AVP respawns
- Pokemon exception handling

THE BAD

- Stack canaries
 - <u>Thanks Tavis</u>...
- DEP
- Losing session+keys at respawn
- Heap entropy still exists
 - Randomizing things before it was cool...

EIP CONTROL



- 4th WORD after header holds flags
 - Needs proper setting to reach the table based call
- Next DWORD is the table offset
- What on Earth is this?

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EIP CONTROL



- Looks like a method call on a global object
- Implementation in PRCORE.DLL
 - The real deal is reached after multiple calls
 - my_struct_checker()

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```
uint my_struct_checker(int ptr,dword char_out)
```

uint ptr1;

```
ptr1 = -(uint)(ptr != 0) & ptr - 0x4cU;
if ((ptr1 != 0) && ((char)char_out != 0)) {
    char_out = 0;
    (*__ptr_check_param1)(ptr1 + 0x54, &char_out,4,0);
    if ((char_out == 0) || (char_out != ptr1 + 0x58)) {
      ptr1 = 0;
    }
}
return ptr1;
}
```



```
int my_check_param1(byte *ptr, byte *char_out, int ctr4)
  int iVar1;
  int *in FS OFFSET;
  undefined local_14 [16];
  iVar1 = *in FS OFFSET;
  *(undefined **)in_FS_OFFSET = local_14;
  while (ctr4 != 0) {
    *char out = *ptr;
    ctr4 = ctr4 + -1;
    char out = char out + 1;
    ptr = ptr + 1;
  *in FS OFFSET = iVar1;
  return 0;
```



- I used dynamic analysis + VM snapshots to keep heap addresses constant
 - If it works, it's not stupid!
- These functions get hit all the time
 - Must single-step from rpc_send_receive_server()
- Struct checker performs basic sanity checks
- Param2 has to survive multiple dereferences
 - Provide self-referencing pointers



- Sent 20K packages with self-referencing pointers, then the trigger packet
 - Still based on predictable heap addresses + VM snapshots
- Checks passed -> EIP overwritten \o/
- EIP value read from an address after the checked struct values -> Possible to control!
- How?

WE NEED TO SPRAY THE HEAP!



- Tests showed that packet sizes are limited (~2K)
- Parsed buffers are freed by my_rpc_msg_handler()
- Hooked HeapAlloc in IAT via KD
 - Terribly slow...
 - Physical page offsets?
- Patched PythonForWindows so it won't check sizes or wait for replies
 - Managed to spray my packets over a 78K, non-continuous space :P
 - Let's read up again on this ALPC thingy...



ALPC Heap-Spray

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Resource Exhaustion through Data View and Handle Attributes

Alex Ionescu already did it! (duh!)



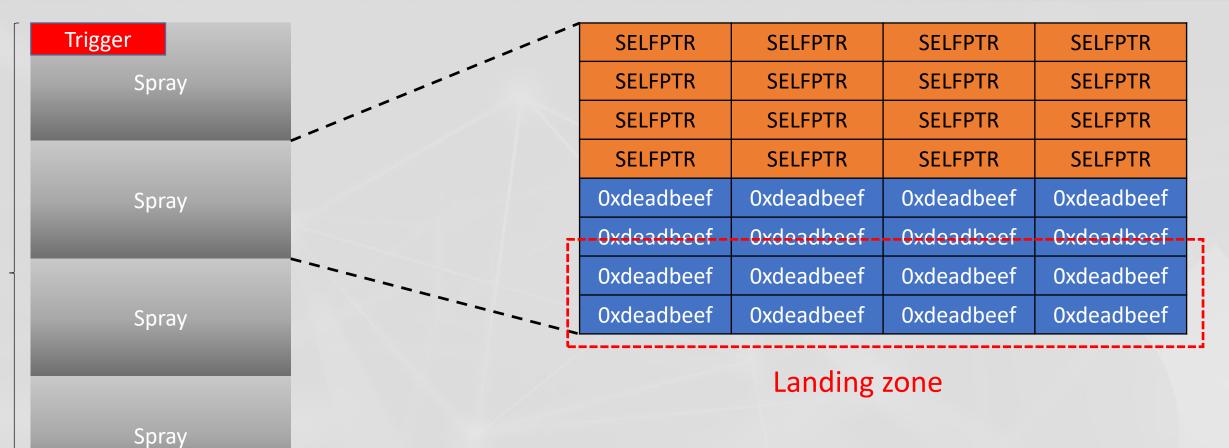
ALPC HEAP SPRAY

- ALPC allows passing large messages via shared memory
 - DataView's
- Unmapped after use (RPCRT4), but can be arbitrary large!
- Virtual base addresses will differ between client and server
- Offset inside allocation is known

STRATEGY

- Allocate 256M memory in our process
- Use the ALPC layer directly to send RPC message
 - PythonForWindows has example code
 - Share the 256M mapping
- Brute-force base address in avp.exe
 - Read access violations are handled :D
 - 2-3 tries in practice



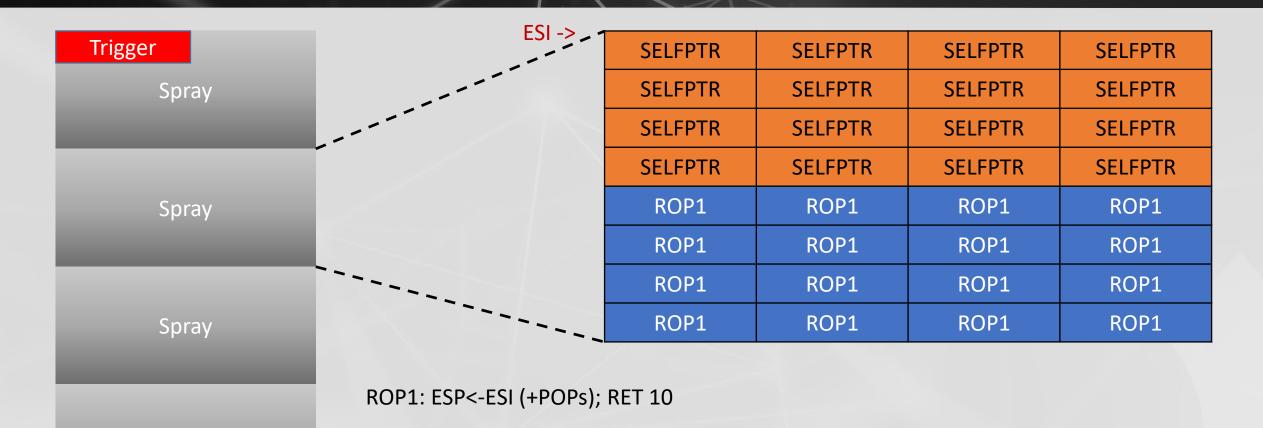


256M

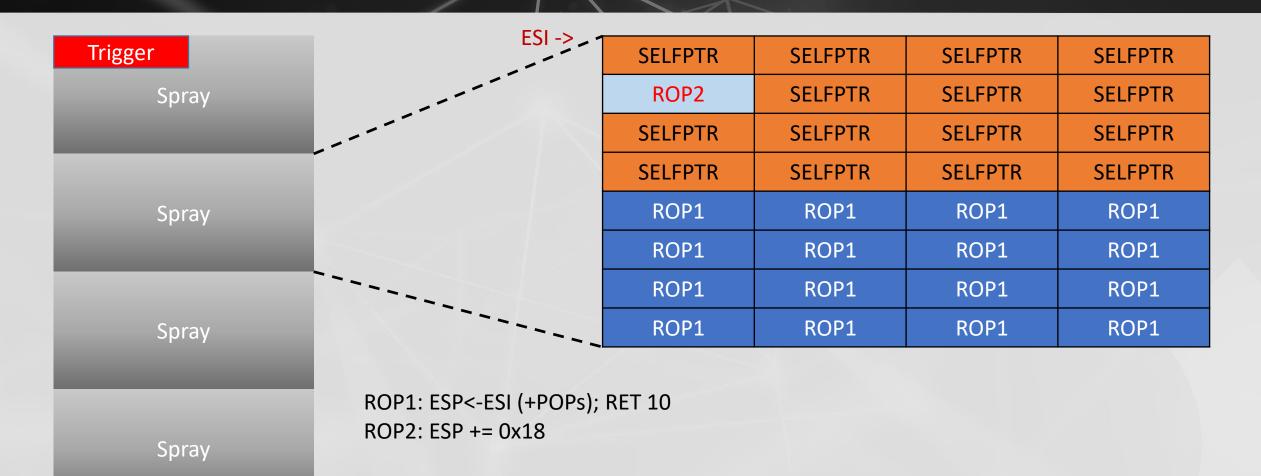
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Spray



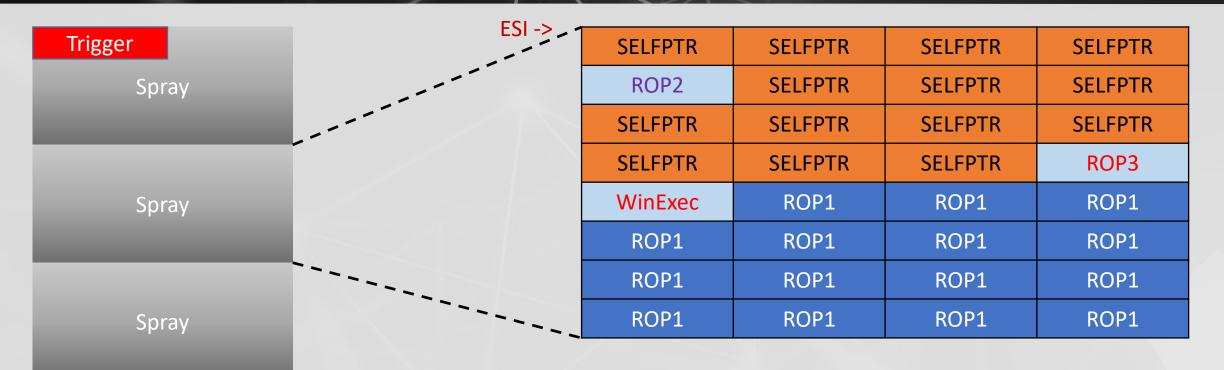






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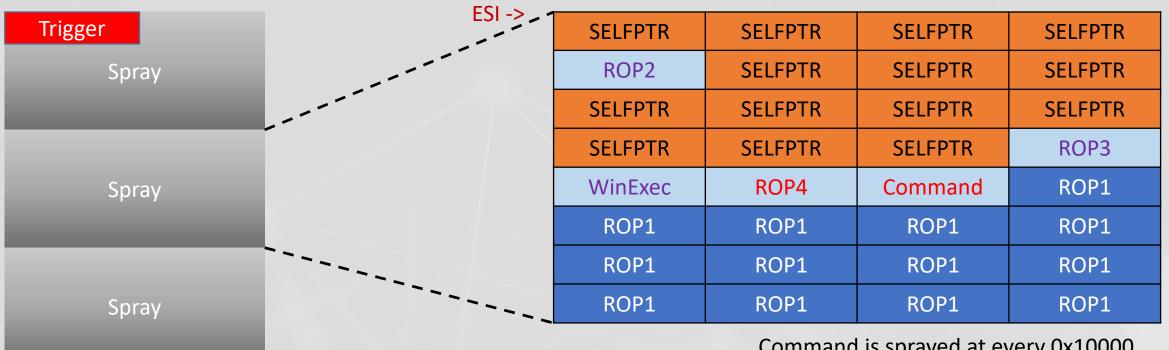




ROP1: ESP<-ESI (+POPs); RET 10 ROP2: ESP += 0x18 ROP3: POP EBX

Spray



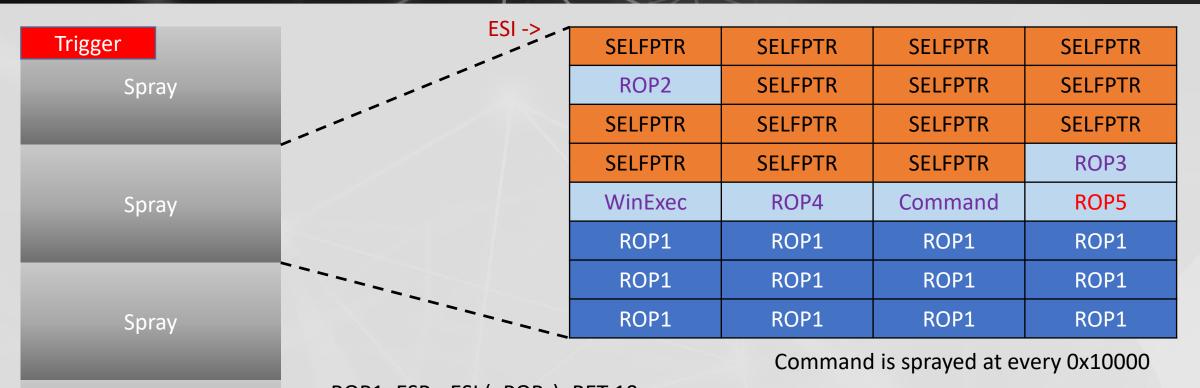


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Command is sprayed at every 0x10000

Spray





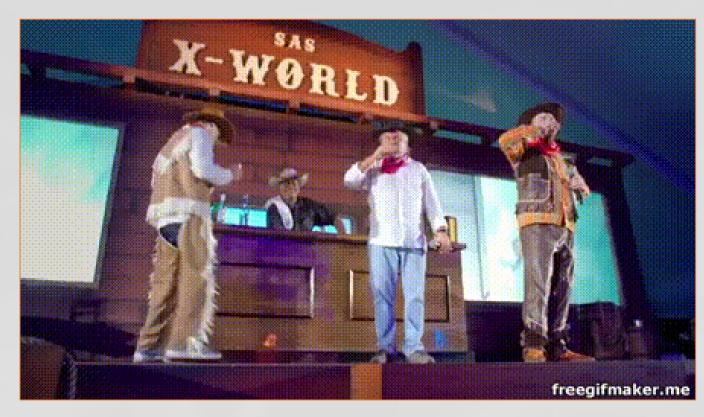
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COORDINATED DISCLOSURE? silent

If these are your priorities...



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SAFETY Act Certification

Home > Company > FireEye Awards > SAFETY Act Certification - Cyber Attack Liability ...

Liability protection for events related to acts of cyber terrorism

Both the FireEye Multi-Vector Virtual Execution (MVX) Engine and Cloud Platform are the first and only true cyber security technologies to receive the federal SAFETY Act "Certified" designation from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).



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What SAFETY Act Certification Does

The SAFETY Act is a 2002 federal law that created a liability management program for providers of anti-terrorism

- If the DHS deems a particular cyber attack to be an act of terrorism, it may trigger the SAFETY Act. In those cases,
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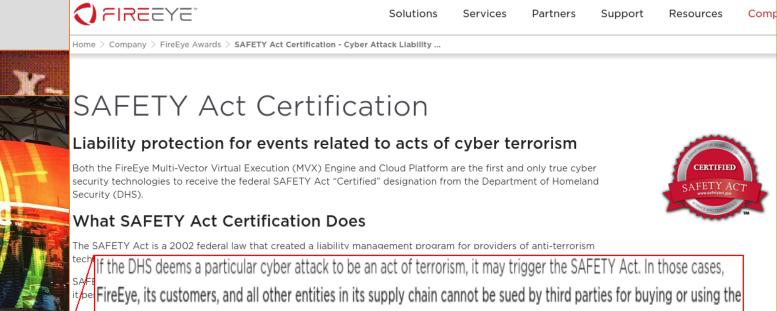
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... you are not a charitable organization.

BUG BOUNTY?



- Research value > Bounty value
- <u>Unrealistic scoping</u> doesn't encourage researchers
 - Client-side exploits?
 - Dependencies?
- Limited impact
 - Local
 - Needs self-defense bypass
 - PoC to be released a bit later

Scope of program:

	<mark>remote</mark> (no direct access to host, i.e. behind nat)	LAN (network access to host in the same broadcast domain)	local vector (direct access to host operating system with user privileges)
RCE in product high privilege process	\$5 000¹ – \$20 000²	\$5 000 ¹ – \$10 000 ²	-
Other RCE in product	\$2 000¹ – \$10 000²	\$2 000' - \$5 000²	-
Local Privilege Escalation	-	-	\$1 000¹ – \$5 000²
Sensitive³ user data disclosure	\$2 0001 – \$10 0002	\$2 000' – \$5 000²	\$5001 – \$2 0002

Based on our product's threat model, attacks on the communication channel within remote management services (configuration, update, etc.) can be implemented on any target system regardless of user activity. Thus, by using a man in the middle attack, arbitrary code can be remotely executed in high privilege AV processes. As a result, malware code will work as part of AV product and bypass detection technologies. We take this possibility very seriously.

A special bounty of \$100,000 will be awarded for high-quality report with PoC that implements this attack vector.

CONCLUSIONS



RESULTS

- Self-defence does hide exploitable attack surface
- Self-defense bypasses are useful
 - Attack from two ends
 - Look into persistence, code injection techniques
- Kaspersky IPC parsers are fragile
- Local exploits are easy, despite mitigations

TIPS

- This is just the tip of the iceberg
 - Other parses
 - Other vendors!
- Neat ideas in other IPC research (browsers)
 - <u>Gamozolabs</u>, <u>Ned Williamson</u>+<u>NiklasB</u>, etc.
- Fuzzing is a metal detector
 - Interesting code > Unexploitable bugs



THANK YOU!

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