
Subject: Re: [patch] unprivileged mounts update
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"Serge E. Hallyn" <serue@us.ibm.com> writes:

> Quoting H. Peter Anvin (hpa@zytor.com):
>> Miklos Szeredi wrote:
>> >
>> > Andrew, please skip this patch, for now.
>> >
>> > Serge found a problem with the fsuid approach: setfsuid(nonzero) will
>> > remove filesystem related capabilities. So even if root is trying to
>> > set the "user=UID" flag on a mount, access to the target (and in case
>> > of bind, the source) is checked with user privileges.
>> >
>> > Root should be able to set this flag on any mountpoint, _regardless_
>> > of permissions.
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>> >
>> Right, if you're using fsuid != 0, you're not running as root
>
> Sure, but what I'm not clear on is why, if I've done a
> prctl(PR_SET_KEEPCAPS, 1) before the setfsuid, I still lose the
> CAP_FS_MASK perms. I see the special case handling in
> cap_task_post_setuid(). I'm sure there was a reason for it, but
> this is a piece of the capability implementation I don't understand
> right now.

So we drop CAP_CHOWN, CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE, CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH,
CAP_FOWNER, and CAP_FSETID

Since we are checking CAP_SETUID or CAP_SYS_ADMIN how is that
a problem?

Are there other permission checks that mount is doing that we
care about.

>> (fsuid is
>> the equivalent to euid for the filesystem.)
>
> If it were really the equivalent then I could keep my capabilities :)
> after changing it.

We drop all capabilities after we change the euid.

>> I fail to see how ruid should have *any* impact on mount(2). That seems

>> to be a design flaw.

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> May be, but just using fsuid at this point stops me from enabling user

> mounts under /share if /share is chmod 000 (which it is).

I'm dense today. If we can't work out the details we can always use a flag.
But what is the problem with fsuid?

You are not trying to test this using a non-default security model are you?

Eric

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