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Subject: [PATCH -mm] utrace: fix double free re \_\_rcu\_process\_callbacks()

Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Tue, 24 Apr 2007 09:02:15 GMT

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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](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.

```

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Subject: Re: [PATCH -mm] utrace: fix double free re \_\_rcu\_process\_callbacks()  
 Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Tue, 24 Apr 2007 10:32:43 GMT  
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On Tue, Apr 24, 2007 at 01:10:23PM +0400, Alexey Dobriyan wrote:

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> BUG_ON(!list_empty(&tsk->ptraees));

```

mmm, pretty easily reproduced with:

```

while true; do
  killall -9 expl_ptratt 2>/dev/null;
  killall -9 exe 2>/dev/null;
  sleep 2;
done
vs
while true; do ./expl_ptratt; done

```