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# Fuzzing and Exploiting Virtual Channels in Microsoft Remote Desktop Protocol for Fun and Profit







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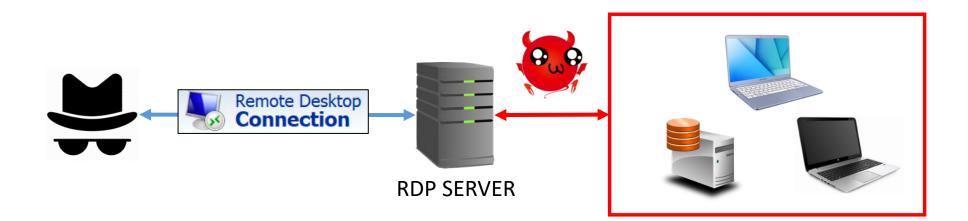
#### AGENDA

- Motivation
- Background: Recon on the official MS RDP client and its protocol
- Finding Vulnerability Automatically: Build an RDP client fuzzer
- Applying the RDP Client Fuzzer
- Vulnerabilities
- RDP Heap Feng Shui
- Demo
- Future work & Conclusion



#### MOTIVATION

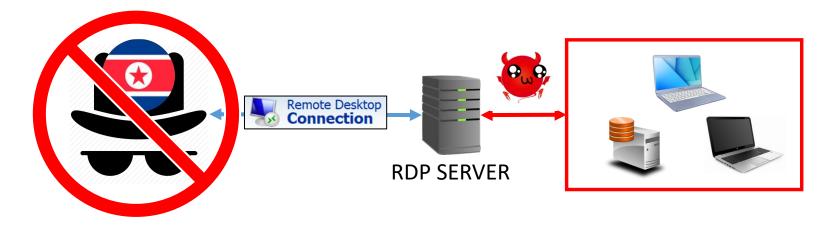
- Hackers are using some RDP servers to shadow their IP address for attacks
- Hacked windows servers in public are configured as an RDP server
  - Attackers launch attacks from this computer by logging into the RDP server
  - Victims can only see the IP address of the RDP server





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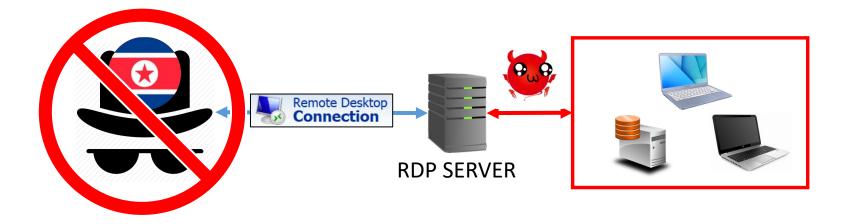
- Allegedly being used by many North Korean Hackers
  - No proof, but from off-the-record discussions with security analysts
- Came up with a fun motivation:
  - Can we pwn RDP clients to launch attacks back to attackers?





#### MOTIVATION

- Disclaimer
  - We did not use this techniques in public (yes, it's illegal)
  - We would like to share our journey for such a cool motivation in this presentation





#### **Another Note**

- Disclaimer
  - Some part of this research project cannot be disclosed by the restrictions applied to one of the speakers (NDA-related)
  - But, we will disclose as much as we can to entertain the audiences!



#### **Recon on MS RDP client**

- Need an understand the RDP protocol
- Requires two files to take a look at (via IDA Pro)
  - Mstsc.exe
  - Mstscax.dll

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Name	Description	Company Name	Path
msasn1.dll	ASN.1 Runtime APIs	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\msasn1.dll
msctf.dll	MSCTF Server DLL	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\msctf.dll
msctfp.dll	MSCTFP Server DLL	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\msctfp.dll
msimg32.dll	GDIEXT Client DLL	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\msimg32.dll
mstsc.exe	Remote Desktop Connection	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\mstsc.exe
nstsc.exe.mui	Remote Desktop Connection	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\mstsc.exe.mu
nstscax.dll	Remote Desktop Services ActiveX	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\mstscax.dll
nstscax.dll.mui	Remote Desktop Services ActiveX	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\mstscax.dll.m
nsvert.dll	Windows NT CRT DLL	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll
mswsock.dll	Microsoft Windows Sockets 2.0 S	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\mswsock.dll

#### **Recon on MS RDP client**

- Additional (human-readable) resources: publicly available documentations
  - <u>https://github.com/FreeRDP/FreeRDP/wiki/Reference-Documentation</u>
  - 56 documentations about RDP specification is out there

# Reference Documentation Remote Desktop Protocol: Windows Communication Protocols [MS-RDPBCGR]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Basic Connectivity and Graphics Remoting Specification [MS-RDPCR2]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Composited Remoting V2 Specification [MS-RDPEA]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Audio Output Virtual Channel Extension [MS-RDPEA]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Audio Input Redirection Virtual Channel Extension [MS-RDPEAI]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Clipboard Virtual Channel Extension [MS-RDPECLIP]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Desktop Composition Virtual Channel Extension [MS-RDPEDC]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Dynamic Channel Virtual Channel Extension [MS-RDPEDYC]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Dynamic Channel Virtual Channel Extension [MS-RDPECO]: Remote Desktop Protocol: Virtual Channel Extension

#### **Recon on MS RDP client**

- We may also get hints for the RDP protocol from one of the open-source implementation: FreeRDP
  - <u>https://github.com/FreeRDP/FreeRDP</u>
  - Read the code, headers, data types, enums, etc. -> enables more efficient reversing

#### FreeRDP: A Remote Desktop Protocol Implementation

FreeRDP is a free implementation of the Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP), released under the Apache license. Enjoy the freedom of using your software wherever you want, the way you want it, in a world where interoperability can finally liberate your computing experience.

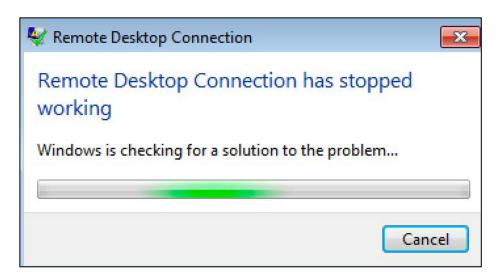
IRC: #freerdp @ irc.freenode.net



#### **Recon on MS RDP client**

- Latest Attack Case by CHECKPOINT
- Attacked the clipboard channel : Ctrl C + Ctrl V
  - A Path-traversal attack!
  - Poisoned RDP at BH USA 2019
- In contrast, our focus is at:
  - Memory Corruption vulns in the MS RDP Client that allows Remote Code Execution

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Copying '\filename.txt'			
To 'C:\Users\user\Desktop\Base\Inner'			
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#### **Recon on MS RDP client**

• Available resources to the RDP client

## **Remote Desktop clients**

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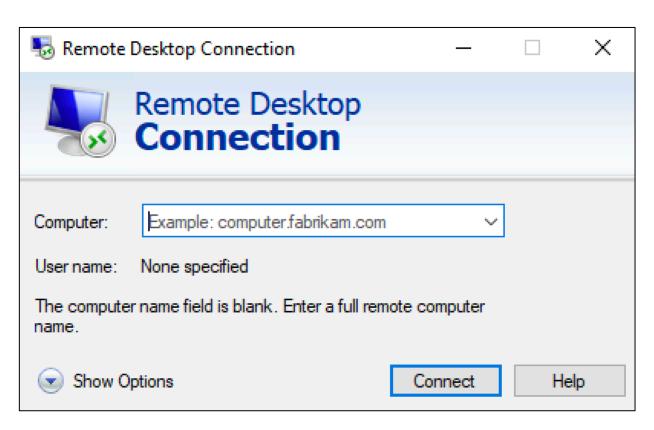
Applies to: Windows 10, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2019, Windows Server 2016, Windows Server 2012 R2

You can use a Microsoft Remote Desktop client to connect to a remote PC and your work resources from almost anywhere using just about any device. You can connect to your work PC and have access to all of your apps, files, and network resources as if you were sitting at your desk. You can leave apps open at work and then see those same apps at home - all by using the RD client.

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#### **Recon on MS RDP client**

- How many (official) RDP Clients are there?
- 5 types by OS/App
  - mstsc.exe (native app)
  - Windows 10 app (AppContainer)
  - Android App
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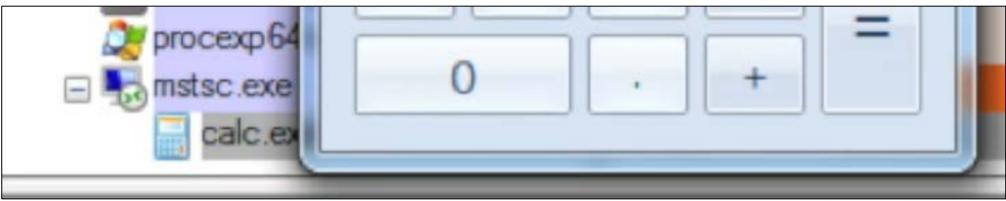
We assume all these implementation will share the same code base for the protocol

Device	Get the app	Set up instructions	
Windows	Windows 10 client in the	Getting started with Remote Desktop client on	
	Microsoft Store	Windows	
Android	Android client in Google Play	Getting started with Remote Desktop client on Android	
iOS	iOS client in the iTunes store	Getting started with Remote Desktop client on iOS	
macOS	macOS client in the iTunes store	Getting started with Remote Desktop client on Mac	
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#### **Our GOAL**

- Find an exploitable memory corruption vulnerability in official RDP clients
- Popping shell from the RDP Client
  - Need to find the part of the program that handles 'memory' a lot
    - Intuition: more code for handling memory, more memory corruption vulnerabilities!
  - We purposely send malicious data from a compromised RDP Server to a client using virtual channels





#### **What is Virtual Channel?**

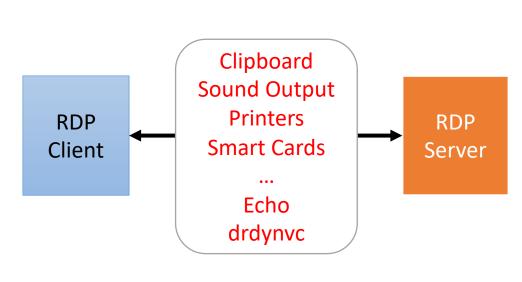
# Remote Desktop Services virtual channels

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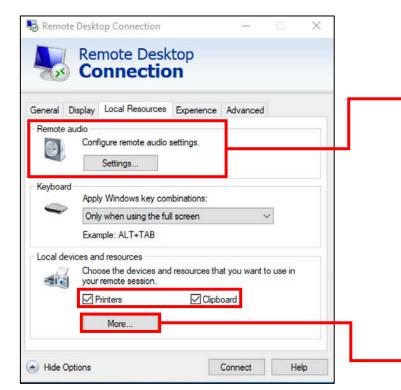
*Virtual channels* are software extensions that can be used to add functional enhancements to a Remote Desktop Services application. Examples of functional enhancements might include: support for special types of hardware, audio, or other additions to the core functionality provided by the Remote Desktop Services <u>Remote Desktop Protocol</u> (RDP). The RDP protocol provides multiplexed management of multiple virtual channels.

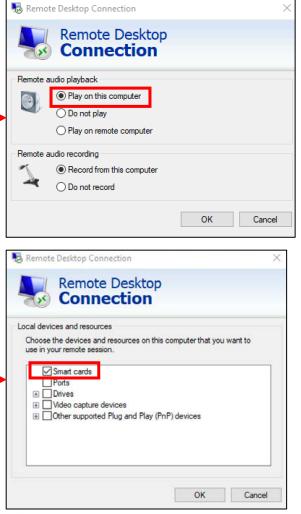
#### **Virtual Channel Examples**

• Default Channels









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#### **Virtual Channel Protocol**

#### Open Server

- Open Channel
- Read Channel
- Write Channel
- Close Channel
- Close Server

WTSOpenServerA	function
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Opens a handle to the specified Remote Desktop Session Host (RD Session Ho	st) server.
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#### Syntax

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#### HANDLE WTSOpenServerA( LPSTR pServerName

);

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#### **Virtual Channel Protocol**

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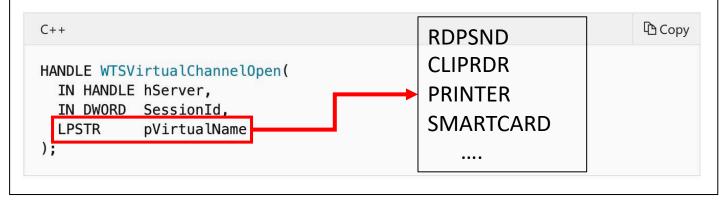
### WTSVirtualChannelOpen function

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Opens a handle to the server end of a specified virtual channel.

This function is obsolete. Instead, use the <u>WTSVirtualChannelOpenEx</u> function.

#### **Syntax**



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- Open Server
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# Virtual Channel Protocol WTSVirtualChannelRead function

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Reads data from the server end of a virtual channel.

WTSVirtualChannelRead reads the data written by a VirtualChannelWrite call at the client end of the virtual channel.

#### Syntax



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#### Copy BOOL WTSVirtualChannelRead( IN HANDLE hChannelHandle, IN ULONG TimeOut, PCHAR Buffer, IN ULONG BufferSize, PULONG pBytesRead

#### **Virtual Channel Protocol**

- Open Server
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# WTSVirtualChannelWrite function

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Writes data to the server end of a virtual channel.

#### Syntax

C++

#### BOOL WTSVirtualChannelWrite( IN HANDLE hChannelHandle,

PCHAR Buffer, IN ULONG Length, PULONG pBytesWritten

);

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#### **Virtual Channel Protocol**

- Open Server
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# WTSVirtualChannelClose function

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Closes an open virtual channel handle.

#### Syntax





#### **Virtual Channel Protocol**

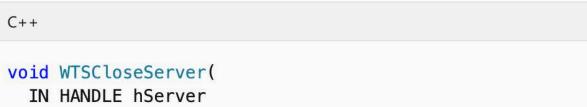
- Open Server
- Open Channel
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- Write Channel
- Close Channel
- Close Server

# WTSCloseServer function

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Closes an open handle to a Remote Desktop Session Host (RD Session Host) server.

#### Syntax



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#### **Virtual Channel Protocol**

- Open Server
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```
hWTSSERVERHandle = WTSOpenServer("localhost");
hVirtualChannel = WTSVirtualChannelOpen(
                    hWTSSERVERHandle,
                    WTS CURRENT SESSION,
                    "RDPSND"
                    );
buffer[0] = 0xa0;
buffer[1] = 0xa1;
buffer[2] = 0xa2;
buffer[3] = 0xa3;
BufferSize = 4;
bSuccess = WTSVirtualChannelWrite(hVirtualChannel, buffer,
BufferSize, &bytesWritten);
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```

#### **Virtual Channel Protocol**

- Open Server
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C:\Users\john\source\repos\channel_test\x64\Debug>chann WTSVirtualChannelWrite written	el_test.exe
Success!	
C:\Users\john\source\repos\channel_test\x64\Debug>_	

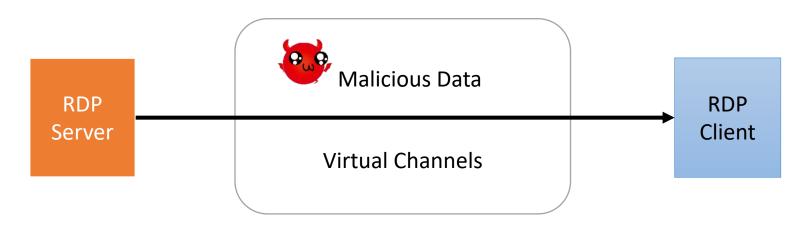
#### 2. Hooking mstscax!CChan::ChannelOnPacketReceived()

1. Run virtual channel write test program

bufsize : 12			
register : 0x92bd482	Attacker Contro	ollable Data, will	be parsed by the client
buf original 0 1 2 3 4 5			
<u> </u>	00 00 a0 a1 a2	a3	
Message [{'type': 'send', 'n	avloa <mark>d': 'nexn</mark> u	f'] -> Data [b	'\x04\x00\x00\x00\x00\x03\
x00\x00\x00\xa0\xa1\xa2\xa3'	]		
cnt 330 func() called from			
0x7fef2455e7f mstsc.exe!D11G	GetTscCt1Ver		

#### **Attack Scenario via Manipulating the Virtual Channel**

- From server to client using virtual channel
  - 1) Open server
  - 2) Open channel
  - 3) Write channel
  - 4) Send Malicious Data to Client



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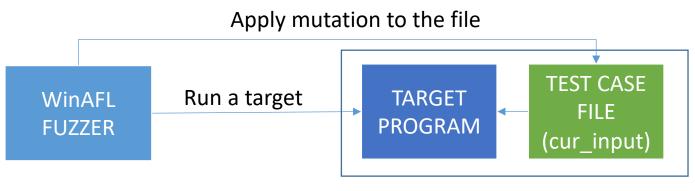
- Requirements
  - Need to hook Virtual Channels
  - Need to work with a server-client model
  - Need to apply a blackbox fuzzing
  - On Windows
  - But we would like to enable coverage-guided fuzzing (like AFL)!
  - ...



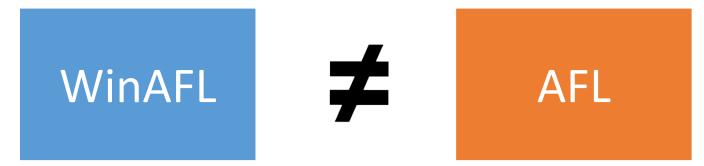
- Available coverage-guided fuzzing tool on Windows
  - WinAFL !

D:\Codes\winafl\buildx86\Release>afl-fuzz.exe -i minset\_test.dyn -o o2 -D D:\cod es\DynamoRIO-Windows-6.2.0-2\bin32 -t 10000 -- -covtype edge -coverage\_module te st.exe -fuzz\_iterations 5000 -target\_module test.exe -target\_method main -nargs 2 -- test.exe @@\_

- WinAFL
- A fork of AFL for fuzzing Windows binaries
  - afl-fuzz [afl options] -- [instrumentation options] -- target\_cmd\_line
    - afl-fuzz.exe -i in -o out -D C:\work\winafl\DynamoRIO\bin64 -t 20000 -- coverage\_module gdiplus.dll -coverage\_module WindowsCodecs.dll -fuzz\_iterations
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- WinAFL: slightly different with AFL
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- Need to specify target module and offset to hook the function and measure the code coverage





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- Static instrumentation via Syzygy



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- Dynamic instrumentation using DynamoRIO
- Hardware tracing using Intel PT
  - Drawback: need a CPU that supports PT, and cannot run fuzzer in the VM
- Static instrumentation via Syzygy



- WinAFL
  - It supports the following instrumentation modes:
- Dynamic instrumentation using DynamoRIO
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- Static instrumentation via Syzygy
  - Drawback: some restrictions..

There's some restriction to this:

- You binary should be a Win32 PE binary linked with the /PROFILE flag and statically linked to the CRT.
- If you are instrumenting a Chrome build, you might run out of memory if you are using a 32 bits version of Windows, we recommend that you use Windows 7/8 x64.
- Your binary should be compiled with level function linking enabled and buffer security checks disabled.
- The instrumenter requires to have the DIA SDK (msdia120.dll), it's installed by default with Visual Studio 2013 but we can't redistribute it. msdia120.dll is part of the C++ 2013 redistributable, but the path (C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\microsoft shared\VC) is not registered like with Visual Studio (C++). However, copying the msdia120.dll file to the instrumenter directory (or registering the path) should solve the problem.

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#### Finding Vulnerabilities Automatically: Build an RDP client fuzzer

• We decided to work with DynamoRIO with in-app persistent mode

#### In App Persistence mode

This feature is a tweak for the traditional "target function" approach and aims to loosen the requirements of the target function to do both reading an input file and processing the input file.

In some applications it's quite challenging to find a target function that with a simple execution redirection won't break global states and will do both reading and processing of inputs.

This mode assumes that the target application will actually loop the target function by itself, and will handle properly its global state For example a udp server handling packets or a js interpreter running inside a while loop.

This mode works as following:

- 1. Your target runs until hitting the target function.
- 2. The afl server starts instrumenting the target.
- 3. Your target runs until hitting the target function again.
- 4. The afl server stops instrumenting current cycle and starts a new one.

## Finding Vulnerabilities Automatically: Build an RDP client fuzzer

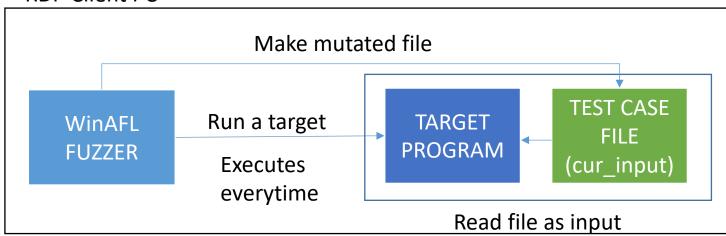
- The fuzzer architecture for fuzzing RDP client (a modified version of WinAFL)
- Client
  - run winafl with mstsc.exe and hook mstscax.dll (for data receiving function)
    - Check code coverage, mutate seed files
    - Make a Cur\_input file
    - Send Cur\_input file to server
- Server
  - Run a program that
    - Receive Cur\_input file from WinAFL
    - The content of cur\_input will be sent through the virtual channel

Loop



#### Finding Vulnerabilities Automatically: Build an RDP client fuzzer

• Original Architecture of WinAFL

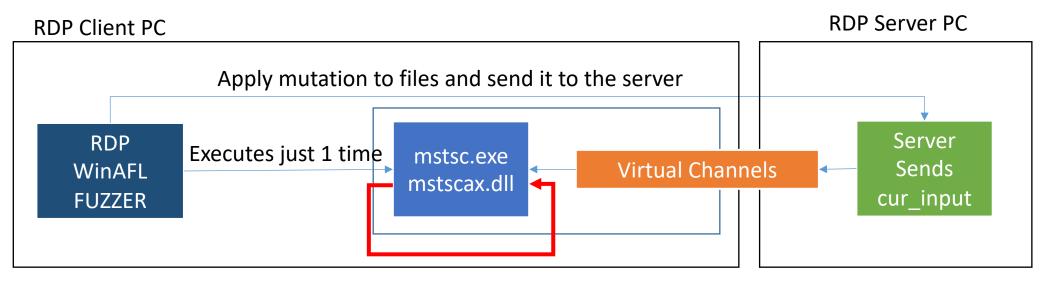


#### **RDP Client PC**



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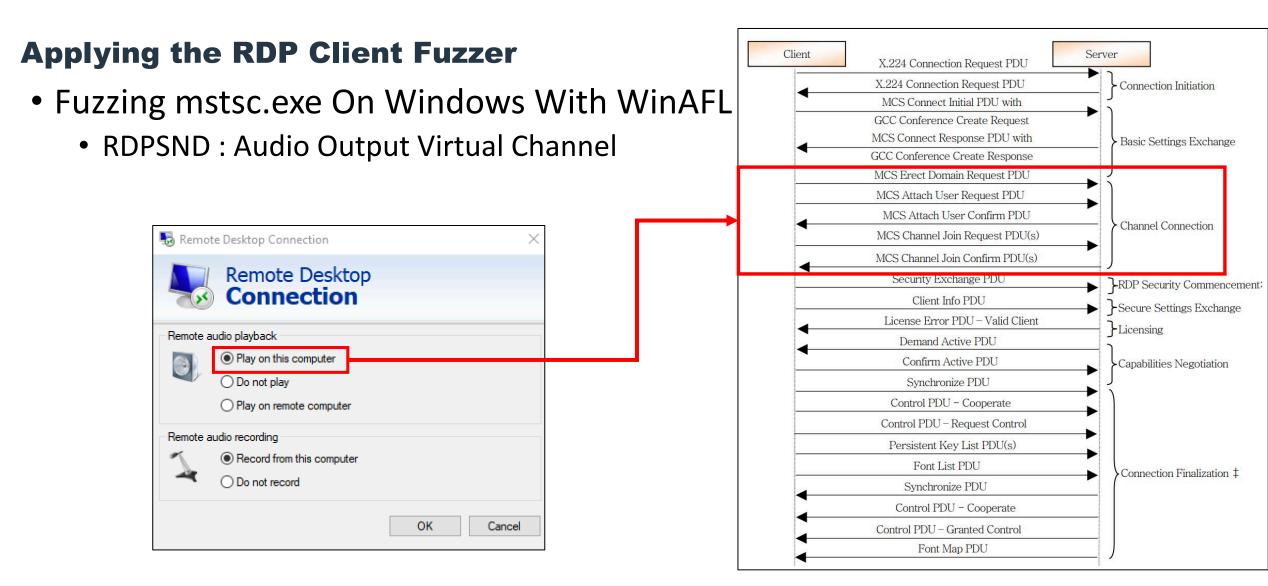
• Modified WinAFL for fuzzing the RDP client



Loop constructed by the in-app persistent mode

### **Applying the RDP Client Fuzzer**

- Fuzzing mstsc.exe On Windows With WinAFL via Virtual Channels in RDP
- First target : RDPSND
  - A channel enabled by default by mstsc.exe
  - One-way communication as audio playback is run by server and played in the client
  - Very simple protocol
- Note: other channels (Clipboard, etc.) are two-way channels



#### **Applying the RDP Client Fuzzer**

- Fuzzing mstsc.exe On Windows With WinAFL
  - RDPSND : Audio Output Virtual Channel

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	8 9 0 1 2	3 4 5	678	2 9 0	1 2					
Header										
dwFlags										
dwVolume										
dwPitch										
wDGramPort			wNumbe	rOfFormat	s					
cLastBlockConfirmed	cLastBlockConfirmed wVersion									
sndFormats (variable)	sndFormats (variable)									

## 2.2.1 RDPSND PDU Header (SNDPROLOG)

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The RDPSND PDU header is present in many audio <u>PDUs</u>. It is used to identify the PDU type, specify the length of the PDU, and convey message flags.

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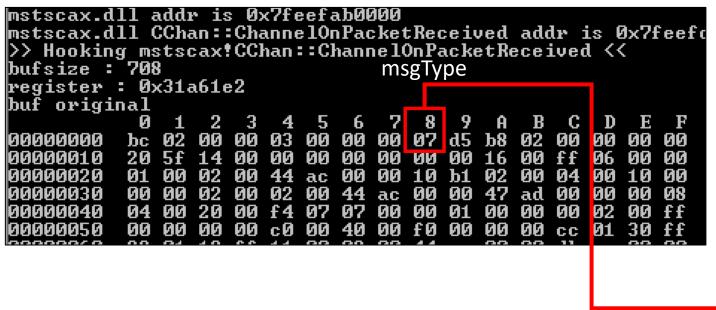
#### **Applying the RDP Client Fuzzer**

• Fuzzing mstsc.exe On Windows With WinAFL

new_gogo.bat	
WinAFL 1.16b based on AFL 2.43b (ms	stsc.exe)
<pre>+- process timing</pre>	s : 6 (3.80%)   n : 30 (18.99%)   s : 125 (2 unique)
	+ [cpu: 0%] 🍸

## **Applying the RDP Client Fuzzer**

- Fuzzing mstsc.exe On Windows With WinAFL
  - RDPSND : Audio Output Virtual Channel
  - How to get a seed file for fuzzer?
    - Hooking and Logging



msgType	bPad	BodySize
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msgType (1 byte): An follows the BodySize f	8-bit unsigned integer that specifies the type of audio PDU that field.
Value	Meaning
SNDC_CLOSE	<u>Close PDU</u>
0x01	
SNDC_WAVE	WaveInfo PDU
0x02	
SNDC_SETVOLUME	Volume PDU
0x03	
SNDC_SETPITCH	Pitch PDU
0x04	
SNDC_WAVECONFIRM	Wave Confirm PDU
0x05	
SNDC_TRAINING	Training PDU or Training Confirm PDU
0x06	
SNDC_FORMATS	Server Audio Formats and Version PDU or Client Audio Formats and Version PDU
0x07	

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## **Applying the RDP Client Fuzzer**

- Fuzzing mstsc.exe On Windows With WinAFL
- Next targets
  - Other Channels
    - Drdynvc
    - Printer
    - Smartcard

• ...

Cliprdr	channels: cliprdr
disp	Made disp chanr
drdynvc	Force close char
drive	devman_load_de
echo	Fixed compiler w
encomsp	Fixed sign-comp
geometry	Fixed rect assign
parallel	Fixed thread fund
printer	Merge pull reque
🖬 rail	rail: Update to lat
rdp2tcp	PR fixes
🖬 rdpdr	devman_load_de
🖬 rdpei	Fix some static a
rdpgfx	channels: rdpgfx
rdpsnd	Fix some warning

In FreeRDP Client Source code

## **Applying the RDP Client Fuzzer**

- Demonstration : RDP Client Fuzzer
  - Running on Windows 7
  - 1 Core
  - 2G Memory
  - 2 VMs are required
    - One for RDP Client
    - One for RDP Server

run time : 0 days, 0 hrs, 45 min, 11 sec last new path : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 40 sec last uniq crash : 0 days, 0 hrs, 6 min, 26 sec	
<pre>last uniq hang : 0 days, 0 hrs, 13 min, 3 sec - cycle progress</pre>	uniq crashes : 1 uniq hangs : 3 . 1.04% / 14.87% : 2.93 bits/tuple pth

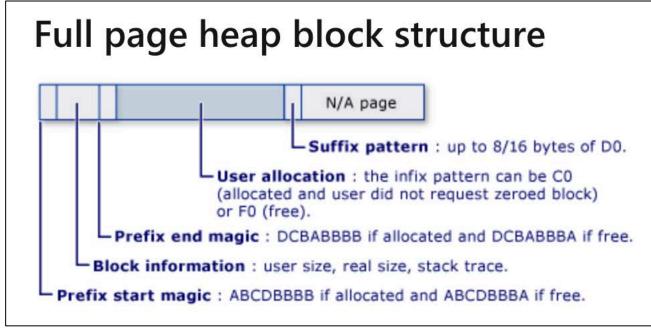


#### **Running the RDP Client Fuzzer**

- Fuzzing setup
  - Both the RDP Client and the RDP Server runs in each VM
  - Running on Windows 7
  - 1 Core
  - 2G Memory
  - 2 VMs are required
    - One for RDP Client
    - One for RDP Server
  - The first vulnerability was found within 2 hours of running the RDP Client Fuzzer!
    - We keep reporting vulnerabilities to MS

#### **Detecting Heap Vulnerabilities**

- We may use PageHeap; allocate each heap object in a new page
  - gflags.exe /p /enable mstsc.exe /full
  - Slow, but this will generate crash if any heap error happens during fuzzing..





## • RDP Client vulnerabilities on Windows in 2019

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#### **Vulnerabilities and Exploit**

- We will break the ASLR in the RDP client
- We will achieve RCE in the RDP client
- The RCE vulnerability is a heap vulnerability
  - We need to manipulate heap objects
    - Need heap feng shui

## **RDP Heap Feng Shui**

- Exploiting a DRDYNVC Channel
- DRDYNVC is a dedicated channel for delivering dynamic data

#### 1.3.1.1 Encapsulation in the DRDYNVC Static Virtual Channel

The following diagram illustrates the wire-level encapsulation when a DVC is embedded inside the dedicated static virtual channel named DRDYNVC.

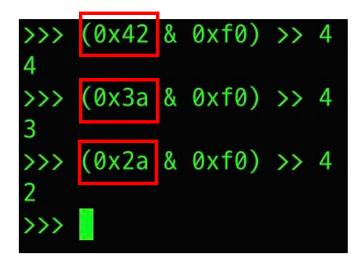
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#### Figure 1: Static virtual channel objects

This is a Windows implementation detail and does not limit the definition and the description of the Remote Desktop Protocol: Dynamic Channel Virtual Channel Extension. Any transport that has similar characteristics can be used to support a DVC implementation. The Remote Desktop Protocol: Dynamic Channel Virtual Channel Extension makes use of the following features of a **static virtual channel**:

## **RDP Heap Feng Shui**

• In the DRDYNVC Channel



<pre>Stream_Read_UINT8(s, value);</pre>
Cmd = (value & 0xf0) >> 4;
Sp = (value & 0x0c) >> 2;
cbChId = (value & 0x03) >> 0;

#define	CREATE_REQUEST_PDU	0x01
<pre>#define</pre>	DATA_FIRST_PDU	0x02
<pre>#define</pre>	DATA_PDU	0x03
<pre>#define</pre>	CLOSE_REQUEST_PDU	0x04
<pre>#define</pre>	CAPABILITY_REQUEST_PDU	0x05

In FreeRDP Client Source code

#### switch (Cmd)

case CAPABILITY\_REQUEST\_PDU:

return drdynvc\_process\_capability\_request(drdynvc, Sp, cbChId, s);

case CREATE\_REQUEST\_PDU:

return drdynvc\_process\_create\_request(drdynvc, Sp, cbChId, s);

case DATA\_FIRST\_PDU:

return drdynvc\_process\_data\_first(drdynvc, Sp, cbChId, s);

case DATA\_PDU:

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return drdynvc\_process\_data(drdynvc, Sp, cbChId, s);

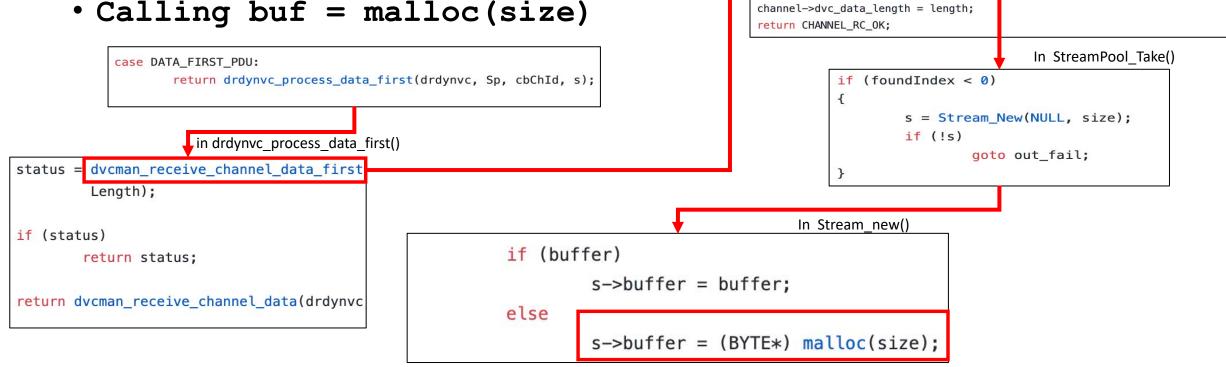
case CLOSE\_REQUEST\_PDU:

return drdynvc\_process\_close\_request(drdynvc, Sp, cbChId, s);

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## **RDP Heap Feng Shui**

- Heap Control Primitives in the DRDYNVC Chan
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In dvcman receive channel data first()

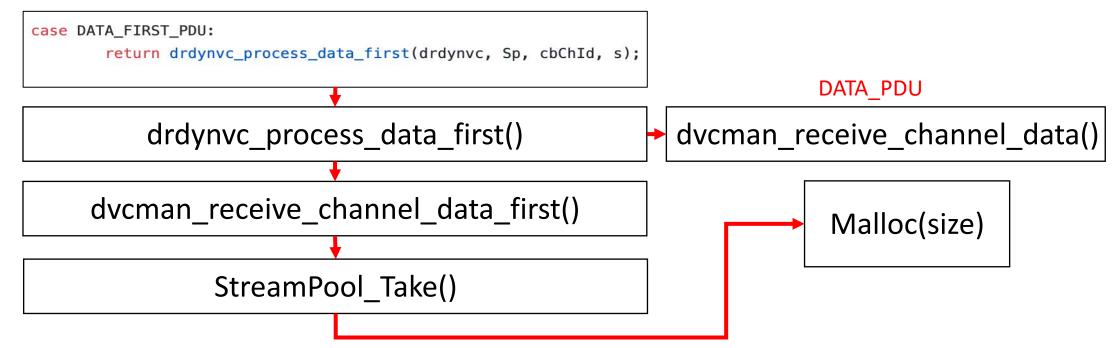
channel->dvc\_data = StreamPool\_Take(channel->dvcman->pool, length);

WLog\_Print(drdynvc->log, WLOG\_ERROR "StreamPool\_Take failed!");

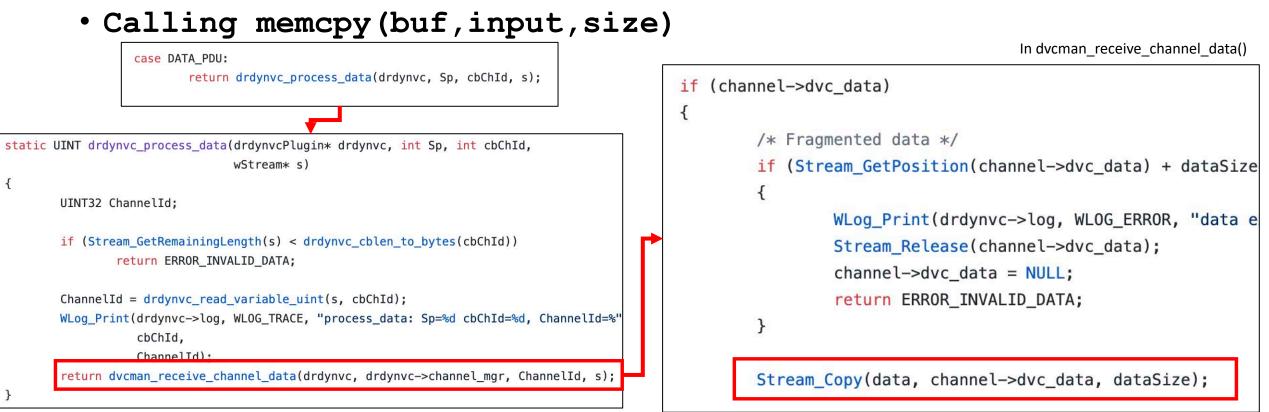
if (!channel->dvc\_data)

return CHANNEL\_RC\_NO\_MEMORY;

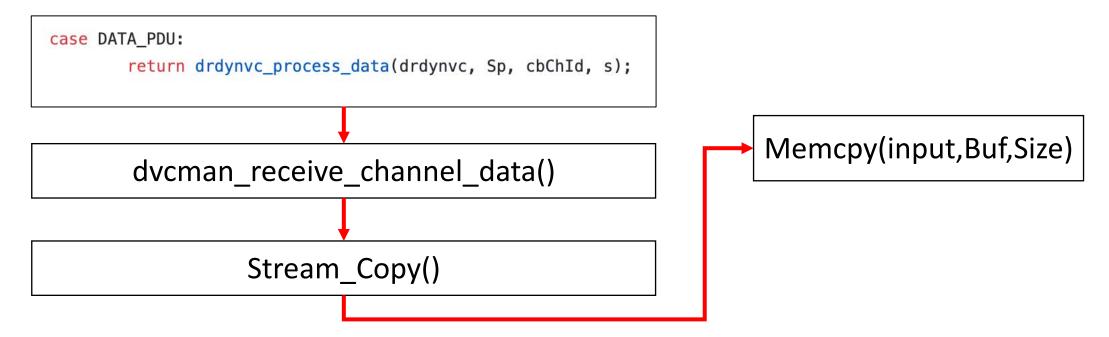
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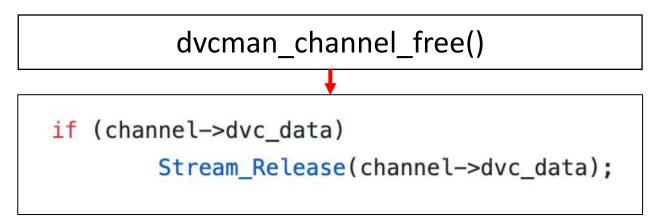
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- Heap Control Primitives in the DRDYNVC Channel
  - DATA\_PDU
  - Calling memcpy(buf, input, size)



- Heap Control Primitives in the DRDYNVC Channel
  - Close Channel
  - Calling free (buf)





## **Exploitation**

- Combining Information Leak & RCE vulnerabilities
- This part has been removed due to the restriction of one of our speakers
  NDA...
- But, after having an arbitrary control over malloc(), memcpy(), and free()
  - We can do feng shui to spray the data and manipulate heap objects to achieve arbitrary code execution
  - Fairly standard after following RDP Heap Feng Shui primitives

Please do not be disappointed, we will show you a demo of the full-chain RCE exploit!



- Exploiting an Information Leak vulnerability (guess which CVE it is!)
- Use of Uninitialized memory; affected to:
  - Mstsc.exe
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- Breaking ASLR (guess which CVE it is!)
  - Mstsc.exe on windows 7
  - We will demonstrate how we can break the ASLR of the client machine by launching a memory leak attack.

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## DEMO

- Remote Code Execution
  - Mstsc.exe on windows 7
  - Using RDP Heap Feng Shui
    - Leak memory to break ASLR
    - Allocate heap objects in a pretty good construction
    - Hijacking a vtable of an object and launch Return-oriented Programming (ROP)
      - Pops a calc.exe!







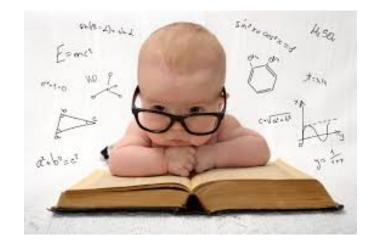
## **FUTURE WORK**

- Fuzzing on other channels
  - Drdynvc
  - Printer
  - Smartcard
  - •
- Need to handle two-way communication
  - Modifying the program at the server is required

channels: cliprdr
Made disp chanr
Force close char
devman_load_de
Fixed compiler w
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• RDP CLIENT FUZZER

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