
Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH][cryo] Save/restore state of unnamed pipes
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Matt Helsley [matthlhc@us.ibm.com] wrote:

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| > |  
| > |  
| > | pipe(pipefds); /* returns 5 and 4 in elements 0 and 1 */  
| > | /* use fds after last_fd as trampolines for fds we want to create */  
| > | dup2(pipefds[0], last_fd + 1);  
| > | dup2(pipefds[1], last_fd + 2);  
| > | close(pipefds[0]);  
| > | close(pipefds[1]);  
| > | dup2(last_fd + 1, <orig pipefd[0]>);  
| > | dup2(last_fd + 2, <orig pipefd[1]>);  
| > | close(last_fd + 1);  
| > | close(last_fd + 2);  
| > |  
| > |  
| > | Which is alot more code but should work no matter which fds we get back  
| > | from pipe(). Of course this assumes the checkpointed application hasn't  
| > | used all of its fds. :(  
| > |  
| > |  
| > | This sounds like a good idea too, but we could use any fd that has not  
| > | yet been used in the restart-process right ? It would break if all fds  
|  
| Yes, but we don't know which fd is available unless we allocate it  
| without dup2(). Here's how it could be done without last_fd (again,  
| dropping PT_FUNC notation):  
|  
| /*  
| * Move fds from src to dest. Useful for correctly "moving" pipe fds and  
| * other cases where we have a small number of fds to move to their  
| * original fd.  
| *  
| * Assumes dest_fds and src_fds are of the same, small length since  
| * this is O(num_fds^2).  
| *  
| * If num_fds == 1 then use plain dup2().  
| *  
| * Use this in place of multiple dup2() calls (num_fds > 1) unless you are  
| * absolutely certain the set of dest fds do not intersect the set of src fds.  
| * Does NOT magically prevent you from accidentally clobbering fds outside the  
| * src_fds array.  
| */  
| void move_fds(int *dest_fds, int *src_fds, const unsigned int num_fds)
```

```

| {
|   int i;
|   unsigned int num_moved = 0;
|
|   for (i = 0; i < num_fds; i++) {
|     int j;
|
|     if (src_fds[i] == dest_fds[i])
|       continue; /* nothing to be done */
|
|     /* src fd != dest fd so we need to perform:
|     dup2(src fd, dest fd);
|       but dup2() closes dest fd if it already exists.
|       This means we could accidentally close one of
|       the src fds. Avoid this by searching for any
|       src fd == dest fd and dup()'ing src fd to
|       a different fd so we can use the dest fd.
|     */
|     for (j = i + 1; j < num_fds; j++) /* This makes us O(N^2) */
|       if (dest_fds[i] == src_fds[j])
|         /*
|          * we're using an fd for something
|          * else already -- we need a trampoline
|          */

```

So let me rephrase the problem.

Suppose the checkpointed application was using fds in following "orig-fd-set"

```
{ [0..10], 18, 27 }
```

where 18 and 27 are part of a pipe. For simplicity lets assume that 18 is the read-side-fd.

We checkpointed this application and are now trying to restart it.

In the restarted application, we would call

```
dup2(fd1, fd2),
```

where 'fd1' is some new, random fd and 'fd2' is an fd in 'orig-fd-set' (say fd2 = 18).

IIUC, there is a risk here of 'fd2' being closed accidentally while it is in use.

But, the only way I can see 'fd2' being in use in the restarted process

is if `_cryo_` opened some file `_during_` restart and did not close. I ran into this early on with the `randomize_va_space` file (which was easily fixed).

Would cryo need to keep one or more temporary/debug files open in the restarted process (i.e files that are not in the 'orig-fd-set').

If cryo does, then maybe it could open such files:

- after `clone()` (so files are not open in restarted process), or
- find the last `_fd` used and `dup2()` to that fd, leaving the 'orig-fd-set' all open/available for restarted process

For debug, before each '`dup2(fd1, fd2)`' we could '`fstat(fd2, &buf)`' to ensure 'fd2' is not in use and error out if it is.

Thanks for your comments. I will look at your code in more detail.

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