
Subject: [RFC][PATCH] Cleanup the new thread's creation
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Fri, 24 Aug 2007 12:46:30 GMT
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So move the initialization of these in one place. This helps in pid/tgid fields isolation.

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```
diff --git a/kernel/fork.c b/kernel/fork.c
index 7517efe..0b282a8 100644
--- a/kernel/fork.c
+++ b/kernel/fork.c
@@ -950,6 +950,20 @@ static inline void rt_mutex_init_task(st
 #endif
 }

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+{
+ thr->tgid = leader->tgid;
+ thr->group_leader = leader;
+ list_add_tail_rcu(&thr->thread_group, &leader->thread_group);
+}
+
+static void setup_new_leader(struct task_struct *tsk)
+{
+ tsk->tgid = task_pid_nr(tsk);
+ tsk->group_leader = tsk;
+ INIT_LIST_HEAD(&tsk->thread_group);
+}
+
+/*
+ * This creates a new process as a copy of the old one,
+ * but does not actually start it yet.
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 }

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- if (clone_flags & CLONE_THREAD)
- p->tgid = current->tgid;

p->set_child_tid = (clone_flags & CLONE_CHILD_SETTID) ? child_tidptr : NULL;
/*
@@ -1191,8 +1202,6 @@ static struct task_struct *copy_process(
 * Ok, make it visible to the rest of the system.
 * We dont wake it up yet.
 */
- p->group_leader = p;
- INIT_LIST_HEAD(&p->thread_group);
  INIT_LIST_HEAD(&p->ptrace_children);
  INIT_LIST_HEAD(&p->ptrace_list);

@@ -1251,8 +1260,7 @@ static struct task_struct *copy_process(
 }

 if (clone_flags & CLONE_THREAD) {
- p->group_leader = current->group_leader;
- list_add_tail_rcu(&p->thread_group, &p->group_leader->thread_group);
+ setup_new_thread(p, current->group_leader);

  if (!cputime_eq(current->signal->it_virt_expires,
    cputime_zero) ||
@@ -1268,7 +1276,8 @@ static struct task_struct *copy_process(
  /*
    p->it_prof_expires = jiffies_to_cputime(1);
  }
- }
+ } else
+ setup_new_leader(p);

  if (likely(p->pid)) {
    add_parent(p);

```

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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH] Cleanup the new thread's creation
Posted by [Oleg Nesterov](#) on Sat, 25 Aug 2007 16:50:31 GMT
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Subject: Re: [RFC][PATCH] Cleanup the new thread's creation
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 06:43:24 GMT
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Me too, but while cleaning up the pid_t usage over the kernel I found this place to be one of the most difficult from "how to make it better" point of view. We need to hide the pid/tgid explicit usage somehow, but the problem is that pid and tgid are set in this place and de_thread() only and making helpers like set_task_tgid() doesn't sound reasonable.

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Thanks,
Pavel

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