Firmwares are weird

A year long journey to efficient extraction

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- High amount of uploads
- Concurrency
- Untrusted users
- Source of uploads ?



- Timeouts
- Limited format support
- Memory footprint

We need to automatically extract firmwares of **arbitrary formats**, coming from **untrusted sources**, **at scale**. Firmware **extraction** framework.

Parses unknown files, matching on more than 60 different **archive**, **compression**, and **file-system** formats.



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Clear objectives:

- Accuracy
- Security
- Extensibility
- Speed



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BEING ACCURATE IN A WORLD OF EMBEDDED VENDORS WITH GREAT FIRMWARE IDEASTM

AKA HOW TO LOSE YOUR MIND IN 6 TO 8 MONTHS

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF VENDOR FORMATS

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commit 32320fdb88bc930c0b2bc2935ada8bff5fdc9042 (394-disable-cramfs-crc)
Author: Quentin Kaiser <quentin.kaiser@onekey.com>
Date: Thu Jun 9 16:17:55 2022 +0200

Improve cramfs CRC checking.

We observed a sample from Cisco where the CRC value was stored in a different endianness. This is non standard but we decided to support it anyway.

We also added a check for old cramfs format. If it's an old format, the CRC check always returns true because it's not supported.

More information about CRC validation and old format: https://github.com/secularbird/cramfs/blob/master/cramfsck.c

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Audited third party extraction tools we rely on.

Found **path traversals** vulnerabilities in:

- jefferson (fixed, took over maintenance)
- ubi-reader (fixed, took over maintenance)
- Yaffshiv (fixed in our fork, reimplemented yaffs 1 & 2 in unblob)
- binwalk (fixed)

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	54	<pre>+ def is_safe_path(basedir, path, follow_symlinks=True):</pre>			
	55	+ if follow_symlinks:			
	56	<pre>+ matchpath = os.path.realpath(path)</pre>			
	57	+ else:			
	58 + matchpath = os.path.abspath(path)				
	59	<pre>+ return basedir == os.path.commonpath((basedir, matchpath))</pre>			
55	60				
56	61	cstruct.typedef("uint8", "uint8_t")			
57	62	<pre>cstruct.typedef("uint16", "jint16_t")</pre>			
		@@ -474,20 +479,32 @@ def dump_fs(fs, target):			
474	479	<pre>node_names.append(dirent.name.decode())</pre>			
475	480	<pre>path = "/".join(node_names)</pre>			
476	481				
477		<pre>- target_path = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), target, path)</pre>			
	482	<pre>+ target_path = os.path.realpath(os.path.join(os.getcwd(), target, path))</pre>			
	483	+			
	484	+ if not is_safe_path(target, target_path):			
	485	<pre>+ print(f"Path traversal attempt to {target_path}, discarding.")</pre>			
	486	+ continue			
	487	+			

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	29	<pre>+ def is_safe_path(basedir, path, follow_symlinks=True):</pre>		
	30	+ if follow_symlinks:		
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	34	<pre>+ return basedir == os.path.commonpath((basedir, matchpath))</pre>		
29	35			
30	36	<pre>def extract_files(ubifs, out_path, perms=False):</pre>		
31	37	"""Extract UBIFS contents to_path/		
∵∓ .↑.		<pre>@@ -60,7 +66,11 @@ def extract_dents(ubifs, inodes, dent_node, path='', perms=False):</pre>		
60	66			
61	67	<pre>inode = inodes[dent_node.inum]</pre>		
62	68	<pre>dent_path = os.path.join(path, dent_node.name)</pre>		
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	69	+		
	70	<pre>+ if not is_safe_path(path, dent_path):</pre>		
	71	<pre>+ log(extract_dents, 'path traversal attempt: %s, discarding' % (dent_path))</pre>		
	72	+ return		
	73	+		

~ +	20	src/yaffshiv 🖸
8	13	<pre>class Compat(object):</pre>
9	14	
10	15	Python2/3 compatability methods.
		@@ -607,13 +612,14 @@ class YAFFSExtractor(YAFFS):
607	612	<pre>for (entry_id, file_path) in Compat.iterator(self.file_paths):</pre>
608	613	<pre>entry = self.file_entries[entry_id]</pre>
609	614	if file_path and int(entry.yaffs_obj_type) == self.YAFFS_OBJECT_TYPE_DIRECTORY:
	615	<pre>+ file_path = os.path.join(outdir, file_path)</pre>
	616	+
610	617	# Check the file name for possible path traversal attacks
611		- if b'' in file_path:
	618	<pre>+ if not is_safe_path(outdir, file_path):</pre>
612	619	sys.stderr.write("Warning: Refusing to create directory '%s': possible path traversal\n" % file_path)
613	620	continue
614	621	
615	622	try:
616		<pre>- file_path = os.path.join(outdir, file_path)</pre>
617	623	os.makedirs(file_path)
618	624	<pre>selfset_mode_owner(file_path, entry)</pre>
619	625	dir_count += 1



Quentin Kaiser Oct 17th at 6:46 AM Only real python developers can identify the bug in this code. Will you find it ?

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try:
    with PFS(fname) as fs:
        # The end of PFS meta data is the start of the actual data
        data = binwalk.core.common.BlockFile(fname, 'rb')
        data.seek(fs.get_end_of_meta_data())
        for entry in fs.entries():
            outfile_path = os.path.join(out_dir, entry.fname)
            if not outfile_path.startswith(out_dir):
                binwalk.core.common.warning("Unpfs extractor detected directory trav
            else:
                self._create_dir_from_fname(outfile_path)
                outfile = binwalk.core.common.BlockFile(outfile_path, 'wb')
                outfile.write(data.read(entry.fsize))
                outfile.close()
        data.close()
except KeyboardInterrupt as e:
    raise e
except Exception as e:
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.1		@@ -104,7 +104,7 @@ def extractor(self, fname):
104	104	<pre>data = binwalk.core.common.BlockFile(fname, 'rb')</pre>
105	105	<pre>data.seek(fs.get_end_of_meta_data())</pre>
106	106	<pre>for entry in fs.entries():</pre>
107		<pre>- outfile_path = os.path.join(out_dir, entry.fname)</pre>
	107	+ outfile_path = os.path.abspath(os.path.join(out_dir, entry.fname))
108	108	<pre>if not outfile_path.startswith(out_dir):</pre>
109	109	<pre>binwalk.core.common.warning("Unpfs extractor detected directory traversal</pre>
110	110	else:
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Quentin Kaiser @qkaiser

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Extraction Attacks
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- Fuzz testing of unblob code base.
- Found and fixed 19 bugs so far.
- Logic bugs on malformed / corrupted files mostly.

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	Uncaught UnicodeDecodeError in unblob extraction on malformed CAB files by format: archive fuzzing #186 by QKaiser was closed on Jan 28 中 v1.0 - extraction	វូក្ខ 1	Ø	
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- All our dependencies are documented and **locked** with poetry.
- Even better if you use our Nix build.

Extraction Attacks
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- No elevated privileges required.
- Opinionated decision, we can't create special files.

A Brief History of Metasploit

Metasploit was originally developed and conceived by HD Moore while he was employed by a security firm. When HD realized that he was spending most of his time validating and sanitizing public exploit code, he began to create a flexible and maintainable framework for the creation and development of exploits. He released his first edition of the Perl-based Metasploit in October 2003 with a total of 11 exploits.

With the help of Spoonm, HD released a total rewrite of the project, Metasploit 2.0, in April 2004. This version included 19 exploits and over 27 payloads. Shortly after this release, Matt Miller (Skape) joined the Metasploit development team, and as the project gained popularity, the Metasploit Framework received ...

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The firmware file name was R7960P-V1.0.1.34_1.0.20.chk .				
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Unblob processing time distribution



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The team behind unblob



AGENDA

- 1. Getting Started
- 2. Extraction, Analysis & Reporting
- 3. Creating a Format Handler
- 4. Creating a Format Extractor
- 5. Q&A

GETTING STARTED

You can start with unblob in 3 different ways:

- 1. Docker
- **2.** Nix
- **3.** Source

GETTING STARTED (DOCKER)

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```
docker run \
    --rm \
    --pull always \
    -v /path/to/extract-dir/on/host:/data/output \
    -v /path/to/files/on/host:/data/input \
    ghcr.io/onekey-sec/unblob:latest /data/input/path/to/file
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GETTING STARTED (NIX)

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nix profile install github:onekey-sec/unblob unblob --show-external-dependencies The following executables found installed, which are needed by unblob: 7z jefferson lz4 lziprecover lzop simg2img \checkmark tar \checkmark ubireader_extract_files \checkmark ubireader_extract_images \checkmark unar \checkmark unromfs unsquashfs \checkmark yaffshiv \checkmark

GETTING STARTED (SOURCE)

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git clone https://github.com/onekey-sec/unblob.git
cd unblob
poetry install --no-dev

LET'S EXTRACT SOME STUFF!

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unblob -h Usage: unblob [OPTIONS] FILE

A tool for getting information out of any kind of binary blob.

You also need these extractor commands to be able to extract the supported file types: 7z, debugfs, jefferson, lz4, lziprecover, lzop, sasquatch, sasquatch-v4be, simg2img, ubireader_extract_files, ubireader_extract_images, unar, yaffshiv, zstd

NOTE: Some older extractors might not be compatible.

Options:

-e,extract-dir DIRECTORY	Extract the files to this directory. Will be
	created if doesn't exist.
-f,force	Force extraction even if outputs already
	exist (they are removed).
-d,depth INTEGER RANGE	Recursion depth. How deep should we extract
	containers. [default: 10; x>=1]
-n,entropy-depth INTEGER RAN	GE
	Entropy calculation depth. How deep should
	we calculate entropy for unknown files? 1
	means input files only, 0 turns it off.
	[default: 1; x>=0]
-P,plugins-path PATH	Load plugins from the provided path.
-S,skip-magic TEXT	Skip processing files with given magic
	prefix [default: BFLT, JPEG, GIF, PNG,
	SOLite. compiled Java class. TrueType Font
	data. PDF document. magic binary file. MS
	Windows icon resource. PF32+ executable (FFT
	application)]
-p,process-num INTEGER RANGE	-th
	Number of worker processes to process files
	<pre>parallelly. [default: 12; x>=1]</pre>
report PATH	File to store metadata generated during the
	extraction process (in JSON format).
-k,keep-extracted-chunks	Keep extracted chunks
-v,verbose	Verbosity level, counting, maximum level: 3
	(use: -v, -vv, -vvv)
show-external-dependencies	Shows commands needs to be available for
	unblob to work properly
-h,help	Show this message and exit.

UNDER THE HOOD: ARCHITECTURE

Unblob core

- CLI or python library
- Pattern matching & chunk carving
- Plugin & Handler management
- Logging & reporting
- Utility functions (parsing, converting etc.)

Unblob handlers & extractors

- Can be defined in plugins
- Format specific chunk calculation
- Format specific extraction (could use external commands)
EXTRACTORS

Extracting sometimes require external extractors, in some case also non-standard tools that could handle the "creative" extensions of various vendors.

We maintain various extractors:

- jefferson (<u>https://github.com/onekey-sec/jefferson</u>)
- ubi_reader (<u>https://github.com/onekey-sec/ubi_reader</u>)

We maintain various forks of extractors:
sasquatch (<u>https://github.com/onekey-sec/sasquatch</u>)

Many other extractors are built into unblob.

CODING TIME!

FIRST HANDLER

FIRST EXTRACTOR

FUTURE WORK

- Clean report of extraction process in console
- Increase meta-data extraction
- Unknown chunks auto-identification (introspection)
- Additional format support

CONTRIBUTE !

- Test it on your weirdest files
- Report bugs
- Request support for new formats
- Submit PR for new handlers and extractors

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https://github.com/onekey-sec/unblob

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THANK YOU for your attention.

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