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Subject: Re: [PATCH] Fix memory leak in inet\_hashtables.h when NUMA is on  
Posted by [Herbert Xu](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2007 12:36:09 GMT

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On Fri, Nov 23, 2007 at 07:13:11PM +0300, Pavel Emelyanov wrote:

> The inet\_ehash\_locks\_alloc() looks like this:

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>
> #ifdef CONFIG_NUMA
> if (size > PAGE_SIZE)
>   x = vmalloc(...);
> else
> #endif
>   x = kmalloc(...);
>
```

> Unlike it, the inet\_ehash\_locks\_alloc() looks like this:

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>
> #ifdef CONFIG_NUMA
> if (size > PAGE_SIZE)
>   vfree(x);
> else
> #else
>   kfree(x);
> #endif
>
```

> The error is obvious - if the NUMA is on and the size  
> is less than the PAGE\_SIZE we leak the pointer (kfree is  
> inside the #else branch).

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>
> Compiler doesn't warn us because after the kfree(x) there's
> a "x = NULL" assignment, so here's another (minor?) bug: we
> don't set x to NULL under certain circumstances.
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>
> Boring explanation, I know... Patch explains it better.
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>
> Signed-off-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>
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Good catch! Applied to net-2.6. Thanks.

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