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When a CONFIG\_USER\_NS=n and a user tries to unshare some namespace other than the user namespace, the dummy copy\_user\_ns returns NULL rather than the old\_ns. This value then gets assigned to task->nsproxy->user\_ns, so that a subsequent setuid, which uses task->nsproxy->user\_ns, causes a NULL pointer deref.

Fix this by returning old\_ns.

I believe this is a bug both in -mm and mainline.

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include/linux/user\_namespace.h | 2 +-  
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diff --git a/include/linux/user_namespace.h b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
index bb32057..1101b0c 100644
--- a/include/linux/user_namespace.h
+++ b/include/linux/user_namespace.h
@@ @ -49,7 +49,7 @@ static inline struct user_namespace *copy_user_ns(int flags,
 if (flags & CLONE_NEWUSER)
 return ERR_PTR(-EINVAL);

- return NULL;
+ return old_ns;
}

static inline void put_user_ns(struct user_namespace *ns)
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