
Subject: [PATCH 2/2] extend clone_flags using parent_tidptr argument
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We have at least 2 patchsets requiring each a new clone flag and there it is, we've reached the limit, none are left.

This patch uses the CLONE_DETACHED flag (unused) as a marker to extend the clone flags through the parent_tidptr argument.

Initially, we thought on using the last bit but it has recently been taken by CLONE_IO.

Obviously, this hack doesn't work for unshare() for which I don't see any other solution than to add a new syscall :

```
long sys_unshare64(unsigned long clone_flags_high,
                  unsigned long clone_flags_low);
```

Is this the right path to extend the clone flags ? should we add a clone64() rather than hack the extending clone() ?

Thanks for any comments !

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include/linux/sched.h | 1 +
kernel/fork.c          | 14 ++++++++
2 files changed, 14 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
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--- 2.6.24-mm1.orig/include/linux/sched.h

+++ 2.6.24-mm1/include/linux/sched.h

@@ -28,6 +28,7 @@

#define CLONE_NEWPID 0x20000000 /* New pid namespace */

#define CLONE_NEWNET 0x40000000 /* New network namespace */

#define CLONE_IO 0x80000000 /* Clone io context */

+#define CLONE_EXTFLAGS CLONE_DETACHED /* use parent_tidptr as an extended set of flags */

/*

* Scheduling policies

Index: 2.6.24-mm1/kernel/fork.c

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--- 2.6.24-mm1.orig/kernel/fork.c
+++ 2.6.24-mm1/kernel/fork.c
@@ -1012,6 +1012,14 @@ static struct task_struct *copy_process(
    struct task_struct *p;
    int cgroup_callbacks_done = 0;

+ /*
+  * It is not permitted to specify both CLONE_EXTFLAGS and
+  * CLONE_PARENT_SETTID
+  */
+ if ((clone_flags & (CLONE_EXTFLAGS|CLONE_PARENT_SETTID)) ==
+     (CLONE_EXTFLAGS|CLONE_PARENT_SETTID))
+   return ERR_PTR(-EINVAL);
+
+ if ((clone_flags & (CLONE_NEWNS|CLONE_FS)) == (CLONE_NEWNS|CLONE_FS))
+   return ERR_PTR(-EINVAL);

@@ -1455,6 +1463,7 @@ long do_fork(unsigned long clone_flags,
    struct task_struct *p;
    int trace = 0;
    long nr;
+ u64 clone_flags64 = clone_flags;

    /*
     * We hope to recycle these flags after 2.6.26
@@ -1479,7 +1488,10 @@ long do_fork(unsigned long clone_flags,
    clone_flags |= CLONE_PTRACE;
    }

- p = copy_process(clone_flags, stack_start, regs, stack_size,
+ if (clone_flags & CLONE_EXTFLAGS)
+   clone_flags64 = ((u64) (uintptr_t) parent_tidptr << 32) | clone_flags;
+
+ p = copy_process(clone_flags64, stack_start, regs, stack_size,
    child_tidptr, NULL);
    /*
     * Do this prior waking up the new thread - the thread pointer
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