
Subject: [PATCH 0/4] Fix race between sk_filter reassign and sk_clone()

Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 09:45:54 GMT

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The race can result in that some sock will get an sk_filter pointer set to kfree-d memory. Look

```
CPU1:                CPU2:
sk_clone():           sk_attach_filter():
  new_sk = sk_alloc(...);
  sock_copy(new_sk, sk);
  /* copies the filter ptr */
  ...
  filter = new_sk->sk_filter;
  if (filter)
      old_fp = sk->sk_filter;
      ...
      sk_filter_release(old_fp);
      if (atomic_dec_and_test(&old_fp->refcnt))
atomic_inc(&filter->refcnt);
      /* true */
      call_rcu(&fp->rcu, kfree);
```

that's it - after a quiescent state pass the new_sk will have a pointer on kfree-d filter.

The same problem exists for detaching filter (SO_DETACH_FILTER).

The proposed fix consists of 3 preparation patches and the fix itself.

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Subject: [PATCH 1/4] Introduce the sk_detach_filter() call

Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 09:47:31 GMT

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Filter is attached in a separate function, so do the same for filter detaching.

This also removes one variable sock_setsockopt().

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diff --git a/include/linux/filter.h b/include/linux/filter.h
index 91b2e3b..ddfa037 100644

```

--- a/include/linux/filter.h
+++ b/include/linux/filter.h
@@ -146,6 +146,7 @@ struct sock;

extern unsigned int sk_run_filter(struct sk_buff *skb, struct sock_filter *filter, int flen);
extern int sk_attach_filter(struct sock_fprog *fprog, struct sock *sk);
+extern int sk_detach_filter(struct sock *sk);
extern int sk_chk_filter(struct sock_filter *filter, int flen);
#endif /* __KERNEL__ */

diff --git a/net/core/filter.c b/net/core/filter.c
index bd903aa..fd60758 100644
--- a/net/core/filter.c
+++ b/net/core/filter.c
@@ -433,5 +433,21 @@ int sk_attach_filter(struct sock_fprog *fprog, struct sock *sk)
    return err;
}

+int sk_detach_filter(struct sock *sk)
+{
+ int ret = -ENOENT;
+ struct sk_filter *filter;
+
+ rcu_read_lock_bh();
+ filter = rcu_dereference(sk->sk_filter);
+ if (filter) {
+ rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, NULL);
+ sk_filter_release(sk, filter);
+ ret = 0;
+ }
+ rcu_read_unlock_bh();
+ return ret;
+}
+
EXPORT_SYMBOL(sk_chk_filter);
EXPORT_SYMBOL(sk_run_filter);
diff --git a/net/core/socket.c b/net/core/socket.c
index d45ecdc..0710138 100644
--- a/net/core/socket.c
+++ b/net/core/socket.c
@@ -428,7 +428,6 @@ int sock_setsockopt(struct socket *sock, int level, int optname,
    char __user *optval, int optlen)
{
    struct sock *sk=sock->sk;
- struct sk_filter *filter;
    int val;
    int valbool;
    struct linger ling;

```

```

@@ -652,16 +651,7 @@ set_rcvbuf:
    break;

    case SO_DETACH_FILTER:
-   rcu_read_lock_bh();
-   filter = rcu_dereference(sk->sk_filter);
-   if (filter) {
-   rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, NULL);
-   sk_filter_release(sk, filter);
-   rcu_read_unlock_bh();
-   break;
-   }
-   rcu_read_unlock_bh();
-   ret = -ENONET;
+   ret = sk_detach_filter(sk);
    break;

```

```

    case SO_PASSEC:
--

```

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Subject: [PATCH 2/4] Move the filter releasing into a separate call

Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 09:49:38 GMT

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This is done merely as a preparation for the fix.

The `sk_filter_uncharge()` unaccounts the filter memory and calls the `sk_filter_release()`, which in turn decrements the refcount and frees the filter.

The latter function will be required separately.

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```

diff --git a/include/net/sock.h b/include/net/sock.h
index 453c79d..b9cfe12 100644
--- a/include/net/sock.h
+++ b/include/net/sock.h
@@ -922,14 +922,18 @@ static inline void sk_filter_rcu_free(struct rcu_head *rcu)
 * Remove a filter from a socket and release its resources.
 */

```

```

-static inline void sk_filter_release(struct sock *sk, struct sk_filter *fp)
+static inline void sk_filter_release(struct sk_filter *fp)

```

```

+{
+ if (atomic_dec_and_test(&fp->refcnt))
+ call_rcu_bh(&fp->rcu, sk_filter_rcu_free);
+}
+
+static inline void sk_filter_uncharge(struct sock *sk, struct sk_filter *fp)
+{
+ unsigned int size = sk_filter_len(fp);
+
+ atomic_sub(size, &sk->sk_omem_alloc);
+
+ - if (atomic_dec_and_test(&fp->refcnt))
+ - call_rcu_bh(&fp->rcu, sk_filter_rcu_free);
+ sk_filter_release(fp);
+}

static inline void sk_filter_charge(struct sock *sk, struct sk_filter *fp)
diff --git a/net/core/filter.c b/net/core/filter.c
index fd60758..2be1830 100644
--- a/net/core/filter.c
+++ b/net/core/filter.c
@@ -429,7 +429,7 @@ int sk_attach_filter(struct sock_fprog *fprog, struct sock *sk)
+
+ if (fp)
+ sk_filter_release(sk, fp);
+ sk_filter_uncharge(sk, fp);
+ return err;
+}

@@ -442,7 +442,7 @@ int sk_detach_filter(struct sock *sk)
filter = rcu_dereference(sk->sk_filter);
if (filter) {
rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, NULL);
- sk_filter_release(sk, filter);
+ sk_filter_uncharge(sk, filter);
ret = 0;
}
rcu_read_unlock_bh();
diff --git a/net/core/sock.c b/net/core/sock.c
index 0710138..d292b41 100644
--- a/net/core/sock.c
+++ b/net/core/sock.c
@@ -915,7 +915,7 @@ void sk_free(struct sock *sk)
filter = rcu_dereference(sk->sk_filter);
if (filter) {
- sk_filter_release(sk, filter);

```

```
+ sk_filter_uncharge(sk, filter);
  rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, NULL);
}
```

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Subject: [PATCH 3/4] Cleanup the error path in sk_attach_filter
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 09:51:11 GMT
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The sk_filter_uncharge is called for error handling and for releasing the former filter, but this will have to be done in a bit different manner, so cleanup the error path a bit.

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```
diff --git a/net/core/filter.c b/net/core/filter.c
index 2be1830..54dddc9 100644
--- a/net/core/filter.c
+++ b/net/core/filter.c
@@ -398,7 +398,7 @@ int sk_chk_filter(struct sock_filter *filter, int flen)
 */
int sk_attach_filter(struct sock_fprog *fprog, struct sock *sk)
{
- struct sk_filter *fp;
+ struct sk_filter *fp, *old_fp;
  unsigned int fsize = sizeof(struct sock_filter) * fprog->len;
  int err;

@@ -418,19 +418,18 @@ int sk_attach_filter(struct sock_fprog *fprog, struct sock *sk)
  fp->len = fprog->len;

  err = sk_chk_filter(fp->insns, fp->len);
- if (!err) {
-  struct sk_filter *old_fp;
-
-  rcu_read_lock_bh();
-  old_fp = rcu_dereference(sk->sk_filter);
-  rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, fp);
-  rcu_read_unlock_bh();
-  fp = old_fp;
+ if (err) {
+  sk_filter_uncharge(sk, fp);
```

```

+ return err;
}

- if (fp)
- sk_filter_uncharge(sk, fp);
- return err;
+ rcu_read_lock_bh();
+ old_fp = rcu_dereference(sk->sk_filter);
+ rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, fp);
+ rcu_read_unlock_bh();
+
+ sk_filter_uncharge(sk, old_fp);
+ return 0;
}

```

```
int sk_detach_filter(struct sock *sk)
```

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Subject: [PATCH 4/4] Fix the race between sk_filter_(de|at)tach and sk_clone()

Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 09:53:40 GMT

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The proposed fix is to delay the reference counter decrement until the quiescent state pass. This will give sk_clone() a chance to get the reference on the cloned filter.

Regular sk_filter_uncharge can happen from the sk_free() only and there's no need in delaying the put - the socket is dead anyway and is to be release itself.

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```
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```

```

diff --git a/include/net/sock.h b/include/net/sock.h
index b9cfe12..43fc3fa 100644
--- a/include/net/sock.h
+++ b/include/net/sock.h
@@ -905,16 +905,6 @@ static inline int sk_filter(struct sock *sk, struct sk_buff *skb)
}

/**
- * sk_filter_rcu_free: Free a socket filter
- * @rcu: rcu_head that contains the sk_filter to free
- */
-static inline void sk_filter_rcu_free(struct rcu_head *rcu)

```

```

- {
- struct sk_filter *fp = container_of(rcu, struct sk_filter, rcu);
- kfree(fp);
- }
-
- /**
 * sk_filter_release: Release a socket filter
 * @sk: socket
 * @fp: filter to remove
@@ -925,7 +915,7 @@ static inline void sk_filter_rcu_free(struct rcu_head *rcu)
static inline void sk_filter_release(struct sk_filter *fp)
{
    if (atomic_dec_and_test(&fp->refcnt))
- call_rcu_bh(&fp->rcu, sk_filter_rcu_free);
+ kfree(fp);
}

static inline void sk_filter_uncharge(struct sock *sk, struct sk_filter *fp)
diff --git a/net/core/filter.c b/net/core/filter.c
index 54dddc9..b8bc7d3 100644
--- a/net/core/filter.c
+++ b/net/core/filter.c
@@ -387,6 +387,25 @@ int sk_chk_filter(struct sock_filter *filter, int flen)
}

/**
+ * sk_filter_rcu_release: Release a socket filter by rcu_head
+ * @rcu: rcu_head that contains the sk_filter to free
+ */
+static void sk_filter_rcu_release(struct rcu_head *rcu)
+{
+ struct sk_filter *fp = container_of(rcu, struct sk_filter, rcu);
+
+ sk_filter_release(fp);
+}
+
+static void sk_filter_delayed_uncharge(struct sock *sk, struct sk_filter *fp)
+{
+ unsigned int size = sk_filter_len(fp);
+
+ atomic_sub(size, &sk->sk_omem_alloc);
+ call_rcu_bh(&fp->rcu, sk_filter_rcu_release);
+}
+
+ /**
 * sk_attach_filter - attach a socket filter
 * @fprog: the filter program
 * @sk: the socket to use

```

```
@@ -428,7 +447,7 @@ int sk_attach_filter(struct sock_fprog *fprog, struct sock *sk)
    rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, fp);
    rcu_read_unlock_bh();
```

```
- sk_filter_uncharge(sk, old_fp);
+ sk_filter_delayed_uncharge(sk, old_fp);
    return 0;
}
```

```
@@ -441,7 +460,7 @@ int sk_detach_filter(struct sock *sk)
    filter = rcu_dereference(sk->sk_filter);
    if (filter) {
        rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, NULL);
-    sk_filter_uncharge(sk, filter);
+    sk_filter_delayed_uncharge(sk, filter);
        ret = 0;
    }
    rcu_read_unlock_bh();
```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] Fix race between sk_filter reassign and sk_clone()

Posted by [davem](#) on Thu, 18 Oct 2007 04:23:02 GMT

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From: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>

Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 13:45:54 +0400

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> The race can result in that some sock will get an sk_filter
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>  new_sk = sk_alloc(...);
>  sock_copy(new_sk, sk);
>  /* copies the filter ptr */
>  ...
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>  if (filter)
>                      old_fp = sk->sk_filter;
>                      ...
>                      sk_filter_release(old_fp);
>                      if (atomic_dec_and_test(&old_fp->refcnt))
>  atomic_inc(&filter->refcnt);
>                      /* true */
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> that's it - after a quiescent state pass the new_sk will have
> a pointer on kfree-d filter.
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> Signed-off-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>

Looks good, applied.

Thanks for fixing this bug Pavel!

Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] Fix race between sk_filter reassign and sk_clone()
Posted by [Olof Johansson](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 02:29:47 GMT
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On Wed, Oct 17, 2007 at 09:23:02PM -0700, David Miller wrote:

[...]
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> >
> > Signed-off-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>
>
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>
> Thanks for fixing this bug Pavel!

Looks like this might be causing problems, at least for me on ppc. This happened during a normal boot, right around first interface config/dhcp run..

cpu 0x0: Vector: 300 (Data Access) at [c00000000147b820]
pc: c000000000435e5c: .sk_filter_delayed_uncharge+0x1c/0x60
lr: c0000000004360d0: .sk_attach_filter+0x170/0x180
sp: c00000000147baa0
msr: 9000000000009032
dar: 4
dsisr: 40000000
current = 0xc000000004780fa0
paca = 0xc000000000650480
pid = 1295, comm = dhclient3
0:mon> t
[c00000000147bb20] c0000000004360d0 .sk_attach_filter+0x170/0x180
[c00000000147bbd0] c000000000418988 .sock_setsockopt+0x788/0x7f0
[c00000000147bcb0] c000000000438a74 .compat_sys_setsockopt+0x4e4/0x5a0

```
[c00000000147bd90] c00000000043955c .compat_sys_socketcall+0x25c/0x2b0
[c00000000147be30] c000000000007508 syscall_exit+0x0/0x40
--- Exception: c01 (System Call) at 000000000ff618d8
SP (ffdf040) is in userspace
0:mon>
```

I.e. null pointer deref at sk_filter_delayed_uncharge+0x1c:

```
0:mon> di $.sk_filter_delayed_uncharge
c000000000435e40 7c0802a6 mflr r0
c000000000435e44 fbc1fff0 std r30,-16(r1)
c000000000435e48 7c8b2378 mr r11,r4
c000000000435e4c ebc2cdd0 ld r30,-12848(r2)
c000000000435e50 f8010010 std r0,16(r1)
c000000000435e54 f821ff81 stdu r1,-128(r1)
c000000000435e58 380300a4 addi r0,r3,164
c000000000435e5c 81240004 lwz r9,4(r4)
```

That's the deref of fp:

```
static void sk_filter_delayed_uncharge(struct sock *sk, struct sk_filter *fp)
{
    unsigned int size = sk_filter_len(fp);
    ...
}
```

That is called from sk_attach_filter():

```
...
    rcu_read_lock_bh();
    old_fp = rcu_dereference(sk->sk_filter);
    rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, fp);
    rcu_read_unlock_bh();

    sk_filter_delayed_uncharge(sk, old_fp);
    return 0;
...
```

So, looks like rcu_dereference() returned NULL. I don't know the filter code at all, but it seems like it might be a valid case? sk_detach_filter() seems to handle a NULL sk_filter, at least.

So, this needs review by someone who knows the filter, but it fixes the problem for me:

Signed-off-by: Olof Johansson <olof@lixom.net>

```
diff --git a/net/core/filter.c b/net/core/filter.c
index 1f0068e..e0a0694 100644
--- a/net/core/filter.c
+++ b/net/core/filter.c
@@ -447,7 +447,8 @@ int sk_attach_filter(struct sock_fprog *fprog, struct sock *sk)
    rcu_assign_pointer(sk->sk_filter, fp);
    rcu_read_unlock_bh();

- sk_filter_delayed_uncharge(sk, old_fp);
+ if (old_fp)
+   sk_filter_delayed_uncharge(sk, old_fp);
    return 0;
}
```

Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] Fix race between sk_filter reassign and sk_clone()
Posted by [davem](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 04:55:21 GMT

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From: Olof Johansson <olof@lixom.net>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 21:29:47 -0500

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>
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>
>
> Signed-off-by: Olof Johansson <olof@lixom.net>

I've applied this for now to my net-2.6 tree, thanks Olof
for tracking this down.

Pavel please take a look at this and let me know if it should
fixed in some other way.

Thanks!

Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] Fix race between sk_filter reassign and sk_clone()
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 07:37:02 GMT

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David Miller wrote:

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>> problem for me:

Yes. The NULL filter is a valid case, when there are no
filters attached at all. So this fix is correct.

Thanks, Olof. Sorry, Dave :(

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Acked-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] Fix race between sk_filter reassign and sk_clone()
Posted by [davem](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 07:52:45 GMT
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From: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 11:37:02 +0400

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> Thanks, Olof. Sorry, Dave :(

No worries, thanks for reviewing.
