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Issue 2905: Null pointer dereference in av1/av1\_dx\_iface.c:970

Reported by zodf0...@gmail.com on Sat, Dec 19, 2020, 6:47 AM EST

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What version / commit were you testing with?

commit 7ddc21b

What steps will reproduce the problem?

- 1.cd aom/build
- 2.cmake ..
- 3.make
- 4.aomdec -o /dev/null --framstats=/dev/null ./poc

What is the expected output?

This is ASAN report:

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...
→ aomdec -o /dev/null --framstats=/dev/null ./poc
Warning: Read invalid frame size (2147483978)
ASAN:DEADLYSIGNAL
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==9853==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: SEGV on unknown address 0x0000000000020 (pc 0x5633420d7f63 bp 0x7ffe9ba662e0 sp 0x7ffe9ba65b60 T0)
==9853==The signal is caused by a READ memory access.
==9853==Hint: address points to the zero page.
#0 0x5633420d7f62 in ctrl_get_last_quantizer /home/yuan/afi-target/aom/av1/av1_dx_iface.c:970
#1 0x5633420c2280 in aom_codec_control /home/yuan/afi-target/aom/aom/src/aom_codec.c:108
#2 0x563341eeff35 in aom_codec_control_typechecked_AOMD_GET_LAST_QUANTIZER /home/yuan/afi-target/aom/aom/aomdx.h:452
#3 0x563341eeff35 in main_loop /home/yuan/afi-target/aom/apps/aomdec.c:772
#4 0x563341ee02c3 in main /home/yuan/afi-target/aom/apps/aomdec.c:1035
#5 0x7f6e12f94bf6 in __libc_start_main (/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6+0x21bf6)
#6 0x563341ee7329 in _start (/home/yuan/afi-target/aom/cbuild/aomdec+0x6d329)
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AddressSanitizer can not provide additional info.

SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: SEGV /home/yuan/afi-target/aom/av1/av1\_dx\_iface.c:970 in ctrl\_get\_last\_quantizer

==9853==ABORTING

poc

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Comment 1 by wtc@google.com on Mon, Dec 21, 2020, 4:54 PM EST Project Member

Status: Started (was: New)

Owner: wtc@google.com

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zodf0055980: Thank you very much for the bug report and the poc file to reproduce the bug.

We can defend against this crash at several levels. I will start with adding a null pointer check for ctx->frame\_worker to ctrl\_get\_last\_quantizer().

Aasipriya, Mufaddal: I am cc'ing you because I will add a similar null pointer check to the ctrl\_get\_xxx() functions that you added to aom/av1/av1\_dx\_iface.c in June or July.

[Comment 2](#) by [wtc@google.com](mailto:wtc@google.com) on Mon, Dec 21, 2020, 4:57 PM EST Project Member

The code related to AOMD\_GET\_LAST\_QUANTIZER and ctrl\_get\_last\_quantizer() was added in commit [a1f6432dfac92c17672071d9da5c6114fa4faa75](#):

<https://aomedia-review.googleusercontent.com/c/aom/+7140>

[Comment 3](#) by [bugdroid](#) on Mon, Dec 21, 2020, 7:02 PM EST Project Member

The following revision refers to this bug:

<https://aomedia.googleusercontent.com/aom/+be4ee75fd762d361d0679cc892e4c74af8140093>

commit [be4ee75fd762d361d0679cc892e4c74af8140093](#)

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Improve error checking in several ctrl\_get\_\* funcs

Improve error checking in several ctrl\_get\_\*( ) functions. They all have the following error-checking logic:

1. If the output parameter is a null pointer, return AOM\_CODEC\_INVALID\_PARAM.
2. If ctx->frame\_worker is a null pointer (i.e., the decoder is not initialized), return AOM\_CODEC\_ERROR.
3. Otherwise, return AOM\_CODEC\_OK.

The error-checking logic is realized in two ways to preserve the original control structures in these functions.

To fix the crash in [bug-aomedia-2005](#), only the change to the ctrl\_get\_last\_quantizer() function is needed. I took the opportunity to review the entire av1/av1\_dx\_iface.c file.

[BUG=aomedia-2005](#)

Change-Id: I66e48dd21fec1102567aad22608673945d5743c7

[modify] [https://crrev.com/be4ee75fd762d361d0679cc892e4c74af8140093/av1/av1\\_dx\\_iface.c](https://crrev.com/be4ee75fd762d361d0679cc892e4c74af8140093/av1/av1_dx_iface.c)

[Comment 4](#) by [wtc@google.com](mailto:wtc@google.com) on Wed, Dec 23, 2020, 10:02 PM EST Project Member

**Status:** Fixed (was: Started)

Marked the bug Fixed.

There is more that we can do about this bug, but commit [be4ee75fd762d361d0679cc892e4c74af8140093](#) alone fixes the crash.

The root cause of this crash is that ivf\_read\_frame() may set \*bytes\_read (which is the bytes\_in\_buffer variable in aomdec.c) to 0 and return 0 (success) on certain errors, such as an IVF frame size > 256 \* 1024 \* 1024, which is the case in this poc.

Initially, the 'buf' variable is NULL. If bytes\_in\_buffer is set to 0, then we call aom\_codec\_decode() with buf=NULL and bytes\_in\_buffer=0. aom\_codec\_decode() interprets the NULL, 0 inputs as a decoder flush operation. So it returns successfully without initializing the decoder.

So, a possible fix is to make ivf\_read\_frame() return 1 (failure) on a huge IVF frame size. Another possible fix is to make ivf\_read\_frame() allocate its internal buffer with a minimum buffer size (say 1024 bytes), so that the 'buf' variable won't be NULL, and then aom\_codec\_decode() will treat the non-NULL, 0 inputs as an error.