Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH] Make access to taks's nsproxy liter Posted by Pavel Emelianov on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 08:17:08 GMT

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Eric W. Biederman wrote:
> Pavel Emelyanov < xemul@openvz.org> writes:
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>>> Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> writes:
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>>>> When someone wants to deal with some other taks's namespaces
>>>> it has to lock the task and then to get the desired namespace
>>>> if the one exists. This is slow on read-only paths and may be
>>>> impossible in some cases.
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>>>> E.g. Oleg recently noticed a race between unshare() and the
>>> (just sent for review) pid namespaces - when the task notifies
>>>> the parent it has to know the parent's namespace, but taking
>>>> the task lock() is impossible there - the code is under write
>>> locked tasklist lock.
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>>> On the other hand switching the namespace on task (daemonize)
>>>> and releasing the namespace (after the last task exit) is rather
>>>> rare operation and we can sacrifice its speed to solve the
>>>> issues above.
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>>> Looks pretty decent but we need to clearly say what lock
>>> you have to have to assign to the nsproxy pointer.
>> no locks - only current is allowed to change its nsproxy!
> Exactly. Just need a comment or something to make that clear.
Oh! Ok, I will add it. Thanks.
> Eric
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