77 Long Mode CALLF or JMPF May Fail To Signal GP When Callgate Descriptor is Beyond GDT/LDT Limit

Description

If the target selector of a far call or far jump (CALLF or JMPF) instruction references a 16-byte long mode system descriptor where any of the last 8 bytes are beyond the GDT or LDT limit, the processor fails to report a General Protection fault.

Potential Effect on System

None expected, since the operating system typically aligns the GDT/LDT limit such that all descriptors are legal. However, in the case of erroneous operating system software, the above described GP fault will not be signaled, resulting in unpredictable system failure.

Suggested Workaround

None required, it is anticipated that long mode operating system software will ensure the GDT and LDT limits are set high enough to cover the larger (16-byte) long mode system descriptors.

Fix Planned

No