
Subject: [PATCH -mm] utrace: fix double free re __rcu_process_callbacks()
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The following patch fixes double free manifesting itself as crash in
__rcu_process_callbacks():
<http://marc.info/?l=linux-kernel&m=117518764517017&w=2>
https://bugzilla.redhat.com/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=229112

The problem is with check_dead_utrace() conditionally scheduling
"struct utrace" for freeing but not cleaning struct task_struct::utrace
pointer leaving it reachable:

```
tsk->utrace_flags = flags;  
if (flags)  
    spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);  
else  
    rcu_utrace_free(utrace);
```

OTOH, utrace_release_task() first clears ->utrace pointer, then frees
struct utrace itself:

Roland inserted some debugging into 2.6.21-rc6-mm1 so that aforementioned
double free couldn't be reproduced without seeing
BUG at kernel/utrace.c:176 first. It triggers if one struct utrace were
passed to rcu_utrace_free() second time.

2-way P3, 8-way ia64, Core 2 Duo boxes. Testcase is at the first link.

I _think_ it adds leak if utrace_reap() takes branch without freeing
but, well, I hope Roland will give me some clue on how to fix it too.

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```
kernel/utrace.c | 6 +-----  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 5 deletions(-)
```

but weren't easily reproducible without hitting double-free first.

FWIW, it's

```
BUG_ON(!list_empty(&tsk->ptraeces));  
oops at the beginning of remove_engine()  
NULL ->report_quiesce call which is absent in ptrace utrace ops  
BUG_ON(tracehook_check_released(p));
```

--- a/kernel/utrace.c

```
+++ b/kernel/utrace.c
@@ -205,7 +205,6 @@ utrace_clear_tsk(struct task_struct *tsk
    if (utrace->u.live.signal == NULL) {
        task_lock(tsk);
        if (likely(tsk->utrace != NULL)) {
- rcu_assign_pointer(tsk->utrace, NULL);
        tsk->utrace_flags &= UTRACE_ACTION_NOEAP;
        }
        task_unlock(tsk);
@@ -305,10 +304,7 @@ check_dead_utrace(struct task_struct *ts
    }

    tsk->utrace_flags = flags;
- if (flags)
- spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
- else
- rcu_utrace_free(utrace);
+ spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);

/*
 * Now we're finished updating the utrace state.
```
