Friends! CountryMen! Lend me your task port!

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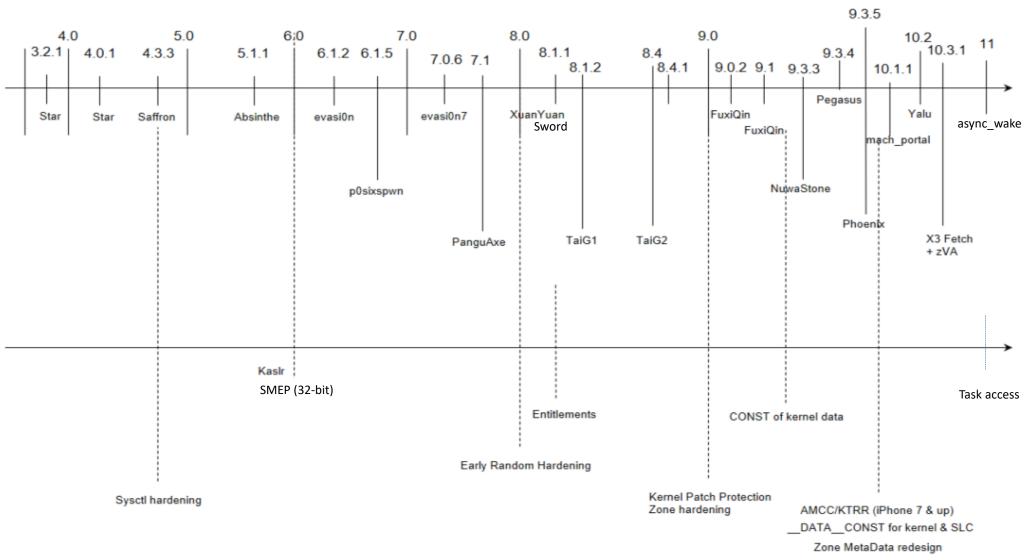
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Tools used in this presentation:

- Joker: http://NewOSXBook.com/tools/joker.html
- Jtool: http://NewOSXBook.com/tools/jtool.html
 - Included in LiberiOS binaries, /jb/usr/local/bin
- QiLin writeup: http://NewOSXbook.com/QiLin/qilin.pdf
- As one download:
 - http://NewOSXBook.com/tools/hitbpack.tgz
 - To unpack (on a liberated i-Device):
 - mkdir /jb/tmp; cd /jb/tmp; tar xvf \$OLDPWD/hitbpack.tgz

A brief history of jailbreaking

- Jailbreaks have been around for as long as the iPhone has
- Initial jailbreaks were very simple, just getting root access
 - Root access would suffice for all operations (e.g. disabling MACF)
- Apple incrementally stepped up defenses



Note: timeline is approximation – some features added in minor versions or betas

The present day

Kernel memory protections prevent "traditional" kernel patching

A7-A9 devices:

- KPP ("watchtower") runs at EL3, similar to Samsung KNOX's PKM
- Race conditions abound (due to interrupt driven nature of checks)
- Todesco method proven to bypass KPP using fake page table entries

A10 devices and later:

- AMCC ("KTRR") provides hardware-based defense
- Initial implementation (pre iOS 10.1.1) also bypassable, but nothing since

KPP

- Introduced with iOS 9
- Contains code loaded (via Mach-O) into EL3 (Secure Monitor)
 - Joker automatically detects this in kernelcache
- Kernel loads into EL1
 - Unable to modify/affect EL3 by design

```
mmapped: 0x120dde000
Feeding me a compressed kernelcache, eh? That's fine, now. I can decompress!
Compressed Size: 13879505, Uncompressed: 27459584. Unknown (CRC?): 0x17e4a3b, Unknown 1: 0x1
btw, KPP is at 13879940 (0xd3ca84)..And I saved it for you in /tmp/kpp
Got kernel at 436
got mem 0x121b22000
mmapped: 0x121b22000
This is a 64-bit kernel from iOS 11.0, or later This is a 64-bit kernel from iOS 11.x (b1+),
or later (4570.20.62.0.0)
ARM64 Exception Vector is at file offset @0x93000 (Addr: 0xfffffff007097000)
morpheus@Zephyr (~) %jtool -l /tmp/kpp
                                                                                          3:56
LC 00: LC_SEGMENT_64
                               Mem: 0x4100000000-0x4100006000
                                                                  _TEXT
                                                                 (Normal)
        Mem: 0x4100001000-0x4100005ca4
                                                __TEXT.__text
        Mem: 0x4100005ca4-0x4100005d64
                                                 __TEXT.__const
        Mem: 0x4100005d64-0x4100005dca
                                                  __TEXT.__cstring
                                                                         (C-String Literals)
LC 01: LC_SEGMENT_64
                              Mem: 0x4100006000-0x410000c000
                                                                  _DATA
        Mem: 0x4100006000-0x410000b1f8
                                                 __DATA.__common (Zero Fill)
        Mem: 0x410000b200-0x410000b480
                                                 __DATA.__bss
                                                                 (Zero Fill)
                              Mem: 0x410000c000-0x410000c000
                                                                 __IMAGEEND
LC 02: LC_SEGMENT_64
        Mem: 0x410000c000-0x410000c000
                                                  _IMAGEEND.__dummy
LC 03: LC_SEGMENT_64
                              Mem: 0x410000c000-0x410000c000
                                                                 __LINKEDIT
LC 04: LC_SYMTAB
        Symbol table is at offset 0x0 (0), 0 entries
        String table is at offset 0x0 (0), 0 bytes
LC 05: LC_UUID
                                UUID: 5873C3C0-CF86-30E4-AF57-E8E1B2B12361
LC 06: LC_SOURCE_VERSION
                                Source Version:
                                                          374.20.8.0.0
LC 07: LC_UNIXTHREAD
                                                          0x4100001814
                                Entry Point:
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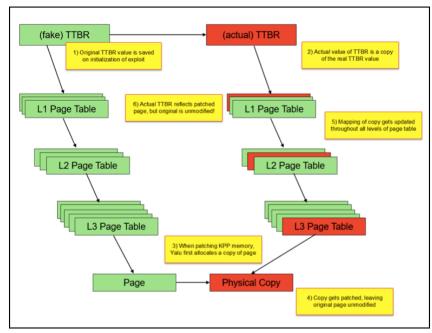
morpheus@Zephyr (~) %~/Documents/Work/JTool/joker -dec ~/Downloads/kernelcache.release.ipad5

KPP

- On Boot, two voluntary transitions:
 - SMC #2048 (from machine_idle_init): set ARM EL1_VBAR
 - SMC #2049 (machine_lockdown): Finalize (and protect) kernel static data.
- Functionality very similar to Samsung's PKM:
 - Traps Floating Point operations (CPACR_EL1)
 - Compares protected (r/o) page blake2 hashes to store (by limited budget)
 - Also verifies EL1 system registers (TTBR1, VBAR, SCTLR, etc)
 - Detailed by @Xerub
 - Also explained in detail in *OS Internals Vol III, pp 271-276

KPP

- Obvious design fault:
 - FPU + IRQ driven operation and limited budget leave HUGE window
 - Can quickly patch/unpatch (e.g. TFPO, patch get kernel_task to user, unpatch)
- Bypassed ingeniously by Luca Todesco



KTRR

- MUCH better, hardware enforced mechanism in A10+ devices
- Hardware immediately detects/kills patching
- Configured by software using KTRR (ror)
- No (publicly known) bypass since 10.1.1
- Exposed by Apple as of XNU-4570 sources

Listing 13-18: KTRR code (from XNU-4570's ../machine_routines.c) interleaved with d10 11.0.1 disassembly

```
// lock_amcc is inlined
static void lock_amcc() {
#if defined(KERNEL_INTEGRITY_KTRR)
fffffff00711db00 LDR X8, [X25, #536] ; R8 = .. *(0xfffffff007652218, amcc_base
                                     ; R9 = 0x1
fffffff00711db04 ORR W9, WZR, #0x1
fffffff00711db08 STR W9, [X8, #2028] ;$ *(R8 + 2028)
      builtin arm isb(ISB SY);
fffffff00711db0c ISB SY
#error KERNEL INTEGRITY config error
#endif
// lock_mmu() also inlined: x20 = begin, x19 = end. x9 = 1 (from ..db04)
static void lock_mmu(uint64_t begin, uint64_t end) {
#if defined(KERNEL INTEGRITY KTRR)
          builtin arm wsr64(ARM64 REG KTRR LOWER EL1, begin); // S3 4 c15 c2 3
          builtin arm wsr64(ARM64 REG KTRR UPPER EL1, end);
fffffff00711db14
                      MSR S3 4 C15 C2 4, X19
       /* flush TLB */
         builtin arm isb(ISB SY)
fffffff00711db0c
fffffff00711db1c
                               0xffffffff0070d48ac
#error KERNEL_INTEGRITY config error
```

The Future

- Going forward, KTRR isn't going away, and is preventing:
 - Text/code patching
 - Rendering the standard set of patches (e.g. TFPO, setuid,..) impossible
 - Read-only memory patching
 - Other patches (i_can_haz_debugger, AMFI hooks, Sandbox platform profile) impossible
 - Trivial kernel code-injection:
 - mach_vm_allocate/mach_vm_protect(PROT_EXEC)

...e pur si rompe..

- Patch protection still falls short in various aspects, notably "data-only"
 - Mutable data (i.e. rw by design) cannot be protected with present methods
- Mutable (ergo patchable) data still holds plenty of kernel structures:
 - struct proc: Process control blocks, including credentials, Kauth & MACF labels
 - struct vnode: Loaded inodes, including open file metadata
 - Unified Buffer Cache: Including file data, code signature blobs & entitlements
 - IO*: IOKit objects, providing vtables aplenty and code execution primitives

Fortunately...

- Publicly disclosed vulnerabilities, notably Ian Beer's, now give "TFP0"
 - Method was used forever in jailbreaks, but never before "standardized" in PoCs
- More accurately, the kernel_task port is smuggled to userland, providing:
 - Task APIs enable control over task aspects, specifically kernel threads
 - mach_vm* APIs manipulating kernel memory (subject to patching restrictions)
 - Name stuck because of traditional task_for_pid(..,0..) patch.
 - To get an idea: q.v. miscellaneous MIG .defs in /usr/include/mach



Unfortunately...

- Access to kernel task is just the beginning
- With great power comes great responsibility
- Open source nature of PoC exploits leads to cut/paste low quality JBs
- Kernel memory, when touched the wrong way, leads to panics



QiLin (麒麟)

- Attempt to "standardize" JBs with a simple, reusable library
- The QiLin jailbreak toolkit "drives" LiberTV/LiberiOS/LiberWatchee
 - Also drives Technologeeks' Xn00p (XNU kernel debug tool, coming soon)
- Minimalistic ("dev") jailbreaks (no Cydia ⊕) but rock solid stability
- Extensible API, allowing a jailbreak in 10 lines of code or less.
- Not open source (yet), but fully documented with public API.



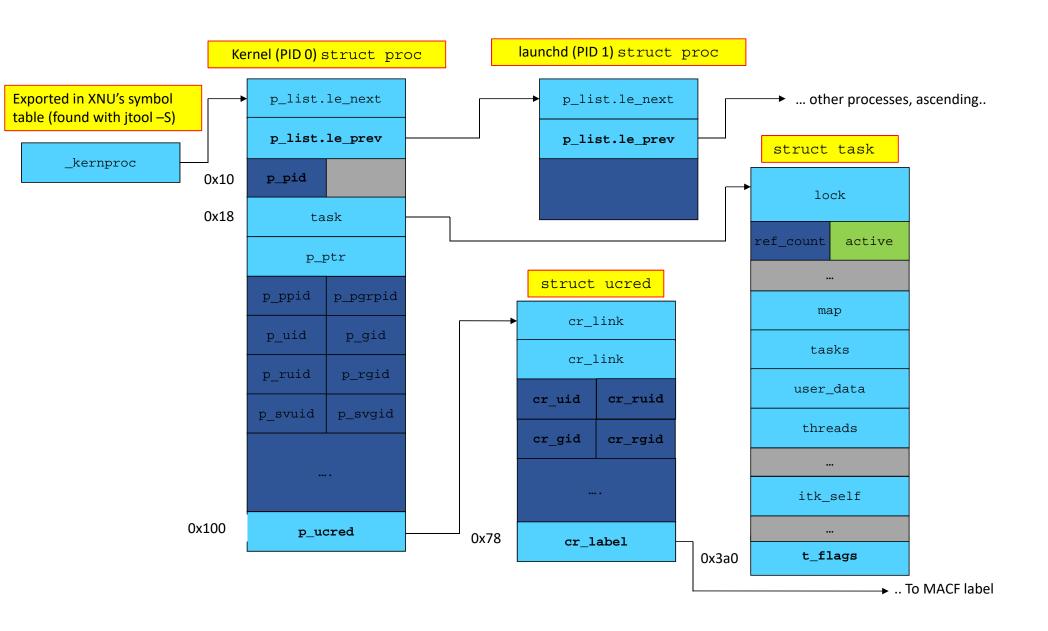
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- Only requirement is the kernel_task port
- Alternatively: Provide your own exploit (=kernel mem r/w primitives)
 - int readKernelMemory(uint64_t Address, uint64_t Len, void **To);
 - int writeKernelMemory(uint64_t Address, uint64_t Len, void *From);
 - Useful in earlier stages of exploit development, when port is not yet obtainable
- Provides tested, reusable code to achieve most jailbreaking tasks
- Core is also undetectable
 - Tip: Treat "jailbreak detection" claimz suspiciously



- Symbolicating the kernel:
 - *OS XNU provides some 4,500 symbols, which it must export for kexts
 - By comparison, MacOS XNU has well over 20,000...
 - Some exports very useful (e.g. _kernproc, _rootvnode), but many missing
 - Most jailbreaks hardcode addresses and slide, which is tedious
 - Requires symbolicating each of the i-Device variants to determine specific addresses...
- Solution: Harness joker's engine (disarm+machlib)
 - Works directly on the in-device /S/L/C/com.apple.kernelcaches/kernelcache
 - Also accessible when app is sandboxed (i.e. pre-exploitation)

- Structure offsets:
 - Apple continually modifies (and re-orders) proc, task, and other structs
 - Most jailbreaks hard-code field offsets, and complicate code.
- Solution: Reconstruct all kernel headers in user mode
 - Painful, but only needed to do it once...
 - Hopefully forward compatible for whatever XNU-5123 or higher bring..
 - Will just copy kernel headers and recompile



return (p.task);

```
    pid_t findPidOfProcess (char *ProcName)
    Get process list
    Match by proc_name(pid,...)
    uint64_t getProcStructForPid(pid_t Whom);
    Start at kernproc (exported symbol) working backwards
    Check if p_pid matches requested PID
    Return address of struct proc to caller
    uint64_t getTaskStructForPid(Pid);
    psAddr = getProcStructForPid(Pid);
```

• readKernelMemory (psAddr, sizeof (struct proc), &p);

- uint64_t getAddressOfPort(pid_t Pid, mach_port_name_t P)
 - taskStructAddr = getTaskStructForPid(Pid);
 - Traverse itk_space->is_table, inspecting ipc_entry structs
 - Return address to caller on (entry.ie_bits >> 24) and iterator match
 - More reliable than CVE-2017-13865

- int setTFP0AsHostSpecialPort4 (void);
 - Method devised by Pangu Team
 - Allows access to kernel_task for any root owned process
- Optional, and not recommended
 - Greatly compromises system security
 - I needed it for xn00p, also useful for other kernel mem inspection tools

Problem: Remounting root filesystem

- Jailbreaks require rw / partition if they are to achieve:
 - System hard-coded default manipulation
 - Easier persistence
 - Execution of unsandboxed binaries from subdirectories of /

Solution: Flag Flipping

- Method <u>publicized by @Xerub</u>:
 - easily circumvents poor implementation:
 - Remove MNT_ROOTFS flag
 - Remount RW
 - Add MNT_ROOTFS flags
- Already hardened by Apple ☺
 - APFS driver panics
 - Other creative solutions may endure

```
int remountRootFS (void)
    // Need these so struct vnode is properly defined:
/* 0x00 */ LIST HEAD(buflists, buf);
            typedef void *kauth action t ;
/* 0x18 */
             typedef struct {
                 uint64 t
            } lck mtx t;
       // Cut/paste struct vnode (bsd/sys/vnode internal.h) here (omitted for brevity)
   0x00 */ lck mtx t v lock:
                                                  /* vnode mutex */
/* 0x28 */ TAILQ ENTRY(vnode) v freelist;
                                                  /* vnode freelist */
                                                  /* vnodes for mount point */
/* 0x38 */ TAILQ ENTRY(vnode) v mntvnodes;
/* 0x48 */ TAILQ HEAD(, namecache) v ncchildren; /* name cache entries that regard us as their
/* 0x58 */ LIST HEAD(, namecache) v nclinks;
                                                  /* name cache entries that name this vnode */
/* 0xd8 */ mount t v mount;
                                                  /* ptr to vfs we are in */
    // mount t (struct mount *) can similarly be obtained from bsd/sys/mount internal.h
    // The specific mount flags are a uint32 t at offset 0x70
    // Why bother with a patchfinder when AAPL still exports this for us? :-)
    uint64 t rootVnodeAddr = findKernelSymbol(" rootvnode");
    uint64 t *actualVnodeAddr;
    struct vnode *rootvnode = 0;
    char *v mount;
    status("Attempting to remount rootFS...\n");
    readKernelMemory(rootVnodeAddr, sizeof(void *), &actualVnodeAddr);
    readKernelMemory(*actualVnodeAddr, sizeof(struct vnode), &rootvnode);
    readKernelMemory(rootvnode->v_mount, 0x100, &v_mount);
    // Disable MNT_ROOTFS momentarily, remounts , and then flips the flag back
    uint32 t mountFlags = (*(uint32 t * )(v mount + 0x70)) & -(MNT ROOTFS | MNT ROONLY);
    writeKernelMemory(((char *)rootvnode->v mount) + 0x70 ,sizeof(mountFlags), &mountFlags);
    char *opts = strdup("/dev/disk0slsl");
    // Not enough to just change the MNT RDONLY flag - we have to call
    // mount(2) again, to refresh the kernel code paths for mounting..
    int rc = mount("apfs", "/", MNT UPDATE, (void *)&opts);
    printf("RC: %d (flags: 0x%x) %s \n", rc, mountFlags, strerror(errno));
    mountPlags |= MNT ROOTFS;
    writeKernelMemory(((char *)rootvnode->v mount) + 0x70 ,sizeof(mountFlags), &mountFlags);
    int fd = open ("/test.txt", O_TRUNC | O_CREAT);
    if (fd < 0) { error ("Failed to remount /"); }
        status("Mounted / as read write :-)\n");
        unlink("/test.txt"); // clean up
    return 0:
```

Problem: task conversion APIs

iOS 11 adds task_conversion_eval in order to restrict task port access:

Listing 25-18: The task conversion eval function (from osfmk/kern/ipc_tt.c)

```
kern_return_t task_conversion_eval(task_t caller, task_t victim)
  * Tasks are allowed to resolve their own task ports, and the kernel is
  * allowed to resolve anyone's task port.
  if (caller == kernel_task) { return KERN_SUCCESS; }
  if (caller == victim) { return KERN_SUCCESS; }
  * Only the kernel can can resolve the kernel's task port. We've established
  * by this point that the caller is not kernel task.
  if (victim == kernel_task) { return KERN_INVALID_SECURITY; }
#if CONFIG EMBEDDED
   * On embedded platforms, only a platform binary can resolve the task port
   * of another platform binary.
  if ((victim->t_flags & TF_PLATFORM) && !(caller->t_flags & TF_PLATFORM)) {
#if SECURE KERNEL
      return KERN INVALID SECURITY;
   if (cs relax platform task ports) {
           return KERN SUCCESS;
       } else { return KERN_INVALID_SECURITY; }
#endif /* SECURE_KERNEL */
#endif /* CONFIG_EMBEDDED */
       return KERN SUCCESS;
```

Solution: Platformization

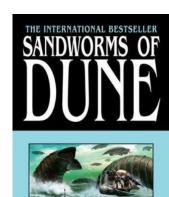
- platformizePID(pid_t Blessed)
 - Locates struct proc, corresponding task, and flips TF_PLATFORM in t_flags (0x3a8)
- Especially useful for debugserver:
 - Apple's provided debugserver binary (from DDI) still needs to be resigned:
 - Remove seatbelt-profile
 - Enable task_for_pid-allow and run-unsigned-code (+ platform-application)

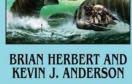
Problem: Sandbox

- 3rd party applications are stringently containerized by sandbox
- Kext nitpicks and inspects 130+/~340 possible MACF hooks
- *OS doesn't have SIP, but platform profile is just as bad:
 - No execution in /tmp, /var (outside containers)
 - Also prevents "untrusted binaries" from being spawned by anyone save launchd

Solution: ShaiHulud

- Most Sandbox checks make exemption for kernel credentials
- Simple idea: Copy kernel credentials over those of process
 - Ok to link instead of copy, since kernproc exits last anyway
 - Impact: immediate unsandboxing
 - (but still subject to platform profile restrictions)





And more sandbox annoyances

- Sandbox platform-profiles restricts "untrusted" binaries to launchd
 - i.e. if you're not a platform application, your PPID needs to be 1
- To get around:
 - Reparent exec'ed binary to 1 before sandbox hook is hit Or
 - Self-sign yourself with <platform-application> <true/>.
- Platform profile can still be...uhm.. persuaded, but not by QiLin. (not a good idea to blow a useful technique)

Problem: Entitlements

- As of somewhere in iOS 7 or 8, Apple started using entitlements
 - Stored in special blob (#5) inside code signature
 - Loaded into kernel memory (UBC) when code signature is validated
- Since then, number of entitlements has exploded
 - The entitlement database can be used to figure out entitlement holders

Solution (I): Injecting

- With kernel mutable data, we can overwrite UBC easily:
 - pidAddr = getProcStructForPid(pid)
 - blobAddr = LocateCodeSigningBlobForProcAtAddr(pidAddr)
 - readKernelMemory (blobAddr)
 - Edit csb_entitlements
- Can verify method works with csops(2) call

Solution (I): Injecting

- Not that simple for AMFI-enforced entitlements (e.g. task_for_pid)
 - AMFI.kext stores entitlements OSDictionary in 0-th MACF label slot

Figure 25-14: The AMFI Entitlement dictionary, in its MACF label slot

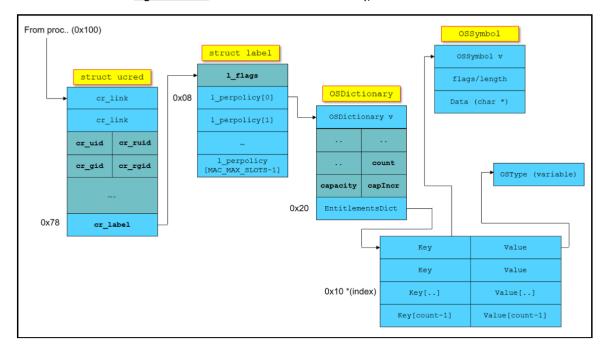
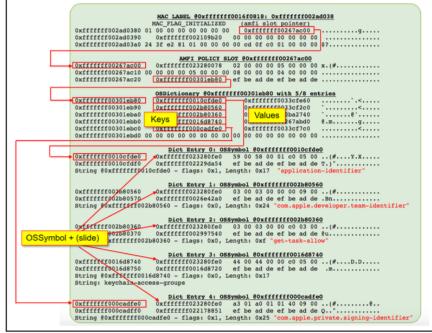


Figure 25-15: The AMFI MAC policy label slot, revealed



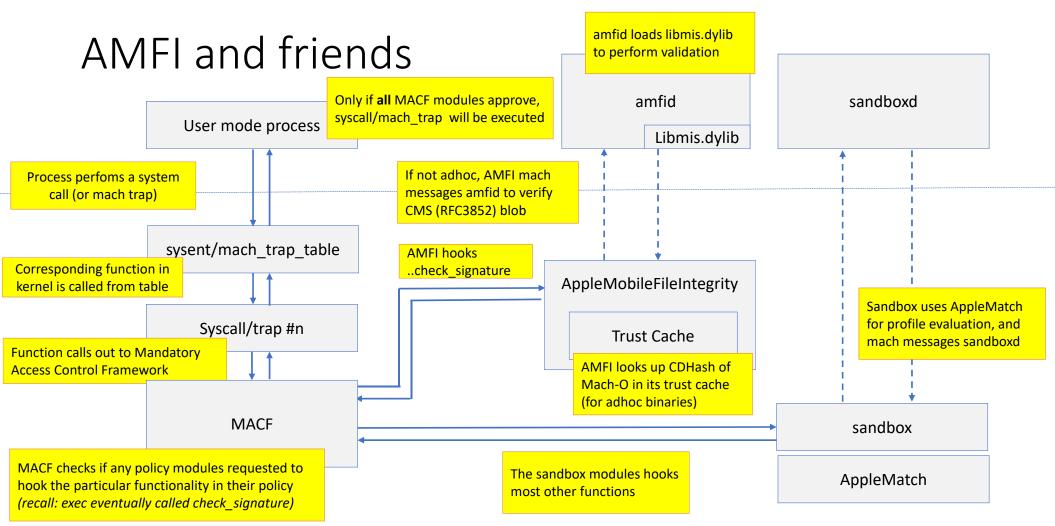
Solution (II): Borrowing!

- But wait Apple already provides entitled, signed binaries!
- MUCH simpler to:
 - spawn entitled binary (possibly suspended) if not already executing
 - Locate struct proc entry
 - Copy over kauth creds (instant uid/gid)
 - Get MACF labels (AMFI (0), Sandbox(1)) for free!
 - Profit
 - Good practice: Recover original credentials
- Like ShaiHulud, but on user-mode processes

Figure 25-17: Borrowing entitlements from sysdiagnose(1)

Problem: AMFI

- Sworn nemesis of jailbreakers everywhere, enforces code signing
- MACF ...execve hook called on every process execution
- KEXT validates ad-hoc signatures against trust cache(s)
- User-mode lackey daemon (amfid) validates third party signatures



Solution (I): Overwrite loadable trust cache

- AMFI maintains a "trust cache" for Apple's own platform binaries
 - Part of __TEXT, so therefore read-only and subject to patch protection
- But.. AMFI also (foolishly) maintains *another* trust cache:
 - Used for DeveloperDiskImage binaries
 - Loaded by mobile storage mounter (with entitlement)
 - By definition, resides in mutable memory!
- Method publicized by Xerub injects CDHashes into (other) cache
 - As a bonus, binaries automatically bestowed platform status
- MUST go away in iOS 12
 - (fool me once, shame on me.. Fool me five times ... enough already!)

Solution (II): AMFI-Debilitate

- For third party binaries, validation is done in user mode amfid
- Dimwit daemon outsources decision making to libmis.dylib
 - Traditionally, MISValidateSignature would perform complex validation
 - Certificate check, UPPs, online_auth_agent, etc... and...
 - just return 0/1 ©
 - Bypassed numerous times, from evasiOn 6 to Pangu 9.3 (女娲石)
 - As of iOS 10, MISValidateSignatureAndCopyInfo also populates hash
 - Still trivial to get by, as demonstrated by Ian Beer's mach_portal
 - Hijack AMFId's exception ports (or inject exception thread into it)
 - Overwrite MISValidateSignatureAndCopyInfo la_symbol_ptr

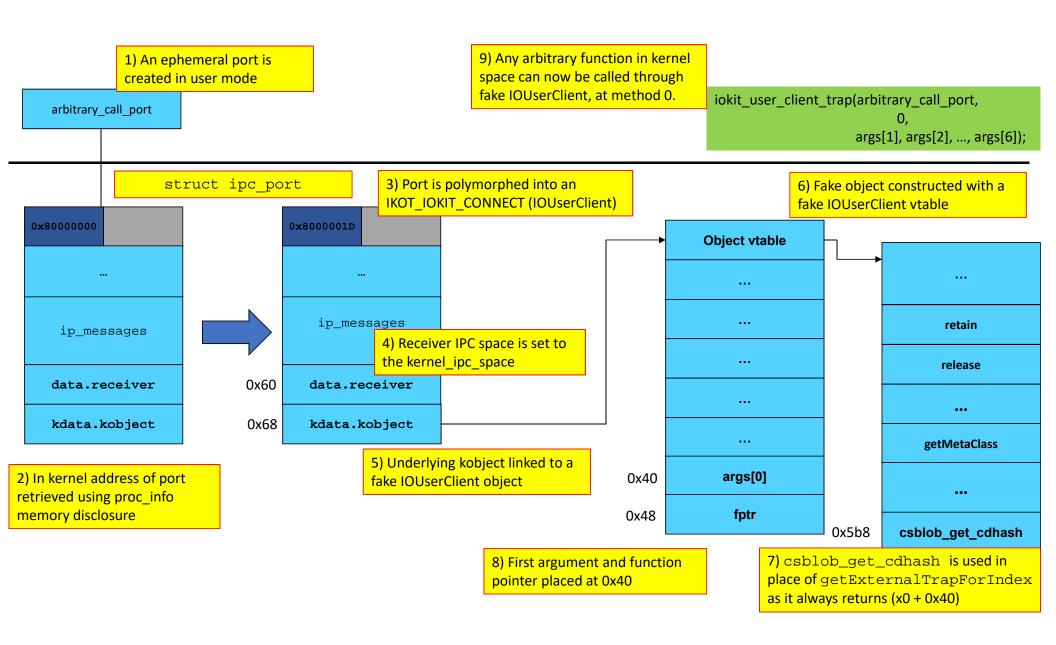
Solution (II): AMFI-Debilitate

- QiLin's int castrateAmfid(void) automatically does all this..
 - Amfid marked CS_HARD | CS_KILL, but who cares when you can overwrite?
- AMFIdebilitate daemon can persist after Liber* JB-Apps exit:
 - Spawned as platformized binary by QiLin (provided in binpack tar)
 - Hijacks amfid's exception ports to hook MVSACI
 - Also registers knote on amfid (to track exit due to launchd kill)
- NOT a jailbreakd, but can be adapted easily to one:
 - AMFId's upcall follows MACF ... execve hook, so great for process notifications

Problem: kernel execution primitive

- Advanced exploitation relies on kernel execution, e.g.
 - kalloc()..
 - pmem APIs..
 - General ability to invoke kernel functions with arbitrary arguments

- Ian Beer provides a great method for exec but...
 - Relies on proc_pidinfo(LISTUPTRS) which only works for 11.0-11.1.2



Solution: Kernel-version agnostic kexec()

- Method very similar to Beer's:
 - Create an arbitrary IOUserClient (AMFI chosen for a touch of irony)
 - getAddressOfPort(pid_t Pid, mach_port_name_t IOUserClientName);
 - Clone IOUserClient object in memory to fully writable memory
 - Dynamically modify object's vtable entry to allow any function & arguments
- Especially useful with kernel symbols
 - Can call any function known to joker (and that's most useful ones)

Take away: A full set of reusable tools

- Put all of these together, and you have a full jailbreak, or more*
- Use it (subject to minimal license), submit bugs/requests, help improve
- Utility functions will be forward compatible indefinitely
- Protection workarounds will likely be closed by Apple at some point.

Message to Apple

- Valiant efforts, guys, but NONE OF IT IS ACTUALLY ANY USEFUL
- You're just making it a pain to JB, but not solving real threat APTs
 - Unsandboxed uid 501 (mobile) is usually enough for most targeted malware
- Your bug bounty program is an insult
 - 50k for an exploit chain that fetches x100 times that in open market?
- Open up *OS for researchers and they'll beat a path to your door
 - Also iron out some design flaws in an otherwise superbly writ OS

Greets

- The Jailbreaking community, especially @PanguTeam & @S1guza
- @pimskeks A giant walks among us
- @Xerub stop open sourcing everything and killing good methods ☺
- @i41nbeer A brilliant mind working for the wrong people

All this and more in...

- *OS Internals Trilogy, specifically Volume III
 - http://NewOSXBook.com/
 - Volume II coming later this year with Darwin 18! (MacOS 14/iOS 12)
- Technologeeks.com training:
 - MacOS/iOS Internals Reverse Engineer's Perspective 5 day deep dive
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