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**Sent:** Saturday, May 25, 2019 6:34 AM  
**To:** lwc-forum@list.nist.gov  
**Cc:** sadegh sadeghi; Muhammad Reza Z'aba; cilipadi@cybersecurity.my; saufy@uitm.edu.my  
**Subject:** [lwc-forum] OFFICIAL COMMENT: CiliPadi

Dear All,

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Based on this padding approach, it CiliPadi vulnerable against length extension attack., e.g.,  $E(M,K)=E(M || 0x80)$ , when  $M \in \{0,1\}^{r-8}$ . Bellow is an example of such a collision/fogery with empty plaintext for the "Mild" version, based on their refrence source code:

Key = 000102030405068008090A0B0C0D0E80  
Nonce = 000102030405068008090A0B0C0D0E80  
PT =  
AD = 00010203040506  
Cipherext =  
Tag= 158244EEA881F6C9

Key = 000102030405068008090A0B0C0D0E80  
Nonce = 000102030405068008090A0B0C0D0E80  
Plaintext =  
AD = 0001020304050680  
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Bellow is a forgery example with non-empy plaintext

Count = 529  
Key = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E80  
Nonce = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E80  
Plaintext = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E80  
AD =  
Cipherext = 4A1EAAD2F68E41B3891A5632EC092000  
Tag= CECA7773AC3434B7

Count = 496  
Key = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E80  
Nonce = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E80

Plaintext = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E  
AD =  
Ciphertext = 4A1EAAD2F68E41B3891A5632EC0920  
Tag= CECA7773AC3434B7

However, it can be fixed easily by minor modification in the mode of operation. For example, to fix this problem, a padded and an unpadded message should be processed differently, e.g. by different masking in the capacity part, including the message/AD length in the process, or by using  $10^*$  paddings for all messages.

PS1: The proposed attack works against all variants of CiliPadi, i.e., Mild, Medium, Hot and ExtraHot.

PS2: We appreciate the CiliPadi team that verified and confirmed our observation.

Best Regards,  
Nasour Bagheri and Sadegh Sadeghi

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**From:** Muhammad Reza Z'aba <muhdreza@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 25, 2019 1:27 PM  
**To:** nasoor bagheri  
**Cc:** lwc-forum@list.nist.gov; sadegh sadeghi; Muhammad Reza Z'aba; cilipadi@cybersecurity.my; saufy@uitm.edu.my  
**Subject:** Re: [lwc-forum] OFFICIAL COMMENT: CiliPadi

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Regards,  
Reza.

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**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** nasoor bagheri  
**Cc:** lwc-forum@list.nist.gov; sadegh sadeghi; Muhammad Reza Z'aba; cilipadi@cybersecurity.my; saufy@uitm.edu.my  
**Subject:** Re: [lwc-forum] OFFICIAL COMMENT: CiliPadi  
**Attachments:** cilipadi-v1-1.pdf; CiliPadi Reference Implementation (v-1-1).zip

Dear all,

Please find attached the latest specification and reference source codes for CiliPadi that addresses the issue identified by Nasour Bagheri and Sadegh Sadeghi. We have also corrected other minor mistakes in the source codes.

Regards,  
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On Sun, May 26, 2019 at 1:26 AM Muhammad Reza Z'aba <[muhdreza@gmail.com](mailto:muhdreza@gmail.com)> wrote:

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**From:** MEGE, Alexandre <alexandre.mege@airbus.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** lightweight-crypto  
**Cc:** lwc-forum@list.nist.gov  
**Subject:** [lwc-forum] OFFICIAL COMMENT: CiliPadi

Dear All,

It seems the latest version of the reference code for cilipadi128 (v-1-1) is vulnerable to length extension attack. In the examples below, adding 0x00 Bytes to the Associated Data does not change the Tag value.  
Best regards,

Alexandre Mège

**Example collisions for cilipadi128 hot** (all versions are vulnerable)

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Nonce=0x2a2b2c2d2e2f30313233343536373839,  
Pt=0x  
Ad=0x000000000000  
Ct=0xae9d3fcc6f901b9b4186e212

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- With non empty data

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Pt=0x00  
Ad=0x000000000000  
Ct=0x2e2418d07eb0e138578e93a616

Key=0x000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f101112131415161718191a1b1c1d1e1f  
Nonce=0x2a2b2c2d2e2f30313233343536373839  
Pt=0x00  
Ad=0x00000000000000  
Ct=0x2e2418d07eb0e138578e93a616

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Nonce=0x2a2b2c2d2e2f30313233343536373839  
Pt=0x00  
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**From:** Muhammad Reza Z'aba <muhdreza@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 3:51 AM  
**To:** MEGE, Alexandre  
**Cc:** lightweight-crypto; lwc-forum@list.nist.gov  
**Subject:** Re: [lwc-forum] OFFICIAL COMMENT: CiliPadi  
**Attachments:** cilipadi-v-1-2.pdf; CiliPadi Reference Implementation (v-1-2).zip

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Thank you for notifying us about the bug and apologies for the late response. The Associated Data was supposed to be padded at all times. We have corrected the bug as v1.2 attached.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 5:11 AM  
**To:** Muhammad Reza Z'aba  
**Cc:** lightweight-crypto; lwc-forum@list.nist.gov  
**Subject:** RE: [lwc-forum] OFFICIAL COMMENT: CiliPadi [AD-INT]

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Dear all,  
I confirm that the proposed fix in v1.2 solves the collision problem.  
Thanks to the CiliPadi team for the update.  
Best regards,  
Alexandre Mège

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