
Subject: namespace and nsproxy syscalls

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Hello all,

A while ago, we expressed the need to have a new syscall specific to namespaces. the clone and unshare are good candidates but we are reaching the limit of the clone flags and clone has been hijacked enough.

So, I came up with unshare_ns. the patch for the core feature follows the email. Not much difference with unshare() for the moment but it gives us the freedom to diverge when new namespaces come in. I have faith also ! If you feel it's useful, i'll send the full patchset for review on the list.

I'd like to discuss of another syscall which would allow a process to bind to a set of namespaces (== nsproxy == container) :

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bind_ns(ns_id_t id, int flags)
```

bind_ns binds the current nsproxy to an id. You can only bind once and you can use this id to bind another process to the same nsproxy.

a few comments :

- * ns_id_t could be an int, a const char*, a struct ns_addr*. this is to be defined.
- * bind_ns applies to nsproxy and not to namespaces. we could bind a specific namespace to an id using flags but i don't see the need. (but why not with a flags 0 defining ALL namespaces)
- * semantic is close to shmat but i don't think we need a shmdt because nsproxies are not resilient objects.

Thanks,

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Subject: add unshare_ns syscall core routine

This patch adds the unshare_ns syscall core routine.

This syscall is an unshare dedicated to namespaces.

sample user program :

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/*
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* unshare_ns.c
*
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*
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*/

```

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sched.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <errno.h>

```

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#include <linux/unistd.h>

```

```

#ifndef __NR_unshare
#ifdef __i386__
# define __NR_unshare_ns 319
#elif __x86_64__
# define __NR_unshare_ns 280
#elif __ia64__
# define __NR_unshare_ns 1303
#elif __s390x__
# define __NR_unshare_ns 310
#elif __powerpc__
# define __NR_unshare_ns 301
#else
# error "Architecture not supported"
#endif
#endif

```

```

static inline _syscall1(int, unshare_ns, int, flags)

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```

#define UNSHARE_NS_MNT 0x00000001
#define UNSHARE_NS_UTS 0x00000002
#define UNSHARE_NS_IPC 0x00000004
#define UNSHARE_NS_USER 0x00000008
#define UNSHARE_NS_NET 0x00000010
#define UNSHARE_NS_PID 0x00000020

static void usage(const char *name)
{
    printf("usage: %s [-Hiunmpeh]\n", name);
    printf("\t-H : unshare utsname namespace.\n");
    printf("\t-i : unshare ipc namespace.\n");
    printf("\t-u : unshare user namespace.\n");
    printf("\t-n : unshare net namespace.\n");
    printf("\t-m : unshare mount namespace.\n");
    printf("\t-p : unshare pid namespace.\n");
    printf("\t-e : exec command.\n");
    printf("\n");
    printf("(C) Copyright IBM Corp. 2005, 2006\n");
    printf("\n");
    exit(1);
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    int c;
    unsigned long flag = 0;
    int exec = 0;

    while ((c = getopt(argc, argv, "+Hiunmpeh")) != EOF) {
        switch (c) {
            case 'i': flag |= UNSHARE_NS_IPC; break;
            case 'u': flag |= UNSHARE_NS_USER; break;
            case 'H': flag |= UNSHARE_NS_UTS; break;
            case 'n': flag |= UNSHARE_NS_NET; break;
            case 'm': flag |= UNSHARE_NS_MNT; break;
            case 'p': flag |= UNSHARE_NS_PID; break;
            case 'e': exec = 1; break;
            case 'h':
            default:
                usage(argv[0]);
        }
    };

    argv = &argv[optind];
    argc = argc - optind;

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if (unshare_ns(flag) == -1) {
    perror("unshare_ns");
    return 1;
}

if (exec) {
    execve(argv[0], argv, __environ);
    fprintf(stderr, "execve(%s) : %s\n", argv[0], strerror(errno));
    return 1;
}

return 0;
}

```

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include/linux/sched.h | 10 ++++
include/linux/syscalls.h | 1
kernel/fork.c | 106 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
3 files changed, 117 insertions(+)

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Index: 2.6.18-mm1/include/linux/sched.h

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--- 2.6.18-mm1.orig/include/linux/sched.h
+++ 2.6.18-mm1/include/linux/sched.h
@@ -28,6 +28,16 @@
#define CLONE_NEWIPC 0x08000000 /* New ipcns */

/*
+ * unshare_ns flags:
+ */
+#define UNSHARE_NS_MNT 0x00000001
+#define UNSHARE_NS_UTS 0x00000002
+#define UNSHARE_NS_IPC 0x00000004
+#define UNSHARE_NS_USER 0x00000008
+#define UNSHARE_NS_NET 0x00000010
+#define UNSHARE_NS_PID 0x00000020
+
+/*
+ * Scheduling policies
+ */

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#define SCHED_NORMAL 0

Index: 2.6.18-mm1/include/linux/syscalls.h

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--- 2.6.18-mm1.orig/include/linux/syscalls.h
+++ 2.6.18-mm1/include/linux/syscalls.h

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@@ -580,6 +580,7 @@ asmlinkage long compat_sys_newfstatat(un
asmlinkage long compat_sys_openat(unsigned int dfd, const char __user *filename,
    int flags, int mode);
asmlinkage long sys_unshare(unsigned long unshare_flags);
+asmlinkage long sys_unshare_ns(unsigned long unshare_flags);

asmlinkage long sys_splice(int fd_in, loff_t __user *off_in,
    int fd_out, loff_t __user *off_out,
Index: 2.6.18-mm1/kernel/fork.c
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--- 2.6.18-mm1.orig/kernel/fork.c
+++ 2.6.18-mm1/kernel/fork.c
@@ -1761,3 +1761,109 @@ bad_unshare_cleanup_thread:
bad_unshare_out:
    return err;
}
+
+/*
+ * unshare_ns allows a process to 'unshare' one or more of its
+ * namespaces which were originally shared using clone.
+ */
+asmlinkage long sys_unshare_ns(unsigned long unshare_ns_flags)
+{
+ int err = 0;
+ struct nsproxy *new_nsproxy = NULL, *old_nsproxy = NULL;
+ struct fs_struct *fs, *new_fs = NULL;
+ struct mnt_namespace *mnt, *new_mnt = NULL;
+ struct uts_namespace *uts, *new_uts = NULL;
+ struct ipc_namespace *ipc, *new_ipc = NULL;
+ unsigned long unshare_flags = 0;
+
+ /* Return -EINVAL for all unsupported flags */
+ err = -EINVAL;
+ if (unshare_ns_flags & ~(UNSHARE_NS_MNT|UNSHARE_NS_UTS|UNSHARE_NS_IPC|
+    UNSHARE_NS_USER|UNSHARE_NS_NET|
+    UNSHARE_NS_PID))
+    goto bad_unshare_ns_out;
+
+ /* convert unshare_ns flags to clone flags */
+ if (unshare_ns_flags & UNSHARE_NS_MNT)
+    unshare_flags |= CLONE_NEWNS|CLONE_FS;
+ if (unshare_ns_flags & UNSHARE_NS_UTS)
+    unshare_flags |= CLONE_NEWUTS;
+ if (unshare_ns_flags & UNSHARE_NS_IPC)
+    unshare_flags |= CLONE_NEWIPC;
+
+ if ((err = unshare_fs(unshare_flags, &new_fs)))
+    goto bad_unshare_ns_out;

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+ if ((err = unshare_mnt_namespace(unshare_flags, &new_mnt, new_fs)))
+ goto bad_unshare_ns_cleanup_fs;
+ if ((err = unshare_utsname(unshare_flags, &new_uts)))
+ goto bad_unshare_ns_cleanup_mnt;
+ if ((err = unshare_ipcs(unshare_flags, &new_ipc)))
+ goto bad_unshare_ns_cleanup_uts;
+
+ if (new_mnt || new_uts || new_ipc) {
+ old_nsproxy = current->nsproxy;
+ new_nsproxy = dup_namespaces(old_nsproxy);
+ if (!new_nsproxy) {
+ err = -ENOMEM;
+ goto bad_unshare_ns_cleanup_ipc;
+ }
+ }
+
+ if (new_fs || new_mnt || new_uts || new_ipc) {
+
+ task_lock(current);
+
+ if (new_nsproxy) {
+ current->nsproxy = new_nsproxy;
+ new_nsproxy = old_nsproxy;
+ }
+
+ if (new_fs) {
+ fs = current->fs;
+ current->fs = new_fs;
+ new_fs = fs;
+ }
+
+ if (new_mnt) {
+ mnt = current->nsproxy->mnt_ns;
+ current->nsproxy->mnt_ns = new_mnt;
+ new_mnt = mnt;
+ }
+
+ if (new_uts) {
+ uts = current->nsproxy->uts_ns;
+ current->nsproxy->uts_ns = new_uts;
+ new_uts = uts;
+ }
+
+ if (new_ipc) {
+ ipc = current->nsproxy->ipc_ns;
+ current->nsproxy->ipc_ns = new_ipc;
+ new_ipc = ipc;
+ }

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+
+ task_unlock(current);
+ }
+
+ if (new_nsproxy)
+ put_nsproxy(new_nsproxy);
+
+bad_unshare_ns_cleanup_ipc:
+ if (new_ipc)
+ put_ipc_ns(new_ipc);
+
+bad_unshare_ns_cleanup_uts:
+ if (new_uts)
+ put_uts_ns(new_uts);
+
+bad_unshare_ns_cleanup_mnt:
+ if (new_mnt)
+ put_mnt_ns(new_mnt);
+
+bad_unshare_ns_cleanup_fs:
+ if (new_fs)
+ put_fs_struct(new_fs);
+
+bad_unshare_ns_out:
+ return err;
+}
```

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