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This Week in Review

Observations in network security, Guidance Software gets breached and Symantec AV hole discovered.

Enjoy reading

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Top Security News Stories this Week

❖ Important lessons in network security

Matthew Friedman gives us lessons learned from some of the more serious computer security breaches of the recent past.

The net-net; examine and test all processes especially avenues where Social Engineering attacks can be used to exploit your security measures.

Networking Pipeline

Full Story :

http://www.smallbizpipeline.com/175006398?cid=rssfeed_pl_sbp

❖ eCase software maker gets hacked

Guidance Software; a maker of forensic software, fell victim to a hacker attack where the perpetrators made off with roughly 3,800 customer credit cards records. The theft resulted in about \$20,000 in unauthorized transactions.

It seems a bit careless to me to hack in to a security company that counts the U.S. Secret Service, the FBI and New York City police – *Ed*.

Source

Full Story:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/12/19/AR2005121900928.html?nav=rss_technology

❖ Symantec AV flaw discovered

A former employee of the security software giant discovered a vulnerability in Symantec's Avit-Virus products that could enable a virus or worm hidden inside a specially crafted RAR file to allow attackers to take complete control over infected computers.

Full Story:

http://blogs.washingtonpost.com/securityfix/2005/12/symantec_antivi.html

New Vulnerabilities Tested in SecureScout

❖ 16050 Linux Kernel missing parameter validation in the "map_to_seg7()" function Vulnerability

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel. Can potentially be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service)

A boundary error due to missing parameter validation in the "map_to_seg7()" function in "drivers/usb/input/map_to_7segment.h" of the Yealink driver may cause out-of-bound memory references.

The vulnerability has been reported in the 2.6 kernel branch and has been fixed in version 2.6.14-git4.

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Low** Risk: **DoS**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/snapshots/patch-2.6.14-git4.log>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux->

[2.6.git;a=commit;h=af64a5ebb817532965d18b792d6d74afecfb0bcf](http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=af64a5ebb817532965d18b792d6d74afecfb0bcf)
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=5c50d1885981537ff3b8df6433951de6c9cb72cb>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.14>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=25f407f0b668f5e4ebd5d13e1fb4306ba6427ead>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=788e05a67c343fa22f2ae1d3ca264e7f15c25eaf>

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17384/>

Product HomePage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2005-3527](#), [CVE-2005-3805](#), [CAN-2005-3847](#)

❖ 16051 Linux Kernel handling of SMBus Block Write transactions Vulnerability

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel. Can potentially be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service)

A boundary error in "/drivers/i2c/i2c-core.c" when handling SMBus Block Write transactions may cause a buffer overflow.

The vulnerability has been reported in the 2.6 kernel branch and has been fixed in version 2.6.14-git4

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Low** Risk: **DoS, Attack**

References:

References: Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/snapshots/patch-2.6.14-git4.log>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=af64a5ebb817532965d18b792d6d74afecfb0bcf>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=5c50d1885981537ff3b8df6433951de6c9cb72cb>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.14>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=25f407f0b668f5e4ebd5d13e1fb4306ba6427ead>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=788e05a67c343fa22f2ae1d3ca264e7f15c25eaf>

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17384/>

Product HomePage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2005-3527](#), [CVE-2005-3805](#), [CAN-2005-3847](#)

❖ **16052 Linux Kernel handling of locking in the POSIX timer cleanup code Vulnerability**

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel. Can potentially be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service)

An error exists in the handling of locking in the POSIX timer cleanup code when running on SMP systems. This may be exploited by local users to cause a DoS.

The vulnerability has been reported in the 2.6 kernel branch and has been fixed in version 2.6.14-git4.

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Low** Risk: **DoS, Attack**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/snapshots/patch-2.6.14-git4.log>

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=af64a5ebb817532965d18b792d6d74afecfb0bcf>

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=5c50d1885981537ff3b8df6433951de6c9cb72cb>

<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.14>

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=25f407f0b668f5e4ebd5d13e1fb4306ba6427ead>

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=788e05a67c343fa22f2ae1d3ca264e7f15c25eaf>

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17384/>

Product HomePage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2005-3527](#), [CVE-2005-3805](#), [CAN-2005-3847](#)

❖ **16053 Linux Kernel race condition in the "do_coredump()" function Vulnerability**

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel. Can potentially be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service)

A race condition in the "do_coredump()" function in "/kernel/signal.c" can be exploited by malicious users to cause a DoS by triggering a core dump in one thread while another thread has a pending SIGSTOP.

The vulnerability has been reported in the 2.6 kernel branch and has been fixed in version 2.6.14-git4.

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Low** Risk: **DoS, Attack**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/snapshots/patch-2.6.14-git4.log>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=af64a5ebb817532965d18b792d6d74afecfb0bcf>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=5c50d1885981537ff3b8df6433951de6c9cb72cb>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.14>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=25f407f0b668f5e4ebd5d13e1fb4306ba6427ead>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=788e05a67c343fa22f2ae1d3ca264e7f15c25eaf>

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17384/>

Product HomePage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2005-3527](#), [CVE-2005-3805](#), [CAN-2005-3847](#)

❖ 16054 Linux Kernel IPv6 Denial of Service Vulnerability

Tetsuo Handa has reported a vulnerability in the Linux Kernel, which potentially can be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service).

The vulnerability is caused due to an infinite loop error in the "udp_v6_get_port()" function in "net/ipv6/udp.c". This may be exploited to cause a DoS.

The vulnerability affects version 2.2.26 and prior, version 2.4.32-rc1 and prior, and version 2.6.13.4 and prior.

The vulnerability has been fixed in version 2.4.32-rc2 or 2.6.14-rc5.

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Low** Risk: **DoS, Attack**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=87bf9c97b4b3af8dec7b2b79cdf7bfc0a0a03b2>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/marcelo/linux-2.4.git;a=commit;h=2d5a5e7918796127b64e996f6a9f00d5e95161ed>
https://bugzilla.redhat.com/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=170772

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17261/>

Product HomePage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CAN-2005-2973](#)

❖ 16055 Linux Kernel Console Keyboard Mapping Shell Command

Injection Vulnerability

Rudolf Polzer has reported a vulnerability in the Linux Kernel, which potentially can be exploited by malicious, local users to gain escalated privileges.

The vulnerability is caused due to the way console keyboard mapping is handled. The keyboard map installed by a local user using "loadkeys" is applied to all virtual consoles and is not being reset after the user logs out.

Successful exploitation allows malicious console users to inject arbitrary shell commands into certain key mappings, which are executed when the next logon console user uses the re-mapped key.

The vulnerability has been fixed in version 2.4.32-rc2 and in version 2.6.14-git12.

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Low** Risk: **Attack**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://bugs.debian.org/cgi-bin/bugreport.cgi?bug=334113>
<http://kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/snapshots/patch-2.6.14-git12.log>
<http://kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=0b360adbdb54d5b98b78d57ba0916bc4b8871968>
<http://kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.4/testing/patch-2.4.32.log>
<http://kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/marcelo/linux-2.4.git;a=commit;h=2afb6d8ea04e81a1547e8e51b7550a8fd69b9fce>

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17226/>

Product HomePage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2005-3257](#)

❖ 16056 Linux Kernel memory leak in "/security/keys/request_key_auth.c" to cause Denial Of Service Vulnerability

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel, which potentially can be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service) and bypass certain security restrictions, or by malicious people to disclose certain sensitive information.

A memory leak in "/security/keys/request_key_auth.c" can potentially be exploited by non-privileged users to cause a DoS.

The vulnerability has been fixed in version 2.6.14-rc4 and stable version 2.6.13.4.

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Medium** Risk: **DoS, Attack**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=74fd92c511bd4a0771ac0faaaef38bb1be3a29f6>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commitdiff;h=829841146878e082613a49581ae252c071057c23>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=9bc39bec87ee3e35897fe27441e979e7c208f624>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/testing/ChangeLog-2.6.14-rc4>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.13.4>
http://o0o.nu/~meder/o0o_linux_orinoco_driver_info_leak.txt
http://bugs.gentoo.org/show_bug.cgi?id=107893

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17114/>

Product HomePage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CAN-2005-3119](#), [CAN-2005-3179](#), [CAN-2005-3180](#), [CAN-2005-3181](#)

❖ 16057 Linux Kernel memory leak in "/fs/namei.c" to cause Denial Of Service Vulnerability

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel, which potentially can be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service) and bypass certain security restrictions, or by malicious people to disclose certain sensitive information.

A memory leak exists in "/fs/namei.c" when the CONFIG_AUDITSYSCALL option is enabled. This can potentially be exploited by local users to cause a DoS via an excessive number of system calls.

The vulnerability has been fixed in version 2.6.14-rc4 and stable version 2.6.13.4.

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Medium** Risk: **DoS, Attack**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=74fd92c511bd4a0771ac0faaaef38bb1be3a29f6>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commitdiff;h=829841146878e082613a49581ae252c071057c23>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=9bc39bec87ee3e35897fe27441e979e7c208f624>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/testing/ChangeLog-2.6.14-rc4>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.13.4>
http://o0o.nu/~meder/o0o_linux_orinoco_driver_info_leak.txt
http://bugs.gentoo.org/show_bug.cgi?id=107893

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17114/>

Product HomePage:
<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CAN-2005-3119](#), [CAN-2005-3179](#), [CAN-2005-3180](#), [CAN-2005-3181](#)

❖ **16058 Linux Kernel orinoco wireless driver to expose random pieces of the system memory Vulnerability**

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel, which potentially can be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service) and bypass certain security restrictions, or by malicious people to disclose certain sensitive information.

The orinoco wireless driver fails to pad data packets with zeroes when the length needs to be increased. This may cause uninitialized data to be sent, potentially exposing random pieces of the system memory.

The vulnerability has been fixed in version 2.6.14-rc4 and stable version 2.6.13.4

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Medium** Risk: **DoS, Attack**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=74fd92c511bd4a0771ac0faaaef38bb1be3a29f6>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commitdiff;h=829841146878e082613a49581ae252c071057c23>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=9bc39bec87ee3e35897fe27441e979e7c208f624>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/testing/ChangeLog-2.6.14-rc4>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.13.4>
http://o0o.nu/~meder/o0o_linux_orinoco_driver_info_leak.txt
http://bugs.gentoo.org/show_bug.cgi?id=107893

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/17114/>

Product HomePage:
<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CAN-2005-3119](#), [CAN-2005-3179](#), [CAN-2005-3180](#), [CAN-2005-3181](#)

❖ **16059 Linux Kernel error in handling asynchronous USB access via usbdevio to crash kernel Vulnerability**

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel, which can be exploited by malicious, local users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service).

An error in handling asynchronous USB access via usbdevio can be exploited to crash the kernel via a process that issues an URB (USB Request Block) from userspace and terminates before the URB returns.

Successful exploitation requires that the user has permissions to access an USB device.

Vulnerability has been fixed in version 2.6.14.

Test Case Impact: **Gather Info**. Vulnerability Impact: **Medium** Risk: **DoS, Attack**

References:

Original advisory:

<http://marc.theaimsgroup.com/?l=linux-kernel&m=112766129313883>

<http://blog.blackdown.de/2005/05/09/fixing-the-iptables-recent-netfilter-module/>

<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.14>

[http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-](http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=46113830a18847cff8da73005e57bc49c2f95a56)

[2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=46113830a18847cff8da73005e57bc49c2f95a56](http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=46113830a18847cff8da73005e57bc49c2f95a56)

[http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-](http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=4ea6a8046bb49d43c950898f0cb4e1994ef6c89d)

[2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=4ea6a8046bb49d43c950898f0cb4e1994ef6c89d](http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/gregkh/linux-2.6.14.y.git;a=commit;h=4ea6a8046bb49d43c950898f0cb4e1994ef6c89d)

https://bugzilla.redhat.com/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=174081

Other references:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/16969/>

Product HomePage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CAN-2005-2873](#), [CAN-2005-3055](#), [CVE-2005-3806](#)

New Vulnerabilities found this Week

Symantec AntiVirus RAR Archive Decompression Buffer Overflow

"System access"

Alex Wheeler has reported a vulnerability in Symantec AntiVirus, which potentially can be exploited by malicious people to compromise a vulnerable system.

The vulnerability is caused due to a boundary error in Dec2Rar.dll when copying data based on the length field in the sub-block headers of a RAR archive. This can be exploited to cause a heap-based buffer overflow and may allow arbitrary code execution when a malicious RAR archive is scanned.

The vulnerability has been reported in Dec2Rar.dll version 3.2.14.3 and potentially affects all Symantec products that use the DLL.

Solution:

Filter RAR archives at email or proxy gateways.

Provided and/or discovered by:

Alex Wheeler

Original Advisory:

<http://www.remote.com/public/images/symc2.pdf>

Microsoft Internet Explorer Multiple Vulnerabilities

"Security Bypass"

Five vulnerabilities have been reported in Microsoft Internet Explorer, which can be exploited by malicious people to view potentially sensitive information, to trick users into downloading and executing arbitrary programs, and to compromise a user's system.

- 1) A design error in the processing of keyboard shortcuts for certain security dialogs can e.g. be exploited to delay the "File Download" dialog box and trick users into executing a malicious ".bat" file after pressing the "r" key.
- 2) A design error in the processing of mouse clicks in new browser windows and the predictability of the position of the "File Download" dialog box can be exploited to trick the user into clicking on the "Run" button of the dialog box. This is exploited by first causing a "File Download" dialog box to be displayed underneath a new browser window, and then tricking the user into double-clicking within a specific area in the new window. This will result in an unintended click of the "Run" button in the hidden "File Download" dialog box.
- 3) An error exists in Internet Explorer when used with a HTTPS proxy server that requires clients to use Basic Authentication. This may cause web addresses that are sent from Internet Explorer to be disclosed to a third-party even when HTTPS connection is used.
- 4) An error exists when certain COM objects that are not intended to be used with Internet Explorer are instantiated in Internet Explorer. This can be exploited to execute arbitrary code via a malicious webpage that instantiates a vulnerable COM object.

This is related to:

[SA16480](#)

- 5) An error exists in the initialisation of certain objects when the "window()" function is used in conjunction with the "<body onload>" event. This can be exploited to execute arbitrary code via a malicious webpage.

For more information:

[SA15546](#)

The vulnerabilities #1, #2, and #5 have been confirmed on a fully patched system with Internet Explorer 6.0 and Microsoft Windows XP SP2. Other versions may also be affected.

Solution:

Apply patches.

Internet Explorer 5.01 SP 4 on Microsoft Windows 2000 (requires SP 4):

<http://www.microsoft.com/download...B74A-D6E6-4A32-A3B1-276686B4A428>

Internet Explorer 6 SP 1 on Microsoft Windows 2000 (requires SP 4) or on Microsoft Windows XP (requires SP 1):

<http://www.microsoft.com/download...3CD2-D98D-427B-9F0E-BD7E19FCB994>

Internet Explorer 6 for Microsoft Windows XP (requires SP 2):

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloa...BA57-D4F2-4798-9154-2869E371C9D1>

Internet Explorer 6 for Microsoft Windows Server 2003 (with or without SP 1):
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloa...FB20-C7C9-43AF-A864-6DBC9A542CC6>

Internet Explorer 6 for Microsoft Windows Server 2003 (Itanium) (with or without SP 1):
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloa...90B9-E596-4344-AEC3-FCB3289D7E9C>

Internet Explorer 6 for Microsoft Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition:
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloa...23E5-7988-42DA-A8BD-2C1A534BF995>

Internet Explorer 6 for Microsoft Windows XP Professional x64 Edition:
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloa...2B4A-6339-4B31-8ACF-D2A844C24F70>

For Microsoft Windows 98, Microsoft Windows 98 SE, and Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition, see the vendors original advisory.

Provided and/or discovered by:

- 1) Andreas Sandblad, Secunia Research
- 2) Jakob Balle, Secunia Research
- 4) Will Dormann, CERT/CC

Original Advisory:

Secunia Research:

http://secunia.com/secunia_research/2005-7/advisory/
http://secunia.com/secunia_research/2005-21/advisory/

MS05-054 (KB905915):

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/Bulletin/MS05-054.msp>

Avaya Modular Messaging POP3 Denial of Service Vulnerability

"Denial of Service"

A vulnerability has been reported in Avaya Modular Messaging, which can be exploited by malicious people to cause a DoS (Denial of Service).

The vulnerability is caused due to an unspecified error in the POP3 service of the Message Storage Server. This can be exploited to cause a vulnerable service to enter an infinite loop by sending specially crafted packets.

Successful exploitation requires that the POP3 service is enabled (not enabled by default).

The vulnerability has been reported in version 2.0 Service Pack 4 and prior.

Solution:

Apply patch A1312pt+p.

<http://support.avaya.com/elmodocs2/PSN/PSN599u.pdf>

Provided and/or discovered by:

Reported by vendor.

Original Advisory:

Avaya:

<http://support.avaya.com/elmodocs2/security/ASA-2005-235.pdf>

PhpGedView File Inclusion and PHP Code Injection Vulnerabilities

"Exposure of sensitive information"

rgod has reported some vulnerabilities in PhpGedView, which can be exploited by malicious people to disclose sensitive information and compromise a vulnerable system.

1) Input passed to the "PGV_BASE_DIRECTORY" parameter in "help_text_vars.php" isn't properly verified, before it is used to include files. This can be exploited to include arbitrary files from external and local resources.

Successful exploitation requires that "register_globals" is enabled.

2) Input passed to the "user_language", "user_email", and "user_gedcomid" parameters when registering isn't properly sanitised before being stored in the PHP script "authenticate.php". This can be exploited to inject and execute arbitrary PHP code.

Successful exploitation requires that "magic_quotes_gpc" is disabled.

The vulnerabilities have been reported in version 3.3.7 and prior.

Solution:

Apply patch for version 3.3.7.

https://sourceforge.net/tracker/...p:group_id=55456&atid=477081

Provided and/or discovered by:

rgod

Original Advisory:

http://rgod.altervista.org/phpgedview_337_xpl.html

McAfee SecurityCenter "mcinsctl.dll" ActiveX File Overwrite Vulnerability

"Manipulation of data"

Peter Vreugdenhil has reported a vulnerability in McAfee SecurityCenter, which potentially can be exploited by malicious people to compromise a vulnerable system.

The vulnerability is caused due to an error in restricting the browser domain in which the "mcinsctl.dll" ActiveX control can be instantiated. The control contains the "MCINSTALL.McLog" object that can be used to write to a log file. This can be exploited to create or append to arbitrary files, potentially allowing arbitrary code execution by creating files in the user's startup folder.

Successful exploitation requires that the user is e.g. tricked into visiting a malicious website.

The vulnerability has been reported in "mcinsctl.dll" version 4.0.0.83 that is included with McAfee VirusScan. Other products that contain the vulnerability ActiveX

control may also be affected.

Solution:

The vulnerability has reportedly been fixed via automatic update.

Provided and/or discovered by:

Peter Vreugdenhil

Changelog:

2005-12-21: Updated list of affected products.

Original Advisory:

iDEFENSE:

<http://www.iddefense.com/intellig...nerabilities/display.php?id=358>

HP-UX Software Distributor Unauthorised Access Vulnerability

"System access"

A vulnerability has been reported in HP-UX, which potentially can be exploited by malicious users to bypass certain security restrictions.

The vulnerability is caused due to an unspecified error in the Software Distributor (SD). This can be exploited by a remote user to gain unauthorized access.

The vulnerability has been reported in HP-UX B.11.11.

Solution:

Update to the fixed version.

<http://itrc.hp.com>

HP-UX B.11.11:

Install PHCO_33822 or later.

The vendor recommends using "swacl" to verify the SD Access Control Lists (ACLs) if IPv6 has ever been enabled prior to the installation of the recommended patch.

Provided and/or discovered by:

Reported by vendor.

Original Advisory:

HPSBUX02089 SSRT5983:

<http://www2.itrc.hp.com/service/cki/docDisplay.do?docId=c00583199>

Vulnerability Resource

Check out this compendium of links and up-to-the minute information about network security issues. Their claim to be the 'security portal for information system security professionals' is well founded.

<http://www.infosyssec.org/infosyssec/>

Thank You

Thanks for sifting through another great edition of the ScoutNews. We hope we captured a flavor for the week and gave you just enough information on newly found vulnerabilities to keep you up-to-date. To subscribe or unsubscribe, contact us at ScoutNews@netVigilance.com.

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