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**evasiOn**

# What is evasiOn?

Latest iPhone jailbreak, iOS 6.1

Patched in latest version iOS 6.1.3  
4 of 6? Exploits fixed

“most elaborate jailbreak to ever hack your phone”  
-forbes

Used 800,000 times in 6 hours after its release

# Breaking out of iOS Jail

- iOS prevents
  - Installing or booting into a modified/different OS
  - Running unsigned apps
    - Main reason for jailbreaking (Cydia)
  - Apps from running outside a secure sandbox
    - Apps can't use root permissions, do anything outside assigned entitlements
- Jailbreaking allows you to do all these
  - Privilege escalation, also need to bypass other security

# What's stopping us?

- iOS has evolved into a secure modern operating system
  - ASLR
  - Code-signing
  - DEP
  - Sandboxing/Privilege Separation
  - Made even more difficult by reduced attack surface
    - Stripped down version of OS X
    - No Java, Flash
    - Some file types rejected by Mobile Safari

# First Roadblock

- How do we get the files onto the phone?
  - iOS restricts where users can place files
- MobileBackup
  - Daemon that creates and restores backups
  - Created by device and interchangeable between devices = not easily signed
  - Normally has path restrictions
  - Luckily a bug in backup allows symlinks between filepaths

# The App

- Inserted in var/mobile using symlink trick
- Shell script
  - `#!/bin/launchctl submit -l remount -o /var/mobile/Media/mount.stdout -e /var/mobile/Media/mount.stderr -- /sbin/mount -v -t hfs -o rw /dev/diskos1s1`
- Environment Variable
  - `LAUNCHD_SOCKET = /private/var/tmp/launchd/sock`

# Getting Permission

- Bug in lockdownd
  - Lockdownd provides system info to clients
  - *root* privileges
  - Bug: change permissions of `var/db/timezone` to be accessible to *mobile*
- New backup is created
  - Symlink between `var/db/timezone` and `var/tmp/launchd`
  - Permissions granted by sending malformed request
  - `Var/db/timezone` and therefore `var/tmp/launchd` are now accessible by all users
  - Same trick repeated for subfolders:
    - `var/tmp/launchd/sock`

# Running the App

- Launchd : daemon that deals with launching and shutting down processes
- Multiple instances, some have root permission
- Talk to them through sockets
  - Which socket you use determines which launchd you are talking to
  - The socket we got access to talks to the root launchd
  - Launches processes with root privileges

# Making it stick

- System partition is now writable
- Make another backup
  - Launchd configuration file
  - Dynamic library that overrides MISValidate signature method to always return 0
  - An executable

# The files

- `launchd.conf`
  - `bsexec .. /sbin/mount -u -o rw,suid,dev`
  - `setenv DYLD_INSERT_LIBRARIES /private/var/evasion/amfi.dylib`
  - `load /System/Library/LaunchDaemons/  
com.apple.MobileFileIntegrity.plist`
  - `bsexec .. /private/var/evasion/evasion`
  - `unsetenv DYLD_INSERT_LIBRARIES`
  - `bsexec .. /bin/rm -f /private/var/evasion/sock`
  - `bsexec .. /bin/ln -f /var/tmp/launchd/sock /private/var/evasion/sock`

# The files

- amfi.dylib

```
$ dyldinfo -export amfi.dylib
```

*export information (from trie):*

```
[re-export] _kMISValidationOptionValidateSignatureOnly  
(_kCFUserNotificationTokenKey from CoreFoundation)
```

```
[re-export] _kMISValidationOptionExpectedHash  
(_kCFUserNotificationTimeoutKey from CoreFoundation)
```

```
[re-export] _MISValidateSignature (_CFEqual from  
CoreFoundation)
```

# Sources

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# Bugs

## dyld

Available for: iPhone 3GS and later,  
iPod touch (4th generation) and later, iPad 2 and later  
Impact: A local user may be able to execute unsigned code  
Description: A state management issue existed in the handling of  
Mach-O executable files with overlapping segments. This issue was  
addressed by refusing to load an executable with overlapping  
segments.  
CVE-ID  
CVE-2013-0977 : evad3rs

## Kernel

Available for: iPhone 3GS and later,  
iPod touch (4th generation) and later, iPad 2 and later  
Impact: A local user may be able to determine the address of  
structures in the kernel  
Description: An information disclosure issue existed in the ARM  
prefetch abort handler. This issue was addressed by panicking if the  
prefetch abort handler is not being called from an abort context.  
CVE-ID  
CVE-2013-0978 : evad3rs

## USB

Available for: iPhone 3GS and later,  
iPod touch (4th generation) and later, iPad 2 and later  
Impact: A local user may be able to execute arbitrary code in the  
kernel  
Description: The IOUSBDeviceFamily driver used pipe object pointers  
that came from userspace. This issue was addressed by performing  
additional validation of pipe object pointers.  
CVE-ID  
CVE-2013-0981 : evad3rs

## LOCKDOWN

Available for: iPhone 3GS and later,  
iPod touch (4th generation) and later, iPad 2 and later  
Impact: A local user may be able to change permissions on arbitrary  
files  
Description: When restoring from backup, lockdownd changed  
permissions on certain files even if the path to the file included a  
symbolic link. This issue was addressed by not changing permissions  
on any file with a symlink in its path.  
CVE-ID  
CVE-2013-0979 : evad3rs