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# syscall: Faccessat checks wrong group #52313

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neild opened this issue on Apr 12 · 10 comments

NeedsFix release-blocker Security Labels

**⇔** Go1.19 Milestone

# neild commented on Apr 12

Contributor

The syscall.Faccessat function checks whether the calling process can access a file.

Faccessat contains a bug where it checks a file's group permission bits if the process's user is a member of the process's group rather than a member of the file's group.

```
go/src/syscall/syscall linux.go
```

Line 112 in c9fe126

```
if uint32(gid) == st.Gid || isGroupMember(gid) {
112
```

```
var fmode uint32
        if uint32(uid) == st.Uid {
                fmode = (st.Mode >> 6) & 7
        } else {
                var gid int
                if flags&_AT_EACCESS != 0 {
                        gid = Getegid()
                } else {
                        gid = Getgid()
                }
                if uint32(gid) == st.Gid || isGroupMember(gid) { // <-- this should be
isGroupMember(st.Gid), not gid
                        fmode = (st.Mode >> 3) & 7
                } else {
                        fmode = st.Mode & 7
        }
```

Since a process's user is usually a member of the process's group, this causes Faccessat to usually check a file's group permissions even if the process's user is not a member of the file's group.

Thanks to @256dpi for reporting this.

A ianlancetaylor self-assigned this on Apr 12

R peild assigned neild and unassigned ianlancetaylor on Apr 12

## neild commented on Apr 12

Contributor

Author

This bug only occurs on Linux systems, and when syscall.Faccessat is called with a non-zero flags parameter.

#### gopherbot commented on Apr 12

Change https://go.dev/cl/399539 mentions this issue: syscall: check correct group in Faccessat

### gopherbot commented on Apr 12

Change https://go.dev/cl/400074 mentions this issue: unix: check correct group in Faccessat

#### neild commented on Apr 12

Contributor

Author

"golang.org/x/sys/unix". Faccessat suffers from the same problem, but only on Linux kernels < 5.8.

gopherbot pushed a commit to golang/sys that referenced this issue on Apr 12

unix: check correct group in Faccessat ...

33da011

gopherbot pushed a commit that referenced this issue on Apr 12

syscall: check correct group in Faccessat ...

f66925e

seankhliao added the NeedsFix label on Apr 14

@gopherbot please open backport issues.

This was referenced on Apr 19

syscall: Faccessat checks wrong group [1.17 backport] #52439



syscall: Faccessat checks wrong group [1.18 backport] #52440



gopherbot commented on Apr 19

Backport issue(s) opened: #52439 (for 1.17), #52440 (for 1.18).

Remember to create the cherry-pick CL(s) as soon as the patch is submitted to master, according to https://go.dev/wiki/MinorReleases.

gopherbot commented on Apr 19

Change https://go.dev/cl/401078 mentions this issue: [release-branch.go1.17] syscall: check correct group in Faccessat

gopherbot commented on Apr 19

Change https://go.dev/cl/401079 mentions this issue: [release-branch.go1.18] syscall: check correct group in Faccessat

- neild added the Security label on May 4
- dmitshur added this to the Go1.19 milestone on May 4
- julieqiu added the release-blocker label on May 5
- $\Box$  gopherbot pushed a commit that referenced this issue on May 9









