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Subject: [PATCH] Race between cat /proc/kallsyms and rmmod  
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Iterating code of /proc/kallsyms calls module\_get\_kallsym() which grabs and drops module\_mutex internally and returns "struct module \*", module is removed, aforementioned "struct module \*" is used in non-trivial way.

So, grab module\_mutex for entire operation like /proc/modules does.

Steps to reproduce:

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while true; do modprobe xfs; rmmod xfs; done
vs
while true; do cat /proc/kallsyms >/dev/null; done
```

[where xfs could be any module, I haven't tried]

BUG: unable to handle kernel paging request at virtual address e19f808c  
printing eip:  
c01dc361  
\*pde = 1ff5f067  
\*pte = 00000000  
Oops: 0000 [#1]  
PREEMPT  
Modules linked in:  
CPU: 0  
EIP: 0060:[<c01dc361>] Not tainted VLI  
EFLAGS: 00010297 (2.6.21-rc3-8b9909ded6922c33c221b105b26917780cfa497d #2)  
EIP is at vsnprintf+0x2af/0x48c  
eax: e19f808c ebx: ffffffff ecx: e19f808c edx: ffffffff  
esi: dbe7aa84 edi: dbe2bf3c ebp: ffffffff esp: dbe2bec4  
ds: 007b es: 007b fs: 00d8 gs: 0033 ss: 0068  
Process cat (pid: 7242, ti=dbe2b000 task=df5790b0 task.ti=dbe2b000)  
Stack: e19d6fde 00000000 00000010 00000008 ffffffff 00000001 00000598 dbe7aa68  
0002f362 00000010 dbe7b000 00000000 ffffffff c034bbe0 dbe7aa68 dfd31880  
dfa31e80 00001000 c01586b0 dbe2bf2c dbe2bf2c dfd31880 dfd31880 c01289f6  
Call Trace:  
[<c01586b0>] seq\_printf+0x2e/0x4b  
[<c01289f6>] s\_show+0x4b/0x7f  
[<c0158c6e>] seq\_read+0x196/0x278  
[<c0158ad8>] seq\_read+0x0/0x278  
[<c0143c35>] vfs\_read+0x72/0x93  
[<c0143f1c>] sys\_read+0x41/0x67  
[<c0102486>] sysenter\_past\_esp+0x5f/0x85  
=====  
Code: 74 24 28 73 03 c6 06 20 46 4d 85 ed 7f f1 e9 b9 00 00 00 8b 0f 81 f9 ff 0f 00 00 b8 ea 45  
36 c0 0f 46 c8 8b 54 24 30 89 c8 eb 06 <80> 38 00 74 07 40 4a 83 fa ff 75 f4 29 c8 89 c3 89 e8 f6

44 24

EIP: [<c01dc361>] vsnprintf+0x2af/0x48c SS:ESP 0068:dbe2bec4

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kernel/kallsyms.c | 4 ++++
kernel/module.c   | 5 +----
2 files changed, 5 insertions(+), 4 deletions(-)
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--- a/kernel/kallsyms.c

+++ b/kernel/kallsyms.c

@@ -40,6 +40,8 @@ extern const u16 kallsyms\_token\_index[]

extern const unsigned long kallsyms\_markers[] \_\_attribute\_\_((weak));

+extern struct mutex module\_mutex;

+

static inline int is\_kernel\_inittext(unsigned long addr)

{

if (addr >= (unsigned long)\_sinittext

@@ -369,6 +371,7 @@ static void \*s\_next(struct seq\_file \*m,

static void \*s\_start(struct seq\_file \*m, loff\_t \*pos)

{

+ mutex\_lock(&module\_mutex);

if (!update\_iter(m->private, \*pos))

return NULL;

return m->private;

@@ -376,6 +379,7 @@ static void \*s\_start(struct seq\_file \*m,

static void s\_stop(struct seq\_file \*m, void \*p)

{

+ mutex\_unlock(&module\_mutex);

}

static int s\_show(struct seq\_file \*m, void \*p)

--- a/kernel/module.c

+++ b/kernel/module.c

@@ -62,7 +62,7 @@ #define INIT\_OFFSET\_MASK (1UL << (BITS\_P

static DEFINE\_SPINLOCK(modlist\_lock);

/\* List of modules, protected by module\_mutex AND modlist\_lock \*/

-static DEFINE\_MUTEX(module\_mutex);

+DEFINE\_MUTEX(module\_mutex);

static LIST\_HEAD(modules);

static BLOCKING\_NOTIFIER\_HEAD(module\_notify\_list);

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@@ -2124,19 +2124,16 @@ struct module *module_get_kallsym(unsigned
{
    struct module *mod;

- mutex_lock(&module_mutex);
    list_for_each_entry(mod, &modules, list) {
        if (symnum < mod->num_symtab) {
            *value = mod->symtab[symnum].st_value;
            *type = mod->symtab[symnum].st_info;
            strncpy(name, mod->strtab + mod->symtab[symnum].st_name,
                    namelen);
- mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
            return mod;
        }
        symnum -= mod->num_symtab;
    }
- mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
    return NULL;
}

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