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Subject: [PATCH 1/2] Use list\_head in binfmt handling  
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Switch single-linked binfmt formats list to usual list\_head's.  
This leads to one-liners in register\_binfmt() and unregister\_binfmt().  
The downside is one pointer more in struct linux\_binfmt. This is not a  
problem, since the set of registered binfmts on typical box is very small  
(ELF + something distro enabled for you).

Test-booted, played with executable .txt files, modprobe/rmmod binfmt\_misc.

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fs/exec.c          | 34 ++++++-----  
include/linux/binfmts.h | 3 +--  
2 files changed, 7 insertions(+), 30 deletions(-)
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--- a/fs/exec.c  
+++ b/fs/exec.c  
@@ -66,27 +66,15 @@ int suid_dumpable = 0;  
EXPORT_SYMBOL(suid_dumpable);  
/* The maximal length of core_pattern is also specified in sysctl.c */
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-static struct linux_binfmt *formats;  
+static LIST_HEAD(formats);  
static DEFINE_RWLOCK(binfmt_lock);  
  
int register_binfmt(struct linux_binfmt * fmt)  
{  
- struct linux_binfmt ** tmp = &formats;  
-  
  if (!fmt)  
    return -EINVAL;  
- if (fmt->next)  
- return -EBUSY;  
  write_lock(&binfmt_lock);  
- while (*tmp) {  
- if (fmt == *tmp) {  
- write_unlock(&binfmt_lock);  
- return -EBUSY;  
- }  
- tmp = &(*tmp)->next;  
- }  
- fmt->next = formats;  
- formats = fmt;  
+ list_add(&fmt->lh, &formats);
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write_unlock(&binfmt_lock);
return 0;
}
@@ -95,20 +83,10 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(register_binfmt);

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int unregister_binfmt(struct linux_binfmt * fmt)
{
- struct linux_binfmt ** tmp = &formats;
-
write_lock(&binfmt_lock);
- while (*tmp) {
- if (fmt == *tmp) {
- *tmp = fmt->next;
- fmt->next = NULL;
- write_unlock(&binfmt_lock);
- return 0;
- }
- tmp = &(*tmp)->next;
- }
+ list_del(&fmt->lh);
write_unlock(&binfmt_lock);
- return -EINVAL;
+ return 0;
}

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EXPORT_SYMBOL(unregister_binfmt);
@@ -155,7 +133,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_uselib(const char __user * library)
struct linux_binfmt * fmt;

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read_lock(&binfmt_lock);
- for (fmt = formats ; fmt ; fmt = fmt->next) {
+ list_for_each_entry(fmt, &formats, lh) {
if (!fmt->load_shlib)
continue;
if (!try_module_get(fmt->module))

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@@ -1097,7 +1075,7 @@ int search_binary_handler(struct linux_binprm *bprm,struct pt_regs
*regs)

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retval = -ENOENT;
for (try=0; try<2; try++) {
read_lock(&binfmt_lock);
- for (fmt = formats ; fmt ; fmt = fmt->next) {
+ list_for_each_entry(fmt, &formats, lh) {
int (*fn)(struct linux_binprm *, struct pt_regs *) = fmt->load_binary;
if (!fn)
continue;

```

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--- a/include/linux/binfmts.h

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+++ b/include/linux/binfmts.h

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@@ -55,7 +55,7 @@ struct linux_binprm{

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* linux accepts.  
*/  
struct linux_binfmt {  
- struct linux_binfmt * next;  
+ struct list_head lh;  
  struct module *module;  
  int (*load_binary)(struct linux_binprm *, struct pt_regs * regs);  
  int (*load_shlib)(struct file *);  
}
```

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