

## i2c: fix stack buffer overflow vulnerability in i2c md command

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When running "i2c md 0 0 80000100", the function `do_i2c_md` parses the length into an unsigned int variable named `length`. The value is then moved to a signed variable:

```
int nbytes = length;
#define DISP_LINE_LEN 16
int linebytes = (nbytes > DISP_LINE_LEN) ? DISP_LINE_LEN : nbytes;
ret = dm_i2c_read(dev, addr, linebuf, linebytes);
```


On systems where integers are 32 bits wide, `0x80000100` is a negative value to "`nbytes > DISP_LINE_LEN`" is false and `linebytes` gets assigned `0x80000100` instead of 16.

The consequence is that the function which reads from the i2c device (`dm_i2c_read` or `i2c_read`) is called with a 16-byte stack buffer to fill but with a size parameter which is too large. In some cases, this could trigger a crash. But with some i2c drivers, such as `drivers/i2c/nx_i2c.c` (used with "nexell,s5pxx18-i2c" bus), the size is actually truncated to a 16-bit integer. This is because function `i2c_transfer` expects an unsigned short length. In such a case, an attacker who can control the response of an i2c device can overwrite the return address of a function and execute arbitrary code through Return-Oriented Programming.


Fix this issue by using unsigned integers types in `do_i2c_md`. While at it, make also `alen` unsigned, as signed sizes can cause vulnerabilities when people forgot to check that they can be negative.

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201 201     * Returns the address length.
202 202     */
203 203 - static uint get_alen(char *arg, int default_len)
203 203 + static uint get_alen(char *arg, uint default_len)
204 204 {
205 205     - int j;
206 206     - int alen;
205 205 + uint j;
206 206 + uint alen;
207 207
208 208     alen = default_len;
209 209     for (j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
247 247 {
248 248     uint chip;
249 249     uint devaddr, length;
250 250 - int alen;
250 250 + uint alen;
251 251     u_char *memaddr;
252 252     int ret;
253 253     #if CONFIG_IS_ENABLED(DM_I2C)
301 301     {
302 302         uint chip;
303 303         uint devaddr, length;
304 304 - int alen;
304 304 + uint alen;
305 305         u_char *memaddr;
306 306         int ret;
307 307     #if CONFIG_IS_ENABLED(DM_I2C)
469 469     {
470 470         uint chip;
471 471         uint addr, length;
472 472 - int alen;
473 472 + uint alen;
473 473 + uint j, nbytes, linebytes;
474 474     int ret;
475 475     #if CONFIG_IS_ENABLED(DM_I2C)
476 476         struct udevice *dev;
589 589     {
590 590         uint chip;
591 591         ulong addr;
592 592 - int alen;
592 592 + uint alen;
593 593         uchar byte;
594 594 - int count;
594 594 + uint count;
595 595         int ret;
596 596     #if CONFIG_IS_ENABLED(DM_I2C)
597 597         struct udevice *dev;

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676	676	{	
677	677		uint chip;
678	678		ulong addr;
679		-	int alen;
680		-	int count;
	679	+	uint alen;
	680	+	uint count;
681	681		uchar byte;
682	682		ulong crc;
683	683		ulong err;
985	985		char *const argv[])
986	986	{	
987	987		uint chip;
988		-	int alen;
	988	+	uint alen;
989	989		uint addr;
990	990		uint length;
991	991		u_char bytes[16];

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