Exploiting Gadu-Gadu

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What's Gadu-Gadu?

- Feature rich Instant Messanger
- Most popular IM service in Poland
- 15M registered accounts
- 300M messages / day
- Adware
- Market value ~ \$150M

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In 2005 people all over the wold were using Skype, meanwhile in Poland...

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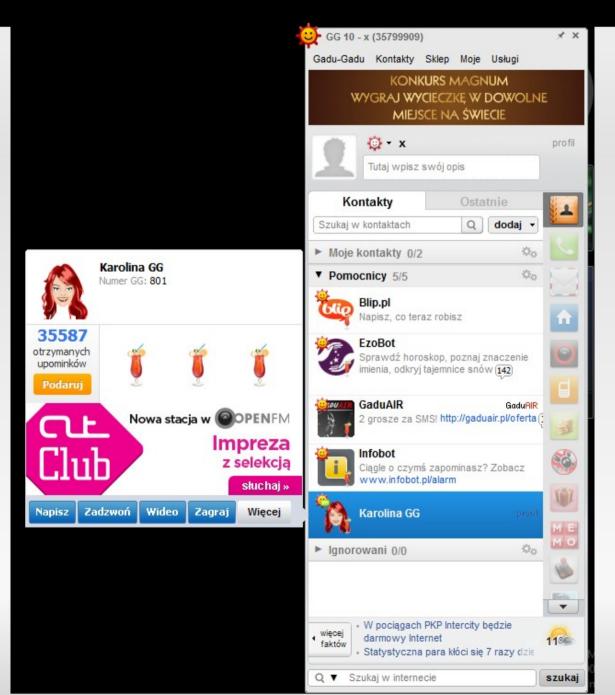
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Result? Bloat!

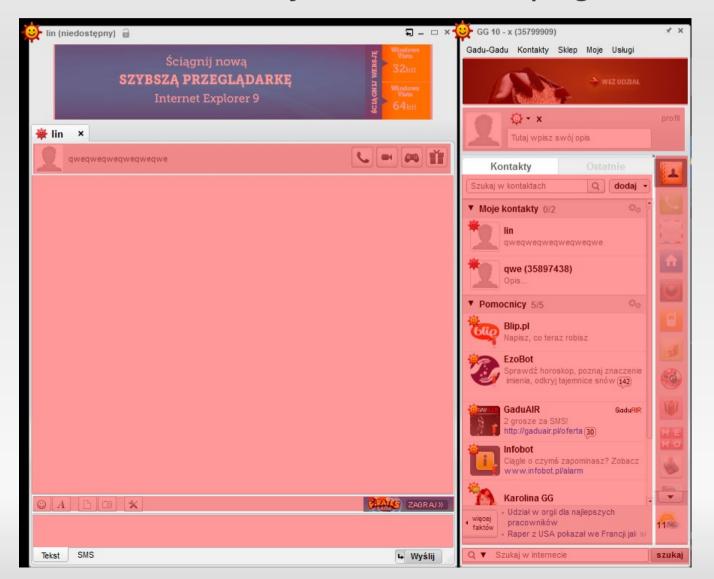


Design

- Qt 4.7
- WebKit
 - Used for (flash) ads and User Interface
 - Integrated HTML content [news feeds]
- other software [random order]:
 - curl, openssl, libxml2, gstreamer, sqlite, zlib, iconv, glib, pjsip, ...
- Still windows only

More on UI design

User Interface is really a set of web pages



UI implementation

- It's HTML/CSS and JavaScript
 - stored in templates or loaded during run-time
- Communication with core app
 - Exposing C++ objects to JavaScript

webframe->addToJavaScriptWindowObject("someName", myObject);

Internal protocols

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gginternal://
gginternalsendsms://
open-openfm:
oauth://
gginternalnaglos://
gginternalfileaccept://
gginternalfiledeny://
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Hunting for bugs

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- We can try to fuzz the protocol or ...
- Or find a XSS ...
- Attack vectors?
 - Malformed links
 - User status messages
 - Chat window
 - Ads
 - ... many, many more

Chit Chat

- Chat window
- File transfer dialog
- Improper filename handling
- 256 chars of HTML code
- Qt uses UNIX paths even on Windows
- No /
- Thus, no <script> tag

Sending <i> file

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Executing JS

- How to execute JS code without <script> tag
 - Using an event handler
- Without user interaction
 - <input onfocus='...' autofocus>
- To load external script?
 - Dynamicly create script node
 - eval(unescape('...'))

Taking over the control

- No window object in Chat Window
- Use gg internal protocols
 - xxx
 - Is it really a protocol?
 - QwebPage::LinkDelegationPolicy
- Triggering a click
 - HTMLEvents
- Spawning process

Here's the plan

- Inject HTML and execute JS
- Load external script
- Hide all file requests and transfers
- Accept all transfers
- ShellExecute uploaded stuff

Demo

That's it!

- Questions?
- Comments?

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New Gadu-Gadu

- MIH bought Gadu-Gadu in 2008
- New owner decided to rewrite it from scratch
- Goals:
 - More Ads
 - Modern internal design
 - Nice look&feel
 - Cool features: text-chat, voip, video, games, email, VMNO, integration with social media, ip radio, news portal etc
 - Empowered marketing features
 - Customizable UI
 - Enchanced protocol

To make long story short...

- Started in 2000 by Łukasz Foltyn
- Who stated that "GG is very secure because it does not leave any TCP/IP ports open" ...
- It was so cool that the first release was already named version 3.0
- Idea based on ICQ
- Numerical UID
- Proprietary, binary protocol
- C2S model, no fancy P2P
- Direct connections used only for file/voice transfer
- Got extremely popular in next few years