
Subject: Re: [PATCH 8/9] signal: Drop signals before sending them to init.
Posted by [Oleg Nesterov](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 16:25:02 GMT

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On 12/12, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

>
> By making the rule (for init dropping signals):
> When sending a signal to init, the presence of a signal handler that
> is not SIG_DFL allows the signal to be sent to init. If the signal
> is not sent it is silently dropped without becoming pending.

But isn't it better to modify `sig_ignore()` and `handle_stop_signal()`
instead? This way we seem to need less changes,

<http://marc.info/?l=linux-kernel&m=118753610515859>

(the patch above itself is not complete and a bit obsolete)

> The only noticeable user space difference from today's init is that it
> no longer needs to worry about signals becoming pending when it has
> them marked as SIG_DFL and blocked.

Ugh. I have to apologize again. I got a fever, and it turns out I just
can't read English.

So, do you mean we can ignore the problems with the signals which are
currently blocked by `/sbin/init`?

I personally agree, but I'm not sure I understand this right.

```
> +static int sig_init_drop(struct task_struct *tsk, int sig)
> +{
> + /* All signals for which init has a SIG_DFL handler are
> + * silently dropped without being sent.
> + */
> + if (!is_sig_init(tsk))
> + return 0;
> +
> + return (tsk->sigand->action[sig-1].sa.sa_handler == SIG_DFL);
> +}
```

What if `/sbin/init` has a handler, but before this signal is delivered
`/sbin/init` does `signal(SIG_DFL)`? We should modify `so_sigaction()` to
prevent this. Note again the patch above.

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