
Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/16] Pid namespaces

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I am not able to find a specific patch that this might be in, but what happens when the child-reaper of a container exits ? Do you terminate all processes in the container ? I thought that was discussed earlier and the consensus was to terminate all processes in that container and its subordinate containers.

Is that not the case now ?

Suka

Pavel Emelianov [xemul@openvz.org] wrote:

| This is "submission for inclusion" of hierarchical, not kconfig
| configurable, zero overheaded ;) pid namespaces.

| The overall idea is the following:

| The namespace are organized as a tree - once a task is cloned
| with CLONE_NEWPIDS (yes, I've also switched to it :) the new
| namespace becomes the parent's child and tasks living in the
| parent namespace see the tasks from the new one. The numerical
| ids are used on the kernel-user boundary, i.e. when we export
| pid to user we show the id, that should be used to address the
| task in question from the namespace we're exporting this id to.

| The main difference from Suka's patches are the following:

- | 0. Suka's patches change the kernel/pid.c code too heavy.
| This set keeps the kernel code look like it was without
| the patches. However, this is a minor issue. The major is:
- | 1. Suka's approach is to remove the notion of the task's
| numerical pid from the kernel at all. The numbers are
| used on the kernel-user boundary or within the kernel but
| with the namespace this nr belongs to. This results in
| massive changes of struct's members fro int pid to struct
| pid *pid, task->pid becomes the virtual id and so on and
| so forth.
| My approach is to keep the good old logic in the kernel.
| The task->pid is a global and unique pid, find_pid() finds
| the pid by its global id and so on. The virtual ids appear
| on the user-kernel boundary only. Thus drivers and other
| kernel code may still be unaware of pids unless they do not
| communicate with the userspace and get/put numerical pids.

| And some more minor differences:

| 2. Suka's patches have the limit of pid namespace nesting.
| My patches do not.

| 3. Suka assumes that pid namespace can live without proc mount
| and tries to make the code work with pid_ns->proc_mnt change
| from NULL to not-NULL from times to times.
| My code calls the kern_mount() at the namespace creation and
| thus the pid_namespace always works with proc.

| There are some small issues that I can describe if someone is
| interested.

| The tests like nptl perf, unixbench spawn, getpid and others
| didn't reveal any performance degradation in init_namespace
| with the RHEL5 kernel .config file. I admit, that different
| .config-s may show that patches hurt the performance, but the
| intention was *not* to make the kernel work worse with popular
| distributions.

| This set has some ways to move forward, but this is some kind
| of a core, that do not change the init_pid_namespace behavior
| (checked with LTP tests) and may require some hacking to do
| with the namespaces only.

| Patches apply to 2.6.22-rc6-mm1.

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