
Subject: Re: [PATCH 22/28] [MULTI 1/6] Changes in data structures for multilevel model

Posted by [Sukadev Bhattiprolu](#) on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 06:32:50 GMT

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Pavel Emelianov [xemul@openvz.org] wrote:

| This patch opens the multilevel model patches.

| The multilevel model idea is basically the same as for the flat one,
| but in this case task may have many virtual pids - one id for each
| sub-namespace this task is visible in. The struct pid carries the
| list of pid_number-s and two hash tables are used to find this number
| by numerical id and by struct pid.

| The struct pid doesn't need the numerical ids any longer. Instead it
| has a single linked list of struct pid_number-s which are hashed
| for quick search and have the numerical id.

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| ---

| pid.h | 31 ++++++
| 1 files changed, 31 insertions(+)

| --- ./include/linux/pid.h.multidatst 2007-06-15 15:23:00.000000000 +0400

| +++ ./include/linux/pid.h 2007-06-15 15:32:15.000000000 +0400

| @@ -50,9 +50,33 @@ enum pid_type

| * id must be used.

| */

| +/*

| + * multilevel pid namespaces

| + * each task may belong to any number of namespaces and thus struct pid do

| + * not carry the number any longer. instead if this struct pid has a list of

| + * pid_number-s each belonging to one namespace. two hashes are used to find

| + * the number - by the numerical id and by the struct pid this nr belongs to.

| + * this allows for creating namespaces of infinite nesting, but has slight

| + * performance problems.

| + */

| +

| +struct pid_number

| +{

| + int nr;

| + struct pid_namespace *ns;

| + struct pid *pid;

```
| +
| + struct hlist_node pid_chain;
| + struct hlist_node nr_chain;
| + struct pid_number *next;
```

As you probably noticed, we had a similar linked list until recently. But since we use only clone() to create a new pid namespace, we figured we could use an array of 'struct pid_number' elements. That may perform slightly better since all 'pid_number elements' are co-located.

We obviously need a list like this if we unshare (rather than clone()) pid namespace.

I have a few questions - not that I see any problems yet - just for my understanding (they may be addressed in other patches, but am still reviewing them).

- Can one process unshare() its namespace, create a few children, and unshare its namespace again ?
- If so, will that same process be the reaper for multiple pid namespaces ?
- Will we terminate all those namespaces if the reaper is terminated ?

```
| +};
| +
| struct pid
| {
|     atomic_t count;
| #ifdef CONFIG_PID_NS_MULTILEVEL
| + struct pid_number *pid_nrs;
| #else
|     /* Try to keep pid_chain in the same cacheline as nr for find_pid */
|     int nr;
|     struct hlist_node pid_chain;
| @@ -65,11 +89,18 @@ struct pid
|     struct pid_namespace *ns;
|     struct hlist_node vpid_chain;
| #endif
| #endif
|     /* lists of tasks that use this pid */
|     struct hlist_head tasks[PIDTYPE_MAX];
|     struct rcu_head rcu;
| };
|
| #ifdef CONFIG_PID_NS_MULTILEVEL
```

```
| +/* small helper to iterate over the pid's numbers */  
| +#define for_each_pid_nr(nr, pid) \  
| + for (nr = pid->pid_nrs; nr != NULL; nr = nr->next)  
| +#endif  
| +  
| extern struct pid init_struct_pid;  
|  
| struct pid_link
```

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