

## Bug 29290 - dwarf.c: null pointer dereference

**Status:** RESOLVED FIXED

**Alias:** None

**Product:** binutils

**Component:** binutils ([show other bugs](#))

**Version:** 2.39

**Importance:** P2 normal

**Target:** ---

**Milestone:**

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Attachments	
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**Hex Rabbit** 2022-06-26 21:12:22 UTC

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Created [attachment 14177](#) [[details](#)].

PoC to trigger null pointer dereference

During fuzzing campaign, I discovered a null pointer dereference bug in readelf (on the latest commit 9544899f2809833729159b0acb414ef7730650d5) in read\_and\_display\_attr\_value(), that can may a denial of service via a crafted file.

To reproduce the bug:

```
...  
readelf -w poc  
...
```

ASAN output:

```
...  
  
=====  
==527903==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: SEGV on unknown address 0x000000000078 (pc  
0x00000005da25e bp 0x7ffc9e9d8460 sp 0x7ffc9e9d79e0 T0)  
==527903==The signal is caused by a READ memory access.  
==527903==Hint: address points to the zero page.  
#0 0x5da25e in read_and_display_attr_value ../../binutils/dwarf.c:2758:50  
#1 0x5cbe63 in display_debug_names ../../binutils/dwarf.c:10369:16  
#2 0x57a10c in display_debug_section ../../binutils/readelf.c:16234:18
```

```
#3 0x5318a4 in process_section_contents ../../binutils/readelf.c:16330:10
#4 0x51183a in process_object ../../binutils/readelf.c:22368:9
#5 0x501331 in process_file ../../binutils/readelf.c:22791:13
#6 0x4feb82 in main ../../binutils/readelf.c:22862:11
#7 0x7fb874918082 in __libc_start_main /build/glibc-SzIz7B/glibc-
2.31/csu/../csu/libc-start.c:308:16
#8 0x41c4ad in _start (build3/binutils/readelf+0x41c4ad)
```

AddressSanitizer can not provide additional info.

SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: SEGV

/tmp/binutils/build3/binutils/../../binutils/dwarf.c:2758:50 in  
read\_and\_display\_attr\_value  
==527903==ABORTING

**cvs-commit@gcc.gnu.org 2022-06-27 12:31:14 UTC**

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The master branch has been updated by Nick Clifton <[nickc@sourceware.org](mailto:nickc@sourceware.org)>:

<https://sourceware.org/git/gitweb.cgi?p=binutils-gdb.git;h=e98e7d9a70dcc987bff0e925f20b78cd4a2979ed>

commit e98e7d9a70dcc987bff0e925f20b78cd4a2979ed

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Fix NULL pointer indirection when parsing corrupt DWARF data.

~~PR 29290~~

\* dwarf.c (read\_and\_display\_attr\_value): Check that debug\_info\_p  
is set before dereferencing it.

**Nick Clifton 2022-06-27 12:31:34 UTC**

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Fixed.