

Abysssec Research

1) Advisory information

Title : Microsoft Excel OBJ Record Stack Overflow
Version : Excell 2002 sp3
Discovery : <http://www.abyssec.com>
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CVE : CVE-2010-0822

2) Vulnerable version

Microsoft Open XML File Format Converter for Mac 0
Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac 0
Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac 0
Microsoft Excel 2002 SP3
+ Microsoft Office XP SP3
Microsoft Excel 2002 SP2
+ Microsoft Office XP SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP3
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional
- Microsoft Windows 98
- Microsoft Windows 98SE
- Microsoft Windows ME
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP3

- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0
- Microsoft Windows XP Home SP1
- Microsoft Windows XP Home
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional
- Microsoft Excel 2002 SP1
- + Microsoft Office XP SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Datacenter Server SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Datacenter Server SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Datacenter Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Terminal Services SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Terminal Services SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Terminal Services
- Microsoft Windows 98
- Microsoft Windows 98SE
- Microsoft Windows ME
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP2

- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0
- Microsoft Windows XP Home
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional
- Microsoft Excel 2002
- + Microsoft Office XP
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional
- Microsoft Windows 95 SR2
- Microsoft Windows 95
- Microsoft Windows 98
- Microsoft Windows 98SE
- Microsoft Windows ME
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0
- Avaya Messaging Application Server MM 3.1
- Avaya Messaging Application Server MM 3.0
- Avaya Messaging Application Server MM 2.0
- Avaya Messaging Application Server MM 1.1
- Avaya Messaging Application Server 5
- Avaya Messaging Application Server 4
- Avaya Messaging Application Server 0
- Avaya Meeting Exchange - Webportal 0
- Avaya Meeting Exchange - Web Conferencing Server 0
- Avaya Meeting Exchange - Streaming Server 0
- Avaya Meeting Exchange - Recording Server 0
- Avaya Meeting Exchange - Client Registration Server 0

3) Vulnerability information

Class

1- Code execution

Impact

Attackers can exploit this issue by enticing an unsuspecting user to open a specially crafted Excel ('.xls') file. Successful exploits can allow attackers to execute arbitrary code with the privileges of the user running the application.

Remotely Exploitable

Yes

Locally Exploitable

Yes

4) Vulnerabilities detail

The OBJ record is equal to graphic objects and control objects like Line, Rectangular, CheckBox control and ... in excel. OBJ record has various types that type of each record is distinguished by subrecords of the OBJ record. Structure of the subrecord is the same as record structure in the BIFF files. It means first 2bytes is the identity for subrecord. And next 2bytes specify the length and bytes after that are data.

Various subrecord are:

Subrecord	Number	Description
ftEnd	00h	End of OBJ record
(Reserved)	01h	
(Reserved)	02h	
(Reserved)	03h	
ftMacro	04h	Fmla-style macro
ftButton	05h	Command button
ftGmo	06h	Group marker
ftCf	07h	Clipboard format
ftPioGrbit	08h	Picture option flags
ftPictFmla	09h	Picture fmla-style macro
ftCbls	0Ah	Check box link
ftRbo	0Bh	Radio button
ftSbs	0Ch	Scroll bar
ftNts	0Dh	Note structure
ftSbsFmla	0Eh	Scroll bar fmla-style macro
ftGboData	0Fh	Group box data
ftEdoData	10h	Edit control data
ftRboData	11h	Radio button data
ftCblsData	12h	Check box data

ftLbsData	13h	List box data
ftCbIsFmla	14h	Check box link fmla-style macro
ftCmo	15h	Common object data

Always the first subrecord is ftCmo and the last one is ftEnd. Here are the fields of ftCmo:

Offset	Field Name	Size	Contents
0	ft	2	=ftCmo (15h)
2	cb	2	Length of ftCmo data
4	ot	2	Object type (see following table)
6	id	2	Object ID number
8	grbit	2	Option flags (see following table)
14	(Reserved)	12	Reserved; must be 0 (zero)

sub_30164E23 function is responsible for processing this record. the vulnerability we are going to show you is not exists in this function. This function store values related to subrecord into the buffer. In the next functions subrecord section is processed. One of the functions that process values subrecord fields is sub_3012FABC. This function process ftCmo fields:

```
.text:3012FAC8    mov     edi, [ebp+arg_0]
.text:3012FACB    xor     esi, esi
.text:3012FACD    cmp     dword_307E1FB4, esi
.text:3012FAD3    mov     ebx, [edi+6]
.text:3012FAD6    mov     [ebp+var_4], esi
.text:3012FAD9    mov     [ebp+var_4C], esi
.text:3012FADC    mov     [ebp+var_48], esi
.text:3012FADF    mov     [ebp+var_44], esi
.text:3012FAE2    mov     [ebp+var_40], esi
.text:3012FAE5    ja     loc_30274818
.text:3012FAEB    cmp     dword_307DB7A4, esi
.text:3012FAF1    jnz    short loc_3012FAFB
.text:3012FAF3    cmp     ebx, esi
.text:3012FAF5    jnz    loc_30127293
...
.text:30127293    push   dword ptr [ebx+4]
.text:30127296    call  sub_30127263
```

First line pointer to some buffer containing the content of ftCmo subrecord is copied to the edi register. Then in next steps, sixth offset from this buffer is copied to ebx register. If you pay attention to the ftCmo structure, you will notice that from this offset 12bytes is reserved. So the result which copied to the ebx is the first 4bytes of this reserved value.

Now if you follow the code you notice that we can have a jump to address 30127293 which in this address value of ebx register (can be initialize by us) plus 4 is passed as an argument to the sub_30127263 function. in fact this point is the vulnerable point because of no check on this field.

In sub_30127263 function only argument (which we have specified) is added to 10 and is passed to the MSO_804 function.

```

.text:30127263      push  ebp
.text:30127264      mov   ebp, esp
.text:30127266      mov   eax, [ebp+arg_0]
.text:30127269      push  esi
.text:3012726A      mov   esi, [eax+0Ah]
.text:3012726D      push  esi
.text:3012726E      call  MSO_804 [307D538C]
...

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The only task that is performed in MSO_804 function is incrementing its argument by 60 and return its contents.

```

30E27FB0 #804      PUSH EBP
30E27FB1          MOV  EBP,ESP
30E27FB3          MOV  EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
30E27FB6          TEST EAX,EAX
30E27FB8          JE   mso.30C7A572
30E27FBE          MOV  EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+3C]
30E27FC1          POP  EBP
30E27FC2          RETN 4

```

Back to the sub_30127263 function , after executing the MSO_804 contents of return value of this function (under our control) is stored in ecx register and a little bit more content of some offset from this register is called.

```

...
.text:30127274      test  eax, eax
.text:30127276      jz   short loc_3012728E
.text:30127278      mov  ecx, [eax]
.text:3012727A      lea  edx, [ebp+arg_0]
.text:3012727D      push edx
.text:3012727E      push 0BEh
.text:30127283      push esi
.text:30127284      push  eax
.text:30127285      call dword ptr [ecx+11Ch]

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The screenshot shows the Immunity Debugger interface. The top window displays the 'Registers (FPU)' window with the following values:

- EAX: 307D5A66 EXCEL.307D5A66
- ECX: 307D5A8E EXCEL.307D5A8E
- EDX: 00135F7C
- EBX: 307D5A6C ASCII "AA"
- ESP: 00135F56
- EBP: 00135F74
- ESI: 307D5A66 EXCEL.307D5A66
- EDI: 00077824
- EIP: 41414141

The bottom window shows a memory dump with the following address and hex dump:

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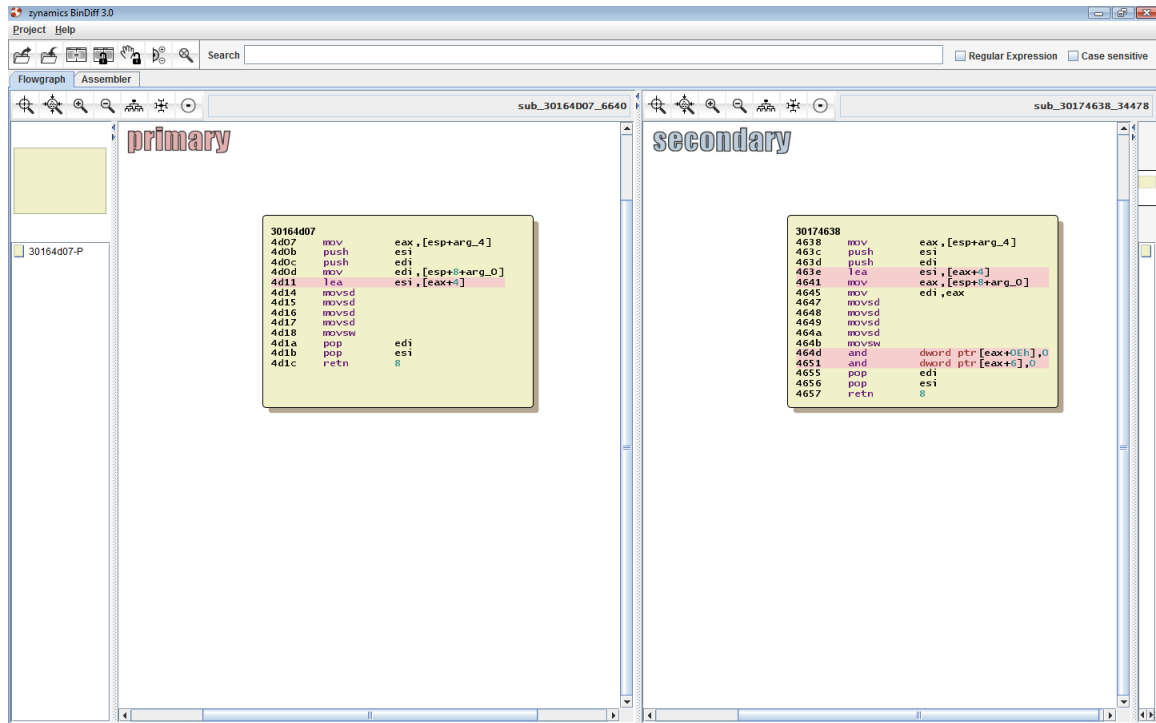
Address Hex dump
307D5808 C9 62 19 30 60 7A 80 30 5C 72 80 30 8C D6 B3 30 E60Fz"0x"0000
307D5818 89 72 80 30 66 00 30 67 80 30 87 24 80 30 8000F"0500"0500
307D5828 91 C7 80 30 29 05 7C 30 F5 33 80 30 86 60 30 80000"0000"0000
307D5838 A9 7A 80 30 DA 7C 80 30 0A 80 30 F7 66 80 30 02"00"0000"00F"0
307D5848 45 40 05 30 54 4A 06 30 F1 8C 80 30 E2 AB 10 30 E000J"0000"0000
307D5858 1C 30 82 30 7A 4E 80 30 55 98 80 30 80 2E 80 30 8000"0000"0000
307D5868 4E F6 14 30 18 95 00 30 1F 07 30 23 89 80 30 05"0000"0000"0000
307D5878 E0 7E 80 30 76 3D 80 30 F7 05 04 30 35 05 7C 30 3"00"0000"0000
307D5888 6F 96 8F 30 41 05 7C 30 4D 05 7C 30 59 05 7C 30 00"0000"0000"0000
307D5898 45 05 7C 30 71 05 7C 30 80 96 16 30 81 96 14 30 80"0000"0000"0000
307D58A8 CC EB 04 30 27 D1 85 30 00 10 95 30 EC 04 06 30 1E"00"0000"0000"0000
307D58B8 7D C5 7C 30 89 C5 7C 30 95 C5 7C 30 A1 C5 7C 30 8"0000"0000"0000"0000
307D58C8 AD C5 7C 30 89 C5 7C 30 C5 05 7C 30 4A 3E 00 30 8"0000"0000"0000
307D58D8 D1 C5 7C 30 4D 39 80 30 7F 60 80 30 D0 05 7C 30 80"0000"0000"0000
307D58E8 E9 10 B1 30 07 5C 00 30 43 81 05 30 37 81 05 30 8"0000"0000"0000

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The right side of the debugger shows the 'Registers (FPU)' window with the following values:

- EAX: 3012728B #00 RETURN to EXCEL.3012728B
- ECX: 307D5A66 {3}0 EXCEL.307D5A66
- EDX: 307D5A66 {3}0 EXCEL.307D5A66
- EBX: 0000000E %...
- ESP: 00135F7C |...
- EBP: 00000000 ---
- ESI: 3012729B #00 RETURN to EXCEL.3012729B from 6
- EDI: 307D5A66 {3}0 EXCEL.307D5A66
- EIP: 00000000 (-X)
- EAX: 00000000 ---
- EBX: 019F0C70 p.#
- ECX: 30000000 .%0 OFFSET mso.03460
- EDX: 00000000 ---
- ESI: 0000029C #...
- EDI: 00135F04 0 #...
- EIP: 00000001 #...

Here you see a comparison between vulnerable and patched version of Excel xp sp3. sub_30164D0 function store content of the ftCmo subrecord in to a buffer. As you see in the patched version first 4bytes of the 12bytes reserved value is set zero.



Exploit

we can change EIP value to our arbitrary value. The only thing we should perform is to change some of the values in excel to point the program executing call [ecx+11c] instruction. And because we have value of ecx we can control the execution flow.

On the other hand some of the registers points to our data in excel file so it is simple to set EIP to some call reg value and place our shellcode in a location of the file which that register points.