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Subject: CVE-2021-3752: Linux kernel: a uaf bug in bluetooth

A uaf vulnerability in the linux kernel Bluetooth module.

# Analyse

## l2cap\_sock\_alloc

l2cap\_sock\_alloc will create a sock and chan object,  
sk->chan = chan;  
chan->data = sock;

##l2cap\_sock\_release

```
static int l2cap_sock_release(struct socket *sock) {
    struct sock *sk = sock->sk;
    ....
    bt_sock_unlink(&l2cap_sk_list, sk);
    ....
    sock_orphan(sk);
    l2cap_sock_kill(sk); // if sock_zapped in sock->flags and
sk->refcnt-1 == 0, it will free the sk object ....
    l2cap_chan_put(chan); // if chan->kref -1 == 0, it will free the chan
obj
    ....
}
```

So if sk->skc\_refcnt=1, sk->flags&sock\_zapped >= 1, and chan->kref=2, then sk will be freed,  
but chan will not be freed, chan->data is not set to NULL, which means chan still retains sk's pointer and will trigger uaf .

So we need to find how to increase chan->kref and set sk->flags=SOCK\_ZAPPED

## l2cap\_sock\_connect

This func will increase the chan->kref

```
l2cap_sock_connect
|->l2cap_chan_connect
|   |->_l2cap_chan_add
|   |   |->l2cap_chan_hold => increase chan->kref
```

## l2cap\_sock\_shutdown

l2cap\_sock\_shutdown

```
|->l2cap_chan_close : if chan->state == BT_OPEN
|-> l2cap_sock_teardown_cb
|   |-> sock_set_flag(sk, SOCK_ZAPPED)
```

# CRASH LOG

The latest version of the kernel and ubuntu20/21 can trigger this vulnerability, (I have not tested on other linux kernel distributions)

```
[621459.431656] refcount_t: underflow; use-after-free.
[621459.432963] WARNING: CPU: 5 PID: 29819 at lib/refcount.c:28
refcount_warn_saturate+0xae/0xf0 [621459.434028] Modules linked in: ....
[621459.434087] CPU: 5 PID: 29819 Comm: kworker/5:1 Not tainted
5.11.0-27-generic #29-20.04.1-Ubuntu [621459.434480] Hardware name: VMware, Inc. VMware Virtual Platform/440BX Desktop Reference Platform, BIOS 6.00
02/27/2020 [621459.434538] Workqueue: events l2cap_chan_timeout [bluetooth]
[621459.436472] RIP: 0010:refcount_warn_saturate+0xae/0xf0
[621459.436480] Code: a8 27 38 01 01 e8 67 21 60 00 0f 0b 5d c3 80 3d 95 27
38 01 00 75 91 48 c7 c7 18 23 40 ac c6 05 85 27 38 01 01 e8 47 21 60 00 <0f>
0b 5d c3 80 3d 73 27 38 01 00 0f 85 6d ff ff ff 48 c7 c7 70 23
[621459.436482]
RSP: 0018:ffffa38c8416bdf8 EFLAGS: 00010282 [621459.436909] RAX:
0000000000000000 RBX: ffff8f098fe08910
RCX: 0000000000000027 [621459.436911] RDX: 0000000000000027 RSI:
00000000ffff7fff RDI: ffff8f09b9f58ac8
[621459.436912] RBP: ffff8f09b9f58ac0 R08: ffff8f09b9f58ac0 R09:
ffffa38c8416bbb8
[621459.436913] R10: 0000000000000001 R11: 0000000000000001 R12:
ffff8f098fe0bc00
[621459.436914] R13: ffff8f098fe08800 R14: ffff8f098fe08af8 R15:
ffff8f09b9f6bc40
[621459.436915] FS: 0000000000000000 (0000) GS:ffff8f09b9f40000(0000)
kn1GS:0000000000000000
[621459.436916] CS: 0010 DS: 0000 ES: 0000 CR0: 0000000080050033
[621459.436917] CR2: 00007f44474b1290 CR3: 000000008c010001 CR4:
00000000003706e0
[621459.436937] Call Trace:
[621459.436940] l2cap_sock_kill.part.0+0x94/0xa0 [bluetooth]
[621459.436970] l2cap_sock_close_cb+0x29/0x30 [bluetooth]
[621459.436992] l2cap_chan_timeout+0x8e/0xf0 [bluetooth]
[621459.437013] process_one_work+0x220/0x3c0
[621459.440820] worker_thread+0x4d/0x3f0
[621459.440824] kthread+0x114/0x150
[621459.440863] ? process_one_work+0x3c0/0x3c0
[621459.440865] ? kthread_park+0x90/0x90
[621459.440867] ret_from_fork+0x22/0x30
[621459.440872] ---[ end trace c336fca232c893f5 ]---
```

#CVE

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