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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH] Make access to taks's nsproxy liter  
Posted by [Oleg Nesterov](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 17:36:47 GMT  
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On 08/08, Paul E. McKenney wrote:

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> On Wed, Aug 08, 2007 at 08:41:07PM +0400, Oleg Nesterov wrote:
> > > +void switch_task_namespaces(struct task_struct *p, struct nsproxy *new)
> > > +{
> > > + struct nsproxy *ns;
> > > +
> > > + might_sleep();
> > > +
> > > + ns = p->nsproxy;
> > > + if (ns == new)
> > > + return;
> > > +
> > > + if (new)
> > > + get_nsproxy(new);
> > > + rcu_assign_pointer(p->nsproxy, new);
> > > +
> > > + if (ns && atomic_dec_and_test(&ns->count)) {
> > > + /*
> > > +  * wait for others to get what they want from this
> > > +  * nsproxy. cannot release this nsproxy via the
> > > +  * call_rcu() since put_mnt_ns will want to sleep
> > > +  */
> > > + synchronize_rcu();
> > > + free_nsproxy(ns);
> > > + }
> > > +}
> >
> > (I may be wrong, Paul cc'ed)
> >
> > This is correct with the current implementation of RCU, but strictly speaking,
> > we can't use synchronize_rcu() here, because write_lock_irq() doesn't imply
> > rcu_read_lock() in theory.
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> Can you use synchronize_sched() instead? The synchronize_sched()
> primitive will wait until all preempt/irq-disable code sequences complete.
> Therefore, it would wait for all write_lock_irq() code sequences to
> complete.
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Thanks Paul!

But we also need to cover the case when ->nsproxy is used under rcu\_read\_lock(), so if we go this way, we'd better add rcu\_read\_lock() to do\_notify\_parent.\*() as Eric suggested.

Oleg.

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