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 Subject: [PATCH] Fix a buffer overwrite in parse\_stream()

The parse\_stream() function allocates BUFSIZE-byte long output buffer. Then it reads a string using PerlIO's read() with a maximal string length tsiz=BUFSIZE characters into a temporary buffer. And then it retrieves a length of the string in the temporary buffer in bytes and copies the strings from the temporary buffer to the output buffer.

While it works for byte-stream file handles, when using UTF-8 handles, length in bytes can be greater than length in characters, thus the temporary buffer can contain more bytes than the size of the output buffer and we have a buffer overwrite. This corrupts memory, especially metadata for libc memory management and subsequent free() aborts with "free(): invalid next size (normal)".

Minimal reproducer: Execute this code with an UTF-8 encoded file with non-ASCII characters on the standard input:

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use XML::XPath;
use open 'std', ':encoding(UTF-8)';
my $xpath = XML::XPath->new(ioref => \*STDIN);
$xpath->find('/');
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Expat/Expat.xs | 10 ++++++----
 1 file changed, 6 insertions(+), 4 deletions(-)

diff --git a/Expat/Expat.xs b/Expat/Expat.xs
index ed66531..dbad380 100644
--- a/Expat/Expat.xs
+++ b/Expat/Expat.xs
@@ -343,8 +343,8 @@ parse_stream(XML_Parser parser, SV * ioref)
 }
 else {
     tbuff = newSV(0);
-    tsiz = newSViv(BUFSIZE);
-    buffsize = BUFSIZE;
+    tsiz = newSViv(BUFSIZE); /* in UTF-8 characters */
+    buffsize = BUFSIZE * 6; /* in bytes that encode an UTF-8 string */
 }

 while (! done)
@@ -386,9 +386,11 @@ parse_stream(XML_Parser parser, SV * ioref)
     croak("read error");

     tb = SvPV(tbuff, br);
-    if (br > 0)
+    if (br > 0) {
+        if (br > buffsize)
+            croak("The input buffer is not large enough for read UTF-8 decoded string");
         Copy(tb, buffer, br, char);
     } else
     } else
     done = 1;

     PUTBACK ;
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