

## Selinux MCS generate a single category context and may be accessed by another machine

### Goal

A machine(image file) with context like system\_u:system\_r:svirt\_tcg\_t:s0:c423,c792. This should be avoided.

### Technical details

In src/security/security.selinux.c, virSecuritySELinuxMCSFind(), It can see that the program randomly gets two numbers. But if c1 == c2, the program will generate a single category context like s0:cXXX,

```
if (c1 == c2) {
    mcs = g_strdup_printf("%s:c%d", sens, catMin + c1);
}
```

But if we have got machine with context like "s0:cXXX,YYYY",It will be able to read the image of machine with "s0:cXXX". This should be avoided.

### Additional information

```
if (c1 == c2) {
    VIR_FREE(mcs);
    continue;
}
```

To upload designs, you'll need to enable LFS and have an admin enable hashed storage. [More information](#)

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I have confirmed this behaviour and it does indeed appear to be insecure. AFAICT, a file can be accessed with its set of MCS categories is equal-to, or a subset-of, the MCS categories of the process. eg A vm running

svirt\_t:s0:c117,c720,c890

is able to access files labelled with any of

svirt\_image\_t:s0:c117  
svirt\_image\_t:s0:c720  
svirt\_image\_t:s0:c890  
svirt\_image\_t:s0:c117,c720  
svirt\_image\_t:s0:c720,c890  
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Considering the 2 category case that libvirt uses for label generation. If we have a range of MCS categories 0-1023, we have 1024\*1024 combinations, but we only accept ordered pairs, so it is more like 1024\*1024/2. If there are 1024 cases where c1==c2, then the probability of having a VM with a single MCS category is approx 0.2% (calc: 1024/(1024\*(1024+1)/2)\*100). Luckily this is small enough that the impact of this bug is quite minor, at least for moderate VM counts. It is reduced further if we were to add in probability of having another VM on the same host with a category pair, one of whose categories matches.

None the less it is clearly critical to fix.

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This issue got CVE-2021-3631 assigned.

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