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Subject: [patch 0/8] mount ownership and unprivileged mount syscall (v4)

Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Fri, 20 Apr 2007 10:25:32 GMT

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This patchset has now been bared to the "lowest common denominator" that everybody can agree on. Or at least there weren't any objections to this proposal.

Andrew, please consider it for -mm.

Thanks,  
Miklos

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v3 -> v4:

- simplify interface as much as possible, now only a single option ("user=UID") is used to control everything
- no longer allow/deny mounting based on file/directory permissions, that approach does not always make sense

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This patchset adds support for keeping mount ownership information in the kernel, and allow unprivileged mount(2) and umount(2) in certain cases.

The mount owner has the following privileges:

- unmount the owned mount
- create a submount under the owned mount

The sysadmin can set the owner explicitly on mount and remount. When an unprivileged user creates a mount, then the owner is automatically set to the user.

The following use cases are envisioned:

- 1) Private namespace, with selected mounts owned by user.  
E.g. /home/\$USER is a good candidate for allowing unpriv mounts and unmounts within.
- 2) Private namespace, with all mounts owned by user and having the "nosuid" flag. User can mount and umount anywhere within the namespace, but suid programs will not work.
- 3) Global namespace, with a designated directory, which is a mount owned by the user. E.g. /mnt/users/\$USER is set up so that it is bind mounted onto itself, and set to be owned by \$USER. The user

can add/remove mounts only under this directory.

The following extra security measures are taken for unprivileged mounts:

- usermounts are limited by a sysctl tunable
- force "nosuid,nodev" mount options on the created mount

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Subject: [patch 1/8] add user mounts to the kernel  
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From: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

Add ownership information to mounts.

A new mount flag, MS\_SETUSER is used to make a mount owned by a user. If this flag is specified, then the owner will be set to the current real user id and the mount will be marked with the MNT\_USER flag. On remount don't preserve previous owner, and treat MS\_SETUSER as for a new mount. The MS\_SETUSER flag is ignored on mount move.

The MNT\_USER flag is not copied on any kind of mount cloning: namespace creation, binding or propagation. For bind mounts the cloned mount(s) are set to MNT\_USER depending on the MS\_SETUSER mount flag. In all the other cases MNT\_USER is always cleared.

For MNT\_USER mounts a "user=UID" option is added to /proc/PID/mounts. This is compatible with how mount ownership is stored in /etc/mtab.

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Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

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--- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
@@ -227,6 +227,13 @@ static struct vfsmount *skip_mnt_tree(st
    return p;
}
```

```

+static void set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
+{
+ BUG_ON(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER);
+ mnt->mnt_uid = current->uid;
+ mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_USER;
+}
+
static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct vfsmount *old, struct dentry *root,
int flag)
{
@@ -241,6 +248,11 @@ static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct
mnt->mnt_mountpoint = mnt->mnt_root;
mnt->mnt_parent = mnt;

+ /* don't copy the MNT_USER flag */
+ mnt->mnt_flags &= ~MNT_USER;
+ if (flag & CL_SETUSER)
+ set_mnt_user(mnt);
+
if (flag & CL_SLAVE) {
list_add(&mnt->mnt_slave, &old->mnt_slave_list);
mnt->mnt_master = old;
@@ -403,6 +415,8 @@ static int show_vfsmnt(struct seq_file *
if (mnt->mnt_flags & fs_infop->flag)
seq_puts(m, fs_infop->str);
}
+ if (mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER)
+ seq_printf(m, ",user=%i", mnt->mnt_uid);
if (mnt->mnt_sb->s_op->show_options)
err = mnt->mnt_sb->s_op->show_options(m, mnt);
seq_puts(m, " 0 0\n");
@@ -920,8 +934,9 @@ static int do_change_type(struct nameida
/*
* do loopback mount.
*/
-static int do_loopback(struct nameidata *nd, char *old_name, int recurse)
+static int do_loopback(struct nameidata *nd, char *old_name, int flags)
{
+ int clone_flags;
struct nameidata old_nd;
struct vfsmount *mnt = NULL;
int err = mount_is_safe(nd);
@@ -941,11 +956,12 @@ static int do_loopback(struct nameidata
if (!check_mnt(nd->mnt) || !check_mnt(old_nd.mnt))
goto out;

+ clone_flags = (flags & MS_SETUSER) ? CL_SETUSER : 0;
err = -ENOMEM;

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- if (recurse)
- mnt = copy_tree(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, 0);
+ if (flags & MS_REC)
+ mnt = copy_tree(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, clone_flags);
  else
- mnt = clone_mnt(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, 0);
+ mnt = clone_mnt(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, clone_flags);

  if (!mnt)
    goto out;
@@ -987,8 +1003,11 @@ static int do_remount(struct nameidata *

  down_write(&sb->s_umount);
  err = do_remount_sb(sb, flags, data, 0);
- if (!err)
+ if (!err) {
  nd->mnt->mnt_flags = mnt_flags;
+ if (flags & MS_SETUSER)
+ set_mnt_user(nd->mnt);
+ }
  up_write(&sb->s_umount);
  if (!err)
    security_sb_post_remount(nd->mnt, flags, data);
@@ -1093,10 +1112,13 @@ static int do_new_mount(struct nameidata
  if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
    return -EPERM;

- mnt = do_kern_mount(type, flags, name, data);
+ mnt = do_kern_mount(type, flags & ~MS_SETUSER, name, data);
  if (IS_ERR(mnt))
    return PTR_ERR(mnt);

+ if (flags & MS_SETUSER)
+ set_mnt_user(mnt);
+
  return do_add_mount(mnt, nd, mnt_flags, NULL);
}

@@ -1127,7 +1149,8 @@ int do_add_mount(struct vfsmount *newmnt
  if (S_ISLNK(newmnt->mnt_root->d_inode->i_mode))
    goto unlock;

- newmnt->mnt_flags = mnt_flags;
+ /* MNT_USER was set earlier */
+ newmnt->mnt_flags |= mnt_flags;
  if ((err = graft_tree(newmnt, nd)))
    goto unlock;

```

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@@ -1447,7 +1470,7 @@ long do_mount(char *dev_name, char *dir_
    retval = do_remount(&nd, flags & ~MS_REMOUNT, mnt_flags,
        data_page);
    else if (flags & MS_BIND)
-   retval = do_loopback(&nd, dev_name, flags & MS_REC);
+   retval = do_loopback(&nd, dev_name, flags);
    else if (flags & (MS_SHARED | MS_PRIVATE | MS_SLAVE | MS_UNBINDABLE))
        retval = do_change_type(&nd, flags);
    else if (flags & MS_MOVE)
Index: linux/include/linux/fs.h

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=====
--- linux.orig/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
@@ -123,6 +123,7 @@ extern int dir_notify_enable;
#define MS_SLAVE (1<<19) /* change to slave */
#define MS_SHARED (1<<20) /* change to shared */
#define MS_RELATIME (1<<21) /* Update atime relative to mtime/ctime. */
+#define MS_SETUSER (1<<22) /* set mnt_uid to current user */
#define MS_ACTIVE (1<<30)
#define MS_NOUSER (1<<31)

```

Index: linux/include/linux/mount.h

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=====
--- linux.orig/include/linux/mount.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/include/linux/mount.h 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
@@ -30,6 +30,7 @@ struct mnt_namespace;
#define MNT_RELATIME 0x20

#define MNT_SHRINKABLE 0x100
+#define MNT_USER 0x200

#define MNT_SHARED 0x1000 /* if the vfsmount is a shared mount */
#define MNT_UNBINDABLE 0x2000 /* if the vfsmount is a unbindable mount */
@@ -61,6 +62,8 @@ struct vfsmount {
    atomic_t mnt_count;
    int mnt_expiry_mark; /* true if marked for expiry */
    int mnt_pinned;
+
+   uid_t mnt_uid; /* owner of the mount */
};

static inline struct vfsmount *mntget(struct vfsmount *mnt)

```

Index: linux/fs/pnode.h

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=====
--- linux.orig/fs/pnode.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/fs/pnode.h 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
@@ -22,6 +22,7 @@
#define CL_COPY_ALL 0x04

```

```
#define CL_MAKE_SHARED 0x08
#define CL_PROPAGATION 0x10
+#define CL_SETUSER 0x20

static inline void set_mnt_shared(struct vfsmount *mnt)
{

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```

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Subject: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount  
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From: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

The owner doesn't need sysadmin capabilities to call umount().

Similar behavior as umount(8) on mounts having "user=UID" option in /etc/mtab. The difference is that umount also checks /etc/fstab, presumably to exclude another mount on the same mountpoint.

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Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

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--- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200

+++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:06.000000000 +0200

```
@@ -659,6 +659,25 @@ static int do_umount(struct vfsmount *mn
}
```

```
/*
```

```
+ * umount is permitted for
```

```
+ * - sysadmin
```

```
+ * - mount owner, if not forced umount
```

```
+ */
```

```
+static bool permit_umount(struct vfsmount *mnt, int flags)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ if (capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
```

```
+ return true;
```

```
+
```

```
+ if (!(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER))
```

```
+ return false;
```

```
+
+ if (flags & MNT_FORCE)
+ return false;
+
+ return mnt->mnt_uid == current->uid;
+}
+
+/*
 * Now umount can handle mount points as well as block devices.
 * This is important for filesystems which use unnamed block devices.
 *
@@ -681,7 +700,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_umount(char __user *
goto dput_and_out;

retval = -EPERM;
- if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ if (!permit_umount(nd.mnt, flags))
goto dput_and_out;

retval = do_umount(nd.mnt, flags);

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```

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Subject: [patch 3/8] account user mounts  
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From: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

Add sysctl variables for accounting and limiting the number of user mounts.

The maximum number of user mounts is set to 1024 by default. This won't in itself enable user mounts, setting a mount to be owned by a user is first needed

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Index: linux/include/linux/sysctl.h

```
=====
--- linux.orig/include/linux/sysctl.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/include/linux/sysctl.h 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
```

```

@@ -818,6 +818,8 @@ enum
  FS_AIO_NR=18, /* current system-wide number of aio requests */
  FS_AIO_MAX_NR=19, /* system-wide maximum number of aio requests */
  FS_INOTIFY=20, /* inotify submenu */
+ FS_NR_USER_MOUNTS=21, /* int:current number of user mounts */
+ FS_MAX_USER_MOUNTS=22, /* int:maximum number of user mounts */
  FS_OCFS2=988, /* ocfs2 */
};

```

Index: linux/kernel/sysctl.c

```

=====
--- linux.orig/kernel/sysctl.c 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/kernel/sysctl.c 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
@@ -1063,6 +1063,22 @@ static ctl_table fs_table[] = {
  #endif
  #endif
  {
+ .ctl_name = FS_NR_USER_MOUNTS,
+ .procname = "nr_user_mounts",
+ .data = &nr_user_mounts,
+ .maxlen = sizeof(int),
+ .mode = 0444,
+ .proc_handler = &proc_dointvec,
+ },
+ {
+ .ctl_name = FS_MAX_USER_MOUNTS,
+ .procname = "max_user_mounts",
+ .data = &max_user_mounts,
+ .maxlen = sizeof(int),
+ .mode = 0644,
+ .proc_handler = &proc_dointvec,
+ },
+ {
    .ctl_name = KERN_SETUID_DUMPABLE,
    .procname = "suid_dumpable",
    .data = &suid_dumpable,

```

Index: linux/Documentation/filesystems/proc.txt

```

=====
--- linux.orig/Documentation/filesystems/proc.txt 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/Documentation/filesystems/proc.txt 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
@@ -923,6 +923,15 @@ reaches aio-max-nr then io_setup will fa
 raising aio-max-nr does not result in the pre-allocation or re-sizing
 of any kernel data structures.

```

+nr\_user\_mounts and max\_user\_mounts

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+

+These represent the number of "user" mounts and the maximum number of



+ "user" mounts respectively. User mounts may be created by  
+ unprivileged users. User mounts may also be created with sysadmin  
+ privileges on behalf of a user, in which case nr\_user\_mounts may  
+ exceed max\_user\_mounts.

+

## 2.2 /proc/sys/fs/binfmt\_misc - Miscellaneous binary formats

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Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

=====  
--- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:06.000000000 +0200

+++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200

```
@@ -39,6 +39,9 @@ static int hash_mask __read_mostly, hash  
static struct kmem_cache *mnt_cache __read_mostly;  
static struct rw_semaphore namespace_sem;
```

```
+int nr_user_mounts;
```

```
+int max_user_mounts = 1024;
```

+

```
/* /sys/fs */
```

```
decl_subsys(fs, NULL, NULL);
```

```
EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(fs_subsys);
```

```
@@ -227,11 +230,30 @@ static struct vfsmount *skip_mnt_tree(st  
return p;  
}
```

```
+static void dec_nr_user_mounts(void)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
```

```
+ nr_user_mounts--;
```

```
+ spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
```

```
+}
```

+

```
static void set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
```

```
{
```

```
    BUG_ON(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER);
```

```
    mnt->mnt_uid = current->uid;
```

```
    mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_USER;
```

```
+ spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
```

```
+ nr_user_mounts++;
```

```
+ spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
```

```
+}
```

+

```
+static void clear_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
```

```
+{
```

```
+ if (mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER) {
```

```
+ mnt->mnt_uid = 0;
```

```
+ mnt->mnt_flags &= ~MNT_USER;
```

```

+ dec_nr_user_mounts();
+ }
}

static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct vfsmount *old, struct dentry *root,
@@ -283,6 +305,7 @@ static inline void __mntput(struct vfsmo
{
struct super_block *sb = mnt->mnt_sb;
dput(mnt->mnt_root);
+ clear_mnt_user(mnt);
free_vfsmnt(mnt);
deactivate_super(sb);
}
@@ -1023,6 +1046,7 @@ static int do_remount(struct nameidata *
down_write(&sb->s_umount);
err = do_remount_sb(sb, flags, data, 0);
if (!err) {
+ clear_mnt_user(nd->mnt);
nd->mnt->mnt_flags = mnt_flags;
if (flags & MS_SETUSER)
set_mnt_user(nd->mnt);

```

Index: linux/include/linux/fs.h

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```

```
--- linux.orig/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
```

```
+++ linux/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
```

```
@@ -50,6 +50,9 @@ extern struct inodes_stat_t inodes_stat;
```

```
extern int leases_enable, lease_break_time;
```

```

+extern int nr_user_mounts;
+extern int max_user_mounts;
+
#ifdef CONFIG_DNOTIFY
extern int dir_notify_enable;
#endif

```

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Subject: [patch 4/8] propagate error values from clone\_mnt  
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From: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

Allow clone\_mnt() to return errors other than ENOMEM. This will be used for returning a different error value when the number of user mounts goes over the limit.

Fix copy\_tree() to return EPERM for unbindable mounts.

Don't propagate further from dup\_mnt\_ns() as that copy\_tree() can only fail with -ENOMEM.

Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>

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Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

```
=====
--- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:09.000000000 +0200
@@ -261,42 +261,42 @@ static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct
 {
     struct super_block *sb = old->mnt_sb;
     struct vfsmount *mnt = alloc_vfsmnt(old->mnt_devname);
+ if (!mnt)
+ return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);

- if (mnt) {
- mnt->mnt_flags = old->mnt_flags;
- atomic_inc(&sb->s_active);
- mnt->mnt_sb = sb;
- mnt->mnt_root = dget(root);
- mnt->mnt_mountpoint = mnt->mnt_root;
- mnt->mnt_parent = mnt;
-
- /* don't copy the MNT_USER flag */
- mnt->mnt_flags &= ~MNT_USER;
- if (flag & CL_SETUSER)
- set_mnt_user(mnt);
-
- if (flag & CL_SLAVE) {
- list_add(&mnt->mnt_slave, &old->mnt_slave_list);
- mnt->mnt_master = old;
- CLEAR_MNT_SHARED(mnt);
- } else {
- if ((flag & CL_PROPAGATION) || IS_MNT_SHARED(old))
- list_add(&mnt->mnt_share, &old->mnt_share);
- if (IS_MNT_SLAVE(old))
- list_add(&mnt->mnt_slave, &old->mnt_slave);
- mnt->mnt_master = old->mnt_master;
- }
}
```

```

- if (flag & CL_MAKE_SHARED)
- set_mnt_shared(mnt);
+ mnt->mnt_flags = old->mnt_flags;
+ atomic_inc(&sb->s_active);
+ mnt->mnt_sb = sb;
+ mnt->mnt_root = dget(root);
+ mnt->mnt_mountpoint = mnt->mnt_root;
+ mnt->mnt_parent = mnt;
+
+ /* don't copy the MNT_USER flag */
+ mnt->mnt_flags &= ~MNT_USER;
+ if (flag & CL_SETUSER)
+ set_mnt_user(mnt);

- /* stick the duplicate mount on the same expiry list
- * as the original if that was on one */
- if (flag & CL_EXPIRE) {
- spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
- if (!list_empty(&old->mnt_expire))
- list_add(&mnt->mnt_expire, &old->mnt_expire);
- spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
- }
+ if (flag & CL_SLAVE) {
+ list_add(&mnt->mnt_slave, &old->mnt_slave_list);
+ mnt->mnt_master = old;
+ CLEAR_MNT_SHARED(mnt);
+ } else {
+ if ((flag & CL_PROPAGATION) || IS_MNT_SHARED(old))
+ list_add(&mnt->mnt_share, &old->mnt_share);
+ if (IS_MNT_SLAVE(old))
+ list_add(&mnt->mnt_slave, &old->mnt_slave);
+ mnt->mnt_master = old->mnt_master;
+ }
+ if (flag & CL_MAKE_SHARED)
+ set_mnt_shared(mnt);
+
+ /* stick the duplicate mount on the same expiry list
+ * as the original if that was on one */
+ if (flag & CL_EXPIRE) {
+ spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
+ if (!list_empty(&old->mnt_expire))
+ list_add(&mnt->mnt_expire, &old->mnt_expire);
+ spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
+ }
return mnt;
}
@@ -781,11 +781,11 @@ struct vfsmount *copy_tree(struct vfsmou
struct nameidata nd;

```

```

    if (!(flag & CL_COPY_ALL) && IS_MNT_UNBINDABLE(mnt))
- return NULL;
+ return ERR_PTR(-EPERM);

    res = q = clone_mnt(mnt, dentry, flag);
- if (!q)
- goto Enomem;
+ if (IS_ERR(q))
+ goto error;
    q->mnt_mountpoint = mnt->mnt_mountpoint;

    p = mnt;
@@ -806,8 +806,8 @@ struct vfsmount *copy_tree(struct vfsmou
    nd.mnt = q;
    nd.dentry = p->mnt_mountpoint;
    q = clone_mnt(p, p->mnt_root, flag);
- if (!q)
- goto Enomem;
+ if (IS_ERR(q))
+ goto error;
    spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
    list_add_tail(&q->mnt_list, &res->mnt_list);
    attach_mnt(q, &nd);
@@ -815,7 +815,7 @@ struct vfsmount *copy_tree(struct vfsmou
    }
}
return res;
-Enomem:
+ error:
    if (res) {
        LIST_HEAD(umount_list);
        spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
@@ -823,7 +823,7 @@ Enomem:
        spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
        release_mounts(&umount_list);
    }
- return NULL;
+ return q;
}

/*
@@ -999,13 +999,13 @@ static int do_loopback(struct nameidata
    goto out;

    clone_flags = (flags & MS_SETUSER) ? CL_SETUSER : 0;
- err = -ENOMEM;
    if (flags & MS_REC)

```

```

mnt = copy_tree(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, clone_flags);
else
mnt = clone_mnt(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, clone_flags);

- if (!mnt)
+ err = PTR_ERR(mnt);
+ if (IS_ERR(mnt))
    goto out;

err = graft_tree(mnt, nd);
@@ -1550,7 +1550,7 @@ static struct mnt_namespace *dup_mnt_ns(
/* First pass: copy the tree topology */
new_ns->root = copy_tree(mnt_ns->root, mnt_ns->root->mnt_root,
    CL_COPY_ALL | CL_EXPIRE);
- if (!new_ns->root) {
+ if (IS_ERR(new_ns->root)) {
    up_write(&namespace_sem);
    kfree(new_ns);
    return NULL;
Index: linux/fs/pnode.c

```

```

=====
--- linux.orig/fs/pnode.c 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/fs/pnode.c 2007-04-20 11:55:09.000000000 +0200
@@ -187,8 +187,9 @@ int propagate_mnt(struct vfsmount *dest_

    source = get_source(m, prev_dest_mnt, prev_src_mnt, &type);

- if (!(child = copy_tree(source, source->mnt_root, type))) {
- ret = -ENOMEM;
+ child = copy_tree(source, source->mnt_root, type);
+ if (IS_ERR(child)) {
+ ret = PTR_ERR(child);
    list_splice(tree_list, tmp_list.prev);
    goto out;
}

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```

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Subject: [patch 5/8] allow unprivileged bind mounts  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Fri, 20 Apr 2007 10:25:37 GMT  
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From: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

Allow bind mounts to unprivileged users if the following conditions are met:

- mountpoint is not a symlink or special file
- parent mount is owned by the user
- the number of user mounts is below the maximum

Unprivileged mounts imply MS\_SETUSER, and will also have the "nosuid" and "nodev" mount flags set.

Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>

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Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

=====

--- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:09.000000000 +0200

+++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:10.000000000 +0200

```
@@ -237,11 +237,30 @@ static void dec_nr_user_mounts(void)
    spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
}
```

```
-static void set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
+static int reserve_user_mount(void)
+{
+ int err = 0;
+ spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
+ if (nr_user_mounts >= max_user_mounts && !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ err = -EPERM;
+ else
+ nr_user_mounts++;
+ spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
+ return err;
+}
+
+static void __set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
+{
+ BUG_ON(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER);
+ mnt->mnt_uid = current->uid;
+ mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_USER;
+ if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_NOSUID | MNT_NODEV;
+}
+
+static void set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
+{
+ __set_mnt_user(mnt);
+ spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
```

```

nr_user_mounts++;
spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
@@ -260,9 +279,16 @@ static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct
    int flag)
{
    struct super_block *sb = old->mnt_sb;
- struct vfsmount *mnt = alloc_vfsmnt(old->mnt_devname);
+ struct vfsmount *mnt;
+
+ if (flag & CL_SETUSER) {
+ int err = reserve_user_mount();
+ if (err)
+ return ERR_PTR(err);
+ }
+ mnt = alloc_vfsmnt(old->mnt_devname);
    if (!mnt)
- return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
+ goto alloc_failed;

    mnt->mnt_flags = old->mnt_flags;
    atomic_inc(&sb->s_active);
@@ -274,7 +300,7 @@ static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct
    /* don't copy the MNT_USER flag */
    mnt->mnt_flags &= ~MNT_USER;
    if (flag & CL_SETUSER)
- set_mnt_user(mnt);
+ __set_mnt_user(mnt);

    if (flag & CL_SLAVE) {
        list_add(&mnt->mnt_slave, &old->mnt_slave_list);
@@ -299,6 +325,11 @@ static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct
        spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
    }
    return mnt;
+
+ alloc_failed:
+ if (flag & CL_SETUSER)
+ dec_nr_user_mounts();
+ return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
}

static inline void __mntput(struct vfsmount *mnt)
@@ -745,22 +776,29 @@ asmlinkage long sys_oldumount(char __use

#endif

-static int mount_is_safe(struct nameidata *nd)
+/*

```



```

+ * Conditions for unprivileged mounts are:
+ * - mountpoint is not a symlink or special file
+ * - mountpoint is in a mount owned by the user
+ */
+static bool permit_mount(struct nameidata *nd, int *flags)
{
+ struct inode *inode = nd->dentry->d_inode;
+
+   if (capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
- return 0;
- return -EPERM;
-#ifdef notyet
- 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)
- return -EPERM;
- }
- if (vfs_permission(nd, MAY_WRITE))
- return -EPERM;
- return 0;
-#endif
+ return true;
+
+ if (!S_ISDIR(inode->i_mode) && !S_ISREG(inode->i_mode))
+ return false;
+
+ if (!(nd->mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER))
+ return false;
+
+ if (nd->mnt->mnt_uid != current->uid)
+ return false;
+
+ *flags |= MS_SETUSER;
+ return true;
}

static int lives_below_in_same_fs(struct dentry *d, struct dentry *dentry)
@@ -981,9 +1019,10 @@ static int do_loopback(struct nameidata
int clone_flags;
struct nameidata old_nd;
struct vfsmount *mnt = NULL;
- int err = mount_is_safe(nd);
- if (err)
- return err;
+ int err;
+
+ if (!permit_mount(nd, &flags))

```

```
+ return -EPERM;
  if (!old_name || !*old_name)
    return -EINVAL;
  err = path_lookup(old_name, LOOKUP_FOLLOW, &old_nd);
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Subject: [patch 6/8] put declaration of put\_filesystem() in fs.h  
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From: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

Declarations go into headers.

Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

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Index: linux/fs/super.c

```
=====
--- linux.orig/fs/super.c 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/fs/super.c 2007-04-20 11:55:11.000000000 +0200
@@ -40,10 +40,6 @@
#include <asm/uaccess.h>
```

```
-void get_filesystem(struct file_system_type *fs);
-void put_filesystem(struct file_system_type *fs);
-struct file_system_type *get_fs_type(const char *name);
-
```

```
LIST_HEAD(super_blocks);
DEFINE_SPINLOCK(sb_lock);
```

Index: linux/include/linux/fs.h

```
=====
--- linux.orig/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:11.000000000 +0200
@@ -1918,6 +1918,8 @@ extern int vfs_fstat(unsigned int, struc
```

```
extern int vfs_ioctl(struct file *, unsigned int, unsigned int, unsigned long);
```

```
+extern void get_filesystem(struct file_system_type *fs);
+extern void put_filesystem(struct file_system_type *fs);
```

```
extern struct file_system_type *get_fs_type(const char *name);
extern struct super_block *get_super(struct block_device *);
extern struct super_block *user_get_super(dev_t);
```

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Subject: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
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From: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

Define a new fs flag FS\_SAFE, which denotes, that unprivileged mounting of this filesystem may not constitute a security problem.

Since most filesystems haven't been designed with unprivileged mounting in mind, a thorough audit is needed before setting this flag.

Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>

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Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

```
=====
--- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:10.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:13.000000000 +0200
@@ -781,13 +781,17 @@ asmlinkage long sys_oldumount(char __use
 * - mountpoint is not a symlink or special file
 * - mountpoint is in a mount owned by the user
 */
-static bool permit_mount(struct nameidata *nd, int *flags)
+static bool permit_mount(struct nameidata *nd, struct file_system_type *type,
+ int *flags)
{
    struct inode *inode = nd->dentry->d_inode;

    if (capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
        return true;

+ if (type && !(type->fs_flags & FS_SAFE))
+ return false;
+
    if (!S_ISDIR(inode->i_mode) && !S_ISREG(inode->i_mode))
        return false;
```

```

@@ -1021,7 +1025,7 @@ static int do_loopback(struct nameidata
    struct vfsmount *mnt = NULL;
    int err;

- if (!permit_mount(nd, &flags))
+ if (!permit_mount(nd, NULL, &flags))
    return -EPERM;
    if (!old_name || !*old_name)
    return -EINVAL;
@@ -1182,26 +1186,46 @@ out:
    * create a new mount for userspace and request it to be added into the
    * namespace's tree
    */
-static int do_new_mount(struct nameidata *nd, char *type, int flags,
+static int do_new_mount(struct nameidata *nd, char *fstype, int flags,
    int mnt_flags, char *name, void *data)
    {
+ int err;
    struct vfsmount *mnt;
+ struct file_system_type *type;

- if (!type || !memchr(type, 0, PAGE_SIZE))
+ if (!fstype || !memchr(fstype, 0, PAGE_SIZE))
    return -EINVAL;

- /* we need capabilities... */
- if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
- return -EPERM;
-
- mnt = do_kern_mount(type, flags & ~MS_SETUSER, name, data);
- if (IS_ERR(mnt))
+ type = get_fs_type(fstype);
+ if (!type)
+ return -ENODEV;
+
+ err = -EPERM;
+ if (!permit_mount(nd, type, &flags))
+ goto out_put_filesystem;
+
+ if (flags & MS_SETUSER) {
+ err = reserve_user_mount();
+ if (err)
+ goto out_put_filesystem;
+ }
+
+ mnt = vfs_kern_mount(type, flags & ~MS_SETUSER, name, data);
+ put_filesystem(type);

```

```

+ if (IS_ERR(mnt)) {
+ if (flags & MS_SETUSER)
+ dec_nr_user_mounts();
  return PTR_ERR(mnt);
+ }

  if (flags & MS_SETUSER)
- set_mnt_user(mnt);
+ __set_mnt_user(mnt);

  return do_add_mount(mnt, nd, mnt_flags, NULL);
+
+ out_put_filesystem:
+ put_filesystem(type);
+ return err;
}

/*
@@ -1231,7 +1255,7 @@ int do_add_mount(struct vfsmount *newmnt
  if (S_ISLNK(newmnt->mnt_root->d_inode->i_mode))
    goto unlock;

- /* MNT_USER was set earlier */
+ /* some flags may have been set earlier */
  newmnt->mnt_flags |= mnt_flags;
  if ((err = graft_tree(newmnt, nd)))
    goto unlock;
Index: linux/include/linux/fs.h
=====
--- linux.orig/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:11.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:13.000000000 +0200
@@ -96,6 +96,7 @@ extern int dir_notify_enable;
#define FS_REQUIRES_DEV 1
#define FS_BINARY_MOUNTDATA 2
#define FS_HAS_SUBTYPE 4
+#define FS_SAFE 8 /* Safe to mount by unprivileged users */
#define FS_REVAL_DOT 16384 /* Check the paths ".", ".." for staleness */
#define FS_RENAME_DOES_D_MOVE 32768 /* FS will handle d_move()
  * during rename() internally.

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Subject: [patch 8/8] allow unprivileged fuse mounts  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Fri, 20 Apr 2007 10:25:40 GMT  
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From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>

Use FS\_SAFE for "fuse" fs type, but not for "fuseblk".

FUSE was designed from the beginning to be safe for unprivileged users. This has also been verified in practice over many years. In addition unprivileged mounts require the parent mount to be owned by the user, which is more strict than the current userspace policy.

This will enable future installations to remove the suid-root fusermount utility.

Don't require the "user\_id=" and "group\_id=" options for unprivileged mounts, but if they are present, verify them for sanity.

Disallow the "allow\_other" option for unprivileged mounts.

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Index: linux/fs/fuse/inode.c

```
=====
--- linux.orig/fs/fuse/inode.c 2007-04-20 11:55:01.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/fs/fuse/inode.c 2007-04-20 11:55:14.000000000 +0200
@@ -311,6 +311,19 @@ static int parse_fuse_opt(char *opt, str
    d->max_read = ~0;
    d->blksize = 512;

+ /*
+  * For unprivileged mounts use current uid/gid. Still allow
+  * "user_id" and "group_id" options for compatibility, but
+  * only if they match these values.
+  */
+ if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
+   d->user_id = current->uid;
+   d->user_id_present = 1;
+   d->group_id = current->gid;
+   d->group_id_present = 1;
+ }
+
    while ((p = strsep(&opt, ",")) != NULL) {
      int token;
      int value;
@@ -339,6 +352,8 @@ static int parse_fuse_opt(char *opt, str
```

```

case OPT_USER_ID:
    if (match_int(&args[0], &value))
        return 0;
+   if (d->user_id_present && d->user_id != value)
+   return 0;
    d->user_id = value;
    d->user_id_present = 1;
    break;
@@ -346,6 +361,8 @@ static int parse_fuse_opt(char *opt, str
case OPT_GROUP_ID:
    if (match_int(&args[0], &value))
        return 0;
+   if (d->group_id_present && d->group_id != value)
+   return 0;
    d->group_id = value;
    d->group_id_present = 1;
    break;
@@ -536,6 +553,10 @@ static int fuse_fill_super(struct super_
    if (!parse_fuse_opt((char *) data, &d, is_bdev))
        return -EINVAL;

+ /* This is a privileged option */
+ if ((d.flags & FUSE_ALLOW_OTHER) && !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
+ return -EPERM;
+
    if (is_bdev) {
#ifdef CONFIG_BLOCK
        if (!sb_set_blocksize(sb, d.blksize))
@@ -639,6 +660,7 @@ static struct file_system_type fuse_fs_t
    .fs_flags = FS_HAS_SUBTYPE,
    .get_sb = fuse_get_sb,
    .kill_sb = kill_anon_super,
+ .fs_flags = FS_SAFE,
    };

#ifdef CONFIG_BLOCK

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/8] add user mounts to the kernel  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 07:55:03 GMT  
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On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:33 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:

> From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>  
>  
> Add ownership information to mounts.  
>  
> A new mount flag, MS\_SETUSER is used to make a mount owned by a user.  
> If this flag is specified, then the owner will be set to the current  
> real user id and the mount will be marked with the MNT\_USER flag. On  
> remount don't preserve previous owner, and treat MS\_SETUSER as for a  
> new mount. The MS\_SETUSER flag is ignored on mount move.

So is a modified mount(8) needed? If so, is there some convenient way in which testers can get hold of it?

> The MNT\_USER flag is not copied on any kind of mount cloning:  
> namespace creation, binding or propagation. For bind mounts the  
> cloned mount(s) are set to MNT\_USER depending on the MS\_SETUSER mount  
> flag. In all the other cases MNT\_USER is always cleared.

>  
> For MNT\_USER mounts a "user=UID" option is added to /proc/PID/mounts.  
> This is compatible with how mount ownership is stored in /etc/mstab.

>  
> Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>

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>

> Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

> =====

> --- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200

> +++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200

> @@ -227,6 +227,13 @@ static struct vfsmount \*skip\_mnt\_tree(st

> return p;

> }

>

> +static void set\_mnt\_user(struct vfsmount \*mnt)

> +{

> + BUG\_ON(mnt->mnt\_flags & MNT\_USER);

> + mnt->mnt\_uid = current->uid;

> + mnt->mnt\_flags |= MNT\_USER;

> +}

I'm a bit surprised to see this. Using uids in-kernel is all rather old-fashioned and restricted. I'd have expected

```
mnt->user = get_uid(current->user);
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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 07:55:06 GMT  
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On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:34 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:

```
> +static bool permit_umount(struct vfsmount *mnt, int flags)
> +{
>
>
> ...
>
> + return mnt->mnt_uid == current->uid;
> +}
```

Yes, this seems very wrong. I'd have thought that comparing user\_struct's would get us a heck of a lot closer to being able to support aliasing of UIDs between different namespaces.

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Subject: Re: [patch 3/8] account user mounts  
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On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:35 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:

```
> Add sysctl variables for accounting and limiting the number of user
> mounts.
>
> The maximum number of user mounts is set to 1024 by default. This
> won't in itself enable user mounts, setting a mount to be owned by a
> user is first needed
>
> Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>
> ---
>
> Index: linux/include/linux/sysctl.h
```

```

> =====
> --- linux.orig/include/linux/sysctl.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/include/linux/sysctl.h 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
> @@ -818,6 +818,8 @@ enum
> FS_AIO_NR=18, /* current system-wide number of aio requests */
> FS_AIO_MAX_NR=19, /* system-wide maximum number of aio requests */
> FS_INOTIFY=20, /* inotify submenu */
> + FS_NR_USER_MOUNTS=21, /* int:current number of user mounts */
> + FS_MAX_USER_MOUNTS=22, /* int:maximum number of user mounts */
> FS_OCFS2=988, /* ocfs2 */

```

Is there a special reason why the enumerated sysctls are needed? We're trying to get away from using them.

```

diff -puN include/linux/sysctl.h~unprivileged-mounts-account-user-mounts-fix include/linux/sysctl.h
--- a/include/linux/sysctl.h~unprivileged-mounts-account-user-mounts-fix
+++ a/include/linux/sysctl.h
@@ -819,8 +819,6 @@ enum
FS_AIO_NR=18, /* current system-wide number of aio requests */
FS_AIO_MAX_NR=19, /* system-wide maximum number of aio requests */
FS_INOTIFY=20, /* inotify submenu */
- FS_NR_USER_MOUNTS=21, /* int:current number of user mounts */
- FS_MAX_USER_MOUNTS=22, /* int:maximum number of user mounts */
FS_OCFS2=988, /* ocfs2 */
};

```

```

diff -puN kernel/sysctl.c~unprivileged-mounts-account-user-mounts-fix kernel/sysctl.c
--- a/kernel/sysctl.c~unprivileged-mounts-account-user-mounts-fix
+++ a/kernel/sysctl.c
@@ -1028,7 +1028,7 @@ static ctl_table fs_table[] = {
#endif
#endif
{
- .ctl_name = FS_NR_USER_MOUNTS,
+ .ctl_name = CTL_UNNUMBERED,
  .procname = "nr_user_mounts",
  .data = &nr_user_mounts,
  .maxlen = sizeof(int),
@@ -1036,7 +1036,7 @@ static ctl_table fs_table[] = {
  .proc_handler = &proc_dointvec,
},
{
- .ctl_name = FS_MAX_USER_MOUNTS,
+ .ctl_name = CTL_UNNUMBERED,
  .procname = "max_user_mounts",
  .data = &max_user_mounts,
  .maxlen = sizeof(int),

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
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- > mounting in mind, a thorough audit is needed before setting this flag.

Practically speaking, is there any realistic likelihood that any filesystem apart from FUSE will ever use this?

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Subject: Re: [patch 8/8] allow unprivileged fuse mounts  
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- > users. This has also been verified in practice over many years.

How does FUSE do this?

There are obvious cases like crafting a filesystem which has setuid executables or world-writable device nodes or whatever. I'm sure there are lots of other cases.

Where is FUSE's implementation of all this protection described?

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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount  
Posted by [hpa](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 08:01:58 GMT  
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Andrew Morton wrote:

> On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:34 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:

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> would get us a heck of a lot closer to being able to support aliasing of  
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>

Not to mention it should be fsuid, not uid.

-hpa

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/8] add user mounts to the kernel  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 08:06:28 GMT  
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> > From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>

> >

> > Add ownership information to mounts.

> >

> > A new mount flag, MS\_SETUSER is used to make a mount owned by a user.

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> > real user id and the mount will be marked with the MNT\_USER flag. On

> > remount don't preserve previous owner, and treat MS\_SETUSER as for a

> > new mount. The MS\_SETUSER flag is ignored on mount move.  
>  
> So is a modified mount(8) needed? If so, is there some convenient way  
> in which testers can get hold of it?

I haven't yet added this to mount(8). I'll do that and post patches.

There's an ultra sophisticated mount tester program I use. It's slightly user unfriendly...

Miklos

```
----  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <string.h>  
#include <sys/mount.h>  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[])  
{  
    int res;  
    int un = (strrchr(argv[0], '/') ? : argv[0] - 1)[1] == 'u';  
    if ((un && argc != 3) || (!un && argc != 6)) {  
        fprintf(stderr, "usage: %s %s\n", argv[0],  
            un ? "dir flags" : "dev dir type flags opts");  
        return 1;  
    }  
    if (un)  
        res = umount2(argv[1], atoi(argv[2]));  
    else  
        res = mount(argv[1], argv[2], argv[3], atoi(argv[4]), argv[5]);  
    if (res == -1) {  
        perror(argv[0]);  
        return 1;  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 08:09:42 GMT  
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Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 08:13:22 GMT  
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```
> On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:39 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:
>
> > Define a new fs flag FS_SAFE, which denotes, that unprivileged
> > mounting of this filesystem may not constitute a security problem.
> >
> > Since most filesystems haven't been designed with unprivileged
> > mounting in mind, a thorough audit is needed before setting this flag.
>
> Practically speaking, is there any realistic likelihood that any filesystem
> apart from FUSE will ever use this?
```

V9FS people did express an interest in this. Yeah, I should've CC-ed them, but forgot. Sorry.

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 8/8] allow unprivileged fuse mounts  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 08:16:02 GMT  
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> > Use FS\_SAFE for "fuse" fs type, but not for "fuseblk".  
> >  
> > FUSE was designed from the beginning to be safe for unprivileged  
> > users. This has also been verified in practice over many years.  
>  
> How does FUSE do this?  
>  
> There are obvious cases like crafting a filesystem which has setuid executables  
> or world-writable device nodes or whatever. I'm sure there are lots of other  
> cases.  
>  
> Where is FUSE's implementation of all this protection described?

Most of it is in Documentation/filesystems/fuse.txt, some of it is code comments.

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 08:23:27 GMT  
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And CIFS maybe. They also have an unprivileged mounting suid hack. But I'm not very optimistic about CIFS, seeing some of the code, that's in there.

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 08:36:22 GMT  
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On Sat, 21 Apr 2007 10:09:42 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <[miklos@szeredi.hu](mailto:miklos@szeredi.hu)> wrote:

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> >
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OK..

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Well I was madly assuming that when separate UID namespaces are in use, UID 42 in container A will have a different user\_struct from UID 42 in container B. I'd suggest that we provoke an opinion from Eric & co before you do work on this.

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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount  
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Andrew Morton <[akpm@linux-foundation.org](mailto:akpm@linux-foundation.org)> writes:

> On Sat, 21 Apr 2007 10:09:42 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <[miklos@szeredi.hu](mailto:miklos@szeredi.hu)> wrote:

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> container B. I'd suggest that we provoke an opinion from Eric & co before

> you do work on this.

That is what I what I have been thinking as well, storing a user struct on each mount point seems sane, plus it allows per user mount rlimits which is major plus. Especially since we seem to be doing accounting only for user mounts a per user rlimit seems good.

To get the user we should be user fs\_uid as HPA suggested.

Finally I'm pretty certain the capability we should care about in this context is CAP\_SETUID. Instead of CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN.

If we have CAP\_SETUID we can become which ever user owns the mount, and the root user in a container needs this, so he can run login programs. So changing the appropriate super user checks from CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN to CAP\_SETUID I think is the right thing todo.

With the CAP\_SETUID thing handled I'm not currently seeing any adverse implications to using this in containers.

Ok. Now that I have a reasonable approximation of the 10,000 foot view now to see how the patches match up.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/8] add user mounts to the kernel  
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Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> writes:

> From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>  
>  
> Add ownership information to mounts.  
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> A new mount flag, MS\_SETUSER is used to make a mount owned by a user.  
> If this flag is specified, then the owner will be set to the current  
> real user id and the mount will be marked with the MNT\_USER flag. On  
> remount don't preserve previous owner, and treat MS\_SETUSER as for a  
> new mount. The MS\_SETUSER flag is ignored on mount move.  
>  
> The MNT\_USER flag is not copied on any kind of mount cloning:  
> namespace creation, binding or propagation.

I half agree, and as an initial approximation this works.  
Ultimately we should be at the point that for mount propagation that we copy the owner of the from the owner of our parent mount at the propagation destination.

Mount propagation semantics are a major pain.

> For bind mounts the

> cloned mount(s) are set to MNT\_USER depending on the MS\_SETUSER mount  
> flag. In all the other cases MNT\_USER is always cleared.  
>  
> For MNT\_USER mounts a "user=UID" option is added to /proc/PID/mounts.  
> This is compatible with how mount ownership is stored in /etc/mstab.

Ok. While I generally agree with the concept this can be simplified some more.

Eric

> Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>

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>

> Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

> =====

> --- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200

> +++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200

> @@ -227,6 +227,13 @@ static struct vfsmount \*skip\_mnt\_tree(st

> return p;

> }

>

> +static void set\_mnt\_user(struct vfsmount \*mnt)

> +{

> + BUG\_ON(mnt->mnt\_flags & MNT\_USER);

> + mnt->mnt\_uid = current->uid;

This should be based on fsuid. Unless I'm completely confused.

I think getting the mount user from current when we do mount propagation could be a problem. In particular I'm pretty certain in the mount propagation case the mount should be owned by the user who owns the destination mount that is above us.

> + mnt->mnt\_flags |= MNT\_USER;

> +}

> +

> static struct vfsmount \*clone\_mnt(struct vfsmount \*old, struct dentry \*root,  
> int flag)

> {

> @@ -241,6 +248,11 @@ static struct vfsmount \*clone\_mnt(struct

> mnt->mnt\_mountpoint = mnt->mnt\_root;

> mnt->mnt\_parent = mnt;

>

> + /\* don't copy the MNT\_USER flag \*/

> + mnt->mnt\_flags &= ~MNT\_USER;

> + if (flag & CL\_SETUSER)

```

> + set_mnt_user(mnt);
> +
> if (flag & CL_SLAVE) {
> list_add(&mnt->mnt_slave, &old->mnt_slave_list);
> mnt->mnt_master = old;
> @@ -403,6 +415,8 @@ static int show_vfsmnt(struct seq_file *
> if (mnt->mnt_flags & fs_infop->flag)
> seq_puts(m, fs_infop->str);
> }
> + if (mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER)
> + seq_printf(m, ",user=%i", mnt->mnt_uid);
How about making the test "if (mnt->mnt_user != &root_user)"

> if (mnt->mnt_sb->s_op->show_options)
> err = mnt->mnt_sb->s_op->show_options(m, mnt);
> seq_puts(m, " 0 0\n");
> @@ -920,8 +934,9 @@ static int do_change_type(struct nameida
> /*
> * do loopback mount.
> */
> -static int do_loopback(struct nameidata *nd, char *old_name, int recurse)
> +static int do_loopback(struct nameidata *nd, char *old_name, int flags)
> {
> + int clone_flags;
> struct nameidata old_nd;
> struct vfsmount *mnt = NULL;
> int err = mount_is_safe(nd);
> @@ -941,11 +956,12 @@ static int do_loopback(struct nameidata
> if (!check_mnt(nd->mnt) || !check_mnt(old_nd.mnt))
> goto out;
>
> + clone_flags = (flags & MS_SETUSER) ? CL_SETUSER : 0;
> err = -ENOMEM;
> - if (recurse)
> - mnt = copy_tree(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, 0);
> + if (flags & MS_REC)
> + mnt = copy_tree(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, clone_flags);
> else
> - mnt = clone_mnt(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, 0);
> + mnt = clone_mnt(old_nd.mnt, old_nd.dentry, clone_flags);
>
> if (!mnt)
> goto out;
> @@ -987,8 +1003,11 @@ static int do_remount(struct nameidata *
>
> down_write(&sb->s_umount);
> err = do_remount_sb(sb, flags, data, 0);
> - if (!err)

```

```

> + if (!err) {
>   nd->mnt->mnt_flags = mnt_flags;
> + if (flags & MS_SETUSER)
> +   set_mnt_user(nd->mnt);
> + }
>   up_write(&sb->s_umount);
>   if (!err)
>     security_sb_post_remount(nd->mnt, flags, data);
@@ -1093,10 +1112,13 @@ static int do_new_mount(struct nameidata
>   if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
>     return -EPERM;
>
> - mnt = do_kern_mount(type, flags, name, data);
> + mnt = do_kern_mount(type, flags & ~MS_SETUSER, name, data);
>   if (IS_ERR(mnt))
>     return PTR_ERR(mnt);
>
> + if (flags & MS_SETUSER)
> +   set_mnt_user(mnt);
> +
>   return do_add_mount(mnt, nd, mnt_flags, NULL);
> }
>
@@ -1127,7 +1149,8 @@ int do_add_mount(struct vfsmount *newmnt
>   if (S_ISLNK(newmnt->mnt_root->d_inode->i_mode))
>     goto unlock;
>
> - newmnt->mnt_flags = mnt_flags;
> + /* MNT_USER was set earlier */
> + newmnt->mnt_flags |= mnt_flags;
>   if ((err = graft_tree(newmnt, nd)))
>     goto unlock;
>
@@ -1447,7 +1470,7 @@ long do_mount(char *dev_name, char *dir_
>   retval = do_remount(&nd, flags & ~MS_REMOUNT, mnt_flags,
>     data_page);
>   else if (flags & MS_BIND)
> -   retval = do_loopback(&nd, dev_name, flags & MS_REC);
> +   retval = do_loopback(&nd, dev_name, flags);
>   else if (flags & (MS_SHARED | MS_PRIVATE | MS_SLAVE | MS_UNBINDABLE))
>     retval = do_change_type(&nd, flags);
>   else if (flags & MS_MOVE)
> Index: linux/include/linux/fs.h
> =====
> --- linux.orig/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
> @@ -123,6 +123,7 @@ extern int dir_notify_enable;
> #define MS_SLAVE (1<<19) /* change to slave */

```

```

> #define MS_SHARED (1<<20) /* change to shared */
> #define MS_RELATIME (1<<21) /* Update atime relative to mtime/ctime. */
> + #define MS_SETUSER (1<<22) /* set mnt_uid to current user */

```

If we unconditionally use the fsuid I think we can get away without this flag.

```

> #define MS_ACTIVE (1<<30)
> #define MS_NOUSER (1<<31)
>
> Index: linux/include/linux/mount.h
> =====
> --- linux.orig/include/linux/mount.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/include/linux/mount.h 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
> @@ -30,6 +30,7 @@ struct mnt_namespace;
> #define MNT_RELATIME 0x20
>
> #define MNT_SHRINKABLE 0x100
> + #define MNT_USER 0x200

```

If we assign a user to all mount points and root gets to own the initial set of mounts then we don't need the internal MNT\_USER flag.

```

> #define MNT_SHARED 0x1000 /* if the vfsmount is a shared mount */
> #define MNT_UNBINDABLE 0x2000 /* if the vfsmount is a unbindable mount */
> @@ -61,6 +62,8 @@ struct vfsmount {
> atomic_t mnt_count;
> int mnt_expiry_mark; /* true if marked for expiry */
> int mnt_pinned;
> +
> + uid_t mnt_uid; /* owner of the mount */

```

Can we please make this a user struct. That requires a bit of reference counting but it has uid namespace benefits as well as making it easy to implement per user mount rlimits.

```

> };
>
> static inline struct vfsmount *mntget(struct vfsmount *mnt)
> Index: linux/fs/pnode.h
> =====
> --- linux.orig/fs/pnode.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/fs/pnode.h 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
> @@ -22,6 +22,7 @@
> #define CL_COPY_ALL 0x04
> #define CL_MAKE_SHARED 0x08
> #define CL_PROPAGATION 0x10

```

```
> +#define CL_SETUSER 0x20

> static inline void set_mnt_shared(struct vfsmount *mnt)
> {
>
> --
```

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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount  
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Miklos Szeredi <[miklos@szeredi.hu](mailto:miklos@szeredi.hu)> writes:

```
> From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>
>
> The owner doesn't need sysadmin capabilities to call umount().
>
> Similar behavior as umount(8) on mounts having "user=UID" option in
> /etc/mtab. The difference is that umount also checks /etc/fstab,
> presumably to exclude another mount on the same mountpoint.
>
> Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>
> ---
>
> Index: linux/fs/namespace.c
> =====
> --- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:06.000000000 +0200
> @@ -659,6 +659,25 @@ static int do_umount(struct vfsmount *mn
> }
>
> /*
> + * umount is permitted for
> + * - sysadmin
> + * - mount owner, if not forced umount
> + */
> +static bool permit_umount(struct vfsmount *mnt, int flags)
> +{
> + if (capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> + return true;
> +
> + if (!(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER))
```

```
> + return false;
> +
> + if (flags & MNT_FORCE)
> + return false;
> +
> + return mnt->mnt_uid == current->uid;
> +}
```

I think this should be:

```
static bool permit_umount(struct vfsmount *mnt, int flags)
{
    if ((mnt->mnt_uid != current->fsuid) && !capable(CAP_SETUID))
        return false;

    if ((flags & MNT_FORCE) && !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
        return false;

    return true;
}
```

I.e.

MNT\_USER gone.

compare against fsuid.

Only require setuid for unmounts unless force is specified.

I suspect we can allow MNT\_FORCE for non-privileged users as well if we can trust the filesystem.

```
> +/*
> * Now umount can handle mount points as well as block devices.
> * This is important for filesystems which use unnamed block devices.
> *
> @@ -681,7 +700,7 @@ asmlinkage long sys_umount(char __user *
> goto dput_and_out;
>
>
> retval = -EPERM;
> - if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> + if (!permit_umount(nd.mnt, flags))
> goto dput_and_out;
>
>
> retval = do_umount(nd.mnt, flags);
>
> --
```

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Subject: Re: [patch 3/8] account user mounts  
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Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> writes:

```
> From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>
>
> Add sysctl variables for accounting and limiting the number of user
> mounts.
>
> The maximum number of user mounts is set to 1024 by default. This
> won't in itself enable user mounts, setting a mount to be owned by a
> user is first needed
```

Since each mount has a user can we just make this a per user rlimit?

If we are going to implement a sysctl at this point I think it should be a global limit that doesn't care if who you are. Even root can have recursive mounts that attempt to get out of control.

Also currently you are not checking the max\_users. It looks like you do this in a later patch but still it is a little strange to allow user own mounts and have accounting but to not check the limit at this state.

Eric

```
>
> Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>
> ---
>
> Index: linux/include/linux/sysctl.h
> =====
> --- linux.orig/include/linux/sysctl.h 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/include/linux/sysctl.h 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
> @@ -818,6 +818,8 @@ enum
>  FS_AIO_NR=18, /* current system-wide number of aio requests */
>  FS_AIO_MAX_NR=19, /* system-wide maximum number of aio requests */
>  FS_INOTIFY=20, /* inotify submenu */
> + FS_NR_USER_MOUNTS=21, /* int:current number of user mounts */
> + FS_MAX_USER_MOUNTS=22, /* int:maximum number of user mounts */
>  FS_OCFS2=988, /* ocfs2 */
> };
>
> Index: linux/kernel/sysctl.c
> =====
> --- linux.orig/kernel/sysctl.c 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/kernel/sysctl.c 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
```

```

> @@ -1063,6 +1063,22 @@ static ctl_table fs_table[] = {
> #endif
> #endif
> {
> + .ctl_name = FS_NR_USER_MOUNTS,
> + .procname = "nr_user_mounts",
> + .data = &nr_user_mounts,
> + .maxlen = sizeof(int),
> + .mode = 0444,
> + .proc_handler = &proc_dointvec,
> + },
> + {
> + .ctl_name = FS_MAX_USER_MOUNTS,
> + .procname = "max_user_mounts",
> + .data = &max_user_mounts,
> + .maxlen = sizeof(int),
> + .mode = 0644,
> + .proc_handler = &proc_dointvec,
> + },
> + {
> .ctl_name = KERN_SETUID_DUMPABLE,
> .procname = "suid_dumpable",
> .data = &suid_dumpable,
> Index: linux/Documentation/filesystems/proc.txt
> =====
> --- linux.orig/Documentation/filesystems/proc.txt 2007-04-20 11:55:02.000000000
> +0200
> +++ linux/Documentation/filesystems/proc.txt 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
> @@ -923,6 +923,15 @@ reaches aio-max-nr then io_setup will fa
> raising aio-max-nr does not result in the pre-allocation or re-sizing
> of any kernel data structures.
>
> +nr_user_mounts and max_user_mounts
> +-----
> +
> +These represent the number of "user" mounts and the maximum number of
> +"user" mounts respectively. User mounts may be created by
> +unprivileged users. User mounts may also be created with sysadmin
> +privileges on behalf of a user, in which case nr_user_mounts may
> +exceed max_user_mounts.
> +
> 2.2 /proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc - Miscellaneous binary formats
> -----
>
> Index: linux/fs/namespace.c
> =====
> --- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:06.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200

```

```

> @@ -39,6 +39,9 @@ static int hash_mask __read_mostly, hash
> static struct kmem_cache *mnt_cache __read_mostly;
> static struct rw_semaphore namespace_sem;
>
> +int nr_user_mounts;
> +int max_user_mounts = 1024;
> +
> /* /sys/fs */
> decl_subsys(fs, NULL, NULL);
> EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(fs_subsys);
> @@ -227,11 +230,30 @@ static struct vfsmount *skip_mnt_tree(st
> return p;
> }
>
> +static void dec_nr_user_mounts(void)
> +{
> + spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
> + nr_user_mounts--;
> + spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
> +}
> +
> static void set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
> {
> BUG_ON(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER);
> mnt->mnt_uid = current->uid;
> mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_USER;
> + spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
> + nr_user_mounts++;
> + spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
> +}
> +
> +static void clear_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
> +{
> + if (mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER) {
> + mnt->mnt_uid = 0;
> + mnt->mnt_flags &= ~MNT_USER;
> + dec_nr_user_mounts();
> + }
> }
>
> static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct vfsmount *old, struct dentry *root,
> @@ -283,6 +305,7 @@ static inline void __mntput(struct vfsmo
> {
> struct super_block *sb = mnt->mnt_sb;
> dput(mnt->mnt_root);
> + clear_mnt_user(mnt);
> free_vfsmnt(mnt);
> deactivate_super(sb);

```

```
> }
> @@ -1023,6 +1046,7 @@ static int do_remount(struct nameidata *
> down_write(&sb->s_umount);
> err = do_remount_sb(sb, flags, data, 0);
> if (!err) {
> + clear_mnt_user(nd->mnt);
> nd->mnt->mnt_flags = mnt_flags;
> if (flags & MS_SETUSER)
> set_mnt_user(nd->mnt);
> Index: linux/include/linux/fs.h
> =====
> --- linux.orig/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:05.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/include/linux/fs.h 2007-04-20 11:55:07.000000000 +0200
> @@ -50,6 +50,9 @@ extern struct inodes_stat_t inodes_stat;
>
> extern int leases_enable, lease_break_time;
>
> +extern int nr_user_mounts;
> +extern int max_user_mounts;
> +
> #ifdef CONFIG_DNOTIFY
> extern int dir_notify_enable;
> #endif
>
> --
```

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Subject: Re: [patch 4/8] propagate error values from clone\_mnt  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 13:40:20 GMT  
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Miklos Szeredi <[miklos@szeredi.hu](mailto:miklos@szeredi.hu)> writes:

```
> From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>
>
> Allow clone_mnt() to return errors other than ENOMEM. This will be
> used for returning a different error value when the number of user
> mounts goes over the limit.
>
> Fix copy_tree() to return EPERM for unbindable mounts.
>
> Don't propagate further from dup_mnt_ns() as that copy_tree() can only
> fail with -ENOMEM.
```

At a quick skim this looks ok.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 5/8] allow unprivileged bind mounts  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 14:00:00 GMT  
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Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> writes:

> From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>  
>  
> Allow bind mounts to unprivileged users if the following conditions  
> are met:  
>  
> - mountpoint is not a symlink or special file

Why? This sounds like a left over from when we were checking permissions.

> - parent mount is owned by the user  
> - the number of user mounts is below the maximum  
>  
> Unprivileged mounts imply MS\_SETUSER, and will also have the "nosuid"  
> and "nodev" mount flags set.

So in principle I agree, but in detail I disagree.

capable(CAP\_SETUID) should be required to leave MNT\_NOSUID clear.  
capable(CAP\_MKNOD) should be required to leave MNT\_NODEV clear.

I.e. We should not special case this as a user mount but rather simply check to see if the user performing the mount has the appropriate capabilities to allow the flags.

How we properly propagate MNT\_NOSUID and MNT\_NODEV in the context of a user id namespace is still a puzzle to me. Because to the user capability should theoretically at least be namespace local. However until we get to the user id namespace we don't have that problem.

Eric

> Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>  
> ---

```

>
> Index: linux/fs/namespace.c
> =====
> --- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:09.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-20 11:55:10.000000000 +0200
> @@ -237,11 +237,30 @@ static void dec_nr_user_mounts(void)
> spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
> }
>
> -static void set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
> +static int reserve_user_mount(void)
> +{
> + int err = 0;
> + spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
> + if (nr_user_mounts >= max_user_mounts && !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> + err = -EPERM;
> + else
> + nr_user_mounts++;
> + spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
> + return err;
> +}
> +
> +static void __set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
> + {
> + BUG_ON(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER);
> + mnt->mnt_uid = current->uid;
> + mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_USER;
> + if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> + mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_NOSUID | MNT_NODEV;
> +}
> +
> +static void set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
> +{
> + __set_mnt_user(mnt);
> + spin_lock(&vfsmount_lock);
> + nr_user_mounts++;
> + spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
> @@ -260,9 +279,16 @@ static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct
> int flag)
> + {
> + struct super_block *sb = old->mnt_sb;
> + - struct vfsmount *mnt = alloc_vfsmnt(old->mnt_devname);
> + struct vfsmount *mnt;
> +
> + if (flag & CL_SETUSER) {
> + int err = reserve_user_mount();
> + if (err)
> + return ERR_PTR(err);

```

```

> + }
> + mnt = alloc_vfsmnt(old->mnt_devname);
> if (!mnt)
> - return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
> + goto alloc_failed;
>
> mnt->mnt_flags = old->mnt_flags;
> atomic_inc(&sb->s_active);
> @@ -274,7 +300,7 @@ static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct
> /* don't copy the MNT_USER flag */
> mnt->mnt_flags &= ~MNT_USER;
> if (flag & CL_SETUSER)
> - set_mnt_user(mnt);
> + __set_mnt_user(mnt);
>
> if (flag & CL_SLAVE) {
> list_add(&mnt->mnt_slave, &old->mnt_slave_list);
> @@ -299,6 +325,11 @@ static struct vfsmount *clone_mnt(struct
> spin_unlock(&vfsmount_lock);
> }
> return mnt;
> +
> + alloc_failed:
> + if (flag & CL_SETUSER)
> + dec_nr_user_mounts();
> + return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);
> }
>
> static inline void __mntput(struct vfsmount *mnt)
> @@ -745,22 +776,29 @@ asmlinkage long sys_oldumount(char __use
>
> #endif
>
> -static int mount_is_safe(struct nameidata *nd)
> +/*
> + * Conditions for unprivileged mounts are:
> + * - mountpoint is not a symlink or special file
> + * - mountpoint is in a mount owned by the user
> + */
> +static bool permit_mount(struct nameidata *nd, int *flags)
> {
> + struct inode *inode = nd->dentry->d_inode;
> +
> if (capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
> - return 0;
> - return -EPERM;
> -#ifndef notyet
> - 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)
> - return -EPERM;
> - }
> - if (vfs_permission(nd, MAY_WRITE))
> - return -EPERM;
> - return 0;
> -#endif
> + return true;
> +
> + if (!S_ISDIR(inode->i_mode) && !S_ISREG(inode->i_mode))
> + return false;
> +
> + if (!(nd->mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER))
> + return false;
> +
> + if (nd->mnt->mnt_uid != current->uid)
> + return false;
> +
> + *flags |= MS_SETUSER;
> + return true;
> }

```

Can't this just be:

```

static bool permit_mount(struct nameidata *nd, uid_t *mnt_uid)
{
    *mnt_uid = current->fsuid;

    if ((nd->mnt->mnt_uid != current->fsuid) && !capable(CAP_SETUID))
        return false;

    return true;
}

```

```

>
> static int lives_below_in_same_fs(struct dentry *d, struct dentry *dentry)
> @@ -981,9 +1019,10 @@ static int do_loopback(struct nameidata
> int clone_flags;
> struct nameidata old_nd;
> struct vfsmount *mnt = NULL;
> - int err = mount_is_safe(nd);
> - if (err)
> - return err;
> + int err;
> +
> + if (!permit_mount(nd, &flags))
> + return -EPERM;

```



```
> if (!old_name || !*old_name)
> return -EINVAL;
> err = path_lookup(old_name, LOOKUP_FOLLOW, &old_nd);
>
> --
```

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 14:10:18 GMT  
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Andrew Morton <akpm@linux-foundation.org> writes:

```
> On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:39 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:
>
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>> mounting of this filesystem may not constitute a security problem.
>>
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>> mounting in mind, a thorough audit is needed before setting this flag.
>
> Practically speaking, is there any realistic likelihood that any filesystem
> apart from FUSE will ever use this?
```

Also potentially some of the kernel virtual filesystems. /proc should be safe already. If you don't have any kind of backing store this problem gets easier.

With unprivileged users allowed to create mounts the utility of kernel functionality exported as filesystems goes up quite a bit. We are not plan9 but this is the last bottleneck in allowing the everything is a filesystem paradigm from being really usable in linux.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 8/8] allow unprivileged fuse mounts  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 14:18:47 GMT  
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Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> writes:

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> From: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>
>
> Use FS_SAFE for "fuse" fs type, but not for "fuseblk".
>
> FUSE was designed from the beginning to be safe for unprivileged
> users. This has also been verified in practice over many years. In
> addition unprivileged mounts require the parent mount to be owned by
> the user, which is more strict than the current userspace policy.
>
> This will enable future installations to remove the suid-root
> fusermount utility.
>
> Don't require the "user_id=" and "group_id=" options for unprivileged
> mounts, but if they are present, verify them for sanity.
>
> Disallow the "allow_other" option for unprivileged mounts.
>
> Signed-off-by: Miklos Szeredi <mszeredi@suse.cz>
> ---
>
> Index: linux/fs/fuse/inode.c
> =====
> --- linux.orig/fs/fuse/inode.c 2007-04-20 11:55:01.000000000 +0200
> +++ linux/fs/fuse/inode.c 2007-04-20 11:55:14.000000000 +0200
> @@ -311,6 +311,19 @@ static int parse_fuse_opt(char *opt, str
> d->max_read = ~0;
> d->blksize = 512;
>
> + /*
> + * For unprivileged mounts use current uid/gid. Still allow
> + * "user_id" and "group_id" options for compatibility, but
> + * only if they match these values.
> + */
> + if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
> + d->user_id = current->uid;
> + d->user_id_present = 1;
> + d->group_id = current->gid;
> + d->group_id_present = 1;
> +
> + }
```

CAP\_SETUID is the appropriate capability...

This is not a dimension we have not fully explored.  
What is the problem with a user controlled mount having different uid and gid values.

Yes they map into different users but how is this a problem.  
The only problem that I can recall is the historic chown problem  
where you could give files to other users and mess up their quotas.

Or is the problem other users writing to this user controlled  
filesystem?

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
Posted by [Jan Engelhardt](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 15:43:28 GMT  
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On Apr 21 2007 08:10, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

>>  
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>>>  
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>gets easier.

tmpfs!

Jan

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 16:57:10 GMT

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Jan Engelhardt <jengelh@linux01.gwdg.de> writes:

> On Apr 21 2007 08:10, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

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>>>>

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>

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tmpfs is a possible problem because it can consume lots of ram/swap. Which is why it has limits on the amount of space it can consume. Those are set as mount options as I recall. Which means that we would need to do something different with respect to limits before tmpfs could become safe for an untrusted user to mount.

Still it's close.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts

Posted by [Jan Engelhardt](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 17:10:55 GMT

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On Apr 21 2007 10:57, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

>

>> tmpfs!

>

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>Which is why it has limits on the amount of space it can consume.

Users can gobble up all RAM and swap already today. (Unless they are confined into an rlimit, which, in most systems, is not the case.) And in case /dev/shm exists, they can already fill it without running into an rlimit early.

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 21:00:16 GMT  
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Jan Engelhardt <jengelh@linux01.gwdg.de> writes:

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>>  
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>  
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> confined into an rlimit, which, in most systems, is not the case.)  
> And in case /dev/shm exists, they can already fill it without running  
> into an rlimit early.

There are systems that care about rlimits and there is strong intersection between caring about rlimits and user mounts. Although I do agree that it looks like we have gotten lazy with the default mount options for /dev/shm.

Going a little farther any filesystem that is safe to put on a usb stick and mount automatically should ultimately be safe for unprivileged mounts as well.

So it looks to me like ultimately most of the common filesystems will actually

be safe for non-privileged mounting.

Regardless this looks like an important discussion as soon as we have the glitches out of the non-privileged mount code.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
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Andi Kleen <[andi@firstfloor.org](mailto:andi@firstfloor.org)> writes:

> Andrew Morton <[akpm@linux-foundation.org](mailto:akpm@linux-foundation.org)> writes:  
>  
>> On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:39 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <[miklos@szeredi.hu](mailto:miklos@szeredi.hu)> wrote:  
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>  
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> through the security implications though, so it might not work.

Binding a directory that you have access to in other was is essentially the same thing as a symlink. So there are no real security implications there. The only problem case I can think of is removal media that you want to remove but someone has made a bind mount to. But that is essentially the same case as opening a file so there are no new real issues. Although our diagnostic tools will likely fall behind for a bit.

We handle the security implications by assigning an owner to all mounts and only allowing you to add additional mounts on top of a mount you already own.

If you have the right capabilities you can create a mount owned by

another user.

For a new mount if you don't have the appropriate capabilities nodev and nosuid will be forced.

Initial super block creation is a lot more delicate so we need the FS\_SAFE flag, to know that the kernel is prepared to deal with the crazy things that a hostile user space is prepared to do.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
Posted by [Andi Kleen](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2007 22:06:51 GMT  
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Andrew Morton <akpm@linux-foundation.org> writes:

> On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:39 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:  
>  
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-Andi

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
Posted by [Shaya Potter](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2007 00:46:25 GMT  
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Andrew Morton wrote:

> On Fri, 20 Apr 2007 12:25:39 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:

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Would it be interesting to support mounting of external file systems (be it USB, NFS or whatever) in a way that automatically forces it to ignore suid and devices (which are already mount time options)? The question I guess is, how much do you gain over a setuid program (hack?) that can handle this?

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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount

Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2007 06:47:31 GMT

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> > On Sat, 21 Apr 2007 10:09:42 +0200 Miklos Szeredi <miklos@szeredi.hu> wrote:

> >

> >> > +static bool permit\_umount(struct vfsmount \*mnt, int flags)

> >> > +{

> >> >

> >> >

> >> > ...

> >> >

> >> > + return mnt->mnt\_uid == current->uid;

> >> > +}

> >> >

> >> > Yes, this seems very wrong. I'd have thought that comparing user\_struct\*'s

> >> > would get us a heck of a lot closer to being able to support aliasing of

> >> > UIDs between different namespaces.

> >> >

> >> >

> >> OK, I'll fix this up.

> >>

> >> Actually an earlier version of this patch did use user\_struct's but

> >> I'd changed it to uids, because it's simpler.

> >

> > OK..



> >  
> >> I didn't think about  
> >> this being contrary to the id namespaces thing.  
> >  
> > Well I was madly assuming that when separate UID namespaces are in use, UID  
> > 42 in container A will have a different user\_struct from UID 42 in  
> > container B. I'd suggest that we provoke an opinion from Eric & co before  
> > you do work on this.  
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That's a flawed logic. If you want to mount as a specific user, and you have CAP\_SETUID, then just use `set*uid()` and then `mount()`.

Changing the capability check for `mount()` would break the userspace ABI.

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/8] add user mounts to the kernel  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2007 07:02:08 GMT  
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We don't want to treat root\_user special. That's what capabilities were invented for.

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OK, can you elaborate, what the uid namespace benefits are?

Miklos

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> I suspect we can allow MNT\_FORCE for non-privileged users  
> as well if we can trust the filesystem.

I don't think so. MNT\_FORCE has side effects on the superblock. So a  
user shouldn't be able to force an unmount on a bind mount s/he did,  
but there's no problem with allowing plain/lazy unmounts.

We could possibly allow MNT\_FORCE, for FS\_SAFE filesystems.

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount  
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Totally agreed for mount.

> Changing the capability check for mount() would break the userspace  
> ABI.

Sorry I apparently wasn't clear. CAP\_SETUID should be the capability check for umount.

Hopefully my other more detail replies helped with this.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 3/8] account user mounts  
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Recursive bind mounts are done carefully enough, so they don't get out of control.

Recursive mount propagations can get out of control. But root can shoot itself in the foot any number of ways, and it's not for the kernel to police that.

> Also currently you are not checking the max\_users. It looks like

> you do this in a later patch but still it is a little strange to  
> allow user own mounts and have accounting but to not check the  
> limit at this state.

Yeah, but at this stage user mounts are not yet allowed, so this is safe.

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 5/8] allow unprivileged bind mounts  
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> > From: Miklos Szeredi <[mszeredi@suse.cz](mailto:mszeredi@suse.cz)>  
> >  
> > Allow bind mounts to unprivileged users if the following conditions  
> > are met:  
> >  
> > - mountpoint is not a symlink or special file  
>  
> Why? This sounds like a left over from when we were checking permissions.

Hmm, yes. Don't know. Maybe only the symlink check.

Bind mounts of directory over non-directy, and vica versa are already excluded, even for root.

> > - parent mount is owned by the user  
> > - the number of user mounts is below the maximum  
> >  
> > Unprivileged mounts imply MS\_SETUSER, and will also have the "nosuid"  
> > and "nodev" mount flags set.  
>  
> So in principle I agree, but in detail I disagree.  
>  
> capable(CAP\_SETUID) should be required to leave MNT\_NOSUID clear.  
> capable(CAP\_MKNOD) should be required to leave MNT\_NODEV clear.  
>  
> I.e. We should not special case this as a user mount but rather  
> simply check to see if the user performing the mount has the appropriate  
> capabilities to allow the flags.

Sounds sane. Will fix.

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 8/8] allow unprivileged fuse mounts  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2007 07:22:44 GMT  
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```
> > + /*
> > + * For unprivileged mounts use current uid/gid. Still allow
> > + * "user_id" and "group_id" options for compatibility, but
> > + * only if they match these values.
> > + */
> > + if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
> > + d->user_id = current->uid;
> > + d->user_id_present = 1;
> > + d->group_id = current->gid;
> > + d->group_id_present = 1;
> > +
> > + }
>
> CAP_SETUID is the appropriate capability...
>
> This is not a dimension we have not fully explored.
> What is the problem with a user controlled mount having different
> uid and gid values.
>
> Yes they map into different users but how is this a problem.
> The only problem that I can recall is the historic chown problem
> where you could give files to other users and mess up their quotas.
>
> Or is the problem other users writing to this user controlled
> filesystem?
```

Yes. Or even just a suid process trying to access the user controlled filesystem. See Documentation/filesystems/fuse.txt for the gory details.

Eric, thanks for the detailed review :)

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 2/8] allow unprivileged umount

Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2007 07:32:34 GMT

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OK, if we don't yet know, I'd rather leave this for later. It will be  
trivial to change to user\_struct if we want per-user rlimits.

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See reply to relevant patch.

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Definitely not euid. Euid is the one which is effective, i.e. it will basically always be zero for a privileged mount().

Ruid is the one which is returned by getuid(). If a user execs a suid-root program, then ruid will be the id of the user, while euid will be zero.

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The argument applies to umount as well. For compatibility, we need the CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN check. And if program has CAP\_SETUID but not CAP\_SYS\_ADMIN, it can just set the id to the mount owner before calling umount.

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If we can get away without an extra flag it would really be preferable.

In the container case we have an interesting and very common scenario struct user \*our\_user != &root\_user. our\_user->uid == 0.

I.e. The root in the what is the container but not the root of the entire system.

So I want to minimize the changes needed to existing programs. Now if all we have to do is specify MS\_SETUSER when root a user with CAP\_SETUID is setting up a mount as a user other than himself then I don't much care. If we have to call MS\_SETUSER as unprivileged users I will have to modify mount binaries to work differently inside and outside of containers.

Further there is only one or two versions of mount in widespread use on linux, and unless you do something special fsuid == euid. So the chance of fsuid set to some random value is pretty low. So yes I think we can be 99.9% certain that existing callers of mount(2) don't have fsuid set to some random value just by inspecting the code of mount(1).

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I don't think we should treat any mount special and all mounts should be owned.

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In the uid namespace the comparison is simpler as are the propagations rules. Basically if you use a struct user you will never need to care about a uid namespace. If you don't we will have to tear through this code another time.

Plus like I was mentioning earlier. If we do have a struct user there implementing per user mount rlimits becomes trivial.

Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 3/8] account user mounts  
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Yes. It is.

This is mostly about removing special cases.

We routinely have limits on resources that are global and apply to root along with every one else. Root can change them but they still apply to root. Things like the number of inodes in the system or the total number of files.

Since it is perfectly possible to do a per user rlimit at this stage in the design. I contend that either:

- We implement a per user rlimit of mounts.
- We implement a global limit on mounts.

No other case makes sense. The previous objections were at least in part because the limit only applied to user mounts but the name of

the limit did not apply to user mounts.

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Eric

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/8] add user mounts to the kernel

Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2007 08:05:05 GMT

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It is a user interface, not a print statement. Your suggested change would be vetoed by any number of people.

So either we have all mounts having owners, AND have /proc/mounts add "user=0" to all mounts. While I don't think this would actually break userspace, it would definitely make people complain.

The other choice is what the current patchset does: is to have "legacy" mounts without owners, and "new generation" mounts with owners having "user=UID" in /proc/mounts, regardless of the value of UID.

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You don't. Unprivileged mounts `_imply_ MS_SETUSER`.

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Well, OK. I'll do the `user_struct` thing then.

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There's no max\_inodes any more. As for max\_files:

get\_empty\_filp():

```
/*  
 * Privileged users can go above max_files  
 */  
if (get_nr_files() >= files_stat.max_files && !capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)) {
```

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 7/8] allow unprivileged mounts  
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> > On Apr 21 2007 10:57, Eric W. Biederman wrote:  
> >>  
> >>> tmpfs!  
> >>  
> >>tmpfs is a possible problem because it can consume lots of ram/swap.  
> >>Which is why it has limits on the amount of space it can consume.  
> >  
> > Users can gobble up all RAM and swap already today. (Unless they are  
> > confined into an rlimit, which, in most systems, is not the case.)  
> > And in case /dev/shm exists, they can already fill it without running  
> > into an rlimit early.  
>  
> There are systems that care about rlimits and there is strong intersection  
> between caring about rlimits and user mounts. Although I do agree that  
> it looks like we have gotten lazy with the default mount options for

> /dev/shm.  
>  
> Going a little farther any filesystem that is safe to put on a usb  
> stick and mount automatically should ultimately be safe for unprivileged  
> mounts as well.

Actually, that's not as simple.

For the usb stick or cdrom you need physical access to the machine.  
And once you have that you basically have full control over the system  
anyway.

But with block filesystems, the user would still need access to the  
device (currently kernel doesn't even check this I think).

So it may make sense to mark all block based filesystems safe, and  
defer permission checking to user access on the block device.

But the safe flag is still needed for filesystems, which don't have  
such an additional access checking, such as network filesystems.

Miklos

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Subject: Re: [patch 1/8] add user mounts to the kernel  
Posted by [Miklos Szeredi](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2007 16:22:40 GMT  
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> >> > +  
> >> > + uid\_t mnt\_uid; /\* owner of the mount \*/  
> >>  
> >> Can we please make this a user struct. That requires a bit of  
> >> reference counting but it has uid namespace benefits as well  
> >> as making it easy to implement per user mount rlimits.  
> >  
> > OK, can you ellaborate, what the uid namespace benifits are?  
>  
> In the uid namespace the comparison is simpler as are the propagations  
> rules. Basically if you use a struct user you will never need to  
> care about a uid namespace.

I tried to implement it but got stuck on this: fsuid doesn't have a  
user\_struct in task\_struct (yet), so we'd now have to convert  
current->fsuid to a user\_struct. This can be done with alloc\_uid(),



but this can fail, bringing in extra error handling complexity.

Also we'd have to compare `current->fsuid` with a `user_struct`, which we don't yet know how will actually be done in the future.

So it seems, we still have to care about the uid namespace, at least if `fsuid` is preferred to `ruid`.

Anyway, here's a patch fixing the other things you brought up, and which I agree with. Does this look OK?

Thanks,  
Miklos

Index: linux/fs/namespace.c

```
=====
--- linux.orig/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-22 17:48:18.000000000 +0200
+++ linux/fs/namespace.c 2007-04-22 18:19:51.000000000 +0200
@@ -252,10 +252,12 @@ static int reserve_user_mount(void)
 static void __set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
 {
     BUG_ON(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER);
- mnt->mnt_uid = current->uid;
+ mnt->mnt_uid = current->fsuid;
     mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_USER;
- if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
- mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_NOSUID | MNT_NODEV;
+ if (!capable(CAP_SETUID))
+ mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_NOSUID;
+ if (!capable(CAP_MKNOD))
+ mnt->mnt_flags |= MNT_NODEV;
 }

 static void set_mnt_user(struct vfsmount *mnt)
@@ -725,10 +727,10 @@ static bool permit_umount(struct vfsmoun
     if (!(mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER))
         return false;

- if (flags & MNT_FORCE)
+ if ((flags & MNT_FORCE) && !(mnt->mnt_sb->s_type->fs_flags & FS_SAFE))
     return false;

- return mnt->mnt_uid == current->uid;
+ return mnt->mnt_uid == current->fsuid;
 }

 /*
```

```
@@ -792,13 +794,13 @@ static bool permit_mount(struct nameidat
if (type && !(type->fs_flags & FS_SAFE))
return false;

- if (!S_ISDIR(inode->i_mode) && !S_ISREG(inode->i_mode))
+ if (S_ISLNK(inode->i_mode))
return false;

if (!(nd->mnt->mnt_flags & MNT_USER))
return false;

- if (nd->mnt->mnt_uid != current->uid)
+ if (nd->mnt->mnt_uid != current->fsuid)
return false;

*flags |= MS_SETUSER;
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Posted by [Karel Zak](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 00:04:14 GMT  
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Karel

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Why noexec? Either it was a silly or arbitrary decision, or our kernel design may be incomplete.

Now I can see not wanting to support executables if you are locking down a system. The classic don't execute a program from a CD just because the CD was stuck in the drive problem.

So I can see how executing code from an untrusted source could prevent exploitation of other problems, and we certainly don't want to do it automatically.

Eric

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Oh, I don't think that matters. For traditional /etc/fstab based user mounts, mount(8) will have to remain suid-root, the kernel can't replace the fstab check.

In fact the latest patches don't even support these "legacy" user mounts too well: setting the owner of a mount gives not only umount privilege, but the ability to submount. This is not necessarily a good thing for these kinds of user mounts.

We could add a new "nosubmount" or similar flag, to prevent submounting, but that again would go against the simplicity of the current approach, so I'm not sure it's worth it.

Miklos

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Yes. I agree.

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> replace the fstab check.

Ok, it makes sense. You're right that for the mount(8) is more important the fstab check.

Please, prepare a mount(8) patch -- with the patch it will be more clear.

> We could add a new "nosubmount" or similar flag, to prevent  
> submounting, but that again would go against the simplicity of the  
> current approach, so I'm not sure it's worth it.

The "nosubmount" is probably good idea.

The patches seem much better in v4. I'm fun for the feature in the kernel (and also for every change that makes mtab more and more obsolete :-).

Karel

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