

# OpenvSwitch LLDP Vulnerabilities

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Two vulnerabilities have been found in the lldp module when doing code review in [ovs repository](#). The related code locates in <https://github.com/openvswitch/ovs/blob/master/lib/lldp>. The `lldp_decode()` in `lldp.c` is responsible for handling the received lldp packets. And two vulnerabilities have been found in this function.

PS: I didn't have real environment to test these issues, but I'm pretty sure the code is vulnerable through code review.

## Out-of-Bounds Read in Organization Specific TLV

In `lldp_decode()` function, each TLV will be read and parsed in a while loop. Firstly, two bytes will read from the packet at (1), then be parsed into `tlv_type` and `tlv_size` filed. If `tlv_type` is `0x7f` and `tlv_length` is not `0x0`, then the routine will go to (2), where `tlv_size` will be checked. If it satisfy, `orgid` will be read at (3), and `tlv_subtype` will be read at (4). If `orgid` matches `avaya_oid`, and `tlv_subtype` equals to `LLDP_TLV_AA_ELEMENT_SUBTYPE`, then the routine will reach (5). At (5), another 32 bytes will be read. However, there is only a validation at (2) to guarantee `tlv_size >= 4`, if we craft a Organization Specific TLV(type=`0x7f`) with `tlv_length=5`, `org_unique_code='\x00\x04\x0d'`, `org_subtype=11`, we can cause out-of-bounds read at (5) and later.

By the way, we can leave the crafted Organization Specific TLV(type=`0x7f`) at the end of lldp packet, just before the End of LLDPDU TLV.

```
1  int
2  lldp_decode(struct lldpd *cfg OVS_UNUSED, char *frame, int s,
3             struct lldpd_hardware *hardware, struct lldpd_chassis
4             **newchassis,
5             struct lldpd_port **newport)
6  {
7      // ...
8      while (length && !gotend) {
9          if (length < 2) {
10             VLOG_WARN("tlv header too short received on %s",
11                      hardware->h_ifname);
12             goto malformed;
13         }
14         tlv_size = PEEK_UINT16;    // (1)
15         tlv_type = tlv_size >> 9;
16         tlv_size = tlv_size & 0x1ff;
17         // ...
18         switch (tlv_type) {
19             // ...
20             case LLDP_TLV_ORG:
21                 CHECK_TLV_SIZE(1 + sizeof orgid, "organisational");    // (2)
22                 ensure tlv_size >= 4
23                 PEEK_BYTES(orgid, sizeof orgid);    // (3)
24                 tlv_subtype = PEEK_UINT8;    // (4)
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23     if (memcmp(dot1, orgid, sizeof orgid) == 0) {
24         hardware->h_rx_unrecognized_cnt++;
25     } else if (memcmp(dot3, orgid, sizeof orgid) == 0) {
26         hardware->h_rx_unrecognized_cnt++;
27     } else if (memcmp(med, orgid, sizeof orgid) == 0) {
28         /* LLDP-MED */
29         hardware->h_rx_unrecognized_cnt++;
30     } else if (memcmp(avaya_oid, orgid, sizeof orgid) == 0) {
31         u_int32_t aa_element_dword;
32         u_int16_t aa_system_id_word;
33         u_int16_t aa_status_vlan_word;
34         u_int8_t aa_element_state;
35         unsigned short num_mappings;
36
37         switch(tlv_subtype) {
38             case LLDP_TLV_AA_ELEMENT_SUBTYPE:
39                 PEEK_BYTES(&msg_auth_digest, sizeof msg_auth_digest);
40 // (5) out-of-bounds read
41
42                 aa_element_dword = PEEK_UINT32; // out-of-bounds read
43                 // ...

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## Integer Underflow in Organization Specific TLV

Similar to above, if `orgid` matches `avaya_oid`, and `tlv_subtype` equals to

`LLDP_TLV_AA_ISID_VLAN_ASGNS_SUBTYPE`, the routine will go to (6), where another 32 bytes will be read. At (7), `tlv_size - 4 - LLDP_TLV_AA_ISID_VLAN_DIGEST_LENGTH` is calculated and assigned to `num_mappings`, then there is a check against `num_mappings` at (8). Again, since there is no guarantee that `tlv_size` of `tlv_type=0x7f` must exceed 40, we can craft a `Organization Specific TLV(type=0x7f, org_unique_code='\x00\x04\0xd', org_subtype=12)` with a small `tlv_length` to bypass the check at (8), while cause integer underflow at (7). Later, `num_mappings` will be used as a loop condition at (9). As a result, by causing integer underflow at (7), it may cause out-of-bounds read or segmentation fault in the for-loop later.

```

1     case LLDP_TLV_ORG:
2         CHECK_TLV_SIZE(1 + sizeof orgid, "Organisational");
3         PEEK_BYTES(orgid, sizeof orgid);
4         tlv_subtype = PEEK_UINT8;
5         if (memcmp(dot1, orgid, sizeof orgid) == 0) {
6             hardware->h_rx_unrecognized_cnt++;
7         } else if (memcmp(dot3, orgid, sizeof orgid) == 0) {
8             hardware->h_rx_unrecognized_cnt++;
9         } else if (memcmp(med, orgid, sizeof orgid) == 0) {
10            /* LLDP-MED */
11            hardware->h_rx_unrecognized_cnt++;
12        } else if (memcmp(avaya_oid, orgid, sizeof orgid) == 0) {
13            u_int32_t aa_element_dword;
14            u_int16_t aa_system_id_word;
15            u_int16_t aa_status_vlan_word;
16            u_int8_t aa_element_state;
17            unsigned short num_mappings;
18
19            switch(tlv_subtype) {

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20         case LLDP_TLV_AA_ELEMENT_SUBTYPE:
21             // ...
22             break;
23
24         case LLDP_TLV_AA_ISID_VLAN_ASGNS_SUBTYPE:
25             PEEK_BYTES(&msg_auth_digest, sizeof msg_auth_digest);
// (6) out-of-bounds read
26
27             /* Subtract off tlv type and length (2Bytes) + OUI (3B)
+
28             * Subtype (1B) + MSG DIGEST (32B).
29             */
30             num_mappings = tlv_size - 4 -
31                 LLDP_TLV_AA_ISID_VLAN_DIGEST_LENGTH; // (7)
integer underflow
32             if (num_mappings % 5 != 0) { // (8) can
be bypassed with tlv_length=5
33                 VLOG_INFO("malformed vlan-isid mappings tlv
received");
34                 goto malformed;
35             }
36
37             num_mappings /= 5; /* Each mapping is 5 Bytes */
38             for(; num_mappings > 0; num_mappings--) { // (9)
39                 uint8_t isid[3];
40
41                 isid_vlan_map = xzalloc(sizeof *isid_vlan_map);
42                 aa_status_vlan_word = PEEK_UINT16;
43
44                 /* Status is first 4 most-significant bits. */
45                 isid_vlan_map->isid_vlan_data.status =
46                     aa_status_vlan_word >> 12;
47
48                 /* vlan is last 12 bits */
49                 isid_vlan_map->isid_vlan_data.vlan =
50                     aa_status_vlan_word & 0x0FFF;
51                 PEEK_BYTES(isid, 3);
52                 isid_vlan_map->isid_vlan_data.isid =
53                     (isid[0] << 16) | (isid[1] << 8) | isid[2];
54                 ovs_list_push_back(&port->p_isid_vlan_maps,
55                                     &isid_vlan_map->m_entries);
56                 isid_vlan_map = NULL;
57             }
58             break;

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