

As an Android developer, I don't want to downgrade Samsung. I just want to find out what caused the accident and what we can learn from it. I think that it's necessary for the Android system to go wrong. From a technical point of view, why is there such a problem?

**Conclusion first, for melon-eating people who don't like to read long texts, just look at the conclusion:**

"The performance of this accident was that some of the Samsung system's mobile phone system's key system service process repeated Crash and forced to enter the Recovery interface. The key system service refers to Samsung's SystemUI process. When the SystemUI process initialized the AOD plug-in, AOD plug-in initialization error caused Crash Because it is a system service, after Crash reaches a certain number of times, it will be forced to enter the Recovery interface, so most users see the Recovery interface (pictured below)

`` The full name of AOD is Always On Display, the Chinese translation is the screen display, which is the service that displays the time, weather, patterns, etc. on the screen after you press the power key to lock the screen. This function is only available on some high-end models."

`` The reason for the AOD plug-in Crash is that May 23, 2020 is leap April. When AOD displays the lunar calendar, it needs to display leap April, so it will go to the branch condition that shows the leap April, which is generally difficult to enter. After entering this condition, you need to obtain the `common_data_leap_month` string field (the corresponding value of this string field is "leap"), but due to a bug in the code compilation, the code cannot find this field in the compiled apk, so the process directly reports After FATAL EXCEPETION, the process restarts. After restarting, the initialization still needs to obtain this field, and then restart, so repeatedly, and finally trigger the system's self-help measures, enter the Recovery interface.

"This is why this problem only occurs for Chinese users, because AOD needs to display "Leap" April on May 23, but did not find the word "Leap", so it hanged. So it is not the millennium bug, also It's not that the server was hacked, and it's not Samsung's intentionally disgusting people. This kind of bug caused by compilation, and then encountered a leap month that happened once in a few years, it didn't come out. I will recognize it when I encounter it. I honestly apologize, not shameful."

## analysis

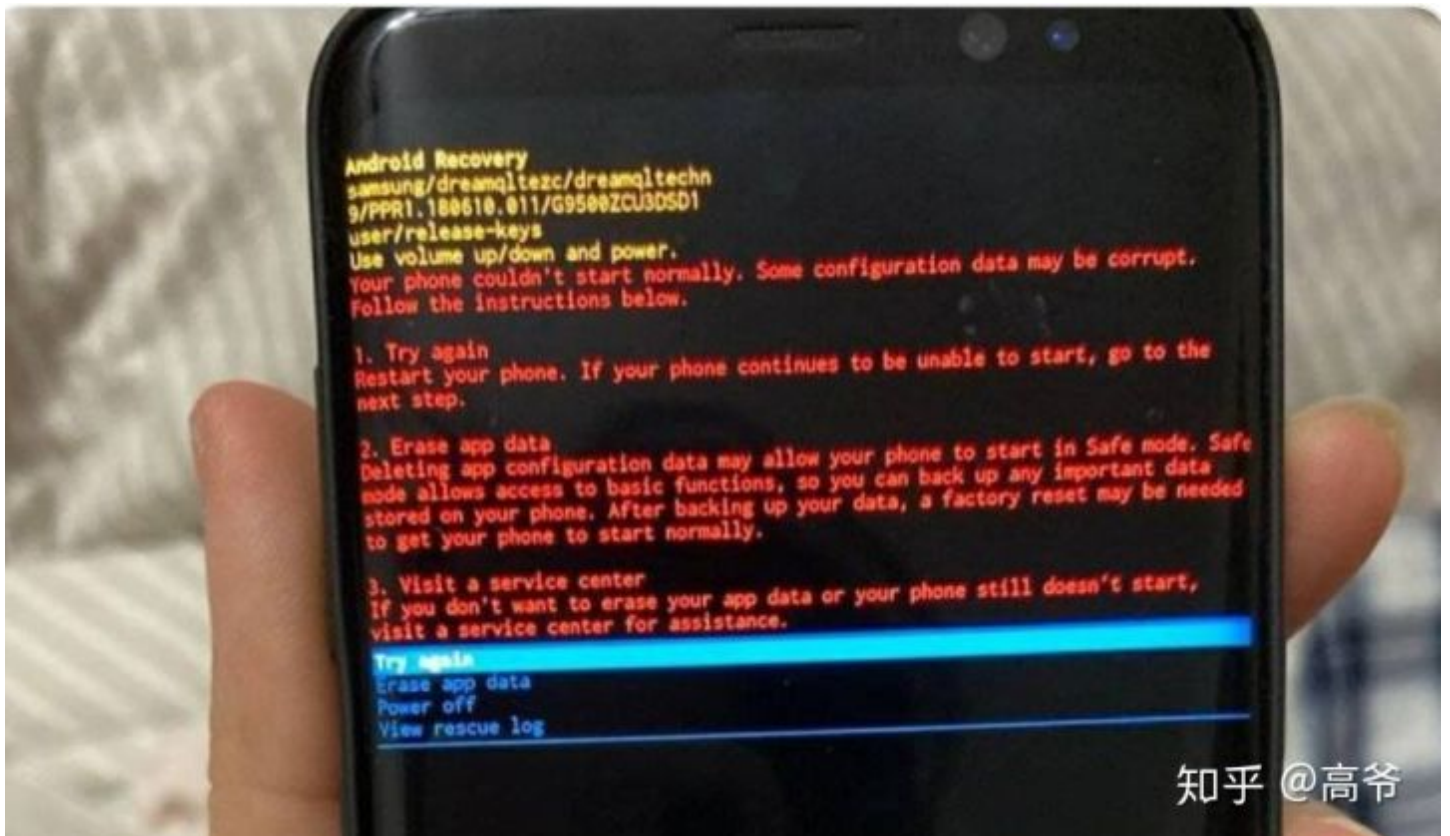
The people who eat melons can come back. Interested Android developers can continue to look down. Although the content is simple, I personally think that I can still take a look.

For Samsung developers, analyzing this Crash is very simple, just log in the monitor. From the later analysis, this problem is quickly found and repaired (it lasted about half a year); But for other developers interested in this issue, you need to use other tools

However, the analysis process is also very simple. Here, I will record my analysis ideas and tools used for everyone's convenience.

## Start with phenomena

The above conclusion says that frequent Crash of the Persist process will cause the system to trigger self-help and enter the Recovery interface, so many user feedback screenshots you see are the Recovery interface, as follows



However, there are user interfaces that directly display the error message (I guess it is a function added by Samsung itself, let me know if you have any trouble), this interface is very important for us to analyze the code



```
java.lang.NoSuchFieldError: main
Process: com.android.systemui, PID: 2388
java.lang.NoSuchFieldError: No field common_date_leap_month of type I in class
com/samsung/android/uniform/R$string; or its superclasses (declaration of 'com.
samsung.android.uniform.R$string' appears in /system/priv-app/AODService_v40/AODS
ervice_v40.apk)
?at com.samsung.android.uniform.widget.LocalDateView.getLunarCalendarInChina(Loc
alDateView.java:319)
?at com.samsung.android.uniform.widget.LocalDateView.updateLocaleDate(LocalDateV
iew.java:69)
?at com.samsung.android.uniform.widget.LocalDateView.onFinishInflate(LocalDateVi
ew.java:46)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.rInflate(LayoutInflater.java:876)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.rInflateChildren(LayoutInflater.java:824)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.rInflate(LayoutInflater.java:866)
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?at android.view.LayoutInflater.parseInclude(LayoutInflater.java:995)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.rInflate(LayoutInflater.java:859)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.rInflateChildren(LayoutInflater.java:824)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.rInflate(LayoutInflater.java:866)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.rInflateChildren(LayoutInflater.java:824)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.inflate(LayoutInflater.java:515)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.inflate(LayoutInflater.java:423)
?at android.view.LayoutInflater.inflate(LayoutInflater.java:374)
?at android.view.View.inflate(View.java:26197)
?at com.samsung.android.uniform.plugins.UfClockProvider.getClockView(UfClockProv
ider.java:57)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.clock.ExternalClockProvider.getClockVi
ew(ExternalClockProvider.java:465)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.clock.ExternalClockProvider.getClockVi
ew(ExternalClockProvider.java:458)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.clock.KeyguardClockPage.getContentsVie
w(KeyguardClockPage.java:646)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.KeyguardServiceBoxPage.attachContentsV
iew(KeyguardServiceBoxPage.java:494)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.clock.KeyguardClockPage.attachContents
View(KeyguardClockPage.java:596)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.clock.KeyguardClockPage.considerChange
ClockView(KeyguardClockPage.java:588)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.clock.KeyguardClockPage.onFinishInflat
e(KeyguardClockPage.java:165)
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?at android.view.LayoutInflater.inflate(LayoutInflater.java:374)
?at android.view.View.inflate(View.java:26197)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.KeyguardPageItem.getPageView(KeyguardP
ageItem.java:78)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.pages.KeyguardServiceBoxPageAdapter.instanti
ateItem(KeyguardServiceBoxPageAdapter.java:109)
?at com.android.internal.widget.ViewPager.addNewItem(ViewPager.java:819)
?at com.android.internal.widget.ViewPager.populate(ViewPager.java:969)
?at com.android.internal.widget.ViewPager.populate(ViewPager.java:901)
?at com.android.internal.widget.ViewPager.onMeasure(ViewPager.java:1444)
?at com.android.systemui.servicebox.KeyguardServiceBoxViewPager.onMeasure(Keygua
rdServiceBoxViewPager.java:169)
?at android.view.View.measure(View.java:24967)
?at android.view.ViewGroup.measureChildWithMargins(ViewGroup.java:7134)
?at android.widget.LinearLayout.measureChildBeforeLayout(LinearLayout.java:1535)
?at android.widget.LinearLayout.measureVertical(LinearLayout.java:825)
?at android.widget.LinearLayout.onMeasure(LinearLayout.java:704)
?at android.view.View.measure(View.java:24967)
?at android.view.ViewGroup.measureChildWithMargins(ViewGroup.java:7134)
?at android.widget.FrameLayout.onMeasure(FrameLayout.java:185)
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?at android.view.View.measure(View.java:24967)
?at android.view.ViewRootImpl.performMeasure(ViewRootImpl.java:3266)
?at android.view.ViewRootImpl.measureHierarchy(ViewRootImpl.java:1993)
?at android.view.ViewRootImpl.performTraversals(ViewRootImpl.java:2295)
?at android.view.ViewRootImpl.doTraversal(ViewRootImpl.java:1853)
?at android.view.ViewRootImpl$TraversalRunnable.run(ViewRootImpl.java:8476)
?at android.view.Choreographer$CallbackRecord.run(Choreographer.java:949)
?at android.view.Choreographer.doCallbacks(Choreographer.java:761)
?at android.view.Choreographer.doFrame(Choreographer.java:696)
?at android.view.Choreographer$FrameDisplayEventReceiver.run(Choreographer.java:335)
```

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Developers are most familiar with this stack. This is a one-frame rendering process. During the initialization of AOD's LocalDateView, an error occurs when calling the getLunarCalendarInChina method. LunarCalendar means lunar. string value.

Then the problem is very clear, we only need to check the following points

1. common\_data\_leap\_month The code logic that appears in the string field
2. common\_data\_leap\_month this string field was not found to cause the operation error

## Analysis code

First look at the code logic that appears in the common\_data\_leap\_month field. Since the function stack is listed above, then we need to directly view the code to analyze the logic generated by this problem. How do I get the code? Naturally need to decompile, the recommended decompilation tool: [TTDeDroid](#)

Decompilation requires Samsung AOD code, you can search for Always-On-Display in ApkMirror, you can find the corresponding file, you can see that Samsung's AOD update frequency is still very frequent, through user feedback can know that not all users There is this problem, and there is no problem to update to the new version, then we speculate that the problem lies in the old version (from the stack to guess that it should be V4.0 version)

## Normal version\_V5.2.05

The latest version is normal, without Crash

First let's take a look at the logic of the latest version of this code

```
String month = shouldShowLeapMonth(locale) ? context.getResources().getString(R.string.
```

This means that if you need to display the leap month, then take the value of `common_date_leap_month`, and search for `common_date_leap_month` globally and find that this value is defined in the latest version.

Here you can see the code logic of the `common_data_leap_month` field: **Only when the leap month needs to be displayed, the value of the `common_date_leap_month` field will be obtained, and the acquisition of this value will not be triggered 99.9% of the time**.

```
com.samsung.android.uniform.widget.LocalDateView

}

284 private String getLunarCalendar(Context context, Locale locale) {
285     String lunarDate;
286     if (sSolarLunarConverter == null) {
287         sSolarLunarConverter = SECCalendarFeatures.getInstance().getSolarLunarConverter();
288         if (sSolarLunarConverter == null) {
289             return "";
290         }
291     }
292     Time time = new Time();
293     time.set(Calendar.getInstance().getTimeInMillis());
294     sSolarLunarConverter.convertSolarToLunar(time.getYear(), time.getMonth(), time.getMonthDay());
295     String[] months = context.getResources().getStringArray(R.array.common_LunarMonth);
296     String[] days = context.getResources().getStringArray(R.array.common_LunarDay);
297     int convertMonth = sSolarLunarConverter.getMonth();
298     int convertDay = sSolarLunarConverter.getDay() - 1;
299     ALog.d(TAG, "Lunar month and day : " + convertMonth + ", " + convertDay);
300     if (convertMonth < 0 || convertMonth >= months.length || convertDay < 0 || convertDay >= days.length) {
301         ALog.e(TAG, "getLunarCalendar, array out of bound month = " + months.length + ", days = " + days.length);
302         return "";
303     }
304     String month = shouldShowLeapMonth(locale) ? context.getResources().getString(R.string.common_date_leap_month) + months[convertMonth] : months[convertMonth];
305     String day = days[convertDay];
306     if (isMonthDay(locale)) {
307         lunarDate = month + day;
308     } else {
309         lunarDate = day + " " + month;
310     }
311     String str = lunarDate;
312     return lunarDate;
313 }
```

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The `common_date_leap_month` exists in the R.java file, indicating that it exists, check the corresponding `string.xml` also has the definition of this field

```
com.samsung.android.app.aodservice.R

4281 public static final int common_clock_face_analog = 2131689520;
4282 public static final int common_clock_face_digital = 2131689521;
4283 public static final int common_clock_face_letter = 2131689522;
4284 public static final int common_clock_home = 2131689523;
4285 public static final int common_clock_roaming = 2131689524;
4286 public static final int common_date_am = 2131689525;
4287 public static final int common_date_format_abb_week_abb_month = 2131689526;
4288 public static final int common_date_format_abb_week_month = 2131689527;
4289 public static final int common_date_format_for_tts = 2131689528;
4290 public static final int common_date_format_only_abb_month = 2131689529;
4291 public static final int common_date_format_week_month = 2131689530;
4292 public static final int common_date_leap_month = 2131689531;
4293 public static final int common_date_pm = 2131689532;
4294 public static final int common_digital_big_hour = 2131689533;
4295 public static final int common_digital_dual_clock = 2131689534;
4296 public static final int common_digital_edge = 2131689535;
```

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```
24 <string name="common_date_format_abb_week_month">EEEEMMMd</string>
25 <string name="common_date_format_week_month">EEEEMMMd</string>
26 <string name="common_date_leap_month">闰</string>
27 <string name="common_date_pm">下午</string>
28 <string name="common_dualclock_locale_view_home_skt">首尔</string>
```

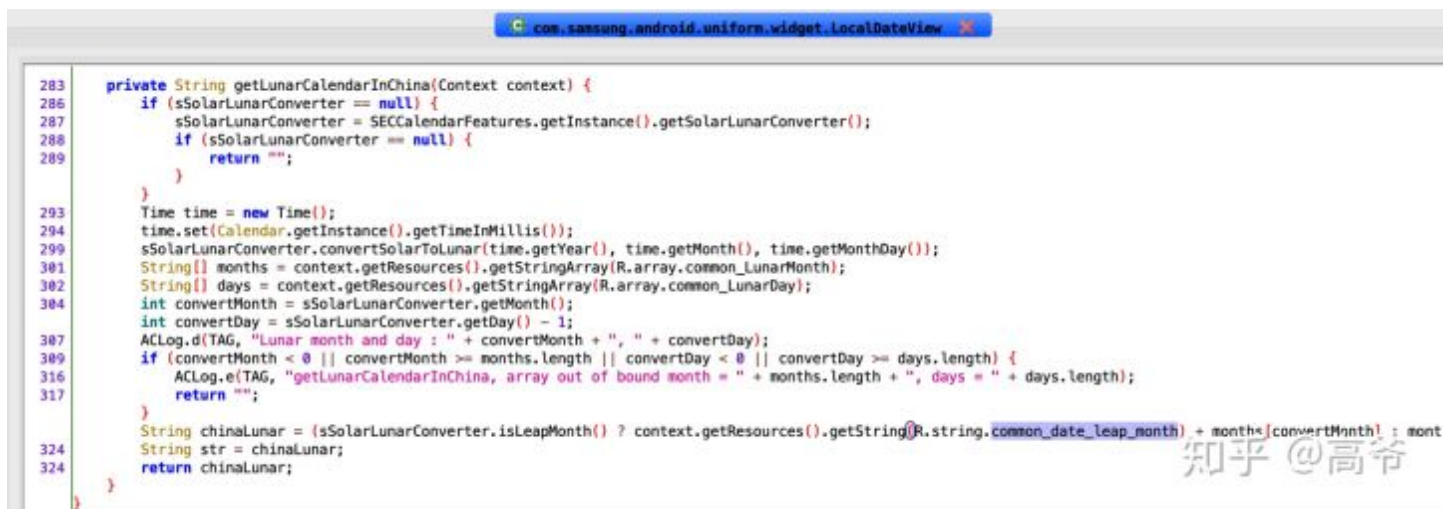
## The problematic version\_V4.1.70

Since there is no problem with the new version, and we also know the code logic of the `common_date_leap_month` field, then we look at the reason why the `common_date_leap_month` field is not found from the old version.

The old version found here is problematic. Users who use this version (these versions) will have frequent crashes on the 23rd. The reason why I think he is problematic is because the global search for the `common_date_leap_month` field found that There is no corresponding field in the R file, and there is no corresponding field and its corresponding value in the corresponding string.xml, that is, the code here is only used, and there is no definition or assignment (how did it be compiled??)



The corresponding code logic above is as follows, you can see that the function name and the number of lines are consistent with the error report, InChina...



The corresponding code:

```
private String getLunarCalendarInChina(Context context) {
    if (sSolarLunarConverter == null) {
        sSolarLunarConverter = SECCalendarFeatures.getInstance().getSolarLunarConverter
        if (sSolarLunarConverter == null) {
            return "";
        }
    }
    Time time = new Time();
    time.set(Calendar.getInstance().getTimeInMillis());
    sSolarLunarConverter.convertSolarToLunar(time.getYear(), time.getMonth(), time.getM
```



```

String[] months = context.getResources().getStringArray(R.array.common_LunarMonth);
String[] days = context.getResources().getStringArray(R.array.common_LunarDay);
int convertMonth = sSolarLunarConverter.getMonth();
int convertDay = sSolarLunarConverter.getDay() - 1;
ACLog.d(TAG, "Lunar month and day : " + convertMonth + ", " + convertDay);
if (convertMonth < 0 || convertMonth >= months.length || convertDay < 0 || convertD
    ACLog.e(TAG, "getLunarCalendarInChina, array out of bound month = " + months.le
        return "";
}
String chinaLunar = (sSolarLunarConverter.isLeapMonth() ? context.getResources().ge
String str = chinaLunar;
return chinaLunar;
}

```

## When the problem occurred

According to my investigation here, I found that this problem actually occurred when the AOD application was upgraded from v3.3.18 to v4.0.57, but there has been no problem in the middle. Without leap April, users will not have problems. , The test was not measured, and it was not fixed until v4.2.44 released on June 24, 2019



[Samsung] Always On Display 4.2.44 by Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

June 24, 2019

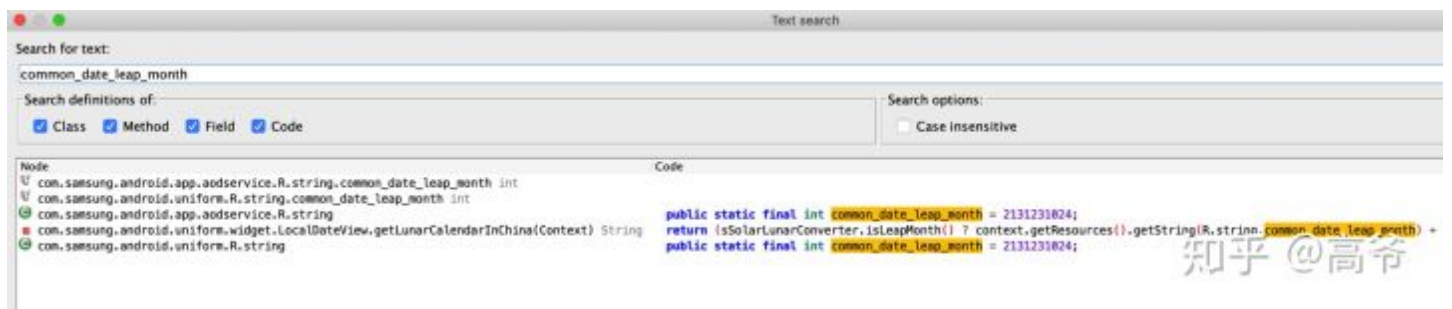


[Samsung] Always On Display 4.2.24 by Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

May 3, 2019



As of v3.3.18 we can see that the common\_date\_leap\_month field still exists



After upgrading to v4.0.57 (the first version with problems), this field is gone (how did you compile it??)



"Take care" :

1. AOD upgrade from v3.3.18 to v4.0.57 introduced this problem (introduced on October 24, 2018)
2. AOD upgrade from v4.2.24 to v4.2.44 solves this problem (fixed on June 24, 2019)

During this period, all models with AOD versions from v4.0.57 to v4.2.44 that have never been upgraded will enter Recovery mode on the day of May 23, 2020.

## Compilation problem

A very important point above is the compilation problem. Android developers know that if I write `getString(R.string.common_date_leap_month)` in the code, then I have to define this `common_date_leap_month` in `strings.xml`, and then give him a value, such as "Leap", so that we can see this field in the R file, we can use the syntax like `getString(R.string.common_date_leap_month)` to call; otherwise there will be a problem during the compilation phase, the compilation prompt `R.string.common_date_leap_month` does not exist

```
<string name="common_date_format_only_add_month">MM</string>  
<string name="common_date_format_week_month">EEEEMMMMd</string>  
<string name="common_date_leap_month">闰</string>  
<string name="common_date_pm">PM</string>  
<string name="common_digital_big_hour">DIGITAL BIG HOUR</string>
```

However, through the above analysis, we found that the frequent Crash version is Crash because it can't find the `common_date_leap_month` field. Since it can't be found, it should be compiled, but since we got the apk, it means that the compilation is no problem. .

If this situation occurs, there are generally the following two situations

1. There are different versions of the same jar package in the project, so different jar packages are used during compilation and runtime
2. The compilation uses Maven, because the dependencies in the project use different versions of the package, the last package is not the version you need

Guess Samsung's problem this time is because of the second situation, the main project and sub-modules use different versions of the package, which can be compiled through, but the final package into the project is not the package at compile time, and the FATAL at runtime appears EXCEPTION: `NoSuchFieldError` (If you have specific reasons, you can leave a message to discuss a wave)

## to sum up

Although the above analysis process is relatively simple, but there are some more tedious work, such as finding versions, decompilation, looking at the code logic, etc. In the end, it can be regarded as the root cause of the problem: the problem caused by the compilation only encountered once in a few years Leap month. So what have we learned from this?



1. Function test: Leap month is a function in the calendar, not a commonly used function, but relatively professional, such as this involves professional, you must be cautious, list all possible situations to test, necessary situations Next, leave it to a professional to evaluate test cases
2. For projects that rely on multiple parties to compile, make sure that the referenced version is consistent with the local version when compiling. For modules that rely on multiple parties, it is best to confirm with the corresponding dependent module before issuing the version each time.
3. SystemUI (lock screen\status bar\gestures\multitasking\AOD, etc.) modules and desktop modules are modules that users can directly feel. These modules have very high requirements for stability, because once these modules occur FATAL, the The impact is very huge, just like Samsung this time, so the developers of these modules are also the hardest, not only to undertake the implementation of some highlight functions, but also to ensure stability, but also in the middle of system development and application development, There is a great coupling on both sides, which is really not easy (the wife has been making this for more than 6 years, adding a drumstick at night...)
4. The system update provided by the manufacturer and the application update (especially the system application) of the manufacturer must be updated in time. Every time the system and system application update generally fix many bugs, enhance stability and performance. There is no profitable pressure on the system and system application. , So the update is mainly to improve the quality, you can safely update.
5. Developers should be curious and awe-inspiring about this kind of things: curiosity can help me learn a lot, and see the essence through phenomena; awe-inspiring can let me know the lack of my knowledge. In the huge Android system, I know nothing but the sea. .
6. This problem is definitely a big accident for Samsung, but it also contributed a classic case. It is estimated that other App or mobile phone manufacturers will include this in the functional test. As for Samsung, the domestic market itself will not work, S20 series I just got warmed up again, and this thing happened again, still the sentence: This is life, confession, apology, not shameful."

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