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Subject: Re: [PATCH v5] posix timers: allocate timer id per process  
Posted by [Thomas Gleixner](#) on Tue, 23 Oct 2012 22:33:05 GMT  
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On Tue, 23 Oct 2012, Eric Dumazet wrote:

> On Tue, 2012-10-23 at 23:47 +0200, Thomas Gleixner wrote:  
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> > Not so good to me.  
> >  
> > > Signed-off-by: Eric Dumazet <edumazet@google.com>  
> >  
> > And that should be either an Acked-by or a Reviewed-by. You can't sign  
> > off on patches which have not been submitted or transported by you.  
>  
> I actually gave some input, provided a hash function, and so on.  
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> So this SOB was valid. I do that all the time.

Not really. I recommend you to read the relevant file in Documentation which covers what can have your SOB.

Your input is documented in the mail thread, but it does not contain a patch - which is Signed-off-by YOU - on which the thing at hand is based on. So it's not covered by what SOB actually means.

You can rightfully request the patch author to add a "Suggested-by" tag, but you can't rightfully claim authorship of something you did not author.

> And yes, there are bugs in this patch, as many patches that were merged  
> in linux tree, included by you.

That's a totally different issue. We can ack/review/signoff and commit totally bogus patches as long as we want.

Though that does not change the meanings of the tags (Acked, Reviewed, Signed-off) at all.

Thanks,

tglx

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