

Bug 1200885 - (CVE-2022-31250) VUL-0: CVE-2022-31250: keylime: %post scriptlet allows for privilege escalation from keylime user to root

Status: NEW

Classification: Novell Products

Product: SUSE Security Incidents

Component: Incidents

Version: unspecified

Hardware: Other openSUSE Tumbleweed

Priority: P3 - Medium **Severity:** Normal

Target Milestone: ---

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URL: <https://smash.suse.de/issue/335343/>

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Reported: 2022-06-23 14:38 UTC by Johannes Segitz

Modified: 2022-08-03 22:20 UTC ([History](#))

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Johannes Segitz 2022-06-23 14:38:24 UTC

Description

Problematic section:

```
192 %post -n %{srcname}-tpm_cert_store
193 # Help the upgrade process when moving to a non-root services
194 chown -R keylime:tss %{_sharedstatedir}/%{srcname}/ca 2> /dev/null || :
195 chown -R keylime:tss %{_sharedstatedir}/%{srcname}/secure 2> /dev/null || :
196 chown -R keylime:tss %{_sharedstatedir}/%{srcname}/cv_ca 2> /dev/null || :
197 chown keylime:tss %{_sharedstatedir}/%{srcname}/*.sqlite 2> /dev/null || :
198 chown keylime:tss %{_sharedstatedir}/%{srcname}/*.yaml 2> /dev/null || :
199 chown keylime:tss %{_sysconfdir}/%{srcname}.conf 2> /dev/null || :
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This allows the keylime user to escalate to root as %[_sharedstatedir]/%{srcname}
is owned by keylime. POC:
sh-5.1$ pwd
/var/lib/keylime
sh-5.1$ id
uid=446(keylime) gid=446(keylime) groups=446(keylime)
context=unconfined_u:unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0
sh-5.1$ ln -s /etc/passwd passwd.sqlite
sh-5.1$ ls -l
total 4
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 keylime keylime 11 Jun 23 16:27 passwd.sqlite -> /etc/passwd
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 4096 Jun 23 16:23 tpm_cert_store

as root simulate a package update with
zypper in -f keylime-tpm_cert_store

After that /etc/passwd is owned by keylime
-rw-r--r--. 1 keylime tss 3733 Jun 23 16:23 /etc/passwd

Please remove the chown calls. In general it's not safe to do this if unprivileged
users can influence parts of the path where the operation is done
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Johannes Segitz 2022-06-23 14:41:58 UTC

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Your primary responsibility is to apply a fix for this issue.
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- https://en.opensuse.org/openSUSE:Package\_maintenance
- https://en.opensuse.org/openSUSE:Maintenance\_update\_process

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Leap codestreams, and to the devel project of your package.

The security team will then take the following steps:
- We wait for your submission and package them into an incident for QA
  testing. The QA tester might reach out to you if they find issues with
  the update.
- If QA doesn't find any issues, we publish the updates.

You can contact us at:

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* Email: security-team@suse.de
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Johannes Segitz 2022-06-23 14:42:30 UTC

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Internal CRD: 2022-07-25 or earlier
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Alberto Planas Dominguez 2022-06-23 14:58:46 UTC

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(In reply to Johannes Segitz from comment #0)

> Please remove the chown calls. In general it's not safe to do this if
> unprivileged users can influence parts of the path where the operation is
> done
```

Done in SR#984735.

Those calls are there because now the different services was executed as root, creating some directories as root in the process. Now we implemented a user downgrade mechanism, so the different services are running under a non privilege user (keylime). The %post code was put there to change the user to this keylime one, so the new agents can still write on it after the upgrade.

Is there a way that I can still change the owner of those files and directories in a way that do not produce any security issue?

Alberto Planas Dominguez 2022-06-23 16:13:56 UTC

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Guianluca Gabrielli pinged me that I make the mistake of releasing the fix.

Alberto Planas Dominguez 2022-06-23 16:15:01 UTC

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Remove EMBARGOED tag after talking with Johannes Segitz.

Matthias Gerstner 2022-07-04 08:12:08 UTC

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(In reply to aplanas@suse.com from [comment #3](#))

> Is there a way that I can still change the owner of those files and
> directories in a way that do not produce any security issue?

It is pretty difficult in shell code. If is just one level below a user controlled directory then `chown -h` suffices. If it is deeper below a user controlled directory then you can use sequences like (in bash):

```
cd -P /some/user/controlled/dir
if [ "$PWD" != "/some/user/controlled/dir" ]; then
    echo "followed symlink"
    exit 1
else
    chown -h someuser somefile
fi
```

Alberto Planas Dominguez 2022-07-14 08:46:36 UTC

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Thanks all for the help. As the SR showed I removed the code from TW, but to fix an issue in SLE I reintroduced a version of it:

For files I am doing this:

```
chown -h keylime:tss /filename/path 2> /dev/null || :
```

I checked that this is indeed doing the correct thing: change the ownership of the link itself, but not the linked file.

For directories I am doing this:

```
chown -h -R keylime:tss /directory/path 2> /dev/null || :
```

I checked this adding file links inside the directory, links to directories inside the directory and converting the directory in a link itself. In all the three tests I saw that it is doing the right thing: change the ownership of the link itself, and never of the linked element. For linked directories I also checked that is not walking it neither.

The code is https://build.suse.de/package/view_file/home:aplanas:branches:SUSE:SLE-15-SP4:Update/keylime/keylime.spec?expand=1, and if there are no complains I will do a MU soon.

I hope that this does not re-introduce a variant of this CVE.

Swamp Workflow Management 2022-08-03 22:20:45 UTC

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SUSE-SU-2022:2658-1: An update that solves two vulnerabilities and has two fixes is now available.

Category: security (important)

Bug References: 1199253,1200885,1201466,1201866

CVE References: CVE-2022-1053,CVE-2022-31250

JIRA References:

Sources used:

openSUSE Leap 15.4 (src): keylime-6.3.2-150400.4.11.1

SUSE Linux Enterprise Module for Basesystem 15-SP4 (src): keylime-6.3.2-150400.4.11.1

NOTE: This line indicates an update has been released for the listed product(s). At times this might be only a partial fix. If you have questions please reach out to maintenance coordination.

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