
Subject: [PATCH -utrace] Move utrace into task_struct
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This patch moves "struct utrace" into "struct task_struct" directly instead of being referenced by a pointer from task_struct. The main reason is utrace code leaving stale ->utrace pointer and freeing "struct utrace" itself. This manifests as crashes in __rcu_process_callbacks() and other nasties.

As side effect this makes attaching and detaching logic much simpler and streamlined. As you see ~200 lines are gone.

I can't oops 2-way Opteron box with this patch applied.

NOTE: patch is against (utrace patch against 2.6.21)

NOTE: "utrace_engine_cache" still leaks

NOTE: "XXX ptrace_report_death" leaks still happen

NOTE: most certainly some locking is still missed and I need to test on a couple more boxes.

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include/linux/sched.h    | 7
include/linux/tracehook.h | 15 -
include/linux/utrace.h    | 39 +-
kernel/fork.c             | 9
kernel/utrace.c           | 457 ++++++++-----
5 files changed, 157 insertions(+), 370 deletions(-)
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--- a/include/linux/sched.h
+++ b/include/linux/sched.h
@@ -83,6 +83,7 @@ @@ #include <linux/resource.h>
#include <linux/timer.h>
#include <linux/hrtimer.h>
#include <linux/task_io_accounting.h>
+#include <linux/utrace.h>
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#include <asm/processor.h>
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@@ -940,11 +941,7 @@ @@ #endif
void *security;
struct audit_context *audit_context;
seccomp_t seccomp;
-
-#ifdef CONFIG_UTRACE
- struct utrace *utrace;
- unsigned long utrace_flags;
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-#endif
+ struct utrace utrace;

/* Thread group tracking */
    u32 parent_exec_id;
--- a/include/linux/tracehook.h
+++ b/include/linux/tracehook.h
@@ -310,16 +310,6 @@ utrace_regset_copyin_ignore(unsigned int
    ***
    ***/

-
-/*
- * Called in copy_process when setting up the copied task_struct,
- * with tasklist_lock held for writing.
- */
-static inline void tracehook_init_task(struct task_struct *child)
-{
- utrace_init_task(child);
-}
-
/*
 * Called from release_task, no locks held.
 * After this, there should be no tracing entanglements.
@@ -327,8 +317,7 @@ static inline void tracehook_init_task(s
static inline void tracehook_release_task(struct task_struct *p)
{
    smp_mb();
- if (tsk_utrace_struct(p) != NULL)
- utrace_release_task(p);
+ utrace_release_task(p);
}

/*
@@ -339,7 +328,7 @@ static inline void tracehook_release_tas
*/
static inline int tracehook_check_released(struct task_struct *p)
{
- return unlikely(tsk_utrace_struct(p) != NULL);
+ return 0;
}

/*
--- a/include/linux/utrace.h
+++ b/include/linux/utrace.h
@@ -50,11 +50,30 @@ #include <linux/sched.h>

struct linux_binprm;

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struct pt_regs;
-struct utrace;
+struct task_struct;
struct utrace_signal;
struct utrace_regset;
struct utrace_regset_view;

+#ifdef CONFIG_UTRACE
+struct utrace {
+ unsigned long flags;
+ union {
+  struct {
+   struct task_struct *cloning;
+   struct utrace_signal *signal;
+  } live;
+  struct {
+   unsigned long flags;
+  } exit;
+ } u;
+ struct list_head engines;
+ spinlock_t lock;
+};
+#else
+struct utrace {
+};
+#endif

/*
 * Flags in task_struct.utrace_flags and utrace_attached_engine.flags.
@@ -493,19 +512,8 @@ void utrace_signal_handler_singlestep(st
/*
 * <linux/tracehook.h> uses these accessors to avoid #ifdef CONFIG_UTRACE.
 */
-static inline unsigned long tsk_utrace_flags(struct task_struct *tsk)
-{
- return tsk->utrace_flags;
-}
-static inline struct utrace *tsk_utrace_struct(struct task_struct *tsk)
-{
- return tsk->utrace;
-}
-static inline void utrace_init_task(struct task_struct *child)
-{
- child->utrace_flags = 0;
- child->utrace = NULL;
-}
+#define tsk_utrace_flags(tsk) ((tsk)->utrace.flags)
+#define tsk_utrace_struct(tsk) (&(tsk)->utrace)

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#else /* !CONFIG_UTRACE */

@@ -517,9 +525,6 @@ static struct utrace *tsk_utrace_struct(
{
    return NULL;
}
-static inline void utrace_init_task(struct task_struct *child)
-{
-}

/*
 * The calls to these should all be in if (0) and optimized out entirely.
--- a/kernel/fork.c
+++ b/kernel/fork.c
@@ -1241,8 +1241,13 @@ #endif

    if (likely(p->pid)) {
        add_parent(p);
-    tracehook_init_task(p);
-
+
+#ifdef CONFIG_UTRACE
+    p->utrace.flags = 0;
+    p->utrace.u.live.cloning = NULL;
+    p->utrace.u.live.signal = NULL;
+    INIT_LIST_HEAD(&p->utrace.engines);
+    spin_lock_init(&p->utrace.lock);
+#endif
        if (thread_group_leader(p)) {
            p->signal->tty = current->signal->tty;
            p->signal->pgrp = process_group(current);
--- a/kernel/utrace.c
+++ b/kernel/utrace.c
@@ -10,13 +10,13 @@
 * Red Hat Author: Roland McGrath.
 */

-#include <linux/utrace.h>
#include <linux/tracehook.h>
#include <linux/err.h>
#include <linux/sched.h>
#include <linux/module.h>
#include <linux/init.h>
#include <linux/slab.h>
+#include <linux/utrace.h>
#include <asm/tracehook.h>

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@@ -29,48 +29,11 @@ #define CHECK_INIT(p) do { } while (0)
#define CHECK_DEAD(p) do { } while (0)
#endif

-/*
- * Per-thread structure task_struct.utrace points to.
- *
- * The task itself never has to worry about this going away after
- * some event is found set in task_struct.utrace_flags.
- * Once created, this pointer is changed only when the task is quiescent
- * (TASK_TRACED or TASK_STOPPED with the siglock held, or dead).
- *
- * For other parties, the pointer to this is protected by RCU and
- * task_lock. Since call_rcu is never used while the thread is alive and
- * using this struct utrace, we can overlay the RCU data structure used
- * only for a dead struct with some local state used only for a live utrace
- * on an active thread.
- */
-struct utrace
-{
- union {
-  struct rcu_head dead;
-  struct {
-   struct task_struct *cloning;
-   struct utrace_signal *signal;
-  } live;
-  struct {
-   unsigned long flags;
-  } exit;
- } u;
-
- struct list_head engines;
- spinlock_t lock;
- atomic_t check_dead;
-};
-
-static struct kmem_cache *utrace_cachep;
static struct kmem_cache *utrace_engine_cachep;

static int __init
utrace_init(void)
{
- utrace_cachep =
-  kmem_cache_create("utrace_cache",
-    sizeof(struct utrace), 0,
-    SLAB_HWCACHE_ALIGN|SLAB_PANIC, NULL, NULL);
  utrace_engine_cachep =
    kmem_cache_create("utrace_engine_cache",

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    sizeof(struct utrace_attached_engine), 0,
@@ -79,106 +42,6 @@ utrace_init(void)
}
subsys_initcall(utrace_init);

-
-/*
- * Make sure target->utrace is allocated, and return with it locked on
- * success. This function mediates startup races. The creating parent
- * task has priority, and other callers will delay here to let its call
- * succeed and take the new utrace lock first.
- */
-static struct utrace *
-utrace_first_engine(struct task_struct *target,
-    struct utrace_attached_engine *engine)
-__acquires(utrace->lock)
-{
-    struct utrace *utrace, *ret;
-
-    /*
-     * If this is a newborn thread and we are not the creator,
-     * we have to wait for it. The creator gets the first chance
-     * to attach. The PF_STARTING flag is cleared after its
-     * report_clone hook has had a chance to run.
-     */
-    if ((target->flags & PF_STARTING)
-        && (current->utrace == NULL
-            || current->utrace->u.live.cloning != target)) {
-        yield();
-        return (signal_pending(current)
-            ? ERR_PTR(-ERESTARTNOINTR) : NULL);
-    }
-
-    utrace = kmem_cache_alloc(utrace_cachep, GFP_KERNEL);
-    if (unlikely(utrace == NULL))
-        return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
-
-    utrace->u.live.cloning = NULL;
-    utrace->u.live.signal = NULL;
-    INIT_LIST_HEAD(&utrace->engines);
-    list_add(&engine->entry, &utrace->engines);
-    spin_lock_init(&utrace->lock);
-    CHECK_INIT(utrace);
-
-    ret = utrace;
-    spin_lock(&utrace->lock);
-    task_lock(target);
-    if (likely(target->utrace == NULL)) {

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- rcu_assign_pointer(target->utrace, utrace);
- /*
-  * The task_lock protects us against another thread doing
-  * the same thing. We might still be racing against
-  * tracehook_release_task. It's called with ->exit_state
-  * set to EXIT_DEAD and then checks ->utrace with an
-  * smp_mb() in between. If EXIT_DEAD is set, then
-  * release_task might have checked ->utrace already and saw
-  * it NULL; we can't attach. If we see EXIT_DEAD not yet
-  * set after our barrier, then we know release_task will
-  * see our target->utrace pointer.
-  */
- smp_mb();
- if (target->exit_state == EXIT_DEAD) {
- /*
-  * The target has already been through release_task.
-  */
- target->utrace = NULL;
- goto cannot_attach;
- }
- task_unlock(target);
- }
- else {
- /*
-  * Another engine attached first, so there is a struct already.
-  * A null return says to restart looking for the existing one.
-  */
- cannot_attach:
- ret = NULL;
- task_unlock(target);
- spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
- kmem_cache_free(utrace_cachep, utrace);
- }
-
- return ret;
-}
-
-static void
-utrace_free(struct rcu_head *rhead)
-{
- struct utrace *utrace = container_of(rhead, struct utrace, u.dead);
- kmem_cache_free(utrace_cachep, utrace);
-}
-
-/*
- * Called with utrace locked. Clean it up and free it via RCU.
- */
-static void

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-rcu_utrace_free(struct utrace *utrace)
- __releases(utrace->lock)
-{
- CHECK_DEAD(utrace);
- spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
- INIT_RCU_HEAD(&utrace->u.dead);
- call_rcu(&utrace->u.dead, utrace_free);
-}
-
static void
utrace_engine_free(struct rcu_head *rhead)
{
@@ -200,16 +63,10 @@ rcu_engine_free(struct utrace_attached_e
* forced signal (or it's quiescent in utrace_get_signal).
*/
static inline void
-utrace_clear_tsk(struct task_struct *tsk, struct utrace *utrace)
+utrace_clear_tsk(struct utrace *utrace)
{
- if (utrace->u.live.signal == NULL) {
- task_lock(tsk);
- if (likely(tsk->utrace != NULL)) {
- rcu_assign_pointer(tsk->utrace, NULL);
- tsk->utrace_flags &= UTRACE_ACTION_NOEAP;
- }
- task_unlock(tsk);
- }
+ if (utrace->u.live.signal == NULL)
+ utrace->flags &= UTRACE_ACTION_NOEAP;
}

/*
@@ -218,12 +75,11 @@ utrace_clear_tsk(struct task_struct *tsk
* pending, utrace is left locked and not freed, but is removed from the task.
*/
static void
-remove_engine(struct utrace_attached_engine *engine,
- struct task_struct *tsk, struct utrace *utrace)
+remove_engine(struct utrace_attached_engine *engine, struct utrace *utrace)
{
list_del_rcu(&engine->entry);
if (list_empty(&utrace->engines))
- utrace_clear_tsk(tsk, utrace);
+ utrace_clear_tsk(utrace);
rcu_engine_free(engine);
}

@@ -254,7 +110,7 @@ check_dead_utrace(struct task_struct *ts

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    * If tracing was preventing a SIGCHLD or self-reaping
    * and is no longer, we'll do that report or reaping now.
    */
- if (((tsk->utrace_flags &~ flags) & UTRACE_ACTION_NOREAP)
+ if (((tsk->utrace.flags &~ flags) & UTRACE_ACTION_NOREAP)
    && tsk->exit_state) {
    /*
    * While holding the utrace lock, mark that it's been done.
@@ -304,11 +160,8 @@ check_dead_utrace(struct task_struct *ts

}

- tsk->utrace_flags = flags;
- if (flags)
- spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
- else
- rcu_utrace_free(utrace);
+ tsk->utrace.flags = flags;
+ spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);

/*
* Now we're finished updating the utrace state.
@@ -348,7 +201,7 @@ quiesce(struct task_struct *target, int
{
    int quiescent;

- target->utrace_flags |= UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE;
+ target->utrace.flags |= UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE;
    read_barrier_depends();

    quiescent = (target->exit_state
@@ -399,93 +252,63 @@ struct utrace_attached_engine *
    utrace_attach(struct task_struct *target, int flags,
        const struct utrace_engine_ops *ops, void *data)
    {
- struct utrace *utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &target->utrace;
    struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
+ int wait_for_creator = 0;

- restart:
- rcu_read_lock();
- utrace = rcu_dereference(target->utrace);
- smp_rmb();
- if (unlikely(target->exit_state == EXIT_DEAD)) {
+ if (unlikely(target->exit_state == EXIT_DEAD))
+ if (unlikely(target->exit_state == EXIT_DEAD))
    /*
    * The target has already been reaped.

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    * Check this first; a race with reaping may lead to restart.
    */
- rcu_read_unlock();
  return ERR_PTR(-ESRCH);
- }
- if (utrace == NULL) {
- rcu_read_unlock();
-
- if (!(flags & UTRACE_ATTACH_CREATE))
- return ERR_PTR(-ENOENT);
+ /*
+ * If this is a newborn thread and we are not the creator,
+ * we have to wait for it. The creator gets the first chance
+ * to attach. The PF_STARTING flag is cleared after its
+ * report_clone hook has had a chance to run.
+ */
+ if (target->flags & PF_STARTING) {
+ struct utrace *u = &current->utrace;

- engine = kmem_cache_alloc(utrace_engine_cache, GFP_KERNEL);
- if (unlikely(engine == NULL))
- return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
- engine->flags = 0;
- CHECK_INIT(engine);
+ spin_lock(&u->lock);
+ wait_for_creator = (u->u.live.cloning != target);
+ spin_unlock(&u->lock);
+ }
+ if (wait_for_creator) {
+ yield();
+ return (signal_pending(current)
+ ? ERR_PTR(-ERESTARTNOINTR) : NULL);
+ }

- first:
- utrace = utrace_first_engine(target, engine);
- if (IS_ERR(utrace) || unlikely(utrace == NULL)) {
- kmem_cache_free(utrace_engine_cache, engine);
- if (unlikely(utrace == NULL)) /* Race condition. */
- goto restart;
- return ERR_PTR(PTR_ERR(utrace));
- }
+ spin_lock(&utrace->lock);
+ if (!(flags & UTRACE_ATTACH_CREATE)) {
+ engine = matching_engine(utrace, flags, ops, data);
+ spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
+ return engine;
+ }

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- else {
- if (!(flags & UTRACE_ATTACH_CREATE)) {
- engine = matching_engine(utrace, flags, ops, data);
- rcu_read_unlock();
- return engine;
- }
- rcu_read_unlock();
-
- engine = kmem_cache_alloc(utrace_engine_cachep, GFP_KERNEL);
- if (unlikely(engine == NULL))
- return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
- engine->flags = 0;
- CHECK_INIT(engine);
-
- rcu_read_lock();
- utrace = rcu_dereference(target->utrace);
- if (unlikely(utrace == NULL)) { /* Race with detach. */
- rcu_read_unlock();
- goto first;
- }
- spin_lock(&utrace->lock);
+ spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);

- if (flags & UTRACE_ATTACH_EXCLUSIVE) {
- struct utrace_attached_engine *old;
- old = matching_engine(utrace, flags, ops, data);
- if (!IS_ERR(old)) {
- spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
- rcu_read_unlock();
- kmem_cache_free(utrace_engine_cachep, engine);
- return ERR_PTR(-EEXIST);
- }
- }
+ engine = kmem_cache_alloc(utrace_engine_cachep, GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (unlikely(engine == NULL))
+ return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
+ engine->flags = 0;
+ engine->ops = ops;
+ engine->data = data;
+ CHECK_INIT(engine);

- if (unlikely(rcu_dereference(target->utrace) != utrace)) {
- /*
-  * We lost a race with other CPUs doing a sequence
-  * of detach and attach before we got in.
-  */
+ spin_lock(&utrace->lock);
+ if (flags & UTRACE_ATTACH_EXCLUSIVE) {

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+ struct utrace_attached_engine *old;
+
+ old = matching_engine(utrace, flags, ops, data);
+ if (!IS_ERR(old)) {
+     spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
- rcu_read_unlock();
+ kmem_cache_free(utrace_engine_cachep, engine);
- goto restart;
+ return ERR_PTR(-EEXIST);
+ }
- rcu_read_unlock();
-
- list_add_tail_rcu(&engine->entry, &utrace->engines);
+ }
-
- engine->ops = ops;
- engine->data = data;
-
+ list_add_tail_rcu(&engine->entry, &utrace->engines);
+ spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);

return engine;
@@ -627,13 +450,10 @@ get_utrace_lock_attached(struct task_str
    struct utrace_attached_engine *engine)
    __acquires(utrace->lock)
{
- struct utrace *utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &target->utrace;
+ int dead_engine;

- rcu_read_lock();
- utrace = rcu_dereference(target->utrace);
- smp_rmb();
- if (unlikely(utrace == NULL)
-     || unlikely(target->exit_state == EXIT_DEAD))
+ if (unlikely(target->exit_state == EXIT_DEAD))
/*
 * If all engines detached already, utrace is clear.
 * Otherwise, we're called after utrace_release_task might
@@ -641,22 +461,18 @@ get_utrace_lock_attached(struct task_str
 * callback might already be in progress or engine might
 * even have been freed already.
 */
- utrace = ERR_PTR(-ESRCH);
- else {
-     spin_lock(&utrace->lock);
-     if (unlikely(rcu_dereference(target->utrace) != utrace)
-         || unlikely(rcu_dereference(engine->ops)

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- == &dead_engine_ops)) {
- /*
-  * By the time we got the utrace lock,
-  * it had been reaped or detached already.
-  */
- spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
- utrace = ERR_PTR(-ESRCH);
- }
- }
+ return ERR_PTR(-ESRCH);
+ rcu_read_lock();
+ dead_engine = rcu_dereference(engine->ops) == &dead_engine_ops;
+ rcu_read_unlock();
+ if (unlikely(dead_engine))
+ /*
+  * By the time we got the utrace lock,
+  * it had been reaped or detached already.
+  */
+ return ERR_PTR(-ESRCH);

+ spin_lock(&utrace->lock);
+ return utrace;
+ }

@@ -691,7 +507,7 @@ utrace_detach(struct task_struct *target
+ rcu_assign_pointer(engine->ops, &dead_engine_ops);

+ if (quiesce(target, 1)) {
- remove_engine(engine, target, utrace);
+ remove_engine(engine, utrace);
+ wake_quiescent(flags, utrace, target);
+ }
+ else
@@ -733,8 +549,7 @@ restart:
+ }
+ rcu_engine_free(engine);
+ }
-
- rcu_utrace_free(utrace);
+ spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
+ }

/*
@@ -743,20 +558,12 @@ restart:
void
utrace_release_task(struct task_struct *target)
{
- struct utrace *utrace;

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-
- task_lock(target);
- utrace = target->utrace;
- rcu_assign_pointer(target->utrace, NULL);
- task_unlock(target);
-
- if (unlikely(utrace == NULL))
- return;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &target->utrace;

spin_lock(&utrace->lock);
utrace->u.exit.flags |= EXIT_FLAG_REAP;

- if (target->utrace_flags & (UTRACE_EVENT(DEATH)
+ if (target->utrace.flags & (UTRACE_EVENT(DEATH)
    | UTRACE_EVENT(QUIESCE)))
/*
 * The target will do some final callbacks but hasn't
@@ -797,7 +604,7 @@ #endif

restart: /* See below. */

- old_utrace_flags = target->utrace_flags;
+ old_utrace_flags = target->utrace.flags;
old_flags = engine->flags;

if (target->exit_state
@@ -833,12 +640,12 @@ restart: /* See below. */
    spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
    return ret;
}
- target->utrace_flags |= flags;
+ target->utrace.flags |= flags;
read_unlock(&tasklist_lock);
}

engine->flags = flags;
- target->utrace_flags |= flags;
+ target->utrace.flags |= flags;
ret = 0;

report = 0;
@@ -861,7 +668,7 @@ restart: /* See below. */
 * in user mode to get those effects, even if the target is
 * not going to be quiescent right now.
 */
- if (!(target->utrace_flags & UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE)
+ if (!(target->utrace.flags & UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE)

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    && !target->exit_state
    && ((flags &~ old_utrace_flags)
    & (UTRACE_ACTION_SINGLESTEP | UTRACE_ACTION_BLOCKSTEP
@@ -934,10 +741,10 @@ #endif
    */)
    if (((ret ^ engine->flags) & (UTRACE_ACTION_STATE_MASK
        & ~UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE)))
-   tsk->utrace_flags |= UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE;
+   tsk->utrace.flags |= UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE;
    engine->flags &= ~UTRACE_ACTION_STATE_MASK;
    engine->flags |= ret & UTRACE_ACTION_STATE_MASK;
-   tsk->utrace_flags |= engine->flags;
+   tsk->utrace.flags |= engine->flags;
    spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
    }
    else
@@ -965,7 +772,7 @@ remove_detached(struct task_struct *tsk,

    list_for_each_entry_safe(engine, next, &utrace->engines, entry) {
        if (engine->ops == &dead_engine_ops)
-       remove_engine(engine, tsk, utrace);
+       remove_engine(engine, utrace);
        else
            flags |= engine->flags | UTRACE_EVENT(REAP);
    }
@@ -987,8 +794,8 @@ check_detach(struct task_struct *tsk, u3
    * getting into utrace_report_death.
    */
    BUG_ON(tsk != current);
-   spin_lock(&tsk->utrace->lock);
-   action = remove_detached(tsk, tsk->utrace, action, ~0UL);
+   spin_lock(&tsk->utrace.lock);
+   action = remove_detached(tsk, &tsk->utrace, action, ~0UL);
    }
    return action;
    }
@@ -1011,7 +818,7 @@ void
utrace_report_clone(unsigned long clone_flags, struct task_struct *child)
{
    struct task_struct *tsk = current;
-   struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+   struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
    struct list_head *pos, *next;
    struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
    unsigned long action;
@@ -1056,7 +863,7 @@ int
utrace_report_jctl(int what)
{

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    struct task_struct *tsk = current;
- struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
    struct list_head *pos, *next;
    struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
    unsigned long action;
@@ -1122,7 +929,7 @@ sigkill_pending(struct task_struct *tsk)
    int
    utrace_quiescent(struct task_struct *tsk, struct utrace_signal *signal)
    {
- struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
    unsigned long action;

restart:
@@ -1151,7 +958,7 @@ restart:
    * Never stop when there is a SIGKILL bringing us down.
    */
    killed = sigkill_pending(tsk);
- if (!killed && (tsk->utrace_flags & UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE)) {
+ if (!killed && (tsk->utrace.flags & UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE)) {
    set_current_state(TASK_TRACED);
    /*
    * If there is a group stop in progress,
@@ -1171,7 +978,7 @@ restart:
    * u.live.signal is set, see check_dead_utrace.
    * This makes it safe to clear its pointer here.
    */
- BUG_ON(tsk->utrace != utrace);
+ BUG_ON(&tsk->utrace != utrace);
    BUG_ON(utrace->u.live.signal != signal);
    utrace->u.live.signal = NULL;
    }
@@ -1186,12 +993,12 @@ restart:
    * longer quiescent, so don't need to do any RCU locking.
    * But we do need to check our utrace pointer anew.
    */
- utrace = tsk->utrace;
- if (tsk->utrace_flags
+ utrace = &tsk->utrace;
+ if (tsk->utrace.flags
    & (UTRACE_EVENT(QUIESCE) | UTRACE_ACTION_STATE_MASK))
    goto restart;
    }
- else if (tsk->utrace_flags & UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE) {
+ else if (tsk->utrace.flags & UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE) {
    /*
    * Our flags are out of date.

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    * Update the set of events of interest from the union
@@ -1202,11 +1009,12 @@ restart:
    * still needs to process a pending forced signal.
    */
    unsigned long flags;
-   utrace = rcu_dereference(tsk->utrace);
+
+   utrace = &tsk->utrace;
    spin_lock(&utrace->lock);
    flags = rescan_flags(utrace);
    if (flags == 0)
-   utrace_clear_tsk(tsk, utrace);
+   utrace_clear_tsk(utrace);
    check_dead_utrace(tsk, utrace, flags);
}

@@ -1226,7 +1034,7 @@ #ifdef ARCH_HAS_BLOCK_STEP
    else
        tracehook_disable_block_step(tsk);
#endif
-   if (tsk->utrace_flags & UTRACE_EVENT_SYSCALL)
+   if (tsk->utrace.flags & UTRACE_EVENT_SYSCALL)
        tracehook_enable_syscall_trace(tsk);
    else
        tracehook_disable_syscall_trace(tsk);
@@ -1242,7 +1050,7 @@ void
utrace_report_exit(long *exit_code)
{
    struct task_struct *tsk = current;
-   struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+   struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
    struct list_head *pos, *next;
    struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
    unsigned long action;
@@ -1386,17 +1194,9 @@ utrace_report_death(struct task_struct *
void
utrace_report_delayed_group_leader(struct task_struct *tsk)
{
-   struct utrace *utrace;
+   struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;

-   rcu_read_lock();
-   utrace = rcu_dereference(tsk->utrace);
-   if (unlikely(utrace == NULL)) {
-       rcu_read_unlock();
-       return;
-   }
    spin_lock(&utrace->lock);

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- rcu_read_unlock();
-
  utrace->u.exit.flags |= EXIT_FLAG_DELAYED_GROUP_LEADER;

/*
@@ -1404,7 +1204,7 @@ utrace_report_delayed_group_leader(struc
 * started already, there is nothing more to do now.
 */
if ((utrace->u.exit.flags & (EXIT_FLAG_DEATH | EXIT_FLAG_REAP))
- || !likely(tsk->utrace_flags & UTRACE_ACTION_NOEAP))
+ || !likely(tsk->utrace.flags & UTRACE_ACTION_NOEAP))
  spin_unlock(&utrace->lock);
else
  report_delayed_group_leader(tsk, utrace);
@@ -1417,7 +1217,7 @@ void
utrace_report_vfork_done(pid_t child_pid)
{
  struct task_struct *tsk = current;
- struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
  struct list_head *pos, *next;
  struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
  unsigned long action;
@@ -1442,7 +1242,7 @@ void
utrace_report_exec(struct linux_binprm *bprm, struct pt_regs *regs)
{
  struct task_struct *tsk = current;
- struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
  struct list_head *pos, *next;
  struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
  unsigned long action;
@@ -1467,7 +1267,7 @@ void
utrace_report_syscall(struct pt_regs *regs, int is_exit)
{
  struct task_struct *tsk = current;
- struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
  struct list_head *pos, *next;
  struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
  unsigned long action, ev;
@@ -1586,7 +1386,7 @@ void
utrace_signal_handler_singlestep(struct task_struct *tsk, struct pt_regs *regs)
{
  u32 action;
- action = report_signal(tsk, regs, tsk->utrace, UTRACE_SIGNAL_HANDLER,
+ action = report_signal(tsk, regs, &tsk->utrace, UTRACE_SIGNAL_HANDLER,
  UTRACE_EVENT_SIGNAL_ALL,

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        UTRACE_ACTION_SINGLESTEP|UTRACE_ACTION_BLOCKSTEP,
        NULL, NULL, NULL);
@@ -1605,7 +1405,7 @@ utrace_get_signal(struct task_struct *ts
    __releases(tsk->sigband->siglock)
    __acquires(tsk->sigband->siglock)
    {
- struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
    struct utrace_signal signal = { info, return_ka, 0 };
    struct k_sigaction *ka;
    unsigned long action, event;
@@ -1634,7 +1434,7 @@ utrace_get_signal(struct task_struct *ts
    * First stash a pointer to the state on our stack,
    * so that utrace_inject_signal can tell us what to do.
    */
- if (tsk->utrace_flags & UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE) {
+ if (tsk->utrace.flags & UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE) {
    int killed = sigkill_pending(tsk);
    if (!killed) {
        spin_unlock_irq(&tsk->sigband->siglock);
@@ -1698,7 +1498,7 @@ utrace_get_signal(struct task_struct *ts
    * If noone is interested in intercepting signals, let the caller
    * just dequeue them normally.
    */
- if ((tsk->utrace_flags & UTRACE_EVENT_SIGNAL_ALL) == 0)
+ if ((tsk->utrace.flags & UTRACE_EVENT_SIGNAL_ALL) == 0)
    return 0;

    /*
@@ -1749,7 +1549,7 @@ utrace_get_signal(struct task_struct *ts
    action = UTRACE_SIGNAL_TERM;
    }

- if (tsk->utrace_flags & event) {
+ if (tsk->utrace.flags & event) {
    /*
    * We have some interested engines, so tell them about the
    * signal and let them change its disposition.
@@ -1964,23 +1764,19 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(utrace_regset);
    struct task_struct *
    utrace_tracer_task(struct task_struct *target)
    {
- struct utrace *utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &target->utrace;
    struct task_struct *tracer = NULL;
+ struct list_head *pos, *next;
+ struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
+ const struct utrace_engine_ops *ops;

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- utrace = rcu_dereference(target->utrace);
- if (utrace != NULL) {
-   struct list_head *pos, *next;
-   struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
-   const struct utrace_engine_ops *ops;
-   list_for_each_safe_rcu(pos, next, &utrace->engines) {
-     engine = list_entry(pos, struct utrace_attached_engine,
-       entry);
-     ops = rcu_dereference(engine->ops);
-     if (ops->tracer_task) {
-       tracer = (*ops->tracer_task)(engine, target);
-       if (tracer != NULL)
-         break;
-     }
+ list_for_each_safe_rcu(pos, next, &utrace->engines) {
+   engine = list_entry(pos, struct utrace_attached_engine, entry);
+   ops = rcu_dereference(engine->ops);
+   if (ops->tracer_task) {
+     tracer = (*ops->tracer_task)(engine, target);
+     if (tracer != NULL)
+       break;
+   }
+ }

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@@ -1990,26 +1786,21 @@ utrace_tracer_task(struct task_struct *t
int
utrace_allow_access_process_vm(struct task_struct *target)
{
- struct utrace *utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &target->utrace;
+ struct list_head *pos, *next;
+ struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
+ const struct utrace_engine_ops *ops;
  int ret = 0;

  rcu_read_lock();
- utrace = rcu_dereference(target->utrace);
- if (utrace != NULL) {
-   struct list_head *pos, *next;
-   struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
-   const struct utrace_engine_ops *ops;
-   list_for_each_safe_rcu(pos, next, &utrace->engines) {
-     engine = list_entry(pos, struct utrace_attached_engine,
-       entry);
-     ops = rcu_dereference(engine->ops);
-     if (ops->allow_access_process_vm) {
-       ret = (*ops->allow_access_process_vm)(engine,

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-         target,
-         current);
-     if (ret)
-         break;
- }
+ list_for_each_safe_rcu(pos, next, &utrace->engines) {
+     engine = list_entry(pos, struct utrace_attached_engine, entry);
+     ops = rcu_dereference(engine->ops);
+     if (ops->allow_access_process_vm) {
+         ret = (*ops->allow_access_process_vm)(engine, target,
+         current);
+         if (ret)
+             break;
+     }
+ }
    rcu_read_unlock();
@@ -2024,7 +1815,7 @@ utrace_allow_access_process_vm(struct ta
int
utrace_unsafe_exec(struct task_struct *tsk)
{
- struct utrace *utrace = tsk->utrace;
+ struct utrace *utrace = &tsk->utrace;
    struct list_head *pos, *next;
    struct utrace_attached_engine *engine;
    const struct utrace_engine_ops *ops;

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Subject: Re: [PATCH -utrace] Move utrace into task_struct
 Posted by [Jan Engelhardt](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 11:53:44 GMT
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On May 2 2007 15:32, Alexey Dobriyan wrote:

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>--- a/include/linux/utrace.h
>+++ b/include/linux/utrace.h
>@@ -50,11 +50,30 @@ #include <linux/sched.h>
>
> struct linux_binprm;
> struct pt_regs;
>-struct utrace;
>+struct task_struct;
> struct utrace_signal;
> struct utrace_regset;
> struct utrace_regset_view;
>
>+#ifdef CONFIG_UTRACE
>+struct utrace {
>+ unsigned long flags;
>+ union {

```

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>+ struct {  
>+   struct task_struct *cloning;  
>+   struct utrace_signal *signal;  
>+ } live;  
>+ struct {  
>+   unsigned long flags;  
>+ } exit;  
>+ } u;
```

You can have anonymous unions. (Though that won't work with static initializers - are there any?)

Jan

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Subject: Re: [PATCH -utrace] Move utrace into task_struct
Posted by [Roland McGrath](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 22:02:03 GMT
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That's just a workaround for an actual bug that I need to fix.
You wouldn't really want to do it that way.

Thanks,
Roland

Subject: Re: [PATCH -utrace] Move utrace into task_struct
Posted by [Christoph Hellwig](#) on Thu, 03 May 2007 10:34:49 GMT
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On Wed, May 02, 2007 at 03:02:03PM -0700, Roland McGrath wrote:

> That's just a workaround for an actual bug that I need to fix.
> You wouldn't really want to do it that way.

It's actually a very nice and needed simplification. It gets rid of an object with subtle life time rules, which is always a good thing. The utrace code really needs more patches in the style of Alexey's as this kind of overengineering is what will cause hard to debug problems over the long run.

Subject: Re: [PATCH -utrace] Move utrace into task_struct
Posted by [Alexey Dobriyan](#) on Tue, 08 May 2007 14:34:26 GMT

Regardless of future of "struct utrace utrace;" patch looks like there is another race: engine's flags and ops settings in utrace_detach() and acting on them in report_quiescent():

```
utrace_detach()    report_quiescent()
-----
[utrace lock held] [utrace lock is not held]

engine->flags = UTRACE_EVENT(QUIESCE) |
    UTRACE_ACTION QUIESCE;
    if (engine->flags & UTRACE_EVENT(QUIESCE))
        REPORT(report_quiesce);

rcu_assign_pointer(engine->ops, &dead_engine_ops);
```

At the moment of REPORT call engine's ops are still "live" ptrace ops which do not have ->report_quiesce callback. So, there will oops while calling function at NULL address. "Dead" ptrace engine ops do have dummy callback but it wasn't yet glued.

I hit this once with "struct utrace utrace;" patch applied, but this bug is also present in stock utrace, I'm sure.
