

# Fuzzing del firewall di Linux con syzkaller



# Whoami

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# Introducing syzkaller

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# What is syzkaller?

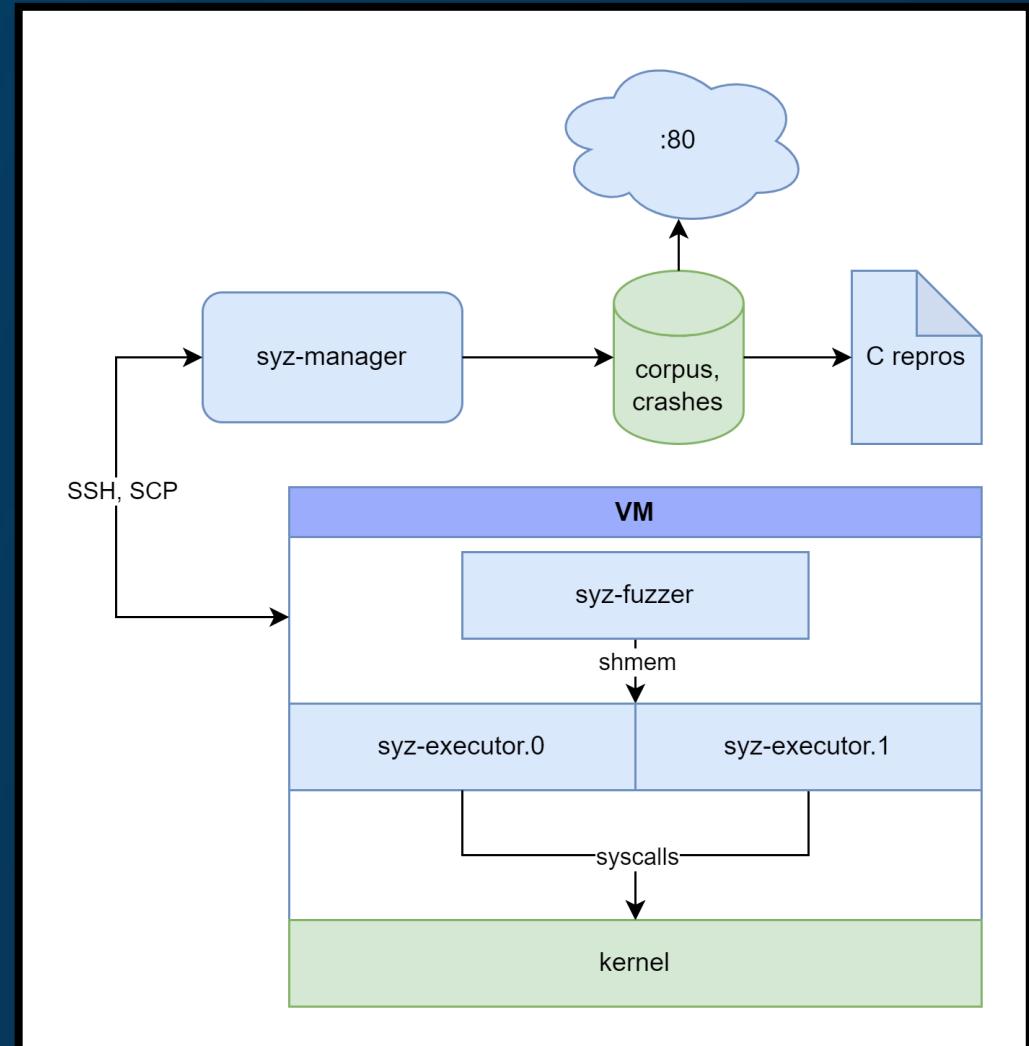
- The most popular (best) kernel fuzzer
- Unsupervised (?)
- Coverage-guided
- Supports Linux, \*BSD, Android, ...
- Multiple modules written in C and Go



Introducing syzkaller

# What does it look like?

MODULE	ROLE
<b>SYZ-MANAGER</b>	Manages VMs and communicates via RPC to detect and reproduce crashes.
<b>SYZ-FUZZER</b>	Generates new test programs and mutates the existing ones via workers.
<b>SYZ-EXECUTOR</b>	Configures the fuzzing VMs, runs syzlang programs. It also collects coverage and sends it to syz-manager through syz-fuzzer.
<b>SYZ-PROG2C</b>	Translates syzlang programs into C sources.
<b>SYZ-COVER</b>	Allows dumping current coverage to file by converting raw coverage data into html or json.



# Fuzzing the network stack

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# Data flow

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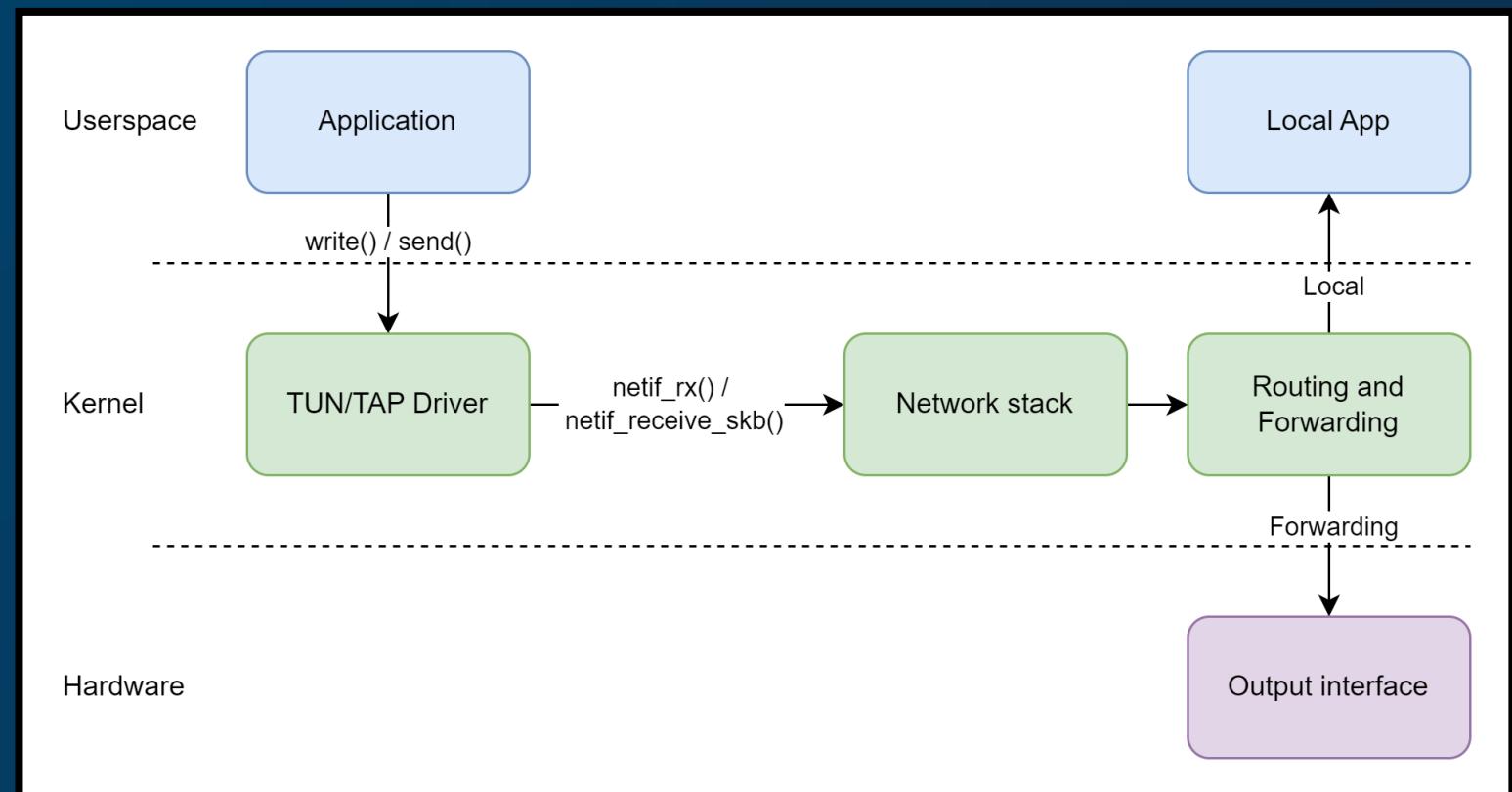
Generate «random» PDUs

02

Inject them into the stack

03

Collect coverage & repeat



<https://xairy.io/articles/syzkaller-external-network>

Fuzzing the network stack

# TUN/TAP Implementation

```
static void initialize_tun(void)
{
#if SYZ_EXECUTOR
    if (!flag_net_injection)
        return;
#endif
    tunfd = open("/dev/net/tun", O_RDWR | O_NONBLOCK);
    if (tunfd == -1) {
#if SYZ_EXECUTOR
        fail("tun: can't open /dev/net/tun");
#else
        printf("tun: can't open /dev/net/tun: please enable CONFIG_TUN=y\n");
        printf("otherwise fuzzing or reproducing might not work as intended\n");
        return;
#endif
    }
}
```

Uses TAP interface to process raw frames:

```
strncpy(ifr.ifr_name, TUN_IFACE, IFNAMSIZ);
ifr.ifr_flags = IFF_TAP | IFF_NO_PI;
// Note: SYZ_ENABLE_NAPI_FRAGS is never enabled. This is cod
// in case we figure out how IFF_NAPI_FRAGS works. With IFF_
// don't reach destinations and bail out in udp_gro_receive
// Also IFF_NAPI_FRAGS does not work with sandbox_namespace
#if ENABLE_NAPI_FRAGS
    ifr.ifr_flags |= IFF_NAPI | IFF_NAPI_FRAGS;
#endif
    if (ioctl(tunfd, TUNSETIFF, (void*)&ifr) < 0) {
```

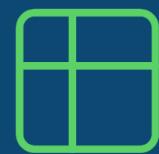


# Fuzzing Nftables

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Fuzzing Nftables

# Nftables concepts



TABLES



CHAINS



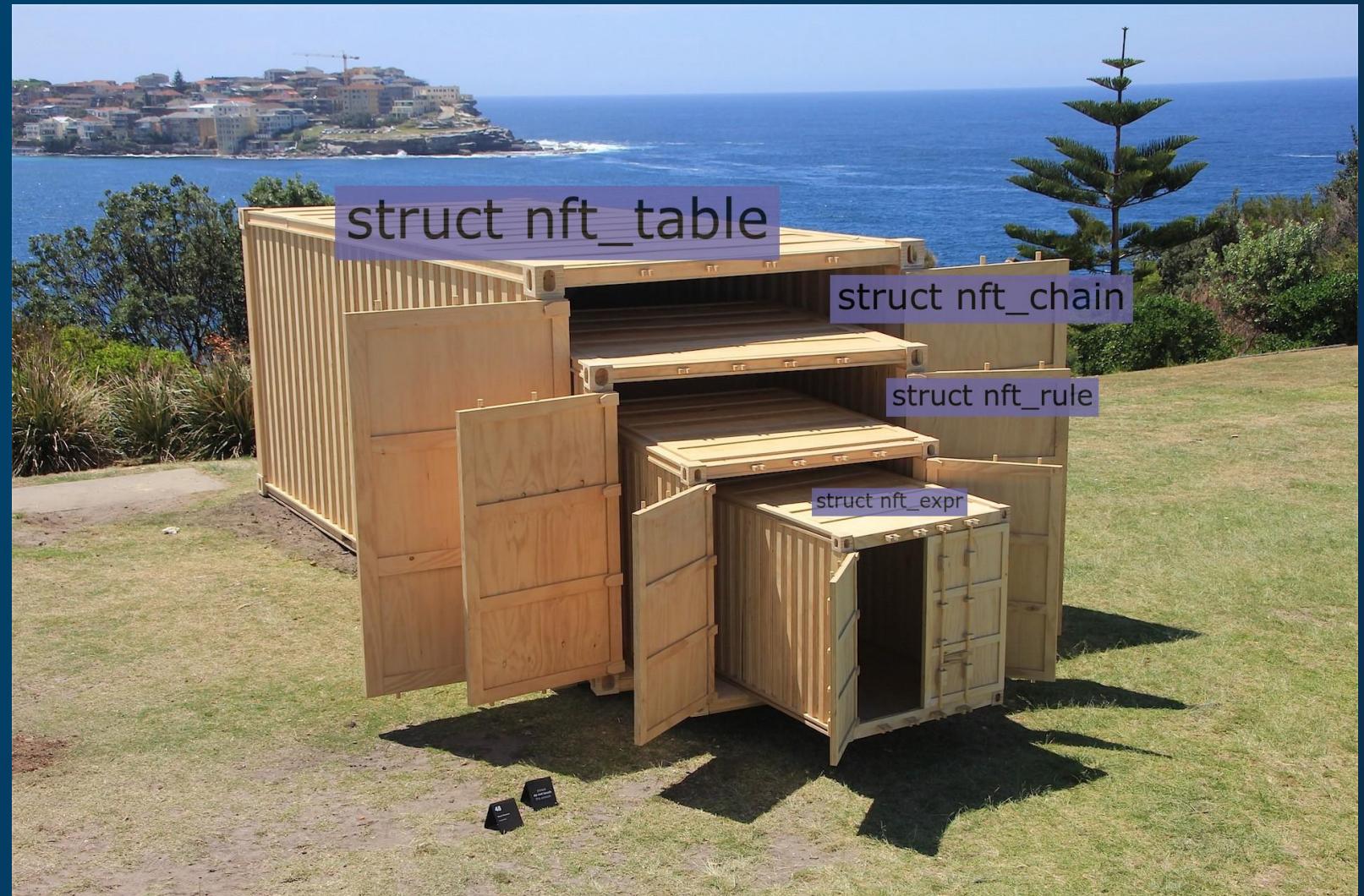
RULES



EXPRESSIONS

## Fuzzing Nftables

<https://blog.dbouman.nl/2022/04/02/How-The-Tables-Have-Turned-CVE-2022-1015-1016/#4-cve-2022-1015>



# Main issues

01.

## TAP Interface

TAP interfaces take L2 frames as input, but nftables deals mainly with L3+ traffic.

02.

## NFT complexity

For coverage to reach rule evaluation, a program must successfully setup a table, chain and a rule, and then send a packet to be filtered before the rule is discarded.

03.

## Netfilter hooks

For a chain to be evaluated, its Netfilter hook must be reached by the packet path.  
E.g. NF\_INET\_LOCAL\_IN for a local packet.

# Main issues

```
static __attribute__((noinline)) bool
nft_meta_get_eval_pktttype_lo(const struct nft_pktinfo *pkt,
                               u32 *dest)
{
    const struct sk_buff *skb = pkt->skb;

    switch (nft_pf(pkt)) {
    case NFPROTO_IPV4:
        if (ipv4_is_multicast(ip_hdr(skb)->daddr))
            nft_reg_store8(dest, PACKET_MULTICAST);
        else
            nft_reg_store8(dest, PACKET_BROADCAST);
        break;
    case NFPROTO_IPV6:
        nft_reg_store8(dest, PACKET_MULTICAST);
        break;
    case NFPROTO_NETDEV:
        switch (skb->protocol) {
        case htons(ETH_P_IP): {
            int noff = skb_network_offset(skb);
            struct iphdr *iph, _iph;
```

## Fuzzing Nftables

# Results

<code>nft_cmp_offload</code>	---	of 16
<code>nft_cmp_offload.cold</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_cmp16_fast_dump</code>	100%	of 4
<code>nft_cmp16_fast_init</code>	93%	of 13
<code>nft_cmp16_fast_init.cold</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_cmp16_fast_offload</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_cmp_dump</code>	100%	of 4
<code>nft_cmp_eval</code>	---	of 8
<code>nft_cmp_fast_dump</code>	100%	of 4
<code>nft_cmp_fast_init</code>	100%	of 5
<code>nft_cmp_fast_init.cold</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_cmp_fast_offload</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_cmp_init</code>	100%	of 4
<code>nft_cmp_offload</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_cmp_select_ops</code>	100%	of 13
<code>nft_payload_n2h</code>	---	of 5
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SUMMARY	98%	of 47

<code>nft_ng_dump</code>	100%	of 5
<code>nft_ng_inc_destroy</code>	100%	of 1
<code>nft_ng_inc_dump</code>	100%	of 1
<code>nft_ng_inc_eval</code>	---	of 5
<code>nft_ng_inc_init</code>	75%	of 8
<code>nft_ng_inc_reduce</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_ng_random_dump</code>	100%	of 1
<code>nft_ng_random_eval</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_ng_random_init</code>	100%	of 6
<code>nft_ng_random_reduce</code>	---	of 1
<code>nft_ng_select_ops</code>	100%	of 6
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SUMMARY	93%	of 28

Most evals are never tested!

[https://syzkaller.appspot.com/upstream  
/manager/ci-qemu-upstream](https://syzkaller.appspot.com/upstream/manager/ci-qemu-upstream)

# My solution

01.

## TAP Interface

Create a TUN interface alongside TAP, and only use it for nftables fuzzing.

02.

## NFT complexity

Define a new pseudo-syscall which performs all the common nft setup (tables, chains & hooks) statically, only leaving rule creation to the fuzzer, and immediately sends a random packet to be processed, thus triggering nf\_hook.

03.

## Netfilter hooks

Only register the NF\_INET\_PREROUTING hook so that both local and remote packets will be processed.

## Fuzzing Nftables

# Implementation

- initialize\_tun()

```
strncpy(ifr.ifr_name, TUN_IFACE, IFNAMSIZ);
ifr.ifr_flags = IFF_TUN | IFF_NO_PI;
// Note: SYZ_ENABLE_NAPI_FRAGS is never enabled. This is cod
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#if ENABLE_NAPI_FRAGS
    ifr.ifr_flags |= IFF_NAPI | IFF_NAPI_FRAGS;
#endif
if (ioctl(tunfd, TUNSETIFF, (void*)&ifr) < 0) {
```

```
pthread_t cleanup_thread;
debug("Creating cleanup thread");
if (pthread_create(&cleanup_thread, NULL, nft_cleanup, NULL) != 0) {
    fail("Failed to create thread");
}
```

```
nftfd = syscall(__NR_socket, /*domain=*/0x10ul, /*type=*/3ul, /*proto=*/0xc);
if (nftfd == -1)
    fail("Failed to create socket");
uint8_t init_syz0[] = {
    0x14, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x10, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x9e, 0x7e, 0xd5, 0x66, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
    0x00, 0x00, 0xa, 0x00, 0x20, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xa, 0x05, 0x04, 0x9f, 0x7e, 0xd5, 0x66,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x73, 0x79, 0x7a, 0x30,
    0x00, 0x79, 0x05, 0x00, 0x40, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x03, 0xa, 0x05, 0x04, 0xa0, 0x7e, 0xd5, 0x66,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x73, 0x79, 0x7a, 0x30,
    0x00, 0x58, 0x21, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x03, 0x00, 0x73, 0x79, 0x7a, 0x30, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
    0x14, 0x00, 0x04, 0x80, 0x08, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x08, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00,
    0xff, 0xff, 0xff, 0x14, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x11, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0xa1, 0x7e, 0xd5, 0x66,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xa0, 0x00};

uint8_t init_syz1[] = {
    0x14, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x10, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0xc5, 0x82, 0xd5, 0x66, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
    0x00, 0x00, 0xa, 0x00, 0x20, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xa, 0x05, 0x04, 0xc6, 0x82, 0xd5, 0x66,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x73, 0x79, 0x7a, 0x31,
    0x00, 0xd0, 0x1b, 0x00, 0x40, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x03, 0xa, 0x05, 0x04, 0xc7, 0x82, 0xd5, 0x66,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x73, 0x79, 0x7a, 0x31,
    0x00, 0x10, 0x00, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x03, 0x00, 0x73, 0x79, 0x7a, 0x31, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
    0x14, 0x00, 0x04, 0x80, 0x08, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x08, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00,
    0xff, 0xff, 0xff, 0x14, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x11, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0xc8, 0x82, 0xd5, 0x66,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xa0, 0x00};

static const struct sockaddr_nl snl = {
    .nl_family = AF_NETLINK};
```

```
sendto(nftfd, (const void*)init_syz0, 136, 0, (struct sockaddr*)&snl, sizeof(snl));
sendto(nftfd, (const void*)init_syz1, 136, 0, (struct sockaddr*)&snl, sizeof(snl));
```

# Option 1

- syz\_batch\_emit() + Output UDP

```
static long syz_batch_emit(volatile long msg, int f, volatile long a0, volatile long a1)
{
    // syz_batch_emit(fd sock_nl_netfilter, msg_ptr[in], msghdr_netlink[nft_batch_msg]], f flags
    int ret = sendmsg(nftfd, (const struct msghdr*)msg, f);
    if (ret < 0)
        return ret;

    const char* udpmmsg = "AAAA";
    struct sockaddr_in servaddr;

    bzero(&servaddr, sizeof(servaddr));
    servaddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    servaddr.sin_addr.s_addr = inet_addr("0.0.0.0");
    servaddr.sin_port = htons(1337);
    sendto(sockfd, udpmmsg, strlen(udpmmsg) + 1, 0,
           (struct sockaddr*)&servaddr, sizeof(servaddr));
}
```

# Option 2

- syz\_batch\_emit() + syz\_emit\_ethernet()

```
static long syz_batch_emit(volatile long msg, int f, volatile long a0, volatile long a1)
{
    // batch_and_emit(fd_sock_nl_netfilter, msg_ptr[in, msghdr_netlink[nft_batch_msg]], f
    int ret = sendmsg(nftfd, (const struct msghdr*)msg, f);
    if (ret < 0)
        return ret;
    return syz_emit_ethernet(a0, a1, 0);
}
```

# Option 2: Implementation

- syz\_batch\_emit() + syz\_emit\_ethernet()

```
syz_batch_emit(msg_ptr[in, msghdr_netlink[nft_batch_msg_new]], f_flags[send_flags],  
    | | | len len[packet], packet_ptr[in, ipv4_packet])  
  
nft_batch_msg_new {  
    begin nft_nlmsghdr[NFNL_MSG_BATCH_BEGIN]  
    msgs netlink_msg_netfilter_t[NFNL_SUBSYS_NFTABLES, NFT_MSG_NEWRULE, nft_rule_policy]  
    end nft_nlmsghdr[NFNL_MSG_BATCH_END]  
} [packed]
```

## Fuzzing Nftables

# Results

nft_counter_clone	---	of 5
nft_counter_destroy	100%	of 1
nft_counter_do_dump	100%	of 5
nft_counter_do_init	78%	of 9
nft_counter_dump	100%	of 1
<b>nft_counter_eval</b>	<b>100%</b>	of 1
nft_counter_fetch	89%	of 9
nft_counter_init	100%	of 1
nft_counter_init_seqcount	---	of 5
nft_counter_obj_destroy	---	of 1
nft_counter_obj_dump	---	of 1
nft_counter_obj_eval	---	of 1
nft_counter_obj_init	---	of 1
nft_counter_offload	---	of 1
nft_counter_offload_stats	---	of 2
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SUMMARY	89%	of 27

nft_ng_dump	100%	of 5
nft_ng_inc_destroy	---	of 1
nft_ng_inc_dump	---	of 1
<b>nft_ng_inc_eval</b>	<b>100%</b>	of 5
nft_ng_inc_init	100%	of 8
nft_ng_inc_reduce	---	of 1
nft_ng_random_dump	100%	of 1
<b>nft_ng_random_eval</b>	<b>100%</b>	of 1
nft_ng_random_init	84%	of 6
nft_ng_random_reduce	---	of 1
nft_ng_select_ops	100%	of 6
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SUMMARY	97%	of 32

Evals are tested even locally!

# Results

Stats 	
VMs	4
candidates	0
corpus	<a href="#">832</a>
coverage	<a href="#">10305</a>
exec total	16668122 (240/sec)
reproducing	0
crash types	3
crashes	178
suppressed	0
syscalls	<a href="#">4</a>
uptime	69253 sec

**Crashes:**

Description	Count	Last Time	Report
<a href="#">general protection fault in</a>	100	2024/05/24 10:36	
<a href="#">general protection fault in</a>	9	2024/05/24 08:06	
<a href="#">general protection fault in</a>	46	2024/05/24 10:30	

# Thanks!