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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 1/2] add user namespace [try #2]  
Posted by [Herbert Poetzl](#) on Sat, 16 Sep 2006 14:19:02 GMT  
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On Sat, Sep 16, 2006 at 04:09:31PM +0400, Kirill Korotaev wrote:

> >>> Plus what other namespaces are on the todo list?  
> >>> We have network, and pid, and time.  
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> >> I think more.  
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> >> proc-ns,  
> >> sysfs-ns,  
> >> printk-ns or syslog-ns?: syslog should be virtualized  
> >> and more...  
> >  
> >  
> > I don't think those meet the criteria for namespaces.  
> > But certainly there is work we need to do there.  
> Well, it is hard to say what is the criteria...  
>  
> >> semi-namespaces:  
> >> fs-ns (should regulate which filesystems are accessible from container, but  
> >> probably this is not exact name space... need to think over...),  
>  
> > I think the problem there is the same as allowing untrusted users the ability  
> > to mount filesystems, in which case we just tag filesystems that are safe  
> > for untrusted users to use.  
> You need some grouping mechanisms, don't you?  
> Say, I need to allow isofs for containers 1,2,5,6  
> and ext3 for containers 2,3,4,5  
>  
> >> dev-ns (should regulate which devices are accessible from container)  
> > Yes. Devices certainly have global names that we need to bring under  
> > control. The easy solution is just to limit CAP\_SYS\_MKNOD but we  
> > may need something more.  
>  
> CAP\_SYS\_MKNOD is not an option.

removing that is sufficient for Linux-VServer as is  
but we have some plans for a better solution, in the  
future ...

> Can you please propose how to organize it?  
>  
> You can check how it is implemented in OpenVZ in kernel/vecalls.c  
> devperms\_struct  
> real\_get\_device\_perms\_ve()  
> real\_setdevperms()

>  
> BTW, taking a look near this code, I found another bunch of  
> interesting functionality - statistics (e.g. real\_update\_load\_avg\_ve).  
>  
> Though load avg statistics logically belong to pspace namespace there  
> is a lot of other stats which can not be associated so easily with the  
> namespaces.

most of them can be combined with the accounting or  
limit namespace IMHO, at least that is true for  
Linux-VServer

but don't get me wrong, I think we need a lot more  
different namespaces in the future, very similar to  
the cap requirements, which should get a lot more  
fine grained than they are right now ...

best,  
Herbert

> > One of the pieces that needs consideration when it comes to  
> > permissions is the plan9 style of permission control. Where file  
> > have an initial owner, and if someone else needs access to them  
> > you chmod, chown them so that everyone who needs to has access. I  
> > think that is a simpler model to get right than to have a bunch of  
> > special cases.  
> it is Linux :)

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> Thanks,  
> Kirill

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