
Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 2/2] Virtualization of IPC
Posted by [Dave Hansen](#) on Fri, 24 Mar 2006 19:13:20 GMT
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On Fri, 2006-03-24 at 20:35 +0300, Kirill Korotaev wrote:
> This patch introduces IPC namespaces, which allow to create isolated IPC
> users or containers.
> Introduces CONFIG_IPC_NS and ipc_namespace structure.
> It also uses current->ipc_ns as a pointer to current namespace, which
> reduces places where additional argument to functions should be added.

In three words, I think this has "too many #ifdefs".

The non-containerized or namespaced case should probably just be one, static namespace variable that gets wrapped up in some nice #ifdefed helper functions.

For instance, instead of this:

```
+#ifdef CONFIG_IPC_NS
+#define msg_ids      (*(current->ipc_ns->msg_ids))
+#endif
```

Have

```
#ifdef CONFIG_IPC_NS
static inline struct ipc_namespace *current_ipc_ns(void)
{
    return current->ipc_ns;
}
#else
static inline struct ipc_namespace *current_ipc_ns(void)
{
    return &static_ipc_ns;
}
#endif
```

And use current_ipc_ns()->msg_ids. I can't imagine that gcc can't figure that out and turn it back into effectively the same thing.

I really dislike the idea of replacing nice variables with macros that add indirection. They really might fool people. Putting a function there is much nicer.

Why avoid to passing these things around as function arguments? Doesn't that make it more explicit what is going on, and where the indirection is occurring? Does it also make refcounting and lifetime issues easier to manage?

BTW, Did you see my version of this?

-- Dave
