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This Week in Review

Techniques for security testing process. A look inside Vista. Just a little Christmas peace. Let's look at tech trends for 2007.

Enjoy reading & Stay safe.

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Top Security News Stories this Week

❖ Finding software security flaws

Identify security vulnerabilities in your lab not your customer's production environment
This chapter describes the different analysis techniques you can use during the security testing process. Different situations require different methods of analysis. We also describe the different lab environments that can be set up to perform different types of testing.

White Box Testing

White box testing is common in the quality assurance world. It is sometimes called clear box, open box, or simply informed testing. In white box testing, all information

about the system under test is known to the tester. In the security world, this can also be thought of as an insider attack. The tester has access to the source code and design documentation. This allows the tester to be efficient. He can threat-model the system or do a line-by-line code review, looking for information to guide the selection of test data.

Computerworld

Full Story :

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=development&articleId=9006870&taxonomyId=11&intsrc=kc_feat

❖ Vista's Suicide Bomb: who gets hurt?

Analysis So have fun fighting the battle against CPRM and alike but please do not be surprised when you fail, after all the war has been lost, long live the new world order: proprietary devices, proprietary interfaces, copy protection, limited functionality, and prepare you credit card accounts for all those monthly rental and service charges you will be paying for every "computer controller consumer electronics device" you use.

- Hale Landis, March 2001

If you read just one thing over the holiday break, make sure it's Peter Gutmann's cost analysis of Windows Vista, that we noted here. It's an eye opening 20 minutes.

Gutmann describes in great detail the various measures Microsoft has taken to lock down Windows on behalf of Hollywood. This isn't a comprehensive look at all of Vista's DRM - Gutmann barely touches on Microsoft's new activation framework; this is beyond the scope of his enquiry.)

The Register

Full Story :

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/12/28/vista_drm_analysis/

❖ Bot-infected PCs get a refresh

On Christmas day, the number of bots tracked by the Shadowserver group dropped nearly 20 percent.

The dramatic decrease in weekly totals--from more than 500,000 infected systems to less than 400,000 computers--puzzled researchers. The Internet Storm Center, a threat monitoring group managed by the SANS Institute, confirmed a drop of about 10 percent.

One of the Internet Storm Center's network monitoring volunteers posited that the decrease was due to the large number of computers given as gifts this Christmas. The systems running Microsoft Windows XP will be using Service Pack 2, which also means the firewall will be on by default, adding an additional hurdle for bot herder looking to reclaim their drones.

SecurityFocus

Full Story :

<http://www.securityfocus.com/brief/395?ref=rss>

❖ Looking ahead: Tech trends 2007

On the horizon already: Web 3.0?

As we gaze toward the vista of 2007, we find our e-mail inundated with IT predictions for the new year from analysts, vendors and consultants. From those predictions and our own prognostications we present our forecast for the top IT stories in the year ahead:

Pun aside, Vista

With fanfare, Microsoft Corp. will garner headlines early in the year as it releases its Vista operating system to home users, possibly even at the end of January as currently scheduled, avoiding another delay or three. The release splash will give way to headlines that enterprises are following through on comments from wary IT administrators and are waiting to upgrade. Then will come the security-risk headlines, followed no doubt by the patch headlines.

ComputerWorld

Full Story :

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9006579&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_feat

New Vulnerabilities Tested in SecureScout

❖ 16374 Oracle Linux Kernel "sys_perfmon()" function Denial of Service Vulnerability

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

The "sys_perfmon()" function on Itanium (IA64) systems does not correctly handle file descriptor reference counts, which can be exploited to cause a DoS by consuming all available file descriptors.

The vulnerability has been reported in versions prior to 2.6.18.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=b8444d00762703e1b6146fce12ce2684885f8bf6>

Other references:

CONFIRM: http://bugzilla.redhat.com/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=204360

CONFIRM: <http://support.avaya.com/elmodocs2/security/ASA-2006-249.htm>

DEBIAN:DSA-1233

URL:<http://www.us.debian.org/security/2006/dsa-1233>

MANDRIVA:MDKSA-2006:182
[URL:http://frontal2.mandriva.com/security/advisories?name=MDKSA-2006:182](http://frontal2.mandriva.com/security/advisories?name=MDKSA-2006:182)
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SUSE:SUSE-SA:2006:079
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[URL:http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/20361](http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/20361)
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XF:kernel-sysperfmon-dos(29384)
[URL:http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/29384](http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/29384)

Product Homepage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-3741](#)

❖ **16375 Linux Kernel "clip_mkip()" function Denial of Service Vulnerability**

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

The "clip_mkip()" function in net/atm/clip.c may dereference a previously freed pointer when processing received data, which can be exploited to cause a kernel panic.

The vulnerability has been reported in versions prior to 2.6.18.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=fe26109a9dfd9327fdbe630fc819e1b7450986b2>

Other references:

CONFIRM: <http://support.avaya.com/elmodocs2/security/ASA-2006-249.htm>

CONFIRM: <http://support.avaya.com/elmodocs2/security/ASA-2006-254.htm>

DEBIAN:DSA-1233

[URL:http://www.us.debian.org/security/2006/dsa-1233](http://www.us.debian.org/security/2006/dsa-1233)

DEBIAN:DSA-1237

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SUSE:SUSE-SA:2006:079
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XF:kernel-clipmkip-dos(29387)
[URL:http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/29387](http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/29387)

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

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-4997](#)

❖ **16376 Linux Kernel s390 "copy_from_user" Information Disclosure**

A vulnerability has been reported in the Linux Kernel, which can be exploited by malicious, local users to gain knowledge of potentially sensitive information.

The vulnerability is caused due to the "copy_from_user" function not correctly clearing

kernel buffers after receiving a fault because of invalid user space addresses. This can be exploited to read uninitialized kernel memory by appending to files from invalid addresses.

The vulnerability has been reported in versions prior to 2.6.18.1.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=52149ba6b0ddf3e9d965257cc0513193650b3ea8>
<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/testing/ChangeLog-2.6.19-rc1>

Other references:

MLIST:[linux-kernel] 20061105 Linux 2.6.16.31-rc1
URL:<http://lkml.org/lkml/2006/11/5/46>
CONFIRM: <http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=52149ba6b0ddf3e9d965257cc0513193650b3ea8>
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REDHAT:RHSA-2006:0710
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SUSE:SUSE-SA:2006:079
URL:http://www.novell.com/linux/security/advisories/2006_79_kernel.html
BID:20379
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FRSIRT:ADV-2006-3938
URL:<http://www.frsirt.com/english/advisories/2006/3938>
SECTrack:1017090
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SECUNIA:23395
URL:<http://secunia.com/advisories/23395>
XF:kernel-copyfromuser-information-disclosure(29378)
URL:<http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/29378>

Product Homepage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-5174](#)

❖ 16377 Linux Kernel IPv6 Flow Label Denial of Service

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

The vulnerability is caused due to an error within the handling of seqfiles for "/proc/net/ip6_flowlabel", which can be exploited to cause kernel lockups and crashes via specially crafted flow labels.

The vulnerability has been reported in versions prior to 2.6.18.2.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.18.2>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=bcd620757d3a4ae78ef0ca41adb5d9e400ed92b6>

Other references:

MLIST:[linux-kernel] 20061105 Linux 2.6.16.31-rc1
URL:<http://lkml.org/lkml/2006/11/5/46>
CONFIRM: <http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=bcd620757d3a4ae78ef0ca41adb5d9e400ed92b6>
CONFIRM: <https://issues.rpath.com/browse/RPL-760>
DEBIAN:DSA-1233
URL:<http://www.us.debian.org/security/2006/dsa-1233>
SUSE:SUSE-SA:2006:079
URL:http://www.novell.com/linux/security/advisories/2006_79_kernel.html
UBUNTU:USN-395-1
URL:<http://www.ubuntu.com/usn/usn-395-1>
BID:20847
URL:<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/20847>
FRSIRT:ADV-2006-4297
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SECUNIA:23384
URL:<http://secunia.com/advisories/23384>
XF:kernel-seqfile-ipv6-dos(29970)
URL:<http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/29970>

Product Homepage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-5619](#)

❖ 16378 Linux Kernel ISO9660 Local Denial of Service

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

The vulnerability is caused due an error within the "grow_buffers()" function when receiving a block number which is outside of the maximum-addressable pagecache range. This can be exploited to cause an infinite loop in the "__getblk_slow()" function by e.g. mounting a specially crafted ISO9660 image and performing a read operation on the mounted file system.

The vulnerability has been reported in versions prior to 2.6.18.2.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://projects.info-pull.com/mokb/MOKB-05-11-2006.html>
<http://git.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commitdiff;h=e5657933863f43cc6bb76a54d659303dafa9e58;hp=e0ab2928cc2202f13f0574d4c6f567f166d307eb>

Other references:

MISC: <http://projects.info-pull.com/mokb/MOKB-05-11-2006.html>
SUSE:SUSE-SA:2006:079
URL:http://www.novell.com/linux/security/advisories/2006_79_kernel.html
BID:20920
URL:<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/20920>
FRSIRT:ADV-2006-4359
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SECUNIA:22702
URL:<http://secunia.com/advisories/22702>
SECUNIA:22746
URL:<http://secunia.com/advisories/22746>
XF:kernel-iso9660-dos(30029)
URL:<http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/30029>

Product Homepage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-5757](#)

❖ 16379 Linux Kernel Fragmented IPv6 Packet Filtering Bypass

Some vulnerabilities have been reported in the Linux Kernel, which can be exploited by malicious people to bypass certain security restrictions.

The vulnerabilities are caused due to the incorrect processing of certain fragmented IPv6 packets. This can be exploited to bypass filtering rules by sending specially crafted packets.

The vulnerability has been reported in versions prior to 2.6.16.31.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=51d8b1a65291a6956b79374b6adbbaadc2263bcf6>
<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=6d381634d213580d40d431e7664dfb45f641b884>

Other references:

MLIST:[linux-kernel] 20061105 Linux 2.6.16.31-rc1
URL:<http://readlist.com/lists/vger.kernel.org/linux-kernel/55/275979.html>
CONFIRM: <http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux%2Fkernel%2Fgit%2Fstable%2Flinux-2.6.16.y.git&a=search&s=CVE-2006-4572>
CONFIRM: <http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/stable/linux-2.6.16.y.git;a=commit;h=0ddfcc96928145d6a6425fdd26dad6abfe7f891d>
CONFIRM: <http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/stable/linux-2.6.16.y.git;a=commit;h=6ac62be885810e1f8390f0c3b9d3ee451d3d3f19>
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SECUNIA:22762
URL:<http://secunia.com/advisories/22762>
SECUNIA:23384
URL:<http://secunia.com/advisories/23384>

Product Homepage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-4572](#)

❖ 16380 Linux Kernel "get_fdb_entries()" Integer Overflow Vulnerability

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

The vulnerability is caused due to an integer overflow within the "get_fdb_entries()" function in net/bridge/br_ioctl.c. This can be exploited to cause a buffer overflow via specially crafted ioctl() requests.

Successful exploitation may allow the execution of arbitrary code with escalated privileges.

The vulnerability has been reported in versions prior to 2.6.18.4.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://projects.info-pull.com/mokb/MOKB-29-11-2006.html>

<http://kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.18.4>

Other references:

BUGTRAQ:20061206 rPSA-2006-0226-1 kernel

URL:<http://www.securityfocus.com/archive/1/archive/1/453681/100/0/threaded>

MISC: <http://projects.info-pull.com/mokb/MOKB-29-11-2006.html>

MISC: http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=blobdiff;h=4c61a7e0a86e1ae9e16867f9f8e4b0412b8edbaf;hp=4e4119a1213925568b8a1acdef9bf52b98b19da3;hb=ba8379b220509e9448c00a77cf6c15ac2a559cc7f=net/bridge/br_ioctl.c

CONFIRM: <http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=ba8379b220509e9448c00a77cf6c15ac2a559cc7>

CONFIRM: <http://kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v2.6/ChangeLog-2.6.18.4>

CONFIRM: <https://issues.rpath.com/browse/RPL-803>

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DEBIAN:DSA-1233

URL:<http://www.us.debian.org/security/2006/dsa-1233>

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XF:linux-getfdbentries-integer-overflow(30588)

URL:<http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/30588>

Product Homepage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-5751](#)

❖ 16381 Linux Kernel "ip_summed" Memory Corruption Vulnerability

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

The vulnerability is caused due to a memory corruption in

drivers/net/tokenring/ibmtr.c, which can be exploited to cause a DoS by sending specially crafted packet to a vulnerable system.

The vulnerability is reported in Linux Kernel 2.6.19.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=ee28b0da1069ced1688aa9d0b7b378353b988321>

Other references:

CONFIRM: <http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=ee28b0da1069ced1688aa9d0b7b378353b988321>

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BID:21490

[URL:http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/21490](http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/21490)

FRSIRT:ADV-2006-4907

URL:<http://www.frsirt.com/english/advisories/2006/4907>

SECUNIA:23254

[URL:http://secunia.com/advisories/23254](http://secunia.com/advisories/23254)

Product Homepage:

<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-6333](#)

❖ 16382 Linux Kernel "nlmclnt_mark_reclaim()" function Denial of Service Vulnerability

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

An error within the "nlmclnt_mark_reclaim()" function in clntlock.c of the NFS lockd can be exploited by malicious people to cause a DoS by crashing the service.

The vulnerability is reported in Linux Kernel 2.6.16.

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

References:

Original advisory:

<http://www.ubuntu.com/usn/usn-395-1>

<http://www.us.debian.org/security/2006/dsa-1233>

Other references:

MLIST:[linux-kernel] 20051216 lockd: couldn't create RPC handle for (host)
[URL:http://marc.theaimsgroup.com/?l=linux-kernel&m=113476665626446&w=2](http://marc.theaimsgroup.com/?l=linux-kernel&m=113476665626446&w=2)
MLIST:[linux-kernel] 20051218 Re: lockd: couldn't create RPC handle for (host)
[URL:http://marc.theaimsgroup.com/?l=linux-kernel&m=113494474208973&w=2](http://marc.theaimsgroup.com/?l=linux-kernel&m=113494474208973&w=2)
CONFIRM: <http://www.kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=9b5b1f5bf9dcd6f23abf65977a675eb4deba3c0>
SUSE:SUSE-SA:2006:057
[URL:http://www.novell.com/linux/security/advisories/2006_57_kernel.html](http://www.novell.com/linux/security/advisories/2006_57_kernel.html)
UBUNTU:USN-395-1
[URL:http://www.ubuntu.com/usn/usn-395-1](http://www.ubuntu.com/usn/usn-395-1)
SECUNIA:23361
[URL:http://secunia.com/advisories/23361](http://secunia.com/advisories/23361)
SECUNIA:23384
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Product Homepage:
<http://kernel.org/>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-5158](#)

❖ **16383 Linux Kernel task switching implementation failure to save and restore EFLAGS of process, Application Crash**

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

The task switching implementation fails to save and restore EFLAGS of process correctly. This can be exploited by malicious, local users to crash applications and services by invoking a specially crafted executable.

The vulnerability is reported in Linux Kernel 2.6.16.

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

References:

Original advisory:
<http://www.ubuntu.com/usn/usn-395-1>
<http://www.us.debian.org/security/2006/dsa-1233>

Other references:
CONFIRM: <http://kernel.org/git/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commit;h=47a5c6fa0e204a2b63309c648bb2fde36836c826>
SUSE:SUSE-SA:2006:079
[URL:http://www.novell.com/linux/security/advisories/2006_79_kernel.html](http://www.novell.com/linux/security/advisories/2006_79_kernel.html)
UBUNTU:USN-395-1
[URL:http://www.ubuntu.com/usn/usn-395-1](http://www.ubuntu.com/usn/usn-395-1)
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CVE Reference: [CVE-2006-5173](#)

New Vulnerabilities found this Week

Novell NetMail NMAP/IMAP Multiple Vulnerabilities

“Denial of Service”

Some vulnerabilities have been reported in Novell NetMail, which can be exploited by malicious users to cause a DoS (Denial of Service) or compromise a vulnerable system and by malicious people to compromise a vulnerable system.

1) A boundary error within the NMAP (Network Messaging Application Protocol) service when handling STOR commands can be exploited to cause a buffer overflow by passing an overly long argument to the command.

Successful exploitation requires a valid user account.

2) A boundary error in the IMAP service when handling the SUBSCRIBE command can be exploited to cause a stack-based buffer overflow by passing an overly long string as argument.

Successful exploitation requires a valid user account.

3) An unspecified error in the IMAP service when handling the APPEND command can be exploited to cause a DoS.

Successful exploitation requires a valid user account.

4) An input validation error in the IMAP service when processing command continuation requests can be exploited to cause a heap-based buffer overflow.

5) A boundary error in the IMAP service when handling the APPEND command can be exploited to cause a stack-based buffer overflow by passing a specially crafted, overly long argument to the command.

Successful exploitation requires a valid user account.

The vulnerabilities are reported in version 3.5.2. Other versions may also be affected.

References:

https://secure-support.novell.com/KanisaPlatform/Publishing/134/3096026_f.SAL_Public.html
https://secure-support.novell.com/KanisaPlatform/Publishing/328/3717068_f.SAL_Public.html
<http://www.zerodayinitiative.com/advisories/ZDI-06-052.html>
<http://labs.iddefense.com/intelligence/vulnerabilities/display.php?id=454>
<http://labs.iddefense.com/intelligence/vulnerabilities/display.php?id=455>

Oracle Portal Multiple Vulnerabilities

“HTTP response splitting and cross-site scripting attacks”

putosoft softputo has reported some vulnerabilities in Oracle Portal, which can be exploited by malicious people to conduct HTTP response splitting and cross-site scripting attacks.

1) Input passed to the "enc" parameter in webapp/jsp/calendar.jsp, webapp/jsp/calendarDialog.jsp, and webapp/jsp/fred.jsp is not properly sanitized before being returned to the user. This can be exploited to insert arbitrary HTTP headers, which are included in the response to the sender.

2) Various input (e.g. the "tc" parameter in webapp/jsp/container_tabs.jsp) is not properly sanitized before being returned to users. This can be exploited to execute arbitrary HTML and script code in a user's browser session in context of a vulnerable site.

References:

<http://lists.grok.org.uk/pipermail/full-disclosure/2006-December/051380.html>

Sun Solaris WAN Boot RSA Signature Forgery Vulnerability

"Bypass security restrictions"

Sun has acknowledged a vulnerability in Solaris, which can be exploited by malicious people to bypass certain security restrictions.

The vulnerability is caused due to the WAN Boot software using a static version of a vulnerable OpenSSL library.

References:

<http://sunsolve.sun.com/search/document.do?assetkey=1-26-102759-1>

SGI Advanced Linux Environment Multiple Updates

"Bypass security restrictions"

SGI has issued a patch for SGI Advanced Linux Environment. This fixes some vulnerabilities, which can be exploited by malicious people to bypass certain security restrictions and compromise a vulnerable system.

References:

<ftp://patches.sgi.com/support/free/security/advisories/20061201-01-P.asc>

Vulnerability Resource

Check out this compendium of links and up-to-the minute information about network security issues. Their claim to be the 'security portal for information system security professionals' is well founded. <http://www.infosyssec.org/infosyssec/>

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