

APPLE: REVERSE ENGINEERING AND DEMYSTIFYING *OS PRIVATE FRAMEWORKS

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OPEN SOURCE?

Apple is generally classified as a closed-source company; however, many pieces of code are open-source: <u>https://opensource.apple.com</u>.

There are private and public frameworks, where private are closed-source and designed to be used only by Apple themselves. Public frameworks are closed-source as well, but they are documented.

For most developers, public frameworks provide well-designed APIs and functionalities that derive stability and get constant support from Apple.

But what if we want to use private frameworks as well?

We may also want to search for security vulnerabilities and apply for a bounty: <u>https://developer.apple.com/security-bounty/</u>.

DYLD SHARED CACHE

"When Apple builds *OS we take all the commonly-used dynamic libraries and prelink them together into a single shared file." – most apple frameworks reside in the dyld shared cache file.

The problem arises - we can't recover the source code, headers, exports, etc. What can we do? Let's extract the dyld shared cache and begin to reverse engineer target libraries! WE WILL USE THIS PROJECT TO AID US: <u>HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/KEITH/</u> <u>DYLD-SHARED-CACHE-</u> <u>EXTRACTOR</u> EXTRACTING THE DYLD SHARED CACHE cr7pt0pl4gu3@Daniils-MacBook-Pro research % dyld-shared-cache-extractor /System/Library/dyld/dyld_shared_cache_arm64e libraries/

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BINARYNINJA

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REVERSE ENGINEERING TOOL OF CHOICE: BINARY NINJA

A LOT OF FRAMEWORKS TO CHOOSE FROM

- The list on the right is not complete and only shows an exhibit of what is available
- For this presentation I decided to reverse engineer the "acfs" and "SystemAdministration" FRAMEWORKS

AAAFoundation.framework AAAFoundationSwift.framework AACCore framework ACDEClient.framework AFKUser.framework AGXCompilerCore.framework AGXGPURawCounter.framework AMPDesktopUI.framework AMPDevices.framework AMPLibrary.framework AMPSharing.framework ANECompiler.framework ANEServices.framework AOSAccounts.framework AOSAccountsLite.framework AOSKit.framework AOSUI.framework APAESActivity.framework APFS.framework APTransport.framework ASOctaneSupport.framework AVConference.framework AVFCapture.framework AVFCore.framework AVFoundationCF.framework AVKitCore.framework AVKitMacHelper.framework AXAssetLoader.framework AXCoreUtilities.framework AXHearingCoreSupport.framework AXHearingSupport.framework AXMediaUtilities.framework AXRuntime.framework AccessibilityBundles.framework AccessibilityPerformance.framework AccessibilityPlatformTranslation.framework AccessibilitySharedSupport.framework AccessibilitySharedUISupport.framework AccessibilitySupport.framework AccessoryNowPlaying.framework AccountPolicy.framework AccountsDaemon.framework AccountsUI.framework AcousticMaterials.framework ctionKit.framework

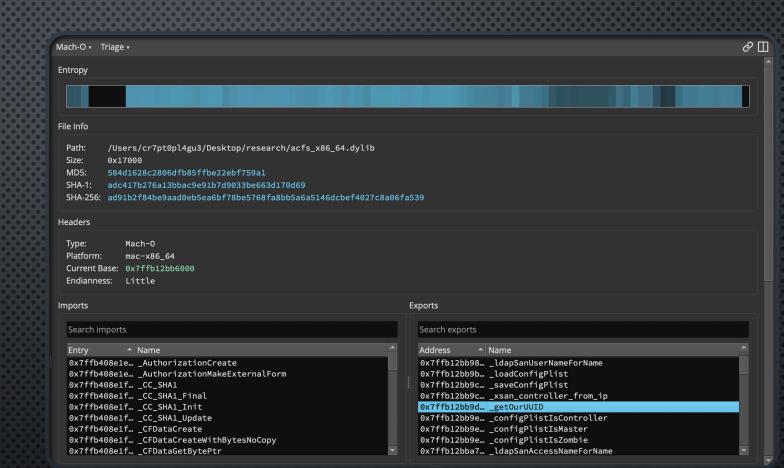
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7pt0pl4gu3@Daniils-MacBook-Pro ~ % ls ~/Desktop/libraries/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks

PowerlogCore.framework PowerloaDatabaseReader.framework PowerlogFullOperators.framework PowerloaHelperdOperators.framework PowerlogLiteOperators.framework PreferencePanesSupport.framework PreviewsFoundation.framework PreviewsInjection.framework PreviewsMessaging.framework Previews0SSupport.framework Previews0SSupportUI.framework PreviewsServices.framework PreviewsServicesUI.framework PreviewsUIKitMacHelper.framework PrintKit.framework PrintingPrivate.framework PrivateFederatedLearning.framework ProVideo.framework ProactiveBlendingLayer_macOS.framework ProactiveEventTracker.framework ProactiveExperiments.framework ProactiveExperimentsInternals.framework ProactiveHarvesting.framework ProactiveInputPredictions.framework ProactiveInputPredictionsInternals.framework ProactiveInsights.framework ProactiveML.framework ProactiveSuggestionClientModel.framework ProactiveSupport.framework ProactiveSupportStubs.framework PromotedContentPrediction.framework PromotedContentSupport.framework ProofReader.framework ProtectedCloudStorage.framework ProtocolBuffer.framework PrototypeTools.framework Proximity.framework QLCharts.framework Quagga.framework QueryParser.framework QuickLookGeneration.framework OuickLookIosmac.framework QuickLookNonBaseSystem.framework QuickLookSupport.framework QuickLookThumbnailGeneration.framework

ASSESSING EXPORTS

WE FIRST OPEN THE DESIRED FRAMEWORK IN BINARY NINJA'S TRIAGE MODE TO LOOK FOR THE FUNCTIONS EXPORTED. OUT OF THEM, THE "GETOURUUID()" FUNCTION SEEMS INTERESTING AND IS EASY TO DEMONSTRATE ON.



REVERSE ENGINEERING THE FUNCTION

- WE WILL ASSUME THAT THE FUNCTION RETURNS ID TYPE INSTEAD OF INT64_T
- THERE IS ALSO A CALL TO "FILLINOURUUID()" FUNCTION INSIDE, WHICH WE NEED TO REVERSE ENGINEER AS WELL
- FUNCTION RETURNS OURUUID FROM THE BSS SEGMENT (UNINITIALIZED STATIC VARIABLES)

REVERSE ENGINEERING THE FUNCTION

- AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME RENAMING VARIABLES, CREATING STRUCTS AND DEFINING NECESSARY TYPES, THE FUNCTION LOOKS LIKE THAT
- ESSENTIALLY, THIS FUNCTION IS OBJECTIVE-C WRAPPER OF UNIX "GETHOSTUUID()/UUID_UNPARSE()" METHODS
- WE CAN ALSO UTILIZE A DEBUGGER TO RESOLVE SELECTORS, UNDEFINED DATA, SYMBOLS, ETC. THIS PROCESS IS NOT SHOWN HERE FOR SIMPLICITY

Mach-O 🗸 Linear 🗸 Pseudo C 🗸

7ffb12bb9db3 int64_t _fillInOurUUID()

```
7ffb12bb9db3 {
                  int64_t stack_guard_old = *(int64_t*)___stack_chk_guard;
7ffb12bb9dc3
                  if (_ourUUID == 0)
7ffb12bb9dd2
7ffb12bb9dca
7ffb12bb9ddb
                      struct timespec* wait;
7ffb12bb9ddb
                      wait = 0;
7ffb12bb9de9
                      struct uuid_t* id;
                      if (_gethostuuid(&id, &wait) != 0)
7ffb12bb9de9
7ffb12bb9de7
                          _NSLog(&error_data, ((uint64_t)*(int32_t*)__error()));
7ffb12bb9dfb
7ffb12bb9deb
7ffb12bb9e0b
                      char* out;
                      _uuid_unparse(&id, &out);
7ffb12bb9e0b
7ffb12bb9e10
                      char var_34_1 = 0;
                      _ourUUID = _objc_msgSend(_objc_alloc(__NSCFString), 0x2001aa1accd, &out);
7ffb12bb9e33
7ffb12bb9e2a
                  int64_t stack_guard_new = *(int64_t*)___stack_chk_guard;
7ffb12bb9e41
                  if (stack_guard_new != stack_guard_old)
7ffb12bb9e48
7ffb12bb9e44
                      ___stack_chk_fail();
7ffb12bb9e51
                      /* no return */
7ffb12bb9e51
7ffb12bb9e51
7ffb12bb9e50
                  return stack_guard_new;
7ffb12bb9e50
```

GENERATING HEADERS (.TBD)

- TO SUCCESSFULLY USE AND LINK AGAINST OUR TARGET LIBRARY, WE'LL NEED TO GENERATE A .TBD FILE
- A .TBD FILE IS A TEXT-BASED FILE USED BY APPLE XCODE, A MACOS IDE USED TO DEVELOP IOS AND MACOS APPS. IT CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT A .DYLIB LIBRARY, THE LOCATION OF THE .DYLIB LIBRARY, AND SYMBOLS.
- WE WILL UTILIZE <u>HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/INOAHDEV/TBD</u> PROJECT TO DUMP THE .DYLIB AND GENERATE A .TBD FROM IT

	lacBook-Pro research % ./tbd-mac -p acfs_x86_64.dylib -o acfs.tbd lacBook-Pro research % head -n 50 acfs.tbd
!tapi-tbd-v2	
archs:	[x86_64]
uuids:	['x86_64: 3F6B2D2C-C9DD-3D4F-85D9-96A910E616E4']
platform:	macosx
flags:	[flat_namespace]
install-name:	/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/acfs.framework/Versions/A/acfs
current-version:	1
compatibility-version:	
objc-constraint: exports:	retain_release
- archs:	[x86_64]
symbols:	[_CFXsanErrorDomain, _GetXsanConfigEssentials,
	_buildSanConfig, _buildSanConfigC, _buildSanConfigCF,
0	_buildXsanDirs, _changeXsanIPAddr,
	_checkSanConfigChange, _checkSanConfigChangeWithServer,
0 1	_clearXsanVolumeLockout, _configPlistIsController,
	_configPlistIsMaster, _configPlistIsZombie,
	_cullSanConfig, _destroySanConfig, _destroySanConfigC,
	_destroySanConfigCF, _getOurUUID,
	_ldapSanAccessNameForName, _ldapSanConfNameForName,
	_ldapSanUserNameForName, _loadConfigPlist,
	_loadControllerCerts, _loadLocalXsanConfig,
	_read_xsan_cfg_file,
	_redactXsanSecretsWithHash,
	<pre>_requestSanConfig1, _requestSanConfigC,</pre>
	_requestSanConfigCF, _resetSanController,
	_saveConfigPlist, _saveLocalXsanConfig,
	_saveRemoteXsanConfig, _send_xsand_request,
	_send_xsand_requestCF,
	_xsan_controller_from_ip, _xsan_migrate_automount,
	_xsan_upgrade, _xsand_make_mount_for_dict,
	_xsand_wipe_configuration]
undefineds:	
- archs:	[x86_64]
symbols:	
	_CC_SHA1, _CC_SHA1_Final, _CC_SHA1_Init, _CC_SHA1_Update,
	_CFDataCreate, _CFDataCreateWithBytesNoCopy,

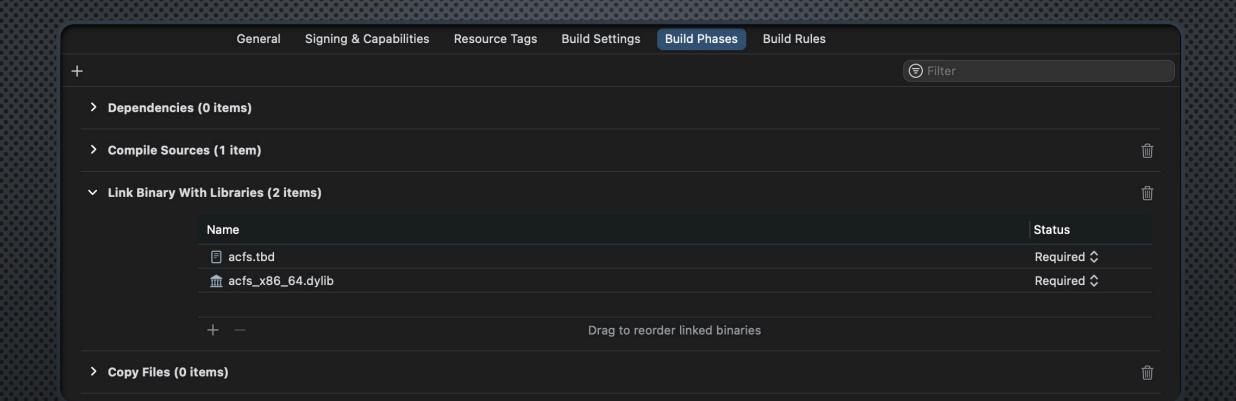
.TBD GENERATION AND LAYOUT

```
3 #import <objc/message.h>
4
5 #include <stdio.h>
6
7 extern id getOurUUID(void);
8
9 int main(void) {
10 id uuid = getOurUUID();
11 NSLog(@"Name of the class: %s", class_getName([uuid class]));
12 NSLog(@"UUID is %@", uuid);
13 }
```

#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>

#import <objc/runtime.h>

CREATING XCODE PROJECT AND USING THE GETOURUUID() FUNCTION



LINKING AND BUILDING

2022-04-13 03:02:17.870087+0300 test[31086:276412] Name of the class: __NSCFString 2022-04-13 03:02:17.870389+0300 test[31086:276412] UUID is: 16FAD1E9-766A-5967-9AF4-B08D0D18FA43 Program ended with exit code: 0

All Output ≎

RUNNING OUR PROJECT

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EASIER LINKAGE?

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Name	Embed
🚔 acfs.framework	Embed & Sign 🗘

• WE CAN ALSO LINK FRAMEWORK FROM /System/Library/PrivateFrameworks folder directly, the result is the same

OBJECTIVE-C CLASSES

We now know how to utilize C/Objective-C functions, but what if we want to use a class?

Objective-C runtime & messaging comes to our aid!

We will also explore how to utilize Objective-C runtime, eliminating the need for the Objective-C class/method declarations!

Exports

admuser

Address Name 0x7ff8429634... _OBJC_IVAR_\$_ADMUser.mCachedName 0x7ff8429634... _OBJC_IVAR_\$_ADMUser.mCachedPassword 0x7ff8429634... _OBJC_IVAR_\$_ADMUser.mIsLocal 0x7ff8429634... _OBJC_IVAR_\$_ADMUser.mIdentityRef 0x7ff8429639... _OBJC_CLASS_\$_ADMUser 0x7ff8429639... _OBJC_CLASS_\$_ADMUserAccountUtilities 0x7ff842963d... _OBJC_METACLASS_\$_ADMUser 0x7ff842963d... _OBJC_METACLASS_\$_ADMUserAccountUtilities

SYSTEMADMINISTRATION.FRAMEWORK EXPORT TABLE

Symbols Search symbols

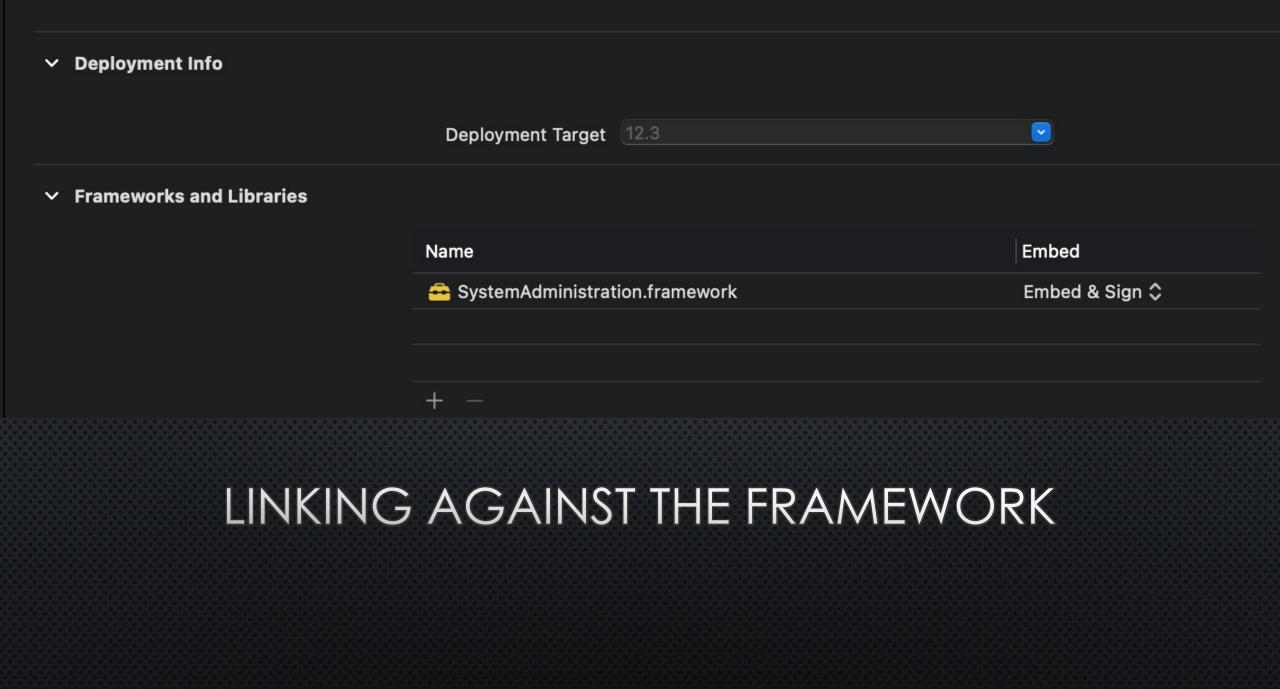
#

_+[ADMUser currentUser]

- ___22+[ADMUser currentUser]_block_invoke
- _+[ADMUser findUserByName:searchParent:]
- _+[ADMUser(UserPrivate) _findUserName:searchParent:]
- _+[ADMUser(UserPrivate) _attributesToFetch]
- _+[ADMUser(UserPrivate) _findUser:fullName:searchParent:attributes:]
- _+[AdminDirectoryService sharedSession]
- _+[AdminDirectoryService sharedDirectoryService]
- _-[AdminDirectoryService open]
- _-[AdminDirectoryService isOpen]
- _-[AdminDirectoryService session]
- _+[ADMUser(UserPrivate) _createDSListFromArray:]
- _+[ADMDSNode openSearchNode]
- _-[AdminDirectoryService nameOfSearchNode]
- _-[AdminDirectoryService nameOfNodeWithName:patternMatch:]
- _-[AdminDirectoryService namesOfNodeWithName:patternMatch:]

WE NOTICE THAT "ADMUSER" OBJECTIVE-C CLASS IS BEING EXPORTED, WHICH MEANS THAT EVERY METHOD OF THE CLASS IS EXPORTED AS WELL (FOR EXAMPLE, THE "CURRENTUSER" SELECTOR IS AVAILABLE).

THE [ADMUSER CURRENTUSER] CALL IS RATHER SELF-EXPLANATORY. WE WILL TRY TO USE IT WITHOUT REVERSE ENGINEERING ITS INNER WORKINGS TO SAVE TIME.



```
#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
   #import <objc/runtime.h>
   #import <objc/message.h>
4
   #include <stdio.h>
   int main(void) {
      Class userClass = NSClassFromString(@"ADMUser");
      NSLog(@"Name of the class: %s", class_getName(userClass));
      NSLog(@"Current user info: %@", [userClass performSelector:@selector(currentUser)]);
11
  }
                     (NSCLASSFROMSTRING &&
```

PERFORMSELECTOR) TRICK

r7pt0pl4gu3@Daniils-MacBook-Pro research % /Users/cr7pt0pl4gu3/Library/Developer/Xcode/DerivedData/test-exfyihingjypzmcliefkardcszll/Build/Products/Debug/test 2022-04-13 14:05:12.897 test[34415:399806] Name of the class: ADMUser 2022-04-13 14:05:12.907 test[34415:399806] Current user info: <ADMUser: 0x60000356c2a0> recordName=cr7pt0pl4gu3 recordType=dsRecTypeStandard:Users

```
"dsAttrTypeNative:AvatarRepresentation" = {
   attributeValue = {length = 0, bytes = 0x};
   attributeValueID = 4294967295;
"dsAttrTypeNative:IsHidden" =
"dsAttrTypeNative:LinkedIdentity" =
"dsAttrTypeNative:_defaultLanguage" =
"dsAttrTypeNative:_guest" =
"dsAttrTypeNative:_shadow_passwd" =
"dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_AvatarRepresentation" = {
   attributeValue = cr7pt0pl4gu3;
   attributeValueID = 267699597;
"dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_LinkedIdentity" =
"dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_UserCertificate" =
   attributeValue = cr7pt0pl4gu3;
   attributeValueID = 267699597;
"dsAttrTypeNative:_writers__defaultLanguage" =
"dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_hint" =
   attributeValue = cr7pt0pl4gu3;
   attributeValueID = 267699597;
"dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_inputSources" =
   attributeValue = cr7pt0pl4gu3;
   attributeValueID = 267699597;
```

"dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_jpegphoto" = {

SUCCESS!

P.S. WHAT THE... (HAPPILY TAKEN FROM ACFS.FRAMEWORK)

7ffb12bbaa10 void* const _sha512MeBaby(int64_t arg1)

Mach-O • Linear • Pseudo C •

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, HAPPY HACKING ;) QUESTIONS?

RESOURCES

- HTTPS://DEVELOPER.APPLE.COM/FORUMS/THREAD/692383
- <u>HTTPS://BINARY.NINJA</u>
- HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/KEITH/DYLD-SHARED-CACHE-EXTRACTOR
- HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/INOAHDEV/TBD
- <u>HTTP://NEWOSXBOOK.COM/INDEX.PHP</u> (VOLUME I USER MODE)
- HTTPS://OPENSOURCE.APPLE.COM
- <u>HTTPS://DEVELOPER.APPLE.COM/SECURITY-BOUNTY/</u>
- <u>HTTPS://WOJCIECHREGULA.BLOG/POST/PLAY-THE-MUSIC-AND-BYPASS-TCC-AKA-CVE-2020-29621/</u>