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Subject: [PATCH 2/9] security: Make capabilities relative to the user namespace.  
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- Introduce ns\_capable to test for a capability in a non-default user namespace.
- Teach cap\_capable to handle capabilities in a non-default user namespace.

The motivation is to get to the unprivileged creation of new namespaces. It looks like this gets us 90% of the way there, with only potential uid confusion issues left.

I still need to handle getting all caps after creation but otherwise I think I have a good starter patch that achieves all of your goals.

Changelog:

11/05/2010: [serge] add apparmor

12/14/2010: [serge] fix capabilities to created user namespaces

Without this, if user serge creates a user\_ns, he won't have capabilities to the user\_ns he created. This is because we were first checking whether his effective caps had the caps he needed and returning -EPERM if not, and THEN checking whether he was the creator. Reverse those checks.

12/16/2010: [serge] security\_real\_capable needs ns argument in !security case

01/11/2011: [serge] add task\_ns\_capable helper

01/11/2011: [serge] add nsown\_capable() helper per Bastian Blank suggestion

02/16/2011: [serge] fix a logic bug: the root user is always creator of init\_user\_ns, but should not always have capabilities to it! Fix the check in cap\_capable().

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include/linux/capability.h | 10 ++++++--
include/linux/security.h   | 25 ++++++-----
kernel/capability.c        | 32 ++++++-----
security/apparmor/lsm.c    |  5 +---
security/commoncap.c       | 40 ++++++-----
security/security.c        | 16 ++++++-----
security/selinux/hooks.c   | 14 ++++++-----
7 files changed, 107 insertions(+), 35 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/include/linux/capability.h b/include/linux/capability.h

index fb16a36..cb3d2d9 100644

--- a/include/linux/capability.h

+++ b/include/linux/capability.h

@@ -544,7 +544,7 @@ extern const kernel\_cap\_t \_\_cap\_init\_eff\_set;

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*
* Note that this does not set PF_SUPERPRIV on the task.
*/
#define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), (cap)) == 0)
+#define has_capability(t, cap) (security_real_capable((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)

/**
 * has_capability_noaudit - Determine if a task has a superior capability available (unaudited)
@@ -558,9 +558,15 @@ extern const kernel_cap_t __cap_init_eff_set;
 * Note that this does not set PF_SUPERPRIV on the task.
*/
#define has_capability_noaudit(t, cap) \
- (security_real_capable_noaudit((t), (cap)) == 0)
+ (security_real_capable_noaudit((t), &init_user_ns, (cap)) == 0)

+struct user_namespace;
+extern struct user_namespace init_user_ns;
+extern int capable(int cap);
+extern int ns_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
+extern int task_ns_capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap);
+
+#define nsown_capable(cap) (ns_capable(current_user_ns(), (cap)))

/* audit system wants to get cap info from files as well */
struct dentry;
diff --git a/include/linux/security.h b/include/linux/security.h
index b2b7f97..6bbbee08 100644
--- a/include/linux/security.h
+++ b/include/linux/security.h
@@ -46,13 +46,14 @@
struct ctl_table;
struct audit_krule;
+struct user_namespace;

/*
 * These functions are in security/capability.c and are used
 * as the default capabilities functions
*/
extern int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
- int cap, int audit);
+ struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit);
extern int cap_settime(struct timespec *ts, struct timezone *tz);
extern int cap_ptrace_access_check(struct task_struct *child, unsigned int mode);
extern int cap_ptrace_traceme(struct task_struct *parent);
@@ -1254,6 +1255,7 @@ @@ static inline void security_free_mnt_opts(struct security_mnt_opts
*opts)
 * credentials.

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* @tsk contains the task_struct for the process.
* @cred contains the credentials to use.
+ * @ns contains the user namespace we want the capability in
* @cap contains the capability <include/linux/capability.h>.
* @audit: Whether to write an audit message or not
* Return 0 if the capability is granted for @tsk.
@@ -1382,7 +1384,7 @@ struct security_operations {
    const kernel_cap_t *inheritable,
    const kernel_cap_t *permitted);
int (*capable) (struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
- int cap, int audit);
+ struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit);
int (*sysctl) (struct ctl_table *table, int op);
int (*quotactl) (int cmds, int type, int id, struct super_block *sb);
int (*quota_on) (struct dentry *dentry);
@@ -1662,9 +1664,9 @@ int security_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
    const kernel_cap_t *effective,
    const kernel_cap_t *inheritable,
    const kernel_cap_t *permitted);
-int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap);
-int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap);
-int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap);
+int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, const struct cred *cred, int cap);
+int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
+int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap);
int security_sysctl(struct ctl_table *table, int op);
int security_quotactl(int cmds, int type, int id, struct super_block *sb);
int security_quota_on(struct dentry *dentry);
@@ -1856,28 +1858,29 @@ static inline int security_capset(struct cred *new,
    return cap_capset(new, old, effective, inheritable, permitted);
}

-static inline int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap)
+static inline int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns,
+    const struct cred *cred, int cap)
{
- return cap_capable(current, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
+ return cap_capable(current, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
}

-static inline int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
+static inline int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
{
    int ret;

    rcu_read_lock();
- ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
+ ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
}

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    rcu_read_unlock();
    return ret;
}

static inline
-int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
+int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
{
    int ret;

    rcu_read_lock();
- ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), cap,
+ ret = cap_capable(tsk, __task_cred(tsk), ns, cap,
    SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
    rcu_read_unlock();
    return ret;
}
diff --git a/kernel/capability.c b/kernel/capability.c
index 9e9385f..916658c 100644
--- a/kernel/capability.c
+++ b/kernel/capability.c
@@ -14,6 +14,7 @@
#include <linux/security.h>
#include <linux/syscalls.h>
#include <linux/pid_namespace.h>
+#include <linux/user_namespace.h>
#include <asm/uaccess.h>

/*
@@ -301,15 +302,42 @@ error:
 */
int capable(int cap)
{
+ return ns_capable(&init_user_ns, cap);
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(capable);
+
+/**
+ * ns_capable - Determine if the current task has a superior capability in effect
+ * @ns: The usernamespace we want the capability in
+ * @cap: The capability to be tested for
+ *
+ * Return true if the current task has the given superior capability currently
+ * available for use, false if not.
+ *
+ * This sets PF_SUPERPRIV on the task if the capability is available on the
+ * assumption that it's about to be used.
+ */
+int ns_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)

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+{
    if (unlikely(!cap_valid(cap))) {
        printk(KERN_CRIT "capable() called with invalid cap=%u\n", cap);
        BUG();
    }

- if (security_capable(current_cred(), cap) == 0) {
+ if (security_capable(ns, current_cred(), cap) == 0) {
    current->flags |= PF_SUPERPRIV;
    return 1;
}
return 0;
}
-EXPORT_SYMBOL(capable);
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(ns_capable);
+
+/*
+ * does current have capability 'cap' to the user namespace of task
+ * 't'. Return true if it does, false otherwise.
+ */
+int task_ns_capable(struct task_struct *t, int cap)
+{
+ return ns_capable(task_cred_xxx(t, user)->user_ns, cap);
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(task_ns_capable);
diff --git a/security/apparmor/lsm.c b/security/apparmor/lsm.c
index b7106f1..b37c2cd 100644
--- a/security/apparmor/lsm.c
+++ b/security/apparmor/lsm.c
@@ -22,6 +22,7 @@
#include <linux/ctype.h>
#include <linux/sysctl.h>
#include <linux/audit.h>
+ #include <linux/user_namespace.h>
#include <net/sock.h>

#include "include/apparmor.h"
@@ -136,11 +137,11 @@ static int apparmor_capget(struct task_struct *target, kernel_cap_t
*effective,
}

static int apparmor_capable(struct task_struct *task, const struct cred *cred,
- int cap, int audit)
+ struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit)
{
    struct aa_profile *profile;
    /* cap_capable returns 0 on success, else -EPERM */
- int error = cap_capable(task, cred, cap, audit);

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+ int error = cap_capable(task, cred, ns, cap, audit);
  if (!error) {
    profile = aa_cred_profile(cred);
    if (!unconfined(profile))
diff --git a/security/commoncap.c b/security/commoncap.c
index 64c2ed9..51fa9ec 100644
--- a/security/commoncap.c
+++ b/security/commoncap.c
@@ -27,6 +27,7 @@
#include <linux/sched.h>
#include <linux/prctl.h>
#include <linux/securebits.h>
+#include <linux/user_namespace.h>

/*
 * If a non-root user executes a setuid-root binary in
@@ -68,6 +69,7 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cap_netlink_rcv);
 * cap_capable - Determine whether a task has a particular effective capability
 * @tsk: The task to query
 * @cred: The credentials to use
+ * @ns: The user namespace in which we need the capability
 * @cap: The capability to check for
 * @audit: Whether to write an audit message or not
 *
@@ -79,10 +81,32 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(cap_netlink_rcv);
 * cap_has_capability() returns 0 when a task has a capability, but the
 * kernel's capable() and has_capability() returns 1 for this case.
 */
-int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred, int cap,
- int audit)
+int cap_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
+ struct user_namespace *targ_ns, int cap, int audit)
{
- return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
+ for (;;) {
+ /* The creator of the user namespace has all caps. */
+ if (targ_ns != &init_user_ns && targ_ns->creator == cred->user)
+ return 0;
+
+ /* Do we have the necessary capabilities? */
+ if (targ_ns == cred->user->user_ns)
+ return cap_raised(cred->cap_effective, cap) ? 0 : -EPERM;
+
+ /* Have we tried all of the parent namespaces? */
+ if (targ_ns == &init_user_ns)
+ return -EPERM;
+
+ /* If you have the capability in a parent user ns you have it

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+ * in the over all children user namespaces as well, so see
+ * if this process has the capability in the parent user
+ * namespace.
+ */
+ targ_ns = targ_ns->creator->user_ns;
+ }
+
+ /* We never get here */
+ return -EPERM;
+ }

/**
@@ -177,7 +201,8 @@ static inline int cap_inh_is_capped(void)
/* they are so limited unless the current task has the CAP_SETPCAP
* capability
*/
- if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SETPCAP,
+ if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(),
+ current_cred()->user->user_ns, CAP_SETPCAP,
SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT) == 0)
return 0;
return 1;
@@ -829,7 +854,8 @@ int cap_task_prctl(int option, unsigned long arg2, unsigned long arg3,
& (new->securebits ^ arg2)) /*[1]*/
|| ((new->securebits & SECURE_ALL_LOCKS & ~arg2)) /*[2]*/
|| (arg2 & ~(SECURE_ALL_LOCKS | SECURE_ALL_BITS)) /*[3]*/
- || (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SETPCAP,
+ || (cap_capable(current, current_cred(),
+ current_cred()->user->user_ns, CAP_SETPCAP,
SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT) != 0) /*[4]*/
/*
* [1] no changing of bits that are locked
@@ -894,7 +920,7 @@ int cap_vm_enough_memory(struct mm_struct *mm, long pages)
{
int cap_sys_admin = 0;

- if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
+ if (cap_capable(current, current_cred(), &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT) == 0)
cap_sys_admin = 1;
return __vm_enough_memory(mm, pages, cap_sys_admin);
@@ -921,7 +947,7 @@ int cap_file_mmap(struct file *file, unsigned long reqprot,
int ret = 0;

if (addr < dac_mmap_min_addr) {
- ret = cap_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_RAWIO,
+ ret = cap_capable(current, current_cred(), &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_RAWIO,
SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);

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/* set PF_SUPERPRIV if it turns out we allow the low mmap */
if (ret == 0)
diff --git a/security/security.c b/security/security.c
index 7b7308a..7a6a0d0 100644
--- a/security/security.c
+++ b/security/security.c
@@ -154,29 +154,33 @@ int security_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
    effective, inheritable, permitted);
}

-int security_capable(const struct cred *cred, int cap)
+int security_capable(struct user_namespace *ns, const struct cred *cred,
+    int cap)
{
- return security_ops->capable(current, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
+ return security_ops->capable(current, cred, ns, cap,
+    SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
}

-int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
+int security_real_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, struct user_namespace *ns,
+    int cap)
{
    const struct cred *cred;
    int ret;

    cred = get_task_cred(tsk);
- ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
+ ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_AUDIT);
    put_cred(cred);
    return ret;
}

-int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk, int cap)
+int security_real_capable_noaudit(struct task_struct *tsk,
+    struct user_namespace *ns, int cap)
{
    const struct cred *cred;
    int ret;

    cred = get_task_cred(tsk);
- ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, cap, SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
+ ret = security_ops->capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
    put_cred(cred);
    return ret;
}
diff --git a/security/selinux/hooks.c b/security/selinux/hooks.c
index c8d6992..6dcda48 100644

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--- a/security/selinux/hooks.c
+++ b/security/selinux/hooks.c
@@ -77,6 +77,7 @@
#include <linux/mutex.h>
#include <linux/posix-timers.h>
#include <linux/syslog.h>
+#include <linux/user_namespace.h>

#include "avc.h"
#include "objsec.h"
@@ -1423,6 +1424,7 @@ static int current_has_perm(const struct task_struct *tsk,
/* Check whether a task is allowed to use a capability. */
static int task_has_capability(struct task_struct *tsk,
    const struct cred *cred,
+    struct user_namespace *ns,
    int cap, int audit)
{
    struct common_audit_data ad;
@@ -1851,15 +1853,15 @@ static int selinux_capset(struct cred *new, const struct cred *old,
*/

static int selinux_capable(struct task_struct *tsk, const struct cred *cred,
-    int cap, int audit)
+    struct user_namespace *ns, int cap, int audit)
{
    int rc;

- rc = cap_capable(tsk, cred, cap, audit);
+ rc = cap_capable(tsk, cred, ns, cap, audit);
    if (rc)
        return rc;

- return task_has_capability(tsk, cred, cap, audit);
+ return task_has_capability(tsk, cred, ns, cap, audit);
}

static int selinux_sysctl_get_sid(ctl_table *table, u16 tclass, u32 *sid)
@@ -2012,7 +2014,8 @@ static int selinux_vm_enough_memory(struct mm_struct *mm, long
pages)
{
    int rc, cap_sys_admin = 0;

- rc = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
+ rc = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(),
+    &init_user_ns, CAP_SYS_ADMIN,
    SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
    if (rc == 0)
        cap_sys_admin = 1;

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@@ -2829,7 +2832,8 @@ static int selinux_inode_getsecurity(const struct inode *inode, const
char *name
    * and lack of permission just means that we fall back to the
    * in-core context value, not a denial.
    */
- error = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(), CAP_MAC_ADMIN,
+ error = selinux_capable(current, current_cred(),
+   &init_user_ns, CAP_MAC_ADMIN,
+   SECURITY_CAP_NOAUDIT);
    if (!error)
        error = security_sid_to_context_force(isec->sid, &context,
--
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