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Posted by [serue](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2007 05:26:59 GMT
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Signed-off-by: Serge E. Hallyn <serue@us.ibm.com>

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include/linux/nsproxy.h | 30 ++++++-----
kernel/exit.c           |  6 +++++-
kernel/fork.c           |  4 +++-
kernel/nsproxy.c        | 16 ++++++-----
4 files changed, 40 insertions(+), 16 deletions(-)
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ab969afa3624aba0bc26dc237d27178137c05d46
diff --git a/include/linux/nsproxy.h b/include/linux/nsproxy.h
index 0b9f0dc..678e1d3 100644
--- a/include/linux/nsproxy.h
+++ b/include/linux/nsproxy.h
@@ -35,22 +35,30 @@ struct nsproxy *dup_namespaces(struct ns
int copy_namespaces(int flags, struct task_struct *tsk);
void get_task_namespaces(struct task_struct *tsk);
void free_nsproxy(struct nsproxy *ns);
+struct nsproxy *put_nsproxy(struct nsproxy *ns);

-static inline void put_nsproxy(struct nsproxy *ns)
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+static inline void finalize_put_nsproxy(struct nsproxy *ns)
{
- if (atomic_dec_and_test(&ns->count)) {
+ if (ns)
    free_nsproxy(ns);
- }
}

-static inline void exit_task_namespaces(struct task_struct *p)
+static inline void put_and_finalize_nsproxy(struct nsproxy *ns)
{
- struct nsproxy *ns = p->nsproxy;
- if (ns) {
-   task_lock(p);
-   p->nsproxy = NULL;
-   task_unlock(p);
-   put_nsproxy(ns);
- }
+ finalize_put_nsproxy(put_nsproxy(ns));
+}
+
+static inline struct nsproxy *preexit_task_namespaces(struct task_struct *p)
+{
+ return put_nsproxy(p->nsproxy);
+}
+
+static inline void exit_task_namespaces(struct task_struct *p,
+    struct nsproxy *ns)
+{
+ task_lock(p);
+ p->nsproxy = NULL;
+ task_unlock(p);
+ finalize_put_nsproxy(ns);
+ }
+ #endif
diff --git a/kernel/exit.c b/kernel/exit.c
index 3540172..a5bf532 100644
--- a/kernel/exit.c
+++ b/kernel/exit.c
@@ -396,7 +396,7 @@ void daemonize(const char *name, ...)
    current->fs = fs;
    atomic_inc(&fs->count);

- exit_task_namespaces(current);
+ put_and_finalize_nsproxy(current->nsproxy);
    current->nsproxy = init_task.nsproxy;
    get_task_namespaces(current);

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@@ -853,6 +853,7 @@ static void exit_notify(struct task_stru
fastcall NORET_TYPE void do_exit(long code)
{
    struct task_struct *tsk = current;
+ struct nsproxy *ns;
    int group_dead;

    profile_task_exit(tsk);
@@ -938,8 +939,9 @@ fastcall NORET_TYPE void do_exit(long co

    tsk->exit_code = code;
    proc_exit_connector(tsk);
+ ns = preexit_task_namespaces(tsk);
    exit_notify(tsk);
- exit_task_namespaces(tsk);
+ exit_task_namespaces(tsk, ns);
#ifdef CONFIG_NUMA
    mpol_free(tsk->mempolicy);
    tsk->mempolicy = NULL;
diff --git a/kernel/fork.c b/kernel/fork.c
index fc723e5..4cf8684 100644
--- a/kernel/fork.c
+++ b/kernel/fork.c
@@ -1265,7 +1265,7 @@ static struct task_struct *copy_process(
    return p;

bad_fork_cleanup_namespaces:
- exit_task_namespaces(p);
+ put_and_finalize_nsproxy(p->nsproxy);
bad_fork_cleanup_keys:
    exit_keys(p);
bad_fork_cleanup_mm:
@@ -1711,7 +1711,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_unshare(unsigned lon
}

    if (new_nsproxy)
- put_nsproxy(new_nsproxy);
+ put_and_finalize_nsproxy(new_nsproxy);

bad_unshare_cleanup_ipc:
    if (new_ipc)
diff --git a/kernel/nsproxy.c b/kernel/nsproxy.c
index f5b9ee6..7b05bce 100644
--- a/kernel/nsproxy.c
+++ b/kernel/nsproxy.c
@@ -117,7 +117,7 @@ int copy_namespaces(int flags, struct ta
    goto out_pid;

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out:
- put_nsproxy(old_ns);
+ put_and_finalize_nsproxy(old_ns);
  return err;

out_pid:
@@ -135,6 +135,20 @@ out_ns:
  goto out;
}

+struct nsproxy *put_nsproxy(struct nsproxy *ns)
+{
+ if (ns) {
+  if (atomic_dec_and_test(&ns->count)) {
+   if (ns->mnt_ns) {
+    put_mnt_ns(ns->mnt_ns);
+    ns->mnt_ns = NULL;
+   }
+  }
+  return ns;
+ }
+ }
+ return NULL;
+}
+
void free_nsproxy(struct nsproxy *ns)
{
  if (ns->mnt_ns)
--
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Subject: Re: [PATCH] namespaces: fix exit race by splitting exit
Posted by [Daniel Hokka Zakrisso](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2007 10:09:46 GMT
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Regardless, I have to say I prefer this patch.

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Daniel Hokka Zakrisson

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] namespaces: fix exit race by splitting exit
Posted by [Oleg Nesterov](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2007 10:23:15 GMT
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On 01/26, Daniel Hokka Zakrisson wrote:

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> with current referring to the parent process, or whoever is reaping the
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Not always. The task can do `release_task()` on itself if it is sub-thread,
or its parent ignores SIGCHLD.

Anyway I think your explanation is correct for this particular test-case.

Oleg.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH] namespaces: fix exit race by splitting exit
Posted by [serue](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2007 03:00:39 GMT
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Quoting Herbert Poetzl (herbert@13thfloor.at):

> On Thu, Jan 25, 2007 at 10:30:56PM -0800, Andrew Morton wrote:

>> On Thu, 25 Jan 2007 23:26:59 -0600

>> "Serge E. Hallyn" <serue@us.ibm.com> wrote:

>>

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>>> references to other namespaces and frees the nsproxy only if an

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>>

>> I'm a bit worried about jamming something like this into 2.6.20.

>> Could the usual culprits please review this carefully with

>> some urgency?

>

> okay, after integrating this into two Linux-VServer

> branches and some testing, I can confirm that it

> _seems_ to fix the nfs and related issues, but still,

> I do not like it :)

I don't either :)

> here my issues with this approach:

>

> - the code is quite hard to read and can easily

> lead to unexpected issues when spaces are

> manipulated

Yes, but I do think fixing the naming will help that.

> - it breaks the basic get/put refcounting for

> nsproxy references outside the task struct

> i.e. we had to add a vs_put_nsproxy() which

> does what the put_nsproxy() did before, to

> keep and handle a reference to the nsproxy

> from the context structure

Was the put_and_finalize_nsproxy() not sufficient?

> - the following scenario might become a problem

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> for future spaces (especially the pid space?)
>
>         A             B
>
> exit_task_namespaces_early()
> exit_task_namespaces_early()
> exit_notify()
> exit_task_namespaces()
> -----
> exit_notify()
> exit_task_namespaces()

```

Confounded, you're right, the `exit_task_namespaces()` in B would see that B had reduced the `nsproxy->count` to 0, and free the `nsproxy`, so that `exit_notify()` in A would oops. And that should be triggerable right now.

I'm afraid adding an extra refcount for the mounts is unavoidable.

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> note: I still consider it the best available fix
> for this issues, especially as 2.6.20 is in a
> late rc stage ... but IMHO the nfs threads should
> be modified to handle the nsproxy disposal properly

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That *would* lead to much more readable code.

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> > And Daniel, if you can find time to runtime test it please?
>
> he did, looks like it works fine with vanilla too
> (even when stressing the described cornercase)
>
> best,
> Herbert

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