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RAN_UE_NGAP_ID and UserLocationInformation is extracted from InitialUEMessage.

ran_ue structure will be allocated and assigned after validating RAN_UE_NGAP_ID by calling ran_ue_add .

If UserLocationInformation is not present, the function will return and ran_ue_remove will never be called, here is the memory leak bug.

```
if (!UserLocationInformation) {
    ogs_error("No UserLocationInformation");
    ogs_assert(OGS_OK ==
        ngap_send_error_indication(gnb, &ran_ue->ran_ue_ngap_id, NULL,
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NGAP_Cause_PR_protocol, NGAP_CauseProtocol_semantic_error));
        return;
    }
    . . .
}
```

```
Pool ran_ue_pool is initialed by amf_context_init from src/amf/context.c on line 61.
```

```
UE ADD UE POOL
  src/amf/context.c
      ogs_pool_init(&ran_ue_pool, ogs_app()->max.ue);
When calling ran_ue_add , ran_ue will be allocated.
  ran_ue_t *ran_ue_add(amf_gnb_t *gnb, uint32_t ran_ue_ngap_id)
      ran_ue_t *ran_ue = NULL;
      ogs_assert(gnb);
      ogs_pool_alloc(&ran_ue_pool, &ran_ue);
      ogs_assert(ran_ue);
      memset(ran_ue, 0, sizeof *ran_ue);
      ogs_list_add(&gnb->ran_ue_list, ran_ue);
      stats_add_ran_ue();
      return ran_ue;
  }
One must call ran_ue_remove after ue_add to free the ran_ue.
  void ran_ue_remove(ran_ue_t *ran_ue)
      ogs_assert(ran_ue);
      ogs_assert(ran_ue->gnb);
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ogs_list_remove(&ran_ue->gnb->ran_ue_list, ran_ue);
```

POC

To trigger this vulnerability, an InitialUEMessage without UserLocationInformation needs to be build.

```
[2022-09-19 03:16:03.232] [ngap] [debug] Initial NAS message received from UE[1021]
[2022-09-19 03:16:03.233] [ngap] [error] Error indication received. Cause: protocol/semantic-error
[2022-09-19 03:16:04.034] [rls] [debug] UE[1018] signal lost
[2022-09-19 03:16:04.250] [rrc] [debug] UE[1022] new signal detected
[2022-09-19 03:16:04.251] [rrc] [info] RRC Setup for UE[1022]
[2022-09-19 03:16:04.252] [ngap] [debug] Initial NAS message received from UE[1022]
[2022-09-19 03:16:04.253] [ngap] [error] Error indication received. Cause: protocol/semantic-error
[2022-09-19 03:16:05.053] [rls] [debug] UE[1019] signal lost
[2022-09-19 03:16:05.053] [rls] [debug] UE[1020] signal lost
[2022-09-19 03:16:05.267] [rrc] [debug] UE[1023] new signal detected
[2022-09-19 03:16:05.268] [rrc] [info] RRC Setup for UE[1023]
[2022-09-19 03:16:05.268] [ngap] [debug] Initial NAS message received from UE[1023]
[2022-09-19 03:16:05.269] [ngap] [<mark>error</mark>] Error indication received. Cause: protocol/semantic-error
[2022-09-19 03:16:06.290] [rrc] [debug] UE[1024] new signal detected
[2022-09-19 03:16:06.292] [rrc] [info] RRC Setup for UE[1024]
[2022-09-19 03:16:06.292] [ngap] [debug] Initial NAS message received from UE[1024]
[2022-09-19 03:16:06.293] [ngap] [error] Error indication received. Cause: protocol/semantic-error
[2022-09-19 03:16:07.094] [rls] [debug] UE[1021] signal lost
[2022-09-19 03:16:07.311] [rrc] [debug] UE[1025] new signal detected
[2022-09-19 03:16:07.313] [rrc] [info] RRC Setup for UE[1025]
[2022-09-19 03:16:07.313] [ngap] [debug] Initial NAS message received from UE[1025]
[2022-09-19 03:16:07.314] [ngap] [error] Error indication received. Cause: protocol/semantic-error
[2022-09-19 03:16:08.115] [rls] [debug] UE[1022] signal lost
[2022-09-19 03:16:08.333] [rrc] [debug] UE[1026] new signal detected
[2022-09-19 03:16:08.334] [rrc] [info] RRC Setup for UE[1026]
[2022-09-19 03:16:08.335] [ngap] [debug] Initial NAS message received from UE[1026]
[2022-09-19 03:16:08.336] [ngap] [<mark>error</mark>] Error indication received. Cause: protocol/semantic-error
[2022-09-19 03:16:09.136] [rls] [debug] UE[1023] signal lost
[2022-09-19 03:16:09.354] [rrc] [debug] UE[1027] new signal detected
[2022-09-19 03:16:09.355] [rrc] [info] RRC Setup for UE[1027]
[2022-09-19 03:16:09.356] [ngap] [debug] Initial NAS message received from UE[1027]
[2022-09-19 03:16:09.357] [ngap] [error] Error indication received. Cause: protocol/semantic-error
[2022-09-19 03:16:10.157] [rls] [debug] UE[1024] signal lost
[2022-09-19 03:16:10.375] [rrc] [debug] UE[1028] new signal detected
[2022-09-19 03:16:10.377] [rrc] [info] RRC Setup for UE[1028]
[2022-09-19 03:16:10.377] [ngap] [debuq] Initial NAS message received from UE[1028]
[2022-09-19 03:16:10.601] [sctp] [debug] SCTP association shutdown (clientId: 2)
[2022-09-19 03:16:10.601] [sctp] [warning] Unhandled SCTP notification received
[2022-09-19 03:16:10.601] [ngap] [error] Association terminated for AMF[2]
[2022-09-19 03:16:10.601]        [ngap]        [debug]        Removing AMF context[2]
[2022-09-19 03:16:11.179] [rls] [debug] UE[1025] signal lost
[2022-09-19 03:16:11.397] [rrc] [debug] UE[1029] new signal detected
[2022-09-19 03:16:11.399] [rrc] [info] RRC Setup for UE[1029]
[2022-09-19 03:16:11.399] [ngap] [debug] Initial NAS message received from UE[1029]
[2022-09-19 03:16:11.399] [ngap] [error] AMF selection for UE[1029] failed. Could not find a suitable AMF.
[2022-09-19 03:16:11.399] [ngap] [error] AMF context not found with id: 0
```

AMF will crash after 1024 malformated UE initial messages is reached.

```
09/19 03:16:00.172: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:01.191; [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:01.191: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1016 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
           | 09/19 03:16:01.191: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:02.212: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
           | 09/19 03:16:02.212: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1017 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
           | 09/19 03:16:02.212: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
          | 09/19 03:16:03.233: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
amf
          | 09/19 03:16:03.233: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1018 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
           | 09/19 03:16:03.233: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
amf
          | 09/19 03:16:04.253: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
           | 09/19 03:16:04.253: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1019 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:04.253: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
          | 09/19 03:16:05.269: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
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amf
          | 09/19 03:16:05.269: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1020 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
           | 09/19 03:16:05.269: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:06.293: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
           | 09/19 03:16:06.293: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1021 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
amf
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:06.293: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:07.314: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:07.314: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1022 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:07.314: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
osmohlr
                               DLINP
osmohlr.
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:08.335: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:08.335: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1023 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
           | 09/19 03:16:08.335: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
amf
           | 5(36) DEBUG: ims_dialog [dlg_handlers.c:1923]: print_all_dlgs(): ******************** 5(36) DEBUG: ims_dialog [dlg_handlers.c:1923]
scscf
             5(36) DEBUG: ims_dialog [dlg_handlers.c:1934]: print_all_dlgs(): ************* 5(36) DEBUG: ims_auth [authorize.
scscf
scscf
           | 5(36) DEBUG: ims_auth [authorize.c:232]: reg_await_timer(): [DONE] Looking for expired/useless at 100967002
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:09.356: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361)
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:09.356: [amf] INFO: [Added] Number of gNB-UEs is now 1024 (../src/amf/context.c:2132)
           | 09/19 03:16:09.357: [amf] ERROR: No UserLocationInformation (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:464)
          | 09/19 03:16:10.378: [amf] INFO: InitialUEMessage (../src/amf/ngap-handler.c:361) | 09/19 03:16:10.378: [amf] FATAL: ran_ue_add: Assertion `ran_ue' failed. (../src/amf/context.c:973)
amf
amf
           | 09/19 03:16:10.379: [core] FATAL: backtrace() returned 11 addresses (../lib/core/ogs-abort.c:37)
amf
          | ./open5gs-amfd(+0xee02) [0x5565d6098e02]
amf
          | ./open5gs-amfd(+0x4da27) [0x5565d60d7a27]
           | ./open5gs-amfd(+0x1e7ee) [0x5565d60a87ee]
          / open5gs/install/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libogscore.so.2(ogs_fsm_dispatch+0x113) [0x7f0a9f3a9417]
amf
amf
           | ./open5gs-amfd(+0x2fe76) [0x5565d60b9e76]
           / open5gs/install/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libogscore.so.2(ogs_fsm_dispatch+0x113) [0x7f0a9f3a9417]
amf
           | ./open5gs-amfd(+0x8f64) [0x5565d6092f64]
           / /open5gs/install/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libogscore.so.2(+0x117e5) [0x7f0a9f39a7e5]
            /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpthread.so.0(+0x8609) [0x7f0a9eaf1609]
            /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6(clone+0x43) [0x7f0a9ea16133]
           /open5gs_init.sh: line 96:
                                           13 Aborted
                                                                        (core dumped) ./open5gs-amfd
amf exited with code 134
```

Upadate

We have reported this vulnerability to the vendor through email at 19 Sep 2022, but this bug has not been fixed yet.

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Releases

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