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mptcp: fix NULL pointer in can_accept_new_subflow

commit 443041deb5ef6a1289a99ed95015ec7442f141dc upstream.

When testing valkey benchmark tool with MPTCP, the kernel panics in 'mptcp_can_accept_new_subflow' because subflow_req->msk is NULL.

Call trace:

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mptcp_can_accept_new_subflow (./net/mptcp/subflow.c:63 (discriminator 4)) (P)
subflow_syn_recv_sock (./net/mptcp/subflow.c:854)
tcp_check_req (./net/ipv4/tcp_minisocks.c:863)
tcp_v4_rcv (./net/ipv4/tcp_ipv4.c:2268)
ip_protocol_deliver_rcu (./net/ipv4/ip_input.c:207)
ip_local_deliver_finish (./net/ipv4/ip_input.c:234)
ip_local_deliver (./net/ipv4/ip_input.c:254)
ip_rcv_finish (./net/ipv4/ip_input.c:449)
...
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According to the debug log, the same req received two SYN-ACK in a very short time, very likely because the client retransmits the syn ack due to multiple reasons.

Even if the packets are transmitted with a relevant time interval, they can be processed by the server on different CPUs concurrently). The 'subflow_req->msk' ownership is transferred to the subflow the first, and there will be a risk of a null pointer dereference here.

This patch fixes this issue by moving the 'subflow_req->msk' under the 'own_req == true' conditional.

Note that the !msk check in subflow_hmac_valid() can be dropped, because the same check already exists under the own_req mpj branch where the code has been moved to.

Fixes: 9466a1ccebbe ("mptcp: enable JOIN requests even if cookies are in use")

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Diffstat

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-rw-r--r-- net/mptcp/subflow.c 15
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1 files changed, 8 insertions, 7 deletions

diff --git a/net/mptcp/subflow.c b/net/mptcp/subflow.c

index 9f18217dddc865..a3d3fbb78075b8 100644

--- a/net/mptcp/subflow.c

+++ b/net/mptcp/subflow.c

```
@@ -754,8 +754,6 @@ static bool subflow_hmac_valid(const struct request_sock *req,

    subflow_req = mptcp_subflow_rsk(req);
    msk = subflow_req->msk;
-   if (!msk)
-       return false;

    subflow_generate_hmac(READ_ONCE(msk->remote_key),
                          READ_ONCE(msk->local_key),
@@ -853,12 +851,8 @@ static struct sock *subflow_syn_recv_sock(const struct sock *sk,

    } else if (subflow_req->mp_join) {
        mptcp_get_options(skb, &mp_opt);
-       if (!(mp_opt.suboptions & OPTION_MPTCP_MPJ_ACK) ||
-           !subflow_hmac_valid(req, &mp_opt) ||
-           !mptcp_can_accept_new_subflow(subflow_req->msk)) {
-           SUBFLOW_REQ_INC_STATS(req, MPTCP_MIB_JOINACKMAC);
+       if (!(mp_opt.suboptions & OPTION_MPTCP_MPJ_ACK))
+           fallback = true;
-       }
    }

    create_child:
@@ -908,6 +902,13 @@ create_child:
        goto dispose_child;
    }

+   if (!subflow_hmac_valid(req, &mp_opt) ||
+       !mptcp_can_accept_new_subflow(subflow_req->msk)) {
+       SUBFLOW_REQ_INC_STATS(req, MPTCP_MIB_JOINACKMAC);
+       subflow_add_reset_reason(skb, MPTCP_RST_EPROHIBIT);
+       goto dispose_child;
+   }

    /* move the msk reference ownership to the subflow */
    subflow_req->msk = NULL;
    ctx->conn = (struct sock *)owner;
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