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Subject: [PATCH] Fix some kallsyms\_lookup() vs rmmod races  
Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 16:07:14 GMT  
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kallsyms\_lookup() can call module\_address\_lookup() which iterates over modules list without module\_mutex taken. Comment at the top of module\_address\_lookup() says it's for oops resolution so races are irrelevant, but in some cases it's reachable from regular code:

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BUG: unable to handle kernel paging request at virtual address f94fb19c
printing eip:
c0138097
*pde = 33576067
Oops: 0000 [#1]
PREEMPT
Modules linked in: ohci_hcd af_packet e1000 ehci_hcd uhci_hcd usbcore
CPU: 0
EIP: 0060:[<c0138097>] Not tainted VLI
EFLAGS: 00010246 (2.6.21-rc3-8b9909ded6922c33c221b105b26917780cfa497d #25)
EIP is at module_address_lookup+0x43/0x24c
eax: 00000000 ebx: 00000000 ecx: f94fb080 edx: f882e704
esi: 00000000 edi: 00000000 ebp: 00000000 esp: d30b8e78
ds: 007b es: 007b fs: 00d8 gs: 0033 ss: 0068
Process cat (pid: 13274, ti=d30b8000 task=d2b50af0 task.ti=d30b8000)
Stack: d30b8f44 d30b8f48 00008001 00000000 c039a23c d30b8ec4 00000000 d30b8f44
       d30b8f48 c013876c d30b8f4c 00000000 cf544000 ffffffff d38ebb7c c01880ff
       d30b8f4c d30b8ec4 00000246 c0399600 00000001 00000001 00000000 c0399654
Call Trace:
[<c013876c>] kallsyms_lookup+0x5e/0x7c
[<c01880ff>] proc_pid_wchan+0x38/0x76
[<c01404fe>] __alloc_pages+0x4f/0x2f9
[<c01891c6>] proc_info_read+0x6f/0xa8
[<c015bbfd>] sys_fstat64+0x1e/0x23
[<c01592d4>] vfs_read+0x7d/0xb5
[<c0189157>] proc_info_read+0x0/0xa8
[<c0159621>] sys_read+0x41/0x6a
[<c0103e72>] sysenter_past_esp+0x5f/0x99
=====
Code: 04 8b 51 04 0f 18 02 90 81 3d 4c 8d 39 c0 4c 8d 39 c0 74 3f 8b b9 18 01 00 00 8b 99 10
01 00 00 39 eb 77 07 8d 04 3b 39 c5 72 32 <8b> b1 1c 01 00 00 8b 81 14 01 00 00 39 c5 72 06
01 f0 39 c5 72
EIP: [<c0138097>] module_address_lookup+0x43/0x24c SS:ESP 0068:d30b8e78
```

Signed-off-by: Alexey Dobriyan <[adobriyan@sw.ru](mailto:adobriyan@sw.ru)>

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fs/proc/base.c      | 7 ++++++
kernel/time/timer_list.c | 6 ++++++
kernel/time/timer_stats.c | 6 ++++++
mm/slab.c          | 3 +++
4 files changed, 22 insertions(+)
```

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--- a/fs/proc/base.c
+++ b/fs/proc/base.c
@@ -61,6 +61,7 @@ #include <linux/seq_file.h>
#include <linux/namei.h>
#include <linux/mnt_namespace.h>
#include <linux/mm.h>
+#include <linux/module.h>
#include <linux/smp_lock.h>
#include <linux/rcupdate.h>
#include <linux/kallsyms.h>
@@ -282,7 +283,13 @@ static int proc_pid_wchan(struct task_st

    wchan = get_wchan(task);

+ mutex_lock(&module_mutex);
    sym_name = kallsyms_lookup(wchan, &size, &offset, &modname, namebuf);
+ /*
+  * size, offset, modname aren't used, sym_name is copied into namebuf,
+  * so drop it now.
+  */
+ mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
    if (sym_name)
        return sprintf(buffer, "%s", sym_name);
    return sprintf(buffer, "%lu", wchan);
--- a/kernel/time/timer_list.c
+++ b/kernel/time/timer_list.c
@@ -44,7 +44,13 @@ static void print_name_offset(struct seq
    const char *sym_name;
    char *modname;

+ mutex_lock(&module_mutex);
    sym_name = kallsyms_lookup(addr, &size, &offset, &modname, namebuf);
+ /*
+  * size, offset, modname aren't used, sym_name is copied into namebuf,
+  * so drop it now.
+  */
+ mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
    if (sym_name)
        SEQ_printf(m, "%s", sym_name);
    else
--- a/kernel/time/timer_stats.c
+++ b/kernel/time/timer_stats.c
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@@ -262,7 +262,13 @@ static void print_name_offset(struct seq
  const char *sym_name;
  char *modname;

+ mutex_lock(&module_mutex);
  sym_name = kallsyms_lookup(addr, &size, &offset, &modname, namebuf);
+ /*
+ * size, offset, modname aren't used, sym_name is copied into namebuf,
+ * so drop it now.
+ */
+ mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
  if (sym_name)
    seq_printf(m, "%s", sym_name);
  else
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -4385,14 +4385,17 @@ #ifdef CONFIG_KALLSYMS
  unsigned long offset, size;
  char namebuf[KSYM_NAME_LEN+1];

+ mutex_lock(&module_mutex);
  name = kallsyms_lookup(address, &size, &offset, &modname, namebuf);

  if (name) {
    seq_printf(m, "%s+ %#lx/%#lx", name, offset, size);
    if (modname)
      seq_printf(m, " [%s]", modname);
+ mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
    return;
  }
+ mutex_unlock(&module_mutex);
#endif
  seq_printf(m, "%p", (void *)address);
}

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**Subject:** Re: [PATCH] Fix some kallsyms\_lookup() vs rmmmod races  
**Posted by** [Paulo Marques](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 16:53:59 GMT  
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Alexey Dobriyan wrote:

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> modules list without module_mutex taken. Comment at the top of
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> irrelevant, but in some cases it's reachable from regular code:

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So maybe we should just add a new parameter to "kallsyms\_lookup" to inform it if it is safe to take a mutex or not.

Spreading module\_mutex everywhere doesn't seem like the right interface for several reasons:

- new users of "kallsyms\_lookup" might not be aware that they should take module\_mutex if it is safe
- many times we will be taking module\_mutex even when we are fetching a kernel symbol that shouldn't require the mutex at all
- it just creates new dependencies (hint: this patch shouldn't even compile with current git since module\_mutex is not declared in module.h, not to mention compile when CONFIG\_MODULES not set)

IMHO we should not expose module\_mutex outside of module.c. That is just wrong from an encapsulation point of view.

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Paulo Marques - [www.grupopie.com](http://www.grupopie.com)

"667: The neighbor of the beast."

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] Fix some kallsyms\_lookup() vs rmmod races  
Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 18:26:53 GMT  
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On Thu, Mar 15, 2007 at 04:53:59PM +0000, Paulo Marques wrote:

> Alexey Dobriyan wrote:

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> So maybe we should just add a new parameter to "kallsyms\_lookup" to

> inform it if it is safe to take a mutex or not.

You have to drag "mod->name" out of kallsyms\_lookup(), so if you drop module\_mutex in it, you still have a bug.

We can agree on kallsyms\_lookup() or whatever other low-level function to copy everything into caller-supplied structure and not spreading module\_mutex. module's name is 64 minus a little, so stack usage should be fine.

> Spreading module\_mutex everywhere doesn't seem like the right interface  
> for several reasons:  
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> - new users of "kallsyms\_lookup" might not be aware that they should  
> take module\_mutex if it is safe

Well, yes.

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> a kernel symbol that shouldn't require the mutex at all  
>  
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Yeah, I remembered about it only in subway :).

This patch is technically dependent on <http://lkml.org/lkml/2007/3/14/128> aka [PATCH v2] Race between cat /proc/kallsyms and rmmod

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OK, I'll fix it.

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