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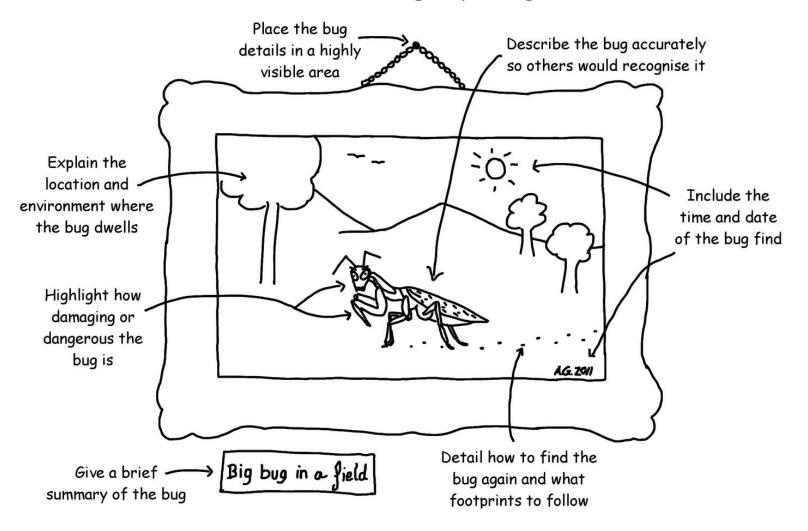
## Motivation

«One does not know all the expected effects of known bugs.»

— Frederick Brooks, The Mythical Man-Month

# What is a good bug report?

The Art of Bug Reporting



# From a bug to the attack

#### Bug

Problem caused by code that produces an unexpected result.

#### **Vulnerability**

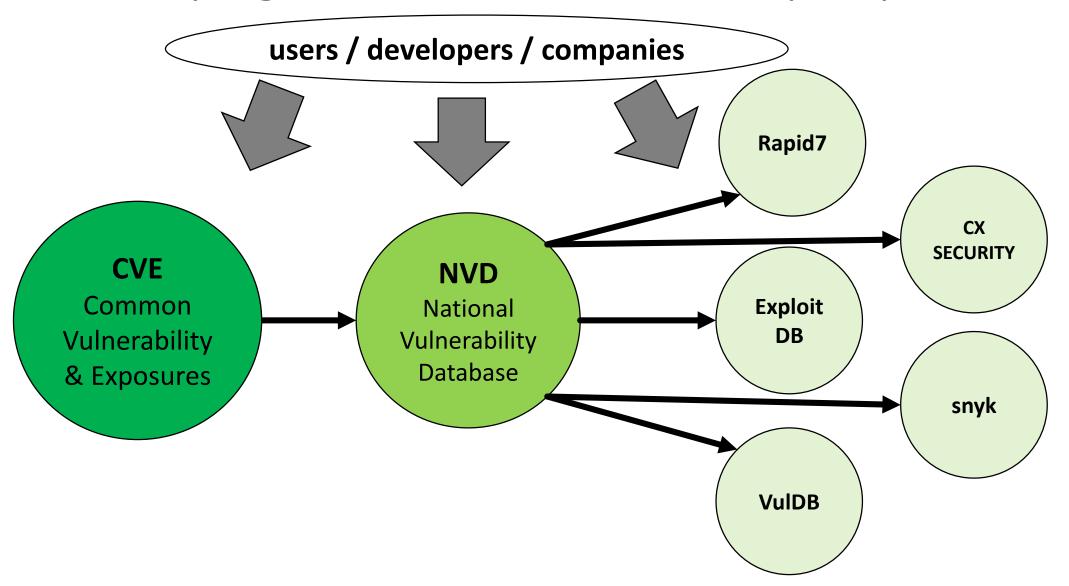
Bug that allows attackers to carry out prohibited actions.

#### **Exploit**

Executable code that leverages the vulnerability.

#### **Attack**

# Propagation of vulnerability reports



# Preliminary research questions

#### RQ1:

What are the commonly used criteria in bug reports, and how are they used?

#### RQ2:

How and when are reports propagated between the various databases? Can we find any trends?

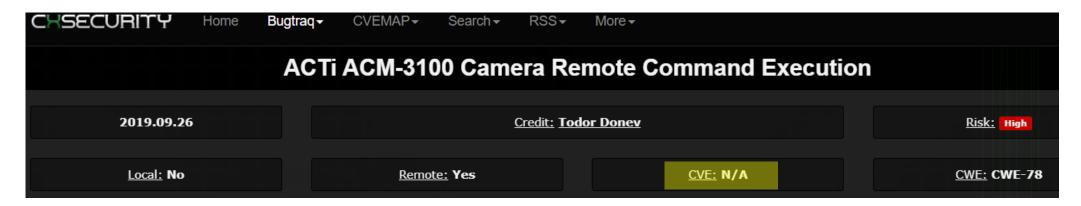
#### RQ3:

What is the role and reliability of the used vulnerability score metrics?



# Notable observation #1

#### Missing data



significance?



# Notable observation #2

#### Harmful data

CVE-2019-16701

Learn more at National Vulnerability Database (NVD).

• CVSS Severity Rating • Fix Information • Vulnerable Software Versions • SCAP Mappings • CPE Information

Description

pfSense through 2.3.4 through 2.4.4-p3 allows Remote Code Injection via a methodCall XML document with a pfsense.exec\_php call containing shell metacharacters in a parameter value.

References

Note: References are provided for the convenience of the reader to help distinguish between vulnerabilities. The list is not intended to be complete.

• MISC:http://packetstormsecurity.com/files/154587/pfSense-2.3.4-2.4.4-p3-Remote-Code-Injection.html

• MISC:https://github.com/pfsense/pfsense/commits/master



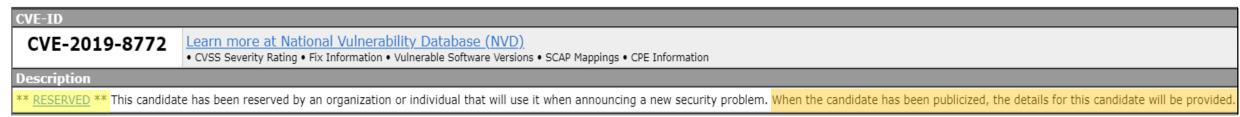
Proof-of-Concept? Exploit?

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
import argparse
import requests
import time
import sys
import string
import random
parser = argparse.ArgumentParser()
parser.add_argument("--rhost", help = "Target Uri https://127.0.0.1")
parser.add_argument("--password", help = "pfsense Password")
args = parser.parse_args()
rhost = args.rhost
password = args.password
print "[+] CVE-2019-16701 - Pfsense - Remote Code Injection"
print "'
print ""
command = "<?xml version='1.0' encoding='iso-8859-1'?>"
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# RQ2 (Propagation)

# Notable observation #3

#### Information leak before «official» disclosure





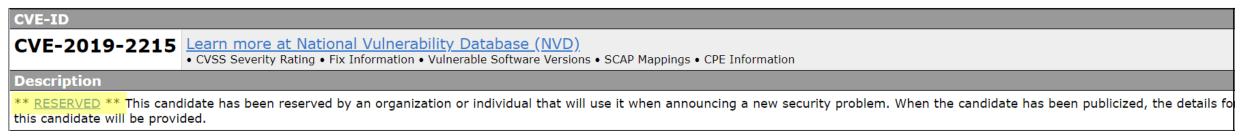
# OS X update for PDFKit (CVE-2019-8772) Severity CVSS Published Created Added Modified 4 (AV:L/AC:M/Au:N/C:P/I:P/A:P) 10/08/2019 10/09/2019 10/08/2019 10/08/2019 Description

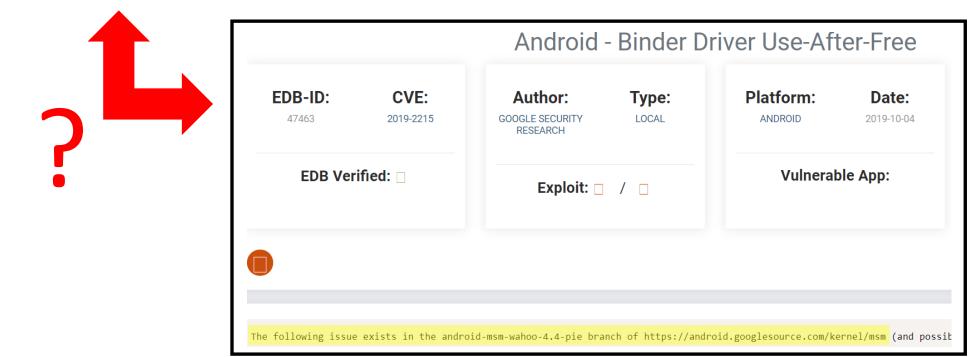
An issue existed in the handling of links in encrypted PDFs. This issue was addressed by adding a confirmation prompt.

# RQ2 (Propagation)

# Notable observation #4

#### Information leak before «official» disclosure

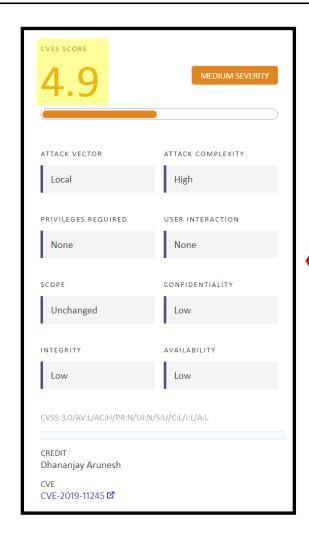




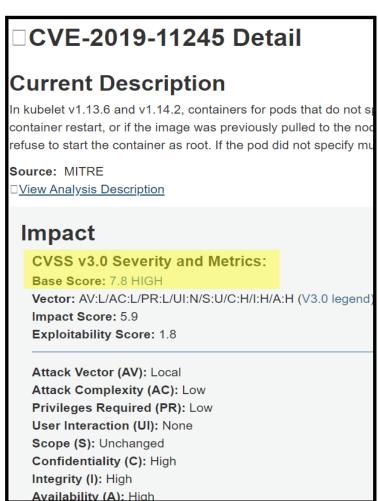
RQ3 (Metrics)

## Notable observation #5

#### Scores diverge



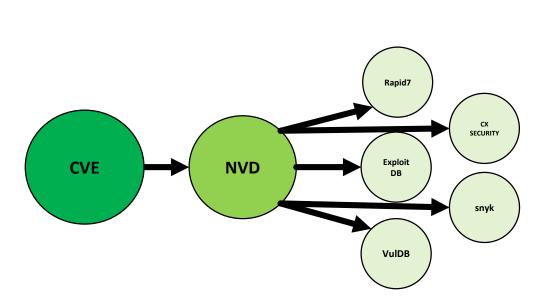


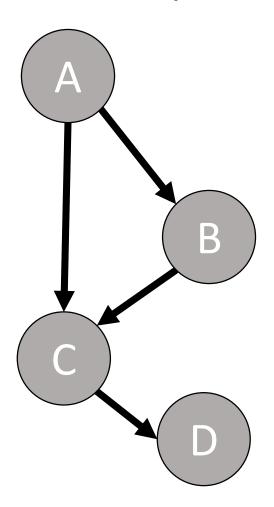


# Next Steps

- 1. **Download or parse** data from vulnerability database websites
- 2. **Reverse bug report look ups** to collect initial reports from accessible repositories
- 3. **Search** within the data for outliers and trends
- 4. **Distill findings for advice** towards developers, security researchers & end users

# Summary







Unstructured & distributed information

**Solution** 

**Vision** 

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