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An illegal memory access in ncurses, tic

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Subject: An illegal memory access in ncurses, tic

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Dear developers,

I'm a security researcher and is now trying to test my new fuzzer. I've just found an illegal memory access in the latest commit of ncurses, tic. Here are the informations:

(1) environment

Ubuntu 20.04.3 LTS

gcc 9.3.0

ncurses latest commit 74b10d4a30eec8feb66a4b94a72da65be0048447, tag v6_3_20220409

(2) step to reproduce:

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export CFLAGS="-fsanitize=address -g"
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export CXXFLAGS="-fsanitize=address -g"
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./configure &&& make -j$(nproc)
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./prog/tic -o /dev/null $POC
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(3) ASAN Report

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"poc", line 2, col 812, terminal 'pse': slashes aren't allowed in names or aliases
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```
"poc", line 3, col 10, terminal 'pse': Illegal character - '~H'
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```
"poc", line 3, col 10, terminal 'pse': unknown capability 'a'
```

```
"poc", line 3, col 11, terminal 'pse': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric or @%&*!#) - '='
```

```
"poc", line 4, col 9, terminal 'pse': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric or @%&*!#) - '>'
```

```
"poc", line 4, col 12, terminal 'pse': Illegal character - '^J'
```

```
"poc", line 4, col 12, terminal 'pse': unknown capability 'H'
```

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"poc", line 6, col 15, terminal 'pse': unknown capability '@E'
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```
"poc", line 8, col 9, terminal 'pse': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric or @%&*!#) - 'M-:'
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```
"poc", line 9, col 6, terminal 'pse': unknown capability 'rlrm'
```

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"poc", line 9, col 12, terminal 'pse': Missing separator after `ptlr`, have r
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```
"poc", line 9, col 14, terminal 'pse': Illegal character - '~@'
```

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"poc", line 9, col 14, terminal 'pse': unknown capability 'l'
```

```
"poc", line 9, col 16, terminal 'pse': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric or @%&*!#) - ':'
```

```
"poc", line 9, col 23, terminal 'pse': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric or @%&*!#) - '~@'
```

```
"poc", line 1, col 2, terminal 'pse': cannot link alias erm, cutl,r/term,ial.
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"poc", line 1, col 2, terminal 'pse': alias ProT multiply defined.
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"poc", line 13, col 9, terminal 'm': Legacy termcap allows only a trailing tc= clause
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```
"poc", line 13, col 13, terminal 'm': Illegal character - '^'
```

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"poc", line 13, col 13, terminal 'm': wrong type used for string capability
'@8Y'
"poc", line 13, col 15, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'M'
"poc", line 13, col 17, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'I'
"poc", line 13, col 19, terminal 'm': Illegal character - '^J'
"poc", line 13, col 19, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'n'
"poc", line 14, col 23, terminal 'm': Missing separator
"poc", line 15, col 19, terminal 'm': Illegal character - '%'
"poc", line 15, col 19, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'k'
"poc", line 15, col 21, terminal 'm': Illegal character - '%'
"poc", line 15, col 21, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'r'
"poc", line 15, col 22, terminal 'm': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric
or @%&*!#) - '^?'
"poc", line 17, col 9, terminal 'm': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric
or @%&*!#) - '>'
"poc", line 19, col 13, terminal 'm': Illegal character - '^'
"poc", line 19, col 13, terminal 'm': wrong type used for string capability
'@8Y'
"poc", line 19, col 15, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'M'
"poc", line 19, col 17, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'j'
"poc", line 19, col 19, terminal 'm': Illegal character - '^J'
"poc", line 19, col 19, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'p'
"poc", line 21, col 15, terminal 'm': unknown capability 'Cdc'
"poc", line 22, col 9, terminal 'm': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric
or @%&*!#) - '['
"poc", line 22, col 18, terminal 'm': Illegal character - '^J'
"poc", line 22, col 18, terminal 'm': wrong type used for boolean capability
'in'
"poc", line 24, col 12, terminal 'm': Illegal character - '^?'
"poc", line 24, col 12, terminal 'm': wrong type used for string capability 'r1'
"poc", line 24, col 13, terminal 'm': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric
or @%&*!#) - '^'
"poc", line 26, col 23, terminal 'm': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric
or @%&*!#) - '^'
"poc", line 27, col 9, terminal 'm': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric
or @%&*!#) - '/'
"poc", line 31, col 0, terminal 'm': Missing separator
"poc", line 31, col 1, terminal 'm': Illegal character (expected alphanumeric
or @%&*!#) - '='
AddressSanitizer:DEADLYSIGNAL
=====
==3827912==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: SEGV on unknown address 0x615ffffdc51 (pc
0x557e8341653e bp 0x7ffda95d3a70 sp 0x7ffda95d3a40 T0)
==3827912==The signal is caused by a READ memory access.
#0 0x557e8341653d in convert_strings ../ncurses/./tinfo/read_entry.c:164
#1 0x557e834178a3 in _nc_read_termtype ../ncurses/./tinfo/read_entry.c:370
#2 0x557e83418cc0 in _nc_read_file_entry ../ncurses/./tinfo/read_entry.c:566
#3 0x557e834199e4 in _nc_read_tic_entry ../ncurses/./tinfo/read_entry.c:820
#4 0x557e83419c8f in _nc_read_entry ../ncurses/./tinfo/read_entry.c:864
#5 0x557e83424781 in _nc_resolve Uses2 ../ncurses/./tinfo/comp_parse.c:473
#6 0x557e833df5c1 in main ../progs/tic.c:972
#7 0x7f05db7a20b2 in __libc_start_main
(/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6+0x270b2)
#8 0x557e833dbe0d in _start
(/home/hzheng/real-validate/ncurses-snapshots/progs/tic+0x37e0d)

AddressSanitizer can not provide additional info.
SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: SEGV ../ncurses/./tinfo/read_entry.c:164 in
convert_strings
==3827912==ABORTING

```

(4) POC
as shown in the attachment

(5) Credit



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