Abysssec Research

1) Advisory information

Title	: Microsoft Excel HFPicture Record Parsing Remote Code Execution Vulnerability
Version	: Excel 2002 SP3
Analysis	: http://www.abysssec.com
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Impact	: Med/High
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CVE	: CVE-2010-1248

2) Vulnerable version

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

- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0
- Microsoft Windows XP Home SP1
- Microsoft Windows XP Home
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional

Microsoft Excel 2002 SP1

+ Microsoft Office XP SP1

- Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Datacenter Server SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Datacenter Server SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Datacenter Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Terminal Services SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Terminal Services SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Terminal Services
- Microsoft Windows 98
- Microsoft Windows 98SE
- Microsoft Windows ME
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Enterprise Server 4.0
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Terminal Server 4.0

- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP6
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0
- Microsoft Windows XP Home
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional

Microsoft Excel 2002

+ Microsoft Office XP
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP2
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional
- Microsoft Windows 95 SR2
- Microsoft Windows 95
- Microsoft Windows 98
- Microsoft Windows 98SE
- Microsoft Windows ME
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP6a
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP5
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP4
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP3
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP2
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 SP1
- Microsoft Windows NT 4.0

Avaya Messaging Application Server MM 3.1

Avaya Messaging Application Server MM 3.0

Avaya Messaging Application Server MM 2.0

Avaya Messaging Application Server MM 1.1

Avaya Messaging Application Server 5

Avaya Messaging Application Server 4

Avaya Messaging Application Server 0

Avaya Meeting Exchange - Webportal 0

Avaya Meeting Exchange - Web Conferencing Server 0

Avaya Meeting Exchange - Streaming Server 0

Avaya Meeting Exchange - Recording Server 0

Avaya Meeting Exchange - Client Registration Server 0

3) Vulnerability information

Class

1- Buffer overflow

Impact

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

Remotely Exploitable

Yes

Locally Exploitable

Yes

4) Vulnerabilities detail

HFPicture record consists of an integrated encryption of a picture contents that may be a MSODRAWING or MSODRAWINGGROUP record format. The fields of this record consist of the followings:

Offset	Name	Size	Contents
4	rt	2	Record type; this matches the BIFF rt in the first two bytes of the record; =0866h
6	grbitFrt	2	FRT flags; must be zero
8	(unused)	8	Must be zero
16	rgf	1	Bit flags, see description below.

5	rgb	var	An embedded encoding of the contents of the picture; May be in MSODRAWING or MSODRAWINGGROUP record format as indicated in rgf flags listed below.

The sub_3057124E function is responsible for processing this record. rgb field is used for encryption. One of the functions called in the process of rgb is sub_30E2AFAF from mso.dll module:

```
.text:30E2AFD0          lea     eax, [ebp+arg_0]
.text:30E2AFD3          mov     ecx, edi
.text:30E2AFD5          push    eax
.text:30E2AFD6          call    sub_30E2B01F
.text:30E2AFDB          test    eax, eax
.text:30E2AFDD          jz      loc_30F094DF
.text:30E2AFE3          cmp     [ebp+var_4], 4
.text:30E2AFE7          jge     short loc_30E2B002
.text:30E2AFE9          mov     eax, [ebp+arg_0]
.text:30E2AFEC          mov     ecx, ebx
.text:30E2AFEE          mov     [ebp+var_8], eax
.text:30E2AFF1          call    sub_30B41399
.text:30E2AFF6          mov     ecx, ebx
.text:30E2AFF8          call    sub_30B4144A
.text:30E2AFFD          mov     eax, [ebp+var_8]
.text:30E2B000          mov     [ebx], eax
.text:30E2B002
.text:30E2B002 loc_30E2B002:                    ; CODE XREF: sub_30E2AFAF+38j
.text:30E2B002          mov     eax, [edi+14h]  → rgb خواندن چهار بایت از فیلد
.text:30E2B005          inc     [ebp+var_4]
.text:30E2B008          shr     eax, 4
.text:30E2B00B          and     eax, esi
.text:30E2B00D          add     ebx, 18h
.text:30E2B010          cmp     [ebp+var_4], eax
.text:30E2B013          jl      short loc_30E2AFD0
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In the above function 4bytes of values from this field is read and the result of shifting it 4bytes right and logic 'and' with 0FFF value will be compared with some number and if greater than that the execution is moved to the beginning of the loop causing sub_30E2B01F to be called.

Now it can be considered vulnerable because there is no control on the value of the 4byte read rgb.

If follow the sub_30E2B01F function, you stop at the sub_57159C function:

```
.text:3057159C          push    ebp
.text:3057159D          mov     ebp, esp
.text:305715B7          mov     ecx, [ebx+10h]
.text:305715BA          add     ecx, eax
.text:305715BC          cmp     ecx, [ebx+14h]
.text:305715BF          jbe     loc_30571657
.text:305715C5
.text:305715C5 loc_305715C5:                    ; CODE XREF: sub_3057159C+B2j
.text:305715C5          mov     edx, [ebx+10h]
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.text:305715C8          mov     eax, [ebx+14h]
.text:305715CB          mov     esi, [ebp+arg_0]
.text:305715CE          mov     edi, [ebp+arg_4]
.text:305715D1          sub     eax, edx
.text:305715D3          add     esi, edx
.text:305715D5          mov     ecx, eax
.text:305715D7          sub     [ebp+arg_8], eax
.text:305715DA          mov     edx, ecx
.text:305715DC          add     [ebp+arg_4], eax
.text:305715DF          shr     ecx, 2
.text:305715E2          rep movsd
.text:305715E4          mov     ecx, edx
.text:305715E6          and     ecx, 3
.text:305715E9          rep movsb
.text:305715EB          add     [ebx+0Ch], eax
.text:305715EE          cmp     dword_3080A110, 0
.text:305715F5          jnz     short loc_305715FE
.text:305715F7          call    sub_300ACD15
.text:305715FC          jmp     short loc_30571603
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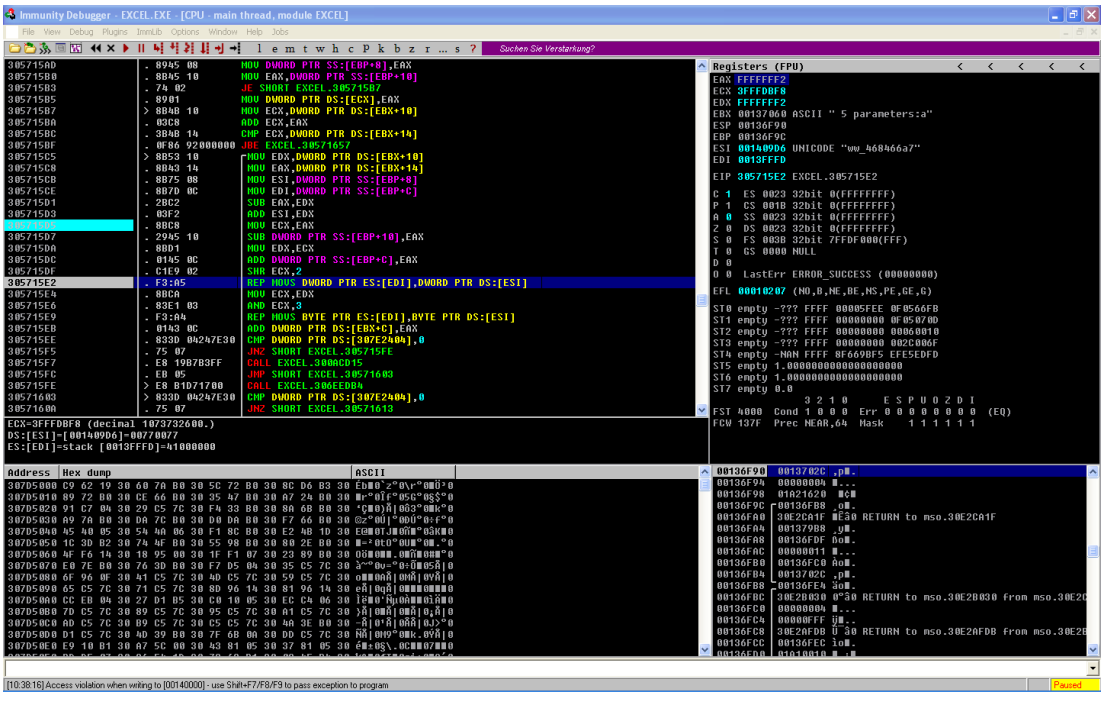
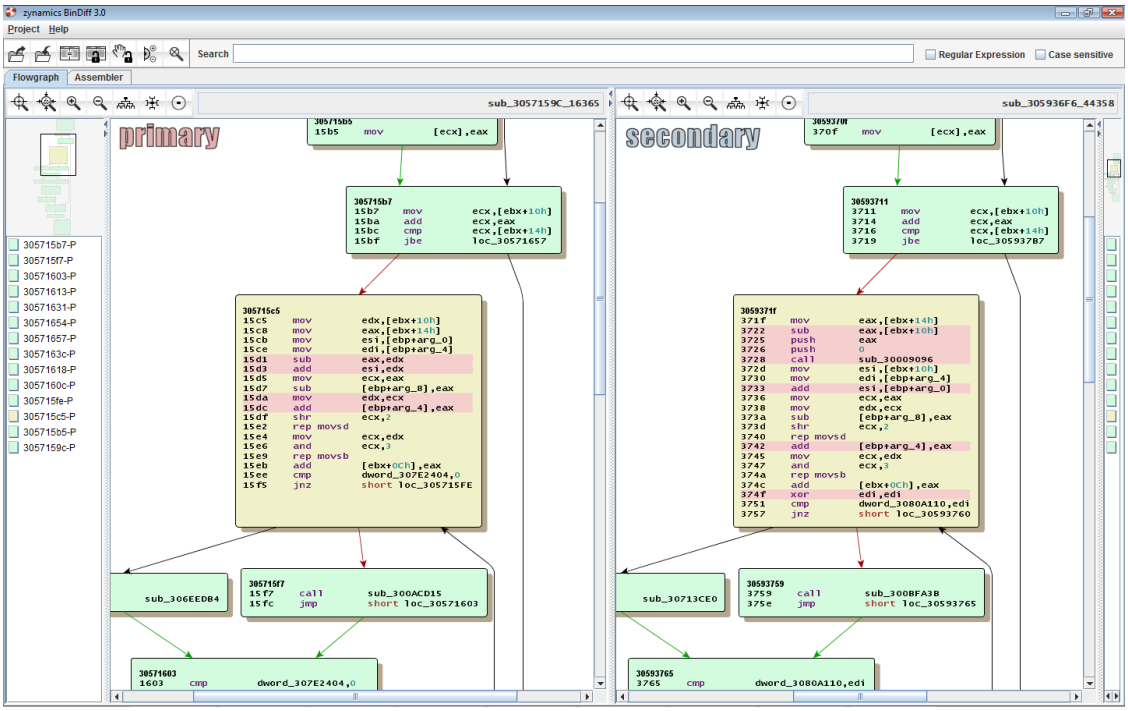
This function copies the content of records related to encryption in some buffer. In part of the function it checks whether we reach the end of the record or not. In case of the end of the record the length of the next record will be substitute by constant value of 0Eh. An then according to the result the buffer copying operation will be performed.

The main problem of this vulnerability is not checking the result of the substitution. If the length of the next record is less than the 0Eh the result is a negative or on the other way a very big number. So with the amount of this big number will be copied to the buffer.



In order to crash the program 58bytes from the beginning of the record should be skipped, then initializing with 4byte will crash the program depend on your value. For finding the beginning of this record in the poc file search the '66 08 4E 00' value in the hex editor (Be care that the 866 value is the identity for HFPicture record)

In the following graph you can see the comparison between vulnerable and patched code relating to the XP sp3. As you see in the patched version some checking code is added to the function for the substitution.



EXPLOIT

As we discussed earlier the vulnerability can be stack overflow. Demonstrated on above picture all of the stack are overwritten, so the seh structure overwritten too. If someone able to gain the values of this structure can exploit the vulnerability.