Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/3] clone64() and unshare64() system calls Posted by Sukadev Bhattiprolu on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 18:26:16 GMT

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Paul Menage [menage On Wed, Apr 9, 2008		'	ibm com> wrote:	

- > But as Jon Corbet pointed out in the thread above, it looked like
- > adding a new system call has been the "traditional" way of solving this
- > in Linux so far and there has been no consensus on a newer approach.

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I thought that the consensus was that adding a new system call was better than trying to force extensibility on to the existing non-extensible system call.

There were couple of objections to extensible system calls like sys_indirect() and to Pavel's approach.

But if we are adding a new system call, why not make the new one extensible to reduce the need for yet another new call in the future?

hypothetically, can we make a variant of clone() extensible to the point of requiring a copy_from_user()?

Paul

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