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Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 11:47:55 GMT
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/20] Introduce MS_KERNMOUNT flag
 Posted by [Christoph Hellwig](#) on Sat, 11 Aug 2007 03:47:21 GMT
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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/20] Introduce MS_KERNMOUNT flag
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Can't comment because I don't understand vfs at all, and perhaps I just misunderstood you.

But could you clarify? We already create internal proc mount from kernel space, `proc_root_init()` does this. With this series we are doing the same when a new namespace is created.

Thanks,

Oleg.

Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/20] Introduce MS_KERNMOUNT flag
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 07:12:06 GMT
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Why then is it mounted in `proc_root_init()`?

Thanks,
Pavel
