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Subject: Re: pspace child\_reaper

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Eric W. Biederman wrote:

> Cedric Le Goater <clg@fr.ibm.com> writes:

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>> Hello All,

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>> Eric, in your initial proof of concept on the pid namespace, you were

>> defining a child\_reaper per pid namespace.

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>> IMO, we can't use init\_task as a child\_reaper in a pid namespace because we

>> will have pid collision which might result in a breakage of the init\_task.

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> The kernel doesn't use init\_task (The idle thread) once it starts

> init. Reaping children is the job of pid == 1.

agree.

>> Here are some questions on the model you intended to follow :

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>> Do you think we should have a child\_reaper task per container ?

> We have an init per container so yes.

hmm, have we always ? what if i don't start an /sbin/init process in my newly created pid namespace or container. where do I collect all the SIGCHLD ?

>> Could we use a kthread to do the job ?

> Definitely not.

why ?

>> Could that kthread be global to all pid namespace ?

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> Makes no sense.

if you don't have an init per container, we need to find someone for the job.

>> Any completely different idea on the topic ?

> Init reaps the children, and I believe there are parts of user space

> that depend on this. We shouldn't change that semantic.

IMHO, the only semantic i see is in the kernel, which needs someone to take care of sigchld. /sbin/init is a very good candidate bc it collects sigchld anyway and discards the ones it doesn't know about.

C.

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