

# **CSC 405 Computer Security**

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# Why take a course in computer security?

#### The computer security problem

- Security is everywhere (like the Matrix)
- Developers are not aware of security (we should fix this!)
  - Buggy software
  - Legacy software
  - Social engineering
- Vulnerabilities can be very damaging (and expensive)

## Hacking used to be cool

But now everything is done for profit!

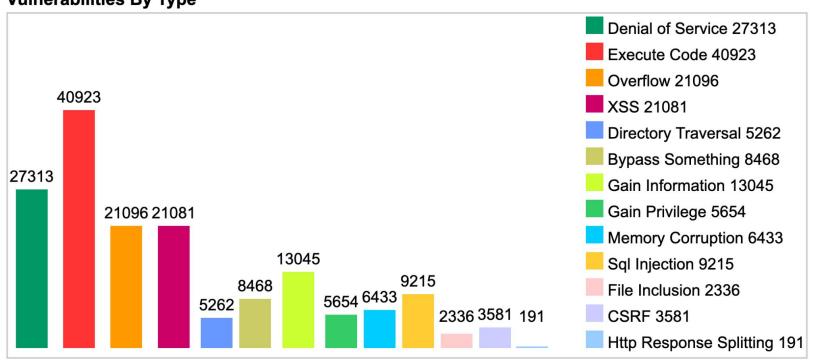
## Vulnerabilities per product - 2021

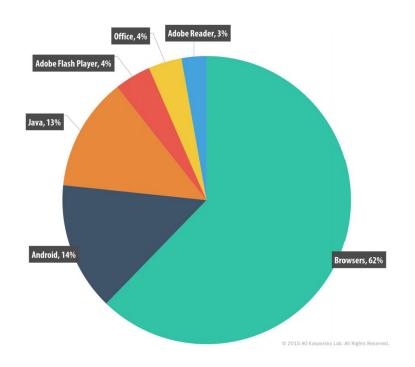
|    | Product Name        | Vendor Name          | Product Type | Number of Vulnerabilities |
|----|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1  | <u>Debian Linux</u> | <u>Debian</u>        | os           | <u>5669</u>               |
| 2  | Android             | Google               | os           | <u>4006</u>               |
| 3  | <u>Ubuntu Linux</u> | Canonical            | os           | <u>3090</u>               |
| 4  | Mac Os X            | <u>Apple</u>         | os           | <u>2958</u>               |
| 5  | Linux Kernel        | <u>Linux</u>         | os           | <u>2729</u>               |
| 6  | <u>Fedora</u>       | <u>Fedoraproject</u> | os           | <u>2654</u>               |
| 7  | <u>Iphone Os</u>    | <u>Apple</u>         | os           | <u>2570</u>               |
| 8  | Windows 10          | Microsoft            | os           | <u>2489</u>               |
| 9  | Chrome              | Google               | Application  | 2299                      |
| 10 | Windows Server 2016 | Microsoft            | os           | 2255                      |

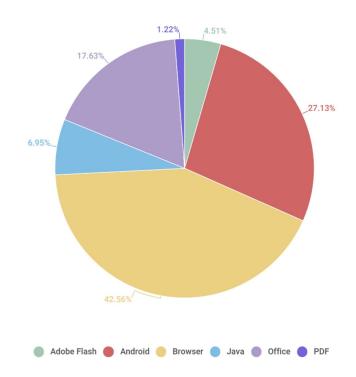
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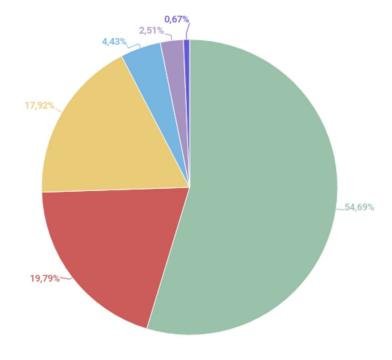
## Vulnerabilities per type - 1999-2021



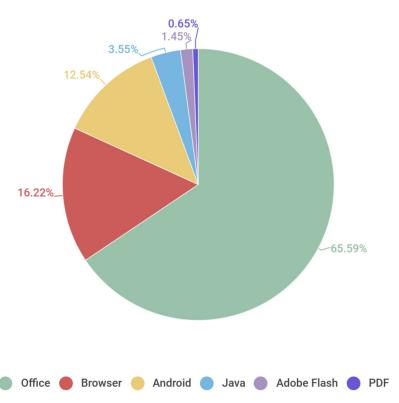


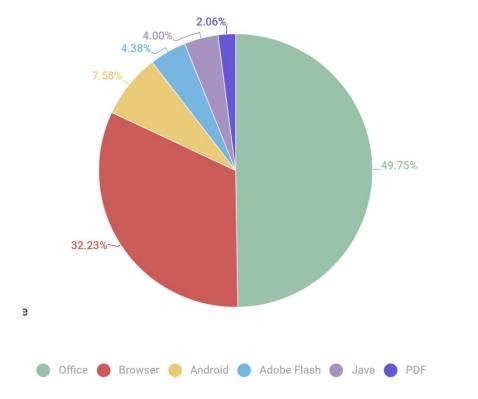






Browser Android Java Adobe Flash





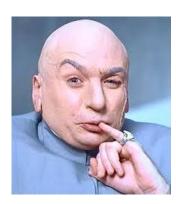
## **Bug bounty programs**

- Companies will pay you money to report vulnerabilities
- Certain conditions and rules per program
  - No Denial-of-service attacks
  - Spam
  - ... (depends on the program)

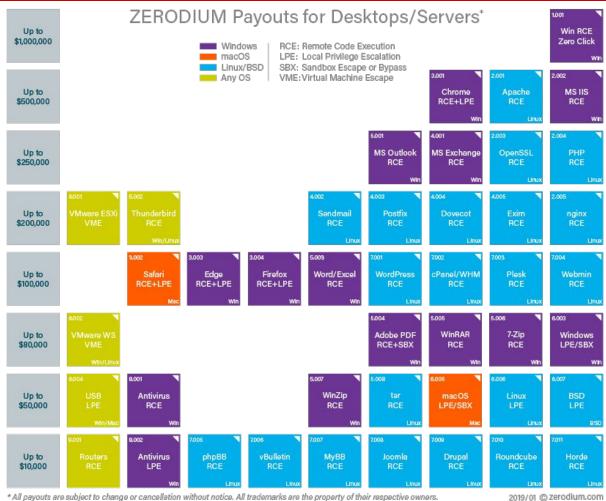
## **Black market for exploits**

Last iOS exploit was sold for

more than 1 million dollars



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## Exploits for modern software are extremely difficult to write!

## **Chrome exploit**

- Bug 1: run Native Client from any website
- Bug 2: integer underflow bug in the GPU command decoding -> ROP chain in GPU process
- Bug 3: impersonate the renderer from the GPU in the IPC channel
- Bug 4: allowed an unprivileged renderer to trigger a navigation to one of the privileged renderers -> launch the extension manager

#### **Chrome exploit**

- Bug 5: specify a load path for an extension
- Bug 6: failure to prompt for confirmation prior to installing an unpacked NPAPI plug-in extension

Result: install and run a custom NPAPI plugin that executes outside the sandbox at full user privilege

#### **Next class**

Refresh your assembly skills!