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Subject: Re: Re: ppspace child\_reaper

Posted by [Cedric Le Goater](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 13:01:46 GMT

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Hello,

Roman Kagan wrote:

[ ... ]

>> As for the per-container init process, the alternative to always  
>> enforcing a separate init process for every container is to allow an  
>> option of making the process which did the pidspace unshare (or is it  
>> the parent of that process) masquerade as (pidspace=new\_container, pid=1).  
>  
> There's no point enforcing a separate 'init' process in every container.  
> The root of the process tree in a namespace has to be the child reaper  
> for that namespace meaning that  
>  
> - it is immune to signals, ptracing, etc. from within the pidspace  
> - every process in the pidspace is reparented to it once that process'  
> parent dies  
> - when it dies the whole pidspace is terminated

That's how i feel also.

The key point here is that the process becoming the init of that pidspace  
is immune to sigchld : ignores them or garbage collects them or handles EINTR.

If we feel comfortable with the above, let's bring back this question to a  
user space issue : the process doing an unshare of this pidspace must  
handle the sigchld one way or the other.

> These are the standard properties of pid == 1 in UNIX. If it happens to  
> be (or execs) /sbin/init then indeed it'll sit in the background  
> spawning the usual user processes when necessary, but it doesn't have to  
> be. E.g. I've just run an FC5 machine with init=/usr/bin/python which  
> is how your application container would probably look like (the result  
> of 'import os; os.system("ps axf")' in python prompt):

>  
> PID TTY STAT TIME COMMAND  
> 1 ? S 0:00 /usr/bin/python  
> 2 ? SN 0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]  
> 3 ? S 0:00 [watchdog/0]  
> 4 ? S< 0:00 [events/0]  
> 5 ? S< 0:00 [khelper]  
> 6 ? S< 0:00 [kthread]  
> 8 ? S< 0:00 \\_ [kblockd/0]

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> 9 ?      S<  0:00 \_ [kacpid]
> 67 ?     S<  0:00 \_ [khubd]
> 122 ?    S   0:00 \_ [pdflush]
> 123 ?    S   0:00 \_ [pdflush]
> 125 ?    S<  0:00 \_ [aio/0]
> 212 ?    S<  0:00 \_ [kseriod]
> 282 ?    S<  0:00 \_ [kpsmoused]
> 303 ?    S<  0:00 \_ [scsi_eh_0]
> 124 ?    S   0:00 [kswapd0]
> 290 ?    Ss  0:00 /bin/nash /init
> 317 ?    S   0:00 [kjournald]
> 329 ?    R   0:00 sh -c ps axf
> 330 ?    R   0:00 \_ ps axf
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yes

> so there's no fundamental difference between "system containers" and  
> "application containers".

your example uses python which has a wait() loop sitting somewhere because  
it needs to know how to handle processes, like any shell command  
interpreter. but yes, it's something like this, with a process 1 knowing  
how to handle sigchld.

thanks,

C.

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