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Subject: [PATCH RESEND 1/2] Race between cat /proc/kallsyms and rmmod  
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CONFIG\_MODULES=n case fixed, We're still discussing if making  
module\_mutex global is OK, though.

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[PATCH 1/2] Race between cat /proc/kallsyms and rmmod

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:

```
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

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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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include/linux/module.h | 14 ++++++++  
kernel/kallsyms.c | 2 ++  
kernel/module.c | 15 ++++++-----  
3 files changed, 27 insertions(+), 4 deletions(-)

--- a/include/linux/module.h  
+++ b/include/linux/module.h  
@@ -16,10 +16,24 @@ #include <linux/elf.h>  
#include <linux/stringify.h>  
#include <linux/kobject.h>  
#include <linux/moduleparam.h>  
+#include <linux/mutex.h>  
#include <asm/local.h>

#include <asm/module.h>

+extern struct mutex module\_mutex;  
+#ifdef CONFIG\_MODULES  
+void module\_mutex\_lock(void);  
+void module\_mutex\_unlock(void);  
+#else  
+static inline void module\_mutex\_lock(void)  
+{  
+}  
+static inline void module\_mutex\_unlock(void)  
+{  
+}  
+#endif  
+  
/\* Not Yet Implemented \*/  
#define MODULE\_SUPPORTED\_DEVICE(name)

--- a/kernel/kallsyms.c  
+++ b/kernel/kallsyms.c  
@@ -369,6 +369,7 @@ static void \*s\_next(struct seq\_file \*m,  
  
static void \*s\_start(struct seq\_file \*m, loff\_t \*pos)

```

{
+ module_mutex_lock();
  if (!update_iter(m->private, *pos))
    return NULL;
  return m->private;
@@ -376,6 +377,7 @@ static void *s_start(struct seq_file *m,

static void s_stop(struct seq_file *m, void *p)
{
+ module_mutex_unlock();
}

static int s_show(struct seq_file *m, void *p)
--- a/kernel/module.c
+++ b/kernel/module.c
@@ -62,9 +62,19 @@ #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);

+void module_mutex_lock(void)
+{
+ mutex_lock(&module_mutex);
+}
+
+void module_mutex_unlock(void)
+{
+ mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
+}
+
static BLOCKING_NOTIFIER_HEAD(module_notify_list);

int register_module_notifier(struct notifier_block * nb)
@@ -2124,19 +2134,16 @@ 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);

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    return mod;
}
symnum -= mod->num_syntab;
}
- mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
return NULL;
}
```

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