

Debian Bug report logs - [#992058](#)  
opensysusers: uses `eval` on data that is not supposed to be safe to eval (CVE-2021-40084)

Package: `opensysusers`; Maintainer for `opensysusers` is [Andrea Pappacoda <andrea@pappacoda.it>](#); Source for `opensysusers` is [src:opensysusers](#) ([PTS](#), [build](#), [popcon](#)).

Reported by: [Ansgar <ansgar@debian.org>](#)

Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2021 09:09:02 UTC

Severity: *serious*

Tags: patch, security, upstream

Found in version `opensysusers/0.6-2`

Fixed in version `opensysusers/0.6-3`

Done: Lorenzo Puliti <plorenzo@disroot.org>

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Message #5 received at submit@bugs.debian.org ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [reply](#)):

From: Ansgar <ansgar@debian.org>  
To: Debian Bug Tracking System <submit@bugs.debian.org>  
Subject: opensysusers: uses `eval` on data that is not supposed to be safe to eval  
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2021 11:07:24 +0200

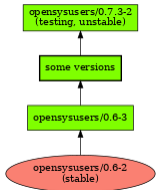
Package: opensysusers  
Version: 0.6-2  
Severity: serious  
Tags: security upstream  
X-Debbugs-Cc: Debian Security Team <team@security.debian.org>

opensysusers uses the shell's `eval` on everything in sysusers.d like  
there is no tomorrow. These files can contain shell meta-characters  
that should not result in code execution, e.g., in the GECOS field.

```
+---  
| # mkdir /etc/sysusers.d  
  
| # echo 'u test-user - "Do not ${rm /etc/bash.bashrc}" /var/lib/test-users /bin/sh' > /etc/sysusers.d/test.conf  
  
| # ls -l /etc/bash.bashrc  
| -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1994 Jun 22 02:26 /etc/bash.bashrc  
  
| # systemd-sysusers # this is opensysusers  
  
| # ls -l /etc/bash*  
| ls: cannot access '/etc/bash*': No such file or directory  
  
+---[ opensysusers 0.6-2 ]
```

systemd's systemd-sysuser behaves differently:

```
+---  
| # mkdir /etc/sysusers.d  
  
| # echo 'u test-user - "Do not ${rm /etc/bash.bashrc}" /var/lib/test-users /bin/sh' > /etc/sysusers.d/test.conf  
  
| # ls -l /etc/bash.bashrc  
| -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1994 Jun 22 02:26 /etc/bash.bashrc  
  
| # systemd-sysusers  
  
| Creating group systemd-coredump with gid 999.  
  
| Creating user systemd-coredump (systemd Core Dumper) with uid 999 and gid 999.  
  
| Creating group test-user with gid 998.
```



```
| Creating user test-user (Do not $(rm /etc/bash.bashrc)) with uid 998 and gid 998.

| # ls -l /etc/bash.bashrc

| -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1994 Jun 22 02:26 /etc/bash.bashrc

| # getent passwd test-user

| test-user:x:998:998:Do not $(rm /etc/bash.bashrc):/var/lib/test-users:/bin/sh

+---[ systemd 247.3-6 ]
```

As opensysusers is supposed to be a drop-in requirement for  
systemd-sysusers it \*must\* behave as systemd does and not execute  
data.

Ansgar

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Changed Bug title to 'opensysusers: uses `eval` on data that is not supposed to be safe to eval (CVE-2021-40084)' from 'opensysusers: uses

`eval` on data that is not supposed to be safe to eval'. Request was from Salvatore Bonaccorso <camil@debian.org> to control@bugs.debian.org.

(Wed, 25 Aug 2021 05:09:04 GMT) ([full text](#) [mbox](#) [link](#)).

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**Message #12** received at 992058@bugs.debian.org ([full text](#) [mbox](#) [reply](#)):

**From:** Lorenzo <plorenzo@disroot.org>  
**To:** 992058@bugs.debian.org  
**Subject:** Re: opensysusers: uses `eval` on data that is not supposed to be safe to eval  
**Date:** Fri, 17 Sep 2021 19:45:51 +0200

Control: tags -1 patch

Hi,

On Tue, 10 Aug 2021 11:07:24 +0200 Ansgar <ansgar@debian.org> wrote:

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> Version: 0.6-2

> Severity: serious

> Tags: security upstream

> X-Debian-Cc: Debian Security Team <team@security.debian.org>

>

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> there is no tomorrow. These files can contain shell meta-characters

> that should not result in code execution, e.g., in the GECOS field.

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> /etc/bash.bashrc | -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1994 Jun 22 02:26

> /etc/bash.bashrc | # systemd-sysusers # this is opensysusers

> | # ls -l /etc/bash*

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> +---[ opensysusers 0.6-2 ]

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```

```

> | # echo 'u test-user - "Do not $(rm /etc/bash.bashrc)"

> /var/lib/test-users /bin/sh' > /etc/sysusers.d/test.conf | # ls -l

> /etc/bash.bashrc | -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1994 Jun 22 02:26

> /etc/bash.bashrc | # systemd-sysusers

> | Creating group systemd-coredump with gid 999.

> | Creating user systemd-coredump (systemd Core Dumper) with uid 999

> and gid 999. | Creating group test-user with gid 998.

> | Creating user test-user (Do not $(rm /etc/bash.bashrc)) with uid

> 998 and gid 998. | # ls -l /etc/bash.bashrc

> | -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1994 Jun 22 02:26 /etc/bash.bashrc

> | # getent passwd test-user

> | test-user:x:998:998:Do not $(rm

> /etc/bash.bashrc):/var/lib/test-users:/bin/sh +---[ systemd 247.3-6 ]

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> systemd-sysusers it *must* behave as systemd does and not execute

> data.

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> Ansgar

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```

Attached is a patch that sets the GECOS field without using eval: under the assumption that the double quote character is not valid for Type,Name,ID field it should work. Did not have the time to test it yet.

If someone has a better idea I do welcome suggestion.

Lorenzo

```

--- ./sysusers 2020-12-22 12:41:37.754884910 +0100
+++ ./sysusers.new 2021-09-17 19:38:32.927974348 +0200 @@ -66,10
+66,30 @@

parse_string() {

    [ -n "${1%%#*}" ] || return

+    full_line=$1

-    eval "set -- $1"
+    #eval "set -- $1" # do not eval, see #992058 and CVE-2021-40084
+    set -- $1

    type="$1" name="$2" id="$3" gecos="$4" home="$5"

+    # and now set the GECOS field without eval
+    if [ "${type}" = u ]; then
+        if [ ! -z "$4" ] && [ "$4" != '-' ]; then
+            # strip everything before the first "
+            gecosplus=${full_line#"*"}
+            # now strip everything after the last "
+            gecos=${gecosplus%"}
+            # check if there are other valid fields after
GECOS

```

```
+         gecostest=$(echo $gecosplus | grep -o '".*'" -)
+
+         if [ "$gecostest" = "" ]; then
+
+             home=
+
+         else
+
+             set -- $gecostest
+
+             home=$2
+
+         fi
+
+     fi
+
+ fi
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+ fi
+
+
+     case "${type}" in
+
+         [gu])
+
+             case "${id}" in 65535|4294967295) warninvalid;
+
+
+ return; esac
```

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Added tag(s) patch. Request was from Lorenzo <plorenzo@disroot.org> to 992058-submit@bugs.debian.org. (Fri, 17 Sep 2021 17:48:02 GMT) ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [link](#)).

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Reply sent to Lorenzo Puliti <plorenzo@disroot.org>:

You have taken responsibility. (Sun, 19 Sep 2021 16:21:05 GMT) ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [link](#)).

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[Message #19](#) received at 992058-close@bugs.debian.org ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [reply](#)):

<b>From:</b> Debian FTP Masters <ftpmaster@ftp-master.debian.org> <b>To:</b> 992058-close@bugs.debian.org <b>Subject:</b> Bug#992058: fixed in opensysusers 0.6-3 <b>Date:</b> Sun, 19 Sep 2021 16:18:53 +0000
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Source: opensysusers

Source-Version: 0.6-3

Done: Lorenzo Puliti <plorenzo@disroot.org>

We believe that the bug you reported is fixed in the latest version of opensysusers, which is due to be installed in the Debian FTP archive.

A summary of the changes between this version and the previous one is attached.

Thank you for reporting the bug, which will now be closed. If you have further comments please address them to 992058@bugs.debian.org, and the maintainer will reopen the bug report if appropriate.

Debian distribution maintenance software

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Lorenzo Puliti <plorenzo@disroot.org> (supplier of updated opensysusers package)

(This message was generated automatically at their request; if you believe that there is a problem with it please contact the archive administrators by mailing ftpmaster@ftp-master.debian.org)

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Format: 1.8

Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2021 02:49:09 +0200

Source: opensysusers

Architecture: source

Version: 0.6-3

Distribution: unstable

Urgency: medium

Maintainer: Debian QA Group <packages@qa.debian.org>

Changed-By: Lorenzo Puliti <plorenzo@disroot.org>

Closes: [986015](#), [992058](#)

Changes:

opensysusers (0.6-3) unstable; urgency=medium

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- \* QA upload.
- \* Update copyright years
- \* Bump Standards-Version to 4.6.0, no changes required
- \* Change section to admin
- \* Update gitignore files
- \* quilt patches:
  - Stop using eval (Closes: [#992058](#), [CVE-2021-40084](#))
  - Create group with m action (Closes: [#986015](#))
  - Fix wrong nologin path

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