

Firmware Enumeration With Open Source Tools

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How many devices are in your devices?



The hidden dangers inside the platform by Mickey Shkatov and Jesse Michael: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U37Z941pcME</u>



What/Who Attacks UEFI Firmware?

- 2011 Mebromi (BIOS)
- 2015 Hacking Team UEFI rootkit
- 2015-2117 Equation Group and Vault 7 Leaks
- 2018 LoJax, used by Fancy Bear
- 2020 MosaicRegressor, origin unknown
- 2020 Trickboot Trickbot contains code to read, write, and erase firmware
- 2021 FinSpy A UEFI component belonging to the FinFisher surveillance toolset
- 2021 ESpecter A bootkit persisting in the EFI System Partition that can bypass Windows Driver Signature Enforcement
- 2022 MoonBounce Attributed to APT41, or an actor closely affiliated to the group, which researchers say is part of the Winnti Umbrella
- 2022 Conti Group Found Actively Looking For Firmware Vulnerabilities
- 2022 CosmicStrand Malware that "hooks" UEFI at an early stage to infect all subsequent operations in the boot process
- *2022 BlackLotus Researchers observed a UEFI bootkit sold online called "BlackLotus".

https://eclypsium.com/2022/10/20/firmware-attacks-an-endpoint-timeline/

*Unconfirmed at this time © 2022 Eclypsium



Check Your BIOS/UEFI Version Before You Go Any Further

For Linux systems
sudo apt install dmidecode

\$ sudo dmidecode -s bios-version E16S3IMS.108

\$ sudo dmidecode -s bios-release-date
11/18/2019

Microsoft warns that KB5012170 update may cause 0x800f0922 error





https://osxdaily.com/2022/02/02/find-mac-system-info-terminal-system-profiler/ https://windowsreport.com/check-bios-version-windows-10/ https://www.linuxtechi.com/dmidecode-command-examples-linux/ There is a potential workaround, that may help some people:

This issue can be mitigated on some devices by updating the UEFI bios to the latest version before attempting to install KB5012170.







Secure Boot Certificate Hierarchy





Secure Boot Key Hierarchy

Platform Key (PK)

- Typically a single Platform Vendor Certificate
- It's primary job is to verify KEKs

Key Exchange Keys (KEKs)

- The primary job is to verify db and dbx entries
- There can be multiple

Authorized Database (db)

• X509 certificates, SHA1/SHA256 hashes of allowed images

Forbidden Database (dbx)

X509 certificates, SHA1/SHA256 hashes of revoked images (This gets checked first!)





Quick Check First: Am I Vulnerable To Boothole?

\$ sudo bash BootHoleDetection.sh
Boot Hole Detection Bash Script
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[*] mokutil: SecureBoot disabled

- [!] ESP is not protected
- [+] No indication found that GRUB/Shim is vulnerable to BootHole

Latest research here: https://eclypsium.com/2022/08/11/vulnerable-bootloaders-2022/



Get it here: <u>https://github.com/eclypsium/BootHole</u> <u>There's A Hole In The Boot</u> (Eclypsium Research, July 2020)



Is Secure Boot Enabled?

\$ sudo fwts uefidump - | grep Secure Name: SecureBoot Value: 0x00 (Secure Boot Mode Off) Name: SecureBootSetup Data: 0340: 00 ff ff ff 83 07 53 65 63 75 72 65 42 6f 6f 74SecureBoot

\$ mokutil --sb-state SecureBoot disabled



https://wiki.ubuntu.com/FirmwareTestSuite/Reference

References:

https://www.windowscentral.com/how-enable-secure-boot-pc-install-windows-11

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What's In Those Variables?

\$ efi-readvar -v PK -o old PK.esl

\$ efi-readvar -v KEK -o old_KEK.esl

\$ sig-list-to-certs old_PK.esl oldpk

\$ sig-list-to-certs old_KEK.esl oldkek

\$ openssl x509 -in oldpk-0.der -inform der -noout -text

\$ openssl x509 -in oldkek-0.der -inform der -noout -text

- Read the PK and KEK variables
- Convert them to DER format
- Use openssl to convert the DER formatted certificate to text.



What's In Those Variables?

```
$ openssl x509 -in oldkek-0.der -inform der -noout -text | grep Issuer
Issuer: CN = ASUSTEK MotherBoard KEK Certificate
$ openssl x509 -in oldkek-1.der -inform der -noout -text | grep Issuer
Issuer: C = US, ST = Washington, L = Redmond, O = Microsoft Corporation, CN = Microsoft
Corporation Third Party Marketplace Root
```

CA Issuers - URI:http://www.microsoft.com/pki/certs/MicCorThiParMarRoo 2010-10-05.crt

\$ openssl x509 -in oldkek-2.der -inform der -noout -text | grep Issuer

Issuer: C = GB, ST = Isle of Man, L = Douglas, O = Canonical Ltd., CN = Canonical Ltd. Master Certificate Authority



How Do You Know If Your DBX Is Out-Of-Date?



Updating The DBX Manually (Use caution!)

\$ sudo apt install efitools

\$ efi-readvar -v dbx -o existing_dbx.esl
Variable dbx, length 3724

NOTE: This is the old method, LVFS now supports a better way!

\$ dbxtool -d existing_dbx.esl -l | tail -1
240: {microsoft} {sha256} 540801dd345dc1c33ef431b35bf4c0e68bd319b577b9abe1a9cff1cbc39f548f

\$ wget https://uefi.org/sites/default/files/resources/dbxupdate_x64.bin

\$ sudo cp dbxupdate_x64.bin /usr/share/secureboot/updates/dbx/dbxupdate_x64.bin

\$ sudo /usr/bin/sbkeysync -no-default-keystores -keystore /usr/share/secureboot/updates -verbose

\$ efi-readvar -v dbx -o updated_dbx.esl

\$ dbxtool -d updated_dbx.esl -l | tail -1
271: {microsoft} {sha256} af79b14064601bc0987d4747af1e914a228c05d622ceda03b7a4f67014fee767

Firmware Security Realizations - Part 1 - Secure Boot and DBX

Using LVFS To Check For Firmware Updates

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Linux Vendor Firmware Service

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The Linux Vendor Firmware Service is a secure portal which allows hardware vendors to upload firmware updates.

This site is used by all major Linux distributions to provide metadata for clients such as fwupdmgr and GNOME Software.

There is no charge to vendors for the hosting or distribution of content. Consulting companies can offer advice and help you get on the LVFS.

https://fwupd.org/

- The Linux Vendor Firmware Service (LVFS) provides Linux users with a facility to:
 - Discover devices/components on your system that have firmware
 - Download updates if new firmware is available
 - Apply firmware updates
- Vendors must submit firmware updates to LVFS

fwupdmgr get-updates

Devices with no available firmware updates:

- System Firmware
- Thunderbolt host controller
- UEFI dbx
- WDC PC SN730 SDBPNTY-1T00-1032

No updatable devices

\$ fwupdmgr get-devices

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System Product Name

L-UEFI dbx:

Device ID:	362301da643102b9f38477387e2193e57abaa590
Summary:	UEFI revocation database
Current version:	77
Minimum Version:	77
Vendor:	UEFI:Linux Foundation
Install Duration:	1 second
GUIDs:	fda6234b-adcb-5105-8515-9af647d29775
	f8ff0d50-c757-5dc3-951a-39d86e16f419
	c6682ade-b5ec-57c4-b687-676351208742
	f8ba2887-9411-5c36-9cee-88995bb39731
	7d5759e5-9aa0-5f0c-abd6-7439bb11b9f6
	0c7691e1-b6f2-5d71-bc9c-aabee364c916
Device Flags:	• Internal device
	• Updatable

- Needs a reboot after installation
- Only version upgrades are allowed

Could we detect an outdated DBX and then use LVFS to update DBX entries? As of 1.8.5, YES!

https://blogs.gnome.org/hughsie/2020/08/17/updating-secure-boot-d bx-with-fwupd-and-the-lvfs/

Version 217:

Warning: This firmware is in the testing state and may not be suitable for production systems.

Released	2022-08-23 10:12:10
State	testing
Urgency	high
License	Proprietary, distributed by agreement
Filename	DBXUpdate-20220812-x64.cab
Description	This updates the dbx to the latest release from Microsoft which adds insecure versions of grub and shim
	to the list of forbidden signatures due to multiple discovered security updates.
	https://fwupd.org/lvfs/devices/org.linuxfoundation.dbx.x64.firmware



Use LVFS To Update The DBX

 $\$ fwupdmgr --version

fwupdmgr --version

runtime	org.freedesktop.fwupd	1.8.5
runtime	org.freedesktop.fwupd-efi	1.3
compile	org.freedesktop.gusb	0.4.0
runtime	com.dell.libsmbios	2.4
runtime	org.kernel	5.15.65-1-MANJARC
runtime	com.hughsie.libjcat	0.1.11
compile	com.hughsie.libjcat	0.1.11
compile	org.freedesktop.fwupd	1.8.5
runtime	org.freedesktop.gusb	0.4.0

NOTE: You have to run the following command before any updates show up in the UI:

\$ fwupdmgr get-updates

Firmware metadata has not been updated for 30 days and may not be up to date.

- System Firmware
- Thunderbolt host controller
- WDC PC SN730 SDBPNTY-1T00-1032



Use LVFS To Update The DBX

I've done this on my 3 primary systems and found that it works great!

[paulda@gibson ~]\$ fwupdmgr update Devices with no available firmware updates: System Firmware Thunderbolt host controller WDC PC SN730 SDBPNTY-1T00-1032 Upgrade UEFI dbx from 211 to 217? This updates the dbx to the latest release from Microsoft which adds insecure versions of grub and shim to the list of forbidden signatures due to multiple discovered security updates. Before installing the update, fwupd will check for any affected executables in the ESP and will refuse to update if it finds any boot binaries signed with any of the forbidden signatures. If the installation fails, you will need to update shim and grub packages before the update can be deployed. Once you have installed this dbx update, any DVD or USB installer images signed with the old signatures may not work correctly. You may have to temporarily turn off secure boot when using recovery or installation media. if new images have not been made available by your distribution. Perform operation? [Y|n]: Y Downloading... Decompressing... Authenticating... Authentication is required to update the firmware on this machine Authenticating as: Paul Asadoorian (paulda) Password: Waiting... Writing... Waiting... Waiting... Successfully installed firmware An update requires a reboot to complete. Restart now? [y|N]:



Advice: Update Firmware...

KB5012170: Windows update error 0x800f0922, UEFI Bios update may resolve it

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Windows Updates | 8 D

Microsoft released cumulative updates for all supported versions of Windows on <u>the August 2022 Patch Day</u>. The company did release a second security update for Windows at the day to address issues in Secure Boot DBX.

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August 2022

Update might fail to install and you might receive a 0x800f0922 error

Status	Originating update	History
Investigating	OS Build 22000.850	Last updated: 2022-08-12, 17:08 PT
	K85012170@	Opened: 2022-08-12, 17:08 PT
	2022-08-09	
	2022-08-09	

When attempting to install KB5012170 d, it might fail to install, and you might receive an error 0x800f0922.

Note: This issue only affects the Security update for Secure Boot DBX (KB5012170 #) and does not affect the latest cumulative security updates, monthly rollups, or security only updates released on August 9, 2022.

Workaround: This issue can be mitigated on some devices by updating the UEFI bios to the latest version before attempting to install KB5012170 #.

Next steps: We are presently investigating and will provide an update in an upcoming release.

Affected platforms:

· Client: Windows 11, version 21H2: Windows 10, version 21H2: Windows 10, version

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Windows KB5012170 Secure Boot DBX update may fail with 0x800f0922 error

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Vindows release health

Message center

Version 21H2

Version 21H1
 Version 20H2

2019

2016

Resolved issues

Windows 11 release information

Version 21H2 (original release)
Known issues and notifications
Resolved issues
Windows 10

Windows 10 release information

Known issues and notifications

> Version 1809 and Windows Server

> Version 1607 and Windows Server

~ Windows 11



Intel ME/CSME

YODAWGIHEARDYOULIKE **FIRMWARE UPDATES SOI MADE A FIRMWARE UPDATE TO FIX YOUR** WARE UPDATE THAT FIX THE OTHER FIRMWARE UPDATE & THEN, I UPDATED IT memegenerator.nel

Intel CSME (Converged Security and Manageability Engine) Quick Rundown

- Introduced by Intel in 2006 (if you have an Intel-based computer, you likely have it in some capacity)
- Runs on a separate CPU and SRAM with its own micro-kernel (uses SPI flash for storage)
- Introduces "Ring -3" level access to your computer, direct access to all components as conceivably the lowest level, but highest privilege level
- In most cases it cannot be completely removed or disabled, some functionality is required for your computer to boot and operate correctly
- Some manufacturers will reduce its functionality (e.g. Apple, System76)
- AMT (Active Management Technology) is a feature set that can be included in ME

Firmware Security Realizations - Part 2 - Start Your Management Engine



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Links to all the research I could find on this topic is referenced here: Firmware Security Realizations - Part 2 - Start

Your Management Engine



Check For "Silent Bob Is Silent"



Intel Manufacturing Mode

- Typically enabled during the manufacturing and/or assembly phases on the PC
- The OEM uses this mode to set keys and other settings, then lock them by turning off manufacturing mode
- If its enabled, an attacker can set keys or other settings, and then lock them!
- Intel-based Apple laptops had this problem for a period of time: <u>https://www.zdnet.com/article/some-apple-laptops-shipped-with-i</u> <u>ntel-chips-in-manufacturing-mode/</u>

"Manufacturing Mode allows for the configuration of critical platform settings, such as those for BootGuard, a technology available with Intel's chips that can verify the boot process. These settings are stored in one-time-programmable memory (FUSEs), and some of them are called Field Programmable Fuses (FPFs) FPFs are typically used to store platform parameters. Setting FPFs requires Intel's ME to be in the Manufacturing Mode"

https://www.tomshardware.com/news/intel-me-cpu-undocumentedmanufacturing-mode,37883.html



Matthew Garrett's AMT Check



As AMT is a feature, and more specifically a set of modules that can be included in ME's firmware, its nice to be able to check for it. Typically an Intel PC labeled with vPro will support AMT.



Chipsec Can Be Used To Enumerate ME's Manufacturing Mode

```
## Download and install the latest version of Chipsec
## Note: The instructions that follow were tested on Ubuntu 20.04.4
```

\$ sudo apt install python3 python3-setuptools nasm build-essential linux-headers-\$(uname -r)

\$ sudo update-alternatives --install /usr/bin/python python /usr/bin/python3 1

\$ git clone <u>https://github.com/chipsec/chipsec.git</u>

\$ cd chipsec

\$ python setup.py build ext -i

The Phantom Menace: Intel ME Manufacturing Mode (HiTHB 2018)

```
$ sudo python chipsec main.py -m common.me mfg mode
*****
##
                                                 ##
  CHIPSEC: Platform Hardware Security Assessment Framework
##
                                                 ##
##
                                                 ##
***********
[CHIPSEC] Version 1.8.6
[CHIPSEC] Arguments: -m common.me mfg mode
***** Chipsec Linux Kernel module is licensed under GPL 2.0
[CHIPSEC] API mode: using CHIPSEC kernel module API
[CHIPSEC] OS
          : Linux 5.15.0-41-generic #44~20.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jun 24 13:27:29 UTC 2022 x86 64
[CHIPSEC] Python : 3.8.10 (64-bit)
[CHIPSEC] Helper : LinuxHelper (/home/paulda/chipsec/chipsec/helper/linux/chipsec.ko)
[CHIPSEC] Platform: Desktop 8th Generation Core Processor (CoffeeLake S 8 Cores)
[CHIPSEC]
           VID: 8086
[CHIPSEC] DID: 3E30
[CHIPSEC] RID: OD
[CHIPSEC] PCH : Intel Z390 (300 series) PCH
       VID: 8086
[CHIPSEC]
[CHIPSEC] DID: A305
[CHIPSEC] RID: 10
[+] loaded chipsec.modules.common.me mfg mode
[*] running loaded modules ..
[*] Running module: chipsec.modules.common.me mfg mode
[x] [ Module: ME Manufacturing Mode
[-] FAILED: ME is in Manufacturing Mode
```

```
## Note: You make have to install the required dependencies:
## sudo apt install libpci-dev zlib1g-dev
$ git clone -depth=1 <u>https://review.coreboot.org/coreboot</u>
$ cd coreboot/util/intelmetool
$ make
$ sudo ./intelmetool -m
MEI found: [8086:a360] Cannon Lake PCH HECI Controller
ME Status : 0x90000255
ME Status 2 : 0x6f10506
ME: FW Partition Table
                           : OK
ME: Bringup Loader Failure : NO
ME: Firmware Init Complete : YES
ME: Manufacturing Mode : YES
ME: Boot Options Present : NO
ME: Update In Progress : NO
ME: Current Working State : Normal
ME: Current Operation State : MO with UMA
ME: Current Operation Mode : Normal
ME: Error Code
                           : No Error
ME: Progress Phase
                          : ROM Phase
ME: Power Management Event : Pseudo-global reset
ME: Progress Phase State
                           : (null)
ME: Extend Register not valid
ME: Firmware Version 12.0.1652.70 (code) 12.0.1652.70 (recovery) 12.0.1652.70 (fitc)
```

```
wget <a href="https://downloadmirror.intel.com/28632/CSME">https://downloadmirror.intel.com/28632/CSME</a> Version Detection Tool Linux.tar.gz
$
  mkdir intel csme
$
   cd intel csme/
$
$
  tar zxvf ../CSME Version Detection Tool Linux.tar.gz
  sudo python3 ./intel csme version detection tool
$
Intel(R) CSME Version Detection Tool
Copyright(C) 2017-2022, Intel Corporation, All rights reserved.
Application Version: 7.0.2.0
Scan date: 2022-07-14 17:03:03 GMT
*** Host Computer Information ***
Name: gibson
Manufacturer: Micro-Star International Co., Ltd.
Model: Prestige 15 A10SC
Processor Name: Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-10710U CPU @ 1.10GHz
OS Version: Ubuntu 20.04.4 LTS (5.15.0-41-generic)
*** Intel(R) ME Information ***
Engine: Intel(R) Converged Security and Management Engine
Version: 14.0.0.1061
*** Risk Assessment ***
Based on the analysis performed by this tool: This system is vulnerable.
Explanation:
  The detected version of the Intel(R) Converged Security and Management Engine firmware
  has a vulnerability listed in one or more of the public Security Advisories.
  Contact your system manufacturer for support and remediation of this system.
```



Advice: Update Firmware





Protecting System Firmware Storage

- Protecting the contents of the SPI flash is tricky business as there are multiple mechanisms to control writes:
 - The OEM can require that the system be in SMM before allowing SPI flash writes.
 - All of the settings and registers could (and do) change depending on which chipset in in your computer
 - BIOS Control Register "SMM BIOS Write Protection" (SMM_BWP) when set, writes can only be allowed by code executing in SMM
 - The Flash Descriptor region defines how the SPI flash is laid out and some access controls



https://eclypsium.com/2019/10/23/protecting-system-firmware-storage/

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http://dangerousprototypes.com/docs/ Flashing_a_BIOS_chip_with_Bus_Pir ate



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https://opensecuritytraining.info/IntroBIOS_files/Day2_03_Advanced%20x86%20-%20BIOS%20and%20SMM%20Internals%20-%20SPI%20Flash%2 0Protection%20Mechanisms.pdf



SPI Flash Protections

There are four (in general) ways to protect the SPI flash, depending on your hardware/chipset:

- 1. The Flash Descriptor
- 2. Global Write Protections
- **3.** BIOS Range Write Protection
- 4. Flash Configuration Lockdown

```
$ sudo ./chipsec util.py spi dump fd.bin
                                                            #1 - The Flash Descriptor
***********
##
                                                        ##
##
  CHIPSEC: Platform Hardware Security Assessment Framework ##
##
                                                        ##
**********
[CHIPSEC] Version : 1.8.6
[CHIPSEC] OS : Linux 5.15.0-41-generic #44~20.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jun 24 13:27:29 UTC 2022 x86 64
[CHIPSEC] Python : 3.8.10 (64-bit)
***** Chipsec Linux Kernel module is licensed under GPL 2.0
[CHIPSEC] API mode: using CHIPSEC kernel module API
[CHIPSEC] Helper : LinuxHelper (/home/paulda/chipsec/chipsec/helper/linux/chipsec.ko)
[CHIPSEC] Platform: Desktop 8th Generation Core Processor (CoffeeLake S 8 Cores)
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[CHIPSEC] PCH : Intel Z390 (300 series) PCH
[CHIPSEC] VID: 8086
[CHIPSEC] DID: A305
[CHIPSEC] RID: 10
[CHIPSEC] Executing command 'spi' with args ['dump', 'fd.bin']
[CHIPSEC] Dumping entire SPI flash memory to 'fd.bin'
[CHIPSEC] it may take a few minutes (use DEBUG or VERBOSE logger options to see progress)
[CHIPSEC] BIOS region: base = 0x00300000, limit = 0x00FFFFFF
[CHIPSEC] Dumping 0x01000000 bytes (to the end of BIOS region)
[spi] reading 0x1000000 bytes from SPI at FLA = 0x0 (in 262144 0x40-byte chunks + 0x0-byte remainder)
[CHIPSEC] Completed SPI flash dump to 'fd.bin'
[CHIPSEC] (spi) time elapsed 34.729
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Base Limit	
00000000 00000000	
00300000 007FF000	
,	
Regions	
ME	
RW	
	00000000 00000000 00300000 007FF000 00001000 002FF000 Regions ME RW RW

eclypsium [•] —	<pre>\$ sudo ./chipsec_main.py -m common.bios_wp <snip></snip></pre>		
	<pre>[x][===================================</pre>		
	<pre>[*] [</pre>	l Write ions	
	PRx (offset) Value Base Limit WP? RP?		
	PR0 (84) 00000000 0000000 0000000 0 0 0 PR1 (88) 00000000 0000000 0000000 0 0 PR2 (8C) 00000000 0000000 0000000 0 0 PR3 (90) 00000000 0000000 0000000 0 0 PR4 (94) 00000000 0000000 0000000 0 0 Image: Im	/rite	
© 2022 Eclypsium	<pre>[!] BIOS should enable all available SMM based write protection mechanisms. [!] Or configure SPI protected ranges to protect the entire BIOS region. [-] FAILED: BIOS is NOT protected completely</pre>	37	



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