

Pulling MikroTik into the Limelight

Demystifying and Jailbreaking RouterOS



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Crash course to accelerate your research / tool development / tinkering



MikroTik? RouterOS?

manufacturer and operating system overview



- Latvian router and switch engineering and manufacturing company
- Multiple architectures
- Standardized operating system, RouterOS
- Standardized UI and configuration utilities

```
[admin@MikroTik] >  
caps-man      interface  lora        quickset    tool        password  
certificate   iot        mpls        radius      tr069-client ping  
console       ip         openflow    routing     user        quit  
disk          ipv6       port        snmp        beep        redo  
dude          kvm        ppp         special-login export      undo  
file          log        queue       system      import
```

Uniform UI



```
[admin@MikroTik] >  
caps-man      interface  lo  
certificate   iot        mp  
console       ip         op  
disk          ipv6       po  
dude          kvm        pp  
file          log        qu
```

admin@192.168.1.161 (MikroTik) - WinBox (64bit) v6.49.1 on x86 (x86)

Session Settings Dashboard

Safe Mode Session: 192.168.1.161

Address List

Address	Network	Interface
10.10.1.5/24	10.10.1.0	ether2
192.168.1.161/...	192.168.1.0	ether1

2 items

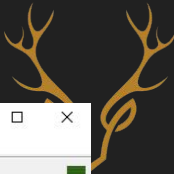
Name	Type	Speed	Rate
ether1	Ethernet	1500	17.6 kbps
ether2	Ethernet	1500	4.2 kbps

2 items

Terminal <1>

```
actual-interface=ether2  
1 D address=192.168.1.161/24 network=192.168.1.0 interface=ether1  
actual-interface=ether1  
[admin@MikroTik] > /  
[admin@MikroTik] >  
caps-man      iot      openflow  snmp      export  
certificate   ip       port      special-login  import  
console       ipv6    ppp       system    password  
disk          kvm     queue     tool      ping  
dude          log     quickset  tr069-client  quit  
file          lora    radius    user      redo  
interface     mpls   routing   beep      undo  
[admin@MikroTik] >
```

Uniform UI



RouterOS v6.49.1 (stable)

Address List

2 items

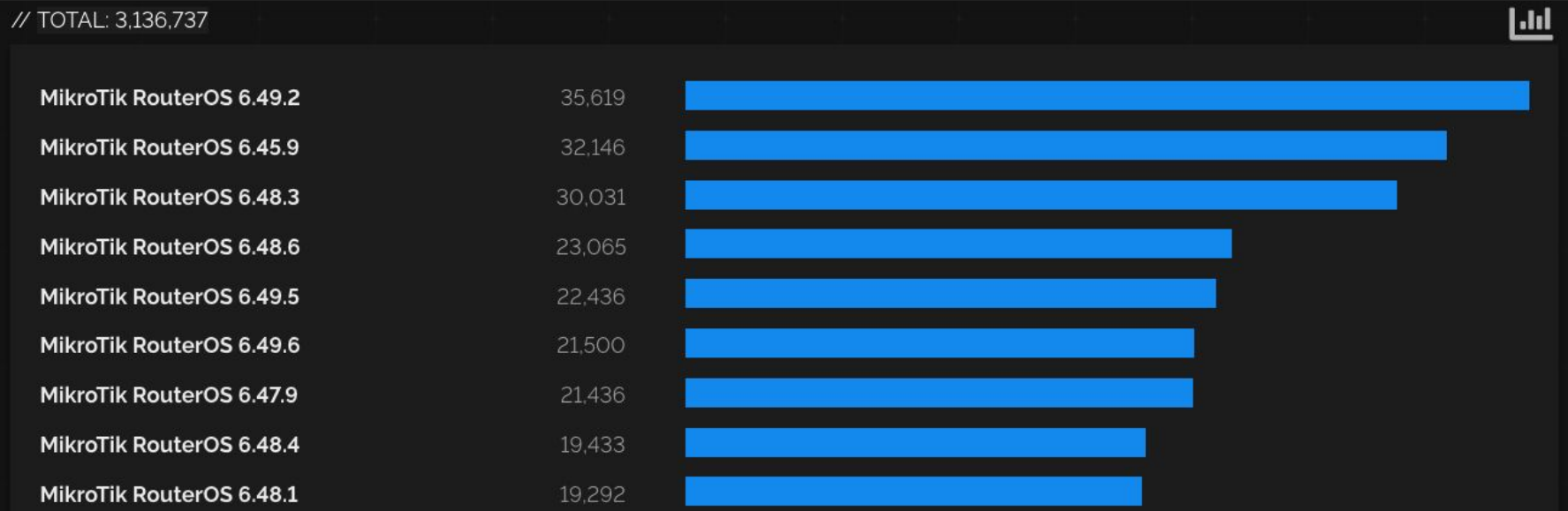
		Address	Network	Interface	
-	D	10.10.1.5/24	10.10.1.0	ether2	
-	D	192.168.1.161/24	192.168.1.0	ether1	

```
oTik] > /
oTik] >
iot  openflow  snmp          export
ip    port       special-login import
ipv6  ppp       system         password
kvm   queue     tool           ping
log   quickset  tr069-client   quit
lora  radius     user           redo
mpls  routing    beep          undo
oTik] >
```



Why MikroTik?

- **3M+** devices worldwide
- CVE-2019-3977 + CVE-2019-3978 + CVE-2018-14847 + CVE-2018-7445 → TrickBot





RouterOS

for noobs



OS Version

6.x.x - LTS

- linux 3.3.5
- uClibc 0.9.33.2 (10 years old!)

7.x.x

- linux 5.6.3
- Musl libc 1.1.6 (7 years old!)

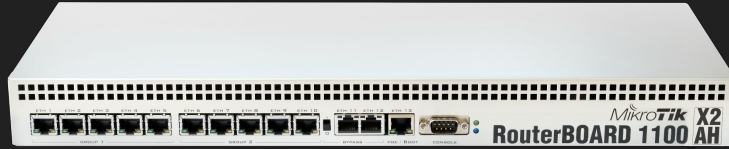


Architectures

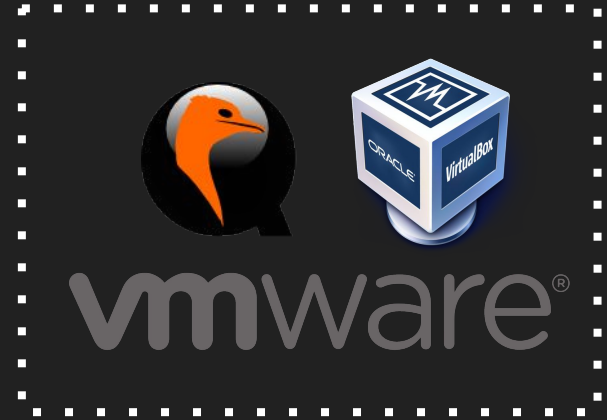
ARM



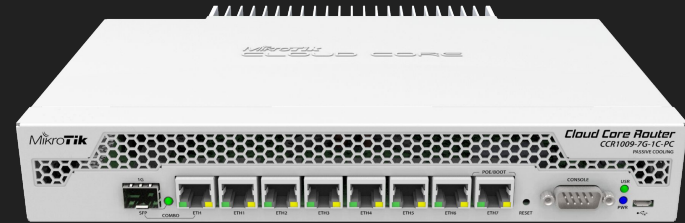
PPC



MIPS



x86



TILE?



User Space

libumsg.so - IPC / process lifecycle

libubox.so - configuration abstractions


libuhttp.so - web server management








































libuxml++.so - custom xml format

...



Downloadable Firmware

RouterOS v6 

	6.48.6 Long-term	6.49.6 Stable	6.49rc2 Testing
ARM			
Main package			
Extra packages			
The Dude server		-	
ARM64			
Main package			
Extra packages			
The Dude server		-	
MIPSBE			
Main package			
Extra packages			
MMIPS			
Main package			
Extra packages			
The Dude server		-	
SMIPS			
Main package			
Extra packages			
TILE			
Main package			



NPK (“nova package”)

NPK ::= blob*

blob ::= [tag:4][size:4]<data ...>

tag ::=

- info (0x1)
- description (0x2)
- signature (0x9)
- squashfs (0x15)
- digest (0x17)
- channel (0x18)
- ...

Verified during boot/installation

/bin - binaries
/lib - libraries
/etc - configuration



File System

`/flash/rw/{disk, logs, tmp, store...}` - writable region

`/lib` - core libraries

`/nova/bin` - system binaries

`/nova/lib` - system libraries

`/nova/etc` - system configuration

`/pkg/{name}/nova/{bin, lib, etc}` - package data



Processes

```
/nova/bin # ls
```

```
agent          convertbr      havecardbus   log            mtget          rbbios         socks         trafficgen
arpd           convertqueue  installer     login          net            resolver       ssld          trafflow
backup         detnet        ippool        logmaker       ninstall      restore        starter       traflog
bprog         discover      keyman        macping        panicsl        romon          stopper       undo
bridge2       diskd         kidcontrol    mactel         ping           route          sys2          upnp
btest         dot1x         lcdstat       mepty          portman        sermgr         telnet        user
cerm          email         led           mode           profiler       sertcp         telser        vrrp
cerm-worker   fileman       licupgr       modprobed     ptp            smb            tftpd        watchdog
cloud         ftpd          loader        moduler        quickset       sniffer        traceroute    wproxy
console       graphing      loader_bak    mproxy        radius         snmp           traf_con      www
```



Developer Backdoor

1. Login as user **devel**
2. Have **option** package

```
strcmp(p1: username, p2: "devel")
```

```
nv::hasOptionPackage()
```

```
if (r0_19 == 0)
    r0_149 = nv::hasOptionPackage()
    r5_1 = 0
    if (r0_149 != 0)
        nv::message::insert<nv::string_id>(message: &var_154, key: 1, val: &var_108)
        string::freeptr(str: &var_108)
    if (r0_19 != 0 || (r0_19 == 0 && r0_149 == 0))
        string::string(str: &var_108, ref: username)
        r5_1 = 0
        nv::message::insert<nv::string_id>(message: &var_154, key: 1, val: &var_108)
        string::freeptr(str: &var_108)
    is_devel = r5_1
```

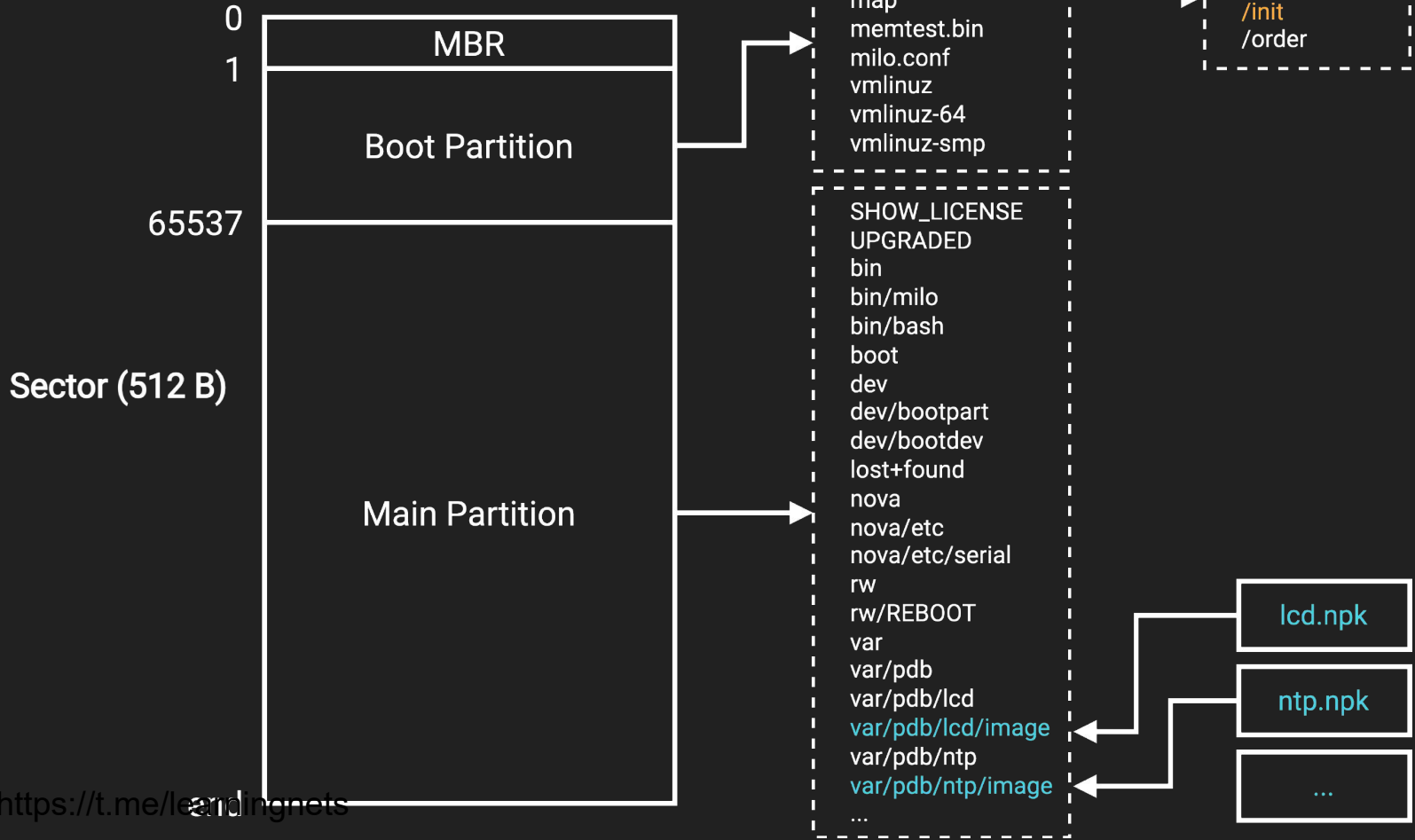
Problems:

- option package does not exist
- packages are *signed*

```
vector<uint8_t>::~~vector(vec: &var_140)
if (zx.d(is_devel) != 0 && nv::hasOptionPackage() != 0)
    int32_t r4_6 = 3
    var_a8 = &data_179de
    int32_t var_a4_1 = 0
    do
        int32_t r0_96 = r4_6
        r4_6 = r4_6 + 1
        close(fd: r0_96)
    while (r4_6 != 0x400)
```

```
execv(path: 0x179cd, argv: &var_a8) {"/pckg/option/bin/bash"}
```

/nova/bin/login





Bypassing Signature Validation

1. Find “%s/flash/var/pdb...” string
2. Patch function to return true

```
void* __convention("regparm") check_signature(int32_t* arg1, int32_t arg2, t
```

```
void var_114
sub_8067000(arg3, &var_114, 0x20)
void* eax_2 =>(*arg3 - 0xc)
if ((*arg3 + eax_2 + 0x14) & 5) == 0)
    void* var_170_1 = eax_2
    void* var_174_1 = eax_2
    void* var_174_2 = sub_806dcf4(&var_114, 0x10)
void var_9c
sub_806423a(&var_9c, &var_114)
sub_80645a4(arg1, &var_9c)
sub_8063fda(&var_9c)
int32_t var_104
arg1[6] = var_104
int32_t var_100
arg1[7] = var_100
sub_8049f78(&arg1[1], arg4)
sub_804e918(arg3)
int32_t var_17c_6 = *arg1 + 4
```

```
sub_806bf3c(&var_9c, 0x80, "%s/flash/var/pdb/%s/disabled")
```

```
*arg1 + 0x21) = sub_806a528(&var_9c, &var_f4) == 0
int32_t eax_10
```

Boot sector :: /init



Bypassing Signature Validation

1. Find “%s/flash/var/pdb...” string
2. Patch function to return true
3. Replace /init in initrd.rgz???



```
void* __convention("regparm") check_signature(int32_t* arg1, int32_t arg2, 1
```

```
void var_114
sub_8067000(arg3, &var_114, 0x20)
void* eax_2 =>(*arg3 - 0xc)
if ((*arg3 + eax_2 + 0x14) & 5) == 0)
    void* var_170_1 = eax_2
    void* var_174_1 = eax_2
    void* var_174_2 = sub_806dcf4(&var_114, 0x10)
    void var_9c
    sub_806423a(&var_9c, &var_114)
    sub_80645a4(arg1, &var_9c)
    sub_8063fda(&var_9c)
    int32_t var_104
    arg1[6] = var_104
    int32_t var_100
    arg1[7] = var_100
    sub_8049f78(&arg1[1], arg4)
    sub_804e918(arg3)
    int32_t var_17c_6 = *arg1 + 4
```

```
0x80, "%s/flash/var/pdb/%s/disabled")
```

```
*arg1 + 0x21) = sub_806a528(&var_9c, &var_f4) == 0
int32_t eax_10
```

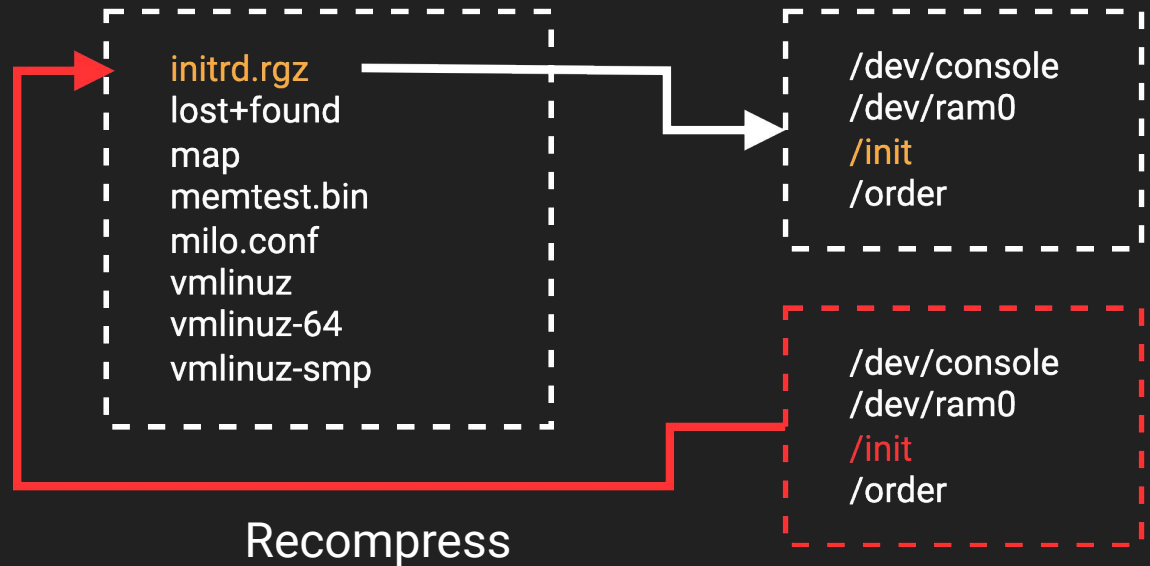
Boot sector :: /init



Replacing `initrd.rgz`

Need to match:

1. Decompressed size
2. Compressed size
3. Position in boot image



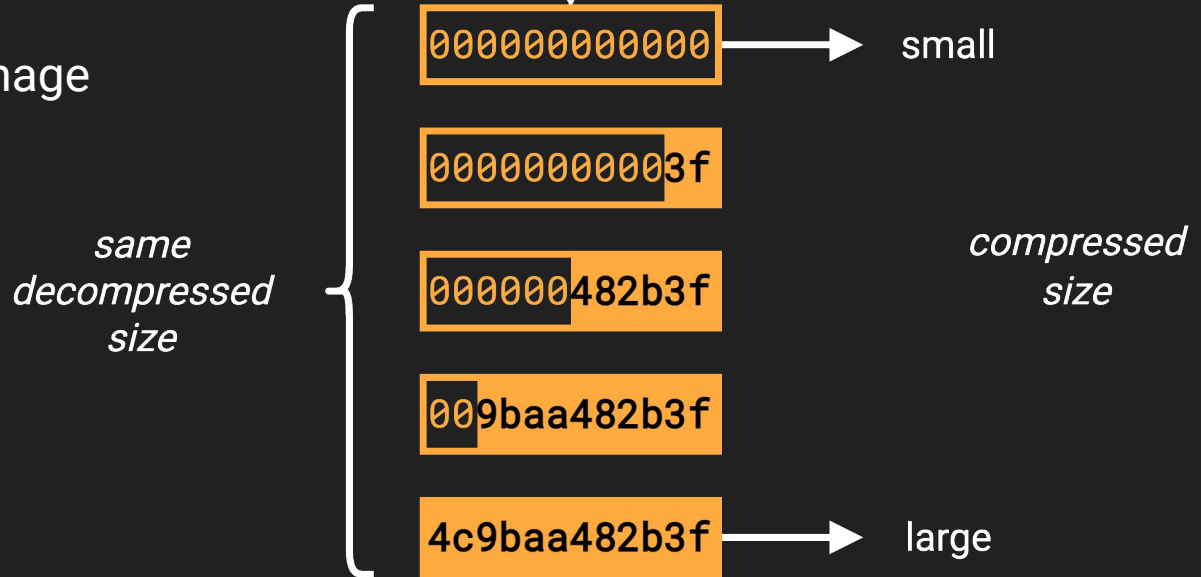


Entropy Trick

Need to match:

1. Decompressed size
2. Compressed size
3. Position in boot image

```
/dev/console  
/dev/ram0  
/init  
/pad
```

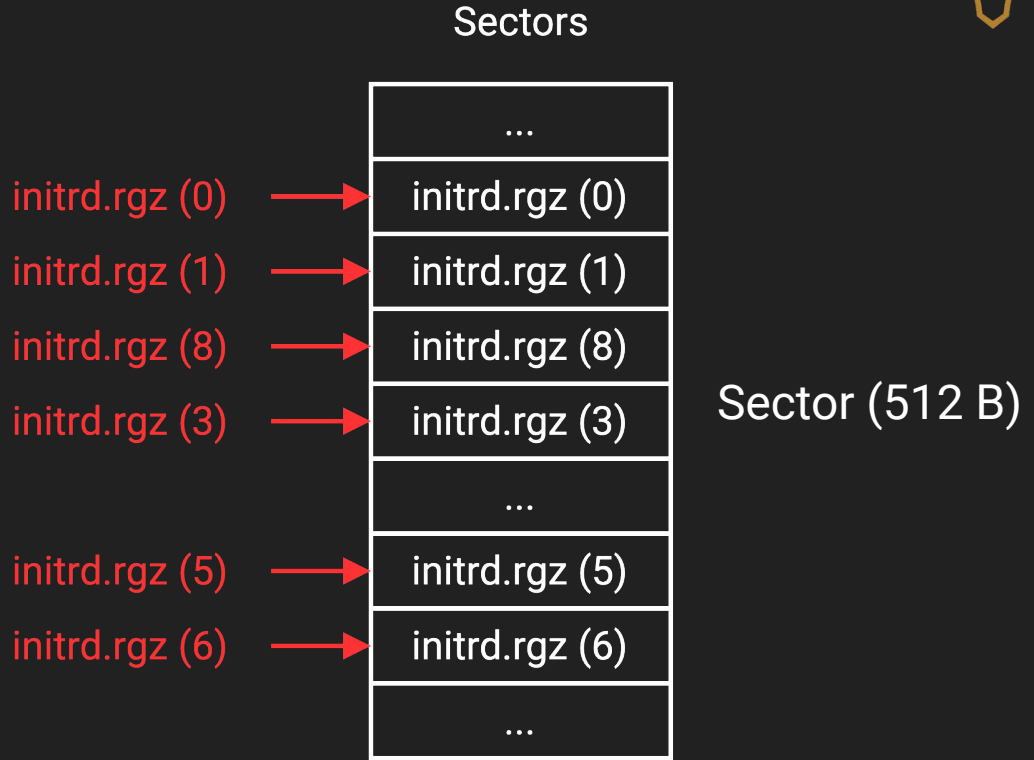




Find and Replace

Need to match:

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3. Position in boot image





1. Patch out signature validation
2. Install a fake `option.npk` with `/bin/bash` and `/bin/busybox`
3. `telnet -l devel`
4. Run `/pckg/option/bin/busybox sh` because our tty is broken

```
$ telnet -l devel 10.0.0.199
Trying 10.0.0.199...
Connected to 10.0.0.199.
Escape character is '^]'.
Password:
bash-5.1# /pckg/option/bin/busybox sh
/flash/rw/disk # uname -a
Linux MikroTik 3.3.5 #1 Fri Nov 12 10:41:00 UTC 2021 i686 GNU/Linux
```



MikroTik IPC

“what if we just recreate TCP/IP inside our routers...”
- MikroTik devs (probably)





nv::message (“nova message”)

- Typed key-value mapping
 - u32, u64, bool, string, bytes, IP address, nv::message
- 2 flavors:



pseudo-JSON
(deprecated)

Serialized Binary “M2”

M2([id:3][tag:1][data])*

tag = [a.ttt..s] (bits)



data=...

a = 0 (single value)

a = 1 (array)

t = 0 / bool

s contains bool value

[true, true, false, true]

0400 01 01 00 01 (s=0)

04 01 01 00 01 (s=1)

t = 1 / u32

0x42

42000000 (s=0)

42 (s=1)

[1, 2, 3]

0300 01000000 02000000 03000000 (s=0)

03 01000000 02000000 03000000 (s=1)

t = 2 / u64

0x1337

3713000000000000

[9, 8]

0200 0900000000000000 0800000000000000 (s=0)

02 0900000000000000 0800000000000000 (s=1)

t = 3 / IPv6

10.0.0.1 (IPv4)

00000000000000000000ffff01020304

1:2:3:4:5:6:7:8 (IPv6)

01000200030004000500060007000800

[a0, a1, a2, a3]

0400 [a0:16] [a1:16] [a2:16] [a3:16] (s=0)

04 [a0:16] [a1:16] [a2:16] [a3:16] (s=1)

t = 4 / string

"ABC"

0300 414243 (s=0)

t = 6 / raw

03 414243 (s=1)

["mikro", "tik"]

0200 0500 6d696b726f 0300 74696b (s=0)

02 0500 6d696b726f 0300 74696b (s=1)

t = 5 /

message

{u1: 0x12345678}

0a00 4d320100000878563412 (s=0)

0a 4d320100000878563412 (s=1)

[{u1: 0x11112222}, {b2: true}]

0200 0a00 4d320100000822221111 0600 4d3202000001 (s=0)

02 0a00 4d320100000822221111 0600 4d3202000001 (s=1)



Key Namespaces

key = 0xGGVVV, G=group, V=value



0xFF - SYS	0x07 - PING	0x10 - DUDE
0xFE - STD	0x08 - UNDO	0x11 - CONSOLE
0xFD - LOCAL	0x09 - LOG	0x12 - CERM
0x01 - NET	0x0A - MEPTY	0x2C - ROUTE
0x02 - MODULER	0x0B - PPPMAN	
0x03 - SERMGR	0x0C - RADIUS	
0x04 - NOTIFY	0x0D - HOTPLUG	
0x05 - RADV	0x0E - BRIDGE	
0x06 - SYSTEM	0x0F - DISKD	



SYS

0xFF0001	-	SYS_TO	0xFF000F	-	SYS_CTRL_ARG
0xFF0002	-	SYS_FROM	0xFF0010	-	SYS_USER_ID
0xFF0003	-	SYS_TYPE	0xFF0011	-	SYS_NOTIFCMD
0xFF0004	-	SYS_STATUS	0xFF0012	-	SYS_ORIGINATOR
0xFF0005	-	SYS_REPLY_EXPECTED	0xFF0013	-	SYS_ADDR
0xFF0006	-	SYS_REQUEST_ID	0xFF0016	-	SYS_DREASON
0xFF0007	-	SYS_CMD			
0xFF0008	-	SYS_ERROR_CODE			
0xFF0009	-	SYS_ERROR			
0xFF000A	-	SYS_USER			
0xFF000B	-	SYS_PERM			
0xFF000D	-	SYS_CTRL			

SYS

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0xFF0002 - SYS_FROM
0xFF0003 - SYS_TYPE
0xFF0004 - SYS_STATUS
0xFF0005 - SYS_REPLY_EXPECTED
0xFF0006 - SYS_REQUEST_ID
0xFF0007 - **SYS_CMD**
0xFF0008 - SYS_ERROR_CODE
0xFF0009 - SYS_ERROR
0xFF000A - SYS_USER
0xFF000B - SYS_PERM
0xFF000D - SYS_CTRL

0xfe0000 - NOP
0xfe0001 - getPolicies
0xfe0002 - getObj
0xfe0003 - setObj
0xfe0004 - getAll
0xfe0005 - addObj
0xfe0006 - removeObj
0xfe0007 - moveObj
0xfe0008 - setForm
0xfe000b - notify
0xfe000c - shutdown
0xfe000d - get
0xfe000e - set
0xfe000f - start
0xfe0010 - poll
0xfe0011 - cancel
0xfe0012 - subscribe
0xfe0013 - unsubscribe
0xfe0014 - disconnected
0xfe0015 - getCount

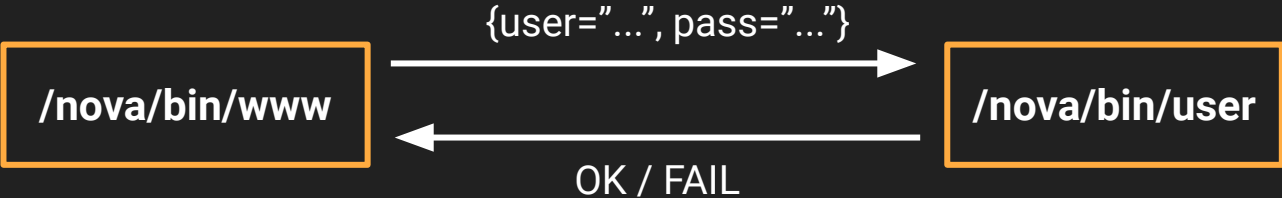




Example RPC

SYS_TO = [13,4] -> /nova/bin/user?

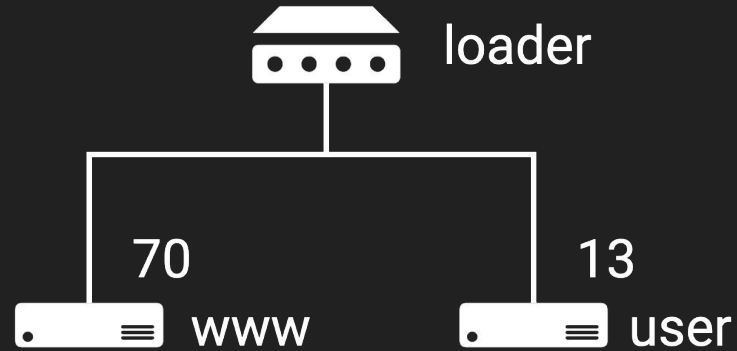
```
nv::message::message(message: &login_message)
nv::message::insert_vector(message: &login_message, key: 0xff0001, val1: 13, val2: 4)
nv::message::insert_vector(message: &login_message, key: 0xff0007, val: 1)
nv::message::insert<nv::bool_id>(message: &login_message, key: 8, val: true)
nv::message::insert<nv::u32_id>(message: &login_message, key: 0xff0013, val: req + 0x6c)
nv::message::insert<nv::addr6_id>(message: &login_message, key: 0xff0015, val: req + 0x6e)
nv::message::insert<nv::string_id>(message: &login_message, key: 1, val: nv::message::get<
nv::message::insert<nv::string_id>(message: &login_message, key: 3, val: nv::message::get<
context->vtable->exchMessage(0, code: authed, errstring: authed) == 0)
pthread_mutex_lock(mutex: &jsproxy_mutex)
702: ~~~~~
703: ~~~~~
```





/nova/bin/loader: “the router’s router”

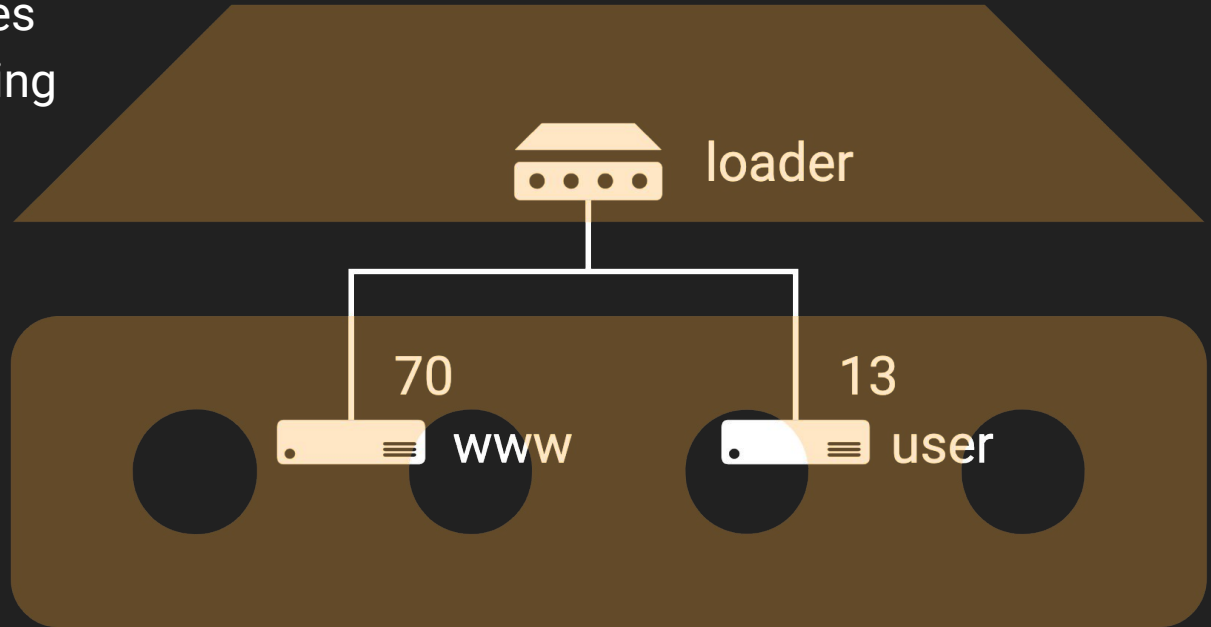
- First process running after boot
- Spawns other processes
- Handles message routing





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MikroTik



RouterOS Namespaces

/nova/etc/loader/system.x3 – read with **libuxml++.so**

```
00000000: 6518 0000 2100 0000 0000 0000 7400 0000 e...!.....t...
00000010: 1e00 0000 6c00 0000 1d00 0000 0700 0000 ....l.....
00000020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0d00 0000 2f6e 6f76 ...../nov
00000030: 612f 6269 6e2f 6c6f 6715 0000 0004 0000 a/bin/log.....
00000040: 0003 0000 0001 0000 0001 0000 0003 0000 .....
00000050: 0033 1500 0000 9900 0000 0100 0000 0100 .3.....
00000060: 0000 0400 0000 0174 7275 6515 0000 00ad .....true....
00000070: 0000 0001 0000 0001 0000 0004 0000 0001 .....
00000080: 7472 7565 4500 0000 1e00 0000 3d00 0000 trueE.....=...
00000090: 2000 0000 0700 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
000000a0: 1000 0000 2f6e 6f76 612f 6269 6e2f 7261 .../nova/bin/ra
000000b0: 6469 7573 1500 0000 0400 0000 0300 0000 dius.....
000000c0: 0100 0000 0100 0000 0500 0000 3578 0000 .....5x..
000000d0: 001e 0000 0070 0000 0021 0000 0007 0000 .....p...!.....
000000e0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 0000 002f 6e6f ...../no
000000f0: 7161 2f62 696e 2f6d 6f64 756c 6572 1500 va/bin/moduler..
```



MikroTik x3 “XML” specification

`document ::= node`

`node ::= [size:4][tag:4][attr_size:4]<attr*><node*>`

`attr ::= [size:4][tag:4][type:4][count:4][vsize:4]<value...>`

`type ::= [0] (string)
 [1] (bool)
 [2] (u32)
 [3] (i32)`



RouterOS Namespaces

/nova/etc/loader/system.x3

```
<33>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/log' (4)=3 (153)=True (173)=True/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/radius' (4)=5/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/moduler' (4)=6 (153)=True (173)=True/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/user' (4)=13 (204)=True/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/resolver' (4)=14 (173)=True/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/mactel' (4)=15 (173)=True/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/undo' (4)=17/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/macping' (4)=18 (173)=True/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/cerm' (4)=19/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/cerm-worker' (4)=75 (279)=True (280)=50 (72)=12/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/net' (4)=20 (153)=True (293)=True/>
<30 (4)=21 (56)=[24, 23]/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/fileman' (4)=72/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/ping' (4)=22/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/console' (4)=48 (204)=True (173)=True/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/backup' (4)=67/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/sermgr' (4)=68 (153)=True (173)=True/>
<30 (7)=b'/nova/bin/www' (4)=70 (173)=True/>
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...
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</33>
```



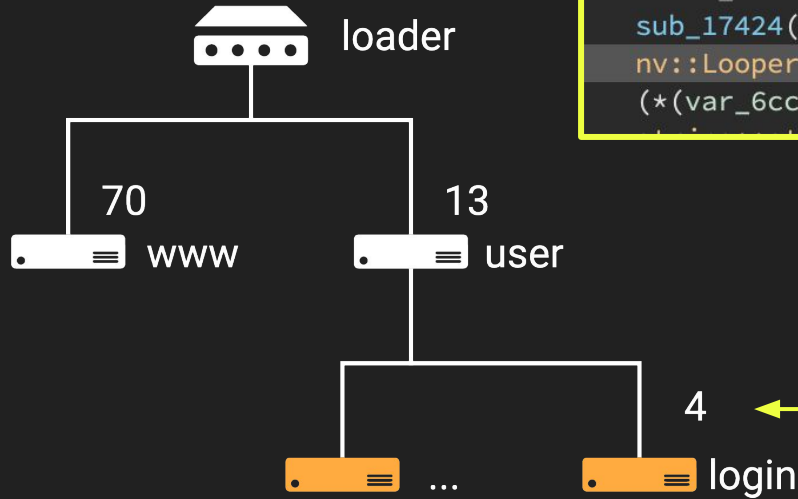
nv::Handler

SYS_T0 = [13, 4] ?



nv::Handler

SYS_TO = [13, 4] ?



/nova/bin/user :: main

```
int32_t var_5f0 = 0
sub_12178(&var_6cc, 0x13198, 0, 0x1f4)
int32_t var_5fc_1 = 0x12c
sub_17424(&var_6cc)
nv::Looper::addHandler(looper: &looper, idx: 4, handler: &var_6cc)
(*(var_6cc.vtable + 0xb8))(&var_6cc)
```



```
struct nv_handler_vtable data_187d0 =
{
    void (* u1)() = sub_15cd8
    void (* u2)() = sub_15d78
    void (* loadPermData)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::loadPermData(nv::mess
    void (* savePermData)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::savePermData(nv::mess
    void (* handle)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::handle(nv::message&)
    void (* handleBrkpath)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::handleBrkpath(nv::me
    void (* handleReply)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::handleReply(nv::messag
    (* handleCmd)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = h4_handle_command
    void (* cmdGetPolicies)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdGetPolicies(nv::
    void (* cmdGet)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdGet(nv::message const&)
    void (* cmdSet)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdSet(nv::message const&)
    void (* cmdReset)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdReset(nv::message cons
    void (* cmdGetObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = AMap::cmdGetObj(nv::message
    void (* cmdSetObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = AMap::cmdSetObj(nv::message
    void (* cmdGetAll)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t, uint32_t) = AMap::cmdGetAll(n
    void (* cmdAddObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = AMap::cmdAddObj(nv::message const&)
    void (* cmdRemoveObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = AMap::cmdRemoveObj(nv::m
    void (* cmdMoveObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = nv::Handler::cmdMoveObj(nv
    void (* cmdGetCount)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdGetCount(nv::messag
    void (* cmdUnknown)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = sub_108d4
    void (* cmdShutdown)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdShutdown(nv::messag
    void (* shouldNotify)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::shouldNo
    void (* u3)() = sub_12424
    void (* u4)() = sub_12420
    void (* cmdDisconnected)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = sub_13d4c
    void (* cmdNotifySent)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdNotifySent(nv::
```



nv::Handler

Parse input

- nv::message::get<T>
- nv::message::has<T>

```
if (nv::message::get<nv::bool_id>(message: message, key: 0x22) == 0 && nv::message::has<nv::string_id>(message: message, key: 3) == 0)
    if (nv::message::has<nv::raw_id>(message: message, key: 9) == 0)
        goto label_e1d4
    if (nv::message::has<nv::raw_id>(message: message, key: 0xa) == 0)
        goto label_e1d4
if (nv::message::get<nv::bool_id>(message: message, key: 0x22) != 0 && nv::message::get<nv::bool_id>(message: message, key: 8) == 0)
    string::string(str: &p_message, ref: &(*" via ")[5])
```

Respond (if input is request)

- nv::Handler::replyMessage
- nv::Handler::replyError

```
nv::message::~message(message: &var_20)
nv::message::message(message: &var_1c)
nv::Handler::replyMessage(handler: handler, m1: message, m2: &var_1c)
nv::message::~message(message: &var_1c)
```



nv::Looper

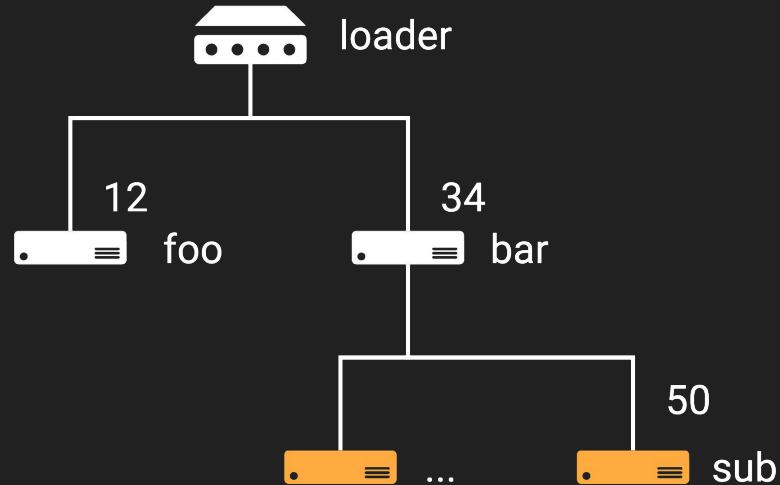
- Handshakes with loader and facilitates communication
- Contains a default nv::Handler
- Provides communication abstractions:
 - `looper.exchangeMessage(...)`
 - `looper.sendMessage(...)`

```
nv::Looper::Looper(looper: &looper, u1: 0, u2: 0, u3: 0,  
looper.runner.vtable = 0x18194  
looper.handler.vtable = 0x180f8
```



Routing Example

foo sends a message to bar/sub

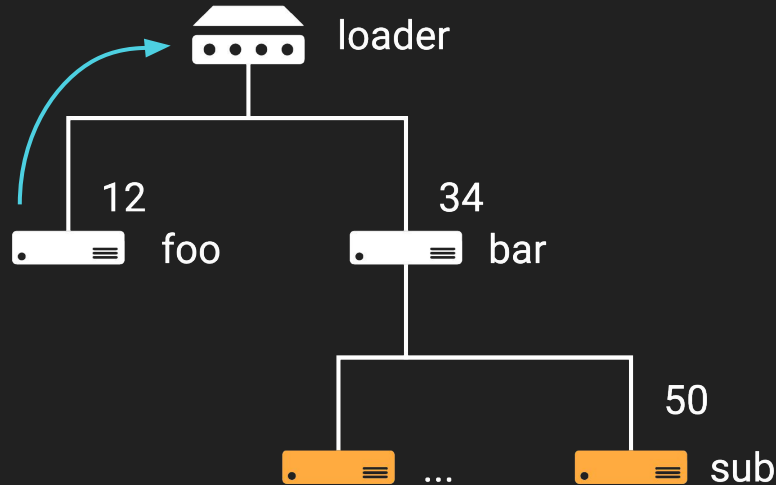




Routing Example

foo sends a message to bar/sub

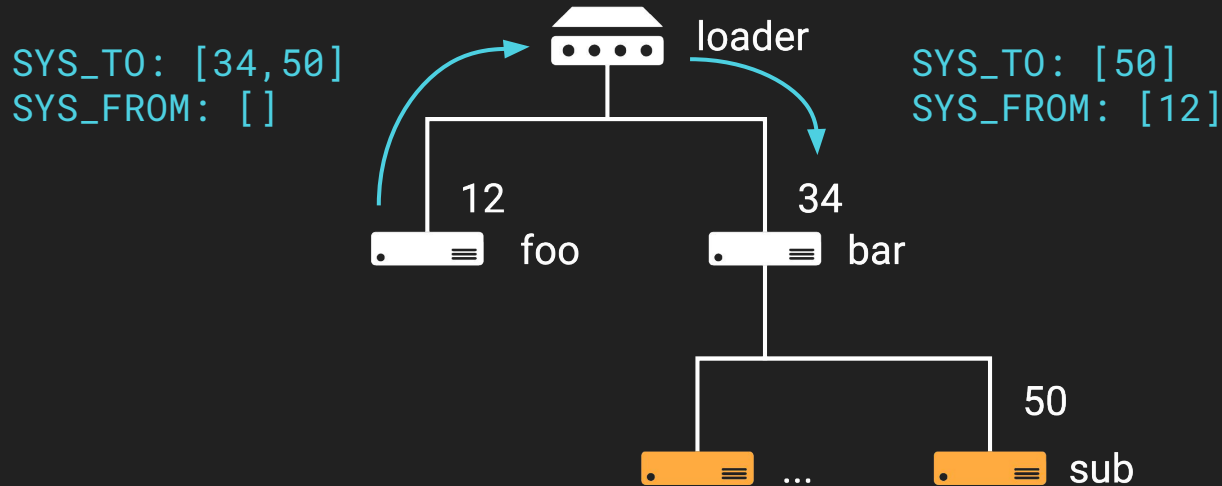
```
SYS_TO: [34, 50]  
SYS_FROM: []
```





Routing Example

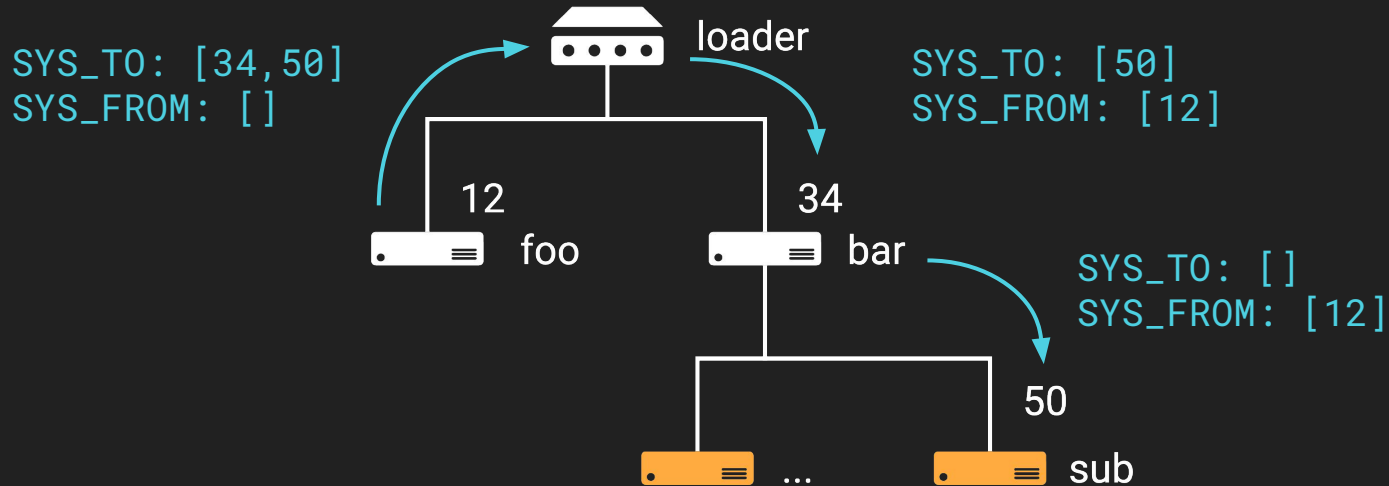
foo sends a message to bar/sub





Routing Example

foo sends a message to bar/sub

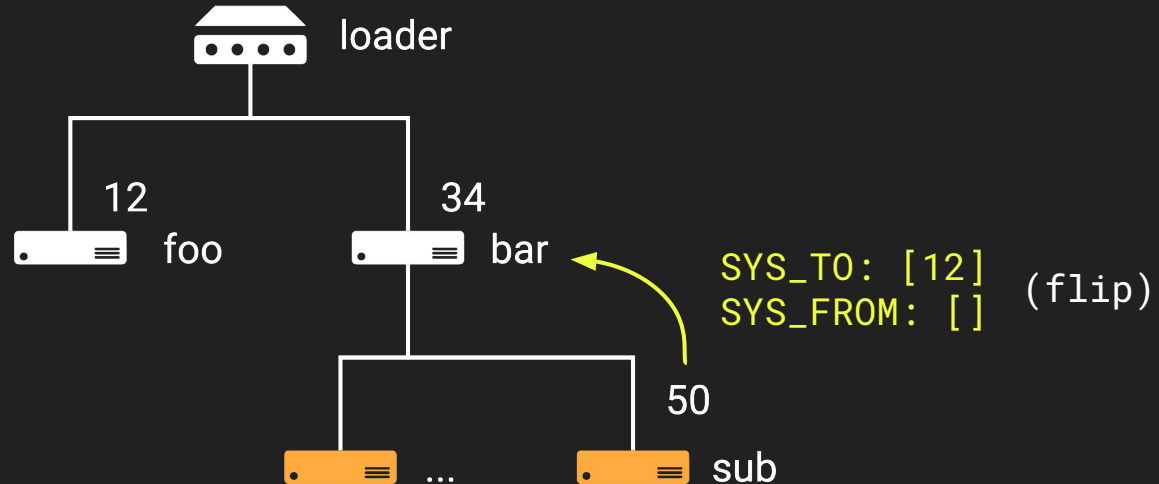




Routing Example

foo sends a message to bar/sub

bar/sub replies

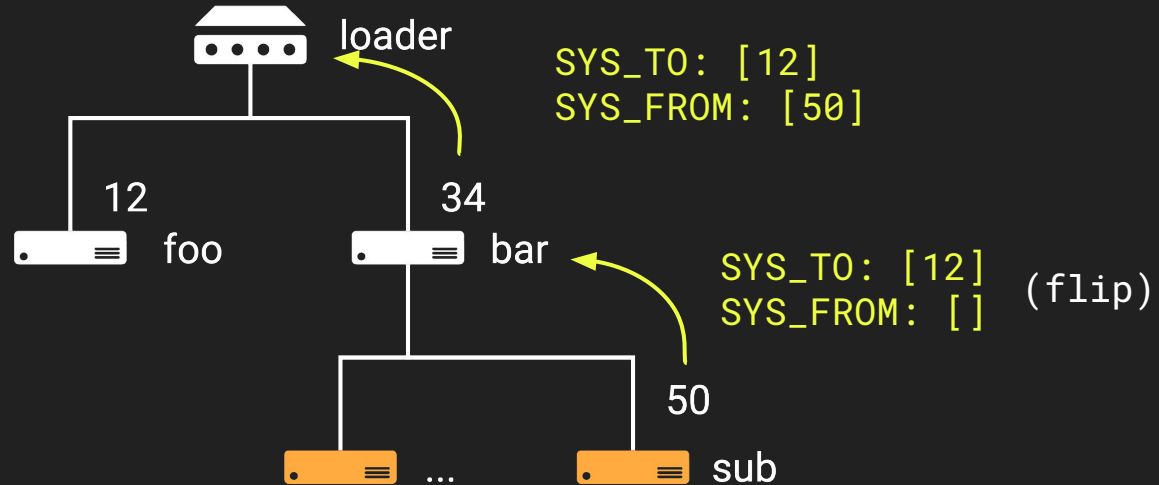




Routing Example

foo sends a message to bar/sub

bar/sub replies

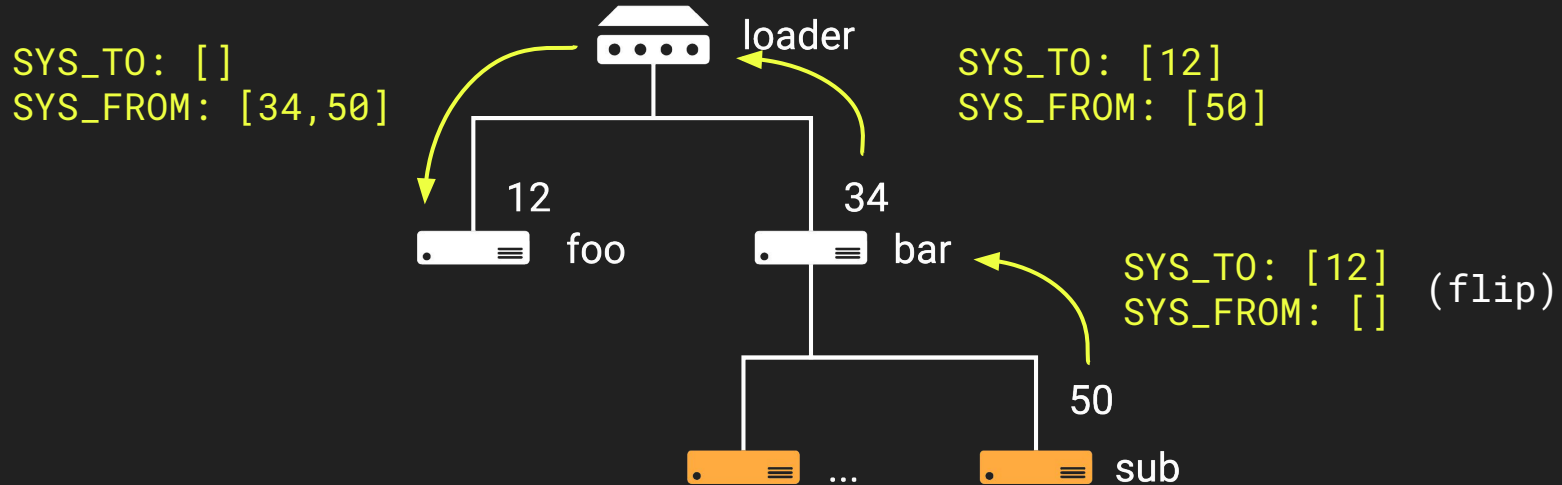




Routing Example

foo sends a message to bar/sub

bar/sub replies





Pretty cool!

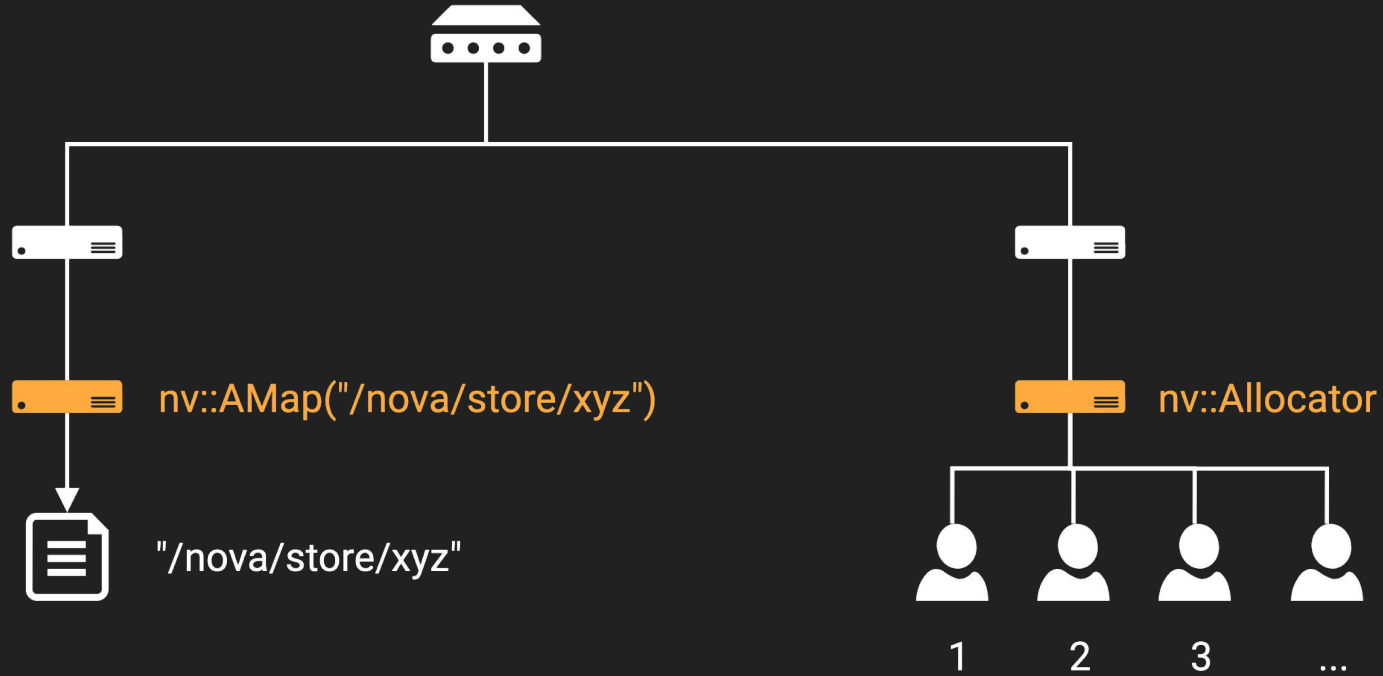
Protects against **SYS_FROM** forgery

Handlers are “namespace independent” - can be refactored easily

Loader will launch target processes if not running

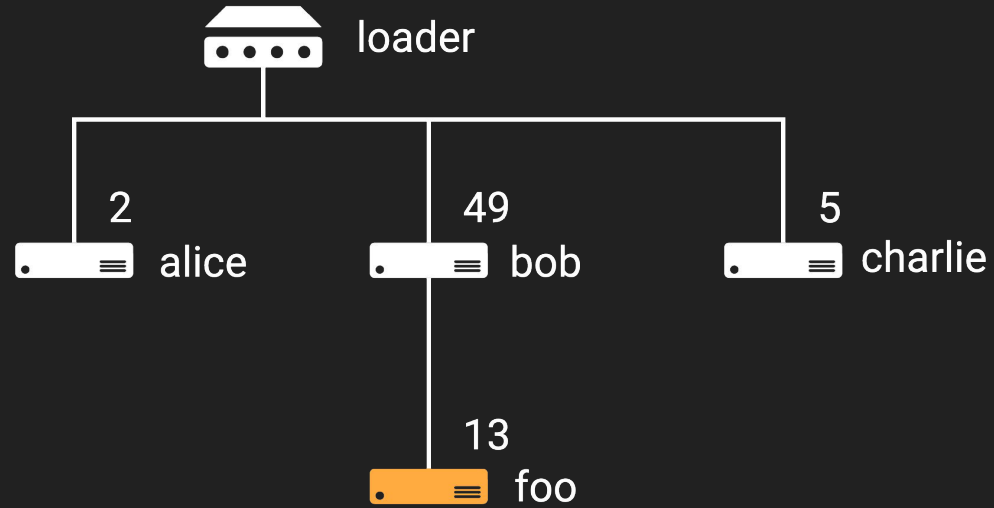


More Abstractions





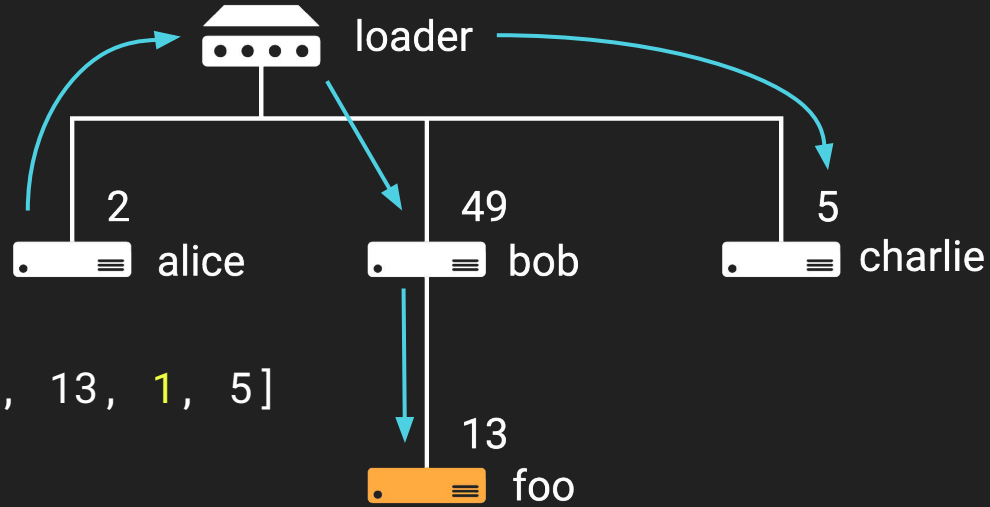
But what if I want to talk to **several people**?





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MULTICAST!



```
SYS_TO: [0xfe0002, 2, 49, 13, 1, 5]  
SYS_FROM: []
```



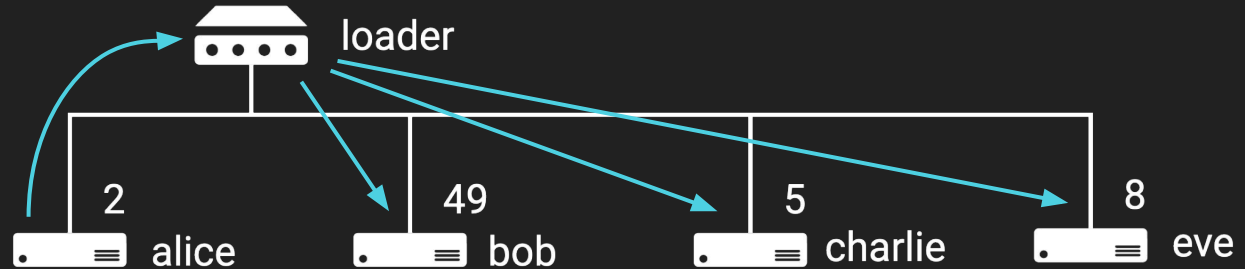
But what if I want to talk to **everyone**?





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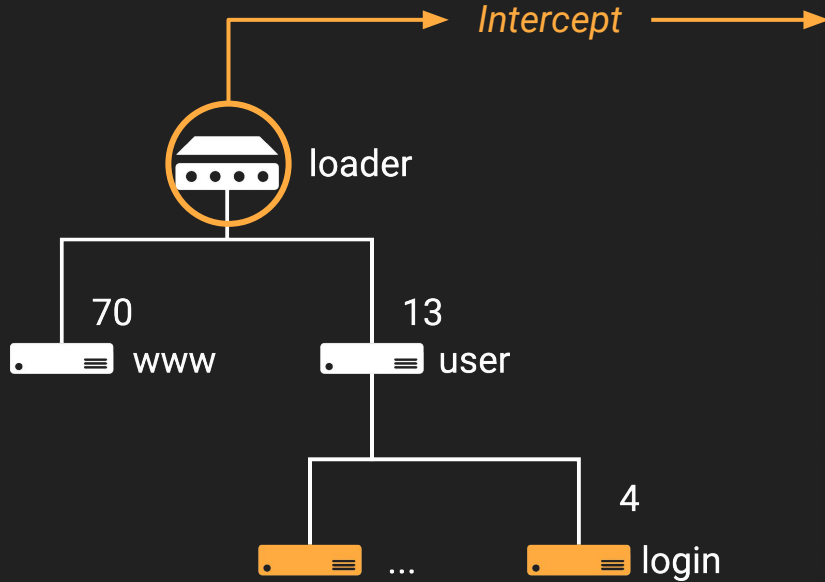
BROADCAST!



```
SYS_TO: [0xfe0001]  
SYS_FROM: [ ]
```



RouterOS Message Tracer



Screenshot of the RouterOS Message Tracer interface. The interface displays a list of intercepted messages and a detailed view of a raw message.

Message List:

Destination	Source	Protocol	Count
net/17	MULTICAST (discover/0, radvd/1)	Custom (0)	(+4)
net/17	MULTICAST (discover/0, radvd/1)	Custom (0)	(+4)
net/17	MULTICAST (discover/0, radvd/1)	Custom (0)	(+4)
traceroute	www/100/1/100	Custom (undefined)	(+5)
user/4	www/100/1	Custom (undefined)	(+18)
sys2/0	user	Custom (undefined)	(+18)
user	sys2/0	Custom (0)	(+4)
user	sys2/0	Custom (0)	(+4)
www/100/1	user/4	Custom (1)	(+11)
net/17	MULTICAST (discover/0, radvd/1)	Custom (0)	(+4)
net/17	MULTICAST (discover/0, radvd/1)	Custom (0)	(+4)
net/0	discover	Custom (undefined)	(+85)
discover	net/0	Custom (0)	(+8)
net/17	MULTICAST (discover/0, radvd/1)	Custom (0)	(+4)
net/17	MULTICAST (discover/0, radvd/1)	Custom (0)	(+4)

Raw Message:

```
object (85)
  Uff0001 [1]
    0 : 10
  Uff0002 [2]
    0 : 20
    1 : 0
  U1003c [8]
    0 : 0x10009
    1 : 0
    2 : 0
    3 : 0
    4 : 0
    5 : 0
    6 : 0
    7 : 0
    b3f4 : true
    b44f : true
    bfe00a : false
    b1000d : true
    b400 : false
    b1000e : true
    b3f3 : true
    ufe0001 : 1
    u10001 : 1
    u10003 : 0x84741
    u10002 : 0x42263
```

Demo



<https://youtu.be/Em1hVWnbzQ4>



Hand-rolled Authentication

when rolling your own crypto...works?



www (WebFig) Binary

Alice chooses: a , transmits: $a * G$

Bob chooses: b , transmits: $b * G$

shared secret = $a * (b * G) = b * (a * G)$





Raw Message

```

▼ object {11}
  ▼ Uff0001 [2]
    0 : 13
    1 : 4
  ▼ Uff0002 [3]
    0 : 70
    1 : 100
    2 : 3
  bff0005 : true
  b8 : true
  u7 : 5
  uff0003 : 1
  uff0006 : 0x3c4
  uff0007 : 1
  aff0013 : b' \x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00
            \x00\x00\x00\xff\xff\xc0\xa88
            \x01'
  s1 : admin
  s3 :

```

Raw Message

```

▼ object {12}
  ▼ Uff0001 [2]
    0 : 13
    1 : 4
  bff0005 : true
  b8 : true
  uff000b : 0
  uff0003 : 1
  uff0006 : 0x268
  uff0007 : 1
  s1 : admin
  [110, 139, 119, 187, 69, 162, 211,
  35, 85, 156, 200, 77, 84, 205, 100,
  249, 205, 68, 171, 217, 79, 139, 7
  r9 : 3, 89, 166, 28, 52, 91, 38, 135, 5
  8, 96, 0, 255, 89, 243, 0, 40, 100,
  61, 84, 215, 0, 123, 130, 39, 102,
  56, 68]
  [149, 233, 204, 105, 168, 20, 35, 7
  0, 160, 15, 189, 41, 115, 119, 146,
  ra : 105, 122, 209, 4, 181, 59, 89, 223,
  147, 0, 174, 185, 114, 48, 148, 63,
  162]
  b' \x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00
  aff0013 : \x00\x00\x00\xff\xff\xc0\xa88
            \x01'
  ▼ Uff0002 [1]
    0 : 2

```



Identifying Curves

- `Curve25519::Curve25519()` $Y^2=X^3+aX^2+X$, Montgomery
- `BigNum::BigNum()` big number
- `RedNum::RedNum()` reduced big number
- `WCurve::WCurve()` $Y^2=X^3+aX+b$, Weierstrass
- `redp1()` plot and reduce a valid point
- `Curve25519::toBin()` convert a point to binary vectors



The IEEE Submission (draft)

“WinBox uses EC-SRP5 for key exchange and authentication (requires latest WinBox version), both sides verify that other side knows password...”¹

- Elliptic Curve Secure Remote Protocol 5 (EC-SRP5)
 - Password-Authenticated Key Exchange (PAKE)
- Wayback Machine FTW

IEEE P1363.2 Submission / D2001-06-29 (draft)

**Standard Specifications
for Public Key Cryptography:
Password-based Techniques**

¹<https://wiki.nikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:Security>

²<https://web.archive.org/web/20131228182531/http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1363/passwdPK/submissions/p1363ecsrp.pdf>



Client

Server

$$[w_b - lift(hash(x_\gamma))](s_a + i.hash(x_{w_b})) = s_b(w_a + hash(x_{w_b})\gamma)$$

$$i = hash(salt || hash(username : password))$$

$$\gamma = (x_\gamma, y_\gamma) = i * G$$

s_a : client secret key

w_a : client public key point

s_b : server secret key

w_b : server public key point

x_{w_b} : server public key x coordinate

$$w_a = plot(s_a) = s_a * G$$

$$w_b = s_b * G + lift(hash(x_\gamma))$$

$hash(x)$: hash function (SHA-256)

i : password verification input

γ : password verification data point

x_γ : password verification data x coordinate

$lift(x)$: find point $P = (x, y)$

Compare and Contrast

- Winbox \cong Draft
- Focus on symbols
- Lean on dynamic reversing
- **Projective Space**

$$Y^2 = X^3 + aX + b$$



$$Y^2 = X^3 + aXZ^4 + bZ^6$$

```
mul(return_rednum: extra, num: r6, other: r3)
mul(return_rednum: r8, num: r3_1, other: extra)
sqr(return_rednum: r5, num: r9)
mul(return_rednum: r6, num: b, other: r5)
mul(return_rednum: extra, num: r9, other: r5)
mul(return_rednum: r5, num: &b->y.data.base.start, other: r5)
RedNum::operator--(num: r8, other: r5)
RedNum::operator+=(num: r5, other: r5)
RedNum::operator+=(num: r5, other: r8)
RedNum::operator--(num: r7, other: r6)
RedNum::operator+=(num: r6, other: r6)
RedNum::operator+=(num: r6, other: r7)
void* r2_8 = (*extra)[4].data.data.base.start
if ((*extra + 0x34) - r2_8) s>> 2 == 1 && *r2_8 == 0)
    void* r2_18 = (*extra)[3].data.data.base.start
    if ((*extra + 0x28) - r2_18) s>> 2 == 1 && *r2_18
        return WCurve::dbl(curve: curve, a: a, extra: extra)
mul(return_rednum: extra, num: r3, other: r9)
mul(return_rednum: r9, num: extra, other: r7)
mul(return_rednum: extra, num: r5, other: r7)
sqr(return_rednum: a, num: r7)
mul(return_rednum: r5, num: extra, other: a)
mul(return_rednum: extra, num: r6, other: a)
```



Compare and Contrast

Public key derivation

- Client ✓

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{IEEE} & & \text{MikroTik} \\ s_a * G & \stackrel{?}{=} & s_a * G \end{array}$$



Compare and Contrast

Public key derivation

- Client ✓
- Server?

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IEEE

$$w_b = s_b * G + \text{lift}(\text{hash}(x_\gamma))$$



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IEEE

MikroTik

$$w_b = s_b * G + \text{lift}(\text{hash}(x_\gamma)) \stackrel{?}{=} s_b * G + \text{lift}(\text{hash}(\text{hash}(x_\gamma)))$$



Compare and Contrast

IEEE (draft)

$$[w_b - \text{lift}(\text{hash}(x_\gamma))](s_a + i.\text{hash}(x_{w_b})) = s_b(w_a + \text{hash}(x_{w_b})\gamma)$$

MikroTik

$$[w_b - \text{lift}(\text{hash}(\text{hash}(x_\gamma)))](s_a + i.\text{hash}(x_{w_a} + x_{w_b})) = s_b(w_a + \text{hash}(x_{w_a} + x_{w_b})\gamma)$$



Roll Your Own Crypto

Final steps:

- Prepare and transmit confirmation codes
- Generate AES-CBC and HMAC keys for tx and rx
- Unique padding
- Account for fragmented messages

https://github.com/MarginResearch/mikrotik_authentication

<https://github.com/MarginResearch/EC-SRP>

Why

?





RouterOS Jailbreak

with a fancy ropchain and everything



RouterOS HTTP Server

Large surface

Had bugs in the past

[/nova/bin/www](#)

The screenshot shows the Mikrotik RouterOS v6.49.1 web interface. The browser address bar shows '10.0.0.199/webfig/#IP:Addresses'. The page title is 'RouterOS v6.49.1 (stable)'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with various system services. The main content area is titled 'Address List' and shows a table with 3 items. The table has columns for 'Address', 'Network', and 'Interface'. Each row has a small 'D' icon in the first column, likely representing a dynamic address.

	Address	Network	Interface
D	10.0.0.150/24	10.0.0.0	ether1
D	10.0.0.199/24	10.0.0.0	ether1
D	192.168.1.199/24	192.168.1.0	ether1

Hmm



```
uint32_t r2_4 = zx.d(*sub_12384(r0_10, r1_7, r2_3, r3_3))
if ((r2_4 << 8) - 0xf040 == r2_4 << 3) {"13EE3refEvE1m"}
    if (zx.d(LTESTVal<0u, 8u>::ref())::n) == 0x47)
```

```
int32_t r2_6
int32_t r3_8
r0_13, r1_8, r2_6, r3_8 = nv::Looper::addHandler(looper: &looper, idx: 1, handler: handler)
uint32_t r0_14
int32_t r1_9
int32_t r2_7
r0_14, r1_9, r2_7 = sub_12330(r0_13, r1_8, r2_6, r3_8)
if (zx.d(*r0_14) != 0x57)
    *0 = 1
if (zx.d(*sub_12438(r0_14, r1_9, r2_7)) == 0x84)
```

```
memset(dst: r0_16, val: 0, size: 0x04)
int32_t r0_18
int32_t r1_10
int32_t r2_8
r0_18, r1_10, r2_8 = nv::Handler::Handler(handler: r0_16)
*r0_16 = 0x1b9d0
sub_165a0(r0_18, r1_10, r2_8)
int32_t r0_20
int32_t r1_11
int32_t r2_10
int32_t r3_11
if (zx.w(*sub_12330(r0_20, r1_11, r2_10, r3_11)) * 0x57 == 0x1d91)
```

```
nv::Looper::getTImezone()
int32_t r0_23
int32_t r1_12
int32_t r2_13
r0_23, r1_12, r2_13 = www::ServerFactory::init(handler)
if (zx.d(*sub_122dc(r0_23, r1_12, r2_13, 0)) != 0xd3)
    int32_t r5_2 = 0
    do
        int32_t r0_25 = r5_2
        r5_2 = r5_2 + 1
        r1_12 = (r1_12 + 0x05)
```



Ok.

```
if (ptrace(0x10, arg1, 0, 0) != 0xffffffff)
```

```
int32_t r0_23
do
    int32_t var_1058
    if (waitpid(arg1, &var_1058, 2) s< 0)
        break
    int32_t r3_2 = var_1058
    if ((ror.d(r3_2, 0) & 0xff) != 0x7f)
        break
    int32_t r2_2 = r3_2 >> 8 & 0xff
```

```
operator<<(operator<<(operator<<(&var_1050, '/'), '%'), 'd')
operator<<(operator<<(&var_1050, '/'), 'm')
operator<<(operator<<(&var_1050, 'e'), 'm')
```

/proc/%d/mem

```
*(&var_28 + *(var_1050 - 0xc) - 0x1010)
stringbuf::str()
int32_t var_1054
sprintf(&var_1028, var_1054 + 4, arg1, 0xffffefd4)
```

```
open(pathname: &var_1028, flags: 0)
```

open memory

```
if (lseek(fd: r0_22, offset: 0x8000, whence: 0) s>= 0)
    uint32_t r11_1 = 0x10180
    int32_t var_106c_1 = 4
    do
        uint32_t r4_1
        if (r11_1 s< 0x1000)
            r4_1 = r11_1
        else
            r4_1 = 0x1000
```

```
read(fd: r0_22, buf: &var_1028, count: r4_1)
```

read memory

Oh...

ror.d(r4_2[3] - 0xb2af279 + r7_25 + ((lr_26 & r9_17) | (r8_16 & not.d(r9_17))), 0xc)
 ror.d(r4_2[8] + 0x455a14ed + r9_20 + ((r7_28 & r3_47) | (lr_26 & not.d(r3_47))), 0xc)

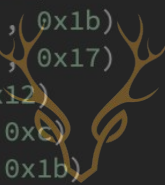
cryptography

[2] - 0x3105c08 + lr_26 + ((r3_50 & r7_28) | (r7_28 & not.d(lr_26))), 0x1b)
 [7] + 0x676f02d9 + r7_28 + ((lr_29 & r12_40) | (r7_28 & not.d(lr_29))), 0xc)

cryptography

0376 + r12_40 + ((r7_31 & r3_50) | (lr_29 & not.d(r3_50))), 0x1c)
 c6be + r3_50 + (r7_31 ^ lr_29 ^ r12_43), 0x1c)

cryptography





Solutions

We can't `gdb /nova/bin/www`



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What if we just... `gdb --attach?`



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/nova/bin/www

```
00016fe4  int32_t www::ServerFactory::loadConfig(void* arg1)
00016ff8      struct xml_attributeList var_2c
00016ff8      string::string(str: &var_2c, ref: "/nova/etc/www")
00017000      void* r0_1 = malloc(size: 8)
0001700c      xml::DocumentCollection::DocumentCollection(r0_1)
00017010      *(arg1 + 0x84) = r0_1
00017018      int32_t r0_3 = string::freeptr(str: &var_2c)
0001701c      int32_t* r3 = *(arg1 + 0x84)
00017020      int32_t* r9 = *r3
00017030      while (r9 != (*(arg1 + 0x84) + 4))
00017034          void* r10_1 = *r9
```

/nova/etc/www/system.x3

/nova/bin/www

/nova/etc/www/system.x3



```
</170>
<169 (2)=b'www-ssl' (190)=True>
  <154 (38)=b'jsproxy' (7)=b'/jsproxy' />
  <154 (38)=b'webgraph' (7)=b'/graphs' />
  <154 (38)=b'kidcontrol' (7)=b'/kid-control' (40)=True />
  <154 (38)=b'index' (7)=b '/' (40)=True />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b '/' (28)=b'/home/web' />
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  <154 (38)=b'jsproxy' (7)=b'/jsproxy' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/img/' (28)=b'/home/web/img' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/doc/' (28)=b'/home/web/doc' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/help/' (28)=b'/home/web/help' />
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  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/webfig/' (28)=b'/home/web/webfig' (283)=True />
  <154 (38)=b'winbox' (7)=b'/winbox' (40)=True />
  <154 (38)=b'webgraph' (7)=b'/graphs' />
  <154 (38)=b'kidcontrol' (7)=b'/kid-control' (40)=True />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/winbox/' (28)=b'/home/web/winbox' />
  <154 (38)=b'traflog' (7)=b'/accounting/ip.cgi' (40)=True />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b '/' (28)=b'/home/web' />
  <154 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'/crl' (28)=b'/var/cm/ca_crl' />
  <154 (38)=b'scep' (7)=b'/scep' />
</169>
</170>
```





/nova/bin/www

ls /nova/lib/www

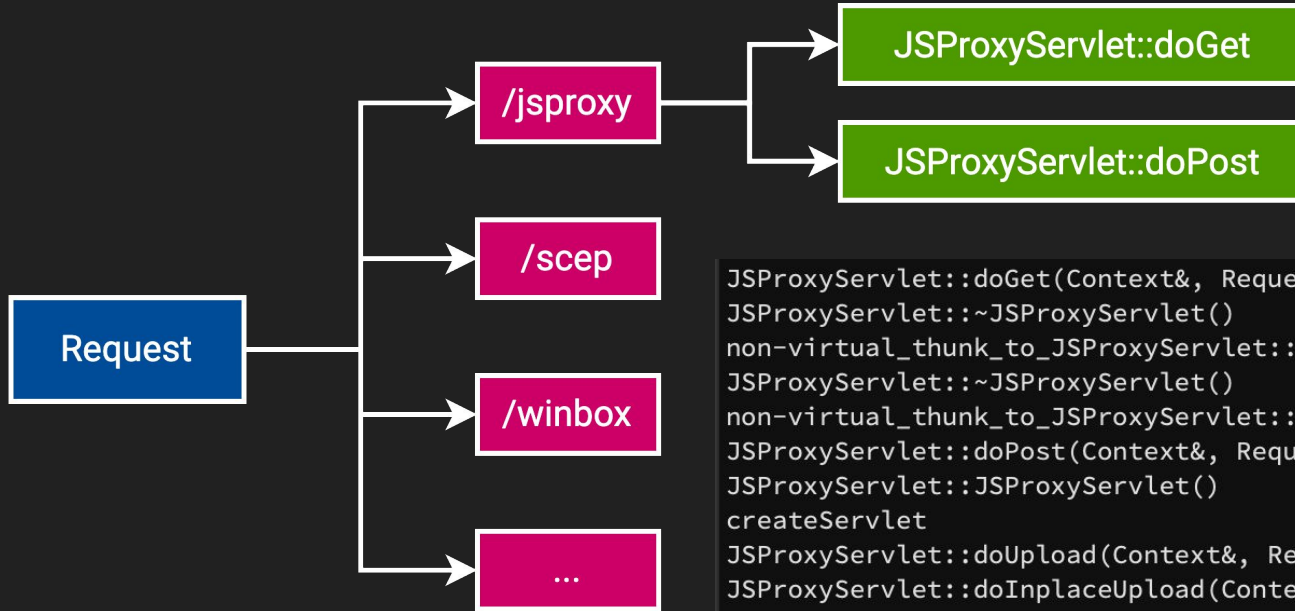
index.p
jsproxy.p
kidcontrol.p
scep.p
traflog.p
webgraph.p
winbox.p

```
</170> (38)=b'jsproxy' (7)
<169> (38)=b'webgraph' (
(38)=b'kidcontrol'
< (38)=b'index' (7)=
(38)=b'dir' (7)=b'
(38)=b'dir' (7)=b'
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(38)=b'winbox' (7)
< (38)=b'webgraph' (
(38)=b'kidcontrol'
< (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'
< (38)=b'traflog' (7)
</16 (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'
</170> (38)=b'dir' (7)=b'
(38)=b'scep' (7)=b'
```





JSPProxyServlet



```
JSPProxyServlet::doGet(Context&, Request const&, Response&)  
JSPProxyServlet::~JSPProxyServlet()  
non-virtual_thunk_to_JSPProxyServlet::~JSPProxyServlet()  
JSPProxyServlet::~JSPProxyServlet()  
non-virtual_thunk_to_JSPProxyServlet::~JSPProxyServlet()  
JSPProxyServlet::doPost(Context&, Request const&, Response&)  
JSPProxyServlet::JSPProxyServlet()  
createServlet  
JSPProxyServlet::doUpload(Context&, Request const&, Response&)  
JSPProxyServlet::doInplaceUpload(Context&, Request const&, Res  
JSPProxyServlet::logout(JSSession*)  
JSPProxyServlet::onTimer()  
JSPProxyServlet::handle(nv::message&)  
non-virtual_thunk_to_JSPProxyServlet::handle(nv::message&)
```



JSProxyServlet

```
/flash/rw/disk # cat /proc/75/maps
08048000-0805c000 r-xp 00000000 00:0c 1116 /nova/bin/www
0805c000-0805d000 rw-p 00013000 00:0c 1116 /nova/bin/www
0805d000-0807b000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [heap]
773b1000-773d1000 r-xp 00000000 00:0c 166 /lib/libcrypto.so
773d1000-773d2000 rw-p 00020000 00:0c 166 /lib/libcrypto.so
773d2000-773dd000 r-xp 00000000 00:0c 1170 /nova/lib/www/jsproxy.p
773dd000-773de000 rw-p 0000b000 00:0c 1170 /nova/lib/www/jsproxy.p
773de000-773df000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
773df000-773fe000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
773fe000-773ff000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
773ff000-7741e000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
7741e000-7741f000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
7741f000-7743e000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
7743e000-7743f000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
7743f000-7745e000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
7745e000-77460000 r-xp 00000000 00:0c 1169 /nova/lib/www/index.p
77460000-77461000 rw-p 00002000 00:0c 1169 /nova/lib/www/index.p
77462000-77463000 r--s 00000000 00:0c 21 /etc/ld.so.cache
77463000-77464000 ---p 00000000 00:00 0
```



Servlet Loading

/nova/bin/www starts with no servlets active

After first request to /jsproxy, /userman, etc... servlet is loaded

```
2022.05.31-05:21:56.00@0: no settings, asking sermgr and hotspot
```

```
2022.05.31-05:21:56.00@0: set www enabled=1 port=80
```

```
2022.05.31-05:21:56.00@0: creating tcp socket on port 80
```

```
2022.05.31-05:21:56.00@0: using inet6
```

```
... load /jsproxy ...
```

```
2022.05.31-05:22:05.95@0: found servlet 0x80603a0 loading
```



Hmm

```
TO (1)          www/2
FROM (2)        www
```

From www to www?

```
TYPE (3)        1
REPLY_EXPECTED (5) true
REQUEST_ID (6)  3
CMD (7)         Custom (0)
```

Raw Message

```
▼ object {9}
  ▼ Uff0001 [2]
    0 : 70
    1 : 2
    bff0005 : true
```

Addresses?

```
u11 : 0x773147a6
u13 : 0x80616a8
```

```
u17 : 20
uff0006 : 3
uff0007 : 0
▼ Uff0002 [1]
  0 : 70
```





What is `www/2`?

```
struct nv_handler_vtable handler2 =
{
    void (* u1)() = sub_125dc
    void (* u2)() = sub_125fc
    void (* loadPermData)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::loadPermData(nv::message const&)
    void (* savePermData)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::savePermData(nv::message&)
    void (* handle)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::handle(nv::message&)
    void (* handleBrkpath)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::handleBrkpath(nv::message const&)
    void (* handleReply)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::handleReply(nv::message const&)
    void (* handleCmd)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = nv::Handler::handleCmd(nv::message const&, uint32_t)
    void (* cmdGetPolicies)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdGetPolicies(nv::message const&)
    void (* cmdGet)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdGet(nv::message const&)
    void (* cmdSet)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdSet(nv::message const&)
    void (* cmdReset)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdReset(nv::message const&)
    void (* cmdGetObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = nv::Handler::cmdGetObj(nv::message const&, uint32_t)
    void (* cmdSetObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = nv::Handler::cmdSetObj(nv::message const&, uint32_t)
    void (* cmdGetAll)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t, uint32_t) = nv::Handler::cmdGetAll(nv::message const&, uint32_t, uint32_t)
    void (* cmdAddObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdAddObj(nv::message const&)
    void (* cmdRemoveObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = nv::Handler::cmdRemoveObj(nv::message const&, uint32_t)
    void (* cmdMoveObj)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t) = nv::Handler::cmdMoveObj(nv::message const&, uint32_t)
    void (* cmdGetCount)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdGetCount(nv::message const&)
```

???

```
cmdUnknown)(int32_t*, struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, uint32_t command) = Foishandler::cmdUnknown(nv::message const&, int32_t)
```

```
void (* shouldNotify)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::shouldNotify(nv::message const&, nv::message const&)
void (* u3)() = sub_11f68
void (* u4)() = sub_11f64
void (* cmdDisconnected)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::cmdDisconnected(nv::message const&)
void (* notifiesSent)(struct nv_handler*) = nv::Handler::notifiesSent()
void (* u5_alloc_message)(nv_message* out, struct nv_handler* handler, uint32_t) = sub_11fdc
void (* u6)() = sub_11f5c
void (* nv_policies_is_allowed)(struct nv_policies* policies, nv_message* message) = sub_1212c
void (* sendMessage)(struct nv_handler*, nv_message*) = nv::Handler::sendMessage(nv::message&)
void (* exchangeMessage)(struct nv_looper*, nv_message*, int32_t) = nv::Handler::exchangeMessage(nv::message&, int32_t)
```



FoisHandler

```
nv_message* FoisHandler::cmdUnknown(nv_message* arg1, int32_t arg2, nv_message* arg3)
{
    sub_12884(&tdout, "FoisHandler::cmdUnknown")
    sub_12288(&tdout)
    nv::message::get<nv::u32_id>(message: arg3, key: 0x11)(nv::message::get<nv::u32_id>(message: arg3, key: 0x13), nv::message::get<nv::u32_id>(message: arg3, key: 0x17))
    nv::message::message(message: arg1)
    return arg1
}
```

`msg[0x11](msg[0x13], msg[0x17])`

invoke an arbitrary pointer with 2 controlled arguments!!



Winbox

```
SYS (0xff)  
TO (1) (1337)  
FROM (2) mproxy/518  
USER (10) admin  
PERMISSION (11) 0x5fffe  
USER_ID (16) 1  
? (19) b'\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\xff\xff\xc0\xa8\x01'
```

```
SYS_TO: [1337]  
1: "hello"  
2: "world"
```

Raw Message

```
▼ object {8}  
  ▼ Uff0001 [1]  
    0 : 0x539  
  ▼ Uff0002 [2]  
    0 : 2  
    1 : 0x206  
uff000b : 0x5fffe  
uff0010 : 1  
aff0013 : b'\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\xff\xff\xc0\xa8\x01'
```

```
s2 : world  
s1 : hello
```



Winbox

SYS (0xff)

TO (1) (1337)
FROM (2) mproxy/518
USER (10) admin

PERMISSION (11) 0x5ffe

? (19) b'\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\xff\xff\xc0\xa88\x01'

SYS_TO: [1337]
1: "hello"
2: "world"

Raw Message

```
▼ object {8}
  ▼ Uff0001 [1]
    0 : 0x539
  ▼ Uff0002 [2]
    0 : 2
    1 : 0x206
  uff000b : 0x5ffe
  uff0010 : 1
  aff0013 : b'\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\xff\xff\xc0\xa88\x01'
```

Proxied message has limited permissions

s2 : world

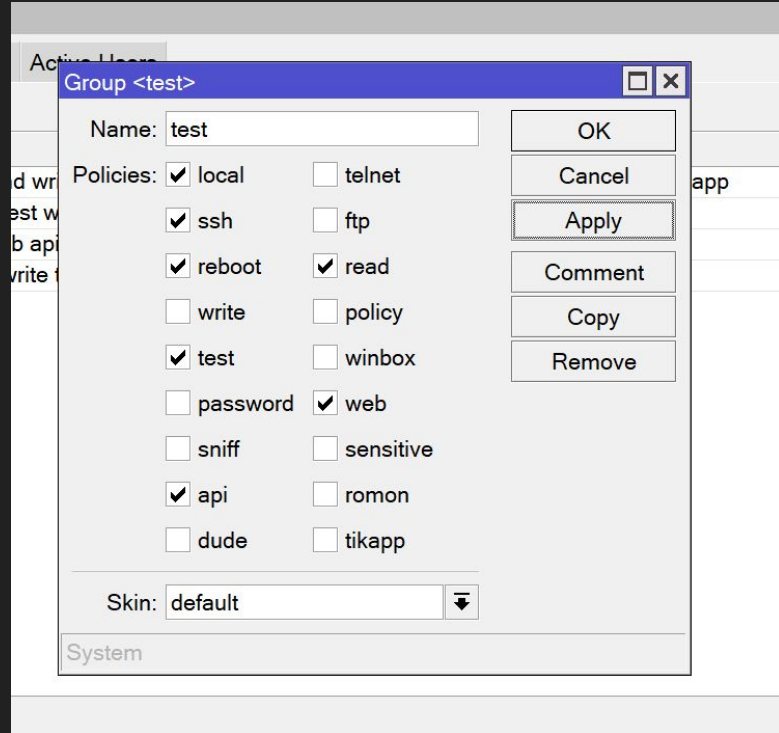
s1 : hello



Caveat: policy bits

FoisHandler has policy **0x80000000**

We have policy **0x5fffe**



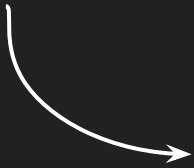


Caveat: policy bits

FoisHandler has policy **0x80000000**

We have policy **0x5fffe**

Can we just set a policy of **0xffffffff**?



u2 : 0xffffffff

```
SYS (0xff)
TO (1)          user/2
FROM (2)        www/100/5
TYPE (3)        1
REPLY_EXPECTED (5) true
REQUEST_ID (6)  610
CMD (7)         SETOBJ
USER (10)       a
PERMISSION (11) 0x5fffe
USER_ID (16)    1
? (23)         [0, 28, 66, 4, 11, 73]
```

```
Raw Message
- object {17}
  - Uff0001 [2]
    0 : 13
    1 : 2
  - Uff0002 [3]
    0 : 70
    1 : 100
    2 : 5
  bff0005 : true
  u3 : 0
  u5 : 0
  uff0006 : 0x262
  uff000b : 0x5fffe
  ufe000c : 5
  uff0010 : 1
  ufe0001 : 3
  uff0003 : 1
  u2 : 0xffffffff
  uff0007 : 0xfe0003
  sfe0009 :
  rff0017 : [0, 28, 66, 4, 11, 73]
  s1 : full
  sff000a : a
```




Remote Jailbreak

1. Upload `stage2` and `busybox`

```
220 MikroTik FTP server (MikroTik 6.49.1) ready
ftp> user admin
331 Password required for admin
Password:
230 User admin logged in
ftp> put busybox
200 PORT command successful
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for 'busybox'
226 ASCII transfer complete
2140381 bytes sent in 0.165 seconds (12.3 Mbytes/s)
ftp> put stage2
200 PORT command successful
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for 'stage2'
226 ASCII transfer complete
15235 bytes sent in 0.00239 seconds (6.07 Mbytes/s)
```



Full Jailbreak

1. Upload **stage2** and **busybox**
2. Upgrade policy to **0xffffffff**

```
SYS (0xff)
TO (1)                user/2
FROM (2)              www/100/5
TYPE (3)              1
REPLY_EXPECTED (5)   true
REQUEST_ID (6)       610
CMD (7)               SETOBJ
USER (10)             a
PERMISSION (11)      0x5fffe
USER_ID (16)         1
? (23)               [0, 28, 66, 4, 11, 73]
```

Raw Message

```
object {17}
  Uff0001 [2]
    0 : 13
    1 : 2
  Uff0002 [3]
    0 : 70
    1 : 100
    2 : 5
  bff0005 : true
  u3 : 0
  u5 : 0
  uff0006 : 0x262
  uff000b : 0x5fffe
  ufe000c : 5
  uff0010 : 1
  ufe0001 : 3
  uff0003 : 1
  u2 : 0xffffffff
  uff0007 : 0xfe0003
  sfe0009 :
  rff0017 : [0, 28, 66, 4, 11, 73]
  s1 : full
  sff000a : a
```

u2 : 0xffffffff

u2 : 0xffffffff



Remote Jailbreak

1. Upload `stage2` and `busybox`
2. Upgrade policy to `0xffffffff`
3. Hit Foishandler with a crafted message:
 - a. `chmod +x stage2`
 - b. `./stage2`
4. 🍳🍳🍳!

```
$ nc 10.0.0.200 1337
sh: can't access tty; job control turned off
/ # whoami
root
/ # uname -a
Linux MikroTik 3.3.5 #1 Fri Nov 12 10:41:00 UTC
2021 i686 GNU/Linux
/ # ls /flash/rw/disk
busybox
skins
stage2
um-before-migration.tar
user-manager
```



Remote Jailbreak

Release: (pending)

Vulnerability exists from 6.37.2 (2016) to 6.49.6 (latest)

(oldest version we
could download from
MikroTik)

www had a major
refactor in v7.x.x



Recap and Conclusion

We've covered a lot...

- MikroTik packages
- Patching firmware
- Message protocol
- Message routing
- Authentication
- Jailbreak

https://github.com/MarginResearch/mikrotik_authentication

<https://github.com/MarginResearch/EC-SRP>

<https://margin.re/blog/mikrotik-authentication-revealed.aspx>

Questions?

