

PPC: KVM: Book3S HV: Fix conflicting use of HSTATE_HOST_R1

Bug #1867717 reported by [Mike Ranweiler](#) on 2020-03-17

This bug affects 1 person

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Affects	Status	Importance	Assigned to	Milestone
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linux (Ubuntu)	Fix Released	Undecided	Ubuntu Security Team	
Bionic	Fix Released	Undecided	Ubuntu Security Team	

Bug Description

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---Problem Description---
Currently a malicious user can craft a code to be executed in the guest
kernel space that puts CPU in TM suspended mode and call a hypercall (for
instance H_PUT_TERM_CHAR, token 0x58) leading to a kernel panic on host. I
was not able to reproduce it upstream, nonetheless it's reproducible on
most updated stock kernel for Ubuntu Bionic Beaver, i.e 4.15.0-76.86.
Guest kernel version is not meaningful unless TM facility is disabled (it
must be enabled).

---Steps to Reproduce---
The following hypercall fuzzer I'll trigger it: https://github.com/gromero/hinjector

$ git clone https://github.com/gromero/hinjector.git && cd hinjector
$ make
$ make insmod
$ sudo ./injector

Currently it's possible to crash a host from a guest by calling a
hypercall when
CPU is in TM suspended mode. Whilst on guest a TM Bad Thing is caught, on
host
the following traces are observed:

[ 618.563991] Oops: Exception in kernel mode, sig: 4 [#1]
[ 618.563994] LE SMP NR_CPUS=2048 NUMA PowerNV
[ 618.563999] Modules linked in: xt_CHECKSUM iptable_mangle ipt_MASQUERADE
nf_nat_masquerade_ipv4 iptable_nat nf_nat_ipv4 nf_nat nf_conntrack_ipv4
nf_defrag_ipv4 xt_conntrack nf_conntrack ipt_REJECT nf_reject_ipv4
xt_tcpudp bridge
stp llc ebttable_filter ebtables devlink ip6table_filter ip6_tables
iptables_filter
kvm_hv kvm vmx_crypto ipmi_powernv ipmi_devintf ipmi_msghandler
uio_pdrv_genirq
uio leds_powernv crct10dif_vpmsum ibmpowernv powernv_rng sch_fq_codel nfsd
auth_rpcgss
nfs_acl lockd grace sunrpc ip_tables x_tables autofs4 xfs btrfs
zstd_compress
raid10 raid456 async_raid6_recov async_memcpy async_pq async_xor async_tx
xor
raid6_pq liberc32c raid1 raid0 multipath linear lpfc crc32c_vpmsum
nvmet_fc
nvmet nvme_fc nvme_fabrics nvme_core tg3 ipr scsi_transport_fc
[ 618.564064] CPU: 51 PID: 0 Comm: swapper/51 Not tainted 4.15.0-76-
generic #86-Ubuntu
[ 618.564066] NIP: 0000000000000000 LR: 0000000000000000 CTR:
d0000000072f0580
[ 618.564068] REGS: c00000003fd9bca0 TRAP: 0e40 Not tainted (4.15.0-76-
generic)
[ 618.564068] MSR: 9000000102883003 <SF,HV,VEC,VSX,FP,ME,RI,LE,TM[E]> CR:
28200222 XER: 20000000
[ 618.564077] CFAR: c00000000000f53f0 SOFTE: 0
[ 618.564077] GPR00: 0000000000000000 c00000003fd9bf20 c00000000171c800
0000000000000000
[ 618.564077] GPR04: c000000ff4d10000 c0000000ff067400 000000000ad0cc9e
c00000000000fb4bc
[ 618.564077] GPR08: 804800000180f000 c000000dcabcbe80 0000000000000000
0000000020000000
[ 618.564077] GPR12: 0000000000000e80 c0000000faa3100 0000000000000000
0000000000000000
[ 618.564077] GPR16: 0000000000000000 0000000000000000 0000000000000000
0000000000000000
[ 618.564077] GPR20: 0000000000000000 0000000000000000 0000000000000000
0000000000000000
[ 618.564077] GPR24: 0000000000000000 d000000072e0158 000000000000009b
000000000000009c
[ 618.564077] GPR28: 000000000000009c 0000000000000000 0000000000000000
0010000000000000
[ 618.564100] NIP [0000000000000000] (null)
[ 618.564101] LR [0000000000000000] (null)
[ 618.564101] Call Trace:
[ 618.564102] Instruction dump:
[ 618.564105] XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX
[ 618.564109] XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX 0100421c f2820104
0000001b 00000132
[ 618.564118] ---[ end trace f0be3cc10ea6fc44 ]---
[ 618.569897]
[ 618.593555] KVM: CPU 51 seems to be stuck
[ 258.967652] Kernel panic - not syncing: Attempted to kill the idle task!
[ 258.967677] Unable to handle kernel paging request for data at address
0xc000001ff6c9d700
[ 618.596478] Faulting instruction address: 0xc000000000077cf0
[ 618.596479] Oops: Kernel access of bad area, sig: 11 [#2]
[ 618.596480] LE SMP NR_CPUS=2048 NUMA PowerNV
[ 618.596482] Modules linked in: xt_CHECKSUM iptable_mangle ipt_MASQUERADE
nf_nat_masquerade_ipv4 iptable_nat nf_nat_ipv4 nf_nat nf_conntrack_ipv4
nf_defrag_ipv4 xt_conntrack nf_conntrack ipt_REJECT nf_reject_ipv4
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xt_tcpudp bridge stp llc ebtfilter ebtfilter devlink ip6table_filter
ip6_tables iptable_filter kvm_hv kvm vmx_crypto ipmi_powernv ipmi_devintf
ipmi_msghandler uio_pdrv_genirq uio leds_powernv crct10dif_vpmsum
ibmpowernv
powernv rng sch_fq_codel nfsd auth_rpcgss nfs_acl lockd grace sunrpc
ip_tables
x_tables autofs4 xfs btrfs zstd_compress raid10 raid456 async_raid6_recov
async_memcpy async_pq async_xor async_tx xor raid6_pq libcrc32c raid1
raid0
multipath linear lpfc crc32c_vpmsum nvmet_fc nvmet nvme_fc nvme_fabrics
nvme_core tg3 ipr scsi_transport_fc
[ 618.596521] CPU: 51 PID: 0 Comm: swapper/51 Tainted: G D 4.15.0-76-
generic #86-Ubuntu
[ 618.596522] NIP: c00000000077cf0 LR: c000000000080c84 CTR:
c00000000077c90
[ 618.596524] REGS: c00000003fd9b040 TRAP: 0300 Tainted: G D (4.15.0-76-
generic)
[ 618.596524] MSR: 900000000001033 <SF,HV,ME,IR,DR,RI,LE> CR: 28244242
XER: 00000000
[ 618.596530] CFAR: c000000000080c80 DAR: c00001ff6c9d700 DSISR: 40000000
SOFTE: 0
[ 618.596530] GPR00: c000000000080c84 c00000003fd9b2c0 c0000000171c800
0000000006c9d700
[ 618.596530] GPR04: 00000000000001ac 0071d13aa0080040 0000000000000002
0000000000000002
[ 618.596530] GPR08: 0000000000000001 0000000000000002 00000e3a27540100
c000001ff6c9d700
[ 618.596530] GPR12: c000001ff0000000 c00000000faa3100 0000000000000000
0000000000000000
[ 618.596530] GPR16: 0000000000000004 0071d13aa0080040 00000000000001ac
c0000000018be858
[ 618.596530] GPR20: 800000000000000e d00038008004000c 00000000071d13aa
c0000000018be280
[ 618.596530] GPR24: 0000000000000001 0000000000000002 0000000000000300
0000000000000300
[ 618.596530] GPR28: 4000000000000000 0000000000000000 c000000018be2d0
00000000000000b0
[ 618.596560] NIP [c00000000077cf0] native_hpte_updatepp+0x60/0x680
[ 618.596562] LR [c000000000080c84] __hash_page_64K+0x4c4/0x560
[ 618.596562] Call Trace:
[ 618.596563] Instruction dump:
[ 618.596565] 791cf046 3fc2001a 3bdela0 3d62001a 396b2188 91810008
f821ff71 7fbefa14
[ 618.596570] ebbd0048 e98b0000 7d4ae878 7d6c1a14 <7c0c1c28> 794a3e24
7f9c5378 48000018
[ 618.596576] ---[ end trace f0be3cc10ea6fc45 ]---
[ 618.602738]
[ 618.625946] KVM: CPU 51 seems to be stuck
[ 258.999498] Kernel panic - not syncing: Attempted to kill the idle task!
[ 618.653500] KVM: CPU 51 seems to be stuck
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This is due to conflicting use of HSTATE_HOST_R1 to store r1 state in kvmppc_hv_entry plus in kvmppc_(save,restore)_tm leading to a stack corruption.

The commit that introduced such a conflict is f024ee098476 ("KVM: PPC: Book3S HV: Pull out TM state save/restore into separate procedures") but issue really appears when change 87a11bb6a7f7 ("KVM: PPC: Book3S HV: Work around XER[SO] bug in fake suspend mode") is applied too because it creates a new stack to the two conflicting r1 stored to HSTATE_HOST_R1 are different.

The issue was fixed accidentally by 6f597c6b63b6 ("KVM: PPC: Book3S PR: Add guest MSR parameter for kvmppc_save_tm()/kvmppc_restore_tm()") which is actually a change most related to Book3S PR.

This commit fixes the issue by backporting from 6f597c6b63b6 the part only responsible for storing r1 to a different memory location (HSTATE_SCRATCH2) avoiding the conflict and so the stack corruption.

On Ubuntu Bionic, tag "Ubuntu-4.15.0-91.92" is affected.

Tags: ppc64el

CVE References

2020-8834

Mike Ranweiler (mranwell) wrote on 2020-03-17:	#1
PPC: KVM: Book3S HV: Fix conflicting use of HSTATE_HOST_R1 (8.4 KiB, text/plain)	
Mike Ranweiler (mranwell) wrote on 2020-03-17:	#2
Xenial should not be affected - it doesn't have 87a11bb6a7f7. Since that's a power9 specific patch it's not something we would include. There was no CVE for this right now - should we get one?	
Frank Heimes (fheimes) on 2020-03-17	
tags: added: ppc64el Changed in ubuntu-power-systems: assignee: nobody → Ubuntu Security Team (ubuntu-security) Changed in linux (Ubuntu): assignee: nobody → Ubuntu Security Team (ubuntu-security) Changed in ubuntu-power-systems: assignee: Ubuntu Security Team (ubuntu-security) → Ubuntu on IBM Power Systems Bug Triage (ubuntu-power-triage)	
Seth Arnold (seth-arnold) wrote on 2020-03-18:	#3

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Patches

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Add patch

Hello, I don't understand when TM is available (power8 vs power9, hardware vs virtualized, pownrv vs powervm guests, etc) -- is there a short summary of which systems are affected, in which ways?

Please use CVE-2020-8834 for this issue.

Thanks

Gustavo Romero (gromero) wrote on 2020-03-19:

#5

It seems the email reply didn't work, so pasting here again (sorry if it yields a duplication later):

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Hi Seth,

Well, it's a mess and confusing...

PowerVM doesn't share the same code base as KVM, so the bug doesn't affect PowerVM, so it's KVM-specific.

POWER8 has TM supported both on baremetal (PowerNV or pownrv) and on KVM guests.

The fix involves a hypercall implemented by the KVM, so it affects the POWER8 hosts running a KVM guest. In that case it's like the guest is attacking the host and its (guest's kernel) kernel version is no relevant to reproduce the issue.

POWER9 doesn't support TM on baremetal, only on KVM guests, but TM is software assisted (due to a bug in the chip - that's the reason on the other hand why it's not supported on baremetal, only on guests), so the code path on the host when P9 guests use TM is a bit different.

But I haven't gone so far to able to explain why it doesn't affect P9 hosts, but it's probably be cause of the software assisted part. So, P9 hosts are not affected.

So, summing it up, it affects only POWER8 + KVM running Bionic 4.15 kernels.

BTW, I would be glad if credit could be attributed to me when filling up the CVE details, when applicable :)

Kind regards,
Gustavo

Seth Arnold (seth-arnold) wrote on 2020-03-23:

#6

Hello Gustavo, yes I can credit you with the discovery.

Thanks for the explanation of which systems are affected, it helps me a lot.

Have you contacted other Linux distributions? IBM? Any other Power vendors?

Is this effect of this issue still private? If so, have you already coordinated a date with anyone else? If not, our kernel team may like to propose a date and time that would fit nicely with currently in-progress security issues.

Thanks

Gustavo Romero (gromero) wrote on 2020-03-24:

#7

Hello Seth,

Thanks :)

No, I didn't contacted any other distro or Power vendor. IBM, well, I think it's basically only me working with that issue at IBM. I thought of talking to Michael Ellerman (PowerPC maintainer) but it's fixed upstream on all stables and longterms afaics. Hence yes, effectively this issue is still private in my understanding.

Looking upstream, I only can see that release v4.17 was affected (not interesting anymore, right?):

f024ee098476 v4.8 -> conflict was introduced
87a11bb6a7f7 v4.17 -> commit necessary to trigger stack corruption (needs f024ee098476)
6f597c6b63b6 v4.18 -> fixed accidentally

Thus, yeah, I think it's better to coordinate an embargo with other distros on the closed security mailing just to let them at least try the simple test-case on the releases they deem appropriate. I believe it will also help Canonical to fit the fix nicely with currently in-progress security issues and next SRUs.

HTH.

Thanks,
Gustavo

Thadeu Lima de Souza Cascardo (cascardo) wrote on 2020-03-24:

#8

I looked into linux-ibm-gt as this one has the fix, but a complete backport of the fixing commit. I backported the following 3 upstream commits and they apply cleanly. I am suggesting that after proper testing, we go with those 3 commits, as:

1) We end up with code more similar to upstream, making it easier to apply any followup fixes in the future;
2) Both generic and ibm-gt end up with the same codebase, so we don't maintain two very different codebases for 4.15.

The commits are:

7b0e827c6970e8ca77c60ae87592204c39e41245 KVM: PPC: Book3S HV: Factor fake-suspend handling out of kvmppc_save/restore_tm
009c872a8bc4d38f487a9bd62423d019e4322517 KVM: PPC: Book3S PR: Move kvmppc_save_tm/kvmppc_restore_tm to separate file
6f597c6b63b6f3675914b5ec8fcd008a58678650 KVM: PPC: Book3S PR: Add guest MSR parameter for kvmppc_save_tm()/kvmppc_restore_tm()

Cascardo.

Steve Beattie (sbeattie) wrote on 2020-03-30:	#9
The Ubuntu Security Team is proposing a CRD of Monday, April 6th, 16:00 UTC.	
Gustavo Romero (gromero) wrote on 2020-03-30:	#10
Hi, I agreed on making the code base similar to the -gt kernel by applying the mentioned comments as Cascardo proposed. Seth, btw, on the CVE credits, please add Paul Mackerras too. Steve, thanks for update about the schedule for a fix. Kind regards, Gustavo	
Gustavo Romero (gromero) wrote on 2020-03-30:	#11
s/i agreed/i agree/ s/comments/commits/ sigh	
Frank Heimes (fheimes) on 2020-03-30	
Changed in ubuntu-power-systems: status :New → Triaged	
Frank Heimes (fheimes) on 2020-04-06	
Changed in ubuntu-power-systems: importance :Undecided → High	
Steve Beattie (sbeattie) wrote on 2020-04-09:	#12
Fixes for this issue were published in USN 4318-1 https://usn.ubuntu.com/4318-1/ . Closing this issue on the Ubuntu side of things and making the report public. Thanks for all your help! Changed in linux (Ubuntu Bionic): status :New → Fix Released assignee :nobody → Ubuntu Security Team (ubuntu-security) Changed in linux (Ubuntu): status :New → Fix Released information type :Private Security → Public Security	
Frank Heimes (fheimes) on 2020-04-09	
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