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Subject: Re: [PATCH] pidns: Place under CONFIG\_EXPERIMENTAL  
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 08:54:21 GMT  
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Eric W. Biederman wrote:

> I finally found a chance to review the pid namespace implementation in  
> detail and currently it is much too easy to find issues where the  
> kernel does the wrong thing outside of the initial pid namespace.  
> At the same time the pid namespace code we have does appear  
> to be a good base to build on.  
>  
> Therefore until the dust settles and we are certain we have the  
> ABI and the implementation as correct as humanly possible let's  
> hide the availability of process ID namespaces behind  
> CONFIG\_EXPERIMENTAL.

Sorry for the late answer - I was out for a conference and the organization committee didn't provide an internet access.

I currently have a set of patches that move all the namespaces cloning code under the config option. This is done to help embedded people have a small kernel.

I was planning to wait with this set until 2.6.24-rc-mm1 kernel, but since (as I see) this is required rather badly I will send this set in a couple of days.

Thanks,  
Pavel

> Allowing users to avoid bugs, and removing a guarantee of bug  
> compatibility. Allowing any issues that may be found to  
> be fixed properly.  
>  
> If CONFIG\_PID\_NS=N this patch will cause copy\_pid\_ns to  
> unconditionally return -EINVAL removing the availability  
> of multiple pid namespaces.  
>  
> Signed-off-by: Eric W. Biederman <[ebiederm@xmission.com](mailto:ebiederm@xmission.com)>  
> ---  
> init/Kconfig | 12 ++++++++  
> kernel/pid.c | 4 ++++  
> 2 files changed, 16 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)  
>  
> diff --git a/init/Kconfig b/init/Kconfig  
> index 8b88d0b..72e37c0 100644  
> --- a/init/Kconfig  
> +++ b/init/Kconfig

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> @@ -215,6 +215,18 @@ config USER_NS
>     vservers, to use user namespaces to provide different
>     user info for different servers. If unsure, say N.
>
> +config PID_NS
> + bool "PID Namespaces (EXPERIMENTAL)"
> + default n
> + depends on EXPERIMENTAL
> + help
> +   Support process id namespaces. This allows having multiple
> +   process with the same pid as long as they are in different
> +   pid namespaces. This is a building block of containers.
> +
> + Unless you want to work with an experimental feature
> + say N here.
> +
> config AUDIT
>     bool "Auditing support"
>     depends on NET
> diff --git a/kernel/pid.c b/kernel/pid.c
> index d1db36b..8a5637b 100644
> --- a/kernel/pid.c
> +++ b/kernel/pid.c
> @@ -599,6 +599,10 @@ struct pid_namespace *copy_pid_ns(unsigned long flags, struct
pid_namespace *old
>     if (flags & CLONE_THREAD)
>         goto out_put;
>
> +#ifndef CONFIG_PID_NS
> + goto out_put;
> +#endif
> +
>     new_ns = create_pid_namespace(old_ns->level + 1);
>     if (!IS_ERR(new_ns))
>         new_ns->parent = get_pid_ns(old_ns);

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