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Subject: Re: [PATCH 7/16] Helpers to find the task by its numerical ids  
Posted by [Sukadev Bhattiprolu](#) on Tue, 10 Jul 2007 04:00:45 GMT  
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Pavel Emelianov [xemul@openvz.org] wrote:

| When searching the task by numerical id one may need to find  
| it using global pid (as it is done now in kernel) or by its  
| virtual id, e.g. when sending a signal to a task from one  
| namespace the sender will specify the task's virtual id.

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| fs/proc/base.c | 2 +-  
| include/linux/pid.h | 13 ++++++++  
| include/linux/sched.h | 31 ++++++++  
| kernel/pid.c | 32 ++++++-----  
| 4 files changed, 58 insertions(+), 20 deletions(-)

| --- ./fs/proc/base.c.ve6 2007-07-06 10:58:56.000000000 +0400

| +++ ./fs/proc/base.c 2007-07-06 11:03:41.000000000 +0400

| @@ -2230,7 +2230,7 @@ static struct task\_struct \*next\_tgid(uns  
| rcu\_read\_lock();

| retry:

| task = NULL;

| - pid = find\_ge\_pid(tgid);

| + pid = find\_ge\_pid(tgid, &init\_pid\_ns);

| if (pid) {

| tgid = pid->nr + 1;

| task = pid\_task(pid, PIDTYPE\_PID);

| --- ./include/linux/pid.h.ve6 2007-07-06 11:03:27.000000000 +0400

| +++ ./include/linux/pid.h 2007-07-06 11:03:27.000000000 +0400

| @@ -98,14 +98,23 @@ extern struct pid\_namespace init\_pid\_ns;

| /\*

| \* look up a PID in the hash table. Must be called with the tasklist\_lock

| \* or rcu\_read\_lock() held.

| + \*

| + \* find\_pid\_ns() finds the pid in the namespace specified

| + \* find\_pid() find the pid by its global id, i.e. in the init namespace

| + \* find\_vpid() find the pid by its virtual id, i.e. in the current namespace

| + \*

| + \* see also find\_task\_by\_pid() set in include/linux/sched.h

| \*/

| -extern struct pid \*FASTCALL(find\_pid(int nr));

| +extern struct pid \*FASTCALL(find\_pid\_ns(int nr, struct pid\_namespace \*ns));

| +

| + #define find\_vpid(pid) find\_pid\_ns(pid, current->nsproxy->pid\_ns)

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| +#define find_pid(pid) find_pid_ns(pid, &init_pid_ns)
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Adding a second interface maybe more confusing to drivers and non-pid users.

But more importantly, modifying `find_pid()` to refer to only `init_pid_ns` would require auditing existing `find_pid()` callers and switching them to `find_vpid()`.

For instance if `capset()` is called from a child pid namespace, the 'pid' would refer to the pid or pgid from child pid ns. But `cap_set_pg()` calls `find_pid()` which gets the number from `init_pid_ns`.

Is there a similar issue with `sunos_killpg()` ?

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