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

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Dave Hansen <haveblue@us.ibm.com> writes:

> 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`.

To be clear I was talking name suffixes. So `ipc_space` certainly conveys something, and even `ipc_ns` may be ok.

>> 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. :)  
  
:)

Just wanted to make certain we agreed on the scope.

>> 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?

Well all of the other things we can share or not share are already outside of the `tasklist_lock`.

We may not be quite minimal but we actually are fairly close to minimal inside the `tasklist_lock`.

>> 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.

Yes. I think the easy way to handle this is to have a symlink  
from /proc/sysvipc to /proc/self/sysvipc. And then we have a per  
process reporting area.

That preserves all of the old programs but enables us to get the  
information out.

>> 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.

Yep.

Eric

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