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Subject: Re: [RFC PATCH 0/5] SUNRPC: "RPC pipefs per network namespace" preparations

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Guys, please, spend some of your expensive time to review this patch-set briefly.

This is not for commit, but just an idea representation.

I really need some opinions about it, since all my further work around RPC pipefs depends on it.

IOW I need to now, does anyone has something against this idea.

Trond, please, respond, does this idea suits you in general or not?

> Hello to everyone.

> RPC pipefs file system have to work per network namespace context is required

> prior to any NFS modifications.

> This is a way how to do it. I'll really appreciate for any comments.

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> There are several statements about how to make RPC pipefs working per network

> namespace context.

> Here they are:

> 1) RPC pipefs should be mounted per network namespace context.

> 2) RPC pipefs superblock should holds network namespace while active.

> 3) RPC pipefs lookup and readdir should be performed in network namespace context

> it was mounted. IOW, user-space process, working in another network namespace

> context, should see RPC pipefs dentries from network namespace context this

> mount-point was created (like it was done for sysfs).

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> These statement leads to some restrictions which we must follow during

> implementation. Here are they:

> 1) RPC pipefs mount can't be performed in kernel context since new super block

> will holds networks namespace reference and it's impossible to recognize, when

> and how we have to release this mount point. IOW `rpc_get_mount()` and

> `rpc_put_mount()` have to be removed.

> 2) RPC pipefs should provide some new helpers to lookup directory dentry for

> those modules which creates pipes, because without RPC pipefs mount point

> general lookup can't be performed.

> 3) These methods must guarantee, that pipefs superblock will be active during

> pipes creation and destruction.

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> So, here is the idea of making RPC pipefs works per network namespace context:

> 1) RPC pipefs superblock should holds network namespace context while active.

> 2) RPC pipefs should send notification events on superblock creation and

> destruction.

> 3) RPC pipefs should provide "lookup dentry by name" method for notification

> subscribers.

> 4) RPC pipefs should place superblock reference on current network namespace

> context on creation and remove it on destruction.

> 5) RPC pipefs should provide safe "lookup dentry by name" method for per-net  
> operations, which guarantees, that superblock is active, while  
> per-net-operations are performing.

> 6) Client and cache directories creation and destruction should be performed  
> also on superblock creation and destruction notification events. Note: generic  
> creation (like now) can fail (if no superblock is not created yet).

> 7) Pipes creation and destruction should be performed on superblock creation  
> and destruction events. Also pipes operations should be performed during  
> per-net operation and in this case they could fail (due to the same reason as  
> in statement above).

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> This patch-set implements first 5 points and thus doesn't affects current RPC  
> pipefs logic.

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> The only problem about I'm not sure how to solve properly yet, is auth gss  
> pipes creations operations. Hoping for some help with it.

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> The following series consists of:

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> Stanislav Kinsbursky (5):

- > SUNRPC: hold current network namespace while pipefs superblock is active
- > SUNRPC: send notification events on pipefs sb creation and destruction
- > SUNRPC: pipefs dentry lookup helper introduced
- > SUNRPC: put pipefs superblock link on network namespace
- > SUNRPC: pipefs per-net operations helper introduced

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> include/linux/sunrpc/rpc\_pipe\_fs.h | 16 ++++++

> net/sunrpc/netns.h | 3 +

> net/sunrpc/rpc\_pipe.c | 103 +++

> net/sunrpc/sunrpc\_syms.c | 1

> 4 files changed, 122 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)

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Best regards,  
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