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Subject: Re: [NETFILTER] early\_drop() improvement (v4)  
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Patrick McHardy wrote:

> Vasily Averin wrote:

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>>Patrick McHardy wrote:

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```
>>>+ for (i = 0; i < nf_conntrack_htable_size; i++) {  
>>>+ hlist_for_each_entry(h, n, &nf_conntrack_hash[hash], hnode) {  
>>>+ tmp = nf_ct_tuplehash_to_ctrack(h);  
>>>+ if (!test_bit(IPS_ASSURED_BIT, &tmp->status))  
>>>+ ct = tmp;
```

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>>It is incorrect: you should break nested loop here too.

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> No, as I said, we want the last entry of the chain.

Ideally we should do something like this I think (please let it be correct :)):

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+   for (i = 0; i < nf_conntrack_htable_size; i++) {  
+       entries = 0;  
+       hlist_for_each_entry(h, n, &nf_conntrack_hash[hash],  
hnode) {  
+           tmp = nf_ct_tuplehash_to_ctrack(h);  
+           if (!test_bit(IPS_ASSURED_BIT, &tmp->status))  
+               ct = tmp;  
+           entries++;  
+       }  
+       if (ct)  
+           break;  
+       if ((cnt -= entries) <= 0)  
+           break;  
+       hash = (hash + 1) % nf_conntrack_htable_size;  
+   }
```

So we always walk chains up to the end and NF\_CT\_EVICTION\_RANGE is just a minimum. This ensures we will always get the last entry \*and\* we won't scan less entries than currently if someone has a chain longer than 8 entries.

What do you think?

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