



Introduction

A .NET dev who builds secure systems by day and breaks them (responsibly) by... afternoon

- Senior Principal Software Engineer
“Reporting, Documents & Tools” @Progress
- Security Champion



- How to fail with .NET reflection?
- Write your own custom (de)serialization!

...





"That's all Folks!"

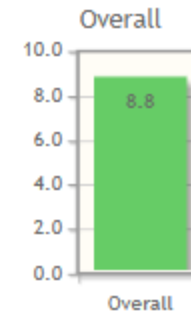
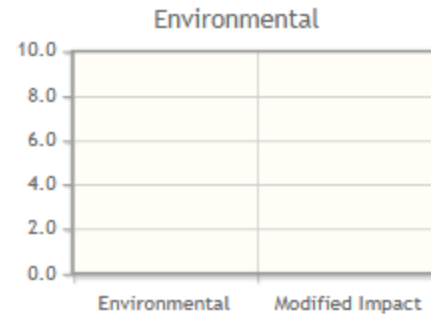
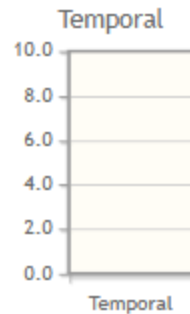
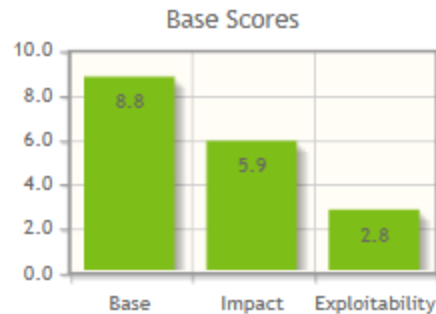
Common Myths

“Easy, don’t use .NET”

- Reflection



It can't be that bad...



CVSS Base Score: 8.8
Impact Subscore: 5.9
Exploitability Subscore: 2.8
CVSS Temporal Score: NA
CVSS Environmental Score: NA
Modified Impact Subscore: NA
Overall CVSS Score: 8.8

Show Equations

CVSS v3.1 Vector

AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

Base Score Metrics

Exploitability Metrics

Attack Vector (AV)*

Network (AV:N) Adjacent Network (AV:A) Local (AV:L) Physical (AV:P)

Attack Complexity (AC)*

Low (AC:L) High (AC:H)

Privileges Required (PR)*

None (PR:N) Low (PR:L) High (PR:H)

User Interaction (UI)*

None (UI:N) Required (UI:R)

Scope (S)*

Unchanged (S:U) Changed (S:C)

Impact Metrics

Confidentiality Impact (C)*

None (C:N) Low (C:L) High (C:H)

Integrity Impact (I)*

None (I:N) Low (I:L) High (I:H)

Availability Impact (A)*

None (A:N) Low (A:L) High (A:H)

“But I should be fine, I guess...”

- “I read that MSDN article: [Deserialization Risks...](#), and I use none of these”
- We have custom implementation
- “SAST tool is green”
- We have a block list for all the “bad” types that we know



Marked Safe From
Deserialization attacks
Today



“I can cast it and be safe”

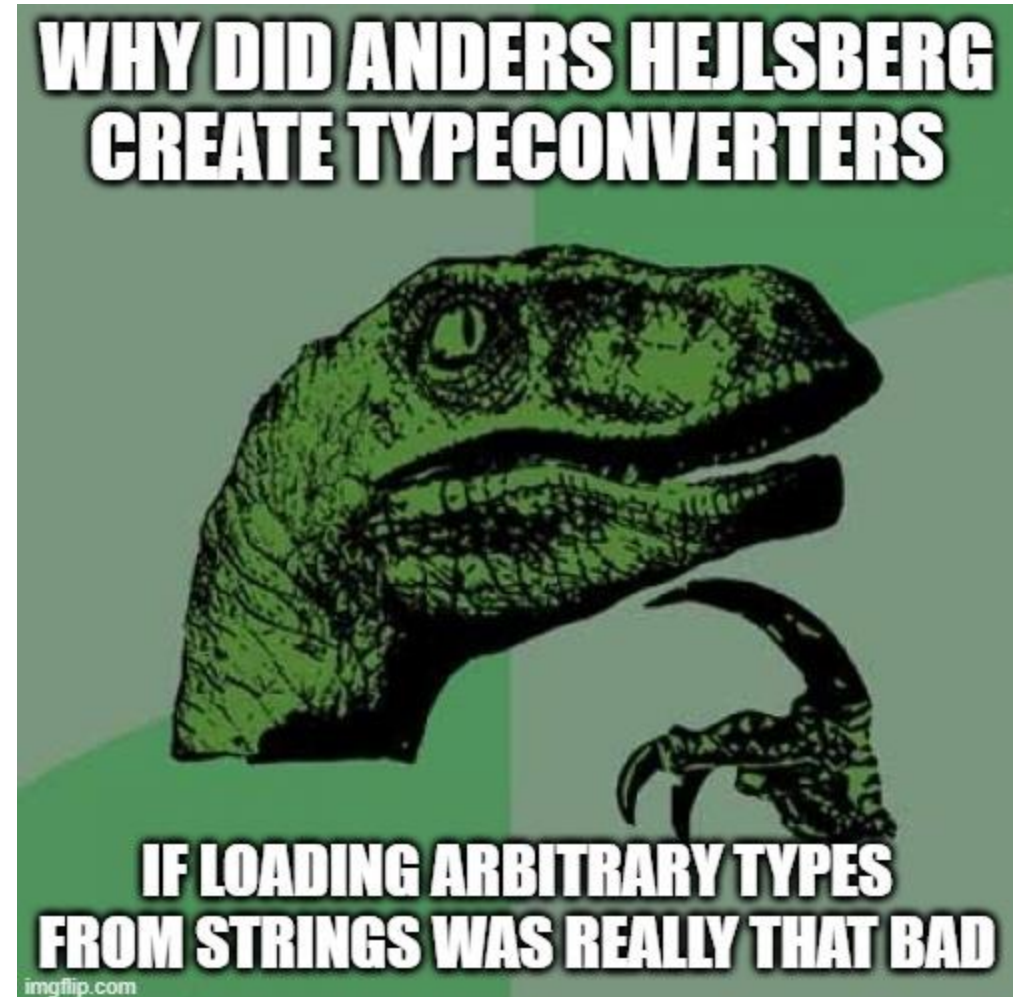
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var suspectObject = myBinaryFormatter.Deserialize(untrustedData);  
  
//Check below is too late! Execution may have already occurred.  
if (suspectObject is SomeDangerousObjectType)  
{  
    //generate warnings and dispose of suspectObject  
}
```

*Unsafe deserialization is the second most evil thing after screenshots of code



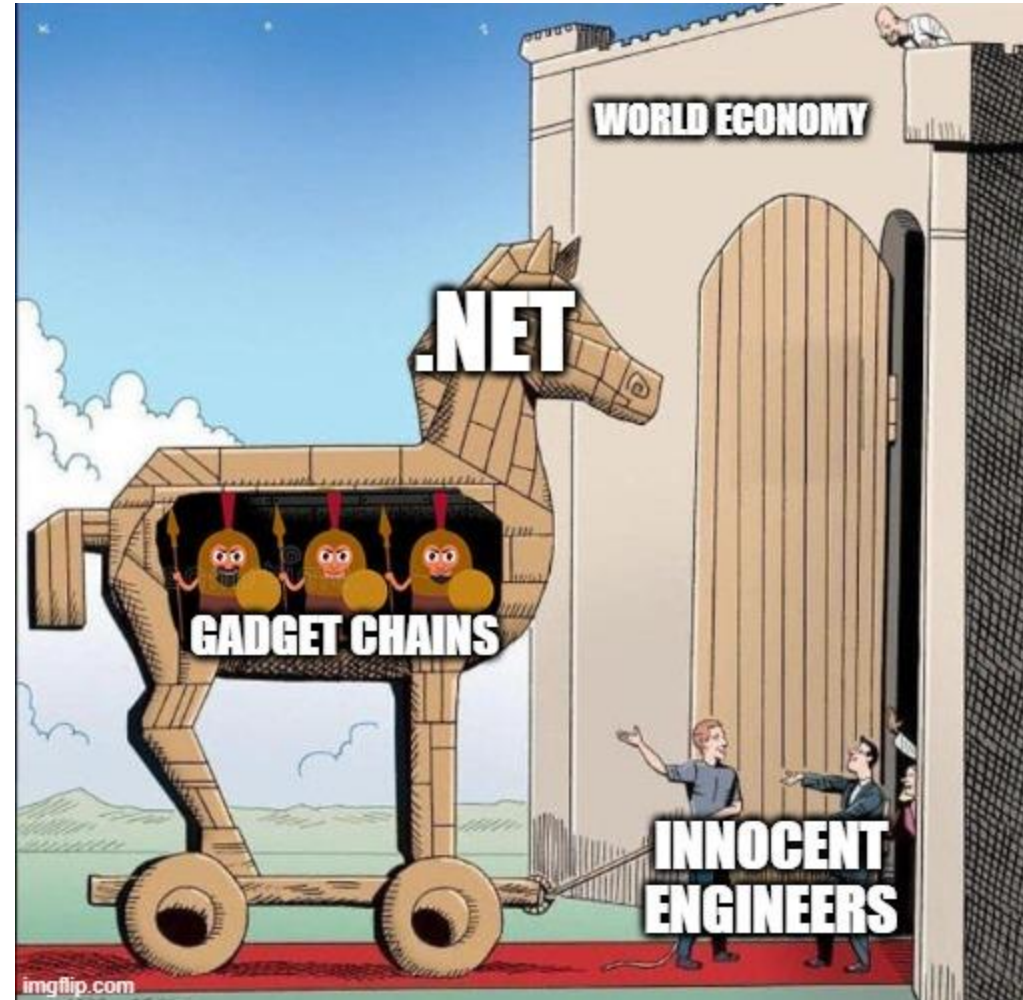
“...I can cast it and be safe”

- (Code Demo)



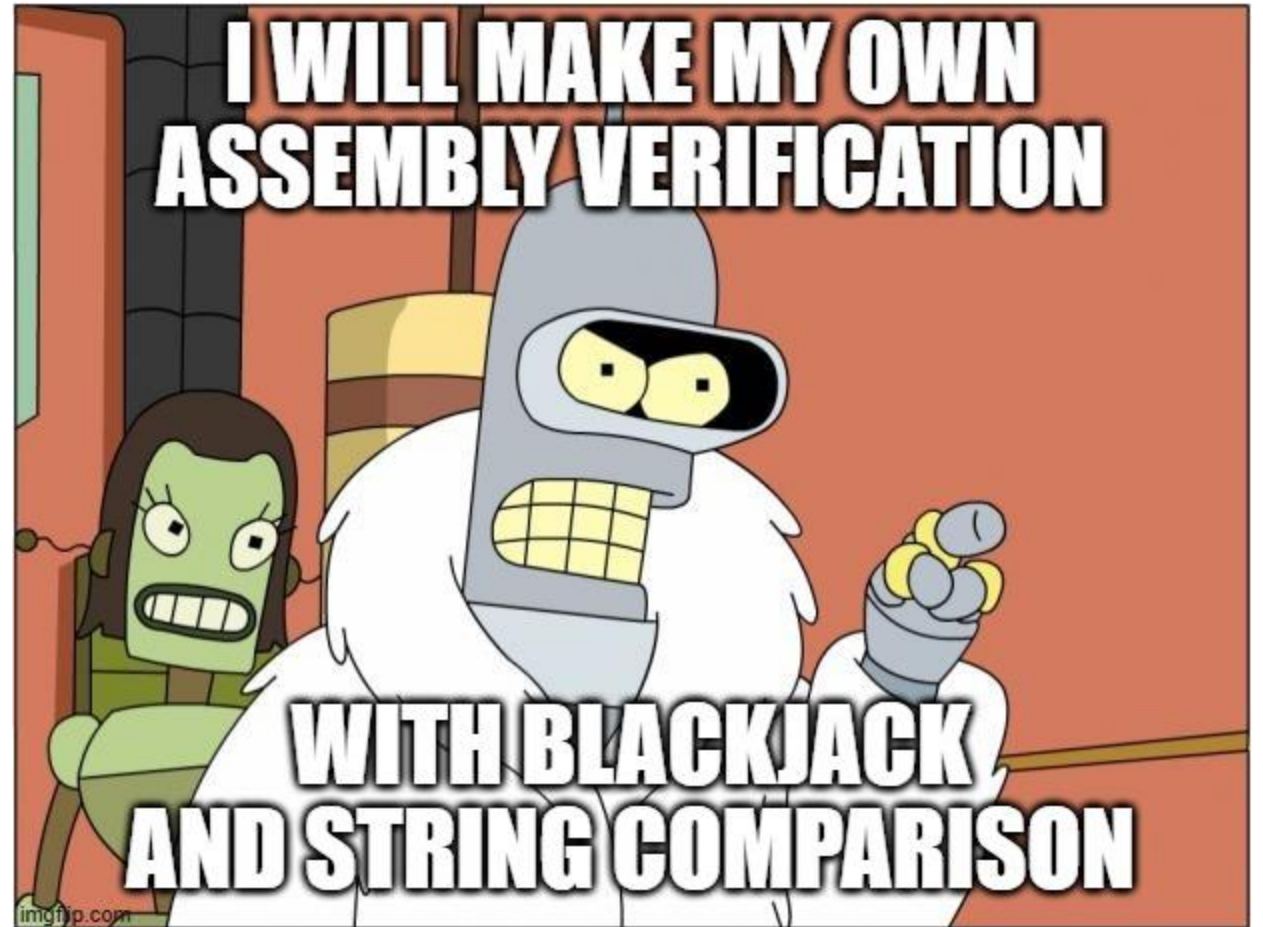
“My AppDomain is my castle”

- (Code Demo)



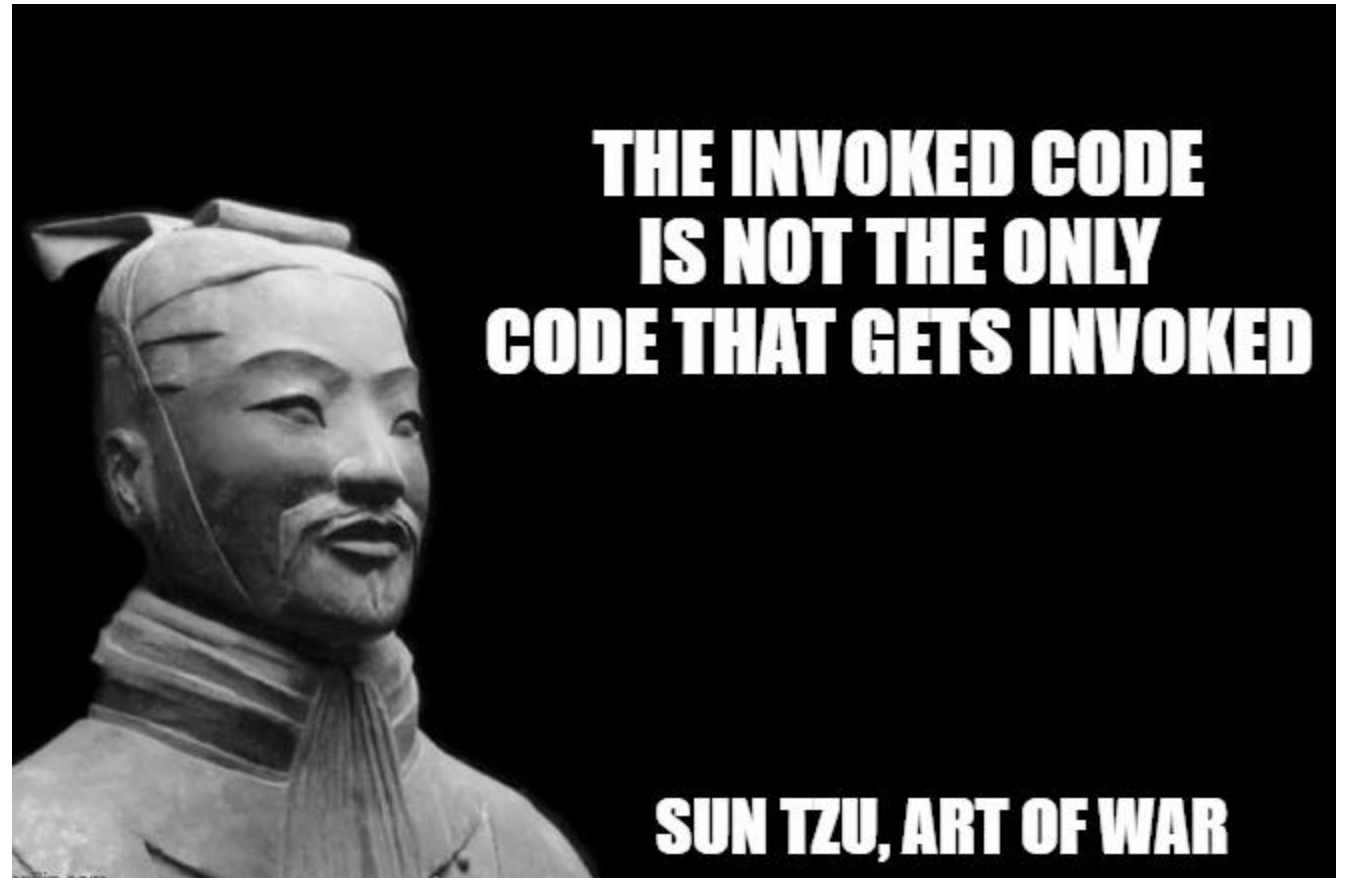
“I will write my own assembly verification”

- (Code Demo)



“I read the invoked code. Trust me, bro!”

- (Code Demo)



Placeholder, one of the demo cases should be revamped as it was too specific to reporting context



**OK, Now
What?**

Allowlist vs Denylist

Allowlists:

- Align with “Secure by default” principle
- Require less maintenance
- Are more beginner friendly to new developers on the team



Rule Enforcement

- Code Analysis and Roslyn Analyzers
- Write your own
- Use a 3rd party one



Demo

Q&A