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BRIEFINGS

# **ERROR: BadAlloc! - Broken Memory Allocators Led to Millions of Vulnerable IoT and Embedded Devices**



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# Quick Reminder Integer Overflows

# Sum

$$8 + 8 = ??$$

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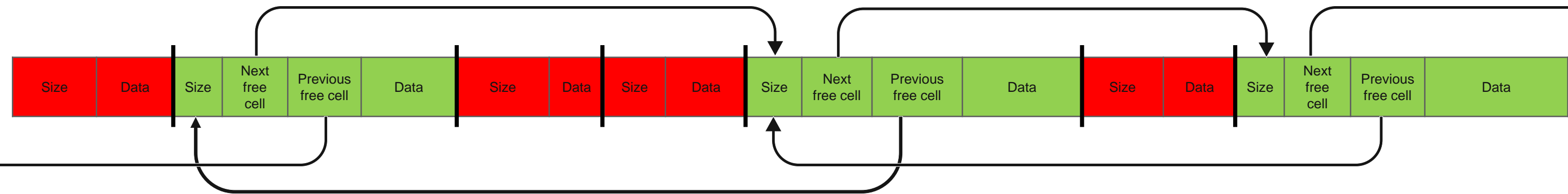
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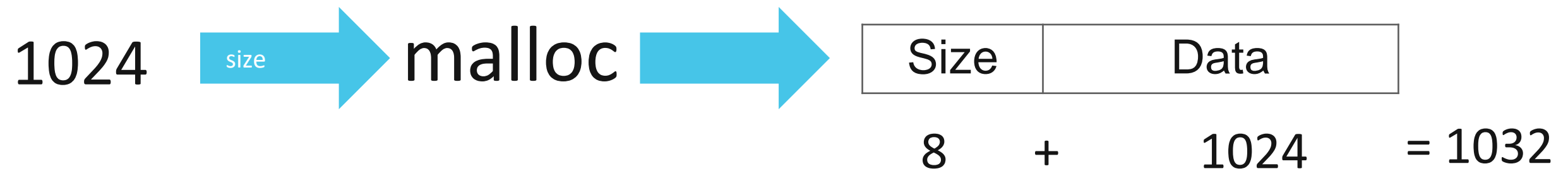
## Heap layout

- Free memory is managed by the allocator using a single/double linked list of free blocks.



■ Allocated    ■ Free

## Calculating total block size



## What will happen if I ask for a large amount of space?

4,294,967,295  
( $2^{32} - 1$ )



malloc

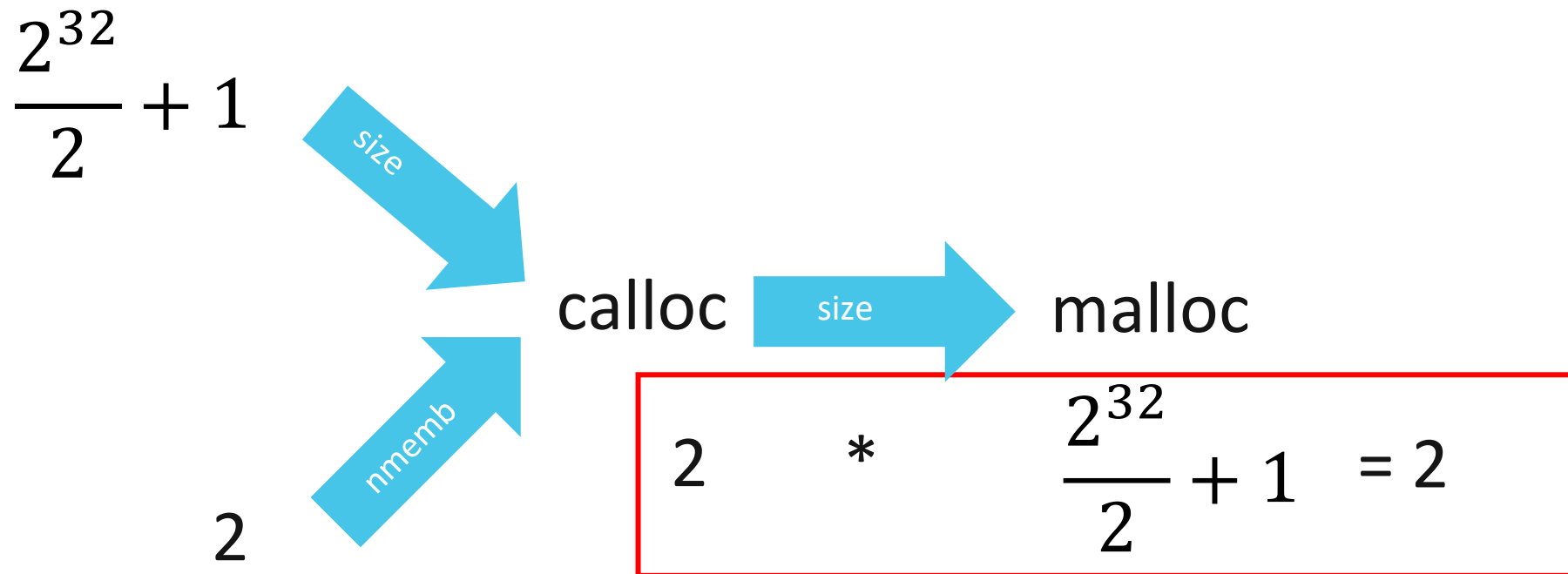


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# Calloc



## Good alloc



Alice

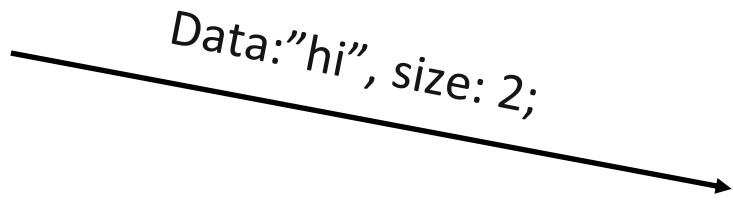
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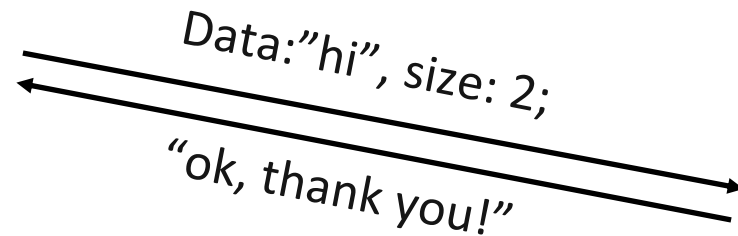
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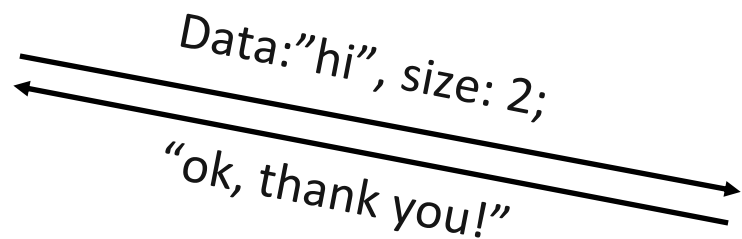
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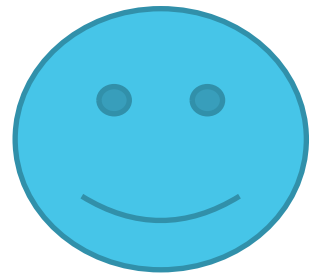


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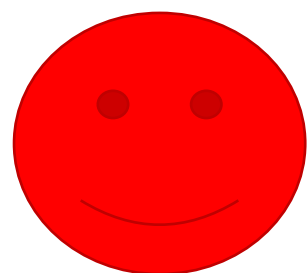
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    vTaskSuspendAll();
    {
        /* If this is the first call to malloc then the heap will require
        * initialisation to setup the list of free blocks. */
        if( xHeapHasBeenInitialised == pdFALSE )
        {
            prvHeapInit();
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        }

        /* The wanted size is increased so it can contain a BlockLink_t
        * structure in addition to the requested amount of bytes. */
        if( xWantedSize > 0 )
        {
            xWantedSize += heapSTRUCT_SIZE;

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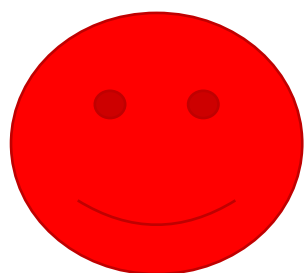
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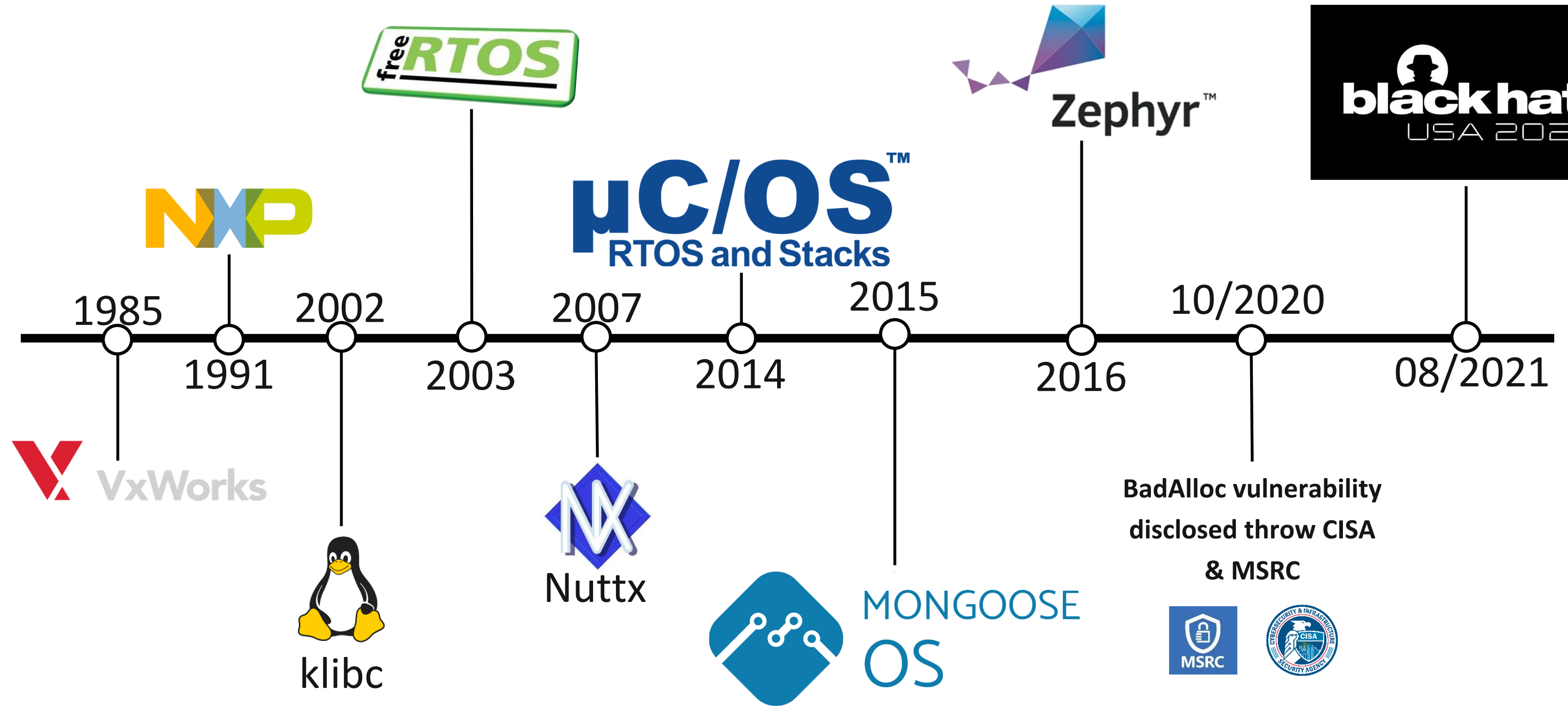






# Affected Products





# Notable Examples

# VxWorks 5.1 - 1993

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{
    void *__s;

    __s = (void *)memPartAlloc(memSysPartId, __nmemb * __size);
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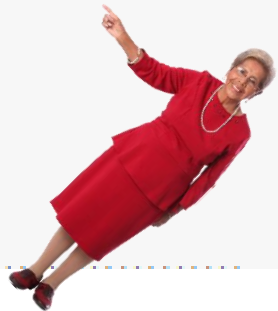



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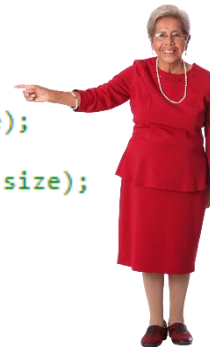
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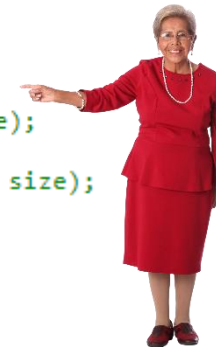
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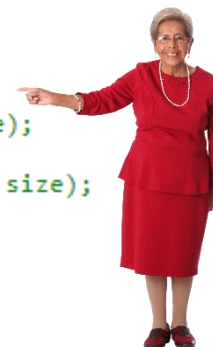
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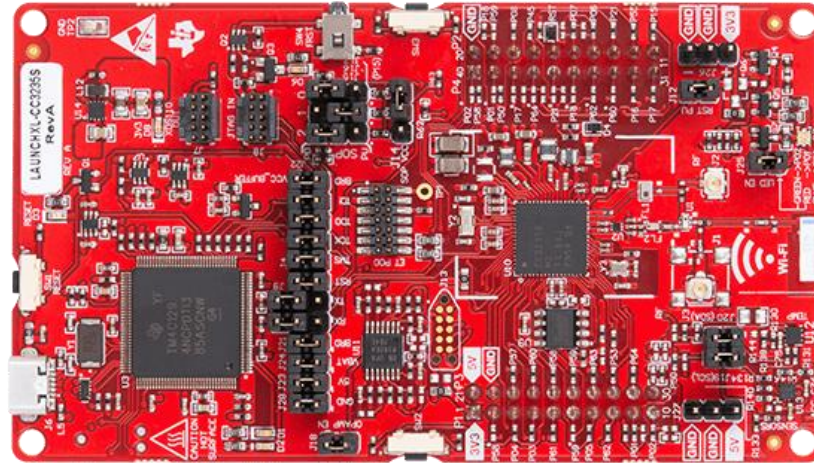
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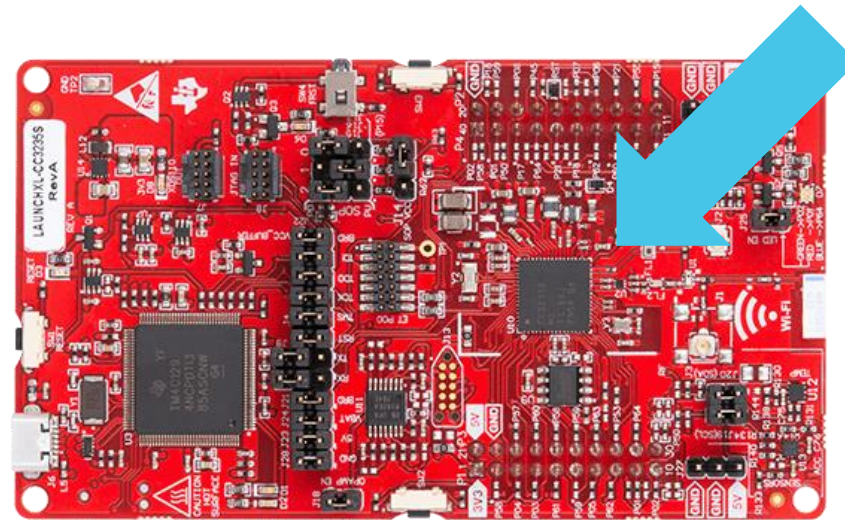
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## Your Application Code

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Voice  
Recognition

CapTlvate

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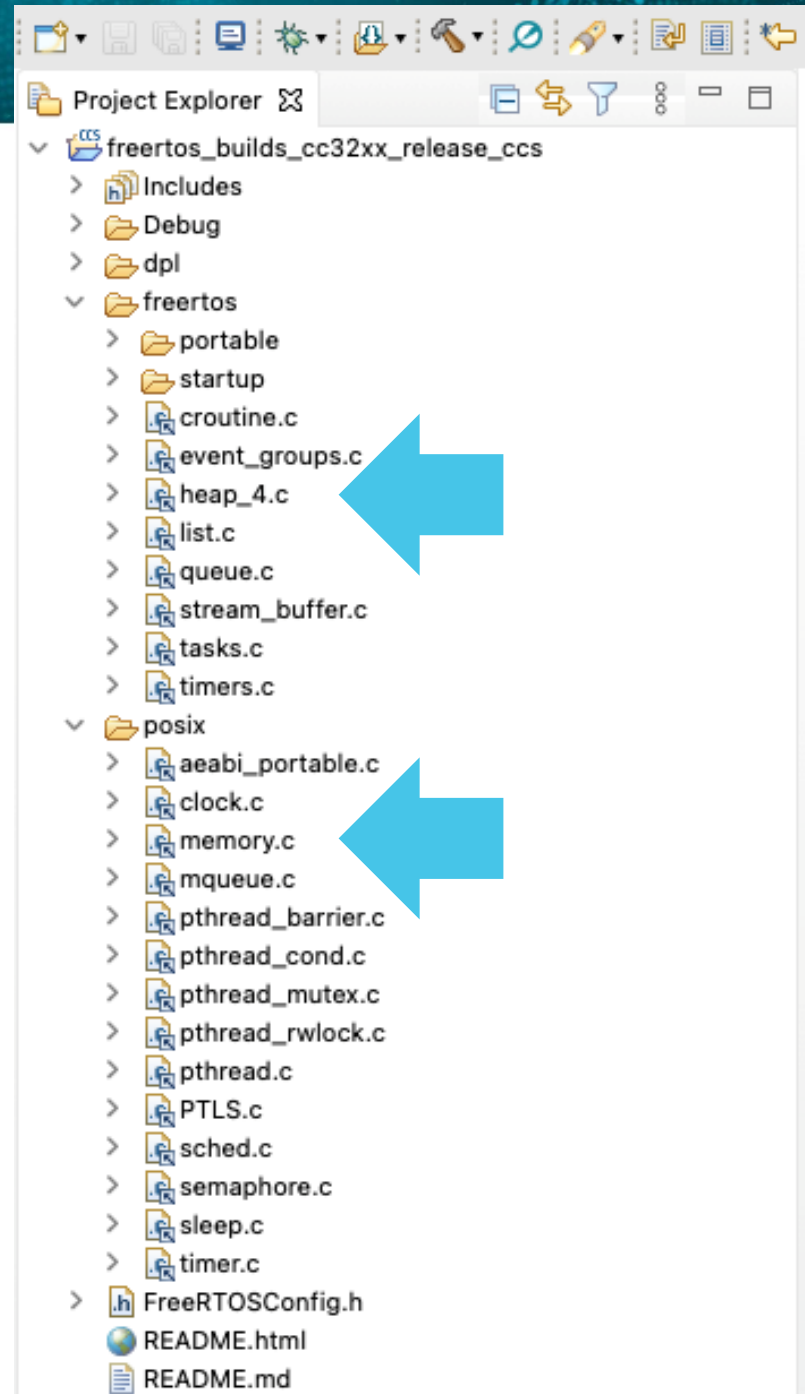
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# Calloc is safe

```
/*
 * ===== calloc =====
 */
void ATTRIBUTE *calloc(size_t nmemb, size_t size)
{
    size_t nbytes;
    void *retval;

    /* guard against divide by zero exception below */
    if (nmemb == 0) {
        errno = EINVAL;
        return (NULL);
    }

    nbytes = nmemb * size;

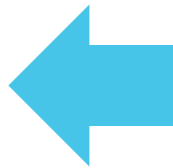
    /* return NULL if there's an overflow */
    if (nmemb && size != (nbytes / nmemb)) {
        errno = EOVERFLOW;
        return (NULL);
    }

    retval = malloc(nbytes);
    if (retval != NULL) {
        (void)memset(retval, (int)'\0', nbytes);
    }

    return (retval);
}
..
```

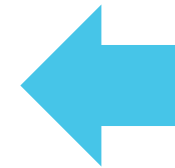
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```
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 */  
void ATTRIBUTE *calloc(size_t nmemb, size_t size)  
{  
    size_t nbytes;  
    void *retval;  
  
    /* guard against divide by zero exception below */  
    if (nmemb == 0) {  
        errno = EINVAL;  
        return (NULL);  
    }  
  
    nbytes = nmemb * size;  
  
    /* return NULL if there's an overflow */  
    if (nmemb && size != (nbytes / nmemb)) {  
        errno = EOVERFLOW;  
        return (NULL);  
    }  
  
    retval = malloc(nbytes);  
    if (retval != NULL) {  
        (void)memset(retval, (int)'\0', nbytes);  
    }  
  
    return (retval);  
}  
..
```



# Calloc is safe

```
/*  
 * ===  
 */  
void ATTRIB (void *, size_t size)  
{  
    size_t nb  
    void *retv  
  
    /* guard against zero exception below */  
    if (nmemb =  
        errno =  
        return  
    }  
  
    nbytes =  
  
    /* return on overflow */  
    if (nmemb  
        errno  
        retur  
    }  
  
    retval = m  
    if (retval  
        (void)  
        '\0', nbytes);  
    }  
  
    return (ret  
}  
..
```




# Malloc isn't

```
/*  
 * ===== malloc =====  
 */  
void ATTRIBUTE *malloc(size_t size)  
{  
    Header *packet;  
  
    if (size == 0) {  
        errno = EINVAL;  
        return (NULL);  
    }  
  
    packet = (Header *)pvPortMalloc(size + sizeof(Header));  
  
    if (packet == NULL) {  
        errno = ENOMEM;  
        return (NULL);  
    }  
  
    packet->header.actualBuf = (void *)packet;  
    packet->header.size = size + sizeof(Header);  
  
    return (packet + 1);  
}
```



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        return (NULL);  
    }  
  
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    return (packet + 1);  
}
```



# Malloc isn't

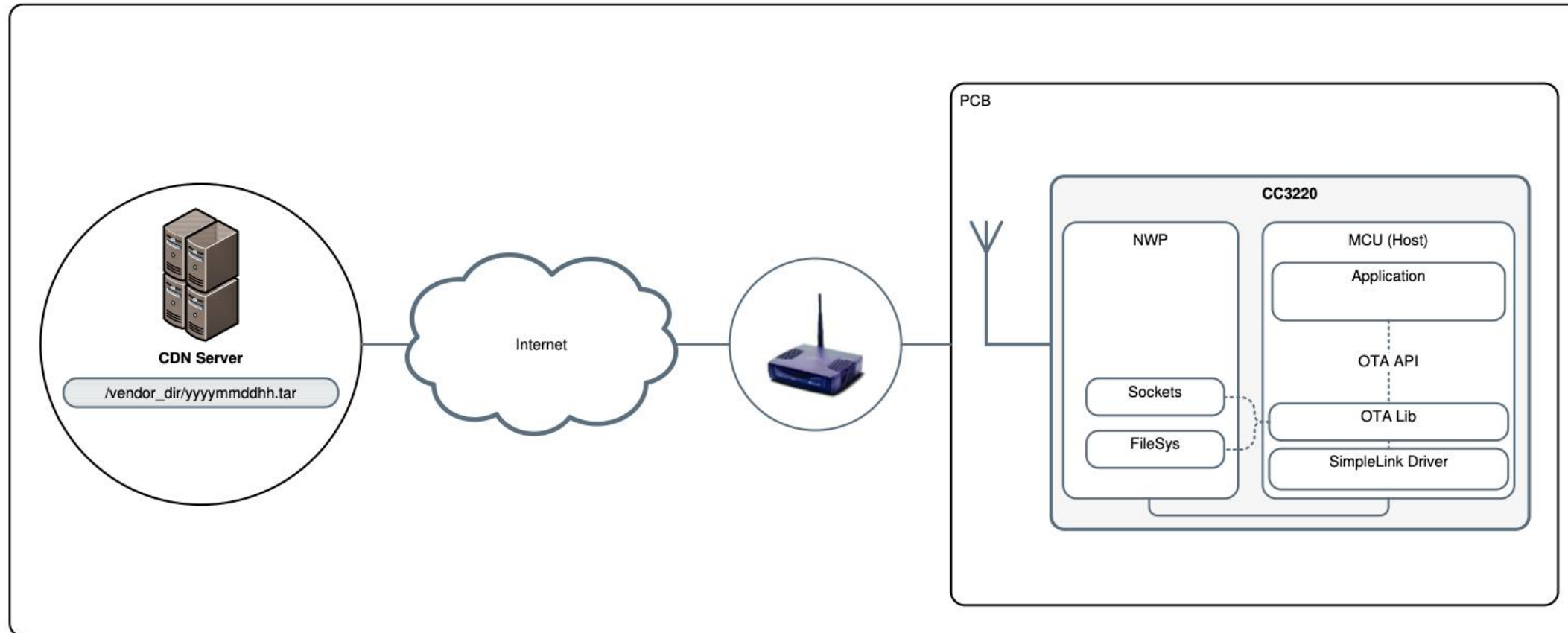
```
/*  
 * =====  
 */  
void ATTRIBUTE  
{  
    Header *pa  
  
    if (size =  
        errno  
        return  
    }  
  
    packet =  
        size + sizeof(Header));  
  
    if (packe  
        errno  
        retur  
    }  
  
    packet->h  
    packet->h  
        id *)packet;  
        zeof(Header);  
  
    return (pa  
}
```



# Exploitation

## SimpleLink POC

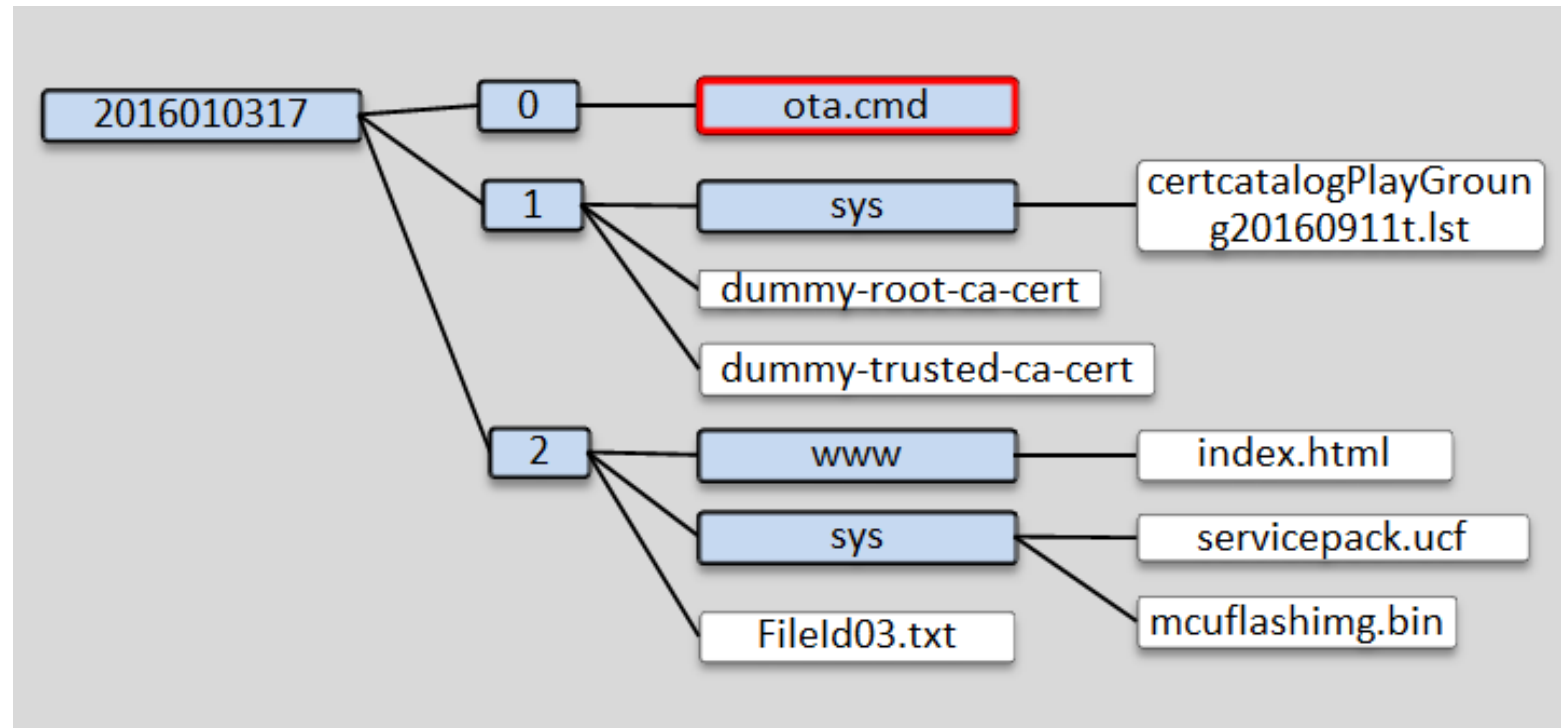
# Over-The-Air(OTA) Updates



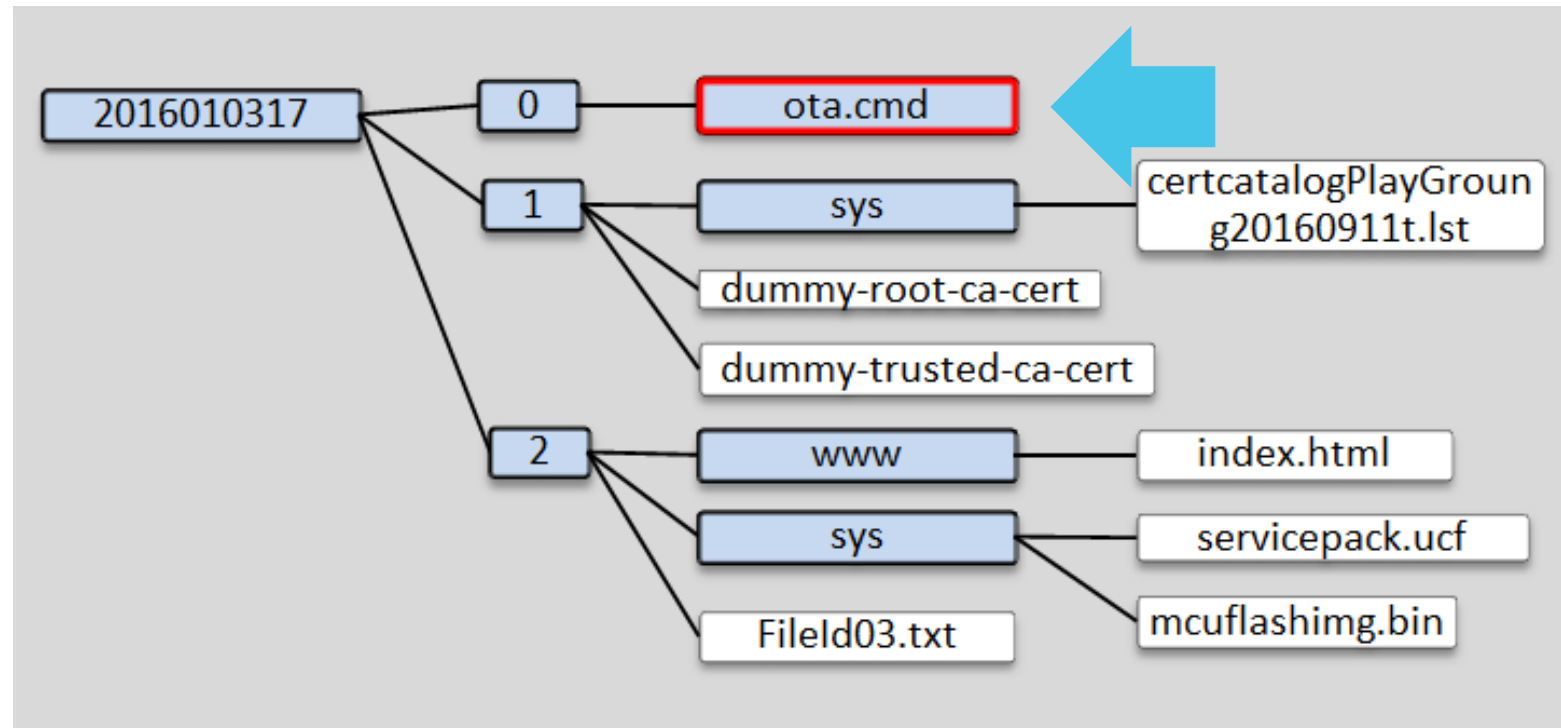
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**Figure 1-1. OTA System Diagram**

# Metadata File



# Metadata File

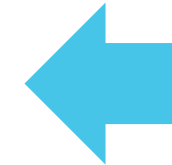


# Metadata File

```
[
  {
    "filename": "/local/FileId03.txt",
    "signature_base64": "kc8XfFOmfr4HBjiPxTRHyb99d2uOoICme0AYU94+...",
    "certificate": "dummy-trusted-ca-certcert",
    "secured": 1,
    "bundle": 0
  },
  {
    "filename": "/sys/servicepack.ucf"
    "signature_base64": "EEC6GZG1Oq6Agigmb2f9ny9rNK2Mg9hFC1pgMhd4jCW/...",
    "certificate": "",
    "secured": 1,
    "bundle": 1
  },
  {
    "filename": "/sys/mcuflashing.bin",
    "signature_base64": "dRTARlzLFKAog34ZUareCmo9j2lrHnvc+v3qqW9C/...",
    "certificate": "dummy-root-ca-certcert",
    "secured": 1,
    "bundle": 1
  }
]
```

# Signature Verification

```
667
668 int16_t _BundleCmdSignatureFile_Parse(
669     OtaArchive_BundleCmdTable_t *pBundleCmdTable,
670     uint8_t *pRecvBuf,
671     int16_t RecvBufLen,
672     int16_t *ProcessedSize,
673     uint32_t SigFileSize,
674     uint8_t *pDigest)
675 {
676     int16_t retVal = 0;
677     char * pSig = NULL;
678
679     /* Get the entire signature file */
680     retVal = GetEntireFile(pRecvBuf, RecvBufLen, ProcessedSize, SigFileSize,
681                          &pSig);
682     if(retVal < 0)
683     {
684         return(retVal);
685     }
686     if(retVal == GET_ENTIRE_FILE_CONTINUE)
687     {
688         return(ARCHIVE_STATUS_BUNDLE_CMD_SIGNATURE_CONTINUE);
689     }
690
691     /* Verify the signature using ECDSA */
692     retVal = verifySignature(pSig, SigFileSize, pDigest);
693     if(retVal < 0)
694     {
695         _SlOtaLibTrace((
696             "[_BundleCmdSignatureFile_Parse] "
697             "signature verification failed!\r\n"));
698         return(retVal);
699     }
700
701     pBundleCmdTable->VerifiedSignature = 1;
702
703     return(ARCHIVE_STATUS_BUNDLE_CMD_SIGNATURE_DOWNLOAD_DONE);
704 }
705
706 OtaArchive_BundleFileInfo_t * _BundleCmdFile_GetInfoByFileName(
```





# GetEntireFile

```
154 *****
155
156 int16_t GetEntireFile(uint8_t *pRecvBuf,
157                     int16_t RecvBufLen,
158                     int16_t *ProcessedSize,
159                     uint32_t FileSize,
160                     char **pFile)
161 {
162     int16_t copyLen = 0;
163     static bool firstRun = TRUE;
164     static int16_t TotalRecvBufLen = 0;
165
166     if(firstRun)
167     {
168         TotalRecvBufLen = RecvBufLen;
169         firstRun = FALSE;
170         if(TotalRecvBufLen < FileSize)
171         {
172             /* Didn't receive the entire file in the first run. */
173             /* Allocate a buffer in the size of the entire file and fill
174              it in each round. */
175             pTempBuf = (char*)malloc(FileSize + 1);
176             if(pTempBuf == NULL)
177             {
178                 /* Allocation failed, return error. */
179                 return(-1);
180             }
181             memcpy(pTempBuf, (char *)pRecvBuf, RecvBufLen);
182             *ProcessedSize = RecvBufLen;
183
184             /* didn't receive the entire file, try in the next packet */
185             return(GET_ENTIRE_FILE_CONTINUE);
186         }
187     }
188     else
189     {
190         /* Received the entire file in the first run. */
191         /* No additional memory allocation is needed. */
192         *ProcessedSize = FileSize;
193         *pFile = (char *)pRecvBuf;
194     }
195 }
196 else
197 {
198     /* Avoid exceeding buffer size (FileSize + 1) */
199     if(RecvBufLen > ((FileSize + 1) - TotalRecvBufLen))
200     {
201         copyLen = ((FileSize + 1) - TotalRecvBufLen);
202     }
203 }
```

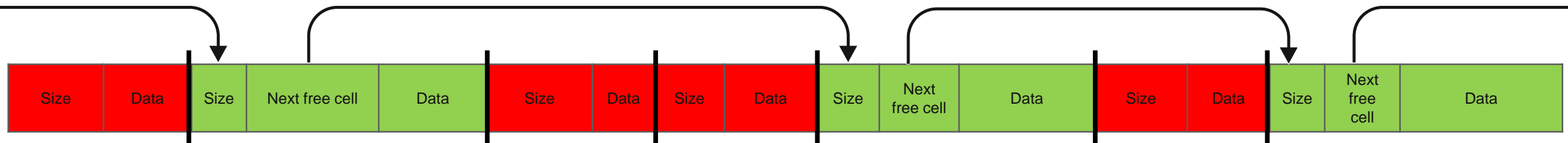
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# Heap overflow to **CODE EXECUTION**

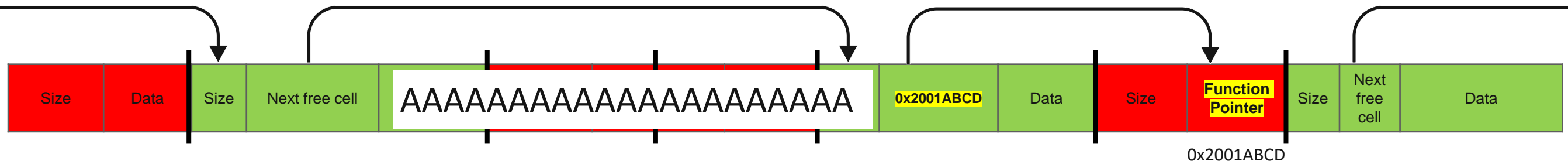
- **Heap Overflow**
- Find function pointer which we can override in memory.
- Override "next free" pointer of next block to desired address.
- Force another allocation with user-controlled data.
- Force call to overridden function pointer.

# Heap overflow to CODE EXECUTION



■ Allocated    ■ Free

# Heap overflow to CODE EXECUTION



■ Allocated    ■ Free

# HttpRequest

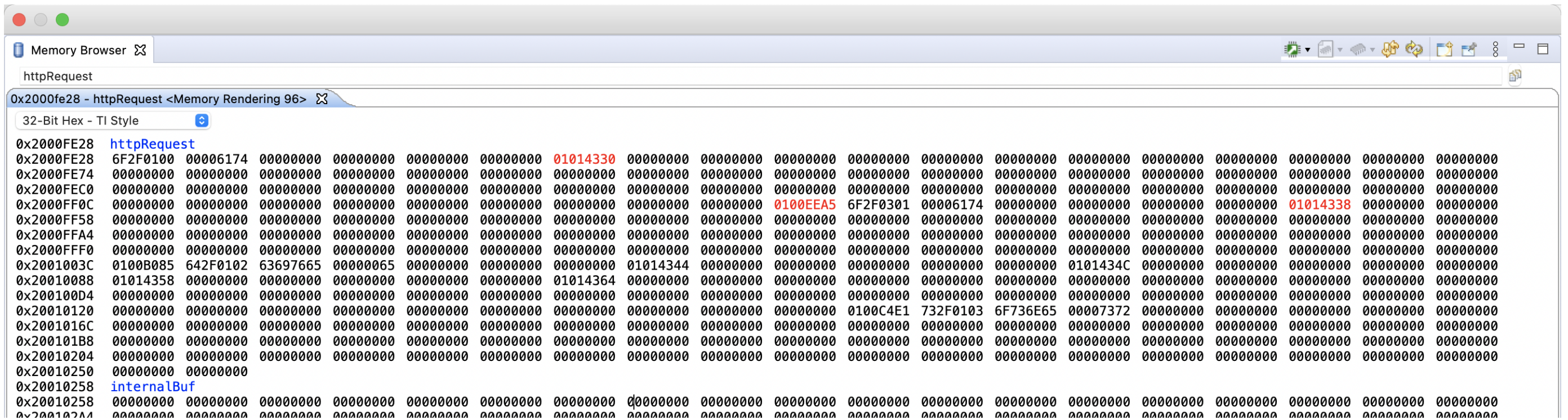
```
2134 //*****
2135 void httpGetHandler(SlNetAppRequest_t *netAppRequest)
2136 {
2137     uint16_t metadataLen;
2138     int32_t status;
2139     uint8_t requestIdx;
2140
2141     uint8_t argcCallback;
2142     uint8_t *argvArray;
2143     uint8_t **argvCallback = &argvArray;
2144
2145     argvArray = gHttpGetBuffer;
2146
2147     status = httpCheckContentInDB( netAppRequest,
2148                                   &requestIdx,
2149                                   &argcCallback,
2150                                   argvCallback);
2151
2152     if(status < 0)
2153     {
2154         metadataLen =
2155             prepareGetMetadata(status, strlen (
2156                 (const char *)pageNotFound),
2157                 HttpContentTypeList_TextHtml);
2158
2159         sl_NetAppSend (netAppRequest->Handle, metadataLen, gMetadataBuffer,
2160                      (SL_NETAPP_REQUEST_RESPONSE_FLAGS_CONTINUATION |
2161                       SL_NETAPP_REQUEST_RESPONSE_FLAGS_METADATA));
2162         INFO_PRINT("[Link local task] Metadata Sent, len = %d \n\r",
2163                  metadataLen);
2164
2165         sl_NetAppSend (netAppRequest->Handle,
2166                      strlen(
2167                          (const char *)pageNotFound), (uint8_t *)pageNotFound,
2168                      0); /* mark as last segment */
2169         INFO_PRINT("[Link local task] Data Sent, len = %d\n\r",
2170                  strlen ((const char *)pageNotFound));
2171     }
2172     else
2173     {
2174         httpRequest[requestIdx].serviceCallback(requestIdx, &argcCallback,
2175                                                 argvCallback,
2176                                                 netAppRequest);
2177     }
2178 }
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2175                                                  argvCallback,
2176                                                  netAppRequest);
2177     }
2178 }
2179
2180 //*****
```



# HttpRequest



The screenshot shows a Memory Browser window with the following content:

```
Memory Browser
httpRequest
0x2000fe28 - httpRequest <Memory Rendering 96>
32-Bit Hex - TI Style
0x2000FE28 httpRequest
0x2000FE28 6F2F0100 00006174 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 01014330 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x2000FE74 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x2000FEC0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x2000FF0C 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0100EEA5 6F2F0301 00006174 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 01014338 00000000 00000000
0x2000FF58 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x2000FFA4 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x2000FFF0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x2001003C 0100B085 642F0102 63697665 00000065 00000000 00000000 00000000 01014344 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0101434C 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x20010088 01014358 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 01014364 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x200100D4 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x20010120 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0100C4E1 732F0103 6F736E65 00007372 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x2001016C 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x200101B8 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x20010204 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x20010250 00000000 00000000
0x20010258 internalBuf
0x20010258 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
0x200102A4 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
```



# httpRequest

Memory Browser

httpRequest

0x2000fe28 - httpRequest <Memory Rendering 96>

32-Bit Hex - TI Style

0x2000FE28	httpRequest																			
0x2000FE28	6F2F0100	00006174	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	01014330	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x2000FE74	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x2000FEC0	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x2000FF0C	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	0100EEA5	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	01014338	00000000	00000000
0x2000FF58	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x2000FFA4	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x2000FFF0	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x2001003C	0100B085	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	01014344	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	0101434C	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x20010088	01014358	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	01014364	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x200100D4	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x20010120	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	0100C4E1	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x2001016C	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x200101B8	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x20010204	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
0x20010250	00000000	00000000																		
0x20010258	internalBuf																			
0x20010258	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
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# Demo

# Mitigation techniques

# Mitigation techniques

Recommended function to check –

- malloc
- calloc
- realloc
- memalign
- valloc
- pvalloc
- aligned\_alloc

## Mitigation techniques

How should you do it?

- Start by checking-out the advisory.
- Reverse Engineer the binaries(always the best approach, in life).
- Source code review if it's public.
- “Unit tests” - compile a small application the verify the environment.

It's also recommended to check the macros that are being used in these functions

# Mitigation techniques

## glibc

```
3348 void *
3349 __libc_calloc (size_t n, size_t elem_size)
3350 {
3351     mstate av;
3352     mchunkptr oldtop, p;
3353     INTERNAL_SIZE_T bytes, sz, csz, oldtopsize;
3354     void *mem;
3355     unsigned long clearsize;
3356     unsigned long nclears;
3357     INTERNAL_SIZE_T *d;
3358
3359     /* size_t is unsigned so the behavior on overflow is defined. */
3360     bytes = n * elem_size;
3361     #define HALF_INTERNAL_SIZE_T \
3362     (((INTERNAL_SIZE_T) 1) << (8 * sizeof (INTERNAL_SIZE_T) / 2))
3363     if (__builtin_expect ((n | elem_size) >= HALF_INTERNAL_SIZE_T, 0))
3364     {
3365         if (elem_size != 0 && bytes / elem_size != n)
3366         {
3367             __set_errno (ENOMEM);
3368             return 0;
3369         }
3370     }
3371
```

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3371
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **CVSS v3 9.8**
- **ATTENTION:** Exploitable remotely/low attack complexity
- **Vendors:** Multiple
- **Equipment:** Multiple
- **Vulnerabilities:** Integer Overflow or Wraparound

CISA is aware of a public report, known as "BadAlloc" that details vulnerabilities found in multiple real-time operating systems (RTOS) and supporting libraries. CISA is issuing this advisory to provide early notice of the reported vulnerabilities and identify baseline mitigations for reducing risks to these and other cybersecurity attacks.

The various open-source products may be implemented in forked repositories.

#### 2. UPDATE INFORMATION

This updated advisory is a follow-up to the original advisory titled ICSA-21-119-04 Multiple RTOS that was published April 29, 2021, to the ICS webpage on [us-cert.cisa.gov](https://us-cert.cisa.gov).

#### 3. RISK EVALUATION

Successful exploitation of these vulnerabilities could result in unexpected behavior such as a crash or a remote code injection/execution.

#### 4. TECHNICAL DETAILS

##### 4.1 AFFECTED PRODUCTS

- Amazon FreeRTOS, Version 10.4.1
- Apache NuttX OS, Version 9.1.0
- ARM CMSIS-RTOS2, versions prior to 2.1.3
- ARM Mbed OS, Version 6.3.0
- ARM mbed-ualloc, Version 1.3.0
- Cesanta Software Mongoose OS, v2.17.0
- eCosCentric eCosPro RTOS, Versions 2.0.1 through 4.5.3
- Google Cloud IoT Device SDK, Version 1.0.2
- Linux Zephyr RTOS, versions prior to 2.4.0
- Media Tek LinkIt SDK, versions prior to 4.6.1
- Micrium OS, Versions 5.10.1 and prior

# Q & A



<https://msrc-blog.microsoft.com/2021/04/29/badalloc-memory-allocation-vulnerabilities-could-affect-wide-range-of-iot-and-ot-devices-in-industrial-medical-and-enterprise-networks/>

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