

Debian Bug report logs - [#981404](#)  
compressed file is world readable, while zstd is running

Package: [zstd](#); Maintainer for [zstd](#) is [RPM packaging team <team+pkg-rpm@tracker.debian.org>](#); Source for [zstd](#) is [src:libzstd](#) ([PTS](#), [build](#), [popcon](#)).

Reported by: [Harald Dunkel <harri@afaics.de>](#)

Date: Sat, 30 Jan 2021 16:45:02 UTC

Severity: *critical*

Tags: fixed-upstream, patch, upstream

Found in versions libzstd/1.3.8+dfsg-3, libzstd/1.1.2-1

Fixed in versions libzstd/1.4.8+dfsg-1, libzstd/1.3.8+dfsg-3+deb10u1

**Done:** Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org>

Bug is archived. No further changes may be made.

Forwarded to <https://github.com/facebook/zstd/issues/1630>

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**Message #5** received at submit@bugs.debian.org ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [reply](#)):

**From:** Harald Dunkel <harri@afaics.de>  
**To:** Debian Bug Tracking System <submit@bugs.debian.org>  
**Subject:** compressed file is world readable, while zstd is running  
**Date:** Sat, 30 Jan 2021 17:34:45 +0100

Package: zstd

Version: 1.3.8+dfsg-3

Severity: critical

Compressing a large file with restricted access permissions a new,  
world readable file is created, revealing the contents of the  
uncompressed file. Sample:

```
# whoami

root

# zstd -q -l3 -T8 sample.dmp &> zstd.log &

:

:

# ls -al

total 385983012

drwxr-xr-x  2 root   root         4096 Jan 30 16:01 .
drwxr-xr-x 35 root   root         4096 Jan 30 15:39 ..
-rw-----  1 oracle  users 279265214464 Jan 29 22:02 sample.dmp
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root 115981336576 Jan 30 16:25 sample.dmp.zst
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root           0 Jan 30 16:01 zstd.log

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[1]+  Done                  zstd -q -l3 -T8 sample.dmp &> zstd.log

# md5sum sample.dmp.zst

5a3d3401e8e46483659e820f96ad0ef0  sample.dmp.zst
```

An attacker might be able to open(2) the file while zstd is still  
running, wait for zstd to complete its job, and then read(2) the  
whole file:



```
% whoami
attacker

% ls -al

total 465071584

drwxr-xr-x  2 root   root           4096 Jan 30 16:01 .
drwxr-xr-x 35 root   root           4096 Jan 30 15:39 ..
-rw-----  1 oracle users 279265214464 Jan 29 22:02 sample.dmp
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root  196968022016 Jan 30 16:41 sample.dmp.zst
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root              0 Jan 30 16:01 zstd.log

% md5sum sample.dmp.zst

^Z

[1]+  Stopped                  md5sum sample.dmp.zst

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% ls -al

total 475580484

drwxr-xr-x  2 root   root           4096 Jan 30 16:01 .
drwxr-xr-x 35 root   root           4096 Jan 30 15:39 ..
-rw-----  1 oracle users 279265214464 Jan 29 22:02 sample.dmp
-rw-----  1 oracle users 207729131801 Jan 29 22:02 sample.dmp.zst
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root              0 Jan 30 16:01 zstd.log

% fg

md5sum sample.dmp.zst

5a3d3401e8e46483659e820f96ad0ef0  sample.dmp.zst

%
```

In this sample session the attacker got the correct md5sum, just for demonstration purposes. Hi could have created his own private copy in the same way.

This makes zstd unusable for me.

Regards

Harri

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**Message #10** received at 981404@bugs.debian.org ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [reply](#)):

**From:** Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org>  
**To:** 981404@bugs.debian.org  
**Subject:** Re: [Debian-med-packaging] Bug#981404: compressed file is world readable, while zstd is running  
**Date:** Mon, 1 Feb 2021 22:57:15 +0100

[\[Message part 1\]](#) (text/plain, inline)

Control: fixed -1 1.4.8+dfsg-1

Control: tag -1 patch

Greetings,

This critical issue is affecting Stable. Permissions at

compression time are inherited from umask, this may be too relaxed when handling sensitive files.

Fortunately, this seems to have been fixed upstream around version 1.4.1. Debian Sid is not affected anymore as far as I can see. I identified the few commits[1,2,3,4] from Mike Swanson and Yann Collet which solved the issue.

- [1] <https://github.com/facebook/zstd/commit/3968160a916a759c3d3418da533e1b4f8b795343>
- [2] <https://github.com/facebook/zstd/commit/af80f6dfacafcc2c916ecd57731107221e1f9986>
- [3] <https://github.com/facebook/zstd/commit/8b6d96827c24dd09109830272f413254833317d9>
- [4] <https://github.com/facebook/zstd/commit/7aaac3f69c1e0102099c192639017e660e88b4bf>

After some folding, I obtained the following patch, with which I could derive a fixed version of zstd 1.3.8 for Buster:

```
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--- libzstd.orig/programs/fileio.c
+++ libzstd/programs/fileio.c
@@ -482,8 +482,14 @@
     } }

    { FILE* const f = fopen( dstFileName, "wb" );
-    if (f == NULL)
+    if (f == NULL) {
+        DISPLAYLEVEL(1, "zstd: %s: %s\n", dstFileName, strerror(errno));
+    } else if (srcFileName != NULL
+        && strcmp(srcFileName, stdinmark)
+        && strcmp(dstFileName, nulmark) ) {
+        /* reduce rights on newly created dst file while compression is ongoing */
+        chmod(dstFileName, 00600);
+    }
+    return f;
    }
}
```

Side note to Debian Med, I know the package is transitionning to pkg-rpm team, and I am not super comfortable yet preparing an upload to Stable[5], so I'm just providing a proposal of patch as a starter.

- [5] <https://www.debian.org/doc/manuals/developers-reference/pkgs.en.html#special-case-uploads-to-the-stable-and-oldstable-distributions>

Kind Regards,

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Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org>

Fingerprint: 8f91 b227 c7d6 f2b1 948c 8236 793c f67e 8f0d 11da

Sent from /dev/pts/2, please excuse my verbosity.

[\[signature.asc\]](#) (application/pgp-signature, inline)]

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Marked as fixed in versions libzstd/1.4.8+dfsg-1. Request was from Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org> to 981404-

submit@bugs.debian.org. (Mon, 01 Feb 2021 21:58:12 GMT) ([full text](#) [mbox](#) [link](#)).

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Added tag(s) patch. Request was from Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org> to 981404-submit@bugs.debian.org. (Mon, 01 Feb 2021

21:58:12 GMT) ([full text](#) [mbox](#) [link](#)).

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Set Bug forwarded-to-address to '<https://github.com/facebook/zstd/issues/1630>'. Request was from Salvatore Bonaccorso <carnil@debian.org>

to control@bugs.debian.org. (Wed, 03 Feb 2021 21:39:02 GMT) ([full text](#) [mbox](#) [link](#)).

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Added tag(s) upstream and fixed-upstream. Request was from Salvatore Bonaccorso <carnil@debian.org> to control@bugs.debian.org. (Wed, 03

Feb 2021 21:39:03 GMT) ([full text](#) [mbox](#) [link](#)).

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Reply sent to Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org>:

You have taken responsibility. (Wed, 10 Feb 2021 22:33:03 GMT) ([full text](#) [mbox](#) [link](#)).

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[Message #23](#) received at 981404-close@bugs.debian.org ([full text](#) [mbox](#) [reply](#)):

**From:** Debian FTP Masters <ftpmaster@ftp-master.debian.org>  
**To:** 981404-close@bugs.debian.org  
**Subject:** Bug#981404: fixed in libzstd 1.3.8+dfsg-3+deb10u1  
**Date:** Wed, 10 Feb 2021 22:32:10 +0000

Source: libzstd

Source-Version: 1.3.8+dfsg-3+deb10u1

Done: Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org>

We believe that the bug you reported is fixed in the latest version of

libzstd, which is due to be installed in the Debian FTP archive.

A summary of the changes between this version and the previous one is

attached.

Thank you for reporting the bug, which will now be closed. If you

have further comments please address them to 981404@bugs.debian.org,

and the maintainer will reopen the bug report if appropriate.

Debian distribution maintenance software

pp.

Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org> (supplier of updated libzstd package)

(This message was generated automatically at their request; if you

believe that there is a problem with it please contact the archive

administrators by mailing ftpmaster@ftp-master.debian.org)

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Hash: SHA512

Format: 1.8

Date: Mon, 01 Feb 2021 20:36:53 +0100

Source: libzstd

Architecture: source

Version: 1.3.8+dfsg-3+deb10u1

Distribution: buster-security

Urgency: high

Maintainer: Debian Med Packaging Team <debian-med-packaging@lists.alioth.debian.org>

Changed-By: Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org>

Closes: [981404](#)

Changes:

libzstd (1.3.8+dfsg-3+deb10u1) buster-security; urgency=high

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\* Team upload.

\* When a file with restricted permissions is compressed, the resulting file inherits the umask of the user for the time of the compression. This will usually lead to surprising and too relaxed permissions. This update adds fix-file-permissions-on-compression.patch to make sure the compressed file is not group or world readable for the duration of the compression.

Closes: [#981404](#)

Checksums-Sha1:

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[Message #28](#) received at 981404@bugs.debian.org ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [reply](#)):

**From:** wferi@niif.hu  
**To:** 981404@bugs.debian.org  
**Subject:** Fix seems incomplete  
**Date:** Thu, 11 Feb 2021 11:26:47 +0100

Hi,

The patch in this bug report very much shrinks the window of the vulnerability, but doesn't close it completely: the file is still created with default permissions, then chmodded as a separate step. It's hard, but not impossible to still win the race and open the file before the chmod, enabling the same attack. I recommend something like

```
fd = open(dstFileName, O_WRONLY|O_CREAT|O_EXCL, 0600);

if (fd != -1)

    f = fdopen( fd, "wb" );

if (fd == -1 || f == NULL)

    DISPLAYLEVEL(1, "zstd: %s: %s\n", dstFileName, strerror(errno));

return f;
```

for example.

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Regards,

Feri

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**Message #33** received at 981404@bugs.debian.org ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [reply](#)):

<b>From:</b> Salvatore Bonaccorso <carnil@debian.org> <b>To:</b> wferi@niif.hu, 981404@bugs.debian.org <b>Cc:</b> 982519@bugs.debian.org <b>Subject:</b> Re: Bug#981404: Fix seems incomplete <b>Date:</b> Thu, 11 Feb 2021 16:54:53 +0100
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Hi Feri,,

On Thu, Feb 11, 2021 at 11:26:47AM +0100, wferi@niif.hu wrote:

> Hi,

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> The patch in this bug report very much shrinks the window of the  
> vulnerability, but doesn't close it completely: the file is still  
> created with default permissions, then chmodded as a separate step.  
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> if (fd != -1)
>
>     f = fdopen( fd, "wb" );
> if (fd == -1 || f == NULL)
>
>     DISPLAYLEVEL(1, "zstd: %s: %s\n", dstFileName, strerror(errno));
> return f;
>
>
> for example.
```

See #982519 respectively <https://github.com/facebook/zstd/issues/2491>

upstream.

Regards,

Salvatore

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Marked as found in versions libzstd/1.1.2-1. Request was from Étienne Mollier <etienne.mollier@mailoo.org> to control@bugs.debian.org. (Sat, 20

Feb 2021 08:54:02 GMT) ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [link](#)).

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07:25:05 GMT) ([full text](#), [mbox](#), [link](#)).

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