Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH 0/7] Clone PTS namespace Posted by serue on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 19:21:02 GMT

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Quoting Eric W. Biederman (ebiederm@xmission.com):
> "Serge E. Hallyn" <serue@us.ibm.com> writes:
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> > Quoting Serge E. Hallyn (serue@us.ibm.com):
> >> Quoting Eric W. Biederman (ebiederm@xmission.com):
>>> "Serge E. Hallyn" <serue@us.ibm.com> writes:
>>>>>
>>> > I'm hoping to be able to get back at this in the week or so as things
>>> > settle down from my move. My last patches should be in my proof of
>>> > concept network namespace tree, if they don't show up elsewhere.
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>>> > Is that the tree I'd get from
>>>>>
>>> > git-fetch
>>> > git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/ebiederm/linux-2.6-netns.git
>>> > master:ebieder.master
> >> >
>>> Yes.
>>>> ? So I'd add a user_ns to the struct sysfs_tag_info?
>>> > If so I'll give it a whirl.
>>> Sounds good. My apologies I keep being almost on the verge
>>> of getting someplace.
> >>
>>> Ok I've got the sysfs relevant patches ported to 2.6.25, and am looking
>>> at how to extend it to handle /sys/kernel/uids. You have tagging tied
>>> intimately to struct class. So the question is should I generalize the
>>> taggint to deal with kobjects instead, or create a struct class user
>>> and make /sys/kernel/uids a symlink to /sys/class/user/uids?
>> Heh, never mind, I was thinking class was a kobject class, not a device
>> class:) So I'll just have to generalize tagging.
> Yes. You just need a way to get the tags there.
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> At the level of sysfs it is fairly general.
> Getting through the kobject layer is a different story.
Heh, well I tried several approaches - adding tag_ops to kset, to ktype,
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etc. Finally ended up just calling sysfs_enable_tagging on

/sys/kernel/uids when that is created. It's now working perfectly.

- > I suspect since you are working on this and I seem to be stuck
- > in molasses at the moment it makes sense to figure out what it
- > will take to handle the uid namespace before pushing these
- > patches again.

I had ported your patches to 2.6.25, but Benjamin in the meantime ported them to 2.6.25-mm1. Since that's closer to the -net tree it's a more useful port, so I'll let him post his patchset. Then I'll send the userns patch on top of that. While I'm not actually able to send network traffic over a veth dev (I probably am still not setting it up right), I am able to pass veth devices into network namespaces, and the user namespaces are properly handled.

I believe Benjamin did notice a problem with some symlinks not existing, and I think we want one more patch on top of yours removing the hold_net() from sysfs_mount, which I don't think was what you really wanted to do. By simply removing that, if all tasks in a netns go away, the netns actually goes away and a lookup under a bind-mounted copy of its /sys/class/net is empty.

Anyway the patches should be hitting the list next week.

- > Taking a quick look and having a clue what we will need to
- > do for a theoretical device namespace is also a possibility.

I'm not sure I'm familiar enough with the kobject/class/sysfs/device relationships yet to comment on that. It doesn't look like it should really be a problem, though simply adding tags to every directory under /sys/class (/sys/class/tty, /sys/class/usb_device, etc) doesn't seem like necessarily the nicest way to go...

thanks, -serge

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