

Infinite memory allocation while parsing this tcp packet.

Summary

In Wireshark 3.2.7 and the older version, the Wireshark would run into dead circle and consume infinite memory upon open the attached pcap file. This was addressed in `epan/dissectors/packet-fbzero.c` by calculating the tag offset incorrectly.

This can be exploit it by sending this special tcp packet to the remote computer. When the remote open any version of wireshark to analysing the dumped pcap file, the wireshark caused its computer exhausted with no available memory.

Steps to reproduce

Open the `poc.pcap` in the attachment with the latest wireshark (3.2.7).

What is the current bug behavior?

Upon open the `poc.pcap`, the wireshark has no response. (Denied Of Service)

In detail, Wireshark will run into dead circle and malloc memory continuously until the os use up all available memory.

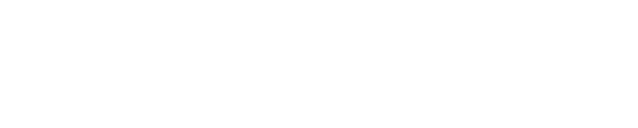
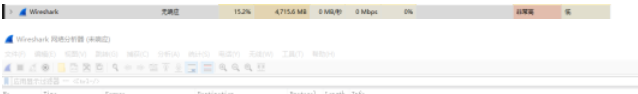
What is the expected correct behavior?

The wireshark should parse this tcp pcap packet properly and has little memory consumption.

Sample capture file

[fb_poc.pcap](#)

Relevant logs and/or screenshots



dump analysis in windbg.

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STACK_TEXT:
00000007 38ef6f38 00007ff9 6ebe1415 ucrtbase!__crt_stdio_output::output_processor<char,__crt_stdio_output::string_output,ac
00000007 38ef6f78 00007ff9 6ebe1c24 ucrtbase!common_vprintf::__crt_stdio_output::format_validation_base,chars+0x184
00000007 38ef74a8 00007ff9 6ebe27f1 ucrtbase!__stdio_common_vprintf_s+0x31
00000007 38ef74e8 00007ff9 01c8d68b 1bwireshark!wmem_strdup_vprintf+0x8b
00000007 38ef7528 00007ff9 01c8dced 1bwireshark!wmem_strdup_printf+0xd
00000007 38ef7558 00007ff9 00bec641 1bwireshark!val_to_str+0x31
00000007 38ef7580 00007ff9 00f580a3 1bwireshark!dissect_e212_utf8_imsi+0x559b3
00000007 38ef7638 00007ff9 00f58419 1bwireshark!dissect_e212_utf8_imsi+0x55d29
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00000007 38ef7748 00007ff9 00ba3841 1bwireshark!dissector_try_heuristic+0x141
00000007 38ef77d8 00007ff9 0158ee38 1bwireshark!decode_tcp_ports+0x2f8
00000007 38ef7868 00007ff9 015968ec 1bwireshark!get_tcp_stream_count+0x19ac
00000007 38ef7a68 00007ff9 0158f517 1bwireshark!decode_tcp_ports+0x9d7
00000007 38ef7b18 00007ff9 01591546 1bwireshark!dissect_tcp_payload+0xe6
00000007 38ef7b98 00007ff9 01591a48 1bwireshark!decode_tcp_ports+0x28cd
00000007 38ef7c18 00007ff9 00a9ff7e 1bwireshark!call_dissector_only+0xae
00000007 38ef7d48 00007ff9 00ba01a1 1bwireshark!call_dissector_with_data+0xb1b1
00000007 38ef7da8 00007ff9 00ba32ed 1bwireshark!dissector_try_uint_new+0x5d
00000007 38ef7de8 00007ff9 018f1676 1bwireshark!ieee802a_add_out+0x16c46
00000007 38ef7e58 00007ff9 018ef8d6 1bwireshark!ieee802a_add_out+0x14ea6
00000007 38ef7f28 00007ff9 00a9ff7e 1bwireshark!call_dissector_only+0xae
00000007 38ef7f78 00007ff9 00ba01a1 1bwireshark!call_dissector_with_data+0xb1b1
00000007 38ef7fd8 00007ff9 00ba32ed 1bwireshark!dissector_try_uint_new+0x5d
00000007 38ef8018 00007ff9 00ba3284 1bwireshark!dissector_try_uint+0x24
00000007 38ef8068 00007ff9 00f374a8 1bwireshark!dissect_e212_utf8_imsi+0x34d8
00000007 38ef82b8 00007ff9 00a9ff7e 1bwireshark!call_dissector_only+0xae
00000007 38ef8308 00007ff9 00ba01a1 1bwireshark!call_dissector_with_data+0xb1b1
00000007 38ef83a8 00007ff9 00ba0017 1bwireshark!call_dissector_with_data+0x27
00000007 38ef83e8 00007ff9 00f367aa 1bwireshark!dissect_e212_utf8_imsi+0x348ba
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00000007 38ef9b78 00007ff9 0c428750 Qt5Widgets!QApplicationPrivate::notify_helper+0x140
00000007 38ef9ba8 00007ff9 0c4272c2 Qt5Widgets!QApplication::notify+0x16b2
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00000007 38efa598 00007ff9 0c428750 Qt5Widgets!QApplicationPrivate::notify_helper+0x140
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00000007 38efacc8 00007ff9 0b52a779 Qt5Core!QCoreApplication::notifyInternal2+0xb9
00000007 38efad48 00007ff9 0b9a7851 Qt5Gui!GuiApplicationPrivate::processDrop+0xb1
00000007 38efae08 00007ff9 0b9915cb Qt5Gui!QAbstractSystemInterface::handleDrop+0xb9
00000007 38efae98 00007ff9 0ab82d8c QtWindows+0x32d8c
00000007 38efaf48 00007ff9 71379518 ole32!CPrvDragDrop::PrivDragDrop+0x128
00000007 38efaf98 00007ff9 6fd72143 rpcrt4!Invoke+0x73
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00000007 38efb778 00007ff9 6f8c6323 combase!ObjectMethodExceptionHandlingAction<lambda_c9f3956a28c9da92a64affc24fd60ec>::
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(the `epan/dissectors/packet-fbzero.c` can be found from <https://github.com/wireshark/wireshark/blob/98bcd594ecbe3de891bf78cfb262986d1e2b8d6/epan/dissectors/packet-fbzero.c>)

Due to the wrong calculation of `tag_offset`, upon trigger the default case of `tag`, the `tag_offset` will larger than the correct offset. This means the `tvb_reported_length_remaining` will always return 0 because `tag_offset_start + tag_offset` is larger than the packet length. In this way, the `tag_len` will assigned 0 in the line 189. Finally, the `total_tag_len` is calculated in the wrong way as well and it can controlled by specify several offset in the tcp data frame.

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