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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/8] Scaling msgmni to the amount of lowmem  
Posted by [serue](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 18:05:27 GMT

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Quoting Luck, Tony (tony.luck@intel.com):

> > Well, this printk had been suggested by somebody (sorry I don't remember  
> > who) when I first submitted the patch. Actually I think it might be  
> > useful for a sysadmin to be aware of a change in the msgmni value: we  
> > have the message not only at boot time, but also each time msgmni is  
> > recomputed because of a change in the amount of memory.  
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> If the message is directed at the system administrator, then it would  
> be nice if there were some more meaningful way to show the namespace  
> that is affected than just printing the hex address of the kernel structure.  
>  
> As the sysadmin for my test systems, printing the hex address is mildly  
> annoying ... I now have to add a new case to my scripts that look at  
> dmesg output for unusual activity.  
>  
> Is there some better "name for a namespace" than the address? Perhaps  
> the process id of the process that instantiated the namespace???

I agree with Tony here. Aside from the nuisance it is to see that message on console every time I unshare a namespace, a printk doesn't seem like the right way to output the info. At most I'd say an audit message.

-serge

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