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Subject: Re: [PATCH] An attempt to have an unlimitedly extendable sys\_clone  
Posted by [Daniel Hokka Zakrisso](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 07:58:51 GMT

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Pavel Emelyanov wrote:

> [snip]

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>>> +static struct long\_clone\_arg \*get\_long\_clone\_arg(int \_\_user

>>> \*child\_tidptr)

>>> +{

>>> + int size;

>>> + struct long\_clone\_arg \*carg;

>>> +

>>> + if (get\_user(size, child\_tidptr))

>>> + return ERR\_PTR(-EFAULT);

>>> +

>>> + if (size > sizeof(struct long\_clone\_arg))

>>> + return ERR\_PTR(-EINVAL);

>>

>> This means that software built against a newer kernel won't work on an  
>> older one. Surely that's not intended?

>

> It is intended. If I ask an old kernel to clone the mq namespace, but

> it doesn't support such, that I'd better like to get an -EINVAL error

> rather than be silently held in an old global namespace.

That rules out using the struct for things like child\_tidptr, the desired  
pid for C/R, etc. I think the version Dave Hansen proposed would be  
better, or if it's really just for bits, use an array rather than a struct  
to make that obvious.

> [snip]

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