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thanks,  
-serge

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Subject: [RFC] [PATCH 1/4] uid\_ns: introduce inode uid check helper  
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Uid namespaces will require that when a tasks' permission to an inode is checked, not just the uid, but also the namespace is checked. Since this is a pervasive change, let's start by introducing a helper without making any semantic changes, so we can make the semantic change in one place.

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>

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fs/namei.c | 11 ++++++-----

include/linux/fs.h | 5 +++++

2 files changed, 11 insertions(+), 5 deletions(-)

f3afe1adf8ebb6d2e7975dada086df5e9ea36d3c

diff --git a/fs/namei.c b/fs/namei.c

index ede2761..522ec89 100644

--- a/fs/namei.c

+++ b/fs/namei.c

```
@@ -184,7 +184,7 @@ int generic_permission(struct inode *ino
{
    umode_t mode = inode->i_mode;
```

```
- if (current->fsuid == inode->i_uid)
```

```
+ if (inode_task_same_uid(inode, current))
```

```
    mode >= 6;
```

```
    else {
```

```
        if (IS_POSIXACL(inode) && (mode & S_IRWXG) && check_acl) {
```

```
@@ -436,7 +436,7 @@ static int exec_permission_lite(struct i
```

```
    if (inode->i_op && inode->i_op->permission)
```

```
        return -EAGAIN;
```

```
- if (current->fsuid == inode->i_uid)
```

```
+ if (inode_task_same_uid(inode, current))
```

```
    mode >= 6;
```

```
    else if (in_group_p(inode->i_gid))
```

```
        mode >= 3;
```

```
@@ -1360,9 +1360,9 @@ static inline int check_sticky(struct in
```

```
{
```

```
    if (!(dir->i_mode & S_ISVTX))
```

```
        return 0;
```

```
- if (inode->i_uid == current->fsuid)
```

```
+ if (inode_task_same_uid(inode, current))
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
- if (dir->i_uid == current->fsuid)
```

```
+ if (inode_task_same_uid(dir, current))
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
    return !capable(CAP_FOWNER);
```

```
}
```

```
@@ -1572,7 +1572,8 @@ int may_open(struct nameidata *nd, int a
```

```
/* O_NOATIME can only be set by the owner or superuser */
```

```
if (flag & O_NOATIME)
```

```

- if (current->fsuid != inode->i_uid && !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
+ if (!inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) &&
+     !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
    return -EPERM;

/*
diff --git a/include/linux/fs.h b/include/linux/fs.h
index 4090d9d..699c7b5 100644
--- a/include/linux/fs.h
+++ b/include/linux/fs.h
@@ -2157,5 +2157,10 @@ static inline void free_secdata(void *se
{ }
#endif /* CONFIG_SECURITY */

+static inline int inode_task_same_uid(struct inode *ino,
+ struct task_struct *tsk)
+{
+ return (ino->i_uid == tsk->fsuid);
+}
#endif /* __KERNEL__ */
#endif /* _LINUX_FS_H */
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Replace inode->fsuid in fs/\*.c with inode\_task\_same\_uid(), which  
will later be used to compare uid namespaces.

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```

fs/attr.c      | 10 ++++++----
fs/fcntl.c     |  3 +-
fs/generic_acl.c |  2 +-
fs/locks.c     |  4 +---
fs/posix_acl.c |  2 +-
fs/utimes.c    |  4 +---
6 files changed, 14 insertions(+), 11 deletions(-)

```

```

54f0e4ce61c74cc7419988fbbadd0a3c54e21893
diff --git a/fs/attr.c b/fs/attr.c
index 97de946..b913555 100644
--- a/fs/attr.c
+++ b/fs/attr.c
@@ -30,20 +30,21 @@ int inode_change_ok(struct inode *inode,

/* Make sure a caller can chown. */
if ((ia_valid & ATTR_UID) &&
-   (current->fsuid != inode->i_uid ||
+   (!inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) ||
    attr->ia_uid != inode->i_uid) && !capable(CAP_CHOWN))
    goto error;

/* Make sure caller can chgrp. */
if ((ia_valid & ATTR_GID) &&
-   (current->fsuid != inode->i_uid ||
+   (!inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) ||
    (!in_group_p(attr->ia_gid) && attr->ia_gid != inode->i_gid)) &&
    !capable(CAP_CHOWN))
    goto error;

/* Make sure a caller can chmod. */
if (ia_valid & ATTR_MODE) {
-   if ((current->fsuid != inode->i_uid) && !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
+   if (!inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) &&
+       !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
        goto error;
/* Also check the setgid bit! */
if (!in_group_p((ia_valid & ATTR_GID) ? attr->ia_gid :
@@ -53,7 +54,8 @@ int inode_change_ok(struct inode *inode,

/* Check for setting the inode time. */
if (ia_valid & (ATTR_MTIME_SET | ATTR_ATIME_SET)) {
-   if (current->fsuid != inode->i_uid && !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
+   if (!inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) &&
+       !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
        goto error;
}
fine:
diff --git a/fs/fcntl.c b/fs/fcntl.c
index 8ba82c9..b1ed443 100644
--- a/fs/fcntl.c
+++ b/fs/fcntl.c
@@ -215,7 +215,8 @@ static int setfl(int fd, struct file *f

/* O_NOATIME can only be set by the owner or superuser */
if ((arg & O_NOATIME) && !(filp->f_flags & O_NOATIME))

```

```

- if (current->fsuid != inode->i_uid && !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
+ if (!inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) &&
+     !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
    return -EPERM;

/* required for strict SunOS emulation */
diff --git a/fs/generic_acl.c b/fs/generic_acl.c
index 9ccb789..a6402a9 100644
--- a/fs/generic_acl.c
+++ b/fs/generic_acl.c
@@ -78,7 +78,7 @@ generic_acl_set(struct inode *inode, str

    if (S_ISLNK(inode->i_mode))
        return -EOPNOTSUPP;
- if (current->fsuid != inode->i_uid && !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
+ if (inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) && !capable(CAP_FOWNER))
    return -EPERM;
    if (value) {
        acl = posix_acl_from_xattr(value, size);
diff --git a/fs/locks.c b/fs/locks.c
index e0b6a80..f5c4787 100644
--- a/fs/locks.c
+++ b/fs/locks.c
@@ -1452,7 +1452,7 @@ int setlease(struct file *filp, long arg
    struct inode *inode = dentry->d_inode;
    int error;

- if ((current->fsuid != inode->i_uid) && !capable(CAP_LEASE))
+ if (inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) && !capable(CAP_LEASE))
    return -EACCES;
    if (!S_ISREG(inode->i_mode))
        return -EINVAL;
@@ -1486,7 +1486,7 @@ int fcntl_setlease(unsigned int fd, stru
    struct inode *inode = dentry->d_inode;
    int error;

- if ((current->fsuid != inode->i_uid) && !capable(CAP_LEASE))
+ if (inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) && !capable(CAP_LEASE))
    return -EACCES;
    if (!S_ISREG(inode->i_mode))
        return -EINVAL;
diff --git a/fs/posix_acl.c b/fs/posix_acl.c
index aec931e..dd34bee 100644
--- a/fs/posix_acl.c
+++ b/fs/posix_acl.c
@@ -217,7 +217,7 @@ posix_acl_permission(struct inode *inode
    switch(pa->e_tag) {
        case ACL_USER_OBJ:

```

```

/* (May have been checked already) */
-         if (inode->i_uid == current->fsuid)
+  if (inode_task_same_uid(inode, current))
            goto check_perm;
            break;
        case ACL_USER:
diff --git a/fs/utimes.c b/fs/utimes.c
index 558f581..77ad8c9 100644
--- a/fs/utimes.c
+++ b/fs/utimes.c
@@ -61,7 +61,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_utime(char __user *
        if (IS_IMMUTABLE(inode))
            goto mnt_drop_write_and_out;

- if (current->fsuid != inode->i_uid &&
+ if (!inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) &&
    (error = vfs_permission(&nd, MAY_WRITE)) != 0)
    goto mnt_drop_write_and_out;
}
@@ -119,7 +119,7 @@ long do_utimes(int dfd, char __user *fil
    if (IS_IMMUTABLE(inode))
        goto mnt_drop_write_and_out;

- if (current->fsuid != inode->i_uid &&
+ if (!inode_task_same_uid(inode, current) &&
    (error = vfs_permission(&nd, MAY_WRITE)) != 0)
    goto mnt_drop_write_and_out;
}
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Replace a inode->i\_uid==current->fsuid check in fs/namespace.c with  
the inode\_task\_same\_uid helper, which will eventually be checking  
uid namespaces.

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>

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fs/namespace.c | 2 +-  
1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)

```
bccafb526d224ae0c82c3370c0056eef5686bb4a
diff --git a/fs/namespace.c b/fs/namespace.c
index ec1a255..e199769 100644
--- a/fs/namespace.c
+++ b/fs/namespace.c
@@ -697,7 +697,7 @@ static int mount_is_safe(struct nameidat
 if (S_ISLNK(nd->dentry->d_inode->i_mode))
 return -EPERM;
 if (nd->dentry->d_inode->i_mode & S_ISVTX) {
- if (current->uid != nd->dentry->d_inode->i_uid)
+ if (!inode_task_same_uid(nd->dentry->d_inode, current))
 return -EPERM;
 }
/*
--
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```

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Subject: [RFC] [PATCH 4/4] uid\_ns: Add filesystem uid checks  
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With user namespaces, two users in different namespaces might have the same uid, but should not have access to each others files.

Add a user\_namespace pointer to the superblock, and check that whenever the uid is checked.

Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <[serue@us.ibm.com](mailto:serue@us.ibm.com)>

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```
fs/super.c      | 4 ++++
include/linux/fs.h | 6 +++++-
2 files changed, 9 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)
```

```
b47f5fefa827b613c885fe851a8ce2642c2cb135
diff --git a/fs/super.c b/fs/super.c
index 95214f0..33354a8 100644
--- a/fs/super.c
```



```

+++ b/fs/super.c
@@ -37,6 +37,7 @@
#include <linux/idr.h>
#include <linux/kobject.h>
#include <linux/mutex.h>
+#include <linux/user.h>
#include <asm/uaccess.h>

@@ -81,6 +82,8 @@ static struct super_block *alloc_super(s
    * lock ordering than usbfs:
    */
    lockdep_set_class(&s->s_lock, &type->s_lock_key);
+ s->s_user_ns = current->nsproxy->user_ns;
+ get_user_ns(current->nsproxy->user_ns);
    down_write(&s->s_umount);
    s->s_count = S_BIAS;
    atomic_set(&s->s_active, 1);
@@ -109,6 +112,7 @@ out:
    */
    static inline void destroy_super(struct super_block *s)
    {
+ put_user_ns(s->s_user_ns);
    security_sb_free(s);
    kfree(s);
    }
diff --git a/include/linux/fs.h b/include/linux/fs.h
index 699c7b5..6aac556 100644
--- a/include/linux/fs.h
+++ b/include/linux/fs.h
@@ -279,6 +279,7 @@ extern int dir_notify_enable;
#include <linux/sched.h>
#include <linux/mutex.h>
#include <linux/kevent.h>
+#include <linux/nsproxy.h>

#include <asm/atomic.h>
#include <asm/semaphore.h>
@@ -294,6 +295,7 @@ struct kstatfs;
struct vm_area_struct;
struct vfsmount;
struct pagevec;
+struct user_namespace;

extern void __init inode_init(unsigned long);
extern void __init inode_init_early(void);
@@ -982,6 +984,7 @@ struct super_block {
    unsigned char  s_blocksize_bits;

```

```

unsigned char s_dirt;
unsigned long long s_maxbytes; /* Max file size */
+ struct user_namespace *s_user_ns;
  struct file_system_type *s_type;
  struct super_operations *s_op;
  struct dquot_operations *dq_op;
@@ -2160,7 +2163,8 @@ static inline void free_secdata(void *se
static inline int inode_task_same_uid(struct inode *ino,
    struct task_struct *tsk)
{
- return (ino->i_uid == tsk->fsuid);
+ return (ino->i_uid == tsk->fsuid &&
+ ino->i_sb->s_user_ns == current->nsproxy->user_ns);
}
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Indeed. I discussed this with Eric at the kernel summit this summer and explained my reservations. As far as I'm concerned, tagging superblocks with a container label is an unacceptable hack since it completely breaks NFS caching semantics.

Cheers,  
Trond

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Linux-VServer currently provides different 'tagging' methods to make filesystems context aware, some of them are based on reusing some (upper 8/16) bits of uid and gid, others store the context id inside (currently) unused places in the on disk inodes

those are currently working for ext2/3, jfs, xfs, reiser and ocfs2 as well as nfs

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Herbert

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might as well work for our purpose, but it brings up another question, regarding the 'control' over this feature, because natrually it doesn't make too much sense if a context based disk limit can be circumvented by unsharing the namespace and doing a --bind mount :)

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like virtual filesystems and?

I think it would be interesting to discuss filesystem level context tagging sooner or later (not sure this is the right time for that though, first working bind mounts would be

really great :)

TIA,  
Herbert

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Remote filesystems will be able to do things like tell you a particular  
file is owned by "user@domain" which can get translated into a uid, uid\_ns pair.

Where tagging the inode becomes a problem is when things like joe@domain1 is  
fred@domain2, and treats those two users the same. I don't know if anything  
actually supports that today but that is an interesting case to handle.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [RFC] [PATCH 1/4] uid\_ns: introduce inode uid check helper

Posted by [Cedric Le Goater](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 20:05:43 GMT

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Looking at the source of the above code in the email, I get :

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Where are those ugly '=3D' coming from ? is it my mailer or do you get them also ?

thanks,

C.

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> Where are those ugly '=' coming from ? is it my mailer or do you
> get them also ?
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The message is Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable; that's where they're coming from.

Why you're seeing them is a harder question, especially given I didn't, and I appear to be using the same mailer as you...

Sam.

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Subject: Re: [RFC] [PATCH 0/4] uid\_ns: introduction  
Posted by [serue](#) on Thu, 23 Nov 2006 03:09:54 GMT  
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Quoting Herbert Poetzl (herbert@13thfloor.at):

> On Wed, Nov 08, 2006 at 03:54:49PM -0600, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

> > Quoting Herbert Poetzl (herbert@13thfloor.at):

> > > On Wed, Nov 08, 2006 at 01:34:09PM -0700, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

> > > > Trond Myklebust <trond.myklebust@fys.uio.no> writes:

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> > > > > On Wed, 2006-11-08 at 01:52 +0100, Herbert Poetzl wrote:

> > > > > On Mon, Nov 06, 2006 at 10:18:14PM -0600, Serge E. Hallyn wrote:

> > > > > Cedric has previously sent out a patchset

> > > > > (<http://lists.osdl.org/pipermail/containers/2006-August/000078.html>)

> > > > > implementing the very basics of a user namespace. It ignores

> > > > > filesystem access checks, so that uid 502 in one namespace could

> > > > > access files belonging to uid 502 in another namespace, if the

> > > > > containers were so set up.

> > > > >

> > > > > This isn't necessarily bad, since proper container setup should

> > > > > prevent problems. However there has been concern, so here is a

> > > > > patchset which takes one course in addressing the concern.

> > > > >

> > > > > It adds a user namespace pointer to every superblock, and to

> > > > > enhances fsuid equivalence checks with a (inode->i\_sb->s\_uid\_ns ==

> > > > > current->nsproxy->uid\_ns) comparison.

> > > > >

> > > > > I don't consider that a good idea as it means that a filesystem

> > > > > (or to be precise, a superblock) can only belong to one specific

> > > > > namespace, which is not very useful for shared setups

> > > > >

> > > > > Linux-VServer provides a mechanism to do per inode (and per

> > > > > nfs mount) tagging for similar 'security' and more important

> > > > > for disk space accounting and limiting, which permits to have

> > > > > different disk limits, quota and access on a shared partition

> > > > >

> > > > > i.e. I do not like it

> > > > >

> > > > > Indeed. I discussed this with Eric at the kernel summit this

> > > > > summer and explained my reservations. As far as I'm concerned,

> > > > > tagging superblocks with a container label is an unacceptable

> > > > > hack since it completely breaks NFS caching semantics.

> >

> > So from your pov the same objection would apply to tagging vfsmounts,

> > or not?

> >

> > What is the scenario where the caching is broken? It can't be multiple

> > clients accessing the same NFS export from the same NFS service

> > container, since that would just be an erroneous setup, right?

> >

> > > As I recall there are two basic issues.

> > >

> > > Putting the default on the mount structure instead of the  
> > > superblock for filesystems that are not uid namespaces aware  
> > > sounded reasonable, and allowed certain classes of sharing between  
> > > namespaces where they agreed on a subset of the uids (especially  
> > > for read-only data).  
> > >  
> > > yes, that is especially interesting for --bind mounts  
> > > when you 'know' that you will dedicate a certain  
> > > sub-tree to one context/guest  
> >  
> > Ok, so you wouldn't object to a patch which tagged vfsmounts?  
>  
> I would not object a vfsmount based tagging iif that would  
> still allow untagged vfsmounts where the the 'tagging' can  
> be inode based (either uid/gid or xattr or internal)  
>  
> > I guess a NULL vfsmnt->user\_ns pointer would mean ignore user\_ns and  
> > only apply uid checks (useful for ro bind mount of /usr into multiple  
> > containers).  
>  
> might as well work for our purpose, but it brings up another  
> question, regarding the 'control' over this feature, because  
> natrually it doesn't make too much sense if a context based  
> disk limit can be circumvented by unsharing the namespace and  
> doing a --bind mount :)

One quick and dirty solution would be to only let the initial namespace do shared-ns mounts. Another would be to refuse doing a shared-ns bind mount based on a non-shared mount. A third would be to introduce a new capability letting you do the shared-ns mount.

Any other ideas?

I'm partial to the second, as it's nice and simple, so barring better suggestions I'll plan on implementing that in the next patchset I send out.

thanks,  
-serge

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