

# Use After Free in function string\_quote in vim/vim

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## Description

Use After Free in function string\_quote at vim/src/strings.c:777

## vim version

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git log
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commit c9b6570fab46bf2c246a954cfb8c0d95fe2746b3 (grafted, HEAD -> master, t
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## Proof of Concept

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./vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S /home/fuzz/test/poc1_uaf.dat -c
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==60044==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-use-after-free on address 0x60400000
READ of size 2 at 0x604000000250 thread T0
#0 0x7f3438582a7c in __interceptor_strlen ../../../../src/libsanitizer/
#1 0x559d5c7889ba in string_quote /home/fuzz/vim/src/strings.c:777
#2 0x559d5c35cf02 in echo_string_core /home/fuzz/vim/src/eval.c:5470
#3 0x559d5c83ea0e in tv2string /home/fuzz/vim/src/typval.c:2413
#4 0x559d5c809fc3 in fill_assert_error /home/fuzz/vim/src/testing.c:236
#5 0x559d5c80cdac in f_assert_fails /home/fuzz/vim/src/testing.c:730
#6 0x559d5c36f041 in call_internal_func /home/fuzz/vim/src/evalfunc.c:1
#7 0x559d5c874b6f in call_func /home/fuzz/vim/src/userfunc.c:3632
#8 0x559d5c86b461 in get_func_tv /home/fuzz/vim/src/userfunc.c:1834
#9 0x559d5c88102f in ex_call /home/fuzz/vim/src/userfunc.c:5592
#10 0x559d5c3d91e8 in do_one_cmd /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2570
#11 0x559d5c3d048b in do_cmdline /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_
#12 0x559d5c6f340d in do_source_ext /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfuncs.c:120
#13 0x559d5c6f453f in do_source /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1801
```

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#13 0x559d5c6f10ce in do_source /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1174
#14 0x559d5c6f10ce in cmd_source /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1174
#15 0x559d5c6f1133 in ex_source /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1200
#16 0x559d5c3d91e8 in do_one_cmd /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2570
#17 0x559d5c3d048b in do_cmdline /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:992
#18 0x559d5c3ce825 in do_cmdline_cmd /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:586
#19 0x559d5c9ca784 in exe_commands /home/fuzz/vim/src/main.c:3133
#20 0x559d5c9c38f2 in vim_main2 /home/fuzz/vim/src/main.c:780
#21 0x559d5c9c31aa in main /home/fuzz/vim/src/main.c:432
#22 0x7f3438191082 in __libc_start_main ../csu/libc-start.c:308
#23 0x559d5c24fe4d in _start (/home/fuzz/vim/src/vim+0x139e4d)
```

0x604000000250 is located 0 bytes inside of 34-byte region [0x604000000250, freed by thread T0 here:

```
#0 0x7f343862840f in __interceptor_free ../../../../src/libsanitizer/as
#1 0x559d5c25053a in vim_free /home/fuzz/vim/src/alloc.c:625
#2 0x559d5c832cdd in clear_tv /home/fuzz/vim/src/typval.c:115
#3 0x559d5c39e5b3 in set_vim_var_string /home/fuzz/vim/src/evalvars.c:2
#4 0x559d5c9d3e32 in emsg_core /home/fuzz/vim/src/message.c:686
#5 0x559d5c9d454f in emsg /home/fuzz/vim/src/message.c:785
#6 0x559d5c6698a5 in seen_endbrace /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp_bt.c:1228
#7 0x559d5c6a2ece in nfa_regatom /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp_nfa.c:1491
#8 0x559d5c6a6bed in nfa_regpiece /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp_nfa.c:2152
#9 0x559d5c6a7adc in nfa_regconcat /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp_nfa.c:2396
#10 0x559d5c6a7ba9 in nfa_regbranch /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp_nfa.c:242
#11 0x559d5c6a802e in nfa_reg /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp_nfa.c:2490
#12 0x559d5c6a8460 in re2post /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp_nfa.c:2910
#13 0x559d5c6bbe5b in nfa_regcomp /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp_nfa.c:7445
#14 0x559d5c6bc701 in vim_regcomp /home/fuzz/vim/src/regexp.c:2734
#15 0x559d5c34c39c in pattern_match /home/fuzz/vim/src/eval.c:2053
#16 0x559d5c80c861 in f_assert_fails /home/fuzz/vim/src/testing.c:666
#17 0x559d5c36f041 in call_internal_func /home/fuzz/vim/src/evalfunc.c:
#18 0x559d5c874b6f in call_func /home/fuzz/vim/src/userfunc.c:3632
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#22 0x559d5c3d048b in do_cmdline /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:992
#23 0x559d5c6f340d in do_source_ext /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfile.c:167
#24 0x559d5c6f453f in do_source /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1801
#25 0x559d5c6f10ce in cmd_source /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1174
#26 0x559d5c6f1133 in ex_source /home/fuzz/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1200
#27 0x559d5c3d91e8 in do_one_cmd /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2570
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#2/ 0x559d5c3d91e8 in do_one_cmd /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2570
#28 0x559d5c3d048b in do_cmdline /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:992
#29 0x559d5c3ce825 in do_cmdline_cmd /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:586
```

previously allocated by thread T0 here:

```
#0 0x7f3438628808 in __interceptor_malloc ../../../../src/libsanitizer/
#1 0x559d5c25028a in lalloc /home/fuzz/vim/src/alloc.c:246
#2 0x559d5c25007b in alloc /home/fuzz/vim/src/alloc.c:151
#3 0x559d5c7860f5 in vim_strsave /home/fuzz/vim/src/strings.c:27
#4 0x559d5c39e682 in set_vim_var_string /home/fuzz/vim/src/evalvars.c:1
#5 0x559d5c9d3e32 in emsg_core /home/fuzz/vim/src/message.c:686
#6 0x559d5c9d454f in emsg /home/fuzz/vim/src/message.c:785
#7 0x559d5c3d991b in do_one_cmd /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2623
#8 0x559d5c3d048b in do_cmdline /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:992
#9 0x559d5c3ce825 in do_cmdline_cmd /home/fuzz/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:586
#10 0x559d5c80c375 in f_assert_fails /home/fuzz/vim/src/testing.c:617
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#24 0x559d5c9ca784 in exe_commands /home/fuzz/vim/src/main.c:3133
#25 0x559d5c9c38f2 in vim_main2 /home/fuzz/vim/src/main.c:780
#26 0x559d5c9c31aa in main /home/fuzz/vim/src/main.c:432
#27 0x7f3438191082 in __libc_start_main ../csu/libc-start.c:308
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SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: heap-use-after-free ../../../../src/libsanitizer  
Shadow bytes around the buggy address:

```
0x0c087fff7ff0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c087fff8000: fa fa 00 00 00 00 00 04 fa fa 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c087fff8010: fa fa 00 00 00 00 02 fa fa fa fd fd fd fd
0x0c087fff8020: fa fa fd fd fd fd fd fa fa fa 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c087fff8030: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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0x0c08/+++8030: ta ta 00 00 00 00 00 ta ta ta 00 00 00 00 01 ta
=>0x0c087fff8040: fa fa 00 00 00 00 02 fa fa fa[fd]fd fd fd fd fa
0x0c087fff8050: fa fa fd fd fd fd fd fa fa fa 00 00 00 00 02 fa

0x0c087fff8060: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c087fff8070: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c087fff8080: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c087fff8090: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa

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Shadow **byte** legend (one shadow **byte** represents 8 application bytes):

```

Addressable:          00
Partially addressable: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07
Heap left redzone:    fa
Freed heap region:    fd
Stack left redzone:   f1
Stack mid redzone:    f2
Stack right redzone:  f3
Stack after return:   f5
Stack use after scope: f8
Global redzone:       f9
Global init order:    f6
Poisoned by user:     f7
Container overflow:    fc
Array cookie:         ac
Intra object redzone: bb
ASan internal:        fe
Left alloca redzone:  ca
Right alloca redzone: cb
Shadow gap:          cc

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==60044==ABORTING

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<p><a href="https://github.com/Janette88/vim/blob/main/poc1\_uaf.dat">poc1\_uaf.dat</a></p>

## Impact

Referencing memory after it has been freed can cause a program to crash, use unexpected values, or execute code.

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CVE-2022-2817  
(Published)

### Vulnerability Type

CWE-416: Use After Free

### Severity

High (7.8)

### Registry

Other

### Affected Version

<=v9.0.0203

### Visibility

Public

### Status

Fixed

### Found by



janette88

@janette88

master ▼

### Fixed by



Bram Moolenaar

@brammool

maintainer

This report was seen 810 times.

We are processing your report and will contact the **vim** team within 24 hours. 3 months ago

janette88 modified the report 3 months ago

janette88 modified the report 3 months ago

We have contacted a member of the **vim** team and are waiting to hear back

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janette88 modified the report 3 months ago

janette88 modified the report 3 months ago

janette88 3 months ago

Researcher

i submitted another report which belonged to "use after free" . The system popped up a hint : edit origin report . i 've thought maybe it used the same template and would appended a new report .After i edited , it deleted origin report i submitted the day before yesterday:( how can i submitted a new report with the same type ?

janette88 3 months ago

Researcher

maybe the new bug report covered the old one . Now i recovered the origin report and then tried to sent another report again . i don't know how to send the same type bug without hint. It always popped up "edited origin report".

janette88 modified the report 3 months ago

Bram Moolenaar validated this vulnerability 3 months ago

I can reproduce the problem.

janette88 has been awarded the disclosure bounty ✓

The fix bounty is now up for grabs

The researcher's credibility has increased: +7

Bram Moolenaar 3 months ago

Maintainer

Fixed with patch 9.0.0213

Bram Moolenaar marked this as fixed in 9.0.0212 with commit 249e1b 3 months ago

Bram Moolenaar has been awarded the fix bounty ✓

This vulnerability will not receive a CVE ✗

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