QUALCOMM Wi-Fi： INFINITY WAR

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Qualcomm Wi-Fi Security Actuality

History

1.2017 Over The Air: Exploiting Broadcom’ s Wi-Fi Stack by Gal Beniamini

2.Blackhat USA 2019 Exploiting Qualcomm WLAN And Modem Over-The-Air

3.2020 An iOS zero-click radio proximity exploit odyssey by Ian Beer

Qualcomm Wi-Fi Security Actuality

Relatively good security Actuality

```
288 static const tIEDefn *find_ie_defn(tpAniSirGlobal pCtx,
289                                     uint8_t *pBuf,
290                                     uint32_t nBuf,
291                                     const tIEDefn  IEs[])
292 {
293         const tIEDefn *pIe;
294         (void)pCtx;
295
296         pIe = &(IEs[0]);
297         while (0xff != pIe->eid || pIe->extn_eid) {
298                 if (*pBuf == pIe->eid) {
299                         if (pIe->eid == 0xff) {
300                                 if ((nBuf > 2) &&
301                                     (*(pBuf + 2)) == pIe->extn_eid)
302                                         return pIe;
303                         } else {
304                                 if (0 == pIe->noui)
305                                         return pIe;
306
307                                 if ((nBuf > (uint32_t)(pIe->noui + 2)) &&
308                                     (!DOT11F_MEMCMP(pCtx, pBuf + 2, pIe->oui,
309                                                     pIe->noui)))
310                                         return pIe;
311                         }
312                 }
313
314                 ++pIe;
315         }
316
```

check is added here, otherwise integer underflow will happen in UnpackCore with "nbuf == 2"

https://github.com/MiCode/vendor_qcom_opensource_wlan/blob/cas-q-oss/qcacld-3.0/core/mac/src/sys/legacy/src/utils/src/dot11f.c#L288

Qualcomm Wi-Fi Security Actuality

Relatively good security Actuality

```
5727    static const tFFDefn FFS_AddTSResponse[] = {
5728        { "Category", offsetof(tDot11fAddTSResponse, Category), SigFfCategory , DOT11F_FF_CATEGORY_LEN, },
5729        { "Action", offsetof(tDot11fAddTSResponse, Action), SigFfAction , DOT11F_FF_ACTION_LEN, },
5730        { "DialogToken", offsetof(tDot11fAddTSResponse, DialogToken), SigFfDialogToken , DOT11F_FF_DIALOGTOKEN_LEN, },
5731        { "Status", offsetof(tDot11fAddTSResponse, Status), SigFfStatus , DOT11F_FF_STATUS_LEN, },
5732    { NULL, 0, 0, 0,},
5733    };
```

https://source.codeaurora.org/quic/la/platform/vendor/qcom-opensource/wlan/qcacld-2.0/tree/CORE/SYS/legacy/src/utils/src/dot11f.c

Qualcomm Wi-Fi Security Actuality

There are still great security risks

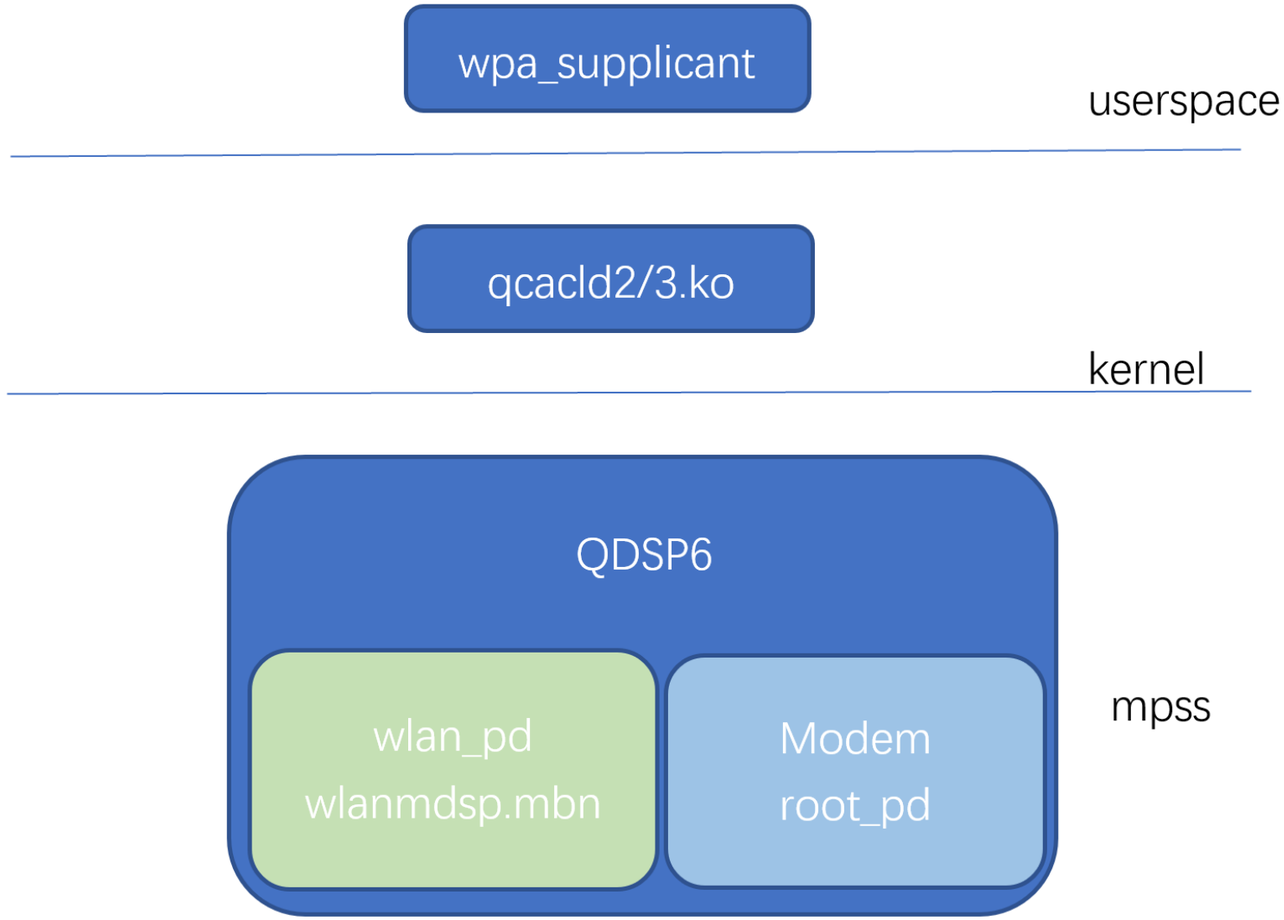
- 0-click
- adjacent network
- non-privileged

Qualcomm Wi-Fi Architecture

Snapdragon 845

Integrated Snapdragon X20 LTE modem to support latest air interfaces including 5x CA up to 1.2 Gbps

Wi-Fi 802.11ac and Bluetooth 5.0 with the Qualcomm® WCN3990 device

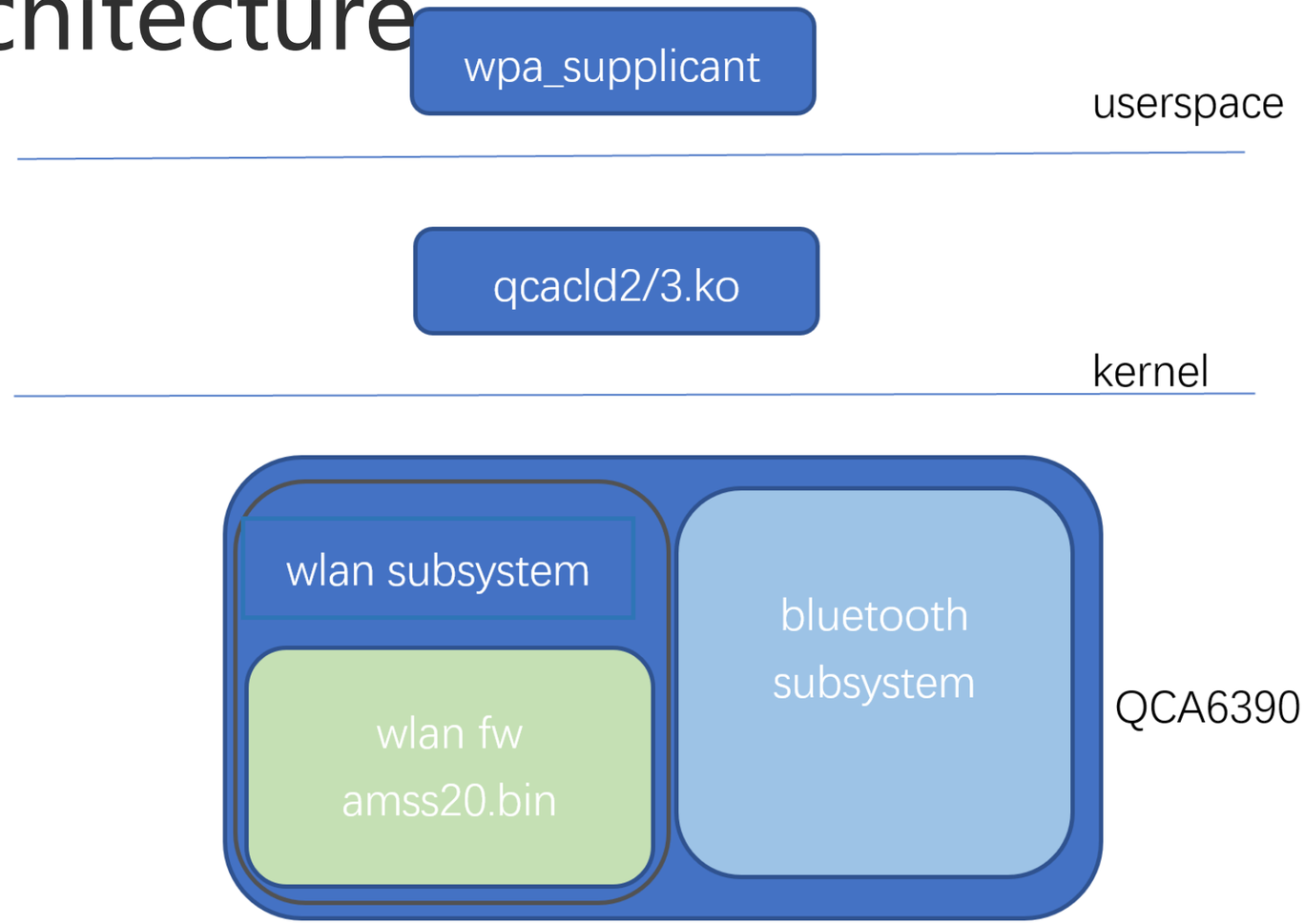


Qualcomm Wi-Fi Architecture

Snapdragon 865

Snapdragon X55 5G Modem-RF System

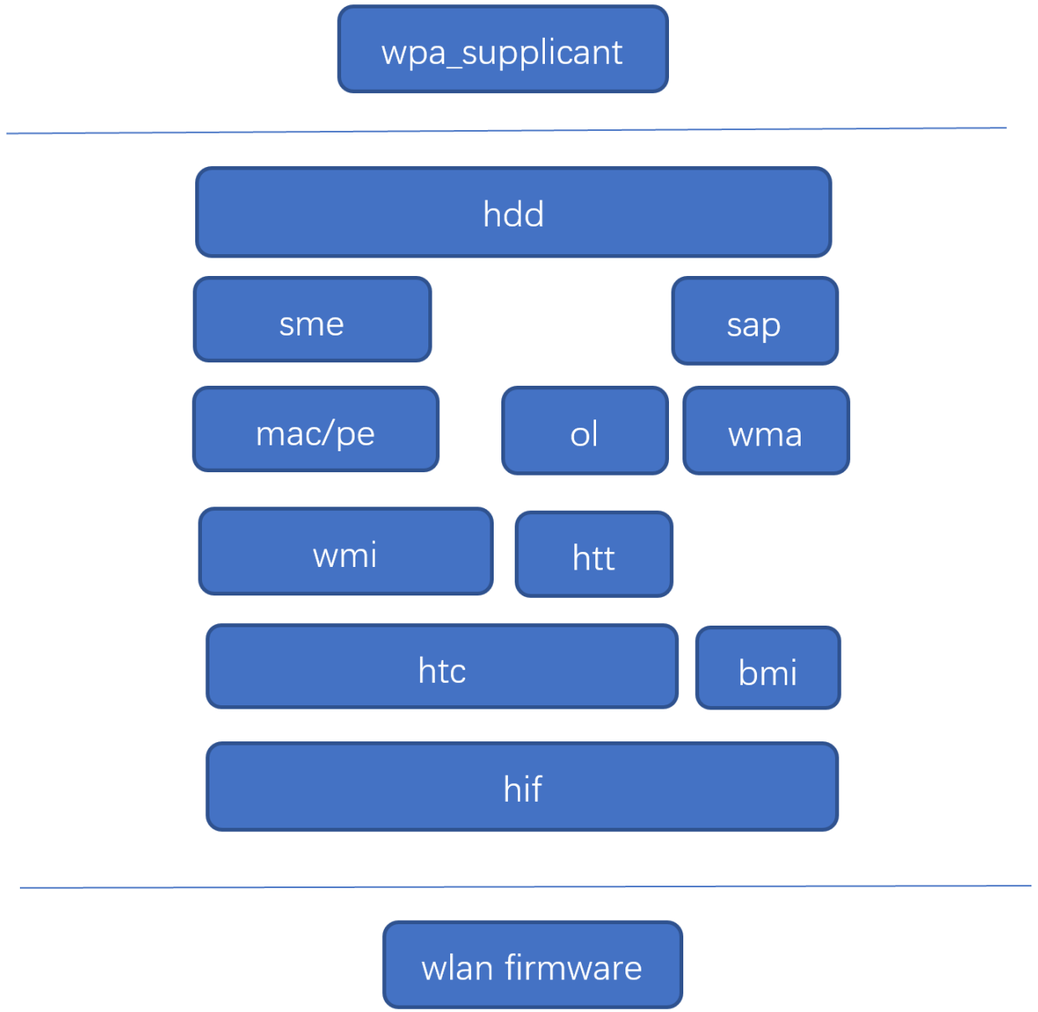
Qualcomm® FastConnect 6800 Subsystem Wi-Fi & Bluetooth with the Qualcomm qca6390 device



Wi-Fi Driver Security

Driver Architecture

This part belongs to the open source software of Qualcomm



Wi-Fi Driver Security

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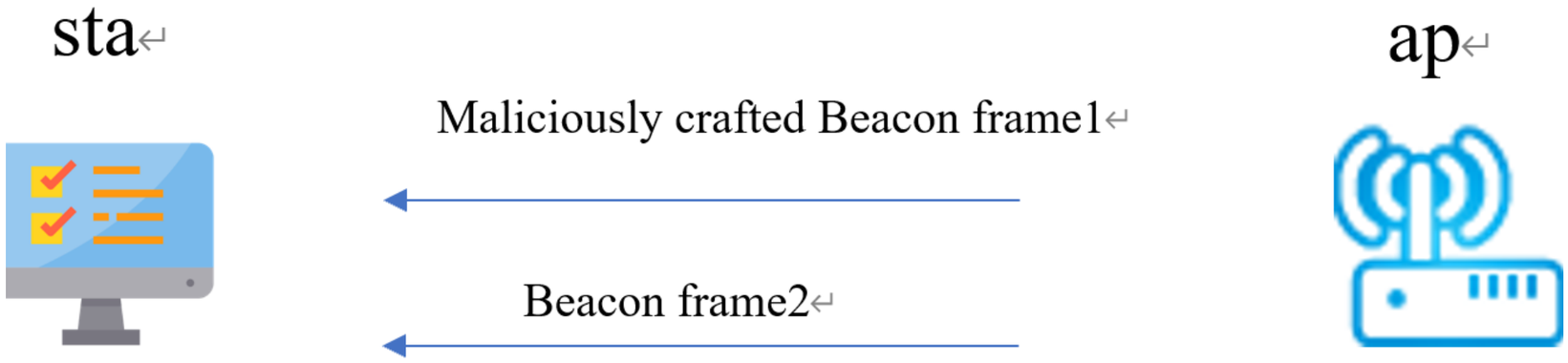

Wi-Fi Driver Security

CVE-2020-11225

```
__int64 v99; // x6
__int64 v100; // x7
__int64 v101; // [xsp+0h] [xbp-E0h] BYREF
__int64 v102; // [xsp+8h] [xbp-D8h]
__int64 v103; // [xsp+10h] [xbp-D0h]
__int64 v104; // [xsp+18h] [xbp-C8h]
__int64 v105; // [xsp+20h] [xbp-C0h]
__int64 v106[3]; // [xsp+28h] [xbp-B8h]
_QWORD v107[8]; // [xsp+40h] [xbp-A0h] BYREF
__int64 v108; // [xsp+80h] [xbp-60h]
__int64 v109; // [xsp+88h] [xbp-58h]

v109 = jiffies[103];
v107[7] = 0LL;
```

```
{
  pmkid_count = *(unsigned __int8 *)(v51 + 14) | (*(unsigned __int8 *)(v51 + 15) << 8);
  WORD1(v107[0]) = *(unsigned __int8 *)(v51 + 14) | (*(unsigned __int8 *)(v51 + 15) << 8);
  if ( pmkid_count > (rsn_length - 16 - (unsigned int)v47) >> 4 )
  {
    WORD1(v107[0]) = 0;
    goto LABEL_36;
  }
  qdf_mem_copy((int)v107 + 4, v51 + 16, 16 * pmkid_count);
```

scm_is_rsn_security

```
--- a/umac/cmn_services/cmn_defs/inc/wlan_cmn_ieee80211.h
+++ b/umac/cmn_services/cmn_defs/inc/wlan_cmn_ieee80211.h
@@ -1666,7 +1666,8 @@ static inline QDF_STATUS wlan_parse_rsn_ie(uint8_t *rsn_ie,
                rsn->pmkid_count = LE_READ_2(ie);
                ie += 2;
                rem_len -= 2;
-               if (rsn->pmkid_count > (unsigned int) rem_len / PMKID_LEN) {
+               if (rsn->pmkid_count > MAX_PMKID ||
+                   rsn->pmkid_count > (unsigned int)rem_len / PMKID_LEN) {
                        rsn->pmkid_count = 0;
                        return QDF_STATUS_E_INVAL;
                }
```

https://source.codeaurora.org/quic/qsdk/platform/vendor/qcom-opensource/wlan/qca-Wi-Fi-host-cmn/commit/?id=fe1e85068c57d8c4e4557ed6b265ac6b9694c3a1

Wi-Fi Driver Security

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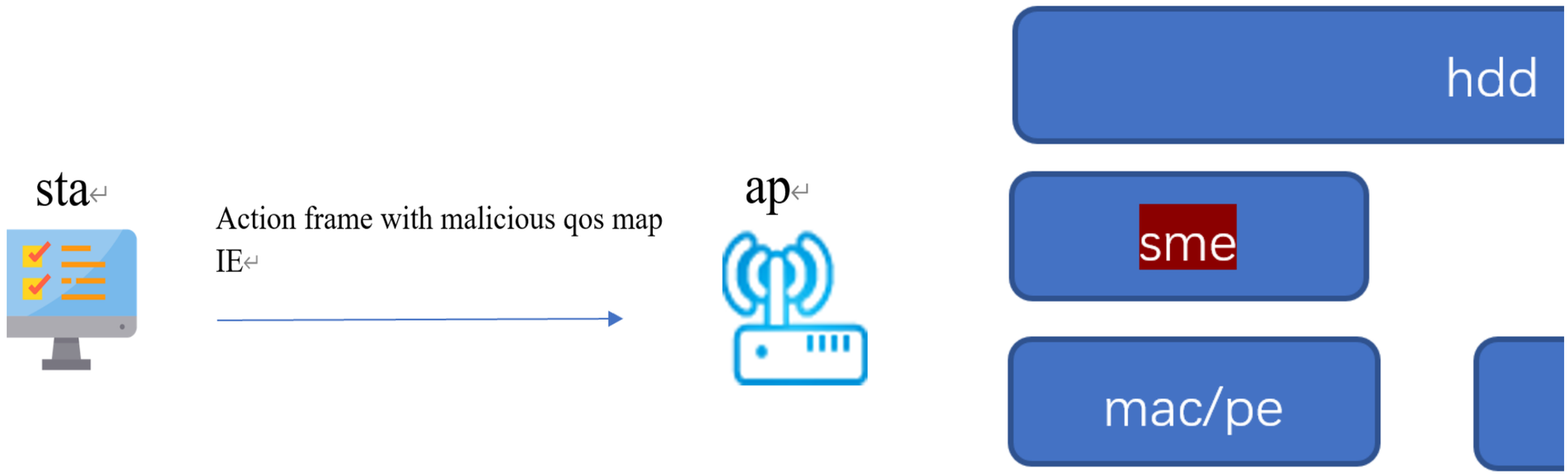

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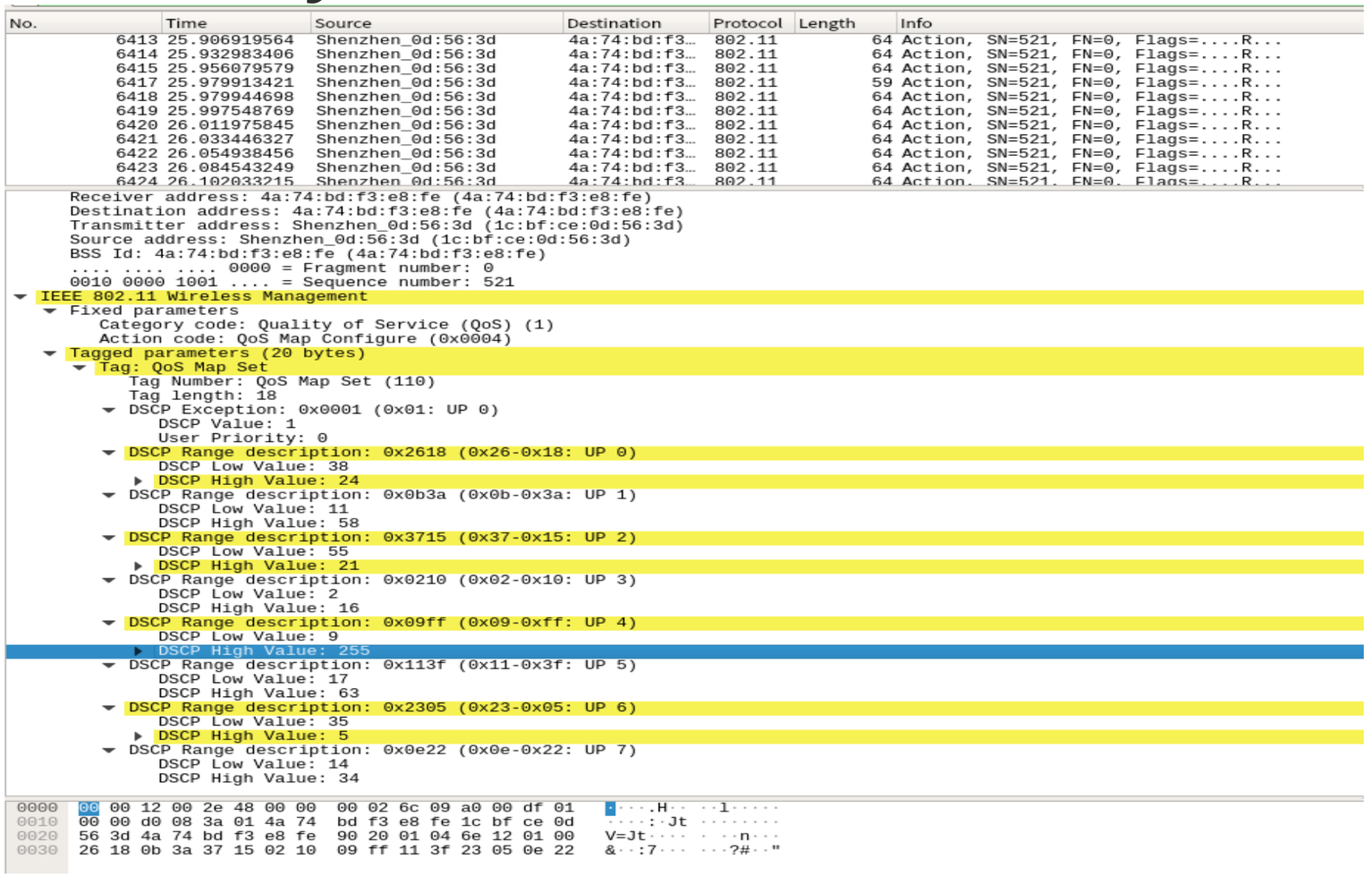

Wi-Fi Driver Security

CVE-2020-3698

```
15523        for (i = 0; i < SME_QOS_WMM_UP_MAX; i++)
15524        {
15525            for (j = pSession->QosMapSet.dscp_range[i][0];
15526                        j <= pSession->QosMapSet.dscp_range[i][1]; j++)
15527            {
15528               if ((pSession->QosMapSet.dscp_range[i][0] == 255) &&
15529                           (pSession->QosMapSet.dscp_range[i][1] == 255))
15530               {
15531                   VOS_TRACE(VOS_MODULE_ID_SME, VOS_TRACE_LEVEL_ERROR,
15532                   "%s: User Priority %d is not used in mapping",
15533                                                          __func__, i);
15534                   break;
15535               }
15536               else
15537               {
15538                   dscpmapping[j]= i;
15539               }
15540            }
15541        }
```

the vulnerability code in sme_api.c

```
1201    /* DSCP to UP QoS Mapping */
1202    sme_QosWmmUpType hddWmmDscpToUpMap[WLAN_HDD_MAX_DSCP+1];
```

hddWmmDscpToUpMap in wlan_hdd_main.h

```
209 #define WLAN_HDD_MAX_DSCP 0x3f
```

Wi-Fi_HDD_MAX_DSCP in wlan_hdd_wmm.h

https://source.codeaurora.org/quic/la/platform/vendor/qcom-opensource/wlan/qcacld-3.0/commit/?id=df541cea94d83533ff8f34a9b8ae77964788b1c7

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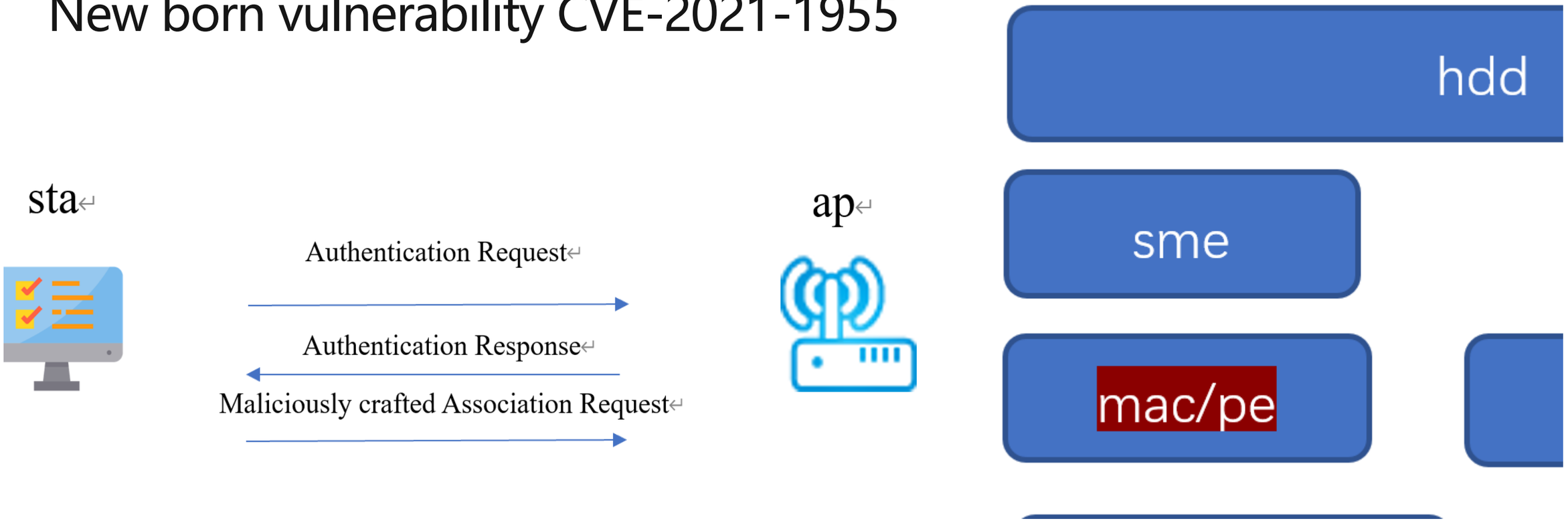
New born vulnerability CVE-2021-1955



Wi-Fi Driver Security

CVE-2021-1955

```
/**
 * lim_send_mlm_assoc_ind() - Sends assoc indication to SME
 * @mac_ctx: Global Mac context
 * @sta_ds: Station DPH hash entry
 * @session_entry: PE session entry
 *
 * This function sends either LIM_MLM_ASSOC_IND
 * or LIM_MLM_REASSOC_IND to SME.
 *
 * Return: None
 */
void lim_send_mlm_assoc_ind(tpAniSirGlobal mac_ctx,
        tpDphHashNode sta_ds, tpPESession session_entry)
```

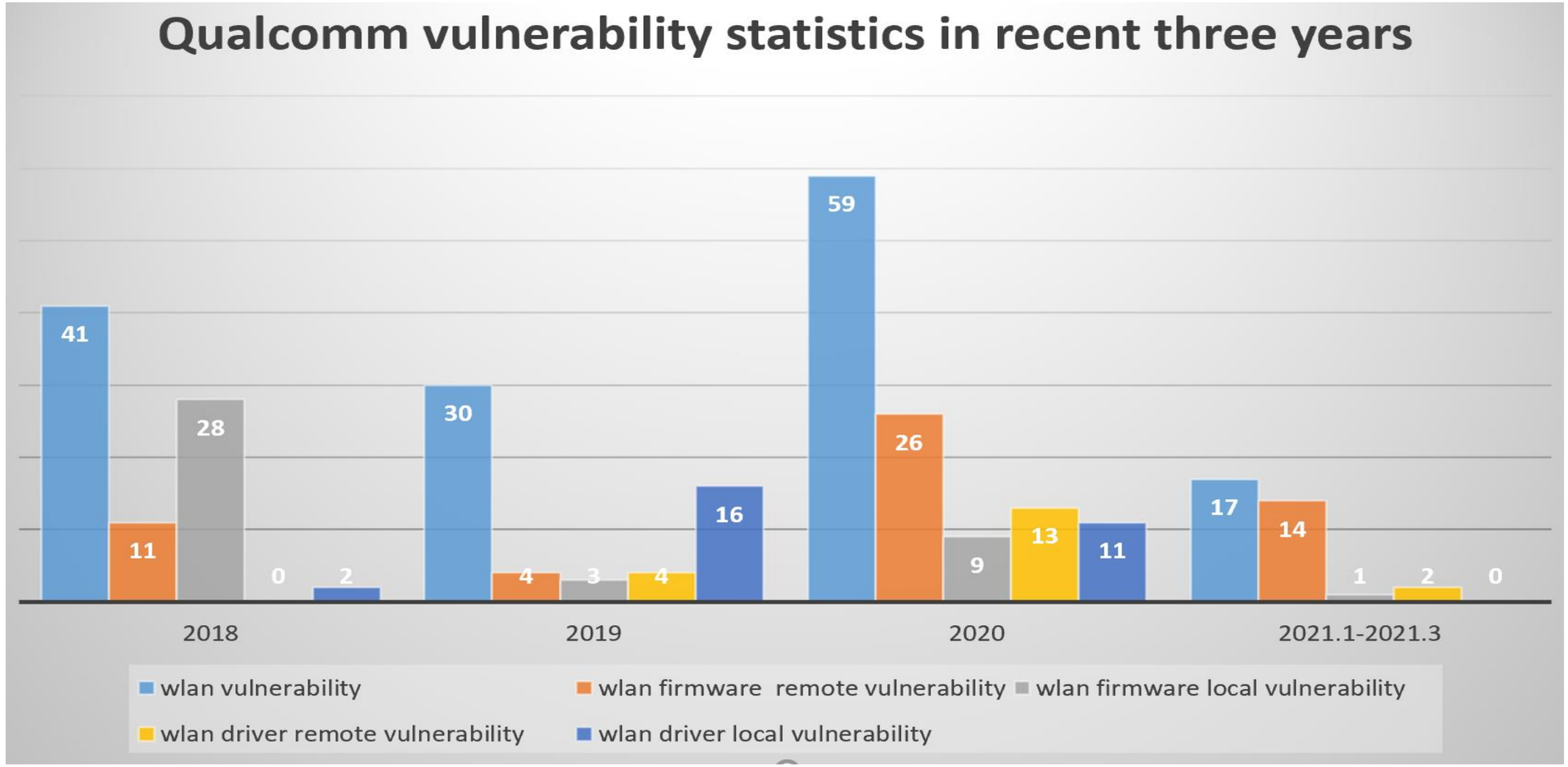
```
if (assoc_req->wpaPresent && (NULL == wpsie)) {
        rsn_len = assoc_ind->rsnIE.length;
        if ((rsn_len + assoc_req->wpa.length)
                >= SIR_MAC_MAX_IE_LENGTH) {
                pe_err("rsnIEdata index out of bounds: %d",
                        rsn_len);
                qdf_mem_free(assoc_ind);
                return;
        }
```

Wi-Fi Driver Security

Qualcomm mitigation

Qualcomm Wi-Fi driver used stack cookie、heap cookie、KASLR、W^X、CFI。

Qualcomm Wi-Fi Security research trends

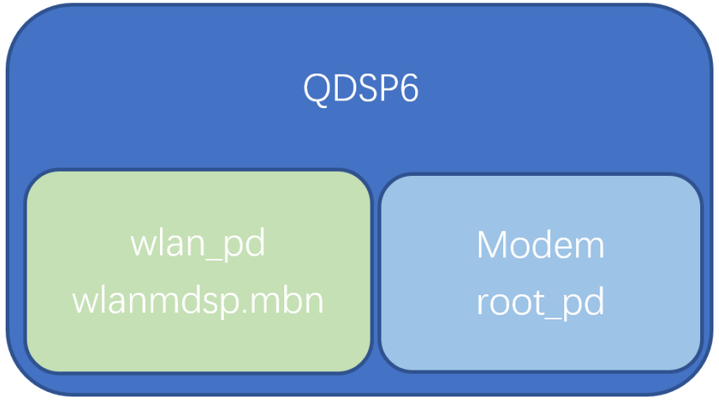


Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Qualcomm Wi-Fi firmware of SDM845

/vendor/firmware/wlanmdsp.mbn

modemuw.jsn :SDM845 modem configuration




```
crosshatch:/vendor/firmware # cat modemuw.jsn
{
    "sr_version": {
        "major": 1,
        "minor": 1,
        "patch": 1
    },
    "sr_domain": {
        "soc": "msm",
        "domain": "modem",
        "subdomain": "wlan_pd",
        "qmi_instance_id": 180
    },
    "sr_service": [
        {
            "provider": "kernel",
            "service": "elf_loader",
            "service_data_valid": 0,
            "service_data": 0
        },
        {
            "provider": "tms",
            "service": "servreg",
            "service_data_valid": 0,
            "service_data": 0
        },
        {
            "provider": "wlan",
            "service": "fw",
            "service_data_valid": 0,
            "service_data": 0
        }
    ]
```

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Snapdragon 865

firmware
/vendor/firmware_mnt/image/amss20.bin

bdf: board data file
cnss: connectivity subsystem

```
11wlan.b0a  11wlan0.b0c 11wlan1.b0e 12wlan.b0i  12wlan0.b0e 12wlan1.b0c 13wlan.v0a  bdwlan.e03 bdwlan.e08 bdwlan.e0d bdwlan.e12 bdwlan.e17
11wlan.b0c  11wlan0.b0e 11wlan1.b0i 12wlan.b1i  12wlan0.b0i 12wlan1.b0e 13wlan0.v0a bdwlan.e04 bdwlan.e09 bdwlan.e0e bdwlan.e13 bdwlan.e18
11wlan.b0e  11wlan0.b0i 12wlan.b0a  12wlan.t0a  12wlan0.b1i 12wlan1.b0i 13wlan1.v0a bdwlan.e05 bdwlan.e0a bdwlan.e0f bdwlan.e14 bdwlan.e25
11wlan.b0i  11wlan1.b0a 12wlan.b0c  12wlan0.b0a 12wlan0.t0a 12wlan1.b1i bdwlan.e01  bdwlan.e06 bdwlan.e0b bdwlan.e10 bdwlan.e15 bdwlan.elf
11wlan0.b0a 11wlan1.b0c 12wlan.b0e  12wlan0.b0c 12wlan1.b0a 12wlan1.t0a bdwlan.e02  bdwlan.e07 bdwlan.e0c bdwlan.e11 bdwlan.e16
```

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Snapdragon 865 Wi-Fi firmware loading process

```
[    0.628721] [    0.628721]@6 cnss: Firmware name is amss20.bin
[    0.747050] cnss: Platform driver probed successfully.
.....
[    3.848249] [    3.848248]@5 cnss: Setting MHI state: INIT(0)
[    3.848839] [    3.848838]@7 cnss: Setting MHI state: POWER_ON(2)
[    3.848990] [    3.848989]@5 cnss_pci 0000:01:00.0: Falling back to syfs fallback for: amss20.bin
.....
[    4.571872] [    4.571868]@1 cnss: WLFW server arriving: node 7 port 1
[    4.572180] [    4.572179]@5 cnss: QMI WLFW service connected, state: 0x9
.....
[    5.369519] [    5.369517]@6 cnss: Memory for FW, va: 0x0000000000000000, pa: 0x00000000a1000000, size: 0x5e0000
[    5.369522] [    5.369521]@6 cnss: FW requests for memory, size: 0x5e0000, type: 1
[    5.369524] [    5.369523]@6 cnss: FW requests for memory, size: 0xd8000, type: 4
.....
[    5.737206] [    5.737205]@5 cnss: Sending BDF download message, state: 0xb, type: 4
[    5.737208] [    5.737207]@5 cnss: Get the value of  bdf_WifiChain_mode: 0
[    5.739024] cnss: it is China PVT version, begin to load the China BDF file
[    5.739036] cnss2 b0000000.qcom,cnss-qca6390: Falling back to syfs fallback for: 12wlan.b0c
[    5.748681] [    5.748679]@7 cnss: Downloading BDF: 12wlan.b0c, size: 57844
.....
[   10.978307] [   10.978307]@6 cnss: Processing driver event: FW_READY(4), state: 0x6013
[   10.989178] [   10.989176]@7 [kworker/u16:5][0x10a7f782][20:36:48.466455] wlan: [267:I:HDD] hdd_wlan_start_modules
[   10.989180] [   10.989180]@7 [kworker/u16:5][0x10a7f7d1][20:36:48.466459] wlan: [267:I:HDD] hdd_wlan_start_modules
```

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Qualcomm Subsystem

e.g.
- MODEM
- GPU
- LPASS
- VENUS
- WCNSS
- ……

```
crosshatch:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices # ls -l subsys7
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0 1970-01-11 06:45 subsys7 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/4080000.qcom,mss/subsys7
crosshatch:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices # cd subsys7
crosshatch:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys7 # cat name
modem
crosshatch:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys7 # cat firmware_name
modem
crosshatch:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys7 # cat crash_reason
err_qdi.c:456:[]EF:wlan_process:1:cmnos_thread.c:3902:Asserted in ratectrl_11ac.c:_rcRateFind:2937
crosshatch:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys7 #
```

```
:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices # ls -l
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys0 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/soc:qcom,ipa_fws/subsys0
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys1 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/soc:qcom,ipa_uc/subsys1
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys10 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/soc:qcom,mdm0/subsys10
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys11 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/9800000.qcom,npu/subsys11
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys2 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/17300000.qcom,lpass/subsys2
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys3 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/8300000.qcom,turing/subsys3
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root                      subsys4 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/aab0000.qcom,venus/subsys4
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root                      subsys5 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/188101c.qcom,spss/subsys5
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys6 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/abb0000.qcom,cvpss/subsys6
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys7 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/5c00000.qcom,ssc/subsys7
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys8 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/soc:qcom,kgsl-hyp/subsys8
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0                    subsys9 -> ../../../devices/platform/soc/b0000000.qcom,cnss-qca6390/subsys9
:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices # cd subsys9
:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 # cat name
wlan
:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 # cat firmware_name
wlan
/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 #
```

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

SSR:Subsystem restart

/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsysx/restart_level

“related” : enable SSR, only the subsystem will be restarted when the subsystem is abnormal, and the main system and other subsystems will not be affected. ramdump of the subsystem will be collected

“system” : Disable SSR, the main system restarts, and ramdump will not be collected

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Get ramdump

echo 1 > /sys/module/subsystem_restart/parameters/enable_ramdumps

echo 1 > /sys/module/subsystem_restart/parameters/enable_debug

echo 1 > /sys/module/subsystem_restart/parameters/enable_mini_ramdumps

subsystem_ramdump 1

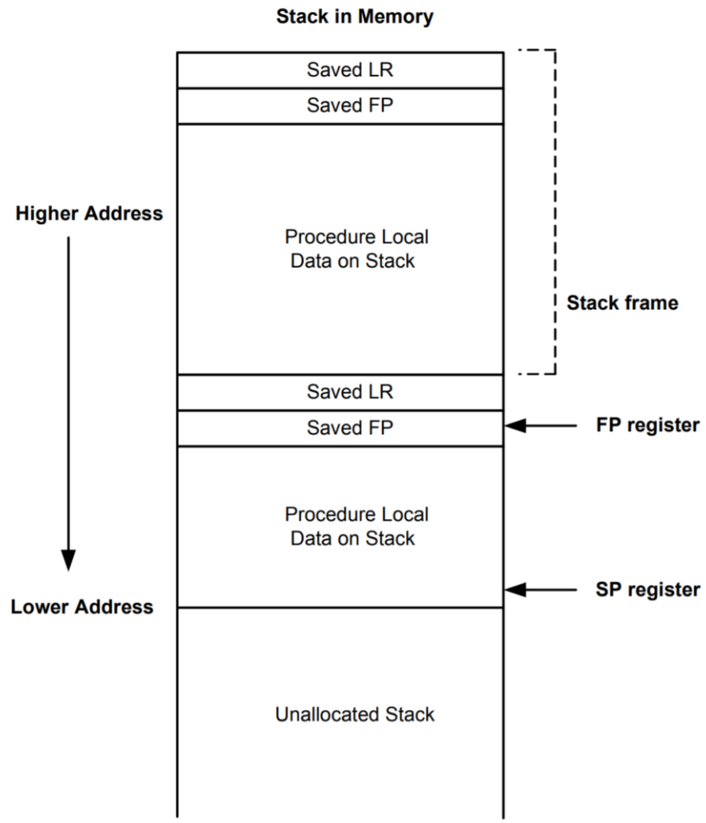
When subsystem crash occurs, ramdump file(ramdump_wlan_*.elf) will be generated in /data/vendor/ramdump

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Qualcomm hexagon

arg1:R0 arg2:R1 arg3:R2

ret:R0



https://developer.qualcomm.com/qfile/67415/80-n2040-42_a_qualcomm_hexagon_v66_programmer_reference_manual.pdf

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Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Firmware extraction

amss20.bin is the Wi-Fi firmware of qca639x

```
:/vendor/firmware_mnt/image # ls amss20.bin
amss20.bin
```

```
root@ubuntu:/home# readelf -h amss20.bin
ELF Header:
  Magic:   7f 45 4c 46 01 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
  Class:                             ELF32
  Data:                              2's complement, little endian
  Version:                           1 (current)
  OS/ABI:                            UNIX - System V
  ABI Version:                       0
  Type:                              EXEC (Executable file)
  Machine:                           ARM
  Version:                           0x1
  Entry point address:               0x16bfb00
  Start of program headers:          52 (bytes into file)
  Start of section headers:          0 (bytes into file)
  Flags:                             0x0
  Size of this header:               52 (bytes)
  Size of program headers:           32 (bytes)
  Number of program headers:         18
  Size of section headers:           0 (bytes)
  Number of section headers:         0
  Section header string table index: 0
```

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Firmware extraction

Architecture of amss20.bin :

ARM

QUALCOMM DSP6 Processor

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
00000000	7F	45	4C	46	01	01	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000010	02	00	28	00	01	00	00	00	00	FB	6B	01	34	00	00	00

Old elf machine field of amss20.bin

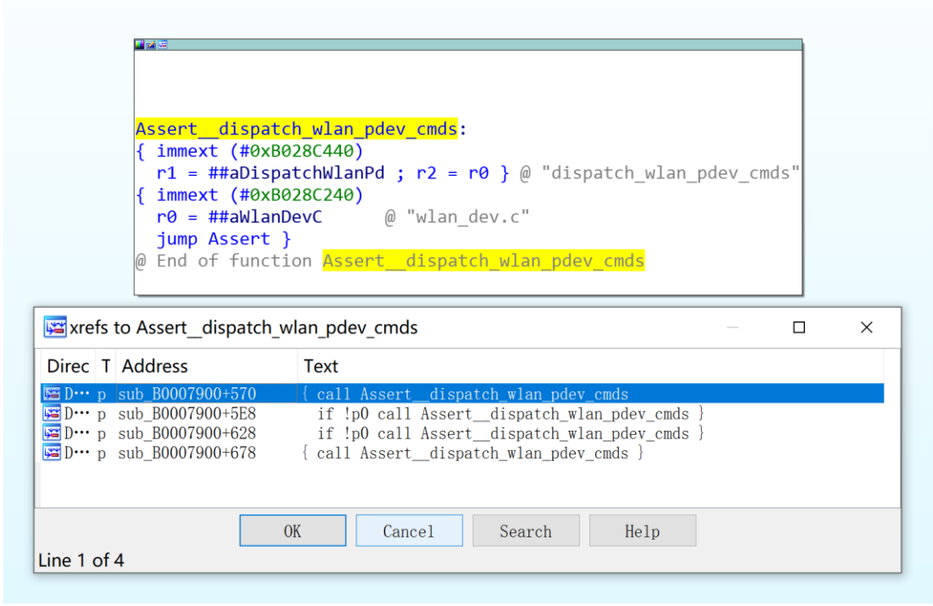
Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
00000000	7F	45	4C	46	01	01	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000010	02	00	A4	00	01	00	00	00	00	FB	6B	01	34	00	00	00

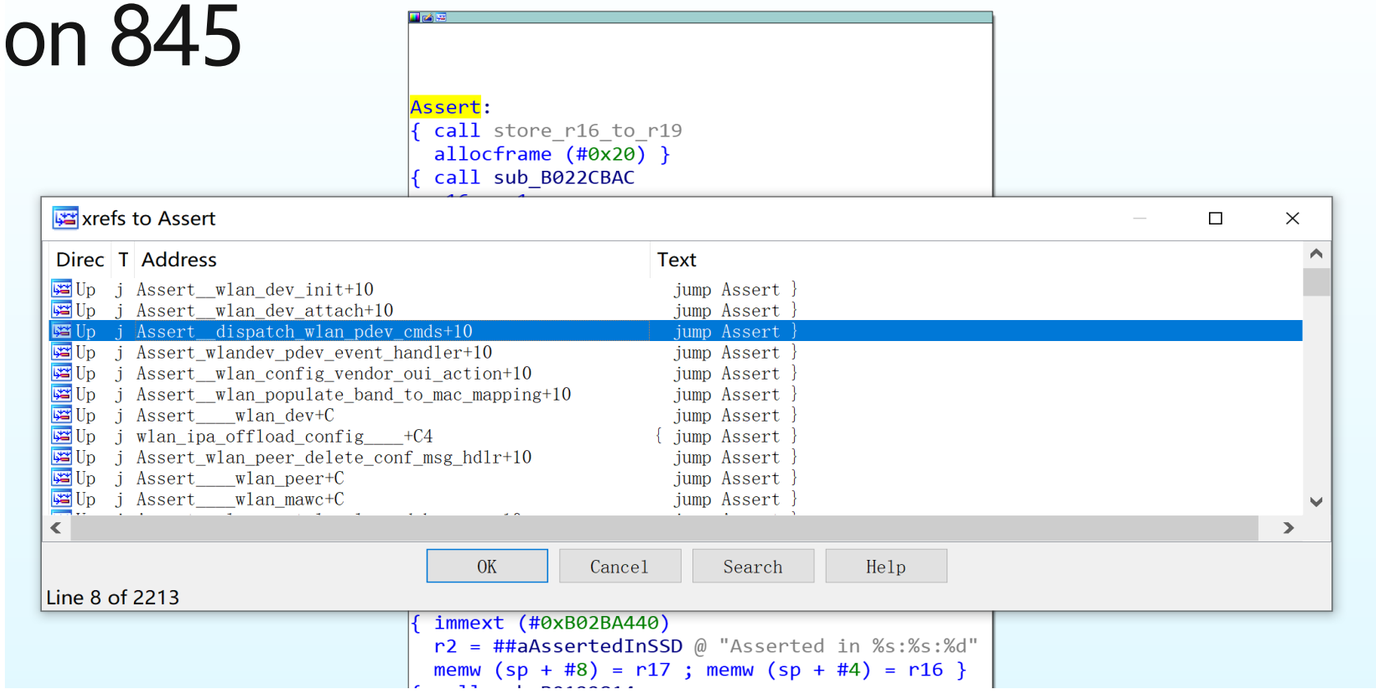
New elf machine field of amss20.bin

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Firmware symbol

wlanmdsp.mbn of snapdragon 845





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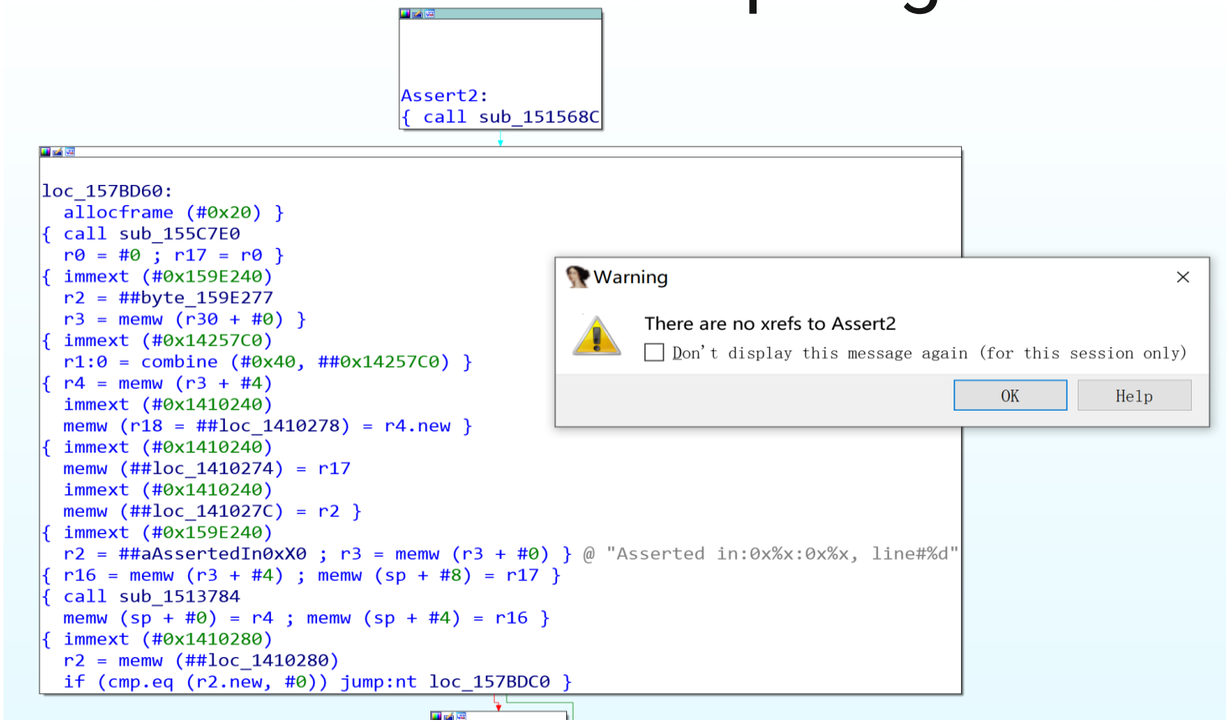
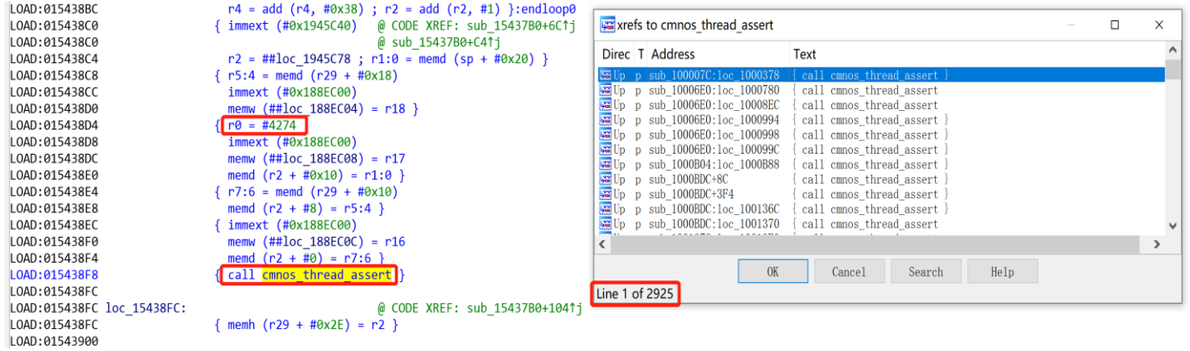
Firmware symbol

amss20.bin of Snapdragon 865




```
:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 # cat firmware_name
wlan
:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 #
:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 # cat crash_reason
cmnos_thread.c:953:0x8Asserted in:0x15438fc:0x15471f4, line#4274
```



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Firmware exception capture

crash_count: the number of subsystem crash

crash_reason: the last reason of subsystem crash

echo “system” > restart_level

```
[irq/430-mhi][0x4eef64a80][10:34:52.689900] wlan: [7454:I:HDD] wlan_hdd_pld_uevent: 1771: Received firmware down indication
[irq/430-mhi][0x4eef6521b][10:34:52.690000] wlan: [7454:I:HDD] wlan_hdd_pld_uevent: 1771: Received firmware down indication
[hostapd][0x4eef66671][10:34:52.690272] wlan: [7401:E:OSIF] wlan_cfg80211_mc_cp_stats_get_tx_power: 281: wait failed or timed out ret: -14
type=1400 audit(1623378811.125:328): avc: denied { search } for comm="kworker/u16:16" name="wlan0" dev="debugfs" ino=99298 scontext=u:r:kernel
ssive=0 duplicate messages suppressed
subsys-restart: subsys_send_uevent_notify(): SUBSYSTEM=wlan CRASHCOUNT=2 CRASHREASON=cmnos_thread.c:953:0x8Asserted in:0x100327c:0x8a7588, lin
subsys-restart: subsystem_restart_dev(): Restart sequence requested for wlan, restart_level = RELATED.
subsys-restart: subsystem_shutdown(): [kworker/u17:0:7387]: Shutting down wlan
```

```
[kworker/u17:0][0x4f30c9e31][10:34:56.261361] wlan: [7387:I:HDD] hdd_wlan_shutdown: 1325: WLAN driver shutdown complete
```

```
subsys-restart: subsystem_restart_wq_func(): [kworker/u17:0:7387]: Restart sequence for wlan completed.
```

```
[redacted]:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 # cat crash_count
209
[redacted]:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 #
[redacted]:/sys/bus/msm_subsys/devices/subsys9 # cat crash_reason
cmnos_thread.c:953:0x8Asserted in:0x100327c:0x8a7588, line#1346
```

```
[irq/430-mhi][0x18ff8d84c657][10:15:49.641575] wlan: [19766:I:HDD] wlan_hdd_pld_uevent: 1771: Received firmware down indication
[irq/430-mhi][0x18ff8d84ca48][10:15:49.641625] wlan: [19766:I:HDD] wlan_hdd_pld_uevent: 1771: Received firmware down indication
subsys-restart: subsys_send_uevent_notify(): SUBSYSTEM=wlan CRASHCOUNT=473 CRASHREASON=cmnos_thread.c:953:0x8Asserted in:0x100327c:0x8a7588, line#1346
subsys-restart: subsystem_restart_dev(): Restart sequence requested for wlan, restart_level = SYSTEM.
```

```
Kernel panic - not syncing: subsys-restart: Resetting the SoC - wlan crashed.
```

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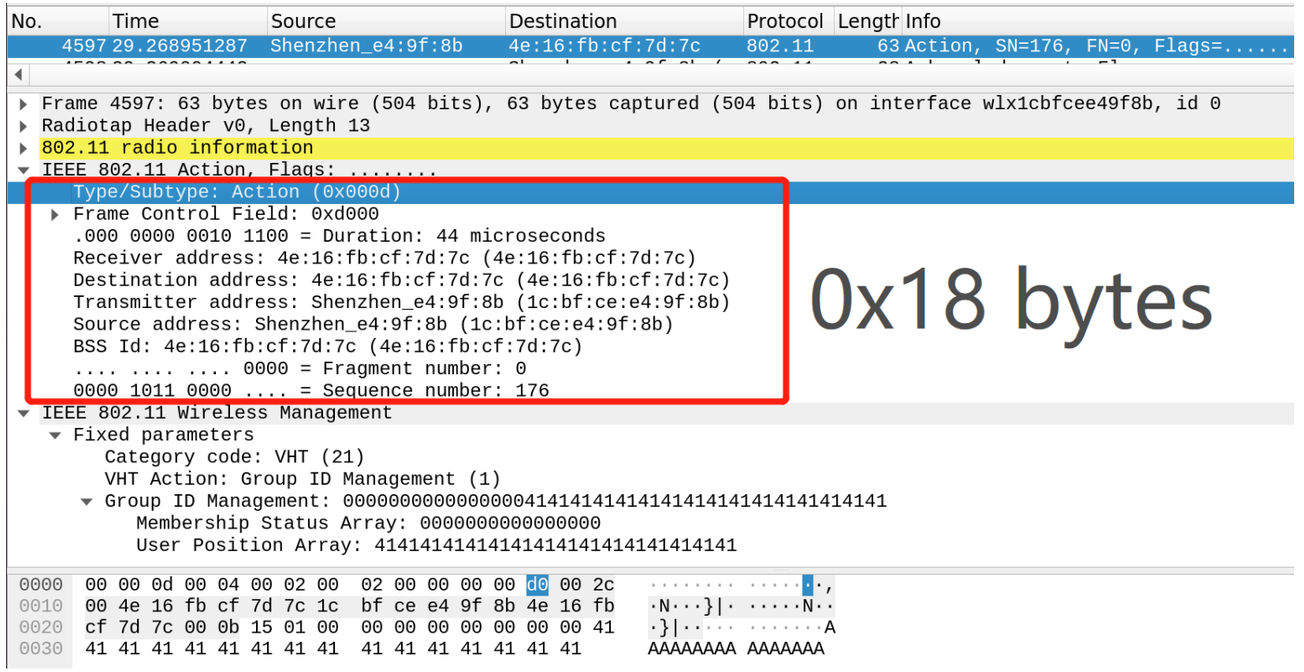
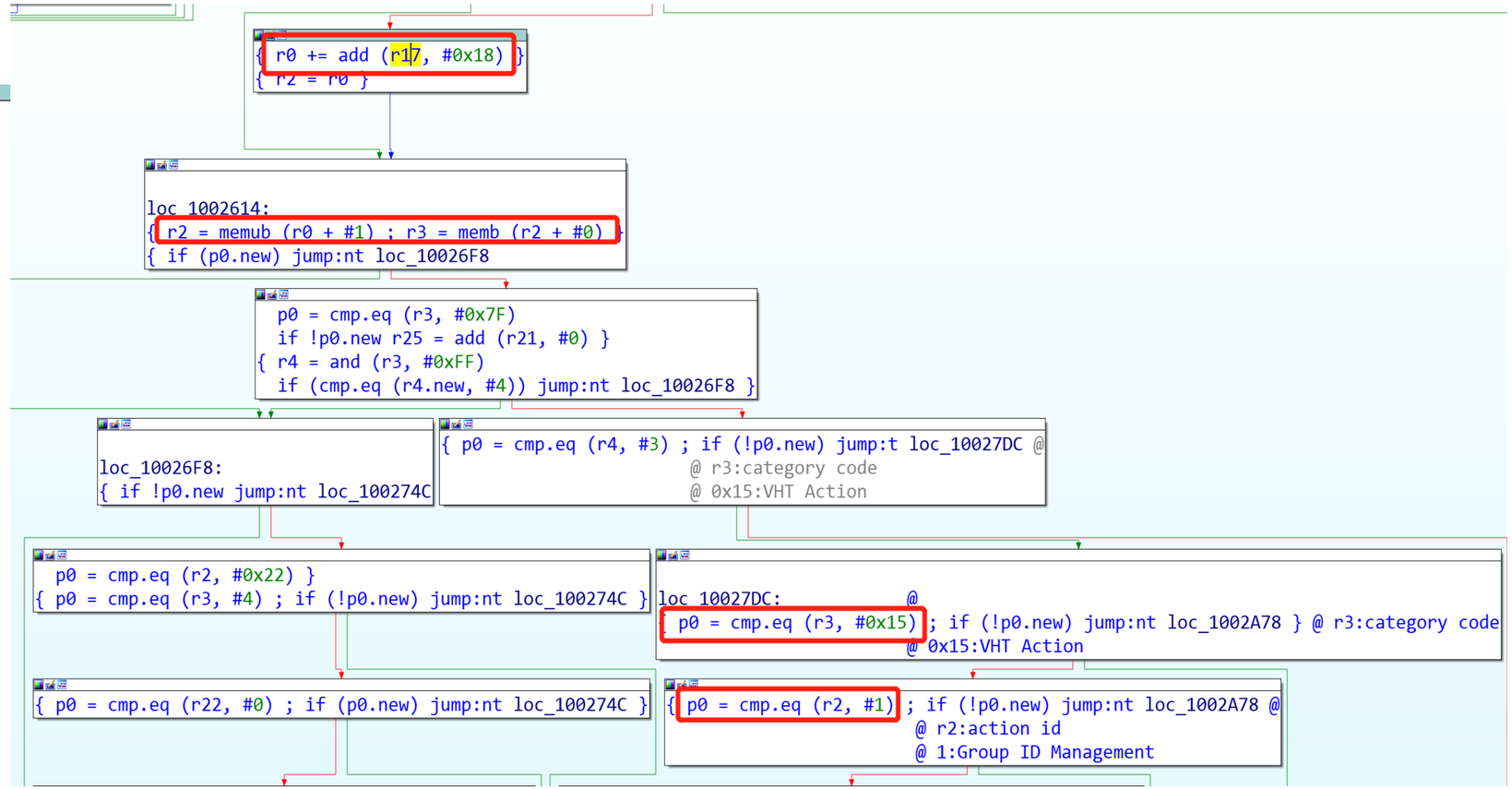
Type(1 byte)
Frame Control Field(1 byte)
Duration(2 bytes)
Destination address(6 bytes)
Source address(6 bytes)
BSSID(6 bytes)
Fragment/Sequence number(2 bytes)
Category code(1 byte)
Action id(1 byte)
……



Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Finding vulnerabilities in Wi-Fi firmware

```
  r25 = #0
  if (p0.new) r2 = memw (r29 + #0xEC) }
{ r1 = #0x40
  r25 = #0
  r3 = memub (r2 + #0x5E)
  memb (r29 + #0x68) = r26.new }
{ r4 = memub (r2 + #0x5F)
  r5 = memub (r2 + #0x5D) }
{ r3 |= asl (r4, #8)
  r17 = memub (r2 + #0x5C) }
{ r17 |= asl (r5, #8)
  r2 = add (r29, #0x68) }
{ r17 |= asl (r3, #0x10) } @ r17 = p_frame_pkt
```



Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Finding vulnerabilities in Wi-Fi firmware

CVE-ID	Device	Disclosure time
CVE-2021-1925	SDM865	2021.5
CVE-2021-1937	SDM865	2021.6
CVE-2021-1938	SDM865	2021.7
CVE-2021-1907	SDM865	2021.7
CVE-2021-1953	SDM670	2021.7

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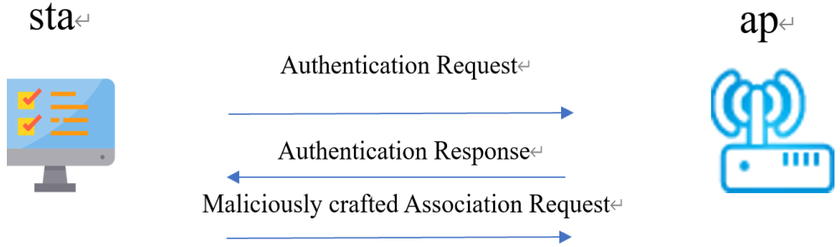
CVE-2021-1937



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
114316	609.834277384	Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b	5e:1c:63:68:ce:ea	802.11	43	Authentication, SN=585, FN
114317	609.847275135	Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b	5e:1c:63:68:ce:ea	802.11	43	Authentication, SN=585, FN
114318	609.847287229	Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b	5e:1c:63:68:ce:ea	802.11	120	Association Request, SN=58
114319	609.875333394	Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b	5e:1c:63:68:ce:ea	802.11	120	Association Request, SN=58
114320	609.875424282	Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b	5e:1c:63:68:ce:ea	802.11	120	Association Request, SN=58
114321	609.896801550	Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b	5e:1c:63:68:ce:ea	802.11	120	Association Request, SN=58

```
▸ Frame 114321: 120 bytes on wire (960 bits), 120 bytes captured (960 bits) on interface wlx1cbfcee49f8b,
▸ Radiotap Header v0, Length 13
▸ 802.11 radio information
▸ IEEE 802.11 Association Request, Flags: ........
▾ IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management
  ▸ Fixed parameters (4 bytes)
  ▾ Tagged parameters (79 bytes)
    ▸ Tag: SSID parameter set: o7
    ▸ Tag: Supported Rates 1(B), 2(B), 5.5(B), 11(B), [Mbit/sec]
    ▸ Tag: Extended Supported Rates 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54, [Mbit/sec]
    ▸ Tag: RSN Information
    ▸ Tag: Vendor Specific: Microsoft Corp.: WMM/WME: Information Element
    ▾ Tag: HT Capabilities (802.11n D1.10)
        Tag Number: HT Capabilities (802.11n D1.10) (45)
        Tag length: 26
      ▸ HT Capabilities Info: 0x48ad
      ▸ A-MPDU Parameters: 0x17
      ▾ Rx Supported Modulation and Coding Scheme Set: MCS Set
        ▾ Rx Modulation and Coding Scheme (One bit per modulation): 2 spatial streams
            .... .... .... .... .... .... 0000 0000 = Rx Bitmask Bits 0-7: 0x00
            .... .... .... .... 0000 0001 .... .... = Rx Bitmask Bits 8-15: 0x01
            .... .... 0000 0000 .... .... .... .... = Rx Bitmask Bits 16-23: 0x00
            0000 0000 .... .... .... .... .... .... = Rx Bitmask Bits 24-31: 0x00
            .... .... .... .... .... .... .... ...0 = Rx Bitmask Bit 32: 0x0
            .... .... .... .... .... .... .000 000. = Rx Bitmask Bits 33-38: 0x00
            .... .... ...0 0000 0000 0000 0... .... = Rx Bitmask Bits 39-52: 0x0000
            ...0 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 000. .... = Rx Bitmask Bits 53-76: 0x000000
          .... ..00 0000 0000 = Highest Supported Data Rate: 0x000
          .... .... .... ...0 = Tx Supported MCS Set: Not defined
          .... .... .... ..0. = Tx and Rx MCS Set: Equal
          .... .... .... 00.. = Maximum Number of Tx Spatial Streams Supported: 0x0, TX MCS Set Not Def
          .... .... ...0 .... = Unequal Modulation: Not supported
      ▸ HT Extended Capabilities: 0x0000
      ▸ Transmit Beam Forming (TxBF) Capabilities: 0x00000000
      ▸ Antenna Selection (ASEL) Capabilities: 0x00
```

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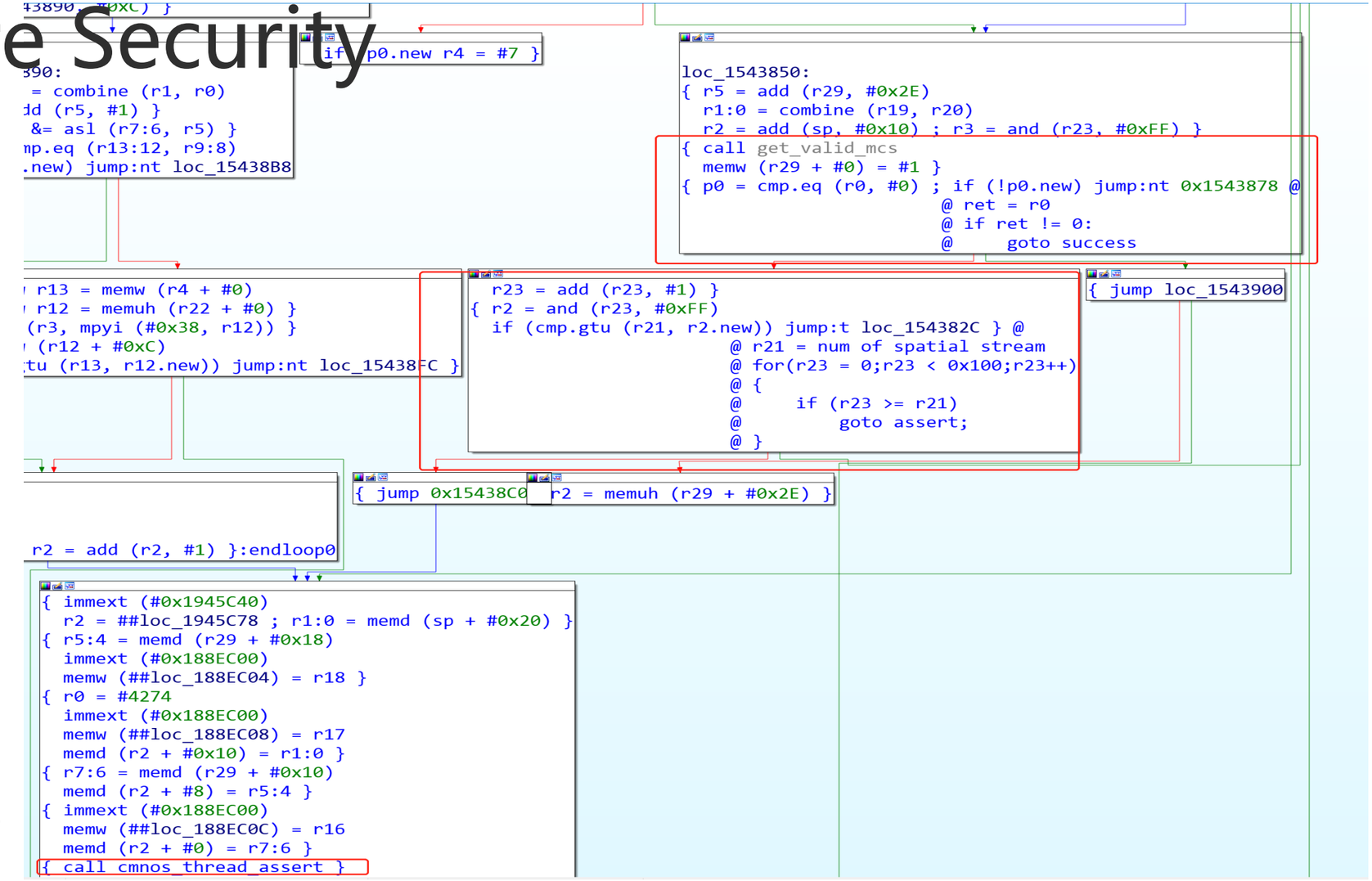
CVE-2021-1937



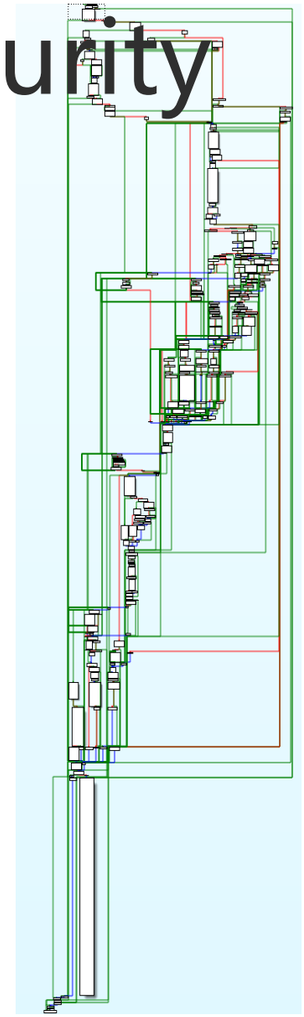
rcGetLowestValidTxMcsForBW

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

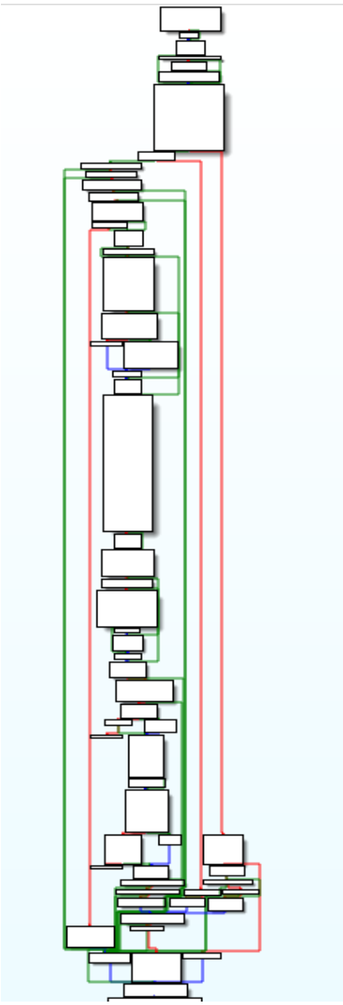
New vulnerability
in Wi-Fi firmware

CVE-2021-1925

wlan_txbfee_parse_gid



sdm865 wlan_mgmt_rx_frame_handler



sdm845 wlan_mgmt_rx_frame_handler

wlan_txbfee_parse_gid

```
wlan_txbf____wlan_txbfee_parse_gid:

@ FUNCTION CHUNK AT B0288D44 SIZE 0000001C BYTES

{ call sub_B0288C68
  allocframe (#0x90) }
```

```
loc_B007D378:
{ r2 = add (r29, #0x5F)
  immext (#0xB06C24C0)
  r3 = ##unk_B06C24CC ; r16 = r0 }
{ r21 = #0
  r0 = add (r16, #4)    @ r0 = target mac
                        @ r1 = source mac
  r1 = add (r16, #0xA)
  memb (r29 + #0x5F) = r22.new }
{ call sub_B007D25C
  memw (r3 + #0) += #1 }
{ if !p0.new r24 = add (r29, #0x18)
  p0 = cmp.eq (r0, #0) ; if (p0.new) jump:nt loc_B007D4F0 }
```

```
{ r0 = add (r29, #0x18)
  r1 = #0xFF
  r17 = memub (r29 + #0x5F)
  r2 = memw (gp + #0x194) }
{ r2 = addasl (r2, r17, #2)
  immext (#0xB066C880)
  r3 = memw (##p_memset) }
{ r2 = memw (r2 + #0x54) }
{ r4 = memub (r2 + #0x270) }
{ r4 = addasl (r2, r4, #2)
  r2 = #0x40 }
{ callr r3              @ memset
  r18 = memw (r4 + #0x3C) }
{ immext (#0xB06C24C0)
  r2 = ##unk_B06C24D0
  r25 = add (r16, #0x1A) @ r25 = Membership Status Array
  r27:26 = combine (#3, #0x3F) } @ r26
{ r19 = #0
  memw (r2 + #0) += #1 }
```

```
loc_B007D3F0:
{ immext (#0x3700)
  r0 = ##0x3710
  r1 = #0x5012
  r20 = memub (r25 + #0) }
{ call sub_B022A7DC
  memw (sp + #4) = r20 ; memw (sp + #0) = r19 }
{ call sub_B0001F80
  immext (#0xB0296600)
  r1:0 = combine (r19, ##dword_B029660C)
  r2 = r20 }
{ r23 = #8 ; memw (sp + #0x14) = r21 }

loc_B007D41C:
{ p0 = tstbit (r20, #0)
  r22 = #0
  memw (r18 + #0x48) = r21
  memw (r18 + #0x4C) = #0 }
{ if !p0 jump loc_B007D4B4
```

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```
  if (p0) memw (r29 + #0) = r21 }
{ r2 = and (r21, #3)
  immext (#0x3700)
  r0 = ##0x3718
  r1 = #0x5011 }
{ r22 = asl (r2, #1)
  call sub_B022A7DC }
{ call sub_B0002480
  immext (#0xB0296600)
  r1:0 = combine (r21, ##dword_B0296618) }
{ r2 = add (r21, #0xFFFFFFFF) }
{ p0 = cmp.gtu (r26, r2) @
                        @ r21 = idx
                        @ r26 = 0x3f
                        @ if(0x3f < r21 -1)
                        @      assert
  immext (#0xB0296580)
  if !p0.new r0 = ##aWlanTxbfeePars @ "wlan_txbfee_parse_gid"
  if !p0.new r1 = #0x579 }
{ immext (#0xFFFFF8C0)
  if !p0 call Assert____wlan_txbf }
{ r1 = #0x5013
  immext (#0x3700)
  r0 = ##0x3720 ; r2 = r16 }
{ r2 += lsr (r21, #2) }
{ r2 = memub (r2 + #0x22) } @ User Position Array[16]
{ r2 &= asl (r27, r22) }
{ r22 = lsr (r2, r22)
  memw (r18 + #0x4C) = r22.new }
{ memw (sp + #4) = r21 ; memw (sp + #0) = r17 }
{ call sub_B022A7DC
  memw (r29 + #8) = r22
  memb (r24 + r21 << #0) = r22 }
{ call sub_B000215C
  immext (#0xB0296600)
  r1:0 = combine (r17, ##dword_B0296624)
  r3:2 = combine (r22, r21) }
```

```
loc_B007D4B4:
{ call wal_txbfee_set_gid_userpos
  r2 = and (r22, #0xFF)
  r1 = and (r21, #0xFF) ; r0 = memw (r18 + #0x1C) }
{ r20 = lsr (r20, #1)
  r21 = add (r21, #1)
  r23 = add (r23, #0xFFFFFFFF)
  if (!cmp.eq (r24.new, #0)) jump:t loc_B007D41C }
```

```
{ r25 = add (r25, #1)
  r21 = memw (r29 + #0x14) }
{ r21 = add (r21, #8)
  r19 = add (r19, #1)
  if (!cmp.eq (r20.new, #8)) jump:t loc_B007D3F0 }
```

```
{ call sub_B00D66F4
  r1 = add (sp, #0x18) ; r0 = r18 }
{ jump loc_B0288D44 }
```

```
loc_B007D4F0:
{ call sub_B022A7DC
  immext (#0x3700)
```

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```
LOAD:010027DC @ ------------------------------------------------------------------------
LOAD:010027DC
LOAD:010027DC loc_10027DC:                              @ CODE XREF: _offldmgr_protocol_data_handler-C6C↑j
LOAD:010027DC                 { p0 = cmp.eq (r3, #0x15) ; if (!p0.new) jump:nt loc_1002A78 } @
LOAD:010027DC                                           @ r3:category code
LOAD:010027DC                                           @ 0x15:VHT Action
LOAD:010027E0                 { p0 = cmp.eq (r2, #1) ; if (!p0.new) jump:nt loc_1002A78 @
LOAD:010027E0                                           @ r2:action id
LOAD:010027E0                                           @ 1:Group ID Management
LOAD:010027E4                   if (p0.new) r2 = memw (r29 + #0xEC) }
```

```
  if !p0.new r26 = #0 }
{ immext (#0x188CB00)
  r3 = ##loc_188CB38 ; r2 = memw (sp + #0x60) } @
                       @ r2 = g_pdev
{ r24 = memub (r29 + #0x87)
  r20 = memw (r29 + #0x44) }
{ r5 = add (r20, #0x1A)
  r2 = memw (r2 + #0) }
{ r2 = addasl (r2, r24, #2) }
{ r2 = memw (r2 + #0x50) }
{ r4 = memub (r2 + #0x344) }
{ r2 = addasl (r2, r4, #2)
  r4 = #0
  memw (r29 + #0x50) = r4.new } @ the key value
{ r4 = #0
```

```
loc_1002888:
{ p0 = tstbit (r21, #0)
  r2 = memw (sp + #0x50) ; r0 = memw (sp + #0x54) }
{ r22 = add (r2, r19)
  memw (r0 + #0x48) = r22.new }
{ if !p0 jump loc_1002A24
```

```
  memw (r0 + #0x4C) = #0 }
{ call sub_1514DC4
  immext (#0x1828A40)
  r1:0 = combine (r22, ##unk_1828A48) }
{ r0 = #0x3F
  r2 = r19 ; r3 = memw (sp + #0x50) }
{ r2 += add (r3, #0xFFFFFFFF)
  immext (#0x9C0)
  if (!cmp.gtu (r0, r2.new)) jump:nt loc_1003274 } @
                       @ 0 < r19(index) < 8
                       @ r3 = key value from g_pdev struct
                       @ r2 = r19 + r3 -1
                       @ if (r2 >= 0x3f)
                       @     assert()
```

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Qualcomm Wi-Fi firmware mitigation

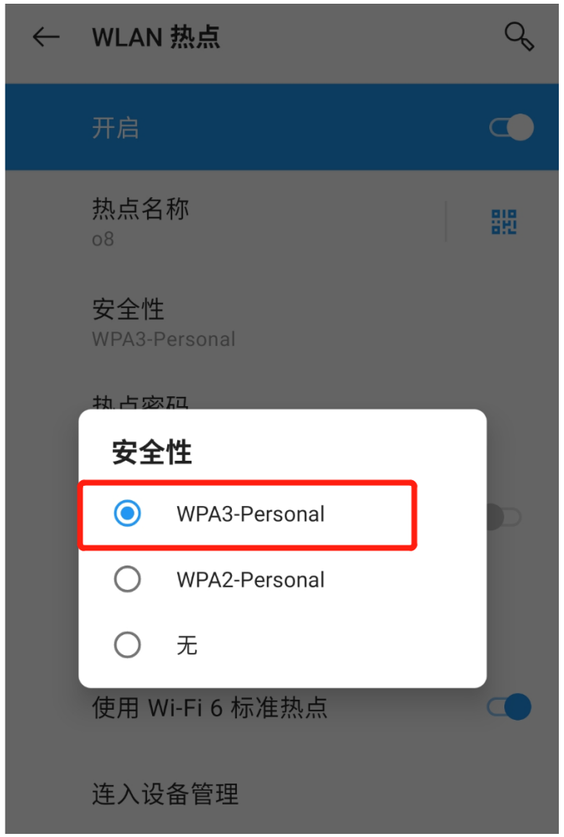
Stack cookie、Heap cookie, W^X

No ASLR,CFI

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

New features and functions make WLAN drivers and firmware constantly changing.

Code refactoring



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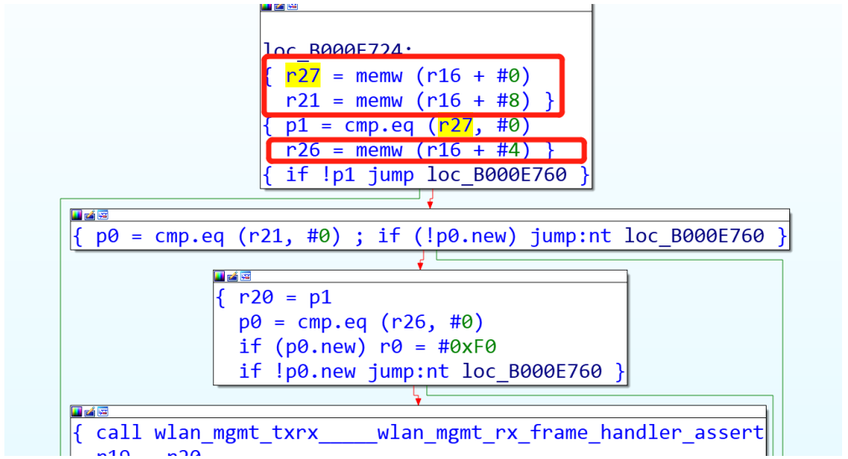

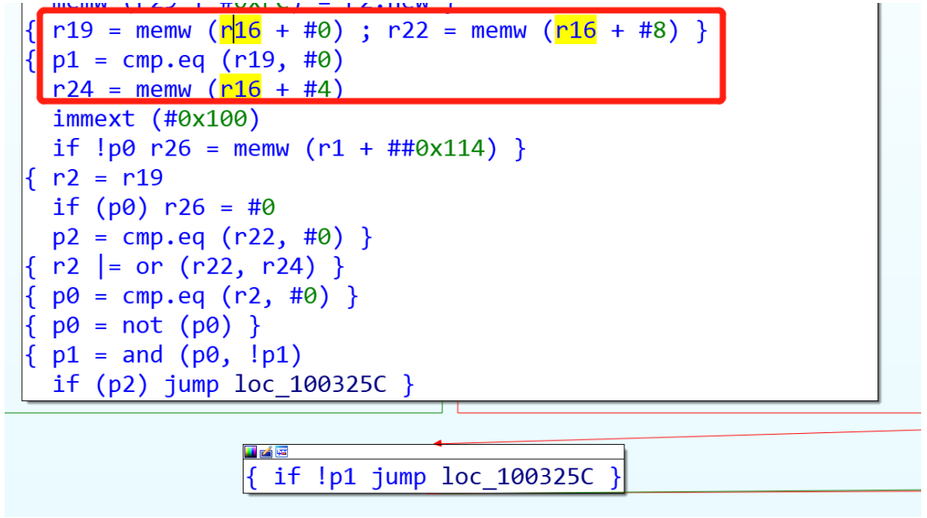

Wi-Fi Firmware Security

Analyze firmware memory

ramdump_wlan.elf, It contains the memory of Wi-Fi

heap block and code in RAM are mixed together

0xa1000000—0xa15e0000

0xa5980000—0xa6300000

```
Program Headers:
  Type           Offset   VirtAddr   PhysAddr   FileSiz MemSiz  Flg Align
  LOAD           0x0002b4 0xa5e80000 0xa5e80000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x0802b4 0xa5f00000 0xa5f00000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x1002b4 0xa5f80000 0xa5f80000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x1802b4 0xa6000000 0xa6000000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x2002b4 0xa6080000 0xa6080000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x2802b4 0xa6100000 0xa6100000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x3002b4 0xa6180000 0xa6180000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x3802b4 0xa6200000 0xa6200000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x4002b4 0xa6280000 0xa6280000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x4802b4 0xa6300000 0xa6300000 0x00090 0x00090 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x480344 0xa5980000 0xa5980000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x500344 0xa5a00000 0xa5a00000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x580344 0xa5a80000 0xa5a80000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x600344 0xa5b00000 0xa5b00000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x680344 0xa5b80000 0xa5b80000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x700344 0xa5c00000 0xa5c00000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x780344 0xa5c80000 0xa5c80000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x800344 0xa5d00000 0xa5d00000 0x80000 0x80000 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x880344 0xa5d80000 0xa5d80000 0x00080 0x00080 RWE 0
  LOAD           0x8803c4 0xa1000000 0xa1000000 0x5e0000 0x5e0000 RWE 0
```

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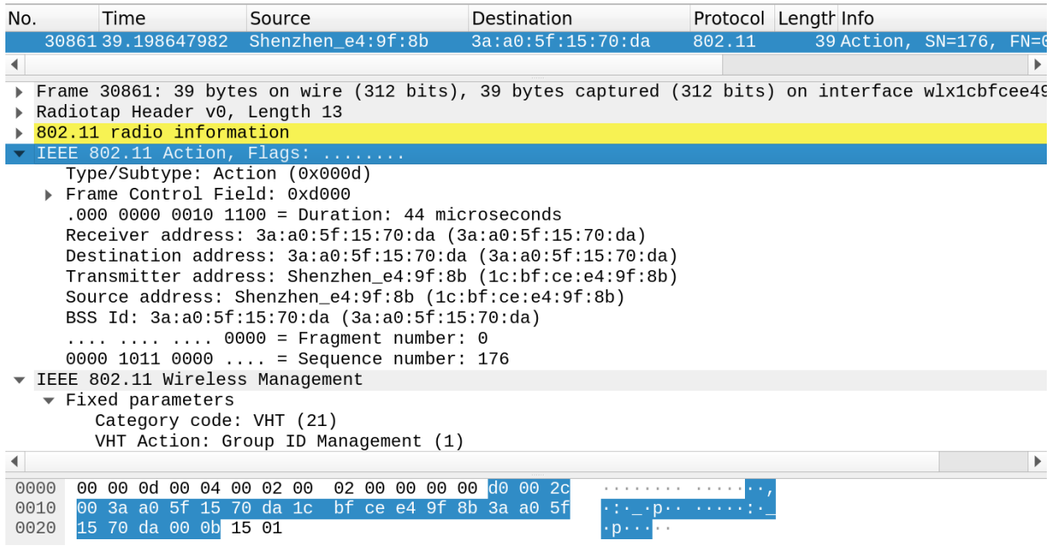

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
30861	39.198647982	Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b	3a:a0:5f:15:70:da	802.11	39	Action, SN=176, FN=0

```
Frame 30861: 39 bytes on wire (312 bits), 39 bytes captured (312 bits) on interface wlx1cbfcee49
Radiotap Header v0, Length 13
802.11 radio information
IEEE 802.11 Action, Flags: ........
    Type/Subtype: Action (0x000d)
  ▸ Frame Control Field: 0xd000
    .000 0000 0010 1100 = Duration: 44 microseconds
    Receiver address: 3a:a0:5f:15:70:da (3a:a0:5f:15:70:da)
    Destination address: 3a:a0:5f:15:70:da (3a:a0:5f:15:70:da)
    Transmitter address: Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b (1c:bf:ce:e4:9f:8b)
    Source address: Shenzhen_e4:9f:8b (1c:bf:ce:e4:9f:8b)
    BSS Id: 3a:a0:5f:15:70:da (3a:a0:5f:15:70:da)
    .... .... .... 0000 = Fragment number: 0
    0000 1011 0000 .... = Sequence number: 176
▾ IEEE 802.11 Wireless Management
  ▾ Fixed parameters
      Category code: VHT (21)
      VHT Action: Group ID Management (1)
```

```
0000  00 00 0d 00 04 00 02 00  02 00 00 00 00 d0 00 2c   ........ .....,
0010  00 3a a0 5f 15 70 da 1c  bf ce e4 9f 8b 3a a0 5f   .:._.p.. .....:._
0020  15 70 da 00 0b 15 01                               .p.....
```

IDA View-A | Strings window | Hex View-1 | Structures | Enums

```
A10EEDE0  D0 08 3A 01 3A A0 5F 15  70 DA 1C BF CE E4 9F 8B  ..:.:._.p.......
A10EEDF0  3A A0 5F 15 70 DA 00 0B  15 01 4F E5 A6 2E 00 00  :._.p.....O.....
```

```
LOAD:A59FA224 sub_A59FA224:                          @ CODE XREF: sub_A59F887C+54↑p
LOAD:A59FA224                 { r16 = r0
LOAD:A59FA228                   memd (sp + #0xFFFFFFF0) = r17:16 ; allocframe (#8) }
LOAD:A59FA22C                 { immext (#0xD00200)
```

IDA View-A | Strings window | Hex View-1 | Structures | Enums

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A5A21230  3A A0 5F 15 70 DA 1C BF  CE E4 9F 8B 3A A0 5F 15  :._.p.......:._.
A5A21240  70 DA 00 0B 15 01 4F E5  A6 2E 00 00 00 00 00 00  p.....O.........
```

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LOAD:A5A93188 sub_A5A93188:
LOAD:A5A93188
LOAD:A5A93188 @ FUNCTION CHUNK AT LOAD:A5A9438C SIZE 00000008 BYTES
LOAD:A5A93188
LOAD:A5A93188                 { call sub_A5A93B64
LOAD:A5A9318C                   allocframe (#0x40) }
LOAD:A5A93190                 { r17:16 = combine (r1, r0)
```

Future work

Find memory write vulnerabilities in the firmware

Research new features

Optimize debugging method

Conclusion

There are still great risks in the security of Wi-Fi driver, but the mitigation make the attack more difficult

The security of Wi-Fi firmware is weaker and more and more attention has been paid to it

The vulnerability cannot be completely eliminated, and the research on Wi-Fi security is a continuous process

Thanks