

Infinite loop in xhci_ring_chain_length() in hw/usb/hcd-xhci.c (CVE-2020-14394)

Host environment

- Operating system: Fedora 33
- OS/kernel version: 5.13.16-100.fc33.x86_64
- Architecture: x86
- QEMU flavor: qemu-system-x86_64
- QEMU version: 6.1.50 (v6.1.0-861-g22651bcd7)
- QEMU command line:

```
./x86_64-softmmu/qemu-system-x86_64 -enable-kvm -m 4G -device nec-usb-xhci,id=xhci,slots=64 -device usb-tablet,bus=xhci
```

Emulated/Virtualized environment

- Operating system: Fedora 32
- OS/kernel version: 5.11.22-100.fc32.x86_64
- Architecture: x86

Description of problem

An infinite loop issue was found in the USB xHCI controller emulation of QEMU. Specifically, function `xhci_ring_chain_length()` in `hw/usb/hcd-xhci.c` may get stuck while fetching empty TRBs from guest memory, since the exit conditions of the loop depend on values that are fully controlled by guest. A privileged guest user may exploit this issue to hang the QEMU process on the host, resulting in a denial of service.

Steps to reproduce

Build and load `xhci.ko` from within the guest:

- `make`
- `insmod xhci.ko`

[Makefile](#)

[usb-xhci.h](#)

[xhci.c](#)

Additional information

This issue was reported by Gaoning Pan (Zhejiang University) and Xingwei Li (Ant Security Light-Year Lab).

RH bug: https://bugzilla.redhat.com/show_bug.cgi?id=1908004

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Is this problem still reproducible with the latest version of QEMU? I had a try with the given reproducer, and for me, it does not hang the host QEMU anymore (version 7.1-rc0).

Looking at the history of this function, it also seems like there has been a fix for this here:

[95f43d44](#)

But we should maybe also check the return value of `dma_memory_read()` there to make sure to exit the loop in case the memory cannot be read anymore...

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OK, I was finally able to get the reproducer running again after adjusting the value of the `XHCI_MMIO_BASE` macro in the source to `0xfefb0000` (according to the BAR value in the output of `lspci -vvv`).

The problem can indeed be fixed by checking the return value of `dma_memory_read()`. I'll send a patch.

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