

Apache 2 HTTP2 Module Concurrent Pool Usage

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Apache 2 suffers from an issue with concurrent pool usage in the http2 module.

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apache2: concurrent pool usage in http2 module

h2_mplx.c contains a number of calls to ap_log_error using m->c (the master connection) as an argument. These calls can trigger allocations using the m->c->pool. One example is core_generate_log_id. As some of the code in h2_mplx.c is executed on a worker thread, it is possible that the main thread performs a parallel allocation and corrupts the pool. (apr memory pools are not thread-safe)

Most logging calls are using DEBUG and TRACE levels and can't be exploited in a production environment. However, the task_done function calls ap_log_error with APLOG_INFO when throttling tasks, which can be triggered by a malicious client:

```
h2_mplx.c:809
    ap_log_error(APLOG_MARK, APLOG_INFO, 0, m->c,
                 H2_STRM_MSG(stream, "%s", "redo, added to q"));
```

This bug is subject to a 90 day disclosure deadline. After 90 days elapse, the bug report will become visible to the public. The scheduled disclosure date is 2020-09-14. Disclosure at an earlier date is also possible if agreed upon by all parties.

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