
Subject: [PATCH 3/5] Use task_pid() to find leader's pid
Posted by [Sukadev Bhattiprolu](#) on Sun, 15 Jul 2007 04:57:30 GMT
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From: Sukadev Bhattiprolu <sukadev@us.ibm.com>

Use task_pid() to get leader's pid since find_pid() cannot be used
after detach_pid(). See comments in the code below for more details.

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fs/exec.c | 9 +++++++-
1 file changed, 8 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)

Index: lx26-22-rc6-mm1/fs/exec.c

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--- lx26-22-rc6-mm1.orig/fs/exec.c 2007-07-13 13:12:01.000000000 -0700

+++ lx26-22-rc6-mm1/fs/exec.c 2007-07-13 13:12:13.000000000 -0700

@@ -905,10 +905,17 @@ static int de_thread(struct task_struct

* The old leader becomes a thread of the this thread group.

* Note: The old leader also uses this pid until release_task

* is called. Odd but simple and correct.

+ * Note: With multiple pid namespaces, active pid namespace of

+ * a process is stored in its struct pid. The detach_pid

+ * below frees the struct pid, so we will have no notion

+ * of an active pid namespace until we complete the

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detach_pid(tsk, PIDTYPE_PID);

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+ attach_pid(tsk, PIDTYPE_PID, task_pid(leader));

transfer_pid(leader, tsk, PIDTYPE_PGID);

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list_replace_rcu(&leader->tasks, &tsk->tasks);

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/5] Use task_pid() to find leader's pid
Posted by [Oleg Nesterov](#) on Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:17:50 GMT
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Sukadev Bhattiprolu wrote:

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Stupid question: why do we need to put the pid namespace into the struct pid? Isn't it better if the user of the struct pid should know its ns? For example, if /proc does put_pid(), that pid should be from the active namespace.

Sukadev, could you cc me if you do that kind of changes?

Oleg.

Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/5] Use task_pid() to find leader's pid
Posted by [Sukadev Bhattiprolu](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2007 19:59:52 GMT
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Oleg Nesterov [oleg@tv-sign.ru] wrote:

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| we don't use multiple pid namespaces. I don't think it is good idea to
| add a fat comment which doesn't match the current reality, and find_pid()
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Its a performance fix but also a correctness issue with multiple pid
namespaces. Here is the modified patch with the simplified changelog and
comment removed.

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namespaces in each 'struct pid'.

Are you suggesting having a pid_namespace with a list of all 'struct pids'
that are visible in it ?

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Sure - I will.

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From: Sukadev Bhattiprolu <sukadev@us.ibm.com>

Use task_pid() to get leader's 'struct pid' and avoid the find_pid().

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--- lx26-22-rc6-mm1a.orig/fs/exec.c 2007-07-13 18:23:55.000000000 -0700

+++ lx26-22-rc6-mm1a/fs/exec.c 2007-07-16 12:56:22.000000000 -0700

@@ -908,7 +908,7 @@ static int de_thread(struct task_struct

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detach_pid(tsk, PIDTYPE_PID);

tsk->pid = leader->pid;

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 3/5] Use task_pid() to find leader's pid

Posted by [Oleg Nesterov](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 13:44:15 GMT

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On 07/16, sukadev@us.ibm.com wrote:

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> that are visible in it ?

I thought that the plan is: if the task is visible in some namespace, it has a separate pid_t in that namespace.

OK, the question was really stupid, please ignore. I'll wait for other patches to understand what's going on.

Oleg.

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