Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/4] Helper patches for PTY namespaces Posted by Al Viro on Sat, 12 Apr 2008 18:35:14 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

On Sat, Apr 12, 2008 at 10:29:33AM -0700, sukadev@us.ibm.com wrote: >

Some simple helper patches to enable implementation of multiple PTY
(or device) namespaces.

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- > [PATCH 1/4]: Propagate error code from devpts_pty_new
- > [PATCH 2/4]: Factor out PTY index allocation
- > [PATCH 3/4]: Move devpts globals into init_pts_ns
- > [PATCH 3/4]: Enable multiple mounts of /dev/pts

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> This patchset is based on earlier versions developed by Serge Hallyn

> and Matt Helsley.

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Care to explain how that "namespace" is different from devpts instance? IOW, why the devil do you guys ignore Occam's Razor?

Frankly, this nonsense has gone far enough; I can buy the need to compensate for shitty APIs (sockets, non-fs-based-IPC, etc.), but devpts *is* *a* *fucking* *filesystem*. Already. And as such it's already present in normal, real, we-really-shouldn't-have-any-other-if-not-for-ancient-stupidity namespace.

Why not simply allow independent instances of devpts and be done with that?

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