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- Director of Vulnerability Research at PeckShield
- Has extensive experiences in OS kernel layer with deep knowledge in advanced vulnerability discovery and exploitation
- Before joining PeckShield, I worked for Qihoo 360 as the team lead of CORE Team, which was recognized by Google as the top research team in 2017. I am now focusing on the security of blockchain infrastructure
- Submitted several vulnerabilities to the Ethereum Foundation







### Blockchain Status Quo



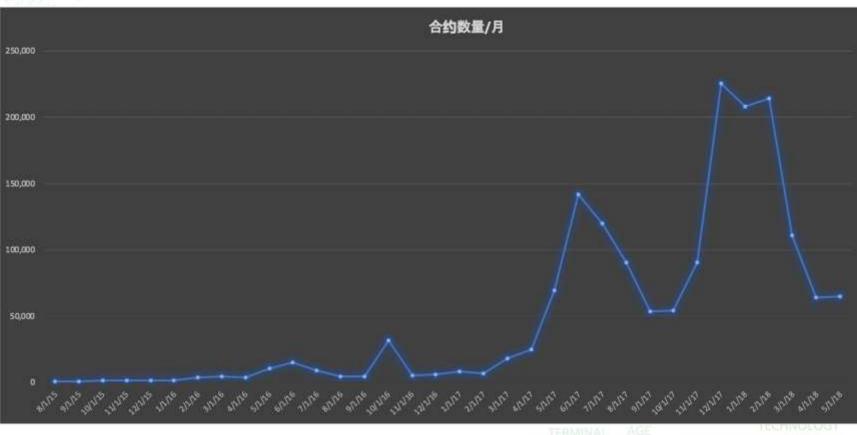
ETHEREUM IN 2017 1,090 Dapps & 700+ Tokens

100,000 New Users Per Day

Daily Trading > 1,000,000

#### MARKET CAP IN 2018

1,845 Cryptocurrencies Market Cap > 200 Billion Global GDP Rank: ~50th









### Security Incidents



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Bithumb Hacks with \$31 Million Dollars Stolen EDU, BAIC Smart Contracts Bugs **BEC, SMT Smart Contracts Bugs** Myetherwallet Suffer from DNS Hijacking BitGrail Hacks with Stolen Nano Tokens of 170 Million Dollars Coincheck Hacks with 530 Million Dollars Stolen Nicehash Hacks with 4700 BTC Missing with 62 Million Dollars Bithumb Hacks with 1 Billion Korean Yuan Loss and 30 Thousand User Info. Leaked Bitfinex Hacks with 120,000 BTC Stolen of 75 Million Dollars Cryptsy Hacks with 13,000 BTC and 300,000 LTC Stolen Bitstamp Hacks with 19,000 BTC Stolen Poloniex Hacks with 12.3% BTC Lost Mt.Gox Hacks with Followed Bankruptcy

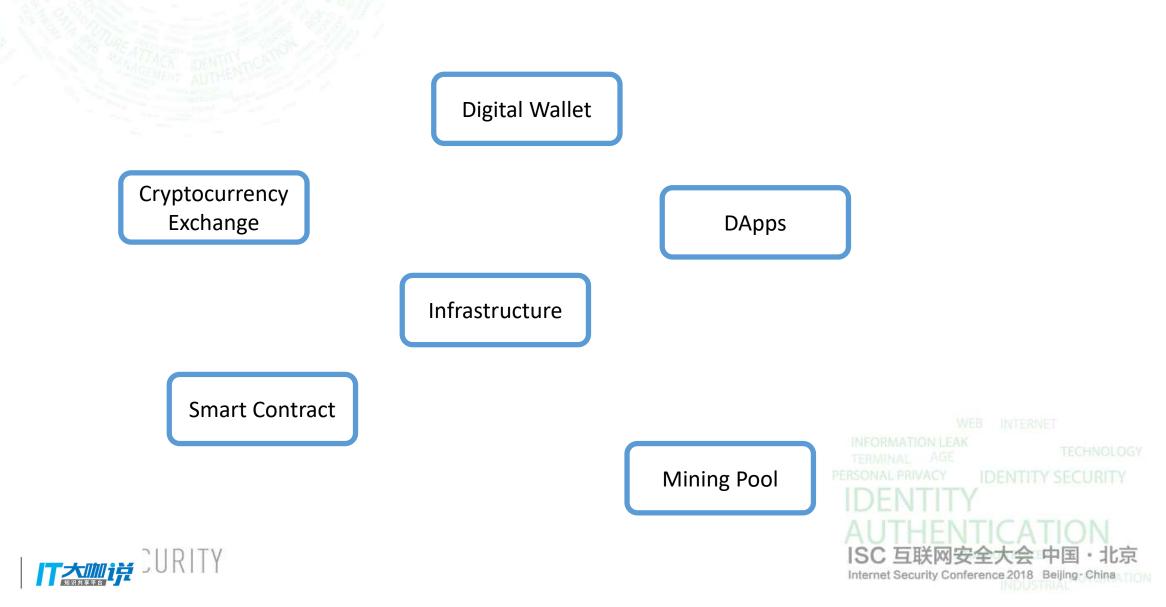




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### **Blockchain Ecosystem**

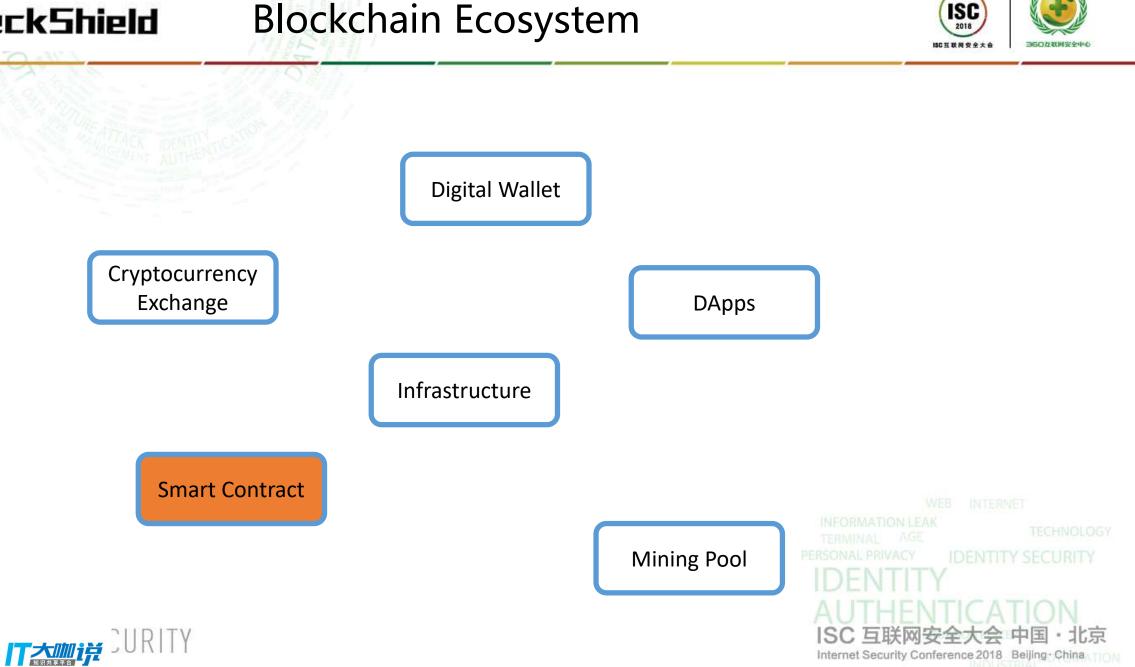






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#### **Peck5hield** Security of Smart Contracts



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CVE-2018-10468			
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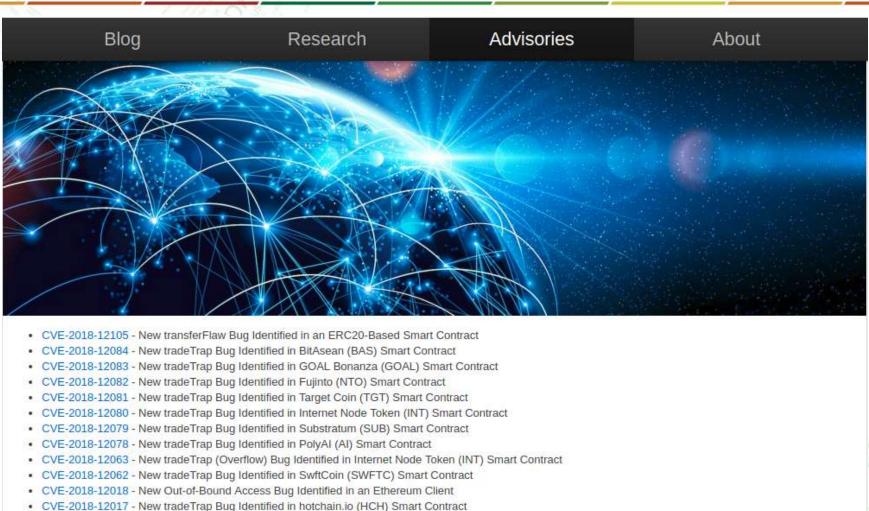


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### **PeckShield** Security of Smart Contracts





- CVE-2018-11673 New Memory Leak Bug Identified in an Ethereum Client
- CVE-2018-11585 New ctorMismatch Bug Identified in MORPH (MORPH) Smart Contract
- CVE-2018-11582 New balanceAnyone Bug Identified in an ERC20-Based Smart Contract
  - VE-2018-11561 New distributeFlaw Bug Identified in Multiple ERC20-Based Smart Contracts
- VE-2018-11446 New tradeTrap Bug Identified in an ERC20-Based Smart Contract
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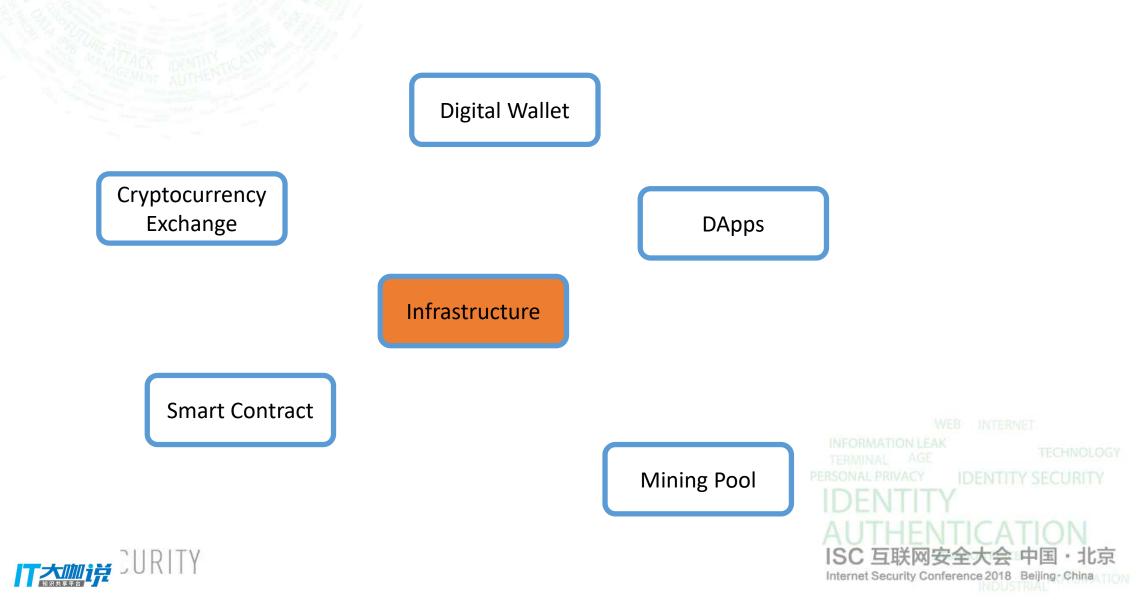




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# **Ethereum Clients**



#### ETHEREUM CLIENTS

geth (golang)

aleth (c++)

Parity (Rust) – by Parity Technologies

#### MARKET SHARE

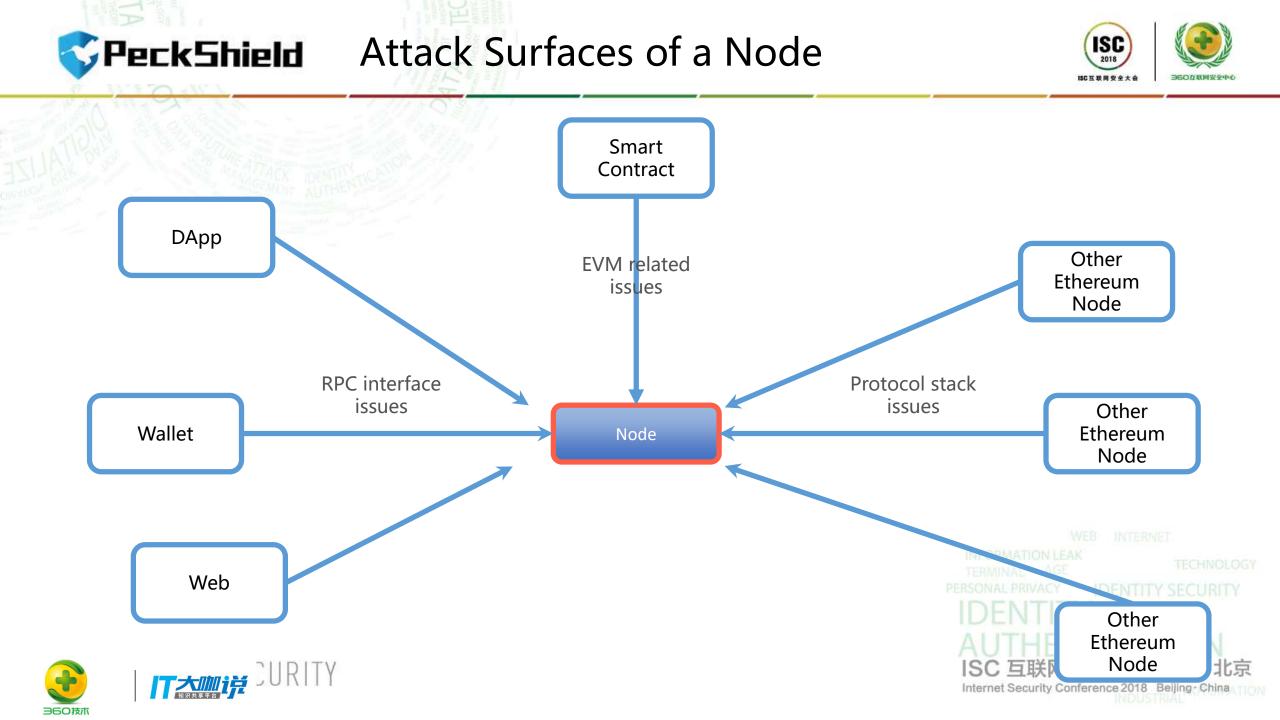
geth ~2/3

parity ~1/3





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#### Ethereum Protocol Stack











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- Connection management
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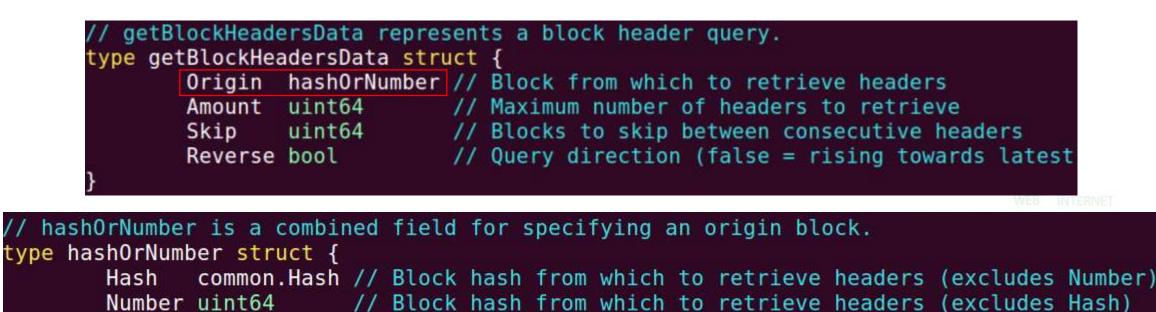






#### LIGHT ETHEREUM SUBPROTOCOL

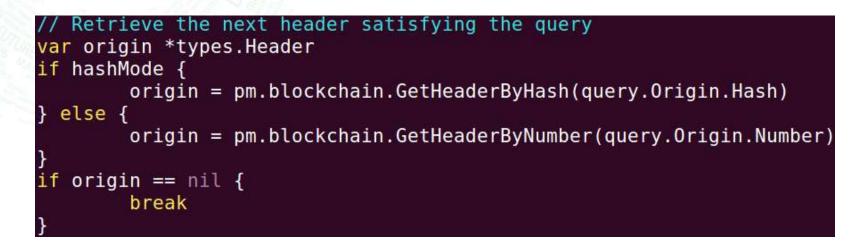
- used by "light" clients, which only download block headers as they appear and fetch other parts of the on-demand
- do not mine and therefore do not take part in the consensus process
- Several message handlers for different types of messages
  - StatusMsg, AnnounceMsg, GetBlockBodiesMsg, GetBlockHeadersMsg

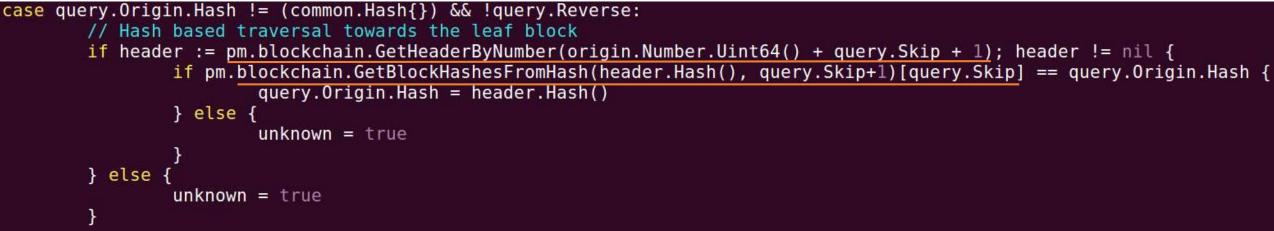


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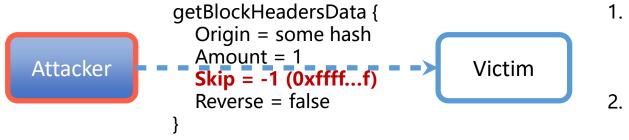








// getBlockHeader	sData represents a block header query.
type getBlockHead	lersData struct {
Origin h	ashOrNumber // Block from which to retrieve headers
Amount u	<pre>int64 // Maximum number of headers to retrieve</pre>
Skip u	<pre>int64 // Blocks to skip between consecutive headers</pre>
Reverse k	<pre>pool // Query direction (false = rising towards lates</pre>



- Allocate array for max # of blocksallocate (Skip+1):
  - Zero-Size Array Allocated
- 2. Query from returned array[Skip]

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Access array[-1]: Out-of-Bound Read AUTHENTICATION ISC 互联网安全大会中国·北京 Internet Security Conference 2018 Beijing: China







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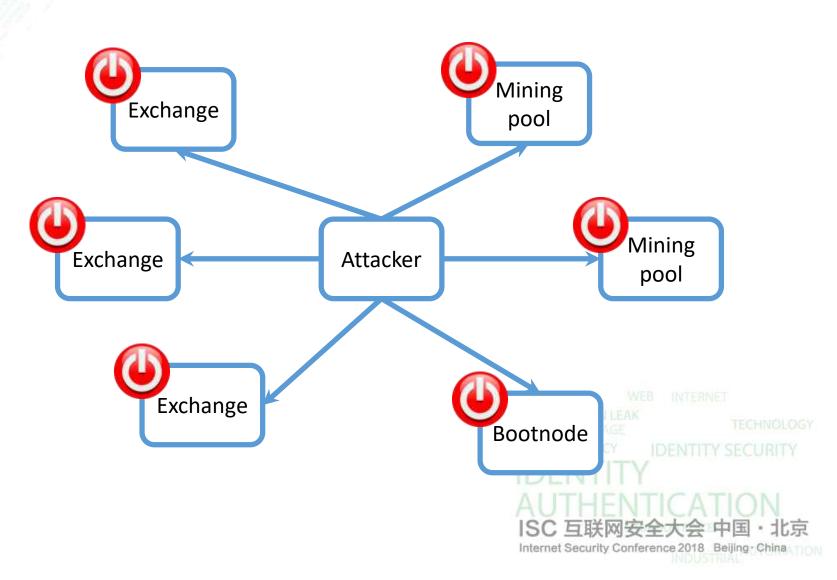


# **Possible Impacts**



#### POSSIBLE VICTIMS

- Cryptocurrency exchanges
- Mining pools
- Bootnodes

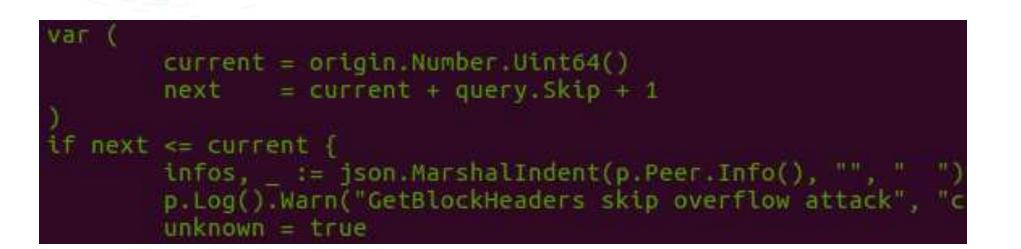






EPoD Patch













// announceData is the network packet for the block announcements.
type announceData struct {
 Hash common.Hash // Hash of one particular block being announced
 Number uint64 // Number of one particular block being announced
 Td \*big.Int // Total difficulty of one particular block being announced
 ReorgDepth uint64
 Update keyValueList



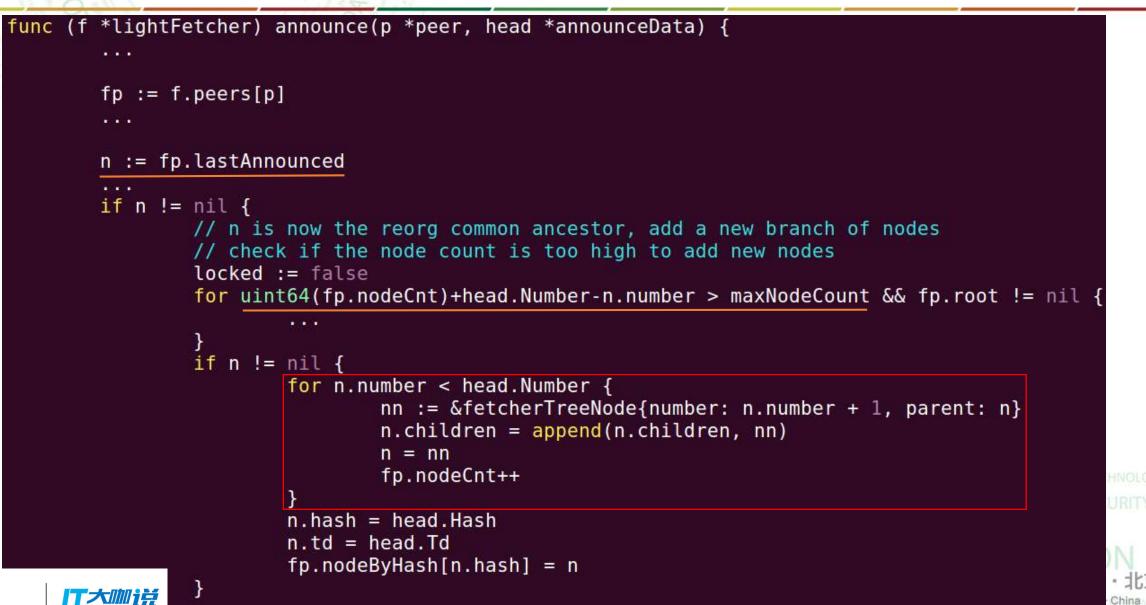




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#### EPoD2: CVE-2018-12567



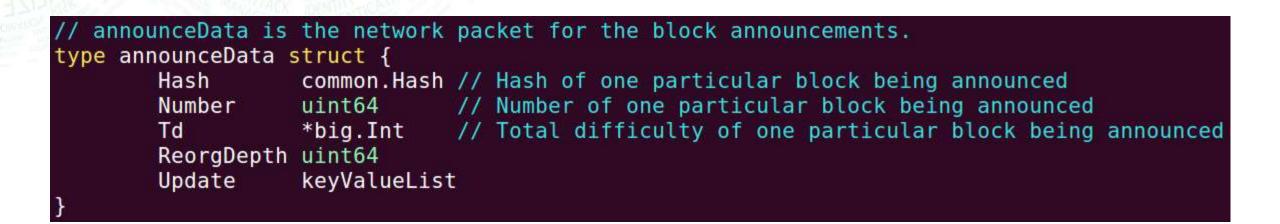


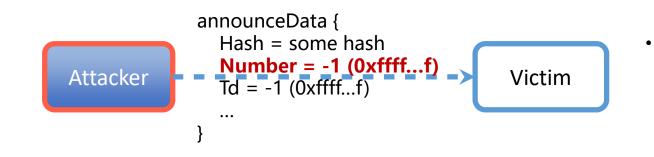


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- for n < head.Number
  - Allocate fetcherTreeNode
  - Append to n.children
  - Out-of-memory INFORMATION LEAK





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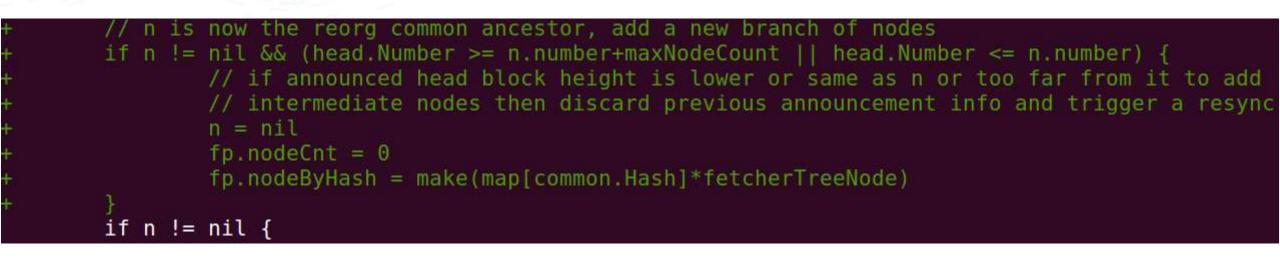






EPoD2 Patch





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#### Freether: CVE-2018-11673









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#### NODE DISCOVERY PROTOCOL

- Aimed at discovering RLPx nodes to connect to
- UDP-based RPC protocol (kademlia-like)
- Defines 4 packet types: ping, pong, findnode and neighbors

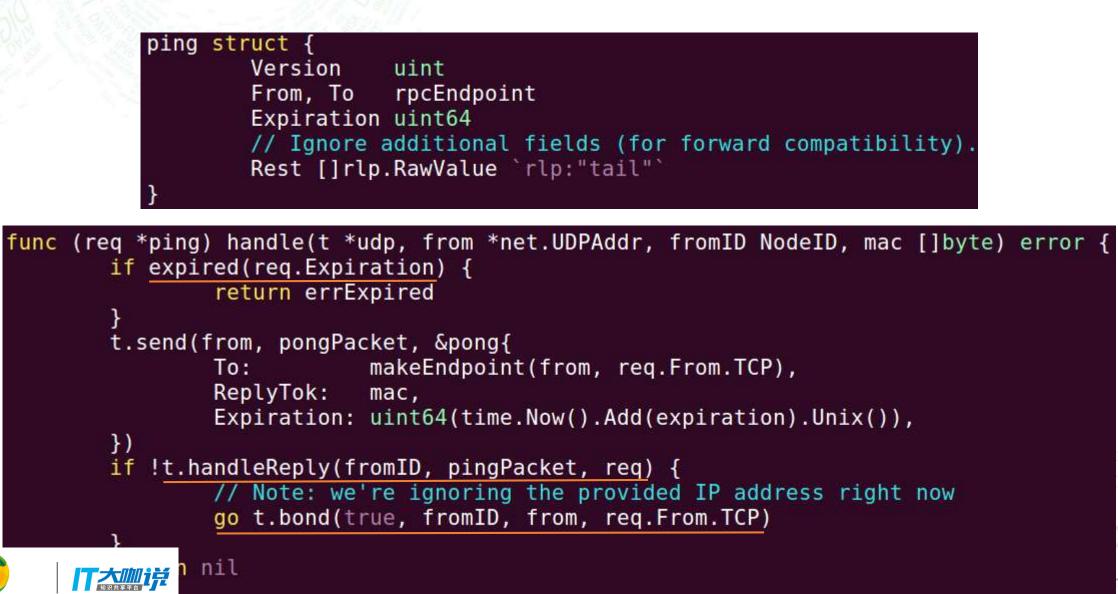






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#### Freether: CVE-2018-11673



```
node, fails := tab.db.node(id), tab.db.findFails(id)
age := time.Since(tab.db.bondTime(id))
var result error
if fails > 0 || age > nodeDBNodeExpiration {
        tab.bondmu.Lock()
        w := tab.bonding[id]
        if w != nil {
                // Wait for an existing bonding process to complete.
                tab.bondmu.Unlock()
                <-w.done
        } else {
                // Register a new bonding process.
                w = &bondproc{done: make(chan struct{})}
                tab.bonding[id] = w
                tab.bondmu.Unlock()
                // Do the ping/pong. The result goes into w.
                tab.pingpong(w, pinged, id, addr, tcpPort)
                // Unregister the process after it's done.
                tab.bondmu.Lock()
                delete(tab.bonding, id)
                tab.bondmu.Unlock()
        // Retrieve the bonding results
        result = w.err
        if result == nil {
                node = w.n
        }
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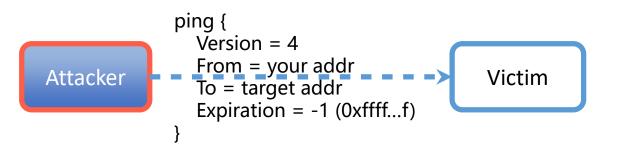


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// Request a bonding slot to limit network usage
<-tab.bondslots
defer func() { tab.bondslots <- struct{}{} }()</pre>





- 1. Generate many key pairs
- 2. Sign the ping packets with each private key
- 3. Flood the victim with many ping packets
- 4. Each ping will consume a goroutine resource after 16 pending ping requests

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# DEMO







Freether Patch



// Add the node to the table. Before doing so, ensure that we have a recent enough pong
// recorded in the database so their findnode requests will be accepted later.
n := NewNode(fromID, from.IP, uint16(from.Port), req.From.TCP)
if time.Since(t.db.lastPongReceived(fromID)) > nodeDBNodeExpiration {
 t.sendPing(fromID, from, func() { t.addThroughPing(n) })
} else {
 t.addThroughPing(n)

t.db.updateLastPingReceived(fromID, time.Now())









• Blockchian can't function without the fundamental components

Conclusion

- Infrastructure (nodes)
- Mining pool
- ...
- Vulnerability could exist in any aspects of the blockchain ecosystem
  - EPoD / EPoD2
  - Freether
- Some suggestions
  - Smart contract audit before going online
  - Security response after going online
  - Community / Bounty Program









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