
Subject: Re: [PATCH] remove BUG() in possible but rare condition

Posted by [Jiri Kosina](#) on Wed, 11 Apr 2012 21:33:07 GMT

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On Wed, 11 Apr 2012, Linus Torvalds wrote:

> > I am not familiar with the code much but a trivial call chain walk up to
> > write_dev_supers (in btrfs) shows that we do not check for the return value
> > from __getblk so we would nullptr and there might be more.
> > I guess these need some treat before the BUG might be removed, right?
>
> Well, realistically, isn't BUG() as bad as a NULL pointer dereference?

Well, there still could be weirdos out there not setting
sys.vm.mmap_min_addr to something sane. For those, NULL pointer
dereference could have worse consequences than BUG (unlikely in this
particular case, yes).

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