



Towards truly portable eBPF

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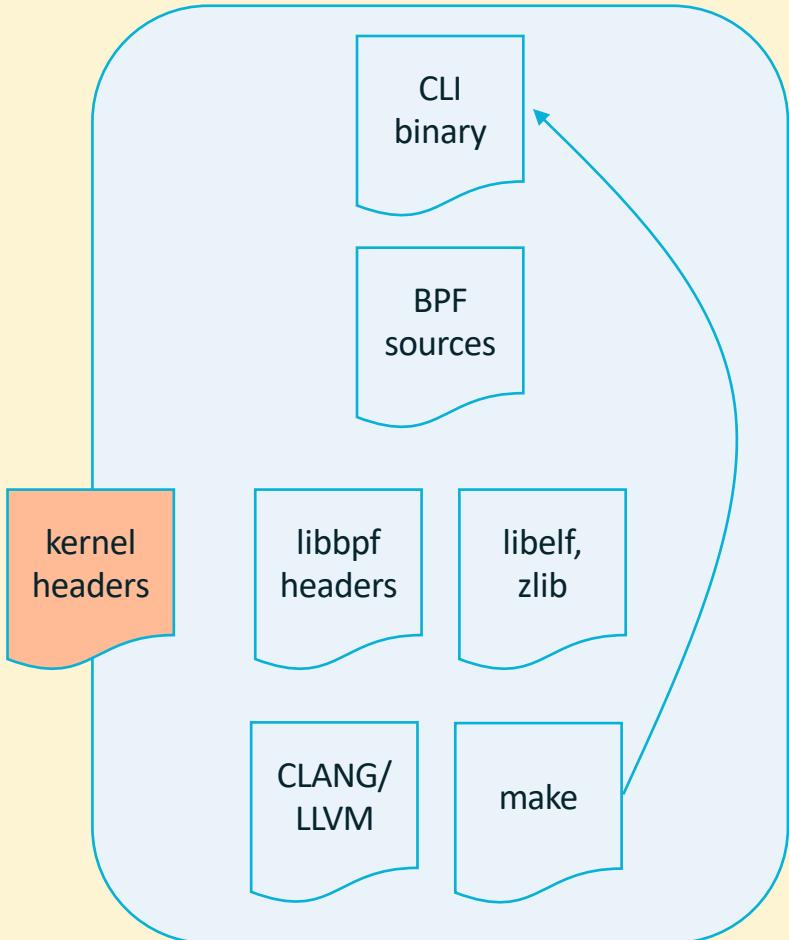
Hello

- Tracee – runtime security using eBPF
- Tell our story of building and shipping eBPF application
- Our POV: vendor not user, targeting common users
- Go -> eBPF
- User experience > developer productivity

```
$ docker run aquasec/tracee
```



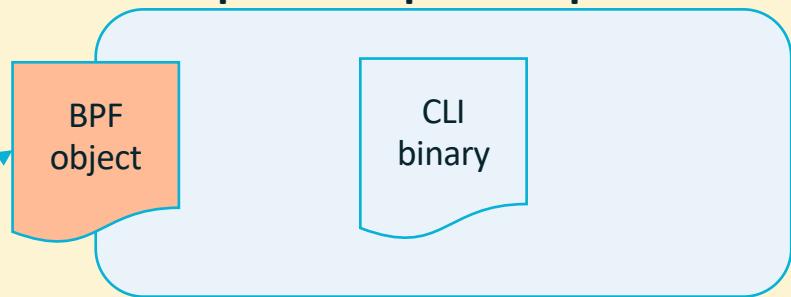
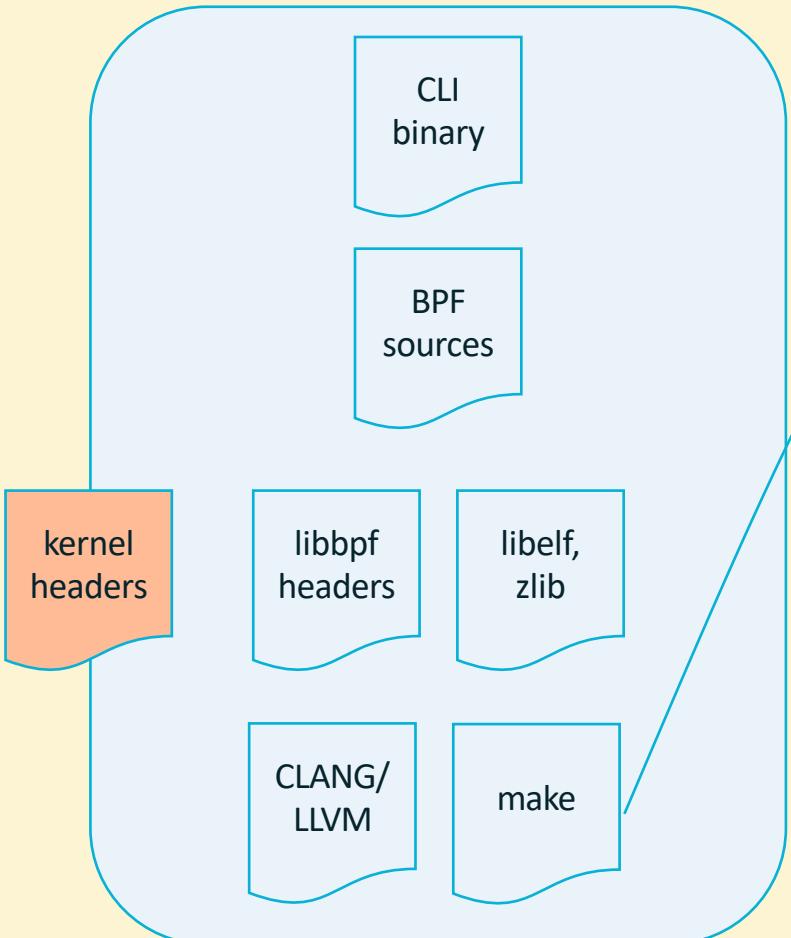
Option 1 – all in one image



Challenges:

- Long startup time
- Big image (~155MB)
- Obtain correct headers
- Fragile header discovery

Option 2 – pre-compile



Challenges:

- Adds friction to installation
- Still need to compile BPF, headers
- Deliver artifact to containers
- Management in heterogenous fleet

CONFIG_DEBUG_INFO_BTF=y

/sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux

CO-RE

BTF

CLI
binary

libbpf

Portable
BPF
object

Challenges:

- Portability aches
- libbpf in Go
- BTF prevalence

```

func main() {
    eventsChannel := make(chan []byte, 0)
    sig := make(chan os.Signal, 1)
    signal.Notify(sig, os.Interrupt)

    // initialize
    m, err := libbpfgo.NewModuleFromFile("myprobe.bpf.o")
    must(err)
    m.BPFLoadObject()
    prog, err := m.GetProgram("execve_handler")
    must(err)
    _, err = prog.AttachTracepoint("syscalls:sys_enter_execve")
    must(err)
    rb, _ := m.InitRingBuf("events", eventsChannel)

    // start
    fmt.Println("starting")
    rb.Start()
    go func() {
        for e := range eventsChannel {
            x, err := binary.ReadUvarint(bytes.NewReader(e))
            must(err)
            fmt.Printf("event: %v\n", x)
        }
    }()

    // wait
    <-sig
    fmt.Println("stopping")
    rb.Stop()
    m.Close()
}

```

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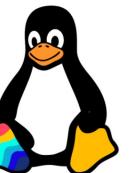
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Readme.md

libbpfgo



About

eBPF library for Go, wrapping libbpf

go linux golang ebpf bpf

Readme Apache-2.0 License

Releases 4

v0.2.1-libbpf-0.4.0 Latest 16 days ago + 3 releases

Used by 54

+ 46

Contributors 8

Languages

Go 75.5% C 12.8% Makefile 8.3% Shell 3.4%

● BTF in the wild

BPF CO-RE (Compile Once – Run Everywhere)

Libbpf supports building BPF CO-RE-enabled applications, which, in contrast to [BCC](#), do not require Clang/LLVM runtime being deployed to target servers and doesn't rely on kernel-devel headers being available.

It does rely on kernel to be built with [BTF type information](#), though. Some major Linux distributions come with kernel BTF already built in:

- Fedora 31+
- RHEL 8.2+
- OpenSUSE Tumbleweed (in the next release, as of 2020-06-04)
- Arch Linux (from kernel 5.7.1.arch1-1)
- Manjaro (from kernel 5.4 if compiled after 2021-06-18)
- Ubuntu 20.10
- Debian 11 (amd64/arm64)

If your kernel doesn't come with BTF built-in, you'll need to build custom kernel. You'll need:

- `pahole` 1.16+ tool (part of `dwarves` package), which performs DWARF to BTF conversion;
- kernel built with `CONFIG_DEBUG_INFO_BTF=y` option;
- you can check if your kernel has BTF built-in by looking for `/sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux` file:

```
$ ls -la /sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux
-r--r--r--. 1 root root 3541561 Jun  2 18:16 /sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux
```

CONFIG_DEBUG_INFO_BTF=y

/sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux

External BTF

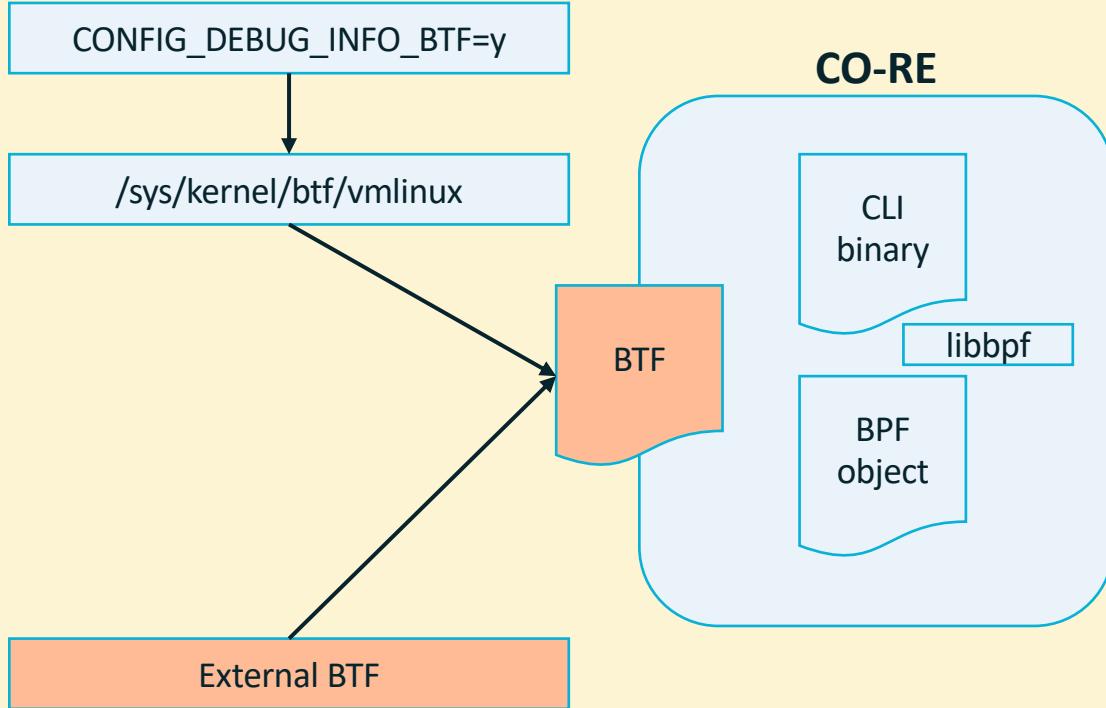
CO-RE

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How to load external BTF?

```
struct btf *btf__load_vmlinux_btf(void)
{
    struct {
        const char *path_fmt;
        bool raw_btf;
    } locations[] = {
        /* try canonical vmlinux BTF through sysfs first */
        {"/sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux", true /* raw BTF */ },
        /* fall back to trying to find vmlinux ELF on disk otherwise */
        {"/boot/vmlinux-%1$s"}, {"/lib/modules/%1$s/vmlinux-%1$s"}, {"/lib/modules/%1$s/build/vmlinux"}, {"/usr/lib/modules/%1$s/kernel/vmlinux"}, {"/usr/lib/debug/boot/vmlinux-%1$s"}, {"/usr/lib/debug/boot/vmlinux-%1$s.debug"}, {"/usr/lib/debug/lib/modules/%1$s/vmlinux"}, };
};
```

commit 1373ff599556

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libbpf: Introduce 'btf_custom_path' to 'bpf_obj_open_opts'

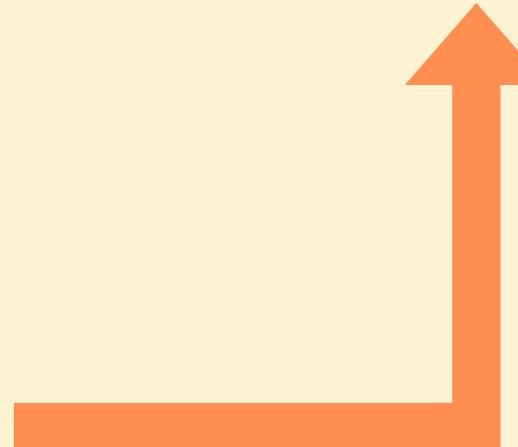
```
struct bpf_object_open_opts {
    ...
    const char *kconfig;
    /* Path to the custom BTF to be used for BPF CO-RE relocations.
     * This custom BTF completely replaces the use of vmlinux BTF
     * for the purpose of CO-RE relocations.
     * NOTE: any other BPF feature (e.g., fentry/fexit programs,
     * struct_ops, etc) will need actual kernel BTF at /sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux.
     */
    const char *btf_custom_path;
};

#define bpf_object_open_opts__last_field btf_custom_path
```

```
func NewModuleFromBufferArgs(args NewModuleArgs) (*Module, error) {
    C.set_print_fn()
    if err := bumpMemlockRlimit(); err != nil {
        return nil, err
    }
    if args.BTFObjPath == "" {
        args.BTFObjPath = "/sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux"
    }
    btfFile := C.CString(args.BTFObjPath)
    bpfName := C.CString(args.BPFObjName)
    bpfBuff := unsafe.Pointer(C.CBytes(args.BPFObjBuff))
    bpfBuffSize := C.size_t(len(args.BPFObjBuff))

    opts := C.struct_bpf_object_open_opts{}
    opts.object_name = bpfName
    opts.sz = C.sizeof_struct_bpf_object_open_opts
    opts.btf_custom_path = btfFile // instruct libbpf to use user provided kern

    if len(args.KConfigFilePath) > 2 {
        kConfigFile := C.CString(args.KConfigFilePath)
        opts.kconfig = kConfigFile // instruct libbpf to use user provided KCon
        defer C.free(unsafe.Pointer(kConfigFile))
    }
}
```



How to generate a BTF?

```
[user@host:~]$ pahole --help
Usage: pahole [OPTION...] FILE
```

```
-a, --anon_include           include anonymous classes
-a, --nested_anon_include   include nested (inside other structs) anonymous
                            classes
--btf_base=PATH              Path to the base BTF file
--btf_encode_force           Ignore those symbols found invalid when encoding
                            BTF.
--btf_gen_all                Allow using all the BTF features supported by
                            pahole.
--btf_gen_floats             Allow producing BTF_KIND_FLOAT entries.
-B, --bit_holes=NR_HOLES     Show only structs at least NR_HOLES bit holes
-c, --cacheline_size=SIZE    set cacheline size to SIZE
--classes_as_structs         Use 'struct' when printing classes
--count=COUNT                 Print only COUNT input records
-C, --class_name=CLASS_NAME  Show just this class
-d, --recursive               recursive mode, affects several other flags
-D, --decl_exclude=PREFIX    exclude classes declared in files with PREFIX
-E, --expand_types            expand class members
-f, --find_pointers_to=CLASS_NAME
                            Find pointers to CLASS_NAME
--first_obj_only              Only process the first object file in the binary
--fixup_silly_bitfields       Fix silly bitfields such as int foo:32
--flat_arrays                  Flat arrays
-F, --format_path=FORMAT_LIST List of debugging formats to try
--header_type=TYPE             File header type
--hex                          Print offsets and sizes in hexadecimal
-H, --holes=NR_HOLES           show only structs with at least NR_HOLES holes
-i, --contains=CLASS_NAME      Show classes that contains CLASS_NAME
-I, --show_decl_info          Show the file and line number where the tags were
                            defined
-j, --btf_encode_detached=FILENAME
                            Encode as BTF in a detached file
-J, --btf_encode
--kabi_prefix=STRING           When the prefix of the string is STRING, treat the
                            string as STRING.
-l, --show_first_biggest_size_base_type_member
                            show first biggest size base_type member
-m, --nr_methods                show number of methods
-M, --show_only_data_members   show only the members that use space in the
                            class layout.
```

```
202 # generate .BTF typeinfo from DWARF debuginfo
203 # ${1} - vmlinux image
204 # ${2} - file to dump raw BTF data into
205 gen_btf()
206 {
207     local pahole_ver
208     local extra_paholeopt=
209
210     if ! [ -x "$(command -v ${PAHOLE})" ]; then
211         echo >&2 "BTF: ${1}: pahole (${PAHOLE}) is not available"
212         return 1
213     fi
214
215     pahole_ver=$((${PAHOLE} --version | sed -E 's/v([0-9]+)\.([0-9]+)\/\1\2/')
216     if [ "${pahole_ver}" -lt "116" ]; then
217         echo >&2 "BTF: ${1}: pahole version ${PAHOLE} --version is too old, need at le
218         return 1
219     fi
220
221     vmlinux_link ${1}
222
223     if [ "${pahole_ver}" -ge "118" ] && [ "${pahole_ver}" -le "121" ]; then
224         # pahole 1.18 through 1.21 can't handle zero-sized per-CPU vars
225         extra_paholeopt="${extra_paholeopt} --skip_encoding_btf_vars"
226     fi
227     if [ "${pahole_ver}" -ge "121" ]; then
228         extra_paholeopt="${extra_paholeopt} --btf_gen_floats"
229     fi
230
231     info "BTF" ${2}
232     LLVM_OBJCOPY="${OBJCOPY}" ${PAHOLE} -J ${extra_paholeopt} ${1}
233
234     # Create ${2} which contains just .BTF section but no symbols. Add
235     # SHF_ALLOC because .BTF will be part of the vmlinux image. --strip-all
236     # deletes all symbols including __start_BTF and __stop_BTF, which will
237     # be redefined in the linker script. Add 2>/dev/null to suppress GNU
238     # objcopy warnings: "empty loadable segment detected at ..."
239     ${OBJCOPY} --only-section=.BTF --set-section-flags .BTF=alloc,readonly \
240     --strip-all ${1} ${2} 2>/dev/null
241
242     # Change e_type to ET_REL so that it can be used to link final vmlinux.
243     # Unlike GNU ld, lld does not allow an ET_EXEC input.
244     printf '\1' | dd of=${2} conv=notrunc bs=1 seek=16 status=none
245 }
```

BTF Generation Script - Ubuntu

```
# extract vmlinu file from ddeb package
dpkg --fsys-tarfile "${version}.ddeb" | \
    tar xvf - "./usr/lib/debug/boot/vmlinux-${version}" || \
{
    warn "could not deal with ${version}, cleaning and moving on..."
    rm -rf "${basedir}/ubuntu/${ubuntuver}/x86_64/usr"
    rm -rf "${version}.ddeb"
    touch "${version}.failed"
    continue
}

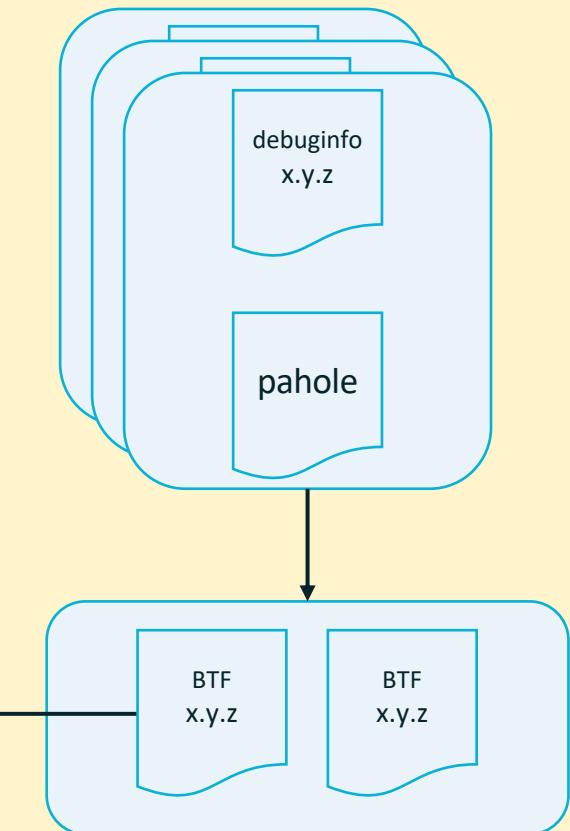
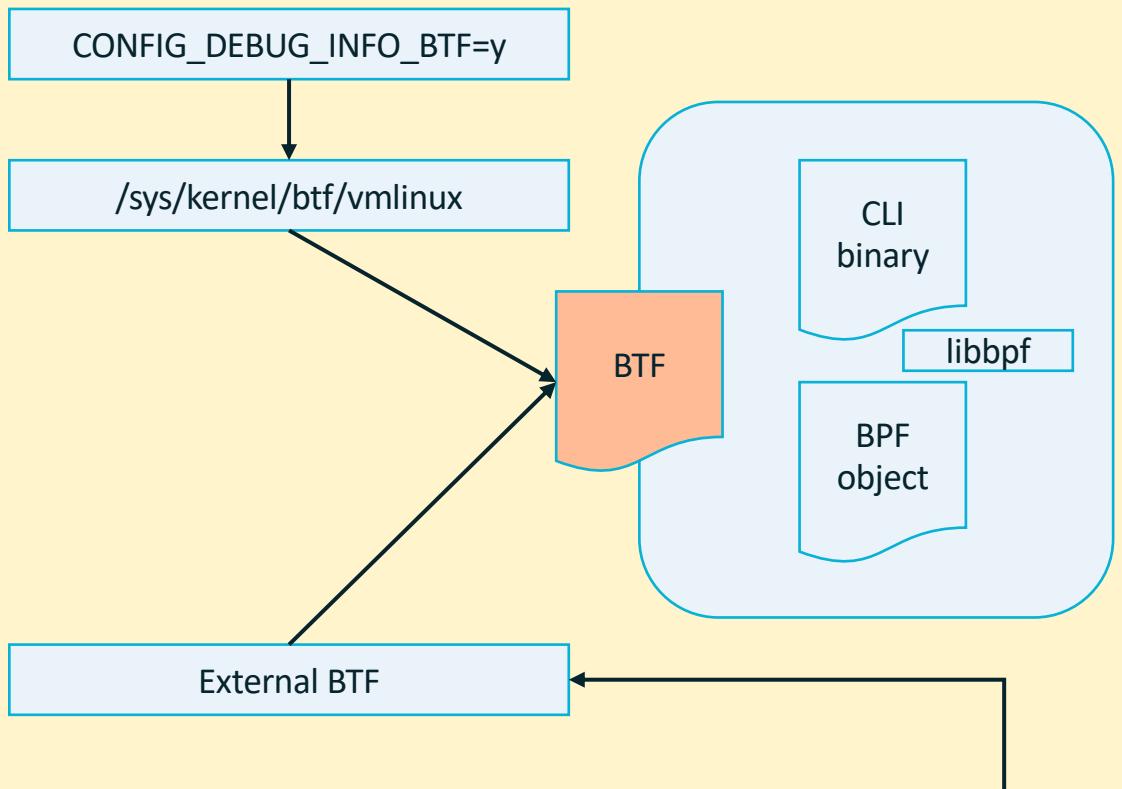
mv "./usr/lib/debug/boot/vmlinux-${version}" "./${version}.vmlinu" || \
{
    warn "could not rename vmlinu ${version}, cleaning and moving on..."
    rm -rf "${basedir}/ubuntu/${ubuntuver}/x86_64/usr"
    rm -rf "${version}.ddeb"
    touch "${version}.failed"
    continue
}

rm -rf "${basedir}/ubuntu/${ubuntuver}/x86_64/usr"

pahole -j "${version}.bt" "${version}.vmlinu"
# pahole "./${version}.bt" > "${version}.txt"
tar cvfJ "./${version}.bt.tar.xz" "${version}.bt"
```

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for `aquasecurity/btflhub`. The repository has 1 issue and 1 pull request. The user `rafaeldtinoco` has pushed a commit titled `sync latest bionic BTFS` at `9f4dc2a` 5 days ago. The commit message includes a list of BTF files added for the Ubuntu kernel across various architectures and distros:

- 4.15.0-1007-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1009-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-101-generic.btf.tar.xz: arch: create x86_64 directory for each of supported distros
- 4.15.0-1010-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1011-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1016-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1017-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1019-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1020-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1021-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1023-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1025-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1027-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1029-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1031-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1032-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1033-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1034-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1035-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1037-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1039-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1040-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1041-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1043-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1044-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel
- 4.15.0-1045-aws.btf.tar.xz: ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel



CentOS**CentOS 7**

Centos	RHEL	Release Date	RHEL Date	Kernel	BPF	BTF	HUB
7.0.1406	7.0	2014-07	2014-06-09	3.10.0-123	-	-	Y
7.1.1503	7.1	2015-03	2015-03-05	3.10.0-229	-	-	Y
7.2.1511	7.2	2015-11	2015-11-19	3.10.0-327	-	-	Y
7.3.1611	7.3	2016-11	2016-11-03	3.10.0-514	-	-	Y
7.4.1708	7.4	2017-08	2017-07-31	3.10.0-693	-	-	Y
7.5.1804	7.5	2018-04	2018-04-10	3.10.0-862	-	-	Y
7.6.1810	7.6	2018-10	2018-10-30	3.10.0-957	Y	-	Y
7.7.1908	7.7	2019-08	2019-08-06	3.10.0-1062	Y	-	Y
7.8.2003	7.8	2020-03	2020-03-31	3.10.0-1127	Y	-	Y
7.9.2009	7.9	2020-09	2020-09-29	3.10.0-1160	Y	-	Y

Note: Latest centos7 kernels support BPF, and might support BTF, but they lack some eBPF features. With that, eBPF programs capable of running in those systems are very limited.

Check out eBPF features your code use [HERE](#)

CentOS 8

Centos	RHEL	Release Date	RHEL Date	Kernel	BPF	BTF	HUB
8.0.1905	8.0	2019-09-24	2019-05-07	4.18.0-80	-	-	Y
8.1.1911	8.1	2020-01-15	2019-11-05	4.18.0-147	-	-	Y
8.2.2004	8.2	2020-06-15	2020-04-28	4.18.0-193	Y	Y	Y
8.3.2011	8.3	2020-12-07	2020-11-03	4.18.0-240	Y	Y	Y
8.4.2105	8.4	2021-06-03	2021-05-18	4.18.0-305	Y	Y	Y
...	Y	Y	Y

Note: ALL latest CentOS 8 releases have BPF & BTF support enabled!

CentOS Stream 8

Stream	RHEL	Release Date	RHEL Date	Kernel	BPF	BTF	HUB
8.3	8.3	2021-01-14	2020-11-03	4.18.0-240	Y	Y	-
8.4	8.4	2021-01-14	2020-11-03	4.18.0-240	Y	Y	-

Note: ALL CentOS Stream 8 releases have BPF & BTF support enabled

Alma

Alma	RHEL	Release Date	RHEL Date	Kernel	BPF	BTF	HUB
8.3	8.3	2021-03-30	2020-11-03	4.18.0-240	Y	Y	-
8.4	8.4	2021-05-26	2021-05-18	4.18.0-305	Y	Y	-
...	Y	Y	-

Note: ALL Alma releases have BPF & BTF support enabled!

Fedora

Fedora	Release Date	Kernel	BPF	BTF	HUB
29	2018-10-30	4.18			Y
30	2019-05-07	5.0			Y
31	2019-10-29	5.3			Y
32	2020-04-28	5.6	Y	Y	-
33	2020-10-27	5.8	Y	Y	-
34	2021-04-27	5.11	Y	Y	-
...	-	-	Y	Y	-

Note: All supported future Fedora releases will have BPF & BTF support enabled.

Ubuntu

Ubuntu Ver	Num	Release Date	Kernel	BPF	BTF	HUB
Bionic	18.04.2	2018-04-26	4.15.0	-	-	-
Bionic HWE	-	-	5.4.0	Y	-	Y
Focal	20.04.2	2020-04-23	5.4.0	Y	-	Y
Focal HWE	-	-	5.8.0	Y	-	Y
Groovy	20.10	2020-10-22	5.8.0	Y	Y	-
Groovy HWE	20.10	-	5.11.0	Y	Y	-
Hirsute	21.04	2021-04-22	5.11.0	Y	Y	-
...	Y	Y	-

Notes: Bionic HWE, Focal and Focal HWE kernels need this HUB. All other future Ubuntu releases will have BPF & BTF support enabled.

Disclaimer

BTF Hub is open, feel free to engage

mauriciovasquezbernal commented on Aug 6 · edited

This PR is an experiment that uses <https://github.com/aquasecurity/btffhub> to run CO-RE based tools in systems without CONFIG_DEBUG_INFO_BTF=y.

How does it work?

The entrypoint script tries to download the BTF file for the current kernel, if it's successful it creates an ELF file with a .BTF section containing the BTF debug info and stores it at /boot/vmlinux-\$(uname -r)

Testing done

I created a test cluster in ubuntu focal (using kubeadm) and tried to run some of the tools.

```
$ cat /boot/config-$(uname -r) | grep BTF
CONFIG_VIDEO_SONY_BTF_MPX=m
# CONFIG_DEBUG_INFO_BTF is not set

$ kubectl -n kube-system logs $PODNAME
OS detected: "Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS"
Kernel detected: 5.4.0-80-generic
bcc detected: 0.21.0-1
Gadget image: docker.io/kinvolk/gadget:mauricio-btf-hub-poc
Deployment options:
INSPEKTOR_GADGET_OPTION_TRACELOOP_LOGLEVEL=info,json
INSPEKTOR_GADGET_OPTION_TRACELOOP=false
INSPEKTOR_GADGET_OPTION_TOOLS_MODE=auto
INSPEKTOR_GADGET_OPTION_HOOK_MODE=auto
Inspektor Gadget version: v0.2.1-115-g16a413c-dirty
Falling back to podinformer hook.
BTF is not available: Trying btffhub
Trying to download vmlinux from https://github.com/aquasecurity/btffhub/raw/main/ubuntu/20.04/5.4.0-80-generic
vmlinux downloaded. Using CO-RE based tools
Starting the Gadget Tracer Manager in the background...
Ready.
time="2021-08-11T01:17:18Z" level=info msg="Creating BPF map: /sys/fs/bpf/gadget/containers"
time="2021-08-11T01:17:18Z" level=info msg="Serving on gRPC socket /run/gadgettracermanager.socket"
time="2021-08-11T01:17:18Z" level=info msg="Starting Pod controller"
time="2021-08-11T01:17:18Z" level=info msg="starting trace controller manager

$ ./kubectl-gadget-linux-amd64 execsnoop
NODE           NAMESPACE      PODNAME        CONTAINERNAME    PCOMM          PID   PPID  RET ARGS
ubuntu-focal   default       mypod         mypod          cat            55050 29204  0 /bin/
```



<https://github.com/kinvolk/inspektor-gadget/pull/221>

CO-RE: Challenges

- ***PORTABILITY***
 - Kernel memory access
 - Diff stack sizes
 - Loop unrolling & complexity
 - Tail calls
- ***LIBBPF SUPPORT***
 - Destroy vs Detach
 - Missing legacy kprobes support
 - Destroy/detach changes
- ***BTF RELOCATIONS***
 - Quick Overview
 - BPF ELF Section Headers
 - BPF ELF Symbols Table
 - Kconfig file dependency
 - Kconfig relocations



CHALLENGE: PORTABILITY

(CO-RE and different kernel versions)

CO-RE: Challenges (portability: kernel memory access)

1. LIBBPF NON-CO-RE

- `bpf_probe_read(&pid, sizeof(pid), &task->pid);`

2. LIBBPF NON-CO-RE + BPF_PROG_TYPE_TRACING (v5.4-rc3)

- `pid_t pid = task->pid;`

3. LIBBPF CO-RE (same as `bpf_probe_read()` with `__builtin_preserve_access_index()`)

- `bpf_core_read(&pid, sizeof(pid), &task->pid);`

4. LIBBPF CO-RE + BPF_PROG_TYPE_TRACING

- `__builtin_preserve_access_index()` LLVM built-in support: Accesses to aggregate data structures (structs, unions, arrays) in the argument will have appropriate CO-RE relocation information generated.
- `pid_t pid = __builtin_preserve_access_index({ task->pid; });`

CO-RE: Challenges (portability: unrolling & complexity)

For the kprobe `security_sb_mount`, the `save_path_to_str_buf()` complexity is too big with the unroll logic + `MAX_PATH_COMPONENTS` of 80, even on higher kernels (like 5.4 in Ubuntu). Reducing to 64 did NOT help. Reducing to 48 DID help and it worked.

I checked Ubuntu kernel and it contains `c04c0d2b968a` ("bpf: increase complexity limit and maximum program size") commit with no reversions, which indicates that we might need to either split that logic into tails OR define less than 80 for 5.4.x kernels (if others are good with that number).

Based on the commit:

```
BPF_COMPLEXITY_LIMIT_INSNs is the kernel internal limit  
and success to load the program no longer depends on program size,  
but on 'smartness' of the verifier only.
```

it might be that the eBPF verifier in older kernels, like 5.4, is not *smart* enough to consider an unroll of 80 iterations, in the path resolution function, a logic less complex than it should.

So, we can do a:

```
// Otherwise, the sky is the limit (complexity limit of 1 million verified instructions)<#define MAX_STR_ARR_ELEM 128  
#define MAX_ARGS_STR_ARR_ELEM 128  
#define MAX_PATH_PREF_SIZE 128  
+ #if LINUX_VERSION_CODE < KERNEL_VERSION(5, 5, 0)  
+ #define MAX_PATH_COMPONENTS 48  
+ #else  
#define MAX_PATH_COMPONENTS 80  
+ #endif  
#define MAX_BIN_CHUNKS 256  
#endif
```

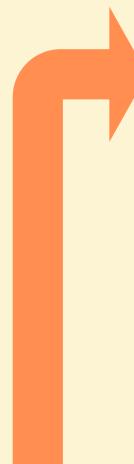
or change the defaults. Up to you! This small change fixes the issue for NON CO-RE runs in the Ubuntu 5.4 kernel.

```
static __always_inline int save_path_to_str_buf(buf_t *string_p, const struct path *path)  
{  
    struct path f_path;  
    bpf_probe_read(&f_path, sizeof(struct path), path);  
    char slash = '/';  
    int zero = 0;  
    struct dentry *dentry = f_path.dentry;  
    struct vfsmount *vfsmnt = f_path.mnt;  
    struct mount *mnt_parent_p;  
  
    struct mount *mnt_p = real_mount(vfsmnt);  
    bpf_probe_read(&mnt_parent_p, sizeof(struct mount*), &mnt_p->mnt_parent);  
  
    u32 buf_off = (MAX_PERCPU_BUFSIZE >> 1);  
    struct dentry *mnt_root;  
    struct dentry *d_parent;  
    struct qstr d_name;  
    unsigned int len;  
    unsigned int off;  
    int sz;  
  
    #pragma unroll  
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX_PATH_COMPONENTS; i++) {  
        mnt_root = get_mnt_root_ptr_from_vfsmnt(vfsmnt);  
        d_parent = get_d_parent_ptr_from_dentry(dentry);  
        if (dentry == mnt_root || dentry == d_parent) {  
            if (dentry != mnt_root) {  
                // We reached root, but not mount root - escaped?  
                break;  
            }  
            if (mnt_p != mnt_parent_p) {  
                // We reached root, but not global root - continue with mount point path  
                bpf_probe_read(&dentry, sizeof(struct dentry*), &mnt_p->mnt_mountpoint);  
                bpf_probe_read(&mnt_p, sizeof(struct mount*), &mnt_p->mnt_parent);  
                bpf_probe_read(&mnt_parent_p, sizeof(struct mount*), &mnt_p->mnt_parent);  
                vfsmnt = &mnt_p->mnt;  
                continue;  
            }  
            // Global root - path fully parsed  
            break;  
        }  
        // Add this dentry name to path  
        d_name = set_d_name_from_dentry(dentry);  
    }  
}
```

CO-RE: Challenges (portability: tail calls complexity)

```
for e := range t.eventsToTrace {
    eU32 := uint32(e) // e is int32
    params := eventsParams[e]
    var paramsTypes uint64
    var paramsNames uint64
    for n, param := range params {
        paramsTypes = paramsTypes | (uint64(param.encType) << (8 * n))
        paramsNames = paramsNames | (uint64(param.encName) << (8 * n))
    }
    if err := paramsTypesBPFMap.Update(unsafe.Pointer(&eU32),
        unsafe.Pointer(&paramsTypes)); err != nil {
        return err
    }
    if err := paramsNamesBPFMap.Update(unsafe.Pointer(&eU32),
        unsafe.Pointer(&paramsNames)); err != nil {
        return err
    }
    if e == ExecveEventID || e == ExecveatEventID {
        event, ok := EventsIDToEvent[e]
        if !ok {
            continue
        }
        // execve functions require tail call on syscall enter as they perform extra work
        probFnName := fmt.Sprintf("syscall__%s", event.Name)
        err = t.initTailCall(eU32, "sys_enter_tails", probFnName)
        if err != nil {
            return err
        }
        // err = t.initTailCall(uint32(e), "sys_exit_tails", probFnName) // if ever needed
    }
}

SEC("raw_tracepoint/sys_enter")
int tracepoint__raw_syscalls__sys_enter(struct bpf_raw_tracepoint_args *ctx)
{
    args_t args_tmp = {};
    int id = ctx->args[1];
    struct task_struct *task = (struct task_struct *)bpf_get_current_task();
    ...
    // call syscall handler, if exists
    // enter tail calls should never delete saved args
    bpf_tail_call(ctx, &sys_enter_tails, id);
    return 0;
}
```



```
SEC("raw_tracepoint/sys_execve")
int syscall__execve(void *ctx)
{
    args_t args = {};
    u8 argnum = 0;

    bool delete_args = false;
    if (load_args(&args, delete_args, SYS_EXECVE) != 0)
        return -1;

    if (!event_chosen(SYS_EXECVE))
        return 0;

    buf_t *submit_p = get_buf(SUBMIT_BUF_IDX);
    if (submit_p == NULL)
        return 0;
    set_buf_off(SUBMIT_BUF_IDX, sizeof(context_t));

    context_t context = init_and_save_context(ctx,
                                              submit_p,
                                              SYS_EXECVE,
                                              2 /*argnum*/,
                                              0 /*ret*/);

    u64 *tags = bpf_map_lookup_elem(&params_names_map, &context.eventid);
    if (!tags) {
        return -1;
    }

    argnum += save_str_to_buf(submit_p,
                              (void *)args.args[0] /*filename*/,
                              DEC_ARG(0, *tags));

    argnum += save_str_arr_to_buf(submit_p,
                                 (const char *const *)args.args[1] /*argv*/,
                                 DEC_ARG(1, *tags));

    if (get_config(CONFIG_EXEC_ENV)) {
        argnum += save_str_arr_to_buf(submit_p,
                                      (const char *const *)args.args[2] /*envp*/,
                                      DEC_ARG(2, *tags));
    }

    context.argnum = argnum;
    save_context_to_buf(submit_p, (void *)&context);
    events_perf_submit(ctx);
    return 0;
}
```



CHALLENGE: LIBBPF SUPPORT

(1:1 libbpfgo & libbpf)

CO-RE: Challenges (libbpf support: link destroy vs detach)

- commit **d88b71d4a916** libbpf: remove unused bpf_link's destroy operation, add dealloc

```
/* Release "ownership" of underlying BPF resource (typically, BPF program
 * attached to some BPF hook, e.g., tracepoint, kprobe, etc). Disconnected
 * Link, when destructed through bpf_link_destroy() call won't attempt to
 * detach/unregistered that BPF resource. This is useful in situations where,
 * say, attached BPF program has to outlive userspace program that attached it
 * in the system. Depending on type of BPF program, though, there might be
 * additional steps (like pinning BPF program in BPF FS) necessary to ensure
 * exit of userspace program doesn't trigger automatic detachment and clean up
 * inside the kernel.
 */
void bpf_link__disconnect(struct bpf_link *link)
{
    link->disconnected = true;
}

int bpf_link__destroy(struct bpf_link *link)
{
    int err = 0;

    if (IS_ERR_OR_NULL(link))
        return 0;

    if (!link->disconnected && link->detach)
        err = link->detach(link);
    if (link->pin_path)
        free(link->pin_path);
    if (link->dealloc)
        link->dealloc(link);
    else
        free(link);

    return libbpf_err(err);
}
```

```
84 // get BPF program from BPF object
85 bpfProgKsysSync, err = bpfModule.GetProgram("ksys_sync")
86 if err != nil {
87     errExit(err)
88 }
89 // attach to BPF program to kprobe
90 bpfLinkKsysSync, err := bpfProgKsysSync.AttachKprobe("ksys_sync")
91 if err != nil {
92     errExit(err)
93 }
94 // test detaching (libbpfgo PR #78 from Geyslan)
95 err = bpfLinkKsysSync.Detach()
96 if err != nil {
97     errExit(err)
98 }
```

- **mine.go : 97 “invalid argument”:**
bpf_link__link_detach() shouldn't be used directly.
- **link->destroy() usage is tricky:**

you may **disconnect bpf_link** and destroy internal resources only, keeping perf event fd opened and event enabled.

CO-RE: Challenges (libbpf support: legacy kprobe interface)

- commit **668ace0ea5ab** libbpf: use BPF perf link when supported by kernel

```
link = calloc(1, sizeof(*link));
if (!link)
    return libbpf_err_ptr(-ENOMEM);
link->link.detach = &bpf_link_perf_detach;
link->link.dealloc = &bpf_link_perf_dealloc;
link->perf_event_fd = pfd;

if (kernel_supports(prog->obj, FEAT_PERF_LINK)) {
    DECLARE_LIBBPF_OPTS(bpf_link_create_opts, link_opts,
        .perf_event.bpf_cookie = OPTS_GET(opts, bpf_cookie, 0));

    link_fd = bpf_link_create(prog_fd, pfd, BPF_PERF_EVENT, &link_opts);
    if (link_fd < 0) {
        err = -errno;
        pr_warn("prog '%s': failed to create BPF link for perf_event FD %d\n",
            prog->name, pfd,
            err, libbpf_strerror_r(err, errmsg, sizeof(errmsg)));
        goto err_out;
    }
    link->link.fd = link_fd;
} else {
    if (OPTS_GET(opts, bpf_cookie, 0)) {
        pr_warn("prog '%s': user context value is not supported\n", prog->name);
        err = -EOPNOTSUPP;
        goto err_out;
    }

    if (ioctl(pfd, PERF_EVENT_IOC_SET_BPF, prog_fd) < 0) {
        err = -errno;
        pr_warn("prog '%s': failed to attach to perf_event FD %d: %s\n",
            prog->name, pfd, libbpf_strerror_r(err, errmsg, sizeof(errmsg)));
        if (err == -EPROTO)
            pr_warn("prog '%s': try add PERF_SAMPLE_CALLCHAIN to or remove\n",
                prog->name, pfd);
        goto err_out;
    }
    link->link.fd = pfd;
}
if (ioctl(pfd, PERF_EVENT_IOC_ENABLE, 0) < 0) {
    err = -errno;
    pr_warn("prog '%s': failed to enable perf_event FD %d: %s\n",
        prog->name, pfd, libbpf_strerror_r(err, errmsg, sizeof(errmsg)));
    goto err_out;
}

return &link->link;
```

DIFFERENT INTERFACES FOR EBPF LINK ATTACHMENTS TO PROBES AND TRACEPOINTS:

1. **PERF_EVENT_IOC_SET_BPF** (attaches program to existing kprobe tracepoint event) + **PERF_EVENT_IOC_ENABLE** (enables event specified by fd).
2. **BPF_LINK_CREATE** (for-next tree)
3. **LEGACY KPROBE_EVENTS** (for-next tree)

CO-RE: Challenges (libbpf support: legacy kprobe interface)

commit 155f556d64b1

Author: Rafael David Tinoco <rafaeldtinoco@ubuntu.com>

Date: Tue Mar 23 01:09:52 2021

libbpf: Add bpf object kern_version attribute setter

Unfortunately some distros don't have their kernel version defined accurately in <linux/version.h> due to different long term support reasons.

It is important to have a way to override the bpf kern_version attribute during runtime: some old kernels might still check for kern_version attribute during bpf_prog_load().

commit ca304b40c20d

Author: Rafael David Tinoco <rafaeldtinoco@gmail.com>

Date: Sun Sep 12 03:48:44 2021

libbpf: Introduce legacy kprobe events support

Allow kprobe tracepoint events creation through legacy interface, as the kprobe dynamic PMUs support, used by default, was only created in v4.17.

Store legacy kprobe name in struct bpf_perf_link, instead of creating a new "subclass" off of bpf_perf_link. This is ok as it's just two new fields, which are also going to be reused for legacy uprobe support in follow up patches.

commit 46ed5fc33db9

Author: Andrii Nakryiko <andrii@kernel.org>

Date: Tue Sep 21 18:00:35 2021

libbpf: Refactor and simplify legacy kprobe code

This patch also implicitly fixes the problem with invalid open() error handling present in poke_kprobe_events(), which (the function) this patch removes.

Fixes: ca304b40c20d ("libbpf: Introduce legacy kprobe events support")

Kernel v4.15 needs eBPF **kern_version** attribute (we're currently supporting v4.19 and on).

Kernel v4.19 still needs kprobe points to be added to **kprobe_events (legacy kprobe support to libbpf)** – thanks Andrii for reviewing and accepting it.

Note: Last days Andrii simplified legacy kprobe code and introduced legacy uprobe support, besides fixing some issues.



(quick pause: eBPF and relocations)

CO-RE: BPF Section Headers (quick overview)

Sections:

Idx	Name
0	
1	.text
2	kprobe/ksys_sync
3	tracepoint/syscalls/sys_enter_sync
4	license
5	.maps
6	.BTF
7	.BTF.ext
8	.symtab
9	.relkprobe/ksys_sync
10	reltracepoint/syscalls/sys_enter_sync
11	.rel.BTF
12	.rel.BTF.ext
13	.llvm_addrsig
14	.strtab

Size	VMA	Type
00000000	0000000000000000	
00000000	0000000000000000	TEXT
00000190	0000000000000000	TEXT
00000190	0000000000000000	TEXT
00000004	0000000000000000	DATA
00000018	0000000000000000	DATA
00006999	0000000000000000	
00000000	0000000000000000	
00000000	0000000000000000	

00	RELOCATION RECORDS FOR [kprobe/ksys_sync]:
00	OFFSET TYPE VALUE
00	00000000000068 R_BPF_64_64 CONFIG_ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER
00	00000000000148 R_BPF_64_64 events
00	RELOCATION RECORDS FOR [tracepoint/syscalls/sys_enter_sync]:
00	OFFSET TYPE VALUE
00	00000000000068 R_BPF_64_64 CONFIG_ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER
00	00000000000148 R_BPF_64_64 events

Symbol table '.symtab' contains 12 entries:

Num:	Value	Size	Type	Bind	Vis	Ndx	Name
0:	0000000000000000	0	NOTYPE	LOCAL	DEFAULT	UND	
5:	0000000000000000	0	SECTION	LOCAL	DEFAULT	2	kprobe/ksys_sync
6:	0000000000000000	0	SECTION	LOCAL	DEFAULT	3	tracepoint/syscalls/sys_enter_sync
7:	0000000000000000	0	NOTYPE	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	CONFIG_ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER
8:	0000000000000000	4	OBJECT	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	4	LICENSE
9:	0000000000000000	24	OBJECT	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	5	events
10:	0000000000000000	400	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	2	ksys_sync
11:	0000000000000000	400	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	3	tracepoint_sys_enter_sync



CHALLENGE: LIBBPF SUPPORT (kconfig relocations)

CO-RE: Challenges (BPF relocations: kconfig & dead code)

- Kconfig relocations made with externs and eBPF map:

```
Relocation section '.relraw_tracepoint/sys_enter' at offset 0x1624e8 contains 50 entries:
  Offset          Info      Type            Symbol's Value  Symbol's Name
0000000000000068 000008F800000001 R_BPF_64_64        0000000000000000 CONFIG_ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER
00000000000000378 0000091700000001 R_BPF_64_64        0000000000000000 sys_32_to_64_map
0000000000000003f0 0000090100000001 R_BPF_64_64        0000000000000000 config_map
000000000000000678 0000093900000001 R_BPF_64_64        0000000000000000 new_ptdns_map
0000000000000006c0 0000091000000001 R_BPF_64_64        0000000000000000 config_map
```

```

Symbol table '.symtab' contains 2373 entries:
Num: Value           Size Type Bind Vis      Ndx Name
 0: 0000000000000000 0 NOTYPE LOCAL DEFAULT UND
 1: 0000000000001bc8 0 NOTYPE LOCAL DEFAULT      2 LBB0_101
...
2291: 0000000000000000 0 SECTION LOCAL DEFAULT    37 kprobe/security_file_mprotect
2292: 0000000000000000 0 SECTION LOCAL DEFAULT    38 kprobe/security_bpf
2293: 0000000000000000 0 SECTION LOCAL DEFAULT    39 kprobe/security_bpf_map
2294: 0000000000000000 0 SECTION LOCAL DEFAULT    40 kprobe/security_kernel_read_file
2295: 0000000000000000 0 SECTION LOCAL DEFAULT    41 classifier
2296: 0000000000000000 0 NOTYPE GLOBAL DEFAULT UND CONFIG_ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER
2297: 0000000000000000 4 OBJECT  GLOBAL DEFAULT   44 KERNEL_VERSION
2298: 0000000000000000 4 OBJECT  GLOBAL DEFAULT   43 LICENSE
2299: 0000000000000078 20 OBJECT GLOBAL DEFAULT   42 args_map
2300: 000000000000012c 20 OBJECT GLOBAL DEFAULT   42 bin_args_map
2301: 00000000000001e0 20 OBJECT GLOBAL DEFAULT   42 bufs

```

- Dead code elimination did not work for <= v5.4 kernels (constant coming from R/O map value). Verifier would not allow load because of bad accesses coming from dead branch.

```
SEC("raw_tracepoint/sys_enter")
int tracepoint__raw_syscalls__sys_enter(struct bpf_raw_tracepoint_args *ctx)
{
    args_t args_tmp = {};
    int id = ctx->args[1];
    struct task_struct *task = (struct task_struct *)bpf_get_current_task();

    if (CONFIG_ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER) { ← kconfig relocation
        struct pt_regs regs = {};
        bpf_probe_read(&regs, sizeof(struct pt_regs), (void*)ctx->args[0]);

        if (is_x86_compat(task)) {
#if defined(bpf_target_x86)
            args_tmp.args[0] = regs.bx;
            args_tmp.args[1] = regs.cx;
            args_tmp.args[2] = regs.dx;
            args_tmp.args[3] = regs.si;
            args_tmp.args[4] = regs.di;
            args_tmp.args[5] = regs.bp;
#endif // bpf_target_x86
        } else {
            args_tmp.args[0] = PT_REGS_PARM1(&regs);
            args_tmp.args[1] = PT_REGS_PARM2(&regs);
            args_tmp.args[2] = PT_REGS_PARM3(&regs);
#if defined(bpf_target_x86)
            args_tmp.args[3] = regs.r10;
#endif
            args_tmp.args[3] = PT_REGS_PARM4(&regs);
#endif
            args_tmp.args[4] = PT_REGS_PARM5(&regs);
            args_tmp.args[5] = PT_REGS_PARM6(&regs);
        }
    } else { // NO CONFIG_ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER
        args_tmp.args[0] = ctx->args[0];
        args_tmp.args[1] = ctx->args[1];
        args_tmp.args[2] = ctx->args[2];
        args_tmp.args[3] = ctx->args[3];
        args_tmp.args[4] = ctx->args[4];
        args_tmp.args[5] = ctx->args[5];
    } // END CONFIG ARCH HAS SYSCALL_WRAPPER
}
```

CO-RE: Challenges (BPF relocations: kconfig & dead code)

- Propose the dead code verifier fix to **stable v5.4 branch**:

```
commit 812ee47ad76e
Author: Andrii Nakryiko <andriin@fb.com>
Date:   Wed Oct 9 17:14:57 2019
```

bpf: Track contents of read-only maps as scalars

commit a23740ec43ba022dbfd139d0fe3eff193216272b upstream.

Maps that are read-only both from BPF program side and user space side have their contents constant, so verifier can track referenced values precisely and use that knowledge for dead code elimination, branch pruning, etc. This patch teaches BPF verifier how to do this.

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Link: <https://lore.kernel.org/bpf/20191009201458.2679171-2-andriin@fb.c>

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- And fixed the CO-RE issue we had.
- But there is more...

```
#ifdef CORE
#define get_kconfig(x) get_kconfig_val(x)
#else
#define get_kconfig(x) CONFIG_##x
#endif

if (get_kconfig(ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER)) { ← Wait! This is NEW!
    struct pt_regs regs = {};
    bpf_probe_read(&regs, sizeof(struct pt_regs), (void*)ctx->args[0]);}

    if (is_x86_compat(task)) {
#ifndef defined(bpf_target_x86)
        args_tmp.args[0] = regs.bx;
        args_tmp.args[1] = regs.cx;
        args_tmp.args[2] = regs.dx;
        args_tmp.args[3] = regs.si;
        args_tmp.args[4] = regs.di;
        args_tmp.args[5] = regs.bp;
#endif // bpf_target_x86
    } else {
        args_tmp.args[0] = PT_REGS_PARM1(&regs);
        args_tmp.args[1] = PT_REGS_PARM2(&regs);
        args_tmp.args[2] = PT_REGS_PARM3(&regs);
#ifndef defined(bpf_target_x86)
        args_tmp.args[3] = regs.r10;
#endif
        args_tmp.args[3] = PT_REGS_PARM4(&regs);
#endif
        args_tmp.args[4] = PT_REGS_PARM5(&regs);
        args_tmp.args[5] = PT_REGS_PARM6(&regs);
    }
} else {
    bpf_probe_read(args_tmp.args, sizeof(6 * sizeof(u64)), (void *)ctx->args);
}
```

ISSUE FIXED

CO-RE: Challenges (BPF relocations: kconfig dependency)

```
#ifdef CORE
#define get_kconfig(x) get_kconfig_val(x)
#else
#define get_kconfig(x) CONFIG_##x
#endif

if (get_kconfig(ARCH_HAS_SYSCALL_WRAPPER)) { ← SOLUTION
    struct pt_regs regs = {};
    bpf_probe_read(&regs, sizeof(struct pt_regs), (void*)ctx->args[0]);
}

if (is_x86_compat(task)) {
    #if defined(bpf_target_x86)
        args_tmp.args[0] = regs.bx;
        args_tmp.args[1] = regs.cx;
        args_tmp.args[2] = regs.dx;
        args_tmp.args[3] = regs.si;
        args_tmp.args[4] = regs.di;
        args_tmp.args[5] = regs.bp;
    #endif // bpf_target_x86
    #else
}
```

- Libbpf relocations depend on:
 - KCFG extern
 - /proc/config.gz
 - /boot/config-\$(uname -r)
 - KSYM extern (subsequent slides)
 - RAW BTF or ELF with .BTF sec

- Libbpf allows specifying kconfig file, but it is read as **extra kconfig options**, not a 'replacement' for existing kconfig.gz.

- **SOLUTION** was to **create our own kconfig_map**. (approach is like what libbpf does)

```
// InitKernelConfig inits external KernelConfig object
func InitKernelConfig() (*KernelConfig, error) {
    config := KernelConfig{}

    // special case: user provided kconfig file (it MUST exist)
    osKConfigFilePath, err := checkEnvPath("LIBBPF_GO_KCONFIG_FILE") // override /proc/config.gz
    if err != nil {
        return &config, err
    }
    if len(osKConfigFilePath) > 2 {
        if _, err := os.Stat(osKConfigFilePath); err != nil {
            return &config, err
        }
        config.kConfigFilePath = osKConfigFilePath
        if err := config.initKernelConfig(osKConfigFilePath); err != nil {
            return &config, err
        }
    }
    return &config, nil
}
```



CHALLENGE: LIBBPF SUPPORT

(ksym relocations in any env)

Tracee with BTF Hub

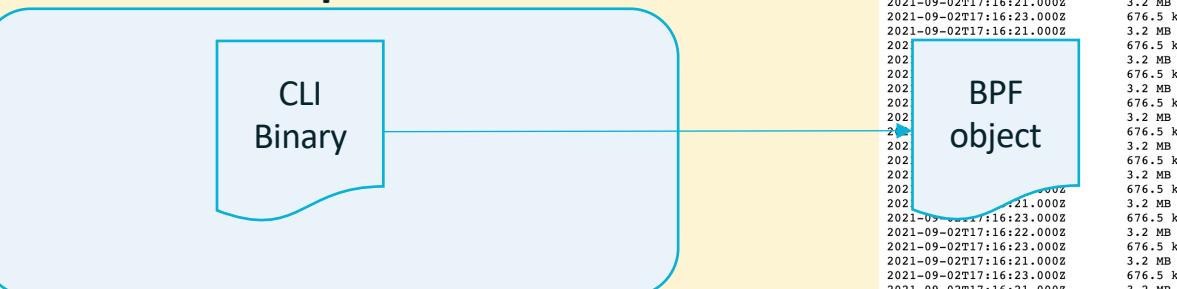
```
[rafaeldtinoco@bionic:~/.../aquasec-tracee/tracee-ebpf][btfhubdemo]$ sudo ./dist/tracee-ebpf --debug --trace uid=1000 --trace pid=new --trace event=execve
BTF: ubuntu 18.04 5.4.0-84-generic
BTF: vmlinux = false btfhub = true btfcached = false
BTF: bpfenv = false btfenv = false vmlinux = false btfhub = true btfcached = false
BTF: btfhub: https://github.com/aquasecurity/btfhub/raw/main/ubuntu/18.04/x86_64/5.4.0-84-generic.btf.tar.xz
BTF: btf file is now cached
BTF: using btf from btfhub: %s /tmp/tracee/5.4.0-84-generic.btf
BPF: using embedded bpf object
unpacked CO:RE bpf object file into memory
TIME      UID    COMM        PID    TID    RET     EVENT          ARGS
05:41:39:618619 1000  bash        4011  4011   0      execve  pathname: /bin/cat, argv: [cat /proc/cmdline]
05:41:41:968996 1000  bash        4015  4015   0      execve  pathname: /sbin/ip, argv: [ip addr list]
05:41:44:197013 1000  bash        4017  4017   0      execve  pathname: /bin/ps, argv: [ps]
05:41:45:113015 1000  bash        4019  4019   0      execve  pathname: /bin/ls, argv: [ls --color=auto]
05:41:48:175616 1000  bash        4023  4023   0      execve  pathname: /bin/cat, argv: [cat /proc/cmdline]
05:41:53:136277 1000  bash        4025  4025   0      execve  pathname: /bin/true, argv: [/bin/true]

End of events stream
Stats: {eventCounter:6 errorCounter:0 lostEvCounter:0 lostWrCounter:0 lostNtCounter:0}
[rafaeldtinoco@bionic:~/.../aquasec-tracee/tracee-ebpf][btfhubdemo]$ sudo ./dist/tracee-ebpf --debug --trace uid=1000 --trace pid=new --trace event=execve
BTF: ubuntu 18.04 5.4.0-84-generic
BTF: vmlinux = false btfhub = true btfcached = true
BTF: bpfenv = false btfenv = false vmlinux = false btfhub = true btfcached = true
BTF: using btf from btfhub: %s /tmp/tracee/5.4.0-84-generic.btf
BPF: using embedded bpf object
unpacked CO:RE bpf object file into memory
TIME      UID    COMM        PID    TID    RET     EVENT          ARGS
05:42:05:436923 1000  bash        4044  4044   0      execve  pathname: /bin/ls, argv: [ls --color=auto]

End of events stream
Stats: {eventCounter:1 errorCounter:0 lostEvCounter:0 lostWrCounter:0 lostNtCounter:0}
```



cross-compile BPF



build other eBPF programs #100

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ask opened this issue on May 15 · 16 comments



esk commented on May 15

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ivation

interested in using `driverkit` to build other eBPF programs besides Falco (currently working with `Tracee`).

ture

I would like to propose some changes to make `driverkit` more generic, and I can implement those if the maintainers agree:

- `dd custom templates for the ebpf builders`
`use different docker images for the ebpf builders`
`dd options to disable some actions for the drivework_docker process (for prepare driver config and makefile templates)`

the main change: implement a way to use linux headers for all the kernel releases

/ driverkit is looking for distros from ubuntu repositories (<https://mirrors.edge.kernel.org/ubuntu/pool/main/l/linux>) with versions of kernels: 4.4.x, 4.15.x, 5.4.x, 5.8.x, 5.11.x

... need to support all the long versions.

Please let me know what you think and if you have other suggestions for improving this use case.

← C download.falco.org/?prefix=driver/17f5df52a7d9ed6b12d3b1768460def8439936d/

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Fix the *artifact*
for the *environment*
(cross-compilation)



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rafaeldtinoco ubuntu: sync latest bionic BTFs

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4.15.0-1007-aws.btf.tar.xz ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel

4.15.0-1009-aws.btf.tar.xz ubuntu: bionic: add btfs for aws kernel

4.15.0-101-generic.btf.tar.xz arch: create x86_64 directory for each of supported distros

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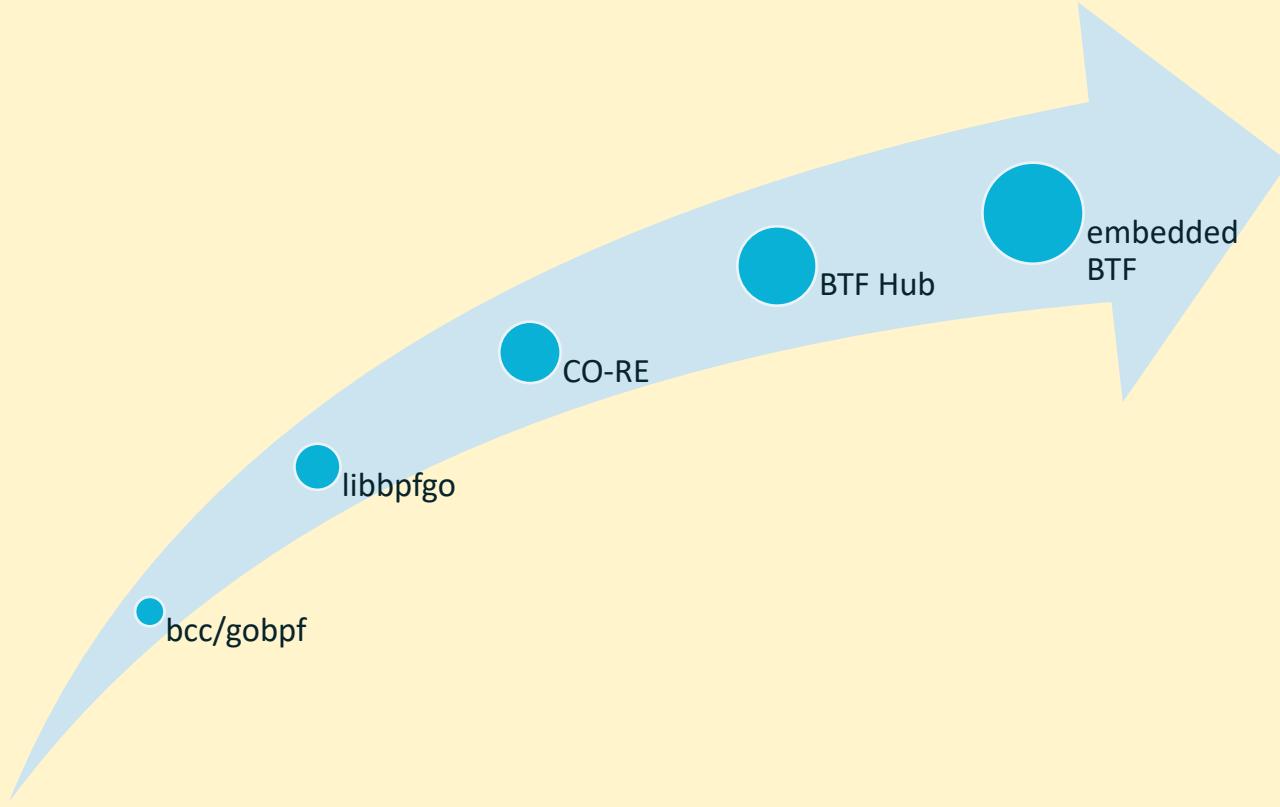
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Fix the *environment*
for the *artifact*
(external BTF)



Truly portable eBPF application

```
[user@host:~/.../focal/x86_64]$ pahole -C task_struct ./5.4.0-26-generic.btf -E > 5.4.0-26-generic.btf.task-struct  
[user@host:~/.../focal/x86_64]$ pahole -C task_struct ./5.4.0-28-generic.btf -E > 5.4.0-28-generic.btf.task-struct  
[user@host:~/.../focal/x86_64]$ pahole -C task_struct ./5.4.0-70-generic.btf -E > 5.4.0-70-generic.btf.task-struct
```



✓ Smaller BTFs

```
[user@host:~/.../tracee-ebpf/dist][rafaeldtinoco]$ pahole \  
> -F btf ./tracee.bpf.core.o | \  
> grep "[a-zA-Z]" | sed 's:{::g}' | \  
> sort | head -20  
struct _call_single_node  
struct _sk_buff  
struct address_space  
struct arch_hw_breakpoint  
struct arch_tlbflush_unmap_batch  
struct blocking_notifier_head  
struct bpf_cgroup_storage  
struct bpf_cgroup_storage_key  
struct bpf_map  
struct bpf_map_def
```

```
[user@host:~/.../focal/x86_64]$ diff ./5.4.0-26-generic.btf.task-struct 5.4.0-70-generic.btf.task-struct | h  
ss -l diff --theme GitHub  
144,149c144,145  
< struct sched_rt_entity * parent; /* 624 8 */  
< struct rt_rq * rt_rq; /* 632 8 */  
< /* --- cacheline 10 boundary (640 bytes) --- */  
< struct rt_rq * my_q; /* 640 8 */  
< } rt; /* 576 72 */  
< struct task_group * sched_task_group; /* 648 8 */  
---  
> } rt; /* 576 48 */  
> struct task_group * sched_task_group; /* 624 8 */  
152,158c148,158  
< long unsigned int __rb_parent_color; /* 656 8 */  
< struct rb_node * rb_right; /* 664 8 */  
< struct rb_node * rb_left; /* 672 8 */
```



✓ Less BTFs

`CONFIG_DEBUG_INFO_BTF=y`

`/sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux`

BTF

CLI
binary

libbpf

BPF
object

External BTF

My BTF
x.y.1-12

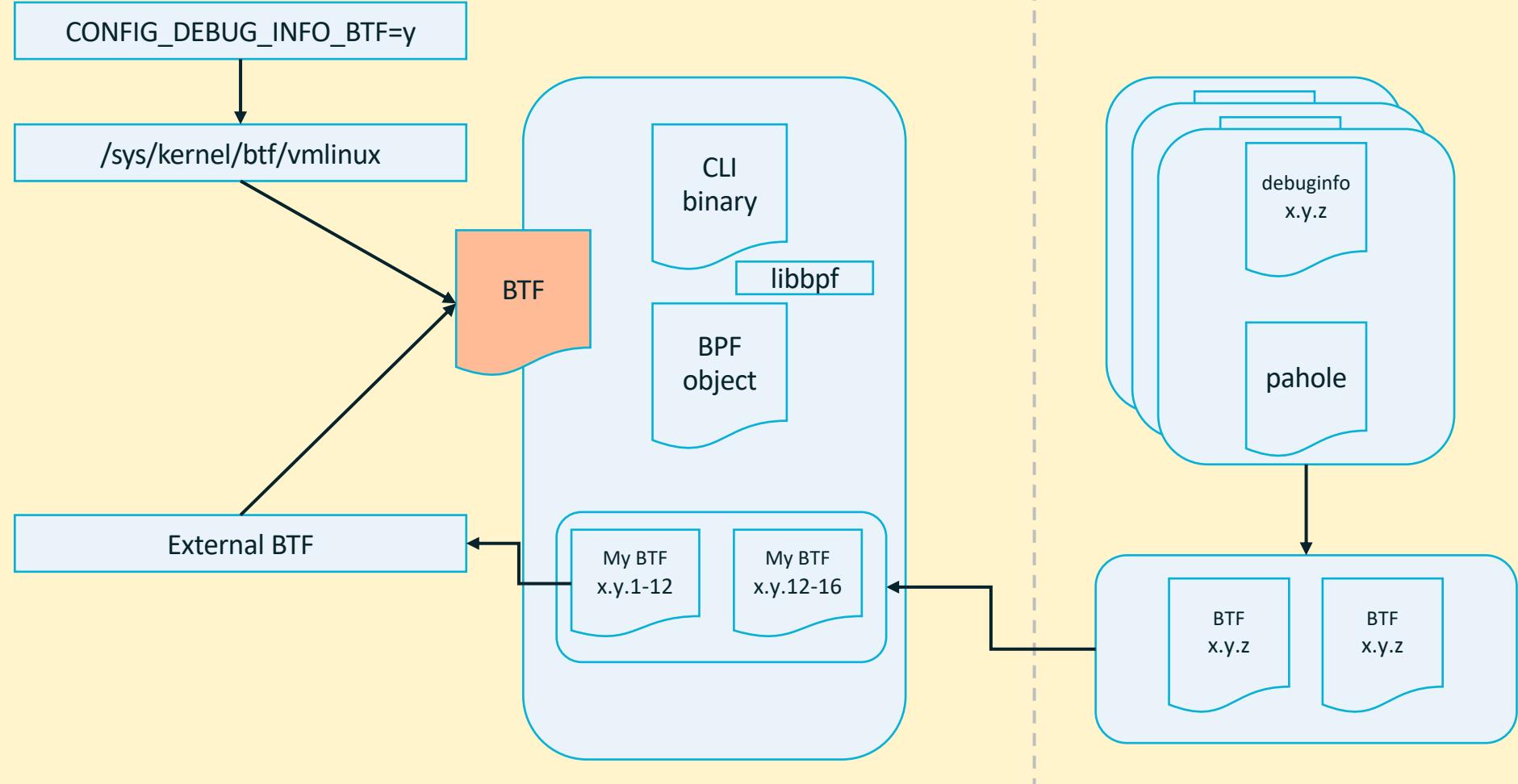
My BTF
x.y.12-16

debuginfo
x.y.z

pahole

BTF
x.y.z

BTF
X.y.Z



Let us know what you think

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