

tiffset: Global-buffer-overflow in _TIFFmemcpy, tif_unix.c:346

Summary

There is a global buffer overflow in _TIFFmemcpy in libtiff/tif_unix.c:346. Remote attackers could leverage this vulnerability to cause a denial-of-service via a crafted tiff file.

Version

LIBTIFF, Version 4.3.0, commit id [cd57b554](#) (Wed Dec 29 18:43:34 2021 +0000)

Steps to reproduce

```
# ./build_asan/bin/tiffset -s 93 helloworld ./poc
TIFFReadDirectoryCheckOrder: Warning, Invalid TIFF directory; tags are not sorted in ascending order
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 2 (0x2) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 0 (0x0) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 65280 (0xff00) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 250 (0xfa) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 9 (0x9) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 15 (0xf) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 65535 (0xffff) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 23901 (0x5d5d) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 93 (0x5d) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Unknown field with tag 58624 (0xe500) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Ignoring TransferFunction since BitsPerSample tag not found.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Invalid data type for tag StripByteCounts.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Invalid data type for tag TileOffsets.
TIFFFetchStripThing: Warning, Incorrect count for "TileOffsets"; tag ignored.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, Wrong "StripByteCounts" field, ignoring and calculating from imagelength
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==62478==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: global-buffer-overflow on address 0x0000004030e7 at pc 0x7f851f5cb
READ of size 2053925041 at 0x0000004030e7 thread T0
#0 0x7f851f5cb934 in __asan_memcpy (/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libasan.so.2+0x8c934)
#1 0x7f851f2dd249 in _TIFFmemcpy /root/test4/libtiff/libtiff/tif_unix.c:346
#2 0x7f851f1e398c in setByteArray /root/test4/libtiff/libtiff/tif_dir.c:54
#3 0x7f851f1eaa9f in _TIFFVSetField /root/test4/libtiff/libtiff/tif_dir.c:592
#4 0x7f851f1ed75d in TIFFVSetField /root/test4/libtiff/libtiff/tif_dir.c:890
#5 0x7f851f1ed18d in TIFFSetField /root/test4/libtiff/libtiff/tif_dir.c:834
#6 0x401ab0 in main /root/test4/libtiff/tools/tiffset.c:149
#7 0x7f851ee0683f in __libc_start_main (/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6+0x2083f)
#8 0x4012e8 in _start (/root/test4/libtiff/build_asan/bin/tiffset+0x4012e8)

0x0000004030e7 is located 57 bytes to the left of global variable '*.LC0' defined in 'tiffset.c' (0x
 '*.LC0' is ascii string '%s
,
0x0000004030e7 is located 0 bytes to the right of global variable 'usageMsg' defined in 'tiffset.c:4
 'usageMsg' is ascii string 'Set the value of a TIFF header to a specified value

usage: tiffset [options] filename
where options are:
-s <tagname> [count] <value>... set the tag value
-u <tagname> to unset the tag
-d <dirno> set the directory
-sd <diroff> set the subdirectory
-sf <tagname> <filename> read the tag value from file (for ASCII tags only)
-h this help screen
,
SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: global-buffer-overflow ??:0 __asan_memcpy
Shadow bytes around the buggy address:
 0x0000800785c0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
 0x0000800785d0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
 0x0000800785e0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
 0x0000800785f0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
 0x000080078600: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
=>0x000080078610: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00[07]f9 f9 f9
```

```
0x000080078620: f9 f9 f9 f9 05 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 00 00 00 00
0x000080078630: 04 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 03 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9
0x000080078640: 03 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 00 00 00 04 f9 f9 f9 f9
0x000080078650: 04 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 00 00 00 00 f9 f9 f9 f9
0x000080078660: 03 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 f9 00 00 04 f9 f9 f9 f9

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
Heap right redzone:   fb
Freed heap region:    fd
Stack left redzone:   f1
Stack mid redzone:    f2
Stack right redzone:  f3
Stack partial redzone: f4
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


==62478==ABORTING
```


Platform

```
# uname -a
Linux 37d1a8efe7bb 4.15.0-142-generic #146~16.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Tue Apr 13 09:27:15 UTC 2021 x86_64 x86_64
```


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Hi,

I have analyzed the cause of this crash and found that it is interesting.

Root cause

The code that triggers the vulnerability is in _TIFFmemcpy, tif_unix.c:346:

```
memcpy(d, s, (size_t) c).
```

From GDB, we can find that the value of `c` is tremendous which is weird.

```
gdb-peda$ p c
$10 = 0xfffffe899
```

By tracking the assignment process of `c`, we can locate the problem to `_TIFFVSetField`, `tif_dir.c:576-593`.

```
if (fip->field_type == TIFF_ASCII)
{
    uint32_t ma;
    char* mb;
    if (fip->field_passcount)
    {
        assert(fip->field_writecount==TIFF_VARIABLE2);
        ma=(uint32_t)va_arg(ap, uint32_t);
        mb=(char*)va_arg(ap, char*);
    }
    else
    {
        mb=(char*)va_arg(ap, char*);
        ma=(uint32_t)(strlen(mb) + 1);
    }
    tv->setByteArray(&tv->value, mb, ma, 1); // crash!
    count=ma;
}
```

Since `c` is equal to `ma` times `1` (`setByteArray`, `tif_dir.c:50`), the reason for the overflow is that `ma` is incorrectly assigned as follows.

```
ma=(uint32_t)va_arg(ap, uint32_t);
```

From GDB, we can print the variable parameters pointed by `ap`

```
gdb-peda$ p ap.reg_save_area + ap.gp_offset
$18 = (void *) 0x7fffffff470

gdb-peda$ x/32xb 0x7fffffff470
0x7fffffff470: 0x99  0xe8  0xff  0xff  0xff  0x7f  0x00  0x00
0x7fffffff478: 0x04  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00
0x7fffffff480: 0x05  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00
0x7fffffff488: 0x5d  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00  0x00
```

Note that `0x7fffffff899` is the address of `argv[3]` ("helloworld"). Since `va_arg` reads a variable of type `uint32_t`, it returns the last four bytes of the address (i.e., **`0xffff899`**).

So the **root cause** for the crash is that the `dir` count is not passed when `TIFFSetField` is called (main, `tiffset.c:149`), which causes `va_arg` to mistakenly read the address of the string ("helloworld") as the `dir` count (`_TIFFVSetField`, `tif_dir.c:583`).

Triggering conditions

Two conditions need to be met to trigger this crash:

1. The tag specified by `-s` must be the **custom** tag, and it must exist in the tiff file. (`field_passcount` = `True`)
2. The second word of the DE field must be `0x0200`. (`field_type` = `TIFF_ASCII`)


How to fix

`TIFFFieldPassCount(fip)` can be used to determine whether `count` needs to be passed.

```
if (TIFFFieldDataType(fip) == TIFF_ASCII) {
    if(TIFFFieldPassCount( fip )) { // need to pass count
        size_t len;
        len = (uint32_t)(strlen(argv[arg_index] + 1));
        if (TIFFSetField(tiff, TIFFFieldTag(fip), (uint16_t)len, argv[arg_index]) != 1)
            fprintf( stderr, "Failed to set %s=%s",
```

```
        TIFFFieldName(fip), argv[arg_index] );
    } else { // not need to pass count
        if (TIFFSetField(tiff, TIFFFieldTag(fip), argv[arg_index]) != 1)
            fprintf( stderr, "Failed to set %s=%s",
                TIFFFieldName(fip), argv[arg_index] );
        }
    }
```

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