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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2.6.21-rc6] [netfilter] early\_drop improvement

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Vasily Averin <[vvvs@sw.ru](mailto:vvvs@sw.ru)> wrote:

> When the number of conntracks is reached ip\_conntrack\_max limit, early\_drop() is  
> called and tries to free one of already used conntracks in one of the hash  
> buckets. If it does not find any conntracks that may be freed, it  
> leads to transmission errors.  
> However it is not fair because of current hash bucket may be empty but the  
> neighbour ones can have the number of conntracks that can be freed. With the  
> following patch early\_drop() will search conntracks in all hash buckets.

Have you tested your patch in a DOS situation ?

Some machines have a huge ip\_conntrack\_max.

A single scan of the whole table might take 1000 ms or even more.

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