

# Hunting CVEs for fun and profit

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# I've been working on...

- Kernel fuzzing/auditing
- Privilege Escalation in Userspace
- Sandbox escapes
- Browser fuzzing/exploitation
- Android/macOS/iOS

# Agenda

- Browser fuzzing/exploitation
- Sandbox escapes
- Privilege escalation
- Kernel code execution

# Lifetime of a complete exploit chain

- Remote vector is usually browser
- Escalate the sandbox via
  - Broker IPC calls
  - Userspace privileged components
  - Kernel
- Privilege Escalation

Chain in Mobile Pwn2Own 2016 Android Category

# THE ENTRANCE – JAVASCRIPT ENGINES

# V8 Javascript Engine

- Widely known and used
- Runtime optimization and JIT to machine code
  - Strongtalk
  - Crankshaft
  - Turbofan



# Vulnerabilities in V8 showcase

- CVE-2016-1646
  - Property redefinition
- CVE-2016-5198
  - JIT optimization out-of-bound



# Case study: CVE-2016-1646

- V8 Array.concat redefinition out-of-bounds in Pwn2Own 2016 by KeenLab

```
b = new Array(10);
b[0] = 0.1; ← Note that b[1] is a hole!
b[2] = 2.1;
b[3] = 3.1;

Object.defineProperty(b.__proto__, 1, { ← define b.__proto__[1] to gain the control in the middle of the loop
  get: function () {
    b.length = 1; ← shorten the array
    gc(); ← shrink the memory
    return 1;
  },
  set: function(new_value){
    /* some business logic goes here */
    value = new_value
  }
});
```

# Case study: CVE-2016-1646

```
case FAST_HOLEY_DOUBLE_ELEMENTS:
case FAST_DOUBLE_ELEMENTS: {
    // ...
    for (int j = 0; j < fast_length; j++) {
        HandleScope loop_scope(isolate);
        if (!elements->is_the_hole(j)) {
            double double_value = elements->get_scalar(j);
            Handle<Object> element_value =
                isolate->factory()->NewNumber(double_value);
            visitor->visit(j, element_value);
        } else {
            Maybe<bool> maybe = JSReceiver::HasElement(array, j);
            if (!maybe.IsJust()) return false;
            if (maybe.FromJust()) {
                Handle<Object> element_value;
                ASSIGN_RETURN_ON_EXCEPTION(
                    isolate, element_value, Object::GetElement(isolate, array, j),
                    false);
                visitor->visit(j, element_value);
            }
        }
    }
}
break;
}
```

# CVE-2016-5198 – oob in Deoptimization

- Eager Deoptimization
  - Usually seen in function argument checks
  - Bail out to interpreter mode immediately
- Lazy Deoptimization
  - Usually seen on global object access
  - Who changes the object is responsible for patching following users
    - What if itself is also JITed?

PROP\_CELL\_MAP  
0x2ab4ce002a99

Javascript: n.xyz = 0x31337



PropertyCell n: 0x79d334abfc1

`mov eax, QWORD PTR [eax+0x0]`



JS\_Set: 0x130199d5c511

JS\_SET\_TYPE\_MAP

`mov edi, QWORD PTR [edi+0x07]`

0x31337



Non-empty FixedArray

PROP\_CELL\_MAP  
0x2ab4ce002a99



PropertyCell n: 0x79d334abfc1

0x826852f4

```
gdb-peda> i r $xmm0
xmm0
{
  v4_float = {0x0, 0x1c, 0x0, 0x0},
  v2_double = {0x826852f4, 0x0},
  v16_int8 = {0x0, 0x0, 0x80, 0x5e, 0xa, 0x4d, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0},
  v8_int16 = {0x0, 0x5e80, 0x4d0a, 0x41e0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0},
  v4_int32 = {0x5e800000, 0x41e04d0a, 0x0, 0x0},
  v2_int64 = {0x41e04d0a5e800000, 0x0},
  uint128 = 0x000000000000000041e04d0a5e800000
}
```

mov rax, QWORD PTR [rax+0x7]

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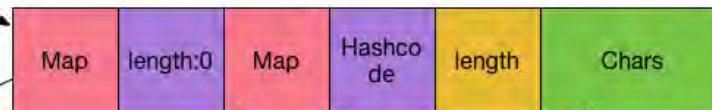


JSSet: 0x130199d5c511

JS\_SET\_TYPE\_MAP

mov rax, QWORD PTR [rax+0x7]

movsd QWORD PTR [rax+0x7], xmm0

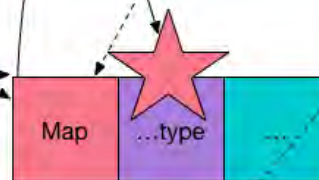
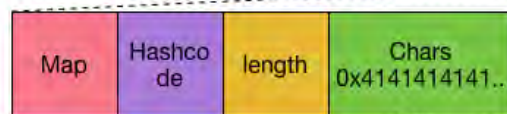


Empty FixedArray

Null string

0x41e04d0a5e800000

AAAA



Map for ONE\_BYTE\_INTERNALIZED\_STRING\_TYPE

Chars interpreted as Pointer

Confused to EXTERNAL\_STRING



# Exploiting CVE-2016-5198

- OOB write chars field of null string to leak ArrayBuffer address
- Overwrite ArrayBuffer **backing\_store** to leak Function code address
- Overwrite ArrayBuffer **backing\_store** with Function code address
- Write shellcode to ArrayBuffer and exec!

# How to fuzz Javascript engines?

- Jsfunfuzz can be a good start
- Collect samples
  - Split, mutate and join
- New features, new vulnerabilities
  - Callbacks, protos, ...
  - Intentionally generate them

Chain in Pwn2Own 2016 OSX category

# BREAKING SANDBOX LIKE A BOSS



# Sandbox

- In modern operating systems, a “Sandbox” is a mechanism to run code in a constrained environment.
- A Sandbox specifies which resources this code has access to
- Shift of approach/complementary approach:
  - Let's confine software, so even if it's compromised it has restricted access to the system.

# Structure of the Safari Sandbox

- The UI Process is the parent and in charge of managing the other processes
- Web Process runs webkit/javascript engines

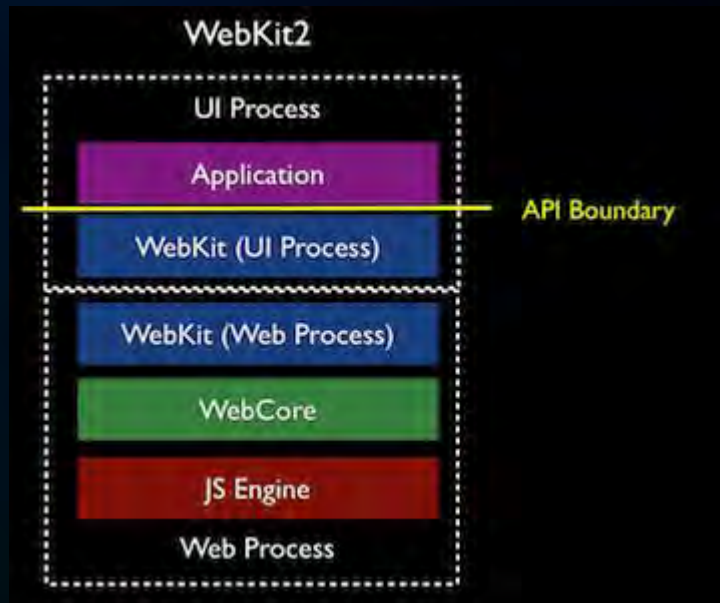
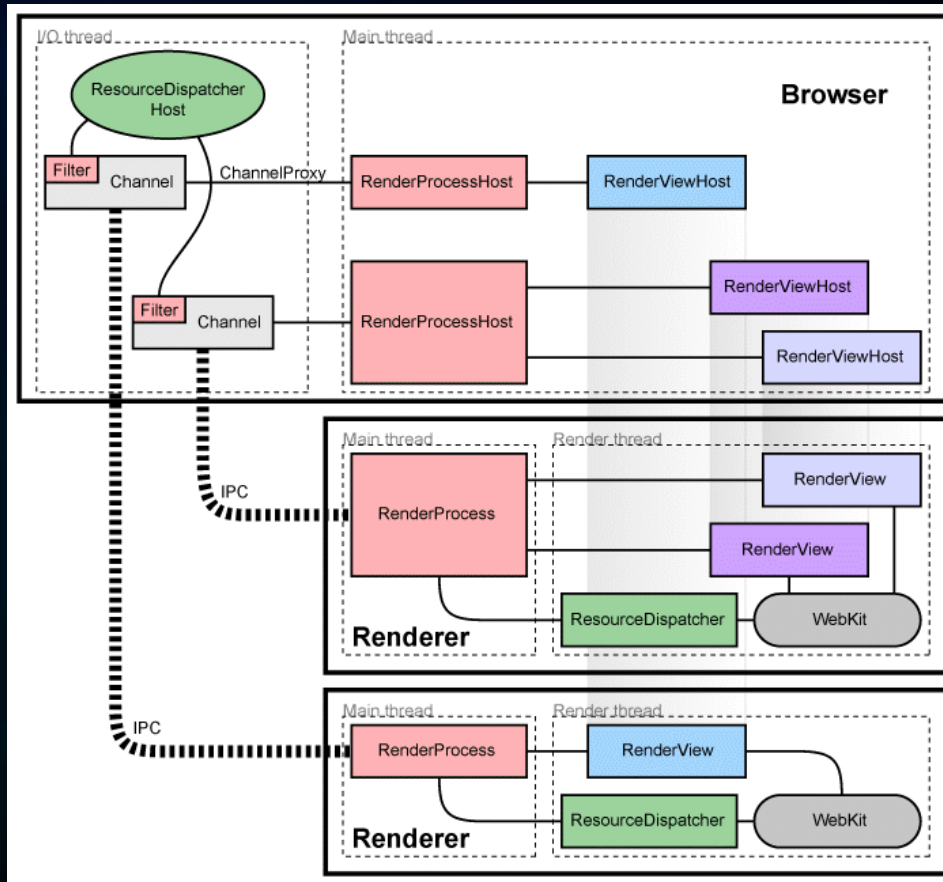


Image courtesy of:

<https://trac.webkit.org/attachment/wiki/WebKit2/webkit2-stack.png>

# The anatomy of Chrome sandbox

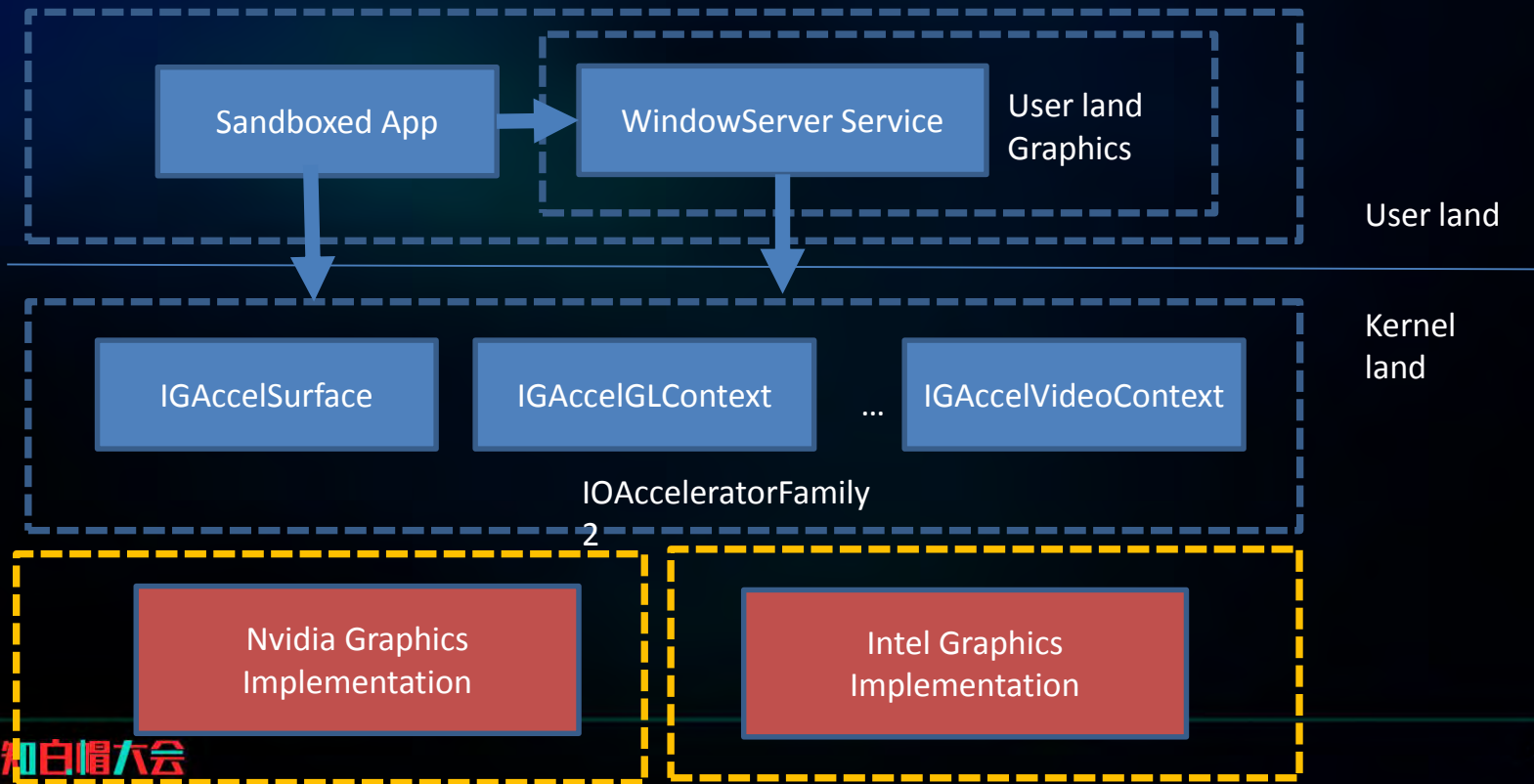
- All untrusted code runs in Target process
- Relay most operations to Broker
- Try best to
  - lock down the capabilities of renderer
- Even renderer is compromised
  - Access is still strictly prohibited
- GPU process have higher level access
  - Than normal sandbox process



# How to escape the sandbox?

- To beat your enemies, know them first
- Sandbox profiles

# Apple graphics architecture



- On macOS, stored in */System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/Versions/A/Resources/com.apple.WebProcess.sb*
- On iOS, binary file embed in kernel:
  - Sandbox\_toolkit:  
[https://github.com/sektioneins/sandbox\\_toolkit](https://github.com/sektioneins/sandbox_toolkit)
- What's in sandbox profile:
  - File operation
  - IPC
  - IOKit
  - Sharedmem
  - Etc.

```
(allow file-read*
;; Basic system paths
(subpath "/Library/Dictionaries")
(subpath "/Library/Fonts")
(subpath "/Library/Frameworks")
(subpath "/Library/Managed Preferences")
(subpath "/Library/Speech/Synthesizers")
(regex #"^/private/etc/(hosts|group|passwd)$")
```

```
;; Various services required by AppKit and other frameworks
(allow mach-lookup
(global-name "com.apple.DiskArbitration.diskarbitrationd")
(global-name "com.apple.FileCoordination")
(global-name "com.apple.FontObjectsServer")
(global-name "com.apple.FontServer")
(global-name "com.apple.SystemConfiguration.configd")
(global-name "com.apple.SystemConfiguration.PPPController")
(global-name "com.apple.audio.VDCAssistant")
(global-name "com.apple.audio.audiohald")
(global-name "com.apple.audio.coreaudiod")
```

```
;; IOKit user clients
(allow iokit-open
(iokit-user-client-class "AppleUpstreamUserClient")
(iokit-user-client-class "IOHIDParamUserClient")
(iokit-user-client-class "RootDomainUserClient")
(iokit-user-client-class "IOAudioControlUserClient")
(iokit-user-client-class "IOAudioEngineUserClient"))
```



# Escaping the Safari sandbox

- Fuzzing Graphics IOKit calls
  - Actively generate
  - Passive injection
  - Coverage guidance – instrument the xnu kernel
- Fuzzing XPCs in privileged userspace daemons
  - Yes windowserver I'm talking about you

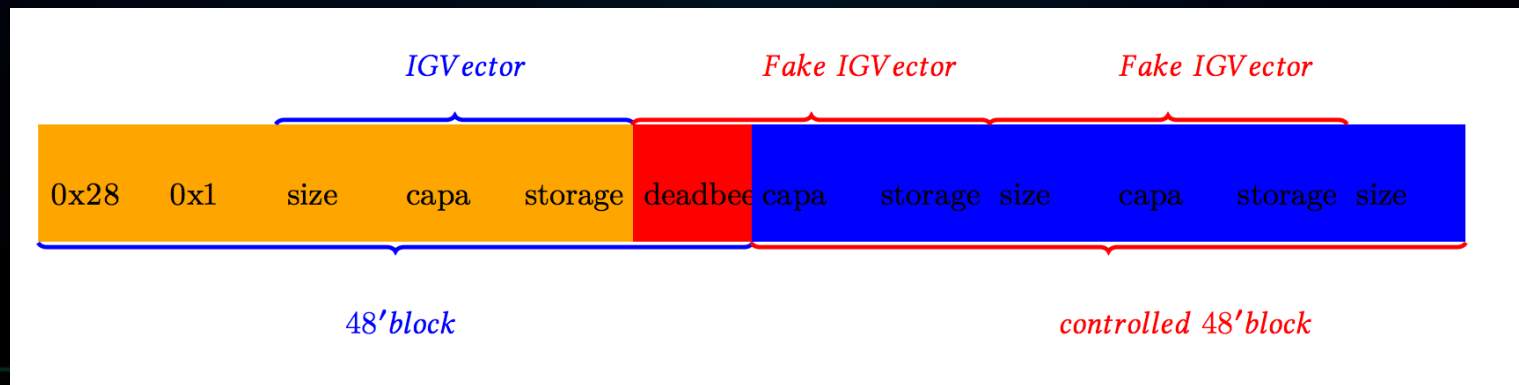
# Python/Go wrappers for fuzzing

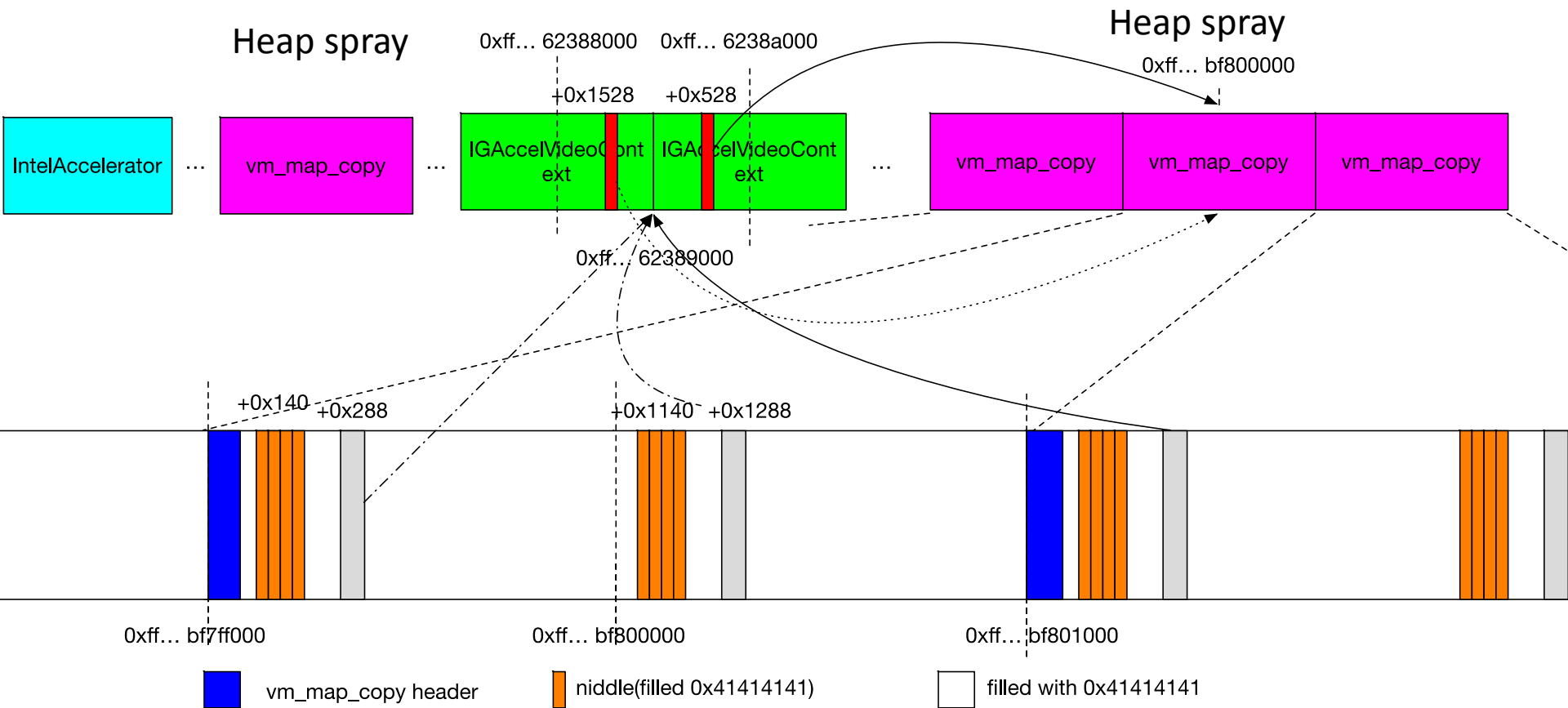
- Easy SMT solvers integration
- Feasible strategy evolution
- Import kitlib



# 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
- Arbitrary-write-but-content-limited





# Evolution of the Android Sandbox (old time)



# Evolution of the Android Sandbox (current state)





# Chromium Android Sandbox (1)

- On Android, Chromium leverages the isolatedProcess feature to implement its sandbox.

```
{% for i in range(num_sandboxed_services) %}
<service android:name="org.chromium.content.app.SandboxedProcessService{{ i }}"
    android:process=":sandboxed_process{{ i }}"
    android:permission="{{ manifest_package }}.permission.CHILD_SERVICE"
    android:isolatedProcess="true"
    android:exported="{{sandboxed_service_exported|default(false)}}"
    {% if (sandboxed_service_exported|default(false)) == 'true' %}
    tools:ignore="ExportedService"
    {% endif %}
    {{sandboxed_service_extra_flags|default('')}} />
{% endfor %}
```

# Chromium Android Sandbox (2)

```
type isolated_app, domain;
app_domain(isolated_app)

# Access already open app data files received over Binder or local socket IPC.
allow isolated_app app_data_file:file { read write getattr lock };

allow isolated_app activity_service:service_manager find;
allow isolated_app display_service:service_manager find;

# only allow unprivileged socket ioctl commands
allow isolated_app self:{ rawip_socket tcp_socket udp_socket } unpriv_sock_ioctls;

#####
##### Neverallow
#####

# Isolated apps should not directly open app data files themselves.
neverallow isolated_app app_data_file:file open;

# b/17487348
# Isolated apps can only access two services,
# activity_service and display_service
neverallow isolated_app {
    service_manager_type
    -activity_service
    -display_service
}:service_manager find;

# Isolated apps shouldn't be able to access the driver directly.
neverallow isolated_app gpu_device:chr_file { rw_file_perms execute };
```

- Very restrictive Sandbox profile
- No data file access at all
- Only 2 IPC services
- Minimum interaction with sockets
- No graphic drivers access 😞
- ServiceManager also restricts implicit service export

# Per interface constraint

- Isolated\_app inherits from app\_domain (app.te)
- Only interfaces without enforceNotIsolatedCaller can be invoked

```
void enforceNotIsolatedCaller(String caller) {
    if (UserHandle.isIsolated(Binder.getCallingUid())) {
        throw new SecurityException("Isolated process not allowed to call " + caller);
    }
}

void enforceShellRestriction(String restriction, int userHandle) {
    if (Binder.getCallingUid() == Process.SHELL_UID) {
        if (userHandle < 0
            || mUserManager.hasUserRestriction(restriction, userHandle)) {
            throw new SecurityException("Shell does not have permission to access user "
                + userHandle);
        }
    }
}

@Override
public int getFrontActivityScreenCompatMode() {
    enforceNotIsolatedCaller("getFrontActivityScreenCompatMode");
    synchronized (this) {
        return mCompatModePackages.getFrontActivityScreenCompatModeLocked();
    }
}
```

# Userspace escapes in Android

- Broker IPCs
- Binder calls to privileged daemons
  - System server



```
bool RenderWidgetHostViewAndroid::OnMessageReceived(
const IPC::Message& message) {
//...
bool handled = true;
IPC_BEGIN_MESSAGE_MAP(RenderWidgetHostViewAndroid, message)
IPC_MESSAGE_HANDLER(ViewHostMsg_StartContentIntent, OnStartContentIntent)
IPC_MESSAGE_HANDLER(ViewHostMsg_SmartClipDataExtracted,
OnSmartClipDataExtracted)
IPC_MESSAGE_HANDLER(ViewHostMsg_ShowUnhandledTapUIIfNeeded,
OnShowUnhandledTapUIIfNeeded)
IPC_MESSAGE_UNHANDLED(handled = false)
IPC_END_MESSAGE_MAP()
return handled;
}
```

```
public void onStartContentIntent(Context context, String intentUrl, boolean isMainFrame) {
    Intent intent;    // Perform generic parsing of the URI to turn it into an Intent.
    try {
        intent = Intent.parseUri(intentUrl, Intent.URI_INTENT_SCHEME);
        String scheme = intent.getScheme();
        intent.addFlags(Intent.FLAG_ACTIVITY_NEW_TASK);
    } catch (Exception ex) {
        Log.w(TAG, "Bad URI %s", intentUrl, ex);    return;
    }
    try {
        context.startActivity(intent);
    } catch (ActivityNotFoundException ex) {
    }
}
```

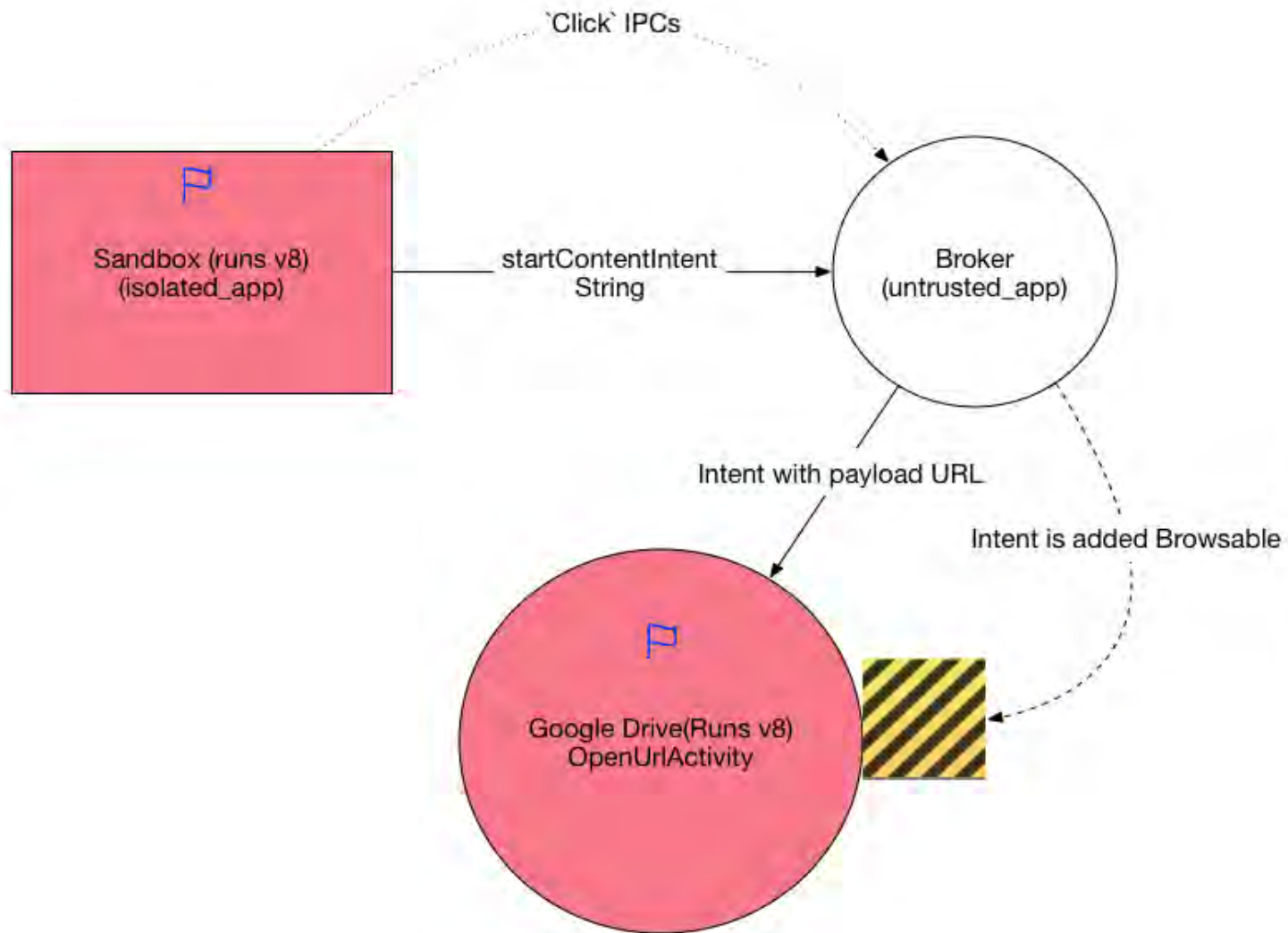
CVE-2016-5197

Arbitrary intent start in broker

# IPC sandbox escapes

- See that holy Google Drive
- Have full access to Google account
- Trusted by Google Play
  - To “install” app
- Blindly opens any intent-controlled URL
- Pwn it to jump from isolated to untrusted
  - Plus App installation ability!

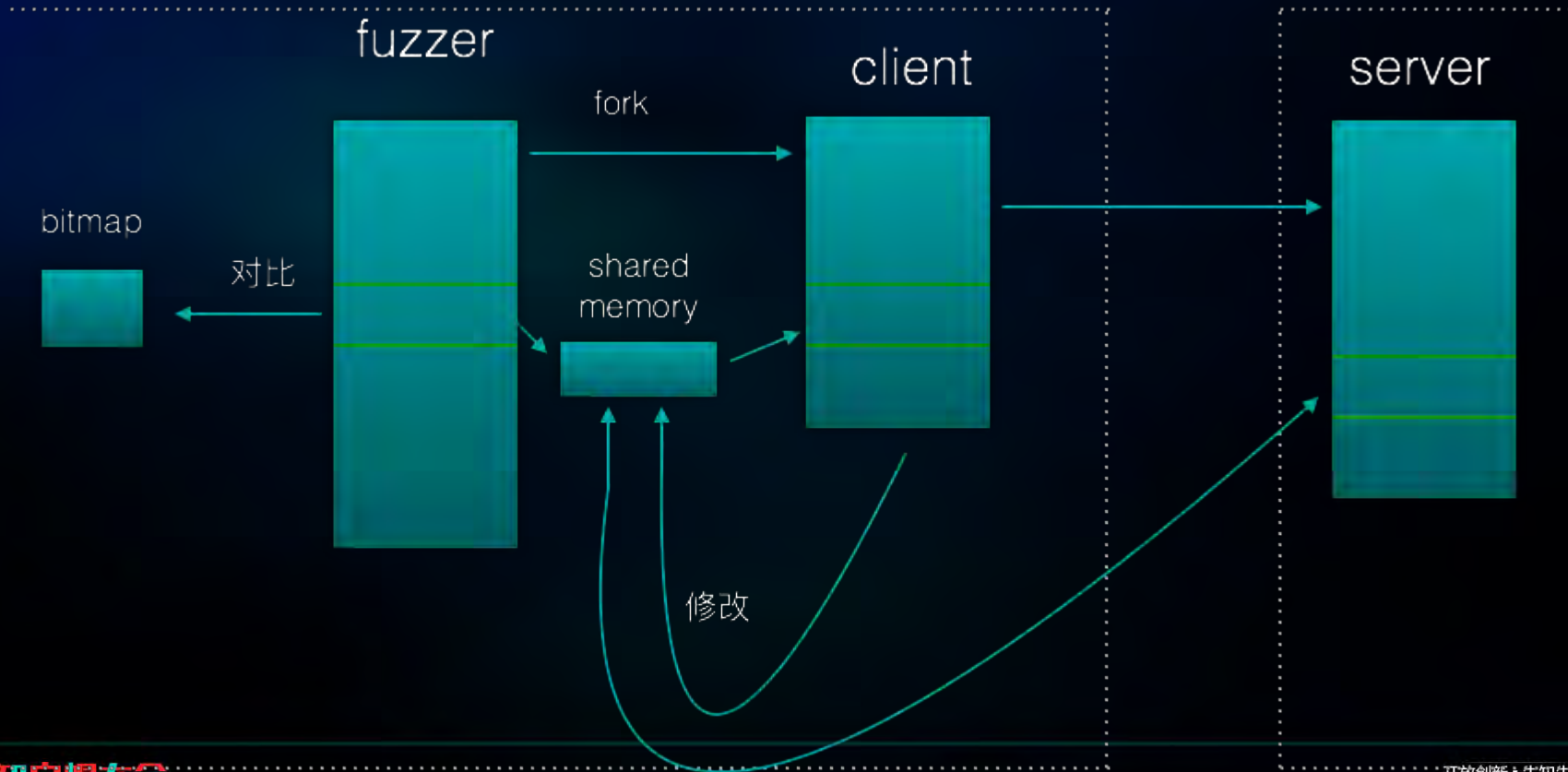




Privilege escalations

# GO DEEPER

# Fuzzing daemons with AFL+ASAN



# Coverage guided kernel fuzzing

- GCC6 fully supports instrumentation in each basic block
- Coverage exported via `/sys/kernel/debug/kcov`
- Only samples increasing coverage survives
- KASAN instrumentation
- Go integration

# Some bugs can be reached from sandbox

- CVE-2015-1805
- Race-condition in pipe\_read
  - Waste for qiku though



# Majority kernel bugs are not

- Example: **CVE-2015-6637** for Qiku phones rooting
  - Driver protected by SELinux policy
  - Userspace escalation come to rescue
    - **CVE-2016-3832**
- Credit also goes to James & nforest

# CVE-2015-6637 in /dev/misc-sd

```
if(msdc_ctl->total_size <= 0) return -EINVAL;  
host_ctl = mtk_msdctl_host[msdc_ctl->host_num]; <== Bug here  
BUG_ON(!host_ctl); BUG_ON(!host_ctl->mmc);  
  
if (host->ops->enable && !stop && host->claim_cnt == 1)  
host->ops->enable(host); <== Code execution
```

# Who can access misc-sd?

- Em\_srv is a system executable, holds em\_svr context
- Listens on @EngineerModeServer socket
- Execute command

```
# ps -Z | grep "em_svr"
u:r:em_svr:s0 system 619 1 /system/bin/em_svr
```

```
# cat qiku_av.txt | grep "ALLOW " | grep ">misc_sd_device" | grep "ioctl"
[AV] 4378: ALLOW factory-->misc_sd_device (chr_file) [ioctl read open]
[AV] 7554: ALLOW em_svr-->misc_sd_device (chr_file) [ioctl read open]
[AV] 10552: ALLOW unconfineddomain-->misc_sd_device (file) [append create write ... [AV] 10556: ALLOW
recovery-->misc_sd_device (chr_file) [append create execute ... [AV] 10559: ALLOW unconfineddomain--
>misc_sd_device (chr_file) [append create ... [AV] 10562: ALLOW vold-->misc_sd_device (chr_file)
[ioctl read open]
[AV] 12202: ALLOW mmc_ffu-->misc_sd_device (chr_file) [ioctl read open]
```

# How can it access misc-sd?

- SELinux forbids `em_srv` from running `/data` executable directly
- But `/system/bin/toolbox` keeps `ioctl` gadget for our interest 😊

```
# cat qiku_av.txt | grep "ALLOW " | grep "em_svr-->" | grep "execute"
[AV] 4418: ALLOW em_svr-->system_file (file) [execute_no_trans]
[AV] 5393: ALLOW em_svr-->shell_exec (file) [execute read execute_no_trans open] [AV]
6076: ALLOW em_svr-->thermal_manager_exec (file) [execute getattr read ... [AV] 7135:
ALLOW em_svr-->em_svr_exec (file) [execute getattr read entrypoint open]
```

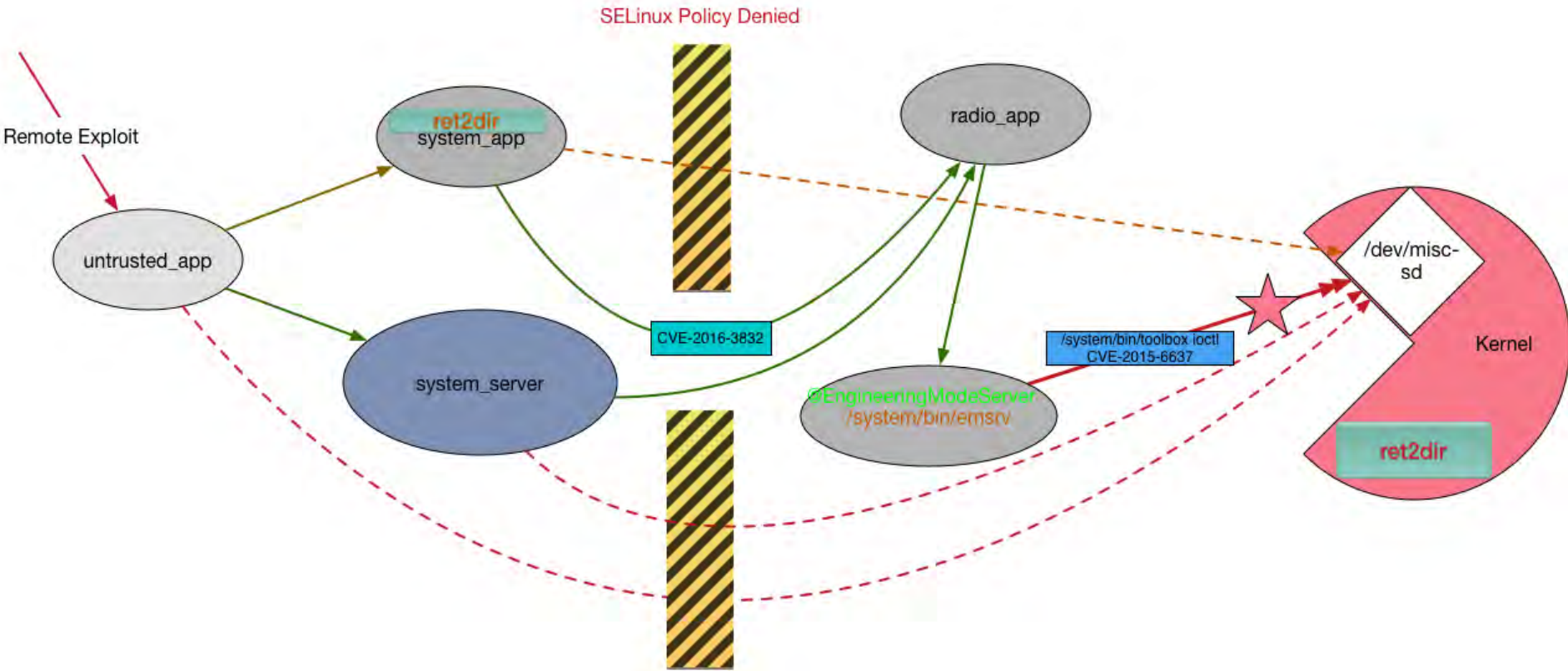
# Who can access em\_srv?

- Radio uid
- But how?

```
1.# cat qiku_av.txt | grep "ALLOW " | grep ">em_svr" | grep "connect"  
[AV] 2244: ALLOW radio-->em_svr (unix_stream_socket) [connectto]  
[AV] 8567: ALLOW em_svr-->em_svr (unix_stream_socket) [append bind  
connect ... [AV] 8571: ALLOW em_svr-->em_svr (unix_dgram_socket)  
[append bind connect ...
```

# Do you have radio contact?

- Get `system_server` context
  - Transient to `radio`
- Or:
  - `bindBackupAgent` provides a way for us to get arbitrary context/uid from `system_app` context
  - How to get `system_app` uid?
    - Too easy on MTK phones..





# Conclusion

- Fuzzing is proved useful against complex system with coverage guidance
  - Domain knowledge lead to better result
- Mitigations make whole exploit chain longer and longer
  - Multiple vulnerabilities required than before, e.s.p on Google products

# Fun! Profit? Profit!

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- All colleagues at KeenLab



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