
Subject: Re: Which of the virtualization approaches is more suitable for kernel?

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On Mon, 2006-02-27 at 14:14 -0700, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

> I like the namespace nomenclature. (It can be shorted to `_space` or `_ns`).
> In part because it shortens well, and in part because it emphasizes that
> we are *just* dealing with the names.

When I was looking at this, I was pretending to be just somebody looking at sysv code, with no knowledge of containers or namespaces.

For a person like that, I think names like `_space` or `_ns` are pretty much not an option, unless those terms become as integral to the kernel as things like `kobjects`.

> You split the resolution at just `ipc_msgs`. When I really think it should
> be everything `ipcs` deals with.

This was just the first patch. :)

> Performing the assignment inside the `tasklist_lock` is not something we
> want to do in `do_fork()`.

Any particular reason why? There seem to be a number of things done in there that aren't `_strictly_` needed under the `tasklist_lock`. Where would you do it?

> So it looks like a good start. There are a lot of details yet to be filled
> in, `proc`, `sysctl`, cleanup on namespace release. (We can still provide
> the create destroy methods even if we don't hook the up).

Yeah, I saved `shm` for last because it has the largest number of outside interactions. My current thoughts are that we'll need `_contexts` or `_namespaces` associated with `/proc` mounts as well.

> I think in this case I would put the actual namespace structure
> definition in `util.h`, and just put a `struct ipc_ns` in `sched.h`.

Ahhh, as in

```
struct ipc_ns;
```

And just keep a pointer from the task? Yeah, that does keep it quite isolated.

-- Dave
