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# Buffer overflow in Expat.xs (patch) [rt.cpan.org #19860] #39

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- [XML-Parser-2.34-stackoverflow.patch](#)

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While looking through the Expat.xs code, I noticed a potential heap buffer overflow:



Expat.xs, line 498:

```
if (cbv->st_serial_stackptr >= cbv->st_serial_stacksize) {
    unsigned int newsize = cbv->st_serial_stacksize + 512;
    Renew(cbv->st_serial_stack, newsize, unsigned int);
    cbv->st_serial_stacksize = newsize;
}
cbv->st_serial_stack[++cbv->st_serial_stackptr] = cbv->st_serial;
```

Note that in the case (stackptr == stacksize - 1), the stack will NOT be expanded. Then the new value will be written at location (++stackptr), which equals stacksize and therefore falls just outside the allocated buffer.

The bug can be observed using Valgrind when parsing an XML file with

very deep element nesting

A simple fix is to change the test to:

```
if (cbv->st_serial_stackptr + 1 >= cbv->st_serial_stacksize) {
```

Package: XML-Parser-2.34

Perl version: v5.8.5 built for i386-linux-thread-multi

OS: Fedora Core release 3

Bye,  
Joris.



toddr on Sep 24, 2019

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```
diff -urN -U 5 XML-Parser-2.34.orig/Expat/Expat.xs XML-Parser-2.34/Expat/Expat.xs
--- XML-Parser-2.34.orig/Expat/Expat.xs 2003-07-28 16:41:10.000000000 +0200
+++ XML-Parser-2.34/Expat/Expat.xs 2006-06-13 11:23:40.000000000 +0200
@@ -493,11 +493,11 @@
     resume_callbacks(cbv);
     cbv->skip_until = 0;
 }
}

- if (cbv->st_serial_stackptr >= cbv->st_serial_stacksize) {
+ if (cbv->st_serial_stackptr + 1 >= cbv->st_serial_stacksize) {
     unsigned int newsize = cbv->st_serial_stacksize + 512;

     Renew(cbv->st_serial_stack, newsize, unsigned int);
     cbv->st_serial_stacksize = newsize;
 }
```



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