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Subject: Re: [PATCH 8/9] signal: Drop signals before sending them to init.  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 18:50:09 GMT  
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Oleg Nesterov <[oleg@tv-sign.ru](mailto:oleg@tv-sign.ru)> writes:

> OK, if we change the semantics for /sbin/init signals we can avoid  
> a lot of problems,

Yes. Otherwise we must track the source of the signals.

>> No. We should treat signals that we process for /sbin/init completely  
>> normally.

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> ... including this one. I am not arguing.

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>> This gives /sbin/init completely normal signal handling if the signal is  
>> ever enqueued. Something trivial to implement and explain.

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> Well, I am not sure about "explain" though. Unless I missed something  
> this makes the semantics a bit special.

Well the semantics are a bit special for init period. I just  
make them special in a slightly different way.

> Suppose that init does sigtimedwait() but the handler == SIG\_DFL.

Yes that is a bit surprising. However it is still easy to explain.  
The signal is never enqueued so sigtimedwait never gets the chance  
to do anything with it. Interestingly enough this is not a problem  
for the current sysvinit.

sysvinit does this at start up:

```
/*  
 *   Ignore all signals.  
 */  
for(f = 1; f <= NSIG; f++)  
    SETSIG(sa, f, SIG_IGN, SA_RESTART);
```

So everything is initialized to SIG\_IGN by userspace, in the common case.  
Which means none of this special case logic will actually kick in, except  
for SIGKILL and SIGSTOP. The signals we can't change.

Eric

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