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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/25] Sysfs cleanups & tagged directory support  
Posted by [Tejun Heo](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 16:03:20 GMT

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Hello,

Eric W. Biederman wrote:

>> More specifically, d\_off field. It's a bit twisted. For the last  
>> entry, filp->f\_pos gets written into the field and gets wrapped while  
>> being copied out to userland or in glibc.

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> That could do it, and glibc is crunching it. Oh well, it is  
> easy enough to avoid as long as our inode numbers are small which  
> the idr allocator seems to ensure.

Yeah, now I think about it. glibc throws out entries which don't fit in the data structure specified by the called API, so it probably threw out the last entry which has UINT\_MAX in d\_off which doesn't fit in the readdir() return structure. Using INT\_MAX should be just fine as IDA always allocates the first empty slot. We can add paranoia check in ino allocation path.

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tejun

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