
Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 1/7] CGroup API: Add cgroup.api control file
Posted by [Paul Jackson](#) on Wed, 20 Feb 2008 05:17:26 GMT

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Paul M wrote:

> I guess it's not essential, I just figured that if we had that
> information, it made sense to make it available to userspace. I guess
> I'm happy with dropping the actual exposed cgroup.api file for now as
> long as we can work towards reducing the number of control files that
> just return strings, and make use of the structured output such as
> read_uint() more.

I could certainly go along with that ... reducing the proportion of control files returning untyped strings.

My sense of kernel-user API's is that usually the less said the better. Identify the essential information that one side requires from the other via a runtime API, and pass only that. API's represent a lifetime commitment, so the less promised the better.

Perhaps my primary concern with these *.api files was that I did not understand who or what the critical use or user was; who found this essential, not just nice to have.

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I won't rest till it's the best ...
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