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## bpf: Fix wrong reg type conversion in release\_reference()

Some helper functions will allocate memory. To avoid memory leaks, the verifier requires the eBPF program to release these memories by calling the corresponding helper functions.

When a resource is released, all pointer registers corresponding to the resource should be invalidated. The verifier use `release_references()` to do this job, by apply `__mark_reg_unknown()` to each relevant register.

It will give these registers the type of `SCALAR_VALUE`. A register that will contain a pointer value at runtime, but of type `SCALAR_VALUE`, which may allow the unprivileged user to get a kernel pointer by storing this register into a map.

Using `__mark_reg_not_init()` while NOT `allow_ptr_leaks` can mitigate this problem.

Fixes: [fd978bf7fd31](#) ("bpf: Add reference tracking to verifier")  
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-rw-r--r-- kernel/bpf/verifier.c 8
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1 files changed, 6 insertions, 2 deletions

**diff --git a/kernel/bpf/verifier.c b/kernel/bpf/verifier.c**  
**index dd9019c8b0db04..225666307bba39 100644**

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--- a/kernel/bpf/verifier.c
+++ b/kernel/bpf/verifier.c
@@ -6623,8 +6623,12 @@ static int release_reference(struct bpf_verifier_env *env,
     return err;

     bpf_for_each_reg_in_vstate(env->cur_state, state, reg, ({
-         if (reg->ref_obj_id == ref_obj_id)
-             __mark_reg_unknown(env, reg);
+         if (reg->ref_obj_id == ref_obj_id) {
+             if (!env->allow_ptr_leaks)
+                 __mark_reg_not_init(env, reg);
+             else
+                 __mark_reg_unknown(env, reg);
+         }

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});
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return 0;
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