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Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 11:18:03 GMT

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CPU: 0

EIP: 0060:[<c01cefa7>] Not tainted VLI

EFLAGS: 00010297 (2.6.21-rc4-mm1 #4)

EIP is at vsnprintf+0x3a4/0x5fc

eax: 6b6b6b6b ebx: f6cb50f2 ecx: 6b6b6b6b edx: ffffffff

esi: c0354700 edi: f6cb6000 ebp: 6b6b6b6b esp: f31f5e68

ds: 007b es: 007b fs: 00d8 gs: 0033 ss: 0068

Process cat (pid: 31864, ti=f31f4000 task=c1998030 task.ti=f31f4000)

Stack: 00000000 c0103f20 c013003a c0103f20 00000000 f6cb50da 0000000a 00000f0e

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f73e39dc f73e39dc 00000001 c0175416 f31f5ed8 f31f5ed4 0ee00000 f32090bc

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```
drivers/char/tty_io.c    | 9 ++++++++-
fs/proc/proc/tty.c      | 3 +++
include/linux/tty_driver.h | 2 ++
3 files changed, 13 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

--- a/drivers/char/tty_io.c

+++ b/drivers/char/tty_io.c

```
@@ -127,6 +127,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(tty_std_termios);
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```
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```

```
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        if (device < base || device >= base + p->num)
            continue;
+ spin_unlock(&tty_drivers_lock);
    *index = device - base;
    return p;
}
+ spin_unlock(&tty_drivers_lock);
return NULL;
}
```

```
@@ -3767,7 +3771,9 @@ int tty_register_driver(struct tty_drive
    if (!driver->put_char)
        driver->put_char = tty_default_put_char;
```

```
+ spin_lock(&tty_drivers_lock);
    list_add(&driver->tty_drivers, &tty_drivers);
+ spin_unlock(&tty_drivers_lock);
```

```
if ( !(driver->flags & TTY_DRIVER_DYNAMIC_DEV) ) {
    for(i = 0; i < driver->num; i++)
```

```
@@ -3793,8 +3799,9 @@ int tty_unregister_driver(struct tty_dri
```

```

    unregister_chrdev_region(MKDEV(driver->major, driver->minor_start),
        driver->num);
-
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        if (!l--)
            return list_entry(p, struct tty_driver, tty_drivers);
@@ -124,6 +126,7 @@ static void *t_next(struct seq_file *m,

static void t_stop(struct seq_file *m, void *v)
{
+ spin_unlock(&tty_drivers_lock);
}

static struct seq_operations tty_drivers_op = {
--- a/include/linux/tty_driver.h
+++ b/include/linux/tty_driver.h
@@ -118,6 +118,7 @@ #define _LINUX_TTY_DRIVER_H
#include <linux/fs.h>
#include <linux/list.h>
#include <linux/cdev.h>
+#include <linux/spinlock.h>

struct tty_struct;

@@ -216,6 +217,7 @@ struct tty_driver {
};

extern struct list_head tty_drivers;
+extern spinlock_t tty_drivers_lock;

struct tty_driver *alloc_tty_driver(int lines);
void put_tty_driver(struct tty_driver *driver);

```

Subject: Re: [PATCH] Protect tty drivers list a little
Posted by [Andrew Morton](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 17:29:05 GMT
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On Thu, 22 Mar 2007 14:25:42 +0300 Alexey Dobriyan <adobriyan@sw.ru> wrote:

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I don't see why we can't do it. So here goes version 2 which also

survives some beating described in changelog.

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