

<https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/v4.14/dev-tools/kasan.html> was used as a reference.

KASAN (Kernel Address SANitizer) is a debugging tool used to analyze memory access (dynamic memory error detector) similar to UBSAN (Undefined Behaviour SANitizer) that is used to identify/analyze undefined behaviour using compile-time instrumentation.

CONFIG\_KASAN (as specified in the task) is actually a kernel configuration option that needs to be set (to 'y') in order to generate an unstripped version of the kernel image along with debug symbols (vmlinux).

Similar to kmemcheck, KASAN uses the shadow memory (information on computer memory used by a program during its execution). These shadow bytes (1 for every 8 bytes) are practically invisible to the program during its execution since those 8 bytes could either be accessible (partially or fully) or they can be freed. They could also be a part of a "redzone".

How this is achieved is very interesting. The compiler actually inserts (`__asan_load*(addr)`, `__asan_store*(addr)`) before each memory access of size 1, 2, 4, 8 or 16. These functions check whether those bytes are valid or not by accessing the shadow memory.

upon running the given logs through `decode_stacktrace.sh`, I received the following output.

Apart from all the logs that tell me what was going on when the usb was plugged in/out, this is what really makes sense. (According to me)

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[687.028243][T29958] BUG: KASAN: use-after-free in dev_uevent (drivers/base/core.c:1660)
[ 687.035336][T29958] Read of size 8 at addr ffff888098662098 by task systemd-udevd/29958
[ 687.043485][T29958]
[ 687.046541][T29958] CPU: 0 PID: 29958 Comm: systemd-udevd Not tainted 5.7.0-syzkaller
#0
[ 687.054774][T29958] Hardware name: Google Google Compute Engine/Google Compute
Engine, BIOS Google 01/01/2011
[ 687.064938][T29958] Call Trace:
05:08:53 executing program 5:
r0 = socket$inet6(0xa, 0x803, 0x2)
connect$inet6(r0, &(0x7f0000000040)={0xa, 0x0, 0x0, @dev, 0x7}, 0x1c)
r1 = socket$inet_icmp_raw(0x2, 0x3, 0x1)
r2 = dup(r1)
ioctl$PERF_EVENT_IOC_ENABLE(r2, 0x8912, 0x400200)
setsockopt$inet6_IPV6_XFRM_POLICY(r0, 0x29, 0x23,
&(0x7f0000000100)={{@in6=@loopback, @in=@private, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0xa}, {}, {}, 0x0,
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0x0, 0x8000000000000001}, {{@in6=@empty, 0x0, 0x33}, 0x2, @in6=@ipv4={[], [], @loopback},
0x0, 0x4, 0x0, 0x4}}, 0xe8)
sendmmsg(r0, &(0x7f0000008440)=[{{0x0, 0x1aa, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x7}}],
0x4000000000000107, 0x0)
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[687.068416][T29958] dump_stack (lib/earlycpio.c:140)
[687.072762][T29958] print_address_description+0x66/0x5a0
[687.078576][T29958] ? vprintk_emit (kernel/printk/printk.c:823)
[687.083272][T29958] ? printk (kernel/printk/printk.c:2065)
[687.087704][T29958] ? trace_irq_disable_rcuidle+0x1f/0x1d0
[687.093431][T29958] ? vprintk_emit (kernel/printk/printk.c:822)
[687.098120][T29958] kasan_report (/arch/x86/include/asm/smap.h:71
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/mm/kasan/report.c:534)
[687.102635][T29958] ? dev_uevent (drivers/base/core.c:1660)
[687.107492][T29958] ? dev_uevent (drivers/base/core.c:1620)
[687.111922][T29958] dev_uevent (drivers/base/core.c:1660)
[687.116354][T29958] ? kmem_cache_alloc_trace (mm/slab.h:346
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/mm/slab.h:542
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2897
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2905
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2922)
[687.121910][T29958] uevent_show (drivers/base/core.c:1412
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/drivers/base/core.c:1401)
[687.126774][T29958] dev_attr_show (drivers/base/core.c:1423)
[687.131195][T29958] ? device_get_ownership (drivers/base/core.c:2208)
[687.136599][T29958] sysfs_kf_seq_show (fs/sysfs/file.c:308)
[687.141729][T29958] seq_read (fs/seq_file.c:270)
[687.145909][T29958] ? kernfs_notify_workfn (fs/kernfs/file.c:293)
[687.151382][T29958] __vfs_read (fs/read_write.c:451)
[687.155986][T29958] ? fsnotify (/include/linux/percpu-refcount.h:309
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/include/linux/percpu-refcount.h:325
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/include/linux/cgroup.h:404
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/include/linux/memcontrol.h:473
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/fs/notify/group.c:27
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/fs/notify/group.c:110)
[687.160517][T29958] vfs_read (fs/read_write.c:434)
[687.164972][T29958] ksys_read (/include/linux/file.h:81
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudiptula/linux-next/fs/read_write.c:591)
[687.169229][T29958] do_syscall_64 (arch/x86/entry/common.c:468)
[687.173742][T29958] entry_SYSCALL_64_after_hwframe (arch/x86/entry/entry_64.S:126)
[ 687.180095][T29958] RIP: 0033:0x7f28fc677910
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[ 687.184689][T29958] Code: b6 fe ff ff 48 8d 3d 0f be 08 00 48 83 ec 08 e8 06 db 01 00 66 0f 1f 44 00 00 83 3d f9 2d 2c 00 00 75 10 b8 00 00 00 00 0f 05 <48> 3d 01 f0 ff ff 73 31 c3 48 83 ec 08 e8 de 9b 01 00 48 89 04 24

All code

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```
0:  b6 fe          mov  $0xfe,%dh
2:  ff             (bad)
3:  ff 48 8d       decl  -0x73(%rax)
6:  3d 0f be 08 00  cmp  $0x8be0f,%eax
b:  48 83 ec 08     sub  $0x8,%rsp
f:  e8 06 db 01 00  callq 0x1db1a
14: 66 0f 1f 44 00 00 nopw 0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
1a: 83 3d f9 2d 2c 00 00 cmpl $0x0,0x2c2df9(%rip)    # 0x2c2e1a
21: 75 10           jne  0x33
23: b8 00 00 00 00  mov  $0x0,%eax
28: 0f 05          syscall
2a:* 48 3d 01 f0 ff ff  cmp  $0xfffffffff001,%rax    <-- trapping instruction
30: 73 31          jae  0x63
32: c3             retq
33: 48 83 ec 08     sub  $0x8,%rsp
37: e8 de 9b 01 00  callq 0x19c1a
3c: 48 89 04 24     mov  %rax,(%rsp)
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Code starting with the faulting instruction

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0:  48 3d 01 f0 ff ff  cmp  $0xfffffffff001,%rax
6:  73 31             jae  0x39
8:  c3             retq
9:  48 83 ec 08     sub  $0x8,%rsp
d:  e8 de 9b 01 00  callq 0x19bf0
12: 48 89 04 24     mov  %rax,(%rsp)
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[ 687.204471][T29958] RSP: 002b:00007ffe3053dd18 EFLAGS: 00000246 ORIG\_RAX: 0000000000000000

[ 687.212889][T29958] RAX: ffffffffda RBX: 00005562a17eb920 RCX: 00007f28fc677910

[ 687.220866][T29958] RDX: 0000000000001000 RSI: 00005562a17fe8c0 RDI: 0000000000000007

[ 687.228841][T29958] RBP: 00007f28fc932440 R08: 00007f28fc9361e8 R09: 0000000000001010

[ 687.236820][T29958] R10: 00005562a17eb920 R11: 0000000000000246 R12: 0000000000001000

[ 687.244834][T29958] R13: 0000000000000d68 R14: 00005562a17fe8c0 R15: 00007f28fc931900

[ 687.252823][T29958]

[ 687.255163][T29958] Allocated by task 29904:  
[687.259734][T29958] \_\_kasan\_kmalloc+0x103/0x140  
[687.264507][T29958] kmem\_cache\_alloc\_trace (/include/linux/mm.h:839  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/slab.h:344  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/slab.h:542  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2897  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2905  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2922)  
[687.269879][T29958] raw\_open+0x87/0x500  
[687.273945][T29958] misc\_open (drivers/char/misc.c:195)  
[687.278190][T29958] chrdev\_open (/arch/x86/include/asm/paravirt.h:656  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/.arch/x86/include/asm/qspinlock.h:55  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/.include/linux/spinlock.h:212  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/.include/linux/spinlock\_api\_smp.h:151  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/.include/linux/spinlock.h:394  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/fs/char\_dev.c:432)  
[687.282605][T29958] do\_dentry\_open (fs/open.c:238)  
[687.287371][T29958] path\_openat (fs/namei.c:4040)  
[687.291957][T29958] do\_filp\_open (fs/namei.c:3397)  
[687.296587][T29958] do\_sys\_openat2 (/include/linux/uaccess.h:144  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/.include/linux/uaccess.h:299  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/fs/open.c:1218  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/fs/open.c:1206  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/fs/open.c:1206)  
[687.301267][T29958] \_\_x64\_sys\_open (fs/open.c:1198)  
[687.305953][T29958] do\_syscall\_64 (arch/x86/entry/common.c:468)  
[687.310448][T29958] entry\_SYSCALL\_64\_after\_hwframe (arch/x86/entry/entry\_64.S:126)  
[ 687.316419][T29958]  
[ 687.318731][T29958] Freed by task 29956:  
[687.322784][T29958] \_\_kasan\_slab\_free (mm/kasan/common.c:55  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/kasan/common.c:316  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/kasan/common.c:455)  
[687.327708][T29958] kfree (mm/slub.c:301  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:1583  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:3147  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:4128)  
[687.331591][T29958] raw\_release+0x130/0x1e0  
[687.336098][T29958] \_\_fput (fs/file\_table.c:277)  
[687.340069][T29958] task\_work\_run (kernel/extable.c:48  
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypatula/linux-next/kernel/extable.c:57)  
[687.344647][T29958] do\_exit (kernel/exit.c:801)  
[687.348792][T29958] do\_group\_exit (kernel/exit.c:913)  
[687.353364][T29958] get\_signal (kernel/signal.c:3914)



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[ 687.467647][T29958] ffff888098662000: fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb
[ 687.475700][T29958] >ffff888098662080: fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb
[ 687.483738][T29958] ^
[ 687.488581][T29958] ffff888098662100: fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb
[ 687.496627][T29958] ffff888098662180: fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb fb
[ 687.504678][T29958]
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[ 687.512713][T29958] Disabling lock debugging due to kernel taint
05:08:53 executing program 4:
r0 = socket$nl_route(0x10, 0x3, 0x0)
sendmsg$nl_route(r0, &(0x7f0000000080)={0x0, 0x0,
&(0x7f00000000140)={&(0x7f00000000b80)=@newlink={0x40, 0x10, 0x401, 0x0, 0x0, {}},
[@IFLA_LINKINFO={0x20, 0x12, 0x0, 0x1, @geneve={{0xb, 0x1, 'genevex00'}, {0x10, 0x2, 0x0,
0x1, [@IFLA_GENEVE_REMOTE={0x8, 0x2, @private=0xa010102},
@IFLA_GENEVE_COLLECT_METADATA={0x4}}]}}, 0x40}, 0x1, 0x6}, 0x0)

[ 687.531071][T29958] Kernel panic - not syncing: panic_on_warn set ...
[ 687.537677][T29958] CPU: 0 PID: 29958 Comm: systemd-udevd Tainted: G B
5.7.0-syzkaller #0
[ 687.547291][T29958] Hardware name: Google Google Compute Engine/Google Compute
Engine, BIOS Google 01/01/2011
[ 687.557339][T29958] Call Trace:
[687.560709][T29958] dump_stack (lib/earlycpio.c:140)
[687.565035][T29958] panic (kernel/panic.c:308)
[687.568932][T29958] ? trace_hardirqs_on+0x30/0x80
[687.573871][T29958] kasan_report (mm/kasan/report.c:444)
[687.578475][T29958] ? dev_uevent (drivers/base/core.c:1660)
[687.582967][T29958] ? dev_uevent (drivers/base/core.c:1620)
[687.587377][T29958] dev_uevent (drivers/base/core.c:1660)
[687.591702][T29958] ? kmem_cache_alloc_trace (mm/slab.h:346
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypula/linux-next/mm/slab.h:542
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2897
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2905
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypula/linux-next/mm/slub.c:2922)
[687.597242][T29958] uevent_show (drivers/base/core.c:1412
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypula/linux-next/drivers/base/core.c:1401)
[687.601658][T29958] dev_attr_show (drivers/base/core.c:1423)
[687.606070][T29958] ? device_get_ownership (drivers/base/core.c:2208)
[687.611263][T29958] sysfs_kf_seq_show (fs/sysfs/file.c:308)
[687.616203][T29958] seq_read (fs/seq_file.c:270)
[687.620362][T29958] ? kernfs_notify_workfn (fs/kernfs/file.c:293)
[687.625732][T29958] __vfs_read (fs/read_write.c:451)

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[687.629970][T29958] ? fsnotify (./include/linux/percpu-refcount.h:309
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypsula/linux-next/./include/linux/percpu-refcount.h:325
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypsula/linux-next/./include/linux/cgroup.h:404
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypsula/linux-next/./include/linux/memcontrol.h:473
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypsula/linux-next/fs/notify/group.c:27
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypsula/linux-next/fs/notify/group.c:110)
[687.634471][T29958] vfs_read (fs/read_write.c:434)
[687.638631][T29958] ksys_read (./include/linux/file.h:81
/home/bkkarthik/Workspace/eudypsula/linux-next/fs/read_write.c:591)
[687.642880][T29958] do_syscall_64 (arch/x86/entry/common.c:468)
[687.647384][T29958] entry_SYSCALL_64_after_hwframe (arch/x86/entry/entry_64.S:126)
[ 687.653276][T29958] RIP: 0033:0x7f28fc677910
[ 687.657690][T29958] Code: b6 fe ff ff 48 8d 3d 0f be 08 00 48 83 ec 08 e8 06 db 01 00 66 0f
1f 44 00 00 83 3d f9 2d 2c 00 00 75 10 b8 00 00 00 00 0f 05 <48> 3d 01 f0 ff ff 73 31 c3 48 83
ec 08 e8 de 9b 01 00 48 89 04 24
```

All code

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```
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2:  ff             (bad)
3:  ff 48 8d       decl -0x73(%rax)
6:  3d 0f be 08 00  cmp  $0x8be0f,%eax
b:  48 83 ec 08     sub  $0x8,%rsp
f:  e8 06 db 01 00  callq 0x1db1a
14: 66 0f 1f 44 00 00 nopw 0x0(%rax,%rax,1)
1a: 83 3d f9 2d 2c 00 00 cmpl $0x0,0x2c2df9(%rip) # 0x2c2e1a
21: 75 10           jne  0x33
23: b8 00 00 00 00  mov  $0x0,%eax
28: 0f 05           syscall
2a:* 48 3d 01 f0 ff ff cmp  $0xfffffffff001,%rax <-- trapping instruction
30: 73 31           jae  0x63
32: c3             retq
33: 48 83 ec 08     sub  $0x8,%rsp
37: e8 de 9b 01 00  callq 0x19c1a
3c: 48 89 04 24     mov  %rax,(%rsp)
```

Code starting with the faulting instruction

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```
0:  48 3d 01 f0 ff ff cmp  $0xfffffffff001,%rax
6:  73 31           jae  0x39
8:  c3             retq
9:  48 83 ec 08     sub  $0x8,%rsp
d:  e8 de 9b 01 00  callq 0x19bf0
12: 48 89 04 24     mov  %rax,(%rsp)
```

```
[ 687.677371][T29958] RSP: 002b:00007ffe3053dd18 EFLAGS: 00000246 ORIG_RAX:
0000000000000000
[ 687.685786][T29958] RAX: ffffffffda RBX: 00005562a17eb920 RCX: 00007f28fc677910
[ 687.693758][T29958] RDX: 00000000000001000 RSI: 00005562a17fe8c0 RDI:
0000000000000007
[ 687.701731][T29958] RBP: 00007f28fc932440 R08: 00007f28fc9361e8 R09:
00000000000001010
[ 687.709701][T29958] R10: 00005562a17eb920 R11: 00000000000000246 R12:
00000000000001000
[ 687.717779][T29958] R13: 0000000000000d68 R14: 00005562a17fe8c0 R15:
00007f28fc931900
[ 687.727299][T29958] Kernel Offset: disabled
[ 687.731625][T29958] Rebooting in 86400 seconds..
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I was able to notice that USB device(s) were plugged in and out multiple times for some reason, probably the device wasn't showing up under the list of block devices/files. Upon reading the output received from `decode_stacktrace.sh`, I was able to notice that the device was indeed recognised but the device descriptor was either corrupt or missing. This resulted in an unsuccessful attempt at configuring an endpoint to the usb device rendering it unusable, thus not found under the list of block devices/files mounted to the computer.

KASAN was able to show that a `drivers/base/core.c` file was trying to read from memory that was freed before the read task started, because we can notice a "read of size 8 by systemd-udevd/29958" telling us that the particular memory address being read from was actually unallocated/free. This resulted in a page dump because KASAN detected a bad access. Hence, lock debugging was disabled since the kernel was "tainted" and a `kernel panic_on_warn` was set because of "not syncing". This finally ends up in a runlevel 6 (`reboot.target`) and if the usb stays connected to the computer during boot, and `kgdbts` tries testing hardware access, `hw_access_break_test` test will fail and the computer will not boot.