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Subject: Re: 2.6.20-lxc8: kernel panic with af\_unix as module  
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>  
>> In my case, when registering per\_net\_\_unix\_root\_table (in function  
>> unix\_sysctl\_register in file net/unix/sysctl\_net\_unix.c), it tries to access the  
>> child (which is per\_net\_\_unix\_net\_table) at the address 0x00000080 which is the  
>> address of this symbol in the section .data.pernet of the module object, but not  
>> a virtual address.  
>  
> Hmm. It should be a global offset in the .data.pernet section.

Yes, indeed, it is.

If I do some printk (in unix\_sysctl\_register) just before the panic, I get:

```
per_net(unix_root_table, net) = 0xf7e2dce0  
per_net(unix_root_table, net)->child = 0x00000080  <= cause the panic
```

=> should be equal to this:

```
__per_net_base(unix_net_table)= 0xc03c7f40
```

And:

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```
$ objdump -D -j .data.pernet net/unix/unix.ko
```

```
net/unix/unix.ko:  file format elf32-i386
```

Disassembly of section .data.pernet:

```
00000000 <per_net__sysctl_unix_max_dgram_qlen>:  
  0:  0a 00          or    (%eax),%al  
  ...
```

```
00000020 <per_net__unix_root_table>:  
 20:  03 00          add    (%eax),%eax  
[...]
```

```
00000080 <per_net__unix_net_table>:  
 80:  04 00          add    $0x0,%al  
 82:  00 00          add    %al,(%eax)  
  ...
```

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The init of per\_net(unix\_root\_table, net)->child is done with the offset of

\_\_per\_net\_base(unix\_net\_table) in the module, and never translated to its virtual address.

It looks like the module loader translates/relocates correctly the address of \_\_per\_net\_base(unix\_net\_table), but the not the address (value of) per\_net(unix\_root\_table, net)->child ???

But if I do:

```
$ objdump -r -j .data.pernet net/unix/unix.ko
```

```
net/unix/unix.ko: file format elf32-i386
```

RELOCATION RECORDS FOR [.data.pernet]:

OFFSET	TYPE	VALUE
00000024	R_386_32	.rodata.str1.1
00000034	R_386_32	.data.pernet <== per_net__unix_root_table->child (*)
00000070	R_386_32	.data.pernet
00000084	R_386_32	.rodata.str1.1
00000094	R_386_32	.data.pernet <== per_net__unix_net_table->child (?)
000000e4	R_386_32	.rodata.str1.1
000000e8	R_386_32	per_net__sysctl_unix_max_dgram_qlen
000000f8	R_386_32	proc_dointvec

(\*) If I well read/understand, this relocation entry should correspond to per\_net\_\_unix\_root\_table->child and should be translated at load time, but it isn't ?

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> Thanks. I will go back and look but I don't plan on back porting  
> anything for 2.6.20. I'm lazy and do not have enough hours in the  
> day. :)

No problem.

Thanks.

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Pierre

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