

wolfSSL / wolfssl Public

<> Code Issues 17 Pull requests 92 Actions Projects Wiki Secu

# Various security fixes and tests #10088

Merged douzzer merged 12 commits into wolfSSL:master from anhu:new\_various 2 days ago

Conversation 30 Commits 12 Checks 478 Files changed 9



anhu commented 2 weeks ago

Member

Fixes:

- zd21412
- zd21413
- zd21414
- zd21415
- zd21417
- zd21418
- zd21422
- zd21423
- zd21426



anhu requested a review from wolfSSL-Bot 2 weeks ago



anhu self-assigned this 2 weeks ago



anhu mentioned this pull request 2 weeks ago

**Various security fixes and tests #10074**


Closed



anhu force-pushed the new\_various branch from a0019fb to 83c456b 2 weeks ago

Compare

 **Frauschi** added the **For This Release** label 2 weeks ago

 **anhu** assigned **wolfSSL-Bot** and unassigned **anhu** last week

**douzzaer** commented last week

Contributor

retest this please

```
FAIL: scripts/ocsp-stapling2.test
```




 **douzzaer** added **Staged** and removed **Staged** labels last week



 **douzzaer** requested changes last week

[View reviewed changes](#)

 **douzzaer** left a comment

Contributor

Nit from clang-tidy:

```
[quantum-safe-wolfssl-all-clang-tidy] [33 of 61] [4f295cfb83]
  configure${config_analyzer_note}... real 0m13.426s user 0m8.036s sys 0m6.400s
  build...83c456b463 (<anthony@wolfssl.com> 2026-03-27 09:15:34 -0400 34762)
msg, 0xFFFFFFFF0u, &res, &key), WC_NO_ERR_TRACE(BAD_FUNC_ARG));
/tmp/tmp.4346_28411/wolfssl_test_workdir.15574/wolfssl/tests/api.c:34762:14: warning:
integer literal has suffix 'u', which is not uppercase [readability-uppercase-
literal-suffix]
34762 |         msg, 0xFFFFFFFF0u, &res, &key), WC_NO_ERR_TRACE(BAD_FUNC_ARG));
      |         ^           ~           u
```



 **douzzaer** assigned **anhu** last week

**anhu** commented last week

Member

Author

jenkins retest this please.



**douzzer** added the **Staged** label [last week](#)



**douzzer** requested changes [last week](#)

[View reviewed changes](#)



**douzzer** left a comment

Contributor

Testing configuration:

```
--enable-ecc --enable-tlsx --enable-supportedcurves --enable-heapmath --enable-ocspstapling --enable-harden --enable-secure-renegotiation --enable-certgen --enable-pkcs7 --enable-indef --enable-smallcache --enable-pkcallbacks --enable-cmac --enable-keygen --enable-poly1305 --enable-chacha --disable-ldtls --disable-sha224 --disable-errorqueue --enable-aesgcm=small --disable-inline --disable-asm --enable-opensslextra=x509small --enable-tls13 --enable-des3 --enable-atomicuser --enable-crl --enable-wpas=small --enable-eccencrypt
```

```
Testing DEFAULT: --enable-ecc --enable-tlsx --enable-supportedcurves --enable-heapmath --enable-ocspstapling --enable-harden --enable-secure-renegotiation --enable-certgen --enable-pkcs7 --enable-indef --enable-smallcache --enable-pkcallbacks --enable-cmac --enable-keygen --enable-poly1305 --enable-chacha --disable-ldtls --disable-sha224 --disable-errorqueue --enable-aesgcm=small --disable-inline --disable-asm --enable-opensslextra=x509small --enable-tls13 --enable-des3 --enable-atomicuser --enable-crl --enable-wpas=small --enable-eccencrypt
```

Configure RESULT = 0

make[2]: warning: -j3 forced in submake: resetting jobserver mode.

```
In file included from ./wolfssl/wolfcrypt/error-crypt.h:34,
                 from ./wolfssl/error-ssl.h:27,
                 from ./wolfssl/ssl.h:35,
                 from ./tests/unit.h:40,
                 from tests/api.c:32:
```

tests/api.c: In function 'test\_zd21422\_pkcs7\_padding\_oracle':

./wolfssl/wolfcrypt/types.h:987:31: error: 'encodedSz' may be used uninitialized in this function [-Werror=maybe-uninitialized]

```
 987 |     #define XMEMCPY(d,s,l)    memcpy((d),(s),(l))
      |                               ^~~~~~
```

tests/api.c:34811:9: note: 'encodedSz' was declared here

```
34811 |     int encodedSz;
      |           ^~~~~~
```



Testing configuration:

```
--enable-sp-math-all=small --enable-all --disable-asm --enable-smallstack --enable-32bit CFLAGS="-m32"
```

The case with CFLAGS + double-quotes

EXTRACTED\_CFLAGS = -m32

```
Testing CONFIG_REMAINDER = --enable-sp-math-all=small --enable-all --disable-asm --enable-smallstack --enable-32bit
```

Configure RESULT = 0



```

make[2]: warning: -j3 forced in submake: resetting jobserver mode.
In file included from ./wolfssl/wolfcrypt/error-crypt.h:34,
                 from ./wolfssl/error-ssl.h:27,
                 from ./wolfssl/ssl.h:35,
                 from ./tests/unit.h:40,
                 from tests/api.c:32:
tests/api.c: In function 'test_zd21422_pkcs7_padding_oracle':
./wolfssl/wolfcrypt/types.h:987:31: error: 'encodedSz' may be used uninitialized in
this function [-Werror=maybe-uninitialized]
  987 |     #define XMEMCPY(d,s,l)    memcpy((d),(s),(l))
      |                               ^~~~~~
tests/api.c:34811:9: note: 'encodedSz' was declared here
34811 |     int encodedSz;
      |         ^~~~~~

```

```

Testing CONFIG_REMAINDER = CC=clang --enable-opensslextra --enable-des3 --enable
--enable-ecc --enable-dtls --enable-aesgcm --enable-aesccm --enable-sniffer --enab
psk --enable-camellia --enable-sha512 --enable-crl --enable-ocsp --enable-savesession
--enable-savecert --enable-atomicuser --enable-pkcallbacks --enable-scep
32
Configure RESULT = 0
33
34
make[2]: warning: -j3 forced in submake: resetting jobserver mode.
35
In file included from src/ssl.c:288:
36
./src/ssl_sess.c:530:34: error: unused variable 's' [-Werror,-Wunused-variable]
37
        WOLFSSL_SESSION* s = &SessionCache[i].Sessions[j];
38
                                ^
39
./src/ssl_sess.c:705:34: error: unused variable 's' [-Werror,-Wunused-variable]
40
        WOLFSSL_SESSION* s = &SessionCache[i].Sessions[j];
41
                                ^

```

and others



**douzzer** removed the **Staged** label last week



**anhu** force-pushed the **new\_various** branch from **179c337** to **a33731a** last week

[Compare](#)



**JacobBarthelmeh** reviewed [last week](#)

View reviewed changes

wolfcrypt/src/ecc.c Outdated Show resolved



**anhu** requested review from **JacobBarthelmeh** and **douzzler** [last week](#)



**anhu** removed their assignment [last week](#)



**dgarske** requested changes [3 days ago](#)

View reviewed changes

src/ssl\_sess.c Outdated Show resolved

wolfcrypt/src/evp.c Outdated Show resolved

wolfcrypt/src/pkcs7.c Outdated Show resolved

wolfcrypt/src/pkcs7.c Outdated Show resolved



**dgarske** assigned **anhu** [3 days ago](#)



**anhu** requested a review from **dgarske** [3 days ago](#)



**anhu** assigned **wolfSSL-Bot** and unassigned **anhu** and **wolfSSL-Bot** [3 days ago](#)



**douzzler** previously requested changes [3 days ago](#)

View reviewed changes



**douzzler** left a comment

Contributor

AI review -- several of these should be fixed before merge and are easy:

## PR Summary

This is a security-fix batch: 9 ZD-tracked vulnerabilities (21412–21426), each with a targeted fix, plus 5 regression tests. The fixes span ML-DSA, TLS 1.3 PQC key exchange, PKCS7/CMS, ECC import, session cache serialization, and EVP PKEY printing.

## Findings

### 1. PKCS7 padding check is not actually constant-time (ZD 21422 — both paths)

The comment says "Constant-time check all padding bytes," but the loop iterates exactly `padLen` times:

```
for (padIndex = encryptedContentSz - padLen;
    padIndex < encryptedContentSz; padIndex++) {
    padCheck |= encryptedContent[padIndex] ^ padLen;
}
```



The iteration count is data-dependent — it leaks `padLen` (i.e. the last plaintext byte) through timing. A true constant-time check would iterate over the full final block and use a mask to conditionally accumulate. The early-bail checks (`padLen == 0 || padLen > expBlockSize`) also leak through control flow, though those reject structurally invalid values.

**Practical impact is low** for PKCS7/CMS, which is typically not a network-facing oracle the way TLS CBC is (Vaudenay/Lucky13). The fix is a substantial improvement over the pre-existing single-last-byte check. But the comment should either be corrected or the implementation made truly constant-time, depending on threat model.

### 2. Session cache restore: `ticketLen` not sanitized (ZD 21423)

After the raw `XMEMCPY / XFREED`, the fix resets `ticket = staticTicket` and `ticketLenAlloc = 0`, but does **not** cap `ticketLen`. If the serialized session had a dynamically-allocated ticket with `ticketLen > SESSION_TICKET_LEN`, the restored session now has `ticket` pointing to `staticTicket` (size `SESSION_TICKET_LEN`) with a `ticketLen` that exceeds it. Any subsequent read of `ticket[0..ticketLen-1]` would be OOB from `staticTicket`.

This is arguably pre-existing in the save/restore mechanism (it serializes raw structs including stale pointer values), but this fix makes the inconsistency more dangerous: the pointer is now valid (so no obvious crash), but the length can exceed the buffer (silent OOB). Consider adding:

```
#ifdef HAVE_SESSION_TICKET
    s->ticket = s->staticTicket;
    s->ticketLenAlloc = 0;
    if (s->ticketLen > SESSION_TICKET_LEN)
        s->ticketLen = SESSION_TICKET_LEN;
#endif
```



### 3. Incomplete `wc_*_delete()` coverage (ZD 21415)

The heap-before-free pattern is fixed for `curve25519`, `ed25519`, and `dilithium`. If `ed448`, `curve448`, or any other key types have the same `wc_*_delete()` → `wc_*_free()` → `ForceZero` → `XFREE(key, key->heap, ...)` pattern, they remain vulnerable. Not a regression from this PR, but worth an audit pass.

### 4. `MP_DECIMAL_MAX_LEN` naming is misleading (ZD 21426)

The define is 24, which is fine for RSA/DSA/DH/EC exponents and small parameters. But the name `MP_DECIMAL_MAX_LEN` reads as "maximum decimal representation length for any MP integer," which it clearly isn't (a 2048-bit MP integer needs ~617 decimal digits). If any future code uses this define for general `mp_int`-to-decimal conversion, it will overflow. A name like `EVP_EXPONENT_PRINT_MAX` or similar would be less error-prone.

### 5. Test callback `oriDecryptCb_zd21414` has an unchecked OOB read (test-only)

```
keySz = oriValue[1];
if (*decryptedKeySz < keySz) return -1;
XMEMCPY(decryptedKey, oriValue + 2, keySz);
```



There's a check `if (oriValueSz < 2) return -1;` but no check that `keySz <= oriValueSz - 2`. If the ORI value data is shorter than `oriValue[1]` claims, this reads OOB from `oriValue`. This is test-only code and the crafted DER is designed to fail at the OID bounds check before the callback is reached, so it's not a production issue — but a fuzzer hitting this callback with a different input could cause a confusing test crash. A one-liner `if (keySz > oriValueSz - 2) return -1;` would harden it.

### 6. No regression test for ZD 21413 (TLS 1.3 PQC key share over-read)

This is the most critical fix — a malicious TLS 1.3 server can trigger it remotely. The others all require local/crafted input. Understandable that it's hard to unit-test without TLS handshake infrastructure, but worth noting as a gap.

## Fixes that look clean

- **ZD 21412** (dilithium hashLen check) — straightforward, mirrors sign-path check.
- **ZD 21413** (TLS PQC `keLen < ctSz` check) — correct, positioned before the `Decapsulate` call, proper error code.
- **ZD 21414** (ORI OID bounds check) — correct, `ori0IDsz > MAX_OID_SZ` before `XMEMCPY` into `ori0ID[MAX_OID_SZ]`.
- **ZD 21415** (heap-before-free) — correct pattern, clean across all three files.
- **ZD 21417** (integer overflow check) — both the `data2Len > (UINT32_MAX - data1Len)` and the `msgLen > UINT32_MAX / 2` guards are correct.
- **ZD 21418** (ECC point validation for untrusted imports) — clean. In the `#else` of `WOLFSSL_VALIDATE_ECC_IMPORT`, gates on `untrusted` so trusted imports (cert parsing) are unaffected.

**Binary blob check:** The `malformed[]` array in the ZD 21414 test is a verifiable crafted CMS EnvelopedData with visible DER structure — OIDs, the patched 0x40 length byte, 54 ASCII 'X' (0x58) pad bytes, AES-256-CBC OID, IV, and ciphertext. No opaque or suspicious blobs.

## Verdict

No security regressions introduced. The fixes are well-targeted and the tests are solid. Findings [#1](#) (constant-time comment) and [#2](#) (`ticketLen` cap) are the most actionable items before merge.



**douzzer** assigned **anhu** [3 days ago](#)

**anhu** commented [3 days ago](#)

Member

Author

448 variants don't have XFREE() in them.

17 hidden items

[Load more...](#)



**anhu** and others added 2 commits [2 days ago](#)



[Add regression tests for fixes](#)

[2e32094](#)

[Remove UTF-8 chars](#) ... ✖ c335f7d

**JacobBarthelmeh** [force-pushed](#) the `new_various` branch from `7a9557c` to `c335f7d` Compare  
[2 days ago](#)

**JacobBarthelmeh** assigned **JacobBarthelmeh** and unassigned **wolfSSL-Bot** [2 days ago](#)

[adjust test case return value check after rebase](#) ✖ ad1cc4e

**JacobBarthelmeh** commented [2 days ago](#)

Contributor

After the rebase these commits where removed:

- [feb8782](#) fixed in ([🔗 Improved ECC curve validation #10133](#))
- [8a60289](#) fixed in ([🔗 Additional fixes #10116](#))
- [978c37f](#) fixed in ([🔗 20260403-WC\\_FIPS\\_186 #10131](#))



**dgarske** requested changes [2 days ago](#)

[View reviewed changes](#)

src/ssl\_sess.c Outdated Show resolved

**dgarske** assigned **anhu** and **JacobBarthelmeh** and unassigned **JacobBarthelmeh** and **anhu** [2 days ago](#)

[refactor sanity pointer set of session and clean up macro guards](#) ✖ ecfd117

**JacobBarthelmeh** requested a review from **Copilot** [2 days ago](#)



**dgarske** previously approved these changes [2 days ago](#)


[View reviewed changes](#)

**dgarske** dismissed **douizzer's** [stale review](#) [2 days ago](#)

Fixed



 Copilot [started reviewing](#) on behalf of **JacobBarthelmeh** [2 days ago](#)

[View session](#)

  **JacobBarthelmeh** requested a review from **wolfSSL-Fenrir-bot** [2 days ago](#)

 Copilot  reviewed [2 days ago](#)

[View reviewed changes](#)

 Copilot  left a comment

[Contributor](#)

## Pull request overview

This PR delivers a set of security hardening changes across wolfCrypt and TLS/session handling, and adds regression tests covering the newly enforced validation behaviors (referenced by the listed `zd*` items).


### Changes:

- Harden PKCS#7 CBC padding validation by rejecting invalid padding sizes and validating all padding bytes during decode.
- Add additional bounds/overflow validation in PQC key share decapsulation and Dilithium hashing/verification paths.
- Improve safety in key object delete helpers (preserve heap before freeing) and add new API-level regression tests.

### Reviewed changes


Copilot reviewed 9 out of 9 changed files in this pull request and generated 5 comments.


▶ [Show a summary per file](#)

 [Add Copilot custom instructions](#) for smarter, more guided reviews. [Learn how to get started.](#)



wolfssl/wolfcrypt/types.h [Outdated](#)

 [Show resolved](#)

wolfcrypt/src/pkcs7.c Outdated Show resolvedwolfcrypt/src/pkcs7.c Outdated Show resolved


tests/api.c

 Show resolved

src/ssl\_sess.c

 Show resolved**JacobBarthelmeh** commented [2 days ago](#)Contributor

Retest this please Jenkins : Windows ACVP test failure

 **wolfSSL-Fenrir-bot** reviewed [2 days ago](#)[View reviewed changes](#) **wolfSSL-Fenrir-bot** left a comment

## Fenrir Automated Review — PR #10088

**Scan targets checked:** wolfcrypt-api\_misuse , wolfcrypt-bugs , wolfcrypt-compliance , wolfcrypt-concurrency , wolfcrypt-consttime , wolfcrypt-defaults , wolfcrypt-mutation , wolfcrypt-portability , wolfcrypt-proptest , wolfcrypt-src , wolfcrypt-zeroize , wolfssl-bugs , wolfssl-compliance , wolfssl-consttime , wolfssl-defaults , wolfssl-mutation , wolfssl-proptest , wolfssl-src , wolfssl-zeroize

**Findings:** 4**2 finding(s) posted as inline comments** (see file-level comments below)

### Medium (2)

#### PKCS7 EnvelopedData padding check is not constant-time

**File:** src/pkcs7.c:13264-13282**Function:** wc\_PKCS7\_DecodeEnvelopedData**Category:** Secret-dependent branches

The new PKCS#7 padding validation in `wc_PKCS7_DecodeEnvelopedData` introduces two timing side channels on secret data:

1. **Early-exit branch on secret value:** The check `if (padLen == 0 || padLen > expBlockSize || padLen > encryptedContentSz)` branches directly on `padLen`, which is the last byte of decrypted ciphertext — secret data. This creates a distinguishable fast path (no loop executed) vs slow path (loop executed).
2. **Variable-iteration loop:** The padding verification loop `for (padIndex = encryptedContentSz - padLen; padIndex < encryptedContentSz; padIndex++)` iterates exactly `padLen` times, where `padLen` ranges from 1 to `expBlockSize` (e.g., 1-16 for AES). An attacker measuring timing can distinguish between different padding byte values.

The code comment acknowledges this: "Better implementation would be to run through the entire block." Since this fix specifically targets a padding oracle vulnerability (ZD 21422), the remaining timing side channel undermines the fix. A constant-time implementation should iterate over the full block and use bitwise masking to validate padding bytes regardless of `padLen`, avoiding early exits.

```
padLen = encryptedContent[encryptedContentSz-1];

if (padLen == 0 || padLen > expBlockSize ||
    padLen > encryptedContentSz) {
    ret = BUFFER_E;
    break;
}

/* Check all padding bytes. Better implementation would be to run
 * through the entire block. */
for (padIndex = encryptedContentSz - padLen;
     padIndex < encryptedContentSz; padIndex++) {
    padCheck |= encryptedContent[padIndex] ^ padLen;
}
if (padCheck != 0) {
    ret = BUFFER_E;
    break;
}
```

**Recommendation:** Replace the early-exit check and variable-length loop with a constant-time full-block scan. For example, iterate over all `expBlockSize` bytes of the last block, using bitwise operations to mask which bytes should match `padLen`. Use `ctMaskGTE / ctMaskLTE` (or equivalent wolfSSL constant-time helpers from `wolfcrypt/src/misc.c`) to build the expected padding mask without branching on `padLen`. Defer the `padLen == 0 || padLen > expBlockSize` check into the constant-time logic by OR-ing the error into `padCheck` rather than breaking early.

## PKCS7 EncryptedData padding check is not constant-time

**File:** `src/pkcs7.c:15331-15357`

**Function:** `wc_PKCS7_DecodeEncryptedData`

**Category:** Secret-dependent branches

The same non-constant-time padding validation pattern appears in `wc_PKCS7_DecodeEncryptedData`. The check `if (padLen == 0 || padLen > expBlockSize || padLen > encryptedContentSz)` branches on the secret-derived `padLen`, and the subsequent loop iterates `padLen` times rather than a fixed number of iterations. This creates the same timing side channel as the `wc_PKCS7_DecodeEnvelopedData` instance — an attacker can distinguish different `padLen` values via timing measurement, potentially enabling a padding oracle attack despite the fix.

```

padLen = encryptedContent[encryptedContentSz-1];

if (padLen == 0 || padLen > expBlockSize ||
    padLen > encryptedContentSz) {
    WOLFSSL_MSG("Bad padding size found");
    ret = BUFFER_E;
    XFREE(encryptedContent, pkcs7->heap, DYNAMIC_TYPE_PKCS7);
    break;
}

/* Check all padding bytes. Better implementation would be to
 * run through the entire block. */
for (padIndex = encryptedContentSz - padLen;
    padIndex < encryptedContentSz; padIndex++) {
    padCheck |= encryptedContent[padIndex] ^ padLen;
}
if (padCheck != 0) {
    WOLFSSL_MSG("Bad padding bytes found");
    ret = BUFFER_E;
    XFREE(encryptedContent, pkcs7->heap, DYNAMIC_TYPE_PKCS7);
    break;
}

```

**Recommendation:** Apply the same constant-time fix as recommended for `wc_PKCS7_DecodeEnvelopedData`: iterate over all `expBlockSize` bytes using bitwise masking to validate padding without leaking `padLen` through timing. Both functions should share a common constant-time padding validation helper.

*This review was generated automatically by Fenrir. Findings are non-blocking.*

wolfcrypt/src/pkcs7.c

Show resolved

src/ssl\_sess.c

Show resolved



make the padding check constant time and move evp exponent print size...

✗ d1c6423

...

  **JacobBarthelmeh** dismissed **dgarske's** [stale review](#) via [d1c6423](#) [2 days ago](#)

 **dgarske** previously approved these changes [2 days ago](#)

[View reviewed changes](#)

 **dgarske** assigned **wolfSSL-Bot** [2 days ago](#)

**JacobBarthelmeh** commented [2 days ago](#)


Contributor

Retest this please Jenkins : Windows ACVP fail

  [add adjustment for review](#)

 [4fd0df4](#)

  **JacobBarthelmeh** dismissed **dgarske's** [stale review](#) via [4fd0df4](#) [2 days ago](#)

 **douzzler** approved these changes [2 days ago](#)

[View reviewed changes](#)

  **douzzler** merged commit **750f3b1** into [wolfSSL:master](#) [2 days ago](#)

470 of 477 checks passed

[View details](#)

[Sign up for free](#) to join this conversation on **GitHub**. Already have an account? [Sign in to comment](#)

Reviewers

 **Frauschi**




 **Copilot**



 **wolfSSL-Fenrir-bot**



 **douzzler**



 **dgarske**





wolfSSL-Bot



JacobBarthelmeh



---

### Assignees



JacobBarthelmeh



wolfSSL-Bot

---

### Labels

For This Release

---

### Projects

None yet

---

### Milestone

No milestone

---

### Development

Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

None yet

---

### 9 participants

