

# Bug 2069793 (CVE-2022-1158) - CVE-2022-1158 kernel: KVM: cmpxchg\_gpte can write to pfns outside the userspace region [NEEDINFO]

**Keywords:** Security x

**Status:** NEW

**Alias:** CVE-2022-1158

**Product:** Security Response

**Component:** vulnerability

**Version:** unspecified

**Hardware:** All

**OS:** Linux

**Priority:** high

**Severity:** high

**Target** ---  
**Milestone:**

**Assignee:** Red Hat Product Security

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**Reported:** 2022-03-29 17:36 UTC by Marian Rehak

**Modified:** 2022-09-26 12:29 UTC ([History](#))

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**Fixed In Version:** kernel 5.18

**Doc Type:** If docs needed, set a value

**Doc Text:** A flaw was found in KVM. When updating a guest's page table entry, vm\_pgoff was improperly used as the offset to get the page's pfn. As vaddr and vm\_pgoff are controllable by user-mode processes, this flaw allows unprivileged local users on the host to write outside the userspace region and potentially corrupt the kernel, resulting in a denial of service condition.

**Clone Of:**

**Environment:**

**Last Closed:**

**Flags:** mcasquer: needinfo? (pbonzini)

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Marian Rehak 2022-03-29 17:36:26 UTC

[Description](#)

Since both vaddr and vm\_pgoff are controllable by the user-mode process, writing may exceed the previously mapped guest memory space and trigger exceptions such as UAF.

Marian Rehak 2022-06-14 11:17:06 UTC

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Created kernel tracking bugs for this issue:

Affects: fedora-all [ [bug-2096819](#) ]

Justin M. Forbes 2022-06-16 14:15:17 UTC

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This was fixed for Fedora with the 5.16.19 stable kernel updates.

Mauro Matteo Cascella 2022-06-22 19:44:58 UTC

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This bug was introduced in kernel upstream version 5.2 with commit [1].  
For distros and stable, Paolo Bonzini sent an inline assembly patch that updates the gPTE using a valid userspace address [2]. With the same method, Sean Christopherson and Peter Zijlstra introduced macros for CMPXCHG and replaced `cmpxchg_gpte()` with `__try_cmpxchg_user()` [3].

[1]  
<https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/bd53cb35a3e9adb73a834a36586e9ad80e877767>

[2]  
<https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/2a8859f373b0a86f0ece8ec8312607eacf12485d>

[3]  
<https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/f122dfe4476890d60b8c679128cd2259ec96a24c>

Paolo Bonzini 2022-09-22 10:22:26 UTC

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I suggest using the simpler fix at upstream commit [2a8859f373b0a86f0ece8ec8312607eacf12485d](#) for z-stream.

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