
Subject: [PATCH 0/2] SYSCTL: export root handling routines
Posted by [Stanislav Kinsbursky](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2011 17:51:12 GMT
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These routines are required to make SUNRPC sysctl's network-namespace-aware.

The following series consists of:

Stanislav Kinsbursky (2):
 SYSCTL: root unregister routine introduced
 SYSCTL: export root register and unregister routines

kernel/sysctl.c | 9 ++++++++
1 files changed, 9 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)

Subject: [PATCH 2/2] SYSCTL: export root register and unregister routines
Posted by [Stanislav Kinsbursky](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2011 17:51:15 GMT
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These routines will be used in SUNRPC module and thus have to be exported.

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kernel/sysctl.c | 2 ++
1 files changed, 2 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)

```
diff --git a/kernel/sysctl.c b/kernel/sysctl.c
index 21e68c1..0ee5b73 100644
--- a/kernel/sysctl.c
+++ b/kernel/sysctl.c
@@ -1700,6 +1700,7 @@ void register_sysctl_root(struct ctl_table_root *root)
     list_add_tail(&root->root_list, &sysctl_table_root.root_list);
     spin_unlock(&sysctl_lock);
 }
+EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(register_sysctl_root);

void unregister_sysctl_root(struct ctl_table_root *root)
{
@@ -1707,6 +1708,7 @@ void unregister_sysctl_root(struct ctl_table_root *root)
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     spin_unlock(&sysctl_lock);
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kernel/sysctl.c | 7 +++++++
1 files changed, 7 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/kernel/sysctl.c b/kernel/sysctl.c
index ae27196..21e68c1 100644
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 * some sysctl variables are readonly even to root.
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/2] SYSCTL: root unregister routine introduced
Posted by [akpm](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2011 22:52:08 GMT
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On Mon, 12 Dec 2011 21:50:00 +0300

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Posted by [Stanislav Kinsbursky](#) on Tue, 13 Dec 2011 09:02:52 GMT
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Ok, I'll do so.

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Best regards,
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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Tue, 13 Dec 2011 09:13:56 GMT
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Posted by [Kinsbursky Stanislav](#) on Tue, 13 Dec 2011 10:03:50 GMT
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Sorry, man, but this is what I was talking in the first sentence of my answer to Andrew. And this solution doesn't suits me because both issues stays unsolved:

1) sysctl's in net/ipv4/sysctl_net_ipv4.c will be created in "/proc/sys/net/" directory, but I need "/proc/sys/".

2) net sysctl's just gives you an ability to create sysctl' dentries per network namespace context. But data pointer will be the same in case of this dentry was created for all network namespaces.

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The sysctl root has nothing to do with what directory the files show up in,
so this should not be an issue.

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> current user ones's).

Making the sunrpc sysctls per network namespace would seem to address
this. I don't see why you would need a new root to handle this case.

