

365-Day: https Cookie Stealing

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Who am I?

- Volunteer Tor developer
 - Work on Torbutton, TorFlow
- Privacy advocate, censorship opponent
- Forward+Reverse engineer at Riverbed
- Flexitarian
- Random Hacker
 - Wrote a page-based malloc debugger
 - Wrote an IRC bot that got quoted as a human in a major magazine

Why am I doing this?

Exploit is not new or complicated... However:

- Vector is not narrow or wifi-only
 - Sophisticated attackers can drain bank accounts with custom cable/DSL modems
 - It also harms safe Tor usage, and that pisses me off
- Many sites are vulnerable, and don't seem to care.
- Response: Release a tool, lower the bar even more.
 - Encourage (correct and secure) SSL adoption

Cookie Basics

- Variables set by websites in your browser
 - Used for authentication, tracking, storage
- Several properties that govern when transmitted
 - Domain
 - Path
 - Expiration
 - SSL bit (seldom used, this is where the fun begins)

The 'SideJacking' Attack

- Glorified sniffer
 - Sniffs cookies transmitted via plaintext http
- Janky proxy based approach to do control+saving
- Completely passive: User must visit target site
- Able to save domain and path info
 - Path info may be too specific
 - Can lead to issues
- Admirable PR machine for such a simple hack
 - Waay exceeds my PR abilities. Little help? :)

Active HTTP Cookie Hijacking

- Like CSRF, but we want the data transmitted, not any particular result
 - In fact, the server can reject the request
- Scenario:
 - Yesterday: User logs in to mail.yahoo.com. Checks "Remember me."
 - Today: User visits www.cnn.com via open wifi
 - Today: We inject ``
 - Today: Browser transmits yahoo cookies for image
 - Today: We sniff cookies, write them to cookies.txt
 - Tomorrow: Use cookies.txt to read their mail

Active HTTPS Cookie Hijacking

- New Scenario:
 - Yesterday: User logs in to `httpS://mail.google.com`
 - Today: User visits `www.cnn.com` via open wifi
 - Today: We inject ``
 - Today: Browser transmits unprotected gmail GX cookie for http image fetch
 - Today: We sniff cookies, write them to `cookies.txt`
 - Tomorrow: Use `cookies.txt` to read their mail
- User never even checks gmail on hostile network!

Vectors

- Not just open wifi
- ARP poisoning
- DHCP spoofing
- DSL+Cable modem networks?
 - Possible to sniff+inject on cable networks?
 - Some use DOCSIS auth+encryption now, but many modes are weak
 - May require two modems
 - One custom with TX/RX frequencies switched

'Manual' Attack

- Aka: How people were owned for the past 365 days.
- Fire up Wireshark
- Fire up AirPwn/netsed with custom rule
- Copy cookies out of Wireshark.
- Lamé.

Introducing CookieChaos

Fully automated pylorcon tool for cookie gathering

- Caches DNS responses
- Listens for 443 connections
 - Uses cache to map IP to domain name
- Stores IP+host into injection queue
- Next time IP connects to ANY website:
 - Inject ``
- Gathers any resulting cookies and writes cookies.txt file for use in Firefox

Ok, so there is some configuration..

- Need cookie path for injection for some sites
 - No worries. List of paths for popular sites provided!
- Might want to steal other non-ssl sites too
 - No worries. Additional target list can be provided!

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