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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/3] Make tasks always have non-zero pids  
Posted by [Sukadev Bhattiprolu](#) on Fri, 05 Oct 2007 05:53:17 GMT  
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Pavel Emelianov [xemul@openvz.org] wrote:  
| Some time ago Sukadev noticed that the vmlinux size has

Cedric pointed it out to me first :-)

| grown 5Kb due to merged pid namespaces. One of the big  
| problems with it was fat inline functions. The other thing  
| was noticed by Matt - the checks for task's pid to be not  
| NULL take place and make the kernel grow due to inlining,  
| but these checks are not always needed.

| In this series I introduce a static pid (dummy), according  
| to Matt's proposal, which is assigned to tasks during the  
| detach\_pid and transfer\_pid instead of NULL. This pid lives  
| in the init pid namespace and has the id = 0, so all the  
| task\_xid\_xnr() calls will still return 0 on a dead task.

| Places that get the struct pid from task either get it from  
| the current (in this case they will never get this dummy),  
| or use it to compare with some other value (so they will  
| work the same for both NULL and dummy pids).

| This saves up to 340 bytes for i386 kernel with minimal  
| config and probably more with more users of pids.

| Tested on i386 and x86\_64 boxes. Tasks still live and die,  
| namespaces and proc still work.

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