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Incorrect parsing of TarInfo header when GNU long name and type AREGTYPE are combined #141707

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Bug report

Bug description:

When an entry uses GNU long name encoding the `tarfile` module reads in the data blocks for the name and then [calls `self.fromtarfile\(\)` again](#) to get the 'actual' header. This second header is the source of truth for everything *except* the name which is just garbage data.

The problem is that `fromtarfile()` eventually calls `frombuf()` where [this logic](#) incorrectly uses the garbage data and overrides the entry type to directory, corrupting the entry.

Because the entry is detected as a directory, the offset is not updated properly and the next call to read a `TarInfo` entry will usually result in an exception. However, the exception lands up in [this block](#) where neither of the `if` conditions are met, so the exception is silently discarded. `tarinfo` remains `None` and the code [eventually decides](#) that there are no more entries in the tar file.

I initially ran into this issue due to reports of invalid sdsts being generated by maturin.

See: [PyO3/maturin#2855](#)

CPython versions tested on:

3.9, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14

Operating systems tested on:

macOS, Linux

Linked PRs

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- [gh-141707: Skip TarInfo DIRTYE normalization during GNU long name handling #143934](#)
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[Explicitly set EntryType for file entries in tar astral-sh/uv#17043](#)

 **konstin** on Dec 11, 2025

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uv is affected by this too: [astral-sh/uv#17043](#)

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