## DCMTK - Bug #1074

### Infinite loop in sendDcmDataset() when using deflated transfer syntax

2023-04-21 18:31 - Marco Eichelberg

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Assignee: Marco Eichelberg % Done: 100%

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Target version: 3.6.8

Module: dcmdata, dcmnet Compiler:

Operating System:

#### Description

The sendDcmDataset() function in the dcmnet module can get into an infinite loop when trying to send a dataset in Deflated transfer syntax.

This happens when the input buffer of the compressed stream filter has only 2, 4 or 6 bytes left, and DcmSequence::write() or DcmItem::write() return EC\_StreamNotifyClient because the tag and length for the sequence or item tag do not fit into the buffer. In this case, DcmOutputStream::write() is never called, so the compression filter will never compress and clean the input buffer, the output buffer remains empty and repeated calls to DcmDataset::write() always return EC\_StreamNotifyClient, causing an infinite loop.

The bug can be demonstrated by starting storescp with

storescp 11112 --prefer-deflated

and then running storescu with the attached sample file:

storescu --propose-deflated localhost 11112 EndlessLoopAnonymized.dcm

This issue probably affects all DCMTK releases that support network transmissions in Deflated transfer syntax, i.e. 3.5.2 to 3.6.7.

#### History

### #1 - 2023-04-21 19:06 - Marco Eichelberg

- Status changed from New to Closed
- % Done changed from 0 to 100
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Closed by commit #3aafabe88.

# Files

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