

Some dereference failures found during software vulnerabilities investigation on Redis

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Package

No package listed

Affected versions

7.0.11

Patched versions

None

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Description

Hello.

I am performing some tests on redis as a security investigative report.
During the tests, potential software vulnerabilities were found.
To identify this kind of vulnerabilities it was used the tool ESBMC-WR: <https://github.com/janisley/esbmc-wr>

More about the tool: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2102.02368.pdf>

Tests were performed in the latest redis version.
Please let me know if you need more reports or information regarding the tests.

Check the logs of the verification:

Issue 01: dereference failure: array bounds violated

```
#####
[FILE] utils/corrupt_rdb.c
[ARGS] ['--unwind', '1', '--no-unwinding-assertions']
[FUNCTION] main
#####
```

State 3 file corrupt_rdb.c line 24 function main thread 0

Violated property:

file corrupt_rdb.c line 24 function main
dereference failure: array bounds violated

VERIFICATION FAILED

Issue 02: dereference failure: invalid pointer

```
#####
[FILE] src/localtime.c
[ARGS] ['--unwind', '1', '--no-unwinding-assertions']
[FUNCTION] nlocks_localtime
#####
```

State 1 file localtime.c line 64 function nlocks_localtime thread 0
t = -347712872887324400 (11111011 00101100 10101100 11111011 11111111 10111000 01110001 00010000)

State 2 file localtime.c line 65 function nlocks_localtime thread 0
t = -347712872903348224 (11111011 00101100 10101100 11111011 11111110 11000011 11110000 00000000)

State 3 file localtime.c line 66 function nlocks_localtime thread 0
days = -4024454547492 (11111111 11111111 11111100 01010110 11111011 11010000 11110111 11011100)

State 4 file localtime.c line 69 function nlocks_localtime thread 0

Violated property:

file localtime.c line 69 function nlocks_localtime

dereference failure: invalid pointer

VERIFICATION FAILED

Issue 03: dereference failure: invalid pointer

```
#####  
[FILE] src/setproctitle.c  
[ARGS] ['--unwind', '1', '--no-unwinding-assertions']  
[FUNCTION] spt_copyenv  
#####
```

State 1 file setproctitle.c line 118 function spt_copyenv thread 0
envsize = 32768 (00000000 00000000 10000000 00000000)

State 2 file setproctitle.c line 119 function spt_copyenv thread 0
envcopy = &dynamic_1_array[0]



State 6 file string.c line 264 function memcpy thread 0

Violated property:



file string.c line 264 function memcpy

dereference failure: invalid pointer

VERIFICATION FAILED

  **janisley** added as a collaborator on Jul 10

  **janisley** was credited as a reporter on Jul 10

  **janisley** accepted credit on Jul 10

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  **janisley** changed the title ~~Software vulnerabilities investigation on Redis~~ **Some dereference failures found during software vulnerabilities investigation on Redis** on Jul 11

yossigo commented on Jul 11

@**janisley** Thanks for approaching us. We've looked at the code this points to but failed to spot any issues. We may also not fully understand the structure of this report. Did you manually verify this report is accurate, and can you provide more specific details about the issues you believe you've found?



janisley commented on Jul 11 • edited ▾

Hi @**yossigo**

This is an automated verification to exploit potential vulnerabilities;
I'll go ahead and explain some points about the issues found.

Issue 02 - in line 69, look at `tmp->tm_isdst = dst`, it seems to be an invalid pointer reference for `mp->tm_isdst` value.

The static verification tool is suggesting that the pointer `tmp` could potentially be invalid. There are several reasons why a pointer could be invalid:

- If `tmp` has been declared but not initialized (i.e., it does not point to a valid struct `tm`), then dereferencing it would also lead to undefined behavior.

- If tmp points to an array of struct tm objects and you're trying to access an element outside of the array bounds, this is also undefined behavior.


Other ones, seem to be a false positive.



oranagra commented on Jul 11

@**janisley** look at the code, there are two places calling that function and they both pass a reference to a struct on the stack. there's no way for this variable (argument) to be uninitialized or pointing to invalid memory.



 **janisley** closed this on Jul 11

janisley commented on Jul 11

Got it @**oranagra** .
I will close this investigation case with your explanation.
Thank you!



Severity

Moderate 5.7 / 10

CVSS base metrics

Attack vector	Local
Attack complexity	High
Privileges required	None
User interaction	None
Scope	Unchanged
Confidentiality	None
Integrity	High
Availability	Low

CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:H/A:L

CVE ID

No known CVE

Weaknesses

CWE-119 CWE-822


Credits


 **janisley**

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