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CWE

CWE – 476 : NULL Pointer Dereference

Product Details

HDF5 is a data model, library, and file format for storing and managing data. It supports an unlimited variety of data types and is designed for flexible and efficient I/O and for high volume and complex data. HDF5 is portable and is extensible, allowing applications to evolve in their use of HDF5. The HDF5 Technology suite includes tools and applications for managing, manipulating, viewing, and analyzing data in the HDF5 format.

URL: <https://www.hdfgroup.org/downloads>

Vulnerable Versions

1.13.0

Vulnerability Details

During our research we observed Null pointer dereference in the function **H5AC_unpin_entry()** located in **H5AC.c**. The same be triggered by sending a crafted file to the h5clear binary. It allows an attacker to cause Denial of Service.

SYNOPSIS

During our research on hdf5, When function H5F__dest() to flush the cache located in H5Fint.c calls another function H5AC_unpin_entry() to Unpin a cache entry located in H5AC.c, here before calling function H5C_log_write_unpin_entry_msg() for generating log message in line if(cache_ptr->log_info->logging) it is trying to dereference cache_ptr() pointer which is null and it triggers the null pointer dereference.

vulnerable Source code

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1418      /* If currently logging, generate a message */
-> 1419      if(cache_ptr->log_info->logging)
1420          if(H5C_log_write_unpin_entry_msg(cache_ptr, entry_ptr, ret_value) < 0)
1421              HDONE_ERROR(H5E_CACHE, H5E_LOGGING, FAIL, "unable to emit log message")
1422
1423      FUNC_LEAVE_NDAPI(ret_value)
1424  } /* H5AC_unpin_entry() */
```

Analysis

DEBUG:

GDB:

Starting program: /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear -s -m POC

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
[Legend: Modified register | Code | Heap | Stack | String]

registers -----
\$rax : 0x0
\$rbx : 0x0
\$rcx : 0xd00000000000003c
\$rdx : 0x000055555634db010 → 0x0000010000010001
\$rsp : 0x00007fffffffdbd0 → 0x0000000000000000
\$rbp : 0x000055555638fc40 → 0x0000000000000000
\$rsi : 0x00005555562bde0a → "can't unpin entry"
\$r15 : 0x0
\$rip : 0x0000555555f425c → mov rdi, QWORD PTR [rbx+0x8]
\$r8 : 0x000055555634a138 → 0x0000555556391840 → "Can't unpin entry from client"
\$r9 : 0x72746e65206e6970 ("pin entr?")
\$r10 : 0x000055555634db010 → 0x0000010000010001
\$r11 : 0x0
\$r12 : 0xffffffff
\$r13 : 0x0
\$r14 : 0x000055555638ea10 → 0x0000000000000000
\$r15 : 0x000055555638ea00 → 0x000055555638f8f0 → "POC"
\$eflags: [zero carry PARITY adjust sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow RESUME virtualx86 identification]
\$cs: 0x0033 \$ss: 0x002b \$ds: 0x0000 \$es: 0x0000 \$fs: 0x0000 \$gs: 0x0000

stack -----
0x00007fffffffdbd0+0x0000: 0x0000000000000000 → \$rsp
0x00007fffffffdbd0+0x0000: 0x000055555638de00 → 0x000055555638f8f0 →
"h5clear_fuzz/id:000033,sig:11,src:000169,op:flip1,[...]"
0x00007fffffffdbd0+0x0010: 0x0000000000000000
0x00007fffffffdbd0+0x0018: 0x0000555556346ac8 → 0x0000000000000001
0x00007fffffffdbd0+0x0020: 0x0000000000000000
0x00007fffffffdbd0+0x0028: 0x00005555557f0f1f → test eax, eax
0x00007fffffffdbd0+0x0030: 0x000055555638e5c0 → 0x0000555556358350 → 0x0000555556354230 →
0x0000000000000000
0x00007fffffffdbd0+0x0038: 0x00005555563413fb → 0x0c00000000000000

code:x86:64 -----
0x5555555f424b mov rcx, QWORD PTR [rsp+0x8]
0x5555555f4250 mov rdx, QWORD PTR [rsp]
0x5555555f4254 lea rsp, [rsp+0x98]
→ 0x5555555f425c mov rdi, QWORD PTR [rbx+0x8]
0x5555555f4260 cmp BYTE PTR [rdi+0x1], 0x0
0x5555555f4264 je 0x5555555f4080
0x5555555f426a xchg ax, ax
0x5555555f426c lea rsp, [rsp-0x98]
0x5555555f4274 mov QWORD PTR [rsp], rdx

source:/h[...].c:1419 -----
1414 if(H5C_unpin_entry(thing) log_info->logging)
1420 if(H5C_log_write_unpin_entry_msg(cache_ptr, entry_ptr, ret_value) < 0)
1421 HDONE_ERROR(H5E_CACHE, H5E_LOGGING, FAIL, "unable to emit log message")
1422
1423 FUNC_LEAVE_NOAPI(ret_value)
1424 } /* HSAC_unpin_entry() */

threads -----
[#0] Id 1, Name: "h5clear", stopped, reason: SIGSEGV

trace -----
[#0] 0x5555555f425c → HSAC_unpin_entry(thing=0x55555638fc40)
[#1] 0x5555557f0f1f → H5F_dest(f=0x55555638ea00, flush=0x0)
[#2] 0x5555557f0ba43 → H5F_open(name=, flags=, fcpl_id=, fapl_id=)
[#3] 0x55555601a170b → H5VL_native_file_open(name=, flags=, fapl_id=, dapl_id=, req=)
[#4] 0x5555555fdb1b9 → H5VL_file_open(cls=, req=0x0, dapl_id=0xb000000000000000, fapl_id=0xb000000000000014,
flags=0x1, name=0x55555638d2d0 "h5clear_fuzz/id:000033,sig:11,src:000169,op:flip1,pos:73")
[#5] 0x555555fdb1b9 → H5VL_file_open(connector_prop=0x7fffffffdd40, name=0x55555638d2d0
"h5clear_fuzz/id:000033,sig:11,src:000169,op:flip1,pos:73", flags=0x1, fapl_id=0xb000000000000014,
dapl_id=0xb000000000000008, req=0x0)
[#6] 0x5555557f5908 → H5Fopen(filename=0x55555638d2d0 "h5clear_fuzz/id:000033,sig:11,src:000169,op:flip1,pos:73",
flags=0x1, fapl_id=)
[#7] 0x555555568dbd0 → h5tools_fopen(fname=0x55555638d2d0
"h5clear_fuzz/id:000033,sig:11,src:000169,op:flip1,pos:73", flags=0x1, fapl=0xb000000000000013, driver=,
drivername=0x0, drivername_size=0x0)
[#8] 0x555555564217 → main(argc=, argv=0x7fffffffdf08)

0x0000555555f425c in HSAC_unpin_entry (thing=0x55555638fc40) at /hdf5/src/HSAC.c:1419
1419 if(cache_ptr->log_info->logging)

gef➤ ptype cache_ptr
type = struct H5C_t {
uint32_t magic;
hbool_t flush_in_progress;
H5C_log_info_t *log_info;
void *aux_ptr;
int32_t max_type_id;
const H5C_class_t * const *class_table_ptr;
size_t max_cache_size;
size_t min_clean_size;
H5C_write_permitted_func_t check_write_permitted;
hbool_t write_permitted;
H5C_log_flush_func_t log_flush;
hbool_t evictions_enabled;
hbool_t close_warming_received;
uint32_t index_len;
size_t index_size;
uint32_t index_ring_len[6];
size_t index_ring_size[6];
size_t clean_index_size;
size_t clean_index_ring_size[6];
size_t dirty_index_size;
size_t dirty_index_ring_size[6];
H5C_cache_entry_t *index[65536];
uint32_t il_len;
size_t il_size;
H5C_cache_entry_t *il_head;
H5C_cache_entry_t *il_tail;
int64_t entries_removed_counter;
H5C_cache_entry_t *last_entry_removed_ptr;
H5C_cache_entry_t *entry_watched_for_removal;
hbool_t slist_changed;
uint32_t slist_len;
size_t slist_size;
uint32_t slist_ring_len[6];
size_t slist_ring_size[6];
H5SL_t *slist_ptr;
uint32_t num_last_entries;
H5SL_t *tag_list;
hbool_t ignore_tags;
uint32_t num_objs_corked;
uint32_t pl_len;
size_t pl_size;
H5C_cache_entry_t *pl_head_ptr;
H5C_cache_entry_t *pl_tail_ptr;
uint32_t pel_len;
size_t pel_size;
H5C_cache_entry_t *pel_head_ptr;
H5C_cache_entry_t *pel_tail_ptr;
uint32_t LRU_list_len;
size_t LRU_list_size;
H5C_cache_entry_t *LRU_head_ptr;
H5C_cache_entry_t *LRU_tail_ptr;
hbool_t size_increase_possible;
hbool_t flash_size_increase_possible;
size_t flash_size_increase_threshold;

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hbool_t resize_enabled;
hbool_t cache_full;
hbool_t size_decreased;
hbool_t resize_in_progress;
hbool_t msic_in_progress;
HSC_auto_size_ctl_t resize_ctl;
int32_t epoch_markers_active;
hbool_t epoch_marker_active[10];
int32_t epoch_marker_ringbuf[11];
int32_t epoch_marker_ringbuf_first;
int32_t epoch_marker_ringbuf_last;
int32_t epoch_marker_ringbuf_size;
HSC_cache_entry_t epoch_markers[10];
int64_t cache_hits;
int64_t cache_accesses;
HSC_cache_image_ctl_t image_ctl;
hbool_t serialization_in_progress;
hbool_t load_image;
hbool_t image_loaded;
hbool_t delete_image;
haddr_t image_addr;
hsize_t image_len;
hsize_t image_data_len;
int64_t entries_loaded_counter;
int64_t entries_inserted_counter;
int64_t entries_relocated_counter;
int64_t entry_fd_height_change_counter;
uint32_t num_entries_in_image;
HSC_image_entry_t *image_entries;
void *image_buffer;
hbool_t rdfsn_settled;
hbool_t ndfsn_settled;
char prefix[32];
} *
gef> p cache_ptr->log_info->logging
Cannot access memory at address 0x0
gef> p cache_ptr
$1 = (HSC_t *) 0x0
gef> i r
rax            0x0  0x0
rcx            0x0  0x0
rdx            0x000000000000003c  0x000000000000003c
rsi            0x55555634b010  0x55555634b010
rdi            0x55555626b2ea  0x55555626b2ea
rbp            0x0  0x0
rsp            0x55555638fc40  0x55555638fc40
r8             0x7fffffffdbd0  0x7fffffffdbd0
r9             0x55555634a138  0x55555634a138
r10            0x72746e65286e6970  0x72746e65286e6970
r11            0x55555634b010  0x55555634b010
r12            0x0  0x0
r13            0xffffffffff  0xffffffffff
r14            0x55555638ea10  0x55555638ea10
r15            0x55555638e8e0  0x55555638e8e0
rip            0x555555f425c  0x555555f425c
eflags         0x10206  [ PF IF RF ]
cs             0x33  0x33
ss             0x2b  0x2b
ds             0x0  0x0
es             0x0  0x0
fs             0x0  0x0
gs             0x0  0x0
gef> bt
#0  0x0000555555f425c in HSC_unpin_entry (thing=0x55555638fc40) at /hdfs/src/HSC.c:1419
#1  0x000055555570b0f1 in HSF__dest {&@entry=0x55555638e8e0, flush=&@entry=0x0} at /hdfs/src/HSFInt.c:1386
#2  0x000055555576bae3 in HSF_open (name=, flags=, fcp1_id=, fap1_id=) at /hdfs/src/HSFInt.c:1824
#3  0x0000555555601a78b in HSVL_native_file_open (name=, flags=, fap1_id=, dpl1_id=, req=) at
/hdfs/src/HSVlnative_file.c:99
#4  0x0000555555fddb1b9 in HSVL__file_open (cls=, req=0x0, dpl1_id=0xb000000000000000, fap1_id=0xb000000000000014,
flags=0x1, name=0x55555638d2d0 "POC") at /hdfs/src/HSVlcallback.c:3465
#5  HSVL_file_open (connector_prop=connector_prop@entry=0x7fffffffdd40, name=name@entry=0x55555638d2d0 "POC",
flags=flags@entry=0x1, fap1_id=0xb000000000000014, dpl1_id=0xb000000000000000, req=req@entry=0x0) at
/hdfs/src/HSVlcallback.c:3580
#6  0x0000555555745908 in HSFopen (filename=filename@entry=0x55555638d2d0 "POC", flags=flags@entry=0x1, fap1_id=,
fap1_id@entry=0xb000000000000014) at /hdfs/src/HSF.c:792
#7  0x00005555555683db in h5tools_fopen (fname=0x55555638d2d0 "POC", flags=0x1, fap1=0xb000000000000013, driver=,
drivername=0x0, drivername_size=0x0) at /hdfs/tools/lib/h5tools.c:580
#8  0x0000555555564217 in main (argc=, argv=0x7fffffffdf08) at /hdfs/tools/src/misc/H5Clear.c:342

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Valid and Output:


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==21963==      by 0x37: ???
==21963==      by 0x4C8582: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==
==21963== Invalid read of size 1
==21963==      at 0x318FB7: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==      by 0x504A81: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==      by 0x16: ???
==21963==      by 0x58C8CA6: ???
==21963== Address 0x58C8CA6 is 22 bytes after a block of size 64 alloc'd
==21963== at 0x42F8B0: malloc (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_mcheck-amd64-linux.so)
==21963== by 0x3832F: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963== by 0x58C8ABF: ???
==21963== by 0x58C889F: ???
==21963== by 0x37: ???
==21963== by 0x4C8582: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==
==21963== Invalid read of size 1
==21963==      at 0x318FB7: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==      by 0x504A81: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==      by 0x16: ???
==21963==      by 0x58C8CA7: ???
==21963== Address 0x58C8CA7 is 23 bytes after a block of size 64 alloc'd
==21963== at 0x42F8B0: malloc (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_mcheck-amd64-linux.so)
==21963== by 0x3832F: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963== by 0x58C8ABF: ???
==21963== by 0x58C889F: ???
==21963== by 0x37: ???
==21963== by 0x4C8582: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==
==21963== Invalid read of size 1
==21963==      at 0x318FB7: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==      by 0x504A81: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==      by 0x16: ???
==21963==      by 0x58C8CA8: ???
==21963== Address 0x58C8CA8 is 24 bytes after a block of size 64 in arena "client"
==21963==
==21963== Invalid read of size 1
==21963==      at 0x318FB7: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==      by 0x504A81: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963==      by 0x16: ???
==21963==      by 0x58C8CA9: ???
==21963== Address 0x58C8CA9 is 25 bytes after a block of size 64 in arena "client"
==21963==
==21963== Invalid read of size 8
==21963==      at 0x1A825C: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963== Address 0x8 is not stack'd, malloc'd or (recently) free'd
==21963==
==21963==
==21963== Process terminating with default action of signal 11 (SIGSEGV)
==21963== Access not within mapped region at address 0x8
==21963== at 0x1A825C: ??? (in /hdf5/build/bin/h5clear)
==21963== If you believe this happened as a result of a stack
==21963== overflow in your program's main thread (unlikely but
==21963== possible), you can try to increase the size of the
==21963== main thread stack using the --main-stacksize= flag.
==21963== The main thread stack size used in this run was 8388608.
Segmentation Fault
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Proof of Concept

`./h5clear -s -m SPOC`

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