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Subject: [PATCH] Copy mac\_len in skb\_clone() as well  
Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 13:00:04 GMT  
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net/core/skbuff.c | 1 +  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)

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--- a/net/core/skbuff.c
+++ b/net/core/skbuff.c
@@ -463,6 +463,7 @@ #endif
     memcpy(n->cb, skb->cb, sizeof(skb->cb));
     C(len);
     C(data_len);
+    C(mac_len);
     C(csum);
     C(local_df);
     n->cloned = 1;
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Subject: Re: [PATCH] Copy mac\_len in skb\_clone() as well  
Posted by [davem](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 10:02:35 GMT  
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From: Alexey Dobriyan <[adobriyan@sw.ru](mailto:adobriyan@sw.ru)>  
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 16:07:11 +0300

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Thanks.

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Posted by [dev](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 10:19:00 GMT

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David Miller wrote:

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Thanks,

Kirill

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] Copy mac\_len in skb\_clone() as well

Posted by [Alexey Kuznetsov](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 16:04:36 GMT

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Hello!

> What bug triggered that helped you discover this? Or is it

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I asked the same question. :-)

openvz added some another fields to skbuff and when it was found that they are lost while clone, he tried to figure out how all this works and looked for another examples of this kind.

As I understand, the problem can be seen only in xfrmX\_tunnel\_input.

If uninitialized mac\_len obtained from slab is more than current head room

it could corrupt memory.

Also, it looks like the fix is incomplete. `copy_skb_header()` also does not copy this field. But it will be initialized to 0 by `alloc_skb` in this case and `xfrmX_tunnel_input()` just will not copy mac header.

Alexey

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Subject: Re: Re: [PATCH] Copy mac\_len in `skb_clone()` as well  
Posted by [davem](#) on Fri, 16 Mar 2007 01:08:34 GMT  
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From: Kirill Korotaev <[dev@sw.ru](mailto:dev@sw.ru)>  
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Thanks for the detailed information.

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