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 commit [8c9602e3a145e9596dc1a63c6ed67865814b6633](#) (patch)
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 parent [44695761546d8f8b3dadd6d4e56a47b8ae69acd7](#) (diff)

diff options

context:
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 mode:

sort: fix buffer under-read (CWE-127)

* src/sort.c (begfield): Check pointer adjustment to avoid Out-of-range pointer offset (CWE-823). (limfield): Likewise.
 * tests/sort/sort-field-limit.sh: Add a new test, which triggers with ASAN or Valgrind.
 * tests/local.mk: Reference the new test.
 * NEWS: Mention bug fix introduced in v7.2 (2009).
 Fixes <https://bugs.gnu.org/78507>

Diffstat

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| -rw-r--r-- | NEWS | 5 | <div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div> |
| -rw-r--r-- | src/sort.c | 12 | <div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green; border: 1px solid red;"></div> |
| -rw-r--r-- | tests/local.mk | 1 | <div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div> |
| -rwxr-xr-x | tests/sort/sort-field-limit.sh | 35 | <div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div> |

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diff --git a/NEWS b/NEWS
index 6ff403206..923aa72f8 100644

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--- a/NEWS
+++ b/NEWS
@@ -8,6 +8,11 @@ GNU coreutils NEWS
     copying to non-NFS files from NFSv4 files with trivial ACLs.
     [bug introduced in coreutils-9.6]

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+ sort with key character offsets of SIZE_MAX, could induce
+ a read of 1 byte before an allocated heap buffer. For example:
+ 'sort +0.18446744073709551615R input' on 64 bit systems.
+ [bug introduced in coreutils-7.2]
+

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* Noteworthy changes in release 9.7 (2025-04-09) [stable]

diff --git a/src/sort.c b/src/sort.c
index b10183b6f..7af1a2512 100644

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--- a/src/sort.c
+++ b/src/sort.c
@@ -1644,7 +1644,11 @@ begfield (struct line const *line, struct keyfield const *key)
     ++ptr;

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/* Advance PTR by SCHAR (if possible), but no further than LIM. */

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- ptr = MIN (lim, ptr + schar);
+ size_t remaining_bytes = lim - ptr;
+ if (schar < remaining_bytes)
+   ptr += schar;
+ else
+   ptr = lim;

return ptr;
}
@@ -1746,7 +1750,11 @@ limfield (struct line const *line, struct keyfield const *key)
    ++ptr;

    /* Advance PTR by ECHAR (if possible), but no further than LIM. */
-   ptr = MIN (lim, ptr + echar);
+   size_t remaining_bytes = lim - ptr;
+   if (echar < remaining_bytes)
+     ptr += echar;
+   else
+     ptr = lim;
}

return ptr;

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diff --git a/tests/local.mk b/tests/local.mk
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index 4da6756ac..642d225fa 100644
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--- a/tests/local.mk
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+++ b/tests/local.mk
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```
@@ -388,6 +388,7 @@ all_tests =
tests/sort/sort-debug-keys.sh
tests/sort/sort-debug-warn.sh
tests/sort/sort-discrim.sh
+ tests/sort/sort-field-limit.sh
tests/sort/sort-files0-from.pl
tests/sort/sort-float.sh
tests/sort/sort-h-thousands-sep.sh

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diff --git a/tests/sort/sort-field-limit.sh b/tests/sort/sort-field-limit.sh
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new file mode 100755
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```
index 000000000..52d8e1d17
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--- /dev/null
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```
+++ b/tests/sort/sort-field-limit.sh
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```
@@ -0,0 +1,35 @@
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```
#!/bin/sh
```

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+# From 7.2-9.7, this would trigger an out of bounds mem read
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+
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```
+. "${srcdir=.}/tests/init.sh"; path_prepend_ ./src
```

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+print_ver_ sort
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+getlimits_
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+# This issue triggers with valgrind or ASAN
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+valgrind --error-exitcode=1 sort --version 2>/dev/null &&  
+ VALGRIND='valgrind --error-exitcode=1'  
+  
+{ printf '%s\n' aa bb; } > in || framework_failure_  
+  
+_POSIX2_VERSION=200809 $VALGRIND sort +0.${SIZE_MAX}R in > out || fail=1  
+compare in out || fail=1  
+  
+_POSIX2_VERSION=200809 $VALGRIND sort +1 -1.${SIZE_MAX}R in > out || fail=1  
+compare in out || fail=1  
+  
+Exit $fail
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