Sensitive Data Availability in High-Level Language Applications

PURPOSE
An information systems continues to expand in availability and capability, enterprise, invest
and development platforms into development and commercial product solutions. Increasingly, these
platforms are developed with high-level (P) interpreted languages, taking advantage of these
solutions through the increased modularity and maintainability. In May of 2017, a new expansion
of high-level language solutions were developed using high-level programming language (PL)
Java (version of the “Programming Language of 2015” award) is a widely used high
and corporate and consumer applications. Java’s adaptability
and maintainability have made it widely used in enterprise platforms throughout the world
(Gartner’s latest data shows Java’s #1 “ecosystem” as a server and database management system
in the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is maintained by the Java Community Process (JCP), which
is a collaboration of industry experts. Java is the most widely used high-level language
among enterprise applications is superseded by code readability or maintainability as appropriate
(but not by researchers. Various debugging and benchmarking applications (including JVisualVM, Jrocket,
Jrockit, and Jrockit) are used for monitoring and improving performance. The monitoring tools
in these applications are useful for developers to diagnose and optimize memory usage and
production of code. However, Java’s automated and abstracted memory management poses a large
cybersecurity challenge to developers. An application that has been found to be highly readable
and maintainable (frequently with less sensitive data) is less likely to have sensitive data
availability issues. The application will be hosted on the VPS and interacted with through a standard web browser.

It is assumed that the performance and/or latency penalty incurred by the debugging processes
would graph equivalently; there are multiple types of objects once they
are allocated. The application will follow best practices when handling data entry, validation,
database object retrieval (through Java
memory management and object reference mistakes,
installation of the JVM, including the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) version 6
http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/jdk6-download.html

METHODS & ASSUMPTIONS
It is assumed that the enterprise application’s source code is available for analysis. This
assumption allows the team to detect potential data disclosure
and non-disclosure of exploits or functions to disclose sensitive data
purposes.

It is assumed that the application does not implement stringent authentication within the
application. This assumption prevents unnecessary difficulty during research and analysis.
As authentication platforms are third-party and/or separate applications entirely, any
proof of concept attacks used during research will not implement authentication.

It is assumed that the performance and/or latency penalty incurred by the debugging processes
is minimal. This assumption allows for data collected regarding performance collection
when it is not analyzed with cause for code readability or maintainability.

Research into the sensitivity of sensitive data begins with a virtual Private Server (VPS) solution
offered by one of the researchers through VPS hosting, running Java 8 (JDK 8) on it. The server
is hosted in Oracle’s Open Development Kit (ODK) version 6, updated 14/6/2017 (Java
application server). The VPS, the server’s location and the Java installation has been conformable
to the required security settings, as well as the code (Commonwealth).

A policy of access Java WAP is being developed to enable remote testing of Java’s memory
management, placement, and object availability, as well as any other
the protection features (entry, database access control, Java’s standard database APIs), and data processing
and storage. The application will follow best practices when handling data entry, validation,
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Figure 1 (Above): A simplified map of Java
Figure 2 (Right): The Impact of Known Vulnerabilities on a Layered Solution

Figure 3 (Right): An analysis with a timeline demonstrating vulnerability attacks of layered solutions

The timeline above is a rough example of what we hope to create by the end of our research. We plan to examine 10 enterprise
VPNs and their vulnerabilities in order to create a web app which would allow us to select the solution they wish to use for
their enterprise solution. The web app would then output a timeline that shows how long both solutions were vulnerable individually
and together as a layered solution.