

# Out-of-bounds read in function gchar\_cursor in vim/vim

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## Description

Out-of-bounds read in function gchar\_cursor at misc1.c:532

## vim version

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git log
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commit 68e64d2c1735f2a39afa8a0475ae29bedb116684 (HEAD -> master, tag: v8.2.0)
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## POC

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./vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S /mnt/share/max/fuzz/poc/vim/poc
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==49778==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow on address 0x6210000
READ of size 1 at 0x621000013d07 thread T0
#0 0xaac079 in gchar_cursor /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/misc1.c:532:17
#1 0x66a034 in edit /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/edit.c:293:9
#2 0xb21515 in normal_cmd /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/normal.c:1036:12
#3 0x813d5e in exec_normal /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:8762:
#4 0x813588 in exec_normal_cmd /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:8
#5 0x813139 in ex_normal /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:8643:6
#6 0x7dc249 in do_one_cmd /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2567:2
#7 0x7c9005 in do_cmdline /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:992:17
#8 0xe57a2c in do_source_ext /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1
#9 0xe54486 in do_source /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/scriptfile.c:1801:
#10 0xe53dbc in cmd_source /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/scriptfile.c:117
#11 0xe5349e in ex_source /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/s
#12 0x7dc249 in do_one_cmd /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2567:2
#13 0x7c9005 in do_cmdline /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:992:17
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#13 0x7c5005 in do_cmdline /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:5
#14 0x7cdc51 in do_cmdline_cmd /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:5
#15 0x1423782 in exe_commands /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/main.c:3106:2
#16 0x141f91b in vim_main2 /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/main.c:780:2
#17 0x1415015 in main /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/main.c:432:12
#18 0x7ffff7bec082 in __libc_start_main /build/glibc-SzIz7B/glibc-2.31/
#19 0x41ea6d in _start (/home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/vim+0x41ea6d)

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0x621000013d07 is located 7 bytes to the right of 4096-byte region [0x62100000, 0x62100010) allocated by thread T0 here:

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#0 0x499ccd in malloc (/home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/vim+0x499ccd)
#1 0x4cb3aa in lalloc /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/alloc.c:246:11
#2 0x4cb28a in alloc /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/alloc.c:151:12
#3 0x142d235 in mf_alloc_bhdr /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/memfile.c:884:2
#4 0x142c047 in mf_new /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/memfile.c:375:26
#5 0xa61528 in ml_new_data /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/memline.c:4082:1
#6 0xa5fed1 in ml_open /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/memline.c:394:15
#7 0x50117a in open_buffer /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/buffer.c:186:9
#8 0x1420fcc in create_windows /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/main.c:2875:2
#9 0x141f29a in vim_main2 /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/main.c:711:5
#10 0x1415015 in main /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/main.c:432:12
#11 0x7ffff7bec082 in __libc_start_main /build/glibc-SzIz7B/glibc-2.31/

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SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow /home/fuzz/fuzz/vim/vim/src/main.c:711:5 in vim\_main2 Shadow bytes around the buggy address:

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0x0c427fffa750: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c427fffa760: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c427fffa770: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c427fffa780: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c427fffa790: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
=>0x0c427fffa7a0: [fa]fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c427fffa7b0: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c427fffa7c0: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c427fffa7d0: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c427fffa7e0: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c427fffa7f0: fa 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):

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Addressable:                00
Partially addressable: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07
Heap left redzone:          fa
Freed heap region:          fd
Stack left redzone:         55
Stack right redzone:        56

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Stack left redzone:    t1
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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==49778==ABORTING
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## Impact

This vulnerabilities are capable of crashing software, Modify Memory, and possible remote execution

CVE

CVE-2022-1851

(Published)

Vulnerability Type

CWE-125: Out-of-bounds Read

Severity

High (7.8)

Registry

Other

Affected Version

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Visibility

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Status

Fixed  
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Bram Moolenaar

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maintainer

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We are processing your report and will contact the **vim** team within 24 hours. 6 months ago

We have contacted a member of the **vim** team and are waiting to hear back 6 months ago

Bram Moolenaar 6 months ago

Maintainer

Well, the POC is a bit complicated. I managed to simplify it a bit and pinpoint the actual problem: the cursor is left after the end of the line when formatting text. It's hard to make something simpler to reproduce the problem.

Bram Moolenaar validated this vulnerability 6 months ago

TDHX ICS Security has been awarded the disclosure bounty ✓

The fix bounty is now up for grabs

The researcher's credibility has increased: +7

Bram Moolenaar marked this as fixed in 8.2 with commit 78d528 6 months ago

Bram Moolenaar has been awarded the fix bounty ✓

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**Bram Moolenaar** [6 months ago](#)

Maintainer

Fixed in patch 8.2.5013

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