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Agenda

An introduction on short file names (SFN) in Windows

- Discussing IIS SFN Disclosure
 - ► Automatically
 - Manually
- Methods of guessing long file name (LFN) from its SFN



Short File Name (SFN) – 8.3

Filename = 8 Characters TEST1234.XYZ

Extension = 3 Characters

- Necessary in FAT file-systems
- ► Uppercase
- Alphanumeric with some special characters
- ► No spaces
- Only one period

Long File Name (LFN)

► In Windows, LFN == 255 Characters

- Windows 95 supported LFN
- NTFS supports LFN but does not need it

Windows is backward compatible with SFN (optional in NTFS)

230601~1.TXT	230601_log.txt
APPCS~1.TXT	App.cs.txt
DEFAUL~1.ASP	Default.aspx
	favicon.ico
	Test1234.php
WEB~1.CON	Web.config

Simplified Transformation LFN(Real File Name) → SFN

► [6 CHARS]~[ONE DIGIT]

- [6 CHARS]~[ONE DIGIT].[3 CHARS]
- Removes
 - Disallowed characters
 - Any period character before the last one
 - Any space characters
- + changes to _
- Creation order is important
 - ▶ The name sticks!
- Equivalent DOS commands:
 - ► Dir /x
 - ► Dir /-n

Digging Deeper...

► Since Windows 2000 → Max Single Digit == 4

More than 4 similar SFN?

► [0-2 CHARS][4 HEX]~[ONE DIGIT].[3 CHARS]

- Read <u>http://tomgalvin.uk/blog/gen/2015/06/09/filenames/</u>
- By Thomas Galvin (<u>https://github.com/tom-galvin</u>)
- Interested to read more?
 - <u>https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/windows/it-pro/windows-2000-server/cc976806(v=technet.10)</u>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/8.3_filename

Early FAQs

- test~1.asp does not exist, can we have test~2.asp?
 - ✓ Yes, test~1.asp could be deleted, other SFNs stay the same
- > Can a SFN starts with a .?
 - ✓ No, it removes it.

► .File \rightarrow FILE~1

Can a SFN contain more than one ~?

✓ Yes, tilde is an allowed character itself

- ►~1~2~3.foobar → ~1~2~3~1.FOO
- > Will a SFN be deleted automatically after being disabled?
 - ✓ No, files/directories need to be recreated
- Which Windows disable SFN creation by default?
 - ✓ None

IIS SFN Disclosure 13th Birthday!

► When SFN is enabled, IIS discloses SFN by abusing DOS wildcards

- Initially could cause a temporary DoS (not an issue in 2023)
- ▶ Hard to remember but it was 2010...
- From Exploit-DB: <u>https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/19525</u>

VIII. DISCLOSURE TIMELINE

- 2010-08-01 Vulnerability Discovered
- 2010-08-03 Vendor Informed
- 2010-12-01 Vendor 1st Response
- 2011-01-04 Vendor 2nd Response (next version fix)
- 2012-06-29 Public Disclosure



About the DoS Side

It's much better now!

maxUrlSegments was 200 back in 2010 now it is 32

- ► File-System calls in 2010:
 - /~1/...200 times.../~1/bB~.AsPx → 3,680,353
- ► File-System calls now:

/~1/...29 times.../~1/bB~.AsPx (32 segments) → 353 without the `~1` → 136

Bug | | Feature

- It can be abused & has no use!
- Risk on its own?
 - INFO, worse than full directory listing!
- Usefulness?
 - Can make us faster in pentest
 - Gives us quick insights
 - Many sensitive files and databases have been dumped
 - Countless shells uploaded via hidden file uploaders
 - Numerous admin pages accessed...

fileupload.aspx \rightarrow fileup~1.asp

2023_03_21.zip → 2023_0~1.zip



What's Affected?

Version	Start Date
IIS 10 on Windows Server 2022	Aug 18, 2021
IIS 10 on Windows Server 2019	Nov 13, 2018
IIS 10 on Windows Server (Semi-Annual Channel)	Oct 17, 2017
IIS 10 on Windows Server 2016	Oct 15, 2016
IIS 10 on Windows 10, Enterprise and Education	Jul 29, 2015
IIS 10 on Windows 10 Pro	Jul 29, 2015
IIS 8.5 on Windows Server 2012 R2	Nov 25, 2013
IIS 8.5 on Windows 8.1	Nov 13, 2013
IIS 8 on Windows Server 2012	Oct 30, 2012
IIS 7.5 on Windows 7*	Oct 22, 2009
IIS 7.5 on Windows Server 2008 R2*	Oct 22, 2009
IIS 7.0 on Windows Server 2008*	May 6, 2008
IIS 6.0 on Windows Server 2003	May 28, 2003

The SFN Disclosure Issue in Nutshell

Producing different HTTP response using these vectors:

- DOS wildcard characters
 - Asterisk: * \rightarrow any number of characters
 - ► TE*.A* can be te.a or test.aspx or teapot1234.ashx.bak
 - \blacktriangleright Question mark: ? \rightarrow exactly one character
 - ► TE?.A?? can be tea.asp or ten.ant
- Tilde character + one digit character: ~1 to ~4
- > Suffix (the magic pattern)
 - ►/a.aspx , /~1.rem
- > HTTP method:
 - ► OPTIONS , DEBUG, POST, GET, FOOBAR

An Enumeration Example From IIS 10

	Method	URL Path	Status	Notes
1	OPTIONS	/path/ID0NT3XIST*~1/~1.rem	200	Checking for non-existing files
2	OPTIONS	/path/*~1*/~1.rem	404	Checking for existing files
3	OPTIONS	/path/T*~1*/~1.rem	404	A file starts with T
4	OPTIONS	/path/U*~1*/~1.rem	200	No file starts with U
5	OPTIONS	/path/TD*~1*/~1.rem	200	The second letter is not D
6	OPTIONS	/path/TE*~1*/~1.rem	404	The second letter is E
7	OPTIONS	/path/TESTME~1.A*/~1.rem	404	The first extension letter is A
8	OPTIONS	/path/TESTME~1.B*/~1.rem	200	The first extension letter is NOT B
9				Enumeration of remaining positions
10	OPTIONS	/path/TESTME~1.ASP/~1.rem	404	The TESTME~1.ASP SFN exists

Automation

[advert alert!] My old rusty but mighty tool in Java:
 <u>https://github.com/irsdl/IIS-ShortName-Scanner</u>
 The new Go ones:
 by @sw33tLie: <u>https://github.com/sw33tLie/sns</u>

- A private one by @Bitquark hopefully be released soon
- ► The new Burp extension:
 - By @cyberaz0r: <u>https://github.com/cyberaz0r/Burp-IISTildeEnumerationScanner</u>



BREAKING NEWS!



- **R**
- @Bitquark has released his tool: <u>https://github.com/bitquark/shortscan</u>
- Implements a rainbow-table-style technique to uncover long filenames.
- Harnesses Windows' proprietary short name collision avoidance algorithm for effective discovery
- A method to match hex to names

Cannot wait to use it



IIS ShortName Scanner Config File

- https://github.com/irsdl/IIS-ShortName-Scanner/blob/master/release/config.xml
- Customise it for your target
- Useful settings:
 - Enabling HTTP proxy for debugging or special cases
 - Headers and cookies (for authentication)
 - Changing detection vectors (method, suffix, wildcards)
 - Repeating requests to increase accuracy
 - Adjustable body differences & thresholds to increase detection rate

Manual Checks in 2023 – Part 1

Try different detection vectors and combine them

- Method: OPTIONS, Suffix: /~1/.rem
- Change HTTP method to POST or DEBUG or GET or PATCH
- Change the suffix to /~1.rem or /~1.aspx or /~1.svc or /~1.soap

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2 Host: victim.com	2 Content-Type: text/html	
3 Content-Length: 0	3 Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0	
4	4 X-Powered-By: ASP.NET	
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2 Host: victim.com	2 Allow: OPTIONS, TRACE	, GET,
3 Content-Length: 0	3 Server: Microsoft-IIS	/10.0
4	4 Public: OPTIONS, TRAC	E, GET
5	5 X-Powered-By: ASP.NET	

⊱ Burp Project Intruder Repeater Window Help	Burp Suite P	rofessional v2023.5.2-20972 (E	arly Adopter) - Temporary Proj	ject - licensed to Soroush Dalili	[single user lice	ense] —
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4 Accept: */*	7	POST	IDONTEXISTYES	/~1/.rem	400	4088
5 Accept-Language: en-US;q=0.9,en;q=0.8	8	DEBUG	IDONTEXISTYES	/~1/.rem	403	1413
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Manual Checks in 2023 – Part 2

What if wildcards are somehow blocked?

	Method	URL Path	Status	Notes
1	OPTIONS	/path/ID0NT3XIST/~1.rem	200	Checking for non-existing files
2	OPTIONS	/path/web.config/~1.rem	404	Checking for existing files

	Method	URL Path	Status	Notes
3	OPTIONS	/path/ID0NT3XIST~1/~1.rem	200	Checking for non-existing files
4	OPTIONS	/path/web~1.con/~1.rem	404	Checking for existing files
5	POST	/path/ID0NT3XIST~1/~1.rem	500	Checking for non-existing files
6	POST	/path/web~1.con/~1.rem	404	Checking for existing files

Tips & Tricks

- \blacktriangleright Do not rely only on response status code \rightarrow compare the whole response
- Do not confuse Kestrel or HTTP.SYS with IIS
 - Recent .NET versions 6/7/Core might be on Kestrel
- Web Forms using .NET Framework can be served with or without extensions
- Won't work on virtual files or IIS virtual / app paths
- Wildcards can be replaced:
 - * * == < ? == > * " == .
- URL encoding can be important
- WAFs can cause anomalies
- Space and period can be used as padding

Application or Directory or Virtual Directory?

- Might be useful during an exploit
- Application vs (Virtual) Directory:
 - /profile_json_appservice.axd/js

Example:

https://victim.com/path1/profile_json_appservice.axd/js

- ▶ 200 \rightarrow **path1** is an application
- ▶ 500 \rightarrow path1 is a directory or a virtual directory
- Directory vs Virtual Directory
 - Method: OPTIONS, Suffix: ::\$DATA/~1.rem Example:

https://victim.com/path1::\$DATA/~1.rem

- ► 404 \rightarrow path1 is a directory
- ▶ 200 \rightarrow path1 is a virtual directory



Example 1 – Looking at a Normal Web Directory

java -jar iis_shortname_scanner.jar 2 20 http://victim.com/webform/ config-test.xml

IIS Short Name (8.3) Scanner version 2023.4 Target: http://victim.com/webform/ [_ Result: Vulnerable! Used HTTP method: OPTIONS |_ Suffix (magic part): /~1/.rem _ Extra information: |_ Number of sent requests: 2988 [_ Identified directories: 1 L_ VERYVE~1 [_ Identified files: 23 _ ABOUTA~1.CS _ Actual extension = .CS ABOUT~1.ASP |_ Actual file name = ABOUT _ CONTAC~1.ASP _ CONTAC~1.CS _ Actual extension = .CS DEFAUL~1.ASP DEFAUL~1.CS _ Actual extension = .CS

Example 2 – Looking at a Restricted Dir Using ADS

- Use ::\$index_allocation or :\$i30:\$index_allocation for restricted folders
- Example: /webform/bin::\$index_allocation/

- ► Tip: escape \$ in PowerShell
- Bonus: Try manual file detection vectors with ::\$DATA or ::\$bitmap

From SFN to Real File Name

- Many have tackled this differently
 - Search in the target sitemap
 - Combine words, use the target's naming convention
 - Identify potential multi words or patterns
 - Search in Google
 - Use file/folder word-lists (Google BigQuery?)
 - Use words from a localised dictionary
 - Use Al!
- ► Tools?
 - By @Bitquark: <u>https://github.com/bitquark/shortscan</u>
 - By Arthur Dugon: <u>https://github.com/0xRTH/IISRecon/</u>
 - By @cyberaz0r: <u>https://github.com/cyberaz0r/Burp-IISTildeEnumerationScanner</u>

A Simple ChatGPT Prompt for SFN to LFN

► Prompt:

I have a list of Windows Short File Names (SFN) from an ASP.NET application directory. Try to guess 20 potential Long File Names (LFN) based on the SFNs I am giving you. I will start after this prompt. Your response should only includes the file names without any explanation. Sort them by likelihood.

LFN must start with the first 6 letters of the LFN. Only use one extension. Do not include the responses with an increasing number in the end.

The SFN may contain two words, try to recognize the prefix and its suffix. Do not complete the prefix, only suffix. Keep the prefix as is.

Try to match the short extension with its long extension format using file extensions generally used by an ASP.NET application.

ChatGPT Example 1: Fileup~1.ASH ③



- 1. Fileupload.ASHX
- 2. Fileupload.ASPX
- 3. Fileuploader.ASHX
- 4. FileuploadForm.ASHX
- 5. FileuploadControl.ASHX
- 6. FileuploadScript.ASHX
- 7. FileuploadHandler.ASHX
- 8. FileuploadPage.ASPX
- 9. FileuploadModule.ASHX
- 10. FileuploadFeature.ASHX
- 11. FileuploadComponent.ASHX
- 12. FileuploadService.ASHX
- 13. FileuploadUtility.ASHX
- 14. FileuploadWidget.ASHX
- 15. FileuploadButton.ASHX
- 16. FileuploadProcess.ASHX
- 17. FileuploadFunction.ASHX
- 18. FileuploadTool.ASHX
- 19. FileuploadAction.ASHX
- 20. FileuploadManager.ASHX

try to search online and see if you can complete the SFN better

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Finished browsing

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Here are the potential Long File Names (LFN) sorted by likelihood:

- 1. FileUpload.Ashx
- 2. FileUploader.Ashx
- 3. FileUpdate.Ashx
- 4. FileUploads.Ashx
- 5. FileUpData.Ashx
- 6. FileUpTool.Ashx
- 7. FileUploadModule.Ashx
- 8. FileUpServer.Ashx
- 9. FileUploadManager.Ashx
- 10. FileUploadService.Ashx
- 11. FileUploadHelper.Ashx
- 12. FileUploadController.Ashx
- 13. FileUploadHandler.Ashx
- 14. FileUploadResource.Ashx
- 15. FileUploadProcessor.Ashx
- 16. FileUploadUtility.Ashx
- 17. FileUploadInterface.Ashx
- 18. FileUploadComponent.Ashx
- 19. FileUploadImplementation.Ashx
- 20. FileUploadFunctionality.Ashx¹.

ChatGPT Example 2: GENERR~1.ASP 🕑



- 1. GeneralError.aspx
- 2. GenerateError.aspx
- 3. GenericError.aspx
- 4. GenErrorReport.aspx
- 5. GenErrorHandler.aspx
- 6. GenErrorLogging.aspx
- 7. GenErrorTracker.aspx
- 8. GenErrorPage.aspx
- 9. GenErrorView.aspx
- 10. GenErrorMonitor.aspx
- 11. GenErrorDisplay.aspx
- 12. GenErrorResponse.aspx
- 13. GenErrorData.aspx
- 14. GenErrorInfo.aspx
- 15. GenErrorDetails.aspx
- 16. GenErrorAlert.aspx
- 17. GenErrorOutput.aspx
- 18. GenErrorInput.aspx
- 19. GenErrorRecord.aspx
- 20. GenErrorAnalysis.aspx

- try to search online and see if you can complete the SFN better

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- 1. GenerrHandler.aspx
- 2. GenerrException.aspx
- 3. GenerrReport.aspx
- 4. GenerrLogs.aspx
- 5. GenerrDebugger.aspx
- 6. GenerrLogger.aspx
- 7. GenerrUtility.aspx
- 8. GenerrSupport.aspx
- 9. GenerrAlert.aspx
- 10. GenerrAudit.aspx
- 11. GenerrMonitor.aspx
- 12. GenerrTracker.aspx
- 13. GenerrAnalysis.aspx
- 14. GenerrInspector.aspx
- 15. GenerrNotifier.aspx
- 16. GenerrResolver.aspx
- 17. GenerrReporter.aspx
- 18. GenerrChecker.aspx
- 19. GenerrHelper.aspx
- 20. GenerrBreakpoint.aspx

Revealing a Special LFN with ~DIGIT

UnknownRandomPrefix_UserControlled~31337Foo_UnknownSuffix.html

Short Name \rightarrow UNKNOW~1.TXT BUT the LFN can be enumerated thanks to ~3

- One digit character after tilde is enough
- ▶ The digit can be 0 to 9

▶ + and higher ASCII characters (>7F) sign cannot be enumerated \rightarrow use ?



Enumerating a Real Name with a ~DIGIT

? needs to be URL-Encoded, Method: OPTIONS, Suffix: /~1.rem

UnknownRandomPrefix_UserControlled~31337Foo_UnknownSuffix.html

	URL Path	Status	Notes
1	??????*~1*	200	7 question marks, not a LFN with ~1
2	??????*~3*	404	7 question marks, a LFN with ~3
3	T????*~3*	200	The LFN does not start with T
4	U????*~3*	404	A LFN starts with U
5			Enumeration
6	UnknownRandomPrefix_User*~3*Foo*.html	404	Revealing part of the LFN
			Enumeration

Usefulness of LFN with ~DIGIT?

▶ This file name has been:

- Dynamically generated by an application
- Created with a user-supplied input

Useful for known paths but unknown file names with sensitive data
 Temporary files perhaps belongs to others can be downloaded

Defense Mechanisms

Disable SFN creation in Windows (still enabled by default in 2023)

- Recreate all files/folders in the web folder
- Use the DOS commands to ensure they are gone

- Code assisted review assessments
- Periodic security tests by providing all file names

Thank you, any questions?