

Bug 3690 - sshd: root [priv] process sleeping leads to unprivileged child proc zombie

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In the ``sshd.c`` file, the ``grace_alarm_handler()`` signal handling function calls ``sigdie()``, which in turn calls ``sshsigdie()``, and within this call, functions such as ``shlogv()``, ``do_log()``, ``{openlog(), syslog(), closelog()}`` are invoked. Similarly, within the main thread, the ``privsep_preauth()`` function calls ``monitor_child_preauth()``, which then calls ``auth_log()``, and this also results in calls to ``{openlog(), syslog(), closelog()}``.

Since these functions are not async-signal-safe and they utilize a global lock named ``syslog_lock``, this can lead to a recursive deadlock (AA lock). As a result, the pre-authentication process may end up in a zombie state and fail to exit.

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