

# Fuzzing Android OMX

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  - A security-focused group started in mid-2015
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# Stagefright: Scary Code in the Heart of Android

Researching Android Multimedia  
Framework Security



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# Agenda

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About OMX

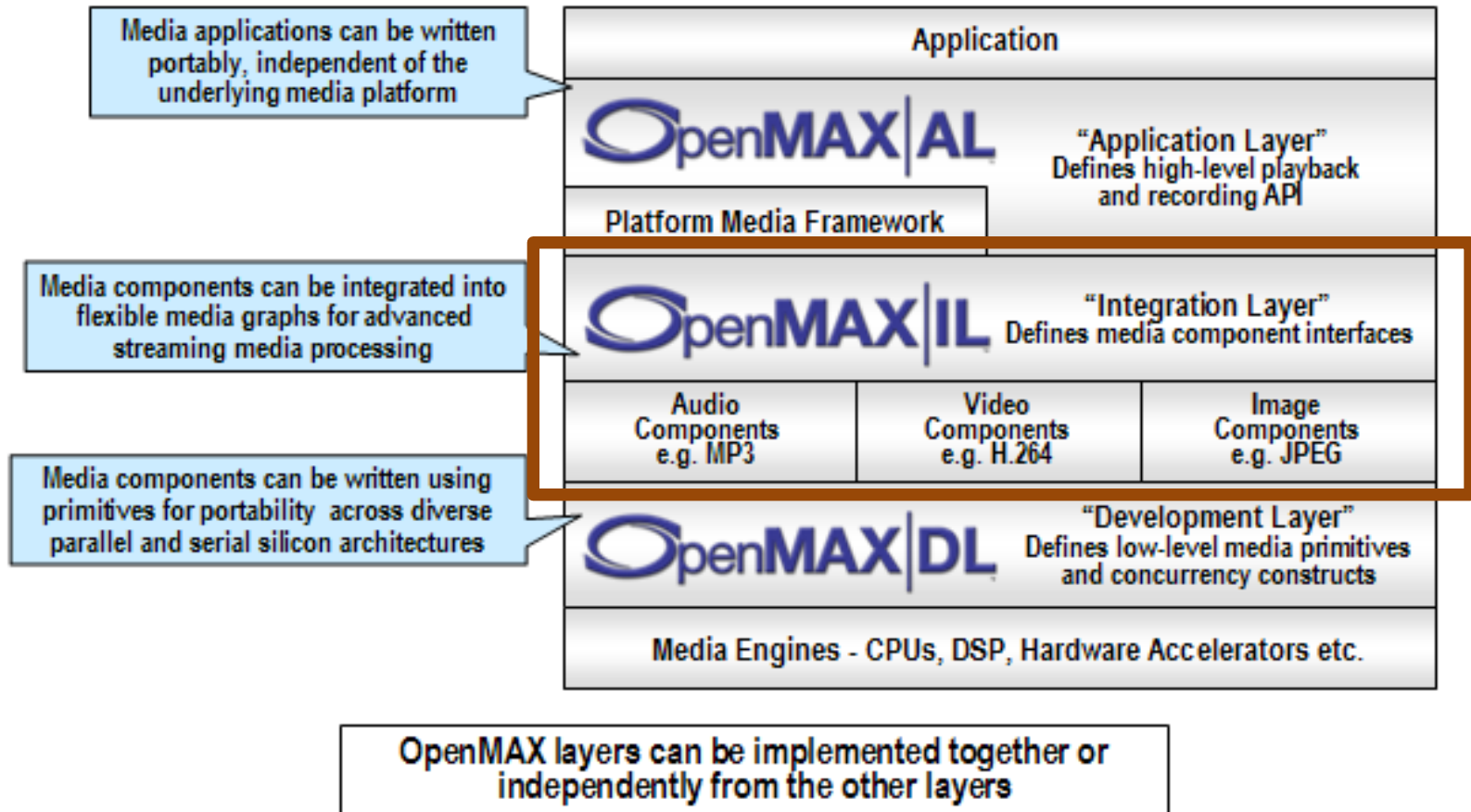
# **INTRODUCTION**

# What is OMX (1/2)

- Open Media Acceleration, aka Open MAX, often shortened as “**OMX**”
- *WIKI*: a non-proprietary and royalty-free **cross-platform** set of **C-language programming interfaces** that provides abstractions for routines especially useful for **audio, video, and still images processing**.



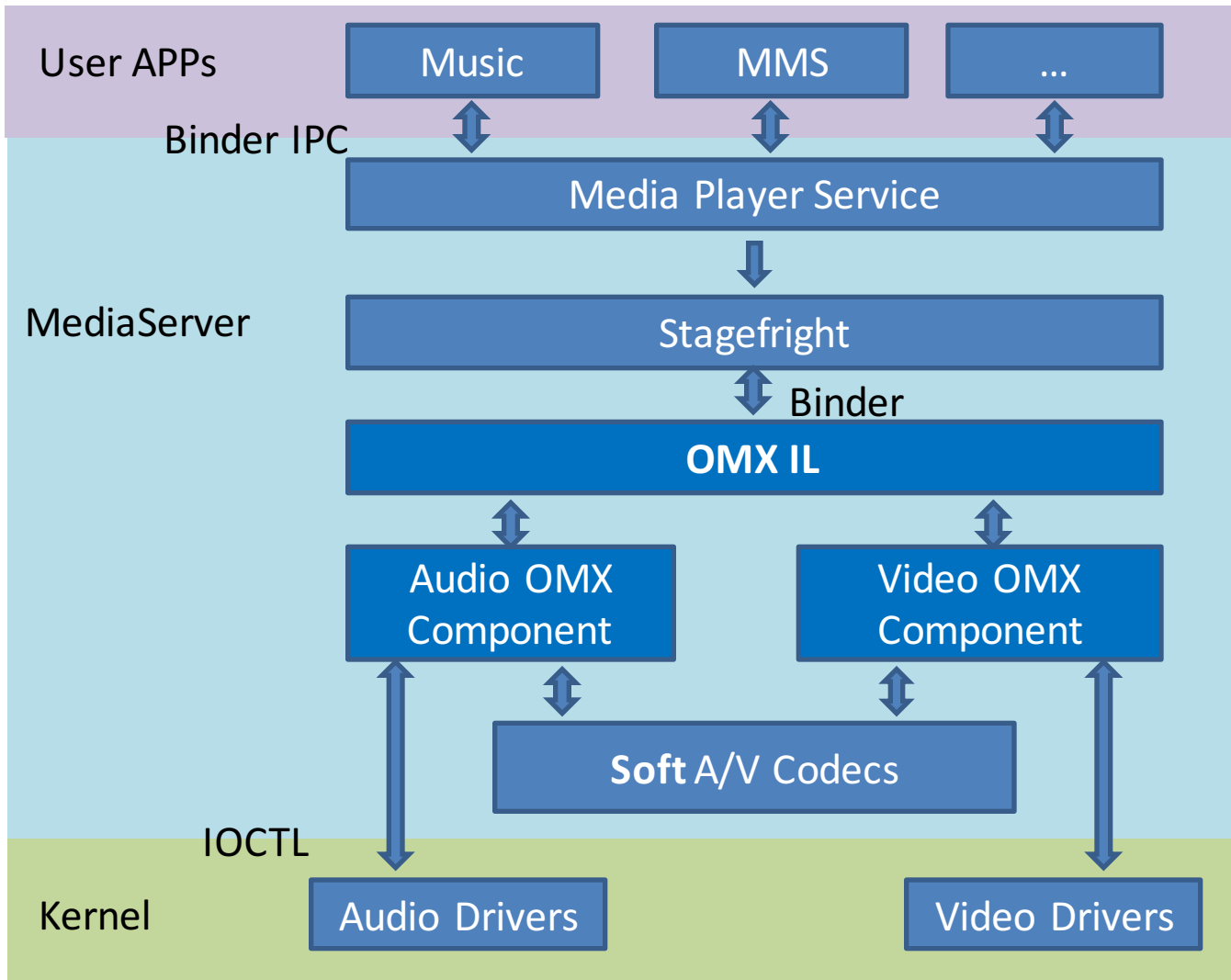
# What is OMX (2/2)



# OMX in Android (1/2)

- OMX Integration Layer (IL)
  - provides a standardized way for **Stagefright** to recognize and use custom hardware-based **multimedia codecs called components**.
- Vendors provide the **OMX plugin** which links custom codec components to Stagefright.
- Custom codecs **must** be implemented according to the OMX IL component standard.

# OMX in Android (2/2)



# OMX Codecs

- Android provides built-in software codecs for common media formats
- Vendors' codecs

## Built-in Soft Codecs Example

```
OMX.google.aac.decoder  
OMX.google.aac.encoder  
OMX.google.amrnb.decoder  
OMX.google.amrnb.encoder  
OMX.google.amrwb.decoder  
OMX.google.amrwb.encoder  
OMX.google.flac.encoder  
OMX.google.g711.alaw.decoder  
OMX.google.g711.mlaw.decoder  
OMX.google.gsm.decoder
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## Vendor Codecs Example

```
OMX.qcom.audio.encoder.aac  
OMX.qcom.audio.encoder.amrnb  
OMX.qcom.audio.encoder.evrc  
OMX.qcom.audio.encoder.qcelp13  
OMX.qcom.file.muxer  
OMX.qcom.video.decoder.avc  
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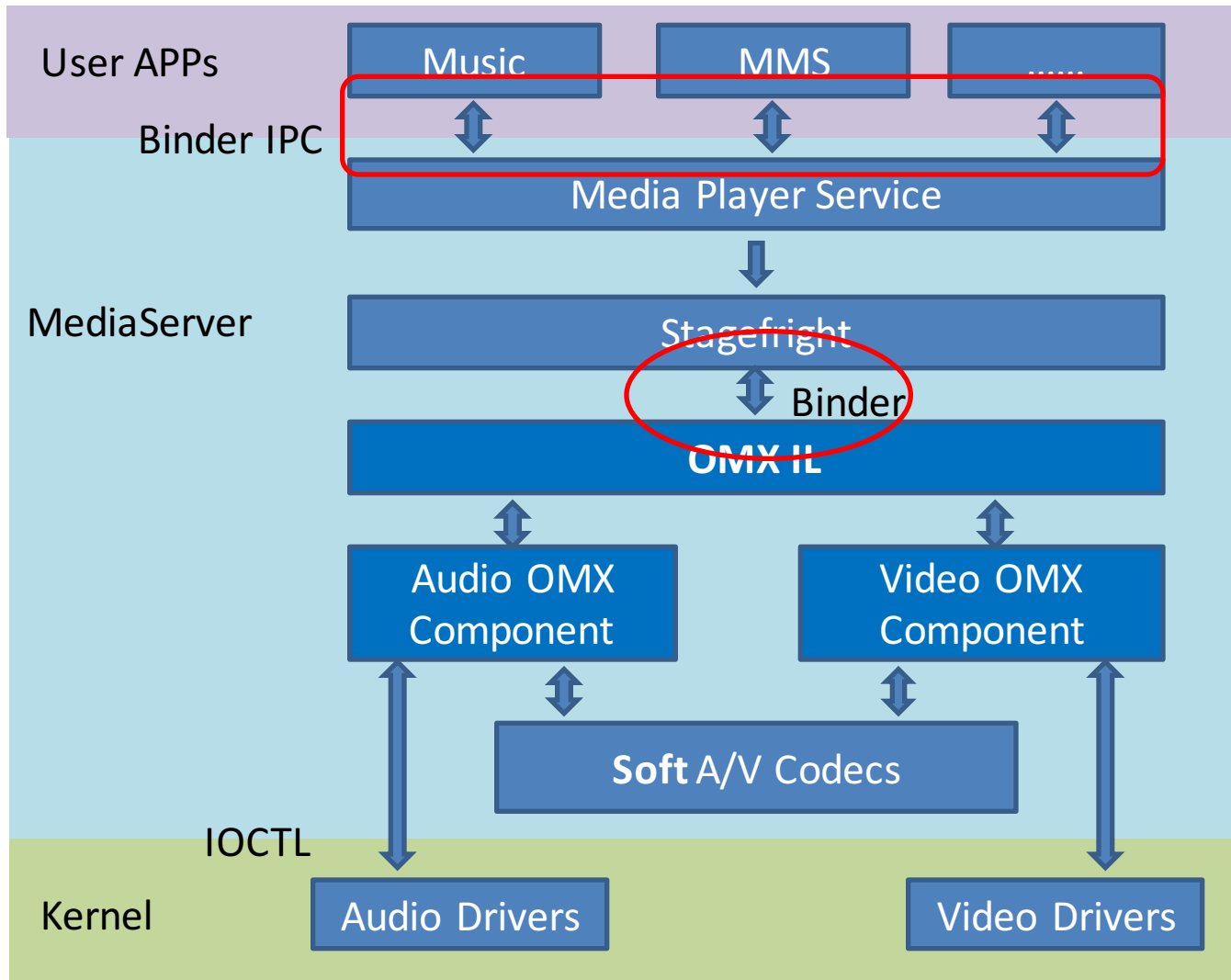
# Why OMX?

- Exposed via multiple attack vectors
- Media native codes are often vulnerable

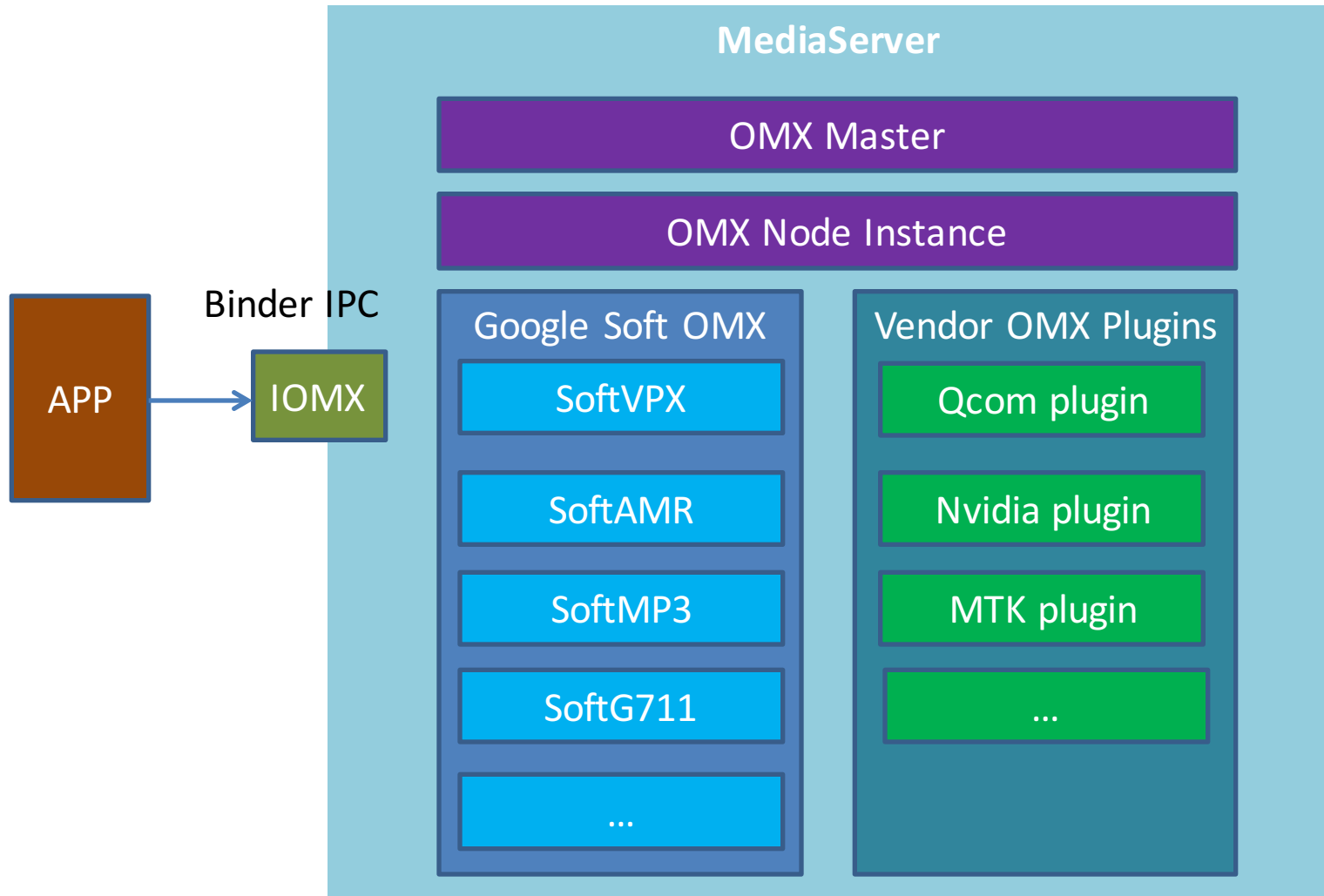
Attack Surface & Flow

# **FUZZING ANDROID OMX**

# The Attack Surface (1/2)



# The Attack Surface (2/2)



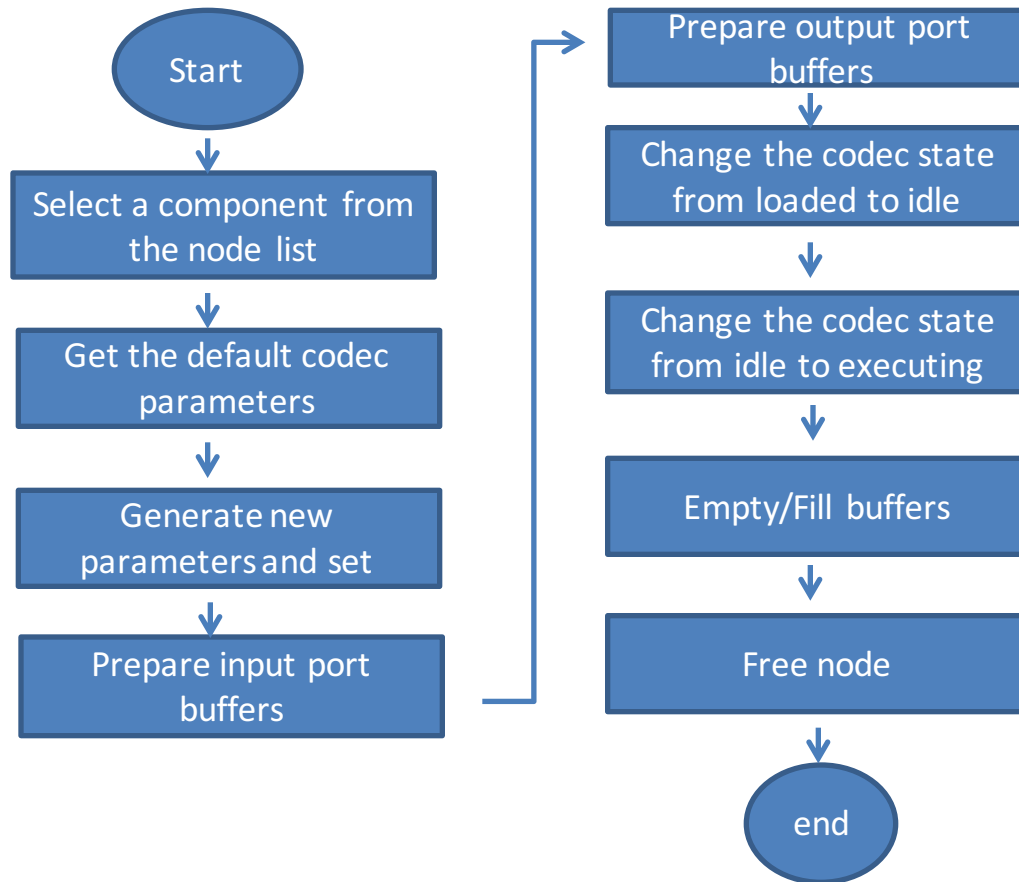


# OMX Interfaces

- Defined in IOMX

| API                   | Functions  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>listNodes</b>      | List names of all the codec component  |
| <b>allocateNode</b>   | Create a codec component   |
| <b>allocateBuffer</b> | Allocate input/output buffers for codec  |
| <b>useBuffer</b>      | Provide a share buffer to the server   |
| <b>emptyBuffer</b>    | Request (or receive) an empty input buffer, fill it up with data and send it to the codec for processing |
| <b>fillBuffer</b>     | Request (or receive) a filled output buffer, consume its contents and release it back to the codec       |
| <b>sendCommand</b>    | Send commands to codecs, such as changing state, port disable/enable                                     |
| <b>getParameter</b>   | Get codecs' parameters   |
| <b>setParameter</b>   | Set codecs' parameters   |

# Fuzzing Flow



# **CONFIRMED VULNERABILITIES**

# Confirmed Vulnerabilities (1/3)

- By 2016/07/07, total **21** vulnerabilities are confirmed.
  - **16** vulnerabilities (15 high, 1 moderate) have been disclosed on Android Security Bulletins.
  - **Others** will be disclosed on **later** Android Security Bulletins.
- **Almost all** the codecs implemented by **Google** and **vendors(QualComm, Nvidia, MediaTek)** are vulnerable.

# Confirmed Vulnerabilities (2/3)

| NO. | CVE           | Android ID       | Codec                  |
|-----|---------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | CVE-2016-2450 | ANDROID-27569635 | Google SoftVPX encoder |
| 2   | CVE-2016-2451 | ANDROID-27597103 | Google SoftVPX decoder |
| 3   | CVE-2016-2452 | ANDROID-27662364 | Google SoftAMR decoder |
| 4   | CVE-2016-2477 | ANDROID-27251096 | Qcom libOmxVdec        |
| 5   | CVE-2016-2478 | ANDROID-27475409 | Qcom libOmxVdec        |
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| 10  | CVE-2016-2483 | ANDROID-27662502 | Qcom libOmxVenc        |

# Confirmed Vulnerabilities (3/3)

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| 13  | CVE-2016-2486 | ANDROID-27793371   | Google SoftMP3 decoder   |
| 14  | CVE-2016-3747 | ANDROID-27903498   | Qcom libOmxVenc          |
| 15  | CVE-2016-3746 | ANDROID-27890802   | Qcom libOmxVdec          |
| 16  | CVE-2016-3765 | ANDROID-28168413   | Google SoftMPEG2 decoder |
| 17  | CVE-2016-3844 | AndroidID-28299517 | Not disclosed yet        |
| 18  | CVE-2016-3835 | AndroidID-28920116 | Not disclosed yet        |
| 19  | CVE-2016-3825 | AndroidID-28816964 | Not disclosed yet        |
| 20  | CVE-2016-3824 | AndroidID-28816827 | Not disclosed yet        |
| 21  | CVE-2016-3823 | AndroidID-28815329 | Not disclosed yet        |

# **PATTERNS OF CONFIRMED VULNERABILITIES**

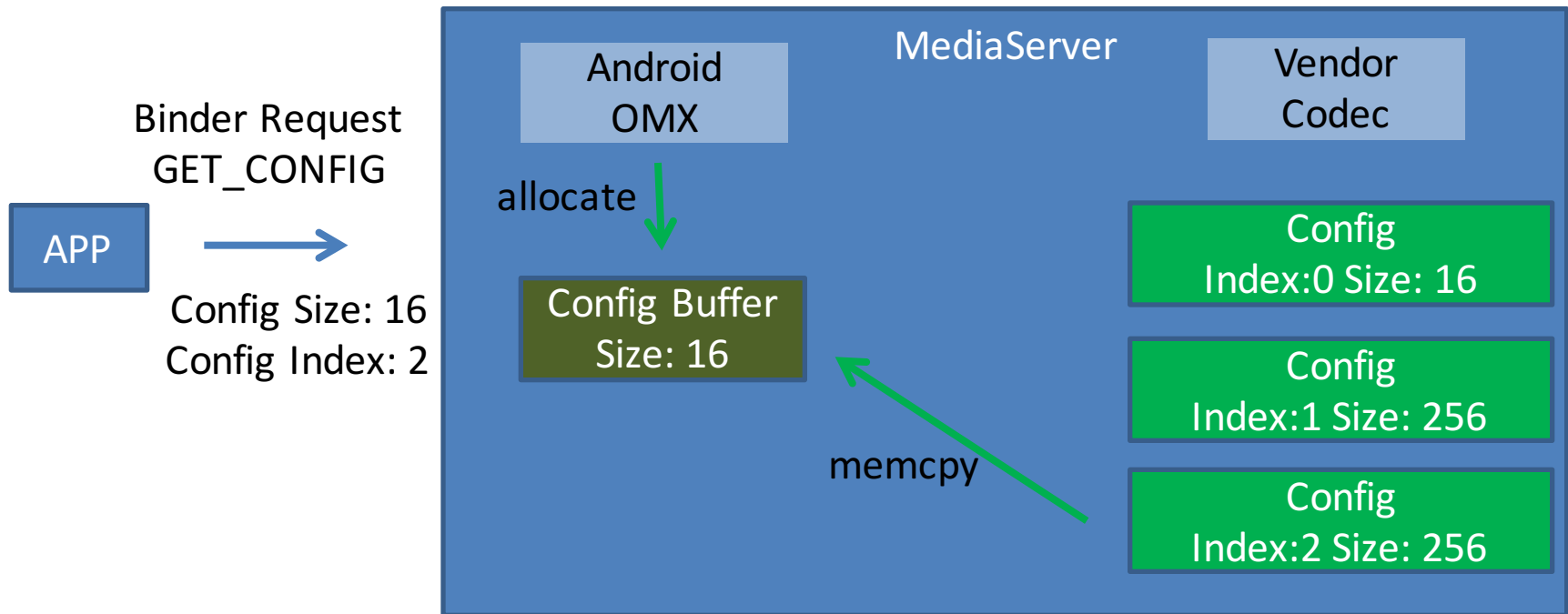
# Patterns of Confirmed Vulnerabilities

- Mismatch between Android OMX framework and vendor codecs' implementation
- Time of check to time of use
- Race condition
- Invalid input/output buffer length



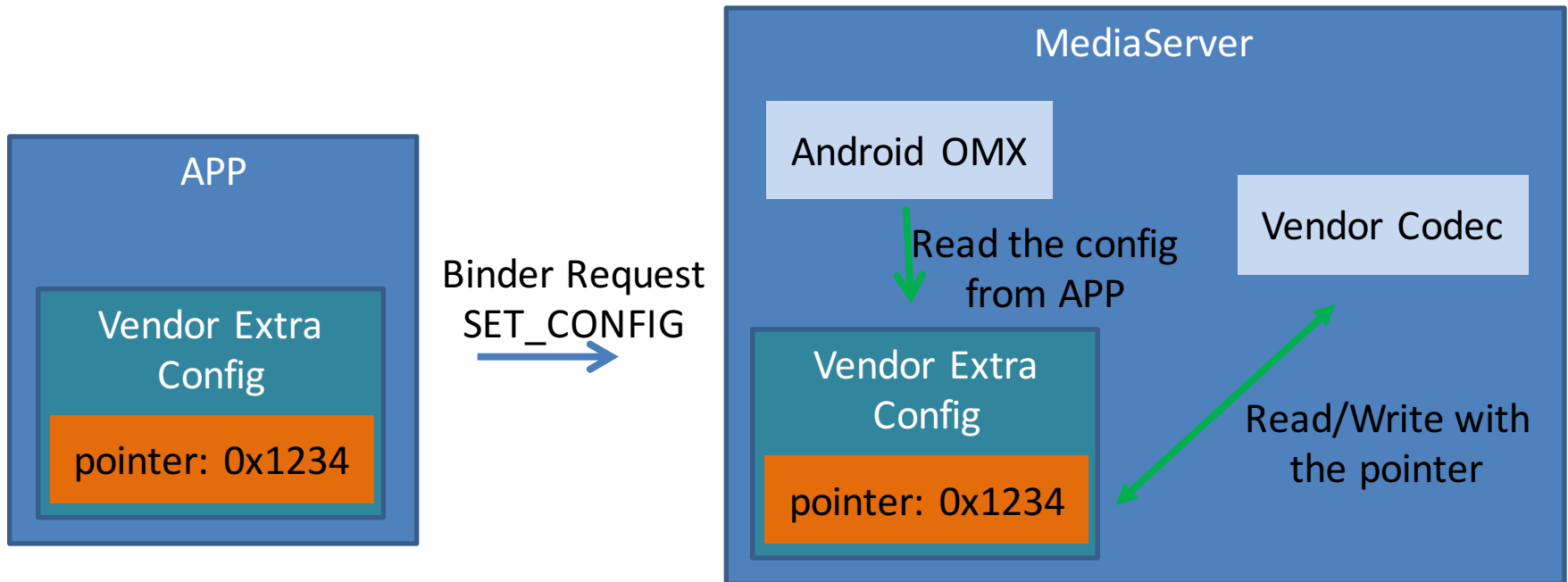
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- CVE-2016-2480



# Mismatch between Android OMX and vendors' codec (2/2)

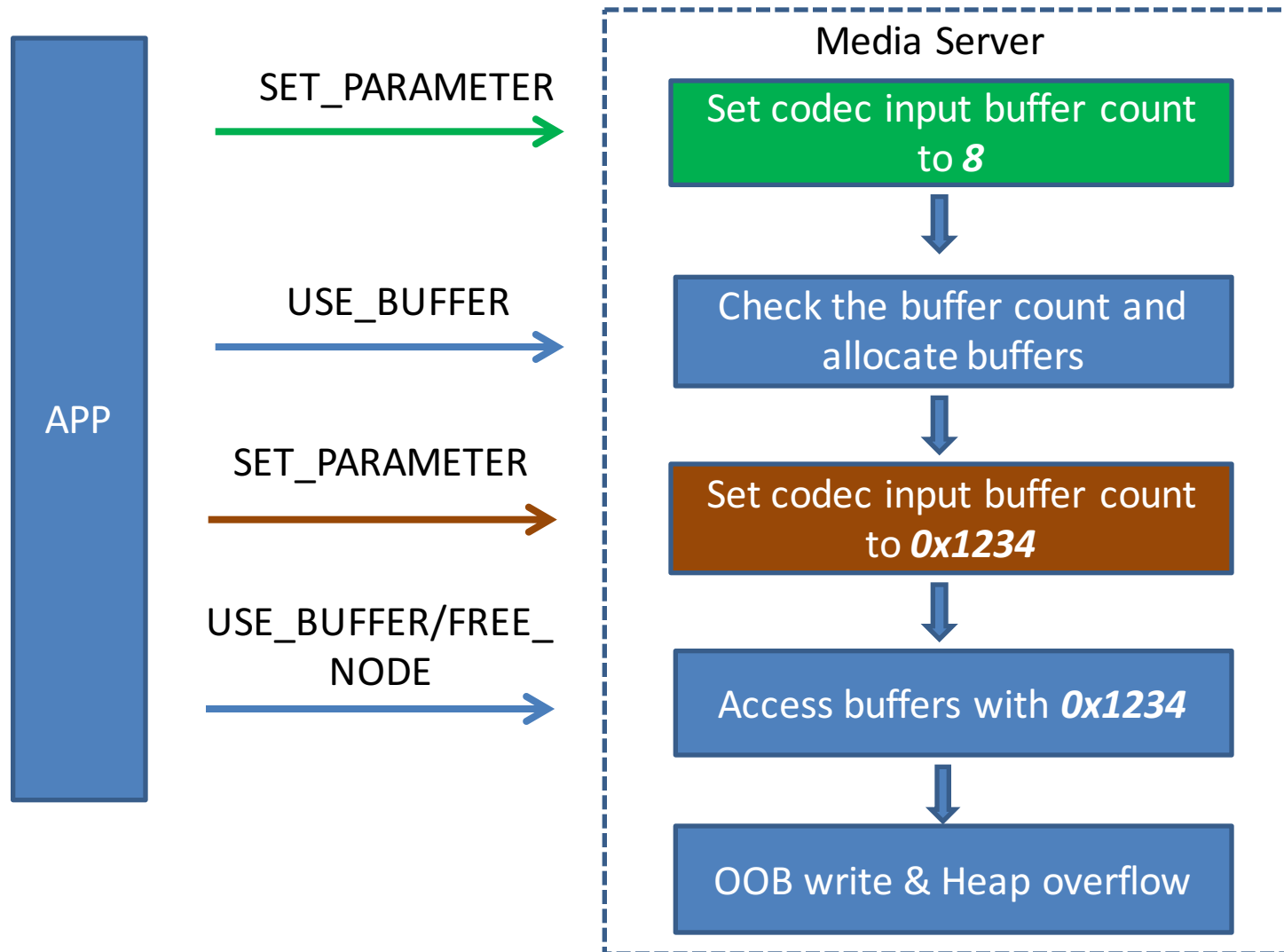
- CVE-2016-2477



# Time of Check to Time of Use (1/2)

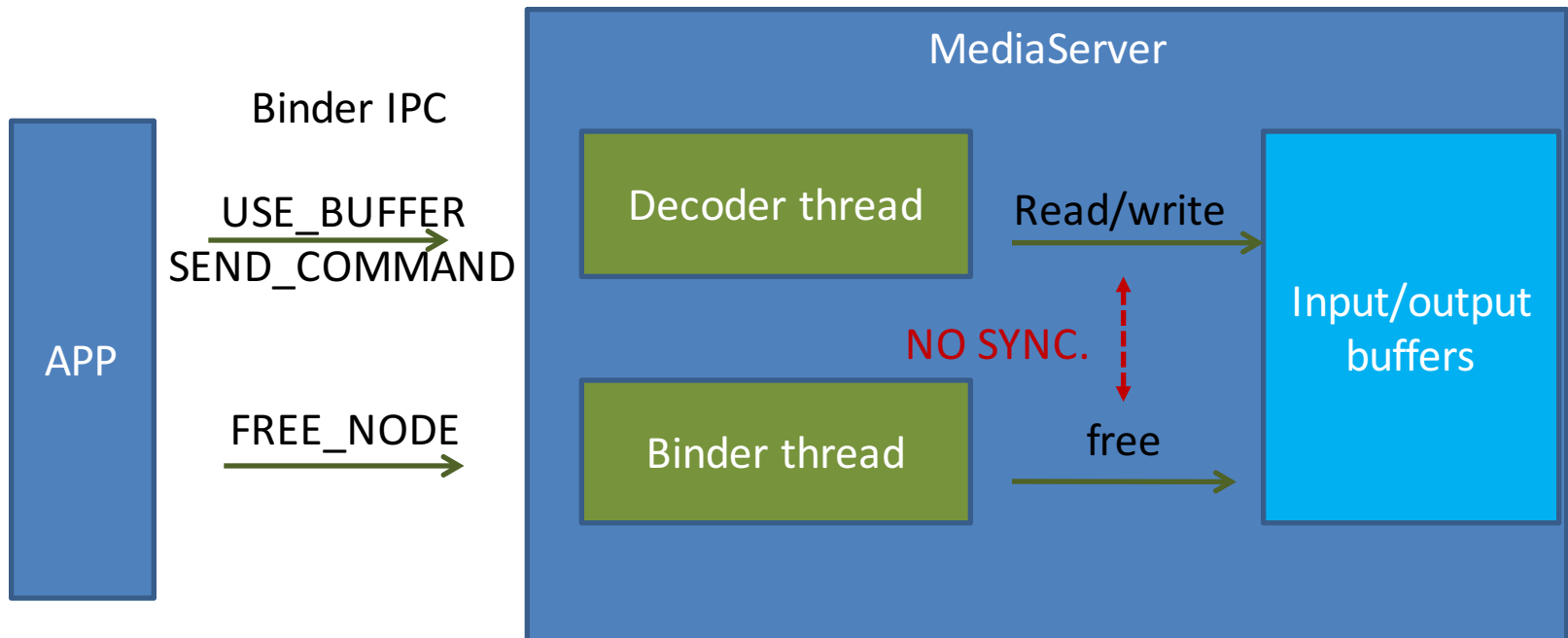
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# Time of Check to Time of Use (2/2)



# Race Condition

- CVE-2016-3747

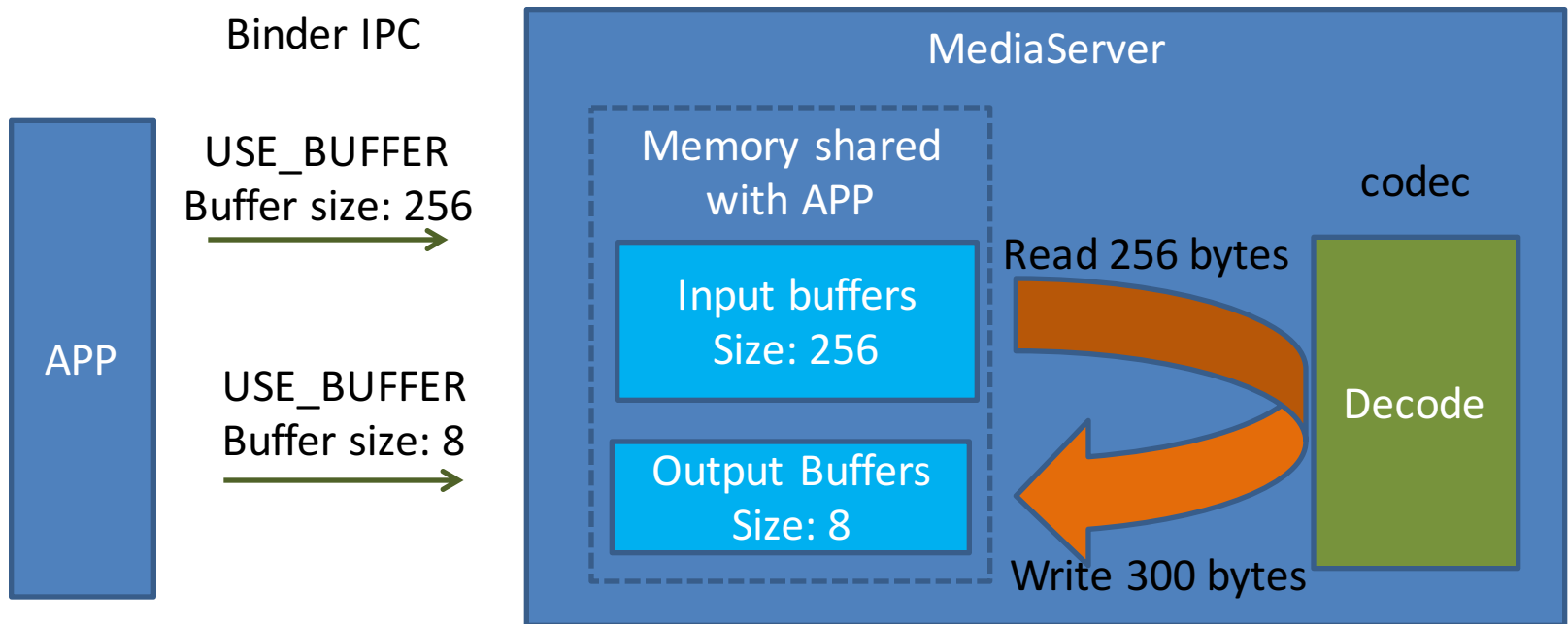


# Invalid Input/Output Buffer Length

- Codecs don't check the buffer length

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# Invalid Input/output Buffer Length



# Conclusion

- Android OMX is vulnerable
  - OMX interfaces and OMX codecs are implemented by Google and vendors separately.
  - Media processing is complex.
- Fuzzing combined with code auditing is helpful for such modules.
  - Many codecs & parameters



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# **APPENDIX**

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