Subject: Re: [patch 0/8] unprivileged mount syscall Posted by hpa on Sat, 07 Apr 2007 00:22:49 GMT

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Jan Engelhardt wrote:

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- >>>>
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- >
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- > miklos
- > \$ mount --bind / ~/down_under
- >
- > later that day:
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- >
- > So both the source (/) and target (~/down_under) directory must be owned
- > by the user before --bind may succeed.
- >
- > There may be other implications hpa might want to fill us in.

Consider backups, for example.

-hpa

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-eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 0/8] unprivileged mount syscall Posted by Miklos Szeredi on Sat, 07 Apr 2007 06:48:20 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Yes, disabling user bind mounts in the global namespace makes sense.

> makes sense. I think it catches many of these corner cases.

Enabling user fuse mounts in the global namespace still works though, even if a little cludgy. All these nasty corner cases have been thought through and validated by a lot of users.

Thanks, Miklos

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