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evilgrade, "*You STILL have pending
upgrades!*"

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Introduction

Topics

- Client side exploitation
- Update process
- Poor implementation of update processes
- Attack vectors
- evilgrade framework presentation

Introduction

Client side exploitation

Searching the Weakest Link

Bypassing the fortress walls

This technique allows for example transform a user terminal in a “proxy” to access the internal network of a company

General application's update process

How does it works?

- Update process are either manual or automatic.
- The process requests a special file in the master server for example *update.application.com/info.xml*
- The file has the internal information of the available updates.
- It's installed automatic or ask if you like to install the new update.

What's the problem?



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Is there any problem?

Trust

- A lot of application don't verify the updates contents.
- They blindly trust without verification of the master update server.

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Tool Information

evilgrade is modular framework that allow us to take advantage of poor update implementations by injecting fake updates.

- It's a opensource project
- It's developed in Perl

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How does it work?

It works with modules, each module implements the structure needed to emulate a false update of specific application.

evilgrade needs the manipulation of the victims's dns traffic

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Normal update process

1. App1 start the update process
2. Consult to the dns server host *update.app1.com*
3. DNS server replies *200.1.1.1*
4. App gets the file *lastupdate.xml* from *update.app1.com*
5. App analyzes the update file and detect a new update
6. App1 downloads and execute the update *http://update.app1.com/update.exe*

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Attack example

1. App1 starts the update process
2. Consult to the dns server host *update.app1.com*
3. The attacker modifies the DNS traffic and returns other ip address, controlled by the attacker.
4. App1 get the file controlled by the attacker *http://update.app1.com/lastupdate.xml*
5. App1 processes the file and detect a new update
6. App1 downloads and execute the backdoor *http://update.app1.com/backdoor.exe*

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Attack vectors?

Possibilities:

Internal scenery:

- *Internal DNS access.*
- *ARP spoofing.*
- DNS Cache Poisoning.*
- DHCP spoofing*

External scenery:

- *Internal DNS access.*
- DNS Cache Poisoning.*
- Fake AP wireless*

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Is this new?

No, it's not. ☹️

The idea of the framework is the **centralization** and **exploitation** of different update implementations all together in one tool.

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What are the supported OS?

The framework is multiplatform, it only depends of having the righth payload for the platform to exploit.

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What can I do with it?

This attack vector allows the injection of fake updates to remotely access a target system.

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Console:

It works similar to a IOS console:

- show <object>**: Used to show different information.
- conf <object>**: Enter to the configure mode.
- set <option> "value"**: Configures different options.
- start**: Services starts.
- stop**: Services stops.
- status**: Services status.

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Modules:

```
package modules::sunjava;

use strict;
use Data::Dump qw(dump);

my $base=
{
  'name' => 'Sun Microsystems Java',
  'version' => '1.0',
  'appver' => '< 1.6.0_03',
  'author' => [ 'Francisco Amato <famato+[AT]+infobyte.com.ar>' ],
  'description' => qq{},
  'vh' => 'java.sun.com',
  'request' => [
    {
      'req' => '^/update/[.\d]+/map\-[.\d]+.xml', #regex friendly
      'type' => 'file', #file|string|agent|install
      'method' => '', #any
      'bin' => '',
      'string' => '',
      'parse' => '',
      'file' => './include/sunjava_map.xml'
    },
    {
      'req' => '^/java_update.xml$', #regex friendly
      'type' => 'file', #file|string|agent|install
    }
  ]
};
```

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Request:

Each object has:

<req> - requested URL (regex friendly).

<type> : [file | string | agent | install]

<method> : [GET|POST|TEST|""]

<bin> : [1|""] If is it a binary file.

<string> : String request's response

<parse> : [1|""] If this file or string need be parsed

<file> : The path of the request's response

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Implemented modules:

- Java plugin
 - Winzip
 - Winamp
 - OpenOffices
 - iTunes
 - Quicktime
 - Safari
 - DAP (download accelerator)
 - Notepad++
 - Mirc
- And more.....



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**Time for the demo.
Cool!**



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A more secure approach

- Update server running under https, certificate control.
- Digital signatures, verify the update with a public key

and you know..

Next time you do an update!



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Thanks!

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