

Out-of-bound read in function msg_outtrans_attr in vim/vim

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Description

Out-of-bound read in function `msg_outtrans_attr` at message.c:1551

Version

commit 8eba2bd291b347e3008aa9e565652d51ad638cfa (HEAD -> master, tag: v8.2.0)



Proof of Concept

```
./vim/src/vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S poc_vim01 -c :qa!
=====
==21232==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow on address 0x619000000000
READ of size 620 at 0x6190000000981 thread T0
#0 0x7faf43c4f66d (/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libasan.so.4+0x5166d)
#1 0x562f077dacc5 in msg_outtrans_attr /home/guest/trung/vim/src/message.c:1551
#2 0x562f077d4777 in msg_attr_keep /home/guest/trung/vim/src/message.c:123
#3 0x562f077d4550 in msg_attr /home/guest/trung/vim/src/message.c:123
#4 0x562f077d7aec in msg_trunc_attr /home/guest/trung/vim/src/message.c:123
#5 0x562f072d8239 in process_next_cpt_value /home/guest/trung/vim/src/interp.c:123
#6 0x562f072daed2 in ins_compl_get_exp /home/guest/trung/vim/src/insexpand.c:123
#7 0x562f072dbba5 in find_next_completion_match /home/guest/trung/vim/src/insexpand.c:123
#8 0x562f072dbf6e in ins_compl_next /home/guest/trung/vim/src/insexpand.c:123
#9 0x562f072df01d in ins_complete /home/guest/trung/vim/src/insexpand.c:123
#10 0x562f0713b591 in edit /home/guest/trung/vim/src/edit.c:123
#11 0x562f073ac613 in invoke_edit /home/guest/trung/vim/src/normal.c:627
#12 0x562f073a7135 in n_opencmd /home/guest/trung/vim/src/normal.c:627
```

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```

#13 0x562f073aeb89 in nv_open /home/guest/trung/vim/src/normal.c:7416
#14 0x562f073843de in normal_cmd /home/guest/trung/vim/src/normal.c:939
#15 0x562f0720b759 in exec_normal /home/guest/trung/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:
#16 0x562f0720b535 in exec_normal_cmd /home/guest/trung/vim/src/ex_docm
#17 0x562f0720add6 in ex_normal /home/guest/trung/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:86
#18 0x562f071e76d6 in do_one_cmd /home/guest/trung/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2
#19 0x562f071dea5c in do_cmdline /home/guest/trung/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:9
#20 0x562f074ff9cb in do_source_ext /home/guest/trung/vim/src/scriptfil
#21 0x562f07500b0d in do_source /home/guest/trung/vim/src/scriptfile.c:
#22 0x562f074fd646 in cmd_source /home/guest/trung/vim/src/scriptfile.c
#23 0x562f074fd6a7 in ex_source /home/guest/trung/vim/src/scriptfile.c:
#24 0x562f071e76d6 in do_one_cmd /home/guest/trung/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:2
#25 0x562f071dea5c in do_cmdline /home/guest/trung/vim/src/ex_docmd.c:9
#26 0x562f071dce5b in do_cmdline_cmd /home/guest/trung/vim/src/ex_docm
#27 0x562f077cda63 in exe_commands /home/guest/trung/vim/src/main.c:313
#28 0x562f077c6c58 in vim_main2 /home/guest/trung/vim/src/main.c:780
#29 0x562f077c6514 in main /home/guest/trung/vim/src/main.c:432
#30 0x7faf42e5ac86 in __libc_start_main (/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.
#31 0x562f07068a99 in _start (/home/guest/trung/vim/src/vim+0x137a99)

```

0x619000000981 is located 0 bytes to the right of 1025-byte region [0x619000000981, 0x619000000981) allocated by thread T0 here:

```

#0 0x7faf43cdcb40 in __interceptor_malloc (/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6)
#1 0x562f07068edf in lalloc /home/guest/trung/vim/src/alloc.c:246
#2 0x562f07068ce4 in alloc /home/guest/trung/vim/src/alloc.c:151
#3 0x562f077c6e7c in common_init /home/guest/trung/vim/src/main.c:914
#4 0x562f077c6222 in main /home/guest/trung/vim/src/main.c:185
#5 0x7faf42e5ac86 in __libc_start_main (/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6)

```

SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow (/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6) 0x7faf42e5ac86 Shadow bytes around the buggy address:

```

0x0c327fff80e0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c327fff80f0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c327fff8100: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c327fff8110: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c327fff8120: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
=>0x0c327fff8130:[01]fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c327fff8140: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa
0x0c327fff8150: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c327fff8160: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x0c327fff8170: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

```

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0x0c32/+++81/0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

0x0c327fff8180: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

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

Freed heap region: fd

Stack left redzone: f1

Stack mid redzone: f2

Stack right redzone: f3

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

Left alloca redzone: ca

Right alloca redzone: cb

==21232==ABORTING



Attachment

[poc_vim01](#)

Impact

This may result in corruption of sensitive information, a crash, or code execution among other things.

CVE

CVE-2022-2206

(Published)

Vulnerability Type

CWE-125: Out-of-bounds Read

Severity:

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Severity
High (7.8)

Registry
Other

Affected Version
8.2.5151

Visibility
Public

Status
Fixed

Found by



xikhud

@acquykhud

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Fixed by



Bram Moolenaar

@brammool

maintainer

This report was seen 826 times.

We are processing your report and will contact the **vim** team within 24 hours. 5 months ago

We have contacted a member of the **vim** team and are waiting to hear back 5 months ago

Bram Moolenaar 5 months ago

Maintainer

I cannot reproduce the problem, valgrind output is empty.

xikhud 5 months ago

My compile commands are below:

Researcher

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```
git checkout 8eba2bd291b347e3008aa9e565652d51ad638cfa
CFLAGS="-fsanitize=address -g" CXXFLAGS="-fsanitize=address -g" LDFLAGS="-fsanitize=ac

make -j2
```



Then I run

```
./vim2/src/vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S poc_vim01 -c :qa!
```

I can still reproduce the problem with the latest version, which is **8.2.5155** at the moment.

xikhud 5 months ago

Researcher

I tried to compile vim without ASAN:

```
./configure --prefix=/home/guest/trung/install_vim2
make -j2
```

My **valgrind** is showing the result

```
$ valgrind ./vim2/src/vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S poc_vim01 -c :qa!
==19219== Memcheck, a memory error detector
==19219== Copyright (C) 2002-2017, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward et al.
==19219== Using Valgrind-3.13.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright info
==19219== Command: ./vim2/src/vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S poc_vim01 -c :q
==19219==
==19219== Conditional jump or move depends on uninitialised value(s)
==19219==    at 0x4C34D08: strlen (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux
==19219==    by 0x38774F: msg_outtrans_attr (message.c:1551)
==19219==    by 0x387B03: msg_attr_keep (message.c:176)
==19219==    by 0x387F73: msg_attr (message.c:123)
==19219==    by 0x387F73: msg_trunc_attr (message.c:933)
==19219==    by 0x1FE1B4: process_next_cpt_value (insexpand.c:3271)
==19219==    by 0x1FE1B4: ins_compl_get_exp (insexpand.c:3743)
==19219==    by 0x1FE1B4: find_next_completion_match (insexpand.c:3992)
```

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==19219== by 0x1FE1B4: ins_compl_next (insexpand.c:4093)
==19219== by 0x1FE72A: ins_complete (insexpand.c:4944)
==19219== by 0x180426: edit (edit.c:1281)
==19219== by 0x22F599: invoke_edit.isra.1 (normal.c:7035)
==19219== by 0x2317D1: n_opencmd (normal.c:6279)
==19219== by 0x2317D1: nv_open (normal.c:7416)
==19219== by 0x2385B4: normal_cmd (normal.c:939)
==19219== by 0x1B671C: exec_normal (ex_docmd.c:8807)
==19219== by 0x1B697F: ex_normal (ex_docmd.c:8693)
==19219==
==19219==
==19219== HEAP SUMMARY:
==19219== in use at exit: 73,436 bytes in 382 blocks
==19219== total heap usage: 1,227 allocs, 845 frees, 416,677 bytes allocated
==19219==
==19219== LEAK SUMMARY:
==19219== definitely lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==19219== indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==19219== possibly lost: 139 bytes in 8 blocks
==19219== still reachable: 73,297 bytes in 374 blocks
==19219== suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==19219== Rerun with --leak-check=full to see details of leaked memory
==19219==
==19219== For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -v
==19219== Use --track-origins=yes to see where uninitialised values come from
==19219== ERROR SUMMARY: 1 errors from 1 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)

```

valgrind version:

```

$ valgrind --version
valgrind-3.13.0

```

vim version

```

$ ./vim2/src/vim --version
VIM - Vi IMproved 8.2 (2019 Dec 12, compiled Jun 25 2022 00:35:46)
Included patches: 1-5151
Compiled by guest@elk
Huge version without GUI. Features included (+) or not (-):
+acl                +file_in_path      +mouse_urxvt       -tag_any_white
+arabic             +find_in_path      +mouse_xterm       -tcl

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+autocmd	+float	+multi_byte	+termguicolors
+autochdir	+folding	+multi_lang	+terminal
-autoservername	-footer	-mzscheme	+terminfo
-balloon_eval	+fork()	+netbeans_intg	+termresponse
+balloon_eval_term	-gettext	+num64	+textobjects
-browse	-hangul_input	+packages	+textprop
++builtin_terms	+iconv	+path_extra	+timers
+byte_offset	+insert_expand	-perl	+title
+channel	+ipv6	+persistent_undo	-toolbar
+cindent	+job	+popupwin	+user_commands
-clientserver	+jumplist	+postscript	+varargs
-clipboard	+keymap	+printer	+vertsplitt
+cmdline_compl	+lambda	+profile	+vim9script
+cmdline_hist	+langmap	-python	+viminfo
+cmdline_info	+libcall	-python3	+virtualedit
+comments	+linebreak	+quickfix	+visual
+conceal	+lispindent	+reltime	+visualextra
+cryptv	+listcmds	+rightleft	+vreplace
+cscope	+localmap	-ruby	+wildignore
+cursorbind	-lua	+scrollbind	+wildmenu
+cursorshape	+menu	+signs	+windows
+dialog_con	+mksession	+smartindent	+writebackup
+diff	+modify_fname	-sodium	-X11
+digraphs	+mouse	-sound	-xfontset
-dnd	-mousethape	+spell	-xim
-ebcdic	+mouse_dec	+startuptime	-xpm
+emacs_tags	-mouse_gpm	+statusline	-xsm
+eval	-mouse_jsbterm	-sun_workshop	-xterm_clipboard
+ex_extra	+mouse_netterm	+syntax	-xterm_save
+extra_search	+mouse_sgr	+tag_binary	
-farsi	-mouse_sysmouse	-tag_old_static	

```

system vimrc file: "$VIM/vimrc"
user vimrc file: "$HOME/.vimrc"
2nd user vimrc file: "~/.vim/vimrc"
user exrc file: "$HOME/.exrc"
defaults file: "$VIMRUNTIME/defaults.vim"
fall-back for $VIM: "/home/guest/trung/install_vim2/share/vim"
Compilation: gcc -c -I. -Iproto -DHAVE_CONFIG_H -g -O2 -D_REENTRANT -U_FORTIFY_SOURCE
Linking: gcc -L/usr/local/lib -Wl,--as-needed -o vim -lm -ltinfo -lrt -ldl

```

Bram Moolenaar [5 months ago](#)

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In the POC the CTRL-N command is used in Insert mode. Perhaps for how you start Vim (in

which directory) makes a difference.
What if you make the "src" directory the current directory?
You can also see if changing the 'complete' option makes a difference.

Bram Moolenaar 5 months ago

Maintainer

Note that at insexpand.c:3271 the message is "Scanning tags.", which is very short. Do you perhaps have the environment set to translated messages? What is \$LANG or \$LC_ALL set to?

xikhud 5 months ago

Researcher

I try to run `vim` with the current directory is set to `vim2/src`:

```
guest@elk:~/trung/vim2/src$ valgrind ./vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S ../..
==956== Memcheck, a memory error detector
==956== Copyright (C) 2002-2017, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward et al.
==956== Using Valgrind-3.13.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright info
==956== Command: ./vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S ../.. /poc_vim01 -c :qa!
==956==
==956== Conditional jump or move depends on uninitialised value(s)
==956==    at 0x4C34D08: strlen (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.s)
==956==    by 0x38774F: msg_outtrans_attr (message.c:1551)
==956==    by 0x387B03: msg_attr_keep (message.c:176)
==956==    by 0x387F73: msg_attr (message.c:123)
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==956==    by 0x1B697F: ex_normal (ex_docmd.c:8693)
==956==
==956==
==956== HEAP SUMMARY:
==956==    in use at exit: 73,433 bytes in 382 blocks
==956==    total heap usage: 1,227 allocs, 845 frees, 416,842 bytes allocated
==956==
==956== LEAK SUMMARY:
==956==    definitely lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
```

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```
==956==    indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==956==    possibly lost: 139 bytes in 8 blocks
==956==    still reachable: 73,294 bytes in 374 blocks
==956==    suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==956== Rerun with --leak-check=full to see details of leaked memory
==956==
==956== For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -v
==956== Use --track-origins=yes to see where uninitialised values come from
==956== ERROR SUMMARY: 1 errors from 1 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```

Here is the output of my `locale` :

```
guest@elk:~/trung/vim2/src$ locale
LANG=en_US.UTF-8
LANGUAGE=
LC_CTYPE="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_NUMERIC="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_TIME="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_COLLATE="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_MONETARY="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_MESSAGES="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_PAPER="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_NAME="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_ADDRESS="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_TELEPHONE="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_MEASUREMENT="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_IDENTIFICATION="en_US.UTF-8"
LC_ALL=
```

The stack trace looks much like from [here](#)

I also try changing the whole environment using these commands:

```
export LC_ALL=en_US.UTF-8
export LANGUAGE=en_US.UTF-8
```

But still get the error

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Perhaps the width of the terminal matters? A smaller width may cause the truncation to kick in. I tried a few sizes but still cannot reproduce the problem.

xikhud 5 months ago

Researcher

Yes, I think the height and the width of the terminal matters.
You can use this command to print out the size of the terminal

```
stty size
```

With width = 209, height = 52, it crashes

```
guest@elk:~/trung$ stty size
52 209
guest@elk:~/trung$ valgrind ./vim2/src/vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S ./poc_
==27959== Memcheck, a memory error detector
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==27959==    by 0x1B671C: exec_normal (ex_docmd.c:8807)
==27959==    by 0x1B697F: ex_normal (ex_docmd.c:8693)
==27959==
==27959==
--27959-- LEAD SUMMARY.
```

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```
==27959== HEAP SUMMARY:
==27959==    in use at exit: 73,438 bytes in 382 blocks
==27959== total heap usage: 1,227 allocs, 845 frees, 416,543 bytes allocated
==27959==

==27959== LEAK SUMMARY:
==27959==    definitely lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==27959==    indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==27959==    possibly lost: 139 bytes in 8 blocks
==27959==    still reachable: 73,299 bytes in 374 blocks
==27959==    suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==27959== Rerun with --leak-check=full to see details of leaked memory
==27959==

==27959== For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -v
==27959== Use --track-origins=yes to see where uninitialised values come from
==27959== ERROR SUMMARY: 1 errors from 1 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```

But if width = 201, and height = 10, it doesn't:

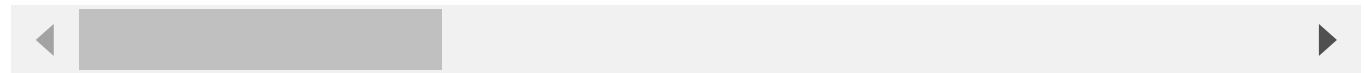
```
guest@elk:~/trung$ stty size
10 201
guest@elk:~/trung$ valgrind ./vim2/src/vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S ./poc_
==28333== Memcheck, a memory error detector
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==28333== Using Valgrind-3.13.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright info
==28333== Command: ./vim2/src/vim -u NONE -i NONE -n -m -X -Z -e -s -S ./poc_vim01 -c
==28333==
==28333==
==28333== HEAP SUMMARY:
==28333==    in use at exit: 73,438 bytes in 382 blocks
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==28333==
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==28333==

==28333== For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -v
==28333== ERROR SUMMARY: 0 errors from 0 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```

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You can use this command to print out all the variables at [this line](#):

```
gdb -ex "b msg_may_trunc" -ex "r" -ex "printf \"Rows=%d %c\\", Rows,0xA" -ex "printf \"
```



xikhud 5 months ago

Researcher

My output which causes crash:

```
Rows=2
Columns=12
cmdline_row=51
sc_col=209
```

With this, `room` will be `0xfffffe78`

Bram Moolenaar validated this vulnerability 5 months ago

finally I can reproduce it. Thanks for being persistent.

xikhud has been awarded the disclosure bounty ✓

The fix bounty is now up for grabs

The researcher's credibility has increased: +7

Bram Moolenaar 5 months ago

Maintainer

Fixed in patch 8.2.5160

Bram Moolenaar marked this as fixed in 8.2 with commit `e178af` 5 months ago

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This vulnerability will not receive a CVE 



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