Subject: Re: [PATCH] usb: Fixup usb so it uses struct pid Posted by Herbert Poetzl on Mon, 11 Sep 2006 14:02:50 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message On Sun, Sep 10, 2006 at 11:12:49AM -0700, Pete Zaitcev wrote: > On Sat, 09 Sep 2006 22:42:10 -0600, ebiederm@xmission.com (Eric W. Biederman) wrote: > >> The problem by remember a user space process by it's pid it is >> possible that the process will exit, pid wrap around will occur and a > > different process will appear in it's place. > ... which is completely all right in this case. We used to have an > implementation which tried to hold onto the task_struct and that sucked. > It is only possible for the task to disappear without notifying devio > under very special conditions only, which involve forking with parent > exiting. In other words, even a buggy application won't trigger this > without deliberately trying. And when it happens, uid checks make sure > that other users are not affected. > >> Holding a reference > > to a struct pid avoid that problem, and paves the way > > for implementing a pid namespace. > > That may be useful. > The patch itself seems straightforward if we can trust your struct > pid thingies. If OpenVZ people approve, I don't mind. perfectly fine from my side best. Herbert > -- Pete

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