

Heap buffer overflow in vim_strncpy find_word in vim/vim 0

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Description

When fuzzing vim commit [fc78a0369](#) (works with latest build and latest commit [202b4bd3a](#) per this time of this report) with clang 13 and ASan, I discovered a buffer overflow.

Proof of Concept

Here is the poc

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11yaq4umocSbwph17o31r50it0IP2bYGE/view?usp=sharing>

How to build

```
LD=lld AS=llvm-as AR=llvm-ar RANLIB=llvm-ranlib CC=clang CXX=clang++ CFLAGS=
make -j$(nproc)
```

Proof of Concept

Run crafted file with this command

```
./vim -u NONE -X -Z -e -s -S poc_vim_strncpy_min -c :qa!
```

ASan stack trace:

```
aldo@vps:~/vimbaru/src$ ASAN_OPTIONS=symbolize=1 ASAN_SYMBOLIZER_PATH=/usr/
=====
==2676390==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow on address 0x60200
READ of size 1 at 0x602000007032 thread T0
SCARINESS: 12 (1-byte-read-heap-buffer-overflow)
#0 0x485f0c (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x485f0c)
#1 0x485f0c (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x485f0c)
```

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#1 0xb00554 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xb00554)
#2 0xbb8e32 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xbb8e32)
#3 0xbb3d63 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xbb3d63)
#4 0xbb0303 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xbb0303)
#5 0xbaccac (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xbaccac)
#6 0x928db0 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x928db0)
#7 0x8fa54d (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x8fa54d)
#8 0x6fba0d (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6fba0d)
#9 0x6fb613 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6fb613)
#10 0x6fb373 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6fb373)
#11 0x6d6a92 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6d6a92)
#12 0x6ca7c2 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6ca7c2)
#13 0xafe285 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xafe285)
#14 0xafbcd0 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xafbcd0)
#15 0xafb809 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xafb809)
#16 0xafb2ed (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xafb2ed)
#17 0x6d6a92 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6d6a92)
#18 0x6ca7c2 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6ca7c2)
#19 0x6cda50 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6cda50)
#20 0xed9214 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xed9214)
#21 0xed6f49 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xed6f49)
#22 0xed0830 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xed0830)
#23 0x7ffff78240b2 (/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6+0x240b2)
#24 0x41edcd (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x41edcd)

```

0x60200007032 is located 0 bytes to the right of 2-byte region [0x60200000 allocated by thread T0 here:

```

#0 0x499c8d (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x499c8d)
#1 0x4cb0e0 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x4cb0e0)
#2 0x4cb039 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x4cb039)
#3 0xbd3c05 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xbd3c05)
#4 0xbacb21 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xbacb21)
#5 0x928db0 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x928db0)
#6 0x8fa54d (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x8fa54d)
#7 0x6fba0d (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6fba0d)
#8 0x6fb613 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6fb613)
#9 0x6fb373 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6fb373)
#10 0x6d6a92 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6d6a92)
#11 0x6ca7c2 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x6ca7c2)
#12 0xafe285 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xafe285)
#13 0xafbcd0 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xafbcd0)
#14 0x41edcd (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0x41edcd)

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#14 0xafb809 (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim+0xafb809)
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SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow (/home/aldo/vimtes/src/vim-
Shadow bytes around the buggy address:

```
0x0c047fff8db0: fa fa fd fd fa fa fd fd fa fa fd fd fa fa fd fd
0x0c047fff8dc0: fa fa fd fd fa fa fd fd fa fa fd fa fa fa 01 fa
0x0c047fff8dd0: fa fa 00 00 fa fa 01 fa fa fa 02 fa fa fa 05 fa
0x0c047fff8de0: fa fa fd fa fa fa 00 06 fa fa 00 07 fa fa fd fa
0x0c047fff8df0: fa fa fd fd fa fa fd fa fa fa 01 fa fa fa 02 fa
=>0x0c047fff8e00: fa fa fd fa fa fa[02]fa fa fa 02 fa fa fa 05 fa
0x0c047fff8e10: fa fa 04 fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c047fff8e20: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c047fff8e30: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c047fff8e40: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c047fff8e50: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
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Shadow byte legend (one shadow byte represents 8 application bytes):

```
Addressable:                00
Partially addressable: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07
Heap left redzone:          fa
Freed heap region:          fd
Stack left redzone:         f1
Stack mid redzone:          f2
Stack right redzone:        f3
Stack after return:         f5
Stack use after scope:      f8
Global redzone:             f9
Global init order:          f6
Poisoned by user:           f7
Container overflow:         fc
Array cookie:               ac
Intra object redzone:       bb
ASan internal:              fe
```

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Left alloca redzone:    ca
Right alloca redzone:   cb
Shadow gap:             cc
```

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==2676390==ABORTING
```

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Aborted
```



valgrind output on vim no asan build

```
==2678356== Memcheck, a memory error detector
==2678356== Copyright (C) 2002-2017, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward et al.
==2678356== Using Valgrind-3.15.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright i
==2678356== Command: ./vim -u NONE -X -Z -e -s -S poc_vim_strncpy_min -c :c
==2678356==
==2678356== Conditional jump or move depends on uninitialised value(s)
==2678356==    at 0x5B8652: find_word (spell.c:476)
==2678356==    by 0x5B7C78: spell_check (spell.c:282)
==2678356==    by 0x5B9D25: spell_move_to (spell.c:1363)
==2678356==    by 0x5CB5A4: spell_suggest (spellsuggest.c:515)
==2678356==    by 0x500C8F: nv_zet (normal.c:2998)
==2678356==    by 0x4F8E73: normal_cmd (normal.c:930)
==2678356==    by 0x47E82C: exec_normal (ex_docmd.c:0)
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==2678356== by 0x5CC469: spell_suggest_intern (spellsuggest.c:1008)

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==2678356==    at 0x483F269: strncpy (in /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/valgrinc

==2678356==    by 0x5D357E: strncpy (string_fortified.h:106)
==2678356==    by 0x5D357E: vim_strncpy (strings.c:505)
==2678356==    by 0x5CDE42: check_suggestions (spellsuggest.c:3653)
==2678356==    by 0x5CC981: spell_suggest_intern (spellsuggest.c:1068)
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==2678356==    by 0x477523: do_one_cmd (ex_docmd.c:2567)
==2678356==    by 0x477523: do_cmdline (ex_docmd.c:992)
==2678356==    by 0x5A5144: do_source_ext (scriptfile.c:1674)
==2678356==    by 0x5A47E6: do_source (scriptfile.c:1801)
==2678356==    by 0x5A47E6: cmd_source (scriptfile.c:1174)
==2678356== Address 0x5159872 is 0 bytes after a block of size 2 alloc'd
==2678356==    at 0x483B7F3: malloc (in /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/valgrind/
==2678356==    by 0x406567: lalloc (alloc.c:246)
==2678356==    by 0x5D2C1B: vim_strsave (strings.c:27)
==2678356==    by 0x5CB700: spell_suggest (spellsuggest.c:544)
==2678356==    by 0x500C8F: nv_zet (normal.c:2998)
==2678356==    by 0x4F8E73: normal_cmd (normal.c:930)
==2678356==    by 0x47E82C: exec_normal (ex_docmd.c:0)
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==2678356==
==2678356==
==2678356== HEAP SUMMARY:
==2678356==    in use at exit: 140,324,083 bytes in 398 blocks

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==2678356== total heap usage: 1,309 allocs, 911 frees, 280,939,794 bytes allocated
==2678356==
==2678356== LEAK SUMMARY:
==2678356==
==2678356== definitely lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==2678356== indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==2678356== possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==2678356== still reachable: 140,324,083 bytes in 398 blocks
==2678356== suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==2678356== Reachable blocks (those to which a pointer was found) are not
==2678356== To see them, rerun with: --leak-check=full --show-leak-kinds=all
==2678356==
==2678356== Use --track-origins=yes to see where uninitialised values come
==2678356== For lists of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -s
==2678356== ERROR SUMMARY: 11 errors from 11 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
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Impact

This vulnerability is capable of crashing software, Bypass Protection Mechanism, Modify Memory, and possible remote execution

CVE

CVE-2022-1621

(Published)

Vulnerability Type

CWE-122: Heap-based Buffer Overflow

Severity

High (7.3)

Registry

Other

Affected Version

8.2.4843

Visibility

Public

Status

Fixed

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Muhammad Aldo Firmansyah

@thecrott

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Fixed by



Bram Moolenaar

@brammool

maintainer

This report was seen 1,423 times.

We are processing your report and will contact the **vim** team within 24 hours. 7 months ago

Muhammad Aldo Firmansyah modified the report 7 months ago

We have contacted a member of the **vim** team and are waiting to hear back 7 months ago

We have sent a follow up to the **vim** team. We will try again in 7 days. 7 months ago

Bram Moolenaar 7 months ago

Maintainer

When I try to reproduce (using valgrind) Vim just appears to hang.

Muhammad Aldo Firmansyah modified the report 7 months ago

Muhammad 7 months ago

Researcher

@brammool it's common thing after few more commits poc doesn't work anymore so I'm re-fuzz again and update the original post

Bram Moolenaar validated this vulnerability 7 months ago

I can reproduce it now. Adding illegal utf-8 bytes to the word tree causes prob'

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Muhammad Aldo Firmansyah has been awarded the disclosure bounty ✓

The fix bounty is now up for grabs

The researcher's credibility has increased: +7

Bram Moolenaar [7 months ago](#)

Maintainer

Fixed in patch 8.2.4919

Bram Moolenaar marked this as fixed in 8.2 with commit **7c8246** 7 months ago

Bram Moolenaar has been awarded the fix bounty ✓

This vulnerability will not receive a CVE ✗

xiaoge1001 [6 months ago](#)

@thecrott I'm very sorry. It's not convenient for me to visit the POC file download address and I can't download it. Can you provide the contents of the POC file here or upload the POC file to GitHub? Thank you very much.
I use vim-8.2. I analyze the code and think it is affected, but I need to reproduce the problem.

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