
Subject: [PATCH] Report that kernel is tainted if there were an OOPS before (v3)
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Thu, 07 Jun 2007 12:47:11 GMT

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Compilation is checked for i386, x86_64 and ia64 since I have no all the others at hands :)

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index 7d5b60d..610e234 100644
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index d6e665d..ec0f05e 100644
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+++ b/arch/alpha/kernel/traps.c
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@@ -184,6 +184,7 @@ die_if_kernel(char * str, struct pt_regs
#endif
    printk("%s(%d): %s %ld\n", current->comm, current->pid, str, err);
    dik_show_regs(regs, r9_15);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    dik_show_trace((unsigned long *) (regs+1));
    dik_show_code((unsigned int *) regs->pc);
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diff --git a/arch/arm/kernel/traps.c b/arch/arm/kernel/traps.c
index 10ff36e..8c7c5d9 100644
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--- a/arch/arm/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/arm/kernel/traps.c
@@ -237,6 +237,7 @@ NORET_TYPE void die(const char *str, str
    bust_spinlocks(1);
    __die(str, err, thread, regs);
    bust_spinlocks(0);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irq(&die_lock);

    if (panic_on_oops)
diff --git a/arch/arm26/kernel/traps.c b/arch/arm26/kernel/traps.c
index d594fb5..2911e2e 100644
--- a/arch/arm26/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/arm26/kernel/traps.c
@@ -185,6 +185,7 @@ NORET_TYPE void die(const char *str, str
    printk("Internal error: %s: %x\n", str, err);
    printk("CPU: %d\n", smp_processor_id());
    show_regs(regs);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    printk("Process %s (pid: %d, stack limit = 0x%p)\n",
        current->comm, current->pid, end_of_stack(tsk));

diff --git a/arch/avr32/kernel/traps.c b/arch/avr32/kernel/traps.c
index 86d1075..2a1174b 100644
--- a/arch/avr32/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/avr32/kernel/traps.c
@@ -56,6 +56,7 @@ void NORET_TYPE die(const char *str, str
    show_regs_log_lvl(regs, KERN_EMERG);
    show_stack_log_lvl(current, regs->sp, regs, KERN_EMERG);
    bust_spinlocks(0);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irq(&die_lock);

    if (in_interrupt())
diff --git a/arch/i386/kernel/traps.c b/arch/i386/kernel/traps.c
index 90c533f..837dee5 100644
--- a/arch/i386/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/i386/kernel/traps.c
@@ -506,6 +506,7 @@ void die(const char * str, struct pt_reg

    bust_spinlocks(0);
    die.lock_owner = -1;
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irqrestore(&die.lock, flags);

    if (!regs)
diff --git a/arch/ia64/kernel/traps.c b/arch/ia64/kernel/traps.c
index 15ad85d..3aeaf15 100644

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--- a/arch/ia64/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/ia64/kernel/traps.c
@@ -69,6 +69,7 @@ die (const char *str, struct pt_regs *re

    bust_spinlocks(0);
    die.lock_owner = -1;
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irq(&die.lock);

    if (panic_on_oops)
diff --git a/arch/m68k/kernel/traps.c b/arch/m68k/kernel/traps.c
index a27a4fa..4e2752a 100644
--- a/arch/m68k/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/m68k/kernel/traps.c
@@ -1170,6 +1170,7 @@ void die_if_kernel (char *str, struct pt
    console_verbose();
    printk("%s: %08x\n", str, nr);
    show_registers(fp);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    do_exit(SIGSEGV);
}

diff --git a/arch/m68knommu/kernel/traps.c b/arch/m68knommu/kernel/traps.c
index bed5f47..fde04e1 100644
--- a/arch/m68knommu/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/m68knommu/kernel/traps.c
@@ -83,6 +83,7 @@ void die_if_kernel(char *str, struct pt_
    printk(KERN_EMERG "Process %s (pid: %d, stackpage=%08lx)\n",
        current->comm, current->pid, PAGE_SIZE+(unsigned long)current);
    show_stack(NULL, (unsigned long *)fp);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    do_exit(SIGSEGV);
}

diff --git a/arch/mips/kernel/traps.c b/arch/mips/kernel/traps.c
index 200de02..e7d2311 100644
--- a/arch/mips/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/mips/kernel/traps.c
@@ -325,6 +325,7 @@ NORET_TYPE void ATTRIB_NORET die(const c
#ifdef CONFIG_MIPS_MT_SMT
    printk("%s[%d]:\n", str, ++die_counter);
    show_registers(regs);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irq(&die_lock);

    if (in_interrupt())
diff --git a/arch/powerpc/kernel/traps.c b/arch/powerpc/kernel/traps.c
index bf6445a..f444700 100644

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--- a/arch/powerpc/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/powerpc/kernel/traps.c
@@ -149,6 +149,7 @@ int die(const char *str, struct pt_regs

    bust_spinlocks(0);
    die.lock_owner = -1;
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irqrestore(&die.lock, flags);

    if (kexec_should_crash(current) ||
diff --git a/arch/ppc/kernel/traps.c b/arch/ppc/kernel/traps.c
index aea100b..d32e387 100644
--- a/arch/ppc/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/ppc/kernel/traps.c
@@ -92,6 +92,7 @@ int die(const char * str, struct pt_regs
    if (nl)
        printk("\n");
    show_regs(fp);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irq(&die_lock);
    /* do_exit() should take care of panic'ing from an interrupt
     * context so we don't handle it here
diff --git a/arch/s390/kernel/traps.c b/arch/s390/kernel/traps.c
index cbfe730..87559bc 100644
--- a/arch/s390/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/s390/kernel/traps.c
@@ -260,6 +260,7 @@ void die(const char * str, struct pt_reg
    printk("%s: %04lx [%#d]\n", str, err & 0xffff, ++die_counter);
    show_regs(regs);
    bust_spinlocks(0);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irq(&die_lock);
    if (in_interrupt())
        panic("Fatal exception in interrupt");
diff --git a/arch/sh/kernel/traps.c b/arch/sh/kernel/traps.c
index 5b75cb6..f5f1aba 100644
--- a/arch/sh/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/sh/kernel/traps.c
@@ -101,6 +101,7 @@ void die(const char * str, struct pt_reg
    (unsigned long)task_stack_page(current));

    bust_spinlocks(0);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irq(&die_lock);

    if (kexec_should_crash(current))
diff --git a/arch/sparc/kernel/traps.c b/arch/sparc/kernel/traps.c
index dc9ffea..3bc3bff 100644

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+++ b/arch/sparc/kernel/traps.c
@@ -101,6 +101,7 @@ void die_if_kernel(char *str, struct pt_

    printk("%s(%d): %s [%#d]\n", current->comm, current->pid, str, ++die_counter);
    show_regs(regs);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);

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index 00a9e32..6ef2d29 100644
--- a/arch/sparc64/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/sparc64/kernel/traps.c
@@ -2225,6 +2225,7 @@ void die_if_kernel(char *str, struct pt_
    notify_die(DIE_OOPS, str, regs, 0, 255, SIGSEGV);
    __asm__ __volatile__ ("flushw");
    __show_regs(regs);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    if (regs->tstate & TSTATE_PRIV) {
        struct reg_window *rw = (struct reg_window *)
            (regs->u_regs[UREG_FP] + STACK_BIAS);
diff --git a/arch/x86_64/kernel/traps.c b/arch/x86_64/kernel/traps.c
index d9a5b7a..b6c524f 100644
--- a/arch/x86_64/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/x86_64/kernel/traps.c
@@ -589,6 +589,7 @@ void __kprobes __die(const char * str, s
    printk("\n");
    notify_die(DIE_OOPS, str, regs, err, current->thread.trap_no, SIGSEGV);
    show_registers(regs);
+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    /* Executive summary in case the oops scrolled away */
    printk(KERN_ALERT "RIP ");
    printk_address(regs->rip);
diff --git a/arch/xtensa/kernel/traps.c b/arch/xtensa/kernel/traps.c
index 693ab26..c5e62f9 100644
--- a/arch/xtensa/kernel/traps.c
+++ b/arch/xtensa/kernel/traps.c
@@ -482,6 +482,7 @@ void die(const char * str, struct pt_reg
    if (!user_mode(regs))
        show_stack(NULL, (unsigned long*)regs->areg[1]);

+ add_taint(TAINT_DIE);
    spin_unlock_irq(&die_lock);

    if (in_interrupt())
diff --git a/include/linux/kernel.h b/include/linux/kernel.h
index b267ec0..4300bb4 100644

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--- a/include/linux/kernel.h
+++ b/include/linux/kernel.h
@@ -210,6 +210,7 @@ extern enum system_states {
#define Taint_MACHINE_CHECK (1<<4)
#define Taint_BAD_PAGE (1<<5)
#define Taint_USER (1<<6)
+#define Taint_DIE (1<<7)

extern void dump_stack(void) __cold;

diff --git a/kernel/panic.c b/kernel/panic.c
index 623d182..f64f4c1 100644
--- a/kernel/panic.c
+++ b/kernel/panic.c
@@ -159,14 +159,15 @@ const char *print_tainted(void)
{
    static char buf[20];
    if (tainted) {
-    snprintf(buf, sizeof(buf), "Tainted: %c%c%c%c%c%c%c%c",
+    snprintf(buf, sizeof(buf), "Tainted: %c%c%c%c%c%c%c%c",
        tainted & Taint_PROPRIETARY_MODULE ? 'P' : 'G',
        tainted & Taint_FORCED_MODULE ? 'F' : ' ',
        tainted & Taint_UNSAFE_SMP ? 'S' : ' ',
        tainted & Taint_FORCED_RMMOD ? 'R' : ' ',
        tainted & Taint_MACHINE_CHECK ? 'M' : ' ',
        tainted & Taint_BAD_PAGE ? 'B' : ' ',
-    tainted & Taint_USER ? 'U' : ' ');
+    tainted & Taint_USER ? 'U' : ' ',
+    tainted & Taint_DIE ? 'D' : ' ');
    }
    else
        snprintf(buf, sizeof(buf), "Not tainted");

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Posted by [Randy Dunlap](#) on Thu, 07 Jun 2007 22:06:17 GMT

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On Thu, 07 Jun 2007 16:51:50 +0400 Pavel Emelianov wrote:

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~Randy

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