## Talos Vulnerability Report

TALOS-2020-1018

## GStreamer gst-rtsp-server GstRTSPAuth Denial of Service Vulnerability

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CVE NUMBER

CVE-2020-6095

Summary

An exploitable denial of service vulnerability exists in the GstRTSPAuth functionality of GStreamer/gst-rtsp-server 1.14.5. A specially crafted RTSP setup request can cause a null pointer deference resulting in denial-of-service. An attacker can send a malicious packet to trigger this vulnerability.

Tested Versions

GStreamer gst-rtsp-server 1.14.5

Product URLs

https://github.com/GStreamer/gst-rtsp-server

CVSSv3 Score

7.5 - CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H

CWE

CWE-690 - Unchecked Return Value to NULL Pointer Dereference

Details

gst-rtsp-server is an open source library on top of GStreamer for building a RTSP server. RTSPATT (https://github.com/Ullaakut/RTSPAllTheThings) is one of implementation for RTSP server using GStreamer/gst-rtsp-server technology.

The GstRTSPAuth object of GStreamer/gst-rtsp-server library is found to be vulnerable to an invalid pointer dereference attack. An attacker can send a crafted RTSP setup request (using Basic Authentication) with excessively long Authorization header (> 4000 chars). The attack could cause RTSPATT server to reach dereferencing a null pointer in the code path, which causes the server to crash with Segmentation Fault.

Below is an offending RTSP Setup message seen in the debug log which triggered the segmentation fault,

The vulnerable code is present in the following the following function (https://github.com/GStreamer/gst-rtsp-server/blob/1.14.5/gst/rtsp-server/rtsp-auth.c#L766):

```
parse type */
credential = credentials;
758 /*
         while (*credential) {
   if ((*credential)->scheme == GST_RTSP_AUTH_BASIC) {
     GStRTSPToken *token;
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               GST_DEBUG_OBJECT (auth, "check Basic auth");
g_mutex_lock (&priv->lock);
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               if ((token =
                  769
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               g mutex unlock (δpriv->lock);
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               else if ((*credential)->scheme == GST_RTSP_AUTH_DIGEST) {
   if (default_digest_auth (auth, ctx, (*credential)->params))
777
                  break;
```

During the debug session, two GstRTSPAuthCredential object's values were checked within the function default authenticate at rtsp-auth.c:766,

That credential->authorization value was found to be a 'null' string as the rtps parsed out the overloading Authorization header from the message.

```
764 in rtsp-auth.c
(gdb) info locals
_g_boolean_var_ = <optimized out>
token = <optimized out>
priv = 0x5555557a0410
credentials = 0x7fffec05c6f0
credential = 0x7fffec05c6f0
__func__ = "default_authenticate"
(gdb) print *credential
$5 = (GstRTSPAuthCredential *) 0x7fffec0061d0
(gdb) print **credential
$6 = {scheme = GST_RTSP_AUTH_BASIC, params = 0x0, authorization = 0x0}
(gdb) print **credentials
$7 = {scheme = GST_RTSP_AUTH_BASIC, params = 0x0, authorization = 0x0}
```

The rtsp-auth module fails to check the validity of the\* credential->authorization value, instead it passes down "authorization = 0x0" as key to look for in the priv->basic hash table using the g\_hash\_table\_lookup function.

This g\_hash\_table\_lookup function then gets the hash value of the key using the hash\_function that was chosen when creating the hash table.

This hash function was selected at line 188 (https://github.com/GStreamer/gst-rtsp-server/blob/1.14.5/gst/rtsp-server/rtsp-auth.c#L188):

 $priv->basic = g\_hash\_table\_new\_full \ (g\_str\_hash, \ g\_str\_equal, \ g\_free, \ (GDestroyNotify) \ gst\_rtsp\_token\_unref);$ 

So the g\_hash\_table\_lookup function calls the g\_str\_hash function to get the hash value of the key, which causes a NULL pointer dereference because the g\_str\_hash function requires a "not nullable" value as its argument. This can be seen in the following code (https://gitlab.gnome.org/GNOME/glib/blob/2.56.4/glib/ghash.c):

```
/**

* g.str_hash:

* \( \text{a} \) \( \text{converts a string to a hash value.} \)

* Converts a string to a hash value.

* This function implements the widely used "djb" hash apparently

* posted by Daniel Bernstein to comp.lang.c some time ago. The 32

* bit unsigned hash value starts at 5381 and for each byte 'c' in

* the string, is updated: 'hash = hash * 33 * c'. This function

* uses the signed value of each byte.

* It can be passed to g_hash_table_new() as the \( \text{a}\) hash_func parameter,

* when using non-%NULL strings as keys in a #GHashTable.

* Note that this function may not be a perfect fit for all use cases.

* For example, it produces some hash collisions with strings as short

* as 2.

* Returns: a hash value corresponding to the key

* guint

g_str_hash (gconstpointer v)

{
const signed char *p;
guint32 h = 5381;

for (p = v; *p! = '\\0'; p++)
h = (h << 5) * h * *p;

return h;
}
```

Crash Information

Below is a backtrace when RTSPATT crashes,

```
hacktrace
> backtrace
Thread 2 "pool" received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
[Switching to Thread 0x7ffff3b64700 (LWP 53126)]
g_str_hash (v=0x0) at ../../../glib/ghash.c:1894
1894 ../../../glib/ghash.c: No such file or directory.
#0 0x00007ffff756a580 in g_str_hash (v=0x0) at ../../../glib/ghash.c:1894
#1 0x00007ffff75699d4 in g_hash_table_lookup_node (hash_return=<synthetic pointer>, key=0x0, hash_table=0x555555898c60) at ../../../glib/ghash.c:379
2 0x800007ffff7569944 in g_hash_table_lookup (hash_table=0x555555898c60, key=0x0) at ../../glib/ghash.c:1153
#3 0x00007ffff72ea243e in default_authenticate (auth=0x55555579eca0 [GstRTSPAuth], ctx=0x7ffff3b63a20) at rtsp-auth.c:766
#4 0x00007ffff72ea27d in ensure_authenticated (auth=auth@entry=0x5555579eca0 [GstRTSPAuth], ctx=ctx@entry=0x7ffff3b63a20) at rtsp-
 auth.c:872
## 5 0x00007ffff72eadab in check_factory (check=0x7ffff7316228 "auth.check.media.factory.access", ctx=0x7ffff3b63a20, auth=0x55555579eca0 [GstRTSPAuth]) at rtsp-auth.c:959
client.c:2391
#10 0x00007ffff730e80d in handle_request (client=client@entry=0x5555558a80e0 [GstRTSPClient], request=request@entry=0x5555558aa418) at rtsp-
client.c:3592
#10 0x00007ffff731190b in gst_rtsp_client_handle_message (client=0x5555558a80e0 [GstRTSPClient], message=0x5555558aa418) at rtsp-
p = 0x0
h = 5381
 #1 0x000007ffff75699d4 in g_hash_table_lookup_node (hash_return=<synthetic pointer>, key=0x0, hash_table=0x55555598c60) at
 ../../../glib/ghash.c:379
node_hash = <optimized out>
hash_value = <optimized out>
       have_tombstone = 0
step = 0
node_index = <optimized out>
node_index = <optimized out>
first_tombstone = 0
node_hash = <optimized out>
    __func__ = "g_hash_table_lookup"

### 0x00007ffff75699d4 in g_hash_table_lookup (hash_table=0x555555898c60, key=0x0) at ../../../glib/ghash.c:1153
node_hash = <optimized out>
    __func__ = "g_hash_table_lookup"

### 0x00007ffff72ea43e in default_authenticate (auth=0x55555579eca0 [GstRTSPAuth], ctx=0x7ffff3b63a20) at rtsp-auth.c:766
token = <optimized out>
    priv = 0x55555579ec50
    credentials = 0x7ffffc408c330
priv = 0x3933379e2s

credentials = 0x7fffdc00c330

credential = 0x7fffdc00c330

__func__ = "default_authenticate"

#4 0x00007ffff72ea27d in ensure_authenticated (auth=auth@entry=0x55555579eca0 [GstRTSPAuth], ctx=ctx@entry=0x7ffff3b63a20) at rtsp-
auth.c:872
   klass = <optimized out>
        __func__ = "ensure_authenticated"
```

## Timeline

2020-03-20 - Vendor disclosure 2020-03-23 - Public Release

## CREDIT

Discovered by Peter Wang of Cisco ASIG

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