Subject: Re: [PATCH 14/15] Destroy pid namespace on init's death Posted by Oleg Nesterov on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 19:48:11 GMT

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On 07/31, sukadev@us.ibm.com wrote:
> Oleg Nesterov [oleg@tv-sign.ru] wrote:
> | >
> | > @ @ -925,9 +926,10 @ @ fastcall NORET TYPE void do exit(long co
> | > if (unlikely(!tsk->pid))
> | > panic("Attempted to kill the idle task!");
> | > if (unlikely(tsk == task child reaper(tsk))) {
> | > - if (task_active_pid_ns(tsk) != &init_pid_ns)
> | > - task_active_pid_ns(tsk)->child_reaper =
> | > - init_pid_ns.child_reaper;
> | > + if (pid_ns != &init_pid_ns) {
> | > + zap pid ns processes(pid ns);
> | > + pid_ns->child_reaper = init_pid_ns.child_reaper;
> | > + }
> | > else
       panic("Attempted to kill init!");
> | >
> | > }
> |
> | Just to remind you, this is not right when init is multi-threaded,
> | we should do this only when the last thread exits.
>
> Sorry, I needed to clarify somethings about the multi-threaded init. I
> got the impresssion that you were sending a patch for the existing bug,
> and meant to review/clarify in the context of the patch.
Ah, sorry, I forgot to send the patch to fix the bug in mainline.
Will try to do tomorrow, please feel free to do this if you wish.
> Our current definition of is_container_init() and task_child_reaper()
> refer only to the main-thread of the container-init (since they check
> for pid t == 1)
Yes.
> If the main-thread is exiting and is the last thread in the group,
> we want terminate other processes in the pid ns (simple case).
Yes.
> If the main thread is exiting, but is not the last thread in the
> group, should we let it exit and let the next thread in the group
> the reaper of the pid ns?
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We can, but why? The main thread's task_struct can't go away until all sub-threads exit. Its ->nsproxy will be NULL, but this doesn't matter.

- > Then we would have the pid ns w/o a container-init (i.e reaper
- > does not have a pid_t == 1, but probably does not matter).

>

- > And, when this last thread is exiting, we want to terminate other
- > processes in the ns right?

Yes, when this last thread is exiting, the entire process is exiting.

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> | > +void zap pid ns processes(struct pid namespace *pid ns)
> | > +{
> | > + int nr;
> | > + int rc;
> | > + int options = WEXITED|__WALL;
> | > +
> | > + /*
> | > + * We know pid == 1 is terminating. Find remaining pid ts
> | > + * in the namespace, signal them and then wait for them
> | > + * exit.
> | > + */
> | > + nr = next_pidmap(pid_ns, 1);
> | > +  while (nr > 0) {
> | > + kill_proc_info(SIGKILL, SEND_SIG_PRIV, nr);
> | > + nr = next_pidmap(pid_ns, nr);
> | > + }
> |
> | Without tasklist lock held this is not reliable.
> Ok. BTW, find ge pid() also walks the pidmap, but does not seem to hold
> the tasklist_lock. Is that bc its only used in /proc?
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Yes, but this is something different. With or without tasklist_lock, find_ge_pid()/next_tgid() is not "reliable" (note that alloc_pid() doesn't take tasklist), but this doesn't matter for /proc.

We should take tasklist_lock to prevent the new process creation. We can have the "false positives" (copy_process() in progress, PGID/SID pids), but this is OK. Note that copy_process() checks signal_pending() after write_lock_irq(&tasklist_lock), that is why it helps.

Oleg.