
Subject: Re: Container mini-summit notes

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> Held at De Vere Universty Arms Hotel, Cambridge, UK

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>

> = Namespace status

> =====

>

> * sysv ipc

>

> extend to posix mqueue.

> . check that /dev/mqueue can be mounted multiple times

> . mqueue sysctls will need a fix :

> fs.mqueue.queues_max

> fs.mqueue.msg_max

> fs.mqueue.msgsize_max

>

>

> * uname namespace

>

> considered complete.

>

- > what about being able to set the kernel version ?
- >
- > * user
- >
- > useful today to current container technologies (openvz, vserver)
- >
- > uid checks should be replaced by (uid, usersns) to complete
- > integration with filesystems
- > security needs to be looked at
- > so is signal delivery
- >
- > * pid namespace
- >
- > in dev
- >
- > signal handling completion underway
- > pid_t cleanups
- > . the purpose is to remove any explicit reference to
- > task->pid
- > . keep ->pid in task struct only for performance
- > . complex cleanups ones:
- > af_unix credentials
- > file locks
- > timer stat
- >
- > kthread cleanup
- > . replace kernel_thread() by the kthread API
- > . change core kthread API to support signals
- > . then nfs needs extra love. is someone working on it ?
- >
- > do we need hierarchical levels ?
- >
- >
- > * net
- >
- > in dev
- >
- > veth is in dmiller's tree
- > sysfs cleanups underway in greg's tree
- > eric is working on a minimal patchset acceptable for netdev. will
- > ask dmiller advice on the topic
- >
- > ip isolation could be done with netfilter or security hooks
- >
- > * device namespace
- >
- > to do
- >

> we don't want to get rid of mknod() but we also want to limit the
> view of the devices in a container. one way to do this is through a
> device namespace which would only expose a 'white list' of devices
> when unshared. a possible 'white list' is :
>
> /dev/null
> /dev/full
> /dev/zero
> /dev/rtc
> /dev/random
> /dev/pts/*
>
> do we require a extra namespace for /dev/pts/* to handle its
> virtualization or can this be done directly in the device namespace ?
>
> check that /dev/pts can be mounted multiple times.
>
> * time
>
> to do
>
> required for C/R
> will only make sense in a "closed" environment
> the purpose is to keep the monotonic timers from expiring when
> you restart
>
> * other possible namespace ?
>
> rtc ? which is an isolation issue and also a sysctl issue
>
> comment from eric :
> a redesign of lsm, a la netfilter, could cover all
> isolation needs.
>
> * namespace management
>
>
> . entering
>
> no consensus on how this should be done.
>
> probably because the need is related to a container and not just
> namespaces. it should be solved with a container object and
> probably a subsystem.
>
> serge's proposal of sys_hijack() is interesting but will require
> more study because, in UNIX, it's not natural for a child process
> to have 2 parents !

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>
> . extending clone to support more flags
>
> new syscall proposal for a clone2(struct clone2_arg_struct* args)
>
> * tests
>
> . ltp for unit
> . keep the integration tests in each container framework.
>
> * Filesystems
>
> . unprivilege mounts (not addressed)
>
> merged
>
> . multiple /sys mounts (in dev)
>
> missing some bits (eric working on it) to decouple sysfs and
> kobjects
>
> . multiple /proc mounts (to complete)
>
> multiple mount done
> to limit access to /proc files, use the user namespace checks ?
> for the contents of each file, use the current context to identify
> namespace
>
> * Console
>
> . a running getty should be covered by tty namespace
> . printk will require some support to be isolated.
>
> = Task Container (from container dev plan)
> =====
>
> * base features
>
> hierarchical/virtualized containers
> support vserver mgmnt of sub-containers
> locking cleanup
> control file API simplification
> unified container including namespaces
>
> the "container"/"task container" name is ambiguous and it should change to
> "control group"
>
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- > * userpace RBCE to provide controls for
- >
- > users
- > groups
- > pgrp
- > executable
- >
- > * specific containers targeted:
- >
- > split cpusets into
- > cpuset
- > memset
- > network
- > connect/bind/accept controller using iptables
- >
- > controllers :
- >
- > memory controller (see detail below)
- >

The status is that the patches for memory control are in -mm. We need to stabilize the patches, look at reducing the overhead of double LRU for root containers. We need to explore the double LRU approach as a longer term solution.

- > cpu controller
- >
- > Status:
- > - Extensions required to CFS core for supporting
- > group-scheduling aspects are mostly there (in
- > mainline)
- >
- > Todo:
- > - Better SMP group-fairness
- > - Hard-limit cpu usage
- > - SCHED_FIFO like policy for groups
- > - Group priorities (?)
- >
- > io controller (see detail below)
- >
- > network flow id control
- >
- > per-container OOM handler (userspace)
- >
- > per-container swap
- >
- > per-container disk I/O scheduling

- >
- > per container memory reclaim
- >
- > per container dirty page (write throttling) limit.
- >
- > network rate limiting (outbound) based on container
- >
- > * misc
- >
- > User level APIS to identify the resource limits that is allowed to a
- > job, for example, how much physical memory a process can use. This
- > should seamlessly integrated with non-container environment as well
- > (may be with ulimit).
- >
- > Per container stats, like pages on active list, cpus usage, etc
- >
- > = Resource Management (from container dev plan)
- > =====
- >
- > * memory controller
- >
- > users and requirements:
- >
- > 1. The containers solution would need resource management
- > (including memory control and per container swap files). Paul
- > Menage, YAMOMOTO Takshi, Peter Zijlstra, Pavel Emelianov have
- > all shown interest in the memory controller patches.
- >
- > 2. The memory controller can account for page cache as well, all
- > people interested in limiting page cahce control, can
- > theoratically put move all page cache hungry applications under
- > the same container.
- >
- > Planned enhancements to the memory controller
- > 1. Improved shared page accounting
- > 2. Improved statistics
- > 3. Soft-limit memory usage
- >
- > generic infrastructure work:
- > 1. Enhancing containerstats
- > a. Working on per controller statistics
- > b. Integrating taskstats with containerstats
- > 2. CPU accounting framework
- > a. Migrate the accounting to be more precis
- >
- > * cpu controller
- >
- > users and requirements:

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>
> 1. Virtualization solutions like containers and KVM need CPU
> control. KVM for example would like to have both limits and
> guarantees supported by a CPU controller, to control CPU
> allocation to a particular instance.
> 2. Workload management products would like to exploit this for
> providing guaranteed cpu bandwidth and also (hard/soft)
> limiting cpu usage.
>
> work items
> 1. Fine-grained proportional-share fair-group scheduling.
> 2. More accurate SMP fairness
> 3. Hard limit
> 4. SCHED_FIFO type policy for groups
> 5. Improved statistics and debug facility for group scheduler
>
> * io controller
>
> users and requirements:
>
> 1. At a talk presented to the Linux Foundation (OSDL), the
> attendees showed interest in an IO controller to control IO
> bandwidth of various filesystem operations (backup,
> journalling, etc)
>
> work items:
> 1. Proof of concept IO controller and community discussion/feedback
> 2. Development and Integration of the IO controller with containers
>
> open issues
> 1. Automatic tagging/resource classification engine
>
> = Checkpoint/Restart
> =====
>
> * need to unified the freezer to reach a quiescence point
>
> * overall strategy :
>   . checkpoint: in kernel
>   . restart : first recreate process tree then let each
> process restart itself
>
> * possible direction for C/R user api
>   . checkpoint/restart syscalls
>   . C/R file systems
>   solves the set id issue
>   elegant but exposes too much the ABI
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> example :
>
> .
> |-- 0x00003002
> | |-- 0x00003002
> | | |-- attr
> | | |-- signal
> | | |-- signal.altstack
> | | |-- signal.pending
> | | |-- thread
> | | |-- thread.frame
> | | |-- timers
> | | |-- tls
> | | `-- wait.zombies
> | |-- aio
> | |-- attr
> | |-- fds
> | |-- ldt
> | |-- mem.segments
> | |-- numa
> | |-- process
> | |-- signal.action
> | |-- signal.pending
> | |-- sysv.semadj
> | |-- sysv.shmcount
> | `-- thread.list
> |-- af_inet_listening
> |-- af_inet_orphan_count
> |-- af_inet_orphan_data
> |-- af_inet_orphan_info
> |-- files
> | |-- 0
> | |-- 1
> | |-- 10137663680
> | |-- 1014250cdc0
> | |-- 2
> | `-- stdios
> |-- sysv.msq
> |-- sysv.sem
> `-- sysv.shm
>
> * memory C/R
>
> critical for performance
> per-container swapfile ?
>
> * subsystem C/R API.
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> keep it on the side for the moment <subsys>_cr.c to identify the
> needs of each subsystem before asking the maintainer's comments
>
> possible cr_ops in some objects (like for network protocols) but
> also ops 'a la' virt_ops to prepare for different C/R strategy :
> brutal, incremental, live migration
>
> * setting id back to what they where
>
> possible global syscall to set ids of pid,ipc,pts.
> else use the C/R fs
>
> * statefile format
>
> no big issues. let's pick one.
>
> * optimization
>
> parallel C/R
>
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